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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janelle Layne Taylor

Preserving Grundy's Past for the Future

By the time you read this message, the Research Library will be in operation. Can you believe it? The Grundy County Historical Society will have a library that will be outfitted with computers, a microfilm reader, copiers and table space on which researchers can work. When you visit, there will be someone attending the space to help you locate materials. You are probably familiar with the saying, "If you build it, they will come." Well, our Society (you) have built it, and we expect that there will be many people who will want to come to use these expanded resources available to them.

Volunteers have taken on the job of fundraising, overseeing the building process, managing the business of the Society, doing research, painting murals and a thousand other things. Volunteers will operate both the museum and the library. If you have an interest in this Society and are nearby, you could contribute greatly by volunteering to do some of the many tasks that there are to be done. As you know, being a lover of history - genealogy, historical research and preservation of historical materials is a labor of love. Only a special and select few of us keep the things that others throw away. Ironically, those who now find no use for those "old things", "long forgotten papers" and family records often find themselves at our doorstep asking for information on a family member or about an incident that happened. Often we get requests for obituaries for a death as late as the 1990's. The family has forgotten the details or a relative living at a distance didn't even know about the death, the death date or the place of burial. Our work is used!

To volunteer or to find out more about how you can help the Society "Preserve the Past for Our Future", call 931 592-6008 or email me at jcoats@cafes.net. Even people in far-away locations can help. We need typists who could email their work to the Society. There's something for everyone! Don't ever be one of those people who just cannot find anything to occupy your time.

Work continues on the Assembly Hall, originally the 1904 First National Bank of Tracy City. The tin ceiling, the arched central window and the iron-grilled entrances will bring this building back to its former beauty. This beautiful and functional building will provide space for meetings, for memorabilia and displays that will tell our county's story. We are continuing to raise funds to finance this phase of the restoration, which is being done through the sale of books, outright donations and memorials. Many of you have made pledges toward a giving goal that would span a five-year period. Others of you have made one-time donations. We thank you all for what you have done. We urge you

make a pledge and to tell others about what we are doing and how they can help. If you wish to make a pledge or donation, it may be sent to Grundy County Historical Society; P.O. Box 1422; Tracy City, TN 37387. The Society is a 501 (c) (3), non profit, so donations are tax deductible. Help bring this gallant building back to life and preserve Grundy's past for the future.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

I would like to welcome all the new members that have joined the Grundy County Historical Society! Please consider sending in a short biography for use in the Pathfinder. It's our way of getting to know you and what surnames you are researching. See "Meet the GCHS Members" to see how to send in your biography! Looking forward to meeting you!

I would also like to let everyone that hasn't seen it yet, that the GCHS has a Facebook page! You can find it by searching Facebook or at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Grundy-County-Historical-Society/231443394805>. Become a fan of the GCHS!

GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NEW HOME!



Congratulations to GCHS on getting their new home! Anna Goforth, Inez Winton and Catherine Flury get to hold the "big check" too. They were early organizers of the Historical Society.

“DID YOU KNOW?”

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

Monday the 3rd November 1845

Be it Remembered that at a Couty Court began and held at the hous of Jessee Wooten on Comberlan Mountain it being the firt Monday of November 1845 and the 70th of the independence of the United States Presant the Honorable Thomas Warren Char Richard Bradford and William Dugan Esqs A.S. Goodman, B. Burrow

This day Wm Dugan Came into Court with two good and _____ men as security to above Barney B.

Court adjourned tell Court in Corse

Thomas Warren

Richard Bradford

B. Burrow

State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that on the first Monday, being the first day of December A.D. 1845 and the 70th year of the Independence of the United States. The weather being uncommonly inclement, no court appeared nor neither did the Sheriff appear, therefore the Clerk adjourned court until court in course, according to the provisions of the act of Asselbly in Such case made & provided.

K.P. Webb clerk

By his Deputy Will Armstrong

State of Tennessee

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 5th day of January A.D. 1846 and the 70th Year of the Independence of the United States. Present the worshipful Thomas Warren, Chairman, William Dugan, Richard Bradford, James Lockhart, Daniel Saine, John Burrows, John Fults, Robert Tate, Anderson S. Goodman, Isaac H. Campbell, Edmund Martin, Ambrose Killian and Silas Lankford esquires Justices & c.

The State of Tennessee VS Erasmus Tucker} Bastardy

This day the Defendant, with Thomas Burrows his security, and acknowledged themselves to owe the and stand indebted to the State of Tennessee to the use of Grundy County in the sum of five hundred dollars to be levied of their respective goods and chattels lands and tenements to the use of Grundy County. But to be void on the

condition that the defendant Erasmus Tucker keep a certain Bastard female child begotten of the body of one Elizabeth M. Smith from becoming a county charge And it is considered by the court that they pay the costs of this procedure.

This day David Burrows tendered his resignation as Coroner of Grundy County, Which was received by the court.

This day the court elected William J. Calhoun Coroner of Grundy County for the next succeeding two Years, who came into open court with Thomas Warren, David Burrows, John Warren, Solomon Meeks and Philip Roberts, who acknowledged their bond conditioned as the law directs, whereupon the said William J. Calhoun took the oaths prescribed by law for Coroners and was thereupon admitted to exercise the functions of his office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Leslie Coppinger

Larry and Susan Crabtree, Dollie D. Shadrick, George & Rebecca Anton, Edgar H. Barker, Donna Basham, Lanny Partin Bell, James Albert Brown, Jr., Janice Butner, Juanita Coppinger, Albert Gross, Ernest Gross, James Henley, Scotty Hoosier, Edwene Meeks Johnson, Edward Lee Layne, James & Rebecca Littlewood, Betty J. Carrick Morrow, Beverly Riley, Gerald Sitz, Betty C. Stiefel, Helen Sells, Deborah Bice, L.H. Burnett, Geraldine Carter, Mary Green, Edwene Johnson.

MEET THE GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS!

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 or Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, CA, 92883.

DONATIONS TO THE ROOT CELLAR

Bob Douglas

Monetary donations to the Root Cellar and the Grundy County Heritage Center:

James and Rebecca Littlewood, Barry Bradshaw, Howell Adams, Louis Anderson, Anonymous, John "Jack" Baggenstoss, James Baker, T. Juanita Martin Barry, Patricia Hunley Berges, Richard & Faye Bonner, Dola Dean Brewer, Dan Willis Brown, James Albert Brown, Jr., Linda Nunley Brown, Tracy Sartain Bunch, Lisa Meeks Bunde, Marshall Campbell, Williene Nunley Campbell, Leslie Coppinger, Geraldine Hackworth Carter, Betty Sitz Cyr, Bob Douglas, Catherine Flury, Katie Goforth, James Hamby, Weldon Hampton, Lind Kunz Harper, Oliver & Jean Jervis, John Kunz, Sydney J. Latham, Edward Lee Layne, Betty Elliott McGovern, Maude Roddy Melton, Mona Moreland, Barbara Myers, Sally Carrick Owings, Sue Bouldin Parrott, Jackie Layne Partin, Donald Rawlins, Ralph & Bonnie Rieben, Pauline Riley, William A. Robertson, Charles Sain, Lucille Campbell Scissom, Sue Scott, Helen Wooten Sells, Bob & Bettye Sherwood, Norma Joyce Nix Shrum, Beverly Scissom Riley, Ellen Boyd Stamler, Janelle Layne Taylor, Ralph & Susan Thompson, Ann Hale Troutt, Dola Tylor, Douglas C.H. Henry, James Northcutt, Reba P. Simmons, Swiss Historical Society, Wade & Nancy Daugherty, Emily Douglas, Stuart Douglas, Thomas Moore, Jr., John & Mona Brittingham, Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, Beersheba Historical Society, Flury Family, Kunz Family, Chikamaka Cultural Preservation Society, GCHS, Daniel Mostashari, Mac & Mary Priestley, Alfred T. Adams, Harry Lee Billington, Douglas Henry, Jr., Thomas E. Adams, Howard L. Williams, Herman & Patsy Carrick, Clare C. Armistead, R.W. Orr, Jr., Mountaineer Days, John Sisson, Frank & Jayne Woods, Fred & Mary Volken, Beersheba Springs Historical Society, Gary & Rachel Wintergerst, Dale & Shizuko Wintergerst, Henry Blizzard, Henry & Nancy Crais, Fugitive Foundation (Ridley Wills II), Nellie C. Grooms, Betty Delius, Pelham Methodist Church, Stephen S. Wright in honor of Thomas Bellamy, Hobbs Hill Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, Jean Garrett, Anne & Ken Pinkston, Fan Bass, Ethel Hodge, Dr. & Mrs. Garrett Adams, Christ Church Episcopal, Col. & Mrs. Ellis Stewart in honor of Baggenstoss Family, Aline G. Hornaday, Damon W. Byrd, J. Lanier Frank, Wayne E. Willis, Eleanor F. Hazard, Kevin Sweeton, David W. White, Rotary Club of Grundy County, Beverly S. Riley, Ronald Buffington, Dr. Oscar Fitzgerald, Christina Sitz, David Jacobs, Washington Management, Gloria Ted Laroche, Henry Brockman, James A. Brown, Jr., Ellen Moore.

Southern Museum & Galleries of Photography, Culture & History- complimentary copy of their new book, *Images of America- McMinnville*.

QUERIES

Members

238-2010 I am looking for the maiden name of my great, great, grandmother, Celia that was married to Elihu Burnett. She was born in approximately 1815 in Tennessee according to the 1850 census for Grundy County, TN. Any help appreciated.

Ed Burnett

239-2010 Sampley, King, Shumake, Grayson, Richards, McFarlane, Kington, Arnold, Dishroom. Any information will be appreciated.

Johnnie King Tate

johnnietate1225@yahoo.com)

240-2010 My g, g, grandfather camped near Tracy City the night of 18 Aug 1863. He was a Captain in the Union Army; he and his men were assisting the wagon trains on their crossing of the Cumberland Plateau into the Sequatchie Valley. I am preparing his letters for publication. I would like to include a photograph of the area around Tracy City (he describes it as "a city of 2 houses"). Can someone suggest to me a place to photograph, a place that is similar to what my ancestor would have seen? I will be in the area in early May, 2010.

Barbara Bruff Hemmingsen

bhemming@san.rr.com

241-2010 Hello, Charles Skinner here with a question about the Northcutt family. In 1950 I went to McMinnville with my Uncle Lee Deggs. He went to visit his sister who married a Northcutt.

I remember very little about the trip. I remember that Uncle Lee's sister and her husband, a Northcutt --- first name unknown to me ---- lived out of town in a hilly area with a flowing stream out behind the house. He has some sort of pump that lifted water from the stream into a huge tank up on supports that had a faucet right through the wall into the kitchen over the sink.

Uncle Lee's sister was born in Texas, and I was told that Mr. Northcutt went to Texas, as a young man to work in sawmills, and that he met and married Uncle Lee's sister. They moved back to Tennessee, to the McMinnville area.

I remember the grown daughter of the Northcutts telling me about a cave not far from their house that she tried to enter as a child, but that she was never able to go very far because the opening got more and more tight.

If any of this sounds like something you know about the Northcutts in your area, please let me know. Uncle Lee's granddaughters live in Dallas, where I live, and they would like to have any information you might have.

Sincerely,
Charles Skinner
cskinner37@yahoo.com

242-2010 I was born and raised in Tracy City, Aug. 13, 1936. My father was James A. Brown, Sr. and my mother was Rebecca Margriete (Geary) Brown. Maternal grand parents were William Robert and Lilly (Meyers) Geary, Sr. Paternal grand parents were Henry Blakemore Brown and Mayme (Bird) Brown. We lived in Tracy till 1941 at the out break of WW11, moved to Detroit, Michigan. We moved back to Tracy City on August 15, 1945. My father James Sr. died in Tracy City on August 16, 1945. Had two sisters Billie Jean (Brown) Creamer and Joann (Brown) Horton, both living in Florida and both deceased. I spent 30 years in the US Navy. I retired as a Chief Petty Officer. Spent one year in South Vietnam in the Mobile Riverine Force. I am now a DAV. I have been living on Guam since 1970. Any one who remembers me or my family as a child or other wise and wants to communicate can contact me at jimrose@guam.net.

James Albert Brown

243-2010 Looking for info about Laura Mullins B 1864 Married William Smith in Grundy Tn Also any info about William Smith.

Glenda Chandler
gmc420@yahoo.com

CLOUSE HILL, TENNESSEE- MY HAPPY PLAYGROUND

Jackie Layne Partin

From the time I was big enough to beg, I wanted to spend summer days with my relatives at Clouse Hill, that little spot in the road between Sanders Crossing near Tracy City and the big Spring at the foot of the mountain at Payne's Cove Road. When my mother, Clara (Meeks) Layne took us children out to visit her father, mother, siblings and extended family in Clouse Hill on Sunday afternoons, I would beg to stay with my Mama Meeks. Sometimes it worked, making me one happy little girl.

Mama and Papa Meeks, as they were always called, were my maternal grandparents. Maggie Myrtle (Smartt) Meeks was born in 1897, in Flat Branch near Coalmont. She was the daughter of John and Mary Estella (Sanders) Smartt. She was the first of a large group of children, and at a young age she met and married George Mack Meeks, a widower and father of three living children. He and his first wife, Mary Elizabeth Bean, had lost one young child whom they called Little Willie. Their other children were Pearl, Beulah and Marvin Vester Meeks.

Maggie Myrtle had a hard life, as did many women in those days. I never did ask her if she married Papa Meeks, a man thirty years her senior, to get away from home or because she fell madly in love with him. I reasoned in my older years, that it was a whole lot of wanting to get away from home with a little bit of love sprinkled in there somewhere. Nevertheless, she stayed faithful to her “old man” for thirty-four years until his death in 1949.

Papa Meeks was born in 1867 and was reared in Payne’s Cove with all the other Meekses up in the head of that cove. That’s where he met Lizzie Bean and married her. He moved to Flat Branch and was a logger, a coalminer and a farmer, whatever it took to put bread on the table. Throughout the years, I have also asked myself, “Did Papa Meeks marry Maggie because he needed a mother for his children, some of whom were still at home, or did he fall head-over-heels in love with her?”

When Maggie had given birth to several children including my mother, they moved to Clouse Hill. More children were born there. By the time they moved out to the area, the little village that had sprung up years before was long gone. The coalmines had shut down. The Clouse Hill Post Office was no more; the railroad tracks had been taken up and moved to Coalmont, which was the next big venture in coal mining. Most citizens of Clouse Hill followed the coal. Even some of the Company housing was moved to Coalmont.

Not to worry about the dwindling population—Mama and Papa Meeks were the parents of eleven children, and they also reared my sister Gabe Meeks. Their little daughter, Dora, passed away while they still lived at Flat Branch, but all the others were reared at Clouse Hill. Some of Papa Meeks’ brothers and cousins moved up from Payne’s Cove and helped fill the area with more Meekses. An area at Flat Branch was once called Meeks, Tennessee, and it looked like Clouse Hill might be in danger of becoming another Meeks town. The source for the name “Clouse Hill” still evades me; Papa Meeks had a brother named Clouse who lived in the cove below, but eventually moved to the plateau. It is possible that it was named after him, but more research needs to be done on that.

When Papa Meeks moved his family from Flat Branch around 1933, they moved into a “pretty nice house.” A couple years later, the family had gone to a funeral in Monteagle, and on the way home they saw that their house was on fire. It was completely destroyed. The family lived outside under a big tree during the daytime, and the children were bedded down in the hay shed during the nights. Several families brought items to the family to help them through their tragedy. As one of my aunts told me, “All we had were the clothes on our backs.” Manuel Williams helped Papa Meeks rebuild the house with lumber from Matt Sanders’ sawmill. The house never had more than three rooms, but there were front and back porches; below the house was a cellar. The rooms consisted of a living room with a fireplace, which also doubled as a bedroom; a cold-in-the-winter bedroom just crammed full of beds; and a kitchen with a big, wood, cook stove in one corner and a very large, very worn oilcloth-covered table with benches down the sides and chairs at the end, and a pie safe. That was just about all that could be seen in the kitchen except the occasional live chicken that managed to wander in when the back door wooden latch didn’t fall into its little slot, and a pile of split kindling with a coal skuttle near the stove for carrying out ashes.

It was approximately five miles from our house in Monteagle to my grandparents’ house in Clouse Hill. I remember walking that distance sometimes with my aunts—well, minus the minutes I spend on their shoulders as they helped me along the way. On our little lot in Monteagle, there was not much to get into, but in Clouse Hill, I had a whole different world waiting for me. There were no boundaries for anyone, especially me. Just about every house was full of my kinfolks. Mama assigned me certain chores to do every day, but at Clouse Hill, my aunts and uncles did all the work. Some of them weren’t very much older than I was. When my feet hit the old slate road, I took off running, like a horse out of a barn. In one household, I had fifteen cousins that I couldn’t wait to play with. Cousins, cousins everywhere!

There were no toys, none whatsoever. Clouse Hill children knew how to have fun back then. We climbed trees and swung from grapevines like a bunch of little monkeys; we played house with broken planks and pieces of broken glass. We had crabapple fights; played tag; but there was one other thing that I classed as my favorite fun thing to do with my cousins. I called it “running from the shadows of the clouds.” The old red slate-covered road near the house was straight with a few hills. The clouds’ shadows, for the most part, moved from the cemetery right on down the road toward where Mama Meeks lived. We could see them coming. It was our job to outrun the shadows, which eventually caught up and passed over us. When one passed, another came. I thought that was so much fun. This was one of the games we played as we walked to Clara Myers’ store out at Sanders Crossing.

At times, Mama Meeks needed something from the Myers' store. Now mind you, we are not talking about cokes and candy, but kerosene, flour, sugar and the most necessary item of a trip—snuff for Mama Meeks. She placed her few coins and her snuff in a little tobacco bag and pinned it inside her petticoat. On these long, long walks, I had a ball, playing, running, hiding, just soaking up love from all my cousins, aunts, uncles, grandmother and sister. On one of those trips, we were all making our way back home, when my Uncle Jeff stopped in one of those old cars that had the doors that met in the middle. We loaded up, but my hand got shut in the door. I screamed in tremendous pain. My uncle loved me very much and was obviously saddened by what had happened, but as soon as we got to his house, he ran inside and cut off slices of salt fat and placed it on my hand. The pain seemed to lessen; I eventually lost two fingernails, but thankfully they grew back.

Sometimes the Culpepper Rolling Store came through while I was visiting. Even though I had no money and neither did the others, Mama Meeks managed to stop the store sometimes. I remember once she entered the bus and came out with a box of cocoa powder. I knew immediately what that meant, and she couldn't have bought anything that would have excited me more. That meant that the next morning we would be served chocolate gravy, or cocoa syrup as some call it, with our biscuits. Cocoa powder was expensive, so this was an act of tender loving care she showed for her children and me.

I always begged Mama to let me visit Clouse Hill during berry season. There were dewberries, blackberries, huckleberries and gooseberries, all for free, furnished by the Good Man upstairs. We picked one handful for canning and one handful for eating. Mama Meeks could choke out the best biscuits in the world and place them in a large blackened-from-years-of-use biscuit pan. First she smeared a good layer of lard around the inside of the pan; that was to make those biscuits crunchy brown on the outside and keep them from sticking to the pan. She placed them against each other then took a spoon and spread melted lard all over the tops for good browning. Those biscuits were so good that "they'd make you want to smack your Granny!" Now, don't ask me what that means, but I've always heard it said when food was so delectable. A huge pot of coffee was brewed, and then a big skillet of gravy made to cover those biscuits, and on rare occasions that wonderful cocoa syrup was made. Sometimes something was made from the berries picked in the summer, maybe jam, jelly or just plain sweetened berry juice cooked to a certain stage for pouring over those biscuits. I remember the morning when Mama Meeks went out early and killed some young fryers. She plucked them, cut them up, rolled them in flour, and browned them on all sides, then covered the pieces with a lid to smother them. When done, she made breakfast gravy in the same skillet with the smothered chicken pieces. Now folks, how many chickens would she have had to kill to

feed the family she had and me? I never remember eating chicken that tasted as good as my grandmother's breakfast smothered chicken.

If there were a few biscuits left, my aunts, uncles, sister and I would pick some berries and place them in the center of the cold biscuits for a mid-morning snack. We'd also take a big cold biscuit and cover it with a thick slice of tomato cut from the center of one that had warmed itself in the blazing summer sun. One day last year, 2009, my sister stopped making biscuits like her Mama Meeks; when her husband passed away, she lost her reason for getting up early to do what her grandmother had done every day all those years for her. She had never missed a morning in her nearly fifty years of marriage choking out those big biscuits made from scratch. She varied the recipe just a little by using Crisco instead of lard, but she had the knack; she was taught by the best.

And those coffee grounds, what could a bunch of children do with those? My Uncle Alf found a good use for them; he taught me how to put them behind my bottom lip so that I could pretend to be dipping snuff. There wasn't much to spit, but I really felt like a big person. Mama Meeks always kept her snuff on the mantle above the fireplace when she wasn't on the move. She couldn't trust that it would stay there unless she kept her eyes on it. The old hearth was stained badly with the spit of snuff. Right in the corner of the room by that fireplace, a battery powered radio was kept and a coal oil lamp; neither was used unless it was a necessity. When Saturday nights came around, the lamp was lit and the radio was tuned in to the Grand Ole Opry—that was a necessity. That was payment for a tough, hard week. Some of the clan went out on the porch to hold hands with those they were courting, but for the most part, the radio had everyone's attention.

When family and passers-by stopped to sit in straight back chairs leaned against the wall on the front porch, Mama Meeks always built a "gnat smoke." I still do that sometimes, but I never do it without thinking of my visits at Clouse Hill. An old rag thrown on a small fire will smolder and smolder and fend off just about any insect around. The right spot had to be found to place the "gnat smoke," or else, people would be constantly moving to keep the smoke out of their eyes.

Once my Aunt Lillie, or Lil as she was better known, was plowing the field when I stepped out in front of the mule. Wow! I never did that again. I was a tiny little squirt, but Aunt Lil found enough flesh to spank with her large hand, over and over and over, while all the time, yelling, "Little girl, don't you ever do that again. You could have been killed!" Sure, the old mule never touched me anywhere, anyhow, but I thought certain that Aunt Lil was going to end my life right there in the potato patch. Years later, I sang hymns to her in her hospital bed the day she died; a good beating didn't change the love I had for her. And speaking of potatoes and bugs—potato bugs, do you know what to do

with them when you don't have "Sevin" powder? Well, it was easy then and fun. I was given a can with a little coal oil in it. Those wretched little herbivorous pests got just what was coming to them. Plink—right into the coal oil they went never to damage a potato plant again.

There was a cellar off the back porch where food was stored for the winter. Down across the field for a good distance was the spring. All the water had to be carried from there to the house. It took several trips to get enough water to wash clothes. The spring was so clear and cold; it kept milk, butter and such things cool for usage by the family. With such a large family, the spring held nothing for very long. The outhouse was across the slate road in front of the house. The mailbox was on the same side of the road and had to be passed to go down the path to the toilet. It was a double-seater with corncobs and catalogs made available; I thought it was a nicely built toilet. But I could never go to it alone, because my Uncle Alf told me that a headless man stood near the mailbox and guarded the path. I believed him, so I was constantly on the lookout for the body of the man walking back and forth along the side of the road. My uncles loved me, and I dearly loved them, but they really scared me sometimes. Eventually, a hand dug well was placed near the house; my Uncle John and Uncle Alf held me by my arms and legs across that well and threatened to drop me in. After tantalizing me for some time, they took me and threw me into a large tub of water that was sitting in the yard. They were young and had no idea what danger was. They would have never forgiven themselves had something happened to me. How in the world did children survive "the old days?"

Over by the Clouse Hill Cemetery stood a one-room schoolhouse, which is where some of my aunts, uncles and sister attended. My mother managed to finish third grade at Flat Branch before the move, but she like some of the others, had to quit school and help with the chores. There just wasn't enough money to fix lunches, sew clothes, and buy books for all the children. The children were needed at home to work the fields, cut the wood, carry the water, prepare foods for the long winters and help tend the younger ones. The little tin lunch buckets might have a biscuit in them, or sometimes there was nothing for lunch. Their clothes were worn for several days and washed at nights for the next school days. Some of the younger ones graduated from the eighth grade in that little school. What I remember the most about the school building was Mr. Harvey Kilby's Sunday afternoon Bible stories. He made it possible for the local children to have their Sunday School like the children in town. I was privileged on several occasions to be a part of the gang of children who showed up for religious enlightenment. Sometimes he handed out fruit, and the children were so happy.

On the left, facing the school, lie the remains of many forgotten souls; their burial spots being unmarked. Oh, how I wish I knew the names of the old ones and the little babies buried there! I wish Stephen and Comfort (Bolin) Cope, one set of my gg-grandparents,

would just give me a tiny hint that they were interred on that hill. It is hard for me to stop and look down upon the graves of my Papa and Mama Meeks. When I was seven, Papa Meeks became quite ill. He had had a stroke earlier and was bedridden. All the grandchildren who came through the house were asked to take turns fanning his rigid body as the heat of July was stifling in that little room. I proudly remember taking my turn. He passed on July 3, 1949. I'd miss him. He was a tiny little man at death, but bigger than life when he formerly sat at the end of the big dining table in the kitchen. He had a moustache and ruled with an iron fist, or he thought he did. He poured his morning coffee into a little bowl that Mama Meeks always placed under his cup. I think that was to make it cool quicker, or maybe it just made it taste better.

Some years after Papa Meeks passed away, it was necessary for Mama Meeks to go to Tracy City and work for Mrs. Betty Byrd. Some of the teenage children, including my sister, were still at home. Times were tough on them, really tough. My Uncle Jeff really was the strength for the younger ones. They eventually married; some moved; some stayed. Mama Meeks passed away in 1983 while living with one of her daughters in Tracy City. I still visit the ones who stayed, but the saying that you can never go home is really true. Clouse Hill has changed. Times have changed. Occasionally, I see a "gnat smoke" in a relative's yard. Where have all the berries gone? Is the headless man still roaming the area?

I stop from time to time at the cemetery, but it is quiet; no one speaks, but I remember.



George Mack Meeks (1867-1949)

And

Maggie Myrtle (Smartt) Meeks (1897-1983)

CENTURY FARMS IN GRUNDY COUNTY

Janelle Layne Taylor & Sharon Nee Goodman

Janelle Taylor sent a link “Century Farms of Grundy County” (<http://www.tncenturyfarms.org/>) on the internet. I was interested in what “Century Farms” were and how they came about. From this website, I contacted Caneta Hankins at Middle Tennessee State University and asked permission to use the information on the website, which she graciously granted. If you’d like to learn more, please contact her at 615-898-2947 or chankins@mtsu.edu.

“The Tennessee Century Farms Program was created in 1975 by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture as part of our nation’s bicentennial celebration. In 1985, the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University assumed the responsibility for the program. The program was originally designed and continues to be a recognition and documentary effort.

First, it honors and recognizes the dedication and contributions of families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years. After 30 years, the statewide and ongoing program has **1,303** certified farms. Of that number **117** are 200 years old, **568** are 150 years old, and **618** are over 100 years old.”

The oldest Century farm in Tennessee is the Masengill Farm, founded in 1775 in Sullivan County.

Elk River Sartain Farm/Marshall Sartain

Located three miles northeast of Pelham, the Elk River Sartain Farm contributed to the success of the Tennessee Farm Demonstration program of the 1930s. The property dates to 1846, when James and Rebecca Brown Sartain moved from Missouri to homestead in Tennessee. James had been a veterinarian in Missouri before moving to his Elk River Farm of 231 acres. He enjoyed the region’s abundant hunting and trapping and his farm yielded corn, horses, cattle and swine. Founders of the Bethel Church, James and Rebecca were the parents of six children.

James Sartain operated the family land until 1910. His son, James Sartain, Jr. obtained the farm in 1912 and made many improvements. Purchasing 143 acres of land, James, Jr., “cleared and drained” this property, “tore down the old log house and replaced it with a two story frame house” and “built three barns.” He and his wife Mary Hargis had eight children and the family raised corn, hay, barley, oats, swine, cattle, horses and sheep. When government officials established the Unit Test Demonstration Farm Program in 1935, they designated the Elk River Sartain Farm as one of their demonstration centers.

In 1941, the current owners acquired the entire farm. John, the founders' grandson, was the manager and in 1976, Gene Myers worked the farm, raising hay, corn, cattle and swine. Today, the owner is Marshall Sartain.

Hamby Farm/James A. Hamby

In 1887, John Hawk founded a fifty acre farm about three miles northeast of Pelham. John married Sarah Lusk Hawk and they had three children, James, Mary and Houston. The second owner of the property was Eli Hamby, the son-in-law of the founder who married Mary Hawk Hamby. They were the parents of Harvey, E. L. and Lena.

In 1930, Harvey and E. L. acquired the property. During their ownership, the farm mainly produced corn. Harvey Hamby was an active member of the Grundy and Coffee County Farm Bureaus. He received permission from the state farm bureau to be a member and serve on the board of directors for both county organizations. In addition, he was on the agricultural committee that hired the first Grundy County Agricultural Extension Agent. He and his wife, Anna Campbell, had six children.

In 1978, Arley Hamby, the great-grandson of the founders, obtained the land. He and his wife Lucy Howard were the parents of three children. Hay and raised beef cattle were primary commodities on the farm. Over the years, Arley was very active in agricultural related organizations and served as the Agricultural Extension agent in Rhea and Van Buren counties. Prior to becoming a county agent, Arley taught agriculture at Grundy County High School. After his extension service, he managed his farms in Grundy and Coffee counties and operated a farm equipment business for more than twenty five years.

Today the farm is owned by James A. Hamby, the great, great grandson of the founder. Currently, the farm produces hay and beef cattle.

Jim Burnett Farm/James Burnett

The Farmers Alliance was the most significant agrarian organization of the nineteenth century. Established in the late 1800s and early 1890s, the Alliance combined agrarian education in progressive farming techniques with innovative ideas of marketing farm commodities so that southern farmers, both black and white, could better enjoy the benefits of their labor. Best known by the name of the Populist Party, the political arm of the Alliance, the organization wielded tremendous influence on the course of Tennessee politics in the late nineteenth century. The Burnett Farm of Grundy County is one of the few Century Farms to provide information about the Farmers Alliance.

John Burnett purchased 82 acres in 1870 and established the Burnett family farm, which is approximately one mile east of Pelham. Burnett and his wife Martha Jane Rust had nine children and managed a diversified farm. The family raised cotton for clothing, corn, wheat, cattle and swine for food and horses for transportation. A member of the Grundy County Court, John also “helped build and maintain the early roads in the community.”

The second generation owner was Johnny Burnett and his wife Jennie Wilson. By purchasing shares in the family farm from his brothers and sisters and buying 36 additional acres of land, Johnny established a farm of 152 acres. An active member of the Farmers Alliance, Burnett produced corn, wheat, sugar cane, hay and livestock.

