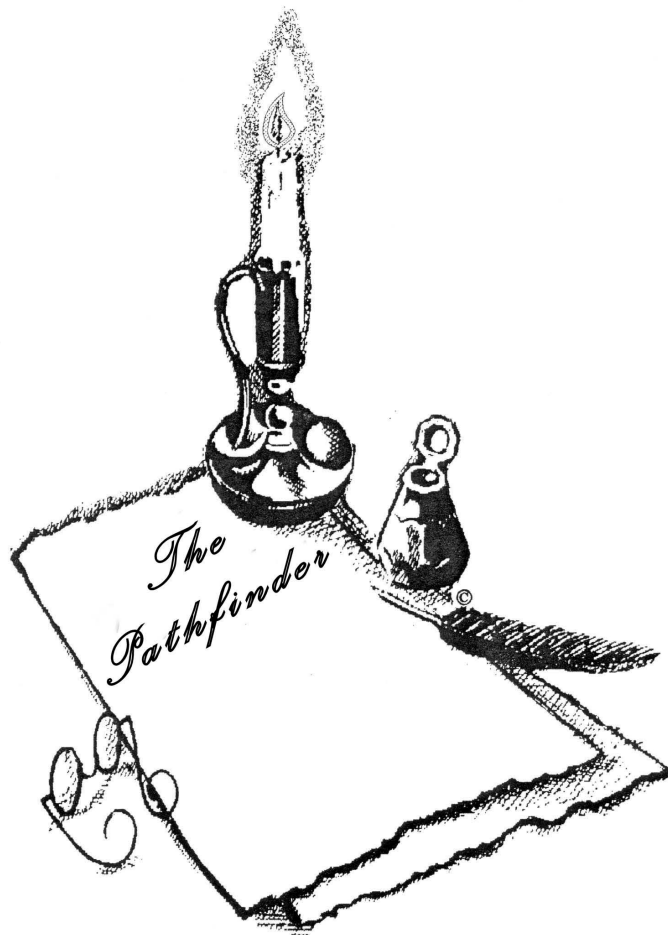


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In 1990 a series of approximately 1 hour taped interviews were conducted with the following: Robert Baggenstoss Herman Baggenstoss  
Fritz Flury Willie Hayes Geary      Jack Parmley      Louie Winton  
Lacy E. Yarber

To preserve and share these treasures, the Society has converted the tapes to digital and recorded all interviews on a single DVD. The DVD is formatted to be played on a home computer. Anyone interested in having a copy can order one for \$15.00 (to defer the cost of the DVD and shipping).

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### WEBSITE STATS AS OF: MARCH 1, 2009

58 % of visitors viewed 2-19 pages at the website  
31 % of visitors spent 1-15 minutes on the website  
13 % of visitors spent 30 minutes-2 hours on the website  
Website averages 11 visitors per day  
TOTAL VISITORS: 17726

**“DID YOU KNOW?” From Grundy County Court Minutes Book I: 1844-1855**  
(Transcribed as written) This will be updated in the June 2009 issue.  
My book is currently packed in a box and I'm still looking for it!

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Pictures of Our Past*, our new Grundy County pictorial history, has been a rousing success. Our second printing is still selling well, but, if you haven't purchased your copy yet, we want you to buy one!

Negotiations continue on the purchase of the old 1904 First National Bank, now Citizens Tri-County Bank, in Tracy City. As you may know, we applied for a grant to help with the purchase of the building, but were only awarded \$10,000, which is far less than we expected. Nevertheless, we expect to continue our efforts to buy the building and make it into a first rate Historical Society headquarters & library as well as a Grundy County Culture Center. (That's the new term for a museum.)

We are beginning to collect memorabilia, historical documents, artifacts, etc. that are representative of Grundy County's history. If you have such items that you would like to loan or donate to the Society, please let us know. (Contact me at [jantay641@gmail.com](mailto:jantay641@gmail.com) or call 931 467-3170). We will soon have a place for them. We are already able to scan documents for online use.

Our online materials collection continues to grow. If you haven't visited lately, please check out both our websites [www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com) and [www.grundycountyhistory.org](http://www.grundycountyhistory.org). You will see many family genealogies added, pictures, new stories and even entire historical books. We would like you to send in your pictures and genealogy to add to the files if you haven't already done so.

As always, we thank you for your support of this organization and for sharing your history with all of us.

Janelle Layne Taylor

### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Greetings from southern California! Our move at this point is completed, but we are still living out of boxes! We were in temporary housing for two and a half months and living without your possessions can be rather interesting. I apologize for not being able to update "Did You Know" and "GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS, 1850-1880" in this issue. Those books are still packed (somewhere around here) but I will double up on the June issue so you can stay caught up.

I hope by now all those bad weather days are distant memories and that the spring flowers are starting to show themselves to one of my favorite corners of middle Tennessee. I remember one year when I was growing up and on the first really nice, spring-like day, opening my bedroom windows for the first time after what seemed to be an endless winter to enjoy the breeze. What I failed to do was shut those windows that night and woke up in the middle of the night half frozen! I do love the spring and hope that this spring will be filled with a hundred shades of green!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Gwen Rowe Edwin Burnett Sally Owings Betty Stokes James L. Baker

**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 [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com) or. Your bio will be added to an upcoming edition of The Pathfinder. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



**Barbara J. "Mooney" Myers** As promised, here is Barbara's photograph that should have gone along with her biography from the December 2008 issue.



**Catherine Kilgore Flury** was born March 30, 1923 (Happy early Birthday, Catherine!) in Sewanee, TN. But our home was in Tracy City, TN. I have lived in Tracy City all of my 85 years and in the same house all of my 63 married years. My parents, Clarence and Theona Haynes Kilgore also lived out their lives in Tracy City, TN.

The oldest of six siblings at the age of 18, I helped with the care of the younger ones. I graduated from Shook School and Grundy County High School (1941). My Dad was Postmaster at this time and I would help out there during my High School years. After graduation, I took a position as secretary for the Grundy County Dept. of Welfare. On January 24, 1945, I married Fritz Flury and became a housewife. In 1947 my first child, Linda, was born; then came Fritz Jr., Tommy, Paul and Tina. During the years I was busy with Church, school activities, Girl and Boy Scouts and other things that came with children.

Then came the grandchildren and taking care of my elderly mother. This was an enjoyable time for me.

I always had a great interest in history both in school and listening to my parents and grandparents talking about the family and things that went on in our town. They were always keeping everything and when Dad died, he left me four trunks of records, receipts, newspapers, documents, birth and death records and letters. Enough to give me a great start in doing the family history and my family is saying that I am doing the same thing. I hope it will help them or someone else as Dad's did for me. I just wish I had written down the things they told me. The mind doesn't keep good records. The time I got these records the Grundy County Historical Society was organized. I joined soon after. This was good timing for me as it really got me started on working on my family history. All the things that Dad left me gave me a jump start on the Kilgore-Street family. I have completed books on this family, my husband's family (Flury and Stoker), and have the material to do the ones on my mother's family (Haynes and Payne). I also completed a book on the First United Methodist Church in Tracy City, TN.

I have met many relatives that I had never known. We met on the research trail. I have also met many nice people when I was able to help them in their research. I was excited when I could help someone find a connection as when I discovered one. The Historical Society's "Root Cellar", working with the members and those who have come our way has been a rewarding and joyful time for me. Beware! It's addictive!



**Inez Carden Winton** was born Sarah Inez Carden on May 6, 1926, daughter of Lynn Abbott and Gladys Conry Carden. My father was the son of Dr. L. A. and Mattie Crouch Carden. My mother was the daughter of Edd and Tavie Henson Conry. I was raised on a farm in Pelham Valley and did the usual things that farm children do- feed chickens, milked cows, gardened and many other things.

When I finished grade school at Pelham, my brother Billy Abbott Carden and I traveled to Philadelphia, PA to visit our father and step-mother. We saw all the historical sites of the city- really something for two country kids who had never been any further from home than Chattanooga. Later, we went to New York and visited the sites there, but most of all, we went to the 1939 World's Fair. We were there the day King George and Queen Elizabeth of England were there, and we got to see them.

TV was being introduced, and we were able to stand before a camera in one room and be seen on a screen in another room. We both did this.

On June 17, 1944, I married Lewie Winton, the son of Claude L. and Nellie Sartain Winton. We had four beautiful children: Patricia, who now lives in Rome, Italy; Vetron, who married Mark Mochow. They have a son, Matthew, who works at CNN in Atlanta. They live in Pensacola, Florida. Karen is a nurse in Albuquerque, NM. Steve married Peggy Green. They live in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. He is a Methodist minister there. They have two daughters, Cameron, who is a youth director and Katie, who is a junior at Florida State. They live in Panama City Beach, Florida.

Lewie died October 17, 2004. I now live in a small house a block from church in Tracy City. I am blessed with a wonderful church family and many faithful friends.

I remember many historical happenings. I know right where I was when I heard Pearl Harbor was bombed. I saw my brother, uncles, cousins, and many young friends go away to war and some did not return.

I remember when President Franklin Roosevelt died, when President John Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Bobby Kennedy were gunned down. This, too, is a part of history.

I am honored to have been one of six women who started the Grundy County Historical Society. I have seen it grow to reach all 50 states and foreign countries. Another thing, I named "The Root Cellar".

What a blessing my life has been!

#### QUERIES

**215-2009** Miles Ervin Meeks - my husband's grandfather - born about 1899 in MS but lived mostly in Hardin County, TN and died there in 1986. Married Ella Ross Boggs.

James Matthew Meeks - born about 1874 in MS but also died in Hardin County, TN in 1956. First married Sarah E. ? (mother of Miles) then Cordia Scott.

John J. Meeks born about 1848 in TN, possibly Marshall County. Married Margaret Curtis in Marshall County in 1870. Died before 1920 probably in Hardin County.

I think the father of John J. Meeks may have been James F. Meeks born about 1823 in TN. Married Sophia Jane Luna in 1846 in Marshall County. He was in the 1880 census for Marshall County. I don't have this confirmed but looks like it may be correct. There was a 21 year old John living in the household in the 1870 census which would be just before he married Margaret Curtis. The Curtises lived nearby.

That's as far as I've been able to get. I see so many Grundy County Meekses and with the movement toward the East with James F. Meeks, I thought that maybe his family may have come from the Grundy County area and then back toward NC although that's yet to be seen.

I have a Meeks tree on ancestry.com beginning with Jerry Neal Meeks, my husband. I believe that it is all correct at least as far as I know.

Any help will be greatly appreciated as this Meeks line has been very hard for me to trace.

Thank you so much,

Sue Meeks

[suemeeks@charter.net](mailto:suemeeks@charter.net)

**216-2009** I'm trying to identify a Mary Ann Burrows born about 1837 with a daughter, Victory who are listed at the bottom [line 357] of page 48 of the 1860 Grundy County, Tennessee Census. This is District No 8, Post office Pelham.

The only Victory I have on my Database is a Cunnyngham and she is a Victory B. The middle initial for Victory does not look like a B. Her mother was Ann Elizabeth Burrows (adopted) and her father James M. Cunnyngham. This doesn't look like the one on my database.

The Mary Ann Burrows here is apparently head of her household, but she is listed next to the Dickerson family.

I can identify many of the other Burrows in the area.

I found a 2 year old male on the next page named Jas J R G P Burrows. He would have been born about 1858 in Tennessee. The Jas is the abbreviation for James.

Betty

[betinhou@comcast.net](mailto:betinhou@comcast.net)

**217-2009** Erik Stevenson, grandson of Blant and Dorothy Mayes, is searching for a picture of his grandparents' store that was located at Crossroads in Pelham Valley at the intersection of Bell's Mill Road and Chapman's Chapel Rd. with U.S. Hwy 41. Blant Mayes operated this store in the 1950's and '60's. The building is still standing, but has been made into a residence. If anyone has a picture or vivid memories of this old service station/grocery combination store, please let us know at 931 467-3603 or at [jantay641@gmail.com](mailto:jantay641@gmail.com).

### Acquisitions

#### **Blue Springs Baptist Church of Christ & Cemetery**

**Established March 21, 1807**

Probably the first thing most folks want to know is where Blue Springs is. You will not find it located on a map unless it is very old map as the place is now called Viola, Tennessee. This book is a forty page booklet that gives the chronological history, location, abstracts from 2 books of church minutes, the names of members buried in the cemetery and the names and status of the members that were apart of the church. Many of the people that were members of the Blue Springs Church of Christ came to Grundy County after they left the church or



were asked to leave. In the booklet there is a list of land warrants issued in 1855 and 1856 to people in the Blue Springs area.

The church was what I consider to be a Primitive Baptist Church. There was a group of men that were the leaders of the church. This group determined the people that stayed as members and the members that received a letter of dismissal (LD) and had to leave the church. You could receive a LD for drinking too much, cursing, being unfaithful to your spouse, missing service, to name a few conditions. In the later years the Camelite Church (Church of Christ) came into the area. If you set foot in that church you received a LD.

Since the church met once a month there was a meeting held on the Saturday before service on Sunday. Should there be an incident three or four of the leaders would be assigned to go to the person that made the infraction and investigate the incident. If the person could not or would not give satisfaction that person would be dismissed from the church at the next meeting. The two books of minutes have entries that state the member came into the church by BE (by experience), BL (by letter from another church) or you could receive a LD (letter of dismissal)

According to the minutes of the Elk River Baptist Association, representatives from Blue Springs attended from 1817 to 1858 in which the church membership went from a high of 77 to 7 at the last meeting that members of the church attended.

### **Chestnut Grove Church, Cemetery, and School**

**By James R. and Bettye Sherwood 2008**

This forty page booklet gives a brief history of the church that was established in 1919. The church was located in Fultz Cove just north of the Grundy County line in Warren County.

The presentation has pictures of the tombstones, kinship and listing of corresponding dates. Where available, pictures of people that correspond to the tombstones are placed beside the pictures of the stones.

The second half of the booklet pertains to the Chestnut Grove School. This part begins with a picture of the school. There is a history of the school with a listing of the teachers that taught there. The remainder of the booklet is made up of class photographs starting in 1912 and going through to the class of 1961. The booklet ends with two photographs of picnics that were held on the grounds.

### **Our Grundy County**

**Compiled By Mae King Wilhelm**

**183 Mathis Circle**

**Estill Springs, TN 37330**

### **Section One: Newspaper Advertisements of 1930**

A collection of newspaper articles from 1914 to 1958 from the following:

Cumberland Outlook  
Grundy County Herald  
North Grundy Star

A List of Convicts that worked in the mines in 1880.  
1956 Census.

Articles from Tracy City 1893 to 1910 including items of general interest, including marriages, deaths, crimes, elections and campaigns.

A group of articles about the young men that joined the military.

Articles from the early years of the Monteagle Assembly.

Section Two: Schools in Grundy County.

Section Three: Articles about Unions and Mining in Grundy County.

Some Court Documents.

A list of miners employed in 1924.

### PELHAM S PEOPLE OF COLOR

Charlie Anderson "Bug" Willis was born 1869 and died in 1917 before his 21st birthday.

Sisters: Gertrude Willis Kennerly, a teacher at Pelham Colored School  
Addie Bell Willis Hayworth (grandmother of Carla Hill)

Brother: Marcus "William" Willis

Parents: Anderson C. Willis and Molly Bell Guinn



The photo of Charlie was taken in 1915.  
Photograph and information contributed by Carla Hill of Atlanta, GA.

### GILLIAM FAMILY

Annie Layne Gilliam's family. Annie is the daughter of William Thomas "Bill" Layne & his first wife Mary Jane Blackwell. Annie is a full sister to Della Layne Cox, Esther Layne Gilliam, Rushie Layne Carroll and Taylor Layne and a half sister to Virgel Layne, Dauntie Layne Gipson & Elbert Layne.

The picture came from Clara Hill Leonard, granddaughter of Annie Layne Gilliam and daughter of Mary Gilliam Hill, who is one of the children in the picture.

"When you have the Energy and the Time -- You haven't got the Money!"  
"When you have the Energy and the Money -- You haven't got the Time!"  
"When you have the Money and the Time -- You haven't got the Energy!"



Left to right are Mary Hill, Elemerey Layne, Alberta Magouirk, Irene Meeks, Lula Mae Cox, Dellie Gilliam, Annie Layne Gilliam, John Gilliam. Bottom left to right are Earl and Burl Gilliam, and Gerald (Bud) Gilliam.



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

More of Dr. Carden's records have been sent in to be added to the Pathfinder's pages. The records will conclude in the next issue of The Pathfinder unless more records come to our attention.

1899 Continued

June 9 Taylor Shullers

.. 20 J.W. Gunn

June 28 Tom Sigrover (abortion)

1967  
1899  
68

.. 24 Tom Patton 1105

1965  
1899  
68

July 21 Jack Meeks Clyde

Aug 4 Alex Southern (col)

.. 20 Marlon Killgore

Sept 1 Lula Willis (col)

Oct 12 Tom Turner

Nov 12 Tom Conry

1965  
1899

.. 30 Bud Payne

don't know the year  
Born Feb 7

1900 Ruby Greene Kennedy

Feb 2 Horace Murphy

.. 6 Jno Cox

.. 7 Frank Bill

Mar 3 Billy Goodman Henry 2 child

1973  
1899  
74 child name

.. 29 Alex Roberts

.. 30 John Rust

Apr 6 Bill Grupp

.. 9 Billy Greene 2 child

1973  
1896  
77

.. 13 Geo Hain

.. 15 Walter Sigrover 2 child

Whitewash

25 lbs lime 2 qts water

1 qt Kerosene tube of blueing  
Floor Stain

Dutch Boy Flat Oil Rossiana  
maybe a drop of Amber



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Ceiling No. 7180 22 1/2¢ Per single roll.

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UNION-MADE L

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Jones Reides died Apr. 1975  
He was 71 yrs of age

Hi Fi

Very High Frequency Channel  
(2 through 13)

Take varnish off with  
Babbitts Lye to loosen +  
Scrape off.

Thin Shellac with  
little Alcohol

Same Rules

1900

Apr 16 - Joe Haubry

" 24 - Guo Smith

May 3 - Bill Nunley (evolution)

" 24 - Houston Levan

" 28 - Jim Levan

" 29 - Pleas Tutty <sup>Horace Felt</sup> <sub>62</sub> 162

July 21 - Bill Hill

Aug 13 - Bailey Haynes (Ethel)

Sept 27 - Sol Goodman

" 28 - Alex Southern (Col)

Oct 3 - Tom White (Horace)

" 6 - William Campbell

" 31 - Dick Evans

Nov 2 - W. J. W. Cripps

" 19 - Newt Gunn (Col)

" 26 - Jim Henley

" 28 - Jay Burrows (Garret)

Dec 17 - Mat Woodla <sub>June</sub>

" 20 - Phineas Barnett <sub>Jessie</sub>

" 31 - Bob Murnell

1901

Feb 4 - Will Gilliam

Apr 4 - Geo Payne

68

1923  
1899  
74 <sub>Clayton</sub>

1973  
1896  
77

**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. NORTH CUT; 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. NORTH CUT; 3rd Cpl., Robert J. ADAMS; 4th Cpl., James H. PATTON.

**(PartII)**

**HAMPTON**, William H. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 18; present to Nov & Dec 61. A prisoner on 27 Mar.1863.\*

**HARRIS**, Raleigh C. - Pvt. He was b. 10 May 1829, Coffee Co., d. 9 Oct. 1913, s/o Lewis HARRIS and Sinai CUNNINGHAM; m. Catherine J. SHERRILL. ~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 25; present Jan & Feb 63, unable for duty by reason of wound in right thigh; wounded in the leg at Chancellorsville, VA, 3 May 63, captured at Gettysburg, PA, 1 July 63; sent to Fort Delaware, DE, paroled and forwarded to City Point, VA, for exchange, 27 Feb 65. He applied for pension from Coffee after 1891, # 7305.\*

**HAYES**, John - Pvt. \*Residence, Washington Co., TN, dark complexion, black hair, black eyes, 5'6". No mention of date of enlistment and presumed an east Tennessee conscript. Captured at Culpeper, VA, 9 Nov 63; sent 14 Nov 63 to Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D.C., released on oath 2 Mar 64.\*

**HOLLINS**, Robert H. - Pvt. \*Enr. 27 Aug 61 at Camp Jones, VA; detailed as teamster for Major VICK at brigade headquarters in Jan & Feb 63; admitted 28 Mar 65 to C.S.A. General Hosp, Farmville, VA, returned to duty 29 Mar 65; signed the oath 2 May 65.\*

**HORD**, James M. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18. No further record. Also shows as Pvt. WORD in Company H, 4th Cavalry Regiment.\*

**HOWARD**, Francis M. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 21; promoted to 1st Sgt.; wounded slightly in the thigh at 2nd Manassas, VA, 30 Aug 62; shown as deserted 22 June 63; captured 8 July 63 at Hillsboro, Tenn., [other rolls and registers show him captured at Tullahoma and Decherd] forwarded 10 July to Nashville and 16 July to Louisville; sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, 9 Aug 63; released when he signed the oath 10 Mar 65.\*

**HOWARD**, Isaac V. - Pvt. \*Enlisted 23 Mar 63 at Camp Gregg, VA; captured at Gettysburg, PA, 1-3 July 63 and sent to Fort Delaware prison, DE, where he died 27 Dec 63. His name shows in "Confederate Prisoners of War Who Died In Northern Prisons" as being a member of Co I, 3rd Tenn. Cav. Reg't., and date of death as 25 Oct 63, being buried at Finn's Point (Salem), N. J. \*

**HOWELL**, Thomas - Pvt. \*Residence, Baltimore, MD, age 19, 5'8", dark complexion, black eyes, dark hair, clerk. Arrested at Gettysburg, PA, 24 July 63 and sent to Wheeling, VA, 1 Aug 63 then to Camp Chase, Ohio, 3 Aug 63; transferred to Fort Delaware, DE, 29 Feb 64. Shows on extracts as 1st Tenn Cavalry however, a note in the file also states Thomas **HOWELL** has not been found in either 1st Tenn Inf or Cav. \*

**IKARD**, James M - Pvt. \*Born in Franklin Co., 5'4", light complexion, blue eyes, light hair, "a young man without a profession". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18; discharged 9 Aug 61 at Camp Jones, VA by reason of disability. Later served as 3rd Cpl., Co C (afterward K), 44th Tenn Inf Regt, enlisted 9 Apr 62 at Camp Corinth for twelve months and reported on roll for Apr & May 62. Discharged at Corinth, MS, 25 May 62. \*

**KELLY**, Samuel M - Pvt. \*Born Franklin Co., 5'10", light complexion, blue eyes, light hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Nashville, aged 20; killed at Cedar Run, VA, 9 Aug 62. \*

**LAMBERT**, Harvey H. - Pvt. \*Residence Coffee Co., 5'9", light complexion, light hair, grey eyes. Enr. 21 Sep 61 at Camp Fisher, VA; captured at Gettysburg, PA, 1 July 63; sent from Fort McHenry, DE, to Fort Delaware, July 63; paroled and forwarded to City Point, VA, for exchange 27 Feb 65; signed the oath at Fort Delaware, 2 Apr 65. Applied for pension from Coffee after 1891, #6948. \*

**LAY**, James M - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 29; absent Sept & Oct 62, detailed as nurse for wounded 5 Sept 62; deserted 15 Sept 62. \*

**LAYNE**, Benjamin P. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 18; Aug 63 detailed as Teamster for Maj VICK at brigade head quarters; paroled 9 May 65. \*

**LAYNE**, Joseph C. - Pvt. \*Born Coffee Co., 5'10", light complexion, blue eyes, light hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; killed at Shepherdstown, MD, 20 Sept 62. \*

**LEVINS**, Thomas P. - Pvt. \*The Commissioner of Pensions for Oklahoma asked for information on him, 14 Aug 1919. Born Coffee County, 5'6", fair complexion, grey eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 21 Sept 61 at Camp Fisher, VA; discharged 27 July 62 by reason of being under age, at enlistment was aged 15. \*

**LOGAN**, William C. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; wounded slightly in the thigh during the assault on Harper's Ferry,



West VA, 14 Sep 62. Hand amputated. On furlough on account of wound until retired 15 Apr 64. \*

**LOVELACE**, George W. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18; wounded slightly in the thigh during the assault on Harper's Ferry, West VA, 14 Sep 62; deserted 27 Feb 64 at Harrisonburg, VA. \*

**LUSK**, Joseph Albert - Pvt./Capt. He m. Elizabeth Ann **CUNNYNGHAM** ~ \*Born and resided Coffee Co., fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'7", student. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; promoted 27 June 62 to Captain and succeeded as Lt. by Jesse R. **GUNN**; wounded at Cedar Run, VA, 9 Aug 62; left arm amputated; succeeded as Captain by Jesse R. **GUNN**. Furloughed from hosp at Danville on 6 July 64; under treatment at Genl Hosp No 1, Lynchburg, VA; returned to Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn. commanding conscripts. He transferred as Capt. to the 4th Tenn. Inf. Reg't, but shows only as Pvt. Joseph **LUSK**, Company I, 41st Infantry Regiment. As this Company was formed from men in Franklin and Bedford Counties, this is possibly the same man. He applied for pension from Coffee after 1891, #3442. \*

**MARTIN**, William P. - Pvt. See **MORTON**.

**McCHRISTIAN**, Albert C. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 20; discharged 26 Oct 61 at Camp Fisher because of hernia. \*

**McCLURE**, James M. - Pvt. \*Enr. 26 Aug 61 at Camp Jones, VA; detailed as litter bearer; surrendered at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 Apr 65. Applied for pension from Grundy Co. after 1891, #6247. \*

**MEEKS**, Jasper N. Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 20; died of disease 14 Nov 61, pneumonia and erysipelas. \*

**MEEKS**, Riley. Pvt. - He was b. c1831, TN; m. Hessey, lived Grundy Co. ~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 30; discharged 26 May 61 at Richmond, VA, disability. \*

**MILLER**, Robert J. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 28; wounded in the leg at Seven Pines, VA, 31 May 62; arm amputated at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; retired 5 Apr 64; present on muster roll of retired men mustered for pay at Post of Atlanta, GA 30 June 64. \*

**MORTON**, William P. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; appointed color-bearer Jan & Feb 63 by order of Colonel Turney; broke leg at Chancellorsville, VA, 3 May 63; admitted 30 Jan 64 to Chimborazo Hosp. No 3, Richmond, VA, with gunshot wound, left leg; detailed as ambulance driver until Nov & Dec 64; surrendered at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 Apr 65. Shows in (W) as **MARTIN**. Applied for pension from Grundy Co. After 1891, #3859. He died c1902. \*

**MOSLEY**, William G. - Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 29; shot in arm at Chancellorsville, VA, 3 May 63; admitted 11 July 63 to Receiving Hosp, Richmond, VA; transferred 12 July 63 to Chimborazo Hosp No 5, Richmond, VA; died 22 Jan 65 of pneumonia. \*

**MURKIN**, John A. - Cpl. \*Applied for pension from Davidson Co. after 1891. Possibly Manye's 1st Tennessee. \*

**MYERS**, Tyra/Tyre - Pvt. \*Born Grundy Co., 5' 5", dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18; discharged 28 Feb 62 by reason of disability. \*

**NEVILLE**, Benjamin Flint - Pvt. \*Born 19 January 1844 in Franklin County. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham. Muster roll shows he was 19 but he had enlisted at 17, under age. He contracted measles and so was absent during the battle of First Manassas, VA, 21 July 61. He was discharged with debility from fever at Camp Fisher 9 Oct 61 and re-enlisted on 1 June 62 at Knoxville in Co A, Smith's 4th Tenn. Cav. Reg't. Wounded twice and captured 26 Sep 63 near Rome, Ga. He was in prison at Camp Douglas, IL, until 17 May 65. In 1868 he became a traveling passenger agent for the N.C. & St. Louis Railroad, at Chattanooga, and was later transferred to Little Rock, AR, and then to Chicago where he remained until 1894. In 1906 he went to Dalhart, TX, and entered the real estate business, residing there until his death on 24 Nov 1925, aged nearly eighty-two years. He attended the yearly Confederate reunions and lived over the old days as well as renewing old friendships. \*

**NEVILLE**, David B. - Pvt. He was b. c 1839, s/o Benjamin Oswin NEVILLE and Polyxiana COULSON. ~ \*Born Grundy Co., 5' 11", dark complexion, yellow eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; killed in action at Gaines Mill, VA, 27 June 62. [A 2nd payment voucher at his death states he was born in Coffee County, aged 23, 5' 10", light complexion, grey eyes, light hair, farmer.]\*

**NORTHCUT**, Hugh Lawson S. - 2nd Cpl./Pvt. \*Born 5 April 1840 in Grundy County; residence Grundy Co., dark complexion, black hair, hazel eyes, 6' 1/2". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 22 according to the muster roll, 21 according to birth date; reduced to Pvt. He re-enlisted at the Company re-organization on 27 Apr 62 at Yorktown, VA, for two more years. He participated in the battles of Seven Pines, VA and the Seven Days' Fight around Richmond, where he was wounded in the left elbow; captured at Grundy Co. while on furlough 4 July 63; sent 22 Aug 63 to Camp Douglas, IL; released 24 June 65 on signing the oath; transportation furnished to McMinnville. Justice of Peace 1880-1884, and 1883-1884 a member of the state legislature representing the district composed of Grundy and Marion Counties. He applied for pension from Grundy after 1891. \*

**NORTHCUT**, Samuel H. - 2nd Ltn. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 29; term expired 27 Apr 62 and succeeded by Joshua K. WARREN. He wrote to the Adjutant-General on 27 Mar 62 from Camp Near Fredericksburg, VA that he had been in bad health nearly the whole time he had been in service and tendered his resignation. \*

**NORTHCUT**, Wootson L. - Pvt./Corporal. \*Enr. 26 Aug 61 at Camp Jones, VA; admitted 22 May 62 to Chimborazo Hosp. Richmond, VA, with fever; detailed as nurse for wounded brother (Hugh Lawson Northcut); wounded at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63 and captured at Greencastle, PA, 5 July 63; gunshot wound in arm; furloughed 21 Sept 63; killed at Wilderness, VA, 5 May 64. \*

**NOWLIN**, George A. - Pvt./Cpl. \*Born Coffee Co., 5'5", light complexion, blue eyes, red hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 19; promoted to Corporal; killed at Gaines Mill, VA, 27 June 62. [Another set of papers shows him as 22 at time of death, not 20; 5'2", light complexion, grey eyes and light hair]. \*

**PARKER**, Monroe - Pvt. \*Enr. 8 Nov 62 at Winchester; died of disease at College Hosp., Lynchburg, 29 May 63. \*

**PARKS**, Benjamin F. - Pvt./2nd Lt. \*Residence Grundy Co., dark complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'9". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 25; recommended by Archer to be promoted for Valor and Skill on 3 Mar 63; wounded at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; taken prisoner near Greencastle, PA, 5 July 63; admitted 12 July 63 to Satterlee USA Genl Hosp, West Philadelphia, PA, sent 13 July 63 to Genl Hospital, Chester, PA, transferred 4 Oct 63 to Hammond Genl Hosp, Point Lookout, MD; paroled at Johnson's Island and forwarded to Point Lookout, Md., for exchange, 14 Mar 65; surrendered 6 May 65 at Atlanta, Ga.; took the oath 12 May 65 at Nashville, Tenn.

**PARKS**, George W. - 2nd Lt./1st Lt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham as 2nd Lt., aged 32; elected First Lt. 23 Aug 61, succeeding **REYNOLDS**, promoted (**PARKS'** position was succeeded by J.A. **FARRAR**); term expired 27 Apr 62 and replaced as 1st Lt. J.A. **LUSK**; re-enlisted 8 Nov 62 at Winchester, TN; wounded at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; captured at Greencastle, PA, 5 July 63; paroled and exchanged; wounded in ankle at the Wilderness, VA, 6 May 64; retired 22 Sept 64. \*

**PARKS**, Madison - Pvt./2nd Sgt. \*Enr. 29 April 1861 at Hillsboro for a period of twelve months as Pvt., aged 22 years; wounded in left hand at Gaines Mill, 27 June 62; detailed as clerk for Major **HAWKINS**; discharged 26 Feb 64 on account of disability. Applied for pension from Rutherford Co. [TN] after 1891, #12912. \*

**PATTIE**, W.R. sic [William B.] He was b. 1839, s/o James D. **PATTIE** of VA and Grundy Co. ~ Pvt./Cpl. \*Born Coffee County, 5'10", fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; wounded severely in the head at 2nd Manassas, VA, 30 Aug 62; captured 14 July 63 at Falling Waters; sent to Old Capitol Prison, Washington, DC, 23 July 63; paroled at Point Lookout, MD, and transferred for exchange 10 Feb 65. Believed to have surrendered and been paroled at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 Apr 65. Applied for pension from Grundy after 1891. He was a member of the Peter **Turney** Bivouac, United Confederate Veterans Camp #13 at Winchester in 1892. \*

**PATTON**, Alexander E. - Capt. He was b. 1 Jan. 1800, d. 3 Feb. 1879, Grundy Co., TN; m. (2) Salina **HOLLINGSWORTH**. ~ \*Residence, Grundy Co., dark complexion, grey hair, grey eyes, 5'9 1/2". Considered the largest slaveholder in the county, Patton owned 51 slaves valued at \$22,500. Enr. 29 Apr 61 as Captain at Pelham, aged 61; resigned 8 Aug 61 due to general debility. Succeeded by Elijah **REYNOLDS**. He subsequently returned to Tennessee. Took the oath at Nashville, 20 May\*

**PATTON, James H.** - Cpl./Pvt. B. c1834, Franklin Co., TN, s/o Alexander E. **PATTON** and his 1st wife. He m. Sue **WOODLEE**. ~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 27 as 4th Corporal; not stated or present to July & Aug 61; absent Sept & Oct 61; returned to Company Nov & Dec 62; present until shot in side at Chancellorsville, VA, 3 May 63; absent at hospital then furloughed until Nov & Dec 64. \*

**PATTON, John W.** - Pvt. [prob. A] \*Residence, Grundy Co., dark complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, 5'9". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 23; lost smoothbore musket during the Pennsylvania Campaign; captured at Mine Run, VA, 30 Nov 63; sent to Old Capitol Prison, Washington, DC, where he took the oath 1 Mar 64, released 2 Mar 64. \*

**PATTON, W. K.** - Pvt. \*Surrendered at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 Apr 65.

**(Conclusion in June 2009 issue)**

**An Event in John Scruggs' Civil War Service Submitted by Ralph Thompson**

**(Part II/Conclusion)**

"I shall never forget how General McPherson looked, I had never seen so handsome an officer in my life; He was setting in an office chair beside a writing table, in full dress uniform, the personification of dignity and martial splendor, and yet with the kindest bearing and most gracious smile on his handsome face. An army pistol lay on the desk before him. He looked up with a smile as I entered and said: "Take a seat, my son, I shall be through writing in a few minutes and shall talk to you."

"A small boy, 6 or 7 years old, whom I took to be the General's son, was also in the tent, dressed in the uniform of an officer, and looked almost as handsome as his father. He took great interest in all that was going on. Finally, the General ceased writing turned toward me and asked in a soft, even voice:

"What command do you belong to?"

"The 35th TN Vol. Inf, sir" I said, "Commanded by Col. B. J. Hill"

"Who is your brigade commander?" he asked.

"General Eucius Polk" I said "and my Division commander is General Pat Cleburne," I added.

They are splendid, brave officers," he said, I know them both, and your Corp Commander is General W J Hardee, no more gallant soldier lives, and our whole army will testify how well they can fight. I am proud to claim all of these men as my friends. Now tell me, my son, how you happened to be captured and why you were brought here?"

