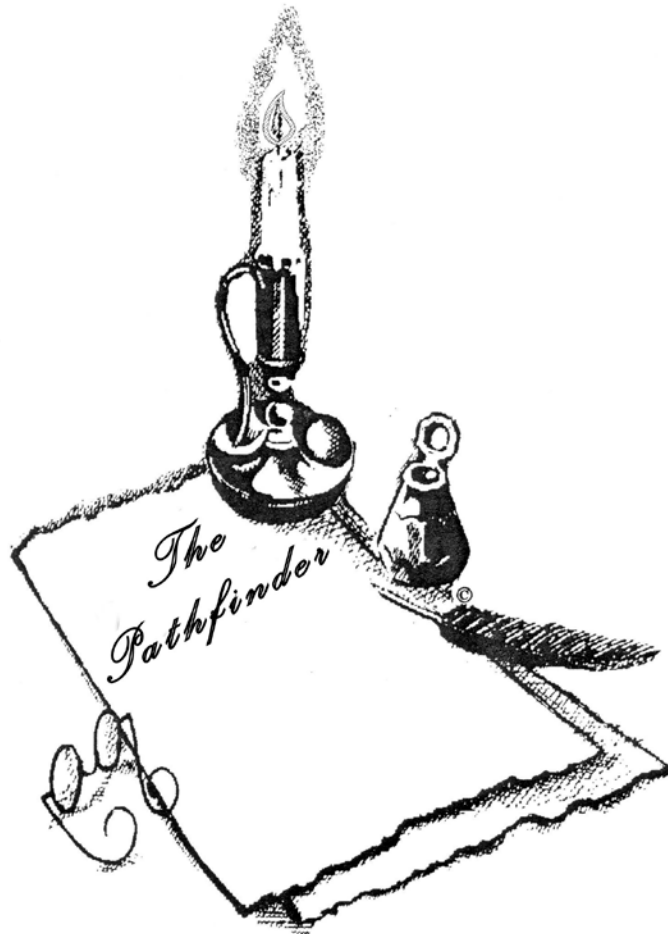


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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

As I sit down to write this the day before Valentine's, I've just finished reading my Facebook page and have seen so many photos of middle Tennessee covered in snow! Seems that snow can so magically change the contours of the land, turning an everyday mountain field into a picture postcard! Bridges and creeks become next year's Christmas cards. The hush of a winter's day reminds us to be still and remember all the good things in life and that spring is getting closer every day! It won't be long before the crocus' are poking thru any snow that's left over and blooming. The daffodils won't be that far behind either! I love the forsythia bushes that bloom that audacious yellow color proclaiming that spring has finally sprung! But, here back in central Texas, the weather forecast for next week puts the temps back in the 70's. Yes, spring is going to be very short and summer will be very hot and very long. Enjoy your winter weather as you can!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nadine Moore

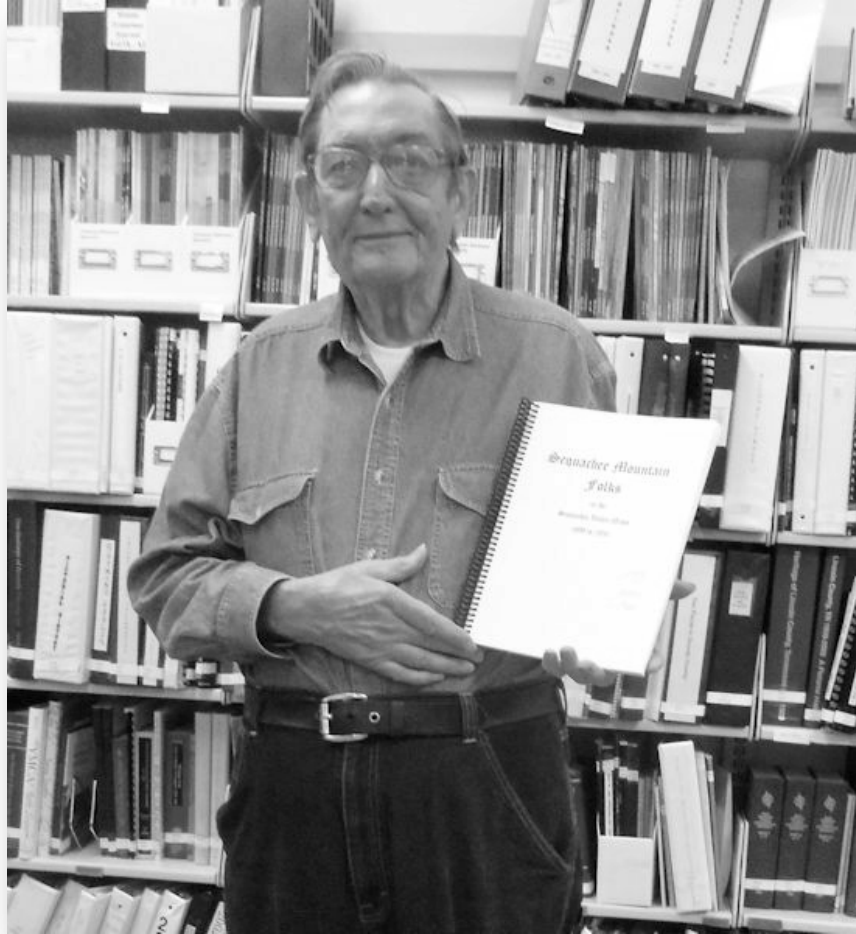
Cindy Killian, Ernestine Kirkendoll, Betty Ladewig, Pamela Myers, Jannette Phillips, Nancy Tigert and Sue Waldrop.