L. H. Burnett Farm/L. H. Burnett

Descendents of John Burnett also owned the L. H. Burnett Farm, located one and a half miles east of Pelham. The current owners share a common history with the Jim Burnett Farm, but their traditions add some interesting details to the family’s history. For instance, John Burnett, a local justice of the peace, designed his home with his duties in mind. “When he built his new home,” the family remembers, “he left no connecting door between the living room and kitchen. This was to protect the women folk of the family from any contact by sight or sound with the persons” on trial before Squire Burnett. The second generation owner, Johnny Burnett, operated a sorghum mill and raised mules for sale at “Mule Day” in Manchester. According to the family, “it was the task of the Burnett sons, not only to break the young mules to work and ride, they also had to ride them the 18 miles to Manchester on the day of the sale.”

In 1950, L. H. Burnett, a grandson of the founder, acquired ten acres of original farm. He now manages 52 acres and his cousin Gene Myers sharecrops the land, raising corn, wheat and soybeans. His wife Gladys Burnett is the Pelham postmaster. Chairman of the Grundy County Commission, L. H. represents “the same area his grandfather served over one hundred years ago.”

Richland- Elk River Valley Farm/Richard D. Bonner and Faye C. Bonner

In 1892, Richard Hudson Davidson founded a farm of just more than 44 acres in Burroughs’ Cove on the Elk River. He and his wife, Elizabeth Hamby Davidson, had five children. On the farm, the family raised corn, hay, cattle, and swine. A progressive farmer, Richard built a new house in the Victorian style, a barn, and a log corncrib around 1900 and created an extensive field drainage system using clay tile that helped to increase crop production.

Throughout his life, Richard continued to buy land to give all his children a farm of their own. This goal was not reached, however, because he suddenly died from pneumonia in 1917. At that time, Elizabeth assumed the responsibility for the family and the farm.

Louella, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth, and her husband, Vernon Bonner, were the next owners of the farm. They acquired 56 acres of the land from the other heirs in 1957. Vernon worked on the farm for around 20 years before gaining ownership. The Bonners were the parents of Verna Berlene, Carl Edwin, Martha Ann, Richard Dale and Brenda Joy. Vernon continued to purchase land during the Great Depression. Together, the family raised corn, cotton, hay, soybeans, wheat, cattle, chickens, and swine and also were beekeepers.

This time period saw many changes to farm life. Horses were replaced by tractors and other machinery. The widespread use of hybrid seeds and herbicides increased farm yield. The open range, where cattle and swine had run, was fenced. Electricity, the telephone, and a hard-surfaced road also became new additions to farm life, the family has noted.

Aside from farming, Vernon also helped build Camp Forrest, now known as AEDC Air Force Base in Tullahoma, during WWII. Here, German prisoners of war were kept. The soldiers stationed there were also leased out to work on farms in the area. Vernon and Louella were members of the Farm Bureau and Farmer's Co-op. The University of Tennessee also designated this farm as a test-demonstration farm.

Richard D. Bonner, grandson of the founding couple, and his wife, Faye (Church) Bonner, are the current owners of the farm. Both were reared on farms and were active in 4-H, FFA and FHA during their school years. Their children, April "Addy" and Andy were also active members of the 4-H Club and raised lambs for show at the local, district and state levels.

Today, the Bonners farm 150 acres, 56 of which are part of the farm of Richard Davidson, and raise corn, hay, soybeans, wheat, cattle, chickens, and swine. Richard, a licensed pilot, has constructed a hanger and landing strip on the farm. He retired from the military after 25 years in the U. S. Navy and Army National Guard.

Richard and Faye are members of the Farm Bureau and Farmer's Co-op. Richard served as a director and chairman of the Grundy County Farmer's Bureau and Faye served as president of the Farm Bureau Women of Grundy County from 1976 to 1984. She continues to be active in the local Home Demonstration Club.

T. L. Sissom Farm/Thomas Layne Sissom

Four miles south of Viola is the Sissom Farm, established by William Wooten in 1868. This property may date to 1816 but the documents on file are vague and the family has designated the later date as most reliable. On his 137 acres, William practiced general agriculture and at one time owned 40 head of swine, 45 head of cattle and 33 sheep. His son James B. Wooten acquired 55 acres of the farm in 1893. He married Eudora Winton and fathered four children. Little is known about the farming operations during James' ownership except that he grew wheat.

The farm's third owner was Charlie F. Wooten and his wife Ethel Layne, who operated the farm through the middle decades of the twentieth century. After Charlie's death in 1966, Ethel managed the land for the next seventeen years, growing hay and corn. In 1984, the farm acquired its current owner, Thomas Layne Sissom, who is the founder's great nephew. Sissom has a sharecropping arrangement with W. B. Hoover and his farm yields wheat and soybeans.

White Family Farm/Charles Emmett White

Before the 1850s, Robert Gilbert White and Malinda Lowe established the White Family Farm that is located in Grundy County. The couple had seven children and raised corn and cattle on their 200 acres. During the Civil War, their sons Robert G. and John W. served in the Confederate Army. In addition, their son Walter White was a drummer boy and was killed at the age of 15 at the Battle of Missionary Ridge.

In 1855, Charles T. White, the son of the founder, acquired the land. Charles's wife was Mary C. Elliott White, a descendent of Scotch-Irish Elliotts who migrated from Virginia to Tennessee. In addition to managing the farm, the Whites were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church where Charles served as a class leader, a steward and a trustee. Also, he was a member of the Felix Grundy Lodge in the nearby community of Pelham.

Charles and Mary had eight children and their son Charles Walter White became the next owner. During his ownership, a farm house was constructed by slave labor. The clay for the bricks was dug from the red clay banks on the farm and burned near the side of the house. While Charles managed the farm, he also was a "local peddler who bought goods such as chickens, eggs and butter from local households." These items were then placed in a horse drawn covered wagon and taken to the Miners' Company Store in Tracy City, Tennessee. At the store, Charles exchanged his goods for such items as coffee, candy, matches and sugar.

Charles's son, Emmette Milton White, became the next owner of the farm. During the 1930s, Emmette and his brother Homer established a rock crusher on the land. They used the crusher to crush lime to sell to farmers to build up the soil in the area. In 1967, fire destroyed the original brick home. Some of the bricks from the original house were saved and the bricks were used to construct a fireplace in the new home in 1981. Emmette and his wife Elsie Dell Haynes had two children and their son Charles Emmett White became the current owner in 1998.

Today, Charles, his wife Janice Burnett White and their daughters cultivate corn, wheat, soybeans, hay and pasture. In addition, they raise cattle and horses.

MYSTERY PHOTO

Members



This is a picture of Isaac Layne in the center of the middle row. He was the father of William Thomas "Preacher Bill" Layne. Mae Pearl King Wilhelm said that the woman

labeled is Samantha Thomas Layne, Isaac's wife, but others say not. Sam Gilliam on the front row is also labeled.

I suspect this photo was taken around 1890 because Isaac died in 1897 at age 57, so he is probably 50 or so here - maybe older. I also suspect that the location was either in Summerfield or Layne's Cove. This is probably a whole group of our kinfolk.

Go to <http://grundycountytennessee.homestead.com/unknownphotos.html> to see a larger version of this photograph. It will be the first photograph on that page. If you can help identify anyone in this photograph, please contact Janelle Layne Taylor at jcoats@cafes.net.

If you have a photograph that you would like help identifying who is in it, please send it to Sharon Nee Goodman at gchswbmaster@hotmail.com. Include as much information as you can and it will be added to an upcoming issue of the Pathfinder.

WANTED!

Jackie Layne Partin

Jackie Layne Partin is looking for photos of people who were taken standing in front of the Monteagle Hotel eagle before the eagle flew away. Please scan your photos to jackiepartin@blomand.net at 300 or more dpi's. There will be hundreds out there, so go through your photo albums, and I bet you that one will turn up. Below are samples of what Jackie is looking for.



Essie Mae (Thomas) Ogelvie



Oliver Mabee and son, Dale, 1946



Lft to Rt: Irene (O'Neal) Thomas; George Thomas and Helen (French) Thomas.

LEVINE & BOOTH

Janelle Layne Taylor

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Introducing a most wonderful exhibition of Equilibristic Skill, Juggling and Balancing Chairs with the Teeth, using as many as 12 and 14 chairs at one time. Artistic Lamp Balancing, Wonderful Feats of Contortion, Back and Forward Bending; also holding tables and chairs with the teeth while the lady does many Wonderful Feats of Contortion on them. (Information above is from the heading of the stationery. A personal letter from Ida Booth Levine follows just as it was written.)

Altoona, PA Jan. 21, 1896

My dear Aunt Laura

I will write to you all once More to see if you will answer me this time as it has been some time scence I have wrote. I think you ought to answer this time I would like to know if my Grandma is still living and if my brother Caggie is still living in Tullahoma and he is kindly tell him to write to me as I have lots of nice things I can send him for

Jennie to make up for the Children. I am now working under a different name now My stage name now is Alma Booth and I am now married again science I last wrote home my other husband being dead if you answer this tell Grandma I will write to her if she is living I am now getting along very nice now as I have a good husband and he treats me good is an actor like my self and is the owner of property in New York City which he has in my name this picture on the front of this paper is My self and husband as we appear on the stage and is one of our business letter heads we are now making good money in show business making from \$50.00 to \$100. per week. so you see I have proved luckey at last and after knowing many a bitter day at home the lord above has not let me suffer I will close by saying to all the folks How de and would like to see you all but don't know as I ever will and Aunt Laura I think if you have respect for your dad sister I think you ought to answer this I write this to you because you will get it quicker than the rest because you are in town this is a program from the theatre that we are at this week our names are marked in ink from Your loving neice

Ida Booth

Answer my letter and put it in this envelope and seal it up and it will reach me alright.

Goodby
Love Ida

Laura Melvina Price Campbell (buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Tullahoma) was the "Aunt" addressed in this letter. Laura lived in Tullahoma, TN. "Grandma" would have been Martha Jane Crawford Price, wife of Jerome Wilson Price, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. Jerome and Martha's family was in Grundy County in both the 1850 & 1860 Censuses. The Prices lived in the Payne's Cove area, probably very near the Elk River, because there is a spring that feeds into the river that is still known as the Ms. Price Spring.

Laura Ida Elizabeth Booth was the daughter of Louisa Jane Price and John Wilkes Booth. Their marriage was recorded in Franklin County TN, in 1872. Louisa already had a child, McCager Payne "Caggie", by her first husband C.Z. Payne, who died as a result of wounds suffered in the Civil War.

I received a copy of this letter from a lady in Florida who asked not to be identified because her mother, even though long deceased, would be appalled to know that the family had been publicly identified as having a connection with John Wilkes Booth.

MORRISON FAMILY

Phyllis Nunley

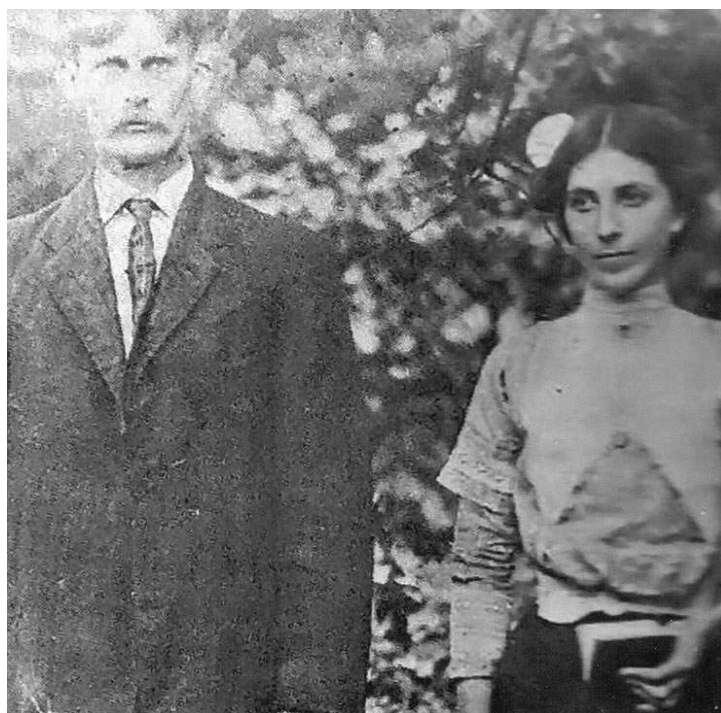
J. Moses Morrison was born ca. 1798 in Lincoln Co. NC and died in Grundy Co. TN. Moses married Rebecca Sarah Shadrick b. 1810 Marion Co. TN. Their children were

1. James Calvin Morrison b. 22 Jan. 1825 m. Frances Shadwick Silvey d. Oct. 1906
 2. Malinda Morrison b. 1833
 3. Martha Morrison b. 1835
 4. Lucinda Morrison b. 1837
 5. Josiah s. Morrison b. 1838 Marion Co. TN m. Mary Ann Jackson, d. 29 Apr 1865
 6. John Morrison b. 1842
 7. Elijah Morrison b. 1844
 8. Zachary Taylor Morrison b. 1846
 9. Oliver Morrison b. 1849
 10. Thomas Morrison b. 1852 m. Nancy Loveday 2. Patricia Clark Thomas died 6 Dec. 1924 - He was Phyllis Nunley's grandfather.
- Source: 1850 Census Marion Co. TN
1860 Census Grundy Co. TN

Thomas (Henry, perhaps) Morrison married (1) Nancy Loveday ca. 1875. (2) Patricia "Tish" Clark Dec. 18, 1832 in Dade Co, GA. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary A. Clark.

The children of Thomas Morrison and wife Nancy Loveday are:

1. Isom Moses Morrison b. Aug. 12, 1876 in (likely) Jasper, Marion Co, TN . Isom died Jan. 13, 1962 and is buried in Coalmont, TN
2. Rebecca Morrison b. 1879 d. 1972 in Crossville, Cumberland County, TN.



Isom & Inez (Rawley) Virginia Morrison

Children of Thomas and Patricia (Clark) Morrison

1. Ethel Morrison b. Feb. 28, 1887 m. Tom Lecroy of Palmer d. 1955 in Palmer
2. Hester Ann Morrison b. 1888; lived in Rising Fawn, GA; died 1963
3. Minnie Morrison b. 1884; lived in Whitwell, Marion Co., TN; d. 1967
4. James (Jim) Lorance Morrison; twin; b. 24 Aug 1891; died in an Atlanta prison after only 3 months there
5. Virginia Florence Morrison; twin; b. 24 Aug 1891; lived in Durham, Walker County, GA; died 1967 and is buried in Chickamauga, GA

Children and grandchildren of these people still live in the Chattanooga and north GA area.

Note from Sequatchie Valley Newspaper: Henry Loveday and Ada Morrison , Sept 24, 1903, slipped off to marry, but parents caught them at the top of the mountain where they were met by S.J. Esquire and were united for better or worse. It was a Gretna Green affair. Their child was Ricky Loveday.

Gretna Green first became popular for weddings after Lord Hardwicke introduced the 1754 Act of Parliament which stated

- 1) Any marriages performed in a church would have to be recorded in the Parish Records which in turn would have to be signed by both Bride and Groom.

- 2) Weddings which were carried out in places or at times which were deemed illegal in the 1604 canons were not legal ceremonies.
- 3) All weddings should be performed in a church and would be recognized legally while "verbal spousals" which were non-church ceremonies would not be deemed legal.
- 4) Bride and Groom must both be 21 or over to marry without their parents or guardians consent.

This law was introduced to prevent the thousands of marriages which were taking place illegally around the country, causing an outcry as these ceremonies were never properly recorded and led to many disputes where landowners daughters had married against their fathers wishes. To be married in this way all the Bride and Groom had to do was appear before a parson and two witnesses and declare their wish to be married. Irregular marriages were most commonplace around Fleet prison in London where there were over 50 marriage houses.

These laws were enforced by secular courts and any clergymen breaking these laws faced 14 years of transportation. However these laws only applied to England and as Scottish law has always been different to English and still allowed you to be married at 16, the result of this was that couples, where either Bride or Groom or both were under the age of 21 they would run away to Scotland to be married. With Gretna Green being the most southerly part of the Scotland and England border it is where many of these runaways arrived.

Over the years many couples would runaway to Gretna Green for their marriages to take place. The ceremonies were usually performed by one of the village blacksmiths who in those days were at the heart of the community and held in suitable regard. Even today, many of the Ministers refer, in their services, to the similarity of a blacksmith joining 2 metals over the anvil to the marriage ceremony joining 2 people as one. Often the young couples would be chased by at least one pair of angry parents and legend has it that on occasions the ceremony would be halted and the young couple hustled into the nearest bed, so that when the angry father found the couple in bed together he would head home in disgust, thinking he was too late to prevent the wedding taking place. Once the Father had gone the couple would then continue with their wedding.

In 1857 Lord Brougham brought in a bill changing the law which meant that a couple must be in residence in the area for a minimum of 21 days prior to the proposed date, this became known as "the three week cooling-off period". This drastically reduced the number of marriages in Gretna Green but did not stop the more determined couples who came anyway and found work on farms or other local businesses for the three week cooling-off period. This state of affairs continued until 1940 when all "irregular

marriages " were stopped. During a thirteen-year period before 1940 an anvil priest named Richard Rennison is reputed to have claimed that he performed 5147 Gretna Green weddings.

1977 saw yet another change in law which removed the three-week cooling off period as there was no longer a residential qualification. The act stated that people must give a minimum of 14 days written notice before the date of their wedding. This law allowed couples to be married wherever they chose but it wasn't until 1994 when Ministers began to perform anvil weddings in Gretna Green (out with the church premises) that the tradition of the anvil wedding was reborn.

The latest change in the law occurred in June 2002 whereby Registrars were allowed to perform Civil ceremonies out with the Registry offices, in approved venues. The first such ceremony in Scotland took place at the Mill Forge, Gretna Green on the 6th of August 2002 when Jo Shine and Nick Drummond were married.

TOMBSTONE SYMBOLS, PART 1 of 2

Janelle Layne Taylor

ACANTHUS LEAF	Acanthus is associated with the rocky ground where most Greek cemeteries were placed. Symbol of peace in the Garden of Eden.
A.E.F.	American Expeditionary Forces
ALPHA OMEGA	Very old sign used in second century, first and last letter of alphabet (Greek), beginning and end of life.
ANCHOR	Early Christians used the anchor as a disguised cross, and as a marker to guide the way to secret meeting places. A Christian symbol of hope, it is found as funeral symbolism in the art of the catacombs. It is also an occupational symbol in sea-faring areas or the attribute of Saint Nicholas, patron saint of the seamen, it symbolized hope and steadfastness. An anchor with a broken chain stands for the cessation of life.
ANGEL	The agent of God, often pointing towards heaven; guardians of the dead, symbolizing spirituality. Angels are shown in all types of poses with different symbolism. Two angels can be named, and are identified by the objects they carry:

	<p>Michael, who bears a sword and Gabriel, who is depicted with a horn.</p> <p>Blowing a trumpet (or perhaps two trumpets) – representing the day of judgment, and Call to Resurrection.</p> <p>Carrying the departed soul- as a child in their arms, or as a Guardian embracing the dead. The “messengers of God” are often shown escorting the deceased to Heaven.</p> <p>Flying- Rebirth.</p> <p>Many Angels gathered together in the clouds- represents Heaven.</p> <p>Weeping- grief, or mourning an untimely death.</p>
ARCH	Victory of life; or victory of death.
ARMS OUTSTRETCHED	The plea for mercy.
ARROW	Denotes mortality.
BABY'S CHAIR	Small, empty furniture symbolized unfulfilled lives of children; represented the child now gone; with small shoes on chair-connection to childhood, symbolized inability to achieve adulthood.
BAMBOO	The emblem of Buddha. The seven-knotted bamboo denotes the seven degrees of initiation and invocation in Buddhism. On Japanese memorials, symbolic of devotion and truthfulness.
BIBLE	Connotes a religious lay person or cleric.
BIRD IN FLIGHT	Flight of the soul. The representation of the soul by a bird goes back to ancient Egypt. Eternal life.
BOOK	Faith, learning to read and write, a scholar. A prayer, or knowledge or even memory (where it has a dog-eared page). It may represent the Book of Life and is often shown as a Bible. A popular form is the book as a double page spread. Arabic characters identify the book as the Koran.
BUGLES	Resurrection; also military.
BUTTERCUP	Cheerfulness.
BUTTERFLY	The soul. It is symbolic of the resurrection of Christ. The meaning is derived from the three stages of the life of a butterfly—the caterpillar, the chrysalis, and the butterfly. The three stages are symbols of life, death and resurrection. Short-life.
CALLA LILY	Symbolizes marriage.

CANDLE	Candles symbolize the spirit or the soul. In Christian contexts, candles can symbolize Jesus Christ. Catholics practice of leaving burning candles on the grave, signify prayers have been said for the deceased.
CANDLE, WITH FLAME	Eternal life.
CHAINS	Medieval thinkers sometimes held that a golden chain bound the soul to the body. Broken links on a headstone can mean the severance and subsequent release of the spirit from the body. Chains are also the insignia of the International Order of Odd Fellows, so called because of their dedication to giving the poor respectable burials.
CHALICE	Sacraments; The chalice often appears in association with a white circle representing the consecrated Eucharist. The two items combine to signify the Catholic rite of Holy Communion. The headstones of priests often bear these symbols.
CHERUBS	Angelic; the graves of children. Divine wisdom or justice.
CHRISMA	A cross like shape formed by a combination of two Greek letters, chi (X) and rho (P) corresponding to the CH and R of the word, Christi, hence a symbol for Jesus Christ.
CIRCLE	The circle is pre-Christian and its original symbolic meaning has been adopted by Christianity. It is universally known as the symbol of eternity and never-ending existence. Extremely common on gravesites, its usual representation is a cross surrounded by a circle. Two circles, one above the other, represent earth and sky. Three interconnected circles represent the Holy Trinity.
CINQUEFOIL	Maternal affection, beloved daughter
CLOUDS	Veil which conceals God from His worshippers
CLOVER	The trinity, symbol of the Irish.
COFFIN, SARCOPHAGUS, CEMETERY MONUMENT	Mortality
COLUMNS	Noble Life. Broken- Early Death Complete- signifies that life has been completed Urn on top- a symbol of death Shroud on urn- a funerary sign meaning burial

	With Archway- Heavenly Entrance
CONCH SHELL	Wisdom
CHRIST, VIRGIN MARY, A SAINT, AN ANGEL OR THE LIKE	Devotion to that holy figure; desire for their aid to attain heaven.
CROCUS	Youthful gladness.
CROSS	<p>The ties between all religious beliefs and symbolism have always been strong. To the Christians the greatest symbolic message is in the crucifix. The crucifix or cross can generate many symbolic messages ranging from love, faith and goodness to terror and fear. (i.e. the Ku-Klux-Klan's use of the burning cross). There are many different types of Christian crosses worldwide, but only a handful are common in North America.</p> <p>Botonee Cross- So named because of its modified trefoil (three-lobed) ends, represents the trinity.</p> <p>Calvary Cross- A Latin cross standing on three steps or blocks, it signifies faith, hope and love. Love is sometimes replaced by charity.</p> <p>Celtic Cross- The circle around the crosspiece symbolizes eternity. Its' origin can be traced to the Celtic cultures of the British Isles. There is a legend of how St. Patrick when preaching to some soon to be converted heathens was shown a sacred standing stone that was marked with a circle that was symbolic of the moon goddess. Patrick made the mark of a Latin cross through the circle and blessed the stone making the first Celtic Cross. It is said to serve as a double symbol of eternity and unity, both that of the Son with the Father and the Holy Spirit and that of the believer with the Trinity. That was a common theme of St. Patrick's preaching.</p> <p>Eastern Cross- Used in Orthodox (Russian/ Greek) Christian Religions, this cross' upper horizontal shoulder representing the inscription over the head of Jesus. The lower slanting shoulder represents the footrest of the crucified Jesus.</p> <p>Flueree Cross/Gothic Cross- This flowered cross symbolizes the adult Christian by its more opened flared out ends.</p> <p>Ionic Cross- Similar to the Celtic Cross, its' ends flare</p>

	<p>outward. The ionic cross signifies everlasting salvation, love and glory. The circle around the crosspiece symbolizes eternity.</p> <p>Latin Cross- One of the oldest symbols of Christianity and the most commonly used form, it is also the simplest in design. In early times, it was called God's mark.</p>
CROSS AND CROWN	Victory with Christ over death
CROSS AND ANCHOR	Another early Christian symbol referring to Christ as "hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sincere and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19).
CROSSED SWORDS	High-ranking military person.
CROWN	Reward and glory. Honors glorified souls and angels, or points to the triumph of death, when it caps a winged skull. Sometimes juxtaposed with cross; indicates that earthly life includes suffering, and the afterlife, victory.
CYPRESS TREE	Designates hope.
DAFFODIL	Death of youth, desire, art, grace, beauty, deep regard.
DAISY	Innocence of child, Jesus the Infant, youth, the Son of righteousness, gentleness, purity of thought.
D.A.R./S.A.R.	Daughters/Sons of the American Revolution
DOG	Signifying the loyalty and that the master was worth loving.
DOGWOOD	Christianity, divine sacrifice, triumph of eternal life, resurrection.
DOLPHIN	Salvation, bearer of souls to Heaven. Portrays the idea of resurrection.
DOVE	An important symbolic animal in Christianity representing the Holy Spirit. The white dove is referred to in the story of baptism of Christ. "And John bore record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him." (Bible John 1:32) The descending dove is a common motif on grave memorials. Judaism recognizes the dove as a symbol of peace.
DOORS & GATES	Passage into the afterlife; Heavenly entrance.
DRAGON	In Christianity, depicts sin and worldly pleasures, or may represent resurrection. For the Chinese, the dragon is an emblem of Imperial Power, which brought the universe into its thrall. It also stands for the Universe itself, a chaotic force which none of us can truly master. If being depicted by St. George, depicts triumph over sin.

DRAPERIES/CURTAINS	In the days when the body lay in state in the parlor, it was the custom to cover everything in black. Draperies, with their fancy frills and tassels, are more elaborate than a simple shroud. They allow the expression of mourning to linger long after the body has been taken out the front door and the accoutrements have been stowed for the next death in the family. Curtains can also set the stage. Parted, they reveal a telling excerpt. What is important in such displays is the main actor or central object of the stone.
DRAPERY OVER ANYTHING	Sorrow, mourning.
EAGLE	Suggests courage and possibly a military career, symbol for St. John
EYE IN THE TRIANGLE	Eye of God in the Trinity, all seeing, all knowing. During the Renaissance period in Europe it was common to illustrate the Eye of God surrounded by a triangle (the Holy Trinity). The eye within the triangle, surrounded by a circle and radiating rays of light is used to symbolize the holiness of the true God.
FERN	Sincerity, sorrow.
FIGS, PINEAPPLE	Prosperity, eternal life.
FISH	Indicates Faith
FLAME	Eternity
FLEUR DE LIS	Flame, passion, ardor, mother.
F.L.T. (in three links of a chain) I.O.O.F.	Friendship, Love, and Truth. It is the symbol of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal organization also known as “The Three Link Fraternity”. This benevolent and social society originated in England in the 1700’s. This organization takes cares of widows and orphans, and in general does good works.
FROG	Depicts in and worldly pleasures, or may represent resurrection.
FRUITS	Eternal plenty.
G.A.R.	Grand Army of the Republic; the Union Army during the War Between the States.
GARLAND or WREATH	The use of garlands, wreaths and festoons dates back to ancient Greek times and it was adopted into the Christian religion as a symbol of the victory of the redemption. Ancient symbol of victory, memory, passed to eternal life.

	<p>Ivy Wreath- symbolic of gaiety, joviality. The wreath and festoon together symbolize memory.</p> <p>Laurel wreath- usually associated with someone who has attained distinction in the arts, literature, athletics or the military.</p> <p>Maiden's garland- A garland of white paper or linen, embellished streamers and a single white glove, which was carried at he funerals of unmarried women of blameless reputation. The garlands were hung in the church after the funeral and allowed to decay. Then the pieces would be buried in the graveyard.</p>
GEOMETRY COMPASS	In open position, often shown over open book, with letter "G" within angle of compass; Masonic affiliation (Freemasons; Free and Accepted Masons).
GRAPES	Represents Christ, blood of Christ, God's care or Last Supper.
GRAPES W/LEAVES	Christian faith.
GRIM REAPER	Death Personified
HANDS	<p>One hand- the hand of God</p> <p>Two hands (clasped) – holy matrimony; the person who died first holds the other's hand, guiding the spouse to Heaven.</p> <p>Two hands (praying – connote devotion.</p> <p>Two hands (palms facing the viewer, with the four fingers on each hand positioned as two sets of two fingers) – a Jewish symbol indicating the deceased was a Cohen, a Temple Priest. This is the hand gesture made by Cohen at the end of services in Orthodox synagogues, its' benediction, and had come to universally represent Cohens.</p>
HARP	Associated with David in the Old Testament; symbol of St. Cecilia, patron saint of musicians. Symbolic of worship in Heaven, hope. Praise to God.
HART (MALE DEER)	Represented either faithfulness, thirsting for God, or Christ slaying Satan.
HEART	<p>Love, mortality, love of God, courage and intelligence.</p> <p>Bleeding- Christ's suffering for our sins.</p> <p>Encircled with thorns- the suffering of Christ.</p> <p>Flaming- signifies extreme religious fervor.</p> <p>Pierced by a sword- the Virgin Mary, harkening to Simeon's prophecy to Mary at the birth of Christ, "Yea, a</p>

	sword shall pierce through thine own soul.” It can also be used to represent charity.
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THE EARLY THIRTIES

Barbara Mooney Myers

This story starts before I was even born over 70 years ago. My dad started out his story a few years after he and Mom married. My oldest sister, Dorothy was about 5 years old. My brother, Buford, was around 3 years old.

DAD

“That year (1932) in Dayton, Ohio, where I had been working for GMC Auto Association, we were laid off from the job. The weather was damp and cold outside.

My wife, Josephine, and I kept thinking if we should stay on here renting where we live or go back to Tennessee to try again. Finally my wife decided home was the place to be, there near our families. We loaded up everything we had that could get into the car with us, and took it with us. We packed other things and put them with the furniture to be shipped by train to Coalmont, TN.

We said goodbye to our friends and neighbors there in Dayton that day and set out for home. We hit Route 25 and headed south towards Lexington, KY. There we hit Route 27 then on into Chattanooga, TN. We spent the night with an uncle and aunt and their family. They lived in Red Back on the outskirts of town. While we were there I looked around for a job, but had no luck at all. I told my family, “Looks as though those coal mines await me on the mountain”. So we said goodbye again, and set out for Coalmont, TN.

We stopped to visit my sister Lillie (Mooney) Bone there in Coalmont. She married Samuel Bone. They had several children then at home. There we spent a couple days and nights. I searched around for us a place to live. We had managed to save about \$500 while I worked at GMC Auto Association through their union there in Dayton, OH, so we had a little to start out on. I found this little house and small farm owned by Ed Sweeton at Gruetli, TN, only a few miles from Coalmont. I paid Ed a small down payment on the house and we waited for the train to arrive a few days later with our furniture.

