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**Queries**

Queries are free. Please be brief. Print or type your query on a 3X5" index card and send to Janelle Taylor, 641 US 41, Pelham, TN 37366. Be sure to include your name, address, and the date. You may also email your query to [jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net). Queries will also be added to the GCHS website and also printed in *The Pathfinder*.

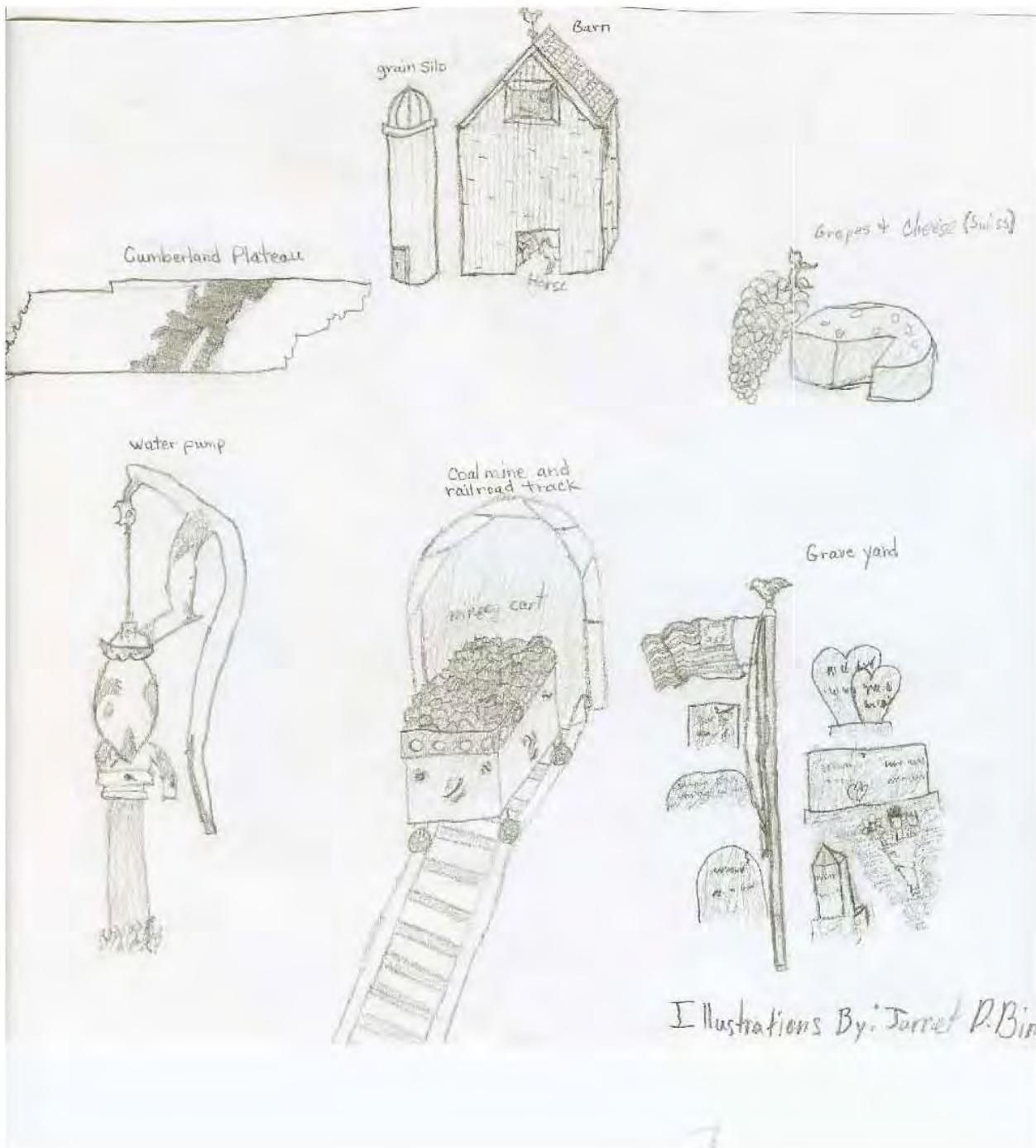
**Society Meetings**

The Grundy County Historical Society meets quarterly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Tracy City Library at 1:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 3, 2007. Dues are \$20.00 for Single memberships and \$25.00 for Family memberships each calendar year. Each calendar year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

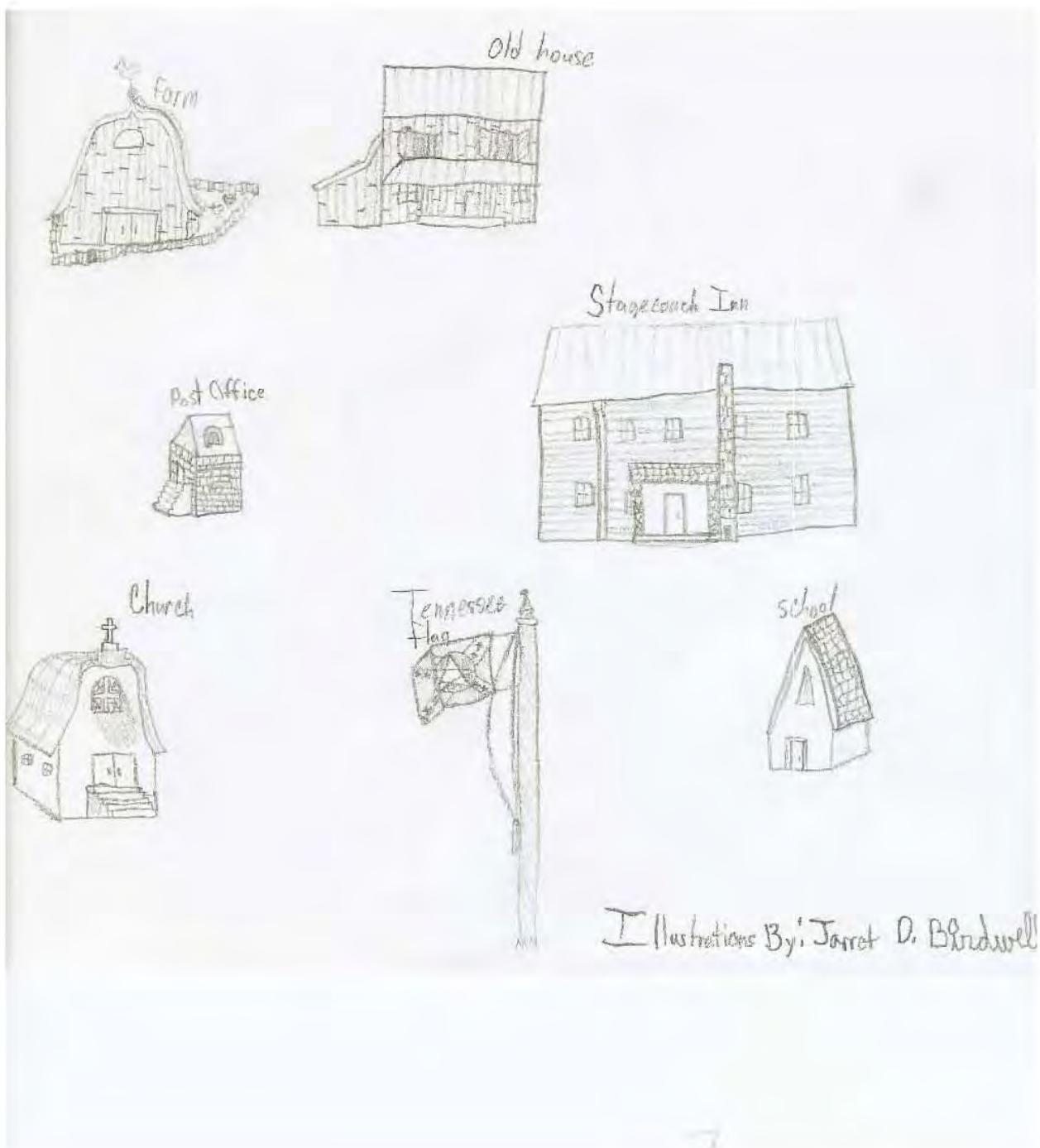
The art work in this issue was done by students from Swiss Memorial Elementary School in Gruetli-Laager. They were asked to do a short history on the area and illustrate the history. Ms. **Kimberly Brook McBee** is the teacher that worked with the students. **Harley Shani Davis** (5<sup>th</sup> grade) transcribed the history of Laager, while **Jarret D. Birdwell** (6<sup>th</sup> grade) transcribed the history of Gruetli and also did a wonderful job on the artwork to illustrate the industrious Swiss history. Watch for more student artwork and history to come in future issues of *The Pathfinder*.

**WANTED! ORAL HISTORIES!** Do you have a favorite story that your grandparents or parents told you about the "good ol' days"? We want to hear them!! Send them in! Contact either Janelle Taylor ([jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net)) or Sharon Goodman ([gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com)) and we will add them to our website.

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**Research Price Schedules (Effective 2004)**

An initial search of up to 2 hours is \$25.00 to be paid before any research begins. No part of the initial fee will be returned. If any further work is desired, arrangements will be made with the individual actually doing the research. Upon your request, a search will be made to locate someone willing to work on solving your questions about your Grundy County connections.

Please contact the Grundy County Historical Society, PO Box 1422, Tracy City, TN, 37387. Phone (931) 467-3170 or email [jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net) with your question to initiate the process.

**NOTICE: Grundy County Historical Society Web Site**

You may view many different articles and photos at the Grundy County Historical Society's website. [www.gchs.homestead.com/index.html](http://www.gchs.homestead.com/index.html). The GCHS web site changes almost weekly. Be sure to check back often!

**GCHS Web Site Stats**

STATS AS OF MARCH 2008.

Website began Sept.18, 2004

97% of visitors viewed 2-19 pages at the website.  
 55% of visitors spent 1-15 minutes on the website.  
 20% of visitors spent 30 minutes-2 hours at website.  
 Web site averages 16 visitors per day  
 TOTAL VISITORS: 12,172

**"Did You Know?"**

July 7, 1845: Be it remembered that at a county court begun and held for the county of Grundy at the house of Jesse Wooten on the mountain place to which the last county court adjourned, on the first Monday being the eleventh day of July A.D. 1845 and Seventieth year of the independence of the United States.

Present the worshipful Anderson S. Goodman Chairman, Edmond Martin, James Lockhart, Isaac H. Campbell, Ambrose Killian, John Fults, William Dugan, Thomas Warren, Smith Blanton, John Burrows, Barnaby Burrow, Harris Gilliam, Daniel Saine, Richard Bradford, Robert Tate, Adrien Northcutt and Silas Lankford, esquires, Justices, & c.

This day Silas Lankford esquire produced a commission under the great Seal of the State of Tennessee, a Justice of the peace of Grundy County in the fifty district, in the room of Stephen M. Griswold resigned who took the oaths prescribed by law for the Justices of the peace, and was thereupon admitted to exercise the functions of his office.

On motion of Washington Turner, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that William L. Vaughan is dead and that he died intestate in the country of Grundy; Whereupon the court appointed the said Washington Turner administrator of all and singular the goods and chattelle rights and upon the said Washington Turner came into open court with George M. Vaughan, Millisy Vaughan and Isaac H. Roberts his securities, and acknowledged their bond conditioned as the law directs, and took the oath prescribed by law whereupon the court ordered letters of administration to issue.

#### **GCHS' Policy**

Members and friends of GCHS are encouraged to submit materials pertaining to Grundy County and surrounding counties for publication and to be archived in the following categories:

1. Genealogical Histories and materials
2. Articles of general interest
3. Photographs
4. Maps

Data should be well documented as to source. Sources for submitted materials can be noted by Footnotes at the bottom of the page or Endnotes at the conclusion of the article. We ask that photographs and illustrations be accompanied by a description of their contents. Family Histories will be limited to no more than 5 pages per issue and will be printed in no more than 2 issues.

Please try to have the document typed. Original documents should be transcribed by the submitter. Include your name, address, phone number and email address on the manuscript when submitted. We prefer to have the materials submitted electronically, diskette, or CDs.

Materials submitted on disk or CDs should be accompanied by a printed copy of the article. All articles submitted may not be printed. The right to edit material from presentation, grammar, length and form is reserved by the Editor and all material submitted becomes the property of GCHS.

It is the submitter's responsibility to secure permission from any person or company who may own the original record or publication rights. The GCHS Editor cannot assume responsibility for errors of fact or infringement of copyrights by the contributors. The opinions expressed in **The Pathfinder** are of the individual contributors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Grundy County Historical Society or the editorial staff.

**Genealogists live in the past lane.**

**President's Message**

This year of 2008 will be far from business as usual. We are in the midst of putting the new pictorial history together. We hope that **Pictures of Our Past** will be a valuable addition to the recorded history of our county. Once again, let me urge you to send pictures for possible use in the book. The deadline is April 5, 2008. That is also the deadline for making sure that you get your copy of the pictorial. Don't be left out! (ED NOTE: Order form can be found on the main page of the GCHS' website. See page 2 for URL.)

Thanks to all the folks who are working so hard on this publication and who are working toward building our society into an active, productive organization. Even those who cannot attend meetings are helping to build the organization. We have one member who has brought in about 10 other members. He gives memberships as gifts to those who already have some interest in our heritage. All this is done in the hope that these people will decide to get involved and become aware of the fact that nobody is really designated to keep the history of our county and our people. If it is to be done, someone must take the lead and record information for our posterity. This, of course, is self-directed, so those who carry on the preservation work must be dedicated to the task. There's hardly ever any payday, except for self-satisfaction. For most of us who work in the preservation of our history, it's a labor of love. If you are reading this, you probably already know all about this preservation addiction, this labor of love.

Keep up the good work, group! For those not yet involved, write something and send it to the Webmaster. You can do that from almost anywhere! And your family, friends and communities all have stories about Grundy County and the families who settled here that you know all about. These would entertain and amaze us. Sharon, our Webmaster, is waiting to hear from you. Log on to [www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com) to see the website or to contact the Webmaster. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Janelle Layne Taylor

**A Note from the Editor**

I've been a bird watcher for some time now. As a child, my grandmother taught me some of the birds we'd see in her yard in Tullahoma. She showed me the differences between a cardinal and a blue jay; a robin and a towhee; and a chickadee and a sparrow. She taught me how to fill her bird feeders and add water to the bird bath. She let me make "suet and peanut butter pinecones" for the woodpeckers and the chickadees. All of these projects we'd do throughout the winter, with me never thinking about just how much these birds could eat.

So now, as an adult, I've been feeding the birds through winter for the past couple of years and couldn't get over just how much birdseed those little bitty critters can go through in a week! This winter, I must have refilled my feeders three times in one week! Now, my feeders aren't those little small ones that only hold a cup of birdseed- nope, mine are those huge, Texas-sized cedar and Plexiglas bird feeders that hold up to three pounds of birdseed each! So where was the birdseed going you ask? OK, well, I'll tell you!

I filled the bird feeders one cold afternoon and cleaned out the bird bath. I spread a bit of seed on the ground for the "scratchers" (as my grandmother

called them) and came back into the house. A while later, I went into the kitchen to get a drink and looking out the back window, this is what I saw:



This doe nudges the bird feeder to dump out the bird seed, and then she and baby eat the rewards! And I just thought the birds in Texas had healthy appetites!

**Welcome New Members!**

Katie Goforth is the Treasurer for the Grundy County Historical Society. She will keep track of all our new members as well as all of our members of long-standing. If you have a change of address, please let her know at [ktgoforth@blomand.net](mailto:ktgoforth@blomand.net). We welcome new members:

Nathan Layne

Alex Harris

John E. "Jack" Baggenstoss

Betty Stokes

Anthony Nunley

Carl B. Bailey

Lisa Magouirk

Raymond Hargis

Ellen Bailey

**I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNEflower...**

**Donations to Grundy County Historical Society**

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Monteagle, TN 37356

Mountain Laurel 1948

All the Lost Octobers by Leonard Tate, Poet Laureate of Grundy County

Donated by Anna Goforth  
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Tracy City, T 37387

Memories of My Life by Mary Louise Geary Layne

Donated by Jackie Partain

The Connection in East Tennessee by Olga Jones Edwards

Donated by Izora Waters Frizzell

I am the Luckiest Person in the World by Charles "Hack" Sain

CAMP MOUNTAIN LAKE was located at the Grundy Lakes Summer Camp for Boys  
George Reynolds Director

Life and Character of James Caartwright Warner, (President of TN Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company. He was involved with early iron processing).



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Thank you all for your donations! ☺

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**Meet the GCHS Board of Directors and Officers!**  
**Lucille Campbell Scissom**



Born July 10, 1944 in Palmer Tennessee  
Married to Chester Scissom for 46 years  
Two children Gregory and Jeffery  
Residence is at 803 Orchard Dr. Tracy City, TN  
Faith: Protestant

**Education**

Grundy County High School  
Motlow Vocational School  
Chattanooga State Community College

**Work Experience**

Employed by The State Of Tennessee Department of Safety  
Serves on the Board of Directors as Secretary of the Grundy County  
Historical Society  
Serves as a member and Secretary of the Grundy County Historical  
Society Executive Committee.

**Bettye Lou Wooten Sherwood**

I, Bettye Lou Wooten Sherwood, was born and raised in Hubbard's Cove in Grundy County. My father, Clarence Wooten, was a farmer, and my mother, Julia Mae Brown Wooten, was a teacher. I attended the schools where my mother taught in Grundy County and graduated from Grundy County High School. I also graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. That's where I met my husband, James Robert "Bob" Sherwood. Bob was from Fayetteville, Tennessee, so we lived in Fayetteville for the first five years that we were married. While living in Fayetteville, our wonderful daughter, Sherri, was born. Bob worked at Brown Engineering Company in Huntsville, Alabama, and I taught in the Lincoln County School System. In 1966 Bob began working at AEDC, so in 1967 we move to Hubbard's Cove.

After thirty-seven years of teaching, I retired so that I could spend my time caring for my one and only granddaughter, Alexa. After Alexa started to preschool, I became interested in genealogy. I'm very lucky that Bob shares my interest. The last four years I spent researching and writing a book entitled *Hubbard's Cove and Beyond*. It is a 236 page book in which Bob did the index and the 144 pictures. I included the history of the cove and the genealogy of the people who lived there from 1840 to 1860 and their descendants.

**Anna Griswold Goforth**

Director-At-Large



On January 1, 1917, I was born in Harford, Arkansas. My parents, David Murphy Griswold and Anna Belle Dykes Griswold, had moved to Arkansas from Coalmont, Tennessee due to a coal miners' strike. We moved back to Coalmont about 1923. Growing up in the Great Depression was an experience that affected me all my life. In grammar and high school, we all wore hand-me-downs, homemade clothes and valued a pair of shoes. At age 16 I worked as a

waitress at cafes in Tracy City and Monteagle, earning \$3.00 a week. Most families were in the same situation and no one felt poor.

At age 19, I married a coal miner, Carl Sweeton. We had two children, Carl David and Mona. My second marriage was to Douglas Goforth, and we had two children, Nancy Jane and Anna Kathrene. Over the years, I worked as an operator at Dixie Telephone in Tracy, a machine operator at Genesco Shoe Factory in Cowan, and a communications supervisor at Ft. Logan Mental Health Center in Denver, Colorado, to where Douglas and I had moved in 1959. I retired in 1980, and Doug and I moved back to Monteagle.

My interest in genealogy began in 1982, when a distant cousin came from Chattanooga researching our Griswold ancestors. In February, 1988, I joined with seven other local genealogists to form the Grundy County Historical Society. Eight years later, the Society members asked me to serve as the editor of the Society's new publication, *The Pathfinder*. I had never done anything like that, but I decided to give it a try. Membership in the GCHS grew dramatically, and I served as editor until 2001. My search for my ancestors has taken me to Salt Lake City, Connecticut, Arkansas, Alabama and Georgia. My other hobbies include reading books-on-tape, flower gardening and participation in the Ladies' Memorial Association.

#### **Queries**

**#201-2008** I bombed out on the Susie **Meeks Parsons** and Shepard Lee **Parsons**. A John **Campbell** e-mailed me, Susie was his great Aunt and promised to send a photo of her, I e-mailed my address, but nothing happened.

I also got in touch with Funeral home in Tracy City talked with Wilma and she was going to check Lucy Emiline **Parsons Nunley**, d Jan 1976 and sent me a copy of their records on her but nothing happened on this.

I did get in touch with Candis Lee **Cattley-Sanders** in Oregon and she changed my whole genealogy on the **Parsons**. She said that Mary Ann **Boland** was married to Lewis E. **Parsons** (he was a brother to Jesse **Parsons**). All the stories around Tracy City, was Mary was never married and was the first child of Jesse **Parsons**, actually his first daughter was named Nancy Ann. One census has her listed as Mary and everyone decided this was our Mary Ann **Parsons**. I tried to run this by Brenda **Hitt** and her reply was it is in the family Bible as Mary Ann being Jesse's daughter, so guess I am the only one who believes this story. I did find a marriage record of Lewis E. **Parsons** and Mary Ann **Boland** in Grundy county 14 Jun 1866. So who is right and who is wrong? Not sure we will ever know.

Sue Sitz Brown

[Shbrown10212@aol.com](mailto:Shbrown10212@aol.com)

**#202-2008** Hi, I'm D. R. **Kenerley**, recently retired from the US Air Force after nearly 29 years and now in my spare time, I'm researching my family history. Of great interest is a branch of my family that went to Tennessee. I'm writing to inquire whether or not you have a genealogical department and if so whether they have any family history files for the **Kennerly** or **Kenerley** family?

The name spelling also varies with **Kenerly**, etc ... but please let me know if you do have any info and how I might go about obtaining a copy.

Thanks

D. R. Kenerley

[kenerley4@msn.com](mailto:kenerley4@msn.com)

**#203-2008** My name is Charlene McRoberts and I was wondering if there was anyone who had information on the Lankford's that were in Grundy County? Levi and Carline Vaughn Lankford were my great grandparents. I have a photo that was taken in Grundy County by the newspaper. I was told years ago that there was a town called Lankford Town. I am trying to find any info on them that I can. If anyone has information on this family, please contact me.

Thank you,  
Charlene McRoberts  
[TENNTUCKYBELLE@aol.com](mailto:TENNTUCKYBELLE@aol.com)

### 1700-1800 Naming Patterns

Up until the American Revolution and sometimes until the 1850s, most families of English descent (and the Scots who settled in North and South Carolina) followed the following naming pattern (a continuation of the post indented below)

First son: father's father  
Second son: Mother's father  
Third son: Father  
Fourth son: Father's eldest brother

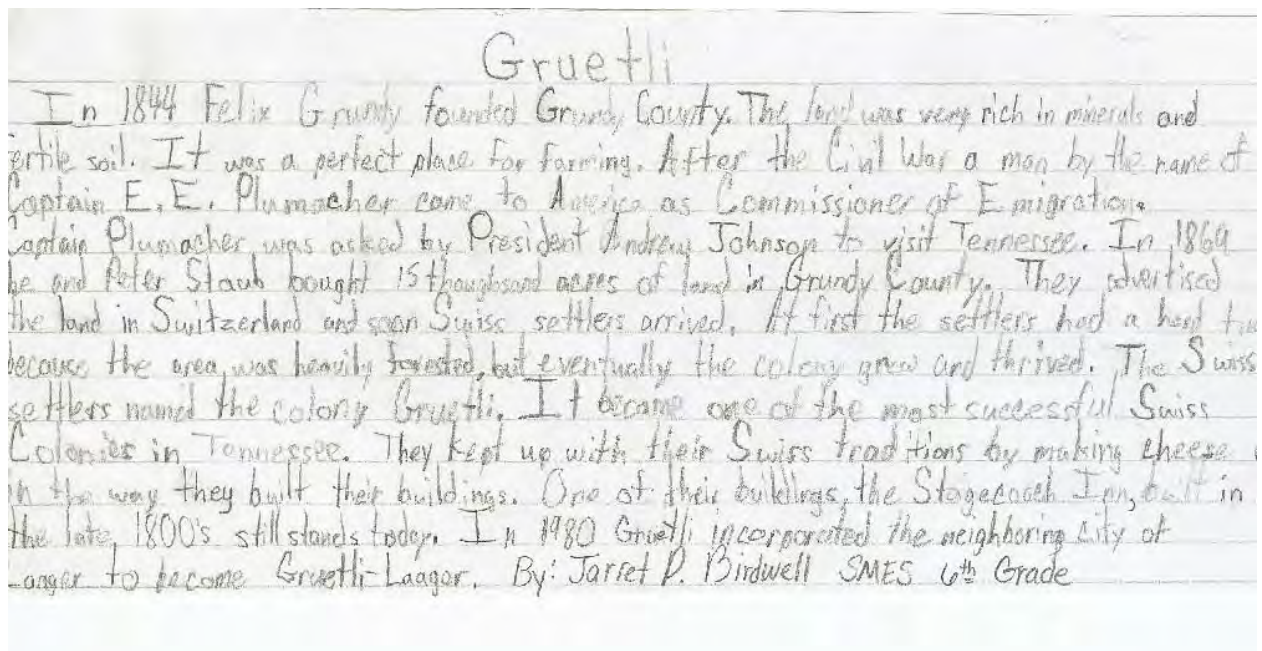
First daughter: Mother's mother  
Second daughter: Father's mother  
Third daughter: Mother  
Fourth daughter: Mother's eldest sister

First daughter of second wife was named after the first wife.

Jeanette M. Otis  
Source: <http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec/message/rw/surnames.sackett/171.2.3.2>

### Community Close Up

The following is from elementary school students in the Grundy County School District. Our very special thanks to the students and teachers!



## Laager Grundy County, Tennessee

In the early 1900's, J.C. and Sally L. Henley purchased around 300 acres from Swiss settlers, Lyle and Laager. Other first families in this area were: Porter Rankin, Dave Dykes, Tim Tate, Jackson Tate, Harrison Ross, and George Ross.

In 1917, the railroad was built and the coal mines were in full operation in Palmer, Tennessee. Palmer was a few miles east of the J.C. Henley land. A switch track was built on J.C.'s land and soon after, he built a general merchandise store beside it where freight was unloaded. The little community was named Henley's Switch. A stove mill had moved in, about a mile below the store on the Tate land. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Tate operated a boarding house, near the stove mill, that accommodated the people passing through.

J.C. and Sally Henley's son, Marvin, married Lois Brooks of Tracy

City, Tennessee, Marvin and Lois Henley moved to a new house near the store in 1921. The community was growing and there was a need for a post office. J.C. and Marvin sent a number of local names to the United State Postal Service in Washington, D.C. The postal service chose the name of Laager. Shortly there after, the Laager Post Office was stationed inside of Henley's Store, forevermore changing the community's name. The train ticket was the only evidence of Henley's Switch ever existing.

In 1921, J.C. and Sally Henley donated a tract of their land for the purpose of a school for children living in the Laager vicinity. Laager School was opened in 1922 and has since burned down.

The remainder of the Henley land was gradually sold to newcomers seeking residence in Laager. At present, there is only one remaining Henley descendent living in the Laager area.

Original text by: Lois Brooks Henley

Research by: Kimberly Brook McBee Teacher: Swiss Memorial

Retold to and written by: Harley Shani Davis  
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**The Life of a Coalminer: James W. Mooney**

I recall that many of the years from the middle forties through to the late fifties were booming with coal mining. Local towns nearby such as Tracy City, Coalmont, Palmer and Whitwell all were filled with coalmines. Seventy five percent of our men in the area were coal miners. My father James W. **Mooney**, known to many as "Bill", was born on May 8, 1902, in Sewanee, TN, to William and Martha **Cook Mooney**.

Dad started at the early age of 15 working in the logging business along with his father and two brothers, Joe & John **Mooney**. By the age of 17, Dad began his life as a miner. By 1919, he was forking coal or coke into railroad cars. Dad spoke of his first bosses in the mining work. One was Eli **Bennett**. Another was Close **Parsons**. Mr. **Parsons** was over the coal washer. Dad had different jobs as a miner. He ran a steam drum where he was paid \$1.50 a day. By 1920, his job pay changed to \$3.50 a day for an 8-hour shift.

Around Tracy City there were many small mines with names such as Reed Hill, Lick Point, Pryor Ridge, Big Hill and Little Hill.

In days of few types of entertainment, miners would go to see a silent movie in a little theatre in Coalmont. If they had a horse and buggy, they would take long buggy rides with their favorite girl. Horseshoes and listening to battery operated radios or Victrolas were popular pastimes. The Grand Ole Opry on WSM was a favorite spot on the radio when Saturday night rolled around. Singers such as Roy **Acuff**, Little Jimmy **Dickens**, String Bean, Uncle Dave **Macon** and Jimmie **Rogers** were popular at the time.

Dad's closest friend during these years was Jasper **Hargis**, the son of Abe and Barbara **Headrick Hargis** of Gruetli. Jasper was a man of about 5' 10" weighing 175-180 lbs. He and his family lived there in the Swiss Colony community. He wore suits and neatly ironed long sleeved shirts to match and often, colorful pullover sweaters. Stylish dress oxfords of either brown or black with white were his shoe choices. My dad admired Jasper's style. Dad said that he and other miners were lucky to have a change of clothes! Jasper had many sisters and brothers, but at this time dad spoke highly of his younger sisters at home. They were Josie and Rosa Lee **Hargis**. Later on Dad met a first cousin of Jasper, Josie and Rosa Lee's. Her name was Josephine **Dove**, daughter of David & Mary **Headrick Dove**. Mary **Headrick** was a sister to Jasper's mother, Barbara **Hargis**.

By the latter part of 1921, Dad had made up his mind to marry Josephine. At that time he was working around Coalmont and Palmer in dog hole mines. These mines were dug out holes barely big enough for a man to crawl into to work at digging coal. At the time he was friends with Garvin **Morgan** of Coalmont. Garvin had married Dad's father's sister, Flora **Mooney**. She was my grandfather, William Mooney's sister.

James W. **Mooney** & Josephine **Dove** married September 15, 1922. They first lived at Coalmont. Other families there were the **Phippses, Holts, Davises, Kings, Burroughs, Hargises and Morgans**. At the time most of the miners in Coalmont worked at mines managed by Lawrence **Phipps**. Also in Coalmont was a store owned by the **Creightons**. Almost everyone traded there. The **Creightons** offered credit to most of the miners. On payday at the mines you could bet your eye-teeth that the store would be the coal miners' first stop. There they would pay their bills and buy a batch of groceries which usually included flour, meal, coffee, lard, sugar, salt and a slab of fat back if

they hadn't killed a hog during the winter. On weekends there were always chores such as chopping wood then splitting it. Then, of course, there was gardening in the summer.

By late 1922 many of the miners went on strike. Some left Coalmont, Palmer and nearby areas by train in 1923 for Morganfield, KY, to work there where mining was booming. Miners could rent a room at a big boarding house there, so Dad was among those who went to KY to work. He spent three months there, but soon was lonesome for his wife and family. He boarded a train and rode back to Sewanee, TN.

Coming back home meant looking for another home for the family. Eventually he found the old **Phipps** place in Gruetli. The place had been built in the early 1840's and had many warped boards, both inside and out. It had been empty for some time, but was once owned by Mother's grandfather, Tom **Headrick**. The family set in to do the needed repairs of replacing broken windows, repairing doors, scalding and cleaning the floors and scrubbing down the walls. Since it was a very large house, some of the rooms were just closed off. The closest neighbors were the Abe & Barbara **Hargis** family, but they were a good way down a sandy road.

Dad found work at the John Powell Mine in Coalmont. He gathered his old mining pick, auger and his worn, dull shovel that had been handed down from his father. Abe **Hargis** was "the best" handyman, so he sharpened the shovel as well as all our other tools. Dad made his first trip to the mine, 5 miles away, carrying a 25 - pound keg of black powder on his shoulder plus the auger, pick, shove, carbide lamp, his lunch & a water pail. A day's work was loading 3 to 4 tons of coal, which paid \$1.50 per ton.

Our family left Coalmont in 1923 for Alabama after my brother, William Carl, died around Christmastime. My maternal grandmother and her husband lived there as well as Mom's brothers, Henry & Arnold. They were all miners, so Dad began mining with them.

By 1925 our family moved back to Sewanee to a place called "Potts Knob", once called the old **Dotson** place. By this time another daughter, Dorthy Elizabeth, had been born. Another son, Buford Ray, had come along, but he died from colitis when he was only 4-years-old. In 1932, Joe Thomas, who was named after Dad's brother Joe, was born. In 1935 Gloria Lou was born and died on the same day. August 28, 1937, I was born in Coalmont near Pine City. Dad spoke of these days as hard times, "Hoover Days".

We lived at many different places following Dad's work. There was a place in Hoot Hollow in Tracy that is the **Griswold** homeplace today, then, we moved to a little place owned by John **Throneberry**, which we later bought. A little while later Dad traded the place to Walter & Byrtle **Cagle** for a home in the country. Another brother was born in 1943 at our home in Lankford Town, a section of Tracy City.

Mining was still going strong in the 1940's and Dad was really into his work. His working companions were Waldo & Herschel **Myers**, Dave & Harve **Nolan**, Amos & Ed **Layne**; Pascal, Barney, Roy & Chuck **Johnson**, Dolph **Hargis** and several **Shrum** fellows. At this time he was working at "Lick Point" Mine in Pryor Ridge. That was his last mining job.

My Dad lived to be 86-years-old and died from cancer on April 18, 1988. Mom was killed in a car accident on March 21, 1966. Both parents are buried at



Bonny Oak Cemetery in Coalmont, TN. I moved away from the mountain for a time, but a voice kept calling me to "come back home", so I returned in 1986. Home is where the heart is. I am proud to be a coalminer's daughter.

#### **The White House at the End of the Road**

Recently dear family friends of mine and about half of Grundy County's sold their family estate in Tracy City. The home itself was close to almost two centuries old owned by four generations of **Anderson** descendants.

Peter **Anderson** claimed the land in the early 1800's. He and his wife Rebecca started their family there after they moved here from Marion County. Their son William "Bill" **Anderson** and his wife Martha **Knight Anderson** raised all their family there as well. Their quite large family consisted of Willie Mae, Claude, Madge Madeline, Emily June, Alvin, and Doris.

Madge **Anderson Baggenstoss**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, and Robert, her husband, took over the family homeplace and remained there until their deaths. Their two children, Martha and Jimmy, the 4<sup>th</sup> generation, were raised there and were the last to take care of the estate.