QUERIES

2014-007 Family name search: Looking for Sartain in Grundy County.

Msartain59@gmail.com.

BOOK PRESENTATION



Carl Campbell presents his book, *Sequachee Mountain Folks*, to the library at the Grundy County Heritage Center.

“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 Thirty-third Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Weakley, Obion, Madison and other counties, and was organized at Union City 18 Oct 1861 with A.W. Campbell, colonel. In January 1862 it marched to Columbus, KY where it wintered; then moved south into northern Mississippi and in April met the enemy on the furious field of Shiloh, and attested its courage in its desperate charges and its loss of nearly 200 men killed and wounded out of about 500 engaged. The regiment moved back to Corinth, and later, via Chattanooga, invaded Kentucky under Gen. Bragg, and at Perryville, in October, fought with magnificent bravery, suffering heavy losses. After this it moved south with Bragg, and at Murfreesboro bore an honorable part, losing many noble men. At Chickamauga it assisted in two awful charges which beat back the Federal hosts. It fought at Missionary Ridge and retreated south, wintering at Dalton, and in 1864 participated in the series of bloody and memorable battles from that point to Atlanta, shedding the blood of its bravest boys in defense of the cause which to them seemed right. It marched north with Hood; was at Franklin and Nashville; thence marched south, and finally surrendered in North Carolina in April 1865.

The Thirty-fourth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised partly in middle Tennessee and partly in east Tennessee, and was organized during the autumn of 1861 with William Churchwell, colonel. It first saw service in east Tennessee, where it remained for a considerable period engaged in outpost duty. It finally participated in the Kentucky campaign and later joined the army of Bragg in time for the battle of Murfreesboro, in which desperate engagement it was conspicuously active, losing severely in killed and wounded. It moved south with the retreating army and after various movements was engaged in the bloody battle of Chickamauga in September 1863 where it behaved gallantly and lost severely. In 1864 it participated in the actions of the Georgia campaign, terminating at Atlanta, and then moved back into Tennessee with Hood, taking part in his bloody battles. It then moved south with the army, and finally surrendered in North Carolina.

The Thirty-fifth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Grundy, Sequatchie, Warren, Cannon, Bledsoe and Van Buren, and was organized in the autumn of 1861, with B.J. Hill, colonel. About the first of the year 1863 it moved to Bowling Green, KY and after the surrender of Fort Donelson marched south with the army to northern Mississippi and early in April participated in the

battle of Shiloh, with heavy loss. Its charges were brilliant, sweeping and destructive. It then skirmished around Corinth, fighting with heroic desperation at Shelton Hill amid a terrible fire. It was complimented for this in general orders by Gen. Beauregard. It moved with Bragg on the Kentucky campaign meeting the enemy again at Richmond and Perryville, displaying its usual heroism. At Murfreesboro it was hotly engaged, suffering severely, and again, in September 1863 at brilliant Chickamauga sustained itself with distinguished valor. It did important provost or guard duty throughout northern Alabama, and finally surrendered at Chattanooga in the spring of 1865.

The Thirty-sixth, Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Tennessee Regiments were only partly organized, and in the main saw detached duty. The first was command by Col. Morgan, the second by Col. Avery. The last was at Fort Pillow in January 1862. Col. Avery was at Bowling Green in December 1861, and Col. Morgan at Cumberland Gap in March 1862.