A job was my next alternative. Jobs were hard to find. I wanted to settle down, get my family a home, and us get back to normal. Ed Sweeton and I cut timber to make broom

handles. They sold at two cents a piece. The logs were pine and cut four and a half feet long at a saw mill. Each was cleaned of its knots. We hardly made anything for (from) pine trees. You found so many culls in them, so making money was difficult.

So finding a job that paid more was what I done after a few weeks of helping Ed. I went to the coal mines at Ross Creek. The mines at the time were run by Sewanee Fuel and Iron Company. They, too, like other larger mines, went busted, but were still running two or three days a week. Ed Sweeton came along with me to look for a job. We finally found the right entry where to go in and ask for a job. There we talked to George Tate and Barney Johnson. They had the eleventh right entry contracted on the mines.

Here in the mines I took a place to work. It was a small eighteen inch, chest high opening, and digging coal would widen it a little at a time. It paid 75 cents per ton for the coal. After standing up all day at a factory in Ohio, it would really be different for a man to lay down on his side and dig a ton of coal. To support a family it took some hard digging to make 75 cents to \$1 a day. It took over 100 to 112 shovels full of coal to make a ton. And these were the largest shovels ever made. Each day I would try to dig 100 to 112 shovels myself. It was hard work. Making a dollar a day was about all you could do in a day. Those days in the thirties were called "the Hoover Days". Some even called them "the Depression Days" which ever it was the hardest times for a family.

I had to let the farm go for getting enough money for Ed was hard, and supporting my family took all I made to buy food, and live on from week to week. The house we had lived in set there empty for a long time. I had moved my family to a two bedroom house a few miles from distance from where we had lived. They had built the chimney on the wrong side of the house. When it rained, it rained down the chimney. We moved there the last of January in 1932 near the Swiss Colony there in Gruetli, TN. Like most mountain areas was cold and damp inside. It took a lot of wood and coal to keep a family warm through the long winter months. We lived around the woods, so there was plenty of good firewood all around. One big log kept a good fire going all night. From here I could walk to catch the miners' bus to and from work. After arriving to the road, we still rode 5 miles to the mines. From there we'd ride another 3 mile trip back and forth into the mines. Here we'd begin our jobs day after day.

I'd leave home about 5:00 in the morning, long before daylight and arrive home way after dark every night. So being home with my family grew less and less for me, except on weekends. During these times few of us had the right foods to eat. Mornings we sat down to a breakfast of only cornbread, white fat back fried, and water meal gravy. We drank a lot of chicory coffee then, for it lasted longer. At lunch or supper, we had dried

cooked beans, boiled or fried potatoes or “taters” as most of us called them, and a pan or skillet of corn bread. No butter for us unless we could afford to buy it, or owned a cow.

That spring my neighbor, Bill Jones, came up, brought his mules and plowed us up a space for a garden. My wife and I took advantage of this by getting seed potatoes from her uncle there. We managed to buy the other seed on credit from the local grocer to plant. We sure filled our empty jars and tummies that season with fresh, home grown vegetables. My wife canned up corn, beans, tomatoes, beet pickles and home made relishes. When ripe blackberries and blue berries, or as we called them ‘huckleberries’, and apples were in, we took advantage of them, too. We had blackberry or huckleberry cobbler for dessert or fried or even baked apple pies as well. We fixed lots of dried apples to last most of the winter, canned, jams, jellies, and fruits. This maybe lasted a few months before we’d see our shelves and jars get empty again. That summer I got my 1928 Whippet car out to drive. I had it set up on blocks in a wood shed. The tires I had stored to prevent them from dry rotting. I got the battery recharged, and put the tires on. We had only one place in Coalmont that recharged batteries. After getting this accomplished, I needed new license for the car. They were now \$7.50. I couldn’t get the car started, so I let it roll downhill, and it finally started. I let it run for a while to recharge the battery. I took my wife and children for a ride through the town of Gruetli. Last we stopped at her aunt and uncle Abe and Barbara Hargis’ there in the Colony. My wife always enjoyed her visits there so much. They had a lovely home. Last time I had my family a distance from home was on March 13, 1932, when my brother Critt died in Sewanee, TN. It was such a cold bleary day to bury someone. My uncle John Mooney, from Sewanee came and got me and the family and took us to Mama and Papa’s house. They lived on the other side of Sewanee at this time. We almost froze to death on the back of the truck of Uncle John’s. Later we caught the train back home and rode it as far as Coalmont then walked a few miles home from the depot. I remember carrying our son Buford that day. My son, Buford, looked up at me saying, “Uncle Critt ought to have waited until some other time to die, Daddy”. I told him, “Son, death is like being born, we can’t stop either of them. That’s God’s decision”. By May that year we were shocked, for my wife was expecting again by June.

During this time, my wife felt sickly, and her cousin Myrtle Braden came and spent some time with her. Around June 2, 1932, my wife kept having labor pains that morning. I still went on to work for we needed the money. By 10 o’clock that day, she was in labor without a doctor around, so Myrtle knew to go get Granny Burrows. She was a midwife and had lots of experience delivering babies. That evening on my way home, Mrs. Burrows hollered, “Bill, you’ve got a fine looking son born at 11:30 today”. I was delighted he and my wife were OK. When I arrived home, I was dirty with coal dust and needed a bath. First I glanced at my wife and new son. “What we going to name him”,

she said. It being June 2nd, that was my brother Joe's birthday, "Let's name him, Joe", I said, "and we'll use Thomas from my brother and grandfather", she said. "That's great," I told her. I'll get my bath and hold him and have supper. Myrtle had a good supper on the table waiting for me. By then our garden was nearing an end. We still had a few green onions and tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash left. They had about all gone for we'd taken advantage of them this year. Two weeks after our son, Joe was born, our four year old son Buford took sick, having a bowel problem. The diarrhea was hard to control. He took a high fever with it. I walked to Coalmont to get Dr. Roberts. He came as soon as he could and wrote prescriptions for our son's medication. We gave him one dose. It hadn't helped him any. By June 18, 1932, he died at the age 4 years, 3 months old. One son had been born to us, and now God had taken another son. It was as if he'd had it planned for my family. Exchange a son for another. I had no money to buy a casket with, so my father helped me buy a casket to bury our son in. My wife's shoes were about off her feet. She had no shoes to wear to the funeral. Her aunt had given her a pair of shoes to wear. We still had our new son and Dorthy, our oldest to raise, so we decided to get back in church among others that we needed. Friendship was a blessing to my wife in those days. My wife was not well, and we needed milk for the baby for she couldn't breast feed him. We found a cow home and in no time had fresh sweet milk, buttermilk, and butter for my family. That year fled by so quickly for us.

We moved again by 1933 to close neighbor's houses. They were Pascal Johnson, the Godsby Family and Hershel Brown and his family. My daughter changed schools and new teachers and we were closer to the grocery store. The house seemed to be a lot closer to the mines.

The mines kept going- men working longer hours. I tried to put in 12 hours a day loading twelve cars of coal a day. The school was Mount Vernon where our daughter attended. We started attending church again. It was a non-denominational church (between Baptist & Methodist). I drove my car when I could afford it. Gas was 16 cents per gallon. Regular was 14 cents. I filled my Whippet up for \$2.00 then.

We lived through those remaining months from hand to mouth. Gardening time we enjoyed the most. We later bought a few laying hens of our own, so we had eggs to eat. By 1935, we lost another child at birth. Her name was Gloria Lou. We had lost Carl, our first son at childbirth also. This was heartbreaking for my wife and me. Early in 1935 we set out for Alabama to see my wife's mother and brothers that lived there. We spent out a few months there in Alabama with my wife's mother and brothers still at home. By then her mom had remarried and had a young daughter named Elizabeth. We all called her Lizzie for short.

Later we decided to return to the mountain. It was getting near gardening time again. As we reached the town of Tracy City, it was blazing from a fire that had been set by a Newsom guy. It had frightened my wife and children and me to death. I jumped out of the car after parking it over near the depot. Half of Tracy City was blazing and most of us felt helpless for the flames and burning buildings were beyond our helping hands. My wife was crying like many others that got outside glancing at the beautiful framed buildings that had for many years made Tracy City a beautiful, historic city. For over one block of the town and over half a century enjoying and seeing their customers, these buildings went down to dust by the light of one match flame and a careless ignorant hand of the arsonist. Many years have passed since this happened, yet, it still crosses the minds of those that remember. Most of our ancestors have passed on since then. Still Tracy City is one of our most enjoyable and homey places to live.

BARBARA

Dad and Mom had me in 1937, after this happened. They toughed it out living and trying to make ends meet. Mining or a little construction work kept my dad busy bringing in barely enough to feed and clothe his family. He was always doing mechanical work on his car to keep it running. When it was all run out, he'd walk two miles to town to catch a ride to the mines. Lots of times in the wintertime he was after dark getting home from work. Mom kept his supper warm for him and made sure he had warm water for his bath.

In 1949, a baby brother, Lewis David was born. We moved so many times before, by 1940, Mama had the chickens all trained. They'd lay down, cross their legs just waiting to be tied up ready to move again. Many have said 10 moves in one year is equal to a burn out. But thank God, we tried not to get the count up to the burn out. Hopefully, we were like many other families, just searching for that place we could settle down and call home. By the 1940's Dad traded our last home for one in the country. There was no extra cost. They just traded homes even. Mom hated it for it meant cleaning new ground for our new barn, a place for a large chicken lot for them to wander around and keep us in lots of eggs to eat and new chickens of eating to increase the number of hens for more eggs. Mom sold eggs to the grocery store to help with buying things she needed. In 1943, their last child, a son Charles Mansel, was born. This kept Mom laid up for a few weeks, but like any other mother in those days, a job still awaited her raising and taking care of all the family.

Like one of the olds sayings, "A man works from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done". This was true, for it seemed like Mom went around the clock doing something. If we're mothers, we know the duty of being one. It works for working dads as well. When school days arrived for me, my oldest brother, Joe, was way ahead of me, so I took school

seriously and grew to love it. It took me away from a lot, so I got away from some work at home, but we still had to do our chores. When gardening time came this meant working a lot out of doors, plus I'd help Mom put up the vegetables in jars, for we had no freezer or even electricity at this time. There was always something to do. We'd help Dad stack the stove wood for the kitchen stove. Later in winter it called for both kinds of wood, and we used a lot of coal for the front room heater.

As time passed on and age caught up with us, we realized our home was well worth the time we spent in it. We never starved or had one outfit to wear. For our parents did as much as they could to make it suitable for us. Mom made our clothes, kept us looking nice for school, church, and even home. I wore so many hand made jumpers and blouses through early years that when I got older a jumper stayed far from my sight. Seems Mom only had one pattern that she made them all from.

But my thoughts still remind me often of those days, even today. But I thank God for my parents even when times were hard, they tried making it better for us. They've both passed on now. Only my brother and myself are left out of 8 children. So the memories kept close help erase the hurt of knowing they're no longer here to spend time with me. As the tombstone reads, "Gone, but not forgotten"

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

Sandra Tate Hereford

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NOTE: Printed as received.

1825

The Church met on the first Saturday in February 1825.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Selah Cagle returned her letter dated December 1824.

Sister Abigale Thompson dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April 1825.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother James Burns received by letter.

Motioned and seconded – whether this Church considers herself authorized to do business from the opening of her doors on Saturday til the close of the meeting and only on Saturday. The Church say she is in order to do business during the hours of the meeting.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

A petition from Hickory Creek Church for ministerial help for the purpose of ordination – also from Macedonia Church, Sequache Valley, for Brother Jeremiah Walker to take the pastorate of that Church – to which petitions the Church say ya.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

A petition from Macedonia Church requesting the ordination of Brother Jeremiah Walker to the work of the ministry, etc. and after deliberation the same is referred til next meeting.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Polly Dunaway recd by Exprn.

Brother Matthew Hunter recd by letter.

Took up the petition referenced at last meeting and after deliberation had thereon, voted it out on account of its illegality.

Received a petition from the settlement on the Cumberland Mountain for the appointment of a Church meeting in that section. The same granted with authority to appoint another or continue them from time to time if thought profitable by the Church. The first to be held near Sterling Savage's on the 2nd Saturday in September. A letter ordered to be prepared.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Esther Smith received by exprn.

The letter called for read and received, and the messengers chosen (towit) James Walker, Evan Lawler and John Rogers. The Church say no minutes presented this year.

Brother Hudlow Forester recd by Exprn.

The Church met according to appointment on the Mountain and after prayer proceeds to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Received Brother Thos. Turner, James Dunaway, Vachel Lankford and James Brewer Recd by Experance.

3rd Sister Lucenda Brewer Recd by Experance.

4th The Church agrees to hold another meeting here on the second Saturday in ~~October~~ November.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Frances Levan received by exprn.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Frances Ambros received by exprn.

The Church met on the second Saturday in November, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sarah Lankford received by Exprn.

3rd Meeting continued here the 2nd Saturday in December.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Nancy Taylor recd by ~~Exprn.~~ letter.

The Church met on the 2nd Saturday in December, et.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Appointed another meeting here the 2nd Saturday in January.

1826

The Church met January first Saturday, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother John Bond received by expn.

The Church met the 2nd Saturday in January, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother William Dunaway received by letter.

Meeting continued in course here.

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

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Sister Elizabeth Wright received by letter.
- 3rd Sister Mary Brewer received by letter.

The Church met on the Cumberland Mountain on the second Saturday in February and after prayer proceeded to, etc.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Another meeting on the 2nd Saturday in March.

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

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Our next meeting appointed a union meeting.

The Church met on the Mountain on the second Saturday in March.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday or Friday and Saturday in April and after, etc.
A door opened for the reception of members.

- 2nd Sister Polly Bond received by exprn.

The brethren appointed by Association met and preached to a well ordered congregation (and it is hoped) had a good effect on those hearing.

The Church met on the mountain on the 2nd in April and after, etc.

A door opened, etc.

- 2nd Brother Charles Kagle and Levina, his wife, received by letter and Brother Henry Kagle received by letter. Brother Jacob and Magale Kagle received by letter. This meeting as before.

Sister Pheba Lankford dismissed by letter.

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

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the Mountain on the second Saturday in May.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Sister Sally Lewis received by letter.
- 3rd Sister Patsy Savage received by exprn.
- 4th Sister Polly Brant received by exprn.

5th Another meeting appointed here.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Elijah and Peggy Walker received by exprn.

3rd The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association and Brethren Saml and Jeremiah Walker and Evan Lawler chosen to bear it.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Lucinda Hill received by exprn.

3rd The letter called for, read and received.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother James Burns dismissed by letter.

3rd Brother William Lester, Jesse Brewer, Sister Mary and Lucinda Brewer dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Jehu T. Lawler and Patsey, his wife, recd by letter.

1827

The Church met the first Saturday in January 1827.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Susannah Wilson received by exprn.

3rd Sister Abigale Thompson received by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

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

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother John Lakey was received by letter on Sunday evening.

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

1st 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.

Whereas reports has circulated that Brother James Walker has taken an unjust advantage of Mr. Abraham Jones by turning a trade debt into cash, the Church having duly examined and considered the proceedings from the first of them til this time say that he was justifiable in what he did. Brother James stated that there was a time and only one which happened about twelve months before the transaction alluded to took place – that he believed it might have been better if he had been a little more explicit in a conversation with Mr. Jones as the cause nor the feelings of the brethren would not have been injured.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Fanny Laky recd by exprn.

3rd Received a letter from Brother John Lakey requesting his excommunication – the same was held over til next meeting and brother James Walker appointed to request him to attend.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Called for the reference the brother reported that he complied with the request of the Church. The Church recd. charges as explained in said letter and after examination say that brother John Lakey is excluded for drunkenness.

The clerk to prepare a letter and brethren James and Jeremiah Walker and John Rogers to bear it.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The letter called for read and received.

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

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother John P. Veel dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

A door opened for reception of members.

Sister Levena Taylor and Marevale Walker recd by exprn.

Sister Susannah Barnes dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Esther Smith and Brother Henry Cagle dismissed by letter.

CORRECTIONS

If you find any mistakes in any issue of the Pathfinder, please contact the Editor. All corrections will be printed in the following issue if at all possible.

DEATH NOTICES

Sue Scott

Magouirk, Ambrose M. b. Aug. 11, 1903 in TN to James Franklin & Rosa Lee (Roberts) Magouirk, d. Aug. 24, 1984 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at White Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Louella (White) Magouirk, a daughter Marlie and 4 sons, Charles, Johnny, D.J., and Ambrose Jr.

Magouirk, Ellis Lee b. Oct. 13, 1912 in TN to James Franklin & Rosa Lee (Roberts) Magouirk, d. Jan. 8, 1982 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Ester (Bone) Magouirk and 2 children, Ellis Lee Jr. and Betty Sue.

Magouirk, Louella b. June 1, 1906 in TN to Robert & Lorene (Hatfield) White, d. July 20, 1986 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at White Cemetery. She was the widow of Ambrose Magouirk and was survived by a daughter Marlie and 4 sons, Charles, Johnny, D.J., and Ambrose Jr.

Martin, Annie Hilda b. Jan. 1900 in TN to Monroe and Laura (Graham) Nunley, d. Mar 4, 1979 in Gruetli and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by her husband Charlie Martin, a daughter Christine, and 2 sisters, Dixie Layne and Ruby Long.

Martin, Charlie Wayne b. Jan 1, 1896 in TN to Thomas A. & Martha (Shelton) Martin, d. Mar 29, 1981 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek. He was survived by a daughter Christine and 2 sisters, Louise Hudson and Elsie Tate.

Maynard, Mildred Louise Cook b. Apr 19, 1913 in TN to Marcus and Lou (Overturf) Cook, d. Apr 2, 1986 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She was survived by her husband Muriel, son Kenneth, 3 brothers Paul, Wayne and Earl and a sister Irene.

Bryar, Mary Jo b. Feb. 27, 1950 in TN to Andrew & Louise (Burroughs) Wilbourn, d. Aug 31, 1985 at a hospital in Warren County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by 2 children Rodney and Marsha, her mother Louise Sanders, and 7 siblings, Barbara, Lena, Donna, Pauline, Rebecca, Cora Jean, and Andrew.

McCoy, Martha Jane b. Feb 11, 1916 in TN to Jay Hugh & Emma (Lathrum) Layne, d. Sept. 24, 1981 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She was survived by her husband Arthur McCoy, a son David, 3 daughters Ruth, Phyllis and Irma, and 3 brothers, Jay, Andrew and Roy.

McDaniel, Howell Dexter b. Sept 9, 1955 in TN to Oscar Howell & Katie Mae (Campbell) McDaniel, d. Oct 31, 1979 in Grundy County and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was survived by 6 siblings, Scarlett, Darlene, Eddie, Michael, Desi and Johnny.

McDaniel, Linda Lee b. Apr 19, 1964 in TN to Randall & Linda (Ruehling) McDaniel, d. Jan. 11, 1975 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by her parents and grandparents.

McGovern, John Bradford b. June 29, 1895 in TN to Peter & Annie (Roberts) McGovern, d. May 14, 1978 in Eldorado, Illinois and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

His wife was Addie Harrison who preceded him in death and he was survived by 3 daughters, Mary, Jennie and Leona and 2 sons Kenneth and James, and 4 siblings Nora Tate, Fannie Barnes, Pete and Robert McGovern.

McGovern, Thomas Clarence b. Nov 10, 1913 in TN to Thomas & Lillie Sula (Brown) McGovern, d. May 1, 1982 at University Hospital in Birmingham and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. His 1st wife, Wavie Louise Roberts, preceded him in death. He was survived by his 2nd wife, Nora Layne, 2 daughters, Betty and Nancy, a son Bill and 2 siblings Margaret and Paul.

McGovern, Wavie Louise b. March 10, 1914 in TN to Isham & Bessie (Tate) Roberts, d. June 6, 1973 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by her husband Thomas Clarence McGovern, 2 daughters, Betty and Nancy, a son Bill, her mother, Bessie Roberts and 4 sisters, Hazel, Alice, Margaret and Clara.

Meeks, Amanda Elizabeth b March 27, 1893 in TN to William Carroll & Nancy Ann (Brown) Parsons, d. Nov 17, 1980 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Tracy City Cemetery. She married 1st Oscar L. Holt and 2nd Thomas Newton "Pete" Meeks. She was survived by 2 daughters, Lorene and Ophelia along with step-children Nellie, Pearl, Ruth, Lewis, Stanley, Paul and Earl Meeks.

Meeks, Dewey Lee b. Jan. 21, 1918 in TN to Henry & Pearl (Nunley) Meeks, d. Nov 4, 1980 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Nora (Levan) Meeks and 2 children.

Meeks, Eliza Ann b. Feb 13, 1896 in TN to Henry & Mattie (Sanders) Crabtree, d. Aug 26, 1974 at Cumberland Heights and was buried at Whitwell Memorial Cemetery in Marion County. She was a widow of Steve Meeks and was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Harley Tate.

Meeks, Elihugh P. b. Sept 18, 1911 in TN to DeWitt Clinton & Willie (Burroughs) Meeks, d. Feb 15, 1973 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was married to Alma Jean Givens who survived him, along with son Willie D., and 3 daughters, Jean, Carol and Shirley. His brother, Elmer, survived him.

Meeks, Elmer Lee b. Aug 11, 1913 in TN to DeWitt Clinton & Willie (Burroughs) Meeks, d. Oct. 3, 1976 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Katherine (Myers) Meeks.

GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS

1850-1880

Compiled by Charles A. Sherrill

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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.**

1850 Special Census (continued)

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Dickerson, Archibald- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 70; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 6; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$235; Indian corn, 250; oats, 10; wool, 15; Irish potatoes, 30; maple sugar, 100; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$22; orchard produce, \$30.

Myres, J[ohn]- improved acres, 65; unimproved, 75; cash value of farm, \$425; horses, 6; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 9; sheep, 18; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$492; Indian corn, 500; oats, 20; wool, 40; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 250; maple sugar, 50; value of home manufactures, 30; value of animals slaughtered, \$101; flax, 20 lbs.; flax seed, 1 bu.

Fults, A[dam]- improved acres, 70; unimproved acres, 250; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 5; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 59; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$346; Indian corn, 750; oats, 100; wool, 80; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 40; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$56; wax/honey, 80 lbs.

Myres, J[acob]- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$450; horses, 5; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 8(?); other cattle, 8(?); sheep, 30; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$302; Indian corn, 500; oats, 57; wool, 50; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 50; value of home manufactures, \$75; value of animals slaughtered, \$31.

Myres, C[hristian]- improved acres, 23; unimproved acres, 43; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 14; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$136; Indian corn, 400; wool, 13; sweet potatoes, 20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Stoner, W[illiam]- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$180; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 9; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$158; Indian corn, 150; wool, 20; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 40; value of home manufactures, \$22; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Fults, S[arah]- improved acres, 5; unimproved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$50; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$30; Indian corn, 100; Irish potatoes, 8; sweet potatoes, 10; value of animals slaughtered, \$15.

Fults, N[athan]- improved acres, 90; unimproved acres, 120; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 5; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, (?); sheep, 7; swine, 80; value of livestock, \$441; Indian corn, 1100; oats, 120; wool, 20; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 80; maple sugar, 40; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$42; rye, 25; wax/honey, 200 lbs.

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Fults, Alfred- improved acres, 18; unimproved acres, 158; cash value of farm, \$175; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$120; Indian corn, 270; oats, 10; peas & beans, 3; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Northcutt, Adrian- improved acres, 350; unimproved acres, 5000, cash value of farm, \$5000; horses, 14; milch cows, 12; working oxen, 6; other cattle, 25; sheep, 35; swine, 250; value of livestock, \$1400; Indian corn, 5000; oats, 1500; wool, 100; peas & beans, 100; Irish potatoes, 200; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 500; maple sugar, 200; value of home manufactures, \$250; value of animals slaughtered, \$275; rye, 100; hay, 6 tons; molasses, 10 gallons.

Fults, Andrew- milch cows, 3; other cattle, 4; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$70; Indian corn, 100; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 8; butter, 60; maple sugar, 10; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$35.

Stoner, Henry- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 7; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$347; Indian corn, 200; oats, 50; wool, 4; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 50; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$37; rice, 12 lbs; tobacco, 20 lbs.; wax/honey, 40 lbs.

Scott, Edley- milch cows, 1; Indian corn, 300; wool, 21; Irish potatoes, 8; butter, 100; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$62.

Tallman, Harrison, - improved acres, 70; unimproved acres, 70; cash value of farm, \$1750; horses, 5; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 8; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$450; Indian corn, 800; oats, 100; wool, 10; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 100; maple sugar, 6; value of home manufactures, \$14; value of animals slaughtered, \$35; tobacco, 300 lbs.

Hobbs, Richard- improved acres, 35; horses, 2; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 1; sheep, 9; swine, 22; value of livestock, \$167; Indian corn, 750; wool, 22; peas & beans, 12; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 50; maple sugar, 50; value of home manufactures, \$89; value of animals slaughtered, \$17; molasses, 2 gallons.

Carson, Samuel- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 1680; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 3; sheep, 14; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$94; Indian corn, 45; butter, 8; value of home manufactures, 14; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

Lynn, Thomas- milch cows, 1; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$13.

Nunley, William, Sr.- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; milch cows, 8; working oxen, 3; other cattle, 25; sheep, 10; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$560; Indian corn, 2000; wool, 28; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 40; value of animals slaughtered, \$150; tobacco, 200 lbs.; flax, 20 lbs.; wax/honey, 60 lbs.

Nunley, Willis- improved acres, 1040; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; sheep, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$45; Indian corn, 125; oats, 30; wool, 3; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 4; butter, 5; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$28.

Hobbs, Christopher- improved acres, 2; unimproved acres, 148; cash value of farm, \$50; milch cows, 2; value of livestock, \$20.

Thompson, Rachel; improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 3; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 3; sheep, 1; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$280; Indian corn, 300; oats, 70; wool, 12; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 50; maple sugar, 12; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$54; wax/honey, 50 lbs.

Tipton, Joseph, J.-improved acres, 30; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 3; sheep, 5; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$416; Indian corn, 525; wool, 10; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 100; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; wax/honey, 100 lbs.

Stoner, William H.- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; sheep, 6; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 400; oats, 30; wool, 10; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 88(?); butter, 50; maple sugar, 70; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$35; rice, 30 lbs.; tobacco, 5 lbs.; flax, 12 lbs.

Scott, Henderson- improved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; sheep, 2; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$25; Indian corn, 100; wool, 3; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 10; butter, 10; maple sugar, 25; value of home manufactures, \$11; value of animals slaughtered, \$12; tobacco, 5 lbs.; flax, 12 lbs.

Nunley, Willifred- improved acres, 9; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 4; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$70; Indian corn 130; wool, 10; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 7; butter, 10; maple sugar, 10; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$15.

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The Grundy County Historical Society meets quarterly on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Heritage Center at 10:00 a.m. These meetings are open to anyone with an interest in the history of the region.

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Dues are \$20.00 for single memberships and \$25.00 for family membership per calendar year. The calendar year begins on January 1st.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janelle Layne Taylor

It's official! The first phase of the Grundy County Heritage Center is finished and open for business.

On April 24 despite rain and tornado warnings, we welcomed as many as 200 guests to the open house to celebrate the completion of the Library and Research Center which is the first phase of a three phase development of the Heritage Center.

An all - volunteer staff rotates through a schedule to keep the library open from 10 AM 'til 4 PM and on Saturdays by appointment. Patrons are coming to work on family history, for political research, for just sentimental reasons to look at the obits and probably a dozen other reasons.

Plans are underway to restructure the governing of the Historical Society Board so that it functions more smoothly and efficiently. Election of officers which normally happens in June will be staid until September meeting.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with the Open House and everyone who is now working in the library. Stacy Sartain Bunch, our Curator, has done much to get everything in its proper place in the library, but at this writing she has just undergone heart by-pass surgery and will be out for a couple of months. We all wish her well.

Thank you for your loyal support of the Historical Society and remember that we are still about \$90,000 short of our goal of \$350,000. If you would like to contribute, please send your contribution to Grundy County Historical Society; P, O, Box 1422; Tracy City, TN 37387.

Sincerely,
Janelle Taylor
President
Grundy County Historical Society

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

Congratulations to the Grundy County Historical Society on the opening of the new Heritage Center. I can't wait to come visit it in July when we go to Tennessee for vacation! I hope if you get the chance to visit the new home of the Grundy County Historical Society, you will do so and find out what a great job these folks have done!

For new members, please send us your biography to be included in the Pathfinder! Let us know who you are researching and where your Grundy County roots lay. You can also send in "Mystery Photos", family research, family stories or records you would like to share and we will add as space permits. HINT: send in early as I work with my oldest emails first for the next issues of the Pathfinder!

Don't forget our general meeting will be Saturday, June 12, 2010, 2 PM at the Heritage Center. Our guest will be Charles Sherrill, Director of the TN State Library and Archives, who will be talking about "Turning Over Every Rock in Family Research."

Looking forward to hearing from you soon! Send to: Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, Corona, CA 92883 or email them to: gchswebmaster@hotmail.com.

"DID YOU KNOW?"

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

Monday the 3rd November 1845

This day in court elected Smith Fults entry taker of Grundy County to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Barnaby Burrow, who came into open court, with Daniel Fults and Thomas Burrows his securities, and acknowledged their bond, conditioned as the law directs, and took the oath prescribed by law for entry taker, and was thereupon admitted to exercise the functions of his office.

Ordered by the court that the following Tax be levied for county purposes for the Year 1846 (towit) on each White pole 45 cents, on one hundred dollars worth of property ten cents, on each Stud horse or Jack half the season of one mare, on each Merchant license \$4.00, on each Hawkes or Pedlars license \$3.50, on each lawsuit \$1.00, on Indictments or presentments \$1.00, on each pleasure carriage 10 cents, ad Vallorum, on Jewelry watches &c 10 cents ad vallorum.

Ordered by the court that the following persons be appointed a Venire to the next circuit court (towit, In district No 1 Wm. S. Mooney, Leroy Braley, and John Lusk; No. 2 Jacob Myers, Adam Harmond and Chirstian Myers; No. 3 James Tate, Robert H. Tate, and John Gross; No. 4 Davidson Tate, Robert Tate, and Isaac H. Campbell; No. 5 Silas Lankford, Churchwell Jackson, Stephen M. Grisowold and Henry Levan; No. 6 John Burrows, John Warren and Isaac Meeks; No. 7 Barwell Summers, John S. Lowe, and James F. Summers; No. 8 Samuel Southerland, Thomas Warren, and Anthony Clarke, and that a venire facias issue.

Ordered by the court that the following Justices be appointed Revenue Commissioners for the year 1846 towit In District No. 1 Daniel Saine esquire; No. 2 John Fults esqr; No. 3 William Dugan esquire; No. 4 Robert Tate esquire; No. 5 James Lockheart esquire; No. 6 Anderson S. Goodman esquire; No. 7 Alexander M. Blair esquire; No. 8 Thomas Warren esquire, and that they make their return to April court next.