There was something so kindly and so fatherly in his voice that I

was not long telling him the whole story, all about my trip to Atlanta after the whisky, how I had brought it across the river to give the Michigan soldier a drink.

When I had finished the General looked quickly around for the soldier, but he had gone. He beckoned the little boy to him and whispered something which I did not hear. The little fellow already every inch a soldier saluted and went hurriedly out, soon returning in company with a staff officer whom I saw ranked as a Lieutenant. The General conversed in a low tone with this officer for several minutes and he also went out, but returned in a short while with the Michigan soldier who had pretended to capture me. This fellow slouched in and stood facing the General but unable to meet his eye, for he had arisen and all the kindness and calmness was gone. His eyes flashed in scorn and hatred." "And you pretend to be a soldier." he said with lathering sarcasm, "You wear the uniform of a federal soldier and do a dishonorable, dastardly and cowardly trick like this!"

His eyes fairly blazed, he towered over 6' high--a giant in his strength and to me he looked like he were ready to hurl a thunderbolt. Deliberately reaching over, he picked up his revolver, cocked it turned on the man, and I could see he was biting his lips to hold down his wrath. The next instant I believe he would have shot the man dead in his tracks."

I rose up quickly and said, "Don't kill him, General. I hold no grudge against him." "No, Not you, my son," he said. "You are an honorable enemy, but this dastardly coward is a dishonor to our whole army. He has disgraced us and humiliated me as I have never been before. My first impulse was to kill him on the spot." He lowered his pistol point, and for, twenty minutes he stood and talked as I had never heard a man talk. It was the greatest talk on honor, courage, patriotism and standing to one's word to the death, even if it be an enemy, that I ever heard fall from the lips of a man.

"You have betrayed the confidence of our entire army." he said, and you ought to be shot like any dog that would do it. You knew this agreement that we had--it was understood by both the officers and the whole army-- and yet you have violated it in the most ignorable way of all-- the betraying of a confidence and friendship!" As I said, I never before heard such a withering, eloquent talk, and thought he was very angry and excited, yet in it all, he did not use one profane word.

"In the end, he called in two soldiers from Indiana and gave orders, in my presence, that the erring soldier be manacled and gagged for six hours every day for four days, at the end of which time he ordered that he should be drummed out of the army to receive a dishonorable discharge."

"And now, take him out of my sight before I kill him," he said as he waved him out.

"By this time a considerable number of soldiers had gathered

around the tent listening to the talk. He picked out two young soldiers whom I subsequently learned were from Indiana, and said to them: "Take a flag of truce and carry this soldier back to the Confederate lines, and bring me receipt from the Confederate officer that he has been delivered faithfully."

"He was standing in full uniform, his fine face shining, his long hair falling like a lion's mane. He turned and with a most captivating smile, said to me."

"Now go, my boy, and God be with you."

I was too overpowered to speak. I grasped his hand and under the influence of his kindly smile, I remembered my whisky. "General" I said, "if you will excuse me, but that Michigan fellow took my canteen and drunk up nearly all my whisky and I won't have a drop for that sick friend that I promised it to."

"Ah I sees" and he laughed heartily, "now wait a minute, and he strode quickly out of the tent. In a few minutes he came back with a bright new canteen which afterwards turned out--so said the sick man--to be a whole lot better than any he had ever got in Atlanta."

With another hearty handshake, I left this great man and great General and saw him no more alive, for in the battle of Atlanta, July 22nd, 1864, this greatest, handsomest, most gallant and most beloved of all of Sherman's army fell in desperate sight in which he led his men against our line, and becoming separated charged into our line alone, mistaking them for his own, and when ordered to surrender wheeled his charges, threw himself flat in the saddle and made a dash for safety only to meet his death.

It looked like all our army had heard how he had treated me as well as his gallantry and bravery on all other occasions and there was down right mourning in the rebel army when they heard that McPherson was dead.

And no one mourned his departure more than the little Tennessee rebel boy whom he had graciously defended and sent back in honor to his own friends."

November, 1895, while attending the Cotton State Exposition in Atlanta, I went out on the old battlefield to go roam again over the ground on which we had fought, and if possible to see the marker which I heard had been placed where General McPherson had been killed. For all these years I had remembered my thrilling experience with him, and I wished to do honor at his grave. Instead of a marker, I found on the spot where he had fallen, a stately and magnificent monument before which I bowed my head in humble reverence. Returning to the city, I purchased a large bouquet of beautiful flowers and placed them, on the monument with the following inscription:

In memory of Gen. J. B. McPherson of New Jersey, An  
Person, Peerless, in Battle, Brave, In Honor,  
Impregnable, In Life, Noble, From A Rebel Soldier Whom He

Befriended.

"No more shall the war-cry sever,  
Or the winding rivers be  
rid;  
We banish our hatred forever  
When we laurel the graves of our dead

Under the sod and the dew  
Waiting the Judgment-Day  
Tears and love for the Blue  
Love and tears for the Gray."

As transcribed by Bonita Mangrum

"Oh, William! Where Have You Brought Me?" Written and Researched by Jackie Layne Partin (Contains a story written by Lou Shook Woodlee)

**(Part II/Conclusion)**

My Grandmother knew nothing of country or village life and everything looked very primitive to her. When she saw Grandfather, she burst into tears and said, "Oh, William! Where have you brought me?" (*Dear Reader: try to put yourself in Margaret's shoes. This was the place that Dennis Curtis, ten years later, called "the meanest and dirtiest little place on earth."* Margaret, like Dennis, moved from the industrialized North that was populated with cities, shops and people. I can empathize with the two of them; it was sort of the same feeling that baptized me in 1973 when I arrived at my new home in the Fiji Islands— the stifling humidity and smoldering heat with the perpetual smell of coconut husks permeating the air around me, geckos in my bed, and the sound of drums in the distance—not at all like Tennessee. I wanted to ask my husband, "Oh, Grady Ward! Where have you brought me?" The good news is that Margaret, Dennis and I survived our cultural shocks and moved on.)

They lived first in a house near "Cave Spring." (*This probably was an area near the Fiery Gizzard in Tracy City according to Wm Ray Turner.*) Later they moved out to what was known as the Gregg place (*probably near Gregg Cemetery*). I know they lived there part of the time during the Civil War, and I think perhaps they moved from there to the old homeplace (*that*) Grandfather built (*on what became known as Reid Hill where Lois Shook lives now*). I do not know when or from whom Grandfather bought this land, but I know they moved into the house still not finished in the fall of 1869.

In the meantime, Grandmother had had three more children—all girls. My Mother, born in 1863, was named Margaret Jeanette Reid. Aunt Laura was born seventeen months later (1864). Aunt Charlotte was born later. I do not know the date (1889), but she was near the age of Aunt Libbie's oldest child, Mollie.

Grandmother died in the spring of 1870 from pneumonia. (*Margaret lived from fall 1869 until 28 April 1870 in her new house. She was probably the first interment in the family cemetery on the hill above her new home.*) Grandfather died in 1874. He tried to swing onto the switch engine to ride from the office to the car shop which was where

he worked. He slipped and the engine ran over his leg. It never healed, and he died shortly from blood poisoning. Shortly after Grandmother died, Aunt Libbie, who had become a widow, moved back home to help rear the children. Before his death, Grandfather married a Mrs. (*Elizabeth*) **Brown** (*on 17 March 1873 with his nephew James Napier Harley co-signing his bond*) whose husband (*William*) had been one of his friends, and had been buried in the **Reid** family cemetery. (*William Brown was probably the second person buried in the Reid Cemetery.*) This union did not last very long and I think (*it*) was a rather stormy one. She was never accepted by the children who always called her Mrs. **Brown**.

After Grandfather's death, Aunt Libbie and Uncle Jim cared for and reared the other children. Aunt Libbie had married George **Sherrill**, and they had two girls, Mollie (*Mary*) Pelham and Agnes. Aunt Libbie was married at the age of seventeen had had two children and lost her husband and youngest child, Agnes, before she was twenty-one. Her baby, Agnes, died from whooping cough. She had lost her baby, husband, and mother within a year. She never remarried, but helped to rear several children whose mother or father died. (*On 31 January 1889*) her daughter, Mollie, married a Methodist preacher, W. T. (*William*) **Haggard**, who came from Marshall County.

Uncle Jim (*James Napier Reid*) later (*07 July 1881*) married Isabell **Partin** (*actually he married Isabell Patton*) from Pelham (*she was born in Bellfonte, Alabama*). (*I have a story on Isabell's "Patton" family on the [grundycountyhistory.org](http://grundycountyhistory.org) site-Jackie*). They had six children. Melvin was the oldest and married in Memphis where he was a railroad man. Her name was Eva; I do not know her surname. They had no children. Agnes married Albert **Andregg**. They live on Sullivan Island, South Carolina. They had four sons and one daughter. The daughter was named Isabell **Patt(o)n** (*her grandmother's maiden name*) and is married to a man named **Woods** and lives near her mother in Charleston. The boys were Albert, Jr., James Reid, Frederi(ck) and Melvin. All are married and live near their mother and father except Frederick who lives in Alabama. Fanny married Joe **Sanders** from Tracy and had three children-Joe who married in Alabama and is deceased; Francis, who married Guy **Webster** and has three children-a boy, Curtis, in college and two girls. They live in Angleton, Texas, and Fanny makes her home with them. Her youngest son, Edd, is not married, and I think lives and works in Killian, Texas. (*James Napier Reid died 14 September 1923 of "chronic nephritis" after being sick for over a year. His wife Isabell preceded him in death in July 1907.*)

Charles Haggard **Reid**, Uncle Jim's second son, married Stella **Lloyd**, and they had one son, Lloyd Charles **Reid**. Stella passed away a few years ago. Charles lives in Gretna, Louisiana, and Lloyd lives in New Orleans.

Ruth **Reid** married Harry **Gilliam**. She passed away several years ago. Isabel is Mrs. **Weaver**. She is Uncle Jim's and Aunt Bell's youngest daughter. Her husband passed away a few years ago. She has one son, John **Reid**, who lives in California. Isabell spends some time with her brother, Charles, in Gretna, but is with Agnes who is not well in South Carolina.



**Agnes Reid** (*daughter of Wm and Margaret Reid*) married Peter Sidney **Law**. She had three children—Sidney who lives in Memphis and had three children, Walter, Audrey, and Rosa Margaret. Audrey is deceased. Rosa Margaret is married and lives in Memphis, and Walter is married, has three children, and lives in Chattanooga. Daisy Law is deceased. She has four children, Frederick, who died as a child, Melvin, Burchet and Agnes Reid. All of these live in and around Memphis. Clarence, Aunt Agnes's third child, died in infancy. After Agnes's death, **Mama Maggie Reid**, cared for Daisy and Sidney for ten years. Of course, Uncle Pete provided for the children financially. After ten years, he married Aunt Charlotte.

**Isabel Reid**, the next daughter, married **Tate** (I suppose his name was LaFayette) Hefner. They moved to Texas. They had one son named Willie. Isabel died quite young. Next comes my Mother, **Margaret Jeanette Reid**. She was always called **Maggie**, who was born in March of 1863 and married **Joe N. Shook** in February of 1888. They had five boys and one girl. I was the girl and was named Lou for my Father's favorite sister. I married **Elmer G. Woodlee** and had four boys and one girl. These will be mentioned later as I cannot complete this without saying something of the ones I know of the younger generation.

**Mama's** next child (five years younger than I) was **Alan Melvin Shook**. He was named for our Grandfather **Shook**, and Aunt Libbie's middle name was Melvin. Alan married **Buena Cannon**, and they live in Tracy. They had three children: **Margaret Elizabeth**, **Mary Lou**, and **Alan Cannon Shook**.

**Reid Napier** (*Shook*) was the next child, born in Tracy, and he died as a young baby. Their next child was **James Reid Shook**. James married **Mable Thomas** and lives at Kimball. They had three children: **James Newman**, who has three children and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. **Mary Katheryn** who married **Dr. David Turner** and lives in Chattanooga. They have four children. **Clara Ann**, called "Perky", married **Joe Brown** and lives in Jasper. They have two girls. **Mama's** next child was **Charles**, known as **Bill**. His real name was **Charles Steele Davenport Shook**, a name which he very much disliked. He married **Bernice Cropp** from Holloway, Ohio and now lives in Vermillion, Ohio. He had two daughters **Charlotte Ann** and **Elizabeth Reid**, both of whom live in Vermillion, Ohio.

**Edwin** was the youngest child. He was named **Edwin Price** and was named for **Edwin A. Price**, the husband of **Margaret Shook Price**. Both of whom my Father was a great admirer of. Edwin married **Alma Parmley**. They had one child who died as an infant. Edwin passed away about five years ago, and **Alma** still lives in Tracy on a part of the old **Reid** homestead.

**Laura Reid** (*daughter of Wm and Margaret Reid*) married **Tom Payne** and lived most of their married life in Texas. Her children were: **Zillah**, **James**, **Andrew**, **Sherrill**, **Haggard**, and **Elizabeth**. Aunt **Laura** lost several children as infants. **Sherrill** and **Beth** are the only ones left. **Sherrill** lives in **Matador**, Texas, and **Beth** lives out from Memphis and is married to **A. R. Black**.

Charlotte **Reid** (*daughter of Wm and Margaret Reid*), the youngest of the **Reids**, is married to Peter S. **Law**, ten years after his first wife, Agnes (*Charlotte's sister*) died. They had five children, Alan, Stanley, Agnes, Louise and John. Three of these are living : Alan, Agnes, and Louise. They live in Greenville, Miss.

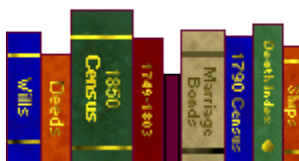
Great Aunt Jeanette **Kirkwood** moved to Texas many years ago, having lived in Tennessee not too long. Quite a few of her descendants still live in Texas.

Great-grandmother **Reid** and Aunt Aggie lived with Uncle Jim **Harley** and Aunt Binah until their death and are buried in the **Reid** Cemetery. There are five generations of **Reids** buried there and lots of their friends. (*Binah's name was Albina Eller who was probably the daughter of David and Ellen Eller. She and James Napier Harley married 01 Jan. 1878 in Grundy Co., TN. Their children were Jessie, Maggie, Edgar, Pearl, Louellen, Mildred and Randall Kirkwood Reid. There is another child that I have no record of, and then the grave marked Garnet W. Harley who is probably their other lost child.*)

About five years ago Alan **Shook** bought the old place from the heirs and built a pretty house there. He has done lots of work there and lives on the place. He married Lois **Parsons**, and they have two nice children: a boy named Brian and a girl named Alison. (**This is the end of Lou Shook Woodlee's story.**)

**Reid Hill** was at one time a mining area. Some notes taken from Ike **Woodard's** booklet are: in June 1903, "Reid Hill miners were on strike," in Sept 1905, "Reid Hill mines operated under guard," and in June 1910, "John **Myers** hurt in Reid Hill mines." It's not clear to me whether the **Reids** owned the mining operation on their land, or if their land was leased for the operations, or if the coal company owned the mineral rights. It is my understanding that the term "Reid Hill mines" covered a large area from White City and up and around the Lankford Town area and out toward the Haven of Rest nursing home. The original **Reid** homeplace faced the road that goes up the hill in front of the cemetery. Since the original homeplace called for ninety acres, it is reasonable to think that all the land called "Reid Hill mines" was not owned by the **Reids** but carried their name just as the **Wooten** mines did in the beginning of coal mining in Tracy City.

One thing that caught my attention in doing this research is the tightness that this family had with its members. The term "caring for our own" certainly applied to the **Reids** and **Shooks**, but they also extended helping hands to others. Their love went further than the immediate family. One can see that the surnames of the in-laws were often used as first or second names for their children—**Sherrill**, **Kirkwood**, **Shook** and **Haggard**. The names Agnes, Isabell and Margaret were names of endearment. At their deaths, some descendants made the journey back to Reid Hill to join the young ones and the ancient ones in their final resting place on the big hill. To me, the little graveyard is a symbol of togetherness and love for both the family and the land.



The **Reids** were pioneers to this area; I hope this little bit of history brings them the respect from present day citizens that they deserve. Do you know why your street is named as it is? Are you interested? Start asking questions; have fun in your searching. My friend Kay Curtis will now know why her street is named Reid Street. If you have questions, corrections or additions to this work, please email me at [jackiepartin@blomand.net](mailto:jackiepartin@blomand.net) or write me at P. O. Box 295, Monteagle, TN 37356. There is much more information about this family in the Root Cellar at the Library. Look for the **Shook Family History**, a big notebook contribution made by Elaine Foster **Andrews**, another

Reid descendant. I have a list of those known to be interred in the little cemetery and also those who are "probably" buried there. If you are interested, contact me.

### A Talk With Anna Leigh Gossett Lowrie Shearin

Written by Jackie Layne Partin

#### "I Just Cried and Cried" When I Had to Quit School

On 26 January 2009, I visited with the lady on Fairmount Curve— you know, the lady with the huge, beautiful, old maple—that royal benefactor of color that seems to light up the east end of Monteagle each autumn. Anna Leigh Gossett was born 15 June 1920 in Pikeville, Tennessee; she proudly states that she is eighty-eight years of age. Her parents were Jim and Myrtle Bedweoo Gossett. Of course, I had to have her spell her mother's last name because it was a new surname for my hearing. I think the name came to be spelled Bedwell somewhere down the line, but Ann, as she is known by her friends, had quickly spoken and spelled the name as Bedweoo. Her mother, Myrtle, was born in 1897 to John and Elizabeth Whittenburg Bedwell who lived in Bledsoe County, TN. Ann believes that her Whittenburg family had American Indian blood in its midst, but pausing to think for a moment, she stated that none of the Whittenburgs ever came calling at her door, so she doesn't know for sure.

Ann's father's family, the Gossetts, came from over around Dayton, TN. Census records show that the family also lived in Montgomery and Cheatham Counties. When I asked her who her Gossett grandparents were, she wasn't quite sure, but a quick search on the Internet gave me the names James and Bobbie Gossett. Their son James, or Jim, as he was better known, was born in September 1891 according to the 1900 Census record. Ann never had the privilege of knowing her paternal grandparents since they died before she was born. We often speak of how extended families lived close to each other in the "old days," and this made for wonderful, lasting, grandparent memories—like the "Waltons" on television. However, it was no different then than it is now. Families then, maybe were mobile for different reasons than those of today, but they still got into their covered wagons, on their mules, or on a train and went from one side of this continent to the other; this made for broken family chains where the members often never saw each other again. Ann was about three when her parents decided to make a move away from family and friends; some would never be heard from again.

Jim Gossett moved his family from Pikeville where they were living at the time, to Franklin County near St. Andrews School on top of the plateau near Sewanee. He accepted a job on the farm at the school that included caring for animals and raising crops. Ann believes that a place was furnished for them to live in on the campus. She had plenty of companionship with her sisters, Minnie Ruth, Beulah Mae, Edith, Emma Grace and Bessie; the girls attended school at St. Andrews. Times were hard on everyone, for this was during the peak of the Great Depression; Ann remembered much of her childhood as being work, work and more work.

Soon Jim **Gossett** moved his family to Monteagle. At first the family lived in a small house near the Foutch Hotel, but when a nearby, larger house became vacant, the family took advantage of the extra room and moved in. Thankfully, school was just across the railroad track on King Street, so she and her sisters didn't have far to walk. Ann's mother thought that her children had not learned enough while going to school at St. Andrews, so she had the principal at Monteagle put the children back a year. With disgust in her face, Ann stated that she had to repeat the fourth grade. Howard **Sanders** was the principal, and Eloise **Partin** was her first teacher. Ms. **Partin** and Sarah **Campbell Speegle** were two "tough" teachers, but Ann liked both of them. She thought that Rose **Raulston** was a "pretty" teacher; we all usually have at least one pretty teacher throughout our school years—mine was a Mrs. **Carden**, my third grade teacher; I never knew her full name, but I remember that her husband was a coach, and he was nearly too tall to come through the classroom door.

Jim **Gossett** cut "bug wood" at first to help care for his family. Later, Lem **Wallace** who operated a gas station in front of Foutch's Store, got Jim interested in the garage/gas station field. From then on out, Jim operated stations around town for their owners. Ann recalled the Foutch Hotel, the Wallace Gas Station, the City Café, the Rob **Francis** Store, the Jim **Francis** Store, the old Monteagle Post Office with Harriet Lappin as the postmistress, Ed Hall's beer joint, and even the graveyard west of the old Monteagle Depot, and I remembered that there seemed to have always been a "Jim **Gossett** gas station" somewhere in Monteagle.

The Monteagle School building was heated with a large stove that Ann thought was extra tall. When I asked her who the janitor was, she thought that the children did a lot of the janitorial duties. She knew for certain that her job was to keep the floor swept. Across the street from the school was a lunchroom of sorts. She remembered that soups mainly were served. Her best friend in school was Almetta **Smith**, daughter of Howard and Gladys **Smith**. When I asked her what kind of games they played, she said, "Annie Over," then she took a long breath, and stated that she just didn't play much—she worked all day, twelve hours a day when she wasn't in school. This was the case in many large families during those difficult economical years. Some young people today make fun of the older folks when they start talking about "living through the Great Depression." If the present day (2009) economy doesn't improve, those same young ones might just be forced to "live through a Great Depression" of their own.

Unlike so many students today, Ann loved school. One of the worst days of her life was when her mother took her out of school and sent her to work for Ella **Meeks Wallace**, wife of Lem. Ann said, "I just cried and cried; I loved school." Her job at the City Café was washing dishes—a job she will never forget. She thought she was about twelve when she started. Lem and Ella owned the café that sat on the Marion County side of the tracks just across Central Avenue from Foutch's Store and Lem **Wallace's** Gas Station. She gave her little earnings to her mother, but in retrospect, the thought came to her that she should have kept her own money and not been so easily manipulated. Ann was conscious of hard times and did what she thought was right. After working at the City Café, she then started working

at the Bennett Café just down the street. Later, she worked for Clara **Shoemate** at the Blue Sky Restaurant. When Clara moved down on the side of the mountain, Ann followed her. She remembered working with my mother Clara Meeks Layne at Clara's Restaurant.

Later Jim and Myrtle **Gossett** moved across the railroad tracks into Grundy County, but Ann stayed in Marion County for a while. Her parents lived in another large two-story house. Ann's nephew Jimmy Ray **Sampley** fondly remembered playing for hours on the upper balcony of his grandparents' old house. In March 1947, her parents' house burned along with the **Bennett** house next door. There was only a driveway between the two older, wooden houses, so it was difficult to save either. Mr. Jim **Gossett** had just filled his coalhouse with a new supply of coal that caused the fire to burn a long time in that area.



Johnny and Beulah Mae Gossett Jones sitting on the rock wall in front of the Bennett Brannan, Edith house that burned in 1947.



Gossett house on College Street that L to R: Beulah Mae Gossett, Herbert Gossett, and Jim Gossett

On 23 December 1939, Anna Leigh **Gossett** married Harold Lappin **Lowrie**. Carmon **King**, a childhood friend of Harold's, was with them when they got their license. He was a son of Daniel Cicero and Pearl **Sanders King** who lived on the northwest corner of Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Sheepishly, Ann announced that she had been "courting" Harold, who was several years her senior, for some years. Maybe not known to Anna at the time, she had married into one of the oldest families in Montecagle.

Harold's grandfather, John **Lowrie**, came from Scotland via Ohio, and by the time that the 18 July 1870 Census was taken, he was living in Franklin County, Tennessee, with his second wife Sarah **Smartt Gilliam** and these children: Ellen (18), Mary (15), John (9), Martha (7) and Lem (4). Since the Census record shows that Ellen and Mary were born in Ohio, and John was born in Tennessee, then we can assume that John moved his family to Tennessee and married Sarah between 1855 and 1861. The closest post office was at Cowan, so this is probably where he established his family while he worked as a laborer on the railroad. Since this was just about the time John **Moffat** decided to establish a village and name it Moffat Station, and since the railroad had just about twelve years earlier been extended from the Sewanee area out

further on the plateau to a little town called Tracy City, I surmise that John and Sarah felt it safe and feasible to move their large family into the new little village on the plateau. You might say that the **Lowries** were pioneering the wilderness that became known as Monteagle. The house on the curve was started and completed between 1870 and 1880. This may well have been the time that John and Sarah planted the little cedar sapling that is now huge and still standing on the property—if only trees could talk! During the gathering of the 1880 Census data, John's vocation was listed as a "farmer," but his son John Gilliam **Lowrie** was working as a telegraph operator. John and Sarah's son Lemuel Pleasant **Lowrie** was Harold's father and Mary Caroline Lappin **Lowrie** was his mother. Lemuel did not marry young, so this may be why the old homestead was handed down to him. Mary Caroline, better known as "Mamie," came out of the Idalbert **Lappin** family, some of whom are interred in the Lappin Cemetery by the new flea market in Monteagle.



John Lowrie, born Scotland, 1820  
Thomas Lowrie

Lowrie. (ca. 1948)



William Lowrie, his wife Charlene  
and their daughter Billie Faye

In 1939, a year after Lemuel **Lowrie's** death, his son Harold and new wife Ann moved into the big, **Lowrie** family house that stood on the Fairmount Curve in Monteagle. I have vivid memories of that old house as I was privileged to view it every day on my ride on the school bus to Grundy County High School. I can't exactly say what it was that fascinated me about the house, but I never go around that curve that I don't think about it. It was an unpainted lapboard type house, but it just seemed fitting that it should not be covered with paint; that would have taken away the aura of the old dwelling. Carpentry was in the blood of the **Lowrie** men, so building the huge old house probably came natural to the ancient ones. According to Ann, originally, there were ten acres in the homestead, but John **Lowrie** traded five acres of his land to the DuBose School (*probably Fairmount School for Girls at that time*) in exchanged for an education for his daughter Martha Elizabeth **Lowrie**. Martha, too, was older when she married Dr. David

Hampton **Bryan** after his first wife **Fannie Brixey Bryan** died. Later, more land was sold until Ann now lives on one acre. Harold and Ann became the parents of three children—James/Jim, Bob, and Patricia/Pat **Lowrie**. Jim was born in Sewanee, but Bob and Pat were born in the old house because Ann wasn't given enough warning to get to Dr. **Brewer's** office, which was in the old **Julius Hassler/Clyde Bennett** house. Dr. **Brewer** came to his patient on those two occasions. Thankfully he didn't have far to go. Ann got a joy out of telling the story about the "birthing event" when her son Bob was born. The family cow was trying her best to have a calf, an old stray dog was having pups under the floor, and she was in labor with Bob—all at the same time. What a day, what a day!!

Ann, her son Jim and I had talked before about the old **Lowrie** house. They both had a lot to say then. I couldn't help but laugh at the stories they told that day, but there really was nothing funny about a cold, *very cold*, old house where the cutting of winter wood was a never-ending task. Ann saw her share of cold winters in that old house, and her sons cut their fair share of hickory wood with a crosscut saw for the old stoves and fireplace scattered throughout its nine rooms. Jim told me that his mother got the old flat irons out each winter night, heated them on a stove, and then put them in the bed with him and his brother Bob. All individuals in the household had some kind of wood heat in their rooms except the boys; Jim remembered that his mother had so much "covers" on his bed that he could hardly turn over at night. He and Ann remembered the crates, fireplace, "warm mornings" and old wood cook stove that were scattered throughout the antiquated house. Why-y-y, enough heat went up the chimney of the old fireplace to heat several rooms, but that's the way it was back then. Even I can remember as a child how hard it was to leave my position backed up to the pot-bellied stove, then run through the darkness, jump into a cold, cold bed hoping, as **Jerry Clower** once said, that my mother hadn't changed the furniture around that day. As difficult as it was, it was well worth the chills and dread once the body got snuggled deep down into the feather bed with its heavy quilts.

Ann and Harold later built the house that she now lives in. The old house was torn down room by room starting in 1959. She is proud of the beautiful knotty-pine paneling in her newer house; she sanded and varnished it herself. For a period of time, **Mamie Lowrie** also lived in the new house with them. They had built a small front porch, and in pleasant weather someone in the family was always sitting outside watching the traffic flow in and out of **Monteagle**.

Sadly in 1977, **Harold Lappin Lowrie** passed away. Several years later, Ann met a friend of **Ray Summers** who worked in the insurance business. His name was **Art Shearin**. She was smitten by this fine man, and later they were married. He was a good man and made Ann a good husband. Art was not healthy and after a long period of illness, he passed away five years into the marriage. Like many family members before him, Art took to the front porch when he needed to rest; this is what he was doing when he slipped quietly into eternity. Ann has taken his place on the porch when weather permits. She made it clear that Art was a wonderful man, but the last thing she told me before we decided



to break from our memories was, "Your first husband means more to you."

(Ann, nor I, can put total trust in our memories. If we have the facts wrong, we will be glad to make note of that. [jackiepartin@blomand.net](mailto:jackiepartin@blomand.net) )

#### GENEALOGY- A POEM BY INEZ WINTON

What is genealogy but digging for roots,  
Like you would at an old tree.  
They meander this way and that,  
And some of them we never see.

The main roots are large and easy to find.  
But small ones twist and turn.  
You may easily find what you seek,  
But some things, we never learn.

Oh! How happy we are,  
When we find ones that we need.  
But we continue to dig and dig,  
I guess, you call it greed.

Whatever we find, connects today  
With those that have already gone.  
We fill our BOOKS with all these things,  
And we fill our HEARTS with a song.

#### Mystery Orricks of Mid-Tennessee By Roger Arrick

Surnames: Nunley, Ark, Arrick, Orrick, Qualls, Smartt, Baugus, Cornelison, Crownover.  
Places: Grundy, Warren, Coffee, Hardin Counties of TN; Kaufman Co., TX; Corinth, MS.

It started for me in 2006 when I set out to unravel the history of our Arrick family in Tennessee. My father, Leonard W. Arrick, and older brother Randy had searched for years but evidence of who our ancestors were remained a question. Dad even created a nice 3-ring binder of genealogy information for us boys, but the Arrick line just stopped at my great-grandfather John Riley Arrick. He had moved from somewhere in Tennessee to Kaufman County (near Dallas) Texas in the mid-1880's.

Having no experience with genealogy research, I had to start from scratch and learn the ropes. I was shocked to learn about the demise of the 1890 census and that only head-of-households were listed before 1850. Also, realizing how much information had not been put on the web was a big surprise. These basic facts of genealogy research were all news to me.

It took a while to navigate through the internet complex and figure out what was available for free and what was worth paying for. Eventually I got up to speed and began staring at census data and clicking links until the wee hours like so many other researchers. After spending an average of 20 hours per week for 2 years, many questions have been

answered, but many mysteries remain, and new questions have surfaced in the process.

My genealogy journey has been life-changing to say the least, and here you'll find a little piece of it that relates to Grundy County, Tennessee.

**Arricks are really Orricks from Warren County Tennessee**

It's a story for yet another article, but suffice to say, evidence that my Arrick family are descendants of the Orrick family in Warren County Tennessee is irrefutable. I'm sure I could prove it in a court of law if required to. Who knows, maybe one day I'll need to.

John Orrick, his wife Margaret, and their kids can be found in the 1850 and 1860 census of Warren County. They're living near several other Orrick families. John is the father of my great-grandfather John Riley. These Orricks are descended from the ORROCKs of Fife Scotland who immigrated to Maryland around 1650. Many branches of ORRICK, ORICK, ARRICK, ARICK around the US are related to this family and this connection is now supported by DNA testing - See <http://www.arrick.com/family/dnaproject1.html>

**Post-1860 Confusion**

After 1860, things get complicated. Margaret is shown in the 1880 Coffee County census with her kids but no husband. Her name is written as ARRICK.

1870 is a tricky one. A sharp cousin located a suspicious entry in the Grundy census but the name was "Arke" and many of the first names were unusual. After many hours of research and learning some basic things about names (such as Peggy being a substitute for Margaret), I'm certain this is my Orrick/Arrick family. The use of casual names and the apparent estimation of ages indicates the information might have come from a neighbor. The 1870 census contains another mystery; living with Margaret (Peggy) is a William Jones. We'll explore that in a moment.

**Orrick/Arrick Family in the Census**

1850 Warren Co.	1860 Warren Co.	1870 Grundy Co.	1880 Coffee Co.
John Orrick 23	John Orrick 30	John Pigg 30	Margaret Orrick F 57
Margaret Orrick 29	Margaret 30	Bettie 20	" " F 30
Sarah B. Orrick 2	Sarah 12	Laura 18	" " F 25
James C. Orrick 7	James 4	James 17	John R. " 20 17
	Laura 4	Calaway 15	Laura " F 15
	William 5	Louisa 12	Leah " F 3
	Rebecca 3	Wine 10	
	Margaret 1	Harriet 9	
	W. A. O. 1	Wm. William 30	

**The Tragedy of War**

So, what happened to Margaret's husband John Orrick? It took several trips to the Dallas library to find out. They have a nice set of Tennessee microfilm and civil war records. John's name is misspelled Orick on his service record. It shows he fought at the battle of Shiloh

with the 35<sup>th</sup> TN, then died of wounds down in Corinth MS a few days later.

This was a big breakthrough for our Orrick/Arrick research, but it was heartbreaking as well. It took me a while to fully grasp it, but it explains so much about our family's mysterious history. John, his parents, nor grandparents owned slaves, but he fought along with his neighbors for the South. I can never know for sure, but I seriously doubt that he willingly gave his life to protect the morally bankrupt institution of slavery - leaving his widow and 6 young kids to live in poverty - even causing the loss of their original name. The magnitude of the chaos and devastation caused by the war would have been difficult for me to fully realize without discovering this.

### Margaret Marries William B. Nunley

After the war, in 1867, John's widow Margaret married William B. NUNLEY in Grundy County. Nunley's wife, Sarah Jane Smartt, had died the year before and they had many children. It's no surprise that Margaret remarried; after all, she was only in her mid-30's and had hungry kids to feed.

### Gets Interesting...

surprising is that Nunley was a Union man who had to the area after fighting for the 1st Alabama Cavalry. This must have caused a tense situation most of his neighbors fought for the South, and Margaret's own husband had died in that fighting. might explain why Nunley can not be found in the 1880 census even though he lived with Margaret death in 1889. Or can he?

The big breakthrough in this part of the story from Nunley's war service. After his death, applied for his pension. It appears she had difficulty, possibly because of her use of the Arrick name. She ultimately had to produce affidavits from several people (Hobbs, Myers, Wilson, Crownover, Knott, etc.) confirming she was married to Nunley, verifying her financial condition, etc. You can see the pension documents here:

<http://www.arrick.com/family/files/arri ckmargaretpensi onapp. pdf>

The amazing thing about these pension documents is that they contain an eye-witness account of the shooting of John Orrick, my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather, at the battle of Shiloh. They also speak of his death in Corinth, MS a few days later. I feel very fortunate to have this rare first-hand account in spite of the pain it causes. And although John's body is likely buried in an unknown mass grave near Corinth somewhere, it provides a measure of closure for me and our family.

Along with this account is an explanation from Margaret describing her former husband's name - Arrick, that it was pronounced "Ark", and that John could not read or write. She, and her children, continued to use the Arrick name, even after her marriage to Nunley. While this doesn't prove conclusively that Arricks are Orricks, it lead to a DNA test which did.

Margaret and Nunley have a Child - or do they?



William B. Nunley  
Born Oct 3, 1801  
Died Dec 15, 1889  
Nunley Cemetery, Warren Co TN

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It looks like Margaret and Nunley did have at least one child together – Fanny (1868). Fanny was also hard to trace because she too used the name Arrick. She moved to Hardin Co, TN for unknown reasons as did some of her step-brothers where she married into the Baugus family. Her death certificate says her mother is “Margarett Qualls” (Qualls is yet another mystery), and father is “John Nunley”. The name “John” is either a simple mistake or a spectacular scandal, since William B. Nunley did have a son by his previous wife Sarah named John who was about Margaret’s age. My vote is for a simple mistake made by the informant, but I still wonder.