Madge's father, Bill, had kept the house in excellent condition. There were large fields with cultivated crops or hay for their livestock on every side of their property. To the left side of the home was the most beautiful view that many know as Raven's Point. I considered this my hidden corner of Heaven, for here was a place I spent lots of chosen hours gazing at its beautiful view from every side. My oldest brother, Joe, also chose it as his special place to go. He would sit for hours and enjoy these special times of his because here you could escape from about everything and enter a new world.

I started writing poetry here at about age 8 or 9 years of age. My brother Joe requested his ashes be tossed over Raven's Point at his death. This request was honored by our family.

To this day I'd say unless you knew this **Anderson** family, you missed out on a lot of wonderful memories and a group of great friends. Now as I gazed among Madge and Robert's treasures they collected through the years, some probably her mom's and dad's as well, it brings me back to earlier times over sixty years ago to the many times I played in this front yard and in the fields with Martha while Jimmy was at our feet. I remember the times when we carried water from Mr. Bill's spring where we all got water to drink and use in our home before Dad got us a well dug for our own use.



The **Anderson** house, to many of us as we grew up, was considered the prettiest and finest home in this neck of the neighborhood. It was the last white house at the end of the road. Ours was on the corner of the road before the turnoff to the **Conry** house, which belonged to Mrs. Willie Mae **Anderson Conry**, Bill and Martha's oldest daughter. She married Eugene **Conry** and had three children: Don, Carl and Mary. They were also our neighbors. Mrs. Willie Mae taught school and did some home teaching if we were not able to attend school. I had rheumatic fever at age 10, so she brought my lessons to my home. Such a kind and wonderful lady, she always helped when I needed her. She was a wonderful poetry writer too. In later years I read a lot of her work myself. Her granddaughter, Kay, said that it had never entered her mind that her grandmother Willie Mae was the one who wrote the poetry. Maybe it was this chance of living near Raven's Point that enhanced our writing skills, both hers and mine. Gazing at the walls, the floors and many other sights, now, I know many years have taken me places far away from here. I married, had my own family, grand children and great grand children, yet through they years I still feel intrigued to walk these trails of my youth that are still well traveled by other visitors. Times, places and people all change, and the past is gone. We're to live for tomorrow, not yesterday, but pleasant memories are a lifelong blessing.



All I can do is recall these moments and good times and write them down on paper for others to read. For like all the past, they'll soon be erased from our minds. My recollections are for the younger generations to remember and talk about and for them to somehow know the **Andersons** and hold them dear to their hearts as I do.

I'll miss knowing that the **Anderson** descendants are no longer there, but there will always remain a touch of the former owners' hands for they were the first. New owners will come, and the house will be filled with new life, this white house at the end of the road.

**My hobby is genealogy; I raise dust bunnies as pets.**

**INTRESTING FACTS: County names most commonly used:**

Washington County - 31 states  
Jefferson County - 26 states  
Franklin County - 25 states  
Jackson County - 24 states  
Lincoln County - 24 states

**States with the most counties:**

Texas - 254 counties  
Georgia - 159 counties  
Kentucky - 120 counties  
North Carolina - 100 counties  
Tennessee & Virginia - 95 counties

**States with the least counties:**

Delaware - 3 counties  
Hawaii - 5 counties  
Rhode Island - 5 counties  
Connecticut - 8 counties  
New Hampshire - 10 counties

**Four Little Patton Girls from Alabama**

Most people in the Pelham Valley area have heard of the **four little Patton girls** who were orphaned and brought to the Valley in the 1870's to live with relatives. But not many people know who they were, where they came from, how they got to Pelham Valley, and what eventually happened to them. So I set about trying to answer these questions since one of them was my husband's great-grandmother in his "**Patton**" lineage.

Around 1817 in Franklin County, Tennessee, **William and Mary Wilson Edgar Patton** became the parents of a son named **John Patton**. William and Mary had lived in Jefferson County, Tennessee, and Jackson County, Alabama; John states in the Census records that he was born in Tennessee. I think that some of his older siblings were born in Jefferson County where his parents married in 1796, but some of the younger ones were born in Franklin County, which is so very close to Jackson County, Alabama. **John Patton** had several siblings two of whom were **Alexander Edgar Patton** born in 1800 and **Elizabeth Patton Osborne** born about 1804. **John** settled in Jackson County, Alabama; **Alexander and Elizabeth** settled in what became Grundy County, Tennessee.

Around 1856 **John Patton** married **Martha Jane Cobb** born 31 August 1831, in Madison County, Alabama. She was a daughter of **Bryant and Mary "Polly" Grayson Cobb**. In 1860 the couple was at home in Bellfonte, Alabama, where John was working as a shopkeeper. They had two daughters **Josephine** born ca. 1857 and **Isabella** born in September 1858. The family grew with the addition of two more daughters and a son- **Alabama "Allie" Nancy** born November 1862 and **Minerva Elizabeth** and her **twin brother** born in February 1864. The small twin boy only lived a few days. On 15 September 1866, **Martha Jane** gave birth to her second son, **Alexander Cobb Patton**, and exactly one month later she died. This left **John** alone with five young children to rear.

**Martha** had a sister named **Naomi Cobb** who was married to **William L. Vann**. They were living in Madison County, Alabama. The **Vanns** at the time of **Martha's** death had only one living child, **Margaret Elizabeth Vann**, so they took **John** and **Martha Patton's** baby son to rear. In the 1870 Census three-year-old **Alexander Cobb Patton** was listed as a "**Vann**." That same year, in

Kyles, Jackson Co., Alabama, John and his other four children, **Josephine (13), Isabella (11), Alabama (9), and Minerva (6)** were living as a family. It appeared that John had needed someone to take the baby boy and rear him. His sixty-five-year old sister, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Patton Osborne**, had come to live with him and help him with the rearing of his daughters and the household chores. It is obvious that during the Civil War years, **John** had lost everything he and **Martha** had managed to acquire during their married years. He wasn't a rich man, but he was broke by the time the war was over, and he became a common laborer.

On **01 October 1873**, in Grundy County, Tennessee, sixteen-year-old **Josephine Patton** married **William Gilliam**. Josephine's marriage date in Grundy County tells me that her father, **John Patton**, died between **19 July 1870** (the Census record date) and **01 October 1873** (Josephine's marriage date in Grundy) in Jackson County, Alabama. This would be the natural conclusion on the death date if the family story that the four little girls came to Pelham **together** to live with a relative after the death of their parents is true. I have a different theory on that story that I would like to present a little later, but first I should say that I don't know at this time where **John Patton** and his wife **Martha Jane** are buried, but I would think that it is somewhere around the "Old Bellfonte" or Gurley, Alabama, area.

According to **Charlotte "Lottie" Partin Bell**, (a granddaughter of **Minerva Patton**) after the death of **John Patton** his four daughters were taken to live with their maternal grandfather **Bryant Cobb** in Madison County, Alabama. By the time the girls came to live with "grandpa," he was married to his second wife **Amanda Camper Cobb** and was rearing another family of children. **Bryant Cobb** was wealthy and could give the girl's a good home. If the girls came to **Pelham** together, it appears that they may not have stayed too long with their grandfather **Cobb** before their **Aunt Betsy Patton Osborne** came in a surrey from her home in Pelham, Tennessee, and took the girls back to live with her. **Aunt Betsy** had been a mother figure for the girls in their youth. **Grandpa Bryant Cobb** was getting older and by 1880 he was living with one of his daughters, probably **Mary Cobb Kilgore**, and her family. He died in 1881. All of this moving around for the girls had to happen between the years 1870 and 1873—or did it? The good part about the moves was that the girls were with loving family members who cared genuinely about them. **Aunt Betsy** died on 18 February 1880, of pneumonia in Pelham. A **Dr. Hinton** was caring for her during her five days of illness. I have no doubt that the four little girls, who were grown or nearly grown by then, were also at her bedside.

Another story that **Lottie Bell Partin** told about her grandmother **Minerva** was that she was a young teenager when **Aunt Betsy** came for her. Now this is my theory about the girls—**Minerva** was officially a teenager around the year 1877 when she would have been thirteen. Ironically, in March 1877, her step-grandmother **Amanda Camper Cobb** died which would have left the girls without a mother figure in the Cobb home. Since **Josephine** was already living in Pelham, married and a mother, we know that **Aunt Betsy** could have only gone for the other three girls. It is only natural that **Josephine** and maybe her new family went down with her to get her sisters and to visit her aging grandfather **Cobb**. By this time **Isabella** would have been nineteen years old; **Alabama/Allie** would have been fifteen, and **Minerva** would have been thirteen. I believe that for whatever reason, **Josephine** had come to Pelham several years earlier to live with her **Aunt Betsy**. Maybe when the move to **Grandpa Cobb's** house came about, **Josephine** chose to live with her aunt in Pelham.

Three months after the death of their **Aunt Betsy** in 1880, the Census record showed that **Alabama/Allie** was nineteen and married to **Alexander Martin Blair**. **Isabella and Minerva** were living on their own next door to their married sister **Josephine** who already had three children. I often pondered why these two young ladies were living in a separate household by themselves until I realized that they were probably living in the home of Aunt Betsey who had died three months earlier. Also in the 1880 Census, the girls' little brother, **Alexander Cobb Patton** was thirteen and still in his aunt's home, but he was listed as a "bound" child, but fortunately he was assigned his correct last name of "**Patton**." Alexander grew up, and in August 1886 he married **Daley C. Ray**. Alexander died in September before his only child was born in October 1887. I have no further notes on this family. **Alabama/Allie Patton Blair** was still alive in the 1930 Census. She and husband Martin seemed to be parents to anyone who needed a home or direction. They made their living by farming in the Pelham Valley and lived along Highway 41.

**Josephine and William Gilliam** had several children. Their names were **Nancy, John, Alley/Allie, William, Hugh, Harris, Martin, Mattie, Eugenia and Alice Gilliam**. She and William farmed for a living in the Pelham Valley. When William died, Josephine lived with her daughter Alice Gilliam Womack and her family. **Josephine Patton Gilliam** died in 1946 in Pelham Valley.

On 07 July 1881, **Isabella Patton** married **James N. Reid** who was born in Rhode Island. He was in Grundy County, Tennessee, working as a weigh man in the coal mines. He later supported his family doing carpentry work. Together they had these children: **Melvin, Agnes, Fannie, Charles, Marian Ruth and Isabell Reid**. **Isabella Patton Reid** died probably in Tracy City between 1900 and 1910. I do not know where she is buried.

On 08 November 1883, **Minerva Elizabeth Patton** married **Daniel Patterson, Jr.** Together they had two sons **Arthur and Daniel Patterson, III**. Then **Daniel, Jr.** died around 1887/88 leaving Minerva with the two boys to rear. She turned to her sister **Allie** for help. **Allie** and her husband **Martin** never had any children, so they eventually took in young **Arthur and Daniel** to help with their care. This was especially important because **Minerva** married again in 1889. This second marriage was to **Henry M. Goodman**, son of **Anderson S. Goodman** of Pelham Valley. Henry's first wife **Margaret Roberts Goodman** had died between 1880-1889. They had seven children; some of whom were still at home when Henry married Minerva. In this marriage there were three more children born to Minerva—**Octavia "Tavy" Belle, James Elbert and Allie Blair Goodman**. Minerva died in 1932 and is buried at Warren Cemetery in Pelham Valley. **Octavia Belle Goodman** married **William "Willie" Harrison Partin**; they were the parents of **Grady Edward, Charlotte "Lottie", Ruby Anna Mae, Willie Douglas and Roy Elbert Partin**. **Octavia "Tavy"** was the grandmother of my husband Grady Ward Partin—thus, the interest I have in the "four little Patton girls from Alabama." **James Elbert** married **Elizabeth Turner**; they were the parents of **Georgia, Ralph and Louis Ray Goodman**. **Allie Blair Goodman**, named for her **Aunt Alabama "Allie" Patton Blair**, married **Orville Patrick Partin**; they were the parents of **Paul, Alice, Louise, Raymond, Jean, Clara, Reba, James Ray, Kenneth and Helen Partin**.

These are wonderful family stories and should be recorded for all the little descendants who may come along wanting to know about their ancestors. Other information can be found with **James F. Bell, Jr.** He faithfully recorded notes as his mother Lottie told him many stories about his great-grandmother **Minerva Patton Patterson Goodman**. He happily shared some of his info with me. If you have anything to add or any corrections, please let me know:

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Additional Notes on the "Four Little Patton Girls"  
(01 Jan 2008) Jackie Partin.

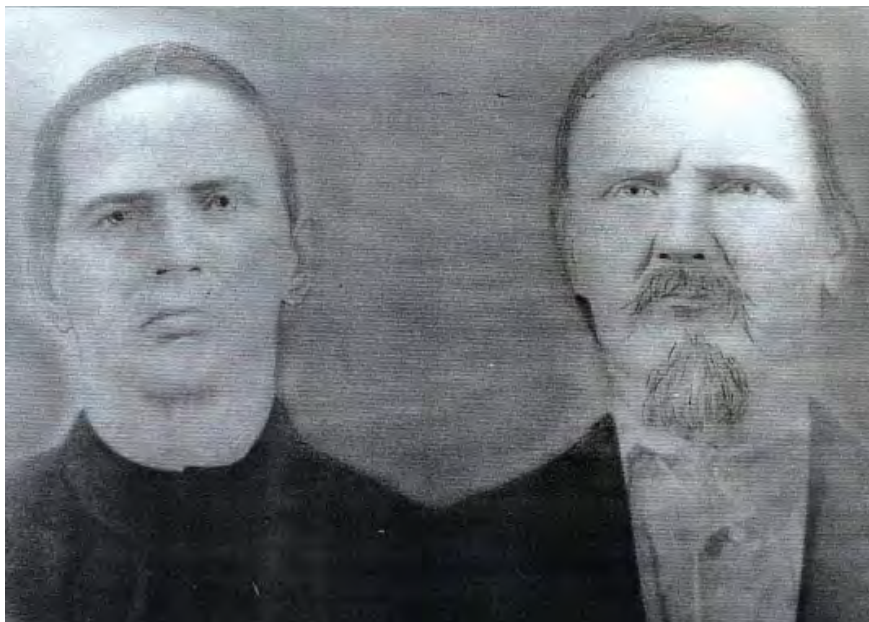
- Elizabeth Patton Osborne was living with her brother Alexander E. Patton in 1860 in Pelham Valley. So she left home and went to be with her brother John Patton in Bellfonte when his wife died to help with the children.
- From the telephone of Edwin Partin in McMinnville, I am told that Alexander E. Patton's son Thomas Benton Patton went with his Aunt Elizabeth "Betsy" Patton Osborne to get his first cousins in Alabama and bring them to Pelham to live. I felt certain that a man must have gone with her for the safety of all the women, but I didn't know who went.

**Family Photos sent in by our Members**

James and Rosa (Roberts) Magouirk and children, Ambrose, Beatrice and Clercy Magouirk. (Children named in ABC order according to age). They had several more children all in alphabetic order. The young boy standing in back of them is Charlie Roberts, Rosa's little brother. Charlie was born in about 1902. (Sent in by Janelle Coats)



The two are Rufus Manus (Manes) and his wife, Sarah Texas Nunley Manus. They were married in Grundy County in 1875. Sarah Texas is the daughter of David Nunley and Sarah Brown, who was born in Grundy County in 1852. David Nunley is the son of Jeremiah Nunley and Janey Davis.



The photo below is of Sarah Texas Nunley's daughter, Mary Nunley, who was born in Grundy County in 1872. This Mary Nunley married a Grundy County native, Kirby Smith Irvin, born in 1865. He is a brother to your Aunt Kitt Meeks. Mary Nunley and Kirby Smith Irvin were married in Hopkins County, KY in 1886. Her "step-father" Rufus Manus and her husband to be were both coal miners, who followed the opening of new coal mines. (Sent in by Al Griffin)



Kirby Smith Irvin, a younger brother of Katharine Irvin Meeks -"Aunt Kitt". He was born in Grundy County on 5 April 1865, the son of William Clark Irvin and Jane Payne. Kirby died in Franklin County, Illinois in March of 1934. Two of his brothers, James and Joseph Irvin, survived him, and both were living in Oklahoma at the time of his death. (Sent in by Al Griffin)



Another photo of Kirby Smity Irvin (Sent in by Al Griffin)



For those of you who are really, really interested in your Layne heritage, I think you may be excited about these photos. You may not be able to read what is written on the fieldstones in the Summerfield Cemetery, but I can in person and also in the photos from my end. It was cloudy when I took these,



so I'll try another day. The first photo is the grave of John Layne, II and reads "J. Lain".



Right next to his grave is the second stone which is his wife and it reads "Ester Lain".



Now folks this is a great find. I've rubbed on these old stones for years and never got these two in my mind as being who they are. Their children, Isaac Layne, Susan "Sukey" Layne Levan, and Abraham K. Layne (1828/9) are very near them. Some of their grandchildren (ex. Monroe Layne, Abraham K. Layne (1870) and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Layne) and some of their great-grandchildren (ex. Lula Bell Layne King, Eva Bell Layne King, Rush Monroe Layne) are near. There may even be gg-grandchildren. I will continue to work on the stones and try to get some kind of order about the burial spots.



The third photo may be the stone which lays flat over the body of Abraham K. Layne (1828/29), my gg-grandfather Layne. He died in 1879 of typhoid fever and this stone is not too far from his parents. He and his wife had eighteen children and lost fifteen while they were very young. Many of these flat fieldstones probably cover those little bodies. Just thought you would be interested. (Sent in by Jackie Layne Partin)



Elisabeth Grutter Rud v. Rohr and Benedikt Studer (Sent in by Ralph Thompson)

**Remembering World War II: Jack H. Mottern**

Jack **Mottern** has resided in the Providence Community of Grundy County since 1945. Born in Baileyton, TN, in 1919; he joined the Army in Greenville, TN, January 2, 1944, and served with L Company, 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry in the Normandy Campaign. Jack was wounded twice and awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Qualification Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 4 bronze service stars and arrowhead, WW II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the Belgian Fourragere. Jack was in service with Edward "Flat" **Hamilton**, originally from Pelham Valley, and it was through him that Jack and Lorene met and that Jack became a Grundy Countian. Tragically, Edward **Hamilton** was killed in action in the Normandy Campaign.

Jack and Lorene have one daughter, Jackie **Mottern**, who lives in Memphis. Lorene, a former teacher at Pelham Elementary, is the sister of Jewell **Patterson Partin Jacobs** also of Providence. (Sources: Lorene Mottern, Jewel Jacobs)

**Death Notices**

All information in parenthesis are additional notes by Sue Scott.

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**Anderson, Alfred Eugene**—b. Feb. 12, 1926 in TN, a son of Sam Anderson and Margaret **Smedley**, d. June 12, 1982 at his home in Palmer, and buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. His wife was Vivian **Byers**, and other survivors were 3 daughters Linda, Joyce and Tina, 3 sons, Alf, Monty and Scott, and 3 sisters Ruth, Mattie and Pearl.

**Anderson, Charles Elmer**—b. Feb. 23, 1897 in TN, a son of Charles Winford **Anderson** and Mary Ellen "Dolly" **King**, d. Sept. 1, 1974 at the Cumberland Heights Clinic in Coalmont, TN, and was buried at the Coalmont Cemetery. His nickname was "Tight Eyes" and he had been a coal miner. Survivors included 2 sisters, Willie Mae and Gertrude.

**Bennett, Katie Pauline**—b. Feb-24-1916 in TN, a daughter of Amos Wiley **Higgins** and Carrie **Layne**, d. July 9, 1984 in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, TN and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. Survivors included her husband Oliver E. **Bennett**, a daughter, 3 sons, a sister and 2 brothers.

**Bivens, Doris Evelyn**—b. April 24, 1927 in Grundy Co., TN, a daughter of Joseph Wheeler **Carrick** and Maggie Hazel **Nunley**, d. Aug. 16, 1976 in South Pittsburg, Marion Co., TN and was buried at the Swiss Colony Cemetery in Gruetli-Laager, TN. She was survived by her husband, Marshal O'Brien **Bivens**, her children and her siblings Lucille **Troxler**, Sadie **Smartt**, Robert Jack **Carrick** and Joe Phillip **Carrick**.

**Bone, Joan Evelyn**—b. Jan. 11, 1934 in TN, a daughter of Harry **Sitz** and Nanny **McCreary**, died April 1, 1978 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and buried at Whitwell Memorial Cemetery, Marion Co., TN. She was survived by her husband, John L. **Bone**, and 6 children; Dinah, John Jr., Sherry Ann, Belinda, Jeffrey and Jerry.

**Borne, Lawrence**—b. June 18, 1894 in Grundy Co., TN, a son of Adam **Bone** and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Letha W. **Parsons**, d. March 14, 1975 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, TN and was buried at the Fall Creek Cemetery in Grundy County. He was married to Maude **Woodlee** and their children were Earl Willard, William

Stanford, Leonard Melvin, Benjamin David, Andrew Clayton, Mildred Corrine, Alma Jean, Anna Christene, Robert Leon and Glenda Faye. (The siblings of Lawrence were Jesse Arthur, Edward W., George W., Michael Ollie, Mable Lee and John Henry **Borne**.)

**Box, Jacob Lee**—b. March 15, 1917 in TN, the son of William Wiley **Box** and Margaret Rosetta "Etter" **Anderson**, d. Nov. 7, 1979 at his home in Gruetli-Laager, TN and buried at the Fall Creek Cemetery, Grundy Co., TN. He was married to Vera Alice **Brown** and their son was Jacob Eugene **Box**. The sisters of Jacob Lee were Edith Mae **Cox** and Mary Willie **Maquirk**.

**Boyd, Clyde I.**—b. Aug. 26, 1895 in TN a son of David Boyd and Paralee **Kilgore**, died Oct. 7, 1979 at his home in Palmer, TN and was buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery located outside Tracy City in Marion County, along with his brothers Earl and Alton and his wife, Pearl. He was a veteran of WWI, a coal miner and was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl. They had David, Grace and Oma Lee. Clyde also had 2 sisters, Leona and Etta.

**Brewer, Helen C.** —b. Oct. 27, 1909 in Florida, a daughter of Edward J. **Carpenter** and Nancy Edna **Overturf**, d. Oct. 11, 1979 in Sequatchie County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery in Grundy Co., TN. Helen was the widow of Alder **Brewer**. (She was preceded in death by her brother, Edward Eston **Carpenter**. Her maternal grandparents were Henry Lee **Overturf** and Nancy **Scruggs**.)

**Caldwell, Charles Thomas**—b. June 28, 1927 in TN a son of Charlie **Caldwell** and Nellie **Gholston**, died July 13, 1983 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. Charles was a coal miner and served in the US military. He was married to Alice **Hart** and they had 4 children, Susan, Carol, Charles Jr., and Buster.

**Cannon, Scott**—b. 12-27, 1890 in TN, died Jan. 28, 1979 at his home in Palmer. Scott was a coal miner, the son of Isaac **Cannon** and Mary **Payne**. He was married to Velma **White**.

**Conry, Frank Duncan**—b. Sept. 15, 1911 in Alabama, a son of Leonard **Conry** and Hattie **Keel**, died Oct. 17, 1977 at his home in Palmer and was buried at the Fall Creek Cemetery in Grundy County. He was married to Louella **Brown**. His surviving children were Brenda, Mae Ella, Jerry, Charles, Jimmy and Keith.

**Cunningham, Webb**—b. July 18, 1890 in TN, a son of William **Cunningham** and Susie **Winton**, died May 12, 1972 in Whitwell, Marion County and was buried at the Fall Creek Cemetery in Grundy Co., TN. He was married to Sarah Alma **Gipson**. They had 10 children, Mary Louise, Carl Raymond, Corinne, James Edward, George Wilson, Howard Shirley, Helen Ruth and Earlene. (Webb's siblings were Hense, Gent, Porter, Emmitt, Rube, Nellie and Jo.)

**Keener, Lewis G.** —b. Aug. 31, 1910 in TN, a son of Issom **Keener** and Nina **Standifer**, d. July 21, 1977 in Grundy County and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery in Grundy County. He was married to Eunice **Fults**. He was survived by 6 children, Willene, Wilma, Lou, Gordon, L.H.. and Robert, a sister Vinia and 2 brothers, Lee and Baxter.

**Overturf, Bertha Naomi**—b. July 15, 1897 in Battle Creek, Marion Co., TN a daughter of Charles Thomas **Birdwell** and Nancy Rhoda Jane **Bean** of Marion County, died Aug. 17, 1979 in Hamilton County, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Grundy County, TN. She was married to Henry Clarence

**Overturf.** They had 3 sons, Henry Clifton, Glyn E., and Thomas Chester. (Bertha's siblings were Annie, Gilbert, David Leonard, Sallie, Elijah, Mary and Ailey.) Only Mary and Ailey survived her.

**Reeves, Robert Lee**—b. June 8, 1909 in Alabama, a son of Robert **Reeves** and Ellen **Hartline**, d. June 19, 1977 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at the Reeves Cemetery in Georgia. He lived in Gruetli-Laager, was married to Viola **West** and his children were Shirleen, Louise, Roberta, Lenda, Cleo, Glenda, LaVaughn, Leo, Calvin and Edward. The surviving siblings of Robert were Ethel, Bell, Julie, Josie Harlon and Johnny.

**Rhea, Forrest Edgar**—b. June 10, 1918 in TN, a son of E.W. **Rhea** and Mattie **Savage**, d. Aug. 26, 1978 at a hospital in Whitwell, and was buried at the Bonny Oak Cemetery in Grundy County. He was married to Veola Mae **Sweeton**. His surviving children were Beatrice, Elizabeth, Ruthie, Nancy, Charles, Ralph and Larry. He was also survived by 2 brothers, Marvin and Lincoln.

**Rollins, James W.** —b. July 24, 1893 in TN, a son of William **Rollins** and Rebecca **Layne**, d. Jan. 12, 1982 in Whitwell, Marion Co., TN and was buried at the Griffith Creek Cemetery in Marion County. He was a coal miner and was married to Lucy E. **Burnette**. He was survived by 6 children, Walter, Clarence, Herschel, William, Nellie and Betty.

**Tate, Della** —b. June 21, 1887 in TN, a daughter of John C. **Smith** and Nancy **Scruggs**, d. Jan. 16, 1973 at Newell's Hospital in Chattanooga, and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery in Grundy County. She was a widow of Will **Tate**. Her surviving children were Woodrow, Arthur, Alton, Alfred, and Lorene.

**Tate, Homer Allen** —b. June 9, 1910 in Grundy County, TN, a son of Samuel **Tate** and Carrie Mae **Richmond**, d. Jan. 16, 1984 in Grundy County, TN and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery in Grundy County. (His siblings were Myrtle, Harley, Henry, James, Mary, Horace, Mildred and Paul.)

**Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records, 1850 - 1880**, compiled by Charles A. Sherrill, Nashville, Tennessee, 1996. Used with permission.

This book gives an incredibly detailed account into the lives of Grundy Countians during the 1850's thru the 1880's. It shows not only the cash value of farm and livestock, but also who owned honey bees and who had a fruit orchard. A very interesting look into the family farm!

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\*unless otherwise noted, crops mentioned below are in bushels.

1850 Special Census (continued)

Wooten, James- improved acres, 66; unimproved acres, 510; cash value of farm, \$405; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 10; sheep, 10; swine, 70; value of livestock, \$291; Indian corn, 300; wool, 6; value of home manufactures, \$5; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Guess, Moses- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$875; horses, 7; milch cows, 9; other cattle, 11; sheep, 25; swine, 104; value of livestock, \$752; wheat, 48; Indian corn, 1500; oats, 200; Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$37; rice, 30 lbs.

Lusk, Sarah- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 1038; cash value of farm, \$568; horses, 4; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 9; sheep, 51 (?); swine, 50; value of livestock, \$390; wheat, 35; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 100; Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, 15; value of animals slaughtered, \$37.

Cunningham, Langston- horse, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$65; Indian corn, 150.

Lusk, John- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 235; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 6; asses & mules, 1 milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 12; sheep, 4; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$527; Indian corn, 500; Irish potatoes, 50; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, 10 (?).

Lusk, James- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 75; value of livestock, \$75; wheat, 5; Indian corn, 250; Irish potatoes, 1; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$22.

Christian, Samuel J.- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 13; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 50, value of livestock, \$111; wheat, 16; Indian corn, 500; oats, 15; wool, 14; value of home manufactures, 30; value of animals slaughtered, \$42.

Rea, William- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 620; cash value of farm, \$2020; horses, 9; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 10; sheep, 12; swine, 75; value of livestock, 545; wheat, 50; Indian corn, 10500; oats, 500; wool, 14; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 65; value of home manufactures, \$24; value of animals slaughtered, \$20; rye, 14; cheese, 20 lbs.; wax/honey, 53 lbs.

Rea, Joseph- improved acres, 120; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$900; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$101; Indian corn, 125; oats, 30; wool, 20; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 20; value of home manufactures, \$25; cheese, 100 lbs.

Statts (?), Andrew- horses, 1; milch cow, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 6; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$81; wheat, 19; Indian corn, 575; oats, 50; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, 17 (?).

Wagoner, David- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; other cattle 12; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$281; wheat, 6; Indian corn, 250; oats, 60.

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Lowe, W[illiam] P.- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 270; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 1; sheep, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$60; Indian corn, 100; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

Sitz, W[illiam] B.- improved acres, 80; unimproved acres, 1020; cash value of farm, \$550; horses, 4; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 8; sheep, 7; swine, 35; value of livestock, 349; Indian corn, 200; oats, 30; wool, 25; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 60; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$20; rye, 11; wax/honey, 50 lbs.

Campbell, M[oses] A.- (nothing listed)

Hobbs, Adrian- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 85; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$60; Indian corn, 250; Irish potatoes, 4; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Tate, Davidson- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 1060; cash value of farm, 400; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$260; Indian corn, 300; rye, 10.

Bryant, J.- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 638, cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$84; Indian corn, 100; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 40; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; butter, 100 lbs.; flax, 100 lbs.

Layne, Daniel- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 10400; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 6; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 14; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$344; Indian corn, 400; oats, 60; wool, 20; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$80; rye, 15; cheese, 300 lbs.

Cattron, Alfred- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 262; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 2; swine, 24; value of livestock, \$238; Indian corn, 200; wool, 10; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 40; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

Crouch, Jesse- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 530; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$90; Indian corn, 50; peas & beans, 20; Irish potatoes, 8; sweet potatoes, 8; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Walters, William- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 170; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 4; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$237; Indian corn, 150; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

Stringer, James- horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; swine, 8; value of livestock, 50; Indian corn, 50; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, 20.

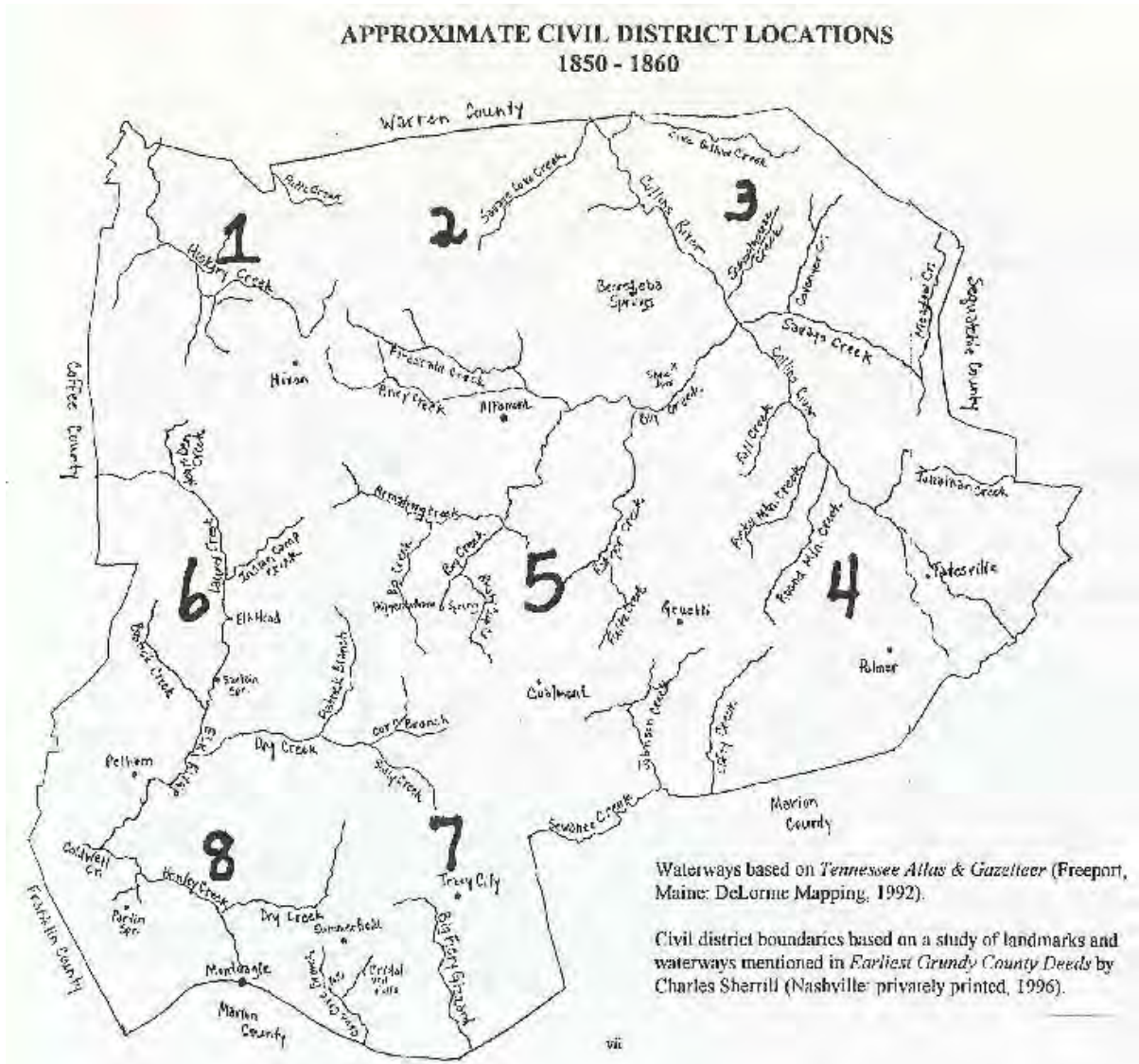
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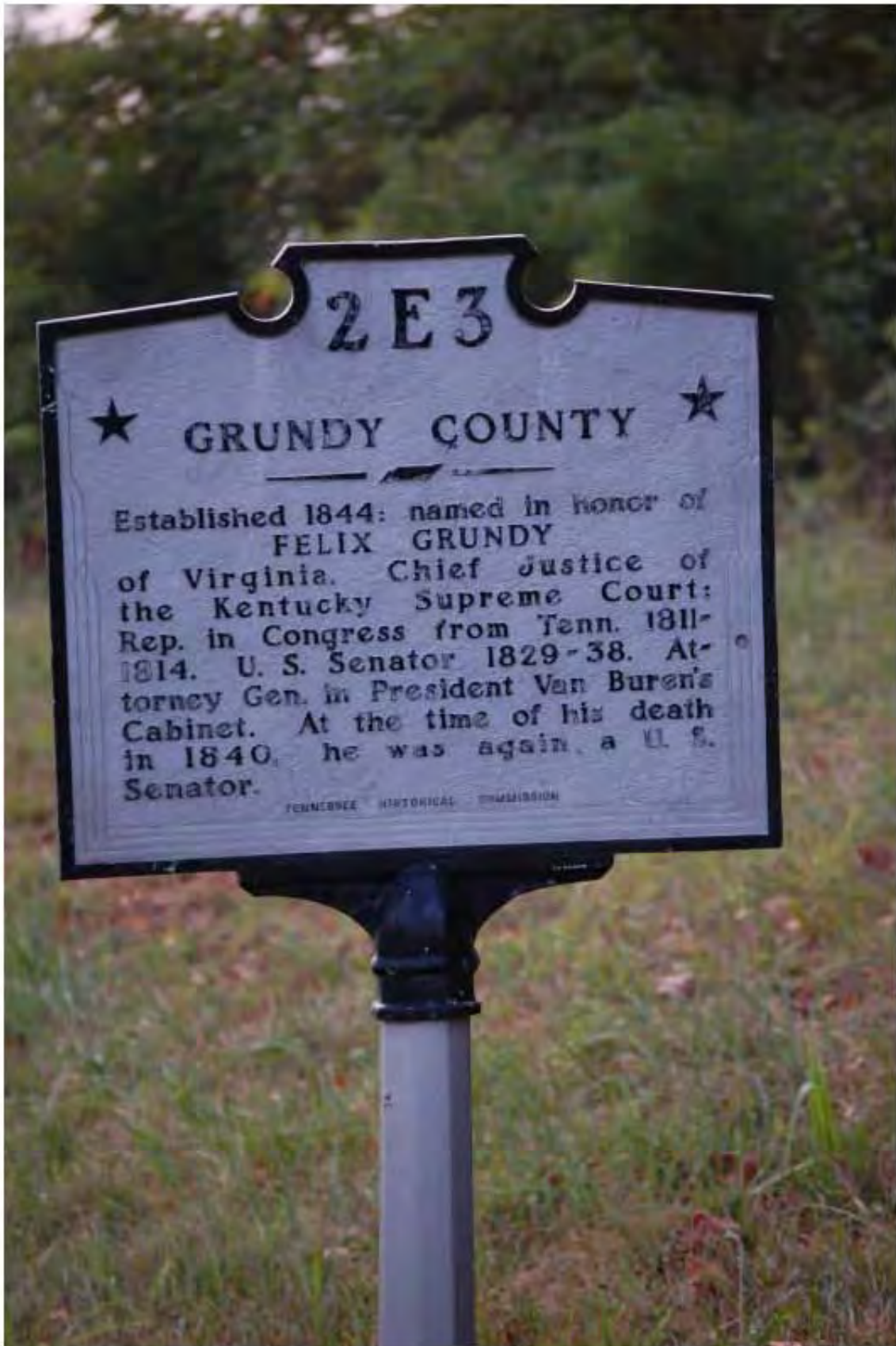
Reilly, James M.- improved acres, 65; unimproved acres, 10705; cash value of farm, \$1400; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$469.