The Thirty-seventh Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Hamilton, Jefferson, Grainger, Blount, Sevier, Claiborne, Coffee and Washington Counties, in northern Georgia and in Alabama, and was organized in October 181 at Camp Ramsey, near Knoxville with W.H. Carroll, colonel. At Germantown, west Tennessee, to which point it was transferred, it drilled for about a month. In November it moved to Chattanooga. It marched north and was present at the battle of Fishing Creek, but did not participate in the main battle, losing only five or six killed and wounded. It then moved south via Murfreesboro to northern Mississippi, and occupied Burnsville during the battle of Shiloh. The regiment did valuable picket service around Corinth. In July it moved to Mobile, Montgomery, Atlanta, Dalton, Chickamauga Station, Chattanooga and thence on the Kentucky campaign, and October 8 at Perryville, was hotly engaged. It then marched south, and in October reached Murfreesboro where December 31, it was engaged in that battle in the hottest part, losing about half its members killed and wounded. It then moved to Chattanooga. The following June it was consolidated with the Fifteenth under the latter name and so lost its old existence.

The Thirty-eighth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Madison, Fayette, Shelby and other west Tennessee counties, in Wilson County and in Georgia and Alabama, and was organized in September 1861, with Robert F. Looney of Memphis, colonel. It moved first to Chattanooga, thence later to Knoxville, where it was stationed at the date of the battle of Fishing Creek, Kentucky, having no arms with which to assist Gen. Zollieoffer. It was finally

ordered to Iuka, MI thence to Eastport, thence to Corinth, and was brigaded first with Gen. Gladden and later with Gen Preston Pond, with Louisiana troops. It moved up and fought at Shiloh, losing ninety killed and wounded. It moved with Bragg to Perryville, where it fought and was soon after reorganized with John C. Carter, colonel. It moved back and fought at Murfreesboro; thence marched down to Chickamauga, where it distinguished itself. It was at Missionary Ridge and in 1864 engaged in the Georgia campaign with heavy loss. It came north with Hood, fought at Franklin, where Gen. Carter was killed, and at Nashville then marched south in 1865 surrendered in North Carolina.

DAUGHTER OF BOOTH: NOW PLAYING IN VAUDEVIL
The Nashville American (1894-1910); Jun 22, 1903;
 ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Nashville Tennessean (1812-1922)
 pg. 5

DAUGHTER OF BOOTH

**NOW PLAYING IN VAUDEVILLE AT
 GLENDALE.**

IN LEVINE AND ALMA TEAM

**Mrs. Charles Levine, Formerly Miss Ida
 Booth, of Tennessee, Declares Slayer
 of Lincoln Was Her Father and
 Makes Known Sensational Facts.**

Scarcely is it probable that any person who witnessed the vaudeville performances at the Glendale Park Casino last week, was aware that one of the entertainers is none other than the Tennessee girl who claims to be the daughter of John Wilkes Booth.

Levine and Alma in their comedy acrobatic novelties were one of the best attractions at the Casino last week, and will be seen again at Glendale vaudeville theater this week. The graceful, pretty little woman who, under the name of Alma, so captivated her audience, is Mrs. Charles Levine and was formerly Miss Laura Booth, of Pelham, Tenn. Born in the Volunteer State and going from here as a child to the stage, after more than a quarter of a century she returns to her home to prove herself the daughter of this man of mystery-clouded life.

GRUNDY COUNTY TEACHING

Oma Dell Langford Brewer

In July 1924 the Board of Education elected me to my first school in Palmer and Oh! What a thrill knowing that I was going to be a teacher and also that I would be making my own money. All of \$65.00 a month.

I was given the beginners and the high first graders. At the beginning of school, I had 65 students but before too long, labor troubles came up and many people moved away, taking the children away also. I thoroughly enjoyed my work and the little children were precious.

Teachers and students worked well together, therefore our school year was successful. Of course, times were hard and even the school board was unable to do much for the schools. We had practically no equipment or anything much to make the classes interesting.

The school term ended the next spring and I was sent to a small one teacher school setting in a grassy knoll in the community of Collins, which at that time was called "Camp Four".

I lived in Tracy City, but was sent to these rural schools to teach. My sister lived in the Tatesville community about three miles from the schools so I stayed with her. I walked this distance, morning and afternoon most of the time. Occasionally a certain man named Jim Brewer, my sweetheart, and one whom I adored, happened along about the time school dismissed in his A model Ford and took me home. Oh! How glad I was to get a ride home and of course, to see him, too, for he was the man who I was to wed soon.

Summer passed and fall came with its heavy rains. The creeks would rise and the swamps were standing in water, just the way I had to go to school, so there was just one thing to do and that was to wade them and go on my way. November brought deep snows which I also tramped through. I would almost be frozen when I got to school. Our school was only a shack, but we tried to make it as comfortable as possible, but that was a hard thing to do. It was just a shell with big cracks in the walls and window panes broken out. And when I trained

we had to huddle towards the front of the house and when that would freeze the children would skate on it at recess.