### **Meanwhile, Back at the 1870 Census**

Remember that 1870 census where Margaret (Peggy) Arke is shown in Grundy Co. living with William Jones? Margaret is known to be married to Nunley at this time according to the pension application, Nunley remains unfound elsewhere, and he has a motive to hide his identity. I can’t prove this, but I believe William Jones is really William B. Nunley and that he was using another name to make life simpler in a post-war world. We will probably never know for sure.

### **Margaret Qualls Arrick/Orrick Nunley**

It’s now known through Margaret’s children’s death certificates that her maiden name is Qualls. There are several candidates for her parents (Canon, Isham, etc.) but no clear winner at this point.

Margaret’s daughters Laura (married Cornelson) and Sarah (married Crownover and Anderson) used the name “Ark”, and Elizabeth (married Cash) used “Arick”. Her sons John Riley and James C. used “Arrick”, and son William is unfound. Daughter Fanny (married Baugus) used “Arrick”.

Although she can not be found in the 1900 census, Margaret’s tiny pension payments didn’t stop until 1906 when they say she passed. It’s likely she is buried somewhere around Hubbard’s Cove near the border of Grundy, Warren and Coffee counties, but in keeping with the Orrick/Arrick tradition, her gravesite remains a mystery. Finding it would be a wonderful discovery.

### **Life with the Orricks and their Disappearing Cemetery**

The Orricks were farmers working the land just south of Centertown near Abe Curtis Rd. They had come to the area around 1825 from Hardin Co., KY. Apparently they kept to themselves, built a small community, and even had their own Church according to stories. The sad part is, they had their own cemetery too, and family stories claim it was plowed into a well in the 1940’s. This helps explain why the Orricks have been so hard to trace. Four generations of Orricks are likely buried in the now-defunct Orrick cemetery. My genealogical dream is to locate this cemetery, and possibly even discover markers for my Orrick ancestors. I get goose-pimples just thinking about it.

### **Final Words**

Thanks for being a part of my family history journey by reading this short story. I would encourage anyone having information associated with the families in this story to contact me at [Roger@Arrick.com](mailto:Roger@Arrick.com) and view my website at [Arrick.com](http://Arrick.com). I am willing to share whatever information I have discovered that could be helpful for your research. –Happy Hunting.

**CORRECTI ONS**

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Page 80 picture on bottom middle identified as Joe **Bonner**, father of Etta **McCarver**

should read James Buchanan **Bonner**, father of Rufus **Bonner** and father-in-law to Etta **McCarver Bonner**.

**DEATH NOTICES** contributed by Sue Scott

**Britton**, James Roland b. March 2, 1919 in Tennessee to Gilliam and Martha (**Henry**) **Britton**. He married Dura **Brewer** and they had 2 daughters, Kay and Gay. He died Nov. 1, 1985 at age 66 at his residence in Palmer and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. He had 5 sisters, Edna, Viva, Carrie, Edith and Nellie and 4 brothers, Billy Ray, Elliott, Lewis, and Otto.

**Brooks**, Bailey b. Aug. 28, 1886 in Tennessee to C.C. and Martha (**Warren**) **Brooks**. He married Ethel **Cannon** and they had 2 sons, James Calvin and Charles Eugene. He died June 18, 1980 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was a coal miner and a Church of Christ minister for over 50 years.

**Brooks**, Ethel Cannon b. May 25, 1888 in Tennessee into the James **Cannon** family. She married Bailey **Brooks** and they had 2 sons. She died Jan. 3, 1975 at the Cumberland Heights Clinic in Coalmont and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

**Brooks**, James Calvin b. Feb. 3, 1919 in Tennessee to Bailey and Ethel (**Cannon**) **Brooks**. He married Kathleen **Nunley** and they had 2 children, James and Linda. He died June 13, 1981 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. He had a brother, Gene.

**Brewer**, Alder b. July 8, 1915 in Tennessee to Frank and Pearl (**Lockhart**) **Brewer**. He married Ida Helen **Carpenter**. He died Dec. 9, 1977 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. He was survived by 2 sisters Doris and Dura, and 2 brothers, Eckerd and Wade.

**Carrick**, Joe Phillip b. July 28, 1930 in Gruetli to Joseph **Wheeler** and Maggie Hazel (**Nunley**) **Carrick**. He died July 11, 1980 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried at the Orange Hill Cemetery in Tracy City. He had 3 sisters, Lucille, Doris and Sadie and a brother Robert "Bobby Jack".

**Childers**, Louis O. b. Aug. 22, 1923 in Tennessee to Robert and Tressie (**Powell**) **Childers**. He died April 18, 1985 at the V.A. Hospital in Nashville and was buried at the Bonny Oak Cemetery. He was in the army during WWII and was a coal miner. He was survived by his wife, Elsie **Nunley**, 3 daughters, Roslyn, Bonnie and Venetra, a son Arcie, a sister Elva **Nunley** and 2 brothers, Louie and Adam.

**Cleek**, Don Talley b. Sept. 6, 1933 in Tennessee to Hearl **Falls** and Lillie Lee (**Ross**) **Cleek**. He died March 14, 1986 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife,

Tressie Mae (**Brewer**) **Cleek**, a son Derrell **Cleek**, 3 sisters, Kinetha, Olene, and Cheva Jean and 3 brothers, Charles, Bill and Gene.

**Cleek**, Hearl Falls b. June 27, 1900 in Tennessee and died Oct. 8, 1982 at Parkridge Hospital in Chattanooga. He was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Lillie Lee (**Ross**) **Cleek**, 3 daughters, Kinetha, Olene and Cheva Jean and 4 sons, Charles, Bill, Don and Gene and 2 sisters, Flecia and Oshie.

**Cleek**, John Jr. b. Oct. 23, 1903 in Tennessee to Will and Elizabeth "Betty" (**Buchanan**) **Cleek**. He married Elizabeth "Lizzie" **Shrum** and they had 14 children, Mitchell, James, Leon, Evelyn, Faye, Raymond, Howard, Chet, Betty, Mary Lou, Johnny, Arnold, Cleston and Gaylor. John died Oct. 17, 1981 at a hospital in Sewanee and was buried at White Cemetery. He was survived by 2 sisters, Oshie and Flecia and a brother, Hearl.

**Cook**, Maude E. b. April 28, 1911 in Tennessee to John D. and Martha Jane (**Grimes**) **Green**. She married Paul **Cook** and they had 4 children, Anna Carol, James, Joe and Paul Jr. She died Dec. 22, 1984 at Parkwood Nursing Home in Chattanooga and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. She was survived by a brother, Clyde **Green**, and 3 sisters, Pearl **Smith**, Opal **Rogers** and Stella **Cannon**. Her other siblings were Estelle and Elvin Lee.

**Cook**, Paul Grady b. July 18, 1915 in Tennessee to Marcus and Lou (**Overturf**) **Cook**. He died August 19, 1987 at Palmer and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. He married Maude **Green** and they had 4 children. He had 5 siblings, Mildred Louise, Willard, Wayne, Earl and Irene.

**Cook**, Willard R. b. May 23, 1918 in Tennessee to Marcus and Lou (**Overturf**) **Cook**. He died Nov. 30, 1976 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by 2 sisters, Mildred and Irene and 3 brothers. Wayne, Paul and Earl.

**Coppinger**, Mary Katherine b. Sept. 1, 1921 in Tennessee to Samuel and Carrie May (**Richmond**) **Tate**. She married Paul **Coppinger** and they had 6 children, Paulette, Amy Lou, Billy Ray, Benny, Wade and Stanley. She died May 12, 1986 at her home in Gruetli-Laager and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. She had 8 siblings, Homer Allen, Myrtle Essie, Harley Samuel, Henry Herbert, James Haskel, Horace Lee, Mildred Mae and Paul H. **Tate**.

**Couter**, Ethel Lorraine b. may 17, 1938 in Michigan to Clyde and Lillie **Flake**. She died Dec. 9, 1978 at her home in Palmer. She was survived by 3 children, Brian, Cris and Lou.

**Couter**, Richard Brian b. April 1932 in Michigan to Euclid and Mary (**Thibault**) **Couter**. He died Dec. 9, 1978 at his home in Palmer and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. He was survived by 3 children, Brian, Cris and Lou.

**Cox**, Walter Loys b. April 5, 1945 in Tennessee to James Riley and Edith Mae (**Box**) **Cox**. He married Alice **Sanders** and their daughter was Stacey **Cox**. He had 9 siblings, John Edward, Melvin Lee, Sherman,

Shirley Mae, William Wiley, James W., Joseph Chester, Willie Mitchell and Herbert Leon. Loys was pronounced dead at a hospital in Sewanee Feb. 4, 1973 and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

**Crabtree**, Clarence W. b. June 10, 1895 in Tennessee to Henry and Mattie (Sanders) Crabtree. He died July 21, 1981 at South Pittsburg, Marion County, TN and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Ada Ervin and 2 daughters, Irene and Mildred.

**Creighton**, Callie Elizabeth b. Feb. 26, 1893 in Alabama to Isaac and Martha (Hambrick) Perry. She married Willie Morgan Creighton and they had 3 daughters Martha Sue, Mary and Gladys, and 7 sons Arthur, Earl, Johnny, Leonard, Tom, Taylor and James. She died Oct. 4, 1983 at a nursing home in Grundy County and was buried at the Tarlton Cemetery.

**Creighton**, Jack Preston b. March 18, 1926 in Tennessee to John Armfield and Mabel (Hobbs) Creighton. He married Rosa Shrum. He died May 1, 1988 at South Pittsburg and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

**Cunningham**, George Wilson "Mutt" b. April 11, 1923 in Tennessee to Webb and Sarah (Gipson) Cunningham. He died Feb. 23, 1979 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was a WWII veteran. His siblings were Mary Louise, Carl Raymond, Corinne, James Edward, Howard Shirley, Helen Ruth, Bobby Gene, Billy Ray and Earlene.

**Fields**, Claude b. 2-17-1908 in Kentucky to James and Mary (Holcomb) Fields. He died June 30, 1971 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried in Kentucky.

**Fondren**, Bervin C. b. March 5, 1904 in Alabama to Milo and Mary (Durpre) Fondren. He married Genevieve Cooper. He was a coal miner and served in the US military forces during WWII. He died Nov. 1, 1973 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

**Fults**, Clara Clemmie b. April 23, 1925 in Tennessee to Enoch Roosevelt and Timmie (Layne) Slatton. She married Leonard Fults. She died May 9, 1977 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at the Griffith Creek Cemetery in Marion County.

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

Compiled by Charles A. Sherrill, Nashville, TN, 1996. Used with permission.

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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**\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE: AS I AM STILL LIVING OUT OF BOXES, THIS ARTICLE WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE PATHFINDER. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE A DOUBLE ISSUE'S WORTH OF ENTRIES. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. SHARON\*\***

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**GCHS' SUBMISSION 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.

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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.

#### **GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S WEBSITE**

You may view many different articles and photographs at the GCHS's website. [www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com). The website changes almost weekly, so be sure to check back often!

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In 1990 a series of approximately 1 hour taped interviews were conducted with the following:

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46 % of visitors viewed 2-19 pages at the website

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

(Transcribed as written) The following should have been in the March 2009 issue:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1845. Be it remembered that at a County Court begun and held for the County of Grundy at the hous of Jesse Wooten on Cumberland Mountain the place to which the last county Court adjourned on the first Monday being the 1 day of September 1845 and 70<sup>th</sup> year of the independence of the United States present the Worshipful Thomas Warren Chairman, Richard Bradford, Daniel Sain esqrs Justices—

On petition of Adien Northcutt and others ordered by the court that Ambrose Killian, Abraham Jones, Noah Bort, John Fults, Nathan Fults and John Myres Be appointed a Jury of view to lay off a road heading from the County line to the county cite.

This day Noah Bort Constable of Grundy County presented his Resignation to the Court and were Rec'd.

This day Adren Northcutt presented himself to the court as who ware appointed to settle with County Trustee and County Court Clerk as a comiteour and on account of his absence which wood acnr ware Rec'd as Resegnation.

Ordered By the Court that Michael Hoover be 2iarrhea2 in the Room and Sted of said Pork Cutt (Northcutt?)

Court Ajourned until Court in Course.

Thomas Warren  
Richard Bradford  
D Sain

June 2009 issue: 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 on the first Monday being the sixth day of October A.D. 1845, and 70<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of the United States. Present the worshipful Thomas Warren Chairman, Richard Bradford, John Burrows, Silas Lankford, Anderson S. Goodman, John Fults, Dainiel Saine, Ambrose Killian, Edmond Martin, William Dugan, James Lockhart, Robert Tate, Esquires Justices & c.

#### State of Tennessee vs George D. Cullendar- Bastardy

This day the defendant with Solomon Meeks his Security came into open court and acknowledged themselves to owe and Stand indebted to Thomas Warren Chairman of the County Court of Grundy county and his successors in the office in the sume of five hundred dollars to the use of Grundy County But to be void on conditions that the said George D. Cullender keep a certain Bastard child, begotten of the body of one Sealy Burnett, from becoming a county charge and It is considered by the court that the said George D. Cullender pay the cost of this procedure for which execution may issue.

This day the court appointed James Bond and Whitfield W. Bond Administrators of all and Singular the goods and Chattells rights and credits of William Bond deceased (the said William Bond being a citizen of Grundy at the time of his death) who entered into bond with Security conditioned as the law directs, and took the oath prescribed by law, Whereupon the court ordered letters of administration to issue—

Ordered by the court that the revenue Commissioners for Grundy County for the Year 1845 be allowed the sum of four Dollars and sixty six cents each for taking and returning a list of Taxable property in their respective districts, to be paid out of the county treasury out of any money not otherwise appropriated, there being twelve Justices present and the vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were twelve- in the negative, none.

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Historical Society is moving along at a rapid pace in preparation to move into our new Grundy County Heritage Center, the former First National Bank building in Tracy City. The Development Committee chaired by Oliver Jervis is organizing the restoration and development of the building. Other historical groups are making decisions to either have displays or to store materials at this new location.

A reprint of Jim Nicholson's 1982 book *Grundy County*, which has been out of print for some time is under way. GCHS will be conducting a prepublication sale of this book, which is scheduled to be available in the Fall of 2009. The book will sell for \$47, which includes postage. Please send your check and place your order now at GCHS; P.O. Box 1422; Tracy City, TN 37387.

Plans are also being made to print a Grundy County Tombstone Inscriptions book by 2012. If you know of graves, which are located in the county, but may not have a marker, please let us know the cemetery, person's name, and dates of birth and death if known.

Yes, these are exciting times for GCHS. Be sure to see all the materials on the websites at the following addresses:

[www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com) and [www.grundycountyhistory.org](http://www.grundycountyhistory.org)

Sincerely,  
Janelle Layne Taylor  
President

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## **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

I would like to say "Thank you" to the GCHS members who have sent in their biographies for our "Meet the GCHS Members". I think this is a great way to meet and get to know our fellow members. I have met some wonderful people in the past several years and have been very happy to put "faces to the names" of those that I have corresponded with via emails! Living out of state, I don't get a chance to attend the regular GCHS meetings very often, so this is my way of meeting as many of the members as possible! I have a feeling that there are many of you that live out of state that also feel the same way!

I would like to encourage ALL members to send in your bios- even if you live in Grundy County, you may not know our out of state members! Over the past several issues, we have seen a wide variety of styles in doing biographies, so whatever you feel comfortable with, please send it in! Include the family names that you are interested in and any other information you'd like to share with the GCHS family. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sharon N. Goodman, Editor

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Karin Brawley

Judy L. Week

T. Juanita Barry

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**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 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, Corona, CA 92883. Your bio will be added to an upcoming edition of The Pathfinder. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



**Carla J. Hill** has been a member of the Grundy County Historical Society (GCHS) since 2007. She was born in Sewanee, Franklin County, Tennessee to Marie Hayworth Hill and Charles C. Hill. Carla's father is from "down the mountain" in Cowan and enlisted first in the Army, then later the Air Force which he retired from in 1977. My two younger brothers and I have lived in or traveled through states in every region of America except the Northeast and East coasts. My parents have been in Alaska since 1972.

She now lives in Atlanta, Georgia where she graduated from Oglethorpe University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and works as a paraprofessional in a public library and a law library.

When the GCHS published a group photograph of students who had attended the Pelham Colored School, my mother sent me a copy because she, one of her brothers and their niece were in the photo. We were very excited and I began to envision other people who would appreciate the cultural diversity of Grundy County's history in images and text. In March 2008, Carla's article "Pelham's People of Color 1850 – 1950" was published by *The Cumberland View* and printed in three installments, ending in May 2008. The writing was



based in part on oral history and my extensive research of family members from Pelham's community: The Willis and Guinn families. Half of my mother's side of the family were born and raised in Grundy County where our roots go back to the 1840's. I expanded my article to include other African American people from the area; not sure if I was able to pinpoint everyone, but I tried.

I have been researching and writing my family narratives of both maternal and paternal roots since 2000 and 2001, respectively. All but one branch of my family originated in Middle Tennessee. I have been able to find 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generations from about two hundred years ago in Coffee, Marshall, Davidson and Hickman counties. I really appreciate the welcoming overtures from the Historical Society's leadership, and I am impressed with their dedication to discovering (or recovering) personal histories.

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## QUERIES

**218-2009** Searching Coffelt and Anderson lines. If anyone can help, please email Billie Hamrick at [bj\\_yadda@yahoo.com](mailto:bj_yadda@yahoo.com)

**219-2009** There was a Robertson's Flower Garden Cottages in southern Middle Tennessee in the 1940's and 50's. Do you happen to know where that was located?

Billyfrank Morrison ([billyfrank@charter.net](mailto:billyfrank@charter.net))  
Clarksville, Tn

**220-2009** Trying to find who my GGGmother's parents were. Just saw a book of (Choate's of the South), and may have found something on my GGGmother Ellender Choate Seitz/Sitz wife of William B Sitz of Grundy co TN as of the 1850's. In the book it states a Ellender Choate born abt 1795 MD/VA married a Nicholas Kelly, and went into KY early 1800's, and I believe that Nicholas, and Ellender moved from Ky into TN. The book states that Ellender was the daughter of Richard Choate, and Ann Lowe from MD/VA. Richard was the son of Cristopher Choate. Also moving to Ky with Ellener & husband Nicholas Kelly was her sister Sarah Choate who was married to a William Walker. Ellender's Ggparent may have been a Edward Choate, and Elenor Savage.

Could this be my Ellender Choate Sitz born abt 1800 KY, per the Grundy Co TN census?

Roy Chadwick ([cchadwick@wi.rr.com](mailto:cchadwick@wi.rr.com))

**221-2009** I am trying to find any information on an Elizabeth Roberts. She was born in Tracy City, Tennessee between 1865-1868. She married George Samples before 1886 and

had a daughter named Nancy Jane Samples in 1887. She died soon after the birth of her daughter. Family stories passed down was that she was a Cherokee Indian. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Jamie Blizzard Johnson ([jamie.johnson@shawinc.com](mailto:jamie.johnson@shawinc.com))

**222-2009** I'm looking for anyone with any information about my dad's family. His name was Roy Hobbs, and I know very little about him. His mother's name was Elizabeth Saunders (or Sanders), and his father was Gus Hobbs. In the Saunders family, there was an Art and a Mort, and I don't know anything at all about the Hobbs side. Any information would be great.

Leslie Hobbs ([Leslie.Hobbs@att.net](mailto:Leslie.Hobbs@att.net))

**223-2009** My name is Jackie. My Mother is Marguerite Henrietta Bryant. Her father is David Craig Bryant and her Mother is Emma Gladys Marler. Emma was born in Tracy City to James Marler who was married to Martha Ann Smith. James and Martha are buried in Tracy City. David Craig Bryant's sister, Laura Bryant married Alton Meyers. David's other sister, Eliza J. Bryant married Daniel King. My grandmother graduated from the Shook School in 1912. I have her diploma and the 1925 year book "Mountain Laurel". Just interested in any folk of this line. Jackie ([milliemarler@aol.com](mailto:milliemarler@aol.com))

**224-2009** Need info. Jess Hoosier was my uncle and I think the mayor of Tracy City at one time. William Baker ([whbaker1@bellsouth.net](mailto:whbaker1@bellsouth.net))

**225-2009** Looking for information on Terra Cannon, born in 1912, father was Samuel Cannon. Evelyn Holt ([eaholt1@bellsouth.net](mailto:eaholt1@bellsouth.net))

**226-2009** Any one who has information on Elias Brasseal, Matilda or any of their children; also Jackson Sanders family; also Hamby family who married into the Brazile family William M. Brazile

Please contact me.

Jerry Brazile ([jerrybrazile@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrybrazile@yahoo.com))

**227-2009** I am looking for any information on a Mary Margaret Pursell, who was married to a John Pursell. She moved to Grundy Co after he died in Washington Co in 1838 and was supposedly given some land. It was said she died in 1854. If anyone knows how I can find out more about her and maybe anything about the land and where she may be buried, it would be great!

Sarah Hitson ([monkeybritches23@yahoo.com](mailto:monkeybritches23@yahoo.com))

**228-2009** I am trying to learn more about my ancestors. I am realated to two families from Grundy. They are the Meeks and Tucker families. If there is anyone part of this family that I would contact that would be great. I have dated our family back to the 1830's there in Grundy. Thanks so much for your help.

Marilee Bergstrom ([brianandmarilee@gmail.com](mailto:brianandmarilee@gmail.com))

**229-2009** If you belong to any of these family lines or are familiar with them, please contact with more data: "Frank B. Hargis" may be the Benjamin Franklin Hargis, CSA and son of Rev. David Floyd Hargis and Nancy Brooks of Marion County, TN. B.F. Hargis also had heirs and owned land in Marion County, TN which was auctioned off in late 1900. Who did B.F. Hargis marry? Can anyone identify his descendants?

The Rev. David Floyd Hargis was an uncle of Captain John Wesley Hargis, POW at Elmira Prison in NY state, along with \_\_\_\_ Hewitt of Jackson County, AL and \_\_\_\_ McKelvey of Franklin County, TN.

William Earl Hargis, buried in the Tarlton Cemetery, is the son of Thomas Minton Hargis, CSA. The brother of Captain John Wesley Hargis, POW.

PVT T.M. Hargis, born Marion County, TN married 1)Elizabeth Graham, daughter of Thomas Graham of the Sweeten Cove area of Marion County, TN; 2) Elizabeth Tidwell; 3)\_\_\_\_ Street. His son, William Earl Hargis married in Marion County, TN, likely by Rev. D.F. Hargis, to Annie Tate, daughter of \_\_\_\_?

There is a misconception on the internet about some Hargis kin now living in and around Grundy County, TN. This concerns the daughter of Capt. Shadrack Hargis who married Job Blackard in Caswell County, NC. Job's father was likely Charles Blackard who moved to TN. A deed shows that Job's son, Jeremiah Blackard, owned land beside William Burrell Thompson-arw in Franklin County, TN.

Later in 1860 MS we find Jeremiah and son, Radford Frank Blackard, living there. Earlier, Jeremiah had married (by record) in Hardeman County, TN to Sarah Clift Berry. Please share you info.

Thanks, Della ([DEL5CURTIS@AOL.COM](mailto:DEL5CURTIS@AOL.COM))

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

***“Pictures of Our Past”*** is a pictorial history of Grundy County available at Citizens Tri County Bank in Altamont or at the Tracy City Library. Mail order is also available for \$69.00 from Grundy Co. Historical Society, 641 U.S. Hwy. 41; Pelham, TN 37366. Pictures such as this one from Monteagle are included in the book. Visit the G.C. H. S. online at [www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com) and at [www.grundycountyhistory.org](http://www.grundycountyhistory.org). Send pictures and materials to our webmasters on the sites if you want to share your information. The Grundy Co. Historical Society is also beginning to collect materials for our forthcoming Grundy County Heritage Center in Tracy City. If you want further information, please contact 931 467-3603 or 592-5480 or email [jantay641@gmail.com](mailto:jantay641@gmail.com).

***“Law Enforcers in Grundy County, Tennessee 1844 – 2008”*** By Bob and Bettye Sherwood. The book cost is \$26.00 plus \$7.00 if shipping is required. In addition to the pages of information on law enforcers in Grundy County the book contains an indexed and many pictures of sheriffs, deputies, constables, Tennessee State Troopers and TBI agents. There are snapshots of law enforcers working in the field, and we’ve even added two pages of pictures of stills in Grundy County.

**Reprint of “Grundy County”**

In 1982, James L. Nicholson wrote what is probably the definitive book on the history of Grundy County. 132 pages in length, this book begins when these mountains and valleys were inhabited only by Indians and takes the reader to 1980. It not only presents facts and figures but provides an insightful analysis of key events as well. This book was originally published as a limited edition by Memphis State University’s Tennessee County History Series but has long been out of print and unavailable.

With special permission, the Grundy County Historical Society is planning a special reprint of this book. With the same high quality as the original, with a sewn binding and hardcover, this book will make a fine addition to anyone’s reference library. This book is scheduled to be ready for Fall 2009 delivery. The cost is \$40 plus \$7 for shipping. Please preorder your copy today by sending your payment of \$47. To Grundy Co. Historical Society; P.O. Box 1422; Tracy City, TN 37387. Make sure that you include your name and full mailing address.

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## DR. LYNN A. CARDEN'S RECORDS

This concludes the current collection of Doctor Carden's records. If more records become available, they will be published. We thank Drucilla Clay Medley for sending in these records to share with the Grundy County Historical Society.



Dr. Lynn A. Carden and his wife, Mattie Carden are buried at Warren (Red Hill) Cemetery in Pelham, TN.

Photo by Sharon Nee Goodman.

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Miss Elora Greene Born 1901

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Chesterland Ohio

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Funeral services + interment may 3rd 1971

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May 12 - John Winton Helen <sup>1969</sup>  
 June 2 - Cub Hill <sup>1901</sup> <sup>1963</sup>  
     " 20 - Bob Myers (Ruby) <sup>91 yrs.</sup> <sup>62</sup>  
     " 16 - E.J. Henson (Oscar) <sup>62</sup>  
     " 31 - Edd Conroy (~~Conroy~~) <sup>Maryoni</sup>  
 Aug 2 - Geo. Wimberley  
     " 6 - Huma Smith  
     " 19 - Lige Meeks  
 Sept 13 - ~~Ben~~ <sup>Ben</sup> Southern (colored) <sup>153</sup>  
 Oct 3 - Aus Willis (col)  
     " 17 - Tom Lawson <sup>1919</sup>  
 Dec 28 - Carter Partin <sup>1902</sup>

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 Mar 7 - Frank Wilson <sup>Ruby 3thurs</sup> <sup>Ed Ruby</sup>  
 Mar 25 - Alex Southern (Col) <sup>1971</sup>  
     " 31 - Rice Elkins <sup>1902</sup> <sup>69</sup>  
 Apr 7 - Jno Brashear (Ester) <sup>72 yrs</sup>  
     " 18 - Henry Eckles <sup>62</sup>  
     " 22 - Joe Gothard  
 May 9 - Andrew Patterson

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Promised Land." Five thousand years  
later, Roosevelt said; "Put down your  
shovel, sit on your ass and smoke a  
Camel; This is the Promised Land."



## PETER TURNEY'S 1<sup>st</sup> TENNESSEE REGIMENT, COMPANY A

by Judy Henley Phillips

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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 officer of Company A were: Captain, Alexander E. **PATTON**; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Elijah **REYNOLDS**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., George W. **PARKS** and Samuel N. **NORTHCUT**; 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt., Riley B. **ROBERTS**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt., Joshua K. **WARREN**; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sgt., Joseph G. **WILLIS**; 1<sup>st</sup> Cpl., Ethan A. **FREEMAN**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cpl., Hugh S.W. **NORTHCUT**; 3<sup>rd</sup> Cpl., Robert J. **ADAMS**; 4<sup>th</sup> Cpl., James H. **PATTON**.

**(PartIII)** This concludes the list of Pete Turney's 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee. Thank you to Judy Henley Phillips for granting permission to publish this list from her website.

**PHILLIPS**, Henry A. – Pvt./Sgt. \*Residence, Coffee Co. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro as Pvt., aged 22; promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> Sgt.; wounded in left shoulder at Mine Run; captured at Hatcher's Run, VA, 2 Apr 65; sent to Fort Delaware, DE, released 18 May 65 by order of War Dept.\*

**PHILLIPS**, Robert L. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 19; shot in foot at 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas, 30 Aug 62, prisoner captured and paroled at Warrenton, VA, 29 Sept 62; detailed Apr to Aug 64 as guarding a bridge in Halifax Co., VA, paroled 25 Apr 65. Applied for pension from Coffee Co. after 1891, #8645. Could be Robert S. **PHIPPS** also of this Company.\*

**PHIPPS**, Andrew Jackson – Pvt./Sgt. He was b. 1830, d. 1930. \*Volunteered 27 Apr 61 according to surrender form although no papers for 1861 on file which does show Jackson **Phipps**, enrolled 29 Apr 61 at Pelham aged 20; re-enrolled 29 Apr 62 at Yorktown, VA; present Sept & Oct 62 until 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; promoted to Sgt.; captured at Petersburg, VA, 2 Apr 65; sent from City Point, VA, to Fort Delaware, DE, 4 Apr 65; released 18 May 65. Shows as A. Jackson **Phipps**, Pvt., 1<sup>st</sup> Tenn Inf on another listing as signing the oath of allegiance at Nashville, Tenn; residence Grundy County, fair complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'8"; deserted 4 Apr 65; no family. Could also be Jackson **Phipps** shows in this company as having been admitted 2 Mar 65 to Receiving Hosp, Richmond, VA, sent to Camp Lee, 3 Mar 65, which would tie in with prisoner of war and parole record. Researcher Jack Dwyer says this is not Jackson **PHIPPS** (1820-1899 ancestor of Judy

**Henley Phillips**) who lived and died in Grundy County. Mr. Dwyer gives the following information: "Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS** was born in 1838 in Alabama (I believe it was Jacksonville, AL, the birthplace of his brother, David W. **PHIPPS**). He was the son of Amos **PHIPPS**. The family moved from Jacksonville, AL, when the boys were young and settled in Grundy Co., TN. Their boyhood friend was William B. **PATTIE**, who joined the regiment together with the **PHIPPS** brothers on April 29, 1861. On March 4, 1913, **PATTIE** provided a sworn deposition to David **PHIPPS'** pension application. Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS** enlisted into Comp. A, First Tennessee Infantry Regiment, on April 29, 1861, at Pelham, TN. In his deposition for David **PHIPPS'** pension, A.J. **PHIPPS** mentions, Captain A.E. **PATTON**, Col. Peter **TURNEY**, and General Barnard E. **BEE**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander of **JOHNSTON'S** Division (First TN Inf. Reg't. was attached to this brigade at the Battle of First Manassas). Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS** was in all the major battles from First Manassas to Gettysburg. He participated in the battles on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Gettysburg. He participated in Pickett's Charge and was one of number of men from the First TN that made it over the wall at the angle. He was captured by the 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry and was imprisoned at Fort Delaware until February 27, 1865, when he was exchanged. He made it back to his unit at Petersburg and was captured again on April 4, 1865 and returned to Fort Delaware, where he was released on May 18, 1865. Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS** returned to Grundy County after being paroled to find that his house had burned. In 1866, he left Tennessee for Texas where he became a farmer, married and raised a large family. He married Adelia **HELMS** (1848-1933), dau. Of Gabriel G. and Rachel Josephine (**HOBBS**) **HELMS**, on October 11, 1867, in Gonzales Co., TX. This union resulted in 11 children (4 daus. And 7 sons). Two of his sons, Oscar (1884-1977) and Claude **PHIPPS** (1890-1988) married two **O'NEILL** sisters Mabel (1888-1963), Oscar's wife, and Ethel (1893-1988), Claude's wife. Iona **PHIPPS** (1878-1962), a dau. Of Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS**, married a brother of the **O'NEILL** sisters, Gage Washington **O'NEILL** (1877-1926). Thus, the connection of the **O'NEILL** and **PHIPPS** families which still endures today with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren of Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS**. Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS'** pension was approved on September 1, 1917 by the State of Texas. He died in the home of his son Uel **PHIPPS** (1893-1976) on August 8, 1930, in San Antonio, Texas. His wife, Adelia, died in the home of her son Oscar on June 11, 1933 in San Antonio. Andrew and Adelia are buried in Union Hill Cem., Nixon, TX."~

**PHIPPS**, David Wiley – Pvt. \*Residence Grundy Co., fair complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'10 ½", no family. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 24; present to Nov & Dec 61; present Sept & Oct 62 until Jan & Feb 63 when detailed to pioneer corps; continued in this until present July & Aug 63 until given furlough of indulgence 30 days from 18 Feb 64; deserted 17 Mar 64 at Harrisonburg, VA; signed the oath of allegiance at Nashville, Tenn.\* Jack **Dwyer** (see previous soldier) gives the following information: "David Wiley **PHIPPS** was born 1834 in Jacksonville, AL. The family moved to Grundy Co., TN, when the boys

were young. David enlisted with his brother, Andrew Jackson **PHIPPS**, and boyhood friend, William B. **PATTIE**, on April 29, 1861 at Pelham, TN. All three became members of Comp. A, First Tennessee Inf. Reg't. According to **PATTIE'S** deposition to David's pension application, David was with the regiment until 1864 when David received a furlough. Once the furlough was over, it appears that David **PHIPPS** returned to a Confederate unit. According to his pension, he states that his unit "disbanded at close of war in 1865 "we received no discharge, but when war ended we just simply disbanded – we were in Cherokee Co., AL – the cause was the close of the war." David Wiley **PHIPPS** returned to Grundy Co., TN after the war and married Sallie (maiden name unknown) on June 20, 1865. They relocated to Texas in the late 1860s or early 1870s, eventually settling in the town of Prairie Dell, near Salado, Bell County. He was a farmer in Prairie Dell. His pension was approved on Sept. 1, 1913. He died in Prairie Dell, Bell Co., on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1925. His wife, Sallie, died the 7<sup>th</sup> of Dec. 1933 in Prairie Dell at the age of 87. At her death the arrangements were handled by J.W. **KILLINGSWORTH**, a family friend."

**PHIPPS**, Robert S. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 19; present to Dec 61. Shows also as R.C. **PHILLIPS**, wounded in the foot at 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas, VA, 30 Aug 62; still absent 30 June 63. Could also be Robert L. **PHILLIPS**.