Ordered by the court that Reuben P. Webb clerk of this court be allowed the sum of fifty six dollars, for ex officio services, Road orders, Tax list, and furnishing three books, and furnishing trustee with agragates, 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Leslie Coppinger

Kathleen Beckham, Paul & Delores Hall, Sally Brown, Stanley Ward Partin, Deborah Bice, Lesley Michelle Orange, Kerry & Wanda Sanders.

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 or Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, CA, 92883.

DONATIONS TO THE ROOT CELLAR

Founding of the Cumberland Settlements - Jackie Layne Partin

The Greeter Family Home Movies DVD – Ralph Rieben

QUERIES

244-2010 Researching the Tucker family. I am interested in making contact with John Tucker or a descendant who was a trustee at the Monteagle Cemetery. The line I am following now goes from Andy Tucker to Andrew Jackson Tucker and back to a John Tucker who were from Warren County, TN now Cannon County.

If any of you has any information on these Tuckers or can help me get in touch with John or a descendant, please do. My phone number is 615-765-5280. Actually I am interested in all Tuckers from TN.

Elrena Parton
tabby2@dtccom.net

245-2010 I am interested in all information about the Carrick family, Lockhart, Kirk and Dykes. Also any information about Tom and Nan Berry. Is there a listing of Revolutionary war veterans and Confederate war veterans from Grundy County and other local counties?

Betty Carrick Morrow
billbj@aol.com

246-2010 I have done some work with the family history of my grandparents, Mack and Ella Wileman who lived in Ladd's Cove and are buried in the church cemetery of St. Johns Church in Ladd's Cove. But, unfortunately I do not have as much information to work with. Any information appreciated.

Clyde Kunz
chkunz@bellsouth.net

247-2010 The Grundy County Historical Society would like to know the locations of these former Grundy County Post Offices. Post Office name followed by years of operation:

Babylon 1885-1892; Cero Gordo 1850-1852; Chesterfield 1850-1851; Chesterton 1894-1897; Cumberland 1850-1856; Emil 1881-1882; Larson 1906-1912. If you have information on these please email jcoats@cafes.net or call 931 467-3603.

248-2010 I would like to contact one of the children of Willie Woodlee Ruehling regarding some pictures.

Nancy Jo Nicklaus Falbe
Nancy falbe@att.net

249-2010 My father is Fred Basil Parks from Pelham TN, my mother is Billee Faye London Parks. My grandmother, Ruby London was a teacher in Grundy County and my grandfather had a Gulf station (I believe) and a wrecker service in Tracy City for many years.

Peggy Parks Alsup
pegealsup@dtccom.net

SCHOOL DAYS MEMORIES

Written by Clara Augusta (Bone) Landon

Submitted by her daughter, Donna (Landon) Lovelace

I started in Grammar School at a very early age—probably 4 or 5 years. Ruby, my older half-sister had been reading to me at home, and I already knew how to read. The school that I attended was a two-room elementary school on Sweeton Hill near Coalmont, Tennessee. I was so eager to learn that I must have passed several grades in one year. I finished elementary school when I was a little past ten years of age and started high school at Tracy City when I was 11 years old. I finished high school at age 15. I was the second person to finish at this age. A boy whose name I can't remember had finished some time before me. We were the only two people from Grundy County that had accomplished this.

Now, let me describe Sweeton Hill School. We had no water in the school, and the older students carried water from a well nearby. It was a hand-dug well and had a bucket to let down and draw the water up. They drew it up with a stout stick with a prong on it. Sometimes the well would go dry, and the bigger boys would have to go under the hill that the school sat on and carry water from an old abandoned coalmine.

At first we had no outside toilet, and we went to a pine thicket next to the house, and the girls went to the right. The county finally built two outdoor privys—one for the boys and one for the girls.

An old coal stove furnished heat in the winter. At the end of each school term, the older boys and girls would carry wood for kindling and store it in the two little closets in the schoolhouse. In the winter we would have to sit near the old stove to keep warm.

There was a large school room and a small one built later. The smaller children were taught in the larger room as there were more smaller kids than larger ones. Grades 6, 7, and 8 were taught in the smaller room as some children had dropped out of school by this time, and there were fewer upper grade children. There were two teachers—one for the smaller kids and one for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

There was a wooden bench up front, and the teacher called the grade up front to teach that grade while the rest of the children studied at their desks. My first

teacher was Miss Etta Mai Hillis. Mrs. Vera Brown taught the upper grades. We really felt “grownup” when we passed to the upper grade room.

We had recess time at 10 o'clock in the morning for 30 minutes. We would divide up into two teams and play baseball. Someone would bring a ball and a bat. If we didn't have a real bat, we would make one from a plank. The smaller children would jump rope or play marbles.

In the summer months, we drank from the bucket of water that was kept on a shelf made between two trees. We had one bucket and only one dipper. Everyone drank from the same dipper. When one had mumps or measles, we all had the same thing. We didn't feel deprived but were happy with what we had.

I was usually teacher's pet because I loved studying and never got into any trouble.

We all went home for lunch and had to hurry back to school. We usually had bread and milk for Mama didn't have time to cook three meals. We went home after school and had a hot supper. The teachers brought their lunch in a brown bag.

Sometimes on Friday afternoon, for a treat, the teacher would take us to Flat Branch School to play baseball. The teachers would referee the game, and we really felt good if we beat the Flat Branch kids.

Sweeton Hill School only lasted 8 months, and Coalmont School lasted 9 months. When Sweeton Hill School ended, Victor and I would go to Coalmont School and get in an extra month. They were a little bigger school, and they had a glass water cooler for their water. Each child would bring a collapsible cup to drink from. If you didn't have one, you would make one from a sheet of paper.

Each school day was started with reading the Bible and singing hymns. Sometimes something extra would happen. I remember a man who played the violin came once and played the violin. I really enjoyed this at Coalmont School.

The first movie I ever saw was when I attended Grundy High at Tracy. A man showed slides on birds and showed the different species. I was really thrilled. Later, Elizabeth Fults, my best friend, invited me to see “Ben Hur.” That was the thrill of a lifetime! I spent the night with her, and we walked to the old theater at night to see it. Her mother was really nice. She cooked a good meal at supper and

really made me feel welcome. We walked to high school the next day after a good breakfast.

We had graduation service at the end of each school term. I was the only one that graduated from Sweeton Hill the year I finished, for Byron Sweeton, my only other 8th grade student, had switched to Coalmont. So they didn't have a graduation service for me, and I felt really bad. Usually the Superintendent of Schools would come out for the service and hand out diplomas.

My high school graduation was held in the old gymnasium, as the school had burned down at the end of my junior year. We had a nice program and each student had some part to play. I recited the poem, "How Did You Die?" The stage was made up like a book and when each pupil had said their piece, the page was turned, and you were the only one being seen. The Valedictorian was Fritz Stampfli from Gruetli, and the Salutatorian was Marshall Winton from Pelham. I was the third highest in the class of 1936 and received an honorable mention.

Fritz and Marshall went on to Tennessee College (*U. T.*) at Knoxville the next year, but I had to wait 30 years for college. I went to Murfreesboro State Teachers' College for two years and transferred to Tennessee Tech for the last two years. I graduated from Tech in 1981 at the age of 61. I had to wait a long time, but it was really worth it.

BYERS, LOONEY AND SHOOK

Donald A. Rawlins

Our Byers ancestors came to Grundy County from Nashville soon after they, William E. Byers (1836) and wife, Augusta Smith (1839) married in 1863. William, in Tracy City and known as "E" Byers, was born in Pennsylvania, and Augusta Smith in Ohio, her parents being from Connecticut. William E., to be distinguished from a brother, William Nelson, became Postmaster in Tracy City. William E. and Augusta's two daughters were born in Nashville. Helen Augusta, fondly known as "Alloo", (1869-1956) lived in Tracy City most of her life and was a Methodist. She was employed as cashier in the local office of Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co. and later as postal clerk in either Wannamaker's or Flury's store. Her last local residence was with the Fred Abrahams, where I visited her twice in my late teens. In 1946, she moved to the Atlanta, Ga. address of her

niece, Mary Louise Looney Zeagler, where she remained until her death. A favorite nephew was William Nelson Byers, Jr. "Billy" (1905) who, during World War II service in Europe, married his French bride, Josee, and lived at Hickory Steep in Nashville.

The second daughter was my grandmother, Mary Ellen (1867-1941) who, in 1891, married James Shook Looney (1868-1932), from Winchester in Franklin County. James S. "Papa" Looney, wife, "Nana" and her sister Helen Byers "Alloo" are buried side by side in the City Cemetery, Decatur, DeKalb Co, GA. James Shook was the a son of John Bledsoe Looney (1844-1931) and Mary Ann "Mollie" Shook (1848-1887). John B.'s first marriage had been to Martha Susan Gruider (1848). Mollie died December 19,1887, on the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. John Bledsoe was the first of ten children of James Carroll Looney (1824-1905) and Sarah "Sack" Stewart (1827). His lineage is clearly recorded through Michael Looney, Jr, (1795-1838) and Savannah Matthews (1798); Michael (1750) and Temperance Cross, born in Ireland; Absalom (1729) on The Isle of Man, and Murldeen or Margaret Moore (1796); to Robert Looney and Elizabeth Llewellyn, both from The Isle of Man, who are considered the "firsts" to settle and begin a long stand of Looneys in and around Botetourt County, Virginia.

"Mollie" Shook was a daughter of James Keith Shook (1823) and Eliza Herndon Green (1823) a daughter of Paschal Green. They married in 1844 and parented ten children. James Keith became a Confederate Cavalry officer. His parents were Abraham Shook (1793 to about 1830) and Martha Keith (1795). For most of their working life they lived on the old Abraham Shook farm near "the foot of the mountain". Mollie's brothers and sisters were:

i. Alfred Montgomery (1845-1923). This, my great great uncle, was one of the principals in the development of the iron and coal industries during Reconstruction in the Cumberland Mountain, Nashville, and Birmingham areas. In 1871, he married Teresa Estil. Colonel Shook, who had spent considerable time as a Federal prisoner, became a Confederate veteran. A truly fascinating and captivating book, "Life and Achievements of Alfred Montgomery Shook" by Anne Kendrick Walker, 1952, tells the story of the entire Shook family, and it is "must" reading for one's learning of this entire area and its pioneers.

ii. William Abraham (1846-1883) was the mainstay of the family while his father and Alfred were at war. He married Mattie Gilliam.

iii. Cynthia Jane “Aunt Jenny” to the next few generations (1850-1930) married Thomas J. Middleton in 1871.

iv. Rufus Green (1851) died in infancy.

v. Martha Oliver , “Big Fat Aunt Matt” (1852) first married William Sherrill and second, John Miller Stuart. In 1980, her niece, Kathryn Shook Myers, described her as “...a most brilliant woman, and the meanest stepmother that ever lived”.

vi. Nathan Green (1853 or 1856-1934) married Mary Honor Matthews (1853 or 1858-1924. Their children were Sally (Mrs. Will Banks); Irene (Mrs. Joe Estil); Allen Herndon; Kathryn Shook Myers and three more boys. Nathan’s family is followed in another story in this publication. Much of my information is from conversations with and letters from two of his daughters, Lora Shook (Mrs. Nat) Francis and Kathryn Shook (Mrs. John Alva, Sr.) Myers, who were Shooks in the finest way, and who should not go unnoticed in any history of Grundy and Franklin Counties and the surrounding valleys. Kathryn and John A.’s children are John A. Jr., Mary Octa Myers Winn, and Allen Hill, Sr.

vii. Sarah Ella (1854) died as an infant.

viii. Charles Paschal (1860) married Ellen Cowan. It is “Uncle Charlie’s” memoirs in the Walker book, that became the central resource for the publication. It is thought that both of his grandfathers served with Andrew Jackson in New Orleans in the War of 1812.

ix. James Allen (1868) married Ida Kirby. He followed the same path as his oldest brother, Alfred Montgomery. Allen became interested in these industries and in research, largely with Pratt Coal Company and its successors. He did a little farming back at the old home place with Nathan, then after 1885, was employed by the Tennessee Company in Tracy City.

The Alfred K. Shook School in Tracy City was built by Alfred M. Shook, honoring his father.

My mother, Helen Augusta Looney Rawlins (1894-1977) wife of Herbert Adrian Rawlins (1895-1971) and her sisters, Mary Louise Looney Zeagler (1892-1981) wife of Joseph Hydrick Zeagler (1885-1968) and Annie Katherine Looney Laird

(1902-1986) wife of Arthur McDougall Laird (1892-1955), were born in the Alfred Montgomery Shook home on Depot Street at Montgomery Street, in Tracy City. This excellent survivor of the Second Empire architectural style was, for a time, their Grandmother Mollie Shook's home. It is also known as the Boyd house.

Being "as big as Shook" is a complimentary description of one who is large in stature and is a success in one's own endeavors. We descendants of these families have received a great heritage to uphold and to pass on to our own.

CIVIL WAR PENSIONS

Submitted by Janelle Taylor

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Pensions: **S** = Soldier's pension **W** = Widow's pension **C** = Colored pension

Soldier Name	County	Pension #	Unit or Widow
Abernathy, Thomas C.	Grundy	S1574	21st (Wilson's) Cav.
Abernathy, Thomas Coke	Grundy	W8970	Abernathy, Mary
Argo, Willis	Grundy	S16510	Home Guard
Barlew, William	Grundy	S11703	4th (McLemore's) Cav.
Barlew, William	Grundy	W7321	Barlew, Libby
Barnes, A. J.	Grundy	S7350	35th Inf.
Barnes, William C.	Grundy	S12713	35th Inf.
Bolton, Virgil V.	Grundy	W10225	Bolton, Samuella S.
Bondurant, R. K.	Grundy	S5920	2nd Va. Cav.
Boyd, B. B.	Grundy	S530	8th Cav.
Braly, Gentile	Grundy	S8534	13th Miss. Inf.
Brannon, George Washington	Grundy	W3808	Brannon, Arena

Brown, R. L.	Grundy	S1171 & S459	16th Inf.
Brown, R. L.	Grundy	W10581	Brown, Jannie
Browning, William W.	Grundy	S2774	47th Ala. Inf.
Bryant, John W.	Grundy	S10898	35th Inf.
Burns, W. H.	Grundy	S11777	Sterling's Co. Lt. Art.
Byrum, Jesse	Grundy	W1523	Byrum, Catherine
Carrick, Thomas F.	Grundy	S9803	21st (Wilson's) Cav.
Crabtree, W. I.	Grundy	S12110	44th Inf.
Crouch, Eastern Mosely	Grundy	W318	Crouch, Elizabeth
Daniel, Leonard	Grundy	S4435	16th Inf.
Dorris, W. W.	Grundy	S12409	20th Cav.
Duncan, John Franklin	Grundy	W462	Duncan, Mary.M.
Dykes, Robert T. Sr.	Grundy	S14702	35th Inf.
Dykes, Robert Tyler	Grundy	W8993	Dykes, Mollie Walker
Echols, J. W.	Grundy	S10656	25th Bn. Ala. Cav.
Echols, James V.	Grundy	W8001	Echols, Louisa Elizabeth
Ellen, David W.	Grundy	S10653	1st N.C. Cav.
Foster, S. B.	Grundy	S14059	13th Inf.
Friend, H.	Grundy	W10129	Friend, Frances N.
Friend, H. R.	Grundy	S14952	4th La. Cav.
Gilliam, Sam	Grundy	S15612	28th Cav.
Gilliam, William	Grundy	W8949	Gilliam, Josephine
Gilliam, William.	Grundy	S13490	4th Inf.
Grass, J. A.	Grundy	S16023	35th Inf.
Gross, J. A.	Grundy	S16690	35th Inf.

Hardin, Peter	Grundy	S6211	17th Inf.
Hargis, Abraham Dallas	Grundy	W9281	Hargis, Mary Elizabeth Travis
Hargis, John W.	Grundy	S10316	44th Inf.
Hatfield, William	Grundy	S11677	1st Confederate Cav.
Hawkins, Philip	Grundy	S15586	1st (Turney's) Inf.
Henley, J. C.	Grundy	S15981	28th Cav.
Henley, James Campbell	Grundy	W10977	Henley, Lura Estella
Henley, John H	Grundy	W10788	Henley, Tennessee
Henley, John H.	Grundy	S15697	28th Inf.
Henson, James Thadeus	Grundy	W3670	Henson, Ella C.
Hobbs, James	Grundy	S15977	5th Inf.
Holmes, B. F.	Grundy	W10173	Holmes, Mary
Irving, William Clar	Grundy	W1591	Irving, Jane
Johnson, Jaines Miles	Grundy	W8320	Johnson, Nannie J.
Johnson, James M.	Grundy	S4007	17th Inf.
Kelly, Charles R.	Grundy	W2015	Kelly, Martha A.
Kelly, John.	Grundy	W8178	Kelly, Amelia J.
Kilgore, Marion M.	Grundy	S16611	28th Cav.
Killian, J. H.	Grundy	S15671	40th Inf.
Killian, John Houston	Grundy	W10574	Killian, Martha
Kirk, James B.	Grundy	S3863	44th Inf.
Laxon, Jesse Ferril	Grundy	W39	Laxon, Emily G.
Levan, Samuel Celsie	Grundy	W5158	Levan, Calma Libonia
Leverton, Ben T.	Grundy	S4320	17th Inf.
Lindsey, William David	Grundy	W6845	Lindsey, Eliza Elizabeth
Lockhart, J. S.	Grundy	S10136	16th Inf.

Lockhart, J. S.	Grundy	W7706	Lockhart, Lucy
Lockhart, James M.	Grundy	W7217	Lockhart, Tennessee
Lovelace, George W.	Grundy	S1596	1st Inf.
Luck, W. H.	Grundy	S15892	Unassigned
Lusk, F. L.	Grundy	W7268	Lusk, Elizabeth
Manley, H. H.	Grundy	S2753	44th Inf.
Manley, H. H.	Grundy	W4647	Manley, Mary E.
Martin, C. M.	Grundy	S9328	4th (McLemore's) Cav.
Masengale, Joseph	Grundy	S877	16th Inf.
McCarver, Elias	Grundy	W10843	McCarver, Mary
McCleur, James	Grundy	S6247	1st (Turney's) Inf.
McClure, James	Grundy	W7179	McClure, Sallie
McGouirk, George W.	Grundy	S9585	1st Ga. Bn.
McGouirk, George Washington	Grundy	W6766	McGouirk, Martha E.
Meeks, Elijah	Grundy	S13934	28th Cav.
Meeks, Elijah	Grundy	W9079	Meeks, Catherine Veoger
Meeks, Thomas Jefferson	Grundy	W5419	Meeks, Melinda
Morton, Isiah W.	Grundy	W1626	Morton, Elizabeth
Morton, William P.	Grundy	S3859	1st (Turney's) Inf.
Northcut, Lawson Hill	Grundy	S6628	1st (Turney's) Inf.
Parker, J. R.	Grundy	S13337	35th Inf.
Parmley, Silas R.	Grundy	S10414	35th Inf.
Pattie, W. B.	Grundy	S3722	1st (Turney's) Inf.
Patton, T. B.	Grundy	S12062	44th Inf.
Patton, Thomas Benton	Grundy	W9233	Patton, Susan Clementine

Phipps, James	Grundy	S13431	7th Inf.
Reeves, William	Grundy	W4982	Reeves, Rosley Malindey
Roberts, Philip H.	Grundy	W1495	Roberts, Arsenath
Roddy, Albert D.	Grundy	S11197	24th Inf.
Roddy, B. F.	Grundy	S452	24th Inf.
Roddy, M. L.	Grundy	S3213	44th Inf.
Sanders, Jackson	Grundy	S11752	9th Bn. (Gantt's) Cav.
Sanders, Jackson.	Grundy	W7277	Sanders, Mary
Sanders, James S.	Grundy	S13615	44th Inf.
Sanders, John R.	Grundy	S10175	44th Inf.
Sanders, Milton P.	Grundy	S8583	27th Bn. . Cav.
Sartain, H. H.	Grundy	S8956	28th Cav.
Scruggs, John	Grundy	S15764	35th Inf.
Scruggs, John.	Grundy	W10120	Scruggs, Bertha
Sherrill, George Alpha	Grundy	W5703	Sherrill, Elizabeth
Shetter, M. A.	Grundy	S6765	43rd Inf.
Simpson, John	Grundy	S16526	Secret Service.
Smartt, Ezekiel	Grundy	S9217	16th Inf.
Smith, J. W.	Grundy	S565	Undetermined
Smith, John	Grundy	S6290	44th Inf.
Smith, John	Grundy	W6636	Smith, Susannah
Summers, J. W.	Grundy	W1890	Summers, Martha E.
Tate, C. G.	Grundy	S3236	35th Inf.
Tucker, J. B.	Grundy	S14031	20th Ala. Cav.
Turner, William B.	Grundy	S9280	39th Ga. Inf.
Vaughn, Robert	Grundy	W3559	Vaughn, Jemima
Wanmaker, James	Grundy	W1663	Wanmaker, Lydia Naomi

Ward, William H.	Grundy	S1161	4th N.C. Inf.
Ward, William Hudson	Grundy	W2970	Ward, Lucy Amanda
Wilcox, Dora	Grundy	S11469	32nd Inf.
Wilson, James C.	Grundy	S2851	14th Inf.
Wimberley, James Claiborn	Grundy	W2316	Wimberley, Mary Louise
Woodlee, James Jefferson	Grundy	W6698	Woodlee, Jane
Wooten, B. H.	Grundy	S10230	50th Inf.
Young, J. P.	Grundy	S3998	1st (Turney's) Inf.
Young, James Polk	Grundy	W5466	Young, Nancy Jane

DEATHS & OTHER EVENTS FROM 1936-1974

Recorded by Charles & Rachel (Bonner) Jacobs in a spiral bound notebook. The Jacobses lived in Valley Home Community. To be continued.

1936

Lizzie Fults	Dec. 31	Burrows' Cove
Mrs. Magg Patterson	Nov. _	Providence
Mrs. Abbie Parks	Aug 3	Valley Home

1937

James Cox	Mar. 6	Pelham
Elizy Henson	Feb. 14	Pelham
Silas Pearson	Jan. 22	Valley Home
James Hawk	Apr. 24	Pelham
Mrs. Kate Hawk	Apr. 20	Pelham
Alley Patterson	May 29	Providence
Mr. Collins Patterson	no date	—
Uncle Bob Payne	Mar 1	Pelham-buried at Warren Cmt
Sam Meeks	July 6	Payne's Cove
James Henley	Aug. 5	—
Oddis Seagroves	Aug. 5	—
Hugh Sanders	Oct. 5	Payne's Cove

1938

no entries

1939

Mrs. Mary Gallagher	Feb. 20	—
Lizzy Gilliam found	Jan	—
Mrs. Scott	Feb. 27	—
Miss Ruby Worley	Mar. 2	Pelham
Lue White	Nov. 5	Chattanooga
Louania Gilliam	Nov. 6	—
Virgil Smith	Mar. 25	—
Mrs. Magouirk	Mar. 28	—
Mrs. Jim Polk Pearson	Apr. 11	—
Mrs. Anne Hawk	May 6	—ville
John Cox	May 24	Hillsboro
Mr. Bill Layne	May 24	Layne's Cove
Miss Fannie F. Cox	May 27	Crossroads
Farrous Parmley	July 8	Coalmont
Miss Fannie Patterson	July 4	Providence
Abe Jackson	July 6	Battle Creek
John Burnett	Sept. 16	Pelham
Dave Thomas	July 16	Monteagle
Mr. Tom Turner	Oct. 21	Pelham
Mr. Lige Shetters	Nov. 1	Monteagle
Harleth Goodman	Nov. 11	Crossroads hit by a truck
Mrs. Lizzie Roberts	Nov. 23	Payne's Cove
Paul Edwin Goodman	Nov. 17	—

1940 Deaths

Dee Smartt	Feb. 6	Pelham
Robert Rogers	Feb. 3	in California
Jim Hamby	Feb. 18	Burrows' Cove
Bob Oliver	no date	Payne's Cove
Lillie Hamilton	Nov. 21	Crossroads
Alice Partin	Nov. 16	Chattanooga
Mrs. Delia Conry	Apr. 12	Pelham

Miss Molly Cox	May 28	Crossroads
Fred Payne	Nov. 27	Burrows' Cove
		Killed at a honky tonk
Edd Smith	Aug. 31	Summerfield
Mrs. Dan Conry	Sept. 6	Tracy City
Dr. Pearson	Nov. 8	Manchester
Dr. Farris	Nov. 8	Hillsboro
Ed Womack	Nov. 12	Piedmont
Ruth McFarland	Nov. 16	Monteagle
(Leon ?) Smith	Dec. 8	Providence
John Q. Brashear	Nov. 23	Pelham
Mr. Bill Aylor	Aug. 29	Crossroads
White Rowe	Aug. 1	Manchester
Mary Bell White	Aug. 1	Pelham
Jr. Gilliam	(Aug.) 1	Monteagle

1941

no entries

1942

Mrs. Eliza Jacobs	June 8	Crossroads
John Cox	Oct. 2	Tatesville
Bob Parmley	Jan. 12	Coalmont
Hence Willis	(Jan. ?) 12	Pelham
Charlie Jacobs	Jan. 16	Pelham
Mary Conry Knight	Nov. 8	Palmer
Tom Moran	Nov. 28	Layne's Cove

1943

Charles F. Cox	Dec. 14
Miss Medley	Dec. 20

1944

George Guinn	Dec. 21	Pelham	colored
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The Grundy County Historical Society has recently collected this picture of a 1960 Easter egg hunt. Taken at Frances Flury's, the picture includes: L to R front row: Lena Byers Braden, Leigh Ann Moore, Kathy Moore, Betty Schaerer Jacobs & Linda Schaerer Mankin. 2nd row: Shirley Tipton Carrick, Brenda Church, Debbie Pirtle Baker, Judy Layne Curtis, Kathy Myers, Lola Johnson 3rd row: Ginger Douglas, Jenny Moore, Brenda Nunley, Patricia Haynes, Teresa Pirtle Wiggins, Priscilla Land Graham.

MYSTERY PHOTO

Members

If you have a photograph that you would like help identifying who is in it, please send it to Sharon Nee Goodman at gchswbmaster@hotmail.com. Include as much information as you can and it will be added to an upcoming issue of the Pathfinder.



This photograph was given to my mother, Ruby (Wileman) Kunz by her cousin Bertha (Johnson) Lawson. It was included in with several other photographs of their relatives which were identified so it is probably associated with those family members who include Abby Jane (McCoy) Henley, Grandmother of Ruby and Bertha, Ike or Steve McCoy, Brothers of Abby Jane Henley. It also could be from the Wileman side of the family, if so, it could be Mack Wileman and his first wife Mary (Dudley).

The front of the photograph has the identification of the Southern Studio, Tracy City, Tenn. and has a format of about 1900.

There is nothing written on the back of the photograph.

Any help in identifying this photograph would be greatly appreciated.

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Located near Gruetli-Laager and Palmer. Cemetery is inaccessible by regular car.

WANTED!

Jackie Layne Partin is looking for photos of people who were taken standing in front of the Monteagle Hotel eagle before the eagle flew away. Please scan your photos to jackiepartin@blomand.net at 300 or more dpi's. There will be hundreds out there, so go through your photo albums, and I bet you that one will turn up.

TOMBSTONE SYMBOLS, PART 2 of 2 Janelle Layne Taylor

HOLLY	Foresight
HORSE	Courage or generosity. An attribute of St. George, St. Martin, St. Maurice, and St. Victor, all of whom represented in Christian art on horseback.

HORSESHOE	Protection against evil
HOURLASS	<p>Swiftness of time; short life. Its use associated with personified figures of Death and Father Time comes out of a long tradition of mortuary symbolism. Rarely used alone; usually appeared along with hearts, stars, leaves, and sacred flowering vines.</p> <p>On its side- that time has stopped for the deceased.</p> <p>Winged- time and its swift flight.</p>
IHS (occasionally seen as IXC)	Signifies devotion to Jesus Christ; variously interpreted as an abbreviation for His name as spelled in ancient languages, or of the Latin phrase Iesu Hominum Salvator (Jesus, mankind's Savior)
IVY	Because it stays green forever, it has long been symbolic of immortality; eternal life. Also may signify friendship.
KEYS	Keys stand for spiritual knowledge or, if held in the hands of an angel or saint, the means to enter heaven.
KNOT	The interlaced Celtic knot represents resurrection and life everlasting.
LABRYNTH	The passage of life.
LAMB	This is the most common animal symbol found on a child's grave. The use of the lamb in religious art predates Christianity and appears to have been used first by the Egyptians. It signifies purity and innocence. Because the lamb is a symbol of Christ: "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (Bible, John 1:29) it appears throughout the ages with great regularity in Christian art.
LADDER	Scale of perfection
LAMP	Knowledge, a love of learning, and the immortality of the spirit.
LILY	Innocence, purity, and resurrection. Often associated with the Virgin Mary and resurrection and used on women's graves. The use of lilies at funerals symbolizes the restored innocence of the soul at death.
LILY OF THE VALLEY	Return to happiness, purity, humility

LION	Symbolizes the power of God and guards the tomb against evil spirits. Like other guardians, the lion's watch is as eternal as the stone of which it is depicted. The lion also recalls the courage and determination of the souls which they guard, they manifest the spirit of the departed. Resurrection.
MENORAH	Seven-branched candlestick that is a Jewish symbol for divine presence of God. The seven branches of the candlestick represent the seven channels of the spiritual self-expression.
MERMAID	Dualism of Christ – half God, half man
MOSS	Merit.
MORNING GLORY	Resurrection, mourning, youth, farewell, brevity of life, departure, mortality; beginning of life.
MULBERRY	I will not survive you.
OAK	Strength. It is believed to have been the tree from which Jesus Christ's cross was made. In smaller pioneer cemeteries, it is common to place children's graves near oak trees. The oak tree was the tree of life in pre-Christian times. The Druids worshipped the oak.
OLIVE BRANCH	Peace; symbol of safety which the dove brought to Noah after the flood
PALL, PICK, SPADE	Mortality
PALM	Spiritual victory, success, eternal peace, a symbol of Christ's victory over death as associated with Easter.
PANSY	Symbolizes remembrance and humility.
PASSION FLOWER	The elements of the passion of Christ: the lacy crown-the crown of thorns; the five stamens-the five wounds; the ten petals- the ten faithful apostles.
PEACOCK	Symbolized the incorruptibility of flesh, resurrection, beauty of soul, immortality.
PENTAGRAM	This is a five-pointed, star-shaped figure made by extending the sides of a regular pentagon until they meet. This figure pre-dates Christianity and was first known to be used by Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher. Later, in the Middle Ages, the pentagram was used by magicians and sorcerers. It was believed that the pentagram offered protection

	against evil. Christianity adopted the figure and the symbolism to suggest the five wounds suffered by Christ on the cross. It is interesting to note that the pentagram is used by both Christianity and Wicca (witchcraft).
P. of H.	Patrons of Husbandry/ a grange affiliation.
PINE	Fertility, regeneration, fidelity.
PINEAPPLE	Hospitality, good host.
PITCHER OR EWER	Traditional Jewish symbol found on a man's gravestone, signifying a Levite, who was responsible for cleaning the hands of the Temple Priest before he performed his priestly duties.
POPPY	Peace, rest, sleep, eternal sleep, consolation.
PORTALS	Passageway to eternal journey.
PYRAMID	Eternity. It was supposed that a pyramid-shaped tombstone prevented the devil from reclining on a grave.
RELICT	Widow
R.I.P.	Short form for Requiescat In Pace (Rest In Peace)
ROD or STAFF	Comfort
ROOSTER	Awakening, courage, vigilance.
ROSE	<p>Love, beauty, hope, unending love, associated with the Virgin Mary, the "rose without thorns." A red rose symbolizes martyrdom and a white rose symbolizes purity and virginity.</p> <p>The different stages of a rose's bloom, is indicative of the person's age at time of death.</p> <p>Just a bud- generally a child 12 years or under</p> <p>Partial bloom- generally a teenager</p> <p>Full bloom- normally in early/mid-twenties. The deceased died in the prime of life.</p> <p>Rosebud, broken- life cut short usually found with a young person's grave.</p> <p>Rosebuds, joining- strong bond between two people (e.g. mother and child who died at the same time)</p> <p>Rosebuds, several on same branch- secrecy</p> <p>Rosette- The Lord, messianic hope, promise, love.</p> <p>Wreath of rose- Beauty and virtue rewarded.</p>
SCROLL	Symbol of life and time. Both ends rolled up indicate

	a life that is unfolding like a scroll of uncertain length and the past and future hidden. Often held by a hand representing life being recorded by angels. The scroll can also suggest honor and commemoration.
SCYTHE	Death, the divine harvest.
SERPENT	Shown swallowing its own tail, it represents spiritual striving.
SHAMROCK	Ireland as country of origin.
SHELL	<p>The use of shell in burials is pre-Christian in practice and pre-dates even Egyptian burial practices. Shell is symbolic of fertility, resurrection and pilgrimage. Shell, small stones, and coins are the traditional objects left at grave sites. There are several meanings given to this act. It may be a symbolic referral to the ancient custom of burying the dead under a cairn of rocks to protect the body from scavenging animals, or a reminder that the individual is not forgotten.</p> <p>Scallop- symbol of the Crusades, pilgrim, pilgrim's journey, resurrection, life everlasting, connotes one's life journey. A symbol of birth and resurrection, a traditional symbol of the Puritans.</p>
SHIP	The grave of a seafarer.
SICKLE	Death as the "last harvest".
SKULL/SKELETON	Mortality; death.
SNAKE in a CIRCLE	Everlasting life in Heaven.
SOLDIER on HORSEBACK	<p>While some sources state that the following meanings are not uniformly intended by the monument craftsman, other sources state that if the horse has both front hoofs in the air, the person died in battle. If one hoof is raised, the person died as a result of wounds; if the horse has all four hoofs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.</p>
SQUARE	It represents the earth and earthly existence. Some monuments have a cube or square inverted to point the corners downward and upward. This illustrates earthly existence and the directions of earth and heaven.

