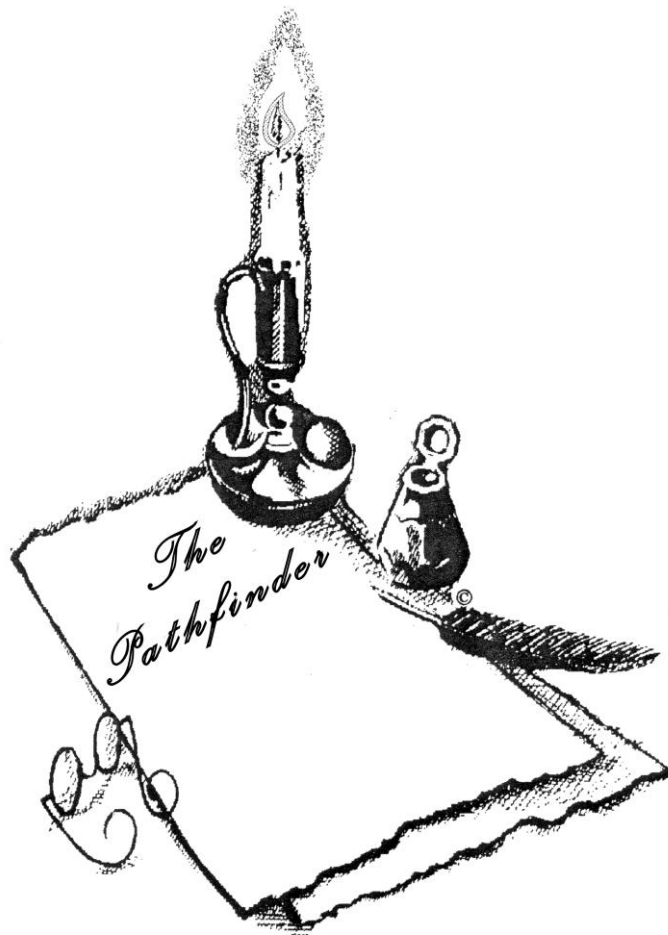


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**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Sharon Nee Goodman

It's so hard for me to believe that we are almost half way thru the year! Where did that time go?! Seems like only last month I was putting away the last of the Christmas decorations. Oh, wait... I was! I found some behind some photo frames on top of the TV wall unit! My Easter decorations have been put away and I've finished with my spring cleaning, which means I actually got down on hands and knees and scrubbed the floors! That only gets done four times a year... the rest of the time, I use the Swiffer. Gotta love that invention! So now that it's starting to warm up again, I'm beginning to think about what I want to do and where I want to go this summer. Right off, I can think of a dozen places I'd love to go with my camera, but on the top of my list is the Wildflower Seed Company outside of Fredericksburg, Texas in late July. The lavender fields will be in full bloom and I can't wait to see it! A trip back home to Tennessee is in the cards and also a family reunion. Our youngest son will be graduating from MTSU in August and our oldest son is moving just down the street from us. Life can't get much better than that!

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Jean Garrett

Nadene Fultz Moore and Tina Mintz

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Although it's true that you don't know what you have until its gone, but it's also true that you don't know what you have been missing until it arrives! Unknown

## GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE CEMETERIES

Announcing the new two-volume set Grundy County, Tennessee Cemeteries by the Grundy County Cemetery Book Committee and edited by Von Unruh will be available by the end of June, 2013. These books include names and information from the cemetery markers as well as research such as parent's names, spouses, and military service on most of the people listed. The cost is \$80 for the set (includes tax), plus \$12 for postage and handling. Order from Grundy County Historical Society, PO Box 1422, Tracy City, TN 37387, ATTN: Sue B. Parrott. This will be a valuable resource for your genealogical research!

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## QUERIES

**2013-001** Does anyone know of a man called "Frosty" Thomas who was from Monteagle? I don't know what his real name was, just this nickname. He was probably born between 1920 and 1925. I don't know anything else about him, but I'm hoping that some might remember the nickname.

Donna O'Brien

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**2013-002** My grandfather's name was Felix Grundy Walton so I assume that his parents had some knowledge of Felix Grundy. He was born in 1882, where I don't know, except in Tennessee. He married my grandmother in Lenox, Dyer County, Tennessee in 1898. I would like to know if there is any record of him and/or his parents in Grundy County.

Doyle Newsom

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**2013-003** I am searching for relatives of the original O'Dear name. I know there is an O'Dear Cemetery in Sewanee, Tennessee, but I do not know who my relatives were. I was raised by Alfred and Myrtis (Meeks) O'Dear Adams. Myrtis was my mother from the time I was 3 years old. If you can give me somewhere to begin, I would appreciate it.

James H. O'Dear

[odb@blomand.net](mailto:odb@blomand.net)

**2013-004** I am looking for any family by the last name of Johns- especially John Samuel Johns, who was supposed to own land near Tracy City in the mid 1850's. If you have any information, I would appreciate it.

Darlene Martin

South Dakota

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### **“REGIMENTAL SKETCHES”**

### **FROM “HISTORY OF TENNESSEE”**

Sharon N. Goodman

Ever wonder which Tennessee counties all the regiments were from, when they were formed, and where they fought during the Civil War? I recently ran across a chapter in “History of Tennessee” that explained exactly all of that. These “Regimental Sketches” will run over the next several issues of the Pathfinder.

The Nineteenth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Hamilton, Knox, Polk, Rhea, Hawkins, Washington, and Sullivan Counties, and was

organized in May 1861 at Knoxville, with David M. Cummings, colonel. It was first distributed over East Tennessee to do guard duty, and about July 1 was united and stationed at Cumberland Gap. It marched north on the Kentucky campaign; lost one man killed at Barboursville; was in reserve at "Wild Cat"; fought bravely at Fishing Creek, losing about fifteen killed and wounded. Afterward terrible privations and sufferings were endured. It moved to Murfreesboro in February 1862; thence to northern Mississippi; thence to Shiloh, where April 6 & 7 it was furiously engaged in the awful assaults on the "Hornets' Nest", losing over 100 killed and wounded, and assisted in the capture of Prentiss' division. It was then reorganized and moved to Vicksburg, where, in the swamps, it suffered terribly from disease, and later fought at Baton Rouge. It then moved north and joined Bragg's army and participated in the sweeping Confederate victory at Murfreesboro losing over 125 killed and wounded. It moved south and in September, 1863, at Chickamauga, fought with magnificent bravery, losing over one third of those engaged. Again at Missionary Ridge, in November, it was hotly and stubbornly engaged, sustaining severe loss. In 1864, from Dalton to Atlanta, in all the bloody battles of that memorable campaign, it fought with conspicuous daring and sorrowful losses. Among the slain was the beloved Col. Walker. It did its duty at Jonesboro and Lovejoy, and in the awful assault at Franklin shed its best blood without stint all over the stricken field. It fought at Nashville, retreated sorrowfully south, skirmishing at Sugar Creek and Pulaski. It fought its last battle at Bentonville, and surrendered at High Point, NC, with sixty-four men.

The Twentieth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Davidson, Williamson, Rutherford, Sumner, Perry and Smith Counties, and was organized at Camp Trousdale in June 1861, with Joel A. Battle, colonel. Late in July it was ordered to VA, but returned after reaching Bristol, and marched north with Zollicoffer on the KY campaign, skirmishing at Barboursville, participating in the action at the "Wild Cat", fighting furiously at Fishing Creek, losing 33 killed on the field and about 100 wounded. It then moved to northern Mississippi and in April participated with splendid valor in the brilliant Confederate success at Shiloh, losing 187 men killed and wounded. The regiment was then reorganized, moved to Vicksburg, participated in the movement there, fought at Baton Rouge, thence marched to Murfreesboro, in which memorable battle it was hotly and furiously engaged, sustaining a loss of 178 killed and wounded of 350 engaged. Later it fought desperately at Hoover's Gap, losing 45 killed and wounded. At bloody Chickamauga the Twentieth displayed wonderful dash and pluck, losing 95 killed and wounded of 140 engaged. At Missionary Ridge it fought brilliantly

and retreated in good order. It wintered at Dalton and in 1864, in the famous Georgia campaign, fought with splendid courage at Resaca, Dalton, New Hope Church, Pine Mountain, Kennesaw, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro and the actions around Atlanta, losing heavily in the aggregate. Again at Franklin, in those awful assaults in the flaming teeth of death, it displayed heroic valor and suffered desperate loss. It bore its gallant but sorrowful part at Nashville and sadly retreated, marching to the Carolinas to almost literally "die in the last ditch". At Greensboro, NC, thirty-four sad men surrendered and returned to blighted homes to repair the ravages of war.

The Twenty-first Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Shelby and Hardeman Counties about the last of April 1861, and was soon organized with Ed Pickett, colonel. It reported first to Gen. Cheatham at Union City, and later moved up to Columbus, KY. It participated in the sharp action at Belmont, November 7 then moved back to Columbus and to Union City where it remained a short period; then moved southward and finally participated in the furious battle of Shiloh; and later was consolidated with the Second Regiment to form the Fifth Confederate Regiment.

The Twenty Second Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in the counties of Gibson, Carroll, Dyer, Hardeman and in KY and LA, and was organized at Trenton about 1 July 1861, with Thomas J. Freeman, colonel. It operated in West Tennessee and in the movement which culminated in the battle of Belmont, November 7, where it fought and lost about seventy-five killed and wounded. It returned south with the army and located near Corinth. It fought at Shiloh, losing nearly one half of those engaged, and displayed great gallantry on the field, Col. Freeman being wounded. It then moved back to Corinth, where it was re-organized and consolidated with the Twelfth Regiment and thenceforward lost its identity. Col. Freeman served the one year of enlistment. The consolidation was commanded by Col. Bell, who became a brigadier under Forrest. Col. Freeman, at Shiloh, received the surrender of Gen. Prentiss, who handed him his sword.

The Twenty-Third Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Bedford, Marshall, Rutherford, and other counties of Middle Tennessee and was organized about the middle of July 1861 with R.H. Keeble, colonel. It saw its first service in VA and participated in the engagement at Drury's Bluff, with a loss of fifteen or twenty killed and wounded. After various movements it was engaged in the brilliant and furious battle of Shiloh, where it lost severely. It moved north with Bragg and fought at Perryville, then turned south and

participated at Murfreesboro, after which it continued with the Army of the Tennessee during the remainder of the war. At Chickamauga it lost heavily. It was at Missionary Ridge and in the famous Georgia campaign, after which it marched back with Hood to Tennessee, and participated at Franklin and Nashville, then moved to NC where it surrendered. At Murfreesboro it was in Johnson's brigade of Cleburne's division.

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## GRUNDY COUNTY TEACHING

Mary Louise Norvell Martin

In July 1923, I was elected to teach in a one-teacher-school in a small rural community by the name of Camp Four.

I lived near the James K. Shook School in Tracy City and rode the train along with the men who worked in the Palmer mines. I walked along to the depot with them with their carbide lights on their caps to shine us the way. Always, I would step in their tracks they made in the snow which seemed never to melt that winter. I very well remember Mr. Phillip and Mr. Jim McGovern who then lived on Hobbs Hill.

My father was unable to work that winter due to the lingering illness of my mother who passed away February 12, 1924.

When the train reached the little open depot at Camp Four, there was a small house near the school where a Mrs. White lived - a very lovely lady - very kind to the teachers and children.

I shall never forget Mrs. White's kindness to us, for on such bad mornings, she would have a kettle of boiling water to unthaw the lock on our door. Many times on a real cold morning Mrs. White would fix me a cup of hot chocolate. It took such little things to make us happy in those days!



When school was dismissed in the afternoon, I would go to Mr. Gordon Northcutt's store to wait for the train to come and also to keep warm. There I met many of my patrons, also Mr. Northcutt's wife and sister-in-law, who were very gracious to me. Mr. Northcutt would send his money by me to be deposited in the Coalmont Bank. Someone was always there to get the pouch.

I took pride in my work, and when I would receive the \$65 per month I thought I had visited Fort Knox.

Each morning and evening I would be on the lookout for Raymond Martin, who also worked in Palmer, and was my first sweetheart. I loved him dearly, hoping he felt the same for me, for with all the hardships along with the pleasure involved, it was quite an ordeal to teach grades one through eight. Evidently, he felt the same as I did, for when he asked me to marry him, he had to ask only once, for I hurriedly said, "Yes", for fear he might change his mind.

After Raymond and I married, we had a son R.D. Martin, who taught his first school at Collins, which had formerly been Camp Four, but had by this time changed its name and was now a three-teacher-school.

As the years passed, the community was served by a beautiful new consolidated school, which now has approximately five hundred students and twenty teachers.

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## **GOODMAN BROTHERS**

Janelle Layne Taylor

The Goodman brothers of Tracy City, left to right: Jeff Davis Goodman (born 1861) married Sarah Elizabeth Rhea; Houston Lee Goodman (born 1866) married Julia Ann Roddy; and Edward Goodman (born 1877) married Maude Warren. They are the sons of Henry N. and Margaret Roberts Goodman. Some years ago, Houston Lee and his wife, Julia Ann (Roddy) Goodman operated a small café in Tracy City. Edward and Maude Warren Goodman were the parents of Lude Carroll Goodman, teacher and coach at Grundy County High School and

husband of Jewell Hamby, an English teacher at the same school and a long-time storekeeper in Pelham.



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### MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Oliver Jervis

In an address to Tennessee Historical Society Morton B. Howell compared Monteagle Sunday School Assembly (MSSA) with Beersheba Springs, the two anchors at the north and south ends of Broad Mountain in Grundy County,: “We say that Monteagle can be called a ‘large collection of small houses,’ whereas

Beersheba is a ‘small collection of large houses.’” The houses at MSSA are smaller and more numerous than those at Beersheba, but they have a different function and purpose. Founded as the “Chautauqua of the South”, MSSA’s purpose is “the advancement of science, literacy attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination”. The houses or cottages provide housing for participants in the institution’s programs.

Today at MSSA there are 161 cottages, including 1 bed and breakfast, residences for a general manager and superintendent of grounds and 15 other public or support buildings and facilities. In 1912 there were 181 cottages, 21 large boarding and rooming houses, 1 hotel and 18 public buildings.

The institution is managed by a 25 member Board of Trustees elected from among its members partly through Christian Denominational Caucuses and partly at large. Its permanent staff is headed by a general manager whose support includes approximately 10 employees. The staff expands to 25 to 30 during the summer assembly periods.

MSSA is an outgrowth of the late 19th century Sunday School Movement patterned after Chautauqua Sunday School Assembly at Lake Chautauqua, New York. John H. Vincent, a Methodist Bishop, and Lewis Miller, a Methodist layman, sought to create a training school during the summer for Sunday school teachers. The first Chautauqua assembly was held in August 1874. Within two years the assembly was expanded to include a Scientific Congress and a Temperance Convention. The platform included former President Ulysses S. Grant, and temperance champion, Frances E. Willard. The form of the Chautauqua Movement developed as a religious and educational mission for promotion of Christianity through all aspects of the culture. In 1876 two independent Chautauqua were organized, one on Wellesley Island in Lake Ontario, the other on Lake Michigan at Petoskey, Michigan.

In 1882 the State Sunday School Convention of Tennessee proposed to examine the possibility of holding a “Sunday School Congress” during the summer “along the Chattanooga Railroad between Murfreesboro and Chattanooga”. Other southern states were invited were invited to send representatives to a meeting at Tullahoma August 17-19 to organize a “Chautauqua of the South”. A group from Monteagle, including John Moffatt, George King and Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Frances, attended the meeting and persuaded it to include Monteagle in its search for a site. After visiting proposed sites in Tullahoma, Shelbyville, Estill

Springs, Monteagle, Sewanee, Chattanooga, King's Mountain, Toccoa Falls and Tallulah Falls, the site selection committee met in Atlanta to consider selection. John Moffatt presented inducements for Monteagle that included 100 acres of land and \$5000 from Moffat, 1000 acres of land and \$5000 from Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company and 60% passenger round trip fare rate from Cowan to Monteagle, and from Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad a 1 ½ cent per mile excursion rate for passengers attending MSSA annual assemblies and further, for a period of five years, 1/3 of the revenue derived from passengers attending the assemblies.

The site selection committee chose Monteagle and opened its first assembly on July 17, 1883 on the donated land. Over 1000 people were in attendance at some time during the initial assembly. Dr. Vincent came to Monteagle to stimulate interest. His three day visit was the high point of the program. The Normal School, held as a teachers retreat, was attended by about 150 teachers.

People were housed either at Monteagle Springs Hotel or in the approximately sixty tents erected on the Assembly grounds. A hastily erected restaurant was set up in a tent. A 2500 seat Amphitheatre was completed for the first assembly. It was the center of church, school and most general activity. Small cottages began to be built (most without kitchens) for the 1884 assembly along with a hall of philosophy. Buildings for the housing of teachers were erected, including Nashville Home, Memphis Home, Mississippi Home and Alabama Home. Other boarding houses and dining rooms were built on the grounds and further development in the town of Monteagle for the use of people attending the assemblies. The boarding houses in town included Partin Boarding House, owned and operated by George and Annie Partin, and Hands House, both on Assembly Avenue near the main entrance; Blanton House located on the present site of Richie's Food Mart; Rex Hill House near the east gate operated by Alice L. King; Corner Oaks on the site of old City Hall; Mabee House operated by M.E. Mabee; Cumberland House, operated by M.M. Parker, and Graenicher House, both located west of the old Post Office.