Jack, James- horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; value of livestock, \$74.

Marler, Stephen- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 250; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 2; sheep, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$191; Indian corn, 150; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$28.







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Queries are free. Please be brief. Print or type your query on a 3X5" index card and send to Janelle Taylor, 641 US 41, Pelham, TN 37366. Be sure to include your name, address, and the date. You may also email your query to [jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net). Queries will also be added to the GCHS website and also printed in **The Pathfinder**.

**Society Meetings**

The Grundy County Historical Society meets quarterly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Tracy City Library at 1:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 9, 2008. Dues are \$20.00 for Single memberships and \$25.00 for Family memberships each calendar year. Each calendar year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>.



**WANTED! ORAL HISTORIES!** Do you have a favorite story that your grandparents or parents told you about the "good ol' days"? We want to hear them!! Send them in! Contact either Janelle Taylor ([jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net)) or Sharon Goodman ([gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com)) and we will add them to our website.

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**Research Price Schedules (Effective 2004)**

An initial search of up to 2 hours is \$25.00 to be paid before any research begins. No part of the initial fee will be returned. If any further work is desired, arrangements will be made with the individual actually doing the research. Upon your request, a search will be made to locate someone willing to work on solving your questions about your Grundy County connections.

Please contact the Grundy County Historical Society, PO Box 1422, Tracy City, TN, 37387. Phone (931) 467-3170 or email [jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net) with your question to initiate the process.

**NOTICE: Grundy County Historical Society Web Site**

You may view many different articles and photos at the Grundy County Historical Society's website. [www.gchs.homestead.com/index.html](http://www.gchs.homestead.com/index.html). The GCHS web site changes almost weekly. Be sure to check back often!

**GCHS Web Site Stats**

STATS AS OF May 14, 2008.

Website began Sept.18, 2004

50% of visitors viewed 2-19 pages at the website.

62% of visitors spent 1-15 minutes on the website.

22% of visitors spent 30 minutes-2 hours at website.

Web site averages 17 visitors per day

**TOTAL VISITORS: 13684**

**"Did You Know?" (Transcribed as written)**

July 7, 1845 (continued) This day William B. **Smartt** and others the Jury of Vew appointed to Vew and mark a road from the moutn William **Dugans** lane to the seat of Justice made them report, and it is ordered by the court that Said road be established as a road of the Second class, as vewed and marked by Said Jury, and that Ballard G. **Wilson** be appointed Overseer to Open and Keep said rod in repair, and that he have Henry **Clay** as Overseer with all the

hand allotted to him, and also all the hands from the head of big Spring on the north east side of the river down to Isham **Dykes** plantation, and up the river to the head, and also inclose James **Lockhart**, the Springs and Squire **Hunters** plantation.

This day Noah **Bort** and others the Jury of Vew appointed to lay off and mark a road Commencing at Noah **Borts**, thence the nearest and best way to the County sete, made their report and it is ordered by the court that said road be established as a road of the Second class, and that Nort **Bort** be appointed overseer to open and keep said road in repair, and that he have all the hands to the south east side of the rever, from the big spring down to the county line.

This day Robert **Tate** and others the Jury of Vew, appointed to view and mark a road from the county seat of Grundy County, to the Marion County line made their report, and it is ordered by the court that said road be established as a road of the Second class and that William **Sitz** be appointed Overseer, to open said road, and that he shall have all the hands in the 4<sup>th</sup> district, and the hands of the 5<sup>th</sup> district from **Nunleys** eastward to the line of the 4<sup>th</sup> district.

On petition of Alfred **Carlton**, And others, It is ordered by the court that, Isaac **Campbell**, Robert **Tate**, William **Walters**, Thomas **Walters**, Jesse **Crouch** and Alfred **Carlton** be appointed a Jury of Vew, to lay off and mark a road from William **Sitz** to the Marion county line so as to intersect with Isaac **Hicks** road and report to the next quarterly Term of this Court.

#### **GCHS' Policy**

Members and friends of GCHS are encouraged to submit materials pertaining to Grundy County and surrounding counties for publication and to be archived in the following categories:

1. Genealogical Histories and materials
2. Articles of general interest
3. Photographs
4. Maps

Data should be well documented as to source. Sources for submitted materials can be noted by Footnotes at the bottom of the page or Endnotes at the conclusion of the article. We ask that photographs and illustrations be accompanied by a description of their contents. Family Histories will be limited to no more than 5 pages per issue and will be printed in no more than 2 issues.

Please try to have the document typed. Original documents should be transcribed by the submitter. Include your name, address, phone number and email address on the manuscript when submitted. We prefer to have the materials submitted electronically, diskette, or CDs.

Materials submitted on disk or CDs should be accompanied by a printed copy of the article. All articles submitted may not be printed. The right to edit material from presentation, grammar, length and form is reserved by the Editor and all material submitted becomes the property of GCHS.

It is the submitter's responsibility to secure permission from any person or company who may own the original record or publication rights. The GCHS Editor cannot assume responsibility for errors of fact or infringement of copyrights by the contributors. The opinions expressed in **The Pathfinder** are

of the individual contributors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Grundy County Historical Society or the editorial staff.

**President's Message**

For the past eighteen months or so we have been gathering pictures and working toward getting *Pictures of Our Past*, a pictorial history of Grundy County, published. That work is now finished and is in the hands of our publisher. It is due to be ready for distribution to the public by December of this year. I urge you to purchase one of these books. You will be entertained and amazed by the variety of photos and will surely be reminded of bygone days here in Grundy County. You are certain also to appreciate the work of our talented book committee. These folks have worked long and hard to gather, edit and ready pictures of our county for publication. If you did not send your pictures for this publication, or we did not use all of them, we hope to do something in the future in which we will be able to use all the photos we have received. Look for information on this project in future issues.

The Altamont Library has donated their microfilm reader and microfilm to the Root Cellar. Through the efforts of Ralph Rieben and Mayor LaDue Bouldin, the machine has been moved and is ready to set up. Now, we really need more space, but the gift was a welcome one.

Our Society is working and growing. Thanks for your participation and interest in Grundy County's history.

Janelle Layne Taylor  
President

**A Note from the Editor**

What a busy past few months we have had here! Besides having a pinched nerve in my neck and the resulting physical therapy and eventual epidural, we managed to do a bit of traveling around the state of Texas. We even made it up to Tennessee in time to see the dogwoods in bloom! What a sight I've missed for many years!

Congratulations to everyone for all their VERY hard work on the book, *Pictures of Our Past: A Pictorial History of Grundy County*. I salute all the volunteers that dedicated many hours to scanning photos, identifying person(s) within said photos and organizing the photos into a cohesive collaboration. Also, a tremendous thank you to all who have brought in their photographs from their private family collections to share. Along with Janelle Taylor, I also encourage everyone to purchase a copy of this book. In the years to come, it will become a treasured possession.

I'm looking forward to the release date in December for this book!

Sharon Nee Goodman

**Welcome New Members!**

We welcome new members to the Grundy County Historical Society:

Pam Myers	Amber Mayhew
Raymond Hargis	W. Lanny McNabb
Lisa Magouirk	History Department of Grundy County High School
Carla Hill	

**Meet the Grundy County Historical Society Members!**

Want to introduce yourself to the GCHS members? Send me a short bio about yourself (with or without photo- NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS PLEASE!), what families you are researching and your hobbies, etc. Send to Sharon N. Goodman ([gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com)) and it will be added to the following issues! We look forward to hearing from you soon!

**JANELLE TAYLOR**

Years ago when I was in high school, we were studying genetics in biology class and the teacher, Henrietta Bowden Ray, assigned me a project of tracing my family tree. Needless to say the historic aspect of this research proved to be more interesting than the genetic aspect. It was exciting to find out about members of my family who had actually lived through the Great Depression, World War II, World War I, the Civil War and a dozen other historic events that I had studied somewhere along the way. This interest spurred me on to become a school teacher with special emphasis in history.

Having grown up in the small community of Pelham, I knew most everyone, and while sitting around the stove at my parents' service station I had heard stories of those who had come before here in the area. Soon names of those long since passed on sounded familiar to me. That must have been where the interest in local history was born. At any rate, I eventually wanted to write down the stories that I had heard. That opportunity came much later when Gov. Lamar Alexander initiated a program known as Homecoming '86 for Tennessee. Communities were encouraged to record their history. I was able to use much of the information that I had collected and was able to interview many other people to find out what they remembered. The outcome of that project was the *Homecoming '86 History of the Elk River Valley (Pelham Valley)*.

After I retired in 2000 from thirty- one years of teaching, I began attending Grundy County Historical Society meetings and was soon elected as president. One of my goals in that office was to publish a heritage book which would encompass both county history and family histories. With the help of many, many people, that goal was achieved when *The Grundy County Heritage Book 1844-2004* was published in 2005.

It has been so amazing to be associated with the many interesting, talented and dedicated people who work in the Grundy County Historical Society to preserve our heritage. Our newest endeavor is *Pictures of Our Past*, a new pictorial of the county. It has been a pleasure to work on that project as well.





**SHARON NEE GOODMAN**

Sharon Nee Goodman, born in Manchester, TN to Larry and Marilyn Rice Nee of Tullahoma. I graduated Tullahoma High School (class of 1978) and attended one year of college at Middle Tennessee State University. I married Mike Goodman in 1979 and we have two sons, Michael and Justin.

We are currently living in Georgetown, Texas, but have lived in Houston, Richardson, The Colony, and Plano, Texas.

I began genealogy research in 1993 when my uncle sent me some information on my mother's family. I received 2 pages of names and dates and since then have added several thousand names to the family tree!

For the past several years, I have been designing websites for myself and for others, which is how I ended up hosting the GCHS website! I am researching the Conry, Moran, Shetter(s) and Goodman families of Grundy County.



**PAT HUNLEY SHARRETT BERGES**

I was born in Chattanooga to Noel Ruston and Billie (Saine) Hunley, and spent most of my early years with my maternal grandparents, Dave and Mattie (Myers) Saine. My dad was a labor union organizer for the A.F. of L. and traveled all over the Southeast, so Mother, baby Judy, and I lived in my grandparents' large old wood-frame house in Manchester, Tennessee, while Dad was on the road. When I was nine, we moved to central Florida where Dad became a Chemical Workers Union leader for the phosphate industry. I graduated high school in Lakeland, Florida, started college part-time, went to work as a medical transcriber in a clinic of nineteen doctors, married my high school sweetheart Sonny Sharrett (a law enforcement officer), and had two wonderful sons, David Alan and John Alan Sharrett.

Working my way up through the ranks to administrative secretary, administrative assistant, and finally personnel manager, I continued at Watson Clinic for over thirty years, by which time it had grown to 175 physicians and a staff of about 375 employees, half of whom were hired by me. During this time, I met and married my second husband, Dr. Ramon Berges, a

physician and former ambassador from the Dominican Republic. Ramon served his country in France for five years and three more years as their U.N. ambassador before seeking political asylum in the U. S. after a government overthrow in Dominican Republic in the early 1960s. In those days, doctors who had foreign medical training had to retake their internship and residency and become U.S. citizens in order to practice in this country. Not willing to start all over, he accepted a position as an assistant to the Watson Clinic surgeons and supervisor of O.R. techs and other physician assistants. He spent the remainder of his working career in that role. We had a blended family of five children and eleven grandchildren. Ramon passed away at the age of 87 in 2007, having lived a full and fascinating life.

My interest in genealogy began when Mother asked me to sit down with her and Granny and identify a large box of old photographs "before Granny forgets who they are." Unfortunately, we kept putting it off and Granny died. Then Mother asked if I'd sit down with her and we'd write the names on the photos she recognized. Again, we postponed until she became ill and passed away at age 69. I was left with the picture box and a mountain of guilt - what wonderful stories I could have heard if only I had taken time out from my "busy" schedule when I had the opportunity. I began visiting Tennessee to call on elder relatives and find out more about my ancestors. Through the graciousness of cousins, we were able to identify about half the pictures and I felt I owed it to Mother to trace our family's history. That was twenty years ago, and here I am, still at it and learning more than I ever dreamed. I'm honored to be a member of Grundy County's active, dedicated, and productive historical society. What a delightful group!

#### **Queries**

**#204-2008** We have been searching for the families of our gggrandparents, John C. **Wilkerson** and Editha **Nunnally (Nunley)**, born TN about 1819. I have found a number of **Nunleys** and a few **Wilkersons** in Grundy County census records, and in the petition for establishment of Grundy County. I have a copy of William **Nunley's** will (possible brother of Editha), dated 1869, showing land "little Cove, Collins River (100 acres), and town Creek (70 acres and 25 acres). Could you help me find these places in the county?

We believe Editha (and William?) were children of Archelaus (or Archibald) **Nunley**. Any suggestions you can give me on our quest would be greatly appreciated.

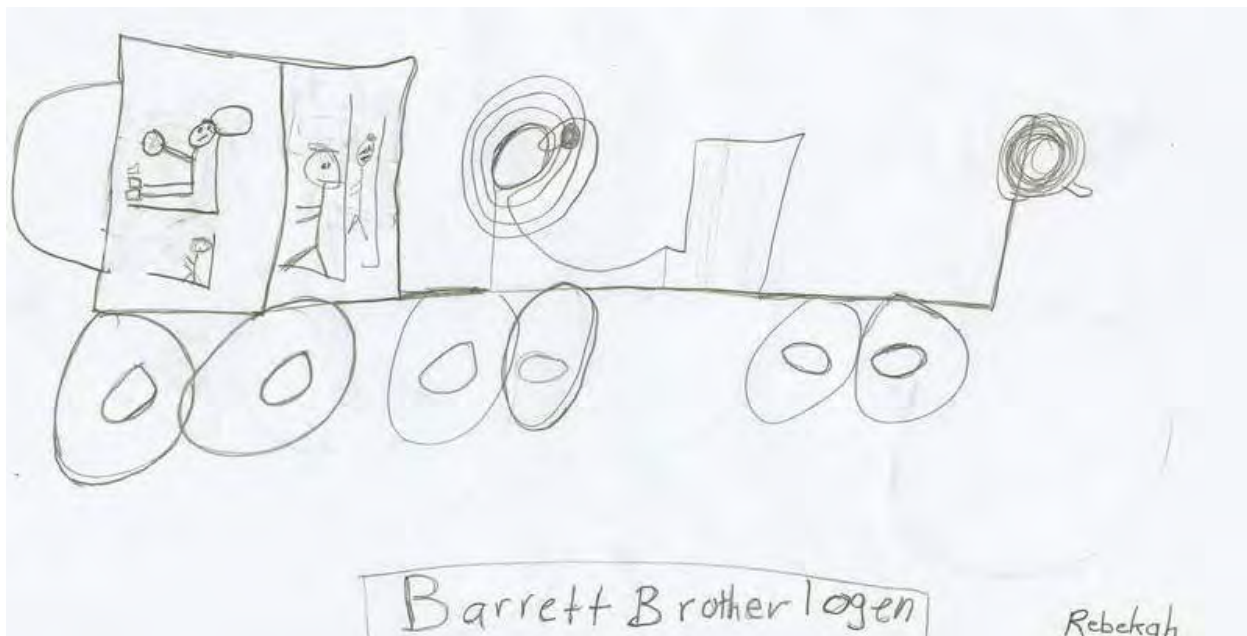
Elizabeth Rohrs  
casario@snowcrest.net

**#205-2008 (From the GCHS website guest book)** I am looking for information on relatives buried in Philadelphia Church Cemetery... John Thomas **Gross** and his wife Sarah Killian **Lawson**, Henry **Gross** and his wife Hannah Tucker **Walker**. John Samuel and Sarah **Whitman**.

Jeff Gross  
[jeff\\_gross33@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff_gross33@yahoo.com)

**#206-2008 (From the GCHS website guest book)** I have **Higgins, Layne, Brown** in Grundy, Marion. I have **James**, Pelham, etc. from Franklin, Co.

Linda Higgins McClendon  
[lindamcclendon@comcast.net](mailto:lindamcclendon@comcast.net)



#### **The Plainview Church and the Meeks Family**

The **Meeks** family was some of the earliest settlers in Grundy County. Britain **Meeks** according to early census records was born about 1811 in North Carolina. Britain was the father of Thomas Jefferson **Meeks**. Thomas was born in 1841 and married Linda **Gibbs**. Jack Hiles **Meeks** is the son of Thomas and Linda Gibbs **Meeks**. He was born August 11, 1896 and is their sixth child. Jack Married Peggy Cleo **Cox Shrum** and they had 11 children. Thomas Jeff **Meeks** was born March 29, 1922 and was Jack and Peggy's 2nd child. Jeff married Sue **Wiggins** and they raised a family of four children in the Plainview Community near Tracy City Tennessee. Their children are Louise, Ruby, Tommy and Buddy.



**Plainview Church, 1945**



**Early members of Plainview Church**

*Bottom Row: L-R Dewey Meeks, Millard Patrick (holding his son Ralph), Jeff Meeks with son Tommy and daughter Louise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Cora Patrick,?, Margaret Nunley, Ollie Meeks, and Sue Meeks. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row O. D. Layne*

Thomas Jeff **Meeks** and Sue **Wiggins Meeks** are the founders of the Plainview Community Church. Some of the earlier members of the church were Dewey **Meeks**, Ollie **Meeks**, Millard **Patrick**, Cora **Patrick**, Margaret **Nunley**, and O. D. **Lane**. The church was started in the summer of 1945 in the home of Brother Jeff and Sister Sue **Wiggins Meeks**. The church celebrated its 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary August 12, 2007.

The pastor of the church in 2007 is Mike **Rigsby** and wife Beverly. The Deacons are Claude **Hoback**, Jimmy **Johnson**, and Tommy **Cunningham**. The Sunday school teachers are Claude **Hoback**, Tommy **Cunningham**, Tami **Thomas**, and Cindy **Northcutt**. Tommy and Donna **Cunningham** oversee the bus ministry.



**Plainview Church, August 12, 2007**



**Tommy and Donna Cunningham**



**Tommy Cunningham, Claude Hoback, and Jimmy Johnson**

**Bryant's Cove Cemetery**

Bryant's Cove is on the Grundy/Marion County border, but the cemetery itself is in Marion County. The following graves are located there in a remote cemetery accessible only by ATV. Readings taken in fall 2005.

Houston A. Bryant  
Dec. 14, 1846  
March 3, 1897

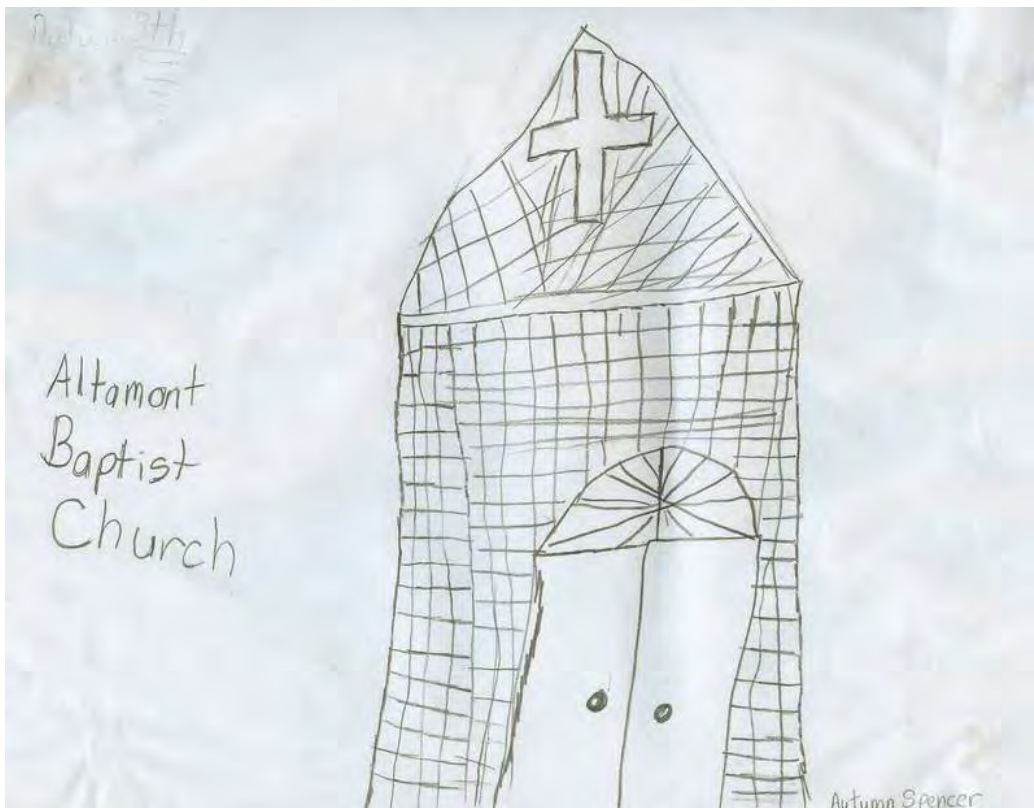
Abbie C. wife of Houston A. Bryant  
Feb. 2, 1952  
Nov. 12, 1896

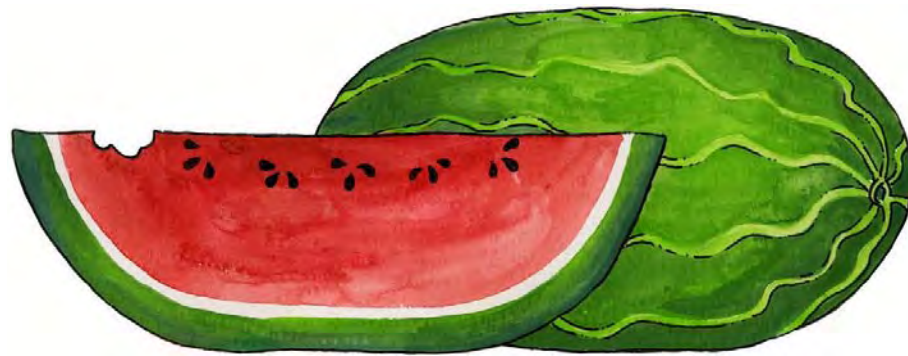
A.J. Bryant  
Co. 1  
10th Infantry

3 small stones and footstones- no inscriptions  
Location: N 35 15.575 and W 85 37.715

**Artwork from third grade students at North Elementary School**







**1901-1902 Public School Directors and Teachers**

This is a copy of an original brochure sent in by Janelle Taylor.

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Dillon, W. G.....	Tracy City
Dunn, J. G.....	Viola
Finney, Miss Hattie.....	Tracy City
Givens, Miss Lizzie.....	Yager
Hampton, Miss Hattie.....	Cowan
Harley, Miss Jessie.....	Tracy City
Hambree, C. W.....	Beersheba
Hembree, Mrs. C. W.....	Beersheba
Henley, Miss Lou.....	Tracy City
Hendrixson, John J.....	Yager
Hobbs, Miss Martha.....	Altamont
Jones, Miss Eliza P.....	McMinnville
King, Miss Eva.....	Altamont
London, Miss Hester.....	Tracy City
McDonald, Miss Fannie.....	Tracy City
Moose, A. L.....	Whitwell
Moran, Miss Nellie.....	Tracy City
Morris, Miss Minnie.....	Sewanee
Nearn, Miss Ora.....	Tracy City
Northcut, J. D.....	Tracy City
Northcut, Mrs. Sallie.....	Viola
Nunley, Miss Della.....	Tracy City
Parker, Miss Coker.....	Tracy City
Partin, G. C.....	Monteagle
Porter, Miss Adell B.....	Sweetwater
Reams, Miss Mary.....	Franklin
Rhea, Miss Martha.....	Viola
Ring, Miss Emma.....	Monteagle
Sewell, Miss Daisy.....	Tracy City
Shook, Miss Pattie.....	Cowan
Taylor, Mrs. Willie.....	Monteagle
Thorohill, Miss Dora.....	Tracy City
Turner, Marion.....	Shellford
White, R. H.....	Pelham
White, John.....	Pelham
Williams, Miss Lillie.....	Tracy City
Young, Miss Hattie.....	Deard

COLORED.

Bryan, B. B.....	Sewanee
Bryan, J. O.....	Sewanee
Kennerly, J. N.....	Sewanee
Southern, Miss Hester.....	Pelham
Southern, Mrs. Emma.....	Pelham
Wood, Mrs. Eva.....	Tracy City

A LIST  
—OF THE—  
**PUBLIC SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
—AND—  
**TEACHERS**  
—OF—  
Grundy County, Tenn.



*For 1901-2.*

*JEFF D. FULTS, County Sup'l.,  
Tracy City, Tenn.*

Tracy City, Tenn.  
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—1901.



**Directors.**

- Dist. 1. Viola.  
T. E. Mabry, B. J. Cunningham, Jim Sain.
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W. H. Lusk, John Adams, J. H. Braley.
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Norman Nunley, L. W. Nunley, W. C. Fultz.
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R. Smartt, A. Northcut, A. B. Woodlee.
- Dist. 5. Tarlton.  
W. O. Wimberly, A. H. Coppinger, N. B. Barnes.
- Dist. 6. Tarlton.  
J. B. Nunley, P. H. Rogers, Wm Creighton.
- Dist. 7. Tatesville.  
H. M. Layne, J. D. Cunningham, J. M. Lockhart.
- Dist. 8. Gruetli.  
J. B. Luchsinger, Fenlon Overturf.
- Dist. 9. Gruetli.  
John Schild, Peter Schaeffer, Emil Siegrist.
- Dist. 10. Beersheba Springs.  
R. T. Dykes, Sam Layne, H. W. Brown.
- Dist. 11. Altamont.  
R. F. Hobbs, Starling Savage, Sam'l Walker.
- Dist. 12. Altamont.  
J. K. Howland, John Scruggs, A. J. Lockhart.
- Dist. 13. Tracy City.  
Geo. Lusk, John Henley, Charley Holland.
- Dist. 14. Tracy City.  
R. B. Sweeton, Frank Sweeton, Ed Adams.
- Dist. 15. Tracy City.  
L. P. Woodlee, Dock Patrick, C. C. Nunley.
- Dist. 16. Tracy City.  
J. N. Reid, I. H. Cannon, J. V. Walker.
- Dist. 17. Monteagle.  
C. H. Mankin, W. D. Bennett, J. R. Bradshaw.
- Dist. 18. Pelham.  
Haston Sanders, A. P. Roberts, Wm. Bean.

- Dist. 19. Pelham.  
J. C. Henley, Tom Moran, James Conry.
- Dist. 20. Pelham.  
T. J. Myers, A. A. Campbell, H. H. Campbell.
- Dist. 21. Pelham.  
Geo. Winton, Geo. Clay, Pete Crabtree.
- Dist. 22. Pelham.  
Dr. L. A. Carden, E. C. Green, J. H. Gunn.
- Dist. 23. Laxonville.  
John Patterson, W. T. W. Cribbs, Tom Conry.
- Dist. 24. Beersheba Springs.  
J. W. Morton, Decatur Savage, David Coppinger.
- Dist. 25. Tracy City.  
A. D. Reider, J. R. Sanders, Geo. Henderson.
- Dist. 26. Obsolete joined to other districts.
- Dist. 27. Altamont.  
Andy Campbell, Thomas Barrett, E. A. Campbell.
- Dist. 28. Tracy City.  
F. M. Nunley, Alex Parsons, W. P. Roberts.
- Dist. 29. Tracy City.  
John Hatfield, Alex Layne, Isom Dykes.
- Dist. 30. Monteagle.  
W. H. Reider, P. T. Thomas, John Stewart.
- Dist. 31. Tracy City.  
John Nunley, Albert Nunley, Wiley Meeks.
- Dist. 32. Tracy City.  
Peary D. Haynes, T. L. Cannon, J. W. O'Neil.
- Dist. 33. Beersheba Springs.  
G. W. Gross, Jim McCarver, Brack Savage.

**Teachers.**

- Deleber, Robt ..... Viola
- Eisell, J. A. .... Altamont
- Boyd, J. C. .... Cagle
- Boyd, Mrs Daisy ..... Tracy City
- Brewer, W. A. .... Trousdale
- Campbell, W. R. .... Pelham
- Campbell, E. W. .... Pelham
- Campbell, Alex ..... Altamont
- Carden, R. J. .... Tracy City
- Carpenter, Clyde ..... D cherd

**Tales of the Pigeon**

Tracing my mother's roots took me back to such an amazing story. It touched me to learn of the Indian descent and how far back it is traced into our family's kindred. Just a few days ago, a group and I had the opportunity to visit a family who was very much a part of Grundy County. Their grandson and son had built a log cabin down on the road that we always called the Pigeon or Gizzard area. This family, the **Partins**, like mine, had land there. Grady Ward **Partin** and his wife Jackie and members of the family all lived down in this area. Seeing the cabin took me back many years to an earlier time when we would visit the Pigeon to see the Lem **Headrick**, my mom's uncle, and his family.

The **Headrick** cabin had a large log house made from hewn logs put together with sod and a shingle roof, an open hallway, one door led to the other door. Glancing at Grady's cabin, I could recall many of the things that I loved about this old **Headrick** homeplace. Our family from the Pigeon was of Cherokee/Chikamaka descent. Our earlier generation began in the late 1790's and early 1800's. Around 1819 there began the first exodus of the Cherokee. By 1838 when the Trail of Tears began here in the South, most of the Pigeon area was full of Indians living from areas near the Little Sequatchie River to hidden caves along the plateau where there was running water. Marion County was full of these Cherokee/Chikamakas at the time. By the years 1838-1840, Indians were being removed to Indian Territory via the Trail of Tears. Some Native Americans escaped the forced move by living with and as whites who had moved into the Pigeon and Gizzard area. Some of these Indians married white settlers while other Indian groups remained segregated from the white population hiding out in caves and remote areas that offered any type of protection from authorities. One of our ancestors Jacob and Anna (**Roland**) **Headrick** arrived in the Pigeon to settle on the land he had purchased. Jacob was from Virginia; Anna from Rowan County, North Carolina. Here in the Gizzard, they chose to live and it was here that the **Headrick** family had its beginnings in the Grundy/Marion County area. Many called the area "Pigeon Springs". The Indians gave it the name "Woyi" which means "God County". Some called it part of the Cumberland Plateau, while many just called it home. My great-great grandfather and others who bought land here like the **Anderson** brothers began roaming these woods seeking food, firewood and herbs for medical needs. They built homes from hewn logs that they harvested from their own land. They also built corncribs for storage, barns for livestock; they raised chickens, hogs and planted gardens to help feed their families. Water came from hand dug wells or from nearby creeks such as Little Sequatchie and springs that flowed from the mountain sides.