The room was heated with an old fashioned wood stove and the building was so open we felt very little heat. My desk was a small shelf on the wall and I took a little split buttoned chair to sit in front from my sister's. My blackboard was a homemade board about 3' x 6'. The children sat on homemade benches with a board on the back of each bench for their desks. Everyone drank from the same dipper from the water bucket.

Those were happy days with my boys and girls, and I enjoyed every one of them. I was twenty years old, young and alert, and got a thrill out of my work, even though the going was hard and the pay was low.

I had approximately thirty-five students and six grades.

In December we planned a little get together before the schools were closed for the Christmas holidays. This ended my years' work at Collins, for I married that night.

The next summer, in 1926, I attended college at Murfreesboro and taught the next term at Tatesville. I then started my family and was a housewife until 1943, except for substitute work in the different communities.

In the fall of 1943 I was elected to teach again at Tatesville, from there, I went to Laager school and then back to Collins as principal. In the meantime, the schools began to consolidate and they building became too small to accommodate the students increase. Finally a new school building was erected and named "Swiss Memorial", a dream had finally come true. I retired from teaching the year they moved to the new consolidated school.

I taught seventeen years in the old Collins school where I closed out my school days.

Mrs. Joyce Hargis was elected the principal of the new school and continues her principalship there at the present time. I taught thirty years and enjoyed every bit of it.

SCHOOL RECORDS FOR GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 1849

Submitted by Janelle Layne Taylor

The undersigned commissioner of 8th school district of Grundy County have this day ascertained the number of children over 6 years and under 21 years of age in the district as follows:

PARENT	BOYS	GIRLS
Edgar, Alex	1	4
Price, Morgan	5	1
Patton, A.E.	4	1
Willis, Elizabeth	1	1
Green, Charles	1	1
Ikard, J.W.	3	2
Burrell, James T.	2	3
Ship, Ewell	3	1
Nevil, Mary	0	1
Wilkerson, Wm.	1	0
Wilkerson, J.M.	1	2
Martin, Wm.	0	1
Bowers, G.K.	1	1
Lyons, Wm.	3	0
Pattie, J.D.	2	1
Roberts, G.K.	3	0
Nevils, B.O.	2	1
Southerland, Widow	1	3
Warren, Thomas	2	4

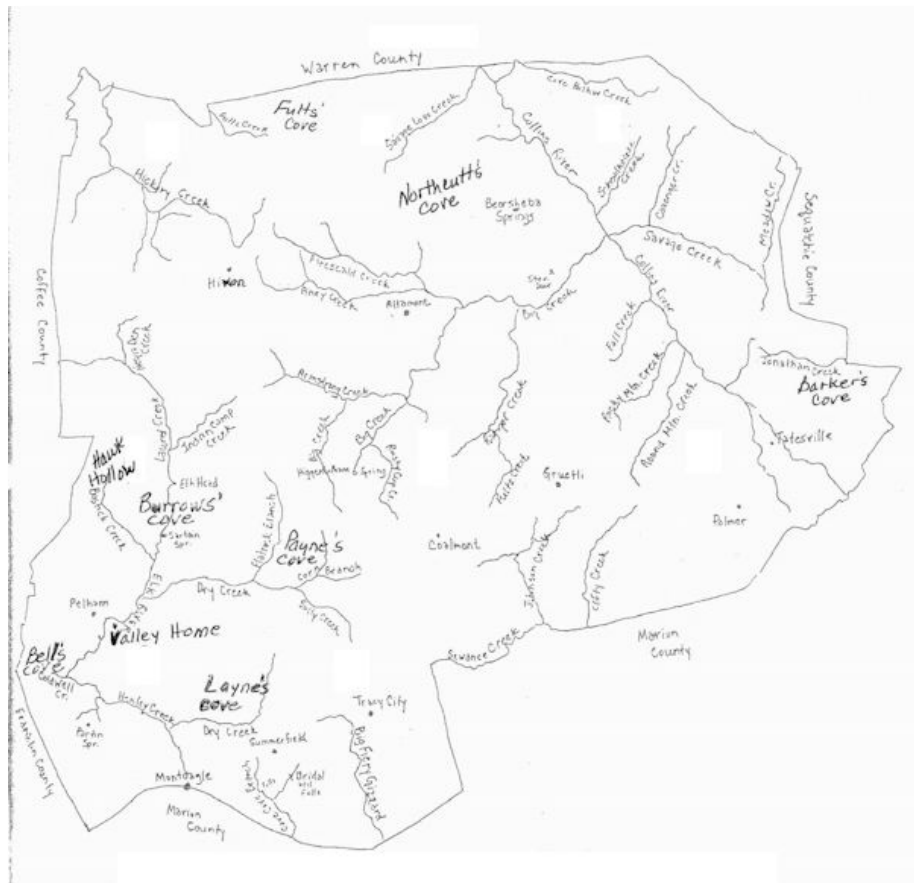
Stegall, Wm.	1	4
Lane, John	5	1
Roberts, Eliza	2	1
Harrison, Jas.	1	3

We certify the above is a true and correct report of the children in said district.