SQUIRREL w/ NUT	Religious meditation or spiritual striving.
STAR	<p>Five-pointed star- Symbolic of the life of Christ and may also represent the five wounds of Christ.</p> <p>Five-pointed pentagram star-This star is drawn with one stroke of the pen. Its exact origin is unknown, and its meaning has changed throughout the ages. The pre-Christian Celtic priests called it the witch's foot. It is also called Solomon's Seal and was known in the Middle Ages as the goblin's cross. Today the symbol is a favorite among graffiti artists and so-called demonology practitioners. Like the pentagon, it is believed to have protective powers against evil. In Wicca beliefs, it represents protection against demons and a symbol of safety. The ancient Babylonians used the symbol as a magic charm. The five-pointed pentagram star represents the five senses. In Judaism, it represents the five mosaic books. This symbol has also been adopted by Masonic organizations.</p> <p>The Star of David- six-pointed star or Magen David (Hebrew for shield of David), it is typically used as a symbol of Judaism. The star is actually comprised of two triangles. It signifies divine protection as epitomized by the alchemistic signs for fire and water which are an upward and downward apexed triangle. The star can be traced back to ancient times, used by several Asia Minor cultures, as well as some Greek city states. For Judaism, the Star of David came into widespread use at the beginning of the 20th century. Theodore Hertzl, a Jewish activist, adopted the symbol in his writings promoting Palestine as a Jewish homeland.</p>
SUN SETTING	Death.
SUN RISING/SHINING or w/ RAYS	Renewed life; resurrection
SWASTIKA	Exact origin is unknown but it is considered one of the oldest and widespread symbols used. Commonly

	found on Buddhist memorials, it represents the sea of the Buddha's heart; the doctrine of the Buddha; the round of existence. To the Chinese, the swastika had two forms symbolizing the male and female; clockwise and counter-clockwise. Also used by the Romans and later by the Nazi party in Germany during the Second World War.
WORD	A military career. Broken sword- life cut short. Crossed swords- life lost in battle.
THISTLE	Earthly sorrow, Christ's crown of thorns, Scotland as country of origin, remembrance.
TREE	The all-covering love of Christ. Life, The Tree of Life.
TORCH	Lit or upright the torch represents life.
TORCH INVERTED	Life extinguished.
TRIANGLE/TREFOIL/TRIQUETRA	In Christianity, the equilateral triangle is the symbol of the Trinity. Other geometric shapes representing the Holy Trinity are the trefoil, the triquetra, the circle within the triangle, the triangle in the circle and the triquetra and circle. To the ancient Egyptians, the triangle was an emblem of Godhead; to the Pythagoreans, it symbolized wisdom. Another use of the triangle is in the symbol of the eye (Eye of God) surrounded by a triangle.
TRUMPETS	Victory and resurrection.
TRUMPETERS	Heralds of the resurrection.
URN	Greek symbol of mourning, the body as a vessel of the soul, originating as repository for the ashes of the dead in ancient times – a popular symbol of mourning.
URN w/BLAZE	Undying friendship.
VESSEL w/FLAME	The eternal flame or the eternal spirit of man.
VINE	The sacraments, God's blood, God
WEEPING WILLOW	Mourning, grief. Nature's lament, a symbol of sorrow.
WHEAT	Resurrection, bread and wine (Christian), fertility. Convent bakers use wheat flour to make communion wafers, making it a holy plant, of sorts, fit to grace the tombstone of a priest.
WINGED FACE	Effigy of the soul of the deceased.

WINGED GLOBE	A symbol of the first Egyptian sun god, Re. On Victorian monuments it is symbolic of the power that can recreate and, with the wings, means, "God, Lord over all, creator."
WINGED SKULL	Flight of the soul from mortal man.
WINGED WHEEL	Symbolized the Holy Spirit.
WOMAN HANGING ONTO CROSS	Faith. Original drawing accompanied Rev. Toplady's hymn "Rock of Ages." Also seen as woman clinging to pillar or anchor. Common motif on white bronze monuments and Masonic grave memorials.
YEW TREE	Sadness, eternal life.



Nancy Ruth and John Merrill Meeks
Summerfield Cemetery, Monteagle, TN

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

Sandra Tate Hereford

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NOTE: Printed as received.

1828

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1828. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

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

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Edmond Kersey and wife recd by letter.

3rd Brethren James Williams and Sister Caly Dunaway dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection and brethren James Walker, and Evan Lawler to bear it.

September meeting – a door opened – 2nd The letter called for read and received.

The church met on the first Saturday in October, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother James Burns and wife received by letter.

1829

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Wright dismissed by letter.

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

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The time of meeting on the Mountain altered from the 2nd to the 3rd Saturday in each month.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc. Door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Sarah Cagle recd by exprn. at the meeting on the Mountain.

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

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

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association and appoint brethren James and Jon. Walker and John Rogers to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter to the Association called for, read and approved.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother James Burns and wife recd. by letter.

1829¹

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Wright dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The times of holding meeting on the Mountain changed from the second Saturday to the third in each month.

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

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association. Brethren James and Jno. Walker to bear it.

¹ Minutes of 1829 meetings were rewritten with some changes in the original Minute Book. Ed.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc. First a door opened for the reception of members.

The letter called for read and approved.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Edmond Kersey and wife was received by letter of recommendation from the Buck Spring at our meeting on the Mountain.

1830

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

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

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Recd. a petitionary letter from Big Cove Church in favor of Samuel Miller and wife who had belonged to this Church.

3rd Brother Miller gave the Church satisfaction and he and wife was restored and by request dismissed in order by letter.

4th Recd a request from the Buck Spring Church for help in a matter of difficulty.

5th Nominated four members (towit) Brethren James Burns, John Rogers, Jeremiah Walker, and Isham Dyks.

6th The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association for inspection at next meeting.

7th Select by ballot – Brethren James and Wm. Walker and John Rogers towit.

Sept The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter to the Association called for read and approved.

Sister Levan exhibited a charge against Brother Jeremiah Walker (towit) – First that he should have told some persons that he saw a certain black mare hitched to a peach tree near her house and he then on his own profession by his barn – and others that he was standing by her stable and when sworn stated that he was standing between the fence and the stable.

2nd Charge was that he when standing between the fence and stable saw a wagon coming between her house and where James Levan now lives which she thinks impossible. Also that he saw the black mare at the same time and place standing above her dwelling house hitched.

Brother Jeremiah Walker denies the above charges in part.

The Church appoints a call Church meeting on Tuesday next. Brother Rogers to request Sister A. Bost to attend.

The Church met agreeable to adjournment on Tuesday and after deliberations adjourn til Thursday next.

The Church met on Thursday according to adjournment.

Took up the charges of Sister Levan as evidenced on Saturday last.

First – chose a committee to arrange the charges (towit) Brethren John Rogers and John Allen – who say take the charges up as they stand on record – to which the Church proceded. And after the witnesses being examined (in the presence of the parties) and after alteration and deliberation – some members professing not to be ready to take a general question pray some time of deliberation to assess their reasons. The Church agree to wait next meeting in cove.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

Calls for the reference of last meeting – took up the fore charge as stated in record and agreed that the evidence as taken down by the clerk be read and examined (and when comited by the several witnesses) was received.

A general question being taken the Church seem not to be at awareness.

A call meeting on Tuesday next appointed to labor for reconciliation. Brethren appointed to site absent members.

The Church met on Tuesday agreeable to adjournment.

Took (a record of the situation being obtained) – took up the first charge and after allocution and deliberation the question being taken – (had Sister Levan just cause of grief) from the evidence on both sides to bring in said (first charge) or seat. Answered she had not. (continued to next page) The Church proceeded to hear evidence in the second charge. The evidence called and objected to (be heard) – on which the Church got in to confusion and so adjourn til meeting in course.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc. The record of last meeting called for and read.

The Church labor for a reconciliation and come to business.

The Church request Brethren J. Burns to request Sister Nancy Argo to attend at our next meeting and in case she can't attend to send her reasons in writing and call on Brother William Stiles to assist in taking it.

Next Church meeting to begin on the Friday before the first Saturday in December.

The Church met on the Friday before the first Saturday in December and after prayer proceeded to business. A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Burns stated that he with Brother Stiles called on Sister Argo who said she would be at our next meeting. Meeting to begin tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

The Church proceeded to take the relation of Sisters Mary and Nancy Argo – which was ordered to be taken down by the Clerk.

A motion being made and seconded – the Church agree to leave the present difficulty to a committee of members called from other Churches and their decision to be the act of this Church.

Call for help from the sister Churches (towit) Hickory Creek, Buck Springs, Rocky River, and Concord churches.

The clerk ordered to prepare preliminary letters – to attend us on Friday before the first Saturday in January next. Brethren John Rogers to Hickory Creek,

James Walker to Buck Springs, Isham Dyks to Rocky River, James Burns to Concord.

CORRECTIONS

If you find any mistakes in any issue of the Pathfinder, please contact the Editor. All corrections will be printed in the following issue if at all possible.

In the March, 2010 issue of the Pathfinder, we incorrectly ID'ed the photo on page 22. The correct caption should be: On the far left is Clarene (O'Neal) Thomas, the man in the center is George Thomas, and the lady on the right is Helen (French) Thomas.

DEATH NOTICES

Sue Scott

Meeks, Francis Hue b. Sept 29, 1933 in TN to Homer & Edna (White) Meeks, died Feb 17, 1976 in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was married to Johnnie Ruth Henry and was survived by 3 children, Jimmy, Jeffrey and Wanda, his half siblings, his mother Edna Burnett and grandmother, Myrtle White.

Meeks, Hollis Melton b. April 12, 1908 in TN to Will & ---- (Powell) Meeks, d. July 31, 1988 at a hospital in Winchester and was buried at White Cemetery. He had been married to Ida Mae Tate and was survived by 2 daughters Vera Wanda Braden and Betty Sue Burnett and 2 sons, Tate and Hollis Durand Meeks.

Meeks, Ida Mae b. Oct 3, 1904 in TN to Joe and Flora (Layne) Tate, d. Aug 23, 1986 at her home in Gruetli-Laager and was buried at White Cemetery. She was married to Hollis M. Meeks and was survived by 4 children, Betty Burnett, Wanda Braden, Durand Meeks and Tate Meeks and a brother, Floyd Tate.

Meeks, Jeffrey Lynn b. June 24, 1962 in TN to Francis Hue & Johnnie Ruth (Henry) Meeks, d. July 10, 1985 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He had a brother Jimmy and a sister Wanda.

Meeks, John V. b. July 22, 1919 in TN to John Vester & Dolly (Meeks) Meeks, d. March 26, 1976 at a hospital in Smithville and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was married to Mildred Mae Tate and had 3 children, Dianne, Darlene and Steven. H was survived by 3 brothers, Joe, Allen and Clyde.

Meeks, Lillie Bell b. Feb 2, 1917 in TN to Earnest & Allie (Campbell) Rust, d. Dec 24, 1981 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She had been married to Pascal Meeks and had 2 daughters, Rochelle and Sherry. She had 3 brothers-Louie, A.G. and Connie and a sister, Frankie.

Meeks, Marvin Lee b. Oct 1, 1959 in TN to Marvin H. & Martha (Tabors) Meeks, d. Nov 2, 1978 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He had a brother Michael and a sister Sarah.

Meeks, Mary Elizabeth b. Aug 19, 1909 in TN to Joseph Jacob & Katherine "Katie" Andregg, d. May 25, 1986 at her home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was 1st married to George Franklin Overturf and had a daughter, Nellie. After his death, she married Henry Meeks. She had a sister Almeta and 3 brothers, Joseph, Edward and Alfred.

Melton, Henry William b. May 14, 1923 in TN to Charlie & Nancy Belle (Anderson) Melton, d. April 30, 1971 at his home in Tracy City and was buried at Clouse Hill Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Lucille Smith Melton, 3 children and a sister Margie.

Merrell, Albert E. b. Nov 22, 1906 in TN to Elijah & Fannie Mae (Conry) Merrell, d. April 15, 1973 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Brown Chapel Cemetery. He married Margaret Nunley and had 2 daughters Alyene and Juanita and a son, Billy Albert.

Merrell, Fannie Mae b. Feb 17, 1884 in TN to Thomas & Ella (Duncan) Conry, d. July 30, 1976 at a hospital in Warren County and was buried at Tracy City Cemetery. She was a widow of Elijah E. Merrell. She was survived by 3 children, Thomas, Ralph and Nellie and 3 brothers, Will, John, and Eugene.

Merrell, Thomas William b. Nov 1, 1910 in TN to Elijah & Fannie (Conry) Merrell, d. Nov 21, 1981 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Brown Chapel Cemetery. He was survived by 4 sons, John, Tommy, Wayne and Danny and 3 daughters, Frances, Wanda and Patsy, and 2 siblings Ralph Merrell and Nellie Geary.

Merciers, Jim b. Jan 1, 1923 to Wash & Mary (Colston) Merciers, d. Jan 5, 1985 at a hospital in Whitwell and was buried at Red Hill Cemetery in Marion County. He was married to Florence Fults and had a daughter Mary Elizabeth and 3 sons, James Wade, Eddie and Jerry Wayne. He was survived by 3 sisters, Lucille, Oma and Isabelle.

Mitchell, Pascal Marvin b . Mar 27, 1900 in TN to Henry N. & Susan E. (Roberts) Mitchell, d. June 20, 1978 at his home in Palmer and was buried at White Cemetery. He was married to Mattie Lorine White and had a daughter Mary and a son James David. He was survived by a sister Ora and a brother Emmett.

Morgan, Jennie Bell b. Jan 2, 1892 in TN to Irvin and Mary (Fults) Argo, d. Feb. 28, 1980 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Bonny Oak Cemetery. She was a widow of Thomas Arthur Morgan.

Morrison, Ben Jr. b. Feb 12, 1916 in TN to David Alfred & Martha (Blevins) Morrison, d. March 28, 1979 at Cumberland Heights and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was married to Jessie Tate. He had 11 children to survive him, Judy, Susan, Betty, Carol, Laura, Jimmy, Lannie, Billy, Jack, Jeffrey, and Danny.

Morrison, Robert Lee b. Sept. 18, 1909 in TN to Issom & Inez (Riley) Morrison, d. June 21, 1980 at Cumberland Heights and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was survived by a daughter Elaine and 2 sons, Lewis Edward and Martin Charles, a sister Maude and a brother Frank and 3 half siblings, Phyllis, Oscar and Henry.

Myers, Cordie Mae b. Sept 2, 1890 in TN to James K. Polk & Mary Elizabeth (Meeks) Givens, d. June 7, 1974 at her home in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was a widow of Orb Myers and they had 5 children, J.T., Willie Katherine, Alyene, Maxie Elizabeth and Glen. Her known 7 siblings were Pascal, Douglas, Carrie, Jim, Cleo, Nellie, Nora and Carrie.

Myers, Glen Hardy b. May 19, 1933 in TN to Orb & Cordie (Givens) Myers, d. Nov 15, 1981 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Swiss

Colony Cemetery. He was married to Lela Crabtree and had 4 sons, Larry, Mike, Dale and Kelly.

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.**

1850 Special Census (continued)

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Smith, Emsley- Improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 130; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 5; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$175; Indian corn, 400; oats, 30; wool, 8; peas & beans, 6; Irish potatoes, 15; butter, 30 lbs.; maple sugar; 40; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$30; tobacco, 75 lbs.; orchard products, \$5; flax, 30 lbs.

Smart, William C.- Improved acres, 7; unimproved acres, 18; cash value of farm, \$50; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 1; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$60; Indian corn, 150; wool, 2; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 20 lbs.; maple sugar, 10; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$18; tobacco, 25 lbs.; flax, 10.

Smart, John- milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$55; butter, 40 lbs.; maple sugar, 10; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

Nunley, William B.- improved acres, 35; unimproved acres, 4; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 7; swine, 15;

value of livestock, \$172; Indian corn, 450; oats, 40; wool, 16; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 50; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$47.

Nunley, Joseph- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; value of livestock, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$8.

Green, Samuel- improved acres, 8; unimproved acres, 17; cash value of farm, \$60; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; sheep, 6; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$126; Indian corn, 400; oats, 40; wool, 7; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; tobacco, 35 lbs.; flax, 30 lbs.

Green, Mordicai- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 5; cash value of farm, \$100.

Nunley, Alexander- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$100; milch cows, 2; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$25; Indian corn, 250; oats, 40; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

Fults, Adam Sr. - improved acres, 18; unimproved acres, 32; cash value of farm, \$50; Indian corn, 50; peas & beans, 5; maple sugar, 9; value of animals slaughtered, \$15.

Walker, John J. Sr.- improved acres, 50; unimproved, 75; cash value of farm, \$550; horses, 4; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 3; sheep, 4; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$346; wheat, 5; Indian corn, 700; oats, 216; wool, 10; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30 (?); wax/honey, 50 lbs.

Levan, James- improved acres, 80; unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 6; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 5; sheep, 8; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$470; wheat, 11; Indian corn, 600; oats, 50; wool, 25; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 100 lbs.; maple sugar, 100; value of home manufactures, \$70; value of animals slaughtered, \$47; flax, 20 lbs.; flaxseed, 3 lbs.; wax/honey, 100 lbs.

Gross, Lawson- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 160; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 4; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$129; Indian corn, 350; wool, 8; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 5;

butter, 18 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; flax, 5 lbs.

Nunley, Jesse- improved acres, 80; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 6; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; swine, 85; value of livestock, \$365; Indian corn, 750; oats, 120; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, 30; wax/honey, 80 lbs.

Vickers, Joseph- improved acres, 37; unimproved acres, 43; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 375; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 10 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

Vickers, Jesse- improved acres, 37; unimproved acres, 43; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; sheep, 9; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$114; Indian corn, 250; oats, 50; wool, 10; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 3; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$21.

Ransom, Katherine- horses, 2; milch cows, 1; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$70; Indian corn, 50; peas & beans, 3; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$15; tobacco, 15 lbs.

Oliver, H.R.- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 120; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$158; Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 200 lbs.; maple sugar, 5; value of home manufactures, \$45; value of animals slaughtered, \$87.

Smith, Nancy- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 5; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 1; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$146; Indian corn, 225; oats, 100; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 17; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$20.

Savage, Samuel- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 240; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 4; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 4; sheep, 3; swine, 110; value of livestock, \$449; Indian corn, 400; oats, 20; wool, 7; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 20; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; tobacco, 20 lbs.; wax/honey, 200 lbs.

Savage, Simeon- horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 3; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$87; Indian corn, 150; oats, 30; wool, 7; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 12 lbs.; value of home manufactures, %25; value of animals slaughtered, \$22.

Wilson, Ballard G.- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 105; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen; 2; sheep, 9; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$170; Indian corn, 250; wool, 20; sweet potatoes, 10; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$47.

Lankford, Silas- milch cows, 1; sheep, 1; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$60; Indian corn, 50; oats, 15; wool, 19; peas & beans, 6; Irish potatoes, 7; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 7 lbs.; maple sugar, 20; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$28; tobacco, 28 lbs.; flax, 20 lbs.

Rogers, Terrell- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 35; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; swine, 48; value of livestock, \$133; Indian corn, 300; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 100 lbs.; maple sugar, 18; value of home manufactures, \$20; flax, 25 lbs.

Stepp, Richard M.- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 216; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 3; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 5; sheep, 18; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$428; wheat, 2; Indian corn, 1000 (?); oats, 250; wool, 40; Irish potatoes, 100; sweet potatoes, 60 (?); butter, 300 lbs.; maple sugar, 50; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$60; flax, 8 lbs.

Patrick, William- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 55; value of livestock, \$201; Indian corn, 275; oats, 120; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 25; value of animals slaughtered, \$15; tobacco, 30 lbs.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janelle Layne Taylor

Progress continues to be made on the Heritage Center. As you have heard previously, the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company Research Library has been completed and is now receiving numerous visitors. Our all-volunteer staff does an excellent job of keeping the library open from 10 AM - 4 PM Monday through Friday. We appreciate the people who give of their time and talent to perform this public service to Grundy County.

The Exhibit Hall has been completed, and we are now in the process of gathering materials for the various different aspects of Grundy County and the surrounding region that will tell the story of our geology and environment, The Chikamaka Band of Native Americans, The Timber Industry, Coal, Railroads and the Birth of the New South, Summerfield & Highlander; The Monteagle Assembly; the Swiss Colony at Gruetli, Beersheba, and the various coves and valleys around the county. The 40' mural on the wall at the entrance of the building recalls buildings and lifestyles of generations past from all over Grundy County.

The outside of the 1904 bank building is taking on the look it had in its heyday. Second story windows have now been installed in the front, the center arch window is in place, and the 3 entrance doors are ready to be installed. Brick restoration has taken a while because deterioration. Water damage was quite extensive, but the capable team of bricklayers now has the walls looking as good as new. The approach on Highway 41 from the direction of Flury's Store is being radically improved with the changes being made in the Heritage Center. In front of the Center there is the Garden Club's mini park and a statue of a train engineer. To the right of the adjoining Citizens Tri-County Bank building is the statue of a coal miner. If you are within driving distance, please come by and see the building in its setting at 465 Railroad Ave. in Tracy City.

With the completion of the outside of the building comes the last phases, reconstructing the interior of the old bank with its tin ceilings and plastered walls and finishing the upstairs office and storage areas. We are in the home stretch, lacking only about \$93,000 to reach the \$350,000 goal, but we need your help to raise the last of the funds to complete the restoration of this wonderful old historic building. The Historical Society is a 501 (c) 3 which means that your contribution is tax deductible. Contributions may be sent to Grundy County Historical Society; P.O. Box 1422; Tracy City, TN 37387.

The Historical Society has undergone restructuring in an effort to become more efficient and effective. Ongoing projects include the publication of *The Pathfinder*, distributing our books, managing the research library, furnishing & managing the museum. We are working to publish a comprehensive cemetery book listing all graves in Grundy County. If you know of unmarked graves anywhere in the county, please notify us at the address in the above paragraph.

We are glad that you have chosen to be a member of the Grundy County Historical Society. Without our loyal members we could not exist.

Thank you for your support.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

I apologize for the being late in getting the Pathfinder out this month. I've been visiting in Tennessee and Texas for the past month; getting my youngest son settled into our house in Manchester, mowing my yard and sitting on the front porch swing! I also (finally) got to visit the Heritage Center in Tracy City! What a great source this is going to be for the future generations of researchers of Grundy County citizens!



The exterior of the Heritage Center.



The interior of the Heritage Center.

As exciting as this was, there was one thing that topped even that... my son and his wife had a baby boy while I was visiting them in Texas! As a first time grandmother, I am thoroughly enjoying it so far!

Looking forward to hearing from you soon! Send to: Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, Corona, CA 92883 or email them to: gchswbmaster@hotmail.com.

“DID YOU KNOW?”

From Grundy County Court Minutes Book I: 1844-1855

(Transcribed as written)

Monday the 3rd November 1845

Ordered by the court that Anderson S Goodman, Barnaby Burrow, and Edmond Martin esquires Justices of the Quoram be allowed three dollars and sixty six cents each, for their services ending at July court last, to be paid out of any money in the county treasure not otherwise appropriated, there being nine Justices present and the vote being taken those who voted in the affirmative were nine and in the negative none.

Ordered by the court that Thomas Warren, Richard Bradford and Silas Lankford esquires Justices of the quoram be allowed three dollars and sixty six cents each, for their services ending in January Term 1846, to be paid out of any money in the county treasure not otherwise appropriated, there being nine Justices present and the vote being taken those who voted in the affirmative were nine and in the negative none.

(NOTE: ALTHOUGH NOT SHOWN IN THE BOOK, COUNTY COURT MINUTES, BOOK 1, I THINK AT THIS POINT, THERE ARE MISSING PAGES OR DELETIONS BECAUSE THE NEXT ENTRIES ARE CERTAINLY FROM 1846. AFTER ADJOURNING THE COURT AND RE-CONVENING THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE DATE IS NOW THE “6TH OF JANUARY, 1846.” SHARON NEE GOODMAN).

This day the court elected the worshipful John Burrows chairman and William Dugan & Richard Bradford Justices of the quoram for the year 1846.

This day the court appointed Anderson S. Goodman and Michael Hoover Commissioners to settle with the county officers for the Year 1845.

Ordered by the court that Philip Roberts high Sheriff of Grundy County be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars and fifty cents for ex officio Services from the first Monday in August 1844 up to the 1st Monday in January 1846, including Wood and Water furnished the circuit court, to be paid out of any money in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated; there being eleven Justices present and the vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were eleven, in the negative none.

Court adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

John Burrows chairman
Richard Bradford
John Fults

Tuesday morning the 6th of January 1846

Court met pursuant to adjournment, present the worshipful John Burrows chairman John Fults and Richard Bradford Justices &c.

Ordered by the court that John G. Burrows be appointed Overseer of the road from the forks near Jacob Myres to the pond in Myers lane and have William Dickerson and William Campbell to work under him to keep said road in repair.

Court adjourned until court in course.

John Burrows Chairman
Richard Bradford
John Fults

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Leslie Coppinger

Melda Jacobs, Paul E. Sanders, James & Mary Mullins, Sue Feldkamp, John Campbell, Gwen Jones-Curtis, Daisy Jo Ellis, Elliott & Margaret Zucker, Ronnie & Betty Geary, Robert Edward Banta, Minnie A. Gorin, Lisa Rollins, Kelly Gibbs, .

MEET THE GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS!**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 or Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, CA, 92883.

QUERIES

250-2010 Anyone have info on old confederate veteran organizations in Grundy County or Tracy city? I was told my family may have been involved. Pass this on to anyone who my have some info. I just recently joined today's SCV thru my Great Grandfathers name.

Jim Sartain

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251-2010 My family came to Texas from Grundy County Tennessee in the early 1880's. My family line is Martin Dykes, Sanders Dykes, Martin Van Buren Dykes, John Martin Dykes, Troy Harrison Dykes, John Calvin Dykes, Kenneth Troy Dykes. Martin Dykes was born in 1790 in North Carolina and moved to Tennessee. I would like to visit Grundy County and contact some of my relatives there. I

believe there are still many of the descendants of Martin Dykes living there. Please help me find someone to contact about the Dykes family.

Kenneth Dykes
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252-2010 My name is Buntie Thomas Hooks. I lived in Grundy County through the 5th grade when my parents, who were teachers, moved the family to Georgia. My father was Fred William Thomas and my mother is Mary Elizabeth Lankford. My Grandfather was Fred Thomas and my Grandmother Margaret Melissa Anderson. My Great Grandfather was Joseph R. Thomas and my Great Grandmother was Sarah J. Burks. My Great Great Grandfather was Benjamin C. Thomas and my GG Grandmother was Mary Robinson. My GGG Grandfather was Samuel Thomas and my GGG Grandmother was Rachel Hampton. My GGGG Grandfather was Daniel Thomas and my GGGG Grandmother was Mary Hughs. I can't find any information past Daniel Thomas and Mary Hughs so if anyone has any information about my Thomas family would love to hear from you.

Buntie Thomas Hooks
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253-2010 I'm related to Alexander Nunley, (Chikamaka Indian) I'm sure you've heard of him? Got all kinds of ancestor's from Grundy, Coffee, and Warren Co. Tn. Surnames are, Wooten , Nunley, Tallman.

Kim R. Ward
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253-2010 Researching the following surnames: Alderman, Bahr, Barrens, Boyd, Campbell, Case, Chambers, Dykes, Elliot, Gaston, Gross, Harris, Higgins, Hopper, James, Johnson, Jolley, Jones, Patton, Perkins, Phillips, McClure, McCay, McCoy, McMillan, Newton, Ralph, Reid, Simonton, Spencer, Tate, Young, Walker.

Rhomer Johnson
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DEATHS & OTHER EVENTS FROM 1936-1974,
PART TWO

Recorded by Charles & Rachel (Bonner) Jacobs in a spiral bound notebook. The Jacobs' live in Valley Home Community. (To be continued).