Census records report that William Henry **Headrick** was born in the early 1800's. His first wife Mary C. **Ray** was born in 1815. There were 5 children born to William Henry and Mary: Nancy, Thomas Alexander, Napolian, Charlotte, and Amanda **Headrick**, all born in Marion County. In 1843, William **Henry** married a full blood Cherokee, Mary Polly **King**, born in 1830. She was only 13 at the time. William **Henry** and Mary Polly had Thomas William, Rachel, Joseph, Elijah Duncan, John and Joe **Headrick**. This brood totaled 11 children for William Henry **Headrick**.

Thomas William **Headrick** was my great grandfather who was born July 17, 1848. He married Elizabeth "Eliza" **Anderson**, daughter of Hezekiah and Martha **Anderson**. She was the granddaughter of Samuel and Jane (**Hargis**) **Anderson** of the Gizzard in Marion County. Samuel owned the first drugstore in Grundy County and was the druggist there. He and Jane are buried at the **Headrick** Cemetery now known as the Charles **Dykes** Cemetery.

Just up the hill was where the old William **Headrick** home place was. From there on back toward the Pigeon started the homes of many families: **Braden**, **Headrick**, **Dove**, **Hargis**, **Wooten** and **Dykes**. Thomas and Elizabeth Headrick had eight children: William Henry II, Lemuel, Robert, Nicholas, Mack, Barbara, Cecilia, and Mary. My grandmother was Mary **Headrick**. She married David **Dove**. All the children were reported to have been born in Marion County. There was a little place at the head of the Cove in the Gizzard that was named Dove, TN. The first family living there was Gilbert and Martha **Anderson Dove**. She was a descendant of John and T.W. **Anderson**, two brothers who became the first owners of most of the Gizzard Cove area, both in Marion County.

In 1868, Thomas **Headrick** had inherited land from his family and later bought land from his wife's family, the Samuel **Anderson** family. They sold timber off their land as well as built homes on the tracts of land they owned. On May 13, 1909, Thomas **Headrick** was accidentally killed while hauling logs from the Pigeon.

The Gizzard was said to have been named by the early Indians. It is told that the Indians were gathered together cooking wild turkey gizzards when one bit into the hot gizzard screaming out "Darn that Gizzard", so the Indians gave the Gizzard its name.

Thomas **Headrick** remarried for the second time to Fannie **Clepper Morgan**, who had daughters Florence and Althea **Morgan** as well as twin sons, Thomas and Jessie **Morgan**.

By the 1860's and 1870's, there were many descendants who owned land and lived in the Gizzard and Pigeon areas. Names like **Headrick, Hargis, Ben Wooten, Harris, Braden, Anderson** and **Dove** were common. Later, as years passed the **Martins**, from whom Martin Springs in Marion County was named, moved to the Pigeon. William Henry **Headrick** and his wife bought 100 acres from brothers T.W. and John **Anderson** for \$700. It was at the edge of Anderson Cove which was near Pigeon Springs. Here water flowed from the rocks on the mountain-side. My grandmother Mary **Headrick**, and her husband David **Dove**, bought a 50 acre tract of land from the family, later Lemuel and Mattie **Braden Headrick** bought between them and the Michael E. James **Braden** family tract there in the Pigeon. Here was the start of my remembrance as a child and the many visits to the old log house built by the **Headricks** themselves. Earlier the structure had been used as a stagecoach stop.

The stagecoach would come up the mountainside, stop there, water the horse rest and have a cup of Aunt Mattie's hot coffee and a biscuit as they rested on the long benches that were placed in the open door hallway. The old house sat on the line between Marion and Grundy Counties. The stage traveled from Marion County to Grundy County and on to Franklin County and others further away. There was once an old school built at the Pigeon. Here, children from nearby areas would attend the school like Hargis Cove, Headrick Point, Braden Ridge, Anderson Cove and other parts of the Gizzard Cove.

The little schoolhouse burned around 1920. May had very little education there in the area. In the early 1950's I had the opportunity to live at the old Headrick homeplace after Carl and I married. He hauled timber for my uncle and helped cut timber as well. We also lived at the old **Wooten** place just a short distance out from the **Headrick** homestead which is now owned by Daryl and Patricia **Street**. I go back and remind myself again of this land and how proud the Indians were of this homeland with its flowing streams, wild berries, herbs, roots, and the beautiful mountain sights. The valleys below must have seemed to be enclosed by the mountains. Being there I never felt afraid for many of my ancestors had once been a part of this beautiful land created by God himself.

The **Headricks** came to American from Germany on a ship called the Elizabeth "Lizzie" in 1733. The first landed in Stanton, Virginia and later some of them moved to Chapel Weaves Valley in North Carolina. There's a **Headrick** Cemetery there with many of Jacob **Headrick's** ancestors buried there along with Anna Roland **Headrick** in my opinion.

Thanks to Jacob and Anna, they landed up in Tennessee and added other branches to our family tree. A grandson, Allen **Hargis** and his family, now lives on the **Headrick** homeplace in a new home that has been built there.

**Bless my Computer too...**

UNKNOWN

Every evening as I'm laying here in bed  
this little prayer keeps running through my mortal head

God bless my mom and dad and bless my little child  
and take care of my spouse when things start gettin wild....

And God there's one more thing I wish that you could do  
hope ya don't mind me askin' but 'PLEASE' bless my Computer too?

Now I know that it's not normal to bless a mother board  
but listen just a second while I explain to you, "my Lord"

You see, that little metal box holds more than odds and ends.  
inside those small components rest a hundred of my 'best friends'

Some it's true I've never seen and most I've never met  
we've never shaken hands or shared a meal as yet...

I know for sure they like me by the kindnesses that they give  
and this little scrap of metal is how I travel to where they live.

By faith is how I know them much the same as I know you.  
I share in what life brings them from that our friendship grew.

Please take an extra minute from your duties up above...  
to bless this hunk of metal that's filled with so much love.



**Dr. Lynn A. Carden's Records**

Original copy made by Sula **Myers Edwards** who worked for Dr. Carden. This was recorded in a wallpaper sample book. This lists the father's name for whom the baby was delivered.\* The book is in the possession of Sula's niece, Drucilla **Clay Medley**. In August 2004 (copies of the pages were made) and is used with Drucilla **Medley's** permission.

Part II of Dr. Lynn A. Carden's records will be in the September issue of *The Pathfinder*.

\*(col) indicates colored

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**Presentation Wesley Chapel Church**

I am extremely fortunate to have been raised in Hubbard's Cove Community and the Wesley's Chapel Methodist Church. When I was four years old, my parents moved from New Market, Alabama to the **Sain** Farm, in Hubbard's Cove. In making this trip, the only paved road was two blocks of city streets in Winchester, Tennessee. We got stuck in a mud hole on a hill west of Fred **Lusk**'s house. The trip was made in December of 1927 in a Dodge touring car that had to be hand cranked, had curtains instead of windows, had a hand cranked windshield wiper and an engine that had to be choked by hand to start, and antifreeze had not been discovered-only used water in radiator-there were no heaters. We stayed warm by using heavy blankets. The lights had bulbs that would dim when the engine died or at low speed.

Each Sunday we took a bath and got ready to go to Wesley Chapel for Sunday school and about once each month we had preaching. Each summer we had a revival for a week. Services were at about ten o'clock each morning and then at about seven o'clock each night. A family took the preacher for dinner each day. The services lasted between one hour and one and one-half hours. During these services it was very hot and the only air conditioning was with hand held funeral home fans. The preacher, at times, got his shirt very wet with sweat while delivering the sermon. Most sermons were based on Old Testament with hell fire and brimstone as the basis. At night the church was lit with Aladdin lamps burning coal oil. Needless to say, the funeral home fans were in good use.

Each Sunday people came to church in different manners which included walking, by automobile, by horse and buggy or by horse. It was beautiful to see Mr. & Mrs. Ed **Winton** and Mr. & Mrs. Walter **Garrettson** coming to Wesley Chapel in their buggies. The horses were beautiful.

During several summers Evangelists came to the neighborhood and held revivals in a bush arbor near Wesley Chapel. These were held in Louis **Cunningham**'s woods at the intersection of Garrettson Road, the road to Highway 108 and Old Wesley Chapel Road. This was woods at that time. The under bush was cut and placed on limbs that had been placed in forks of larger trees. Planks supported by large pieces of logs sawed to correct height for seats, the stage, and pulpit was furnished by the Evangelist. The organ was played usually by the Evangelist's wife, and had to be pumped by some young man from the audience. There were usually several conversions which were referred to local churches.

Across the road from Wesley Chapel Church was Wesley Chapel Grammar School. In one room grades one through eight were taught. We sat in double desks with another person to do our studying. These desks had an inkwell into which an ink pen was dipped to use for writing. Excess ink was wiped from the point before writing. Most of the paper to write on was rag paper which was not good to write on with ink. Slick or paper that was easy to use with ink was not in ample supply. Wooden pencils were used when available. The pencil sharpener had not been invented so pencils were sharpened with a knife. The floor was oiled with a mixture of motor oil and sawdust to keep down dust. This oil mixture was furnished by the County Board of Education. The room was heated with a coal burning potbelly stove. We never missed a day of school because of weather. In the summer large windows were raised with everyone sweating but not thinking anything about it. No electricity served the area so no fans were available. Each grade went up front and sat on a long bench to recite the lesson. We sat off stage but in front of the stage with our backs to those sitting at desks. My first teacher at Wesley Chapel was Miss



Irene **Goodman** from Tracy City. She taught me fourth grade. During my first three years in school, I skipped second grade while attending Viola Grammar School. My teacher was Mrs. Virginia **Ramsey** and she was excellent. I stayed with "Pappy" Johnathon **Sain** and "Mammy" Sallie-my paternal grandparents. They got electricity my last year, third grade, which consisted of one light bulb in the center of the room. The best thing was a refrigerator which had a large coil on the top.

I walked from "Pappy's" house to Viola Grammar School which was about a mile up McMinnville Road. I saw my first airplane on the ground in the field across from Sam **Ramsey's** house. It was a single engine double wing airplane. For seven dollars you could get an air ride. From grades five through eight at Wesley Chapel, my teacher was Mrs. Clarence (Julie Mai) **Wooten**. She was brought to school and picked up after school each day by her husband, Clarence, in a model A Ford car. Dorreen **Wooten** rode to school with them and I was picked up at Fred Lusk Road. This saved me almost two miles of walking.

The school put on two plays each year, one in fall and the other in spring. The stage was a raised portion in front of the room. Curtains were loaned white bed sheets pinned on a wire with safety pins so as to open and close. Lights were, again, from Aladdin lamps. Participating in those plays or presentations made me want to be a member of the Players at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. The first movie I ever saw was at Wesley Chapel School. This movie was a silent (non-talking) movie featuring Tom **Mix** as a cowboy. Sitting in front of me was a large woman that read every line on the movie screen out loud because her husband could not read. I remember Mr. Wiley **Sissom**, our deputy Sheriff, arresting a man at this movie because he was drunk. The cost to attend the movie was ten cents. Wesley Chapel schoolhouse was used for other meetings or functions. One was 4-H Club meeting held by Grundy County Agricultural Agent. These meetings were well attended and very interesting. He taught us how to be better farmers. The meetings were held at night.

Other functions included performers from The Grand Ole Opry. Cost was about ten cents and was very crowded. If held in the summer after schoolhouse filled up then people outside stood and looked through windows. I remember several presentations and particularly Uncle Dave **Mason** and Roy **Acuff**.

I always enjoyed the Grundy County Superintendent of Schools visiting and talking to us. He always told a very interesting story such as how Andrew **Jackson** avoided being shot during a duel with Hamilton. The Grundy County Health nurse visited periodically. She gave us typhoid and small pox vaccinations. On one visit she gave each pupil a new toothbrush and a tube of Ipano toothpaste. This was the first factory made toothbrush I ever saw and most definitely the first toothpaste. She demonstrated how to brush your teeth. On the way home as I walked across the cultivated fields I tasted the Ipano toothpaste. It was so good I ate the entire tube before getting home. I had to use baking soda to brush my teeth which was not often. Most of the time I used a twig from a willow tree as toothbrush. As a result I now have ten implants and bridges in my mouth at a cost equal to a big Cadillac car.

Each morning the Teacher rang the school bell which meant come inside so classes could start. After coming inside, we always started school by saying the Lord's Prayer and singing a patriotic song. We had three recesses during the day. At noon we ate lunch, in the middle of the morning we had play period, and in the middle of the afternoon we had a play period. One of the games we played was "Drop-the Handkerchief" which consisted of a boy and his

girlfriend running around every other boy and girl arranged in a circle. A handkerchief was dropped behind a boy without him looking but everyone on opposite sides of him could see. If the handkerchief was not picked up before the couple that dropped it came back around, then the other couple had to go inside of the circle until replaced by a couple that did the same thing.

The school's drinking water was from a cistern on the north side of the building near back of building. Water from the roof was piped into the cistern. We pumped water from cistern by turning a crank that turned a wheel. On the wheel was a chain with rubber washers about two inches in diameter spaced about every three feet. These rubber washers went to the bottom of the cistern and filled space with water between washers. We all drank from the same bucket with a dipper. Paper cups had not been invented. A few students had collapsible metal cups but used the dipper to pour water into their expanded cup. I don't know of any student that got sick because we all drank out of the same dipper.

During periods of dry weather the cistern would run out of water. Then two boys were given permission by the Teacher to go to the spring near Louis **Cunningham's** house on Hickory Creek and get a bucket of water. The bucket was put on a stick and each boy picked up an end of the stick to carry the bucket of water to the schoolhouse. It was an honor for any boy to be picked for drinking water detail.

Dress for school was no shoes, go barefooted in warm weather, boys wore overalls with no underwear and girls wore dresses. Everyone brought their lunch in a lunch box with no thermos bottles because they had not been invented at this time. Lunch usually consisted of biscuits with fried sweet potatoes, sausage or other meats but usually no chicken. Chickens were sold for cash money. Hams were sold and not eaten.

School always turned out for a funeral. The first funeral I remember was "L" **Winton** who was killed while using a wrecker to winch a car that had wrecked. Something broke and hit him. John **High** with High Funeral Home in McMinnville was very good in making a short talk at a funeral. He usually recited "Crossing the Bar."

Crossing The Bar  
Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
Fear not thou the hidden purpose of that Power which alone is great,  
Nor the myriad world, His shadow, nor the silent Opener of the Gate."

Not all funerals were conducted by a funeral home. The preacher conducted funerals and arranged for pallbearers. Many times leather lines used to work a team of mules was used to lower the casket into the grave. All burials were with person facing East because of biblical passages. The grave was dug four feet wide until four foot in depth. Then, the width was diminished by six inches on each side. This made a shelf of six inches on each side. The casket was lowered into the grave then planks of wood were placed on shelves spanning grave. This kept any dirt from getting on casket. Vault's had not been built and were not available. When planks are used, after considerable time, they would decay and let the grave fall in. That is when a depression is observed over a grave.

Communication as to deaths and burials were started by a tolling bell in the church steeple. That was the signal a grave needed to be dug. Farmers close to the church then told their neighbors farther away. In about three or four hours there was plenty of help to dig graves with picks and hand shovels. The nearest telephone was at Bill **Emerson's** house immediately north of the church. Telephones were not available in Hubbard's Cove. The Emerson's were good about relaying messages in an emergency.

Transportation was primarily by wagon and mules. Wheat was hauled to Morrison to flour mills. We usually took two wagons each time and it took about three trips to haul our wheat to mill. I drove one wagon with my father driving the front wagon. I started driving a team of mules and wagon at about eight years old. Going down steep hills was very dangerous. We solved (it) by chaining a rear wheel and making it slide.

For meal to make cornbread, I would shuck and shell a sack of corn and fill the sack about one-half to two-thirds full. I would put the sack on a horse then sit on top of the sack and go to the mill in Viola. Coming back home the horse would sweat under the sack and get some meal wet but that did not keep us from making cornbread.

There were very few trucks. At that time heavy trucks had solid tires and were chain driven. No truck could be bought that had a cab or a seat. Doyle **Christian** had a truck that hauled logs to sawmill, across the road from Pappy **Sain's** house in Viola. Doyle also hauled lumber to the market from the mill. He had no cab on his truck, no windshield, and his seat to drive was a box. During cold weather he put on heavy clothes. Buford **Anthony** had first school bus transporting students to Tracy City High School. He built body on a truck chassis. Students rode on three benches, one on each side with one in the middle. Girls did not straddle the middle bench. Thirty miles per hour speed was extremely fast. Tires on cars had tubes and to not have a flat tire in twenty to fifty miles was extremely good. Tubes were patched using a cold patch with glue. At speeds these patches melted off and tire went flat. Later on a hot patch was available with good results to withstand heat at speeds of 30 miles per hour. The hardest part of any flat tire was pumping the tire up with a hand pump. One of the best improvements to the area was service stations obtaining an air compressor to pump up tires. The service stations advertised free air.

I have been taught that the three predominant items necessary for any community to grow and succeed is education, communication, and transportation. If we look at Wesley Chapel community before and after construction of Highway 108 a strong case is built for transportation to be of tremendous help in growth. No trucks could serve our community due to roads not being adequate. It was difficult to get anything to market.

*Conclusion in the September issue!*

**My Days at Shook School**

Growing up in the 1940's, I started to Shook School in 1943. Mrs. Franklin **Abernathy** was my teacher in the first grade of school. We all called her Mrs. Franklin. We lived back as far as the last home on Lankford Town Road. Our neighbors on one side were the Noah **Smith** family. Behind us was the **Conrys**: Eugene and Mrs. Willie Mae (**Anderson**) **Conry**, his wife. Don was the oldest **Conry** son; Carl the youngest and Mary was the youngest child of the family. Over from them were Willie Mae's parents, Martha and Bill **Anderson**,

and their children: Madge, June, Doris, Claude, and another son, Alvin, I think. The people up the road were Lish and Dorothy **Anderson** and their children Robert, Tony, Gene, Betty, Herbert and others born later on in years. There was the Chester and Carrie **Burgess** family, their two children, Billy and Charlotte. We'd all walk to school - no bus or car to take us to school. If Dad had a car in later years, he drove it to work.

There'd be kids at every house up the road from us and in between toward town where Shook School was. I remember Robert, Tony, & Betty **Anderson**; Price, Caroline, and Francis "Beatty" **Thorp**; Patsy Jo & Tommy Lewis **Sanders**; the **McCormick** sisters (Verna & Betty); Bud and Betty Ruth **Guyar**; Charlie & Ernestine **Dove**; Theodore and Jo **Meeks**; Billy Ray **Wiley**; and Don & Ned **Arbuckle**. There'd be days Kat **Owens**, Shirley **Smith**, Imogene **Sanders**, me and some other girls who walked, walked even in the rain. Our only umbrella was the open sky above us. We walked to school in winter, even when it was snowing or when the snow was deep. Our feet got soaked and cold, but when we got to school, we'd take off our socks, lay them on the radiator in our classroom to dry. Our shoes were all wet too, so we left them near the radiator to dry. Mom made me a small knitted hand-cut, blocked thin wrap to carry in my book bag to wrap my feet in. The weather would get rough many times, but most of us kids were tough, and this weather was no problem for us. We took it, rain, sleet, snow or sunshine, whatever the outdoor weather was. We spent more time out in the snow at home than indoors, playing, throwing snow balls, making snowmen and just making tracks where no one had walked. The snow was beautiful in the wooded areas and on the pine trees. At school we'd get out and have fun on the playgrounds if the teachers would let us play in the snow. I loved summertime the most of all. We'd wade the creek on our way home every day we could. There was something about these creeks we kids liked, and we just had an urge, I guess, to get into places we didn't really need to be.

I was always glad when school started back in the fall, for I loved school. We had good classes. I had at least 30 or 35 kids in my room. Over half of these classmates lived out where I lived on Lankford Town Road. Most of these I still remember. The basketball games and spelling bees stand out in my mind. I loved spelling bees, for I was a good speller.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team was made up of Leona **Sanders**, Peggy Joyce **Worley Gipson**, Ernestine **Dove Kirkendoll**, Imogene Sanders Stephens, Shirley **Smith Brookman**, Henrietta **Brazile**, Charlene **Cox**, Donna Kay **Henley**, Helen **Partin**, Gail **Henley**, and Fay **Crisp**.

Those Shook School days were good times for many of us. We learned quite a bit, yet we'd rather choose the long walks and pick at each other on our way to and from school. We had such good times together walking those two miles to school. My choice was seeing who could collect the most rocks or most leaves from different trees. Once I had over thirty leaves pressed in the pages of an old catalogue I kept in my bedroom. My bookshelf, Dad made me, was full of arrowhead, rocks shaped like fish or trees, and driftwood that I'd found along the creek banks. I was a tomboy! Back then we had to find some kind of hobby we liked.

Many times we wore holes in our shoes walking. I didn't count the steps from my home to Shook School, but every day we walked two miles to school and two miles back home. There were lots of steps. I did know that there were 5,280 feet in a mile and we walked 4 miles a day.

Our lunches at school were the best ones anywhere. The soup was delicious, and I don't even like peanut butter, but their peanut butter sandwiches were divine. I still haven't figured out what they did to them to make them taste so good.

Shook School had teachers for each of the 8 grades even back then. My friends were Helen **Thornberry** and Gail **Anderson**.

My teachers were Mrs. Franklin **Abernathy**, Mrs. Nellie Josi **Anderson**, Mrs. **Parmley**, Mrs. Ophelia **Walker**, Mrs. Oma Lee **Garthwaite**, Mrs. Sallie **Cheek**, Mrs. Emma **Nunley**, and Mrs. Ethel **Dykes**, and our principal was Douglas **Goforth**. Louise **Holmes** was our music teacher at Shook School. Each of these had a great influence in my life and will be long remembered and cherished. When Shook School burned, it was a heart break for me and for those of us who attended there.

#### **Death Notices**

All information in parenthesis are additional notes by Sue Scott.

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**Brewer, James Douglas**—b. May 15, 1927 in TN to Jim Brewer and Oma Dell Lankford, d. 2-8-1980 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Mary Meeks, a son, 3 daughters and 2 sisters, Joyce and Rosa Nell.

**Brewer, John Alex**—b. Nov. 1, 1921 in TN to Jess Brewer and Ida Hale, d. Aug. 5, 1977 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. A veteran of WWII, he was survived by 2 sons, Jessie and Johnny Jr., and 2 sisters, Lorene and Margaret.

**Brewer, Lloyd Lawrence**—b. April 4, 1916 in TN a son of Jesse Brewer and Ida Lee Hale, d. May 2, 1983 in Hamilton County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Agnes Louise Knowlan, son Robert, dau. Bonnie and 2 sisters Margaret and Lorene and 2 brothers Ralph and Bill.

**Brewer, Agnes Louise**—b. 1-18-1921 in TN to Mr. & Mrs. John Knowlan, d. 10-22-1984 at her home in Hamilton County and was buried at Fall Creek. She was survived by her children Bonnie and Robert, 3 sisters and 6 brothers.

**Campbell, Raymond**—b. 2-17-1912 in TN to John Campbell and Martha Jane Fults, d. 4-17-1985 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and was buried at Swiss Colony Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Hazel Dishroom, daughters Allma Lee, Martha, Betty and Juanita, and sons Paul, Bobby, Earl and Monty; and 4 sisters, Nancy, Barbara, Wilma and Linda.

**Cannon, A.C. "Pete"**—b. April 22, 1923 in TN son of Fred and Agnes Henley Cannon, d. March 26, 1985 at a VA hospital in Rutherford County and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. A WWII veteran, Pete was survived by a daughter, Phyllis; 5 sisters, Martha, Oma Lee, Nadine, Carlene and Venolla and 4 brothers, Leon, Glen, Howard and Tony.

**Carpenter, Edward Eston**—b. 5-22-1912 in TN to Edward J. and Nancy Edna Overturf Carpenter, d. 8-19-1974 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Lelia Lathrum, 2 daughters, a son and a sister, Helen.

**Carrick, Joseph Wheeler**—8-2-1898 in Tracy City to John and Sallie Lockhart Carrick, d. 7-4-1975 at his home in Gruetli and was buried at Orange Hill Cemetery in Tracy City. He was survived by his wife, Maggie Hazel Nunley, 3 daughters, Lucille, Doris and Sadie and 2 sons, Phillip and Robert "Bobby Jack"; and 4 sisters, Beulah, Winnie, Betty and Rachel and 3 brothers, Baxter, Jack and Robert.

**Childers, Fannie**—b. 10-6-1901 in TN to Albert and Oda Nunley, d. 12-24-1983 in Sewanee, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was the widow of Bill Myers and was survived by 5 children, Charlie, Bobby, Edith, Margie and Dorothy.

**Christian, Ernest J.**—b. 5-12-1910 in TN to Floyd Christian and Jeannie Curtis, d. 1-30-1986 at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by a daughter, Lois, and 2 sons, Leon and E.J. Jr., and a brother, Otto.

**Christian, Grace**—b. 5-10-1912 in TN to Berry and Kate Wooten Stotts, d. 10-7-1979 at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by her husband, E.J. Christian, daughter Lois and sons E.J. Jr. and Leon; a sister and 2 brothers.

**Conry, Louella Mae**—b. 9-7-1914 in TN to Clarence Brown and Helen Mae Tucker, d. 4-17-1978 at Cumberland Heights in Coalmont, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by 2 daughters, Brenda and Mae Ellen, 4 sons, Jerry, Charles, Jimmy, Keith, 5 sisters, Edna, Carlene, Clara Bell, Mary, Peggy and a brother Wayne.

**Cookston, Josephine**—b. 10-7-1895 in TN to Bob and Loretta Hatfield White, d. 11-27-1984 in Grundy County and was buried at the White Cemetery. She was survived by 3 daughters, 2 son and 2 sisters, Louella and Ada.

**Dishroom, Edna**—b. 11-20-1891 in TN to Perry and Mattie Dishroom, d. 10-23-1976 at her home in Palmer and was buried at the White Cemetery. She was survived by a son Freddie and 5 daughters.

**Dyer, Thomas Jefferson**—b. 12-15-1910 in TN to Thomas Jefferson and Betty Weaver Dyer, d. 1-28-1986 in Whitwell, TN and was buried at the Coalmont Cemetery. (He was preceded in death by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Willie Mae "Bill" Anderson.) He was survived by his wife, Nora Layne, daughter Dolly and son Bobby Dyer. (His siblings were Margaret Katherine, Emma Louella, Mary Jeanette, Jacob William "Jake", James Seaphus, Sarah Iola, Betty Mozella, Oma Lee Elizabeth, and Samuel "Buster" Dyer.)

**Fults, Lillie Mae**—b. 3-15-1902 in TN to Ambrose and Lucy Payne Duncan, d. 9-23-1973 in South Pittsburg and was buried at the Sardis Cemetery. She was the wife of Henry Burton Fults and was survived by 2 children, Anna Mae Green and Clarence Bryan Fults.

**Fults, Ola Idella**—b. 2-29-1899 in TN to William H. Jr. and Ida Tucker Meeks, d. 3-16-1985 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was the widow of Jay Fults and was survived by 4 children, Oma Lee, Earl, Phillip and Vance and 2 sisters Gertrude and Orpha.

**Geary, Charles Erritt**—b. 1-5-1906 in TN to Jasper and Emma Nunley Geary, d. 1-7-1975 in a VA hospital in Nashville and was buried at the Altamont City

Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Rachel Rollins, 3 brothers, Marvin, Alvin and Pascal and 2 sisters, Louise and Mildred.

**Hackworth, Pearl Tate**—b. 6-12-1898 in TN to Andrew Jackson and Jane Grimes Tate, d. 1-31-1981 at a hospital in Sequatchie County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by a son, Haskell Hackworth.

**Hale, James Mike**—d. 4-13-1971 at the age of 82. He was the son of Oscar and Effie McBrewer Hale and was survived by 5 children, Bessie, Elizabeth, Thelma, Mageline and Willard.

**James, Albert Malery**—b. 1-18-1904 in TN to William Eli and Nancy Dee Nunley James, d. 11-5-1973 in Palmer, TN and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Ruby Irene Anderson, 3 daughters, Mary, Teresa and Dian, 5 sons, Malery, Malcolm, Harold, Neal, and Randal, 4 sisters, Oda, Minnie, Beatrice and Oma, and 2 brothers, Marvin Dee and Laden.

**James, Walter Ralph**—b. 10-17-1914 in TN to Jack and Lou James, d. 1-19-1982 at his home in Palmer, TN and was buried at the Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by 2 sisters, Mattie Meeks and Marie Birdwell, and 2 brothers, Frank and Albert.

**Jennings, Alice Lorene**—b. 4-30-1909 in TN to James Clinton and Nancy Emma Keedy Pickett, d. 10-27-1987 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at the Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by 4 sisters Hazel Taylor, Bertha Hargis, Ruby Curtis and Gladys Nolan; 5 brothers, Jesse, Vernon, Elmer, Bert and Clint Pickett.

**Kilgore, William "Bill"**—b. 2-18 in TN to Ike and Sarah McCurry Kilgore, d. 12-31-1974 at Cumberland Heights in Coalmont and was buried at Layne Chapel Cemetery. The year of Bill's birth seems to be in question. His tombstone states 1892 and that he was 95 years old, which does not compute. The 1900 census states his year of birth was 1885. It seems as if he was not 95 years old. He was survived by his wife, Maggie Perry, 4 daughters, 2 sons and a brother, Dave Kilgore.

**Layne, Harley Howard**—b. 8-2-1911 in TN to James H. "Horse Jim" and Mary Eleanor Nunley, d. 9-1-1977 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Roxie Jewell Graham, w daughters, Freida and Dorothy and 6 sons, Stanley, Jeffery, Paul, Earl, Charles and Leon; a sister Myrtle Sanders and 2 brothers, Will and Gilbert.

**Magouirk, Ambrose M.** -b. 8-11-03 in TN to James and Rosalee Roberts Magouirk, d. 8-24-1984 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at White Cemetery. Ambrose was a coal miner, and was survived by his wife, Louella White, a daughter Marile and 4 sons, Charles, Johnny, D. J., and Ambrose Jr.; 4 sisters, Beatrice, Clercie, Gussie and Knetha; and 2 brothers, Dennie and Francis Magouirk.

**My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!**

**Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!**

**A pack rat is hard to live with but makes a fine ancestor.**

**Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records, 1850 - 1880**, compiled by Charles A. Sherrill, Nashville, Tennessee, 1996. Used with permission.

This book gives an incredibly detailed account into the lives of Grundy Countians during the 1850's thru the 1880's. It shows not only the cash value of farm and livestock, but also who owned honey bees and who had a fruit orchard. A very interesting look into the family farm!

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\*unless otherwise noted, crops mentioned below are in bushels.

1850 Special Census (continued)

Marler, Gilum- unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$40; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 2; swine, 9; value of livestock, \$140; Indian corn, 150; oats, 20; sweet potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$18.

Marler, William- improved acres, 70; unimproved acres, 70; horses, cash value of farm, \$60; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$105; Indian corn, 100; oats, 35; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$18; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Smith, James- improved acres, 13; unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 6; sheep, 2; swine, 24; value of livestock, \$114; Indian corn, 800; oats, 74; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, 15; value of animals slaughtered, \$22.

Night, Martha- improved acres, 14; unimproved acres, 86; cash value of farm, \$40; horses, 3; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 4; sheep, 4; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$98; Indian corn, 50; value of home manufactures, \$3; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

Savage, Sterlin- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 950; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 6; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 9; sheep, 10; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$390; Indian corn, 100; oats, 60; wool, 10; Irish potatoes, 45; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$144; rye, 30.

Savage, Jesse- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 170; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 3; other cattle, 4; sheep, 1; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$162; Irish potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, 10; value of animals slaughtered, 15.

Cagle, Jacob- improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 4325; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 8; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$248; Indian corn, 100.

Smith, John L.- unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$45.

Barnes, William P.- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 15; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$321; Indian corn, 200; oats, 72; wool, 25; rye, 6; tobacco, 40 lbs.



Taylor, Samuel- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$125; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 10; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$125; Indian corn, 150; oats, 80; wool, 25; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 40; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$131; hay, 1 ton; hops, 5 lbs.; wax/honey, 62 lbs.

Christian, Payton- improved acres, 23; unimproved acres, 2077; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 2; working oxen, 2; swine, 24; value of livestock, \$134; Indian corn, 100; oats, 60; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Perry, John- improved acres, 3; unimproved acres, 47; cash value of farm, \$30; other cattle, 3; sheep, 3; swine, 23; value of livestock, 49; Indian corn, 50; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 50; value of home manufactures, \$28; value of animals slaughtered, \$45; cheese, 100 lbs.

King, Thomas- improved acres, 5; unimproved acres, 45; cash value of farm, \$25; horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 3; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$56; Indian corn, 50; Irish potatoes, 25; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$15.

Perry, Benjamin- improved acres, 14; unimproved acres, 36; cash value of farm, \$25; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 3; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$103; Indian corn, 90; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

King, Stokely- improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 150; wool, 5(?); Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, 50; value of animals slaughtered, \$19; tobacco, 80 lbs.

Smith, James B.- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 680; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 4; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$90; Indian corn, 100; wool, 6; value of home manufactures, 5; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Rickett (?), John- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 488; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 4; swine, 50; value of livestock, 170; Indian corn, 50; Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Wilkerson, John- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 80; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 11; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$ 328; Indian corn, 300; Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Rickett (?), William- improved acres, 8; unimproved acres, 92; cash value of farm, \$50; working oxen, 2; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$50.