**PORNIS**, L. \*Buried in Hollywood Cemetery at Richmond, VA, 2 Sep 62, possibly as a result of a mortal round received at 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas, VA.\*

**PRICE**, Reuben S. – Pvt. \*Born Warren County, 5'10 ½", dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18; admitted 5 May 62 to CSA Genl Hosp, Danville, VA; discharged for disability 27 July 62. Also shows as Pvt. In Company D, **McLemore's** 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment so may have transferred out of this command at the expiration of his original term of enlistment.\*

**RANKIN**, Franklin Peter – Pvt. He was b. 28 Dec. 1826, TN, d. 6 Feb. 1914, s/o William **RANKIN** and Feraby; m. Elizabeth Jane **THROWER**.~ \*Presumed east Tennessee conscript. Enr. 26 Nov 62 at McMinville, present sick in camp Jan & Feb 63; absent Mar & Apr 63, on furlough of disability for 30 days from 28 Mar 63; term expired and considered deserter from 28 Apr 63. \*

**REYNOLDS**, Elijah – 1<sup>st</sup> Ltn./Capt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham as 1<sup>st</sup> Ltn., aged 32; elected Captain 17 Aug 61 replacing Alex **PATTON** resigned; resigned 27 June 62; affected with a disease of his liver and rheumatism. During his twelve months he received several different furloughs on account of disabilities. Also shows as Captain in the 28<sup>th</sup> Cavalry so it is presumed that he may have transferred out of this command.\*

**ROBERTS**, Isaac B. – Pvt. \*Born in Grundy Co., 5'8", dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 18; died at Receiving & Wayside Hosp at

Richmond, VA, 21 July 62 due to gun shot wound in the groin received at Gaines Mill, Seven Days around Richmond, 27 June 62.\*

**ROBERTS**, Joshua T. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 20; wounded at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; absent without leave from 26 July 63 near Orange Court House, VA. No further record and presumed deserted.\*

**ROBERTS**, Philip L. – Pvt. One Philip was b. c1828, TN; m. Lucy Ann **BARNES**. Also, Philip **ROBERTS**, b. 1806, N.C. was the first sheriff of Grundy. He served in the Seminole War and during the Civil War was commissioned captain of a Conf. Comp., but before the war was ended, was honorably discharged because of extreme age. He was married 1<sup>st</sup> to Susan R. **SMITH** and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Arsenath **PEARSON**.~ \*Joined by transfer 30 Aug 61. He was also Cpl. In Company G (Coffee Co.) 34<sup>th</sup> Inf. Formed 5 August 1861 and Pvt., Company F, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, formed after August 1861.\*

**ROBERTS**, Riley B. – 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. He was b. c1823 and was serving as a court clerk in Grundy in 1850. Born Blount Co., AL, 5'5", fair complexion, gray eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 37; ordered on Special Order #3, 22 Aug 61 to recruiting service, absent in Tennessee on Recruiting Duty; discharged 31 Aug 61. Later Lt.-Colonel of 35<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Inf. He was transferred to Captain **HANNAH'S** company, Colonel **HILL'S** Regiment. After Capt. Albert C. **HANNER** sic [**HANNAH**] was killed at Shiloh, Riley B. **ROBERTS** became Captain of the Company and was then promoted to Lt.-Col. Of the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry replacing John L. **SPURLOCK** who was not re-elected at the regimental re-organization. He shows in list of organization of the Army of Tennessee during the Stone's River Campaign as Captain of Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Reg't. [later re-named the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry].

**RODDY**, George W. – Pvt. \*Born Coffee Co., 5'6", dark complexion, gray eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; admitted 18 May 62 to Chimborazo Hosp No 3, Richmond, VA, with debility; discharged 27 July 62 due to being under-age.\*

**ROSE**, John – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hockerville, aged 19; given furlough 3 Feb 63 for 21 days by General Orders; present Mar & Apr 63 until deserted 1 Mar 64 at Harrisonburg, VA \*

**ROSE**, Stephen C. – Pvt. \*Enr. 16 Oct 61 at Camp Fisher, VA, present until Nov & Dec 61; no further record.\*

**ROWE**, Thomas W. – Pvt. He was b. c1840, Alto, Franklin Co., TN [then called Hockerville]. He was s/o Alanson **ROE/ROWE** and Elizabeth M. **PETTY**.~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hockerville; present until died of disease at Camp Fisher near Dumfries, VA, 18 Nov 61 of pneumonia.\*

**SANDERS**, Alexander Houston – Pvt. He was b. 20 Sept 1838 at Payne's Cove, Grundy Co., TN, d. 9 May 1919; s/o Jacob **SANDERS** and Martha **YATES**. He m. Mary E. **CRABTREE** and lived in Grundy. He went to his father's home in Lincoln Co. after the

war.~ \*He Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 20. He was shot in the arm at Harper's Ferry. Promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Cpl. 20 Oct 62. After Gettysburg he was authorized to return home for the purpose of raising a company. Furlough expired 23 Mar 64 considered to have deserted. He raised a Company and was appointed Capt. Of Company C, 20<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Cav. In a battle in Madison County, AL, he had a leg broken by a gunshot; at McMinnville, TN, a bullet passed through his chin; at Selma, AL, he received a bullet in his thigh which he carried until his death; and at the last-named battle, while in a hand-to-hand conflict with sabers, his own weapon was cut in two, and thus left defenseless he warded off blows with his hands until one of his comrades shot his assailant, but his hands were badly cut. After the war he was elected to the county court for eight years and in 1892 was elected Sheriff of Grundy County. He applied for a pension from Franklin County after 1891.\*

**SANDERS**, James M. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 19; killed in action at Seven Pines, VA, 31 May 62.\*

**SANDERS**, Milton Porter – Pvt. He was b. c1837, s/o Thomas **SANDERS** and Mary.~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 23; wounded in hand at Chancellorsville, VA, 3 May 63, wounded at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; deserted 1 Mar 64 at Harrisonburg, VA\*

**SHEID**, William K. – Pvt. \*Born 23 Dec 40. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 20 wounded in left side at Sharpsburg, MD, 17 Sept 62; captured 28 Sept 62 at Antietam and paroled 13 Oct 62 at Fort McHenry, MD; sent to Fort Monroe, VA, for exchange; admitted 2 Oct 64 to Chimborazo Hosp No 4, Richmond, with flesh wound in back; issued a passport to go to Gordonsville, AL; absent on furlough. Died 20 Sept 1904, buried in Crook Cemetery, Alexandria, Calhoun Co., AL.\*

**SHERRILL**, George A. – Pvt. s/o Geo. Davidson **SHERRILL** and Elizabeth **HUNT MORGAN**. He m. Lilley.~ \*Residence, Coffee Co., dark complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'9". Enr. 18 Mar 63 at Camp Gregg, VA, present until captured at Gettysburg, PA, 3 July 63; sent to Fort Delaware, DE, where he was held until paroled and forwarded to City Point, VA, for exchange, 27 Feb 65; admitted 6 May 65 to USA Genl Hosp, Point Lookout, MD, with chronic diarrhea, aged 22; released when he signed the oath at Point Lookout, MD, 26 June 65.\*

**SHERRILL**, J.C. – Pvt. \*Enr. 18 Mar 63; present until received a disability furlough for 30 days from 27 Apr 63; time expired and considered a deserter.\*

**SIMS**, Elisha M. – Pvt. \*Born Warren County, Tenn., 5'10", light complexion, blue eyes, black hair, physician. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 28; present to Nov & Dec 61; discharged 29 Mar 62 by reason of disability.\*

**SMITH**, Smart L. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 18; died at Camp Jones, VA, 11 Aug 61 of typhoid fever.\*

**SOIDD**, R. – Pvt. \*Wounded severely in the chest at Sharpsburg, Md., 17 Sep 62.\*

**STATUM**, Thomas – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 23; discharged 1 Dec 61 at Camp Fisher, VA, on surgeon's certificate of disability, nephritis.\*

**STILLS**, Isaac – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; d. 13 Nov 61, pneumonia, at Camp Fisher, near Dumfries, VA.\*

**STOVALL**, James B. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; discharged 8 Nov 61 at Camp Fisher, VA, near Dumfries, reason not stated.\*

**TATE**, James S. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 24; present until Nov & Dec 61.\*

**TATE**, William – Pvt. \*Born Warren Co., 5'9", dark complexion, black eyes, black hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Altamont, aged 22; present until 30 Jan 62; discharged due to disability.\*

**TATE**, William H. – Pvt. \*Born Coffee Co., light complexion, light hair, blue eyes, 5'6". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 24; sick; captured at Petersburg, VA, 2 Apr 65; sent from City Point, VA, to Fort Delaware, DE, 4 Apr 65; signed the oath and released 10 June 65.\*

**TAYLOR**, A.J. – Pvt./Cpl. \*Enr. 26 July 61 at Camp Jones, VA, promoted to 3<sup>rd</sup> Cpl. 20 Oct 62; captured at Falling Waters, MD, 14 July 63; sent to Point Lookout, MD, 23 Aug 63; transferred to Elmira, NY, 28 July 64, where he died 30 Aug 64 of chronic 19iarrhea, grave #123. His body was removed and reburied at Woodland National Cem., Elmira, grave.\*

**TAYLOR**, Francis M. – Pvt. \*Born Coffee Co., 16 January 1845, 5'7", dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, farmer. Enr. 26 July 61 at Camp Jones, VA, aged 17; discharged 27 July 62 because under-age. Applied for pension from Coffee Co. after 1891, #13904.\*

**TAYLOR**, Robert B. – Pvt./Sgt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; wounded in the chest at Second Manassas, 30 Aug 62; detailed as litter bearer Jan & Feb 63; promoted to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sgt., 2 Sept 63, succeeding **ELLIOTT**; Apr 64 detailed on ambulance corps; paroled at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 Apr 65.\*

**THACKER**, Francis M. – Pvt. He was b. c1836, Coffee Co., s/o Ezekiel Evans **THACKER** and Alpha **SHORT**. He m. Cordelia A. **NOWLIN**. ~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 23; discharged 26 Aug 61, general debility; died 1 Sept 61, Camp Jones, VA, of pneumonia.\*

**THACKER**, Joseph S. – Pvt. This is probably Joab Short **THACKER**, b. c1839, Coffee and s/o of Ezekial Evans **THACKER** and Alpha **SHORT**. ~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 22; died at Camp Jones, VA, 11/14 Aug 61 of typhoid fever-pneumonia.\*

**TOWNSEND**, Charles N. – Pvt. \*Residence, Tullahoma, fair complexion, auburn hair, blue eyes, 5'10 ½". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 19; sick; captured at North Anna River, VA, 24 May 64 [also shows as Hanover Junction, VA, 22 May 64]; arrived at Front Royal, VA, 30 May 64; sent from Point Lookout, MD, 28 July 64 to Elmira, NY., released 19 May 65 when he signed the oath.\*

**TUCKER**, Zebulon B. – Pvt./Cpl. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 22; elected 31 Aug 61 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal; present until Dec 61; reduced to ranks, probably at re-organization of regiment; no account of his death but prior to 26 May 62 when his mother filed suit for his effects.\*

**WALLS**, George W. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 27; deserted 23 July 63 near Front Royal, VA.

**WARREN**, John F. – Pvt. \*Residence, Altamont, Grundy Co. Enr. 5 June 61 at Harpers Ferry, VA; detailed as wagoner for Major VICK; sick; shot in knee, at the Wilderness, VA, 5 May 64; died 29 Jan 65 at Genl Hosp, Columbia, SC, of typhoid fever.\*

**WARREN**, John W. – Pvt. \*Born Franklin Co., 5'8", dark complexion, dark eyes, black hair, farmer. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 21; discharged 26 Oct 61 at Camp Fisher, VA, disability for chronic 20iarrhea.\*

**WARREN**, Joshua K. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ltn. He was b. c1829, TN, s/o Thomas **WARREN** and Nancy **ROBERTS**.~ \*Residence Grundy Co., fair complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, 5'10". Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 33 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ltn.; sick; captured at Greenville, PA, 5 July 63; admitted 12 July 63 to Hosp, West Philadelphia, PA; sent to Hosp, Chester, PA, 14 July 63; transferred to Sandusky, OH, 31 Aug 63; transferred to Cairo, IL, 7 Apr 65; was to be transferred from New Orleans, LA, to the mouth of Red River, LA, for exchange 2 May 65 but name cancelled; turned over 15 May 65 at Vicksburg, MS; signed the oath at Nashville, TN, 31 May 65.\*

**WILKINSON**, John A. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 20 admitted 31 Mar 65 to Wayside Hosp, Meridian, MS, furloughed and paroled.\*

**WILLIAMS**, J.R. – Pvt. This is probably John R., Co. B. \*Residence Decherd Station, dark complexion, dark hair, gray eyes, 5'6". Shows also as Company I. Captured 2 Apr 65 at Petersburg, VA, sent to Fort Monroe and admitted to Genl Hosp there 4 Apr 65 with gunshot wound to left thigh; transferred to Newport News, VA, 6 June 65 where he took the oath.\*

**WILLIS**, Joseph G. – Sgt./Ltn. He was b. 25 Oct. 1832, Franklin Co., TN, d. 8 Sept. 1894; m. (1) Louisa Jane **WINTON**; (2) Mrs. Sallie (**CROCKETT**) **MARSHAL**. He was s/o Joseph **WILLIS** and Elizabeth Ann **BOSTICK**.~ \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Pelham, aged 28, as 3<sup>rd</sup> Sgt.; wounded at Gaines Mills, VA, 27 June 62; resigned 24 July 62 due to chronic 20iarrhea and result of wound. Replaced by Benjamin F. **PARKS**.\*

**WILSON**, James G. – Pvt. \*Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Hillsboro, aged 21; present until discharged 20 Nov 61 at Camp Fisher, VA, disability for incised wound.\*

**WINTON**, Pleasant H. – Pvt. \*Born 13 August 1841 in Coffee County. Enr. 29 Apr 61 at Winchester, aged 19. Shows discharged on account of ill-health in June 62.

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## TEACHERS KNOWN TO HAVE TAUGHT AT ELKHEAD SCHOOL

Burrows' Cove, Grundy County, TN.

List by Lenora Burnett Payne – Created in 1986.

Emmitt Lee Newman

Eugene E. Northcutt

Clercy Hamby

Mamie Hamby

Mabel Winton

Joe Gallagher

Roy Mayes

Roy Greene

Maggie Childers

Annie Lee Thomas

S.B. Starnes from Cookville

Jeweldean Myers

Marean (Campbell) Crabtree Hill

Glenn E. Bonner

Nell (Sartain) Winton

Lenora (Burnett) Payne

Walter Woodlee

Alvin Henderson

Jim Greene

Luther Greene

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## GRUNDY COUNTY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Miss Vera McCampbell's research. Miss McCampbell was a colleague of May Justus.

The earliest records of Grundy County schools were published in 1869. The Superintendent of Schools received a salary of \$81 per year and total expenditures for the system were \$937. The scholastic population was made up of 935 white children, but only 650 were enrolled in the 16 one-teacher county schools.

By 1876-77, Supt. John Scruggs reported a school population of 720 white males, 750 white females, 25 colored males, and 27 colored females. The state provided \$513.27 per year to operate the 12 schools, which employed 9 men and 3 women.

By 1883 there were 30 white and 1 colored teacher employed with an average salary of \$29.00 per month.

In 1900 Grundy County students paid a tuition of \$.75 per month. Taxes were levied on property, polls, and privileges. Grundy County's tax rate in 1900 was \$1.50, \$.25 per \$100 value and \$.25 respectively.

In 1921-22 the average cost per pupil in Grundy County was \$12.78. The total operating budget for the county was \$20,860.22 to operate the county's 38 schools.

In 1950 the average teacher's pay for men was \$232.00 while the average for women was \$192.00.

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## A TALK WITH ANNIE MAE (MOONEY) FOSTER

### “Nestled in An Old Tree Stump”

Written by Jackie Layne Partin

Annie Mae (Mooney) Foster is ninety-two plus years of age. She was born 25 October 1916, near “Greenview,” Sewanee, Tennessee. The little house in which she was born was nestled on the mountainside underneath the Sewanee Golf Course in Franklin County, Tennessee. Annie’s mother was Flora Eva Mooney, youngest daughter of Richard Charles Mooney and Sarah Catherine (Sutherland) Mooney. On 27 January 2009, I sat down with Annie in her Monteagle home for the purpose of letting her tell her story. She is a kind, courteous, happy lady with a pleasant smile—a lady one would be proud to have as a mother or a granny.

Years ago in my job at the Tracy City Elementary School, I enjoyed so much working on the many bulletin boards scattered throughout the building. One Valentine’s Day, my friend Edwene Johnson and I decided to put the words “Love is...” In the center of a large board and then pass out small paper hearts to folks around the building. We requested that they finish the statement above and write it on their paper hearts that would then be placed on the board. We got all kinds of completions, “Love is bluebirds, turnip greens in the spring, grandchildren, payday, God, Jesus...”. While talking with Annie, I thought of that board; if she had been given a paper heart to write on, it would have read, “Love is my Granny.” She would have written it without hesitation, and with all the love she could muster in her heart.

Annie was born out of wedlock, so she was from birth, and some years after that, living in her Granny Catherine’s house. A bond was made between the two that could never be broken, not even by her grandmother’s death. The house is no longer standing; the weather and time took its toll on the old house, and it crumpled. Annie recalled the three rooms in the house: a “big room” that she called the living room, a kitchen that was entered by stepping down into it, and a bedroom off from that room. The heat came from a fireplace in the living room and from the wood cook stove in the kitchen. Annie loved that old house.



If the inside of the house seemed comforting and warming to Annie, then the outside was just as big a part of her life. She loved the two huge, room-size boulders that the mountainside and weather, many years before, had carved out just for her pleasure. Nature had placed one in her grandmother's front yard, and the other one, Annie's favorite, had been so generously positioned at the back of the house. It was on this one that she "played house" as a little girl. All we older females had those little niches where we built our playhouses, using pieces of broken glass as our dishes and small tin cans as our pots and pans. The huge outcroppings of roots from the large oak trees in our yard were the furniture for my playhouses. Annie, like me, conjured up furnishings for a whole house without ever going shopping or spending a penny. Near her playhouse rock, the water ran out from under the bluff in a steady stream. The family had harnessed the water into a pipe on which an empty bucket could be hung, and not long afterwards, it would be filled to the brim. "Oh, the water was so good," Annie said smilingly, "But I hated to see washday come." There was always so much work to be done.

Annie's grandmother always had a garden where crops were raised and preserved for meals served during the long winter months. She recalls the piles of compost made throughout the winter from "manure" and other organic material; in the spring it was spread out over the garden plot to enrich the soil. We talked about "bugging" the "taters" and beans; the beans especially had to be kept free from the little pests. We both remembered carrying cans with a small amount of "coal oil" in them; we picked off the bugs

one by one and dropped them into the can which was better than “squushing” (*mountain talk for squashing*) them between our fingers. Near the garden was a trellis with a beautiful rose bush wandering in and out of its form as though each stem with its buds was looking for just the right place to position itself. It was through the garden area that the path meandered, coming up from the cove below, enabling its inhabitants to have a shortcut to the plateau above. Annie recalled that the Garners were frequent travelers on the path. They would stop at the water bucket, drink the cold water, and “rest a spell” before finishing the climb to the top.

Hog killing days were indelibly etched into her memory. She raised her hands to cover her ears tightly; this was to let me know just what she didn't like about those days. The squealing of the pigs was more than the small child wanted to hear. Strangely enough, I could fully understand the feelings she was having. My grandfather was the assigned “hog killer” when I was a child. He had a barn in Monteagle across 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from our backyard, and this was where the event took place. I, too, did not like to hear the pigs beg for their lives. But Annie and I also remembered how wonderfully satisfying the fresh, fried pork smelled and looked when a full platter was placed on the table before us. Once we placed the first bite into our mouths, the squeals of the poor hogs seemed muted by hunger, then enjoyment.

Annie was about three and a half years old when her grandfather Richard Mooney died, so she really doesn't remember him. She, her mother Flora, her grandmother Catherine and a cousin Preston Mooney were living at the old home site in 1920. Life was not easy for Catherine, but Annie said that her grandmother was a worker. One thing Catherine did to earn money for her family was baking goods and selling them to the Sewanee Military Academy's young men and later to Saint Andrews' students. She was an excellent baker. The schools furnished her with tables to display her baked goods, and the boys could hardly wait to get their turn to buy her fried apple pies, cupcakes and various other sweets. Another means for earning much needed monies to help keep her granddaughter clothed and fed, was picking up lost golf balls around the golf course. It wasn't an easy job, for the balls were well hidden in all kinds of settings. They particularly liked to hide under the dried leaves. Catherine, being the caregiver for her young granddaughter, would take Annie on the searches with her. She had a special hollow stump near the golf course that she used as a playpen. With the little girl in hand and a quilt for her comfort, she would make her journey from the side of the mountain up the path to the golf course. When she came to the stump, she lined it with the quilt and placed her beloved Annie inside the stump for safekeeping. With her eye constantly on Annie and the stump, Catherine filled her pockets and aprons with old golf balls that would be sold back to the golfers.

At first, Annie's grandmother took her to school in Sewanee, but as time went on, she can remember living with her mother Flora in a large building which had several other families in it. This may have come about when her grandmother married Andrew J. Lawson in 1926 bringing about a change at home. She thinks maybe she and her mother were living near the "Negro quarters" since she recalled playing with the little black children and having so much fun. A pleasant memory, but one of a child's wonderment, was of an elderly black lady who was baking; soon she placed a large pan on top of her head and walked away. That was an unusual sight for Annie.

When Flora Mooney moved to Coalmont in Grundy County and married Garvin Morgan, a coal miner, Annie went with her mother. She wanted so badly to be with her grandmother throughout all the things that were happening in her life, but she made the best of new surroundings. The Morgans lived near the Bonnie Oak Cemetery. Annie remembered playing around the old Dick Sanders School. For fun, she and her friends pulled the rotten lumber from the outside of the building. Some of her best friends were the Phipps children who lived near her mother's home. I asked her if she attended high school, and she laughingly said, "One day, and I didn't go back! I wanted to be with Granny." I asked her why she didn't like high school, and she answered, "It was so different."

In 1934, at the age of eighteen, Annie Mooney and James Foster walked up the road a "little ways" in the Midway community and got married. They both worked at Saint Andrews School. For a little while, they lived with her beloved grandmother who was getting on up in years by this time. Granny Mooney, a hard working, determined and caring woman, died in 1936. Annie didn't recall this sad event; maybe it was because she didn't want to admit that it had happened. She and James had three children: Wanda, Jimmy and Sue. Jimmy and Wanda live near her, but Sue lives in North Carolina. Her children are wonderful caregivers and are there for her at all times. Annie worked at Saint Andrews School for nearly forty years as a baker; she had an excellent teacher, her granny, and learned her trade well. Her husband James passed away and was buried in Winchester. "I wanted him in a place where he would be taken care of," she said.

Some years ago, Annie's son Jim found a smaller, more suitable house for her in Monteagle, a town she dearly loves. I enjoyed every minute of my visit with her. Although she had a little trouble with her memory, it didn't affect her graciousness. What a friendly, happy soul! If "laughter is the best medicine," then Annie and I were feeling great that day.



**Annie Mae (Mooney) Foster today.**

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## **THE DEATH OF LYDIA SUE WOODLEE RODDY**

By Charles H. Sain, P.E.

One late Sunday night or early Monday morning in Hubbard's Cove, I woke up to hear a car's motor running and to hear some men talking. I could not understand anything being said but realized nothing was normal. I heard the car drive off but could hear my father talking to some one. The next thing I heard was my father coming back into the house and telling my mother "I put him in the straw barn."

I was 15 years old at the time and slept upstairs at our home in Hubbard's Cove. The date was Sunday night, July 18, 1938 with Werner Roddy shooting his wife, Lydia Sue Woodlee Roddy, in their Tracey City house. Werner Roddy was my father's first cousin. Werner's mother was my father's aunt. Werner and his wife were separated and had been for sometime. It was told that Sue Roddy was shot and killed while she was listening to a radio after putting her there small children to bed. It was reported that Werner went to the house in a drunken condition and tried to enter. Since doors and windows were locked he fired a shotgun through a screen and struck Sue in the side. When Sheriff J.L. McGovern came to the house and forced an entrance Sue was still alive. The sheriff summoned an ambulance and sent Sue to the Newell Sanitarium in Chattanooga. She was determined to be dead upon arrival, and then her body was returned to Tracy City.

The three small children were raised by "Aunt" Bell Kitts, who was of no relationship to them, in her declining years. The children were Nancy, Margaritte, and Bobby. These children were determined to be the most deserving case supported by the Orphan Fund. I have talked with Bobby Roddy on, I think, two occasions. He was a coal miner and a lay preacher. He did not know that my father kept Werner for three (3) or four (4) nights. Bobby did think a brother of Werner's took him to Hubbard's Cove. Bobby had not heard anything from his father and had no idea where he was.

While Werner was at our house in Hubbard's Cove in the straw barn, my father would take him food. One afternoon Werner went to a field some distance behind the straw barn and was picking and eating blackberries. Florence Hall, an African-American wife of Tom Hall, a tenant, was also in the field picking blackberries. She practically ran into Werner and became very scared and ran to my mother in our house to inform her. My mother got Florence calmed down and when my father and I came in from working in the field, she told him he had to get rid of Werner. My father told my mother that he agreed to keep Werner for three (3) or four (4) nights. Late that night, or early the next morning, a car came and got Werner. I never knew who came. We had no telephone or any other means or communication so whoever picked Werner up had to have planned it before hand.

Sometime afterwards, the FBI came and talked to my father concerning Werner. The agents reported they had traced Werner to my father's farm and wanted to know who picked him up. My father told them he did not know but he got rid of Werner as soon as he could. We never heard anything afterwards.

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## **HEAD OF COLLINS RIVER CHURCH MINUTE BOOK TWO (JANUARY 1819-SEPTEMBER 1871)**

Contributed by Sandra Tate Hereford (Revised February 2009/used with permission)

NOTE: Printed as received.

Foreword: The Head of Collins River Church was established on 3 June 1809 on Collins River near what is known as Wanamaker's Branch in Warren, now Grundy County, Tennessee. According to Margaret Brown Coppinger's notes, it was probably the first church to be organized in Warren County. The church building was rebuilt in 1819 on land given by Pastor Evan Lawler near the L. C. Scott residence. In August 1825 the settlement on Cumberland Mountain petitioned the Head of Collins River Church to appoint a church meeting in that location and their petition was granted. The first meeting was held near Sterling Savage's place on the mountain on the second Saturday in

September 1825 and meetings were held concurrently in the valley and on the mountain for some time.

In 1858 the Head of Collins River Church was renamed Philadelphia Baptist Church and moved to a new building at its present location (1988) in the Mt. Olive community off Highway 56 in Grundy County. Brother Glenn Killian, a descendant of the founders of the church, conducts services there today (1988.)

Minutes of meetings for the first ten years are missing; however, Minute Book Two, which begins with a meeting on the first Saturday in January 1819, notes the date the Church was established. The last recorded minutes were for a meeting on the first Saturday in September 1871. Beginning in the mid- 1850s, meeting minutes were recorded inconsistently, without explanation, and many meetings passed into history without note. Gaps of significant lengths of time in the minutes are footnoted in the text.

Every effort has been made to transcribe the minutes exactly as they were written, preserving the original spelling, punctuation, etc. Illegible words are indicated by blank spaces in the text. Corrections and revisions to the 1988 transcription were made in February 2009.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to Brother Glenn Killian for allowing me access to this minute book and for generously giving his permission for the transcription of this record. I am grateful for his interest in preserving and in sharing the early history of our Warren and Grundy County, Tennessee ancestors.

Sandra Tate Hereford

### **Head of Collins River Church**

Was established 3 day of June 1809 on the following principals:

1<sup>st</sup> We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, And these three are one...

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe in the fall of Man, and that he is depraved in all his parts...

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe in the Salvation of our Souls and Bodies only through \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe that the benefit of redemption is applied by the Holy Ghost.

5<sup>th</sup> We believe that Baptism by emersion is a Gospel ordinance and that believers ought to comply therewith and none others...

6<sup>th</sup> We believe that The Sabbath is a holy and heavenly institution and that the privileges thereof ought to be observed...

7<sup>th</sup> We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints and that not one of them will be finally lost..

8<sup>th</sup> We do agree to attend our Meetings and especially our Church Meetings unless providentially hindered...

9<sup>th</sup> We do agree to support the Church in all her charges agreeable to our several abilities..

10<sup>th</sup> (marked through)

## 1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of Members.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Church took up the continued reference from July Meeting of the travail for a Deacon and after mature deliberations unanimously chose Brother Even Lawler to that office – and his request to have til next Meeting to give his answer which was granted.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brothers Rogers and Groc report that they had in the name of the Church requested the brethren as required by the Church – Brother Chaney came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church – Brother Isham Dyks failing to attend. Brother John J. Walker appointed to request him to attend at next meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> Brother John Rogers refused to fill his seat and wishes to give his reasons at another time.

5<sup>th</sup> Sisters Martha and Abigale Thompson dismissed by letters.

The Church met on the fourth Saturday in Febr. 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Brother Deacon chosen last meeting gave his answer in the affirmative and the Church call a presbytery at next Church Meeting for his ordination and sent to the sister Churches towit: Hickory Creek, Barren Fork and Collins River Churches for ministerial help.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Brother report that he requested Brother Dyks to attend at the Meeting who sent his excuse which was recd.

4<sup>th</sup> The Church agree to make choice of members to represent her in conference on the first Saturday in May at Rocky River Meeting House (towit) Jno. Walker, \_\_\_\_\_.

5<sup>th</sup> Brethren Rogers and Bond request to have until next meeting for Brother Rogers to answer.

6<sup>th</sup> Appointed Brother Lawler to purchase plank for the meeting house.



7<sup>th</sup> Brother and Sister Potts dismissed by letter.

8<sup>th</sup> The Church agree to put what money she has in the hands of individuals in to the hands of the Deacons.

9<sup>th</sup> Brethren John H. Groc and John J. Walker appointed to see to the laying off and procuring a deed for the land where the new meeting house now stands.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Agreeable to request the help came forward and formed a presbytery (towit) Brethren Jesse Dodson, Wm. Thompson, Nathan Hammonds and Jas. Walker and after examination ordained Brother Lawler.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Isham Dyks came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church.

4<sup>th</sup> Rogers and Bond request a committee to labor in the existing difficulty between them – Wm. McGregor and James Cope sent.

5<sup>th</sup> The committee came in and report nothing done. The above referred to a call meeting on the fourth Saturday in this Inst.

6<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah Wilson dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the fourth Saturday in March being a call meeting and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> Brother Evan Lawler report that he has procured plank for the new meeting house and Brothers B. Wade, J. J. Walker appointed to receive the same.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Wade appointed to procure 6# of nails.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brothers John Rogers and Wm. Bond gave a relation to the Church that they were reconciled with each other and sorry that they had spoke harsh and unbecoming words which gave satisfaction to the Church.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Saly Cagle dismissed by letter.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Church took into consideration the gifts of Brother Wm. Walker and after mature consideration says that she considers it to be profitable among us and therefore licenses him to exercise it in any way the Lord may direct where ever his lot may be cast.

4<sup>th</sup> The Brethren appointed to receive the plank report that they have received 406 feet for the use of the Church at 1\$25.

5<sup>th</sup> Brother Charles Crettenden appointed to contact and settle with Brother J. L. Walker for the above planks.

6<sup>th</sup> Brother Evan Lawler appointed to purchase a lock and put the same on Saturday.

- 7<sup>th</sup> Sister Alsea Jackson received by letter.  
 8<sup>th</sup> Sister Prudence Lockhart received by letter.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Sister Seala Jones received by letter.  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sister Temperance Bolen \_\_\_\_\_ her membership to the Church.  
 11<sup>th</sup> The Church agree to consult a General Rule respecting members leaving the bounds of the Church and not applying for dismissal and report at next meeting – Sunday.  
 12<sup>th</sup> Sister Anne Roger received by letters.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May 1819 and after prayers proceeds to business.

- 1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Cretenden reported that he had settled with Brother J. L. Walker for the plank.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Brother E. Lawler report that agreeable to the directions of the Church he has furnished a lock and a Book for the use of the Church. Lock 1\$ Book 1\$.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Brother Lawler executed a deed for the Meeting house land.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Brother John J. Walker offered to make a Deed in behalf of the Church unto Jacob Runick for two acres of land where the old Meetinghouse stood.  
 6<sup>th</sup> The Church took up the reference respecting what was to be done with Members who leave or remove from the bounds of the Church without applying for a letter of Dismission.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Ansr – If any member shall voluntarily remove from the Church without applying for a letter – they shall be deemed in disorder – and this Act to be entered with the rules of the government of the Church.  
 8<sup>th</sup> The Church agree to inspect the old Church Book at the next meeting.

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## **CORRECTIONS**

David Patton sent in the following corrections from the March 2009 issue: Page 34-35: Bailey and Ethel Brooks had a 3<sup>rd</sup> son, Paul Edward Brooks, WWII vet. He was deceased at the time of his parents' deaths. Page 36: Two obits of Richard Brian and Ethel Lorraine Couter (Last name is Coutu rather than Couter).

Carla Hill sent in a correction on her great Uncle "Bug" Willis from the March 2009 issue. His date of birth was 1896.

As always, if you spot a mistake, please feel free to contact the editor at [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com) and the correction will be in the next issue of the Pathfinder.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

Contributed by Sue Scott

**Geary, Leon** (Ponce) b. Oct. 10, 1913 in TN to Hattie **Cleek** and Leo **Geary**, d. Oct. 14, 1974 at Newell's Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Dorothy Katherine **McBee** and their daughter was Sandra. His siblings were Naomi, Arline, Malcolm and Edward.

**Gholston, Mona Lee** b. Oct. 10, 1932 in TN to Raymond and Mae (**Hobbs**) **Worley**, d. Dec. 22, 1984 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at White Cemetery. She was survived by her husband, Sam **Gholston** Jr., their son Rick, 2 sisters, Wilma and Connie and 4 brothers, Hank, Bill Stan and Clifford.

**Gibbs, Hallie**, b. June 24, 1890 in TN to Lucy and J.O. **Gibbs**, d. Aug 31, 1971 at Palmer and was buried at Hobbs Hill Cemetery

**Gibbs, Johnny** Dillard "Coy" b. June 24, 1919 in TN to John D. Sr. and Rosie (**Sanders**) **Gibbs**, d. May 30, 1977 at Cumberland Heights Clinic in Coalmont and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married June **Borne** and they had 2 children, Lindel and Keith. Coy was survived by a brother James and 3 sisters, Ruby, Vergie and Wilma.

**Gifford, Bobby** Wayne b. March 10, 1933 in TN to R.W. and Daisy (**Perry**) **Gifford**, d. Jan. 4, 1977 at Veterans Hospital in Davidson County, TN and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He was survived by a daughter, Tonya and 3 sons, Russell, Billy and Paul, a brother Eugene and 4 sisters.

**Gifford, Hannah** J. b. Sept. 12, 1905 in TN to Sallie and Bill **James**, d. Oct. 1, 1977 at her home in Palmer and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. She had 2 daughters, Josie and Ella Mae and 2 sons J.H. and Manuel **Perry**.

**Gifford, Russell** Walter b. Dec. 7, 1984 in Michigan to Horace and Bell (**Bly**) **Gifford**, d. Nov. 20, 1976 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Daisy **Perry** and had 7 children, Emma, Ethel Mae, Modina, Johnnie, Ruby, Eugene and George.

**Glisson, Maude** Elizabeth b. Nov. 6, 1911 in TN to Byron and Eliza (**Lowe**) **Land**, d. Nov. 20, 1984 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek. She was survived her husband Bedford R. **Glisson**, 2 daughters, Mildred and Gladys, 2 sisters, Ethel and Myrtle and 2 brothers, Roy and Elmer.

**Green**, Elvin Lee b. Jan. 10, 1909 in TN to John D. and Martha Jane (**Grimes**) **Green**, d. April 7, 1983 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at the Coalmont Cemetery. He married Rachel Katherine **Nunley** and had 2 daughters, Wanda and Jean. He had 2 brothers, Clyde and Estell and 4 sisters, Maude, Pearl, Opal and Stella.

**Green**, Martha Jane b. Jan. 20, 1880 in TN to Sam and Millie (**Turner**) **Grimes**, d. Jan. 8, 1987 at Cumberland Heights Clinic in Coalmont and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married John D. **Green** and had 7 children Estell, Clyde, Lee, Maude, Stella , Pearl, and Opal.