In June 1884 Monteagle Springs Hotel was acquired by MSSA but sold in December 1887 as being too expensive to operate. In 1895 the Assembly Inn, a five story hotel within the grounds was opened.

The boarding houses and dining rooms functioned to bring people together in groups to facilitate the religious and educational mission of MSSA. The

participants gathered at meals and on porches of the boarding houses to discuss the issues presented at the lectures or other activities on the program.

In the early years an academic school program was conducted parallel with the Chautauqua program. In 1901 the curriculum included courses in English Bible, English literature, Latin, French, German, Spanish, piano, vocal music, entertainment music, mathematics, physics, astronomy, expression art, stenography, typing, drawing and penmanship, methods, kindergarten, physical education, and Sunday school methods. Peabody, Vanderbilt and other colleges conducted summer school classes at MSSA.

The academic school programs no longer exist and the colleges now conduct their summer schools on their own campuses. The Assembly Inn burned in 1961 and has been replaced with Harton Dining Hall. The teacher's homes have been closed and converted to individual homes, institutional use, or have burned and not been replaced. The boarding houses and dining rooms, with the exception of Edgeworth Inn that operates as a bed and breakfast, have ceased to exist. The boarding houses and dining rooms in town no longer serve people attending the annual assemblies.

The religious and educational Chautauqua programs of MSSA have continued without interruption since 1883. Recent participants on the platform have included historians, Shelby Foote, and Robert V. Remini; journalists, Eleanor Clift, Helen Thomas, Robert Novak and Julia Reed; authors, Peter Taylor, Hubert McAlexander, John Perry, Sam Pickering, Walter Sullivan, and Maggi Vaughn, Tennessee Poet Laureate; theologians, Rev. Will D. Campbell, Rev. Sam Lloyd, III and Rev. Dr. Chris Seitz; The Cumberland Orchestra of the Sewanee Summer Music School; Tennessee Repertory Theatre, and concert pianists, Thomas Wright and Mac Frampton.

The institution conducts art workshops during its assembly periods through which many artists have blossomed. It also had provided writing seminars for both adults and youth.

MSSA engages in many outreach activities. These include the construction of a ranger dwelling at Fiery Gizzard in cooperation with the State of Tennessee, the construction of a pavilion at the Visitors Center of South Cumberland Recreation Area, contributions in cash and kind to Appalachian Woman's Guild, providing frozen meals to area needy persons, establishment of a scholarship program at St. Andrews Sewanee School, providing annual college scholarships to Grundy County High School graduates, providing books and funds for May Justus

Library, and grants to Grundy County High School for programs in art, drama and music.

MSSA has been placed on the National Register of Historical Places by the United States Department of the Interior. A part of MSSA's significance in American history is that it was ecumenical from the beginning. During a time when narrow religious concepts predominated in America, MSSA's emphasis on education, art, drama, music, literature and science as being linked in culture to the interest of Christianity was a liberal idea.

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## THE SUTERS OF GRUETLI

Jackie Suter Lawley



Sign reads: Apparently named for a commune in the canton of Glarus, Switzerland. It was founded by Peter Staub, native of that locality, and 100 Swiss families who bought land here, on April 11, 1869. Since 1880, normal increases in population and the desire for self-betterment have driven many inhabitants to neighboring cities.

**Leonard and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Barbara Vollenweider**  
*Suter, Jr.*



Leonard Suter, Jr. and his second wife, Barbara Vollenweider were early inhabitants of the Swiss Colony at Gruetli.

**Graves of Leonard and Barbara at the Swiss Colony Cemetery**



These tombstones mark the graves of Leonard Suter, Jr. (1843-1916) and his wife, Barbara Vollenweider (1848-1929) at the Swiss Cemetery in Gruetli.

## Papa Suter (Leonard, Jr.) & his Family at the Farm



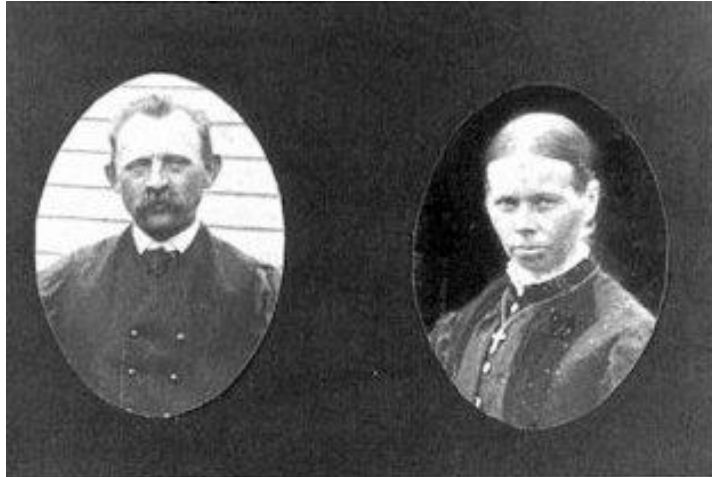
**Anne Marie, Leonard, Papa, John, Joseph, Granny, Jacob, Carl**

1932

Above: The Leonard Suter III and Herbertina Maria (Ley) family at their home in Gruetli in 1932. Picture identification Anna Marie, Leonard IV, Leonard III, John, Joseph (tallest boy), Herbertina Maria (Ley), Jacob, and Carl Suter.

Next Photo: Parents of Herbertina Maria (Ley) Suter, William Ley and wife, Maria Venhorst. Group picture: Children of William and Maria (Venhorst) Ley. Back left to right: Frank, Joseph, William, John. Front left to right: Herbertina Maria, Katharine, and Helena Ley.





Wilhelm  
Ley

Maria  
Venhorst



Frank, Joseph, William & John  
*Marie (Ley) Suter*  
Maria (Granny), Katharine, & Helena

*Ley Family*

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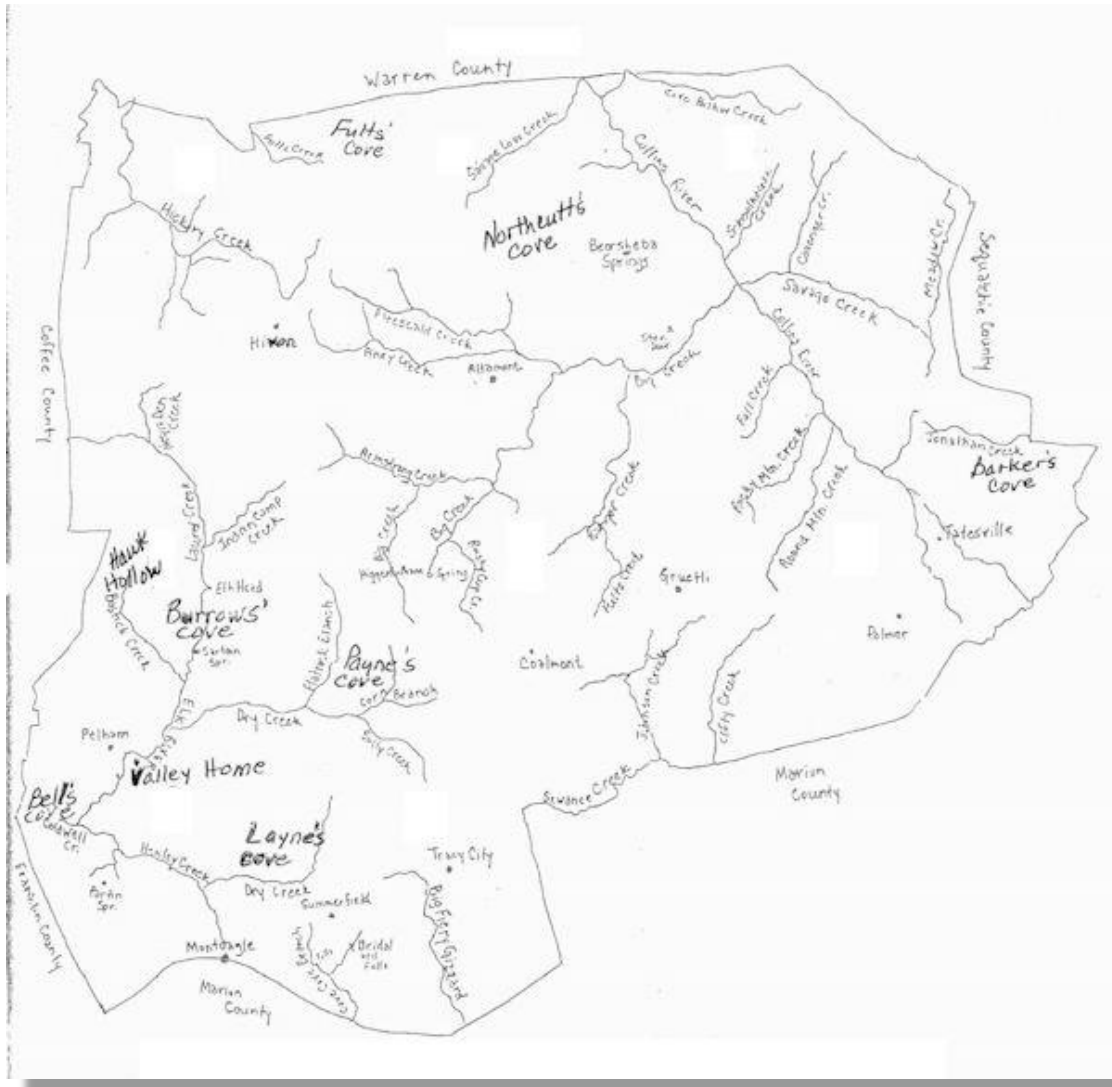
### THE COVES OF GRUNDY COUNTY

### FROM HOMECOMING '86 HISTORY OF THE ELK RIVER VALLEY

Arlene Partin Bean & Janelle Layne Taylor

#### BELL'S COVE

The name Bell's Cove comes from an early settler, Harriss Bell, whose son built and operated a water powered gristmill on Elk River near where Elston and Shelby (Henley) Clay now live. The 1850 census of Grundy County shows Harriss, age 17; his wife, Rachel, 24; William O., 5; Margaret J., 2. By 1860, to his family had been added Robert L., 10; John, 8; and Mary M., 1. Living with the family was Jesse Laxson, 65.



The coves of Grundy County. Thanks to Janelle Taylor for noting the locations.

According to Jim Scott, who is 105 years old, Frank Bell built Bell's Mill. Jim tells of Frank Bell, the miller, and of his boys, Charles and Sumner Bell, both of whom were fine singers who led church congregations respectively at Chapman's Chapel and at Pelham Methodist Church in their Sunday morning praises to the Lord. Sumner became a second generation miller. From time to time others were hired to run the mill. Among them were Willie Partin and Henderson Bennett. Mr. Scott related that the mill burned twice, but that it had been rebuilt each time.

The old mill finally closed in the mid 1930's when Sumner Bell was killed in a tractor accident. Over the years, piece by piece, the mill was torn away and now

there is only the concrete base and the name, "Bell's Mill", to remind us of the once thriving business and of the Bell family.

Harriss Bell and his family lived in a house near the present day Partin Spring which was subsequently purchased by Columbus Partin, then passed down onto Bryan and Emma (Bramblett) Partin who lived in it until it burned in the late 1970's. The house was said to have been built by a man whose name has long since been forgotten. Taylor Partin tells of a cave which goes straight down into the ground near the entrance to Trussell Cave. On the wall at the very back of that cave is inscribed the house builder's name and the date, 1831.

On the farm of Alice (Gilliam) Womack, near the home of Homer and Arlene Layne is the old Harriss Bell Cemetery. There are no tombstones; however, Harriss Bell (born about 1821) is buried there along with an Adams, and some of the Thomas family.

During the Civil War, officers who made written reports referred to Bell's Cove as Gilham's Cove. This was, of course, because it was inhabited largely by families of the Gilliam surname. According to Alice (Gilliam) Womack, Charles Gilliam, her great grandfather, and his second wife, Sarah Ann Smith, moved from Virginia to Laurens County, SC, then on to Franklin County, Tennessee.

Surnames from Bell's Cove: Bell, Gilliam, White, Partin, Smith, Scott, Garrison, Conry and Henley.

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When you finally go back to your old hometown, you find it wasn't the old home you missed, but your childhood.                      Sam Ewing

Home is the place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to.                      John Ed Pearce

A dictionary is a fine tool to consult before putting your opinions in writing for the world to see. On the other hand, failing to do so certainly makes for amusing reading!                      Unknown

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## ELECTRICITY COMES TO GRUNDY COUNTY

Arlene Partin Bean and Janelle Layne Taylor

“Homecoming ’86 History of the Elk River Valley”

It appears that Tracy City was the first town in Grundy County to have electricity.

An electric light company was organized there in March 1904, and by the end of June of the same year the lights were on. Electrical power for local lights first was generated by Werner Lumber Company at a plant located adjacent to the mill. The early practice was to use the plant through the day to provide steam power for the machinery at the mill then to switch to generation of electricity late in the day; thus, the lights might be turned on in town when they most were needed, namely, from 5 till 11 p.m. Eventually, following the construction of the old Hale’s Bar Dam on the Tennessee River, power began to be available to some Grundy County communities from the Tennessee Electric Power Company. It is believed that this dam was constructed ca. 1910.

In time, the Grundy communities of Monteagle, Summerfield, Tracy City, Coalmont, Palmer, and Pelham obtained power from this source. Pelham received electric lights about 1934 or 1935. However, Burrow’s Cove and Payne’s Cove did not get electricity until the early 1950’s. In 1939, the Sequachee Valley Cooperative was incorporated under the Electric Cooperative Act of Tennessee. Among the nine original incorporators were two Grundy County men, Dr. U.B. Bowden of Pelham and Frank Warren of Coalmont.

In May 1939, the Tennessee Valley Authority acquired generation, transmission, and distribution properties from Tennessee Utilities Corporation; and on August 13, 1939, Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative entered into a wholesale power contract with TVA. (Source: Grundy County Herald, Grundy County History Edition, 1976).

In the beginning, no one wanted electricity for much else but lights, electrical appliances then being well into the future. At first there was only one fixture with a bulb hanging from the ceiling in the center of each room. The minimum electric bill was \$1.00 per month.

Anna White Henley Roper remembers: “When we got an iron, we really thought we had something. The iron did not have a thermostat so we had to iron real fast or turn the iron off and on to keep the right temperature”.

“After electricity was introduced, the washing machine salesman came. He would was a washer full of clothes to show how to use it then let you keep it for a week to use. He usually sold it to whomever would keep it a week”.

Mr. Hervey Medely got the first radio on the Valley Home Community and was so proud of it that he wanted to share it with everyone. He would take the radio to a neighbor’s house on Saturday night. All the neighbors would gather to hear the Grand Ole Opry. One night he brought his radio to our (Horace Henley) house. The house was full of people, and others were gathered around the doors and windows to hear the radio”.

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## ORANGE HILL, TENNESSEE

Janelle Layne Taylor

Circa 1918-1919. Frank Lockhart- Front row with circle- Alton Lockhart, child with long black hair on second row, Maggie Orange Dykes. Second row R-L- Rachel, Bob, Did Carrick, Lettie Nunley, Winnie and Brett Carrick. It was located where Orange Hill Church is now. This was torn down about 1918-1919.



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**CORRECTIONS**

If you spot a mistake, please let us know so we can make any corrections. All corrections will be made as soon as possible, usually the following issue. Please contact Sharon: [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com).

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**GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855**

Transcribed by Sharon Goodman

This day John **Morrow**, George W. **Thompson**, William **Rankins**, John **Rankins**, and William P. **Cash**, the Jury of View, appointed to mark and lay off a road from G.W. **Thompsons** to Lusks Gap, made their report, which report being objected to is by the court rejected, and for nothing esteemed.

Ordered by the court that John **Tipton** (tax collector) have the further time, until next April court, to report on which remains unpaid, to have the same condemned, and Sold to make the sum of Ten Dollars.

Ordered by the court that John **Burrows**, William **Dugan**, and Richard **Bradford** Justices of the quorum be allowed the sum of one dollar per day, for their Services, from the first Monday in January 1847, to be paid out of the County treasury, out of any money not otherwise appropriated. There being fourteen Justices present and the Vote being taken, those who Voted in the affirmative were fourteen in the negative non.

Ordered by the court, on petition of Sundry citizens of District No. 6, that the elections in Said district be hereafter held at the house of Philip **Roberts** in Stead of James **Sartains**.

Ordered by the court that the following persons be appointed a venire to the April term of the circuit court 1847 (towit, District No. 1, Thomas **Martin**, Alfred

F. **Braley**, and Samuel J. **Christian**; No. 2 John **Myers**, Nathan **Fults** and Jonathon **Scott**; No. 3 Warren **Savage**, Ballard G. **Wilson**, and James C. **Walker**; No. 4, Robert **Tate**, Esq., and Alfred **Colton**; No. 5 Anthony **Aylor** and James **Lockhart**, Esq.,; No. 6 David **Burrows**, William W. **Crabtree** and William **Partin**; No. 7 Elias **Smith**, Esq., James **Meeks** and John B. **Lowe**; No. 8 William **Lyons**, David T. **Willis**; and Silas T. **Roberts**; No. 9 Abner **Byrant**, William B. **Wilson**, and Smith **Blanton**; No. 10 Thomas L. **Gunn** and William **Cunningham** and that a Venire Facias issue.