Shackley, Richard- improved acres, 8; unimproved acres, 692; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; swine, 2(?); value of livestock, \$20; Irish potatoes, 50; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

Davis, William- horses, 1; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$65; Indian corn, 40; Irish potatoes, 1; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

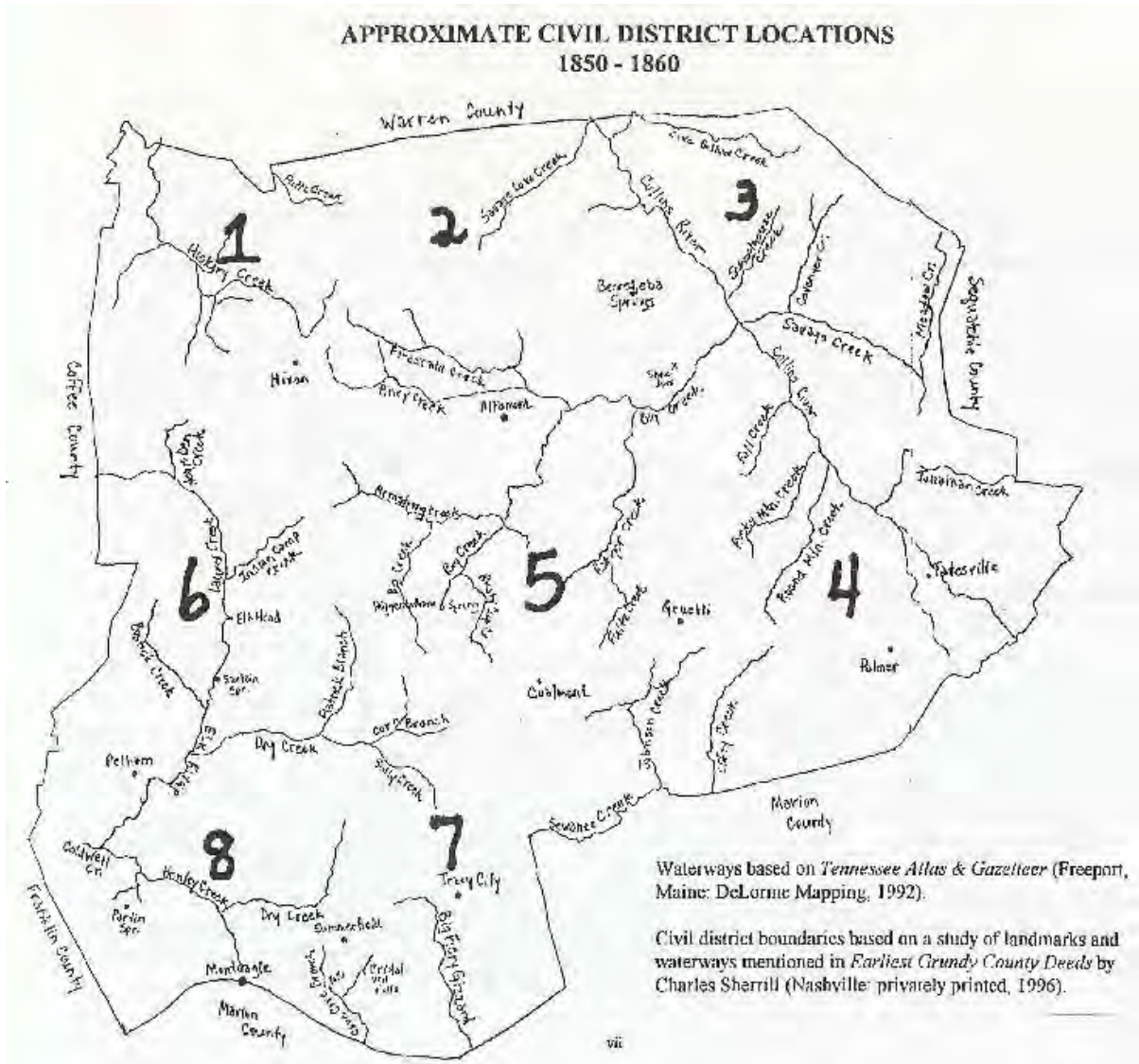
Purdom, Willson- improved acres, 7; unimproved acres, 718; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 7; sheep, 7; swine, 46; value of livestock, \$150; wool, 14; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$ 42.

Fults, Daniel- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 760; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 2; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 7; swine, 13; value of livestock, \$190; wool, 14; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 65; value of home manufactures, \$24; value of animals slaughtered, \$20; cheese, 20 lbs.; wax/honey, 53 lbs.

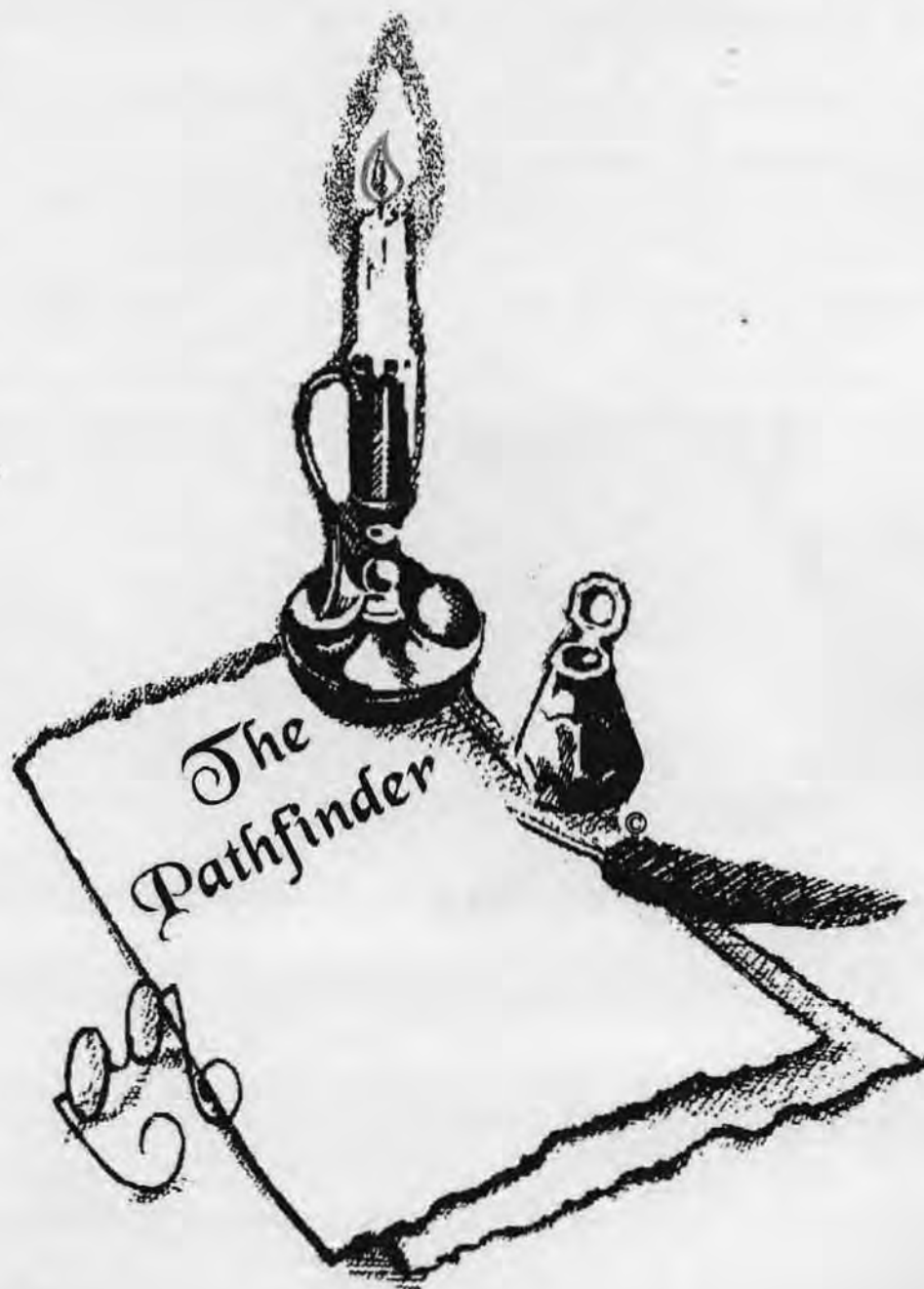
Spring, Judy- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 1000; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 3; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 8; sheep, 5; value of livestock, \$219; Indian corn, 100; wool, 20; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 20; value of home manufactures, \$25; cheese, 100 lbs.

Gilley, Gideon- improved acres, 7; unimproved acres, 1893; cash value of farm, \$350; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$50; Indian corn, 60; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$17.

Thompson, William- unimproved acres, 243; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; working oxen, 2; swine, 1; value of livestock, 115.



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2. Articles of general interest
3. Photographs
4. Maps

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An initial search of up to 2 hours is \$25.00 to be paid before any research begins. No part of the initial fee will be returned. If any further work is desired, arrangements will be made with the individual actually doing the research. Upon your request, a search will be made to locate someone willing to work on solving your questions about your Grundy County connections.

Please contact the Grundy County Historical Society, PO Box 1422, Tracy City, TN, 37387. Phone (931) 467-3170 or email [j.coats@cafes.net](mailto:j.coats@cafes.net) with your question to initiate the process.

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You may view many different articles and photos at the Grundy County Historical Society's website. [www.gchs.homestead.com/index.html](http://www.gchs.homestead.com/index.html). The GCHS web site changes almost weekly. Be sure to check back often!

**WANTED! ORAL HISTORIES!** Do you have a favorite story that your grandparents or parents told you about the "good ol' days"? We want to hear them!! Send them in! Contact either Janelle Taylor ([j.coats@cafes.net](mailto:j.coats@cafes.net)) or Sharon Goodman ([gchswebmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswebmaster@hotmail.com)) and we will add them to our website.

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**GCHS Web Site Stats**

STATS AS OF August 14, 2008. Website began Sept. 18, 2004

53% of visitors viewed 2-19 pages at the website.  
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE GCHS WEBSITE! IT IS NOW 4 YEARS OLD ON 9/18/08

**“Did You Know?”**

(Transcribed as written) July 7, 1845 (continued) Ordered by the court that the public road from Wm Mackelroys to B.O. Nevelles be disannulled and that the hands of said road remain as they did before said road was established.

On motion of Adrien Northcutt, It is ordered by the court, that the ordered discharging the old commissioners of Grundy County, made at the January Term last, be rescinded, and the Vote being taken those who voted for rescinding were Esquires Martin Lockhart, Campbell, Killian, Fults, Dugan, Tate, Northcutt, and Lankford, and those who voted against rescinding were, Esquires Goodman, Burrows, Burrows, Saine, Bradford, Blanton, Gilliam and Warren. From which Decision of the court of Justices who noted against the rescinding said order prayed an appeal to the next circuit court, to be held for the county of Grundy at the next court to be held on the second of August next and to them it is granted upon their giving bond and security as the law directs.

2nd. To record the return of the proceeding of the old commissioners, and order a further return as soon as practicable.

3<sup>rd</sup>. To declare the appointment of the new commissioners a nullity and all ther acts under the appointment void.

4<sup>th</sup>. To prescribe a plan for the public building at Altamont and furnish the commissioners with the same.

5<sup>th</sup>. To order a Jury of Vew for a road from Altamont to Coffee county in the direction of Manchester, the Vote being taken on the above it stood as it did on the orders to rescind to which the Justices also appeal as above.

This day Anderson S. **Goodman** esqr tendered his resignation as chairman of this court, also Barnaby **Burrow** and Edmond **Martin** esqrs Justinces of the quoram. Whereupon the court elected Thomas **Warren** esqr Chairman and Richard **Bradford** and Silas **Lankford** esquires Justices of the quoram.

Ordered by the court that Alexander **Coulson**, Thomas **Marin**, Eli **Hanby**, Bartley **Coulson**, Langston **Martin**, William **Windham** & William S. **Mooney** be appointed a Jry of Vew, to lay off and mark a road from Altamont to the Coffee county line in a direction of Manchester.

On Petition of R.M. **Stepp** and others it is ordered by the court that Henry **Levan**, Sanders **Dykes**, Thomas **Vicars**, Elijah **Walker**, James **Levan** and Martin **Dykes** and James **Walker** be appointed a Jury of Vew to lay off and mark a road from the foot of the mountain at the Meddle ridge to the county seat, and report to the next quarterly term of this court.

Ordered by the court that Lawson **Gross** be appointed Overseer of the road from the forks at Richard M. **Stepps** to the foot of the mountain out at the Meddle ridge, and that he have all the hands from James **Walker** sr. up to David **Boulins** to keep the said road in repair.

Court adjourned until court in course.  
Thomas **Warren**, John **Fults**, Ambrose **Killian**

### **President's Message**

*Pictures of Our Past*, the new Grundy County pictorial, has reached another level in the publishing process. Proofing of the book is near completion and the actual printing will begin right away, so it is looking as if the December publication date will happen just as planned. That makes all of us who have worked on the book extremely happy!

Many of our members have been working on various projects. Bettye Sherwood is currently gathering information on the lawmen of Grundy County. Bob Sherwood is working on a history of Chestnut Grove Church and School. The Swiss Colony group under the able leadership of Jack Baggenstoss has just had another successful celebration. Sharon Goodman is always busy with the *Pathfinder* and updating our website, [www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com), with inquiries and with members' new work. David Patton writes a monthly column concentrating on the Palmer area for the website. Ralph Thompson and his wife Susan have undertaken a sister website which features searchable research materials. This website is [grundycountyhi story.org](http://grundycountyhi story.org).

Ralph & Bonnie Rieben, Jackie Partin and Lucille Scissom have written recent articles for the Historical Society's section in *The Cumberland View*. Everybody in the Society, even though their names may not be mentioned here, is actively engaged in some type of supportive role. Grundy County is so very fortunate to have this group working to preserve our history. Our members who are not local to the area also play an important role. You do research and send it our way. For that we are extremely grateful.

Our latest project is an effort to find space for the Root Cellar and for materials that people want to give us for preservation. A committee has been appointed to investigate what is available and will come back within



90 days to report. We hope to have a place for Grundy County collections, a genealogical library and Grundy County museum combined at some point.

Janelle Layne Taylor

### **A Note from the Editor**

You may have noticed that there is a slight change in this issue of The Pathfinder. There have been requests to enlarge the font size so that all may be able to read the newsletter with ease... you asked for it & it was done. If you have any suggestions, corrections or observations, please don't hesitate to let me know. Contact me at [gchswebmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswebmaster@hotmail.com).

I want to congratulate all the Board of Directors, Officers, and members of the Grundy County Historical Society for receiving the Tennessee Historical Commissions' Merit Award. This is awarded to "individuals and groups who have worked to preserve the state's cultural heritage through historic preservation projects and the study of history." Out of the 13 recipients, two of the Merit Awards went to Grundy County. Bob and Betty Sherwood also received a Merit Award. Here is the announcement:

"Bob and Betty Sherwood of Morrison, who published a book about their home area called, *Hubbard's Cove and Beyond* and have restored several cemeteries in Hubbard's Cove;

The Grundy County Historical Society for its many contributions to the study of local history, including the publication of *Heritage of Grundy County* and placement of identification signs on previously unmarked cemeteries. The Historical Society also publishes a quarterly journal, *The Pathfinder*, and has developed an educational Web site."

Another announcement we'd like to make is that the GCHS website now has a sister site: [www.GrandyCountyHistory.org](http://www.GrandyCountyHistory.org). At this site, you will be able to search documents that Ralph Thompson has secured for the GCHS. Through his hard work and dedication, we now have online, searchable documents relating to Grundy County! Check out the website at your first opportunity!

It's not too early to think about renewing your membership to the GCHS-beat the Christmas shopping rush! Included in this issue is a (re)new membership form that you can fill out and send in to the GCHS. If it's still too early to think about, another form will be included in the December issue of The Pathfinder!

**ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### **Welcome New Members!**

Edward E. Lusk, Donald A. Rawlins Louis Anderson Grundy County High School (History Dept.) Dennis A. Sweeton, and Kenneth Hereford

### **Meet the Grundy County Historical Society Members!**

Want to introduce yourself to the GCHS members? Send me a short bio about yourself (with or without photo- NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS PLEASE), what families you are researching and your hobbies, etc. Send to Sharon N. Goodman at [gchswebmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswebmaster@hotmail.com) or 315 Harmony Lane, Georgetown, TX,

78628 and it will be added to the following issues. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



**Ralph Thompson**- I am a native of Beersheba Spring and a graduate of Grundy County High School and Tennessee Technological University. The majority of my professional career was spent as a manager within the nuclear industry at either the Oak Ridge Complex or TVA. I am retired and living in the Chattanooga area with my wife of 38 years. We have two children and two grandchildren.

I became mildly interested in my family history in my teen years as my mother spoke of her parents (James **Scruggs** and Annie **von Rohr**). Family history became a passion about 10 years ago when I was recruited to assist a group of medical researchers from Duke, Henry Ford, and Vanderbilt Hospitals in the study of a genetic disease within my family.

My current area of interest is the conversion of printed genealogical documents into searchable digital records that can be viewed and downloaded from the internet. My desire is to devote the next 2 years to digitizing material and posting to a site dedicated to Grundy County Historical Research.



**Jackie Layne Partin**- So you think you want to know me-I was born 29 Sep 1942 and named Jacqueline **Mai Layne**, but just call me Jackie. Cleveland and Clara **Meeks Layne** of Monteagle were my parents. My **Layne** heritage has its roots in Laynes Cove, and my **Meeks** heritage has its roots in Paynes Cove. Just as soon as I graduated from Grundy County High School in 1960 at the age of seventeen I married Grady **Ward Partin**- I've been married all my life-well, forty-eight years. We have three sons, Stan, Curt and

Daniel and two grandchildren Jocelyn MacKenzie and Stokes. I have lived in McMinnville, Memphis, New Zealand, Fiji Islands and Tracy City. I did not work while I had children at home, so in my older days I accepted a job with the Grundy Co. School system as a teacher assistant. Throughout those working years I took enough college courses to keep my mind sharp, so that if I ever wanted to use it, I'd have one (*a mind*) to use. After fifteen years I left that job and college courses to come home and do something I wanted so badly to do—research my family heritage. Over the years I have become interested in every aspect of Grundy County, TN history. However, I do also get excited about places around and outside of Grundy; just today 02 Aug 2008, I found Orme, TN. All one has to do is go to the Orme Mountain area and just sort of “drop off the top of the mountain,” and one will land in Orme. See, it's in my blood, and I can't help it.



**Jim Hamby**- I was born in McMinnville; my parents, Arley and Lucy Hamby, lived in Spencer, Van Buren County at the time, which lacked medical clinics or physicians. My mother taught in the Van Buren County school system, and my father was the county extension agent. I was the “baby” of the family, with an older brother and sister, Howard and Mary.

We soon moved to Manchester, Coffee County, where I grew up and received my primary and secondary education. My mother continued to teach, at Coffee County High School, and my father operated a farm equipment business. I attended Tennessee Tech and received a degree in Civil Engineering, and was fortunate to obtain a job with the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, and later, in Chattanooga. I retired from the TVA in 2004 after 35 years.

Presently, I live in Chattanooga with my wife Joyce, a native of Knoxville, and have two grown children, Jim, Jr. and Jill Stone. My son has an assistantship at Middle Tennessee State University, and my daughter teaches at Cookeville High School.

I became interested in family history and Grundy County history as a child, hearing stories from my parents who were natives of Pelham and Burrow's Cove. In the late 1950's, my father received a letter from a retired school teacher in Texas who was a Hamby and wanted to know some family history. My father visited the oldest Hamby he knew in Burrow's Cove and obtained the lineage and history of the family that settled in Grundy County in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. When I moved to Knoxville to begin my job with TVA, I was able to do some research at the Knoxville Library which housed a fairly extensive genealogical collection.

After marriage, having a family, and work, I was unable to do much genealogy. So I have enjoyed having the extra time the last few years to devote to some research, and have especially enjoyed membership in the Grundy County Historical Society and the interesting information in the *Pathfinder*.

### Queries

**#207-2008** We are engaged in an on-going genealogical and historical research project focused on the Civil War Unionists of Alabama. Two volumes are completed, a third is soon to be released, and nine more volumes are planned. Family Indexes to the first two volumes can be searched at <http://www.civilwarunionistsofalabama.com/>.

Our research has shown that many of the Alabama Unionists originated in Tennessee or migrated there both during and after the Civil War. If you have genealogical data, local history, photographs, etc, related to the subject, we would like to hear from you at [journals@comcast.net](mailto:journals@comcast.net)

**#208-2008** I am researching Anna **Meeks** who married Benjamin Franklin **Roberts**. Both Anna and Benjamin were born (1816) and were both from Grundy Co. TN. They married about 1837/38. I am looking for the name of Anna **Meeks** father or related family. I am also trying to find out the name of Benjamin **Roberts** father or related family. Benjamin and Anna left Tennessee about 1855 for Texas.

Taujuanna Roberts (from Oklahoma) [tau51@yahoo.com](mailto:tau51@yahoo.com)

**#209-2008** I'm writing to you after visiting the Grundy County website. My Great Great Grandfather lived in Grundy County, Tennessee prior to re-marrying and moving to Kentucky. His name was Pleasant Henderson **Scott**. He married (1) Tabitha **Green** and (2) Alcey Foust **Frederick**. I noticed that he also co-signed the petition for forming Grundy County in the middle 1800's. He lived in the Altamont area and had a son named Shadrick or Shedrick. Do you know anything about this family or can you point me in the direction of some researcher who would be willing to investigate this? Thanks a million. [jmrscot72@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmrscot72@bellsouth.net).

**#210-2008** My grandfather was born in Grundy County (I think) & married my grandmother there. His name was Lee **Hobbs** (no middle name known) & hers was Daisy **Tanner**, though I could be wrong about her last name. I'm estimating that Lee **Hobbs** was born sometime around 1897. He was a coal miner who worked in Grundy County before moving to Orme, TN. He & Daisy had 3 daughters in or near Altamont. My father (born 1907) & his younger brother were born in Orme. If you could give me some guidance in gathering information on the **Hobbs** family, I would very much appreciate it. Frances H. Wolf [momnems2@aol.com](mailto:momnems2@aol.com)

**#211-2008** I'm looking for info on the family of George Washington **Bennett** b. 1881 in Smith Co., TN and Mary **Kelley** b. 1884, in Smith Co. They were married about 1904, in Smith Co. In 1910 they were in Davidson Co., TN. In 1920 they were in Grundy Co, and in 1930 Mary is shown as widowed.

Children, from census records were; Elsie, Elbert, Ovie (first husband a Perry, 2nd husb Paul Cox), Oliver (lived around the Gruetli Laager area), Barbara, Jewel, Ella, Bessie.

Mary Kelley's parents were Harry B. Kelley and Lavona Emery Clemmons Kelley.

Lavona Emery was first married to Shadrack Clemmons and had two children; Monie Angeline Clemmons (my great-grandmother) and John H. Clemmons. Monie and John lived most of their lives near BonAir, in White Co.

Mark Hammons [muletown@falcon1.net](mailto:muletown@falcon1.net)



### Around and About in Grundy County

On occasion we print photos taken in and around Grundy County. If you have photos you'd like to send in, please send them to [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com).





Dry Creek in Payne's Cove (Janelle Taylor)





**Rural road in Grundy County (Sharon N. Goodman)**



### Through the Eyes of the Children

This month, our artist is Ryan L. Benton, a third grader at Hillsboro Elementary School, Hillsboro, TN. His pictures show us Pelham Methodist Church, Pelham Schools and Pelham Food Market.









### Dr. Lynn A. Carden's Records (conclusion)

Original copy made by Sula Myers Edwards who worked for Dr. Carden. This was recorded in a wallpaper sample book. This lists the father's name for whom the baby was delivered.\* The book is in the possession of Sula's niece, Drucilla Clay Medley. In August 2004 (copies of the pages were made) and is used with Drucilla Medley's permission. \*(col) indicates colored

1894

Aug 12 - Mr L A Carden  
 Sept 27 - Geo Thomas  
 Oct 18 - Sam Smith  
 " 28 - Buck Payne  
 Nov 30 - Joe Hamby



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1895

Jan 8 - Geo Eckles  
 " 11 - David Thomas  
 Feb 1 - Jno Partin  
 " 4 - Jim Russell  
 " 20 - Arch Thomas  
 " 25 - Lee Taylor  
 Mar 7 - Carter McFarland  
 Apr 26 - Jno Patton  
 May 9 - Tom Degroves  
 June 8 - Wm Mason  
 July 7 - Oscar Henderson  
 July 20 - Wm. Aylor

1894  
 1898  
 46

Mr. Henry White  
 80 yrs old July 20, 1895

Clara Brashear White born May 15  
1898

- Sept 5 - Jack Kelsey 196
- " 6 - Geo W. Wainwright 1875
- " 8 - Geo. Wainwright 63
- " 10 - Geo Wainwright
- " 12 - Geo. Clay (R R)
- " 21 - Bob Carden
- Oct 28 - John P. White
- Nov 3 - Dr. Is W. S. Dawson 1907  
1878 29  
71
- " 9 - Arthur Thomas
- " 17 - Tom Conry Currier
- " 19 - Bill Meadows
- " 22 - Geo. Brashear 1915-4-4  
1818-11-22  
25-4-13
- Dec 17 - Tom Lewis Currier
- " 18 - Magye Cox (Z W)
- " 24 - Jim Leyer 1907  
1877  
70  
1914  
1875  
39
- Jan 26 - Jim White 54
- Feb 6 - John Henry Tullis (Nassie)
- Mar 7 - Bob Sanders 67
- " 4 - Alex Roberts - correction
- May 16 - Sam E. White - correction
- " 24 - Millard Anderson

1895

July 22 - Wm Meeks

Oct 13 - Geo Tate

Nov 5 - Aaron Sartain

11-13 - Mace Atnip  
Sept  
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1895  
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Grady's father name William

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Ruby Greene Kennedy's father name  
was Charles Eckard Greene  
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1899-7-  
Mrs Jennie Burnett died 1895  
July 73  
Mrs. Jennie Burnett 95 years  
Died May 30-1972  
1890

Mrs Willie Schlegater born  
died June 5, 1972 age 52 yrs  
1893  
1895  
70

1893  
1899  
54

1971-16-39  
1899-2-21  
71-10  
1971  
1895

Clara White Bur May 15 1895 - 1973  
1895  
78

## Presentation Wesley Chapel Church (conclusion)

It is proper that we examine how roads were made during early times. The Indians usually followed animal trails or a stream. The Nickajack Trail, north prong, branched off the main line of Cisca-St. Augustine Trail at the head of Hickory Creek in Grundy County. This prong of trail went by Viola and Verville and near Smartt Station. This trail went by a big spring near Smartt. This trail joined the main Cisca-St. Augustine Trail at old Fort Nash. The road from Hillsboro to Viola was known as Old Stage Road. I have read several deeds referenced to this road.

Most of the old roads in the Wesley Chapel area were located using a committee appointed by the County Court. Reason for roads to be straight is that property owners gave the right-of-way provided a road was alongside of a property line. A ninety degree turn was not a problem because a mule drawn wagon or a horse and buggy did not experience any problem to make this turn. There was no speed limit. Houses and stores were built adjacent to traveled way. Store porches were built wagon height so items could be loaded and unloaded with ease. Women wore long dresses and could get from wagon or buggy with ease to the porch.

I distinctly and vividly remember the construction of Highway 108. I walked from Wesley Chapel to the road leading to our house on Highway 108 during the construction. The men building the timber bridge near Wesley Chapel teased me about walking over their road. Several construction people lived in housing on our farm. Meals were prepared and served in a store building not being used as a store on Sain Farm.

Many years went by before Highway 108 was paved. All travel was done on a crushed stone surface. We were so proud to have a road.

No roads were paved including Highway 108. No streets were paved in Viola and only the main street in McMinnville. During periods of dry weather roads were very dusty and it was hard to pass another car. It was hard to control a team of mules and wagon as a car passed. The County did not start maintaining roads until late 1930's or early 1940's. Maintenance of roads before Highway 108 was done by local men. Every district had a maintenance overseer, a local farmer, appointed by the County Court. The only tools furnished were crow bars and sledge hammers. Every farmer picked up rocks from his fields near the mountain and put them into small piles during wet periods when no cultivating work could be done. Then each year during slow periods all farmers and their hired hands got together to maintain roads. Rocks were picked up from stacks in the fields and hauled to mud holes in roads. Beds on wagons were made with 2 x 4's on edge and with a 1 x 10 as side boards. When wagons drove to mud holes, a side board was removed then 2 x 4's were removed one at a time letting rocks fall into the mud hole. Then rocks were placed in the mud hole by hand and beat into the mud with sledge hammers. This was hard work.

Work on the farm was from sun up until sun down. The work week consisted of six days. All work was done with mules and the only time for us to eat dinner was while the mules were eating. In the fall we started plowing fields in which wheat was to be planted. On Saturdays, during school time, I helped plow with three mules pulling plow. I plowed between Tom Hall's three mule team and Aubrey Winton's three mule team. In the spring we plowed fields for corn. When corn came up we replanted corn rows because

not all grains of corn would come up. This was done with a hoe by hand using grains of corn from our pocket. Next cultivation was with a double-shovel plow pulled by one mule. This plow had a fender that drug the ground next to young corn plants and prevented dirt from covering these plants. We plowed corn crops twice then the third time we busted the middle of row with double shovels then used Gee-whiz implement. Afterwards Daddy had me, Tom and Aubrey to chop weeds from corn rows with corn stalks above our heads. This was during the hottest time of the year and with corn keeping any breeze from being felt-sweat resulted.

Threshing wheat was a community effort. Now wheat is harvested with combines without use of a wheat binder. Prior to the combines we cut wheat with a wheat binder pulled by three mules and operated by one person. Wheat was cut by a sliding back and forth mowing blade with a rotating circular device that pushed wheat to fall on a canvas belt taking to an elevating belt then to a device that tied wheat in a bundle. Bundles were carried on a binder until three bundles were accumulated then they were dumped in rows. Tom Hall and myself picked up bundles and put them in shocks and put about two bundles spread out on top to protect the shock from rain. Wheat stayed in shock until threshed.

Usually the threshing machine started at **Garrettson's** then **Winton's**, then **Lusk's**, then **Sain's**, and then **Rogers'**. Every farmer, as a minimum, furnished a team of mules and wagon to help get wheat out of the field to the threshing machine. Straw from the thresher was either blown into a stack on the ground or into a barn. Thresher was pulled from one place to another by a steel wheeled tractor then powered by a belt from the tractor to thresh wheat. We took wheat sacks to a wheat house where we further cleaned by running through a hand operated device using a fan to blow undesired items out of the wheat. We also threshed rye and oats.

Hay cutting time was very busy. Types of hay were soy beans or millet. First, hay was cut using a mowing machine pulled by two mules and allowed to lay in the field for about one day and cure. Then the hay was raked into rows then shocked using a rake that was pulled by two mules. Hauling to barns was done by wagons on which hay racks had been installed. Tom Hall and myself pitched hay from shocks onto a wagon for wagon drivers to stack on the wagon and take to barns. Hay was taken off the wagon with a hay fork specially designed for that use. Hay was put into the barn using farm people-one to drive mule in back of barn to pull hay up to carriage in roof and then along carriage timber until two men in hay loft hollered to stop. Once load had been tripped by the man on the wagon, he pulled hay fork back to wagon and repeated until wagon was unloaded. Worrying time was to get hay into barn without getting wet from the rain. We had no radio to get weather reports and determine when to avoid rain to harvest hay.

Wesley Chapel was a true community. If a barn burned the community shared lumber to build back and livestock feed to keep from having to dispose of the livestock. It was very common for one farmer to help his neighbor return the favor in some manner. Everyone shared in good times and then helped each other in bad times. During deaths with no undertaker or mortician, it was common practice to put the body in a casket, sometimes home made, and a group would sit up all night in the home. Next morning or next day funeral was held. When funeral was conducted by a funeral home the hearse was very ornate and pulled by two beautiful horses. The family

was transported in a surrey that could seat at least four people. Some surrey's would seat six people and be pulled by two beautiful horses. Beautiful motorized hearses rapidly replaced horse drawn vehicles.

One of the saddest incidents of my life was meeting Tom Hall and his wife, Florence, in one of my father's wagons as I walked home from Wesley Chapel School. In back of the wagon was a box. Tom stopped the wagon and told me little Tommy did not make it. They were on the way to Viola to bury little Tommy who was in a home made casket in back of the wagon. That morning my mother had gone up to Tom and Florence's house to see about their sick child. She came back to the house and informed us that little Tommy probably would not make it. It was sad to see Tom and Florence having to bury their son without help or support of anyone else.

During the depression we had plenty to eat because we grew our food. I distinctly remember men coming by our house regularly and asking for work. They offered to work for room and board. We always offered them food and I do not recall anyone refusing to eat. Everything was purchased on the barter system. Our house was serviced by a Peddler, later known as a Rolling Store, in a covered wagon pulled by a team of horses. Shelves to hold goods were inside wagon with chicken coops tied to the outside of the wagon. Usually there was a general merchandise store almost every two and one-half to three miles apart. When we heard the Peddler coming, bells on the wagon would be ringing. Mother would tell us to catch three or four chickens to sell to the Peddler. We ran chicken down then took to the Peddler. Upon weighing, Mother would ask who owed, if Peddler said she owed, then we had to run down and catch more chickens. We always got a candy sucker. Primarily mother bought salt, pepper, baking powder and baking soda. Sometimes she purchased thread and cloth to make someone clothes.

In the late summer we usually went to the fairs. I showed a calf at Grundy County Fair about five years consecutively. I won second place twice and won best trained calf three times. I put in a lot of time feeding and caring for my calf. It was hard to witness my calf going to the market

The other fairs were in McMinnville and Manchester. We usually went in late morning and came home in late afternoon. We took a picnic lunch because a fifteen cents hamburger was too expensive. I received twenty-five cents to spend. Tent shows or carnival shows were five cents. We toured all exhibits and livestock shows.

It is with pride I pay respect to my mother and father. They are interred in this cemetery. I can visualize their actions if I told them that on the way from Birmingham I paid \$1.30 for a small bottle of water and \$3.35 per gallon for gasoline.

While I was at home they owned three automobiles-a 1927 Dodge Touring Car; an A-Model Ford and a 1936 Ford Sedan. The A-model was the first car with a electric starter. The button on which foot pressed to engage starter was behind brake pedal and required turning foot to side to engage. The A-Model coupe was the car of choice when equipped with a rumble seat. By opening the back of car a seat was created for two people. A convertible with a rumble seat was desired by all young people. The 1936 Ford Sedan had the first heaters, self-powered windshield wipers, hydraulic brakes and automatic choke. I remember Herman Stubblefield in Viola Garage



wanting \$1.50 to reline brakes on the A-Model. Daddy refused to pay because that was too much.

Good memories of Wesley Chapel's picnic will always be with me. I was always given twenty-five cents to spend with a coke costing five cents. After a few years we could drink an RC, Orange Crush, Grapette, Double Cola or Dr. Pepper. Having dinner on the ground meant food was free. That was the most enjoyable event of the day. I still remember the people that came to the picnic for the best meal of their life. I have vivid memories of helping a woman to her car with three huge plates of food. She had two children in the car. My thoughts were that Memorial Day and dinner on the ground was a good community effort. I could not help but think Christ died for that woman, the same as he did for me.

Wesley Chapel has made excellent progress in recognition of our forefathers & mothers and our cemetery. It has been ordinary people performing in an extraordinary manner.