A.E. Patton, B.O. Nevills, Jxon Lyons

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

Arlene Partin Bean & Janelle Layne Taylor



LAYNE'S COVE

Up until about 1860 Hollinsworth Cove was the name of the area now known as Layne's Cove, but with the emigration of John Layne, Jr. from Marion County, came a proliferation of the Layne surname while in 1840 there were only two families there with the Hollinsworth surname. After about 1880 the name Layne's Cove became widely used. Many of the locals also called the community Bucksnot because of the presence of large number of deer.

This community's early history has many ties with Monteagle and the Assembly Grounds as well as with Summerfield. Summerfield, and also because of the Nickajack Trail which led up the mountain to a point between Monteagle and Summerfield, and also because the summer residents of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly provided a ready market for produce from the farms in the valley. Visitors from the Assembly Grounds often came to Layne's Cove to visit Wonder Cave. R.M. Payne, owner, had a private toll road built from the cave up by the present Robert and Brenda (Rose) Sitz home and on up the mountain in order to have horse and buggy transportation to his business. Abraham K. Layne ran a taxi service between Monteagle and the cave to accommodate sight-seers. Even the water for the Assembly Grounds was furnished from Wonder Cave and forced up the mountain by a huge steam pump. The brochures of the affluent Monteagle Hotel boasted of the fine spring water available to its would be guests.

The steam pump was disassembled in about 1920 and hauled to Monteagle with two mules and a wagon by Bob Layne, who then was only 15 years old.

Enterprising Layne eager to avoid the bumpy, rocky road built a mechanism with steel cables to drum or "snake" a loaded wagon up the steep mountain side to a point closer to the Assembly Grounds. One day Mary Jane (Blackwell) Layne, wife of Bill Layne, was driving the mile pulling the cable when suddenly the cable snapped cutting off the mules' front legs. Luckily, Mary Jane wasn't hurt.

GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE LICENSES,

1850-1874

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GRUNDY COUNTY, TN (1850-1874)

Chritian, India	Finney, P.P.	05 Feb 1868
Churchman, Joseph A.	Thompson, Mary Louisa	19 Sep 1868
Clark, B.N.	King, Nancy E.	01 Aug 1868
Clark, Louisa	Burnett, Stephen	05 Mar 1855
Clay, Joseph	Myers, M.E. Miss	04 Jul 1871
Clay, Joseph	Myers, M.M. Miss	04 Jul 1872
Clay, Mary	Gallahere, Thomas	02 May 1871
Cliavilano, John	Moore, Louisa	13 Dec 1850
Clifton, Roleena	Moore, Joseph	02 Feb 1854
Cloy, Mary	Coulter, Charles	04 Nov 1863
Cofeman, Bartley	Burrell, Vickey	15 Oct 1859
Coffelt, John	Watley, Elizabeth	07 Mar 1857
Coggin, Mary	Walker, Samuel	24 Jul 1858
Coggins, Andrew	Sitz, Nancy	10 Dec 1857
Coggins, James A.	Brown, Mary	30 Jan 1858
Coggins, Mauray E.	Smith, Wm H.P.	29 May 1858
Cogins, Franky	Stegall, Stephen	15 Jun 1859
Coker, Elizabeth	Bolton, W.H.	30 Sep 1871
Conn, B.F.	Foster, Maggie	11 May 1872
Cooper, Ewell	Fults, Nancy	25 Jan 1871
Cope, Elizabeth	Gilly, Benjamin L.	06 Sep 1865
Cope, F.	Smart, Ezekel	17 Mar 1863