On petition of Silas T. **Roberts** and others, It is ordered by the court that Robert C. **Caldwell**, Joseph **Bradshaw**, Samuel **Parks**, D.D. **Lynch**, Harry **Gillum**, Harris **Bell**, Dall **Balair**, William **Parks** and Elias **Smith**, be appointed a Jury of View, to lay off and mark a read commencing on the stage road , leading from Nashville to Chattanooga near Harris **Gillum's** thence round the foot of the mountain, the nearest and best way, intersecting the road leading from **Petty's** to C.F. **Lows** at Grosses, and report to April Term of this court.

Ordered by the court that L.B. **Bostick** be released from a pole tax for the year 1845, and that a copy of this order be a sufficient Voucher for 45 cents, for John **Tipton**, Tax Collector in his settlement with the trustee.

On motion of Elijah H. **Ikard**, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Elizabeth M. **Alroy** a citizen of Grundy county died intestate in the county of Shelby on a visit. It is ordered by the court that the said Elijah M. **Ikard** be appointed administrator of all and Singular the goods and Chattels right and credits of the said Elizabeth M. **Alroy** deceased. Whereupon the said Elijah H. **Ikard**, entered into bond with Security conditioned as the law Directs, and took the oath prescribed by administrators, and thereupon the court ordered letters of administration to issue.

This day John **Tipton** returned his list of Delinquents as Tax collector of Grundy county, amounting to nine dollars and Sixty one and one fourth cents, which was allowed by the court and a copy of this order is to be a Voucher in settlement with the State Treasurer and County trustee.

Ordered by the court that the alteration in the road from between Jeremiah **Nunleys** and William R. **Nunleys** on the turn pike road, to the top of the mountain as reported by Joseph **Mathews** and others be established and that Richard **Bradford** be appointed Overseer of Said road, and have the same bounds and hands heretofore allotted him.

This day the court elected Anderson S. **Goodman**, esquire, chairman, and John **Burrows** and Richard I. **Price** Justices of the quoram for the Year 1847.

Court adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Anderson Goodman Chairman

John Burrows

Robert Tate

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

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

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

**1860 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRUNDY COUNTY**

**Roberts**, George W.- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; value of livestock, \$350; Indian corn, 1250; Irish potatoes, 75; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$150.

**Goodman**, A.S.- improved acres, 65; unimproved acres, 131; cash value of farm, \$2000; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 6; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$452; Indian corn, 750; wool, 12 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 10;



sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$120; maple sugar, 15 lbs.

**Phipps**, Jackson- improved acres, 23; unimproved acres, 6; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; sheep, 6; swine, 9; value of livestock, \$190; Indian corn, 500; butter, 30; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$35.

**Burnet**, John- improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 2; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$190; Indian corn, 500; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$90.

**Lowe**, Samuel- improved acres, 65; unimproved acres, 1535; cash value of farm, \$35 [sic]; horses, 8; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 5; sheep, 10; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$ 1128; wheat, 57; Indian corn, 875; wool, 17 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$75; value of animals slaughtered, \$270; hay, 2 tons; grass seed, 5.

**Roberts**, Silas T.- improved acres, 35; unimproved acres, 80; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$182; wheat, 39; Indian corn, 500; Irish potatoes, 10.

**Sartin**, Aaron H.- improved acres, 54; unimproved acres, 92; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 10; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$396; wheat, 70; Indian corn, 500; wool, 20 lbs.; sweet potatoes, 10; honey, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; beeswax, 5 lbs.

**Tucker**, Mahala- improved acres, 45; unimproved acres, 85; cash value of farm, \$2000; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; sheep, 7; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$ 281; Indian corn, 600; wool, 44 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 50 lbs.; honey, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$140; tobacco, 500 lbs.; beeswax, 5 lbs.

**Winton**, John (tenant)- improved acres, 111; unimproved acres, 222; cash value of farm, \$8000; horses, 3; asses & mules, 3; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 8; sheep, 10; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$918; Indian corn, 200; wool, 40 lbs.; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$200; hay, 2 tons; grass seed, 5 lbs.

**Dickerson**, Wm. B.- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 830; cash value of farm, \$200 [sic]; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 6; swine, 33; value of livestock, \$407; Indian corn, 100; wool, 15 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 120 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; maple sugar, 20 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons.

**Sartin**, James- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 458; cash value of farm, \$5000; horses, 4; asses & mules, 6; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 8; sheep, 6; swine, 45; value of livestock, \$1377; Indian corn, 2000; wool, 15 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 250 lbs.; honey, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$210; beeswax, 20 lbs.

**Sartin**, Susanah- improved acres, 24; unimproved acres, 6; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 12; swine, 19; value of livestock, \$172; Indian corn, 250; wool, 20 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 20 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$108.

**Sartin**, Lovel D.- improved acres, 75; unimproved acres, 95; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 4; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$990; Indian corn, 500; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 75 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$183.

**Hamby**, Eli- improved acres, 130; unimproved acres, 670; cash value of farm, \$2400; horses, 5; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 10; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$421; wheat, 300; Indian corn, 1500; wool, 20 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$250.

**Burrows**, John- improved acres, 80; unimproved acres, 137; cash value of farm, \$2500; horses, 9; milch cows, 7; working oxen, 6; other cattle, 1; sheep, 33; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$456; wheat, 110; Indian corn, 1625; oats, 30; wool, 55 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 170; butter, 50 lbs.; honey, 225 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$180; molasses, 15 gallons; beeswax, 15 lbs.

**Countess**, P.H.- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 148; cash value of farm, \$3500; horses, 5; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$840; wheat, 100; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 30; wool, 25 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$190; rye, 10.

**Charles**, Jincy- improved acres, 160; unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$6000; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$235; Indian corn, 2850; peas & beans, 15; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 15 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, 48; orchard produce, \$150.

**Thompson**, John- improved acres, 12; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 4; milch cows, 6; other cattle, 5; swine, 21; value of livestock, \$750; Indian corn, 250; butter, 70 lbs.; honey, 70 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$210.

**Forrester**, A.P.- improved acres, 68; unimproved acres, 55; cash value of farm, \$2000; horses, 4; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 10; sheep, 7; swine, 55; value of livestock, \$866; wheat, 40; Indian corn, 750; wool, 20 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 250 lbs.; honey, 90 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$75; value of animals slaughtered, \$170; molasses, 50 gallons; beeswax, 10 lbs.

**Meeks**, Solomon- improved acres, 9; unimproved acres, 220; cash value of farm, \$550; horses, 1; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 200; peas & beans, 1; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

**Burrows**, Anthony- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 90; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; sheep, 10; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$265; Indian corn, 250; wool, 23 lbs.; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 17 lbs.; honey, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$37; maple sugar, 25 lbs.; beeswax, 8 lbs.

**Kilgore**, Wm.- improved acres, 10; unimproved acres, 15; cash value of farm, 30; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 13; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$727; wheat, 73; Indian corn, 1300; wool, 25 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 60 lbs.; honey, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$360; molasses, 40 gallons, beeswax, 8 lbs.

**Stonestreet**, B.C. (tenant)- improved acres, 45; unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$1200; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 6; swine, 9; value of livestock, \$150; Indian corn, 30; wool, 28 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 16; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, 42; tobacco, 100 lbs.; maple sugar, 25 lbs.; molasses, 30 gallons.

**White, C.C.**- improved acres, 140; unimproved acres, 60; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 11; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 5; other cattle, 2; value of livestock, \$57; Indian corn, 600; peas & beans, 15; Irish potatoes, 60; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 75 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30.

**Travis, C. (tenant)**- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$300; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 30; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$1850; wheat, 100; Indian corn, 1500; wool, 60 lbs.; peas & beans, 30; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$102; hay

**DISTRICT 8 TOTALS**- Improved acres, 1988; unimproved acres, 8463; cash value of farms, \$66205; horses, 109; asses & mules, 18; milch cows, 98; working oxen, 34; other cattle, 99?; sheep, 249; swine, 578; value of livestock, \$17809; wheat, 985; Indian corn, 1350; peas & beans, 147; Irish potatoes, 725; sweet potatoes, 1278; butter, 2757 lbs.; honey, 1620 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$1123; value of animals slaughtered, \$3758.

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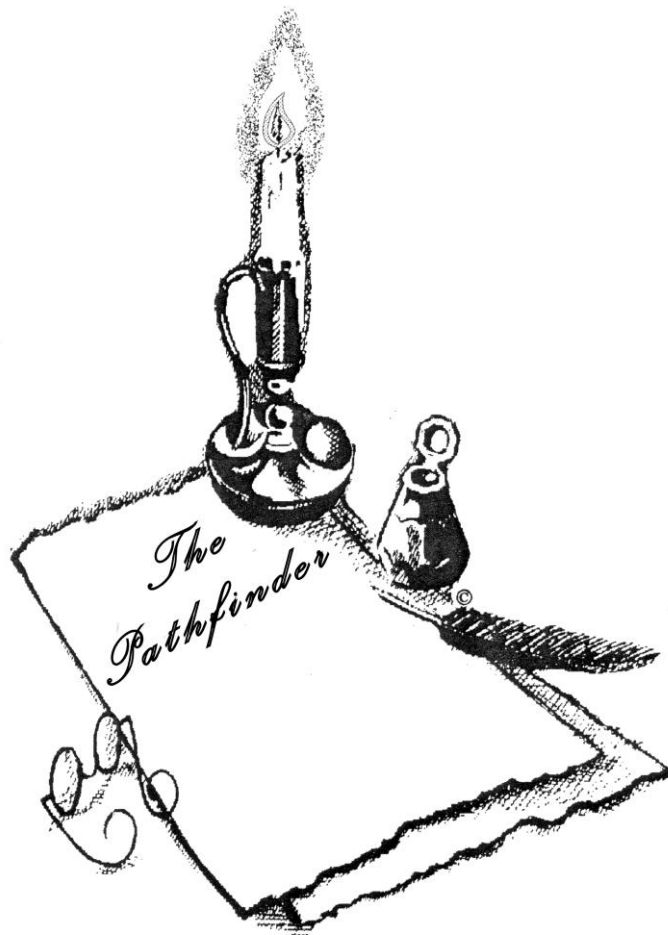


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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

I got to spend three weeks in Tennessee during July and spent a wonderful afternoon at the Grundy County Heritage Center with Janelle Taylor, Willene Campbell, Sue Parrot, Bob and Bettye Sherwood and John Campbell. It was fun working with these people packing and getting ready to ship out the orders for the new “Cemeteries of Grundy County, Tennessee”. What a project that was and kudos to ALL involved with that project over the past three years! The books are softbound and are fascinating reading as there is also genealogy information added to almost every entry. There are more than 160 cemeteries in Grundy County and each of them was visited during this project. I hope you get a copy of these books for your own.

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## VISITING THE GRUNDY COUNTY HERITAGE CENTER

Sharon Nee Goodman



John Campbell and Sue Parrott keep the room in lively conversation!



The Heritage Center's volunteers working to ship out the new books, Cemeteries of Grundy County, Tennessee. Front Row: John Campbell, Janelle Taylor, Sharon Goodman. Back Row: Willene Campbell and Sue Parrott.



Bettye and Bob Sherwood show off the books that had just arrived as they pick up their copies! If you have placed an order, rest assured that these fine volunteers will soon have your order shipped! If you haven't ordered, check

[www.gchs.homestead.com](http://www.gchs.homestead.com) or <http://www.grundycountyhistory.org/> for an order form.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nadine Moore

Jeremy Fults, Jackie Lawley, Bobby Payne, Ava Nell Timoschuk, John Greeter, April Minkler, Jana Barrett, Seth Layne

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### QUERIES

**2013-005** Henry Sanders is my great grandfather. He was married to Abbey G. Dykes. Henry Sanders died very young. Do you have any information where he died? His brother, Louis Sanders (Louis' great granddaughter mentioned that Henry died in Kentucky). Six months later Abbey Sanders moved back to Tracy City, TN and died August 1900. My grandfather, keener Lemon Sanders said he died of a gunshot. Do you have any information about Henry Sanders?

Thanks,

Lisa Bunde

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### “REGIMENTAL SKETCHES”

### FROM “HISTORY OF TENNESSEE”

Sharon N. Goodman

Ever wonder which Tennessee counties all the regiments were from, when they were formed, and where they fought during the Civil War? I recently ran across a chapter in "History of Tennessee" that explained exactly all of that. These "Regimental Sketches" will run over the next several issues of the Pathfinder.

The Twenty-fourth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was organized in June 1861, at Camp Anderson, near Murfreesboro, and comprised twelve companies raised in the counties of Williamson, Rutherford, Maury, Bedford, Coffee, Smith, DeKalb, Sumner, Hickman, and Perry. It was first commanded by Col. R.D. Allison, and later by Col Bratton and Col. John Wilson. It moved into Kentucky and was stationed at Cave City in October. At this time it was in Col Shaver's brigade of Hardee's division. It was in Gen. Strahl's brigade during the most of the war. It participated in the pitched battle of Shiloh, losing many, and was reorganized at or near Corinth; thence moved via Chattanooga on the Kentucky campaign, and was severely engaged at Perryville. It then retreated with Bragg's army, and on December 31, 1862, participated in the splendid charge at Missionary Ridge. In 1864 it was in all the leading engagements in the famous Georgia campaign, and thence to Tennessee, where it participated at Franklin and Nashville; thence moved to North Carolina, and in the spring of 1865 surrendered at Greensboro.

The Twenty-fifth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Overton, White, Putnam and Jackson Counties, and was organized at Camp Zollicoffer, near Livingston early in June 1861, with S.S. Stanton, colonel. After several months of discipline it invaded Kentucky to break up organizations of Federal home guards, and in January 1862, joined Gen. Zollicoffer at Miller Springs, KY and was engaged in the battle of Fishing Creek, suffering considerable loss and displaying great dash and pluck. It then moved to Murfreesboro, thence to northern Mississippi, where it did important provost duty, and after Shiloh was reorganized, with Stanton, colonel, who was soon succeeded by John M. Hughes. It marched to Chattanooga, thence north on Bragg's Kentucky campaign; fought bravely at Perryville, with loss; thence marched to Murfreesboro, in which headlong battle it displayed magnificent fighting qualities and lost heavily in killed and wounded. It participated at Fairfield, Beech Grove and Hoover's Gap, losing heavily at the latter battle. At the fierce battle of Chickamauga it distinguished itself, capturing valuable ordnance and sweeping desperately everything from its course. It then moved with Longstreet against Knoxville, fighting at Fort Loudon, Bean's Station (twice), Clinch Valley and Fort Sanders,

mountains of East Tennessee, and in February, 1864, moved to near Richmond, VA. It fought desperately at Drury Bluff and in numerous engagements around Petersburg and Richmond, displaying its habitual brilliancy, and was finally surrendered at Appomattox.

The Twenty-sixth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Washington, Sullivan, Meigs, Cocke, Grainger, Rhea, Hamilton, Knox and Roane Counties, and was organized at Camp Lillard, Knoxville, September 6, 1861 with John M. Lillard, colonel. Late in September it moved to Bowling Green; thence later to Russellville, KY and early in February to the relief of Fort Donelson. Here it did its first gallant fighting, amid severe loss and heroic personal achievements. It was captured, taken to Northern prisons, and exchanged at Vicksburg in September, 1862. It was reorganized at Knoxville, with Lillard, colonel, moved west, and in December, at brilliant Murfreesboro, fought in the furious charges of that famous battle. It moved south, and at Chickamauga fought with fiery energy, losing heavily, Col. Lillard falling mortally wounded. R.M. Saffell succeeded him in command. It also did meritorious and bloody work at Missionary Ridge, passed the winter of 1863-64 in northern Georgia, and fought brilliantly in all the leading engagements down to Atlanta, suffering severe loss. At Jonesboro and Lovejoy, and in the Tennessee campaign at bloody Franklin and stubborn Nashville, it displayed its accustomed dash and valor. It retreated south, and at Bentonville, NC, lost Col. Saffell, whose successor on the field, Col. A.F. Boggess, fell in the same fight. The regiment surrendered in April 1865.

The Twenty-seventh Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Benton, Obion, McNairy, Haywood, Weakley, Carroll, Decatur and Henderson Counties, and was organized at Trenton, late in July 1861, with Felix Rebels, colonel. It occupied Camp of Instruction until after the battle of Belmont; then moved to Columbus, KY and later to Bowling Green. Early in February 1862 it moved to Nashville; then to Murfreesboro, then to northern Mississippi. In April it fought desperately at Shiloh, losing over 100 killed and wounded. It was transferred to Chattanooga, and then moved north on the Kentucky campaign. October 8<sup>th</sup>, at Perryville, it left the bloody field proud of its splendid conduct. At Murfreesboro in December, it assisted in the furious charges which swept the right wing of the Federals back several miles. At Chickamauga it fought with superb courage, forcing the enemy back at every point and at Missionary Ridge held its ground long against overwhelming numbers. In the Georgia campaign of 1864 it fought with its usual brilliancy in all the leading engagements on the retrograde movement to Atlanta. Again at Jonesboro and Lovejoy it participated and

marched north on the ill-fated Tennessee campaign. In the furious and brilliant charges at Franklin the gallant regiment steadily carried its streaming banner across the bloody field, losing nearly half of those engaged. In the stubborn contest for its capital city it bore a heroic part, but was overwhelmed and swept back, and then sadly marched down to the Carolinas, where at Bentonville it fought its last battle. It surrendered in April, 1865.

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## GRUNDY COUNTY TEACHING

Willie Mae Conry

Our class finished high school in 1925. During our senior year we finished a course in Elementary Teacher Training, from which we earned a one year elementary certificate. That is how my teaching career began.