1944

George Guinn	Dec. 21	Pelham colored
Edd Conry		Payne's Cove

1945

Hulin Martin	Oct. 9	Thompson Hall
Mrs. Ella Conry	Nov. 2	Collins
Toad Patton	Dec. 4	Pelham
Sam Werner	April	—

1946

Mrs. Joe Gilliam	May 16	—
John Winton	Aug. 3	Coalmont
Bill Cox	Aug. 24	Summerfield
Mrs. Lydia White	Nov. 20	Pelham
Jim Meeks	Nov. 20	Layne's Cove
Mrs. Lawrance Wooton	Dec. 30	—

1947

Mrs. Partin	Apr. 8	Providence
Edna Conry	July 28	—
Hattie Conry	July 10	Palmer
Perry Childress	Feb. 16	Cleveland, OH
France Rieder	Nov. 11	Layne's Cove

1948

Ed Brazile	Jan. 17	—
Ida Collins	Jan. 28	Providence
Allie Phipps	Jan. 29	Cleveland, OH
George Partin	Jan. 29	Monteagle
Morris Hill	Mar. 4	Layne's Cove

Bun Gilliam	April 29	Utah
Hub Sanders	April 30	Roark's Cove ?
Mrs. Julia Ann Goodman	May 12	_____
Jess McGregor	June 8	_____
Ray Gilliam	Aug. 29	Valley Home
Mrs. Echols	Sept ____	Burrows' Cove
George Howard	Sept. 20	Pelham
Clifford Bartlett	Aug or Sept	Killed by a train in Jasper
John Gallagher	Oct. 27	Pelham
Martin Conry	Dec. 28	Birmingham, AL
O.V. Meeks	Sept. 17	Layne's Cove

1949

Albert Mayes	Apr. 4	Payne's Cove
Claybourn Gipson	Apr. 21	Crossroads
Myrtle Meeks	Sept. 6	Coalmont
Dr. Bryant	Oct. 19	Prairie Plains
Josie Henley	Oct. 27	Manchester
George Clay	Nov. 17	Summerfield
Ginny Meeks	Nov. 26	___ found dead

1950 - 1951

no entries

1952

Mrs. Liza Goodman Smith	Jan. 5	Chattanooga
Avin Campbell	May 25	Burrows' Cove
Mable Sherrill	Mar. 4	Providence
Sidney Henley	May 9	Valley Home
Henry Jacobs	Aug. 1	Went to Hot Springs, Arkansas
Cave in on road	Oct. 10	Monteagle Mountain
Lizzie White	May 27	Chattanooga
France Lasater	June 11	Hillsboro
Mrs. Estella Henley	Dec. 29	_____

1953

Mrs. Lilly Lappin	Feb. 16	Chattanooga
Mrs. Estha Aylor	Feb. 28	Pelham
Miss Kate Patton	Feb. 21	Pelham
Mrs. Easter Parks	May 12	Layne's Cove
Phillip McGovern	May 17 ?	Tracy City

Mrs. Allie Blair	May ___	Crossroads
Jack Combs ?	May ___	Winchester
Mrs. Anna Armstrong	May 12	New York
Della Bowden	May 17	Pelham
Paul Winton	May 31	Burrows' Cove tree cutting accident
Mrs. Sally Roberts	July 24	Pelham
John Braseel	Aug. 5	Burrows' Cove
Vernon Campbell	Sept. __	___
Delley Gilliam	Dec. 5	Cleveland, OH
Sam Hargis	Dec. 12	___

1954

Abe Layne	Nov. 29	Layne's Cove
Icy Jacobs	Nov. 29	Pelham
Jim Henley	Feb. 1	Providence
Harvey Hamby	Nov. 17	Pelham
Jim Partin	Nov. 11	Monteagle
Jess Henley	Aug. 3	Decherd
Rufus Goodman	Sept. 17	
Mrs. Ida Phipps	Sept. 27	Louisville, KY
Bob Trussell	Feb. 30	
4 representatives shot	Mar. 1	
Dyer children fell in well	Jan. 8	
Horace "Mutt" White	Jan. 14	Pelham
Willie Rust	Feb. 14	Manchester
Mrs. Agnes Jones	Apr. 27	
Ben Turner	Apr. 15	Monteagle
Ben Nevels	May	
Marga Sartain	June 19	

1955

First service at Valley Home Church	July 3	
Mrs. Nell Winton	May 15	tried to drown
Mrs. Henry Jacobs	Aug. 15 @ 6:30 AM	
Robert Oliver	Oct. 7	Payne's Cove
Jim Payne		Pelham
Cheatom Oliver	Nov. 19	Payne's Cove
Robert Sanders	Dec.	
Mrs. Bob Oliver	Dec. 11	Payne's Cove
Alf Speegle	Jan. 18	Pelham

Ruth Bean	Jan. 26	Rutledge Hill
Creed Echols	Feb.	Burrows' Cove
Mrs. Mary Sherill Hill ?	Mar	Rutledge Hill
John Conry		Monteagle
Lan Parton	drowned	
Mrs. Hill died	Sept. 11	
James Polk Pearson	Oct. 29	
1956		
Bill Parks	Feb. 29	Monteagle
Mars	Feb.	
Mrs. Susie Cox	Mar. 4	Manchester
Ella Rite Landon	Mar. 17	
May White	Apr. 3	California
Dinctes ? F. Patton	Apr. 5	Pelham
Farris Rust	May 10	
W.H. Goodman	May 15	Valley Home
Ingrim Parmley	May 23	Coalmont
Clyde Aylor	July 16	Pelham heart attack It rained a hard rain at the grave yard.
Arden Bonner married	July 25	Valley Home
Cora Barkley died	July 2	Manchester
Dock Medley	Aug. 29	Pelham
Mrs. Jo Haynes	Nov. 21	Pelham
Mrs. Andy Carrick	Nov. 27	Tracy City

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW ONCE SAID...

“If you can’t get rid of the family skeleton, you might as well make it dance.”

Jackie Layne Partin (2008)

Family research is my one and only “hobby.” A few years back I paid ten dollars on the internet to get an address for one Alice Layne whose name I got from the back of an old photo in my mother’s cache after her death in 1999. After pressing and pestering my uncles and aunts who lived in other states, they finally came up with Massachusetts as being the state where this cousin might have

lived. So on May 17, 2003, I wrote her a letter, “*Dear Alice, ...if you are our Alice... and if you have the time, please write me...*” Ten days later I received this letter, “*Dear Jackie, What a wonderful surprise, after being away for a few days, to open my mailbox and find your letter there. Yes, I am the Alice you are looking for. I hardly know where to begin...*” I could hardly keep from turning a back flip when I realized that I had found a long lost cousin.

Under the northern bluffs of Forrest Point in Monteagle, Tennessee, on the first bench as we call it, Monroe and Rebecca Jane Cox Layne reared a family of nine children. One of their sons was Rush Monroe Layne born in 1895. He joined the Army and settled near the Boston, Massachusetts area where he married Jennie Anderson; Alice was their first child. Since her father died in 1923, and she lived so far away, the information about her Layne heritage was limited until the above-mentioned letter arrived. Her uncle, Alex Layne, was my grandfather. What is so sad about this situation is that I was reared within a mile or so of Forrest Point, and I knew nothing about my heritage. Alice had an excuse, but I didn't. I never asked my elders any questions; I made no notes; there were no family Bible records, and a drawing of my family tree was not required in 1950 by Mrs. Carden in my third grade class at the new Monteagle School. By the time I became interested in the history of Monteagle and my Layne family, who hailed from Laynes Cove, my older, loved ones had passed away. There were only a few persons left to ask about family or old Monteagle, and I accused all of *them* of being asleep. I protested; I told them to wake up their brains and help me in my search for family history. Some began to say, “I remember when ...,” or “Mama, told me ...,” or “Daddy said ...” Now, we were on our way.

Imagine how surprised and curious I was when one of these relatives told me that the house that I called “home” until my mother's death, was on the very spot where the old Monteagle School once stood on the corner of King and Second Streets; that the lumber in the house was part of the old school building; that Charlie Meeks built our house, Jamey and Louise Meeks' house and the Wilma Farmer house all from the old school ruins; that the huge, wide, worn path around our house was probably put there by many, many little feet from as far back as pre-1900; and that the dirt between the roots of the two huge oak trees in our yard was packed hard by the hundreds of children who sat on the roots at playtime. I never could understand why we had such huge well-worn cement steps at the back door of our little house. They must have been left from the school building. And of course there was that curious little footpath of sandstones on the right side of our house that seemed to come from nowhere and go nowhere. I never walked on them that I didn't wonder who put them there and why they were there—going

nowhere. Now, my dilemma was how could anyone as lost as I, help Alice with her many questions? But with excitement, I welcomed her into the Monteagle Layne family and filled her in as I discovered bits and pieces.

Sweet Alice in turn shared her newly found family with another lost Layne. Was this lost one a cousin of ours? Could she finally find her ancestors in the Monteagle area? When Alice's phone rang that day, the lady on the other end of the line told her that her father was a Layne from Monteagle and Tracy City. The lady, Anna Layne Sprankell, wanted to know if Alice could tell her anything about the Monteagle Laynes. Thankfully at that time, Alice herself had enough information to give the lady my address and phone number. She also called me and gave me Anna's phone number. If money had been falling from the heavens, I would have left my gathering of it to make the phone call. Excitedly and eagerly, I made the call even before she could contact me. The disgust I had with myself for not asking my grandfather, Alex Layne, questions, was becoming less burdensome. I could see light at the end of the tunnel. What if I could help someone else find Monteagle and Laynes Cove by shedding just a little light on the subject? Or more importantly, what if she could help me with information or some of those old, old photographs that all researchers yearn to find!

Overwhelmed by the information I was feeding her, Anna began to tell me her story. It seemed that her father, Walter Dee Layne, had been born in Laynes Cove and grew up in Monteagle. His family had lived a few years at Pryor Ridge where his father worked in the coalmines. He had never told Anna or her siblings, any of that information or anything about his Layne heritage. He had always told the family that he was an orphan and did not know who his people were. *There's a skeleton in the closet somewhere!!* After many years of wondering who her Layne grandparents were, in 1986 while her father lay dying, she asked once more, "Dad, who are my Layne grandparents?" Suddenly, *the skeleton began to dance*; she got her answer, "Sim and Josephine Layne...you will find out about them in Monteagle or Tracy City, Tennessee."

In December 2006, a week before Christmas, Anna, her brother Edward Lee Layne and one sister Marilyn Rae, came to Monteagle Mountain to meet for the first time four of their first cousins and of course me, a distant cousin. Not following their directions carefully, they went off the mountain on the old 41 Highway until they came to a sign that read, "*Laynes Cove*." Anna was lost in her directions, but found at that moment where she really belonged. I had told her by phone and emails how John and Esther (Kilgore) Layne had come from Dadsville/Victoria in Marion County over into Hollingsworth Cove as it was known back then; they had

filled the cove so full of their Layne descendants that it was eventually called *Laynes Cove*. Their firstborn son, Abraham K. Layne, born around 1828/9, married his first cousin, Elender Tennessee Kilgore, and fathered eighteen children, and this family came to live in Laynes Cove. Only three of the children survived to parent children—*Monroe, Simeon and Daniel*. I told Anna that this Simeon was her grandfather. Sim, as he was known, married Josephine Cook, and their last child Walter Dee was Anna's father. At that *Laynes Cove Church of God* sign, Anna and her siblings became connected to their past. She felt a sudden sense of belonging—never mind that as yet, she knew not to whom she belonged, but she knew at that moment that she “belonged.”

After a couple of phone calls and a careful reading of the directions I had sent, the siblings made their way to the home of Alvin and Shirley Dykes in Tracy City. Shirley is a daughter of Lizzie Layne Cox, a child of Sim and Josie Layne; this made her a first cousin to Anna. Shirley's sisters, Josephine Cox Hill, Carolyn Cox Gautier, and a brother Bobby Cox all met Anna, Edward Lee and Marilyn for the first time. *That old skeleton was really dancing!!* No one in the group asked, “How much money do you make, or from what college did you graduate?” It was all tears and joy and happiness. The questions and statements were, “I love you, and I'm so glad we found each other!” “Why did Daddy keep us in the dark about our heritage?” “Did you know our grandparents?” “You look just like my brother, or you have the same name as our cousin, and on and on!” The most important statement I heard was, “I wish Daddy had told us about his people so that we could have always known each other!” Josephine remembered seeing Anna as a small child, but knew nothing of her whereabouts for years. Anna had no remembrance of ever meeting any of her Layne cousins.

Another reunion was planned for all the first cousins (*there are more*) in the Spring. At that reunion Anna came back and brought these siblings, Edward Lee, Vikki, Stevie and Walter, Jr. Marilyn Rae lived too far away to make this trip. I took the group on a drive through Laynes Cove and the Monteagle Assembly (*their grandfather Sim Layne was on the building crew for the first auditorium*). Then we drove to Tracy City to eat a big lunch at the home of Shirley Dykes. Another period of joy, happiness and questions came about since Shirley's other brother Buddy and some nieces were present to meet Anna and her siblings. What a wonderful day we had together. However, unknown to us at the moment, there was a terrible tragedy playing out not too many miles out of Tracy City on the Jasper Highway. A terrible wreck had claimed the lives of Josephine Cox Hill's daughter and granddaughter; before the day was over one of Buddy Cox's grandsons was also killed in an automobile wreck here in Grundy County. Three

cousins, three descendants of Sim and Josie Layne, were gone in one afternoon. So what started out as a wonderful day ended sadly in two different tragedies! I felt a sense of urgency in finding the one more living first cousin, Florence (Layne) Boynton, daughter of Robert Overton Layne, to see if we could bring her into our “first cousin gang.”

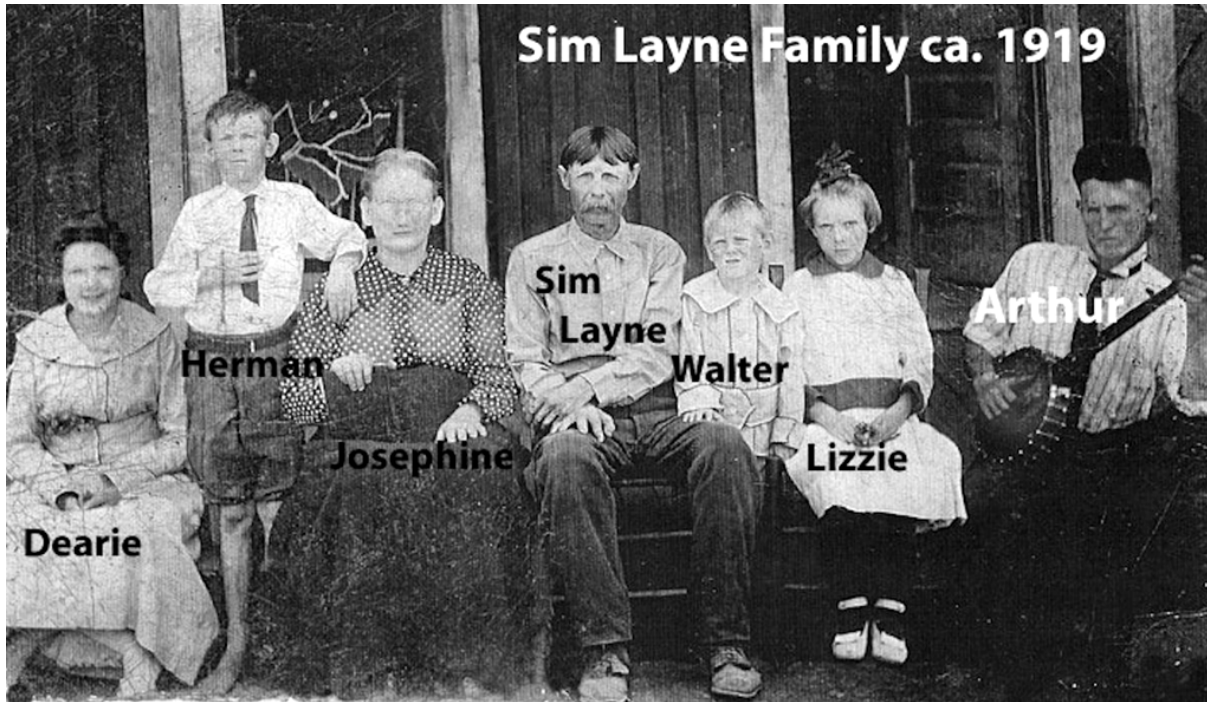
Before we learned of the wreck, we took the visiting cousins to the Summerfield Cemetery where their ancestors are buried. Then we went on to the Monteagle Cemetery where their grandparents, Sim and Josie Layne, are buried. It was obvious that these were long overdue moments. We were sad to see the visiting cousins leave, and on their way home, they went by a wreck on the Tracy City/Jasper Highway. Unknown to them, those involved in the wreck were their cousins, they slowly passed and went on their way full of talk about what they had found out about their heritage.

Some weeks later I finally found an address for one Florence (Layne) Boynton in Dunlap. I wrote her in September, and she quickly responded by a phone call. We exchanged phone calls several times. Unknown to me, in October she had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She never mentioned it to me. Then she did the most wonderful thing—a researcher’s dream—she mailed me a copy of the Sim Layne family photograph seen below. Then finally on one occasion after I had asked her how she was, she told me that the doctors had found tumors on her pancreas. I didn’t want to ask, but I had to, “Florence, are they cancerous?” “Yes.” I asked her if she would feel well enough to have some of her cousins visit her, and she was so hospitable in her answer, “Come anytime. I don’t go out to see doctors anymore. I am on hospice care.” My heart sank.

Two of her first cousins: Anna and Shirley, and I went to see Florence. She was a pretty lady and so kind. Her husband James helped her out of the bed so that she could sit and talk with us for a while. We exchanged pictures and stories and hugs and love. She let us see her albums and her family Bible. Her husband James was so kind to her and us. They let us take some photographs to Wal-Mart to copy, and after we had some lunch, we came back to return the photographs and tell Florence good-bye. She was asleep; we spoke with James and left, knowing that we would never see Florence again, at least in this world. She died two weeks later.

Whatever the reason was that kept these Layne cousins apart, it was not so important once the skeleton started dancing. Thankfully, all is not lost; much is found, and we are all searching together now for our little part in the history of

Laynes Cove, Monteagle, and Grundy County. My hope is that this little story will encourage you to search for your heritage. Some facts that you learn may be unpleasant, but the good far outweighs the bad. Make your skeletons dance! Happy Hunting!



GLANCING THROUGH THE PAST

Barbara Mooney Myers

As I excuse myself from my routines and chores, I glance once again at the book, *Pictures of Our Past*. I go over and over the pictures and see so many individuals I can recall and remember so well from my own past. Seeing these photos again takes me back to my childhood days, and the happy times we shared together.

We'd spend a lot of time at Henry Flury's Store just glancing or glaring at the many kinds of tasteful candies. There in front of us was a large glass candy display, each container with assorted kinds of candies in them. If we earned a nickel, we'd head to the store to buy our favorite candies.

There was the Dixie Theatre- “Oh, how I enjoyed the special time I spent there watching a lot of western movies.” We saw a lot of them in those days. Today, I’m still a western movie fan. My children have always expressed how different I was because I watch western movies. They would say, “Mama, these are men’s movies; they are not for women.” I just laughed and told them that it had rubbed off on me when I was young. At the Dixie Theatre we spent many long hours reminiscing about our time together as teenagers.

The old Coca Cola plant was on the Lankford Town Road which we walked to and from school. There we would see Mr. Albert Bonholzer, who was either the owner or manager of the plant. He always handed us girls a Coke- chilled and so good. Often we even shared it with someone else if we were not all given one. Anyway, it just didn’t last long enough for us. I know it didn’t for me. I still taste that flavor today.

Another store was Cheek’s Drugstore where we’d all go for a cherry sundae with Dr. Pepper floating from the top of it. We sipped and dipped until it was all gone. We tried talking while gazing at Mr. Cheek’s many books there on display. We’d do anything that allowed us more time to spend together in this wonderful store. Whether it was the cherry sundae or our scoop of ice cream, we always enjoyed our visits there. Today, we adults never forget those wonderful moments spent with friends in our childhood.

Two other stores to mention are Partin’s Store and Lawrence Shrum’s Store where my parents always traded when Dad got paid on Fridays. Here they got supplied with all they needed, or what the dollar could afford to get. We were taught at home to never pick up the items in any store. “Just look, “ Mama always said, “Don’t touch.” So we obeyed and were rewarded by getting a Coca Cola and a candy bar. My, we felt big about then. It was a treat maybe once a week for us kids to receive this.

Many recall the Hutchinson Rolling Store and the many times it pulled up in front of our homes. As a kid we always looked forward to sitting on the front porch, or in winter, staring from a window while anxiously awaiting its arrival. We didn’t receive much, usually a Coca Cola, a RC or Double Cola. My brothers and I would look around wondering which choice to pick from the little store. I always chose a RC and candy bar. Then Mama told us to sit on the porch while she did her trading. She often made trades with the driver. She traded eggs or fresh vegetables during gardening time.

After I married, I also traded with the Rolling Store. My two daughters loved seeing it pull up in front of our house just as I did when I was a child. Hutchinson Rolling Store helped many families in those days since they'd buy for another month a batch of flour, meal, sugar, coffee, dried beans and lard. Even a few small items that were needed could be bought. Many older families who probably seldom visited a grocery store used the Rolling Store. It was their only means of getting supplies they needed to survive. Walking was the transportation for many people in those days when few had cars, and some did not even have a horse and wagon. The Rolling Store was their supplier.

My greatest moments and days were spent attending Shook Scholl with the wonderful teachers and classes I shared with so many of those I grew up with. Many have died throughout the years. Although, they and time have passed, my memories are still there to fill my heart and mind. Education came slowly for many, but for me the interest I had was in writing of the history of our families and the ones around me. I loved spelling, geography, history, science and writing stories for our English classes. Math or arithmetic- I would have loved to leave it for the smarter ones, for I really didn't like it that much. Yet, I had to study it and did quite well in it. Shook School to me was my home away from home. When it burned down in 1976, I cried like a baby, for most of my greatest times went in that blaze that alarmed Tracy City. The memories still remain in my heart as they do in many others as well.

Looking back, I see so many faces I've known most of my life like my families, my friends, and many others. I see business owners like the Flurys, the Cheeks, the Partins, and Mr. Elgin Ramsey. I well remember the school teachers and our principal, Mr. Doug Goforth. There was Mrs. Ella Fults Café where we all shared so many a meal of her hot homemade soups and crackers with a Dr. Pepper, all so soothing and tasty as it went down. She huddled us children under her wings as if we were her own, providing us with food or a cold drink whether we had the money or not. This was our local hangout whenever we had free time on our hands. These are the faces and people we don't forget.

Many of the old houses are still standing. I walk passed them and appreciate the care that has gone into their upkeep. Some of the residents in these old homes still have the original family names. It thrills me to see that these old homes are cared for even today.

There are still very few of our churches left- the Methodist, the Episcopal Church, Hobbs Hill and very few others that haven't burned down or been torn down and

rebuilt. I still attend the First Baptist Church where we've passed through around 32 pastors since the building of it in 1892. Later it was rebuilt, and renovations done again in 1984. Now it has nearly two hundred members. Many of its earlier families attended the older church before the new one was built. Now the younger generations attend where they went along side their parents and grandparents so many years ago.

Tracy City has been building for generation; we are trying to keep our town going strong. A lot of old places, stores, homes and the people are gone, but there is always a reminder to bring us back to our wonderful memories that we once shared as a child growing up at home or taking a stroll through our town of Tracy City.

MYSTERY PHOTOS

Members

If you have a photograph that you would like help identifying who is in it, please send it to Sharon Nee Goodman at gchswbmaster@hotmail.com. Include as much information as you can and it will be added to an upcoming issue of the Pathfinder.



This was in my great grandmother's picture box. Her name was Missouri Alabama Morgan Reser. Her mother was Eleanor Sitz Morgan and her father was Thomas Morgan. Eleanor was daughter of Celia Dykes Sitz and John Sitz. Celia was the daughter of Isham Dykes and Prudence Choate. Eleanor was married to Thomas Morgan, son of John Morgan and Jane McCane. John was in the Tenn Vol. in the 1812 war against the Creeks. So does anyone have a picture of any of these people that

might look like this one? I know my Great grandma look like him, my grandma did, and my mom does. I just don't know who this noble warrior is.

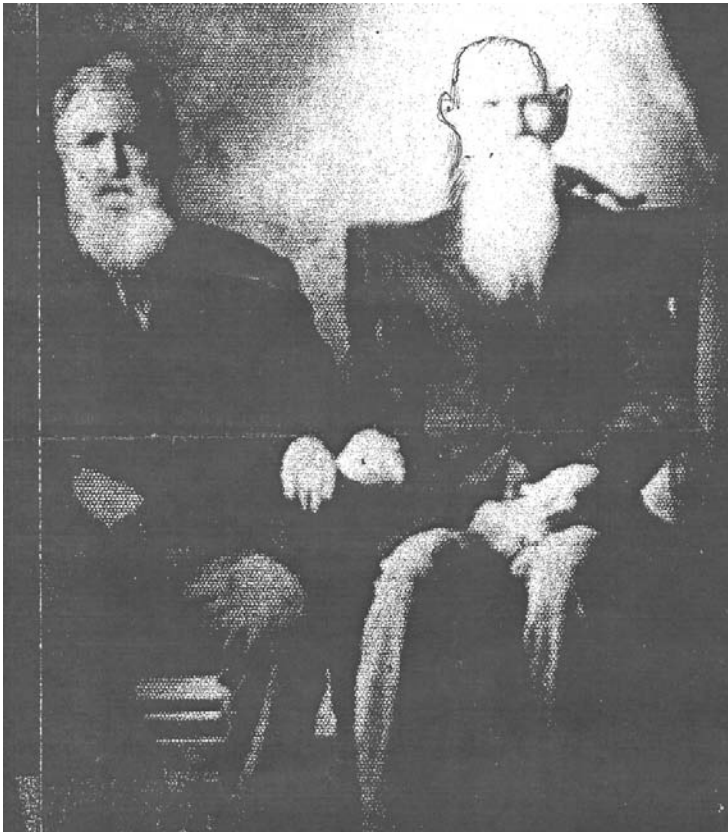
Thanks for your help!

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AND ANOTHER MYSTERY PHOTO

Who is the man on the left? This picture hung on the wall at the home of James Silas Sanders—widow Daisy and daughter, Myrtle. It was given to someone else related to the man on the left. The picture was in an oval brown frame. The man



on the right , J. S. (Jim) Sanders was the great-grandfather of Mae King Wilhelm.

Wm Ray Turner was hoping someone still in the area could identify the man on the left. If you have any information, please contact Jackie Layne Partin at jackiepartin@blomand.net. Jackie says, "It is a Xerox copy of a digital photo taken years ago of the original which was behind glass. This is a tough photo situation to deal with."

EDWIN ROWLETT ADAMS

Foreword by Jackie Layne Partin

Poem contributed by Betty Curtis Campbell

Edwin Rowlett Adams, the composer of the poem below, was born in Wayne County, Indiana in 1869. His parents were Solomon Wildman Adams and Susannah (Rowlett) Adams. The Adams family moved to Coalmont, Grundy County, Tennessee, around 1874—(*their story can be read at www.grundycountyhistory.org*) On January 24, 1892, in Grundy County, Edwin chose **Florence Nunley** daughter of **Carroll and Paralee Nunley** to be his bride. Together they had eight children with only five reaching adulthood—**Martin, Minnie, Chris, Andrew and Henry**. Edwin made his living in the coalmines as did just about every other man in his neighborhood. He and Florence built a comfortable home around their young family. The house that they built was almost identical to the one that Florence's parents lived in leading one to believe that Edwin's father-in-law helped him with the design and labor. For all outward purposes the family appeared to be living in good times. But trouble was always looming in the coal mining towns of Grundy County during those years and many to come.

Edwin Rowlett Adams wanted a union. This did not set well with the coal companies. He was an outspoken man and a leader for the union. During the year of 1908 threats of strikes at the Coalmont mines were on again, off again. It was during this year that Edwin was found unconscious in the woods. He had been shot once in the left side of his head. His family who saw the scene said he appeared to have been sitting on a log with his gun leaning against the log on his right side. After the shot was fired, he fell backwards from the log and was unconscious when found. Several men carried him to his home where immediate efforts were made to remove the bullet from his head. Young Minnie was about nine years old and saw the scenes unfold before her eyes. On March 09, 1908, her father died while she looked on. There was talk of how the hole was larger than could have been made with his own gun; how his gun was still leaning against the log and on the right side of his body; how there was no way that he could have shot himself in the left side of his head; rumors surfaced in the coal mining town. Minnie remembered that at least twelve men held an inquest in the family home. But if a decision was made as to murder or suicide, nothing was ever done. The family had no doubt that their husband and father had been murdered. Edwin left a wife and five young children to fend for themselves. Looking back on this situation, it just doesn't appear that Edwin was the type of man to kill himself. He

was a hard-working man who cared for his family and their needs. He also was concerned for the well-being of the hardworking coal miners. Unlike the rest of his family who preceded him in death, Edwin was buried at the Bonnie Oak Cemetery down the road from the Dick Sanders Cemetery.

The following poem was Edwin's first impressions of Grundy County, Tennessee. Needless to say, he never made it to "Kansas," but while quite young, he left the place he felt was "next to Hell."



L to R: Edwin Rowlett Adams, Chris, Martin, Florence, Minnie and neighbors Mollie and William Carroll Harris.

A Poem Composed by Edwin Rowlett Adams ca. 1875

On Cumberland Mountain's worthless
sand

Nothing but dense forests stand.
The oak, the chestnut and the pine,
The gum and maple full and fine,
The hickory and tall slim poplar fair
Bowling gracefully in the air.

Here in these wild forest live
The rain-crow and the turtle dove
The bluebird, sparrow and the crow.
The turkey also, which you know
Are sought by hunters far and near
And many dead ones do appear.

Here the pheasant too, is found
And in quail it does abound.
Here the squirrel also lives
And his food the chestnut is,
And his store away he lays
For to eat on wintery days.

Deer too are found in this wild wood
And they are the hunters food
And the hound, he runs him out
Amid the hunter's yell and shout.
Then they make it for the stand,
For to kill him if they can.

The mountain air is very pure
 And many sick folks it will cure.
 Come here all ye, who seek for health
 But stay away you who want wealth
 For the poor soil will never raise
 The standard grain, the good old
 maize.

Our wheat, also, we have to buy
 And raise but little rye.
 Barley and buckwheat are not known
 And but little oats are sown
 And to make a good crop sure,
 Potatoes we must needs, manure.

Our market too, is very poor
 And we get old checks and nothing
 more
 For what we take the pains to raise
 And wait besides 'till comes pay days.
 We then pay premium 15 per cent
 To get the money that we want.

I must admit there are other ways
 To make a living now-a-days
 Besides a turning o'er the land,
 'tis well there is, or we'd be as poor
 As old Job's Turkey and nothing
 more.