### Ross Creek

If you follow 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from the old Gruetli post office to Ross Creek Road, you will find yourself in a remote part of Grundy County with a rich history. Four miles beyond where the black-topped road ends, there is still a well-kept cemetery at Burkett's Chapel where William "Little Britches" Layne and his brother Abraham, both miners, were hanged during the Civil War by Union soldiers for their activities in support of the Confederacy.

Descending on down into the nearly inaccessible Bryant's Cove, one finds evidence of a community that once existed there complete with standing rock walls of houses and a Bryant family cemetery. A small church now used for a yearly revival is also located in the cove. The inscription on the sign over the door tells of the number of souls saved there during a revival held by Mutt Lockhart and Cotton Ross in more recent years.

The Ross family came to the plateau long before Grundy County came into being in 1844. They were private people who kept to themselves. John E. Ross, who was from Ross's Landing in Hamilton County, owned 500 acres and later acquired more land going all the way to the head of Collins River. He fought in the Civil War and his wife and children cared for their farm while he was away. The Yankees came and took food, horses and belongings, but Nancy wouldn't let her clock go. It had a favorite picture inside, and she stood her ground. She survived and kept the farm going until John E. came home from the war. Their Confederate money was worthless, and the Rosses lit their pipes with their trunks of useless money.

One of John E. and Nancy Ross's children was Samuel Ross who married Gertrude Nunley. Samuel and Gertrude had Hester and Leon Ross. Leon died at age 19 of whooping cough and pneumonia. Hester grew up and married Oscar Lockhart in 1929. It was through Samuel Ross's business dealings that the mines at Ross Creek came to be.

Under the rich fertile soil of the mountain lay the black diamond known to us as coal. Samuel Ross's sale of his mineral rights made it possible to open the Ross Creek Mine. The entrance in the hillside was oval. Milton Dixie Lockhart, a stonemason, cut stones to beautify it. Flowers were

planted on each side of the cured walls. This was the most beautiful opening of any mine.

The seams of coal were small, anywhere from 18"- 24" as opposed to the Palmer mines which had 3' or more, and it was difficult to earn a living with a pick, shovel, and breast auger that you placed against your breast with your legs and feet bent up and pressed against the coal until you got an opening to place the dynamite and fuse. Several holes were drilled at the end of the day, and the shots were lit in hopes of having coal down to load the next day.

The miners, wearing cloth caps with a carbide lamp that was hard to see by at times, would crawl down the track until they found their room. Their knees were padded with ticking, a heavy cloth like feather pillows were made of, to keep the knees from becoming sore. Props or timbers were cut from the mountain to hold up the top. Small mules pulled the loaded cars to the tipple or where the train could transport them to their destination.

Calvin and Howard **Caldwell** walked from Flat Branch, leaving home before daylight and returning after dark, until they moved to Laager in 1934. Herbert **Caldwell** was small and says he only saw them on weekends for it was so late, he was in bed when they arrived back home. Hiram **Bivens** lived nearby. He and Mrs. **Bivens** would sometimes go back to the mines at night even though it was said it was bad luck for a woman to enter them. Frank **Caldwell** drove a mule. Alfred **Sanders**, Ernest **Smartt**, John **Ross**, Doug **Johnson** and Eddie **Sitz** rode horses to work. John **Crabtree** was foreman.

Frank **Lockhart** and Baxter **Carrick** from Orange Hill, Milton **Lockhart** and Pascal **Johnson** from Brown's Hollow were among those who walked the Miner's Path down Bryant's Cove and Johnson Gulf carrying their lunch and tools. Once they arrived, they had to work all day then walk back home after work. Later, camps were set up around the mines where the miners and their families could stay making the long trek to and from work less demanding. Camps 1, 2, and 3 were in Ross Creek. Camp 4 was in Collins Community.

Nyak School was established in the 1920's on the Ross property by the coal company. The coal company built the white weather-boarded school, but Grundy County supplied the teachers. Claude **Anderson** and Iva **Overturff** were the first teachers and Rachel **Geary** was the last. Claude rode the private-line rail car down and back up with John **Gould** who operated the train that hauled coal out of the gulf. The train only slowed a bit for Mr. **Anderson** to jump off when he reached the school. After a day of mining and loading, the train returned to the top in the afternoon. A few blasts on the whistle told **Anderson** that it was time to dismiss classes and get ready to catch the train out. Iva rode a horse most of the time. Sometimes, she would ride or walk through Clifty. Will **Caldwell**, who admired her, put a log across the creek for her to cross when the water was high. The Nyak School at Clifty closed after the coal company moved from the area in 1935. The closing of the mines led to people moving away to seek work elsewhere such as in the Palmer Mines, the Pocket or Whitwell.

## Grundy County History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints "The Mormon Church"

The residents of Grundy County and also Warren County were first introduced to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints "The Mormons" in the latter part of the 1800's.

Missionaries from Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, and Utah, serving in the Southern States Mission with headquarters in Chattanooga, came to Tracy City, Tennessee by train, then they walked to Altamont, then down the mountain to Northcutt's Cove which was called Larsen at that time and on to McMinnville in Warren County.

Each missionary carried their luggage, or grips, as they were called and an umbrella. Their grips usually contained a Bible, Book of Mormon, tracts (religious pamphlets), shoe brush and blacking, razor and soap, paper and pen, and an extra change of clothing.

The missionaries carried no money and thus depended on the good will of the people who lived along the route they followed for food and shelter.

After the first missionaries came through the area and visited in the homes of friendly persons, they would then tell the ones who came later where they could get food and a nights lodging.

Several families in Northcutt's Cove were receptive to the message of the restored gospel and some of them were baptized in 1896.

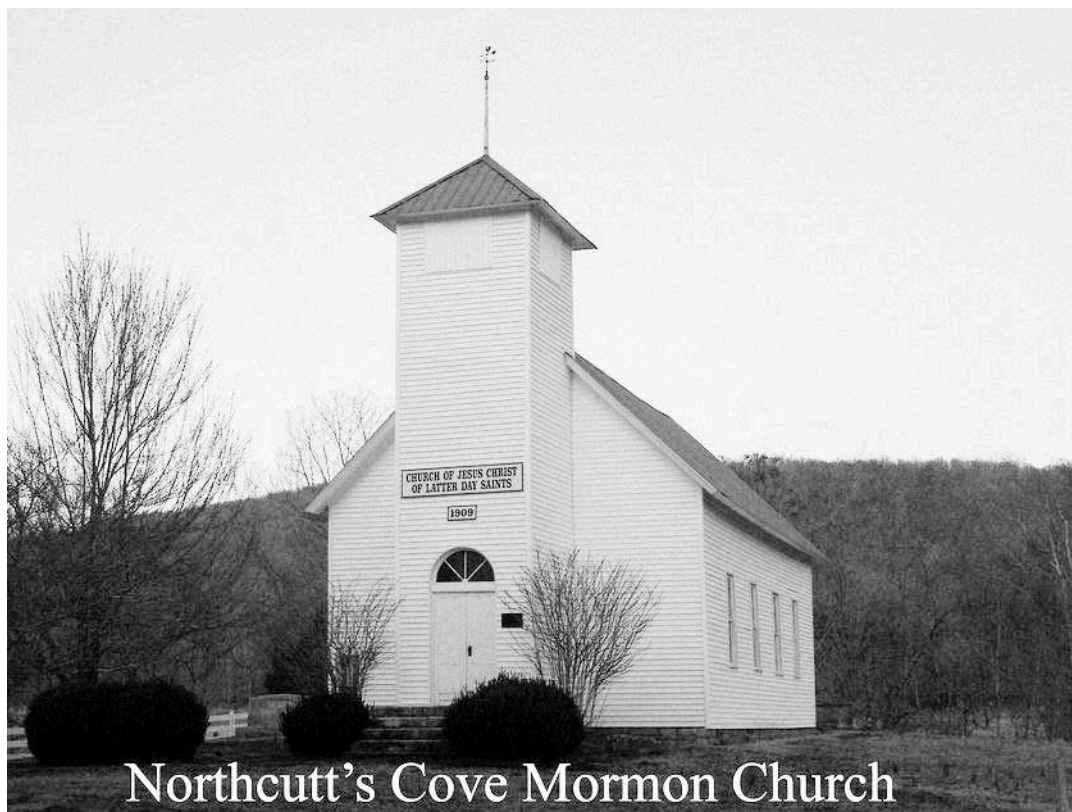
In the years that followed they held their meetings in the homes of the members, but as the membership grew, there was a great need for a building where they could hold their church service.

Plans were made to build a chapel. A building committee was organized as follows: John Tipton, Bill Tanner, Reuben Smartt, Henry Smartt, and Beecher Smartt. John Tipton and wife Belle, donated the land for the building site.

Many members and nonmembers donated material and labor for construction. After many months, the building was erected and Henry Smartt and Albert Fults made the wooden benches for the seating.

The white frame building sheathed with its original weather boards, has a rectangular sanctuary with a vestibule at the front with the bell tower directly above the vestibule. It was completed and dedicated in 1909. The chapel is the oldest "Mormon" church in the state of Tennessee and one of the oldest in the Southeastern United States.

Today this chapel still stands in Northcutt's Cove as a monument to the faith and hard work of the early members of the church in this area. It is located north of Altamont on the Northcutt's Cove road near where the cove reaches the Cumberland Plateau.



A cemetery is located to the east of the chapel which primarily contains graves of the early members of the congregation. It is still used on occasion for the burials of local "Mormon" families.

One day two missionaries came by, on their way to the cove and stopped at the Hiram **Fults'** home and asked for a drink of water.

After a short rest and a cool drink of water, they discussed their mission for the church with some of the family members, left some pamphlets; then they continued their journey to the cove.

After reading the literature and discussing the message the missionaries had brought to them, they were so impressed that one of their daughters walked approximately one mile to the home of her brother Lewis **Fults** to share the message with him and his family. They were very interested and as the missionaries continued to come through this area they would stay several days and nights with the **Fults** family.

On August 11, 1914, Lewis F. **Fults** and wife, Elizabeth, were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints by Elder **Sprague**.

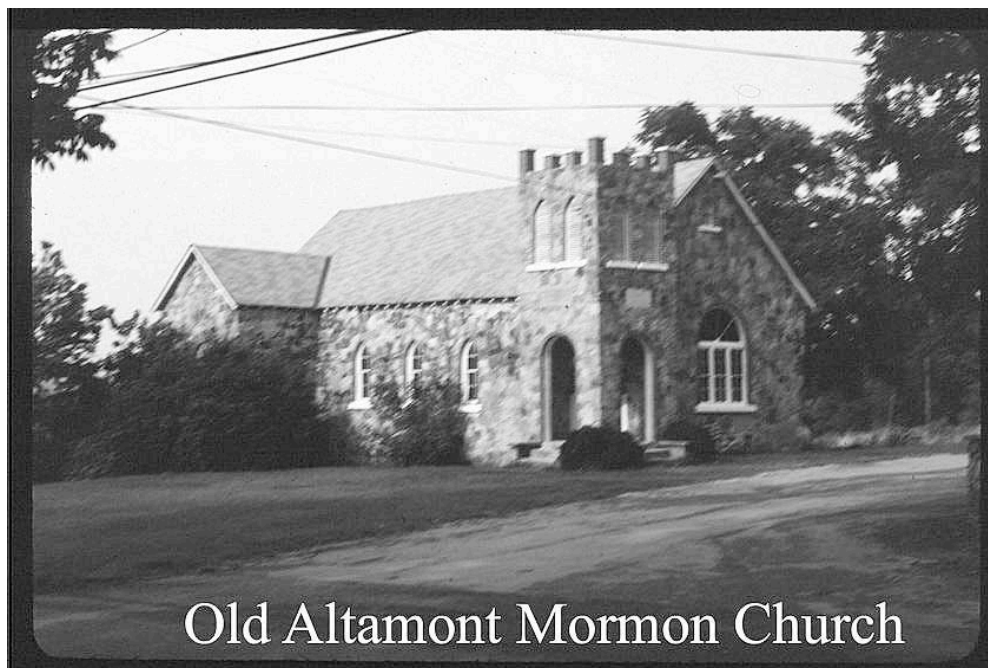
The Lewis **Fults** family lived in the Harrican [sic] community until 1920 when they moved to Altamont. For several years they were the only "Mormon" family living in Altamont. As time passed and the missionaries continued to visit the area, others joined the church and some members moved from the Cove to Altamont. At this time, there was no place to hold their meetings, so the church gatherings were held in a member's home.

Later, Brother Lewis **Fults** got permission to have Sunday School and the Conferences in the Court Room of the Grundy County Court House.

In 1939 a lot on the North side of the Court House was purchased from the Alto Lodge No. 478 F&AM in the hope that a chapel could be built on this site.

For several years Lewis **Fults** had been impressed with the beauty of a church building in Monteagle, Tennessee that was rock veneered and had a bell tower at the entrance. So he proceeded to design a chapel for Altamont in a similar manner.

With money and labor donated mostly by members and several "working missionaries" sent here by the church, the chapel was finally becoming a reality. The native stone for the veneer was gathered from the nearby creek beds.



The chapel was dedicated in November 2, 1947 by Elder Henry D. **Moyle**.

Inserted here is an article by Gordon B. **Hinckley**, the Fifteenth President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, about the construction of the Altamont Chapel:

*"Salt of the Earth..." January 3, 1948*

*Persistence Wins For Southern Leader By Gordon B. Hinckley*

*All men dream. Some men work to make their dreams come true. The labors of Lewis F. **Fults** over the past 25 years have brought the fulfillment of a dream that has proved a blessing to the Church and to the community in which he lives.*

*Altamont, Tennessee is a town of only 300 people. Almost half of these are members of the Church. Twenty-six years ago when Elder **Fults** and his wife moved to the community, they were the sole members. The only knowledge the people of the area had of the Mormons came from the occasional passing visits of two missionaries moving through the county, each carrying a heavy suitcase and an umbrella. Brother **Fults** dreamed of*

the day when there would be a congregation and a chapel in which to meet. And then he set to work to make his dream a reality.

He became postmaster, and operated a general store and filling station. He forced his opinions on no one, but those who traded with him, received more than letters and groceries and gasoline. They learned something of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

He ran for the office of county registrar, and was elected and is now serving his fourth term, each of four years. For the past ten years he has also been mayor of Altamont for which he receives no pay beyond the gratitude of his fellow citizens.

As many people of the community and the county observed him at work and listened to his philosophy they began to realize that he had something which they wanted. With the aid of missionaries serving in the area, he brought some of them into the Church. The congregation of which he dreamed slowly became a fact.

But that was only half his dream. They needed a chapel. He consistently hammered at the idea and in 1938 President William T. Tew of the East Central States Mission, secured from the Church an appropriation of \$1,000 with the understanding that the Altamont Saints would furnish whatever else was necessary to complete the project.

Members and non-members turned out enthusiastically to begin work on a spring day in 1939. But excavation for the foundation had to be cut through solid rock which underlaid a thin layer of topsoil. Enthusiasm died, and only three men continued at the tedious job of drilling, blasting, cutting, and then moving the debris in wheelbarrows.

The task seemed too great. Everyone was discouraged, but Elder **Fults** determined in his mind and prayed in his heart that somehow the work would be completed. Meanwhile weeds grew in the shallow excavation, and people suggested that the hole be filled and that the idea forgotten.

Then this man of quiet determination went to work alone, literally chipping away at the stone that stood between him and his dream. His spirit became infectious. Others again pitched in. Then came the war. Costs soared, the young men went into the Army, and many of the older ones went to work in other places. The thousand dollars dwindled, but the project had gone so far that the Church added another two thousand to complete it.

Elder **Fults** schemed and shopped to keep costs down. He went to 25 different mills to save \$300 on the doors and windows. As county registrar in the building adjacent to the chapel site he had a little free time now and again, and always kept his tools handy to put in a few strokes as opportunity arose.

The outside walls were constructed of native stone much of which was gathered out of the mountains, and hauled on sleds drawn by mules. Hardwood flooring was impossible to buy during the war, and so he purchased oak tie siding, stacked it and allowed it to dry for several weeks, and then had it cut and planed by a local mill.

Elder **Fults** pays glowing tribute to those who faithfully worked on the project. But the fact remains that he laid most of the rock veneer, laid the brick trim around the windows and doors, did much of the inside finish work, and more important than all else, pleaded and coaxed, crusaded, and schemed to see the building begun and completed.

On November 2 of this year Elder Henry D. **Moyle** of the Council of the Twelve dedicated the chapel. People gathered from near and far, many of them not members of the Church, bringing baskets of food for a day of rejoicing. A dream had come true.

*Today Lewis F. Fults sits in his office in the moldering old red brick courthouse of Grundy County. Many people call in to do business with mayor- registrar. But the thing that forcibly catches their attention is the little church building over the way, neatly framed in the office window. They invariably ask questions. And Lewis Fults, the builder and the branch president, knows the answers. A few tracts are on the table. The visitors leave with a desire to read and learn more.*

*The pick-and-shovel, trowel-and chisel, saw-and hammer days are over for Lewis Fults. He is 61, and a little tired. But he is happy. The dream of his younger years has come true. Altamont, county seat of Grundy County, has a congregation of Latter-day Saints. Altamont has a Latter-day Saint chapel. Prejudice is gone and the people of Grundy County know the truth about the Mormons, largely because of his pioneering efforts. He is happy in the satisfaction of a task unselfishly and well done.*

Services were held in this building from 1946 until 1981. As the membership grew to over two hundred and the congregation gained recognition as a WARD in the Mormon Church, it became evident that a larger chapel would be needed to accommodate the growing number of members and the additional activities required by ward status.

A program was begun to acquire the necessary resources to construct a larger facility. Fund raisers were held, auctions of donated items were conducted (it was reported that one family actually donated the bed in which they slept) and the central Mormon organization provided funds along with design and construction expertise.

In 1980 the ground was broken for the church building. The first two phases of construction were completed and occupied in the spring of 1981. The third phase was completed in December 1981 which completed the structure. The building meets very rigid construction codes and is designated as an emergency shelter for the community.



New Altamont Mormon Church

The Altamont Mormon Church is located approximately one mile west of the old chapel on Highway 108 out of Altamont toward Viola.

Upon moving into the new building in December of 1981 the organization of the Ward was as follows: Bishop Earl David **Campbell**, First Counselor Gary D. **Miller**, Second Counselor Jerry **Killian**, Ward Clerk Arthur D. **Killian**, Secretary Ronnie **Jones**, Relief Society President Linda **Stone**, First Counselor Karleen **Barrett**, Second Counselor Evelyn **Presley** followed by Debbie **Richardson**, and Secretary Jeweldine **Whitman**.

Many of the current members of the Altamont Mormon Church are descendants of the original converts of Northcutt's Cove. The Altamont Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints continues to serve the church members and the community at large.

### July 1 changes to Tennessee Open Records Law listed

(From the Tullahoma News, July 13, 2008. Used with permission.)  
Here are the most significant changes to Tennessee's Open Records Law, effective July 1, 2008, under legislation sponsored by Sen. Randy McNally, R-Oak Ridge, Sen. Joe Haynes, D-Goodlettsville, and Rep. Steve McDaniel, R-Parkers Crossroads.

The text of the final version of the bill can be found on the General Assembly's Web site as Amendment #3 to House Bill 3637.

The Tennessee Press provided the following list of changes:

1. Moves the definition of public records into the body of TCA 10-7-503, which is universally recognized as the open records law and where citizens and reporters would ordinarily look. It retains the language "regardless of physical form or characteristics" to make it clear it applies to information stored in electronic form and defines record as anything "made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any governmental agency."

2. Says records must be made available "promptly," but if that is not practical, it gives records custodian seven business days to (a) grant the request, (b) cite a basis for denying it or (c) explain in writing why it will take more than seven days. There was no such deadline before.

3. Failure to reply to request "shall constitute a denial" and one can go to either Chancery or Circuit Court immediately to contest a decision. Suits were permitted only in Chancery Court before.

4. Allows agencies to charge "actual costs" for providing records, including copying fees and employee time, but only if the request takes more than five hours. That is an interim measure until the Office of Open Records Counsel develops a "schedule of reasonable charges" which would supplant the statute as early as this fall. The statute will still say agencies can "adopt and enforce reasonable rules" for making copies.

5. An agency cannot be required to sort through files to compile information subject to an open records request, but must make all relevant, non-exempt records available so citizens can do the work themselves.

6. An agency cannot contract away a right to inspect public records by turning records over to a private company or non-governmental entity.

7. An agency cannot require a request to inspect records to be in writing and cannot charge to inspect public records unless the law specifically allows it.



8. An agency can require a request for copies to be in writing to help the custodian know what to copy, but the new Office of Open Records Counsel is asked to develop a form to be used for that purpose.

9. Since the citizenship/residency requirement was retained, an agency can require a photo or other "acceptable" ID to inspect records.

10. Requests for inspection and copying shall be "sufficiently detailed" to enable a custodian to locate it or to copy.

11. A records custodian must provide an estimate of "reasonable costs."

12. In a lawsuit, when a judge is trying to determine whether an adverse decision was willful (as opposed to arbitrary) as part of a decision to award legal fees, the court "may consider" whether the custodian sought guidance from the Open Records Counsel. This could help more plaintiffs collect legal fees.

13. Creates the Office of Open Records Counsel to answer questions from public officials, the public and the press. The ORC will collect data on open meetings inquiries and to provide (or coordinate) training on the open records and open meetings laws.

14. Says ORC shall issue informal advisory opinions "as expeditiously as possible" and instructs the office to post opinions on its Web site. Instructs state officials to continue seeking legal advice from the Tennessee Attorney General.

15. Authorizes the ORC to "informally mediate and assist with resolution" of open records issues.

### Corrections

At times, errors will be printed. If you send me the corrections, I will put the correction in the next issue of "The Pathfinder". Editor

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Hi Sharon -

I happened to look at the Pathfinder containing my submission in Vol. 12, No. 3, 2007, page 34 and saw an error.

I don't know what Gremlin or left over conjecture put it there. I don't remember seeing it. Anyway, I had as an "event" in trying to sort more than one John Burrows/Burris that Samuel had a son born about 1817 named John G. Burrows.

On the Family Group Sheet, beside the "Child born: abt 1817" there is "JOHN G. BURROWS, nephew of Samuel's brother, John M". That is incorrect. John G. was the son of Samuel and his wife Synthia or Cynthia. My source for this is the Bible posted on the Grundy County Website.

I'm sorry that information was in the Family Group Sheet in error.

### Death Notices

All information in parenthesis are additional notes by Sue Scott.

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**Land, Nellie Irene**-b. Oct. 14, 1911 in TN, d. Nov. 2, 1981 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She, a dau. Of Wheeler and Nancy (Nunley) Sanders, married Will Land and was survived by daughters Ruby, Christine and Willie Mae, son Howard and brothers Ralph and John.

**Landford, Mami Lee**—b. March 4, 1892 in TN, d. April 18, 1974 at her home in Laager and buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was a daughter of Mark and Molly (Gilly) Cope and married Jake C. Lankford. She was survived by 6 daughters, Clarine Morrison, Vera Lee Lankford, Thelma Slatton, Ina Mae Wyche, Opal Marie Tate and Edith Malone, and two sons Bonnell and Henry.

**Landford, Vachie Martin**—b. July 7, 1917 in TN, d. Jan. 28, 1976 at a hospital in Chattanooga and buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He was a son of Jake and Mami (Cope) Lankford. His wife's name was Zelma Lee and he was survived by 6 sisters, Vera Lee Lankford, Thelma Slatton, Ina Mae Wyche, Edith Malone, Marie Tate and Clarine Morrison, and 2 brothers, Henry Allen and Bonnel.

**Landford, Vera Lee**—b. June 31, 1910, d. Feb. 1, 1976 and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was a dau. of Jake and Mami (Cope) Lankford and was survived by 5 sisters, Ina Mae Wyche, Thelma Slatton, Marie Tate, Clarine Morrison and Edith Malone and 2 brothers Bonnel and Henry.

**Lawson, Mildred Evelene**—b. Aug. 27, 1910 in TN, d. March 16, 1984 at a hospital in Franklin County and buried at Orange Hill Cemetery. She was a dau. of Albert Lee and Matilda (Hatfield) Lankford. She was married to Charles Alfred Lawson and was survived by 4 sons, Herbert, Thomas, Charles Jr., and Jonathan and 9 daughters which included Lucille Phipps, Ophelia Parson, Janie Nunley, Eveline Meeks, Elaine Irvin, Christine Stockwell, Faye Grimes Angeline Stockwell. She was also survived by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

**Layman, Annie P.**—b. April 23, 1908 in TN, d. Sept. 24, 1974 at her home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was married to Werner Layman and was survived by 6 daughters and 4 sons.

**Layne, Atwood**—b. Jan. 17, 1891 in TN, d. Jan. 8, 1977 at Downtown General Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at the Griffith Creek Cemetery. He was married to Nellie Ferguson and was survived by 2 sons, Thomas and Ivan. His brothers and sisters were Robert, Jennie, Esther and Callie.

**Layne, Brentley Scott**—b. May 26, 1962 in TN and died July 24, 1980 and listed as dead on arrival at the Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee and was buried at the Swiss Colony Cemetery. He was a son of James Edward and Irene Braden Layne who survived him. He was also survived by a sister, Donna Argo, and 3 brothers, David, Bruce and Jim.

**Layne, Carl David**—b. April 13, 1921 in Grundy Co., TN, d. Dec. 30, 1979 in Gruetli, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He, a son of Spencer and Mary (Smith) Layne, was married to Willie Mae Borne and they had a dau. Cheryl Denise Layne. His brothers and sisters were Hattie Johnson, Harvey Layne, William Arthur Layne, Samuel Wilder Layne, Bosie Chester Layne, Silas Lester Layne, Charlie Theodore Layne, Robert Henry "Dock" Layne, James Earl "Bass" Layne, Bertha Nunley and Johnny Benjamin Layne. Those siblings surviving were Hattie, Bass, Arthur, John and Lester.

**Layne, Daisie**—b. Nov. 8, 1894 in TN, d. July 24, 1982 at Parkwood Nursing Home in Hamilton County, TN and was buried at Pine Hill Cemetery in Marion

County. She was a daughter of Preston and Marsilar (Long) Tate. She married Frank Layne and they had 8 children, Maudie Layne, Nannie Griffith, William Allison Layne, Claude Layne, Spergeon Layne, Hubert Layne, Lester Layne and Frank Layne Jr. Daisie was survived by a brother, Fred Tate, of Palmer, although she had other siblings, namely Lizzie Jane Fults Graham, Samuel, James Mason, William Taylor, Bessie Roberts, Mary Lethie King, John, Arthur, Lee Preston, and Rosa Ellen Shrum

**Layne, Jackson Franklin McKinnley**—b. Feb. 16, 1897 in TN, d. March 12, 1980 at Parkridge Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was a son of Jackson C. and Sarah "Sallie" (Dykes) Layne. He married Edith Eliza Morton.

**Layne, Edith Eliza**—b. Aug. 30, 1896 in TN, d. Nov. 14, 1981 at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was a dau. of Robert and Emma (Thompson) Morton. She married Jackson Franklin McKinnley Layne.

**Layne, Frank Matthew "Pete"**—b. Feb. 19, 1903 in TN, d. Feb. 13, 1980 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Maudie Layne, a brother Cecil Layne, and 4 sisters, Essie Morrison, Bertha Higgins, Hazel Laymon and Marie Hicks.

**Layne, Franklin Parks Sr.**—b. Aug. 27, 1903 in TN, d. Oct. 26, 1983 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Dixie Nunley, 2 sons, Martin Eugene and Franklin Jr., 2 daughters Lora Bell Tate and Charlotte Meeks, and 2 sisters, Pearl Morrison and Mami LeCroy.

**Layne, George Edward**—b. Feb. 27, 1947 in TN, d. Sept. 13, 1979 at a Warren Co. TN hospital and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was a son of John and Ella (Slatton) Layne and was married to Joyce Hobbs. They had 6 children, Tina, Carl, Bobby, Lisa, Michele and Cindy. His siblings were John, Jimmy, Christine and Lorene.

**Special Agricultural Census**  
**Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records, 1850 – 1880,**

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This book gives an incredibly detailed account into the lives of Grundy Countians during the 1850's thru the 1880's. It shows not only the cash value of farm and livestock, but also who owned honey bees and who had a fruit orchard. A very interesting look into the family farm.

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**\*unless otherwise noted, crops mentioned below are in bushels.**

**1850 Special Census (continued) Page 3/District 5**

Adams, Laz- Improved acres, 21; unimproved acres, 279; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 2; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$212; Indian corn, 125; oats, 26; Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, 7; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$63; honey/wax, 60 lbs.

Tate, Robert- improved acres, 9; unimproved, 1341; cash value of farm, \$650; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$140; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 100 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; honey/wax, 191 lbs.

Tate, E[lisha]- unimproved acres, 1500; cash value of farm, \$100; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$37; Indian corn, 200; oats, 50; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

Argo, Josiah- cash value of farm, \$140; other cattle, 2; value of livestock, \$15; Indian corn, 150; value of home manufactures, \$20.

Scruggs, C[arter]- cash value of farm, \$100; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 150; sweet potatoes, 50; value of home manufactures, \$18; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Bryant, Isaac- cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 5; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$119; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$39.

Ritchey, D[avid] P. - improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 132; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 2; sheep, 3; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$167; Irish potatoes, 7; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$44; grass seed, 8 lbs.

Moffitt, H[enry]- cash value of farm, \$746; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$110; Indian corn, 325; butter, 20 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$32.

Vickars, James- improved acres, 150; unimproved acres, 475; cash value of farm, \$1400; horses, 8; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 20; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$682; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 300; wool, 60 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 150; butter, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$15?.

Stump, M[ichael] G. - cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$86; Indian corn, 225; oats, 50; Irish potatoes, 5; value of animals slaughtered, \$35.

Hobbs, J[ohn]- cash value of farm, \$50; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$30; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Griswold, S[tephen] M - improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 5490; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 2; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 5; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$340; Indian corn, 125; Irish potatoes, 50; butter, 180 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$90; garden produce for market, \$50.

Green?, Davidson- improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 110; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$70; Indian corn, 150; oats, 8; Irish potatoes, 6; value of home manufactures, \$6; value of animals slaughtered, \$22.

Lynn, M[ariah]- improved acres, 5; unimproved acres, 5; cash value of farm, \$20; milch cows, 2; swine, 3; value of livestock, \$22; Irish potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$10.

Smartt, I/J(?)- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 1; swine, 21; value of livestock, \$81; Indian corn, 150; Irish potatoes, 2; sweet potatoes, 6; maple sugar, 15 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Campbell, J[ames] R. - improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 495; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 2; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$144; Indian corn, 125; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$35.

Campbell, H[ardy] A. - improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 88; cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; swine, 13; value of livestock, \$68; Indian corn, 125; sweet potatoes, 30; maple sugar, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

Smith, W[ashington]- improved acres, 17; unimproved acres, 168; cash value of farm, \$150; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$65; Indian corn, 200; wool, 18 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 8; maple sugar, 70 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Crouch, W[illiam]- improved acres, 35; unimproved acres, 205; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 4; sheep, 18; swine, 30; value of livestock, 162; Indian corn, 400; oats, 200; wool, 60 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 7; sweet potatoes, 10; maple sugar, 60; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

Northcutt, M[argaret]- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 7; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$112; Indian corn, 200; wool, 28 lbs.; maple sugar, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

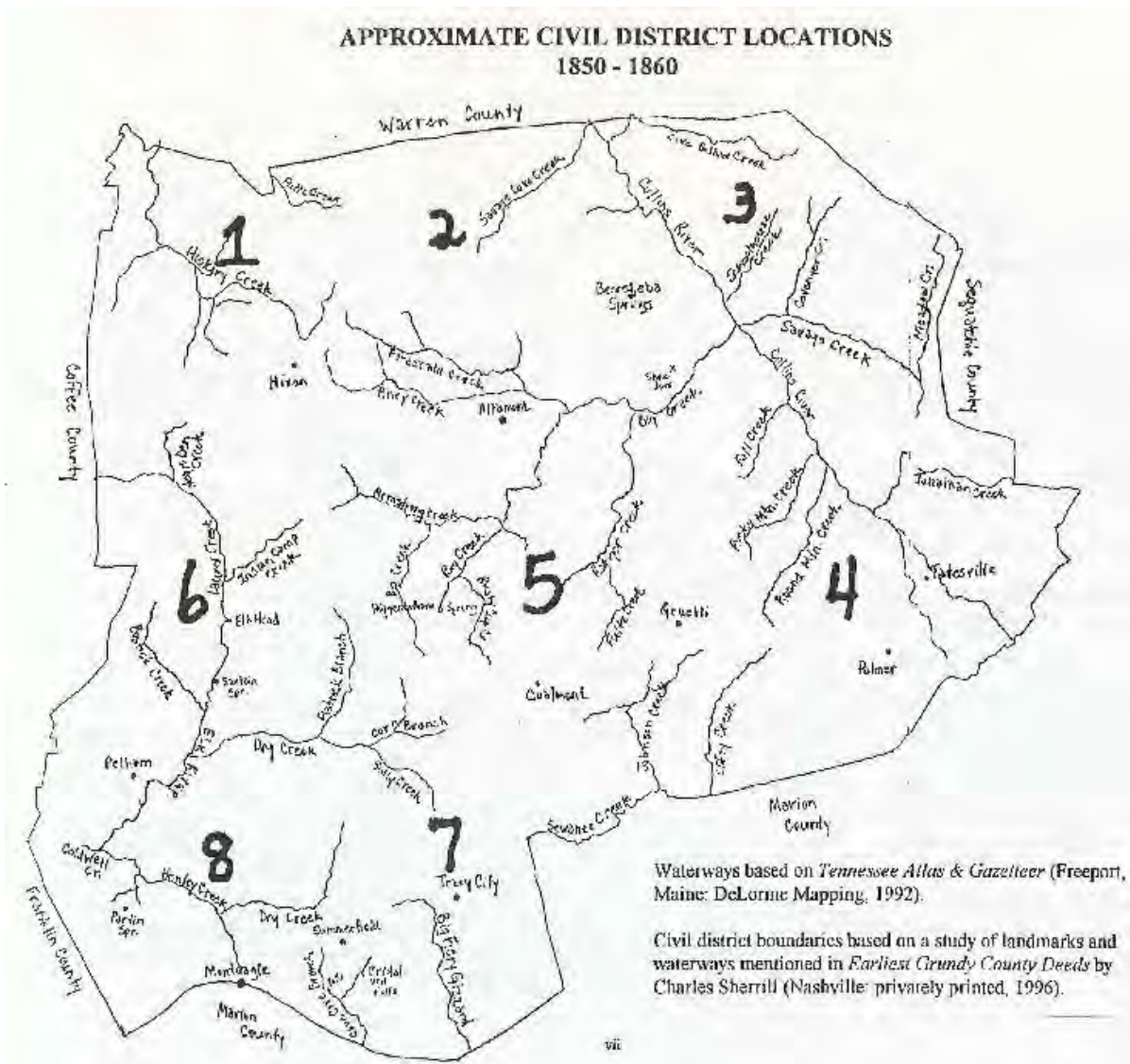
Qualls, A[ndrew]- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 119; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine 49; value of livestock, \$178; Indian corn, 275; oats, 40; peas & beans, 10; sweet potatoes, 7; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

Armstrong, W[illiam]- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 4500; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 7; sheep, 3; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$235; Indian corn, 60; oats, 15; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$50; tobacco, 30 lbs.; honey/wax, 53 lbs.