My first year experience was full of challenges, miseries, disappointments, surprises, and tears. I could not sleep well at night. I relived each day's experiences over and over again, with a dread for the next day. I felt myself in a maze of problems, I did not know how to solve; I knew my inadequacies, and knew that I was not completely welcomed by the principal. I was so discouraged, I often wished I had not undertaken such a task.

The building was a boxed dwelling house that housed the children. The grades were first through eighth grade with five teachers. There were three classrooms and one extra-large assembly room that also served as a primary room and utilized the extra teacher.

My room was a boxed in porch, I would say, about 10' x 20', with its only 3 or 4 foot of space between them. Weatherboarding on one side of the main building formed the wall for the front of my room with a door opening into the hallway and a hard rain would bring a sheet of water down the weatherboarding. Dark? On cloudy, rainy days, it was something, for in those days there was no electricity available.

In this room, I was responsible for about 35 children, until they added another teacher, and split the fourth grade. They were all sized, small, medium and large. One or two was larger than I was and I was eighteen years old.

The seating arrangement was pitiful. Some sat on long benches against the wall, others with double desks and some with no desks at all. There were three rows of seats following the length of the room. In the third row next to the classroom wall, sat a big potbellied stove with three good legs and 1 front leg two bricks high, lacking an inch or two of reaching the base of the stove. One of the larger boys sat facing stove. He was a well behaved guy who had given me no trouble, but one cold morning he, undoubtedly put a big foot upon the base of the stove where the bricks were and with a frightening crash, overcame the stove, spilling hot embers in the floor, very near the boys feet. About the time the principal reached my room the whole school stampeded. Luckily, no one was hurt. The hot embers were extinguished before any damage was done and the stove was set up again as soon as it cooled. We finished the day with the few that remained. Next morning the house was full of children again.

There was no lunch rooms in the schools back then- no candy, ice cream, drinks or snacks. The children brought food from the family table. Mama's might bake cookies, tea cakes, or maybe a cake. Fried potato cakes between biscuit, or a bacon sandwich, a tomato from the garden. Most anything from the table that could be put between bread or in a cup with a spoon to dip with, made up the school lunches for rural children. Lunches were put in a sack, or a lunch box, or maybe in a small tin bucket. Occasionally, hot soup might come from a home about lunch time to a family member.

There were no drinking fountains, no indoor plumbing; therefore, no indoor restrooms. The water came from wells or springs back then. Large cans with tight fitting lids and a push button on the bottom, called water coolers were filled each morning with fresh water and each child had his own drinking cup; but the rural school where I spent my first year as a teacher had a drilled well with a very long bucket, about 4' x 3', and a chain. The water was drawn by means of a pulley, windlass, and chain. The water was emptied in a large bucket by putting the bottom of the long well bucket in the pail and the pressure of the water opened a valve in the bottom of the well bucket and the water filled the large pail, which was then carried to the water cooler in the school room.

The outdoor toilet facility had been built fairly close to the well. The water smelled very much like the toilet. I could not drink the water, but there was not any epidemic in the area, I often wonder why.

This school was about twenty miles from my home. Therefore, I had to board. On weekends I rode this work train back home, and then I had about two and a half

miles to go to reach my daddy's home. On Monday mornings, transportations was always prearranged to get back to school. But on one Monday morning my ride left me intentionally. It was late when I finally found transportation to take me the twenty miles. When I arrived I found a non-member of the faculty had charge of my room. When I walked in how surprised they all looked. But she apologized and turned my room over to me.

Thought I made many friends among the parents and children, I was glad when school ended. I shall have to admit that I had quite a bit of experience that year for \$60.00 per month, less \$15.00 for board, \$3.00 for transportation, and \$2.00 for building fires.

I decided to stay with the profession since I had been changed to another community closer to home and with a \$5.00 raise, better facilities and a less crowded situation to look forward to.

Since those two years, I spent 21 years more in communities' closer home, after my own children reached school age.

Now, I would not take anything for those years. My family never complained but seemed to take sense of pride in what I was doing.

Had I not pursued a teaching career, I would have missed the joy of numerous little smiling faces that so often called me "Mama". These children are now adults with families of their own, and now I meet with them quite often. There a big smile greets me, a warm handshake, and now and then a hug.

Sometimes, they invite me to their homes or tell me about their families, their jobs and occasionally introduce me to a brand new baby. All I can say is, "I'm glad I have been a teacher".

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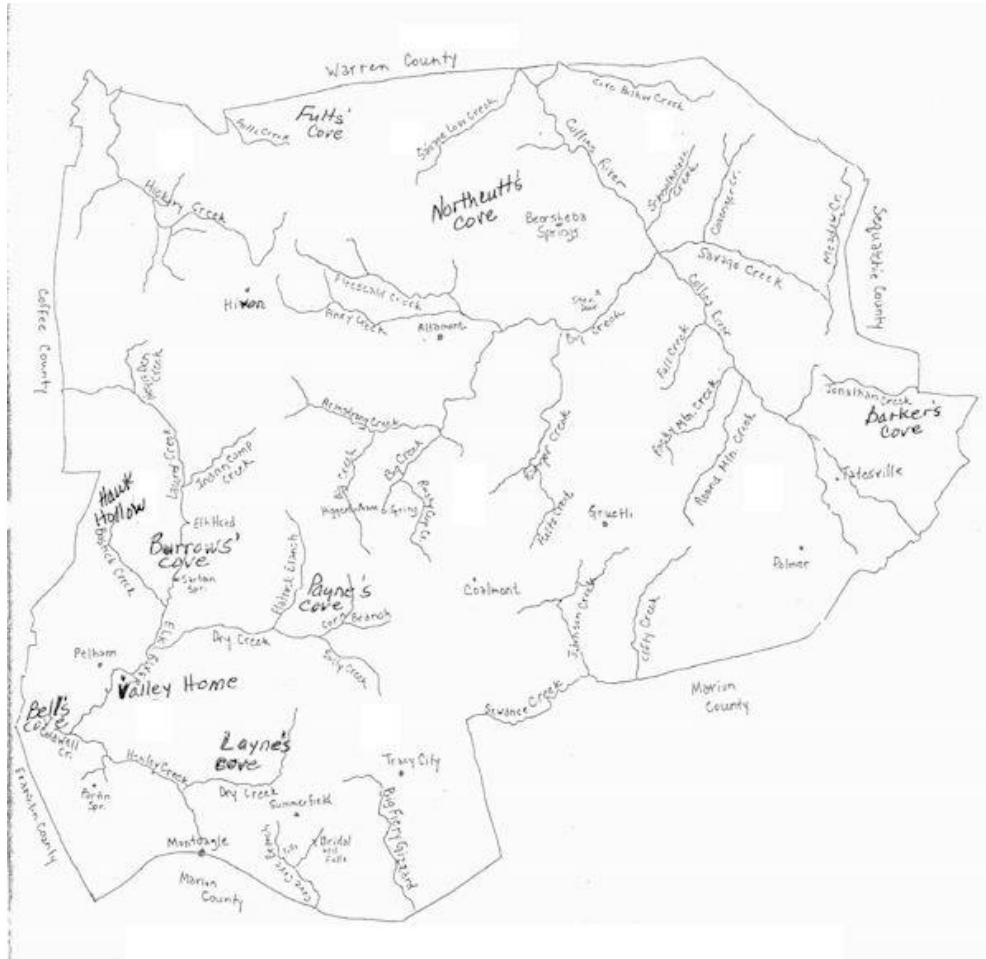
## **THE COVES OF GRUNDY COUNTY**

### **FROM HOMECOMING '86 HISTORY OF THE ELK RIVER VALLEY**

Arlene Partin Bean & Janelle Layne Taylor

## **TRUSSELL'S COVE**





Trussell's Cove is actually a narrow arm of the broader Bell's Cove and encompasses the area behind Wayne and Mary Elizabeth (Frances) Shelton's property as well as the area around the Jay and Etta (Gilliam) Layne home place.

Jim Trussell came from Summerfield and bought the area plus a 40 acre strip of land where the Shelton's house now stands. He purchased this land from a Mr. Ikard who built and lived in Woodrow and Doris (Goodman) Gilliam's present home place. Two houses were built in that cove. One each for Will and Bob Trussell and their families.

Jim Trussell's children were:

1. Robert married 1. Lucy Partin
  - a. Viney married Jim Brown
  - b. Wesley married Edith Huffer
- Robert married 2. Ella Johnson

- a. Ruby married Walter Reed
  - b. Iris married James Nelson
  - c. Henry married Ruth Huffer
  - d. Robert Lewis, Jr. married Maude Meadows
  - e. Aaron married 1. Mary Ella Johnson; 2. Joyce \_\_\_\_
  - f. Charles married Melba \_\_\_\_
  - g. Leon married Blanche Wright
  - h. Ernest married 1. Mary Florence Payne; 2. Joyce McCullough
2. Will married Bessie Partin
  3. Pete married Viola Henley
  4. Oscar married 1. Clara Cope; 2. Pearl Kopp
  5. Henry married 1. Clara Woodlee; 2. Ruby \_\_\_\_
  6. Bell married Jess McGregor
  7. Kate married Elbert Thomas
  8. Leevesta married Dave Turner
    - a. Mary married Norris Cope
  9. James Wesley married Eugenia Gilliam
    - a. Elsie Marie married Virgil Willson
    - b. Abbie Louceil married Pauls Strausbaugh
    - c. Carl Hudson married Lois Beene,
    - d. Elbert Ward never married
    - e. Paul Bryan married Georgia Mae Williams
    - f. Herbert Hoover married Clara Bow Glover
    - g. Wendell Grayson married Mary Ellen Woodall
    - h. Sandra Sue married David Lee Wilkinson

Eventually, the Trussells sold out to Foster Stevens who kept the land for a while then sold it to Golden and Dola (Bowen) Galligan. Dola was the daughter of Martin Bowden and Daisy Smith. They lived there a short while before selling to Jim and Lear (Jordan Taylor) Green. The Greens lived there until Jim died in 1958. At that time the property was sold to Wayne and Mary Elizabeth Shelton.

On the mountain overlooking the cove was a house inhabited by the John McFarland family. They had a large orchard near their house. A Thomas family also lived in the mountainside area. The view into the cove from these mountain perches is said to have been spectacular. Few of the family names well known in the cove in the early 1900s are still present in the Elk River Valley today.

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## CAISSON EXPLOSION AT SEWANEE DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

Kirby Crabtree

During the spring and summer of 1863, during the War Between the States, the Union Army fought in a campaign to seize Tennessee from Confederate control (Tullahoma Campaign fought between June 24 and July 3, 1863). Soon after Confederate Army General Braxton Bragg ordered a retreat to Chattanooga, Union Soldiers began a long march making their way toward the Cumberland Mountains in pursuit of Bragg's forces. Their trip up the mountain was very complicated, with severe weather conditions and the road being very poor and muddy. One soldier said "the afternoon sky turned as black as a stack of cats." Finally reaching the top of the mountain, (by way of the Old Cumberland Mountain/Cowan Road) they set up camp at University Place, known today as Sewanee, near where present day St. Mary's is located.

For a couple weeks the Union did camp, picket, and drill duty there while awaiting orders to march onward to Chattanooga. During the Union Army encampment at Sewanee on Saturday, Aug. 8, 1863, a horrific, accidental explosion was caused by the Twenty-first Indiana Light Artillery Battery, which at the time was attached to the Third Brigade, 4th Division, XIV Corps, Army of the Cumberland.

By reason of continuous rains the powder of the Battery had gotten wet, and the Captain had ordered it to be inspected and spread out to dry upon tarpaulins laid on the ground. One of the members of the Battery, in the act of passing a revolver to another member, accidentally let the weapon fall from his hand, which struck the cap of a percussion shell. The shell burst and ignited the powder spread upon the ground. The flame like a flash leaped to the caissons and limbers filled with about 80 lbs. of ammunition. It caused a horrific explosion, severely injuring six members of the gun crew, burning them horribly on faces, hands, bodies, and burning their hair to a crisp; leaving only two survivors.



This is an actual account of the incident given by the Rev. Harry Easter: *“During the Civil War there was a federal encampment just below Mrs. Hoge’s home. A caisson blew up in camp, scattering pieces of shell and iron in every direction. I remember finding many of these pieces in the stream below the hill.”*

Although there are many account discrepancies, we do know that there was an explosion at Sewanee that occurred on August 8, 1863, killing four men and permanently injuring two others. This event has all but been forgotten in our local history and should be remembered.

Sources:

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Sewanee, TN.

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### A VIEW OF PELHAM VALLEY FROM US 41A

Sharon Nee Goodman

I took this photograph in July just before I left to come back to Texas. It was one of those rare days (for this summer anyway) when there wasn't any rain and the skies were really, really blue!



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**TATE FAMILY**

Roy C. Schild and Dola S. Tylor

**The  
TATE FAMILY**



Timothy T. Tate — Nancy Delaware Ross

**From  
ENGLAND To  
TENNESSEE**

**By: Roy C. Schild  
Dola S. Tylor**

Children of DAVIDSON TATE and MARY LAYNE are:

- i. ALEX<sup>11</sup> TATE, b. 1869.
- ii. AARON TATE.
- iii. MAGGIE TATE, b. 1875.
- iv. REBECCA TATE, b. 1877.
- v. MARTHA T. TATE, b. 1879.

*Generation No. 11*

18. TIMOTHY T.<sup>11</sup> TATE (*LADDEN FARRELL<sup>10</sup>, DAVIDSON<sup>9</sup>, MAJOR JAMES<sup>8</sup>, ROBERT<sup>7</sup>, ROBERT<sup>6</sup>, ROBERT<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 14, 1862 in Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee, and died October 05, 1938 in Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee. He married NANCY DELAWARE ROSS. She was born September 20, 1865 in Marion, Tenn., and died February 17, 1950 in Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee.

Notes for TIMOTHY T. TATE:

Timothy T. Tate, b. June 14, 1862, Lager, Grundy County, Tennessee son of Ladden Farrel and Louzetta M. Golston tate. md. Nancy Delaware Ross, b. September 20, 1865 Marion County, Tennessee. He died October 5, 1938 Grundy County Tennessee. bur. Fall Creek Cemetery Laager, Tennessee. Nancy d. February 17, 1950.

Ref: 1900 Fed. Census, Grundy County Tennessee page 16: Virgie Crownover, Elva Tate Hershaw Dawson, Dola S. Tylor.

More About TIMOTHY T. TATE:

Burial: Fall Creek Cemetery, Laager, Tennessee

More About NANCY DELAWARE ROSS:

Burial: Fall Creek Cemetery, Laager, Tennessee

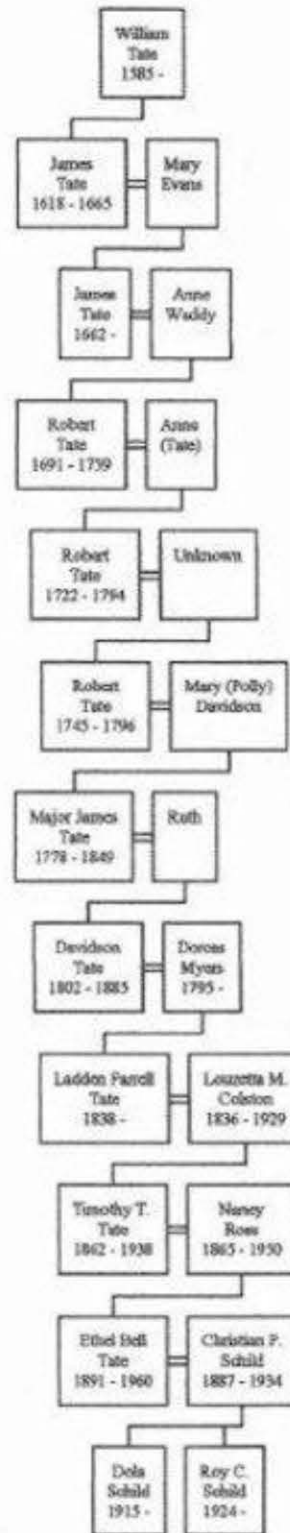
Children of TIMOTHY TATE and NANCY ROSS are:

- i. CARIE LEE<sup>12</sup> TATE, b. February 14, 1886, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; m. HENRY FINNEY.
19. ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON TATE, b. October 12, 1887, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee.
20. iii. VIRGINIA (VIRGIE) TATE, b. November 18, 1889, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; d. April 23, 1985, Asheville, NC.
21. iv. ETHEL L. BELL TATE, b. July 10, 1891, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; d. September 20, 1960, Cleveland, Bradley Co. Tenn.
- v. GROVER CLEVELAND TATE, b. February 19, 1893, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; m. MARGIE NUNLEY, August 03, 1927.
22. vi. MINNIE R. TATE, b. March 09, 1895, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; d. February 06, 1990, Tucson, Arizona.
- vii. HARLEY TATE, b. June 1897, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; d. February 24, 1940; m. BESSIE BRADY; b. Grundy County, Tennessee; d. August 21, 1981, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee.
23. viii. GRETELY SUSIE TATE, b. December 1899, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee.
24. ix. JOHN HARRON TATE, b. September 25, 1902, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; d. September 26, 1978, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee.
- x. RAYMOND TATE, b. November 03, 1904, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; d. November 1962, Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee; m. EDITH BRYANT, February 1925.