The devil here is always raised
 Among a people half civilized;
 They curse and swear and drink and
 fight
 Get drunk and lay out over night,
 And then go home sick as a dog,
 Puke o'er the house worse than a hog.

This is the place in which we stay;
 Where some men even run away
 Together with their brothers' wives,
 And threaten one another's lives.
 So now I think I'd just as well
 Get away from here which is next to
 Hell.

I'm going out to Kansas fair
 Where healthy also, is the air;
 And fields of corn and silvery wheat
 Stretch out like an extended sheet
 O'er prairies pretty and sublime,
 In that bright beautiful sunny clime.

I am going where people are civilized
 Where honesty and virtue are prized
 Where people do not curse and swear,
 And everything is done up fair,
 Where people are lively as a cricket,
 And also vote the Republican Ticket!!

GLENDASCHROEDER TURNS CHILDHOOD HOBBY INTO CAREER CREATING HISTORICAL CLOTHING

Janelle Taylor contributed link

Glenda Schroder's period costumes are delightful, so I thought you might like to see some samples of her work. She is also a Sequatchie County researcher. Check the website below.

From Glenda's website: "When I became restless, or banned to seclusion as a child growing up in a very small, very strict, religious community, Dayton, Rhea County, Tennessee, during the 1960's and 1970's, the only way I could keep myself busy in these long lonely hours and days, was to teach myself to sew. I would get a needle and some thread along with some fabric or an old rag, drafting, designing and making clothes for my dolls' . By the age of eleven I moved up to making my own, and by the age of fourteen I was making clothing for customers. I now specialize in Civil War Reproductions for Re-enactors, Museums, and the Film Industry, with a long list of Clientele such as Wall to Wall Media/Texas Ranch House PBS Reality TV Production, Allen Albert Productions Broadway, NY, Shakespeare Theatre, Chicago, IL, MTV Networks, NY, Ohio Historical Society, including Our local Theatre Centers' and others."



Glenda's website: <http://www.1860garmentsbyglenda.com/index.html>

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

Sandra Tate Hereford

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NOTE: Printed as received.

1831

The Church met on Friday before the first Saturday in January 1831, etc.

The Brethren appointed to bear preliminary letters to the sister Churches read their report – only two members of the members appointed from the sister Churches met who seemed to be timed to engage in a business (of that importance alone), therefore it is referred til tomorrow.

The Church met on Saturday the first day of January 1831 agreeable to adjournment of yesterday.

Took up the reference.

The brethren from the sister Churches met towit: James Walker from Concord, Wm. Stiles and John Allen from Buck Springs Churches who formed themselves into a committee to which (committee) the Church gave up the contending parties with their cases.

On Sunday Jan. the 2nd 1831 on the morning after public worship the Church being called together the committee of yesterday brought in the following reports. We think Sister Levan was wrong in her charge about the wagon – and her examination through S. Turney also saying he upheld. We think Brother Jeremiah Walker's statements about where he stood when he saw the mare was wrong. Agreeable to the best evidence we have. Signed: Wm. Stiles

James Walker

John Allen

The above report being read was received without an objection and the Clerk ordered to make a minute of the same. Therefore we say Brother Jeremiah Walker and Sister Levan is no more of us.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Edmond Kersey and wife dismissed by letter at the Meeting on the Mountain third Saturday.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother and Sister Mark and Jane Hale received by letter. The clerk requested to bring the Church books to next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. Church call for the reference of last meeting on which the clerk presented the Church book. Then proceeded to read the Articles of Faith and Rules of Government which were all approved (by act of the Church). Whereas Sister Sarah Walker has declared a nonfellowship with us in her act of joining another Church not of our order, therefore we say she is not of us.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. That the Church send to the next association and how many delegates – answered by three which was chosen to wit: Brethren James Walker, Mark Hale, and James Burns. The Clerk to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting.

September first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. The letter called for and read and approved.

October first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

November first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Moffet dismissed in order.

December first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

1832

January first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

February first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Amos Hale presented a letter of recommendation for him and his wife. The letter was received and he took his seat with us and Sister Judith Hale not being able to attend the Church await her recovery.

March first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

April first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

May first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Judith Hale came forward and was received as per letter. Brother Wm. Bond gave satisfaction to the Church and Brethren and was restored. Next Church meeting to be on Friday before the first Saturday in June.

June Friday before the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members.

July first Saturday the Church met. E. A. Walker A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Harriet Moffet received by exprn.

August first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting and Brethren James Walker, Amos Hail and Harlow Forester bear it. The Church took into consideration the record of January meeting 1831 and after duly considering the same agreed to add by interjection these words. Therefore we say Brother Jeremiah Walker and Sister Levan is no more of us – in the place where the report of the committee was received.

September first Saturday Church met. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Isaac Sims recd by exprn. The clerk presented the letter for inspection the same recd.

October first Saturday met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

November first Saturday the Church met. A door opened for the reception of members. Brethren Amos Hale, Judith his wife, dismissed by letter. Sister Pheba Lankford dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday of December. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond recd by exprn. Sister Sarah Lankford dismissed by letter.

1833

The Church met on the first Saturday in Jan. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened for the reception of members. The Church agreed to represent herself in the association. The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for the inspection.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September. A door opened for the reception of members. The letter to the association called for read and received.

October first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Bowlen, wife of Noble Bowlen, is dead.

November first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother James Fitch Patrick received by exprn.

The Church met on the first Saturday of December. A door opened for the reception of members.

1834

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met the first Saturday in March. A door opened for the reception of members. As it appears to us that Sister Frankey Fares had joined herself to a people not in fellowship with us whereby declaring a nonfellowship with us, therefore we say she is no more of us. Brother Vascheal Lankford by his request is dismissed as a member in good order.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Prudence Lockhart having declared a nonfellowship with us by joining a people not in fellowship with us and we say she is no more of us.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Elijah Walker received by experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Elizabeth Morison received by experance. The Church agree to represent herself by sending two members (towit) Jas. Walker and Isaac Sims. The clerk to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Rachel Rogers received by experance. Sister Sarah Wilson received by experance. The Church petition for the next association. The letter called for read and received.

The Church met on Saturday the first in October and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Sanders Dyks received by experance. Sunday morning: Sister Rebeckah Walker dead.

November first Saturday the church met and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Pegga Walker have joined a people not in fellowship with us and thereby dismissed for nonfellowship.

The Church met the first Saturday in December and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

1835

The Church met the first Saturday in January.

February first Saturday, etc. Brother James Burns and wife dismissed by letter.

March first Saturday, etc.

April first Saturday, etc.

May first Saturday the Church met and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sunday morning the Church met by request and a door opened. Brother Joseph Teague and Sarah his wife received by letters. Sister Sarah Northct received by experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Stoks received by experance. Brother Charles Cagle, Sr. and Susanah, his wife, dismissed by letter. The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the association for inspection.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September. A door opened for the reception of members. The letter called for and read received and Brethren J. L. Walker, John Rogers, and Mark Hale chosen to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met December first Saturday, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

CORRECTIONS

If you find any mistakes in any issue of the Pathfinder, please contact the Editor. All corrections will be printed in the following issue if at all possible.

DEATH NOTICES

Sue Scott

(Correction from June issue of The Pathfinder: The notice of John V. Meeks stated his wife was Mildred Mae Tate and his children were Dianne, Darlene and Steven. This is correct, but this was a second marriage for both John and Mildred. The mother of his children was Mable Higgins.)

Nance, Christine Louise b. Aug 17, 1941 in TN to Roy and Jessie (Shrum) Land, d. June 1, 1985 and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Amos Nance and had 3 children, Jimmy, Steve and Shawn.

Nolan, Claude b. Apr 14, 1913 in GA to Wm. Edward and Ethel (Sanders) Nolan, d. Oct. 27, 1981 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was a coal miner and married to Ruby Haynes. His siblings were Elva, Mary, Paul,

Betty, Ray, Ruby, Lois and Alfred. His children were Dottie, Edward, Alvin, Herman, Marvin, Charleston, Lecil, Tex and Carl.

Nolan, Donna Elizabeth b. Sep 23, 1934 in TN to David Alfred and Rosa Morrison, d. March 30, 1988 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. She married Marvin D. Nolan and had 2 children, Roy Dale and Kathy. She was survived by 3 siblings, Stella James, Claude and Alfred Morrison.

Nolan, George Washington Alexander b. Mar 12, 1913 in TN to John Lafayette "Fate" and Mary Jane (Davis) Nolan, d. Jan 14, 1981 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. He, a coal miner, married Nancy Elvia Green and was survived by children Betty, Oma, Novella, Gene, Tex and Bill.

Nolan, Ray "Flea" b. Sept. 19, 1928 in TN to Wm. Edward and Ethel (Sanders) Nolan, d. Feb. 20, 1978 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He never married. He was survived by 4 sisters, Elva, Betty, Ruby and Lois, along with 2 brothers, Claude and Alfred.

Nunley, Agnes b. Jan 20, 1914 in TN to Albert S. and Maude (Brown) Nunley, c. June 16, 1980 and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. She was the widow of Robert Franklin "P.T." Nunley and her son was Ronald Edward. She had 7 siblings, Ralph Ewing, Kathleen, Betty, Glenn, Stanley and Don, of which 4 survived her, namely Betty, Kathleen, Glenn and Stanley.

Nunley, Albert b. April 2, 1884 in TN to Will and Ada (Boss) Nunley, d. Sept 15, 1973 in Whitwell. He was a retired coal miner and was survived by his wife Maude Brown and 5 children, Kathleen, Agnes, Betty, Stanley and Don.

Nunley, Albert Stanley b. Sept. 4, 1917 in TN to Albert and Maude (Brown) Nunley, d. Sept. 18, 1982 at a hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He was a retired coal miner and was survived by his wife, Marie Worley and a daughter, Heneritta Nunley Tate.

Nunley, Clarence Howard b. Jan. 12, 1916 in TN to Charles Clarence and Josephine Patrick, d. June 30, 1972 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was married to Fayna Cleek and had a son Clarence H. Jr.

Nunley, Duane Edward b. Oct 2, 1959 in TN to Ronald and Marie Nunley, d. Aug. 25, 1979 in an auto accident and was buried at Swiss Colony Cemetery. He was survived by 2 brothers, Eugene and Terry.

Nunley, Elizabeth H. b. March 22, 1898 in TN to John H. and Sarah Tennessee (Partin) Henley, d. Feb. 20, 1981 at Park Ridge Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Tracy City Cemetery. She was the widow of Simon Nunley and was survived by a son Ted and a daughter Ann.

Nunley, Harley Dee b. Jan 18, 1933 to Charles D. and Fannie Nunley, d. Jan. 18, 1982 at Cathedral Canyon Clinic in Grundy County and was buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery. He was married to Janice Lawson.

Nunley, Josephine "Josie" b. Sept 1, 1893 in TN to Lawson and Rachel (Argo) Patrick, d. Feb 18, 1973 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was the widow of Charles Clarence Nunley and was survived by her grandson, Charles H. Nunley, JR.

Nunley, Mamie Ester b. Aug 29, 1926 in TN to Fred and Evie (Meeks) Nolan, d. April 22, 1985 at her home in Palmer and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. She was survived by her husband, John Nunley, several children and siblings.

Nunley, Margie Mae Pearl b. June 28, 1921 in TN to Willie and Mamie (Caldwell) Meeks, d. Aug 13, 1982 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by her husband, Arthur Nunley, daughters Marie, Betty, Shirley, Peggy and Shelia, and 2 sons Gerald and Arthur Jr.

Nunley, Maude b. Nov 25, 1887 in TN to Leander Virgil and Malvina Cornelison, d. Dec 16, 1979 at her home in Palmer and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. She was the widow of Albert S. Nunley. They had 7 children, Ralph Ewing, Kathleen, Betty, Agnes, Glenn, Albert Stanley and Don.

Nunley, Phillip Douglas b. Aug 27, 1935 in TN to Charlie and Fannie Nunley, d. March 3, 1975 at Cumberland Heights in Grundy County and was buried at Orange Hill Cemetery in Tracy City. He, a retired coal miner, was married to Janie Nunley.

Nunley, Raymond Earl b. May 13, 1949 in TN to Wesley Earl and Elizabeth Bertha Louise (Layne) Nunley, d. Nov 3, 1971 and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He married Glenda Layne Britton. He had 7 sisters, Geneva, Elsie, Hester, Earlene, Doris, Stella Mae and Regina.

Nunley, Wesley Earl b. June 26, 1916 in TN to Henry and Maggie (Caldwell) Nunley, d. Oct 25, 1982 in Altamont and was buried at Palmer City Cemetery. He was married to Elizabeth Bertha Louise Layne. They were the parents of 8 children, Geneva, Elsie, Hester, Raymond Earl, Earlene, Doris, Stella Mae and Regina. Wesley was also survived by a sister, Maudie Rhea.

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.**

1850 Special Census (continued)
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Fitch, Betsy- value of home manufactures, \$3.

Pulley, R.L.- Horses, 1; value of livestock, \$75.

Conn, J.N.W.- Improved acres, 75; unimproved acres, 175; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$180;

Price, William- improved acres, 150; unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$1900; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$100; Indian corn, 150; oats, 20; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 100 lbs.; maple sugar, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$40 (?); rice, 75 lbs.

Cullender, Mary C.- horses, 1; milch cows, 2; value of livestock, \$60.

Patton, A.E.- improved acres, 730; unimproved acres, 930; cash value of farm, \$10,000; horses, 10; asses & mules, 57; milch cows, 12; working oxen, 5; other cattle, 43; sheep, 43; swine, 200, value of livestock, \$4550; Indian corn, 5000; oats, 1200; wool, 90 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; sweet potatoes, 100; butter, 500 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$66; value of animals slaughtered, \$57; rye, 15; wax/honey, 100 lbs.

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Patton, A.B.D.E.- horses, 1; value of livestock, \$100.

Sergeant, James- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; value of livestock, \$75; butter, 35 lbs.

Price, John- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 140; cash value of farm, \$4000; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$122; Indian corn, 500; oats, 40; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; wax/honey, 70 lbs.

Simpson, Jenny- improved acres, 7; unimproved acres, 3; cash value of farm, \$100; swine, 17; value of livestock, \$70; sweet potatoes, 2; value of home manufactures, \$6; value of animals slaughtered, \$7.

Simpson, Hannah- milch cows, 1; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$14.

Nevill, Mary- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 90; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 14; sheep, 1; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$1055; wheat, 40; Indian corn, 750; oats, 200; wool, 15 lbs.; Irish potatoes 3; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$55; rice, 10 lbs.; tobacco, 20 lbs.; wax/honey, 45 lbs.

Warren, Cyrus R.- improved acres, 40; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$245; Indian corn, 400; oats, 25; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 60; butter, 15 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$30; rice, 8 lbs.; tobacco, 20 lbs.

Nevill, Benjamin- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 400; cash value of farm, \$3500; horses, 8; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 7; swine,

50; value of livestock, \$250; wheat, 20; Indian corn, 600; oats, 50; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 75 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$85.

Burrell, James- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 27; cash value of farm, \$215; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$25; butter, 10 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$6; value of animals slaughtered, \$7.

Power, N.T.- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 4; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$280; wheat, 7; Indian corn, 1500; oats, 30; peas & beans, 50; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

Fults, John Jr.- horses, 1; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$20; maple sugar, 5 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$2; value of animals slaughtered, \$21.

Nunley, Commodore- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 4; sheep, 7; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$122; Indian corn, 400; wool, 8 lbs.; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$51.

Warnemaker, Jacob- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 152; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 4; asses & mules, 3; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 5; sheep, 20; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$470; Indian corn, 750; oats, 50; wool, 35 lbs.; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 200 lbs.; maple sugar, 70 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$85; value of animals slaughtered, \$75; tobacco, 40 lbs.; flax, 25 lbs.; flaxseed, 2 lbs.; wax/honey, 50 lbs.

Warnemaker, James- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$83; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, 12; value of animals slaughtered, \$70.

Countiss, Amasa- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; sheep, 3; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$68; Indian corn, 200; wool, 5 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 15 lbs.; maple sugar, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$10; flax, 50 lbs.; flaxseed, 1 lb.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARDED

Janelle Taylor

I just wanted to remind you of the good work that goes on in the Grundy County Historical Society and with their members. This was a couple of years back when the Sherwoods and the whole Society was also honored by the State of Tennessee for work on the Grundy County Heritage Book , erecting cemetery signs, publishing monthly historical articles and other activities. We were the only Society to get two of the thirteen awards given that year. Photo by Alexa Fults.



Bob and Betty Sherwood were selected by the Tennessee Historical Commission to receive a Certificate of Merit in recognition of National Historic Preservation Month. The award was given to recognize the work they have done to contribute to the history of Tennessee. In particular they were recognized for writing the book *Hubbard's Cove and Beyond* and for the restoration of historic walls and cemeteries.

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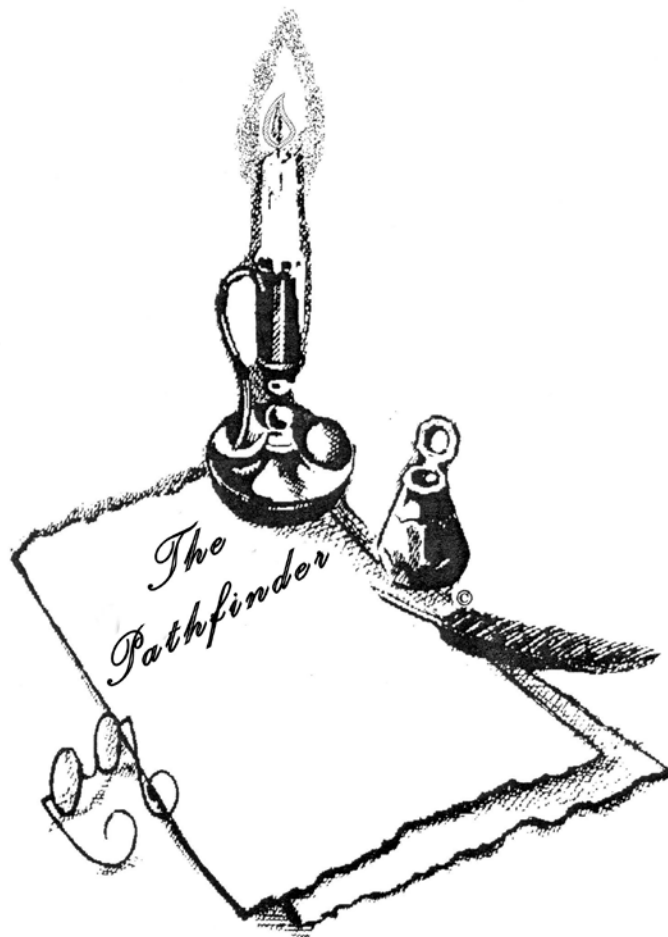


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janelle Layne Taylor

The year is almost at an end, but much has been accomplished during 2010.

- The library is completed.
- The Exhibit Hall is now filling with materials on a daily basis.
- Membership is nearing 200 members.
- Members are more involved than ever before with the right to vote on major issues no matter where in the world the members are located.
- Numerous eager volunteers fill positions in the Heritage Center on a daily basis, Monday through Friday.
- Our websites are filling with research materials.
- The Society is working diligently on the upcoming cemetery book anticipated to be ready in 2012.
- *The Pathfinder*, already an outstanding historical society journal, is constantly improving.
- A system of committee has been put in place to carry out the various areas of work that the Society does.

There are numerous other things that could be added to this list, but you get the idea. We are on the move. I hope that you will continue to be proud of your Society and will continue to support it. We want Grundy County to have the best of historical societies. That can and will happen because we have the best of members. Happy New Year to each and every one of you. Please join us for another year of growth in 2011.

Sincerely,
Janelle Layne Taylor

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

As another year comes to an end, I think back on this past year and I am thankful for all the blessings I have received throughout the year. I look forward to the New Year and hope that you are as excited as I am for the coming events of 2011! Looking forward to hearing from you soon! Send to: Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, Corona, CA 92883 or email them to: gchswebmaster@hotmail.com.

“DID YOU KNOW?”

From Grundy County Court Minutes Book I: 1844-1855

(Transcribed as written)

Monday, 2 February 1846

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 2nd day of February 1846, and 70th year of the Independence of the United States. Present the worshipful John Burrows Chairman William Duggan and Richard Bradford Justices of the quorum and c.

On the motion of John Burrows chairman, A.S. Goodman, esquire is to act as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Ordered by the Court the court that the county Tax on license to retailers of Speritous and vinus liquors, be five dollars for the Year 1846, and that the clerk collect on each license that amount and account for the same according to law.

This day the court bound Campbell Henderson, Alexander C Smith, and Ruful Thomas to Anderson C Smith until they arrive at the age of twenty one years who entered an Indenture with the chairman as the law directs.

This day John Burrows esquire Trustee of Grundy county made his report, according to law, which was received by the court, and ordered to be filed.

Court adjourned until court in course.

A.S. Goodman Cham

William Guan

Richard Bradford

State of Tennessee

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John Burrows Charrmon

William Dugan

Richard Bradford

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Robert Anderson, Mitchell Shrum, James Shrum, Danny Hobbs

MEET THE GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS!

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 or Sharon Goodman, 23326 Sand Canyon Circle, CA, 92883.

QUERIES

Members

254-2010 I am trying to find information about my great-great-great grandmother, Mariah Wanamaker Countiss specifically any information related to the Cherokee Indian Tribe, please email if you have any info. She lived in Grundy County in 1850. Thanks.

Shonda Mays Heck

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256-2010 Genealogy Jamboree 2011

Free to the public in the Streets of Cumberland Gap and Cumberland Gap National Park

June 9, 10, 11, 12, 2011 where the streets come alive with Genealogy and History. We are asking people to send in or mail in Pedigree Charts to display through out the event. We will be having a web page end of Oct. beginning of Nov at www.wil-syl.com/jamboree Send information to or for more information

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EARLY SONGS OF THE AUTUMN CHIRPERS

“A Visit with Cal Dean Hargis”

Jackie Layne Partin

As I stood atop the old abandoned mines of yesteryear amidst the quiet, lonely, open woods that had grown to cover them, I wondered what prompted the man buried there to choose this spot as his final resting place. On this day, July 20, 2010, the only sounds were those of singing crickets and the male katydids; they seemed to be playing their “autumn songs” early this year. “Hey, Mr. Cal, what does that mean? Is frost coming early?” I silently asked.

Who was this man, and where had all his loved ones who had left this earth before and after him been interred? To me, there is something mystical about a lone gravesite. It isn't supposed to be that way, especially if the one in the grave had family. It seemed, but for the occasional animal wandering by, he was all alone. Someone *cared* though, for at his head stood a large granite stone with this inscription: “*Cal Deese Hargis (1866—1943)*”

His plot is surrounded by a low, poured, concrete wall, sections of which have randomly fallen flat. I looked diligently for signs of another grave, but seeing that old Cal was seemingly buried in the center of the little plot, I assumed he was the master of an empty kingdom. The soil on either side had not given way to any sinking, a sure sign of interment, sometimes caused from a rotting burial casket or wooden box.

The land on which Cal was laid to rest was once part of the thousands of acres that

Benjamin Wooten sold to the Sewanee Mining Company in 1857. The coal company changed names down through the years until it was finally bought by the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company. Prior to Cal's interment, coal mines meandered underneath the whole area—so much so that the flat land below the mine hills was called “Black Bottom” from all the dirty, black, hideous, slush that pooled from the coal washer and the coke ovens above. The railroad ran over the nearby creek, and when young Norma Sitz, (born 1915), and her mother walked the railroad tracks to town, Norma always made a scene at Black Bottom for fear of falling into the water. After the coal companies had raped the land and left it for the local people to inhabit, Cal Deese Hargis bought his own piece of the tortured earth. Since he was a coal miner, he probably knew every inch of what lay beneath his farm. He built his home down toward the foot of the hills just above Black Bottom.

Inquisitively, I searched for the ancestry of this man. I found that Cal's grandparents were Thomas Hargis (1804-1871) and Mary Polly (Gunter) Hargis (1804-1895) who are buried at Pigeon Springs Cemetery in Marion County. The Hargis family hailed from Hargis Cove near Battle Creek. Their son, James G. Hargis (1831-1900) married Sarah Ann Birdwell daughter of Charles Duncan Birdwell (1816-1882) and Allie Mary (Gaines) Birdwell (1815-1882). One can pretty well figure that if the local surname is “Hargis,” then the Hargis heritage is relative to Hargis Cove or the Pigeon Springs areas in Marion County, Tennessee.

James and Sarah named their only son Cal Deese Hargis if one accepts the *inscription on the gravestone*. When he was three, the Census taker wrote his name as Cal Dean Hargis. Later he was listed as Caldine Hargis, and then finally the Census takers gave themselves over to calling him Cal D. Hargis. One would assume that he and his loved ones knew his real name and thus put it on his stone as Cal Deese Hargis, but his descendants, some of whom are still around the Tracy City area, emphatically call him Cal Dean Hargis—so *that*, it will be, at least for this story. One descendant remarked that the name “Deese” on the stone was an admitted mistake on the part of Cal's youngest child.

Cal's first wife was Martha B. Roberts (Dec. 13, 1866—Sept. 01, 1899) who was born in Georgia to James A. Roberts and Naomi “Oma” Catherine (Nichols) Roberts. Two of Martha's brothers were *Amos W. Roberts* and *Adolphus L. Roberts* who became namesakes for two of Martha's sons. The Roberts family had moved from Walker County, GA, to Hamilton County, TN around 1858, and then eventually to Marion County, TN, where they were living in the same area as the older Hargises. This move made it possible for Cal and Martha to meet, fall in love and marry although as yet, I have found no marriage record for them.

The young couple became parents to two sons, James Amos Hargis (Jan. 19, 1893—Feb. 22, 1927) and Marion Dolph Hargis (1894—Sept. 15, 1918); they were named after two of their Roberts uncles. A daughter, Sarah Lee Hargis (Oct. 12, 1897—July 17, 1898), lived less than a year and was buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Marion County, TN. This was the beginning of several funeral marches in Cal Hargis' life that always ended at that cemetery. Soon Martha was pregnant with her fourth child, but sadly on Sept. 01, 1899, she and the child passed away. All too soon, Cal made another journey to the Oak Grove Cemetery to place his wife and lost child beside his baby daughter. Sad and lonely, Cal found himself with six and seven-year-old sons to rear without a mother. Young James Amos and Marion Dolph went to live for a while with their maternal grandparents, James and Oma Roberts.

Since the practice of using convict labor in the Tracy City mines had come to a dramatic halt just a few years earlier, Cal had been able to obtain a job working in the coalmines. Soon after his wife's death, he lived in the Joseph Seigler home as a boarder; his good friend Joseph Speegle was also a boarder. His parents and siblings were living nearby, and in 1900, just down the road in the same neighborhood lived young William Sartain, (born 1879), his sister, Maud Sartain, (Oct. 08, 1881), and his youngest brother, Frank Sartain, (born 1888); they were children of John L. Sartain. Since they were living alone, we can assume that both parents had died. Cal was familiar with the Sartain children since an older sibling, Thomas Sartain, had married Haley Hargis (Dec. 20, 1877-Sept. 17, 1902), one of Cal's cousins. There was also an older Sartain sister by the name of Ella Ada who married James Seahorn. On March 30, 1901, in Grundy County, Cal Dean Hargis married that young neighbor girl, Maud Sartain. He was thirty-five and Maudie, as she was called, was twenty when they married.

Maudie accepted Cal's young sons, James Amos and Marion Dolph as her own and helped rear them. Young Marion Dolph registered for the WWI Draft while working in Maricopa County, Arizona. He was not married and soon was drafted and sent off to fight the Germans in France. Sadly, as though a cloud hung over Cal's head and opened up once again to soak his very being with sadness, he received word in 1918 that his second born child was killed on foreign soil—oh, so far from home! His son's body was shipped back to Tracy City, and the Oak Grove Cemetery placed another claim on aging Cal's life. The wagon was loaded and the journey was made. Young Marion Dolph Hargis was placed in line with those who had gone before him—his sister, his mother with child, his faithful stepmother and other family members. Each loss hardened Cal.

Twenty-three years into Cal's marriage with Maud (Sartain) Hargis, she died of cancer on January 27, **1924**, according to her death certificate. The year **1923** is written on her stone. Her death came only six years after the loss of her stepson, Marion Dolph. Again, the mournful trek was made to the Oak Grove Cemetery where Cal buried the woman that he loved and cherished. Again, the house was empty of the laughter and love of a woman. James Amos Hargis was Cal's only surviving child in 1924.

On February 17, 1926, once again Cal found himself saying, "I do!" This time he "robbed the cradle" slightly when he took Ida Jane "Janie" Shrum for a wife. Janie was the daughter of Francis and Nancy Shrum who lived in Pryor Ridge in Marion County. Cal was sixty years of age, and Janie was twenty-four. Cal and Janie Hargis became the parents of a daughter, Maudie Marion, who was born in 1926.

When Cal gave up mining, or mining gave him up, he began to farm in a big way. Folks remember his cattle lazily roaming the hillsides over the abandoned mines. Six days a week, he journeyed to town to sell something from his farm. Sally (Dyer) Sanders, mother of Hallie (Sanders) Dykes, went to Cal's farm to "pluck goose feathers" for her mattresses and pillows, and Desmer Church bought his garden seeds from Cal. By working hard and being frugal, Cal was able to build a nice house for his family. In his mind, he had no intention of ever leaving the farm that he had worked so hard to make productive enough to sustain his family.

Cal's son, James Amos Hargis, registered for the WWI draft on June 05, 1917, at Henley's Store in Tracy City. Just two months earlier on April 07, 1917, in Grundy County, he had married Sarah Knight, daughter of Sterling and Mahala Emeline (O'Rear) Knight. Sarah grew up in and around the rugged Savage Gulf area. (*Read more about the Knights on www.grundycountyhistory.org in a story called "Can These Bones Live?"*) James Amos followed his father's lead by working in the coalmines. He worked in Kentucky where he was injured in the mines as seen in a following picture. He also worked the mines in Grundy County, Tennessee. Children born into that marriage were James Edwin, William Adolphus "Dolph", Emily Juanita, Carl Hobart, and Howard Kenneth. In 1927, four years after the death of his stepmother, James Amos Hargis passed away. Once again, Cal made a heart-wrenching trip to Oak Grove Cemetery. His son should have survived—"children shouldn't die before their parents." After all, thirty-four-year-old James Amos had a large family who needed him. It wasn't time for him to leave this earth.

What made Cal Dean Hargis keep moving on toward the future? Two of his three wives and four of his five children had already left this earth too early; for years he had labored underground, pick and shovel in hand, in the coalmines around Tracy

City; he farmed in the coldest of winters and the hottest of summers, and bowed his tired body low to the ground to work the unforgiving soil left over from the mining projects. Some said he was a hard, contrary old man, who was not the best husband to his wives, especially Janie, but his grandson William Dolph Hargis disputed that notion and had nothing but adoration for him. Maybe life hardened Cal; I think we can safely say that he endured mountains of trials and tribulations. Some of us are blessed with endurance during troublesome times while others fold and are weakened or hardened when life becomes too harsh.