**Green**, William Alonzo b. May 8, 1915 in TN to Bill and bythia (**Prater**) **Green**, d. March 16, 1984 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek. He was survived by 4 sisters, Othelia, Glads, Bonnie and Zella and 4 brothers, Dalton, Roy, J.B. and Harold.

**Greene**, Virgil Franklin b. Sept. 28, 1902 in TN to Andrew Jackson and Margaret (**Nunley**) **Greene**, d. March 22, 1983 in Altamont and was buried at the Mt. Olive Cemetery. His wife was named Rena **Belle** and they had 6 children, Carrie, Virgie Marie, Bob, Glenn, Dora and Connie.

**Griffith**, Chester Lee b. June 15, 1909 in TN to Don and Etta **Griffith**, d. Sept. 24, 1974 at Parkridge Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at the Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Dorthelia **Kirk** and they had a son, Don Edward.

**Grimes**, Mary Eunice b. March 11, 1902 in TN to Byron and Eliza (**Lowe**) **Land**, d. Oct. 29, 1972 at Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Robert **Grimes** and was survived by 3 daughters and 2 sons.

**Grimes**, James Frederick b. July 6, 1896 in Tn to Sam and Catherine (**Richmond**) **Grimes**, d. Aug. 9, 1974 at Cumberland Heights in Coalmont and was buried at Burkett Chapel Cemetery. He married Mila **Green** and was survived by 9 children, Marie, Katie, Ola, Betty, Alene, Herbert, Herschel, Howard and Harley.

**Grooms**, Clara b. Nov. 12, 1905 in TN to N.B. and Allie (**Woodlee**) **Sanders**, d. Nov. 17, 1977 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Dillard **Grooms** and was survived by 3 children, Della Mae, Mary Lou and Norris.

**Grooms**, Dillard b. Oct. 31, 1904 in TN to Frank and Rosie (**Meeks**) **Grooms**, d. April 14, 1973 at Newell Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Clara **Sanders** and was survived by 3 children.

**Grooms**, Elbert Burton b. June 9, 1902 in TN to George and Emma (**McCool**) **Grooms**, d. July 25, 1978 at Downtown General Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at the Coalmont Cemetery. He married Willie **Fults** who preceded him in death and was survived by 2 daughters, Doris and Peggy, 2 sons, Keith and Elbert "Ladd" and a sister, Ola.

**Grooms**, James Paul b. Sept. 18, 1920 in TN to Hobart and Bessie M. (**Parmley**) **Grooms**, d. Sept. 10, 1987 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by 3 sisters, Melba, Joyce and Lee and 4 brothers, Howard, Clyde, Douglas and Harold.

**Hampton**, Florence Elizabeth b. Dec. 9, 1908 in TN to John Hunt **Morgan** and Mary (**Tate**) **Creighton**, d. Dec. 19, 1982 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Melvin C. **Hampton** and they had 3 children, Clata, Wanda and Melvin. Her siblings were Frank E., Joseph Hunt, John Armfield, and Vernie Creighton.

**Hampton**, Cora b. March 7, 1901 in TN to Ben and Ova (**Standridge**) **Womble**, d. Sept. 7, 1983 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband was Mark C. **Hampton** of Gruetli-Laager.

**Henderson**, Clifford Avery b. Aug. 24, 1930 in TN to Paul Avery and Maggie Nola (**Layne**) **Henderson**, d. Feb. 24, 1978 at Downtown General Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Mary **White** and had 4 children, Vickie, Allen, Mike and Keith. His siblings were Essie Jean and Floyd.

**Henley**, James Carter b. Sept. 17, 1892 in TN to John and Tennessee (**Partin**) **Henley**, d. June 26, 1975 at Cumberland Heights in Coalmont and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Ida **Caldwell** and they had 4 children, Mary, Hazel, Althea and John.

**Higgins**, Carrie b. Feb. 15, 1892 in TN to William and Isabell (**Tate**) **Layne**, d. March 24, 1979 at Warren General Hospital and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. She was the widow of Amos Wiley **Higgins** and was survived by 4 children, Pauline, Mable, Kelly and Richard.

**Hill**, Clara Edith b. April 6, 1905 in TN to Thomas and Lula (**Myers**) **Parsons**, d. June 3 1978 in South Pittsburg and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. She was married to Morgan **Hill** and was a retired teacher. She was survived by 2 children, Anna and Johnnie, a sister and 2 brothers, T.E. and Leon Parsons.

**Hill**, Morgan Franklin b. Nov. 15, 1899 in Tn to Benjamin and Lula (**Smith**) **Hill**, d. Jan. 31, 1985 in South Pittsburg and was buried at the Palmer City Cemetery. He was survived

by 2 children, Anna and Johnnie, 3 sisters, Susan, Margie and Carrie and 5 brothers, B.B., Waymon, Richard, J.B., and Marshall.

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## 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.**

**NOTE: SARTAIN, L[OVEY] D. THRU WALKER, E[LIJAH] DID NOT HAVE THE FOLLOWING LISTED: WORKING OXEN; OTHER CATTLE; SHEEP; SWINE; OR VALUE OF LIVESTOCK LISTED IN THE BOOK.**

1850 Special Census (continued) Page 4/District 6

**Burrows, Thom.-** improved acres, 200; unimproved acres, 331; cash value of farm, \$3950; horses, 3; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 9; sheep, 1; swine, 140; value of livestock, \$1000; Indian corn, 2000; oats, 250; wool, 20; Irish potatoes, 200; sweet potatoes, 80; butter, 300 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$105; value of animals slaughtered, \$44; bale of cotton, 1; grass seed, 30.

**Burrows, E[lizabeth]-** horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$90; Indian corn, 150; Irish potatoes, 8; sweet potatoes, 12; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Matthews, J[oseph]-** horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 23; value of livestock, \$107; Indian corn, 360; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$27.

**Bratcher, A[llen]-** improved acres, 12; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$141; Indian corn, 150; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

**Pain, G[eorge] W.**- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$65; Indian corn, 250; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$3.

**Burrows, D[avid]**- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 170; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 10; sheep, 4; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$404; wheat, 8; Indian corn, 875; oats, 216; peas & beans, 20; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 150; butter, 300 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

**Partain, Thomas P/J?**- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$88; Indian corn, 375; oats, 150; peas & beans, 20; butter, 40 lbs.; maple sugar, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$13; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

**Phip, Samuel**- improved acres, 6; unimproved acres, 69; cash value of farm, \$25; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$75; Irish potatoes, 8; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Burnet, S[ela]**- horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 8; swine, 30; value of livestock, 155; Indian corn, 450; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

**Phips, Jackson**- improved acres, 8; unimproved acres, 21; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 7; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$133; Indian corn, 300; wool, 20; maple sugar, 12 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$28.

**More?, Isaac**- improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 4; cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 13; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 100; Irish potatoes, 4; sweet potatoes, 12; maple sugar, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

**Phip, M[oses]**- improved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 3; milch cows, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$130; Indian corn, 500; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$31.

**Guinn, N[ewbern]**- unimproved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$350; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 5; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$231; Indian corn, 250; oats, 100; peas & beans, 16; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

**Goodman, A[nderson] S.**- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$475; horses, 3; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 3; sheep, 9; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$212; Indian corn, 575; oats, 100; peas & beans, 21; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$70; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

**Peerson, R[ichard]**- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 40; value of livestock, 179; Indian corn, 400; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 100; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$44; rice, 20.

**Crabtree, J[anson]**- milch cows, 2; swine, 2; value of livestock, \$20; Indian corn, 400; peas & beans, 3; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

**Roberts, S[ilas] T.**- improved acres, 4; unimproved acres, 8; cash value of farm, \$30; horses, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 21; value of livestock, \$172; oats, 30; Irish potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$23.

**Stonecreek, Benton**- improved acres, 35; unimproved acres, 31; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$76; Indian corn, 500; oats, 25; value of animals slaughtered, \$7.

**Cleveland, D[avid]**- milch cows, 1; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$19; Indian corn, 250; oats, 30; Irish potatoes, 5; value of home manufactures, \$14; value of animals slaughtered, \$5.

**Peerson, W[illiam]**- improved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$96; Indian corn, 500; oats, 40; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$26; value of animals slaughtered, \$35.

**Crabtree, I[ley]**- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$100; Indian corn, 500; oats, 30; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 20; maple sugar, 8 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

**Calhoon, W[illiam] J.**- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 4; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 5; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$275; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 200; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.



**Campbell, W[illiam]**- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$205; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 240; Irish potatoes, 6 sweet potatoes, 40; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$52.

**Roberts, J[ames]**- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$186; Indian corn, 300; oats, 200; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$15; Wax/honey, 50 lbs.

**Tucker, W[illiam]**- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 85; cash value of farm, \$550; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 4; sheep, 3; swine, 34; value of livestock, \$173; Indian corn, 400; oats, 122; peas & beans, 1; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$26; value of animals slaughtered, \$24; wax/honey, 96 lbs.

**Tucker, S[amuel]**- milch cows, 1; other cattle, 3; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$32; Indian corn, 375; oats, 25; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$26; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

**Sartain, S[usannah]**- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 5; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$218; Indian corn, 200; oats, 20; wool, 15; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; value of animals slaughtered, \$12; wax/honey, 60 lbs.

**Webb, M[artin]**- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 80; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$73; Indian corn, 300; oats, 40; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 57; value of animals slaughtered, \$22.

**Davis, R[olind]**- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$600; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 19; value of livestock, \$35; Indian corn, 400; oats, 200; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 4; sweet potatoes, 13; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

**Price, M[organ] M.**- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 5; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$232; Indian corn, 300; oats, 120; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 50; maple sugar, 10 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$53; value of animals slaughtered, \$132; orchard products, \$40.

**Thompson, J[asper]-** improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 1; other cattle, 3; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$90; Indian corn, 250; sweet potatoes, 16; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$16.

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**Thompson, W[illiam] B.-**horses, 1; milch cows, 1; Indian corn, 300; oats, ?; sweet potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$23.

**Warren, J[ann?]-** improved acres, 42; unimproved acres, 512; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 6; milch cows, 4; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 200; wool, 31; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 60; butter, 150 lbs.; maple sugar, 18 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$88; value of animals slaughtered, \$145; wax/honey, 105 lbs.

**Roberts, P[hilip]-** improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$1800; horses, 6; milch cows, 4; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 100; wool, 35; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 65; value of home manufactures, \$47; value of animals slaughtered, \$408.

**Sartain, L[ovey] D.-** improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 120; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; Indian corn, 375; oats, 75; wool, 6; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 12; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$31.

**Sartain, J[ames]-** improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 110; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; Indian corn, 375; oats, 30; Irish potatoes, 20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

**Price, J[erome] W.-** horses, 1; milch cows, 1; Indian corn, 100; Irish potatoes, 9; sweet potatoes, 3; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$15.

**Webb, J[ohn] B.-** improved acres, 55; unimproved acres, 700; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 5; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 6; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 50; wool, 24; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 100; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 300 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$116; value of animals slaughtered, \$15.

**Burrows, J[ohn]-** improved acres, 75; unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; Indian corn, 750; oats, 300; wool, 16; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 100; butter, 52 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$29; value of animals slaughtered, \$69.

**Summers, Baz[zle]**- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 1988; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; Indian corn, 100; oats, 100; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$32; grass seed, 6; wax/honey, 72 lbs.

**Tate, W[illiam] H.**- unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; oats, 60; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 12; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$13.

**Lockhart, A[ndrew]**- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 125; cash value of farm, \$125; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; Indian corn, 275; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

**Dykes, M[artin]**- horses, 2; milch cows, 2; Indian corn, 400; Irish potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**McCraw, W[illiam]**- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 980; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; Indian corn, 100; Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; rye, 30.

**Hunter, Esqr.**- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 628; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 4; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$6; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

**Dykes, J[ohn]**- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 85; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; Indian corn, 200; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

**Dykes, S[anders]**- improved acres, 11; unimproved acres, 139; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; Indian corn, 300; oats, 30; value of home manufactures, \$20; tobacco, 100 lbs.

**Walker, E[lijah]**- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 1417; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; Indian corn, 150; wool, 10; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$42.

**Lockhart, J[ames]**- improved acres, 25; unimproved acres 75; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 3; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$159; Indian corn, 100; oats, 30; wool, 6; peas & beans, 1; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, 20; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Moffitt, J.R.-** improved acres, 7; unimproved acres, 43; cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 30; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$89; Indian corn, 200; oats, 100; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

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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.

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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.

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**Grundy County Heritage Center  
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**“DID YOU KNOW?”**

From Grundy County Court Minutes Book I: 1844-1855 (Transcribed as written)

Ordered by the court that the following persons be appointed a Venire to the December Term of the Circuit Court for Grundy County 1845 towit, In District No 1 Hale Meadows, James Wooten, and William Barry. No 2 John G Burrows, James Campbell and John Myres, No 3 John Dykes, Henderson Levan and Ballard G. Wilson. No 4 Robert Tate, Daniel Lane and Alfred Carlton. No 5 James Lockhart, Silas Lankford, Daniel Fults and Richard Bradford. No 6 John Burrows, L.D. Tucker, and A.S. Goodman. No 7 B. Burrow, Caleb Coal and Thomas Sanders, No 8 Erasmus Tucker, William Lyons, and Benjamin O. Nevell--- and that a venire facias issue, James Winton constable to wait upon the Grand Jury.

This day Alfred Carlton, Jesse Crouch, Robert Tate, Thomas Walters, William Walters, and Isaac H. Campbell the Jury of View, made their report. Whereupon the court established said road as viewed and marked as a road of the second class and appointed David Tate overseer of said road and that he have all the hands North of Daniels Laines to open and keep said road in repair.

On petition of Jonathon Tipton and others it is ordered by the Court, that the old Cunningham Road leading from the forks near the meeting house in Nunleys cove to the top of the mountain where it intersects the Northcutt road be established as a road of the second class and that William Stoner be appointed oversear and have all the petitioners to work and keep the same in repair.

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Janelle Layne Taylor

*“...Something there is that doesn’t love a wall, that wants it down...”* Well, that’s what Robert Frost said in his poem *“Mending Wall”*, but the Grundy County Historical Society loves the new wall that has been built to separate the Heritage Center from Citizens Tri- County Bank because that means that our dream is materializing. The Heritage Center is becoming a reality!

A logical procedure for a step-by-step progression toward moving to the restored historic 1904 First National Bank in Tracy City is being executed. Even though we have been sure that the property would be ours and have been working for months on getting the

building ready to occupy, we have not been able to actually move our library materials to the building. As part of the purchase agreement, Citizens Tri-County Bank had a six-month time frame to get the wall constructed and to work out details such as the heating and cooling system. True to their word, the wall is up, the heating and air conditioning system and all the other details have been worked out. As the bank's newly remodeled lobby reaches completion, the final steps in the transfer of the property are being taken.

The Grundy County Historical Society is now in a major fund raising campaign, hoping to ultimately raise \$350,000 to make the Heritage Center a resource that will make our organization, Grundy County and the whole region proud. Our research library will be housed in the former Cheek Pharmacy Building, which is part of our acquisition at the rear of the original bank. This part of the 6,000 sq. ft. complex will be the first to be put into use since it can operate without being disturbed by the restoration work on the 1904 bank building. The bank building and the adjoining 1978 addition will house the museum and various supporting organizations' displays and materials. These organizations include the Beersheba Historical Society, Chikamaka – Native American Group, Monteagle Sunday School Assembly and Swiss Historical Society.

Our goal is to begin our move in the near future since the research library will need minimal changes to put it into use. We project by January 2010, you will be able to do your Grundy County research in the comfort and convenience of a roomy new center. This effort is not just for GCHS members who live in and near Grundy County. It is part of a total concept that includes online research, which is already available at our websites [www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com) and [www.grundycountyhistory.org](http://www.grundycountyhistory.org). If you haven't visited these sites, please do. You will be amazed at what is available, and we want even more material to post online. Send us your family research and pictures!

Enclosed in your *Pathfinder* package, you will find a brochure outlining how you can help to get the Heritage Center completed. We know that your heritage is important to you because you are a member of this organization. We know that you will be proud of this building and this effort to have an outstanding library and museum. If you are able to help, we welcome your outright donations, your donations "in honor" or "in memory", or other types of help. The Grundy County Historical Society is a 501 ( c ) 3 organization; therefore, your gift will be tax deductible. **Thank you for any help you are able to give. Our members make us what we are.**

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**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Sharon Goodman

I was recently in Tennessee for a family reunion and I couldn't quit marveling over how green and lush everything was! It was also nice to see Normandy Lake's water level back up to where it should be! In California, they are now in their third year of drought, and things have been brown for many, many months now. So the change in scenery was a very welcomed relief!

There are a lot of things different between Tennessee and California... one of the biggest is the number of cars on the road! Here, six lane interstates and three lane highways serve the crowds of people going to wherever they are going. I miss the two lane blacktop roads of middle Tennessee, where an oncoming car will more than likely give you the "country salute". The "country salute" being the half hearted attempt at a wave that turns out to be the first two fingers being raised off the steering wheel.

Another thing I've noticed is their accents... and they have surely noticed mine! I can't tell you the number of times I've gotten, "You're from the South, aren't you?" I've never really thought about having an accent since most of the folks I talk to have the same accent that I do!

And don't even get me started on the earthquakes!

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Paul Wayne & Delores Jean (Hall) Hobbs, Judyann (Shanks) Waters, Tracy LaVerne (Sartain) Bunch, Lisa Dawn (Meeks) Bunde, Douglas Henry, Ellen Stamler, William Ridley Wills II, Judy Nunley, Donald Goodman, Phyllis Nunley.

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**MEET THE GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS!**

Please feel free to send in a short biography about yourself and include the surnames that you are researching. Also include a photo of yourself (no professional photos, please) to be added to your biography. Looking forward to hearing from you soon! Send information to Sharon Goodman at [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com) or Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, CA, 92883.

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**QUERIES**

**230-2009** If you belong to any of these family lines or are familiar with them, please contact with more data. "Frank B. Hargis" may be the Benjamin Franklin Hargis, CSA and son of Reverent David Floyd Hargis and Nancy Brooks of Marion County, TN. B.F. Hargis also had heirs and owned land in Marion County, TN which was auctioned off in late 1900. Who did B.F. Hargis marry? Can anyone identify his descendants?

The Reverend David Floyd Hargis was an Uncle of Captain John Wesley Hargis, POW at Elmira Prison in New York state, along with \_\_\_\_\_ Hewitt of Jackson County, AL and \_\_\_\_\_ McKelvey of Franklin County, TN.

William Earl Hargis, buried in the Tarleton Cemetery is the son of Thomas Minton Hargis, CSA, the brother of Captain John Wesley Hargis, POW.

Pvt. T.M. Hargis, born Marion County married 1) Elizabeth Graham, daughter of Thomas Graham of the Sweeten Cove area of Marion County, TN. 2) Elizabeth Tidwell, and 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Street. His son William Earl Hargis married in Marion County, TN (likely by Rev. D.F. Hargis) to Annie Tate, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_?

There is a misconception on the Internet about some Hargis kin now living in and around Grundy County, TN. This concerns the daughter of Captain Shadrick Hargis who married Job Blackard in Caswell, County, NC. Job's father was likely Charles Blackard who moved to TN. A deed shows that Job's son, Jeremiah Blackard owned land beside William Burrell Thompson are in Franklin County, TN.

Later in 1860 MS we find Jeremiah and son, Radford Frank Blackard living there. Earlier, Jeremiah had married (by record) in Hardeman County, TN to Sarah Clift Berry. Please share info.

Thanks, Della del5curtis@aol.com

**231-2009** William Meeks married Mandy Yell on March 21, 1880, in Grundy County, TN.

What were the birth and death dates and places of birth and death for both William and Mandy? Who were Mandy Yell's parents?

Dwight Lynn Alford

294 Rock Road

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**232-2009** My name is Norma-Jean Payne. My husband Earl B. Payne was born in Tracy City, Tenn to Earl E and Adele Lankford Payne. I have been researching family ancestry and came to a stumbling block. We cannot find the name of Earl E Paynes father. Do not have a birth certificate. What would you suggest of what to do?

Norma-Jean

njp4419@yahoo.com

Rossville, Georgia

**233-2009** I am related to Wiggins, Sitz, Perry, Waggoner (they are mostly form Moore Co.). I am also related to Dykes from Tarlton, Grundy, TN. This is from my mom's (Debbie Wiggins) side of the family!

Dana Gilliam Boyd

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## **A 1941 TRIBUTE TO JOHN & JAMES SCRUGGS**

Contributed by Ralph Thompson

During the Revolutionary War, three ancestors of the Scruggs family of Grundy County fought for America's freedom. John Scruggs Jr. served under General Green at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. He married following the war, had several children, the youngest of whom was Carter Scruggs, an early settler of Grundy County.

At the same war John Jr.'s father, John Sr. and brother, James, were serving with the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under General George Washington. Both died during the harsh winter of 1777-78 while encamped at Valley Forge.

Presented here is an article written in 1941 by historian Thomas Barnes concerning these men and their descendants. It was written at a time that America was once again going to war to ensure that we would be a country of free men and women.

Ralph Thompson

February 21st being observed as Valley Forge day in the schools of our county, prompts me to give a brief record of two men who died while in the service of their country, and while encamped at that place during the winter of 1777 and 78.

The men were John Scruggs and his son James, both of whom gave their lives, in order that their descendants might live in a free country, the very thing that their enemies of that time are fighting for today. Many descendants of these men are living in Warren and Grundy counties at this time.

John "The Younger" Scruggs Jr., a son of the John "The Elder" Scruggs who died at Valley Forge married Amelia Menefee. They were the parents of seven children, Elizabeth, who married Joseph Day, Nancy, who married Isaac Sartain, Matilda, who married John Sims, George, James, William and Carter.

Of these seven children Carter Scruggs, who was born in Anderson County, Tenn., to which place his father had emigrated from Virginia, Carter Scruggs was born July 2, 1810 and died at Altamont, Tenn., February 1, 1886. He was one of the first J. P.'s of Grundy County and served as Circuit Court clerk and Tax Assessor. He also taught school a number of years.

Carter Scruggs married Lucinda Kilgore in Marion County, Tenn., and they were the parents of ten children. Nancy, who married Henry Overturf, a surveyor of Grundy county, John, whose first wife was Winnie Walker, a daughter of Zedekiah Walker and after her death he married Mrs. Bertha O'Leary, widow of Albert O'Leary and daughter of John Freudenberg. John Scruggs was a member of Co. A. 36th Tenn. Regt., commanded by Col. Ben J. Hill. Co. A. was commanded by Capt. Albert Hannah, a nephew of J. A. Armfield, who was the owner and proprietor of Beersheba Springs during the Civil war. Capt. Hannah was killed at the battle of Shiloh.

Sarah, another daughter of Carter Scruggs, married Calvin Smith, a resident of Beersheba Springs for many years. Martha married William A. Brown, a son of Billgoat Brown Sr. James Scruggs, the only surviving member of the family, married first, Sarah Thompson, 2nd, Anna Schilds, and 3rd, Anna Von Rohr. William Scruggs, son of Carter, married Anna Cagle, and immigrated to Texas. Thomas Scruggs, son of Carter, married Elizabeth Cagle, a sister to Anna Cagle. Milly Scruggs, daughter of Carter, married William Lathum. George M., died young, and one child died in infancy.

The Scruggs family is of Irish lineage and has always taken a prominent part in both the religious and political life of their communities. In religion, they were mostly Methodist in belief, and politically they were Democrats.

The many descendants of John and James Scruggs, living today may justly feel proud of

what their ancestors did to establish a country free of a dictatorship such as many countries in Europe have today.

THOS. J. BARNES.

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### PELHAM SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

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**HENLEY/BRAWLEY/HIXSON FAMILY OF HUBBARD'S COVE**

Contributed by Polly Baggenstoss; sent in by Anna Goforth via Bettye Sherwood



Lou Henley graduated from Shook School in 1902. She was the valedictorian of her class of three students. Her father bought her a \$25.00 hat because he was so proud of her.

Lou Ermine Henley was the daughter of Samuel and Angeline E. (Sanders) Henley. Lou married George Norman Brawley, a buggy salesman, on December 7, 1903. Source: Births Deaths and Marriages (Extracted from the Sequatchee Valley News) 1891 – 1910. "Norman Brawley, of Wagon, and Miss Lou Henley, of Tracy City, were married, surprising their friends."

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## **THE OLD HOUSE**

Contributed by Bettye Sherwood

The residents of the Hubbard's Cove community were awakened early Monday morning March 23, 2009, by the screaming of sirens as the Altamont Fire Department responded to a structure fire at the corner of Highway 108 and Wooten Road. The blazes consumed a historic old house leaving the community with only memories of what was.

The old house was build by John Henderson "Hence" Brawley shortly after he married Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Lusk on February 13, 1878. Soon after the one-room frame structure was completed Lizzie gave birth to their first child. Sadly they lost that baby, but in 1884 their next child, George Norman, arrived. The family continued to grow with the births of Willie Ann in 1891 and Lucy May in 1894. As the family grew so did the house. Additions to the house included several rooms and even an upstairs.

Hence Brawley, a valued member of his community, represented Hubbard's Cove as Justice of the Peace for a few years. One of his actions occurred during a trying time in Grundy County and was documented in the Grundy County Court Minutes. On April 29, 1929, the Court met for the purpose of electing a sheriff to succeed the deceased Sheriff John A. Cline, who had been brutally murdered on April 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time Hence nominated Isaac M. Sartain as sheriff. At the same time John Cline's son,

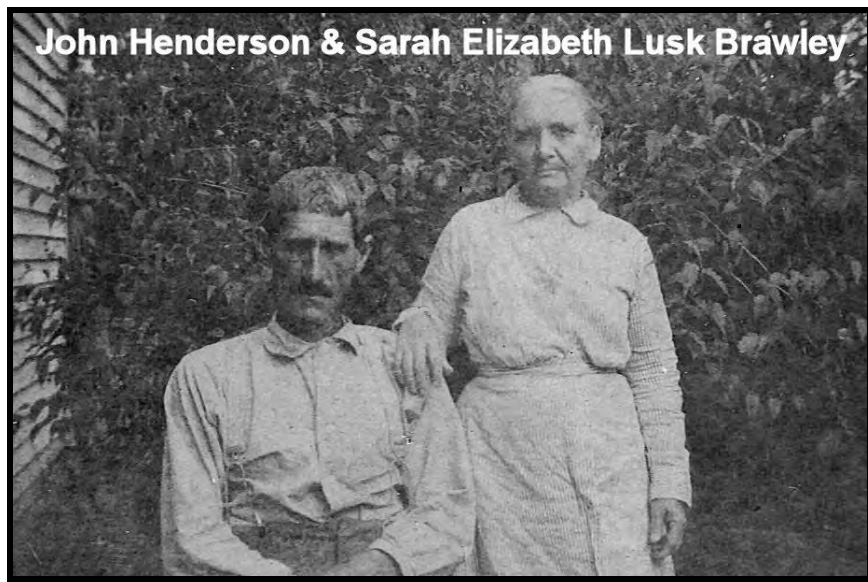
Graham, was also nominated, and Graham won the position and filled out his father's unexpired term.

Hence and Lizzie's children grew up and eventually left the old home place. Their son, Norman, became a buggy salesman. He traveled to Tracy City frequently, and there he met his future wife, Lou Ermine Henley. Norman and Lou married on December 7, 1903, and made their home in Hubbard's Cove. Polly, one of their five children, married Albert Baggenstoss of Tracy City. A few years ago Polly and I reminisced, and she shared her fond memories of the old house where her grandparents, Hence and Lizzie, had lived.

Hence Brawley died at his home on October 31, 1937, just thirteen days after the death of his beloved Lizzie. After the deaths of Hence and Lizzie the Brawley house became the Hixson house. Walter C. Hixson and his wife, Tiney Pearl, bought the house and moved to the cove from Hamilton County. Walter and Tiney were the parents of four children, Floyd, Kenny, Mary Ellen, and Vernie. Walter Hixson was also an active member of the Grundy County Court. He represented Hubbard's Cove as Justice of the Peace for several years and served as County Judge in 1965 - 66.

Tiney Hixson died December 7, 1946, and was buried in the Hixson Cemetery in Hamilton County. After Tiney's death Kenny and Opal (Miller) Hixson and their children lived in the old house with his father. Then in 1952 Walter remarried. His new wife, Callie Fulton, came from Mississippi and brought with her three teenage sons, Sherman, Harold and Jesse. That was a good thing because the boys gave new life to the old house. Then in the 1970's the old house got a new look when Walter remodeled it and added green siding.

Walter died in November 1982, and Callie returned to Mississippi to live with her daughter, Cumberleen. Walter and Tiney's son, Kenny, became the next owner of the old house. The old house has been the home for several tenant families since Walter's death. Recently, the old house had been the victim of abuse. The present owner, Raymond McCormick, was in the process of making repairs and restoring the old house when it went up in smoke. One of the oldest houses in the community is now gone, and the community is left with the old barn and sheds standing alone near where the old house once stood.



Walter C. Hixson,  
Grundy County Judge  
1965-66

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## IN PASSING

Rev. Coffey has been a long time member of the society.

The Rev. J. Henry Coffey, Jr., age 78 of Hendersonville ended his long battle with colon cancer on June 4, 2009. He died at his home, surrounded by family, in Hendersonville, TN. Born October 25, 1930 in Detroit, MI, he was raised in Savannah, GA. He graduated summa cum laude from Mercer University and held graduate degrees from Yale Divinity School, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He served as pastor of Baptist Churches from 1949-1960 and taught at Southeastern from 1957-1962 and at Meredith College from 1962-1966. In 1968, he co-founded The Center for Religion and Psychotherapy in Chicago, IL. He was a Diplomat with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and maintained a clinical practice for many years in Chicago including Counseling Ministries, which he also founded, and the Tolentine Personal Resource Center in Olympia Fields, IL.

In 1990, he established The Realty Association in Nashville, TN. He earned his CRB and GRI Realtor designations, and served at various times as the Company's Broker, President and CEO.

In 1994, he became a member of First United Church, UCC, in Nashville. From that time until his death, he maintained Standing and Privilege of Call with The Alabama-Tennessee Association, Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Coffey is survived by his wife, Dorothy L. Taylor; son, James G. (Sue Chatt) Coffey and Jonathan J. Schwarz; daughter, Heidi J. (Eric Banglory) Schwarz; grandchildren, Garrett, Sadie, Abi and Katy Coffey, and Sophie Banglory; and sister, June (Bob) Guthrie. Memorial services will be held Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 2 P.M., at the First United Church, 3410 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37204. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cedarcroft Home, P.O. Box 1266, Lebanon, TN 37087-1266.

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## World War I

Contributed by Catherine Flury and Janelle Taylor

List of registrants from Grundy County Local Board who are in National Army, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marines. Catherine Flury said that her father received this list as those who went from Grundy County to WWI. The list was retyped in the same order it was written.

1. Partin, John Wesley	Tracy City
2. Jacobs, Charley Lawrence	Pelham
3. Brown, John Wilder	Tatesville
4. Newsom, Clyde C.	Tracy City
5. Tate, Wiley Garnett	Beersheba Springs
6. McCreary, Joe William	Tracy City
7. Roberts, William Thomas (Dentist)	Tracy City
8. Hamby, Horace	Pelham
9. Nunley, James	Coalmont
10. Sartain, Herbert "Hub"	Pelham
11. Bouldin, Eugene	Coalmont
12. Myers, Carl	Pelham
13. Coppinger, Clarence G.	Tracy City
14. Johnson, Walter	Tracy City
15. Pickett, John Lee	Gruetli

16. Bates, Will	Tracy City
17. Anthony, Lannie L.	Morrison
18. Campbell, Vance	Pelham
19. Myers, Redman Stadden	Tracy City
20. Summers, James Allen	Tracy City
21. Bean, Floyd	Pelham
22. Patton, Harris (dead)	Pelham
23. Henderson, Paul Avery	Tatesville
24. Gregory, Oliver D.	Monteagle
25. Bess, Clayborne	Altamont
26. Parmley, Landy Y.	Coalmont
27. Conry, Michael	Pelham
28. Crabtree, Morgan	Coalmont
29. Green, William Luther	Pelham
30. Wooten, Andy	Morrison Route 2
31. Cline, William Graham	Tracy City
32. Pirtle, Edward Hampton	Monteagle
33. Layne, Taylor	Tracy City
34. Conry, James	Tracy City
35. Winton, Midge Dorel	Morrison Route 2
36. George Washington Thomas	Pelham
37. Payne, Henry Grady	Pelham
38. Winton, Robert	Pelham
39. Hobbs, Byron	McMinnville Route 8
40. Marugg, Brosi Schild	Tracy City
41. Dickerson, Douglas	Pelham
42. Brown, Alfred H.	Tatesville
43. Wright, Lee Roy	Tracy City
44. Worley, Henry	Tracy City
45. Roddy, Burge S.	Tracy City
46. Adams, Barney	Monteagle
47. Roberts, Isaac	Tracy City
48. Hampton, Stanlee R.	Tracy City
49. Byers, John Wesley	Coalmont
50. Green, James A. (1 <sup>st</sup> man drafted)	Pelham
51. Rieder, William Columbus	Monteagle
52. Creighton, Curg	McMinnville RFD
53. Nunley, James (son of Lee Nunley)	Tracy City
54. Meeks, William Preston	Tracy City
55. Roberts, Everett	Tracy City

56. Tate, Bert	Tatesville
57. Adams, Chas. W., Jr.	Tracy City
58. Aylor, Clarence	Pelham
59. Hamby, Leonard	Pelham Rt. 1
60. Brazile, John	Pelham
61. Green, Herbert	Altamont
62. Kilgore, Clarence	Tracy City
63. Syler, Carl (colored)	Winchester
64. Cox, Wm. T.	Wylam, Ala.
66. McIllheren, Henry (colored)	Estill Springs
67. Wilkes, James (colored)	Tracy City
68. Parsons, Eldredge	Coalmont
69. White, Oscar Lee	Tatesville
70. Layne, Grover Cleveland	Monteagle
71. Cunningham, George E.	Tracy City
72. Nunley, Manuel	Tracy City
73. Bennett, George E.	Tracy City
74. Petty, Wm., Jr.	Tracy City
75. Harrison, James T.	Tracy City
76. Tate, Grover C.	Gruetli
77. Woodlee, Emmett Parker	Tracy City
78. Nunley, Charley	Coalmont
79. Hobbs, Robert B.	Coalmont
80. Kirk Luther Blackburn	Tracy City
81. Byrd, James Albert	Tracy City
82. Ellis, George Preston	Tracy City
83. Johnson, DeWitt	Tracy City
84. Schoenmann, Fred	Tatesville
85. Thompson, Franklin Pierce	Tracy City
86. Cannon, Scott	Tracy City
87. Schild, Rudolph Henry	Gruetli
88. Rankin, Sammie Bryan	Monteagle
89. Campbell, John	Coalmont
90. Foster, John Roy	Tracy City
91. Brown, Herman Talmage	Beersheba Springs
92. Stephens, Carl Roy	Tracy City
93. Morton, Edward	Beersheba Springs
94. Meeks, Ernest Beecher	Coalmont
95. Dyer, Tom (colored)	Viola RFD
96. Roddy, Ransom Robert	Tracy City

97. Fults, Thomas Bryan	Coalmont	
98. Dykes, William Edgar	Beersheba Springs	
99. Alexander, Howard Vernon	Tracy City	
100. Smith, Howard Payne	Monteagle	
101. Adams, Sion Benjamine	Tracy City	
102. Dykes, Clark Avenor	Gruetli	
103. Haynes, Fred Harrison	Tracy City	
104. Gallagher, Joseph Edmond	Pelham	
105. Brookman, Ray Paschal	Tracy City	
106. Williams, Isaac (colored)	Tracy City	
107. Lockhart, Sam	Altamont	
108. Posey, Kennerly	Tracy City	
109. Campbell, William Frank	Coalmont	
110. Nunley, Ed	Pelham	
111. Irvin, Lawrence	Tracy City	
112. McDonald, Grover C.	Tracy City	
113. Gibbs, Mart	Tracy City	
114. Summers, Marvin	Tracy City	
115. Hargis, Jacob Aster	Gruetli	
116. McFarland, Harvey E.	Monteagle	
117. Hillis, Jesse Clinton	Coalmont	
118. Anderson, Walter Sherman	Tracy City	
119. Layne, Frank	Tatesville	
120. Henley, William John Bryan	Pelham	
121. Schoenmann, William E.	Tatesville	
122. Campbell, John Morgan	Coalmont	
123. Parks, Horace Rayborn	Pelham	
124. Shrum, Sherman	Tracy City	
125. Mattox, Guss	Coalmont	
126. Tate, Joe Levoid	Tracy City	
127. Turner, Henry Clay	Tatesville	(New Oklahoma)
128. Smith, Jerry	Pelham	
129. Turner, Frank	Tatesville	(New Oklahoma)
130. Parks, Edgar Earl	Pelham	
131. Hayes, Albert	Pelham	
132. Woodlee, Talmage	Pelham	
133. Stubblefield, Hugh Thomas	Morrison	(Route 6)
134. Winton, Mansil	Pelham	
135. Killian, Mack	McMinnville	(Route 7)
136. Cunningham, Louis G.	Morrison	(RFD 2)



137. Marcrom, Lee Andrew	Monteagle
138. Northcut, Hugh	Altamont
139. Argo, Fred	McMinnville (RFD)
140. Wimberly, James E.	McMinnville (RFD 7)
141. Thomas, Arthur Edward	Tracy City
142. Scruggs, Robert Bryan	Altamont
143. Tate, Robert	Tatesville
144. Hawk, Hubert	Pelham
145. Campbell, John Douglas	Tracy City
146. Tate, Wiley Millard	Beersheba
147. Kilgore, Sam Houston	Tracy City
148. Wallace, James	Coalmont
149. Harris, Jesse Miles	Coalmont
150. Overturf, Emry Lee	Tatesville
151. Thompson, Henry Millard	Tracy City
152. O'Dear, Ernest Howard	Tracy City
153. Cannon, James Edgar	Tracy City
154. Smith, Polk	Pelham
155. White, Charley Walter	Pelham
156. Henley, Clarence Herbert	Pelham
157. Schlagater, Albert	Gruetli
158. Sartain, James, Jr.	Pelham
159. Gilley, Clarence	Tracy City
160. Henley, Claude C.	Pelham
161. White, Homer C.	Pelham
162. Tate, Harley	Gruetli
163. Taliaferro, Leigh	Cullman, Ala.
164. Smartt, Alf T.	Altamont
165. Smartt, Clyde Ransom	Coalmont
166. Bennett, Clyde W.	Monteagle
167. VanHooser, Isaac Nelson	Tracy City (RFD 1)
168. Nolan, Carl Virgle	Tracy City
169. Moran, Mark Wilson	Pelham
170. Argo, Hiram	McMinnville (RFD 7)
171. Borne, Lawrence	McMinnville (RFD 7)
172. Kirk, Ernest Edward	Tracy City
173. Hargis, John	Gruetli
174. Conry, Joe Enoch	Tracy City
175. Barker, Howell	Tatesville
176. Barnes, Wm. Paschal	Tracy City

Enlistments in U.S. Navy by registrants from the Grundy County Board.