*Generation No. 12*

19. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>12</sup> TATE (*TIMOTHY T.<sup>11</sup>, LADDEN FARRELL<sup>10</sup>, DAVIDSON<sup>9</sup>, MAJOR JAMES<sup>8</sup>, ROBERT<sup>7</sup>, ROBERT<sup>6</sup>, ROBERT<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 12, 1887 in Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee. He married DOLA HARRIS. She was

*Descendants of William Tate*



**WORLD WAR I VETERAN**



**CORPORAL GROVER CLEVELAND TATE**



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**ALTAMONT SCHOOL CIRCA 1949**

Janelle L. Taylor



Can anyone ID these students from Altamont School? If so, please contact Janelle Taylor at [jantay641@gmail.com](mailto:jantay641@gmail.com).

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**GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE LICENSES,**

**1850-1874**

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## GRUNDY COUNTY, TN (1850-1874)

___, Elizabeth	marr Cunningham, John	26 Oct 1858
___, Peneller	Kief, Marion	16 Sep 1874
___, Rachael	Jones, James	20 Sep 1866
Abernathy, T.C.	Walker, Mary E.	27 Dec 1866
Adams, B.H.	Crossland, Elizabeth	05 Apr 1858
Adams, B.T.	Stonestreet, Mary	15 Feb 1868
Adams, Clarisen	Jones, Abraham	30 Oct 1853
Adams, John	Thomas, Nancy	11 Mar 1862
Adams, William	Thomas, Talitha E.	13 Aug 1866
Aigo, Willis	Fults, Elizabeth	17 Nov 1868
Allen, Rhoda Mrs.	Nunley, John	14 Jul 1868
Allison, Ryan	Fitzgerald, John	17 Jun 1857
Anderson, Mary Jane	Myers, Griffin	11 Jan 1859
Anfin, Jonathan	Tomer, Rachel	17 Mar 1863
Anglin, Elizabeth	Walker, I.T.	01 Sep 1872
Anglin, John	Levan, Tabitha	05Nov 1859
Anglin, Lincha	Lockhart, James M.	16 Oct 1862
Anthony, M.M. Miss	Hoover, A.W.	05 Nov 1870
Anthony, Rosanah	Nunley, J.A.	11 Oct 1871
Argo, Evaline	Fults, Daniel	20 May 1872
Ark, Margaret	Nunley, William B.	16 Sep 1867

Armstrong, Martin	Goodman, Mary Caroline	24 Mar 1856
Arnold, J.W.	Tucker, Sousan	01 Nov 1862
Arnold, Jane	Sherrill, L.H.	04 Oct 1868
Arnold, Nancy	Bennett, Benjamin A.	19 Dec 1852
Arnold, Rebecca A.	Castleberry, Timothy	11 May 1860
Arnold, Sarah M.	Pelts, Warren	09 Sep 1853
Atkins, Anna	Hargis, James G.	05 Nov 1874
Auglin, Adrian	Nunley, Elizabeth	20 Apr 1858
Ayer, Cinda	Smith, Eli	15 May 1858
Baily, Nancy	Green Millnern	04 Dec 1870
Baird, Violet L.	Blair, Wm. T.	03 Nov 1854
Bal, Jules	Schonemate, Anna	24 Sep 1874
Barber, John	Guinn, Eliza	20 Dec 1853
Barker, Mary	Dykes, Jackson A.	09 Feb 1858
Barker, Rebecca	Layne, G.W.	22 Feb 1862
Barnes, Mrs.	Nevils, Benjamin	27 Jun 1866
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Barnes, P.H.	Goodman, E.A. Miss	20 Oct 1865
Barnes, Robert	Rogers, Syrena	14 Aug 1871
Barrett, Aurena	Hobbs, John	02 Nov 1868
Bast, Polly	Rodgers, Russel	23 Oct 1858
Bast, Sarah L.	Gross, Asa	23 Jul 1850
Bayrne, Michiel	Kammer, Bridget	22 Aug 1857
Bean, Wm. E.	Sanders, Alsada	27 Mar 1869
Bell, James M.	King, Martha	06 Nov 1853
Bell, Margaret	Henley, John P.	28 Jul 1867

Bennet, Elizabeth	Tray, Patrick	15 Oct 1860
Bennett, Benjamin A.	Arnold, Nancy	19 Dec 1852
Bennett, Mary A.	Hobbs, John	01 Nov 1872
Bennett, Noah	Hughes, Elenora	16 Jan 1873
Bennington, Mary	Smith, Semore	31 Oct 1863
Berry, M.C. Miss	Parker, W.T.	21 Sep 1866
Berry, Mary	Palmer, Jacob	25 Jan 1873
Berry, Mary	Palmer, Jacob	25 Jan 1872
Bevins, Hiram	Palmer, Rebecca	03 Mar 1867
Bibters, Catherine	Landay, George	31 May 1859
Birdhan, Dorcas E.	Dixson, J.P.	25 Oct 1854
Blair, Malinda M.	Harrison, Thomas	03 Feb 1852
Blair, Wm. T.	Blair, Violet L.	03 Nov 1854
Blanton, B.	Sartain, A.C. Miss	07 Nov 1870
Blowell, Kaspar J.	Bour, M. Miss	04 Jul 1870
Boat, Abagal	Coppinger, William	10 Jan 1863
Bodroner, Elizabeth	Scott, Samuel	14 Jul 1866
Boland, Mary	Parsons, Lewis	14 Jun 1866
Boland, Sarah S.	Oliver, John R.	17 Oct 1867
Bolinger, Elizabeth	Fehr, Jacob	04 Dec 1871
Bolton, W.H.	Coker, Elizabeth	30 Sep 1871
Bond, E.W.	Coker, Elizabeth Ann	07 Mar 1860
Bond, Elizabeth	Walker, Samuel	03 Mar 1852
Bond, James W.	Bost, Latena A.	24 Jun 1867
Bond, John	Dykes, Martha	14 Dec 1853
Bond, Liddy	Warnemaker, James	04 Jan 1866

Bond, Nancy	Thompson, Marion	13 May 1859
Bone, Eliza	Scott, Thomas	12 Oct 1859
Bone, Martha	Hobbs, Archibald	24 Oct 1860
Boss, Marquis D.	Tate, Elizabeth	28 Oct 1850
Bost, Caldonia D.	Nunley, Henderson	17 Jul 1874
Bost, John L.	Savage, Martha	25 Jan 1868
Bost, Latena A.	Bond, James W.	24 Jun 1867
Bost, Martha	Ransom, Benjamin G.	24 Jul 1850
Bost, Martha	Whitman, Edward	05 Apr 1856
Bouldin, G.W.	Walker, Sarah	23 Apr 1859
Bouldin, L.V. Miss	Nunley, Wm. H.	22 Mar 1871
Bouldin, Malinda	Tate, John G.	19 Oct 1853
Bouldin, Martha	Woodlee, John	21 Feb 1874
Bour, M. Miss	Blowell, Kasper J.	04 Jul 1870
Bracker, Bernard	Pearson, Mary	30 Sep 1871
Bradshaw, A.A.	Laxton, Judy C.	29 Jul 1867
Bradshaw, Mary	Powers, Martin	29 Mar 1868
Bradshaw, Nancy A.	Crouch, T.M.	21 Dec 1870
Bradshaw, Sarah A.	Patterson, David	02 Apr 1859
Braley, Emery	Wooten, Elizabeth	06 Aug 1855
Braley, J.A.	Fletcher, Harriet	26 Jul 1858
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## CORRECTIONS

If you spot a mistake, please let us know so we can make any corrections. All corrections will be made as soon as possible, usually the following issue. Please contact Sharon: [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com).

Bob Douglas sent in the following corrections: June 2013 Pathfinder; page 10- bottom of the page. Frances should be "Francis". Robert Cooper was my ggrandfather. Page 11- Moffat has a single "t". At least that is the way he signed his name on the paper I have that is an agreement between John Moffat and John Francis that was my gg grandfather. Moffat is the way the name is spelled on his tombstone located in Monteagle Cemetery.

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## GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855

Transcribed by Sharon Goodman

Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1847

Court met pursuant to adjournment, and having no further business to do adjourned until court in course.

Anderson S. Goodman, Chairman

John Burrows

Robert Tate

State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that at a county court begun and held for the count of Grundy at the house of Jesse Wooten on Cumberland mountain on the first Monday being the first day of February 1847 and 71<sup>st</sup> year of the independence of the United States. Present the worshipful John Burrows and Richard I. Price.

There not being a sufficient number of Justices present to transact business Court adjourned until court in course.

John Burrows

R.I. Price

Be it remembered that at a county court begun and hel for the county of Grundy at the hous of Jesse Wootens on Cumberlan Mountain being the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of march 1847 A.D., and of the 7<sup>th</sup> of the indapendance of the United States present the worshipful A.S. Goodman Chairman, John Burrows, R. Price, esqr and Justices on petition of Silas T. Robarts on oath Administrator of Isac H. Robarts deceased it is ordered by the Court that the clerk of said cort notify Washing Turner Administrator of William C. Vaughn decesd to appear at our next Court and gave other security in sted of said I.H. Roberts deceised.

This day Elijah H. Ikard Come in to open court with approved security and entered to bond for the faithful performance as Administrator of Anthoney Ikard deceased.

This day William Cunningham Come into open cout with Richard Price and david Burrows his security and entered in to bond for the faithful performance as agardien of one girl by the name of July Glass nice honger \_\_\_\_ (?)

This day Silas T. Roberts Returned his list of sales as administrator of the estate of I.H. Roberts Diseesed.

Ordered by the cout that the following persons be appointed as a Jury of View to lay out and mark out around leading from Charles F. Lowes to franck pettes in A.M. Blare Joseph Bradshaw, Sollomon Grass, Wm Lions, RC Coldwell, Charles graves, and John Mullins be appointed a Jury of View.

Cout adjourned tell cout in couce

Ordered by the court on petition of John Mullins and others that the following persons be appointed a Jury of View to view and mark out a road leaving the road leading from G.F. Lowes to James Patties near Joseph Bradshaw's Lane and receiving the most practable rout by Mullins Mill and intersect said road again near the cross of the Turnpike road viz A.M.Blair, Joseph Bradshaw, Solomon Gross, Wm. Lyons, R.C. Cardwell, Charles Green and John Mullins.

Court then adjourned until court in course.

Anderson Goodman Chairman

R.I. Price

John Burrows

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

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

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

**1860 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRUNDY COUNTY**

Willis, J.G. (tenant)- improved acres, 85; unimproved acres, 145; cash value of farm, \$5750; horses, 7; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$997; wheat, 20; Indian corn, 1500; wool, 60 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 30; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$24; rye, 17; tobacco, 620 lbs.

Campbell, Wm.(tenant)- improved acres, 18; cash value of farm, \$380; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; value of livestock, \$150; wheat, 30; Indian corn, 500; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$185; hay, 1 ton; grass seed, 6.

Davis, R.F.- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$ 175; Indian corn, 650; peas & beans, 3; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30.

Warren, Thos.- improved acres, 100; unimproved acres, 65; cash value of farm, \$4500; horses, 4; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 8; swine, 21; value of livestock, \$ 805; wheat, 90; Indian corn, 1000;



wool, 25 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; sweet potatoes, 49; butter, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$30; maple sugar, 25 lbs.; molasses, 29 gallons.

Rich[ard]son, Wm. C. (tenant)- improved acres, 70; unimproved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$2000; horses, 3; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 1; value of livestock, \$467; wheat, 11; Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$123; value of animals slaughtered, \$130; molasses, 50 gallons.

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Sutherland, G.- improved acres, 63; unimproved acres, 62; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; sheep, 6; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$338; wheat, 35; Indian corn, 800; peas & beans, 3; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 40 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$54; rye, 8.

Roberts, Eliza- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$1800; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 3; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$483; Indian corn, 850; wool, 125 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 45 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$30; molasses, 12 gallons.

Goodman, Henry- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 3; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$607; Indian corn, 200; wool, 12 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 35 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$60; tobacco, 50 lbs.

Sanders, Jacob- Indian corn, 1000; peas & beans, 4; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$103; cotton, 2 bales, molasses, 75 gallons.

Parks, G.W.- improved acres, 75; unimproved acres, 63; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 5; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 7; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$ 631; wheat, 53; Indian corn, 7500; oats, 80; wool, 200 lbs.; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$150; rye, 30.

Wiley, T.A.- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 6; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$920; Indian corn, 500; wool, 15 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$100.

Patton, A.E.- improved acres, 730; unimproved acres, 2143; cash value of farm, \$35900; horses, 32; asses & mules, 28; milch cows, 18; working oxen, 8; other cattle, 20; sheep, 94; swine, 125; value of livestock, \$7841; wheat, 1250; Indian corn, 500; oats, 9; peas & beans, 40; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 100; butter, 400 lbs.; honey, 400 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$212; value of animals slaughtered, \$1000; rye, 115; hay, 10 tons, cotton, 2 bales.

Green, Charles- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 22; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 2; asses & mules, 30; milch cows, 30; working oxen, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 8; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$290; wheat, 19; Indian corn, 500; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$73; value of animals slaughtered, \$60; rye, 5; molasses, 20 gallons.

Nancy Sutherland- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 3; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 4; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$384; wheat, 50; Indian corn, 250; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 35; butter, 45 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$100; tobacco, 50 lbs.

Crabtree, Johnson (tenant?)- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 3; value of livestock, \$160; wheat, 18; Indian corn, 250 (?); peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 20; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$24.

Burrell, James (tenant?)- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$340; Indian corn, 275; oats, 25; wool, 15 lbs.; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$60; molasses, 30 gallons.

Arnold, James (tenant?)- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$605; Indian corn, 250; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$35; value of animals slaughtered, \$220; molasses, 25 gallons.

Patterson, Daniel- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 4; sheep, 5; swine, 36; value of livestock, \$527; wheat, 30; Indian corn, 250; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 30 lbs.;

honey, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$130.

Adam, John- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; sheep, 7; swine, 6; value of livestock, \$328; Indian corn, 500; sweet potatoes 15; butter, 35 lbs., value of home manufactures, \$32; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; molasses, 15 gallons.

Barber/Barker(?) John L.- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 9; swine, 23; value of livestock, \$190; wheat, 30; Indian corn, 1000, wool, 60 lbs.; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$82; molasses, 15.

Bradshaw, Joseph- improved acres, 75; unimproved acres, 102; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 4; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$420; wheat, 60; Indian corn, 1500; oats, 30; wool, 60 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 75; value of home manufactures, 50; molasses, 27 gallons.

Coldwell, R.C.- improved acres, 74; unimproved acres, 350; cash value of farm, \$3250; horses, 11; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 17; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$900; wheat, 200; Indian corn, 500; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 100; butter, 30 lbs.; honey, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$75; value of animals slaughtered, \$50; rye, 15; beeswax, 10 lbs.

Willis, Wm. H.- improved acres, 140; unimproved acres, 154; cash value of farm, \$5400; horses, 11; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 9; sheep, 22; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$1454; wheat; 60; Indian corn, 100; peas & beans, 16; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 300; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$125; value of animals slaughtered, \$480; rye, 28; wine, 4 gallons.

Pendergrass, A. (tenant?)- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$90; Indian corn, 625; peas & beans, 5; butter, 15 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$48.

Hollis, James (tenant?)- improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$70; Indian corn, 500; butter, 15 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

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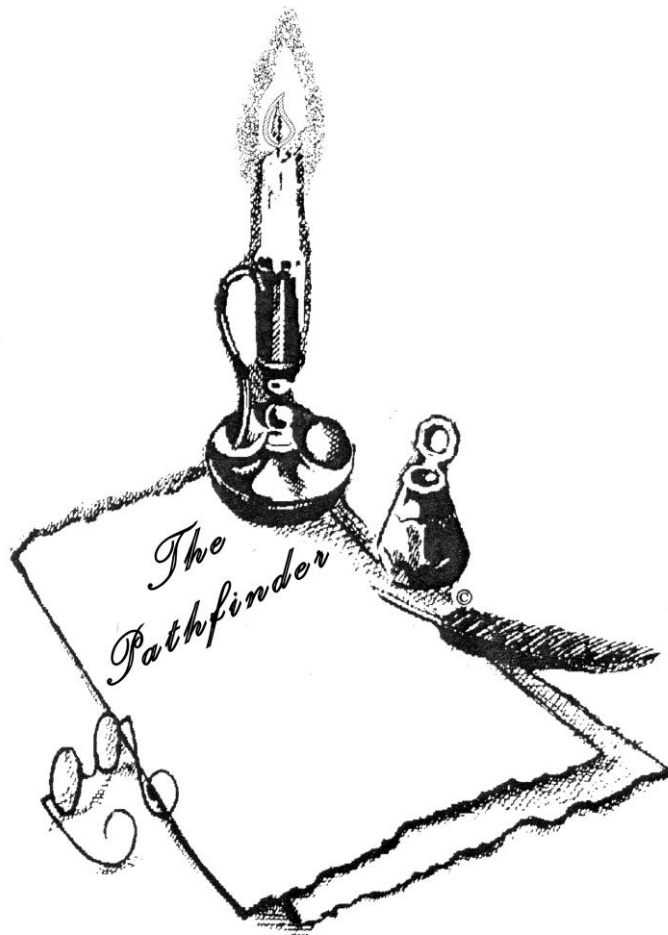


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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

It's holiday time once again and we've finally gotten some cooler weather that makes it feel like the heat has really gone away until next spring! Yesterday's highs were in the mid 60's. Still sounds pretty warm, doesn't it?! But considering we were having mid 80's just a week ago, I will take the mid 60's! At night, it has been dropping down into the low 40's, and although we haven't had any frosts as of yet, the hill country of central Texas did get some frost over the past couple of nights.