Cope, G.W.	Powell, Mary Mrs.	01 Sep 1868
Cope, James	Roberts, Manervay	09 Jan 1857
Cope, John	Tucker, Eliza	02 Aug 1856
Cope, Louisa	Sanders, A.J.	26 Oct 1853
Cope, M.	Smart, Mandy	01 Oct 1862
Cope, Nancy	Sander, Lewis	23 Nov 1850
Cope, Polly	Meeks, John Jr.	01 Jun 1859
Cope, R.M. Miss	Heath, Wm A.	03 Nov 1850
Cope, Rosey	Sanders, J.R.	12 Nov 1862
Cope, Sophrona	Fults, James	15 Jan 1866
Cope, Stephen	Phillips, Lydia	16 Feb 1852
Cope, Stephen Jr.	Phipps, Lydia	16 Feb 1852
Cope, Stphen	Tipps, Elizabeth	14 Aug 1858
Copland, Frances C.	Rodgers, Elijah	26 Oct 1863
Coppinger, Barsha	Brown, James	06 May 1869
Coppinger, David	Purdue, Mary	01 Feb 1870
Coppinger, Polly Ann	Moffett, Adam	27 Nov 1858
Coppinger, William	Boat, Abagal	10 Jan 1963
Cornelison, Sarah	Southerland, I.B.	03 Nov 1865
Coulsan, John	Brewer, Sarah	12 Sep 1855
Coulston, Ellan	Dykes, Calvin	12 Oct 1861
Coulston, Mary	Fults, Commodore	10 Dec 1856
Coulter, Charles	Cloy, Mary	04 Nov 1863
Countess, Mary Adaline	James, Noah	22 Oct 1853
Countiss, Louisa E.	Echols, J.V.	30 Dec 1870
Countiss, Mary	Sanders, Jackson	28 Feb 1867

Countiss, Robert	Sartain, Elizabeth F.	01 Feb 1868
Cox, Alexander	Smith, Sarah A.	30 Dec 1856
Cox, David	Reeves, Mary Ann	07 Mar 1861
Cox, Eliza	Lain, Wm.	26 Oct 1853
Cox, F.M.	Lane, Barbary	02 Apr 1857
Cox, Franklin	Janes, Mary A.	15 Jul 1854
Cox, John	Summons, Nancy	31 Dec 1862
Cox, John P.	Wooten, Malinda	03 Sep 1873
Cox, Josiah	Gipson, Eliza	05 Nov 1853
Cox, William	Crabtree, Mary Ann Johnson	05 May 1851
Crabtree, Casoma	McFarland, Wm	01 Jan 1873
Crabtree, Francis	Tucker, Elizabeth	16 Jul 1872
Crabtree, Francis	Tucker, Elizabeth	26 Feb 1872
Crabtree, John	Tucker, Melinda	22 Apr 1854
Crabtree, Mary Ann Johnson	Cox, William	05 May 1851
Crabtree, Wm.	Campbell, Martha	16 Oct 1851
Crawford, Emma	Dickerson, John A.	27 May 1872
Cray, William	Stewart, Elizabeth	16 Nov 1857
Creason, Franklin	Southern, Florence	09 Feb 1868
Crook, Fannie	Nunley, Losson	29 Dec 1870
Crossland, Elizabeth	Adams, B.H.	05 Apr 1858
Crossland, Elizabeth	Brown, Isaiah	16 Sep 1857
Crosslius, Delphia	Winton, John	26 Oct 1850
Crouch, E.M.	White, Elizabeth C.	10 Oct 1866
Crouch, Elisha	Lowe, Mary L.	22 Jan 1861
Crouch, Enoch	Stoner, Amanda	04 Jan 1855

Crouch, Mary E.	Winton, Lakin	29 May 1850
Crouch, T.M.	Bradshaw, Nancy A.	21 Dec 1870
Crouch, Wm. H.	Robert, Anny	29 May 1850
Cunninham, Elizabeth	Wooten, Stephen	02 Mar 1855
Cunningham, James	Burrows, Elizabeth	26 Oct 1853
Cunningham, John	_____, Elizabeth	26 Oct 1858
Cunningham, Joseph C.	Mooney, Virginia	03 Sep 1852
Cunningham, Joseph T.	Lark, Martha	01 Nov 1854
Cunningham, Louisa Ann	Lusk, Anderson	18 Jul 1857
Cunningham, Sarah	Monton, William	30 Dec 1868
Davis, Artimissia	Davis, Thom J.	28 Sep 1853
Davis, Benjamin	Sweeton, Emile	18 May 1867
Davis, Caroline	Sweeton, Thomas	18 Aug 1857
Davis, John	Hoodenpile, Margaret	31 Mar 1870
Davis, John W.	Payne, Mary B.	20 Apr 1872
Davis, Mary Ann	Campbell, George	07 Oct 1853
Davis, Thad	Kilgore, Arminta	24 Jun 1861
Davis, Thomas J.	Campbell, Artimissia	28 Sep 1853
Davis, Thos J.	Campbell, Artimissia	28 Sep 1853
Dickerson, Dallas	Burrows, Victoria	06 Sep 1874
Dickerson, James	Campbell, S.H. Miss	16 May 1863
Dickerson, John A.	Crawford, Emma	27 May 1872
Dickerson, Martha	Fipps, John	24 Jan 1873
Dickerson, Martha	Phipps, John	25 Jun 1873
Dickson, Almira	Meeks, James	09 Mar 1858
Disheroon, Theodore	Lowe, Elander	25 Jun 1870