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| 1. Tate, Leonard           | Tatesville       |
| 2. Roberts, Henry          | Pelham           |
| 3. Conry, Marvin           | Tracy City       |
| 4. Lusk, Emmett Jesse      | Morrison (RFD 2) |
| 5. Sain, Will Oris         | Morrison (RFD 2) |
| 6. Gross, Claude Herschell | Tracy City       |
| 7. Haynes, G.D.            | Tracy City       |
| 8. Roberts, G.M.           | Tracy City       |
| 9. Roberts, J.M.           | Tracy City       |
| 10. Henderson, A.L.        | Tracy City       |
| 11. Baggenstoss, John J.   | Tracy City       |
| 12. Berry, Stanley         |                  |
| 13. Shook, Chas.           |                  |
| 14. Tidman, Walkter        |                  |
| 15. McCurdy, Clemets       |                  |

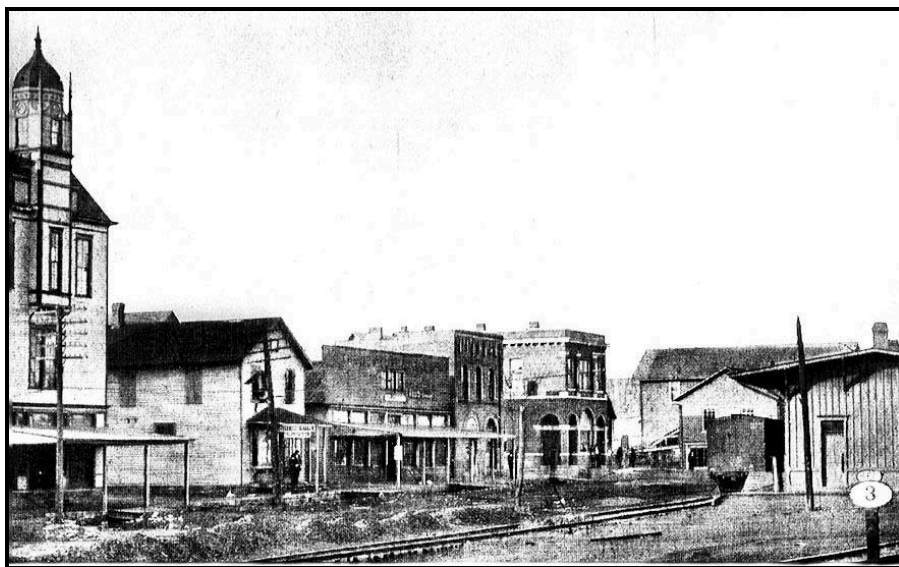
**Enlistments in U.S. Marines by registrants from Grundy County Board**

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| 1. Conry, Lillard T. | Coalmont |
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You will note that one man died in camp leaving 175 in national army.  
(Harris Patton died in camp.)

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**West Business District**

**Tracy City**

**Early 1900's**

### COALMONT MONUMENT FOR ALL WHO SERVED

Contributed by Janelle Taylor



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## **A Talk With: Gladys Marie (Smartt) Short The Eighty-five Dollar Surprise**

Written and Contributed by Jackie Layne Partin

A few years ago I met a sister of my maternal grandmother; she was the only surviving child out of eleven. It was a short, cordial visit on her front porch, but on 30 January 2009, I went back to see Gladys Marie (Smartt) Short only to find her just “trucking” right along on her little walker. She is the epitome of that group of mountain women who have worked extremely hard all their lives. One will see no diamonds on her withered hands, or fur coats in her closet, but her aged little body, being slowly damaged by skin cancer, demands respect from any visitor. On 04 July 2009, she will be ninety-five, and without doubt, she expects to be in her backyard celebrating with a party and lots of firecrackers. It was immediately obvious to me that Gladys wasn’t a moaner or complainer even though the pain she must have been feeling seemed to yell out to me.

Gladys Marie Smartt was born 04 July 1914, in the Flat Branch area of Coalmont, Tennessee. She was the eighth child of John “Da” Baptist Smartt and Mary Estella (Sanders) Smartt. There was a disagreement on exactly what John’s middle name was, but nonetheless, most folks called him “John Da Baptist.” John’s parents were Ezekiel (Zeke) Smartt and Effie D. (Cope) Smartt. Some of the Smartt and Cope families drifted out of Warren County into Grundy County many years before, sprinkling the mountain and valley with descendants. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph C. and Mary Cynthia (Sweeton) Sanders from the Payne’s Cove area.

John and Mary Estella lived near the Flat Branch community and for the most part, reared their children there. John was a coal miner. Besides Gladys, their children were Maggie (my grandmother), Henry, Farris, Dolly, Ernest, Grace, Ida, Louis/Luke, Thomas/Pete, and Lillie Betha Lee. Little Henry died around the age of three. During a thunderstorm and out of fear, he crawled under the bed and didn’t come out alive. His parents believed that the iron bedstead was struck by lightning killing the small child. Lillie Betha Lee died when she was about eleven months of age. There were many tragic deaths of young children in those days. In writing this, I thought of a line that was written by Elizabeth Purnell in her book, John Gamp. A young, impoverished, grieving mother who had lost several babies stated, “...*I couldn’t never think that thar was ary one to spar...*”. Estella gave birth to eleven babies; each one had a place in her heart. Her motherly instincts would not allow her to be able to spare one of them, no not one, to a premature death. Parents die before their children; isn’t that the way it is supposed to be? In 2004, my husband and two of his first cousins stood over a dying loved one whose body had been ravaged by a terrible disease. When the last breath was

drawn, one of the men softly said, “That’s the way it should be.” My husband looked up and asked, “What do you mean by that?” The answer was, “The older ones are supposed to go ahead of the younger.”

Gladys also had a brush with death when she was a young child. Her mother had a tub of wash water on a chair when Gladys decided to climb up on the chair. The chair, tub and water came down on her and cut a large place on her hip; it was bad enough that Gladys thought her leg had been cut off. She thought for a moment as to what doctor tended her wounds, and the name Dr. Alder came to mind. Dr. Bryan Alder was a physician before Dr. William Rogers came to the area in 1931.

I asked Gladys where her little brother and sister were buried, for I could think of no graveyard in the immediate area of Flat Branch. Bonnie Oak Cemetery became the final resting place for the children. Gladys’ niece, Dora Meeks, child of her sister Maggie, died from burns caused when her clothing caught fire. Since Dora was a sister to my mother, I wanted to know where she was buried. My grandparents were living in Flat Branch when Dora died, but I never knew where she was buried; Gladys reasoned that most families in Flat Branch buried their loved ones in the Bonnie Oak Cemetery.

Some years before, in the area where the Smartt family lived and near Roddy Springs Road, there was a place called Meeks, Tennessee. There were mines all around that area at one time; these mines were named after a letter of the alphabet—Mine A, Mine B, and on and on. The town had a post office, a train stop and a beer joint according to the stories passed on through Gladys’ son-in-law, Max Nunley. His father lived to be ninety-seven years old and lived during those days. One day while poring over old books and documents at the Grundy County Courthouse, I ran across an old book which was full of births that took place in “Meeks”... I cannot remember if it was Meeks Town or Meeks, Tennessee. In the “**Grundy County Herald Bicentennial Project**,” one can read that around 1906 an “E. Gattis,” when speaking of the moving of company houses from Clouse Hill to Coalmont wrote, “The one on Spiegle St. is nearly completed, and we learn that it is to be occupied by Mr. Rodgers of Meeks.” From the use of “Meeks” here, one would think that E. Gattis meant Meeks, Tennessee.

Gladys went to school at the Flat Branch School. She loved school and would have attended every day if she could have. Her mother took in washing for people around the Coalmont area, and Gladys stayed home to help her with the work. She attended school every other day wearing one of her two dresses and washing the other for the next day that she could attend school. My mother told me the same story about her clothes as a small child. I never, not once, laughed at my mother’s stories of poverty, and I never doubted that her stories were true. Gladys never bemoaned her family’s poverty, but

she would explain from time to time that “times were hard.” I generally ask folks what they took in their school lunches “way back when” there were no school lunchrooms, and the “biscuit” always is the answer, but the item on the biscuit would vary—fried potatoes, sausage, butter, berries, or “nothing.” In Gladys case, she remembered that sometimes her lunch consisted of a piece of cornbread with “grease” spread over it. In spite of the obstacles thrown in her way, Gladys managed to “graduate eighth grade.” She was so proud when she told me that, and she was even prouder when she told me about helping one of her daughters with a math problem in a GED class. Obviously she had had good teachers, and she applied herself well on the days that she did get to attend school.

As stated before, the females in the family took in washing and also split kindling to help support the family. There were periods when her father and brothers went off a distance to work, and Gladys and her sisters traveled with them to do the cooking. She remembered sleeping on leaves on the ground on those journeys. Once when she was washing clothes for the Frank Warren family, she was surprised to find eighty-five dollars in his pants pocket. To her eyes, there just wasn’t that much money in the world. Gladys said that even though “times were hard,” there was no way that she would have kept the money. She sent it back to Mr. Warren by one of her brothers. Mr. Warren, who owned a store in the vicinity where the Jehovah Witness’ building is now, sent a message back to Gladys to come to the store and pick out a new dress. That made her so happy. She and her mother sometimes washed clothes for a pound of butter or other needed staple goods; often a family’s whole wash would be done for “a dollar and a quarter.” Gladys recalled that her father was always bringing home “strays” (wanderers) to eat with them. It was always a struggle to find enough food to feed everyone. This used up much needed monies for the family’s existence. “I believe those hard times are coming again,” she said.

George Washington Short came along and stole Gladys’ heart. She said that he was such a sweet man that folks began to call him “Sug” as in “sug”ar. Gladys and three of her siblings married into the same “Short” family. So it gets a little confusing when one speaks of the Smartts and Shorts in the area. George and Gladys had two children, Betty and Jimmy. The couple never had enough money to build a house mainly because they were so generous to the neighborhood children and wanderers in the area. Their daughter Betty recalled that when she drew a name at school for Christmas, her father bought the child overalls, shirts or other much-needed clothing. They fed everyone and anyone who came to their door and their door was on a small shack that was their home for most of their married lives.

Sug Short worked at the coke ovens, in the mines, at the tipples, hauled coal, ran dozers—anything he could to keep the family afloat. At times he worked for Lawrence Phipps and George Ramsey. Gladys and others set out pines, a part of the reclamation program for the mined lands. Sug helped whenever he could. It was cold weather and the banks of wasteland were slick when the rains came. The planters found it difficult to stand on the sides of the steep hills, and they often found themselves sliding to the bottom of the mounds.



Gladys Marie (Smartt) Short and  
George “Sug” Washington Short



Gladys Marie (Smartt) Short at home—(2009)

Some years back, George “Sug” Short was given his black lung benefit money. The total was ten thousand dollars. He and Gladys had always wanted to live in a house instead of a shack, so they saw this blessing as an opportunity to build the little house in which she now lives. A family member was called in to manage getting the most house for the amount of money. He then built the house for the aging couple. To this day, she is just as proud of her little homestead as Queen Elizabeth of England is of her palace. She wanted me to see her back porch, a later addition. She pointed out where the little shack stood that she once called home.

Sug has since passed away. Gladys’ daughter and her husband live with her. Betty and Max are wonderful caregivers who provide companionship and ever-watchful eyes. Her immediate battle doesn’t seem to be her “age;” she is battling skin cancer on her

face, but with amazing grace, she does even that task. She's a tough mountain woman who has carried many a burden, but none of them has changed her from the "little bundle of love" that she has always been. After a big hug and moments of laughter, she smiled up at me and said, "Come and see me again."

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## **HEAD OF COLLINS RIVER CHURCH MINUTE BOOK TWO (JANUARY 1819-SEPTEMBER 1871)**

Contributed by Sandra Tate Hereford (Revised February 2009/used with permission)

NOTE: Printed as received.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Old Book inspected and agreed to have the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum transferred and begin the new Book from the first Saturday in Janr. 1819 and have the old one kept.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brother and Sister Saml. and Sarah Miller excluded for leaving the Church without applying for a letter of Dismission.

4<sup>th</sup> Brother Ansil Hill excluded for leaving the Church without a letter of dismission.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Mary Masey recd by letter.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Church approbated the proceedings of the Conference.

4<sup>th</sup> A request from Collins River Church for help to labor in a matter of difficulty. The request granted and Bros. E. Lawler, Jno. Walker and John Rogers sent.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Church requests the Brother Clerk to prepare a Situation letter and include in it that they approbate the proceedings of the convention held at Rocky River Meeting house the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May 1819.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Church appoint a call meeting for to look into a difficulty among them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in this Inst. and appoints a commity of inquest.



1819

The Church met agreeable to appointment on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August and after prayer proceeds.

The commity of inquest report that they find Brother Jerry Walker chargeable in the way he expressed himself which gave just ground for a report to circulate by which the cause suffered.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Church agree that he be reproved.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion what shall be done with Brother Dyks for not coming forward to the Church and relating whether he has obtained satisfaction with Brother Walker or not.

Answer – request him to attend next meeting and Brother John J. Walker appointed.

3<sup>rd</sup> The letter call for inspected and received.

4<sup>th</sup> How many members shall we send to the Association – Ansr. 2 Brothers James and Jno. Walker chosen.

5<sup>th</sup> One Dollar contributed for the purchase of their meals and other purposes if needed.

6<sup>th</sup> Petition for the next association.

7<sup>th</sup> Took up reference to inspect the platform of the Church and agree to institute a Tenth Article – (towit) All persons violating the Rules of Church government shall be deemed in disorder and shall be dealt with as the Church may think proper.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Carline Nunley dismissed by letter.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Brother appointed to request Brother Dyks to attend reports that he has done so.

4<sup>th</sup> Brother Dyks came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in Novm. and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Molly Tankelse recd. Brother Jas. Chaney & Patsey his wife dismissed by letter.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in Decm. after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

1820

The Church met on the first Saturday in Janr. and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

1820

The Church met on the first Saturday in Febr. and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Sister Jadwin excluded for her marage with a man having another wife living which she acknowledged.

2<sup>nd</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

1820

The Church met on the first Saturday in March and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Our next meeting to be a communion session and Church meeting to be on Friday. And the Clerk ordered to request the Sister Churches to visit us.

The Church met on the Friday before the fourth Saturday in April and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Anne Lawler received by letter.

3<sup>rd</sup> On motion the Church agree to meet on Sunday.

Sunday. A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> A petition from Collins River for help for the ordination of a Deacon.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after, etc.

First a door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Ann Lawler Recd. by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after worship, etc.

First a door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> What did Paul mean by his charge to Timothy – (against an Elder, etc.) 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5:15 – how shall we as a Church proceed in dealing with a Elder.

3<sup>rd</sup> And agreeable to act of the Assoc. call for help from the sister Churches (towit) Hickory Creek and Buck Springs and Brethren appointed, etc.

4<sup>th</sup> The Clerk ordered to prepare a letter to our next Assoc. for inspection at next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after, etc.

First a door opened for the reception of members

2<sup>nd</sup> Called for the response and with the help from the sister Churches took up the reference of last meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Decided, we believe that an Elder ought to be dealt with in all respects as a lay member.

Appointed Brethren Jas. Walker, Evan Lawler and John Walker to our next Assn.

4<sup>th</sup> The letter called for and recd.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Octbr. and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Novm. and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members

2<sup>nd</sup> A request from the Buck Springs Church for help in a matter of difficulty. The Church nominate Brethren John H. Groc, John Hunter, B. Write, J. Rogers & Chas. Crettenden.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Decm. and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Jas. Walker stated to the Church that no reconciliation had taken place between him and Brother Wm. Mitchell and that the acknowledgement made by him was such that he could not \_\_\_\_\_ and after due deliberation the Church say that she has nothing against Brother Jas. Walker.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Anne Rogers dismissed by letter.

1821

The Church did not meet in Janr. on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Febr. 1821 – and after prayer proceeded to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members (Brother William Thompson and Jno. Walker Church moderators.)

2<sup>nd</sup> The Buck Springs Church met at the Head of Collins River meetinghouse agreeable to appointment to set with this Church on account of a difficulty between a member of that Church and one of this, who was cordially received.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brother John L. Walker distress call for against Brother Mitchell – which was took up as matter of greavance.

4<sup>th</sup> After much alteration the same was settled – by the acknowledgement of Brother Mitchell.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March and after, etc.

First – A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Hiram Phillips received by Exprn.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April and after, etc. a door opened for the reception of members. Brother Bartlet Wade Decd.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after, etc. a door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Patsey Lawler recd by Expn.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Pheba Lankford recd. by letter,

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Prudence Dugan recd. by Exprn.

The Church met on Friday before the first Saturday in August etc. after etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection.

3<sup>rd</sup> Three members chosen to bear the letter (towit) Brethren J. L. Walker, Evan Lawler, and Jno. Walker

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The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after prayer proceeded to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Bond came forward and made some acknowledgements. The Church lay it over til next meeting.

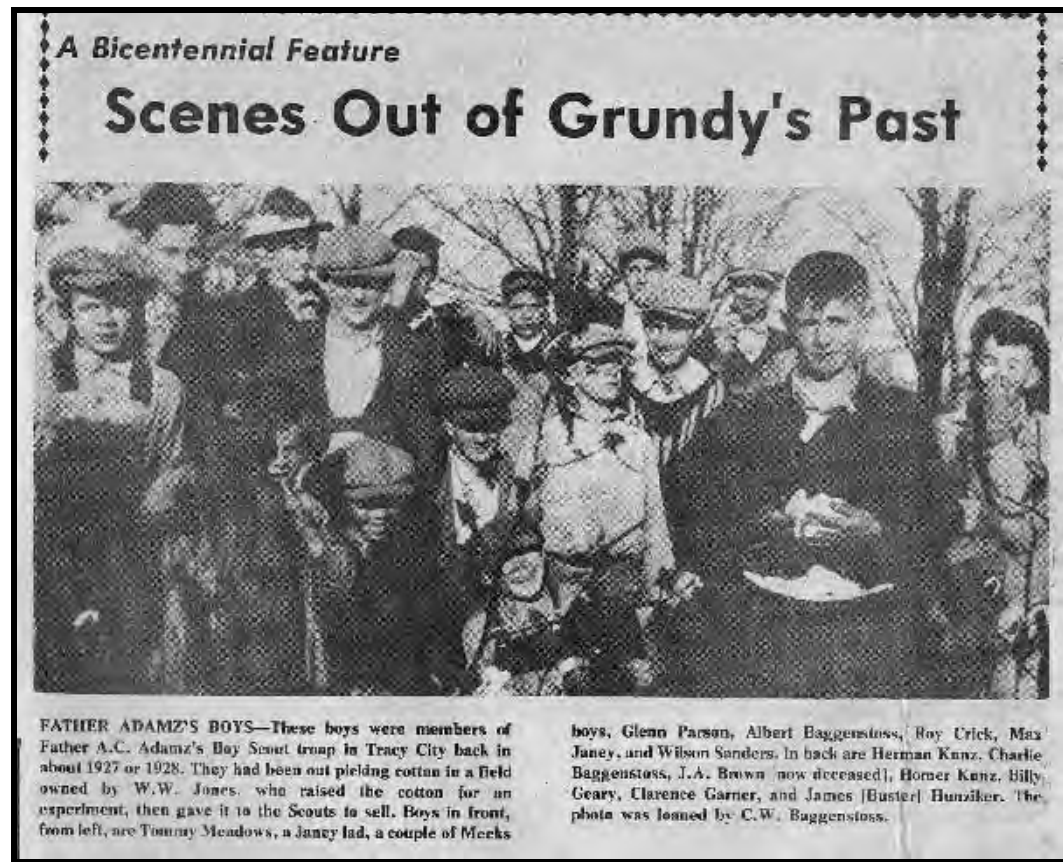
The Church met on the first Saturday in October and etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the reference concerning Brother Bond the same held over til next Meeting. Brother Rogers sited to attend next meeting and Brethren John Rogers, Nathan Bond and John J. Walker appointed and to report at next meeting.

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## NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FROM NOVEMBER 11, 1976



### From John L. Mitchell's **Tennessee State Gazetteer & Business Directory, 1860-1861**

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## **CORRECTIONS**

As always, if you spot a mistake, please feel free to contact the editor at [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com) and the correction will be in the next issue of the Pathfinder.

In the recent issue of *The Pathfinder* there was a list of teachers at Elkhead School, if possible, I would like to add to the list my aunt, Levona Hamby Tipps. A while before she passed away in April 2007, she told me of teaching at Elkhead, and picking up children who rode in the "rumble seat" of her car as she drove to school from Pelham. I don't know exactly when she taught, but it was probably the early 1930's.

Thanks,  
Jim Hamby

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## **DEATH NOTICES**

contributed by Sue Scott

Hobbs, Isham b. Nov. 20, 1922 in TN to Murray and Cynthia (Meeks) Hobbs, d. May 28, 1971 in Nashville and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

Hobbs, Cynthia b Feb. 15, 1885 in TN d. May 8, 1975 in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

Huling, Dr. Walter b. Feb. 15, 1925 in TN to Arthur M. and Georgia (Byrd) Huling, d. June 19, 1979 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Browns Chapel Cemetery in Grundy County. He was a veteran of WWII and was married Mary Jo Garrett.

James, Judy Ann b. May 6, 1948 in TN to Frank and Edith (Givens) James, d. July 17, 1974 at a hospital in Sequatchie County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

James, Marvin D. b. April 12, 1909 in TN to Jesse and Nancy (Nunley) James, d. Jan. 24, 1977 in Palmer, TN and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was married to Vinnie Crabtree and had 3 children, Jewell, Kenneth and Benson.

James, Ruth Vandergriff b. Nov. 22, 1940 in TN, d. Jan. 14, 1988 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She was married to Kenneth James and they had 3 daughters, Hassie, Ella and Mary.

Johnson, George Morgan b. April 10, 1896 in TN to John Wesley and Mary (Meeks) Johnson; d. Oct. 29, 1973 in Whitwell and was buried at Orange Hill Cemetery in Grundy County. He was survived by his wife Beulah Sidney Carrick, 3 daughters Josephine, Mary and Ruby and 5 sons, Elbert, Wesley, Bill, Jack and Barney.

Johnson, Herschel Lenord b. July 7, 1921 in TN to Phynias and Myrtle (Harwood) Johnson; died. Aug. 31, 1978 in Grundy County and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Elvenia Sanders Johnson, 3 daughters, Patricia, Janaice and Phyllis and a son, Robert.

Johnson, Lewis Nelson b. April 10, 1920 in TN to Fred and Hattie (Layne) Johnson; d. May 26, 1976 in Gruetli-Laager and was buried at Bonny Oak Cemetery. He was survived by 3 sisters, Ethel, Lucille and Faye.

Johnson, Loys Leo b. July 13, 1921 in TN to George Morgan and Beulah Sidney (Carrick) Johnson; d. Feb. 17, 1971 in Marion County and was buried at Orange Hill Cemetery.. He was married to Pauline Sanders.

Johnson, Steve Allan b. June 6, 1961 in TN to Vernon and Zora (Campbell) Johnson and d. June 12, 1984 at a hospital in Warren County and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery.

Johnson, Wesley Levoy b. Aug. 8, 1930 in TN to George Morgan and Beulah Sidney (Carrick) Johnson; d. Dec. 30, 1985 at a hospital in Sewanee, TN and was buried at



Orange Hill Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Lillie King Johnson and 5 children, Debra, Vanessa, Jason, Alvin and Don.

King, Etta M. b. March 24, 1908 in Alabama to John Henry and Carrie (Partin) Finch; d. July 22, 1974 in Hamilton County and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. She was survived by her husband, Ira King and son Wayne King.

King, Katie Caroline b. March 29, 1900 in LA; d. June 8, 1988 at her home in Palmer and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. She was the widow of Robert T. King.

King, Lila Jane b. Jan. 9, 1893 in TN to Allen and Tabitha (Camp) Smith; d. July 20, 1982 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She, a widow, was survived by 5 daughters and 2 sons.

King, Mildred Opal b. Oct. 10, 1920 in TN to Robert and Katie (Watts) King; d. Jan. 19, 1981 at Cumberland Heights in Grundy County and was buried at Palmer City cemetery.

King, Ora b. Dec. 24, 1897 in TN to Henry and Susan (Roberts) Mitchell; d. May 18, 1982 at a hospital in Sewanee and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was married to Ray King.

King, Oscar b. Sept. 19, 1912 in TN to Lige and Suzie King; d. Jan. 30, 1975 at Cumberland Heights in Grundy County and was buried at King Cemetery in Tarlton. He was survived by his wife Elveda Rollins King, a son Randell and 4 daughters, Rosie, Betty, Margie and Gay.

King, Ray Eugene b. April 19, 1910 in Nebraska; d. March 13, 1986 at a hospital in Sewanee and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

King, Ricky Lynn b. June 26, 1955 in TN to Elzie and Eloise (Walker) King; d. at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

King, Ronald Lewis b. Oct. 20, 1949 in TN to James and Elsie (Anderson) King; d. June 30, 1978 at Erlanger Hospital and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Loretta Minton King and a son, Todd Everett King.

King, Robert T. b. Oct. 5, 1896 in Alabama to Jacob and Ella (Stokes) King; d. Dec. 28, 1973 at a hospital in Marion County and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He was married to Katie Watts.

King, Sarah Ellen b. April 30, 1898 in TN to Fred and Mary Jane (Blanchard) Dennis; d. Oct. 25, 1975 at a nursing home in Warren County, TN and was buried at Cagle Cemetery. She, a widow, was survived by 3 daughters and 4 sons.

King, Walter Willard b. Oct. 18, 1915 in TN to Alexsnder and Mary (Tate) King; d. July 22, 1976 at his home in Palmer, TN and was buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Bessie Lee Partin and 2 sons, Billy Joe and Steve Allen King.

Kinary, Doris L. b. Jan 7, 1912 in PA; d. June 12, 1988 at her home in Palmer, TN and was buried in Palmer City Cemetery. She was survived by her son, Alvin J. Kinary Jr..

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

Compiled by Charles A. Sherrill, Nashville, TN, 1996.

Used with permission. 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.**

1850 Special Census (continued) Page 5/District 6

**Levan**, H[enry]-Improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$175; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$159; Indian corn, 100; oats, 30.

**Jones**, Robin- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 185; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 9; swine, 65; value of livestock, \$198; Indian corn, 150; oats, 50; peas & beans, 2; value of home manufactures, \$5; value of animals slaughtered, \$6.

**Perry**, S[tephen]- improved acres, 6; unimproved acres, 130; cash value of farm, \$40; horses, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 11; value of livestock, \$55; Indian corn, 100; Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

**Perry**, H[enry]- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 1400; cash value of farm, \$700; milch cows, 2; swine, 6; value of livestock, \$33; Indian corn, 20; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$6; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

**Baly**, W[illiam]- improved acres, 4; unimproved acres, 140; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$98; Indian corn, 60; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$10 (?).

**Cope**, J[oseph]- Indian corn, 75; value of home manufactures, \$20; rye, 3.

**Bond**, J[ames]- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 780; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; sheep, 5; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$188; Indian corn, 150; oats, 40; wool, 10; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$42; rye, 3.

**Bond**, W[illiam] T.- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 38; cash value of farm, \$75; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 2; swine, 17; value of livestock, \$112 Indian corn, 185; oats, 20; wool, 6; peas & beans, 1; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Ransom**, P[askill]-horses, 2; milch cows, 1; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$148; Indian corn, 385; oats, 40; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Crossland**, J[ohn] C.- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 488; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 19; value of livestock, \$109; Indian corn, 250.

**Anglin**, J[ohn]- improved acres, 2; unimproved acres, 3085; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 23; value of livestock, \$75; peas & beans, 2; value of home manufactures, \$5; value of animals slaughtered, \$6.

**Meeks**, B[ritian]- improved acres, 2; unimproved acres, 425; cash value of farm, \$225; horses, 3; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 6; other cattle, 4; sheep, 5; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$277; Indian corn, \$577; oats, 90; wool, 16; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$52; value of animals slaughtered, \$67.

**Phips**, D[avid]- improved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$150; Indian corn, 500; oats, 80; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$35; bale cotton, 1.

**Sanders**, J[ourden]-improved acres, 116; unimproved acres, 145; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 2; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 9; swine, 150; value of livestock, \$419; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 75; wool, 24 (?); Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 75; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$60.

**Roberts**, B[enjamin]- improved acres, 32; unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, 500; horses, 1; other cattle, 4; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$150; Indian corn, 375; oats, 35; sweet potatoes, 100; value of home manufactures, \$12; value of animals slaughtered, \$37; wax/honey, 60 lbs.

**Meeks, J[ohn]-** improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 150; cash value of farm, \$375; horses, 4; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 7; sheep, 7; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$397; Indian corn, 500; oats, 50; wool, 15; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$60; wax/honey, 75 lbs.

**Meeks, J[ames]-** improved acres, 45; unimproved acres, 250; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 4; asses & mules, 6; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 8; sheep, 9; swine, 80; value of livestock, \$604; Indian corn, 750; oats, 100; wool, 22; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 40; value of home manufactures, \$ 50; value of animals slaughtered, \$75.

**Brown, G[eorge]-** improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 205; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 17; value of livestock, \$48; Indian corn, 200; oats, 40; Irish potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$20.

**Meeks, I[saac]-** improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 90; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 3; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 19; swine, 90; value of livestock, \$390; Indian corn, 1250; oats, 60; wool, 57; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$75; wax/honey, 100 lbs.

**Meeks, M[eril]-** improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 140; cash value of farm, 100; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 300; oats, 24; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$7; value of animals slaughtered, \$15; wax/honey, 36 lbs.

**Sanders, Thos [Sr.]-** improved acres, 130; unimproved acres, 300; cash value of farm, \$2250; horses, 6; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 9; sheep, 10; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$308; Indian corn, 1250; oats, 50; wool, 50; sweet potatoes, 130; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$265.

**Sanders, S[ilas]-** horses, 4; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$483; Indian corn, 375; oats, 20; sweet potatoes, 100; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$75.

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**Crabtree, W[illiam] W.-** improved acres, 22; unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 3; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$150; Indian corn, 750; Irish potatoes, 100; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, 25; value of animals slaughtered, \$24.

**Crabtree, J[ohn]-** improved acres, 35; unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$150; Indian corn, 750; oats, 10; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$18; value of animals slaughtered, \$5; tobacco, 300 lbs.

**Sanders, S[outhey]-** improved acres, 84; unimproved acres, 133; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 6; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 3; other cattle, 6; sheep, 4; swine, 30; value

of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 750; oats, 200; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 6; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

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## SOCIETY MEETINGS

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2. Articles of general interest.
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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 [jcoats@cafes.net](mailto:jcoats@cafes.net) with your question to initiate the process.

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## **GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S WEBSITE**

You may view many different articles and photographs at the GCHS's website.

[www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com). The website changes almost weekly, so be sure to check back often!

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46 % of visitors viewed 2-19 pages at the website

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43 % of visitors viewed 2-19 pages at the website  
22 % of visitors spent 1-15 minutes on the website  
9 % of visitors spent 30 minutes-2 hours on the website  
Website averages visitors per day: 12  
TOTAL VISITORS: 22,730

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**“DID YOU KNOW?”**

From Grundy County Court Minutes Book I: 1844-1855 (Transcribed as written) This day Henry Stoner and others the Jury of View appointed to mark a road commencing at the county line in Myres cove passing John Fulte, Alfred Fults thence to the county site of Grundy County made their report, which said road is established by the court as a road of the second class. And it is ordered by the court that Wilbourne Fults be appointed overseer of said road and have the following bounds and hands all the hands in Myres Cove subject to work on public roads.

This day John Fults, Nathan Fults, John Myres, Abraham Jones and Ambrose Killian the Jury of View appointed by the court to view and mark a road from the county line in Munley's cove to Altamont made their report, and said road is established as a road of the second class as marked by said Jury of View. And that Christopher Hobbs be appointed Overseer of said road and Have all the hands in Nunley's and Northcutts cove to work and keep the same in repair.