I think I've mentioned before that this is the time of the year when I really get homesick. I miss the 4 seasons that you get in Tennessee. (In Texas we get two seasons- hot or cold- drought or rain- dusty or windy- take your pick, but it's not the same as being back home). The cold snaps; scraping the frost off the car windshields in the mornings; having to let your car warm up some before the heater gets warm; the sting of cold when you first walk out of your warm house; and the trees changing colors. After 30+ years in Texas, where everything goes from green to brown with little color change (where I live) to living in southern California where everything stayed green  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the year, well... you just have to miss those fiery reds, oranges and yellows as the hillsides change their colors. And I do!

Sweater weather in Texas? You get about three weeks of it all year, and those days are not necessarily consecutive! There are the times when the weather does get cold in Texas, but it just doesn't seem to cure me of being homesick! So please forgive me if I hope and pray you have a really cold Thanksgiving week while I'm in Tennessee!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you all!

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nadine Moore



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**QUERIES**

**2013-006** Looking for information on my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orange L. Northcut.

Debbie Northcut Shepard

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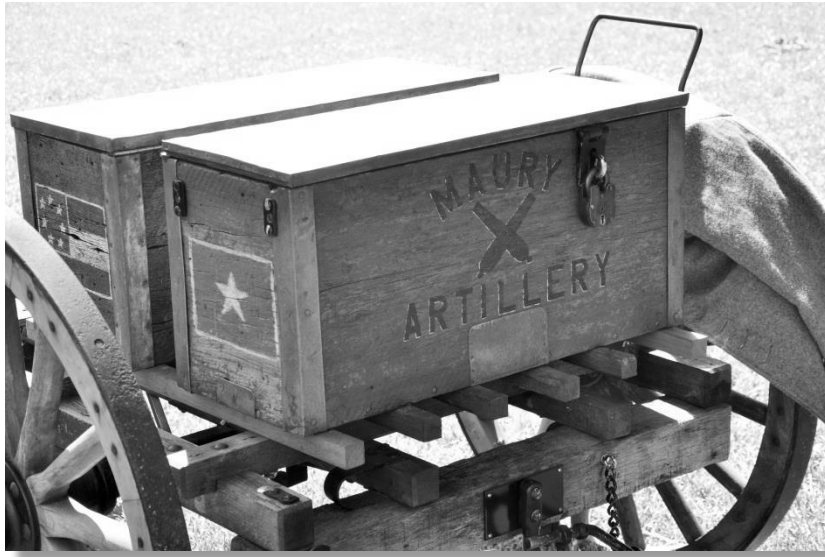
**“REGIMENTAL SKETCHES”  
FROM “HISTORY OF TENNESSEE”**

Sharon N. Goodman

Ever wonder which Tennessee counties all the regiments were from, when they were formed, and where they fought during the Civil War? I recently ran across a chapter in “History of Tennessee” that explained exactly all of that. These “Regimental Sketches” will run over the next several issues of the Pathfinder.

The **Twenty-eighth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment** was raised in Wilson, Putnam, Jackson, White and Smith Counties, and was organized at Camp Zollicoffer, Overton County, in August 1861, with John P. Murray, colonel. After destroying Federal supplies the regiment joined Gen. Zollicoffer and fought at Fishing Creek with the loss of 10 men. It then moved south to northern Mississippi, and in April 1862, participated in the brilliant movements at Shiloh, with the loss of over 100 of its best men. It then moved south and finally fought at Baton Rouge and Port Hudson, displaying brilliant and meritorious courage. It then joined Bragg’s campaign to Kentucky, and fought at Perryville; then moved south and engaged the enemy in the brilliant charge at Murfreesboro. It was reorganized with S.S. Staton, colonel, and consolidated with the Eighty-fourth. At Chickamauga it fought its hardest and grandest battle, losing 230 killed and wounded, and covering itself with imperishable glory. It skirmished around Chattanooga and did guard duty in East Tennessee. In the Georgia

campaign it was engaged in all the principle contests, losing heavily, and in Hood's Tennessee campaign distinguished itself for courage and hardihood, displaying rare daring and valor on Franklin's bloody field. After the battle of Nashville it moved south, and after Bentonville was surrendered in North Carolina.



Tullahoma, July 2013. Photos by Sharon N. Goodman

The **Twenty-ninth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment** was composed of companies from Greene, Bradley, Hawkins, Polk, Claiborne, Hancock and Washington Counties, and was organized at Henderson's Mill, Greene County, in July 1861 with Samuel Powell, colonel. It did guard duty in East Tennessee until December and then joined Zollicoffer at Mill Springs and January 19 met the enemy at the battle of Fishing Creek, where Col. Powell was permanently disabled. It marched to northern Mississippi via Murfreesboro, and remained at Iuka during the battle of Shiloh. It skirmished around Corinth, moved to Chattanooga; thence north on the Kentucky campaign, being commanded by Horace Rice, who had succeeded Arnold, met the enemy at Perryville; thence marched to Murfreesboro, where it exhibited splendid intrepidity and courage, losing 36 killed on the field and 136 wounded. At Chickamauga it was held much in reserve, but lost, killed and wounded 32. At Missionary Ridge it did gallant work and was complimented on the field by Gens. Cheatham and Hardee. In 1864 at Dalton, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and around Atlanta it was prominently engaged. It participated at Jonesboro and Lovejoy; and in Hood's Tennessee campaign at Franklin its gallant action was surpassed by no other regiment, its dead and wounded lying

scattered over its bloody path. It fought at Nashville, retreated south with the army, and fought late in the day at Bentonville. It surrendered at Greensboro April 26.

The **Thirtieth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment** was raised in Davidson, Sumner, Robertson, and Smith Counties, and was organized early in October with J.W. Head, colonel. In November it moved to Fort Donelson, and February 13 to 16 was prominently engaged and was surrendered on the 16<sup>th</sup> and taken to Northern prisons. They were exchanged the following July, were reorganized at Camp Jackson with J.J. Turner as colonel, moved to Holly Springs, thence to Grenada, thence to Vicksburg, fought bravely at Chickasaw Bayou, doing the enemy great damage. It then moved to Port Hudson, thence to Jackson. At Raymond 12 May 1863, the regiment fought with great skill and desperation against superior numbers, losing about seventy-five killed and wounded, and then retreated to Jackson. After various movements it participated 19 and 20 September at the fearful contest at Chickamauga, displaying wonderful dash and staying qualities, and losing killed and wounded about half of those engaged. At Missionary Ridge it was hotly and gallantly engaged, losing severely. Winter was passed at Dalton. In 1864 from Dalton to Jonesboro, in all the bloody principal engagements, the Thirtieth sustained its high honor and courage and in the aggregate lost many splendid men. At Jonesboro the regiment in heroic action lost one-third of its troops. In the unfortunate campaign of Gen. Hood into Tennessee the regiment participated at Murfreesboro, Franklin, and Nashville further distinguishing itself in the bloody art of war. It marched down to the Carolinas to fight its last battle at Bentonville and surrendered April 26.

The **Thirty-first Tennessee (Confederate, West Tennessee) Regiment** was raised in Weakley, Haywood, Madison, McNairy and Decatur Counties, and was organized during the summer of 1861 with A.H. Bradford, colonel, and November 29 marched for Columbus, KY where it remained until the surrender of Fort Donelson in February 1862; thence moved to Tiptonville, thence to Fort Pillow, and after the battle of Shiloh, to Corinth. Later it was moved to Chattanooga, and then moved north campaigning through KY with Bragg. At Perryville the regiment had its first heavy engagement, displaying great gallantry and losing many valuable soldiers. Egbert E. Tansil succeeded Bradford as colonel. It marched south with the army and 31 December fought with conspicuous courage at Murfreesboro, and retreated south with the army, and in September 1863, fought in the awful battle of Chickamauga, losing nearly

half its men. In 1864, in the Georgia campaign, it was engaged in nearly all the principal battles, losing heavily in the aggregate. In the Tennessee campaign of Hood it fought at Franklin, losing over half the number engaged. Col. Stafford was killed on the enemy's line, to which he had penetrated. Again it fought at Nashville, thence moved to North Carolina, where it surrendered.



The **Thirty-first Tennessee (Confederate, East Tennessee)** Regiment was raised in Jefferson, Blount and Knox Counties, and was organized 28 May 1862 with W.M. Bradford, colonel, and was reorganized May 3. It did guard duty in East Tennessee and at Cumberland Gap; joined Bragg at Harrodsburg after the battle of Perryville, and late in December moved to Vicksburg, in the vicinity of which it participated in numerous expeditions and skirmishes, and in the siege of that city where the soldiers were almost starved to death and finally captured. In September 1863 the regiment was exchanged and late in that year was transformed into cavalry, and as such brigaded under Gen. Vaughn. It did service in East Tennessee, recruited in North Carolina, part was sent to VA and while there fought at Kernstown, Martinsburgh, Gagerstown, Winchester, Piedmont and elsewhere, losing heavily. Later the united regiment was engaged at Marion, Saltville, Morristown, Bull's Gap, Greeneville and elsewhere. Marching to join Lee in the spring of 1865, it was learned that he had surrendered and Gen. Echols disbanded his command, but this regiment with others refused, and marched to North Carolina and joined President Davis, and was his escort when all were captured.



The **Thirty-Second Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment** was raised in Giles, Lawrence, Williamson, Lincoln, Marshall and Franklin counties, and was organized at Camp Trousdale during the summer of 1861 with Edmund E. Cook, colonel. About September it was moved to East Tennessee, where it did patrol duty around Chattanooga and Bridgeport, AL. Late in December it moved to Bowling Green, KY thence in February 1862, to Russellville; thence to Clarksville, and thence to Fort Donelson, where from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of February it participated in all the daring movements of the siege with severe loss, and was captured with the fort. After about six months the regiment was exchanged at Vicksburg. It was reorganized about October 1 with E. Cook, colonel, and moved to Murfreesboro via Knoxville, and during the battle was posted at Wartrace. It wintered in Tullahoma, endured a terrible forced march in June, moved to Chattanooga with Bragg in July and fought with superb courage and coolness in the awful conflict at Chickamauga with heavy loss. Again it was engaged at Lookout Mountain, and in November at Missionary Ridge, where it fought with its accustomed gallantry. It wintered at Dalton, and in 1864 participated in the famous GA campaign, fighting in all the leading battles down to Atlanta with heavy loss in the aggregate. It fought desperately and with grievous loss at Jonesboro, and marched north to invade Tennessee under Hood, but reached bloody Franklin too late for battle. It participated in the action at Nashville, retreated south skirmishing on the way, fought its last battle at Bentonville, NC and surrendered with Gen. Johnson.

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## GRUNDY COUNTY TEACHING

Margaret Brown Coppinger

In 1932, during the depression, I began my teaching career in a small one room log building called Utah, which had been used for a church, also since 1914. I had about forty pupils in all eight grades. The room was heated with a large coal burning stove. There was no well on the school grounds; the large boys carried water in a bucket from a neighbor's well. At the beginning of the school year, the Grundy County Board of Education had furnished us with a water bucket, dipper, coal shuttle and shovel, a broom, mop, box of chalk, and about a dozen erasers. This was our supplies for the year, plus a register which had to be kept each day. The room was completely bare except enough old fashioned double desks for the children and a recitation bench. I carried a small table and chair from my home which became my desk.

No textbooks were furnished. Each child must get his own. Very few new books were bought as they could most always locate and buy a used one. Although it may have been dog eared and ragged from being used six or seven children before that year.

I had to borrow the money to go to Murfreesboro that summer to school. I went for one quarters work, which entitled me to a one year certificate to teach. I was to get fifty dollars (\$50.00) a month's wages, but when the eight month term was completed I still had the eight Grundy County warrants which I had been unable to get cashed. We were told the county was practically bankrupt and our warrants were good only to pay taxes. Some merchants were taking them at a discount. I offered to take ten dollars for each of mine which would have been eighty dollars for a year's work but was told by one merchant that he didn't want them as a gift because they would never be worth anything. Several years later, a bank in Chattanooga took them and gave me the full value of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for teaching that first year. Oh, lucky me!

The second year I was sent to another school where there had been some trouble the year before. The teacher hired by the Board of Education had been sent home at Christmas by the superintendent and another teacher sent to replace her. The parents responded by refusing to send their children which closed the school for the remainder of that year.

When I arrived at this location in the fall of 1933 I had ten children. Several parents came to see me and said, "We have nothing against you but we aren't going to send our children to school because they refuse to give us the teacher we started out with last year."

At the end of the first month the superintendent came by and said, "The school board is planning to close this school tonight because the attendance is so low. I am closing it today and as of now you are an unemployed teacher eligible to continue teaching a W.P.A. school if you can keep as many as six children."

I had expected to get a small raise but instead, my salary was decreased to \$35.00 a month for the term. I was told that the governor of Tennessee has impounded the teacher's money to be used for building highways. How true this was, I never knew. However, when told that I could continue teaching under W.P.A. with a salary of \$48.00 a month, I was elated. Immediately I located a place to board at \$14.00 a month.

This proved to be a very interesting year. My fifth grade consisted of twin sisters, one of whom was a very good student, the other twin had learned to read, write and spell fairly well but had no conception of numbers. She could not add or subtract. While other children were playing at recess she liked to go out in the nearby woods and gather leaves and wildflowers which she could identify far better than I could. She was able to tell me whether she had gathered three, five, or seven wildflowers, but if she was asked to add four and three wildflowers she could not. At the end of the first month when time came for test I wrote the arithmetic test on the blackboard which she copied very neatly exactly as I had written it but without adding one thing to it. Her paper was handed in with the following written at the bottom, "This is poor Myrtle's paper and it is all that poor Myrtle can do."

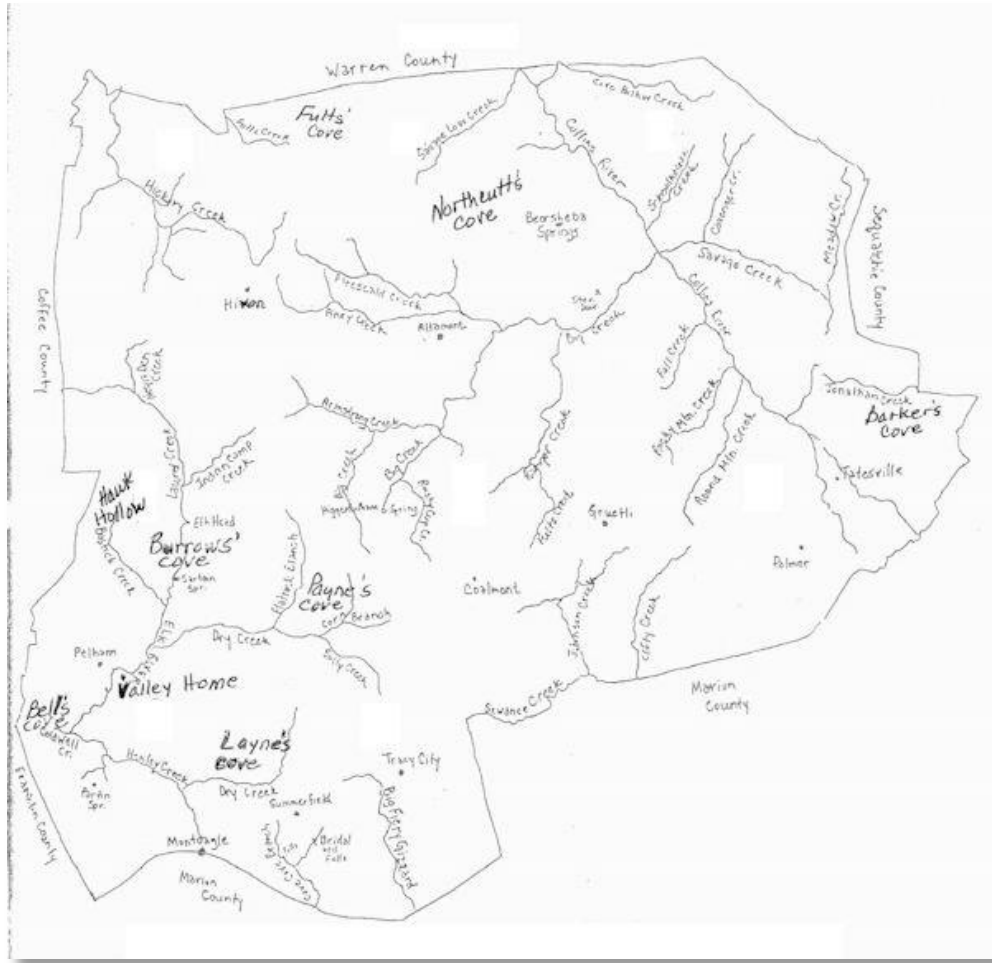
One day during the term I noticed smoke rising in the distance and thinking the woods were on fire I remarked about it only to have one child say, "Oh, no, that is only the where they made'em a run last night."



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**THE COVES OF GRUNDY COUNTY  
FROM HOMECOMING '86 HISTORY OF THE ELK RIVER VALLEY**

Arlene Partin Bean & Janelle Layne Taylor



**BURROWS' COVE / BURROUGHS' COVE**

Both spellings Burrows' and Burroughs' have been used; however, the original land grant was issued to Anthony Burrows; therefore, the name is properly Burrows.