Old timers remember watching Cal walk his fields, caring for his animals, with his hat pulled down to shield his eyes from the sun. There was no doubt that Cal loved the land, but the words of his personal will may show another possible reason for his desire to stay put even after death:

“I, C. D. Hargis of Tracy City, Tenn., Grundy County, Tenn., do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me heretofore made. I hereby give to Sarah Hargis and heirs a piece of land in the 5th Civil District of Grundy County, known as part of the Allmond land beginning on the South Side of the Old Reid Hill railroad running north with enter of big ditch contains about 8 acres (eight) more or less. The rest of my real estate and personal property, together with what money I may have, I give to my daughter Maudie Hargis. I hereby appoint my wife, Jane Hargis executrix to serve without bond. I hereby appoint my wife Jane Hargis to be guardian over my child if she is a minor at the time of my death, and to serve without bond. I hereby desire that none of my wife’s people shall receive any of my property or benefits of same. If my daughter dies without a heir, I desire that what property shall be left by her shall go to Hargis kin. I also appoint the Worshipful Master Senior Warden and Junior Warden of Sewanee Lodge 405, F & AM of Tracy City whoever they may be, to see that my will is carried out as above stated.”

Cal’s will was dated March 27, 1936 and witnessed by B. S. Roddy, Rev. A. C. Adams and J. W. Arbuckle. Strangely enough, old Cal sold the eight acres meant for his daughter-in-law, Sarah (Knight) Hargis, to a Myers family some time before he passed away. However, according to a descendant, Cal helped Sarah and her children get through the hardest of times which we call the “Great Depression” period.

After Cal’s death in 1943, Ida Jane later married again. When her second husband died, she went North to live with her daughter Maudie. Hargis descendants remember that when Janie or any of Maudie’s family came down South to visit,

they generally stayed with Hargis relatives indicating that the family bonds remained strong.

I wondered how long Cal had known that Oak Grove Cemetery would be cheated of his burial—that he would make no more contributions to that soil. You, dear readers, know that he isn't *really* on that hill; you know that he “moved on,” but his “statement” still lingers and will continue to do so as long as someone respects and cares for his choice. No one should question his desire to be near the land that he loved so well. Maybe it was too painful for him to visit the Oak Grove Cemetery which was a reminder of all he had loved and lost. In the book of Job 14:22, one can read, “...*his flesh upon him shall have pain, and is soul within him shall mourn.*” Could this describe the inner spirit of old Cal? Or just maybe he thought he could still maintain control of his third wife and his estate by watching from the hill above. What is known is that his estate was later sold and his wife and daughter moved on. When Janie did pass away, she chose to be buried at the Burns Cemetery on down the road from Oak Grove Cemetery. By doing so, she was afforded the opportunity to make a statement also. She did not want to be interred beside old Cal, nor alongside his other two wives. She had the final word in all those burial matters.

As the quietness on that hot July day was interrupted with a sudden shower and the sound of water hitting the thirsty leaves and needles of the trees around the little kingdom, I silently ended my visit with this thought, “Here you lie, Cal Dean Hargis. You are not alone. Do you hear those ‘Autumn Songs?’”



Cal Dean Hargis and Maudie (1930)



Jane Shrum Hargis and Maudie (1932)



Cal Dean Hargis
1866-1943



James Amos Hargis
1893-1927



Marion Dolph Hargis
1894-1918

JACKIE'S GATHERINGS FROM "MRS. GRUNDY"

DECEMBER 21, 1922

"**John Brown** (col. And **Salina Clark**, col.) were married Thursday at the office of Esqu. **Jno. P. Wright**. Both parties are residents of Monteagle, John Brown being the Chief Cook at the Monteagle Hotel."

"The back tax case wherein **Grundy County** vs. the **T. C. I. Co.**, was settled by a compromise here Monday evening the T. C. I. Co., paying over to the State and County for back assessments \$14,545.00. With extra assessment for 1922 of \$100,000 valuation at \$2.26 rate which will give Grundy County an additional tax of \$2, 260.00 on 1922 assessment of T. C. I. Co., making 1922 assessment on intangible personal property \$200, 000."

"Tracy City Tenn. Dec. 8, 1922: Dear Santa I am looking for you now Lucille Henley. I want you to bring me a doll, also candy, to also fruit to please Santa, don't forget my little sister, she wasn't here last Christmas. **Lucille Henley**"

"Dear Santie Claus: I aim fer you to come here Christmas night, Dear Santie

Claus I want you to bring me a big doll, and lots of fruit to, also candy. From your friend, **Ethel Mooney.**”

“Palmer, Tenn., Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old. I want you to please bring me a car, candy, oranges, nuts, and lots of other nice things. Please don’t forget my little brother, and sister, Ruth. **Eugene Griswold**

Grundy Man Dead In Knife Battle

Altamont Citizens Use Blades in Quarrel With Fatal Results

“News came here Monday that **Lyman Rhea** and **John Best**, who live in the Altamont section, became involved in a row this morning and both men used their knives. Rhea was killed on the scene of the difficulty, and Best is under the care of a physician, with little hope of his recovery. Both men were married and had families, Rhea being about 50 years old and Best about 35 years old. It is not known here what brought about the trouble, but the report is that both men were drinking.”

“**For old and Young:** Tutt’s Liver Pills act as kindly on the delicate female or infirm old age as upon the vigorous man. **Tutt’s Pills** tone and strengthen the weak Stomach, Bowels, Kidneys, and Bladder.”

“**Miss Wingo**, a teacher of Shook School is spending the holidays at Trezevant.”

“**Mr. and Mrs. Levi Sitz** are visiting relatives I Chattanooga this week.”

“**Mike Conry** Deputy Sheriff, of Pelham, was in our city Saturday.”

For Sale

“Small saw mill. Only used about 90 days. Just what you want for sawing cross ties and light sawing. Price is right. Easy terms. Phone 206. **Rucker Jones**”

GRANNY MOONEY

Barbara Mooney Myers

Cathryn moved to Tennessee from North Carolina in 1868 at the age of eleven. She was described as Sewanee’s most picturesque characters.

Cathryn married Richard Parnell Mooney, an orphan from Mississippi. Young

Parnell had been taken in and reared by the Mooney family. Parnell took the Mooney name and moved with them to Tennessee. My mother, Sarah Ann Head Mooney, stated that her father-in-law (my grandfather) was a very good, kind and gentle man. Richard's sister, Nellie married Buck Lawson. They had three children. Following the deaths of Richard and Nellie, Cathryn and Buck married. We continued to call Buck "Uncle". I remember him as a kind and loving man who was a cripple and used crutches.

When I was about six to eight years old Uncle Buck died. His funeral was held at the Monteagle Methodist Church. The children were made to sit on the front near the open casket. The church was very cold. The song, "God Will Take Care of You" was sung. I didn't feel like God was taking care of me. My friend was gone and I was cold. That song has never been a favorite of mine since.

Granny, as we called Cathryn, was not only a colorful woman, but she was quite ingenious and industrious. She lived below Green's View on a small farm tucked into the side of the mountain. Her home was a log cabin.

Granny found many ways to help provide for her family. In the spring she was Sewanee's FTD, delivering fresh bouquets of jonquils to residents. In the falls she gathered hickory nuts and walnuts. After cracking and hulling the nuts Granny peddled the "goodies" to Sewanee kitchens. At Christmas she baked fruit cakes in a large dish pan, sliced them and sold individual slices.

Granny served as a midwife for the Sewanee women, especially those from the part of town my friend, Alice Yates, calls "The Village". (The Villagers were the poorer people who lived on the lower end of town.) Sally Ann Tucker and I were delivered by Granny. It is very likely that my brothers and sisters were also.

Granny's attire was something to behold and was a vital part of one of her money making endeavors. Year round Granny wore a man's winter Union suit (long handles) for an undergarment. Atop this, she wore two gowns. Next came two shimees (long slips). These were followed by two or more slips or half slips and finally a floor length dress. The skirt of Granny's dress was quite full and was gathered on a size eight band. As Granny trudged from home up the mountainside to Sewanee she crossed the fairways of the Sewanee Gold Course. Even with an eye for means of provision for her family, Granny would hunt for stray balls which golfers had given up for lost to sell to the University students and professors. If there were golfers on the course, she would watch for where their balls landed, rush to the spot, lift her layers of clothing and stand over the ball until the player would give up the search. What man would have dared hunt through Granny's

garments for his golf ball? When the man (quite often an Episcopal bishop) would turn to go Granny would retrieve his ball and offer to sell her find. Granny also collected golf balls for resale from the stream running down the mountain out of the golf course lake.

While Granny was away carrying out her business ventures my father, the oldest of the children, watched his siblings. To keep the two youngest girls from mischief John would lift the leg of the bed and put the girls skirts under it so they couldn't move.

Granny was terribly fearful of storms. The book, Purple Sewanee, tells the story of Granny riding with Mrs. Sadie McLaddy, the builder and owner of the Craven's house, during a storm. Upon arriving at Mrs. Sadie's home Granny hid between the feather bed and straw tick.

Granny was a plain spoken woman, although not rash. I was at the dairy with Granny and Bill (Silas' wife and Betty Jean's mother). John Statum (Martha Belle's brother) worked in the dairy. He and Granny were talking. John said to Granny, "Granny, you're a pistol!"

Granny quickly retorted, "I ain't no durn Epistal!"

Granny died of heart failure at her mountainside home on February 4, 1936. Her funeral was conducted by Otey Parish Episcopal Church with Rector Mr. Widney and University Chaplain Mr. Guerry officiating. She was buried in the cemetery near the Village Church. Pall bearers were Bob Tripp, Bill Kennedy, Theron Myers and Martin Johnson. She was survived by six living children- John and Will of Sewanee; Mrs. Martha Dotson of Chattanooga; Mrs. Mary Perry of West Palm Beach; and Mrs. Flora Morgan and Mrs. Lizzy Odear of Coalmont. Her obituary stated that "she was a favorite with Sewanee vacationers and was always pointed to with pride by those whose minds are steeped in tradition and love.

These are some of my memories of Granny.

NOTE: Barbara sent along some scanned photos, but due to the darkness, they didn't work well for printing in the Pathfinder issue.

“BIRTH OF A TOWN”

Barbara Mooney Myers

Over one hundred and fifty years ago Grundy County came to life
There's no doubt,
With the help from a master who named it, it was cleansed
From the inside out.
Felix Grundy upon this land helped many cities come together,
As citizens ended up all around,
Moving from here and there to build their homes upon this
Stabled Ground.
In their hearts were great plans, as these hands created a home,
With some bearing families big and small, so they were never alone.
The cities were named throughout Grundy County far and wide,
As buildings cited and came to view, with these citizens in pride.
Like churches, grocery stores, banks, cafes, funeral parlors and
Many other we shared together,
Here is where the friendship started, with gatherings, and happy
Times well spent with each other.
Tracy City as well as other towns grew, we're each blessed and
Well deeded,
As we gathered together we share the tidings that each our
Families needed.
Felix Grundy I'm sure will never be a name we can forget,
As he went on his way among the presence of those he met.
We try to render the heartaches, and know life can't be all fun,
Yet we still try to keep going, as we keep ourselves in a run.
Growing up in Grundy County to many was a great treat,
We've been criticized many times, yet we always try and defeat.
There is moments of gladness that often paves the way,
Just like the time that Felix Grundy made this for us a special day.
This was named a county long before I became a child,
But later I learned to know it well as I walked many a mile.
Our early ancestors watched and worried, hoping to gain more,
As they too carried on with their daily chore.
We'd each sacrifice our time for a place that is so dear,
That's why we chose Grundy County, and will always yell with cheer.
We'll always birth it as the county where we were born and bred,
Any go from this day on, by holding up our head.
A place is often what we make of it, let's hope the rate is good,

As we keep building, and adding on , as any city should.
I gladly welcome this birth of Grundy County with a prayer,
And a smile,
And will always call it my home as long as I am here,
This makes it so worthwhile.

MYSTERY PHOTOS

Members

If you have a photograph that you would like help identifying who is in it, please send it to Sharon Nee Goodman at gchswbmaster@hotmail.com. Include as much information as you can and it will be added to an upcoming issue of the Pathfinder.

This is a wonderful picture that came from Jewel Patterson Partin Jacobs. It is most likely from the Providence area, but I'm not sure of that. Please look at it closely. Do you recognize the land forms from anywhere in the area? Do the people look familiar to you in any way? Match them with old family pictures if possible. Many of Jewel's older identified pictures were of the Patterson, Partin and Jacobs families. If you have friends or family who are outdoorsmen, please ask them if they recognize the land formations in the background.



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

Sandra Tate Hereford

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NOTE: Printed as received.

1836

The Church met January first Saturday, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

February the first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Hudlow Forrester dismissed by letter.

April first Saturday the Church met on the first Saturday. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Janath Bond recd by Exprn. Sister Taylor recd by letters.

May first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

Received a letter from Brother Isaac Sims and agreed to wait for him to come to next meeting. Brethren John Rogers and James Walker appointed site Sims and Joseph Teague and wife to attend them.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother John Rogers and James Walker appointed to request Joseph Teague to attend next meeting.

The Church on the first Saturday in July and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened for the reception of members. Took up the case of Brother J. Teague a second time and Brother Rogers states he had informed him of the request of the Church and he has not come forth. He is excluded for not obeying the Church. Brother Rogers to request Brother Isaac Sims to attend next meeting. Agreed to send three members to the Association. Brethren James Walker, J. Rogers and Mark Hale. The clerk to prepare a letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Took up the case of Brother Isaac Sims and after some deliberation says he is excluded for drunkenness and immoral behavior to which he confessed. The letter called for read and received.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and after prayer. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Patsey Hill received by experance. The Church met on the first Saturday in December and after, etc.

1837

The Church met first Saturday in January and after, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February and after, etc. Brother J. M. Wood by request acted as moderator. Sister Patsy Hill dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Joseph M. Wood and Sister Sarah his wife recd by letter. Sister Levina Taylor dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

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

A door opened for the reception of members. Brother John Lowrey recd by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened for the reception of members. The Church voted to represent herself in the next association and the clerk ordered to prepare a letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September. A door opened for the reception of members. The letter called for and approved. Brethren James Walker, Mark Hail and William Bond to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Joseph S. Wood and Sister Sarah his wife dismissed by letter. Sister Neomi Bond dismissed by letter. The Church met on the first Saturday in December and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

1838

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1838 and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February 1838. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March. A door opened for the reception of members. Agreed that May meeting should be a communion session.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Sarah Walker received by letter.

May first Saturday the Church met and after prayer proceeded to business. A door opened for the reception of members. On Sunday after divine service the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Elvira Ann Walker received by Experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened for the reception of members. The clerk appointed to prepare a letter to the association for inspection at next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September. A door opened for the reception of members. The letter cald for and approved. James Walker, Mark Hale and John Lowrey chosen to bear it. Sister Neel deceased.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October. A door opened for the reception of members. The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December.

1839

The Church met on the first Saturday in January. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Mark Hale and Sister Jane his wife dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond recd by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturdays in June and July.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after consulting the brethren present agreed to represent herself in the next association and request the clerk to prepare a letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Sept., etc. A door opened for the reception of members. The letter called for read and received. Brethren James Walker, John Walker and Sanders Dyks chosen to bear it.

The Church met the first Saturday in Oct., etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Rebekah Cartwright recd by Experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Nov. The Church met on the first

Saturday in Dec. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Hudlow Forester dismissed by letter.

1840

The Church met on the first Saturday in January. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Lucndy Hill wife of John A. Hill having removed from us by request by letter is dismissed in order. Brother John Lowrey by request is dismissed in order.

The Church met etc. and continued her meetings in March and April¹. Sister Nancy Lebo dismissed in order first Saturday in April –

Continued til August. A letter directed to be prepared and our brethren bearers James Walker, Thos. Turner, Isham Dyks and if they fail, William Bond.

The Church met the first Saturday in September and etc. The letter called for and recd.

Sister Martha T. Bond deceased August 11th eight o'clock in the afternoon having been a member in society upward of 30 years and aged about 68 years.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December.

Note in right margin: By mistake there was a notation the record to be transcribed. Sanders Dykes is no more of us for living with a woman who has a husband living tho she is removed from him.

1841

The Church met the first Saturday in January 1841. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met the first day in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Nancy Lebow and Sister Phebe Lankford received by letter. The

¹ No Mintues for February 1840 recorded.

Church meetings continued without business til –

The Church met the first Saturday in May, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Sarah Wilson received by letter.

The Church met the first Saturday in June and after, etc. Sister Solemy Hammers received by letter.

The Church met the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December. A door opened, etc.

CORRECTIONS

If you find any mistakes in any issue of the Pathfinder, please contact the Editor. All corrections will be printed in the following issue if at all possible.

Though very late in writing, I must first thank you for including a portion of my article from the Heritage Book, *Byers, Looney, and Shook*, in *The Pathfinder of June*. In that your piece was extracted from the larger *Heritage of Grundy County, TN*, errors of mine in the original manuscript also need noting and correcting.

1. An original error is found on page 140 (Article 541) at the page's very bottom paragraph. "The **Alfred** K. Shook School" should read: "The **James** K. Shook School". 2. This error repeats in *The Pathfinder* of June, 2010, page 11, next-to-last paragraph from bottom.

3. My grandmother, Mary Ellen Byers Looney, was in fact the older of two sister, the younger being Helen Augusta Byers. ...*Heritage*: page 139, Article 541. bottom

paragraph opener: second to older. 4. In *The Pathfinder*, page ten, first paragraph: same correction, second to older.

I hope these error corrections have come in time for your attention in *The Pathfinder*. Perhaps you can forward the same correction to whomever is tracking errors in the Heritage volume. And finally, be assured of my appreciation for your diligence to this fine work of the GCHS. May you and yours enjoy healthy and meaningful days in the approaching holiday seasons.

Donald A. Rawlins (Don)

NOTE: The corrections have been made on the GCHS website under the Grundy County Heritage Book Corrections button. Sharon N. Goodman

DEATH NOTICES

Sue Scott

Overturf, Billy Ruth b. Apr 18, 1927 in TN to Henry Morrison & Nora (Sitz) Pocus., d. May 27, 1981 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She m. Glyn E. Overturf and had 4 children, Janice, Tannis, Terry and Tom.

Overturf, Gilbert Erle b. Nov 27, 1893 in TN to Edward F. and May Florence (Fults) Overturf, d. Feb 25, 1975 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Barbara Scott and had 2 daughters, Bonnie and Alma.

Overturf, Glyn E. b. March 11, 1925 in TN to Clarence & Bertha (Birdwell) Overturf, d. Feb 13, 1979 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Billy Ruth Pocus.

Overturf, Henry Clarence b. March 7, 1900 in TN to Henry B. & Amanda (Tate) Overturf, d. June 23, 1974 at Cumberland Heights Clinic and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Bertha Naomi (Birdwell) Overturf and 3 children, Clifton, Glyn and Chester.

Overturf, Herbert J. b. Dec 20, 1905 in TN to Henry B. & Amanda (Tate) Overturf, d. June 5, 1975 in Fort Oglethorpe, GA and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. His wife was Etta Bouldin.

Overturf, Stanley Leon b Aug 29, 1939 in TN to Willie Edgar & Ora Bonita (Thompson) Overturf, d. Aug 11, 1973 in Chattanooga, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Betty Shasteen and had 3 children, David, Stanley Jr. and Malinda Joyce.

Overturf, Terry b. Jan 20, 1954 to Glyn E. & Billie Ruth (Pocus) Overturf, d. Jun 30, 1978 at a hospital in Dunlap and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Meeks and had a daughter, Terra.

Parson, Lillie Mae b. ca 1925 in TN to Dewey & Lessie (Oliver) Hart, d. March 2, 1983 in Cleveland, Ohio and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She married Ernest Earl Parson and was survived by 3 children, Margaret, Nelda and Ernest Jr.

Parsons, Mildred Ezma b. Mar 9, 1915 in TN to Barney & Beatrice (Seahorne) Shadrick, d. July 7, 1985 at a hospital in Whitwell, TN and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She married Lloyd Parsons.

Parsons, Oscar George b. Feb 14, 1944 in TN to Lloyd & Mildred (Shadrick) Parsons, d. Oct 26, 1975 in Ohio and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. His wife was Judy Clevenger. He had 2 daughters, Marie and Georgette.

Parsons, Tennie H. b. Aug 18, 1888 in TN to John & Sarah Tennessee (Partin) Parsons, d. Jul 16, 1974 in Monteagle, TN and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She married William Jonathan Parsons and was survived by 7 children, Lloyd, Gloria, Martha, Neoma, Mable, Christine, and Shirley.

Partin, Alvin b. April 17, 1916 in TN to Barney & Delia (Graham) Partin, d. Dec 21, 1984 in Marion County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He married Agnes Morrison and Flora Layne.

Partin, Larry Alfred b. May 13, 1941 in TN to Alvin & Agnes (Morrison) Partin, d. Aug 15, 1980 in Grundy County and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was survived by 2 children, Angela and Larry Jr. Partin.

Partin, Sammy Morrison b. August 16, 1951 in TN to Alvin & Agnes (Morrison) Partin, d. March 8, 1975 in Palmer and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was married to Wanda Sue Burroughs and was survived by 2 children, Sammy K. and Tammy Faye.

Patton, Mendia (Oliver) b. Sep 11, 1919 in TN to Bill & Minnie (Shrum) Oliver, d. Dec 29, 1978 in Hamilton County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was the widow of William Robert Patton, Sr. and was survived by 3 sons, Wm. Robert Jr., Joel Wade and David Allen.

Patrick, Veola b Feb 17, 1893 in TN to Smartt & Mary (Nunley) Hampton, d. October 1981 in South Pittsburg, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery.

Partin, Benjamin Franklin d. May 26, 1974 in Hamilton County, TN and was buried at Browns Chapel Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Ollie (Cagle) Partin and 5 children, Bessie, June, Ima Jean, Jack and James.

Partin, Ollie Cagle b. Dec 25, 1899 in TN to Nimrod & Elizabeth (Dykes) Cagle, d. March 14, 1985 and was buried at Browns Chapel Cemetery. She was the widow of Benjamin Franklin Partin.

Payne, Ida Bell b. Feb 25, 1896 in TN to Jim & Mary (Nunley) Layne, d. March 26, 1976 at her home in Palmer and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. She was the widow of Lonnie Edward Payne and was survived by 3 children, Pearl, Odell and James.

Payne, James Edward b. April 8, 1927 in TN to Lonnie Edward & Ida Bell (Layne) Payne, d. March 12, 1983 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was married to Bonnie Faye Gipson and was survived by 6 children, Rosa, Wanda, Deana, Charles, Roy and Wayne.

Payne, Lonnie Edward b. June 16, 1885 in TN to James & Mary (Rollins) Payne, d. Jan 8, 1975 at his home in Palmer and was buried at Palmer Cemetery. He was married to Ida Bell Layne.

Perry, Vinnie b. Jan 14, 1897 in TN to Polk & Sarah (Fults) Hobbs, d. Nov 3, 1982 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. She was survived by a daughter, Willie Mae.

Pickett, Charles Ransom b. Aug 19, 1947 in TN to Loyd & Gladys (White) Pickett, d. Oct 20, 1984 in Grundy County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was married to Carrie Sanders who survived him, along with 2 sons, Timmy and Jimmy.

Pickett, Ernest Buford b. Jul 12, 1907 in TN to Abner & Beulah (Morgan) Pickett,

d. May 13, 1983 at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee, TN and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He had been married to Thelma Latham and had 4 children, Frances, Obelia, Dolphus and Ray.

Pickett, Jack Loyd b. March 23, 1921 in TN to James Clinton & Nancy Emma Keedy, d. Dec 14, 1978 in Davidson County and was buried at Fall Creek Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Gladys (White) Pickett and 4 children, Brenda, Charles, Jack and Billy.

GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS

1850-1880

Compiled by Charles A. Sherrill

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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.**

1850 Special Census (continued)

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Turner, Nathaniel- Improved acres, 18; unimproved acres, 6; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 3; value of livestock, \$14; Indian corn, 50; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

Countiss, Henderson- Improved acres, 45; unimproved acres, 41; cash value of farm, \$650; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 5; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$200; Indian corn, 500; oats, 80; wool, 9 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 7; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$35; flax, 6 lbs.

Levan, Henderson- Improved acres, 80; unimproved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 2; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$100; Indian corn 350; oats, 40; wool, 3 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 4;

sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$25.

Killian, Ambrose- Improved acres, 45; unimproved acres, 55; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 8; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 15; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$600; Indian corn, 1250; oats, 150; wool, 50 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$195; value of animals slaughtered, \$100; flax, 12 lbs.; flaxseed, 1 lb.

Walker, Jeremiah Jr.- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 215; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 1; other cattle, 2; sheep, 6; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$240; Indian corn, 400; oats, 80; wool, 25 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, 31; flax, 10 lbs.; wax/honey, 20 lbs.

Bost, Noah- improved acres, 70; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 7; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 3; swine, 80; value of livestock, \$518; Indian corn, 750; oats, 360; wool, 10 lbs.; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$116; rye, 3.

Bost, John R.- horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$115; Indian corn, 150; oats, 30; wool, 45 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 60; sweet potatoes, 60; butter, 40 lbs.; maple sugar, 6; value of home manufactures, \$50.

Walker, Jeremiah, Sr.- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 150; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 8; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 16; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$667; Indian corn, 1100; oats, 300; wool, 45 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 60; sweet potatoes, 60; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$150; value of animals slaughtered, \$103 (?); flax, 20 lbs.; flaxseed, 3 lbs.; wax/honey, 100 lbs.

Johns, Abraham- improved acres, 18; unimproved, 60; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 4; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 75; value of livestock, \$245; Indian corn, 250; oats, 30; butter, 100 lbs; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

Countiss, Peter- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 7; sheep, 7; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$300; Indian corn, 625; oats, 150; wool, 7 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 30; butter, 400 lbs.; maple sugar, 50 lbs.; value of home

manufactures, \$140; value of animals slaughtered, \$45; flax, 30 lbs.; flaxseed, 1 lb.

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Tate, Elan H.- horses, 2; milch cows, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$175; Indian corn, 175; oats, 30; Irish potatoes, 4; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 75 lbs.; maple sugar, 4 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$9; value of animals slaughtered, \$ (?); flax, 15 lbs.; flaxseed, 1 lb.

Bost, Jonathan- horses, 3; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$177; Indian corn, 200; oats, 72; wool, 2 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 150 lbs.; maple sugar, 15 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$20; flax, 25 lbs.; molasses, 1 gallon.

Tate, Elizabeth- improved acres, 175; unimproved acres, 925; cash value of farm, \$4000; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 2; sheep, 4; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$289; Indian corn, 500; oats, 500; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 200 lbs.; maple sugar, 10 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$25 (?); flax, 75 lbs.

Tate, James W. M.- horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 12; sheep, 6; swine, 80; value of livestock, \$300; Indian corn, 400; oats, 100; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$35; value of animals slaughtered, \$50 (?); wax/honey, 40 lbs.

Tate, Francis M.- horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$65; Indian corn, 15; oats, 15; wool, 10 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 100 lbs.; maple sugar, 10 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$10 (?).

Tate, Robert H.- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 38; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$184; Indian corn, 500; oats, 24; wool, 15 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$37 (?); tobacco, 70 lbs.; flax, 15 lbs.

Samples, Martin- wool, 5 lbs.; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 5; maple sugar, 20 lbs.; farm implements, \$30.

Tate, John G.- improved acres, 35; unimproved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$80; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 3; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$168; Indian corn, 30; wool, 5 lbs.; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$5 (?); tobacco, 50 lbs.; cheese, 5 lbs.

Gross, Andrew- horses, 1; milch cows, 2; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$76; Irish potatoes, 3; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 50 lbs.; maple sugar, 12 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$20 (?); flax, 10 lbs.

Dykes, Isham- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 1; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$265; Indian corn, 600; oats, 40; peas & beans, 1; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$32 (?); wax/honey, 50 lbs.

Countiss, William- horses, 2; milch cows, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$190; Indian corn, 250; oats, 30; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Dugan, William- improved acres, 225; unimproved acres, 290; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 11; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 10; swine, 175; value of livestock, \$963; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 575; wool, 50 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 60; butter, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$75; wax/honey, 150 lbs.

Dykes, John- horses, 4; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 7; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$277; Indian corn, 500; oats, 50; wool, 18 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 7; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Dugan, John- improved acres, 120; unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 3; milch cows, 1; sheep, 4; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$130; Indian corn, 300; oats, 240; wool, 10 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$10.

Gross, John- improved acres, 150; unimproved acres, 180; cash value of farm, \$1975; horses, 4; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 8; sheep, 5; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$455; wheat, 6; Indian corn, 1100; oats, 135; wool, 15 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$80; value of animals slaughtered, \$70; tobacco, 100 lbs.; flax, 50 lbs.; flaxseed, 3 lbs.; wax/honey, 50 lbs.

**NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING
OF
MEMBERS OF GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Notice is hereby given of a quarterly meeting of the Members of the Grundy County Historical Society on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. at Plainview Community Center, 117 Plainview Lake Drive North, Tracy City, Tennessee 37387.

A business session will be conducted to consider the following proposed amendment to Article II Section 4 of the By Laws, to wit:

Section 4. Notice of Meetings: Written notice of the place, date and time of all Meetings of the Membership shall be given no less than 14 days nor more than 28 days prior to the meeting. Notice shall be given by any combination of the following means; United States Postal Service addressed to the Member at the Member's address on file with the corporation, electronic mail, notification published as part of The Pathfinder, or by an announcement published in the Grundy County Herald.

This amendment is intended to provide for a range of cost effective notification options.

The following page contains a written proxy and written ballot which can be detached and returned if you cannot be present to vote.

Following the business session will be lunch at 11:30 A.M. and music by Don Hill and Friends Band of Beersheba Springs.

Proxy and Ballot

The undersigned member of Grundy County Historical Society does hereby grant my proxy to _____ or Donna Lovelace, Secretary of Grundy County Historical Society (*if the blank is not completed or if completed, but the person named is unable or fails to act, the proxy will be to Donna Lovelace, Secretary of Grundy County Historical Society*) for the meeting of Members of Grundy County Historical to be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. and any adjournments thereof, with full power of substitution, to vote on any and all matters that may come before the meeting, provided I direct that my vote be cast in the following manner:

Regarding the following proposed amendment to the Society's By Laws

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Amendment to Article II Section 4 of the By Laws

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For **Against** approving, the amendment to Article II Section 4 of the By Laws.

Dated: _____

Please sign

and mail to:

Grundy County Historical Society Attention: Donna Lovelace, Secretary
P.O. Box 1422
Tracy City, Tennessee 37387

Please allow at least 5 days for mail delivery.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Grundy County Historical Society meets quarterly (March, June, September, and December) at the Heritage Center. Exact dates and times may vary based upon the speaker's schedule. These meetings are open to anyone with an interest in the history of the region. Meeting announcements are made in local media, and on the web.

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