This day William S. Mooney and others of the Jury of View appointed by the court to view and mark a road from Altamont to Coffee County line in a direction to Manchester made their report. And said road is established by the court as marked by said Jury of the court View as a road of the second class And that James Coulson be appointed Overseer of said road and have the following bounds and hands, to wit, All the hands from Michael Hoover taking in John Gillis and Joseph Rhea to Alexander Coulson to keep the same in repair.

This day James Lockhart and others in the Jury of View appointed by the court to view and mark a road from the fork near R.M. Stepps to the middle ridge thence to the county seat made their report and said road is established as a road of the Second class as viewed and marked by said Jury, and that Elijah Walker be appointed Overseer, of said road and have the following bounds and hands, to wit, from James Lockhart's, to the Big Spring, thence down with the river to the county line to keep the same in repair.

Ordered by the court that William Hamby be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of Landston Martin and have the hand that worked under said Martin except those allotted to the mountain road.

Ordered by the court that Richard M. Stepp keep the Beersheba road in repair from the forks where the middle ridge road intersects the same to Collins River, and that Lawson Gross precinct be extended to the fork of the new road and that said Stepp be exempt from working on all other roads.

Ordered by the court that Nimrod B. Saine and Benjamin Harrison Adams be allowed four dollars and fifty cents each for carrying the chain nine days when the county lines of Grundy County were run, to be paid out of any money in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated, there being twelve Justices present and the vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were twelve in the negative none.

Ordered by the court that the clerk of this court furnish the old commissioners with a certified Copy of all their proceeding and report on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of this instance.

Court adjourned until court in course.

Thos Warren

Richard Bradford

Edmond Martin

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Janelle Layne Taylor

As of this writing the Grundy County Historical Society is now the owner of the 1904 First National Bank Building, the 1978 addition to that building, and the former Cheek Pharmacy, which will house the Grundy County Heritage Center in Tracy City, TN. With Rural Development assistance and much effort on the part of fundraisers and contributors, enough funds have been raised so that work can begin immediately on the heating/air conditioning system and on the Research Library. As soon as this portion of the building is renovated, library materials will be moved from the Root Cellar in the Tracy City Library to this new location.

Funds for most of the library renovation have been secured, but we are still in need of funds to complete the flooring. Fortunately we have an anonymous donor who will match dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 all funds raised in the remaining months of 2009.

It is with this challenge that you can help the Society to complete this particular section of the building. When that is done, the library portion will be in operation and ready to receive researchers. Several notable contributions of shelving, computers and usable furnishings have been made. An accounting of these contributions will be given at a later time.

If you can make a donation at this time, it would be greatly appreciated and will be doubled through this challenge, but the time for this matching challenge ends on December 31, 2009. Make checks payable to Grundy County Historical Society. They may be mailed to P.O. Box 1422; Tracy City, TN 37387. We hope to hear from you on this matter. Any amount will help.

We want to give a hearty “thank-you” to those of you who have made pledges and who have already given toward this worthy project. We know that you want a Heritage Center and Research Library that will be attractive, informative, convenient, secure, and place of pride where Grundy County archives and memorabilia can be stored.

The Society is also embarking on the publication of a Grundy County Cemetery Book that will list all burials known in Grundy County and along the perimeter of the county. If you know of unmarked graves in Grundy County or in communities that border Grundy County, please send the information listing names and dates of birth and burial if known along with the cemetery in which the person was interred. This information may be mailed to the same address as is listed above.

We want to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with all the best that life has to offer.

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### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Sharon Goodman

I wanted to say congratulations to the Grundy County Historical Society on the purchase of the First National Bank Building in Tracy City. It is now our new home for the Society’s collections. I’m so excited to see this renovation come to completion and start being used by the Society members and all those who are researching within the Grundy County lines. I can’t wait to visit it myself! I hope all of you get the chance to visit and see how our Historical Society is working for you.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas!

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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

James W. Cunningham, Mrs. Lynda Harper, Mrs. Donna Basham, Mr. Wendell C. Lafavers, Marva Blalock (Genealogical Society of Utah), James D. and Rebecca Littlewood, Juanita M. Coppinger, Eddie Sanders, Scotty Hoosier.

## MEET THE GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS!

Please feel free to send in a short biography about yourself and include the surnames that you are researching. Also include a photo of yourself (no professional photos, please) to be added to your biography. Looking forward to hearing from you soon! Send information to Sharon Goodman at [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com) or Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, CA, 92883.

**Dan W. Brown-** My great grandfather, John Daniel Brown and Emma Jane Hudson, of whom were married in Grundy County, Tennessee, February 20, 1871 as noted by John Patrick, Bondsman- 141B.

John Daniel was one of the Sons of the Rev. Ledden Brown and Louisa Arena Crossland. His wife, was the daughter of Richard Hudson and Sallie Morgan. In the 1880s he and his wife and their children, Bertha Lou, Elijah Leonidas, John Gilliam (my grandfather), Byron Granson, Horace Maynard and Oscar Hudson moved from Tennessee to East Texas near Waco. John Daniel died November 19, 1892 and is buried in the cemetery in Pendleton, Texas which is not too far from Waco. Some of their children of John Daniel and their mother, Emma Jane moved to Coleman County around 1904, however, with Elijah Leonidas moving to Guymon, Oklahoma; Byron Granson to Santa Anna, Texas; and Bertha Lou to Phoenix, Arizona. They are also buried in these respective areas; John, Horace, Oscar and their mother in the cemetery in Coleman; Byron in Santa Anna, Elijah in Guymon and Bertha in Phoenix.

My father, Horace Walter Brown, the only son of John Gilliam Brown and his wife, Siddle Elizabeth Gribble (whose mother was a Hash), was born in Falls County, Texas in 1896. My father and mother, Lella Otis Griffin, who was born in Madisonville, Texas in 1906, married in 1930 and I was born February 19, 1931 in Coleman, Texas and later attended the local schools.

In August of 1950, just after the outbreak of the Korean War, I volunteered for the US Navy and served three tours of duty in Korea in parts of 1951, 52, 53 and 54; and one four month stay in the French/Indochina area from February to May 1954 and as a Short Wave Radio Operator.

On my return to the States in July 1854, I entered Texas Technological College and completed my course of study as a Geologist in 1958, however, did not graduate until August 1959. I started work in the oil industry as a geologist in June of 1958 and over the next few years became the proud father of three sons. I moved overseas to New Zealand in January 1969 and spent four years there working as a well site geologist. I was divorced in 1973, moved to Singapore in 1975 and in April 1976, married one of the local Chinese girls. Over the next many years, we lived and worked in Singapore, Bombay, India; Port Moresby, New Guinea; Jakarta, Indonesia; and Wellington, New Zealand. I retired in June 1998 and presently we make our home in Wellington, New

Zealand. I also have five grandsons and two granddaughters who all live in Texas in addition to my three sons, who also live there.

The biography has been a bit long; however, I hope that it does give a bit of background to my relation to Grundy County, Tennessee.

Dan Willis Brown  
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## QUERIES

**234-2009** My gggrandfather told my gggrandmother the day before he died in Arkansas that he had originally come from Tracy City Tennessee. He said he had killed a man, had changed his name when he left and that the law may come looking for him some day. He said he had left a wife and children in Tennessee. The Goodman named was mentioned. My grandmother said she thought that was his original last name although we really do not know this for a fact. Unfortunately my great grandfather was only 2 when the man died so I am sure some info has been lost through the years. He married in Arkansas in 1872. I do not know how long he had been there at that time but think he may have been there as early as 1870. Considering census records and what family says he was born anywhere from 1832 to 1839. One of my grandmother's cousins told me he had been told the man was a cattle rustler, horse thief and a bushwhacker. I have considered the fact that he may have been one of the three involved in Anderson Goodman's murder. I have eliminated Mart Phipps but cannot find much info on the other two James Conatser or Conatzy and a man with the last name of McChristian. I got this info from one of Anderson Goodman's descendants.

I have also considered the fact he may have really been a Goodman or possibly one of the other men that rode with Captain Brixey.

Any help or guidance would be greatly appreciated.  
Wayne Duncan ([duncan\\_4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duncan_4@sbcglobal.net))

**235-2009** I have several gaps in my research that I wasn't able to fill in on a trip to Nashville (state archives). Since we were headed northwest, I wasn't able to travel to Beersheba Springs (birthplace of my great-grandmother). Here are my questions (with notes from Janelle Taylor included). This is what I know about Samule W. Smith:

Born 1851 in Michigan to William C. Smith (New Jersey) and Elizabeth D. (New Jersey). Listed in the 1860 census living in Beersheba Springs, TN, in household of William and Elizabeth with brothers and sisters.

I believe Elizabeth ran a boarding house. She is listed on 1870 Agricultural Census of Grundy Co.

The 1880 census shows Samule W. Smith married to Martha A. and working as a Farm Laborer. He is listed on the 1880 Agricultural Census of Grundy Co. Four children are listed. Josie is my ggrandmother. I read that her brother Mack played at his grandmother's boarding house – maybe that's why he later appears in Chicago owning a hotel.

I would like to know – Elizabeth D.'s last name. Date of William C. Smith death. Is he buried in Grundy Co? Which cemetery? I have Martha A's last name as Warren. Is there a marriage license? I have date of marriage as March 1869. What happened to two other siblings?

This is what I know about Josephine "Josie" Cliff Smith: She is listed on 1880 census as born in Grundy Co. My family has date of March 25, 1873. She next appears on the 1900 census as married to Robert H. Bennett and living in Choctaw Nation, Oklahoma.

This is what I know about Robert H. Bennett: He is listed on 1880 census (Olive Branch, DeSoto Co, Miss) living in household of John Bennett and Sarah. I'm not sure this is my Robert H. How did Josie (Tenn) and Robert (Miss) get together.

I would like to know – Sarah's last name.

I REALLY want to know about Josie Smith between 1880 and 1900. A marriage license for Josie and Robert Bennett. Any info about moving from Tennessee to Texas. Four children were born in Texas before they moved to Oklahoma. I wonder if Cliff is a family name from somewhere (her daughter told me her name was Josephine "Josie" Cliff Smith Bennett.)

Mack R. Smith is shown on the 1920 census as living with Josie and Robert in Tillman, OK.

Beverly Raley ([raleyb@verizon.net](mailto:raleyb@verizon.net))

**236-2009** My name is Gail Burkett (my maiden name) I live in Bristol, Tn and am trying to trace my Burkett heritage. Running into a lot of stumps. My father was from Seveir Co. and I know who his mother and father were and his grandmother was Nancy Burkett... (She didn't marry) and she had 2 sons...James and George. Her mother and father were Mary and George....and we can not trace or find anything else about them. I know Mary is buried at Shiloh in Sevier Co. but don't know where George or Nancy are buried. Any help would be appreciated

Thanks,

Gail ([belburk@yahoo.com](mailto:belburk@yahoo.com))

**237-2009** I am looking for a picture of my grandfather, Alton Smith, who was born Sept 13, 1894, in Tracy City. He was the son of Robert B. Smith and wife, Suisie Tittle.



If you or anyone you know is working on these Smiths, please contact me. My grandfather, Alton, lived in Flint, Michigan in later years.

Lisa Moore (LisaMoore@jis.nashville.org)

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## DONATIONS TO THE ROOT CELLAR

1. A group of documents created from various Grundy officials that date from the late 1800s to early 1900s. The folder that held the papers had the following written on the outside. – Walter D. Hoover 403 Oakhaven Dr. Smyrna, TN 37167 615-459-3193. Janelle said the papers were sent to her from the Courthouse by Angie Burnett.
2. A copy of a *Monteagle Springs Brochure 1881* was found in New Orleans by David Tate. The brochure was made for distribution by the Mont Eagle Springs Hotel Co. The brochure describes the Hotel and surrounds of what was then called Mont Eagle. Janelle said it was given to the Society by a Mr. Dykes. She also said that Leslie Coppinger may know how to contact him.
3. Picture of 2005 Grundy County Election Commission Members.  
Glenn King Thomas Moore Sr.  
Judith GunnMichael Yarworth Maxine Kennedy  
Picture of 2009 Grundy County Election Commission Members  
Mary Margaret Willems Louie Ladd  
Judith GunnAlf Adams Glenn King  
These 2 pictures were sent to us by Donna Basham.
4. Copies of the following 4 articles written by Jackie Layne Partin.  
*"I Just Cried and Cried" When I Had To Quit School*  
*"Dad, Why Did You Ever Leave Here?"*  
*"Can These Bones Live?"*  
*"No, It Wasn't Close.....But It Wasn't Far Either"*
5. Genealogy book of the Hale-VanHooser Family from Johnnie Hale.
6. David Patton donated some photographs of the Heritage Center when it was the First National Bank. He also donated some business cards from various local businesses.

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## JEWELDENE

Barbara Mooney Myers

*Jeweldene Myers Scheer, the lady who told the original stories that were recorded by her friend Thomas Barnes, has given her permission for these stories to be printed. This story from local lore was told prior to Jeweldene in the Homecoming '86 History of the Elk River (Pelham) Valley which was published in 1986 and was edited by Janelle Coats & Arlene Bean. Details from the 2 stories vary, but the basic story of John Wilkes*

Booth coming to Sewanee, TN, and marrying Louisa Price Payne, the 2 children and Booth's confession are the same.



Lonnie Myers & wife Alice Campbell Myers. Baby in lap is Floyd Myers, Sula Myers, Gladys Myers.



Group of Myers children (l-r): Floyd, James, Gladys, Sula, Jeweldean with baby Pascal Myers.



John W Booth ✓  
 &  
 Louisa J Payne ✓

So<sup>d</sup> July 24<sup>th</sup> 1872  
 I solemnized the rite of matrimony between  
 the within named parties on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
 July 1872  
 Lele Rose J P

### CHAPTER II

### "LOUISA AND THE ASSASSIN"



THE MAN WHO KILLED LINCOLN—John Wilkes Booth, whose description on the reward posters after Lincoln's assassination read "weighing 160 pounds, with black hair, black eyes, and a heavy black mustache." The John Wilkes Booth of Franklin County was described as having "black hair,...very dark eyes and a black mustache...weight abut 145 pounds."

## LOUISA AND THE ASSASSIN

The ride home to Burrows' Cove seemed even longer than usual. Mr. Dykes was talking of Jeweldean's next teaching position, which was to be closer to home. That in itself might well be good reason to be excited. She was indeed happy to be assured of her next assignment, but just now her thoughts were centered on being home for the summer.

The parting with the Hobbs family and the students at the Pond Spring Schoolhouse had been an emotional one. How glad she was that it was such a contrast to the apprehension she felt when first arriving there. Now she was returning to Elk River Valley with a sense of accomplishment and confidence in her future.

It seemed she could almost smell mama's cooking as they approached the Cove. Weekend trips home from Pond Spring had been fewer than Jeweldean had hoped, hence her present impatience for the homeward journey's end. With all the passing of years, Lonnie Myers' daughter would still have undiminished anticipation of being home again. Mama's embrace would always be warm and loving, while papa would stand back, patiently waiting, or at least outwardly appearing patient to greet his beloved offspring.

Papa! The third-born daughter of Lonnie Myers held among her fondest memories the summer evenings of her earlier years. All the family would gather on the front porch to hear papa play his violin or sometimes sing for them, both of which he did unusually well. Yet richest in her memory were the wonderful stories papa would tell - fascinating "yarns," most of which were true accounts of adventures of family, friends and neighbors of many years earlier.

As the car approached a crossroad, Jeweldean caught sight of a sign that pointed to Payne's Cove. The name of the familiar community aroused remembrance of one story papa told, that would never be forgotten - the moving tale of true events in one local young woman's tragic life. It seemed she could almost hear papa's soft rich voice as she recalled his vivid account of the experiences of the ill-fated local beauty of long ago, Louisa Payne.

Jeweldean's papa liked to whittle. Some whittlers enjoyed carving out whistles and wildfowl callers, but papa always found some more important projects. Hammer handles and other toolgrips were his practical choice. He was busy with one such project one evening when he was interrupted by his enthusiastic brood, urging him to tell a story. The always accommodating parent was quick to respond that summer night with an accurate recollection of the Louisa Payne story, as told by his papa, Thomas Jefferson Myers.

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"Accordin' to my pa,' Lonnie Myers began, 'There wasn't a prettier young woman in all the Valley than Louisa Payne. She wasn't more'n seventeen when her bridegroom, twenty-two year old Zebadiah, was mustered into the Confederate forces. No matter that the War Between the States was 'most over with in 1865, he was badly wounded in late action, and Louisa's young husband was sent home to die. Not long after, Louisa was scarcely eighteen and a widow expectin' their first child.

"She was as willin' a worker as you could find, and had a right good hand for sewin'. As soon as her baby boy, Macager, was born and old enough to be left in care of someone else durin' the day, she went lookin' for work. The students at the University of the South over in Suwanee were in need of a seamstress, so the school hired her on.

"It was long about 1872 while she was still workin' there, that she met a feller who did woodwork around Suwanee, and who also did some play actin' to entertain the students. He was known as Jack Booth, and it wasn't long before this handsome lad persuaded Louisa to marry him. Her boy Macager was now close to seven years old, and the idea of marryin' someone who seemed as if he was the kind who'd make a good father to the boy made sense to the young mother. The records over to the courthouse in Winchester show that they were pronounced husband and wife by a Justice of the Peace named C.C. Rose. It was just about then that Louisa's new husband told her he was John Wilkes Booth, the man who had killed President Lincoln up at the Ford's Theater in Washington. He showed her scars on his leg that he claimed were the result of a broken leg he got jumpin' onto the theater stage after shootin' Mr. Lincoln.

"He wasn't willin' to make himself known as John Wilkes Booth to the Valley folks, since a goodly number of them were of Federalist persuasion. He felt sure he would find more sympathetic neighbors in the western part of the State, the word bein' that out toward Memphis folks were more inclined to still be loyal to the Confederate side. So, he soon convinced Louisa that a move to that part of Tennessee would be best for him, herself and the boy.

"When they got to Memphis, the more profitable work he expected to find there did not exist. His plan had been to make enough money to pay railroad fare to New Orleans, where, he told Louisa, there awaited him a one-hundred thousand dollar payment for having slain Abraham Lincoln. He claimed that secret sympathizers there had collected the bounty for him in appreciation for havin' somehow accordin' their thinkin', avenged the Confederacy. "

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"The only work Booth could find was in a cottonseed mill, his wages not bein' enough to provide savin's for train fare to New Orleans. To make matters worse, he 'roused unexpected hostility among the workers in the mill when he told them he was John Wilkes Booth. He had thought it would impress folks in his favor, but instead put him and his family in real danger.

"The fact that men began to watch their boardin' house - that men at times seemed to be shadowin' him, convinced him that he had best leave town as soon as possible. As soon as he made up his mind to move on, he convinced Louisa it would be wiser to journey to New Orleans by himself, pick up the reward money, and return for her and the boy. They would then, he told Louisa, find a safe place to the west where they could live well.

"Now, most folks believe that Louisa never told Booth that she was expectin' a baby. Folks also say that Booth went off with no intention of goin' to New Orleans, since there probably wasn' any reward waitin' for him to claim it. Most think he was more likely headin' out toward the Texas or Oklahoma Territory where he hoped for a friendly welcome. It seems like he never intended to return to Louisa. So, once again she was sayin' goodbye to a bridegroom, one she was never to see again.

"Louisa managed to find some work for a while longer there in Memphis. Two problems, however, soon made it clear to her that she must return to Elk River Valley. One was that she was gettin' close to the time for her baby to be born. Also, some fellers had found out that Booth had escaped them, and their constant hangin' around near the boardin' house frightened her. She felt they wanted to hurt her and her son. With the help of some fine folks in the Episcopal Church, she found a place to stay outside the city. All that happened just in time, for before long, a little baby girl was born to her. Right away she had the infant christened Laura Ida Elizabeth Booth. As soon as the baby was old enough to travel, and again with the help of the kind churchfolks, Louisa was on a train, with her nearly eight year-old son Macager and her newborn daughter, headed back to Pelham.

"Louisa was mighty tired when she got back to the Payne homestead. Her first husband Zeb's family were kind and helpful as always, readyin' the cabin where she had enjoyed such a short but happy homelife before the War took Zeb from her. His thoughtful sisters had seen to it that the cabin was neat and clean and ready for Louisa, Macager and the little Ida Booth to move in. "

"As soon as she was able, Louisa returned to work again. Determin' to be independent, she wanted to bring up the two children without dependin' on other folks. It wasn't long before she was operatin' a laundry business of her own, and doin' real well with it.

"Things went along pretty fine for about six or seven years. The young mother had long since given up hope of hearin' from Booth. Louisa had told her seven year-old Ida Elizabeth about her father, but of course it didn't seem to mean much to the little one. Louisa was able to keep both children in school. Macager was a big feller for his fourteen years, and was a big help to his mama. Louisa and the boy had been doin' a brush and stone clearin' job around the cabin, and had gotten quite a lot of branches and twigs raked into piles for burnin'. Bein' home one day while Macager and Ida Elizabeth were off to school, she set herself to finishin' the job of burnin' the brushpiles.

"Busy rakin' extra small branches that had been scattered by wind and rain a couple of days before, Louisa got a little too close to a burnin' pile. Before she knew it, her long skirt was on fire. Anne Payne, sister of her late husband Zeb, was busy with her household chores only a few hundred feet from Louisa's cabin. She suddenly heard an awful scream.

"Anne ran outside just in time to see Louisa half runnin', and half staggerin' toward the creek down behind her cabin. All the while she was tryin' to tear off her long skirt which by now was 'most all aflame. Her efforts were only addin' to the fury of the fire, and it was now spreadin' to her long hair. Anne Payne tried to catch up to Louisa, but before she could reach her, the poor woman had plunged into the shallow creek, rollin' herself over and tryin' to douse the flames and get some relief for her burnin' flesh.

"By now some of the Payne menfolk who were workin' in the fields had heard the commotion, and came runnin' to help. As gently as they could, they carried poor Louisa into her cabin, while others went for a doctor. But in only a few days, even though the doc' did all he could, Louisa gave up the awful fight, leavin' her son Macager and her little daughter Ida Elizabeth in the promised care of the Payne family."



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"In the meantime, this feller Booth was, accordin' to later reports, driftin' around the western territories, sometimes workin' as a bartender in hotels and saloons, once even as a house-painter. A young lawyer was said to have met him once down in Texas - or at least the feller he met claimed he was Booth - but goin' under the name of David George. The real odd thing about it is that the two men who conspired to kill President Lincoln had similar names. The one had the first name David, and the other the last name George. Anyhow, the man had talked to the young lawyer in private, so nobody else heard him claim to be John Wilkes Booth. Besides, a lot of people around the country had met fellers who claimed to be John Wilkes Booth, and it got so that folks paid little attention to them. One thing was certain the man who had married Louisa, and the man the young lawyer met in Texas were one and the same. It seemed so because the feller in Texas was also a very fine actor, as was Louisa's man, and as was the John Wilkes Booth who shot the President. The young lawyer, who was to practice law in Memphis, and who was to be more involved later, said the man he met in Texas knew lots of stage plays by heart, and was always quotin' Shakespeare. Yes, he sure was an awful lot like Louisa's husband.

"Later on this Booth, or David George, who or whichever he was, moved on from Texas into the Oklahoma Territory, and at last settled in a town close to Enid. Perhaps he expected, or at least hoped he would be welcome there, and maybe profit somehow by makin' himself known as Booth. When he arrived there, somethin' must have made him decide to hold off. He kept the name David George for a number of years, continuin' to perform stage plays, somehow even earnin' enough to buy land in or around Enid.

"A few times, over the next twenty-five years or so, Mr. George took sick, and told his friends he was dyin' and confessed that he was Booth. It seems he was in the habit of usin' morphine to ease pain, and folks figured it was the drug that was talkin'! Each time he recovered, he asked people if he said anything strange in his delirium: finally he did tell his doctor that he was the man who shot the President.

"Either folks figured he was makin' the story up, or else they didn't much care whether or not he really was John Wilkes Booth. In fact, he had by then made lots of friends, and quite a lot of money, too. So it seems like many others in the fast growin' territory, he had become sort of an "old timer" in Enid.

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"There came a day, however, when his earlier claim of bein' Booth got to be heard of around much of the East. It reached as far as Washington, D.C. and got a lot of attention from a Union Cavalryman by the name of Boston Corbett. This Corbett was soon to leave the army, and was to go to great lengths to investigate the reports of Booth bein' in Oklahoma. He had good reason to be interested.

"Back in '65, directly after the President had been shot, a cavalry unit was off in pursuit of the assassin. Corbett was one of that group of horse soldiers, and the group soon had the fugitive and one of his henchmen cornered in a barn in Virginia. The officer in charge had one of his men torch the barn, ordering his men to hold their fire. He then called for Booth to come out of the barn with his hands up.

"Now, this feller Corbett sorta lost patience, and in spite of orders, ran toward the rear of the burnin' barn. Peerin' through an openin' between the boards, he saw the man inside, and fired a shot at him. The man staggered out of the barn and collapsed, and behind him came the feller who was with him. The man Corbett shot was taken to the nearby farmhouse, and stretched out on the front porch floor. It was only a few more minutes and he was dead.

"The officer in charge was determined to have Corbett court-martialed for disobeyin' orders. But when they returned to Washington, they found that the newspapers had already made Corbett out a hero. With public opinion so much in Corbett's favor, and in consideration of his past military record, the War Department dismissed all charges.

"So, when the War was over and his army hitch was up, Boston Corbett headed on home to Massachusetts, figurin' to bask in the fame he had got through the newspapers. Well, it didn't work out that way. Most folks were anxious to try to forget the War and get on with life. Corbett decided to get back into the Army. Wherever his outfit went, it seems he was always hearin' about this man in Oklahoma who claimed to be the real John Wilkes Booth. It got more and more under his skin, as he somehow felt that this feller in Enid was makin' him out a liar.

"Mr. Corbett was a strange sort. He seemed sometimes to have a religious way about him, even preachin' at the other enlisted men, or whoever he could get to listen. Yet, the other men knew his good battle record came from the sheer pleasure he seemed to get from killin' somebody. Anyhow, as soon as his enlistment was up, he started layin' plans to work his way to Oklahoma.

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"After some wild adventures in the midwest, Corbett took a job as a farm equipment salesman. He did real well and soon got himself assigned as manager of the Southwestern office of the company in Enid, Oklahoma!

"For a long time, he kept to his business there, never lettin' on to anybody about his past life in the army. Bidin' his time, he got to know lots of folks in Enid, and was soon regarded as a pleasant, mild-mannered and earnest business man. David George's popularity and social and business activities became known to him, even though they had not met as yet. It wasn't long before he heard the local folks talkin' about Mr. George's claim to be Booth.

"Nearly four years passed when Corbett decided to make his move, and settle the matter that had been on his mind for so long.

"It was common for businessmen in the town to carry a pocket pistol, and Corbett was certainly no exception. He knew it would be very useful when the opportunity to confront his man would come. He would be ready to challenge Mr. George to admit or deny bein' Booth.

"The day finally came when they were face to face. David George walked out of the downtown hotel one morning. Suddenly, Corbett stood in his path and, without introducin' himself, demanded to know whether or not he was John Wilkes Booth. There were a lot of bystanders who knew Mr. George. Probably most expected he would deny it, considerin' the menacin' look on Corbett's face.

"But the well dressed and dignified Mr. George didn' show any sign of fear. Without even flinchin', he said outright that he surely was John Wilkes Booth. The quiet and matter-of-fact answer made Corbett's rage even worse. He then pulled a pistol from an inside pocket and aimed it straight at Mr. George's chest.

"Then a real strange thing happened. Corbett's eyes suddenly got real wide. He seemed for a couple of seconds to be starin' at Mr. George as if he was seein' a ghost. All of a sudden the gun fell from his hand, his whole body stiffened, and he pitched forward on his face. It looked just as if he himself had been shot!

"One of the people who had gathered around ran for a local doctor, who right away pronounced Corbett dead of a heart attack.

"The newspapers began to take more and more notice of Mr. George after that incident, yet he refused, for some time, to talk about it. He just kept on in a business-as-usual way, and

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as the years passed, gettin' richer all the time. His wealth increased even faster when, in 1907, Oklahoma became a state.

"His gettin' rich, of course didn't help his failin' health, and he still got times when he took morphine to ease pain. When it got so bad the drug didn't help, he decided to end what had become real misery. Mr. George, or Mr. Booth, took a massive overdose, and died in a short time. Just before he died, he again told his doctor and others around him that he really was the man who had killed President Lincoln. He must have given some convincin' details, for all the witnesses felt sure he was tellin' the truth.

"Now the press and the city authorities felt no doubts. Besides, so much widespread interest somehow charmed the city officials. Instead of the usual method of embalming, they had the local undertaker use a kind of mummyfyin' process, and placed the body in a glass case. Folks were comin' from distant ranches and towns to pay to see the remains of the man who claimed to be John Wilkes Booth.

"The news of these happenin's soon reached Memphis, where the lawyer, who had met Mr. George years before, lived. He left Memphis right away, and headed straight to Oklahoma, where he positively identified the body of the man he had met years before. The local excitement was already beginnin' to wear off, and the Memphis lawyer actually persuaded the Enid authorities to sell the glass-encased body to him. He then took the body East, shippin' it from place to place. For a couple of years, he made a good deal of profit, chargin' the public anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five cents to view the corpse. Again, interest began to drop off, so the lawyer had Booth's, or Mr. George's body placed in a grave on his own Memphis estate.

"Now you might be wonderin' why the Memphis lawyer was so sure he had the genuine John Wilkes Booth. It seems that durin' the time he was showin' the remains around the country, he had secured affidavits from some fourteen people. they had known the actor, and were positive in their own minds that the man in the glass coffin was Booth. One of those witnesses was actually a retired Union General.

"Now I know that all this might not have meant much to folks in Pelham, especially to Louisa's children, except for what followed. It wasn't long before the U.S. Government confiscated the Oklahoma properties belonging to Mr. Booth. He didn't leave a will, and while

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he likely never knew of Louisa's death, he surely never knew of the birth of his daughter, Laura Ida Elizabeth Booth.

"Intime, Macager Payne and his half-sister Ida Elizabeth heard of the government action and figured the man must be her father, and the estate rightfully hers. At the urgin' of family and friends, the by then grown Ida Elizabeth set out for Oklahoma, in the company of some lawyers. It turned out that the rumors were true. Her father's estate was considerable, so much so she brought suit against the government for eight million dollars.

"The report was that the government offered to settle with her for one million, six hundred thousand dollars. Her lawyers insisted that they would be entitled to half of any settlement. Ida Elizabeth refused the offer. She was not about, she said to give that much to the lawyers. I don't know if it was just stubbornness on her part, or if she felt it a matter of principle, but it all ended there. As far as anyone knows, to this day the matter of her suit against the U.S. Government has never been resolved."

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In the last few moments before arriving in Pelham, the car was passing the Red Hill Cemetery, where the ill-fated Louisa Payne had been laid to rest. Both she and her son Macager had been buried there, but no markers remained to identify their graves.

Jeweldean wondered what had become of Laura Ida Elizabeth Booth, who had stubbornly refused to pay such a large share of the government's settlement offer to her lawyers. Some of the local old-timers remembered that she had become a circus performer. She was said to have traveled for many years with a well-known troupe, never again to return, or to have any further contact with the Elk River Valley.

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## **“I Could Hear Those Timbers Cracking Beneath Their Load” A Talk with Joe Lester Meeks**

Jackie Layne Partin

Those Meekses from down in Payne’s Cove, Tennessee, covered the mountaintop above it like snowflakes in a blizzard. I ought to know since my mother was one of them. We must surely all have a common thread somewhere—well, besides the Biblical Eve, but that didn’t stop us from marrying one another. You know, I bet you that Eve, Mrs. Adam, was a Meeks; okay, that may be stretching it a little. What is it they say—after the sixth generation, we aren’t supposed to be considered relatives? When I asked Joe Lester Meeks what his mother’s maiden name was, he answered, “She was a Meeks too, but they weren’t kin!” We both laughed heartily about the situation.

Thanks to the wonderful research and work done by John Campbell, Willene (Nunley) Campbell and Janelle (Layne) Taylor on the Meekses in our area, I can tell Joe that his parents’ kinship was distant. On 16 February 2009, Joe Lester Meeks and I sat down to visit and talk about his life. He was born 12 August 1918, to Pete John Vester Meeks and Nannie “Doll” (Meeks) Meeks. His paternal grandparents were “Crip John” Meeks and Mary “Polly” (Cope) Meeks who lived and reared their family in Payne’s Cove. “Crip John’s” father was Britain Meeks. Joe Lester’s maternal grandparents were William Houston Meeks, Sr. and Narnie Eudora Idella (Northcutt) Meeks. William Houston’s father was John Meeks. This is where Joe’s parents became relatives because it is generally accepted that Britain Meeks and John Meeks were brothers. Well, we didn’t make it back to the sixth generation, but that will be just fine. I love it when my husband tells me that if I keep searching and digging long enough, I will find out that “I’m my own grandpa, or in my case, my own grandma!”

I suppose having two Meekses for grandfathers could cause some confusion when story time came around. When I asked Joe Lester how his two grandfathers died, he told me that one of them was plowing and was killed when the plow hit a rock and came back into his abdomen, and the other died after a file, which was stuck in a crack of the house, came loose and embedded in his head. I know that “Crip John” died from a plow incident, so I must assume that William Houston died from the other freak accident. Joe never knew either grandfather, for they both died before he was born. The only photo of “Crip John” and Mary “Polly” Meeks burned in a house fire. Since “Crip John” was my g-grandfather, I was so saddened to hear that bit of information. Joe Lester recalls, maybe from the photo, that “Crip John” wore his moustache in the handlebar fashion. It is his understanding that most of the older Meekses were buried in the Payne’s Cove Cemetery.



Nannie "Doll" (Meeks) Meeks



L to R: Joe Lester, John, Clyde, and James B. Meeks

Joe Lester was born in the Lockhart Town area at the old Howley place "back in the woods about three or four miles." His siblings were Irene, Charles, Bessaline, Allen, Clyde, John and James. Later, Joe Lester's father built them a little house across the road from the George Carrell "Dick" Sanders' home. When Jesse and Lucy Woodlee moved their family out of the Dick Sanders home, the Meeks family moved into it. The old log house had two "cabins," as Joe Lester called them, with a hall between them. A "plank" kitchen had been added in the back. There were two fireplaces, one in the living room, and one in the kitchen, which also had a wood cook stove. The road went right in front of the Sanders graveyard and home; then it went for miles to the bluff and dropped off at Parsons Point into Payne's Cove.

Joe Lester never lived in the valley, but he walked down the old road to his Uncle Clouse Meeks' home many times. Clouse was probably the last house in the cove before the terrain became too rugged to farm. It was near where the power line goes off into the valley now. Joe Lester estimated the distance to be six or seven miles and his walking time to be an hour, or an hour and a half, from where he lived at the Dick Sanders place. The dry creek near the Meeks' home would flash flood at times. He spoke of the time that the Reed family home was washed downstream by the fast moving waters. It was a hard place to live and farm, but Clouse Meeks had a seemingly active farm with fruit trees and gardens. The river rocks were piled into fences that helped to keep livestock in when needed. They were also used in construction of foundations, chimneys and cellars.

There is a little family burial plot at the old Clouse Meeks place. Joe and I have been there at different times. Clouse buried two of his sons, George Leonard and John, and a

daughter, Ida, in the little plot. Little George burned to death at a young age, and Joe Lester thinks that Ida may have died in that incident trying to save her brother. However, there is a death certificate for a young four-year-old Ida Meeks who died with diphtheria in 1919. John was murdered in Kentucky, and according to Joe Lester, the family had a difficult time getting his first cousin's body back home for burial in the cove.