Burrows' Cove is made up of Elkhead and Campground communities which are named respectively for the headwaters of the Elk River and for an area used by Indians, Civil War soldiers, and more recently religious camp meetings. Politically the cove has been very prominent. The county court met at the house



of Thomas Burrows there in 1846. John Burrows, first trustee, of the county presided. In fact, when it was time to select a county seat, Burrows' Cove was one of the first selections; however, it, along with Pelham, Beersheba Springs, Northcutt's Cove, and the Wooten Place lost out to Altamont.

Burrows' Cove got its name from Anthony Burrows who was granted by the state of Tennessee 300 acres of land in Franklin County, TN in the 3<sup>rd</sup> civil district on both sides of the Elk River including the head on 9 Jan 1810 (Recorded in Book A, Franklin County Record Book, p. 71 on 10 Apr 1810). The land had been surveyed 20 Jun 1808. Located adjacent to the Burrows grant was 300 acres also granted by the state of Tennessee to Obadiah Bean. His land was located on both sides of the Elk River and adjoined Matthew Jones.

The Robert Box family moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> civil district on the Elk River in 1809 when he was granted 196 acres which adjoined Abraham Hargis and Henry Gotcher. On 16 Oct 1815, Robert Box bought an additional 100 acres from Wm. Cross. Little is known of Box family in the area except for Robert's will dated 7 May 1821 (Franklin County Will Book 1808-1876, p. 47) in which he lists: John Box, Robert, George, James, Micajah, Neely, Mary m. Virdeman Joy, and Sarah m. Charles McDaniel. By 1830 all families of the Box surname except James had left Franklin County, TN.

In years passed Burrows' Cove produced large amounts of timber. Various sawmillers arrived, sometimes bringing timber workers with them, to harvest the virgin timber in such places as Graveyard Hollow, Indian Camp Hollow, and others in the head of the cove. There was such a flourishing mill community there at one time; a school was constructed to serve the milling communities located right at the cove's head up above Forrest "Hamp" and Marie (Arp) Nunley's present home. This school operated during the 1930's with Mabel Lusk as the teacher. Elkhead school was relatively close, but no child was required to attend a school more than three miles away; therefore, the milling community qualified for a school since they met the qualifications of being more than three miles from Elkhead.

Roberts' Cove is a branch off the larger Burrows' Cove. Phillip Roberts was an early settler of that area, but it is uncertain if he is the one who gave it the Roberts name. Since the late 1800's the same area has also been called Brown's Hollow then Hawk Hollow. The names are for the Samuel Brown and John V. Hawk families respectively. By the 1920's another part of Roberts' Cove had been renamed Bonner Hollow for the Rufus Bonner family who lived there.

An old log house built by John V. Hawk still stands in a pasture in Hawk Hollow. It was constructed in a "T" fashion with a horizontally constructed front room with a large fireplace and a vertically placed great room which served as kitchen, dining room, and living room. A narrow side porch extended along the full length of the kitchen/combination room.

COUNTISS PEN- Farmers from the valley took their cattle up through Burrows' Cove to the plateau for grazing in the early spring and left them there until late fall. Several valley farmers, Alex Gunn, Ed Gunn, Frank Wilson, Sr., Harrison Hamby, and Dave Wilson, Sr. pooled their resources and bought 150 acres of land from Mr. Countiss; therefore, the name of the grazing area became known as the Countiss Pen. Non-owner farmers were allowed to run their cattle there if they desired since there was no fence law and the cattle were free to go almost anywhere on the plateau from Coalmont to Altamont. The Ramseys, Smartts, and other families brought cattle up to the same area from Hubbard's Cove and Viola. Brands were used to identify the owners of the cows. Jeff Nunley of Burrows' Cove ran hogs on the open range there also. He trained his hogs to come to the sound of a fox horn usually used to call dogs. During the World War I era, mining was booming on the plateau. Jeff told of selling the miners at Coalmont over \$4000 worth of pork in one year's time.

STONE BRIDGE- One of the landmarks in Burrows' Cove is the arched stone bridge which at one time spanned Elk River. High water and lack of repair since a new bridge was constructed in the 1960's caused the arches to give way and be destroyed by the swiftly moving water; however, the supporting columns still stand. They are made of large hand hewn rectangles of rocks which were from the surrounding ridge. Tom Lewis was a boy when he worked on the bridge during its construction during 1903.

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## **GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE LICENSES,**

**1850-1874**

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GRUNDY COUNTY, TN (1850-1874)

Bramlett, J.C.	marr. Fletcher, Rebecca	24 Jul 1872
Brannon, Margaret	Talbert, John	12 Oct 1857
Brawley, Marda	England, Jesse M.	26 Oct 1871
Brawley, Nancy C.	Robinson, John R.	05 May 1853
Brazzleton, Dennis	Marton, Vina	25 Dec 1871
Brewer, Mary	Lanare, James M.	18 Mar 1853
Brewer, Mary	Larmore, James H.	18 Mar 1853
Brewer, Sarah	Coulsan, John	12 Sep 1855
Brooks, Franklin	Caldwell, Louisa	17 Jul 1866
Brown, A.E. Miss	Dykes, S.C.	16 Feb 1867
Brown, Alsa	Brown, George	16 Mar 1874
Brown, Anna Marie	Lowe, Tomglin	06 Jan 1870
Brown, Eliza	Reid, W.A.	17 Mar 1873
Brown, Frances	Dugan, W.T.	06 Aug 1870
Brown, Frances	Logan, W.J.	06 Aug 1870
Brown, G.G.	Thompson, Nancy	21 Feb 1866
Brown, George	Brown, Alsa	16 Mar 1874
Brown, Green	Scruggs, Lucinda	13 Sep 1872
Brown, Harris B.	Johnson, Josephine	13 Aug 1870
Brown, Isaiah	Crossland, Elizabeth	16 Sep 1857
Brown, James	Coppinger, Barsha	06 May 1869
Brown, John	Pearson, Mary Ann	28 Apr 1860
Brown, Julia Ann	Smith, A.J.	12 Feb 1859
Brown, Mary	Coggins, James A.	30 Jan 1858

Brown, Nancy	Meeks, Solomon	20 Jan 1854
Brown, Prudy	Hobbs, John	11 Mar 1860
Brown, Sophrony	Myers, Christopher	16 Oct 1861
Brown, Wm	Tate, Mary E.	28 Aug 1854
Bruce, Wm	Keith, Angeline	23 Feb 1867
Bryant, Mary	Caldwell, Louis A.	30 May 1863
Burnett, John	Rust, Martha Jane	24 Aug 1854
Burnett, Stephen	Clark, Louisa	05 Mar 1855
Burnett, Wm.	Burrows, Minerva	20 Jan 1854
Burrell, Vickey	Cofeman, Bartley	15 Oct 1859
Burrell, Vickey	Copman, Bartly	10 Dec 1859
Burrows, Abigail	Meek, Benjamin	14 Jun 1855
Burrows, Elizabeth	Cunningham, James	26 Oct 1853
Burrows, Ema	Meeks, Nathan	20 Dec 1872
Burrows, Harriet	Givens, Jesse	12 Sep 1868
Burrows, Jane	Charles, John	08 Aug 1859
Burrows, Jincey	Roberts, Philip	23 Feb 1856
Burrows, Martha Jane	Burrows, Poindexter	25 Feb 1853
Burrows, Minerva	Burnett, Wm.	20 Jan 1854
Burrows, Poindexter	Burrows, Martha Jane	25 Feb 1853
Burrows, Rachel	Warren, Willie	30 Jan 1867
Burrows, Silas F.	Perry, Nelly	17 Sep 1859
Burrows, Victoria	Dickerson, Dallas	06 Sep 1874
Butticker, Ferdinand	Spracher, Luzia S.	07 Feb 1874
Byars, S.J. Miss	Meeks, Thomas	05 Apr 1873
Byass, T.J. Miss	Meeks, Thomas	05 Apr 1873

Cagle, Leonard	Cagle, Mary Ann	28 Aug 1854
Cagle, Mary Ann	Cagle, Leonard	28 Aug 1854
Caldwell, Andrew	White, Mary L.	14 Jul 1857
Caldwell, J.B.	Morgan, Sarah	03 Sep 1854
Caldwell, Janette	Oden, James	27 Apr 1858
Caldwell, John	McCraw, Eveline	04 Jan 1867
Caldwell, Louis A.	Bryant, Mary	30 May 1863
Caldwell, Louisa	Brooks, Franklin	17 Jul 1866
Caldwell, P.C.	Smith, Margaret	27 Nov 1871
Caldwell, Samuel E.	Givens, Sophronia	13 Jul 1866
Caldwell, Sarah	Weaver, John	23 Oct 1855
Campbell, Alexander	Stoth, Sarah A.	16 Sep 1863
Campbell, Archibald	Fitch, Harriet	23 Mar 1861
Campbell, Artimissia	Davis, Thomas J.	28 Sep 1853
Campbell, E.R.	Price, Laura M.	04 Sep 1872
Campbell, Elizabeth	Fults, Daniel	30 Jan 1867
Campbell, Elizabeth	Hobbs, James	16 Dec 1868
Campbell, Ellen	Sanders, Henderson	30 Oct 1872
Campbell, Enoch	Meeks, Almira	03 Feb 1862
Campbell, George	Davis, Mary Ann	07 Oct 1853
Campbell, Gerrald J.	Meeks, Giney	14 May 1859
Campbell, Harrison	McGraw, Laura	27 Oct 1853
Campbell, Jane	Campbell, Zebedee	18 Feb 1860
Campbell, Lyndia C.	Johnston, Henry A.	28 Jan 1869
Campbell, Malinda Mrs.	Sites, Wm. B.	17 Jul 1870
Campbell, Martha	Crabtree, Wm.	16 Oct 1852

Campbell, Mary	Christian, Albert	16 May 1863
Campbell, Mary	Green, Mordica	26 May 1866
Campbell, Nancy	Fults, Marshall	22 Dec 1852
Campbell, Nancy E.	Killgore, Levi M.	26 Feb 1869
Campbell, R.M.	Burrows, Mary Ann	01 Nov 1860
Campbell, S.H. Miss	Dickerson, James	16 May 1863
Campbell, Sarah	Fults, Henry	06 Sep 1862
Campbell, Sophia	Campbell, William	12 Jul 1862
Campbell, T.J.	Meeks, M.A. Miss	18 Jun 1873
Campbell, William	Campbell, Sophia	12 Jul 1862
Campbell, Wm.	Lawson, Elizabeth	08 Dec 1858
Campbell, Zebedee	Campbell, Jane	18 Feb 1860
Care, Jane	McPherson, Marian	19 Nov 1853
Carr, John	Smith, Eliza	14 Apr 1859
Carson, Isabelle	Fults, Elbert	22 Jul 1859
Carson, John	Hobbs, Harriet	22 May 1871
Castleberry, Timothy	Arnold, Rebecca A.	11 May 1860
Caulsen, Sarah Jane	Myers, Robert S.	21 Apr 1853
Charles, John	Burrows, Jane	08 Aug 1859
Charles, John O.	Laines, M.A. Miss	28 Nov 1866
Charles, Susan	Sartin, Frank	20 Sep 1867
Childers, Ellen E.	Scott, Stephen M.V.	19 May 1870
Childress, Richard W.	Nunly, Delpha	03 Nov 1855
Chitchens, J.H.	Turner, Elizabeth	06 Apr 1859
Christian, Albert	Campbell, Mary	16 May 1863
Christian, Frances	Tate, Calvin	30 Sep 1854

Christian, Louisa	Sander, T.F.	03 Mar 1859
Christian, Mary Ann	Webb, Chesby	04 Mar 1854
Christian, Rebecca E.	Sanders, Matthew	25 Apr 1861
Christian, Susan	Land, Alfred	26 Oct 1867

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**COMPENDIUM OF MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE'S  
PIONEERING FAMILIES**

**Compiled by Jackie Layne Partin**

Of course Monteagle is dear to me and to all who have called it home, especially in those long ago days! The purpose of this effort is to present summaries, portraits if you wish, of as many of its former families as possible. There will be no particular timeline or deadline in the gathering of these portraits, but simply the opening of hearts to share with and record for future generations. Before the 1870's, woodlands scattered the area, but slowly a quaint little village rose up from the rich mountain floor and eventually became known as Monteagle. Only footpaths and beautiful flora and fauna covered the plateau with the occasional Confederate and Union Armies' activities causing local folks to peer from a highly or hidden view. If one cared, he or she could also watch the coal trains going to and fro from the little towns of Tracy City and Sewanee. Below we share the memories of some of the families who came to the town as pioneers and some who just ambled through for a visit but lingered.

**Eva Hamutrel (Carlyson) Hindson Beard (1877-1952)**

She eluded me. While surveying the Monteagle Cemetery, her stone rose up before me with a bold question mark. There was no doubt that I would get to know her but not until about three years later on Oct 25, 2013. My talk with a ninety-six year old lady who gave life to the seventy-five-year old body that was laid beneath the sod in 1952 was informative. Miss Anna Mary Parker presented Eva to me; with a little research I learned more.

Eva Hamutrel Carlyson was born 1877 in Georgia to William Henry and Mary Carlyson. She had two sisters, Frances and Willie Mae. While her sisters

became public school teachers, Eva graduated from high school and later chose to become a nurse working for Dr. George Douglas Hayes at his sanatorium in Tracy City. Two marriages for Eva granted her surnames of Hindson and Beard.

From her marriage to Mr. Hindson came two children, one died young, but her son William H. "Willie" Hindson, born in 1901, grew to manhood. In his youth, he and Eva lived with her widowed mother and his two aunts in Marion Co., TN. After attending college for a couple of years, probably in New Orleans, he became a meter service man for a utility company there. Eva was with her son throughout his rearing and young adulthood, but something called her back to Tennessee, to the mountain, to Monteagle. It was here that she married William L. Beard, a real estate agent, on Mar 14, 1917 with William H. DuBose officiating.

The story goes that Mr. Beard was an alcoholic, a really, really involved alcoholic. However, he begged Eva to marry him, but wisely so, she evaded his proposals. Then one day from the bottom of his heart, he promised Eva that he would give up his drinking if she would become his wife. She did, and he quit drinking immediately. They lived in a house on what is today (2013) known as the Pascal and Maggie Barnes homeplace on the bluff overlooking Pelham Valley. Eva's new husband also managed the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly for some years. Sadly he passed away leaving Eva alone in a house that was not warm in the cold, windy winters on the bluff. Eva was blessed to have reasonably near neighbors, a widow, Esther Mila (Francis) Parker and her two daughters, Willa Francis "Dish" and Anna Mary, who invited her to winter over at their house. This arrangement came from the mere Christian attitudes of the Parker ladies. The ladies requested no financial assistance, but occasionally, Eva gave a small sum to help with the expenses. These four, active ladies faced their summers with a goal of continued happiness and contentment.

Later it became obvious to Eva that she needed permanent health care, so she moved around the bluff to Mulford Rest Home, the former Wrenn's Nest, now known as Handley's Point of View. Below the rest home, Sweet Fern Cave with its cool, mountain breezes offered wonderful, summer repose for weary hikers. Upon her death in 1952, the widow of Dr. Thomas Franklin Taylor donated a spot in the family plot for Eva's burial. Her son had not been greatly involved in Eva's life here on the mountain; his visits were rare. He passed away in July 1980 while still living in Louisiana.

### **Harvey Douglas Thomas (1918-1967)**



### Contributions from Marlene (Thomas) Rockwell

Some who still live can remember this colorful man. Our first thoughts are the cafes/restaurants that were operated by him. Over a period of time, Harvey's daughter Marlene and I have settled on six spots where Harvey carried on his art of serving the public with good food, but first, a little family history. Harvey was a son of John H. "Project" and Carrie Ann (McFarland) Thomas. He had a house full of siblings, namely: Christine L., Horace G., Ernest B., Winston, Beatrice, Willie, Charles H., George G., and Louise H. For the most part, these children were born and lived in a house that is still standing behind the Monteagle School.

Harvey married Clarine O'Neal whose parents were Jonathan Corbett "Jay C." and Allie Jean (Parker) O'Neal. Her siblings were Jane Elizabeth and Jay, Jr. Together the couple set about entertaining thousands of tourists and travelers on their way North or South on Highway 41. They managed the businesses while the buildings were owned by others. The list of businesses in order is: 1) Harvey's Café located jointly with the old Clyde Bennett/John McGregor garage; 2) the Beehive located to the east of the current Monteagle School; 3) the Oak Terrace located just around Mabee curve on the right going south; 4) the Diner and Maplehurst Hotel which were in the center of Monteagle; 5) the Monteagle Restaurant on the west end of town and finally 6) Harvey's Restaurant just across the highway from the Monteagle Restaurant. All of the locations were on Hwy 41 where the traffic was enormous in those days.





At one time Harvey, Clarine and little Marlene lived in an upstairs apartment in the Bennett house on College Street. Later they moved to a house on the second hill on King Street where baby Wayne joined them making the family of three now four. The house was on the right at the top of the hill across the road from the Grooms family home. Marlene also remembers enjoying the swing on the porch of the Maplehurst Hotel where her family made their home during their years at the Diner. The hotel had an annex that many have forgotten. A large two-story house sat back a little between the Diner and the hotel. The proprietors of the hotel used it as an overflow from the hotel. Jane Ellen Grooms took on babysitting Marlene and Wayne. This freed Clarine to work alongside her husband in the Diner. Later they bought the Hunziker house which stands east of the second Monteagle School. It is now owned by J. B. Ladd.