Dixon, Wm.	Killgore, Kansada	15 Mar 1873
Dixson, J.P.	Birdhan, Dorcas E.	25 Oct 1854
Dodson, R.	Pearson, H.M. Miss	16 May 1870
Doran, Elis J.	Harrison, Thomas J.	08 Jan 1871
Dotson, Joel	Nunley, Deephy	03 Jul 1872
Douglass, Elisha	Putnam, Sarah	13 Jan 1866
Drake, Wm. P.	Smartt, Rachel E.	28 Oct 1870
Dugan, Thomas	Knight, Sarah	01 Jan 1852
Dugan, W.T.	Brown, Frances	06 Aug 1870
Duglap, Jonathan	Winton, Nancy	27 Feb 1851
Duley, Eveline W.	Nesbitt, William A.	05 Nov 1852
Duncan, John F.	Farrar, Mary M.	02 Dec 1857
Dyer, Wm.	Simmons, Mary	25 Jun 1859
Dykes, Almira	Woodlee, James J.	20 Dec 1862
Dykes, Calvin	Coulston, Ellan	12 Oct 1861
Dykes, Jackson A.	Barker, Mary	09 Feb 1858
Dykes, Jacob	Gilly, Sauson J.	23 Feb 1858
Dykes, John	Walker, Margaret	16 Dec 1859
Dykes, Martha	Bond, John	14 Dec 1853
Dykes, Martin	Tate, Sarah	28 Jan 1860
Dykes, Mary	Killiam, Chas	11 Nov 1859
Dykes, Mary Ann	Lusk, Samuel	01 Nov 1866
Dykes, S.C.	Brown, A.E. Miss	16 Feb 1867
Dykes, Sally	Tate, Pleasant H.	09 Jan 1855
Dykes, Sarah	Hobbs, James	07 Feb 1863
Dykes, Sarah	Hobbs, James	26 Jan 1861

**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.

Magdalena "Mattie" (Abplanalp) Kennedy (1850-1936)

Switzerland lost a model citizen when nineteen-year-old Magdalena boarded the U.S. S. William Penn with her parents in search for a "new Switzerland" in the U. S. A. She was the daughter of Andreas, Sr. & Elizabeth (Smits) Abplanalp who made their way down south to Grundy Co., TN, settling between Altamont and Beersheba Springs. Magdalena married John Robert Kennedy who was a Scotsman, and the couple made their home in Monteagle. The Kennedys were the parents of Charles and Caroline (the twins), Charlotte, Anna B., Allen, George R., Elizabeth M. and Fred Zickler. They lived on Trussell Rd. on the Marion County side of the railroad tracks.



John and Mattie's son, Fred Zickler Kennedy, Sr. was probably best known as a onetime proprietor of the City Café which stood on the corner of South Central and Main St. It was a most popular place for travelers to find good country food when they did not want the pomp and splendor presented at the Monteagle Hotel across the tracks on College Street. Fred and his wife Ruby lived in the lone house on King St. between the corner of College and 1st St. Today the property is covered with years of debris from the Greeter Building Supply Store.

One of Mattie's favorite visitors was her sister Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Abplanalp) Anderegg who rode the train down from Tracy City. Lizzie brought the little ones with her, and a day of fun was had among the two sets of young cousins. Both Mattie and Lizzie had given birth to a set of twins.

Magdalena Kennedy passed away May 24, 1936 at the age of eighty-six. Her husband, John, had died many years before in 1905. They are buried in the Monteagle Cemetery along with several of their children.

Lloyd Calvin Swallen

Contributions by Lenora (Johnson) Layne

Would you like to buy some healthy, homemade, baked goods and not ever leave the mountain? Well, in the 1930's and later, local residents could do just that by visiting Lloyd Calvin and Bessie A. (Cotton) Swallen in the Summerfield area. Because of their Seventh Day Adventist faith, they chose to be more careful of foods that entered their bodies. Not only did they set up a small bakery at their home, but they were instrumental in starting the SDA Church in the area and sharing their medical knowledge with neighbors or anyone who called upon them for help.

Lloyd was born in Ohio on Apr. 2, 1891 to Albert and Josephine Swallen. He married Bessie on Oct. 20, 1915 in Davidson Co., TN. The couple slowly worked their way down South, settling in the Summerfield area of Grundy County. They built their home just off the Old Tracy City Road aka Forrest Point Road. They also built a small SDA Church building near their home, a fact that many may not have known. It would have stood across the road from the back of the Summerfield Market. That building, like most in those days, was also used as a school.