Joe and Della Reed reared their family close enough to the dry creek bed, so that once when it rained heavily on the plateau, the water carried their house, as mentioned before, downstream where it finally settled into its new site. Joe Reed was a farmer and often carried his produce up the mountain to sell in Tracy City. According to Joe Lester Meeks, there had been trouble brewing for some time between some in his Uncle Clouse's family and Joe Reed. The problem escalated until, on Joe Reed's last trip up the mountainside to sell his goods, he was shot and killed by someone who was waiting for him. When one of the Reed boys heard the shot, he knew that his father had been killed without ever seeing it for himself. There had been threats made on his father's life from time to time.

Joe Lester attended very little school because of sickness. He often woke up in the mornings with bad headaches that later turned into nausea. He would stay this way up into the nights. He remembers that his mother would get up in the middle of the night and cook something for him when he improved enough to be hungry. Mothers are simply "jewels." When he did attend school a couple days a week, he went to the Bonnie Oak School. I told him that I had never heard of the Bonnie Oak School, but I had heard of the Dick Sanders School. He quickly let me know that he attended the one-room, approximately forty foot square, frame building that stood on the property of the Bonnie Oak Cemetery. It stood where the new part of the cemetery is now, and two of his teachers were Roy Mayes from Payne's Cove and Miss Julia Brown whose father operated the Company Store in Tracy City. Mr. Mayes, often wearing a long overcoat, rode his horse up from Payne's Cove where he lived near the cemetery. He hitched his horse on the premises. Joe Lester never had a "whipping" in school, but Mr. Mayes rarely had to discipline anyone with more than just a slight paddling occasionally. He was a strict teacher, but weren't they all in those days? At the end of the day, Mr. Mayes mounted his horse, sometimes giving Joe Lester a ride "a ways" down the road to his home; then off he rode to Parson Point and onto the old wagon road that led to Payne's Cove. I spoke with one of Roy Mayes' sons, and he said his dad did teach at Bonnie Oak School and actually met his future wife, Miss Veola Patrick, while teaching there. **(The Mayes family is still looking for a photo they have of the old school. If anyone else has one, please send it to the Grundy County Historical Society.)**

Joe Lester's mother packed his school lunch in a metal lard bucket. It, more often than not, consisted of potatoes and bread. To this day, he loves fried potatoes and sauerkraut. He made me hungry talking about the foods his mother prepared for her family. Usually on Saturdays and Sundays, the yard was full of people who came visiting. They never had to mow because the yard was worn free of grass from all the



playing and visiting going on in it. While the children played marbles or other games, his mother cooked enough food to fill a long kitchen table with all the bounties that came from her husband's huge gardens. On Sunday mornings, Joe Lester's parents would rise early and go to the garden to gather produce, and when they came back into the house, their arms were full of fresh vegetables and fruits for the Sunday meal. He dearly liked the cornbread "pones" that she prepared. She didn't "choke" her biscuits out by hand, but rather cut them out. We talked about how the bread pans were black with years of smoke, lard and dough baked onto them. There was never a question as to whether the biscuit pans acquired at marriage, would last forever—they would, even though they might get a worn place or two. The older they got, the better the bread tasted. In the winters, his mother used the dried string beans, shuck beans she called them, which had been prepared after harvesting and hung to dry. Like most women in those days, she spent her spring, summer and fall months, being certain that she preserved enough food for the long winter months ahead.

Many people went hungry during the Great Depression of 1929, but Joe Lester said his family had food; however, it was the same thing over and over. His mother was good at making the same thing taste different each time she cooked it. For instance, if cornbread was left over from a former meal, she would make "crumbles." "What are crumbles?" I asked. His mother crumbled the dry cornbread into an iron skillet and added a little water and certain seasonings. This was drier than cornmeal mush and also had a little different flavor and texture, but the family ate it. When there was money to buy food or clothing, the family could get it at the Company Store in Coalmont, or often they would walk to Tracy City to do their shopping. Joe Lester remembered his first new pair of shoes. They hurt his feet so badly, but he would not say anything to his parents for fear they would take them back to the store. When the children back then got shoes or anything new, they took very good care of the items. He commented, "People throw away shoes now that we would have given anything to have had when we were young!"

"Joe, where would you go for a doctor if you needed one?" I asked. Quickly he answered, "Well, my mother had the best remedies for everything. What she came up with was far better than what a doctor could give us." However, if one really needed a doctor, someone would be sent to get Dr. Upton Beall Bowden in Pelham, and he would come up on his horse through Parsons Point. The children back then could stay out all day in the snow and cold and never get sick. They were just used to being outside.

He and his brothers grew up working in the garden, in timber, in sawmills and sometimes in the mines. They once cleared the right of way for the new power line. Joe worked for his Uncle Jim Meeks who was his other's brother. Jim's wife Lillie (Meeks) Meeks was Joe's father's sister. (There we go again with those Meekses marrying Meekses.) Jim ran a saw mill and was county sheriff for some years. I was curious about all the stories I had heard about "Uncle Jim," as my mother used to call him. Some thought he was a hard man; others thought he was good at his job. Joe Lester figures that the toughest moments in Sheriff Meeks' life came when he was arguing with his wife. They just didn't get along well. After their arguments, Jim would come

down to the saw mill and jump on his men who got fed up with it. One man told him, "Now Jim, every time you and Lillie get into it, you come down here and jump on me, now don't you do it anymore." Sheriff Meeks never had to kill anyone or ever got shot, but he wrestled down a fair number of men in his tenure as county sheriff.

Joe Lester bubbled with laughter while telling the following story on Sheriff Meeks. There was a group of men drinking down at the Annex. One man sat down at the bar and crossed his feet; his shoes had buckles on them. He was preparing to drink his first beer when in walked Sheriff Meeks. The sheriff accused him of being drunk, but the man was adamantly trying to explain that he was just drinking his first beer. Sheriff Meeks demanded that he get up, which the man did, but in the process the buckles on his shoes got hung up, and the man fell broadside onto the floor. The sheriff said, "See, I told you that you were drunk!" Overall, most folks respected Sheriff Meeks, but some feared him as well.

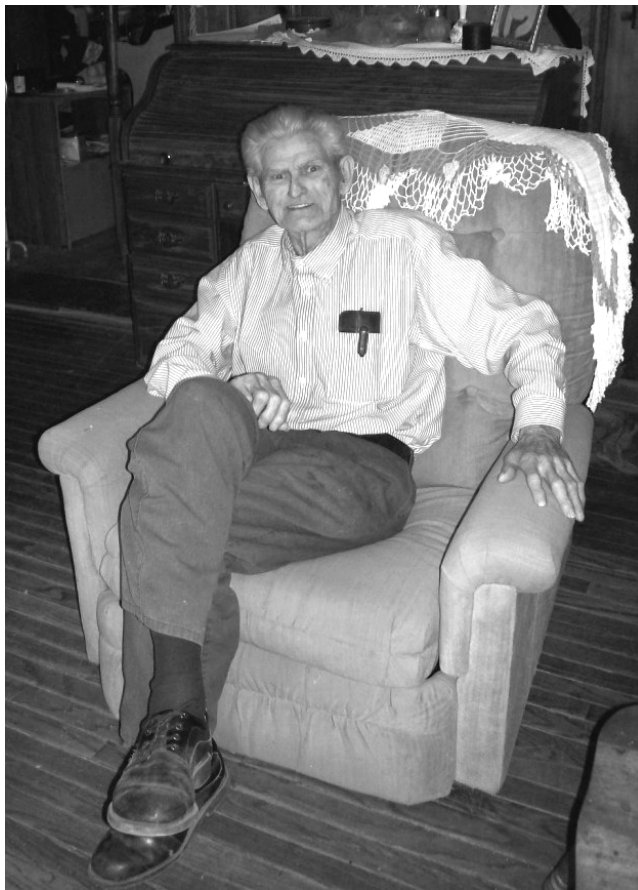
When I asked Joe Lester if he had ever met Mrs. Elijah Meeks, aka Kitt Meeks, he answered with a definite, "Yes!" Kitt and her family lived over in the hollow in Johnson's Gulf that was fittingly named "Kitt Hollow." She rode a white horse everywhere she went. As Joe Lester recalls, she had "one of those old wheels that she used to tell someone's fortune." She was a smart woman who feared no one or anything. The story goes that one of her sons had ordered some guns and had not paid for them. When the men appeared at the door to take him in, Kitt met them at the door. She informed them that the boy was underage and should never have been sold the guns. She pointed out that she did not give her permission as a parent for the boy to make the transaction. Kitt put the men on the road without the son. Joe Lester remembers when Kitt would come by their house at the Dick Sanders place and stop over for a rest before she descended the mountain on her way to the valley below.

In 1939, Joe Lester Meeks married Arizona Campbell, daughter of Myles and Bessie Campbell. They lived with his mother until he finished building a little house for his wife. They moved into it in 1941. Johnny Parsons now lives in that house. World War II ended before Joe Lester was ever called up for duty. He thinks his classification status was decided because of his lack of education. He worked for a time in the Coalmont mines, and then, around the age of twenty-five and after marriage, he started working for Virgil Thomas in the mines in the Pocket. "Virgil was a good man," explained Joe Lester. I was curious about the fears that the men obviously had when they entered a mine and went so far underground to work. I asked him if they were constantly under the burden of fear, or did they just do the job because they had to without giving much thought to the dangers involved. The fears were part of every day, and at times while deep in the mines loading railcars with coal, sometimes in cramped places, he explained, "I could hear those timbers cracking beneath their load."

Joe Lester and Arizona managed to buy five acres of land in Lockhart Town at ten dollars an acre. They started building their new house, which is the one that he lives in today. There was a period when Arizona walked from Lockhart Town to Tracy City to work. She was an excellent seamstress. He remembers that they had their house wired

and ready to move into by New Year's Day, 1950. Electricity was just making its way into their community—a perfect time to have it put into their new home. They never had any children of their own, but they opened their home and hearts to other children who needed a place to call home.

Joe Lester's parents never went to church when he was a child, but after he married, he began to think about his soul and those of others around him. Arizona did a little preaching from time to time, and he was always there to support her. Sadly, she passed away in 2001. Joe Lester is a kind, soft-spoken man, and I enjoyed my visit in his home immensely. Presently, he attends the Mt. Calvary Apostolic Church in Tracy City. In his words, "God's got me, and I get out and work for Him!"



Joe Lester Meeks



James Buford and Edna (Roberts) Meeks

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## IN PASSING

### **Daffodil Man' dies at 87**

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Posted Feb 27, 2009

Austin Gilliam, Oak Ridge's second-generation "Daffodil Man," was buried at Warren Cemetery, Pelham, in Grundy County on Wednesday.

Austin Gilliam, 87, was the son of Harris Gilliam, who first came to Oak Ridge in 1950, to sell daffodils grown on his farm in Monteagle. The Gilliam family has traveled to Oak Ridge with their daffodils every year since then -- marking the start of spring for many area residents.

Last year, Candace and Keith Gilliam came to Oak Ridge without Keith's father, Austin, who was in the hospital.

Keith said Thursday that his father died of renal failure, but had been doing relatively well only days before.

Keith and Candace Gilliam plan to be in Oak Ridge to sell daffodils next weekend if no problems arise. Information will appear in next week's edition of The Oak Ridger.

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## **SAVAGE GULF SCHOOLHOUSE**

Ralph Thompson

Interview with Mrs. Rella Etter Smith, School teacher at the Savage Gulf schoolhouse. She was 97 at the time of the interview and lived in McMinnville, Tn.

Samuel Savage Jr. built the school house so that his children and the other children in Savage Gulf could get an education.

"I began teaching at the old Savage Gulf School in 1905. I remember well my first day there. I rode a horse into the Gulf. The horse could scarcely stand on the boulders in the road. When I arrived at the school I found it to be padlocked.

The families had crossed up, just couldn't get along, so they closed the school. The people thought that getting a teacher from outside the community would help ease the tension, that's why I was there.

My first order of business was to find someone to unlock the school. I later acquired a bell on credit, (Dennis. A. Tate note, the bell is atop the Nazarene Church in Palmer,

Tn. At this time), I did not know how I was going to pay for the bell, so I came upon the idea of charging twenty five cents to let anyone ring it. I remember Martha Knight insisted on ringing the bell anytime of day when she donated her quarter, to ring out her money's worth I guess.

The school building consisted of one room with a small addition, which the pupils used for a lunch room. I had eleven students. I can't remember all of their names but there were Evans, Knight, Savage and King children in my school. (Dennis A. Tate's note, Lou Vernie Savage, my Mother was one of the students as well as John Savage and later Samuel Savage III. Also, William Savage and Barsha (Bessie Savage). I have a picture of the children who went to the school in our files).

Homer Evans and Hill King used to fight constantly. I had to send them home one day because they got so muddy.

The families living in the community logged, farmed and generally lived off the land. Two of the families were Savages. Mr. Cater,(Decator) Savage. The chimney to his house still stands near the Stone Door, and a Savage woman who was widowed. I never did know her husband's name, but she lived right close to where the road goes up to Peak Mountain.

(Dennis .A. Tate's note, this was Lou Vernie Savage my Grandmother, her husband's name was Samuel Pope Savage Jr. He was instrumental in getting the school house built originally, and since he had a logging operation he cut the logs and hauled them to the site where the school house was built. He also did the bulk of the building.)

Mr. Cater,(Decator) Savage had three children in school, (two girls and a boy. A Knight family lived there, Martha and Cecil Knight. I had a good friend in Beersheba Springs, Tn., Myrtle Dykes. I used to take the trail up to her house.

There was a lawyer that came to our community during the summer. His name was Gates Thurston. Re used to walk from Beersheba Springs to Joe Robb's place and they would go into Savage Gulf turkey hunting. They would only kill the frying size turkeys and dry them. The old stage road goes right by the Savage School house. It was still being used some when I was there, but it was in need of repairs. I understand that it was built by slaves under the direction of H.W.C. Hill. I've heard it called the Kentucky Route. There's another road in that area, the Peak Mountain road that goes into Savage Gulf.

The Kentucky Road goes on up the mountain and on to Chattanooga. I taught at the Savage school until 1906. I then moved to Curtistown and taught near Camp Four, where the soldiers came up the mountain during the War Between the States.

From the book "Rebels Saints and Sinners" by Dennis A. Tate. Used with the permission of the author.

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**THOSE WERE THE DAYS**

Bobby Richards



L-R: E.L. Hampton – Depot agent in  
Tracy City  
And  
Jess Hoosier – Operator – Clerk

Photograph made in the early 1900's.

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**NEWSPAPER CLIPPING**

The Galveston Daily News  
Galveston, Texas  
February 12, 1884

From the Northwest in Montague County: JIM SMITH and family, together with his father, EWELL SMITH, came to Montague County five months ago from Middle Tennessee, Grundy County. The father and son had purchased a farm 3 ½ miles from Montague and seemed to be tending their own business. Monday morning, Sheriff

DRAKE and deputy sheriff MEEKS of Grundy Co., Tenn., arrived with papers for the arrest of Ewell and his son Jim, charged with burning the courthouse in Grundy Co. The facts, as gleaned from the sheriff are about as follows: Ewell Smith's three youngest sons, CAL, POLETE, and JOHN, were arrested in Grundy county on a misdemeanor and placed under an \$500 bond, with the father and son Jim as bondsmen. The three young men skipped their bond and to avoid further trouble in the matter, it seems the old man and son touched fire to the courthouse. Sheriff Drake and his deputy left with the prisoners Monday evening. While Sheriff Drake was walking out with the prisoners at Bowie Monday night, he was shot at by some unknown party, the ball entering the back of his neck. No clew as to who did the shooting.

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/localities.northam.usa.states.tennessee.counties.grundy/320/mb.ashx>

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## INDIAN MOUND REALLY IS AN INDIAN MOUND!

Janelle Taylor shares this email from Mark Norton, Archaeologist

**From:** [Mark Norton](#)

**To:** [Janelle Taylor](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2009 12:37 PM

**Subject:** Re: Grundy County Historical Society

Janelle,

I stopped by Warren Cemetery yesterday and yes, it's a mound. I checked the archaeological site file this morning and found that it had been recorded as a mound back in 1975 -40GY10 is the official site number for it. While there, I met two nice ladies who were out on a walk - they said they knew you - sorry that I did not get their names - but they directed me to another cemetery up in Gruetli-Laager, which I plan to check out sometime in the near future.

Talk to you soon, Mark

Mark Norton

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## HEAD OF COLLINS RIVER CHURCH MINUTE BOOK TWO (JANUARY 1819-SEPTEMBER 1871)

Contributed by Sandra Tate Hereford (Revised February 2009/used with permission)

NOTE: Printed as received.

1822

The Church met the first Saturday in November and, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Took up the reference of last meeting – Brother Bond gave satisfaction and took his seat.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the 2<sup>nd</sup> reference and the question being taken. Brother Rogers Jack is excluded for immoral conduct.

3<sup>rd</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

4<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah Wilson received by letter.

5<sup>th</sup> Brother James Henderson received by letter.

6<sup>th</sup> Brother Levy Lawler and Elizabeth his wife Brother Hiram Phillips and Sister Patsey Lawler dismissed by letters.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

1823

The Church met on the first Saturday in Janr. and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Febr. and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the distress between Sister Sarah Wilson and Bro. Rogers for her apostatizing a falsehood which he could prove by gospel testimony and after some allocution referred it til next meeting. Sister Sarah Walker and Brother John J. Walker to request Sister Wilson to attend.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Jno. Walker exhibited a charge against Bro. Wm. Bond for a neglect of duty with respect of his not talking with Sister Wilson – as he had expressed a distress with.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the reference of last meeting between Brother Rogers and Sister Wilson and after some laboring taken the business referred to a call meeting to be held at Brother J. Walker's on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.



3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Wm. Bond complied with the charges (requests) supposed to be with respect to this reference of last meeting – the original left.

1823

The Church met on Wednesday (agreeable to reference) 16<sup>th</sup> of April at the house of Jno. Walker and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Took up the said reference and after some alteration the Church say Brother Rogers has supported his charges and that Sister Sarah Wilson is excluded.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Received a letter from Brother Wm. Bond and the Church appoints Brother Rogers to request him to come to next Church meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Polly Price excluded for voluntarily removing out of the bounds of the Church and not applying for a letter and Brother John H. Groc for the same default. The Church orders the clerk to write to Sister Gross on that subject.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Aley Bost – Restored.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Bonds letter to last meeting wishing to be dismissed from us and there the same being thought to exhibit a charge against individuals of the Church and being requested to come to this meeting which he refused to do – for which causes he is excluded.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the Friday before the first Saturday in August and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting and that we send three messengers to the Assoc. (towit) Brothers Evan Lawler, James and Jno. Walker.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Mary Bolin recd by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Septm., etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

1823

The Church met on Sunday morning after the first Saturday in September agreeable to agreement.

1<sup>st</sup> The letter to the Association called for, read and received.

2<sup>nd</sup> Recd a letter from John H. and Sister Drucilla Groc his wife requesting letters of dismissal – and after deliberation thereon the clerk ordered to write to Mr. Groc informing him of his stand with us.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Groc dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother James Burns received by exprn. The Church adjourned til Sunday and then met in order and after the Ordinance of Baptism, Brother James Burns is dismissed in order on his request being about to remove out of the bounds of the Church.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

First – door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Caly Moffit received by letter.

1824

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1824.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother William Argo received by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Evan Lawler exhibited a charge against the Church for the act of the Church in the exclusion of Sister Sarah Wilson. his reasons is that the charge against her was put in through prejudice and malice – that the testimony was illegal and after some allocution and deliberation the Church approbates her former act and charges him and agrees to work with him til next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Took up the reference of last meeting and after some allocution Brother Lawler acknowledged that that part of the charge as stated on record which states that the charge against Sister Wilson for which she was excluded was thrown in through prejudice and arbitration, that it was not what he meant – as respecting Brother Rogers

and further states that he was convinced he was wrong. The Church then took up the remaining part of the charge or distress and after considerable labors both Brothers came together in prayer.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Lawler requested that he might be released from office of deacon at present on account of his own feeling, not that he has aught against the Church or any member therein. Which request was granted.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Polly Forester received by exprn.

3<sup>rd</sup> Took up a charge against Brother James Herndon – immoral conduct – (towit) for going to the bed of a married woman in the night with a carnal intention – and after deliberation referred to next meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> The Clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting for the Association.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Church agreed to write to a Church in the State of Georgia in behalf of Sister Taylor in respect of a letter of dismissal.

3<sup>rd</sup> Took up the reference respecting Brother James Herndon – decision referred til next meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> The letter to the Association called for, read and approved. Brethren J. L. Walker, Evan Lawler and Jno. Walker chosen to bear it.

The Church met on the fourth Saturday in October, and after etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the reference of last meeting and on deliberation referred it to next meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Nancy Lawler dismissed by letter.

4<sup>th</sup> Brother William Argo dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the reference of last meeting and after some allocution and deliberation, Brother James Herndon is excommunicated for going to the bed of a married woman with a carnal intention and failing to give sufficient satisfaction to the Church.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Ann Lawler dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December and after, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> A door opened for the reception of members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Selah Cagle dismissed by letter.

3<sup>rd</sup> Received a request from Collins River Church to appoint members to set with members appointed by them to inquire into a matter of difficulty which subsists between Brothers Jesse Harris of that Church and John Rogers of this and try to settle same. The request exceeded to and members chose and by consent of the contending

parties Brethren James Cope and William Stroud was chosen to sit with them being of Hickory Creek Church. The committee after examining the parties and duly considering the premises say that Brother J. Rogers shall pay Brother J. Harris the sum of \$103.00 on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of this January in cash. Also \$200 in horses at trading rates, and \$100 in cash on or before 25<sup>th</sup> December 1825 and \$200.00 in horses at like rates on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1825 in the discharge of his contract with said Harris. To which award Brother Rogers agreed, but Brother Harris was not satisfied.

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## CORRECTIONS

As always, if you spot a mistake, please feel free to contact the editor at [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com) and the correction will be in the next issue of the Pathfinder.

Bob Douglas sent in this correction for the September 2009 Pathfinder: Page 11 under Lou Brawley's picture lists her mother as "Angeline E. Sanders. Her name was Angeline Ermine Sartain until she married Samuel Alexander Henley. She was my great grandmother and the first daughter of James Sartain and his second wife."

Jackie Layne Partin sent in a correction for the story, "Eighty five Dollar Mistake". On page 26 on the last line says "...one of her daughters..." She doesn't have but one daughter so it should read "...her daughter..."

Inez Winton caught our mistake in the spelling of her husband's name in the "Audio Interview" list. His name is Lewie Winton, not Louie.

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## DEATH NOTICES

Contributed by Sue Scott

Layne, Carl David b. Oct. 8, 1933 in TN to Clell and Mary (Sanders) Layne; d. Aug. 28, 1979 at his home in Gruetli-Laager and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He had 2 daughters, Susan and Betty and several brothers and sisters.

Layne, Clell A. Jr. b. Oct. 6, 1949 in TN to Clell and Mary (Sanders) Layne; d. June 29, 1988 and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by several siblings.

Layne, Gilliam b. May 10, 1915 in TN to Isaiah and Frances (Bowman) Layne; d. Feb. 13, 1973 at the Palmer Clinic in Grundy County and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. He was survived by 5 siblings, Albert, Fannie, Rosa, Lillie and Ethel.

Layne, William Albert b. Nov. 8, 1906 in TN to Isaiah and Frances (Bowman) Layne; d. Oct. 16, 1975 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. He married Josie Hall and their son was James. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Lila Ann Morrison. His surviving siblings were Fannie, Rosa, Lillie and Ethel.

Layne, Harold Wayne b. June 23-1952 in TN to Barney and Joyce (Kilgore) Layne; d. March 3, 1978 at a hospital in Sewanee and was buried at Swiss Colony Cemetery. He married Doris Pollard and they had 2 children, Billy and Kimberly. He was survived by a brother Terry and 4 sisters, Ann, Jean, Cathy and Denise.

Layne, Harold Thomas "Cotton" b. Mar 2, 1927 in TN to Aylor and Maude (Morrison) Layne; d. Sept 25 1983 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He married Betty Nunley and they had a daughter, Cynthia. He had 3 siblings, Edna, William Raymond and A. J. Jr. Layne.

Layne, Henry C. b. July 10 1894 in TN to Mr. & Mrs. William Layne; d. Feb. 5, 1971 in Palmer and was buried at Whitwell Memorial Cemetery. He married Betty Crisp and was survived by 6 children, Ruth, Henrietta, Thelma, Mitchell, Willis and Gilbert.

Layne, Jacky Allen b Dec 10, 1958 to Carl and Hayesel (Layman) Layne; d. Mar 18, 1972 in Gruetli and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. He was survived by 5 siblings, Bobby, Bonnie, Jimmy, Danny and Janie

Layne, Jack Watson b. Nov 26, 1902 in TN to Jackson and Sallie (Dykes) Layne; d. April 25, 1980 at Sequatchie General Hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Elsie Bennett and their known children are Evelyn, Irene, Mary Cathleene, Jerry, James W., Larry S., and Randy. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Gracie Mae Shadrick.

Layne, Jewell "Dean" b. Jan 27, 1943 in TN to Will and Hailey (Kilgore) Layne; d. April 25, 1974 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. She was survived by 3 siblings, Barney, Odell and Minnie.

Layne, Will E. b. Oct. 25, 1893 in TN to Jim and Mary (Nunley) Layne; d. April 25, 1979 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried at Griffith Creek Cemetery. He married Hailey Kilgore and was survived by their children Barney, Minnie and Clara. He was also survived by his sister Myrtle and brother Gilbert Layne.

Layne, Joe C. b. Mar 20, 1907 in TN to Mark Wilson and Annie Bell (Shadrick) Layne; d. Dec. 28, 1977 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Hazel Morrison and their known children were Linda, Kent, Jerry and Josie. His siblings were Franklin Parks, Pearl and Mamie.

Layne, John Wesley b. Jan 23, 1910 in TN to James Wash and Lollie (Melton) Layne; d. Dec 7, 1980 at his home in Palmer and was buried at White Cemetery. He married Etta Slatton and their known children are Christine, Lorene, Jimmy and John.

Layne, Lavoy b. Nov 23, 1912 in TN to Gerron and Minnie (Overturf) Layne; d. Nov. 13, 1976 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Myrtle Essie Tate and was survived by 3 children, Jerry, Sue and Clara and a sister Ila Lee.

Layne Myrtle Essie b. July 10, 1912 in TN to Samuel and Carrie Tate; d. April 12, 1975 at Cumberland Heights Clinic in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Lavoy Layne and their children were Jerry, Sue and Clara. Her known siblings were Homer, Harley Samuel, Henry Herbert, James Haskel, Mary Katherine, Horace Lee, Mildred Mae, and Paul H.

Layne, Maude Leona b. Aug 21, 1907 in TN to Joe David and Rebecca (Almany) Shrum; d. Oct. 22, 1984 at her home in Palmer and was buried at White Cemetery. She was survived by 3 daughters, Louise, Elsie and Peggy. She was born into a large family and her known siblings were Katie, Anna Belle, Lizzie, Claude Eugene, Wiley Joseph, Harley, Ruth, Lillie, Yvonna, Moses, Juanita, Billy Joe and 2 infants that died as babies.

Layne, Nina Faye b. May 9, 1940 in TN to Roy Lee and Bernice (Smith) White; d. May 12, 1975 at her home in Gruetli-Laager and was buried at Burkett Chapel Cemetery. She married Robert Joe Layne and they had 3 children, Linda Faye, Bobby Joe and Raymond Earl.

Layne, Robert Joseph b. Sept 2, 1940 in TN to Robert Henry "Dock" and Florence "Lizzie" (Nunley) Layne; d. May 2, 1977 in South Pittsburg and was buried at Burkett Chapel Cemetery. He married Nina Faye White and their children were Linda Faye, Bobby Joe and Raymond Earl. Robert's siblings are Mary Ruth, Kenneth, John, and Martha Elizabeth.

Layne, Roy David b. June 8, 1908 in TN to Jay Hugh and Emma (Lathrum) Layne; d. Mar 1, 1982 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He married Louise Geary and their known children are Fay, Janice, Dot, Charles, Chester, Ricky and Jackie. Roy was survived by 2 brothers, Andrew and Jay.

Layne, Walter b. Sept. 14, 1895 in TN to William and Mary Isabelle (Tate) Layne; d. April 22, 1983 and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Lelia Gholston and their known children were Willene and Bradford. His known siblings were Albert Houston, Carrie, Green, Pleas and Aylor.

Leitsinger, James Cecil b. Feb. 15, 1930 in TN to Herman and Margie Velma (Lehr) Leitsinger; d. April 21, 1988 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Swiss Colony Cemetery. He married Clara Caldwell and their children were James Cecil Jr., Linda, and Msrlene. James' siblings were Ruth, David, Dortha, Helen, Alene, Ralph, then Paul and Peter who died young.

Leitsinger, David Lee b. Feb. 7, 1940 in TN to Herman and Margie Velma (Lehr) Leitsinger; d. Aug 10, 1988 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Glenda Tyler and they had 4 children, David Jr., Lou Jean, Debra and Timothy.

Leitsinger, Margie Velma Lehr b. Mar 31, 1906 in Alabama to John and Elizabeth Lerh; d. July 13, 1984 at a hospital in Sewanee and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Herman Leitsinger and had 9 children, Cecil, Ruth, David, Dortha, Helen, Alene, Ralph Paul and Peter.

Lewis, George Herbert b. Feb. 1, 1897 in TN to George and Lydia (Murray) Lewis; d. July 21, 1981 at his home in Palmer and was buried at White Cemetery.

Lockhart, Oscar Jackson b. Mar 21, 1907 to Milton D. and Winnie (Sutton) Lockhart; d. Feb. 11, 1980 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Orange Hill Cemetery. He married Hester Ross and their children were Chester, Stella, Minnie and Winnie.

Lockhart, Hester b. Nov. 2, 1909 in TN to Samuel and Nellie (Nunley) Ross; d. April 3, 1975 and was buried at Orange Hill Cemetery. She married Oscar J. Lochart and their children were Chester, Stella, Minnie and Winnie.

Long, Theodore L. b. April 3, 1918 in TN to Andrew W. and Ova (Owens) Long; d. June 5, 1976 at Palmer Clinic and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Frances Patrice and they had 3 children, Charlotte, Lindley and Kelso.

Long, John A. W. b. July 10, 1914 in TN to Andrew W. and Ova (Owens) Long; d. Dec. 8, 1972 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery He was survived by his wife Ruby Nunley and sons Neil and Kenneth.

Long, Maxie Elizabeth b. July 26, 1925 in TN to J.O. and Cordie Mae (Givens) Myers; d. June 17, 1978 at her home in Gruetli-Laager and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Sherwood Long and they had 2 daughters, Karen and Sharon. Maxie was survived by 3 siblings, Katherine Meeks, Allene Woodlee and Glenn Myers.

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

Compiled by Charles A. Sherrill, Nashville, TN, 1996.

Used with permission. 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.**

1850 Special Census (continued) Page 6/District 7

**Sanders, W[illiam]**- asses & mules, 2; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$170; Indian corn, 600; oats, 80; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

**Cope, W[illiam]**- horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 2; value of livestock, \$54; Indian corn, 400; Irish potatoes, 6; butter, 75 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$6; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Cope, S[tephen]**- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 670; cash value of farm, \$350; horses, 4; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 8; sheep, 16; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$215; Indian corn, 750; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$60; wax/honey, 200 lbs.

**Lowe, J[ohn] S.**- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 1120; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 4; swine, 26; value of livestock, \$569; Indian corn, 750; oats, 30; Irish potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$24; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

**Nisbett, W[illiam]**- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 55; cash value of farm, \$750; horses, 5; asses & mules, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 12; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$391; Indian corn, 328; wool, 68; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$71; value of animals slaughtered, \$55; bales of cotton, 6.

**Cox?, D[avid]**- improved acres, 45; unimproved, 94; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 2; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$184; Indian corn, 625; oats, 60; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 70; value of home manufactures, \$32; value of animals slaughtered, \$60; tobacco, 150 lbs.

**Todd, B[enjamin Jr.]**- improved acres, 14; unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 22; value of livestock, \$60; Indian corn, 375; oats, 20; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

**Goodman, S[olomon] P.**- improved acres, 200; unimproved acres, 117; cash value of farm, \$1550; horses, 11; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 10; sheep, 42; swine, 120; value of livestock, \$1042; Indian corn, 1750; oats, 400; wool, 120; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$250; wax/honey, 50 lbs.

**Murphy, J[ames] H.**- horses, 4; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 2; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$222; Indian corn, 600; oats, 60; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$14; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

**Blair, M[alinda]**- improved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$450; horses, 5; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 3; sheep, 17; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$350; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 10; wool, 50; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 100; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$73; value of animals slaughtered, \$55; wax/honey, 55 lbs.

**Todd, B[enjamin Sr.]**- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 93; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 1; sheep, 7; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$171; Indian corn, 200; oats, 50; wool, 25; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$28; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.



**Mullins, J[ohn]**-improved acres, 80; unimproved acres, 130; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 4; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$185; Indian corn, 150; value of animals slaughtered, \$12.

**Mullins, J[acob} K.**- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, 47; Indian corn, 375; Irish potatoes, 15; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$45.

**Canaster, F[rancis] M.**- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 3; value of livestock, \$82; Indian corn, 375; oats, 24; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$10.

**Sutherland, B[artlett]**- improved acres, 35; unimproved acres, 400; cash value of farm, \$560; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; sheep, 2; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$126; Indian corn, 450; wool, 4; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; bale cotton, 1.

**Mullins, M[atthew]**- horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$133; Indian corn, 375; wool, 8; Irish potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

**Harrison, N[ancy]**- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 63; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, ?; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$225; Indian corn, 300; oats, 100; Irish potatoes, 8; sweet potatoes, 6; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

**Turner, J[ohn]**- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 119; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 4; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$205; Indian corn, 750; oats, 100; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$75; bale cotton, 1; wax/honey, 200 lbs.

**Cornelison, W[illiam]**- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$230; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 4; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$156; Indian corn, 400; oats, 10; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 20; value of animals slaughtered, \$15; flax, 4 lbs.

**Sandrige, S[tephen]**- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 625; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 4; milch cows, 1; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$178; Indian corn, 200; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$37.

**Parks, S[amuel]**- improved acres, 100; unimproved, 190; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 5; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, ?; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$343; Indian corn, 550; oats, 50; wool, 15; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$80?.

**Bell, H[arris]**- improved acres, 65; unimproved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 6; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 9; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$364; Indian corn, 500; oats, 40?; wool, 18; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 17; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

**Cox, N[athan]**- horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$66; Indian corn, 250; Irish potatoes, 8; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$55; bale cotton, 1.

**Roberts, G[eorge]**- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 120; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 2; swine, 17; value of livestock, \$188; Indian

corn, 500; oats, 50; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 60; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$32; value of animals slaughtered, \$30; bale cotton, 1.

**Spain**, J[esse]- improved acres, 18; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 5; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 15; swine, 19; value of livestock, \$322; Indian corn, 175; wool, 40; Irish potatoes, 8; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$42; bale cotton, 2.

**Campbell**, James- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 4; sheep, 10; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$227; Indian corn, 500; wool, 30; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 100 lbs.; maple sugar, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$39; tobacco, 40 lbs.; orchard produce, \$10; wax/honey, 60 lbs.

**Campbell**, W[illiam]- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 55; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$120; Indian corn, 200; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 20; maple sugar, 45 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; tobacco, 100 lbs.; orchard produce, \$18.

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