On April 22, 1943 in Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, Harvey enlisted for service in the U. S. Army during WWII. Like many young Monteagle men, he served his country well and returned to his hometown. He was a boy at heart and filled his life with color and adventure. While he operated the Oak Terrace, he owned a car which was installed with extremely loud air horns. He was enjoying the



Clarine (O'Neal) Thomas with son, Wayne at the house on King Street

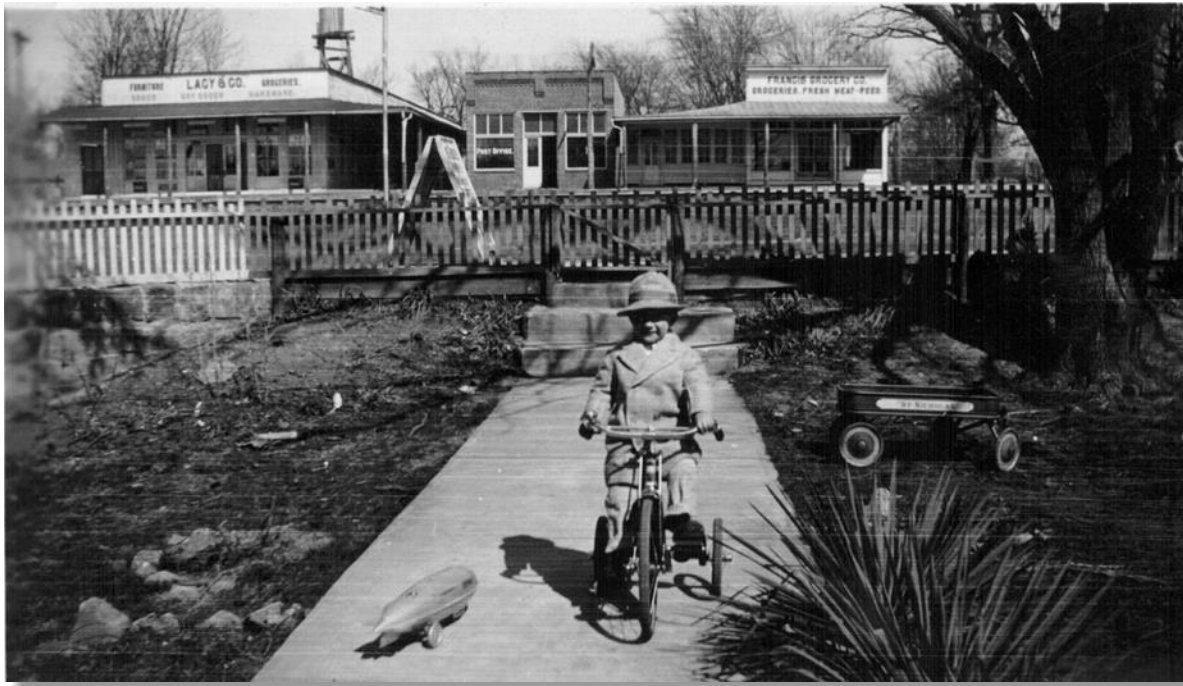
American dream. On Nov. 10, 1967, Harvey Douglas Thomas passed away and was buried at the Monteagle Cemetery. Later, his wife Clarine married John Paul Jackman. When she passed away on July 30, 2001, her ashes were returned to Harvey's side in the cemetery.

### **Clyde William Bennett (1897-1966)**

#### Contributions from Hattie Ruth "Dusty" Bennett

Clyde William Bennett was the son of William David "Squire" and Hattie Alexander (Starling) Bennett. His paternal grandparents were James H. and Adaline (Smith) Wagoner Bennett; his maternal grandparents were Elias and Charity (Walker) Smith. Playing around the house as youngsters were his siblings, Roy James, Charles Cleo, Ford Wilson, William David, Jr., Vera and Edith Love. Squire Bennett reared his children first in a two-story house which stood next to C. J. Cantrell's Furniture store on College Street in Grundy Co.

That house became rental property before it burned around 1947. The family also lived in another two-story house on the present Bill Jack & Isabel Gunn property on Bennett St. They were as near to the railroad track as one individual family could be. All this worked well for the hundreds of young couples looking to be “hitched” by Clyde’s father, a Justice of the Peace. A “joining of hands in holy matrimony” was the norm around the Bennett house.



Clyde Bennett, 6 years old

Clyde being energetic and determined to give his future family the best he could offer chose in 1927, even before he married, to build a Texaco Station and a house on the Marion Co. side of Monteagle. Then he fell in love with Ruth Shoemake, daughter of George Washington & Harriett “Hattie” (Jones) Shoemake of Mississippi. The couple’s family grew with the arrival of three children, Clyde, Jr., Phyllis and Hattie Ruth “Dusty”. The garage had an extra attachment which was operated at different times by Clyde’s brother, Cleo Bennett, a Lassater family and Harvey Thomas as a cafe. Ruth worked as a nurse for Mrs. May Campbell who travelled with her daughter and son-in-law from Memphis to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

In the early fifties, Martha Alice Wooten worked for the Lassaters when she was a young teenager. She recalls space for a walk between the Café and the Bennett house. This walk allowed the black travelers to go down a few steps to a

two-room dining area at the back of the café, segregation at its worse. Alice speaks of public restrooms detached from the main building also being between the two buildings.

The house and yard were surrounded by a picket fence which kept the three Bennett children safe from the busy traffic moving along the main street of Monteagle. East of the house was a small building which housed a shoe shop operated by my grandfather Arthur Alexander “Alex” Layne. It later became a shop where Rance Tate was in popular demand for his barbering skills. Hattie Ruth “Dusty” Bennett was five-years- old when her family made a move to the other side of the railroad tracks.



Clyde had built the “Firestone Store and Garage” on the Grundy County side of town. Plans were for a portion of it to become a Greyhound Bus Station, and it did. The old bus station which operated out of the old Depot baggage room that had been moved up College Street and attached to the last Monteagle Hotel, burned in 1950. This presented an immediate need for a new site for the buses to unload and pick up. The new garage stood on the corner of North Central Avenue and College St. on a lot left vacant when a huge house called Corner Oaks burned. In 1947 Clyde also acquired the large, two-story house which had previously been occupied by Dr. Brewer. Before his ownership, the house was probably owned by Julius and Mary Grace (Markle) Hassler. Today (2013) the

lovely old house has had a facelift and remains a center piece of the town. Eventually, the Texaco Station and house on the Marion Co. side of the tracks became the property of John and Eva (Lacy) McGregor. Today, "Dave's Modern Tavern" stands near the spot of the former Texaco Station.



*Hattie (Starling) Bennett with grandsons Clyde Jr. (in lap) and Pat Bennett*



*Ruth Bennett and son, Clyde Jr.*

Clyde William Bennett, Pvt. Army SVC Corps, WWI, a well-known, respected business man and Justice of the Peace in Monteagle, passed away on Aug, 16, 1966, and was laid to rest in the Monteagle Cemetery. His wife Ruth moved to Nashville to be with her daughter Hattie Ruth "Dusty" Bennett. She died in 1993 and her remains were brought to Monteagle, her final resting place.

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## CORRECTIONS

If you spot a mistake, please let us know so we can make any corrections. All corrections will be made as soon as possible, usually the following issue. Please contact Sharon: [gchswbmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:gchswbmaster@hotmail.com).

Betty Ikard sent in this correction for the September 2013 Pathfinder: Her husband attended the burial of Sumner Bell. His dates are: Born 25 August 1886 and died 20 January 1944. Sumner Bell is buried at Mount Garner Cemetery in Decherd, Tennessee. Find-A-Grave has the same dates; however, there is no photo of the gravestone.

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## GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855

Transcribed by Sharon Goodman

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1847 and 71<sup>st</sup> Year of the Independence of the United States- Present the worshipful Anderson S. Goodman, John Burrows, John Morrow, Richard Bradford, Ambrose Killian, John Fults, Smith Blanton, William Dugan, Greek Braley, James Lockhart, O.H.F. Duncan, Elias Smith, Thomas Warren, Robert Tate, George W. Chapman, Isaac Campbell.

This day A.S. Goodman and Michael returned their report of a settlement with John Burrows Trustee of Grundy County, and the same is received by the court

and Said Commissioners of Said county, his liberty to correct any Error that may be discovered in said report.

Ordered by the court that Reuben R. Price, Richard Bradford, William Armstrong, John Burrows, John Meeks, and Philip Roberts, A.S. Goodman, or any three of them be appointed a committee to lay off one years provisions Julia Y. Spong widow of Henry T. Spong deceased, out of the personal estate of Said decedent and made report of next court.

This day Joseph Bradshaw, R.C. Caldwell, William Lyons, Solomon Gross, John Mullins, and A.M.Blair, the Jury of View to lay off and mark a road. Beginning at the mouth of the lane between Joseph Bradshaw and R.C. Caldwell to intersect the Pelham and Jasper Turnpike, whereupon, the court established said road as marked by Said Jury as a road of the second class. And it is ordered by the court that Alexander M. Blair be appointed Overseer of said road and have the following bounds and hands, John Mullins and hands, Mathew Mullins, I.A. Mullins, James Simmons, R.C. Caldwell, Joshua Bradshaw and A.M. Blair hands to open and keep the same in repair.

This day the court elected Joseph G. Gentry, Tax collector for the county of Grundy for the Year 1847.

Ordered by the court the order made at January Term last of this court appointing R.C. Caldwell and others a Jury of View to lay off and mark a road from the Stage Road near Harris Gillums, round the mountain, to intersect the road leading from Pettys to lows be revived.

Ordered by the court that A.S. Goodman, Michael Hoover be appointed Commissioners, to settle with county officers for the Year 1847.

Ordered by the court that Adam Fults be appointed overseer of the road from the Grundy County line to the top of the mountain, in room of Lilbourne Fults, and have the same bounds and hands.

Ordered by the court that Reuben P. Webb, clerk of this court be allowed the sum of forty dollars, for making out the tax list, copy of same, Juries of View, Road orders and ex office services for 1847, to be paid out of any money in the County treasury not otherwise appropriated; there being sixteen Justices present and the Vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were fourteen in the negative none.



Ordered by the court that revenue commissioners for Grundy county be allowed the sum of five dollars each, for taking lists of Taxable property, for 1847, there being sixteen Justices present and the vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were fourteen in the negative one. Said money to be paid out of any money in the County treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Ordered by the court that Philip Roberts, Sheriff be allowed the sum of thirty-eight dollars and 75 cents for Ex officio services for the year 1846, there being sixteen Justices present and the vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were thirteen in the negative one. Said money to be paid out of any money in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated.

On motion of Silas T. Roberts, Administrator of Isaac H. Roberts, deceased, and it appearing to the Satisfaction that I.H. Roberts was one of the Securities of Washington Turner, administrator of William L. Vaughan deceased, and it also appearing that the said Silas T. Roberts had given the said Washington Turner ten days' notice that he would move this court at the present term to be released from any further liability, as his security. It is therefore considered by the court, that said Silas T. Roberts be released from further liability, as Security for the said Washington Turner. Administrator as aforesaid.

Ordered by the court that John Burrows Trustee be allowed the sum of three dollars for settling with School commissioners up to 1844, to be paid out of any money in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated, there being fourteen Justices present, and the vote being taken those who voted in the affirmative were fourteen in the negative none.

Ordered by the court that Jeremiah A. Walker be appointed overseer of the rode commencing at the county line near Noah Base running to the River and have the hands that formerly belonged to the said Rode.

This day George W. Chapman, Esquire, tendered in open court his resignation as a Justice of the ninth district of Grundy which was received by the court, and ordered be Spraid upon the minutes.

Ordered by the court that Nimroad Jolley and his wife Amy, be allowed fifteen dollars to be paid out of any money in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated to be placed in the hands of John Myers, to be used for their benefit, there being ten Justices present and the vote being taken those who voted in the affirmative were nine and in the negative none. This order to continue until July court.

Court adjourned until court in course.

A. Goodman, Ch.      John M. Morrow      Richard Bradford.

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## **GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS,**

**1850-1880**

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

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

### **1860 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRUNDY COUNTY**

Crabtree, William (tenant?)- improved acres, 45; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; sheep, 2; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$325; wheat, 45; Indian corn, 625; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 6; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$60.

Crabtree, John (tenant?)- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 3; milch cows, 1; sheep, 7; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$250; wheat, 35; Indian corn, 450; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$62.

Warren, Josh K. (tenant?)- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 17; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 1; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$466; Indian corn, 250; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 100 lbs.; honey, 25 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$250.

Cornelison, Wm. (tenant?)- improved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$325; wheat, 8;

Indian corn, 550; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 25; value of home manufactures, \$75.

Nunley, C.C. (tenant?)- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$600; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, 45; wheat, 30; Indian corn, 1250; peas & beans, 3; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, 30.

Gilliam, Frank- improved acres, 19; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$375; Indian corn, 500; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 30.

Thomas, Jas/Jos? (tenant)- improved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 3; value of livestock, \$300; Indian corn, 300; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 20.

Cox, Nathan (tenant)- improved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$150; wheat, 25; Indian corn, 625; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 30; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

Nisbet, A. (tenant)- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; value of livestock, \$200; wheat, 15; Indian corn, 620; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$36; value of animals slaughtered, \$33.

Mullins, M. (tenant)- improved acres, 35; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$160; wheat, 20; Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

Henley, John (tenant)- improved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 1; other cattle, 3; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$360; wheat, 62; Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 6; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 75; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$200; molasses, 20 gallons.

Tate, J.S.L. (tenant)- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$200; Indian corn, 1000; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$60.

Levan, Eliza (tenant)- improved acres, 12; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; sheep, 5; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$260; wheat, 7; Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 50 (?) lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Oliver, G.W. (tenant)- improved acres, 45; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 4; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 9; swine, 13; value of livestock, \$630; Indian corn, 300; Irish potatoes, 30; butter, 110 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$90.

Nunley, Wm. R. (tenant)- improved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$200; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$50; Indian corn, 300; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 25 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$40.

Sanders, Wesley (tenant)- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$300; milch cows, 1; value of livestock, \$25; Indian corn, 350; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 24 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$18.

Meeks, David (tenant)- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$300; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$57; Indian corn, 1000; wool, 70 lbs.; butter, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$18; value of animals slaughtered, \$36.

Sanders, Sol (tenant)- improved acres, 14; cash value of farm, \$350; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; value of livestock, \$160; Indian corn, 300; butter, 40 lbs.; honey, 110 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25.

Meeks, Brit (tenant)- improved acres, 55; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 20; swine, 6; value of livestock, \$425; wheat, 75; peas & beans, 15; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 300 lbs.; honey, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$130; value of animals slaughtered, \$108; maple sugar, 15 lbs.

Meeks, John Sr. (tenant)- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$200; Indian corn, 500; wool, 18 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; value of animals slaughtered, \$60.

PAGE TOTALS- Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 162; Irish potatoes, 436; sweet potatoes, 1294; butter, 2059 lbs.; honey, 630 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$1526; value of animals slaughtered, \$3993.

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Winton, Anderson (tenant)- improved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; sheep, 5; swine, 22; value of livestock, \$337; wheat, 45; Indian corn, 750; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, 25; value of animals slaughtered, \$65.

Burrows, Silas (tenant)- improved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$200; milch cows, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$30; wheat, 10; Indian corn, 250; Irish potatoes, 5; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 15 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Northcut, Mary E. (tenant)- improved acres, improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 700; cash value of farm, \$200; milch cows, 1; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$397; wheat, 100; Indian corn, 535; wool, 30 lbs.; peas & beans, 6; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 75 lbs.; honey, 10 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$80; value of animals slaughtered, \$110; maple sugar, 30 lbs.; beeswax, 10 lbs.

Burrows, P. (tenant)- improved acres, 37; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 400; wool, 25 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; sweet potatoes, 80; butter, 25 lbs.; honey, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; tobacco, 100 lbs.; molasses, 50 gallons.

Kilgore, Charles (tenant)- improved acres, 12; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; swine 16; value of livestock, \$85; wheat, 30; Indian corn, 500; Irish potatoes, 10; butter, 15 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$30.

Meeks, Benj. (tenant)- improved acres, 22; unimproved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 7; swine, 23; value of livestock, \$487; Indian corn, 3980; wool, 103 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 7; butter, 70 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$400.

Hamby, Wash (tenant)- improved acres, 35; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 12; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$500; wheat, 43; Indian corn, 125; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 16; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 40 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$120.

Hamby, E.W. (tenant)- improved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; milch cows, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$450; wheat, 60; Indian corn, 175; peas & beans, 7; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$90.

DISTRICT 9 TOTALS (part): improved acres, 231; unimproved acres, 710; cash value of farm, \$3400; horses, 17; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 14; working oxen, 6; other cattle, 7; sheep, 41; swine, 149; value of livestock, \$2686; wheat, 288; Indian corn, 150; peas & beans, 27; Irish potatoes, 164; butter, 320 lbs.; honey, 35 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$220; value of animals slaughtered, \$1665.

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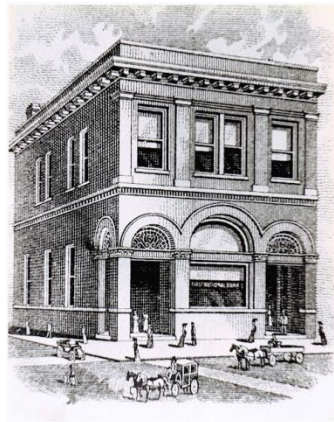
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