Gibbs, J[ames]- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 70; cash value of farm, \$125; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 4; sheep, 24; swine, 11; value of livestock, \$121; wool, 60; sweet potatoes, 25; value of home manufactures, \$45; value of animals slaughtered, \$15; tobacco, 35 lbs.; honey/wax, 35 lbs.

Bryant, J[ohn]- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 485; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$137; Indian corn, 35; tobacco, 60 lbs.

Nunley, Jeremiah- improved acres, 25; horses, 3; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 13; sheep, 14; swine, 250; value of livestock, \$502; Indian corn, 30; oats, 30; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$28; value of animals slaughtered, \$17; rye, 11; cheese, 65 lbs.; garden produce for market, \$15.



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In 1990 a series of approximately 1 hour taped interviews were conducted with the following: Robert Baggenstoss, Herman Baggenstoss, Fritz Flury Willie Hayes Geary, Jack Parmley, Louie Winton and Lacy E. Yarber

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**"DID YOU KNOW?"****From Grundy County Court Minutes Book I: 1844-1855**

(Transcribed as written) 4 August 1845: "Be it remembered that at a county court begun and held for the county of Grundy at the house of Jesse **Wooten** on Cumberland mountain, the place to which the last county court adjourned, on the first Monday being the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1845 and 70<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of the United States, Present the Worshipful Thomas **Warren**, Chairman, Richard **Bradford**, Silas **Lankford**, William **Digan**, Isaac H. **Campbell**, Ambrose **Killian** John **Fults** and Robert **Tate** esquires Justices &c.

Ordered by the court that Brazzel **Summers** be appointed overseer of the road from the upper end of Thomas Saunders lane, to the said Summers mill, and have the following hands, John **Meeks**, William **Campbell**, Georg **Brown**, and Issac **Moore**, to work and keep said road in repair.

On petition of James R. **Campbell** and others it is ordered by the court that Daniel **Fults**, William **Sitz**, Henry **Stoner**, John **Myres**, Nathan **Fults**, William **Kelton**, Alfred **Fults**, and Wilbourne **Fults** be appointed a Jury of View to lay off and mark a road from the county line in Myres Cove to the county site passing John **Myres** and Alfred **Fults**, and the nearest and best way to the county site and report to the next quarterly term of this court.

Ordered by the court that William **Tucker** be appointed overseer of the road from the forks near Pelham, to the foot of the mountain in Burrows Cove in the room of L.D. **Tucker**, and have the same bounds and hands.

Ordered by the court that Joseph **Rhea** and John **Gillis** and all hands living on their land, be taken from Samuel **Christian's** hands, and added to the list of hands allotted to Langston **Martin**.

On motion of Ambrose **Killian** esquire and others to adjourn to Altamont, and requested the Chairman to take the vote, which said motion was overruled by the chairman  
Court adjourned until court in course.

Thomas **Warren**  
Richard **Bradford**  
Silas **Lankford**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Where did the year go? Even though it has passed quickly, much has been done in 2008 with *Pictures of Our Past*, our new pictorial history, publication of our *Pathfinder* journals, the launching of another website at [www.grundycountyhistory.org](http://www.grundycountyhistory.org) to provide a place to research Grundy County history online, getting materials from Beersheba Springs microfilmed by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and numerous other projects. All these feats have been accomplished by the capable and enthusiastic effort of our members. Congratulations GCHS! Was it any wonder that you won a Certificate of Merit from the Tennessee State Historical Society for 2008?

Aside from *Pictures of Our Past* being published, we are probably most excited about the prospect of obtaining new space for Grundy County's Root Cellar. All the details have not yet been finalized, but we are in negotiations for a large building, which would accommodate our holdings and would provide secure space for other historical groups from across the county that also need a place to preserve materials. This historical building would also be a space for a future Grundy County museum. We will keep you posted as this project develops.

The Grundy County Historical Society is a 501c3 organization; thus, we are able to accept tax - deductible donations for those who wish to give toward this new facility. Feel free to contact me at [jantay641@gmail.com](mailto:jantay641@gmail.com) if you have questions concerning this.

With the Christmas season well upon us, we want to give thanks for all that we have been given. For even with our troubles and the many economic woes we are now having in our country, we are truly blessed. And so it is with wonder, amazement and hope for the future that we embark upon a new year, a year that we hope will find us in a new facility bringing more of Grundy County's people and heritage to light.

Merry Christmas to you all.  
Janelle Layne Taylor

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I visited Tennessee during September and while there, I went up to Altamont to take photos of the Court House. It really is a beautiful building! I went inside to and spoke with Grundy County Mayor, LaDue **Bouldin**, who was very generous with his time. I would like to thank him for his hospitality! While we were discussing the Grundy County Courthouses, he was trying to remember if the Court House was finished in 1996 or not. When he went to check the date on the plaque, he was surprised to find the date on there to be 1994, because it was finished in 1996! ☺ After our conversation, I walked around the Court House and looked at the wonderful artwork that was done by local artists, hanging on the walls. If you're ever in Altamont, be sure to stop by the Court House and look at the artwork and of course say hello to LaDue **Bouldin**! On the way back to my sister's house, I took the back roads and found myself passing Willene **Campbell**'s house... and who should be on the front porch but Willene and her sister! Stopping on the spur of the moment, Willene was very welcoming and we sat and talked on the front porch for quite some time! The weather was beautiful and we spoke of many things. It was great to sit and relax and watch the sun play on the mountain side and enjoy the breeze with good company. Thank you, Willene... that has become one of my favorite memories of visiting Grundy County! During the upcoming holiday season, I hope that you all get a chance to get out and visit with your neighbors and family- sit, relax and enjoy the moments!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
Sharon Nee Goodman

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Chastity Brown

Ben Davis

## MEET THE GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS!

Want to introduce yourself to the GCHS members? Send me a short biography about yourself, with or without photos (NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS, PLEASE!); what families you are researching and your hobbies, etc. Send to Sharon N. Goodman at [gchswebmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswebmaster@hotmail.com) or 315 Harmony Lane, Georgetown, TX, 78628. Your bio will be added to an upcoming edition of The Pathfinder. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



**Jana Barrett** is the elementary art teacher for Grundy County. She lives in Altamont, Tennessee with her husband, Gerald. She and Gerald have three daughters & two grandsons.

Jana was born in Tucumcari, New Mexico, but her roots are closer to Tennessee than she realized. Her family moved to Altamont, in 1968. They had no relative nearer than Memphis.

Thirty some years after moving to Tennessee, Jana began searching family history for a family reunion. It turns out that her great-great grandfather, Wiley Marion **Hines**, was born in Franklin County in 1832. Based on deed records, she has traced his father's property to what is now Keith's Cove between Winchester and Cowan. The family moved to Arkansas, then Texas where Jana's nuclear family originated. The family tree has made full circle, for just as her great great grandfather was born in Franklin County, so was her Grandson, Wyatt.

Upon further research she has also found relatives buried in West Tennessee, and a connection to the **Dorris** Family of Robertson and Sumner Counties. She is also related to the notorious outlaw Jessie **James** through her great great grandmother Amelia Maggie **Poore Clark**- not a proud distinction, but interesting none the less.

She enjoys tracing family history and has written a book about her grandmothers entitled Patchwork of Love for other members of her family.



**Oliver Jarvis:** Bachelor of Arts (History) The University of the South 1957, Doctor of Law University of Chicago, 1960.

Practice of Law in Illinois 1960-2000 concentrating in corporate and financial issues and historical preservation issues.

Lecturer and author of a variety of historical subjects: including, Preemption Act of 1820, Moffat Station to Mont Eagle, Monteagle Hotels, Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, Highlander Folk School, John Armfield, Arthur St. Clair Colyar, and John Moffat.

Past President Monteagle Sunday School Assembly (1996-1998); trustee 1995-1998; 2006-present; Member MSSA Architectural Review Committee, Archives Committee (Chairman), Education Committee, Finance Committee, Legal Committee (Past Chairman), Outreach Committee (Past Chairman), and Water Committee (Chairman).

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church- Member Board of Trustees and Committee to Establish Endowment (Chairman); Adult Sunday School teacher.

Rotary Club of Grundy County- Past President, member of Board of Directors.

Destination Grundy- coordinator.

Leadership Grundy- Past President, member of Board of Directors.

Grundy County Historical Society- Member Board of Directors and leader of Friends of John Moffat Program.

Alliance for the Cumberlands- representative of certain Grundy County organizations and member of organizational planning group.



**Barbara Myers**

**Barbara J. "Mooney" Myers;** Through the years I've always quoted "I'm just a good old gal from the mountain." I was born 28 August 1937 in Coalmont, TN. My parents were James and Josephine "**Dove**" **Mooney**. He was born in Sewanee, TN. Mom was Marion County near the Pigeon area.

Her family, Dave and Many Headrick **Dove** were earlier settlers of the Pigeon in Marion County. After my years of schooling, I married Carl Anthony **Myers** from Pelham, TN, son of Floyd and Eloise **Campbell Myers** from Pelham, TN. We had three children, Peggy, Carla Sue, and Michael. Carl died after we were married ten years, in 1963 from a car accident. I later moved to Chattanooga and lived there until all my children were grown and had their own families. And that mountain yearning hit me for a glimpse of back home. Being away 28 years, I longed for the place where I grew up as a child in Tracy City.

Now for around 22 years or more I've let my family roots take a strong hold on me. Researching history it is a great joy in my life. I've loved every second of it. I work on hand quilting quite a lot as a favorite craft. I am also a member of the Grundy Crafters and art classes.

Researching history of my families and others in earlier years comes naturally for me since I'm a history lover of this mountain. Collecting history and photos take up a room in my house. But that's wonderful, for I feel closer to my family with them there.

The Historical Society has given me great friends and a great uplift towards my goals of researching my roots. My families are: **Mooney's, Dove's, Headrick's, Anderson's, Braden, Myers and Campbells.**

## QUERIES

**212-2008** I'm researching law enforcement in Grundy County. I need information on the following sheriffs: J. B. **Bouldin**, Thomas B. **Lockhart**, John **Rust**, Thomas E. **Blanton** and Solomon Poindexter **Goodman**. I'm looking pictures of these men also. In addition I need pictures of the following sheriffs: John **Tipton**, Harris **Bell**, Thomas Thompkins **Levan**, John C. **Lusk**, Elijah **Shrum**, and E. W. **Hamby**.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Bettye Wooten Sherwood

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**213-2008** I hope you have a link in my brick wall. I am trying to find some info on my **Smith's** of South Pittsburg Mnt and the Orme area in Marion County, TN. The only info I have is through obits and it goes like this (I believe I put it in right): Frank **Smith** married a **Doyle** (?) and they had twin daughters. Amanda "Mandy" Alice **Smith** married a Thomas Benton **Martin**; a son Andrew "Andy" Jackson **Smith** born August 12 1878 married Mary (?) and then married Sallie Samples **Ream(e)s**. Their children: Ruth **Smith**, unknown Smith, Step daughter that married a **Rich**, step daughter last name **Payne**, Step daughter last name **Stevens**, Andrew J **Smith** Jr. born 1924 and several stepsons with the last name **Reames**. I assume Mary was married to a **Reames**.

I also have an Eislie **Allison** born 1905. She married unknown **Payne**. I also have Jim **Payne** (I think), who married Elva **Allison** born 1905. They had a son, Marvin **Payne** born 1929. The two **Allison** women were twins. That is all I have that I think would help. If these names match any of yours please let me know, if you think there may be a connection please contact me!

Misty

[mistylfulfer@bellsouth.net](mailto:mistylfulfer@bellsouth.net)

**214-2008** Has anyone researched Louisa Patton age 22 of Hillsboro (Coffee County) who appears in the 1870 census with Robert and Francis Patton along with these others in the household: Jessie Gordon age 17, David Betta 14, and Mary Low age 34 (retarded)? Is this Louisa Patton the same one who married Wilson Meeks in 1874 in Grundy County?

I have a George Wilson Meeks who married Lucinda (b. 1849 d. 1916), but she was sometimes called Lou, so I'm wondering if this Louisa can be the one. I was told back in the 1960's that Lucinda's maiden name was Thompson, but I have not been able to find her anywhere before she appears in the 1880 census married to George Wilson "Wilse" "Willis" Meeks.

Any help would be appreciated. Please send this to anyone who might have researched Louisa Patton.

Thank you,

Janelle Taylor

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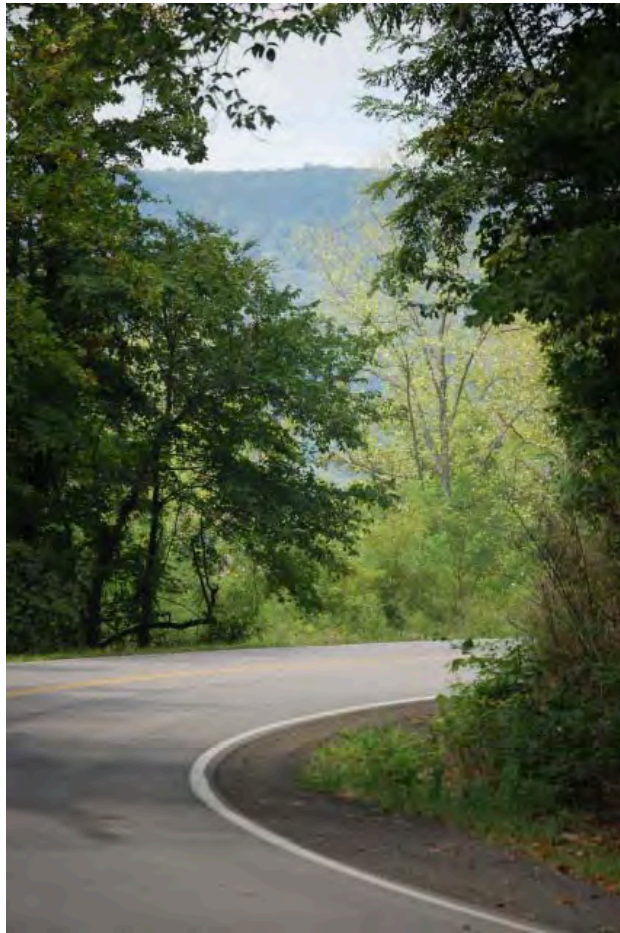


### AROUND & ABOUT IN GRUNDY COUNTY

On occasion, we print photos taken in and around Grundy County. If you have photos you'd like to share, please send them to [gchswebmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswebmaster@hotmail.com) or Sharon N. Goodman, 315 Harmony Lane, Georgetown, TX 78628. If you send via US mail, please make sure you have copy of photograph. All photos will be returned if requested.



Photo taken from Hwy. 50 overlooking Burroughs Cove.



Hwy. 50 in Grundy County



Cumberland Mountains in Grundy County, TN



### ORAL HISTORY

Every so often (and we'd like it to be MORE often...) we get a story from a member that was told to them by family members. Oral history is always fascinating to hear and we thought we'd pass along some of these stories. This story was sent in from Mona Moreland. Please send us your stories to either Janelle Taylor ([jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net)) or Sharon Goodman ([gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com)).

1929 "Huke Griswold, Verde Guest, Sr. and Hugh Henley, Deputy Sheriffs, shot Ernest O'Dear who had just shot John Cline on Smokey Road, (Tracy City). John Cline was sitting on a stool at a bar on Smokey Road and Ernest O'Dear was drunk. He and John Cline had a dispute and Ernest O'Dear walked over and somehow got Cline's gun and shot him and killed him. Then O'Dear went home and got a gun and started back toward town, cussing and raising Cain and the deputies shot and killed him."

My mother, Anna Griswold Sweeton Goforth, told me this story on Oct. 9, 2001. Her father, David Murphy Griswold had told her what happened when she was 12 years old.

### PETER TURNEY'S 1st TENNESSEE REGIMENT, COMPANY A

by Judy Henley Phillips

NOTE: This information comes from a website for Franklin County, Tennessee.

(<http://www.tngennet.org/franklin/frana.htm>). It can be found on the GCHS' website under "Grundy County Goes to War". This information is used with permission from the webmaster of the Franklin County web site.

Company "A" was made up of men from Altamont and Pelham in Grundy County and Hillsboro in Coffee County. The nickname for the company was "Pelham Guards." It was organized in April of 1861. The officers of Company A were: Captain, Alexander E. **PATTON**; 1st Lt., Elijah **REYNOLDS**; 2nd Lt., George W. **PARKS** and Samuel N. **NORTHCUT**; 1st Sgt., Riley B. **ROBERTS**; 2nd Sgt., Joshua K. **WARREN**; 3rd Sgt., Joseph G. **WILLIS**; 1st Cpl., Ethan A. **FREEMAN**; 2nd Cpl., Hugh S.W. **NORTHCUT**; 3rd Cpl., Robert J. **ADAMS**; 4th Cpl., James H. **PATTON**.

**ADAMS**, Robert J. - Pvt./3rd Cpl. He was b. Franklin Co., 5'6", dark complexion, dark eyes, dark brown hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61, Pelham, aged 37. Discharged 26 Aug 61 at Camp Jones, VA; disabled.\*

**ANDERSON**, William - 3rd Sgt/Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61, Winchester, aged 24; killed 3 May 63 at Chancellorsville, VA.\*

**AUSTELL**, Amos Little Berry - Pvt. \*Born Coffee County, 5'3", dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18, discharged 27 July 62 by reason of being a minor. Also shows as 1st Lt. A.L.B. AUSTELL in Company B, 28th Cavalry Regiment so may have only served twelve months in this Company.\*

**AUSTELL**, Augustus B.W. - \*Pvt. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 19; shot in foot at Weldon Railroad, VA, 19 Aug. 64; promoted to 2nd Sgt. 1 Jan 64 to fill vacancy of M. Parker; appears

on a roll of prisoners of war surrendered at Citronelle, AL, 4 May 65 and paroled at Meridian, MS, 11 May 65.\*

**BARNES**, Joel H. - Pvt. \*Residence Bradley County, dark complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, 5'9 1/2". Captured 9 Nov. 63 at Culpeper, VA released on oath 2 Mar 64 at Washington, D.C.\*

**BOND**, Bartlett W. - Pvt.\* Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 25; discharged Aug 61 at Camp Jones due to abscess after typhoid fever; on 22 Aug 61, Riley B. Roberts became his substitute.\*

**BOSTICK**, Albert Clark - Pvt. He was b. 21 Feb. 1836, FCT, d. 14 June 1924; s/o Littleberry BOSTICK and Sophia Nealy GRAHAM; m. (1) Malinda SIMMONS; m. (2) Titia GATTIS.~ \*Enr. 5 June 61 at Harpers Ferry, VA age not stated; present to Dec 61.\*

**BURBANK**, Samuel B. -Pvt.\*Residence Coffee County. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 29; present to Dec 61; paroled at McMinnville, 16 July 63.\*

**BURT**, John - Pvt. \*Born Coffee County, 5'7", dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 33; discharged by reason of over-age on 27 July 62. From then to the close of the war he ran a peddler's wagon. Applied for pension after 1891, #4168, rejected 16 April 1902 while residing near Prairie Plains. He asked for the pension on the grounds that he was disabled from sciatica in the left hip, also quite nervous.\*

**CAMPBELL**, Alexander - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 21; present to Dec.\*

**CAMPBELL**, George W. - Pvt. \*Born Orange County, North Carolina, 1837. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; promoted to 4th Cpl. 20 Oct 62; wounded at Gettysburg, PA; absent Nov & Dec 63 as prisoner of war at Gettysburg; considered deserted 18 Mar 64; paroled 17 May 65 at Camp Douglas, IL, so presumed captured while on furlough. He applied for pension 13 October 1905, #7531 from Coffee County, and re-filed in 1912. He was dropped from the pension list on 14 July 1914. He said he had been engaged at Seven Pines, Seven Days Battles around Richmond, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and Wilderness. His last known address was Tyler, Texas.\*

**CAMPBELL**, Kerny - Pvt. \*Enr. 1 Oct 63 at Gadsden, AL; admitted 26 May 64 to General Hospital No. 9, Richmond, VA sent to Chimborazo Hospital, Richmond; paid 13 Feb 65 for period of service 31 Oct 64 to 31 Jan 65.\*

**CASH**, Lewis - Pvt. He was b. c1838 [cen.], s/o John CASH, Sr. and Elizabeth; m. Sarah STARNES.~ \*Born 1841, Coffee County, light complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'9". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; admitted 30 Mar 62 to Chimborazo Hospital No. 4, Richmond, VA, with catarrh; 13 Dec 62, taken prisoner at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; paroled and forwarded to City Point, VA, for exchange, 27 Feb 65; deserted at Richmond 5 Mar 65, took oath at Knoxville, TN 3 Apr 65, sent to Chattanooga. After the war resided in Forney, TX.\*

**CAVIS**, John W. - Pvt. \*Enr. Winchester, VA, on 8 Nov 62 by Colonel TURNEY; absent Nov & Dec 62, at hospital on account of disability; died 19 Dec 62 at Richmond, VA, due to disease.\*

**CLARK**, Jesse G. - Pvt. \*Enr. 21 Sep 61 at Camp Fisher; admitted to Genl Hosp, Petersburg, VA, 29 Apr; killed at Seven Pines, VA, 31 May 62.\*

**CORNELISON**, Isaac - Pvt. \*Enr. 8 Nov 62 by Col. Turney; killed at Gettysburg, PA, 1 July 63.\*

**CORNELISON**, Jesse - Pvt. \*Born Coffee County in 1838. Residence Crawford County, ruddy complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, 6'1". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; admitted to C.S.A. General Hospital, Charlottesville, VA, 20 Aug 62 with fever; sent to Gen. Hospital at Lynchburg [VA] 25 Aug 62; promoted to 5th Sgt.; captured at Gettysburg, PA, 1 July 63; paroled and forwarded to City Point, VA, for exchange 27 Feb 65; took the oath 2 Apr 65. He applied for pension, #4169, while living in Hillsboro, Coffee County. He said that he had been in the battles of First Manassas, Seven Pines, Seven Days, Cedar Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and many other minor engagements. He contracted Bone Scurvey while in prison, his left leg was dreadfully swollen. His application was rejected 16 April 1902.\*

**CREGOR**, John. Pvt. See John CROGER.

**CROCKETT**, Robert L.B. [Prob. Little Berry] s/o Samuel and Permelia.~ Pvt. \*Born Coffee County, 5'10", dark complexion, grey eyes, black hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61, aged 22; died at Fredericksburg, VA 14 Mar 62.\*

**CROCKETT**, William N. - Pvt./Sgt. He was s/o John T. and Charity.~ \*Born Coffee County, 5'8", light complexion, gray eyes, light hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 19; admitted to Gen. Hospital, Farmville, VA, 5 Sep 62 with "remit. fever"; promoted to 3rd Sgt. 10 Nov 62; wounded in the back at Chancellorsville, VA, 3 May 63 and died. His body was returned to Richmond, VA, and buried there at Hollywood Cem. 10 May 63.\*

**CROGER**, John - Pvt. \*Born Ire., 5'6", fair complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, butcher [?]. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 35; discharged by reason of his age 27 July 62.\*

**CROUCH**, Isaac - Pvt./1st Cpl. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 23; wounded in the arm at Sharpsburg, Md., 17 Sep 62; sick at Charlestown, VA, 24 June 63; appointed 1st Cpl. 1 June 64 replacing NORTH CUT killed; deserted and sent to City Point, VA, 2 Mar 65; to Washington, D.C., 3 Mar 65; took the oath and transportation furnished to Tullahoma.\*

**CUNNINGHAM**, George W. - Pvt. \*Residence Coffee County, ruddy complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, 6'1". Enr. 21 Sep 61 at Camp Fisher, VA; wounded in shoulder at Harper's Ferry, VA, 15 Sep 62; furloughed at Staunton, VA; taken prisoner at Gettysburg, PA, 1 July 63; paroled and forwarded to City Point, VA, for exchange 27 Feb 65; took oath at Fort Delaware, DE, 2 Apr 65.\*

**CUNNINGHAM**, James M. - Pvt.\*Enr. 26 July 61, Camp Bee, VA; d. 24 Oct. 62, Danville, VA.\*

**DUNN**, Isham L. - Pvt. \*Residence Coffee County, fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes, 5'8". Enr. 21 Sep 61 at Camp Fisher, VA; admitted 29 Apr 62 to General Hospital, Petersburg, VA, with bronchitis; wounded and captured at Gettysburg, PA, 1 July 63; confined 6 July 63 at Fort McHenry, MD; took the oath 26 Apr 65 at Fort Delaware, DE.\*

**ELLIOTT**, Nathaniel H.C. - Pvt./1st Sgt.\*Prior to the war worked three years in a mercantile house in Murfreesboro. Enr. 29 Apr 61, Hillsboro, aged 18; promoted to 3rd Sgt. to fill vacancy left by the death of W.H. CROCKETT at Chancellorsville, May 63. He was shot in abdomen at Wilderness, VA, 5 May 64; applied for a clerkship in the office of Col. W.H. TAYLOR, C.S. auditor.\*

**FARRAR**, John Quincy Adams - Pvt./2nd Ltn. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 40; promoted to 4th Sgt. June 61; promoted to 2nd Ltn. 29 Aug 61 replacing Ltn. Parks; replaced by Jesse R. GUNN.\*

**FARRIS**, Henry M. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61, Hillsboro, aged 19; present until killed in action at Spotsylvania Court House, VA, 10 May\*

**FINCH**, John J. - Pvt. \*Residence Coffee County, dark complexion, sandy hair, blue eyes, 5'8", no family. Enr. 21 Sep 61 at Camp Fisher, VA; wounded in leg at 2nd Manassas, VA, 30 Aug 62; taken prisoner and paroled at Warrenton, VA, 29 Sep 62; signed the oath 4 Feb 65 at Tullahoma, had deserted 1 Mar 63. Applied for pension from Coffee after 1891, #262.\*

**FREEMAN**, Ethan A. - 1st Cpl./4th Sgt./Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, Franklin County, [Grundy] aged 24; wounded at Seven Pines, VA, 30 May 62; applied for a position with the government in Richmond as an office worker on 23 Feb 63. He was a lawyer.\*

**FULTS**, Thomas B. Pvt. \*Enr. 5 Oct 61 at Camp Fisher, VA; shot in the knee at Seven Pines, VA, 31 May 62, still on wounded furlough to Nov & Dec 64.\*

**GILLIAM**, Allen - Pvt. He was s/o Harris GILLIAM and Nancy REED; n.m.~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 29; died 27 Oct 61 of Pneumonia (Febris Typhoidis) at Camp Jones, VA.\*

**GILLIAM**, Samuel - Pvt. He was b. c1841 [Cen.] Grundy Co., s/o Harris GILLIAM and Nancy REED. He m. Mollie BUCKNER.~ \*He enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18. Due to ill-health he was discharged 26 Oct 61 at Camp Fisher near Dumfries, VA Re-enlisted in another regiment in the western army and was wounded at Perryville, KY, 8 Oct 62, where he was captured and sent to their hospital. Appears on a receipt for Exchange of Confederate Prisoners of War received on board the Steamer "Metropolitan" near Vicksburg, MS, 4 Dec 62. He returned to the Army of Tennessee and fought at Chickamauga, Resaca and Kennesaw Mountain during 63 and 64. He is listed as Captain S. GILLIAM, Company E, 28th Cav. He was detailed to the secret service to watch the river crossings and was also a special courier. He was discharged at Chattanooga in Apr 65. Also shows as Samuel N. in Company A, 34th Infantry and 4th Inf. Reg't.\*

**GOODMAN**, John W. - Pvt./4th Cpl. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; detailed as nurse for Capt. LUSK; captured at Gettysburg, PA, 1 July 63; sent from Fort McHenry, MD, to Fort Delaware, DE; paroled and forwarded to City Point, VA, for exchange 27 Feb 65.\*

**GOODMAN**, Thomas S. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18; shot in shoulder at Cedar Mountain, VA, 9 Aug 62; still on furlough due to wound to Nov & Dec 64.\*

**GREEN**, Washington J. - Pvt. \*Residence Rutherford County, dark complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'6". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; shot in face at Chancellorsville, 3 May 63; in hospital to 31 Aug 64; absent on furlough on account of wounds to Nov & Dec 64; signed oath at Nashville 1 Feb 65. Shows as deserted 5 July 63.\*

**GRISWALD**, DeWitt C. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 18. Also shows in Comp. E, 4th Cavalry Regiment, so presumed not to have re-enlisted after his initial twelve months. He died while in the service.\*

**GUNN**, Jesse R. - Pvt./Capt. He was b. c1839, Coffee Co., s/o Thomas L. GUNN and Sarah REYNOLDS. ~\*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 18; appointed First Sergt 8 Sept 61 replacing ROBERTS, to 1st Sgt. 19 Dec 61; elected 2nd Lt. 27 Apr 62; promoted to 1st Lt. 27 June 62; wounded at Gaines Mill; wounded at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; promoted 3 June 64 to Capt.; paroled at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 Apr 65.\*

**GUNN**, John Hamilton - Pvt. He was s/o Thomas L. GUNN and Sarah REYNOLDS. ~ \*He was b. 5 April 1843 near Hillsboro; residence Coffee County, fair complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'7 1/2". Enr. 21 Sept 61 at Camp Fisher, VA; discharged 20 Dec 61. Re-enlisted 9 Mar 63 at Winchester; captured 2 Apr 65 at Hatcher's Run, VA, sent to City Point, VA, 4 Apr 65; released from Point Lookout, MD, 27 June 65 when he signed the oath; transportation furnished to Winchester. He was the smallest boy in the regiment with the exception of Lt. William DONALDSON of Company E. He participated in the battles of Seven Pines, the Seven Days around Richmond, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and many others. Latter part of the war, he served in a corps of sharpshooters, where he was taken prisoner at Petersburg but was soon exchanged. He served until the surrender at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 April 1865. In 1890 he was elected to the Tennessee State Legislature as a representative from Grundy and Marion Counties, and in 1896 was elected to the State Senate.\*

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## THE GRUNDY COUNTY COURT HOUSE

(from John W. Carpenter's

### Tennessee Courthouses, A Celebration of 200 years of county courthouses)

Grundy County was named in honor of Felix **Grundy**, a US senator and congressman as well as attorney-general in the cabinet of President Martin **Van Buren**. Prior to 1848 the court was held at the home of Jesse **Wooten** in Beersheba Springs. Altamont became the county seat in 1848. The first courthouse built there burned in 1853. For a period of time Tracy City became the county seat.

A second courthouse was constructed at Altamont in 1885. It was a simple two story brick structure, Victorian in style. This building had a simple mansard roof and a corner tower. In 1958 an annex was constructed, also two stories and of brick construction. This courthouse was burned in an arson fire on May 3, 1990 with a complete loss of tax, court and election records.

After the fire, county offices were scattered in various buildings. However, by November of 1990, all of the county offices were reunited in the Altamont City Hall. Grundy County's new courthouse was occupied in April of 1996. Designed by the Architectural Office of Williams, Inc. of Franklin, TN, it is a two story brick structure in the Neo-classical style. It features a projecting pediment portico main entrance. The building has a low hip roof with an octagonal cupola in the center.



Court house in Altamont



Court house in Altamont, TN

## An Event in John Scruggs' Civil War Service

Submitted by Ralph Thompson

### Background

Carter **Scruggs** was the patriarch of the Scruggs family of Altamont, Tennessee. Carter was born in what is now Anderson County, Tennessee on July 2, 1810. About 1834 he moved to Marion County where he met and married Lucinda **Kilgore** in 1838. About 1850, Carter reportedly moved the family to Altamont where the children could benefit from attending the Altamont Academy.

Carter and Lucinda's third child and oldest son, John Wesley **Scruggs**, was born in Marion County on February 19, 1844 and was 6 years old when they moved to Altamont.

What follows is a captivating account of an event from the Civil War as personally recounted by Mr. John **Scruggs** and preserved by the State Archives.

### A Touching Incident of General McPherson

By John **Scruggs**, Clerk & Master, Altamont, Tennessee

Under the new law creating the War History Committee of TN, said John Trotwood **Moore**, Chairman, "I am constantly receiving stories of the Civil War as well as the World War, to be preserved in our Dept. of Archives, some of which are to good and too full of human interest to be filed away without first being published. Among them lately received for our department is the following vouched for as true in every-particular by Mr. John **Scruggs**, a gallant old Confederate soldier and for many years Clerk & Master of Altamont, TN. Mr. **Scruggs** is a very modest man and it was only at the earnest solicitation of Hon. Foster V. **Brown** of Chattanooga, TN, who heard Clerk & Master **Scruggs** relate this incident while Judge **Brown** was on legal business in Altamont, that I was able to obtain it. At his request, Mr. **Scruggs** wrote the story very fully with request that it be submitted to me with such pruning as I thought necessary for its permanent preservation. I will add that I found very little pruning necessary."

I will state in the beginning however, that Mr. **Scruggs** was born in Marion County, TN Feb 19, 1844 and when six years of age moved with his father to Altamont, Grundy County, TN, his present home. He entered the Civil War as a Confederate soldier on Sept 6, 1861, when he was only 17 years old, and became a private in the regiment of Col. B.J. **Hill**, known as the 35th TN Vol. INF, serving throughout the entire war in Company 1 of **Hill's** old regiment and surrendered together with his command to Gen **Sherman** at Greensboro, NC on Apr 26, 1865. Gen Joseph N **Johnston** commanding.

"After the battle of Missionary Ridge," writes Mr. **Scruggs**, "our army fell back on Dalton and Tunnel GA for the winter of 1863-64. At the reorganization of the army at the beginning of the year 1864, or the latter part of 1863, Gen Joseph E. **Johnston** who succeeded Gen. Braxton **Bragg** as Commander,

appointed our Colonel B.J. **Hill**, Provost Marshal of the Army- which necessitated our regiment, the 35<sup>th</sup>, to being detailed for general Provost Guard duty. I was especially detailed by Col. **Hill** to assist Lieut. **Bright**, son of the late lion, John M **Bright** of Fayetteville, TN, who was an officer of the passenger train guard from Dalton to Atlanta. It was our duty to keep a complete registry of all persons traveling on the train, all citizens being required to exhibit a Provost Marshal pass and soldiers a furlough or military order showing train destination. I was engaged in this train guard duty something like four months, our army leaving Dalton in May 1864, and gradually retreating South toward Atlanta, We reached the *South* bank of the Chatahoochie River, six miles north of Atlanta, about the 7th of 8th of July, at which time *General Johnston* was succeeded in command in the army by General John B **Hood**. Our army at this time was occupying the south bank of the Chatahoochie River while the Federal Army was on the northern bank, and although the distance was short from Atlanta to our front on the river, yet we made regular trips about every two hours and returned, and *as* I was still on my job on the passenger train, I performed many trips to and fro.

"By some kind of prearranged understanding between the commander and officers of both armies, it *was* understood on both sides that we be permitted for recreation and diversion to visit each other across the river, which was taken advantage of in a most liberal way by both yanks and Johnny-rebs, and both sides always returning unmolested to their respective commands. The river at this point was only about 150-200 yards wide and so shallow that it was easily waded without trouble. There was a gentleman's agreement that there should be no firing on either side of the skirmish line, and the boys of both armies could be constantly seen passing back & forth & friendly traffic & friendly visits that at one time, to a stranger, looked like if it went on, the two armies would make peace without consent of their commanding Generals."

One morning when about to start on my regular trip to Atlanta, a comrade came up to my train, and fishing out a Yankee canteen which would hold about three pints of whisky said:

'Say John you goin' to Atlanta now?' "I told him I was."

'Well, I've got an awful sick comrade down with fever and the Doctor wants this canteen full of whisky to mix up some quinine for him. I believe they'll bury him if he don't get it, and that quick. I'll buy it in Atlanta and rush it through to me and I'll refund you for whatever you pay out.'

I told him I was only too glad to do it, and as soon as I reached the city I got it filled by a one-armed Texas soldier who had been wounded at the first battle of Manassas, discharged from the army and was making a living running a saloon in Atlanta. The one-armed soldier from whom I bought it chipped in his part for the sick man also, giving me three pints for which he only charged me for one quart at the rate of \$30 a quart. I took the canteen and hurried back with the whisky for the sick man, but before I got there an army friend requested that I take his gun and hold his positions on the edge of the river in his place, and permit him to make the trip back to Atlanta on



equally as important business. There was the chance to help two friends, and not thinking that I would be there over two hours, I took his gun and began to watch the stream of blue and grey crossing and re-crossing the shallow river. To me this was a beautiful sight and indicative of what I knew would have happened at the very beginning had these same brave boys in blue and grey had a chance to mingle with and know each other, and that they were all American and kindred and imbibed with the same ideas of patriotism and loyalty.

While I was standing there enjoying the scene I saw a blue soldier across the river waving and hailing me, and we soon got into a bantering conversation.

"What you got there in that canteen Johnny-reb?" he called out, "Good rebel whisky," I called back, holding the canteen up to my mouth, and pretending to take a Long drink, smacking my lips and asking him if he wouldn't like to have some." "You bet I would," he called back. "What state are you from, anyway?"

"I'm from old TN," I called back, "and this is good old Tennessee whisky."

"Say you come over here," he said "an' give me a good swig and I'll give you some late Nashville papers an throw in some coffee and sugar to boot."

"This was too much for me, and I placed my gun under a tree on the bank and waded across to give my Yankee friend a good drink, and right here and where I dropped my candy."

"What state do you hail from?" I asked as soon as I reached the bank.

"O, I'm from Michigan," he said seizing my canteen and taking such a swig that I began to fear there would be nothing left for the quinine and the sick soldier. He was about twenty years old, a big square-looking rough lumber jack of a fellow, and he drank like he had not had a drink since the war began. I did not like the way his eyes looked and the way he spoke to me, and almost immediately he picked up his gun with bayonet on it, pushed me between me and my comrades on the other side and said brutally.

"Now march, you damn rebel, or I'll run you through." I tried to remonstrate the whisky was affecting his brain and he was liable to commit murder or do any other crime.

"Yes, damn you," he said as he pricked me in the back with his bayonet, "I've captured one damned rebel, and I'll march you right in to General **McPherson's** tent-now march!"

"And that was one time I marched."

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### TARLTON CHURCH RECORDS

This record was sent in by Janelle Taylor, but it is from the records of the Margaret Coppinger Collection.

Miscellaneous Notes on genealogy

Stephen M. Griswold married Sarah Purdom

Jack Thompson married Clara Lesters?

William (Pat) Green - Clayborn - Betty

Livingston (Livy) Green

Children - Hilda married Gibbs - Lizzie married Wimber  
 Claud m. Lytle + Gibbs Hallie m. Smartt

Fulta family

Jim Fulta.

George, H. Chris

Girls are Martha, Belle, Fannie, Sophie?, Ella

Tarlton Church - members - Charter

Sarah Dykes Hobbs, Bob Dykes - Zebedee Bain

(Sally Bain dau. of Zebedee married Jimmy Hobbs)

John Merton, John Dugan, Taylor Dugan.

These built the church. Bought lumber from  
 Schwoor of Gulp; made benches of logs.

Each pledged certain amount. Taylor Dugan  
 pledged \$5.00. When John Merton started taking  
 up the money Taylor didn't have the cash  
 but gave his calf for the debt.

## "Oh, William! Where Have You Brought Me?"

Written and Researched by Jackie Layne Partin  
(Contains a story written by Lou Shook Woodlee)

I asked my friend Kay Curtis who lives in Tracy City, "Why was your street named 'Reid St.?' " "I don't know," she responded. For some time I had been looking for the burial site of Isabell Patton Reid, so when I noticed in the phone book that Kay lived on Reid St., a light bulb came on inside my head. When Isabell grew up, she married James N. Reid and lived in Tracy City. Could this street be in the area where James and Isabell lived? Could some descendant still living in the area be able to help me with the burial sites for James and Isabell? I have a friend, (*we'll call him "Ralph" for the lack of a better name*), who always asks me, "Who cares? What difference does it make?" Of course, he is just joking because for all of us who research Grundy County history, nothing is insignificant. It takes it all, the births, the deaths, the religions, the murders, the schools, and oh yes, just try telling my granddaughter Jocelyn that "Fancy, the mule" isn't part of Grundy's history.

I really, really got excited when Kay said, "There's an old graveyard up on that hill behind Mrs. Shook's house." I could hardly contain my excitement. Maybe finally, I would find the final resting place for "our" Isabell. Later Kay offered to walk up with me and show me the graves. At her request, I dragged an old walking stick out of my car and handed it to her—that was to ward off all those awful, creepy snakes that frequent unkempt graveyards. Off we went to what she called Reid Hill—"Reid St., Reid Hill, could the graves be in *Reid Cemetery*?" When we got to the spot where the old road left the main road going up on a high hill, Kaye became less excited; she looked over the weeds and poison ivy and exclaimed, "Maybe we should come back when the weeds and snakes are gone!"

"You stay here; I'll go up the hill to the graves!" I said, and off I went. She yelled, "You need the stick, not me!" I yelled back to her that I wasn't afraid of the snakes; it was the poison ivy that made my skin crawl. So up, up I went. When I disappeared from sight, I began to wonder if Kay knew what she was talking about—no stones, no graves until "Eureka!" I spotted some stones on a flat near the top of the hill. There the peaceful dead lay, not caring whether I ever found them or not. They were not bothered by the vinca, briars, bushes and ivy that crawled up and over their stones. At the time, I was not aware that behind the huge white pines that provided cover from the elements for some of the graves, there was a large blue sign placed there by the Grundy County Historical Society. It named the burial site as **Reid Cemetery**. Because I was afraid that Kay might worry about me, I quickly jotted down four names from the lonely upright stones. I surveyed the area to see if other stones were present, considered how much time and work it would take to clean off the area, pondered the poison ivy issue, prayed the barking dog would have mercy on me, and then down the hill I came.

Just as soon as I fed the names into my computer, the Reid family came alive; this truly was the family for whom I had been searching. After I had done extensive searches throughout the U. S. Census records and written my story on the Reids, I decided that it was factually correct, but it lacked the human touch. Subsequently, I made a trip to the Root Cellar at the Tracy City Library and found a story written in the 1960's by **Lou Shook Woodlee**, a Reid descendant.

With permission from another descendant, I insert the story here with editing and added notes by me in italics. It is a wonderful historical account of one family who came to Tracy City in its beginning. **The story begins:**

Grandfather (*William*) Reid and Grandmother were born, reared and married in Paisley, Scotland. I do not know the dates. Grandmother's name was Margaret. Her maiden name was Melvin. I think she had one brother who went away to hunt gold and was never heard from afterwards. Of this, I am not sure. She had a sister named Elizabeth for whom Aunt Libbie (*Elizabeth Reid Sherrill*) was named.

Elizabeth Melvin (*sister to Margaret Melvin Reid*) married a man named (*Andrew*) Grey who was a baker. The Greys moved to this country a few years before Grandfather came and lived in Providence, Rhode Island. Aunt Libbie and the other children always referred to them as Aunt Grey and Uncle Grey. Grandfather had one brother named Matt. Both had an "A" for a middle initial. One was for Armstrong, the other Andrew. I do not know what was which. (*I think Lou had her grandfather's twin sons confused with him and his brother William. Her grandfather's middle initial seems to have been "N" and his brother Matt's middle initial appears to have been a "W". However William's twin sons both had an "A" as their middle initial.*)

Grandfather had two sisters. One, named Agnes, (*who*) married Samuel Harley and had one child James, whom we always called Uncle Jim. His father died when he was very young. (*Uncle Jim was James Napier Harley.*) Grandfather's other sister's name was Jeanette. She married a man named Kirkwood and had quite a family. I do not know whether I know all their names, but there were Marian, Jessie, John and James—(*there were at least two more children, Jane and Agnes.*) The father died when the children were young. They came to this country after the other Reids had come to Tracy.

Grandfather Reid's mother's name was (*Agnes*) Napier, and there was an old tradition in the family that the Napiers traced their ancestry back to Old Sir Charles Napier, who was an admiral in the navy of Queen Elizabeth the First when the Spanish Armada tried to invade England.

Grandfather and Grandmother had two children before Aunt Libbie, one named Agnes and one named Bell who died in infancy. The dates I do not know. Aunt Libbie was born in Paisley, Scotland, in February of 1850—(*in the 1850 Rhode Island Census, Libbie was six month old and listed as having been born in RI, but every Census record after that records her birth country as Scotland.*)

Aunt (*Elizabeth*) Grey wrote Grandmother (*Margaret Reid*) that as soon as she was able to travel that she wanted them to come to this country (*USA*), and perhaps they could rear this baby, Aunt Libbie. I think Aunt Libbie told me it took them several weeks to cross the Atlantic as they came in a sailing vessel.

Grandfather worked as a carpenter in Rhode Island, having learned his trade at the shipyards in Glasgow, Scotland. Then about 1857 or 1858 he came to Tracy (*Tracy City, TN*) and had charge of the building for the Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railway Company. At that time they built their own railway cars. (*William Reid was still in Rhode Island with his family in 1860.*

*William probably made the trip to Tennessee soon after the 1860 Census record, and Margaret came in time for her daughter Maggie to be born in Tennessee in 1862. It is possible that William had made a trip down to Tracy City to look over the situation as to whether he could find the work he needed to support his growing family. Coal was being mined by the Ben Wooten family as early as the 1850's in the area around their home and store. That same area would one day be named Tracy City. Before the turn of the decade, the railroad was completed to the small village. This event set off a big migration of men from other states and countries looking for work. Some had already been trained to work in and around mining camps. It was a common practice for the head of the household to journey ahead to "test the waters" one might say. I think we can agree that the Reids came South because of the discovery of coal in the area which brought about the need for good carpenters to build the rail and mining cars.)*

In the meanwhile, Great-Uncle Matt, Great-Grandmother (*Agnes*), Aunt Aggie (*Agnes Reid Harley*) and her baby, Jim Harley came (*from Scotland*) to this country. Great-Uncle Matt came on to Tracy and worked with Grandfather and the women folks stayed in Rhode Island with Grandmother. The railroad was not completed when (*Great-*)Uncle Matt came. Uncle Willie and Uncle Matt (*the Reid twins*) were born after Grandfather left Rhode Island (*for Tracy City, TN*). (*The twins were born 31 July 1859, but their father was home when they were ten months old. If William came down to Tennessee previously, it would have been between the conception of the twins and when they were ten months old.*)

Grandfather kept trying to persuade Grandmother to stay in Newport (*where the family had settled*), and he would soon make his fortune and return. He asked Colonel Tracy (*Samuel F. Tracy*), for whom Tracy City was named, to go, one time when he made a trip up north, to see Grandmother and her tell her how things were at Tracy. He tried to describe the settlement for it was little more than that then (*1861*). She looked at Colonel Tracy and said, "When I look out my window at Tracy City, will I see as many church spires as I see here?" Colonel Tracy replied, "Mrs. Reid, did you ever see a city with(*ou*t) churches?" When he returned, he told Grandfather (*that*) he didn't have the heart to tell her there wasn't a church in the town. (*Colonel Tracy died in 1863.*) At that time and for some time later, the people worshipped (*a*t) a sawmill and sat on the logs.

I think the Catholic (*on Nathurst St.*) and Methodist churches were the first built. At first the Methodist church was called Teressa Chapel for Aunt Teressa Shook because her husband, Colonel A. M. Shook, had persuaded Tennessee Coal and Iron Company to give the land upon which it was built, and she had helped collect money to build the church. The Shooks worshipped with (*the*) Methodists until the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was built (*This church was located at the corner of Laurel and Depot Sts.; it was in Tracy as early as 1893.*) All of the early Shooks were reared in the Presbyterian Church.

Grandfather and Grandmother had several children while living in Rhode Island. Uncle was next to Aunt Libbie (*b. 1850*). He was the oldest son and was named James Napier (*b. 1851*). I do not know where to obtain any of these dates. After him, there were two girls, Bell (*b. 1853*) and Agnes (*b. 1856*). I think Aunt Bell was the oldest. To me it always seemed strange that they would name two for the two who died in infancy in Scotland. I do know that both (*names*), Isabell and Agnes, were old family names in the Napier family.



William and Margaret (Melvin) Reid with their children: L to R: Isabell, Elizabeth "Libbie", Agnes and James Napier Reid (taken ca. 1858 in Rhode Island)

Next came the twins, Willie and Matt (*b. 1859*). They were named after their father (*William*) and great-uncle Matt. One was W. A. Reid and one was Matt A. Reid. Again I do not know which was Armstrong and which was Andrew. The twins were old enough to sit alone when grandmother came to Tracy. (*This statement makes me believe that Margaret came to Tracy City in early 1860.*)

Grandmother wrote Grandfather that if he was not coming to Rhode Island (*then*) she was coming to Tennessee. The trip from Newport to Tracy was a long tedious trip at that time, and she had quite a party with her. There were her six children, Great-grandmother (*Agnes*) Reid, Aunt Aggie (*Agnes Reid Harley*) and her baby, Jim (*James Napier*) Harley. They had to go by train to New York City. There they took a boat to Georgia. There they had to transfer to a train that took them to Atlanta. In Atlanta, they had to transfer from one depot to another. Grandmother took her party into the coach and seated them. There she saw a transfer truck (*cart*) pulled by an employee stalled in the mud while crossing the street. She went out to see that her baggage was loaded on the train; while back by the baggage car, the train was signaled ahead. Some of the men helped her into the baggage car, and it was quite a while before she got back to the coach where the family was.

Great-Grandmother and Aunt Aggie were quite perturbed and kept wondering where Margaret was, for she had the tickets and money. Let us add here that Aunt Aggie and Great-Grandmother never wanted to speak the English language. They always spoke the Scottish dialect, and I must illustrate by telling a funny incident. A neighbor once said in talking of another neighbor, "She is such a nice lady." Great-grandmother said, "There's na a lady in au this land." Of course, she was speaking of ladies of rank.

The family arrived in Cowan after dark and was compelled to spend the night there. At that time there were no hotels there. Some of the train men (*railroad men*) had sleeping room

across the street from the depot. Some of them were kind enough to crowd up and let the Reid family have one room. It had two beds in it so they could put the young children to bed and the rest of them did the best they could.

I do not know what time they left Cowan or how long the trip to Tracy took, but I do know they arrived in Tracy shortly after noon. *(I wonder what Margaret and her entourage thought of the winding, steep climb up the Cumberland Mountain on that work-horse-of-a-train. Maybe seeing the huge trees and dense forest reminded her of home in Paisley, Scotland. An interesting point to make here would be to remind the reader that the family did not come through Monteagle because it did not exist. The train just chugged right along the tracks through the wilderness on that end of the plateau. They may have seen a little activity near Sewanee or Coal Bank/Midway or maybe even some hints of the great war on the horizon, but when they neared what is now known as Monteagle, John Moffat had not yet nailed his sign, "Moffat Station," on that lonely tree near the railroad track; in fact, there would have been more signs of human existence near old man Bazille Summers' fields in what became known as Summerfield. She probably thought of herself as a pioneer rail passenger since the railroad tracks, not too much earlier, had been finished from Coal Bank to Tracy City. Margaret could hardly wait to see the church spires!)* This was the time at which my Grandfather took a short nap. A young fellow who was learning his trade as a carpenter ran in and called out, "Bill Reid, your wife has come." It was like the boy calling "wolf"—he had done this before when he wanted Grandfather to show him something. So Grandfather kept napping. Finally, they made him understand that the boy was telling the truth, and he went down to the depot. This, of course, was the end of the line, so Grandmother (*had*) her family remain in their seats until their Father came.

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### **Acquired by the Grundy County Historical Society**

The following items have been acquired by the Grundy County Historical Society in 2008.

***Mountain Voices Index*** – This is an index for the ***Mountain Voices*** book published in 1982. ***Mountain Voices*** is a book that contains some of the history of the Monteagle Assembly and some of the people associated with that organization.

***Fires Of Monteagle*** – By Walter Pulliam

***Warren County General Assembly Volume XVII***

***Selections from Beersheba Diaries 1863 – 1866***

By Hershel Gower

***Sketch of Beersheba Springs and Chickamauga Trace***

By Blanche Spurlock Bentley

***Swiss Colony at Gruetli***

By Frances Helen Jackson

***A History of Beersheba Springs Hotel and Assembly***

By Ann Troutt

***Olga Plumacher – Hunerwadel*** by Clopper Almon

Biographical Sketch

A Philosophical Dream from a Letter to Frank Wedekind

Olga's Article "*Pessimism*" from *Mind* 1879**Biographical Directories of Tennessee General Assembly**

1796 – 1861

1931 – 1951

1951 – 1971

1971 – 1991

These are a compilation of the History of TN Government and World Incidents that have affected TN Legislation.

**Elijah K. Meeks Family**

by Janelle Taylor, John Campbell (Monteagle) and Anna G. Goforth (Tracy City)

Elijah Keyes Meeks & his second wife Katherine "Aunt Kitt" Meeks are buried on the side of Lockhart Town Road in Coalmont just across the road from the present Sweeton Hill Congregational Methodist Church. Elijah "Lige" was first married to Sarah Frances Isabella Griswold b. 28 Oct. 1845 d. 2 Jan. 1871. Sarah Frances died in 1871 and is buried in Altamont Cemetery. Elijah Keyes Meeks was born 2 Aug. 1843 and died 9 April 1915. Aunt Kitt married Lige when she was only 14. Her name was Kathryn Veoger Irvin, daughter of William C. Irvin and Jane Payne. According to tradition, Elijah told her he had seen her face in the spring water and was destined to marry her. They married and she began raising his 3 children, John, Stephen Munson and Nancy E. Meeks. Elijah and Aunt Kitt had 7 children of their own. They were France, Susan, Burton Oscar, Arthur Baxter, Annie Bell, Daisy and George Meeks.



Elijah Keyes Meeks & his second wife Katherine "Aunt Kitt" Meeks are pictured here.



### **Overturf Family of Grundy County Marriages License**

Compiled by R Thompson

<b>Henry Overturf</b>	Nancy Scruggs	1/1/1857
<b>Lientiessia Overturf</b>	William Strump	5/8/1877
<b>Ewell Overturf</b>	Ardellers Futs	9/24/1892
<b>E F Overturf</b>	Florance Fults	7/4/1892
<b>H B Overturf</b>	Amanda Tate	3/6/1898
<b>Nancy Edna Overturf</b>	E J Carpenter	12/17/1906

<b>Winnie Overturf</b>	Bruce Fults	12/14/1908
<b>Luther Overturf</b>	Ida Wooten	12/9/1910
<b>Miss Minnie Overturf</b>	Gerran Layne	3/10/1912
<b>Robert Overturf</b>	Lyda Brewer	7/6/1913
<b>Willmer Overturf</b>	J O Harpole	4/12/1916
<b>Wilmer Overturf</b>	J O Harpole	4/12/1916
<b>Fred D Overturf</b>	Mary Schild	10/11/1916
<b>Gilbert Earl Overturf</b>	Barbra Scott	12/13/1917
<b>Edgar Overturf</b>	Ora Thompson	1/27/1918
<b>Ira Overturf</b>	Edgar Shadrick	8/16/1918
<b>Ora Overturf</b>	Gilliam Edgar Shadrick	11/29/1918 License Expunged
<b>Estell Overturf</b>	W H Garner	9/4/1921
<b>Clarence Overturf</b>	Bertha Williams	10/22/1922
<b>Luie Overturf</b>	Elizabeth King	11/24/1923
<b>Herbert Overturf</b>	Etta Bouldin	4/13/1924
<b>B H Overturf</b>	Ruby Stotts	4/28/1925
<b>Hilda Overturf</b>	Mitchell White	5/30/1925
<b>W R Overturf</b>	Effie Richmond	11/15/1925
<b>Edith Overturf</b>	William Lynch	2/3/1927
<b>Hilda Overturf</b>	Mitchell White	6/26/1927
<b>Oscar Overturf</b>	Bertha Schlageter	7/24/1927
<b>Gladys Overturf</b>	Buford Sissom	12/12/1931
<b>Roy Overturf</b>	Louise Thompson	12/25/1936

<b>Garner Overturf</b>	Edna Britton	2/5/1937
<b>Corine Overturf</b>	Willie Douglas Layne	6/30/1940
<b>Alma Overturf</b>	Ernest Ross	7/2/1940
<b>Hazel Overturf</b>	Gilbert Layne	10/26/1940
<b>Nellie Catherine Overturf</b>	Elbert Ronald Grooms	12/23/1961
<b>Ora Thompson Overturf</b>	Wilburn Brown King	5/26/1962
<b>Jean Overturf</b>	J C Smartt	9/4/1968
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<b>Kelly Austin Overturf</b>	Connie Gail Nunley	8/6/1971
<b>Terry Lynn Overturf</b>	Elizabeth Sue Meeks	8/18/1973
<b>Mary Louise Overturf</b>	Edward Lee Borne	2/19/1983

## DEATH NOTICES

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**Brewer**, Oma Dell, b. May 23, 1905 in TN, a daughter of Jacob and Carrie (**Dugan**) **Lankford**, d. March 14, 1988 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married James **Brewer** and they had 3 children, James Douglas, Rose Nell and Anna Joyce. She taught school in Grundy County for many years.

**Brewer**, Pearl Agnes, b. Sept. 1, 1893 in TN, a daughter of James and Janie **Lockhart**, d. May 3, 1984 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. She was married to William Frank **Brewer**.

**Brewer**, William Frank, b. July 25, 1890 in TN, a son of L.P. and Lidia **Brewer**, d. June 3, 1984 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. He was a retired coal miner and was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Agnes (**Lockhart**) **Brewer**.

**Britton**, Carl L., b. Nov. 9, 1940 in TN, son of Raymond and Doris (**Brewer**) **Britton**, d. March 20, 1980 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Charlotte **Grimes** and they had a son, Jeff. Carl's sister was Vada (**Britton**) **Higgins**.

**Caldwell**, William David, b. March 21, 1894 in TN, a son of William David , Sr., and Harriet Margaret (**Long**) **Caldwell**, d. July 3, 1983 in Grundy County and was buried at Whitwell Memorial Cemetery.

**Campbell**, Louie Howard, b. April 17, 1905, a son of Pete and Minerva (**Nunley**) **Campbell**, d. May 25, 1976 at Cumberland Heights Clinic in Grundy County and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He married Maize Hilda **Graham** and they had 12 children, Buford, Bertha, Paul, Kate, JoAnn, Jimmie, Louie, Lucille, Gertrude, Ralph, Thomas and Diane.

**Campbell**, Maize "Mazie" Hilda, b. June 26, 1912 in Tracy City to George and Katie (**Mc Elhane**) **Graham**, d. April 13, 1979 at Cumberland Heights Clinic in Grundy County and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She was married to Louie Howard **Campbell** and they were the parents of 12 children. She was survived by 6 sisters and 2 brothers.

**Cannon**, Agnes Marguerite, b. Sept. 4, 1897 in TN to Allen C. and Mona (**Patton**) **Henley**, d. Sept. 17, 1979 at Parkridge hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She was survived by 5 daughters and 5 sons.

**Cannon**, Freddie Morgan, b. 3-25-1897 in TN to Taylor and Marilda (**Dishroom**) **Cannon**, d. Jan. 22, 1975 at Newell's Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He married Agnes **Henley** and they had 10 children.

**Cannon**, Rosa Lea, b. Aug. 23, 1913 in TN to Henry and Olive (**Brooks**) **McBee**, d. Dec. 21, 1980 in Gruetli and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She married Leon **Cannon** and they had 5 children, Lucretia "Sis", Rosalyn, Wayne, Jerry and A.C.

**Dishroom**, Ruth Ann, b. Oct. 16, 1922 in TN to Thomas and Susan **Brown**, d. Jan. 25, 1976 at her home in Palmer and was buried in Palmer Cemetery. She was married to William D. **Dishroom** and she was survived by 4 children.

**Doepel**, Williard C., b. Aug. 25, 1916 in KY to Andrew and Girdie (**Moses**) **Doepel**, d. July 14, 1986 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by a daughter, Norma **Layne** of Nashville.

**Fults**, Fannie Emma, b. July 7, 1901 in TN to Sheriff and Lou (**Morrison**) **Layne**, d. Nov. 19, 1973 at a hospital in Sequatchie County and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. She was married to Oris **Fults**.

**Fults**, Lawrence Elmer, b. March 1, 1920 in TN to Jackson and Lizzie (**Tate**) **Fults**, d. June 15, 1983 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. He married Emma **McHone**. His siblings were Ernest, Lillie Mae, Hester, Bertha, Wesley, Hubert, Leonard and Florence.

**Fults**, Theron Elmore, b. Nov. 22, 1907 in TN to Reuben and Ella (**Hayes**) **Fults**, d. April 24, 1978 at a hospital in Warren County and was buried at Swiss Colony Cemetery. He was survived

by 10 children, Brenda, Anna Carol, Joe, Gene, Leon, Newton, Edward, Robert, Marvin and Bruce.

**Fults**, Oris, b. May 26, 1901 in TN to J. and Virginia (**Rogers**) **Fults**, d. April 12, 1980 at a hospital in South Pittsburg and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. He married Emma **Layne** and had 2 sons, Clifford and Wendall **Fults**.

**Fults**, Pearlie Lee, b. Nov. 20, 1920 in TN to Lonnie Edward and Ida Bell (**Layne**) **Payne**, d. Aug. 28, 1987 at Downtown General Hospital in Chattanooga. She married Hubert W. **Fults** and they had 7 children, Tommy Waymon, Carolyn Willene, Roy Gene, Don Wayne, Betty Jane, Charles Edward and Sheila Ann. Her siblings were Charles, James Edward, Willie Ray and Lillie Odell.

**Fults**, William H., b. Nov. 7, 1945 in TN to Lawrence and Emma (**McHone**) **Fults**, d. Aug. 22, 1979 and was buried at Swiss Colony Cemetery. He married Melba **Dunkin**.

**Rankin**, Frank L., b. April 24, 1911 in Ark. To Porter and Elizabeth (**Rheulling**) **Rankin**, d. May 18, 1986 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Annie **Campbell** and they had 4 children, Wanda, Rebecca, Paul and Preston.

**Rhea**, Forrest Edgar, b. June 10, 1918 in TN to E.W. and Mattie (**Savage**) **Rhea**, d. Aug. 26, 1978 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Bonny Oak Cemetery. He was married to Veola Mae **Sweeton** and had 4 daughters, Beatrice, Elizabeth, Ruthie and Nancy, and 3 sons, Charles, Ralph, and Larry.

**Rhea**, Sarah Cordelia, b. Feb. 22, 1885 in TN to Issac and Kansas (**Bearshears**) **Perry**, d. March 18, 1975 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried at Philadelphia Cemetery.

## **GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS, 1850-1880**

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This book gives an incredibly detailed account into the lives of Grundy Countians during the 1850's through the 1880's. It shows not only the cash value of the family farm, but also of livestock, who owned honey bees and who had fruit orchards! A very informative look at the family farm!

**\*unless otherwise noted, crops mentioned below are in bushels.**

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**Nunly**, A[richilau], other cattle, 3; swine, 3; value of livestock, \$30; Indian corn, 25; Irish potatoes, 2; sweet potatoes, 5; value of home manufactures, \$6; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

**Nunly**, W[illiam] R., improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 1400; cash value of farm, \$350; horses, 5; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 1; other cattle, 16; sheep, 19; swine, 200; value of livestock, \$741; Indian corn, 100; wool, 25 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 2; butter, 100 lbs; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$350; 2 tons of hay.

**Nunley**, D[avid], improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 90; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 2; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$165; Indian corn, 40; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; 50 lbs of cheese.

**Nunley**, J[ohn] W., improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 8; sheep, 22; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$245; Indian corn, 125; oats, 30; wool, 50 lbs; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 200 lbs; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; 100 lbs of cheese.

**Janson?**, Thos., improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 1160; cash value of farm, \$260; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; sheep, 12; swine, 70; value of livestock, \$222; Indian corn, 375; wool, 20 lbs; Irish potatoes, 60 sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$32; rye, 3; flax, 40 lbs.; 3 tons hay.

**Adams**, J[ames] C., milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 17; value of livestock, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

**Sanders**, J[acob], improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 188; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; value of livestock, \$60; Indian corn, 100; sweet potatoes, 5.

**Tucker**, L[oranzo] D., improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 980; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 2; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 10; sheep, 6; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$60; Indian corn, 100; wool, 16 lbs; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 100 lbs; value of home manufactures, 50; value of animals slaughtered, \$40; rye, 2; cheese, 40 lbs.

**Fipp**, Josh, improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 900; cash value of farm, \$50; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 6, swine, 20; value of livestock, \$211; [Phip in regular census].

**Killgore**, Rob, improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 85; cash value of farm, \$200; milch cows, 2; value of livestock, \$20.

**Hampton**, R[euben], improved acres, 2; unimproved acres, 638; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 3; other cattle, 3; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$143; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 8; value of home manufactures, \$20.

**Cowan**, Stewart, improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 4985; cash value of farm, \$300; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$170; Indian corn, 50; oats, 50; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 28; value of animals slaughtered, \$31; grass seed, 7.

**Myres**, G[riffin] W., milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$108; Indian corn, 50; oats, 50; value of home manufactures, \$35; value of animals slaughtered, \$31.

**Howard**, M[artha], horses, 1; swine, 2; value of livestock, \$52; Indian corn, 375; oats, 12; sweet potatoes, 12; value of animals slaughtered, \$33.

**Myres**, R[obert] S., improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 4990; cash value of farm, \$250; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 3; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$208; Indian corn, 250; Irish potatoes, 12; value of animals slaughtered, \$33.

**Bradford**, Richard, improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 110; cash value of farm, \$60; horses, 1; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$136; Indian corn, 10; sweet potatoes, 4; butter, 50 lbs; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$37; cheese, 140 lbs; honey/wax, 99 lbs.

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**Wooton**, John, improved acres, 50; unimproved, 50; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 4; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 15; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$221; wheat, 7; Indian corn, 300; wool, 30 lbs; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 4; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 20 lbs; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$22.

**Burrows**, A[nthony], improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 175; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 2; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$54; Indian corn, 150; value of home manufactures, \$5; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Meeks**, Sol, improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 160; cash value of farm, \$550; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$93; Indian corn, 300; sweet potatoes, 5; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$47.

**Dickerson**, W[illiam]H., horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$55; Indian corn, 150; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$15.

**Burrows**, J[osiah] B., horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$120; Indian corn, 375; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, 16; value of animals slaughtered, \$17.

**Burrows**, J[ohn] G., improved acres, 75; unimproved acres, 1330; cash value of farm, \$900; horses, 4; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 3; other cattle, 16; sheep, 10; swine, 150; value of livestock, \$581; Indian corn, 1250; oats, 200; wool, 20 lbs; peas & beans, 2; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 150; value of home manufactures, \$37; value of animals slaughtered, \$75.

**Partain**, W[illiam], improved acres, 37; unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 5; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 31; value of livestock, \$210;

Indian corn, 750; sweet potatoes, 61; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$102.

**McIntosh**, R[achel], horses, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 3; sheep, 5; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$153; wheat, 20; Indian corn, 375; wool, 16 lbs; sweet potatoes, 5; value of home manufactures, 60; value of animals slaughtered, \$37.

**Payne**, B[enjamin] F., improved acres, 1; unimproved acres, 9; cash value of farm, \$300; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$80; Indian corn, 150; sweet potatoes, 12; value of home manufactures, \$29; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.



### A NEW YEARS TOAST

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We've holidays and happy days  
And memory days galore  
And when we've toasted every one  
I offer just one more

So let us lift our glasses high  
And drink a silent toast  
To the day, buried deep in each heart  
That each one loves the most

Here's wishing you more happiness  
Than all my words can tell  
Not just alone for New Years Eve  
But for all the year as well



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