Lenora Johnson attended the first Church School in the building. It grew to about twenty students grades 1st thru 8th. The toilets were outdoors, and the children's drinking water was carried to the school. Lenora's father, Mr. Dallas Johnson, cut firewood for the wood burning stove that kept the students warm, and kerosene lamps were placed on the walls for lighting. Both Lloyd and Bessie were qualified to teach the students and care for their medical needs. Bessie was a registered nurse sharing her skills with those in need. Lloyd was a practical nurse, but he also had training in agricultural fields. This training came in handy when teaching the young males and their fathers how best to go crops and use them in a healthy way.

The Swallens were well-respected in the neighborhood. It didn't matter whether one was a member of the SDA Church or not; their medical expertise was available to all those searching for help. Lenora remembers their tender care when she became quite sick, not yet at school age. Chiropractic services were also rendered to many who could get no relief from their painful joints.

They had one daughter Mariam Swallen who was home schooled a couple years by Lenora's sister Margaret Johnson. She later went to Grundy Co. High School and graduated. Mariam followed her parents' lead and became a nurse. She married Marian Moses whom she met in Monteagle. She laid her father at rest

on Apr. 1, 1975 in the Monteagle Cemetery. Eight years later Bessie followed in death and was laid to rest beside her beloved Lloyd.

Susan “Sukey”(Layne) Levan

“Sukey” was the nickname of a lady, born Jun. 14, 1845, who lived on the side of the mountain between Monteagle and Layne’s Cove, formerly Hollingsworth Cove. Her real name was Susan (Layne) Levan; she was reared in the cove as the daughter of John Hiram & Esther (Kilgore) Layne. This made her a sister to my gg-grandfather Abraham K. Layne (1828-1879). Sukey shared the spotlight with John Sampley in the book, *John Gamp*. Elizabeth “Patti” Purnell, the author, thought enough of her to include her in the list of memorable folks who frequented the domain of the Monteagle Assembly grounds. Riding on her mule Queenie and with mop, broom and bucket in hand, she came up from her home above the horseshoe curve on Payne’s Toll Road, later Highway 41, and entered the north gate of the Assembly. There she worked in the newly built wooden homes and boarding houses to earn money to help in the rearing of her children. Many, if not all, of her Layne kinfolks, worked at one time or the other inside the Assembly gates.

Sukey married William Franklin Levan on Aug. 28, 1863. Five children were born to this union: Martha, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth and Thomas Marion. After the death of William, lovingly called “Sweet Papa” by Susan, she married W. B. Turner in Dec. 19, 1889. That marriage just didn’t work out when Mr. Turner suggested that Sukey sell her mule Queenie because he was too sickly to plow the fields with her.

On Mar. 20, 1900, Susan “Sukey” Levan took her place beside her husband and other family members in the Summerfield Cemetery. For more exciting episodes in Sukey’s life, please search the book, *John Gamp*. It can be found in the Research Library at the Grundy County Heritage Center in Tracy City, TN.

William Matthew Farmer

Contributions by Earlene (Farmer) Beene

According to William M. Farmer’s death certificate, he was 101 years, 5 months and 10 days old when he died. Dr. Thomas Franklin Taylor simply stated that William labored with lobar pneumonia for four days before his death. William M. Farmer’s parents were James and Sarah (Matthews) Farmer. William had married Belmont “Belle” Carlisle on Apr. 10, 1883, in Smith Co., TN. The couple

lived all around the counties of Franklin, Marion and Grundy, but in Monteagle near DuBose and Trussell Roads, they finally settled.



Belmont gave birth to eleven children, but only six were alive in 1910, Sallie, Minnie, Samuel “Sam”, Noah, Andrew Thomas and Polly. The images of some town folks remain forever set in our minds as we look back on the streets of our youth. Williams’ son, Sam Farmer, is one of those images that come before me as I sit at the picnic tables near the substitute hotel eagle that seems so out of place. That is one of my happy places, my pondering places.

Sam never married. He was of small stature and had a presence of character that one cannot forget. His smoking pipe was an extension of his hand. His vehicle of travel was his two feet. He walked every week day to the Monteagle Post Office to “call” for his mail. It was in front of that post office, leaning against the front window that I remember him most. I also have an image of him leaning back in a straight-back chair on his little porch on South Central Ave. The little log house had been built by Carl, Sr. and Floy Marie (King) Norwood, and it eventually made its way into Sam’s ownership.

Sam's little house began to crumble around him, so he made a real estate deal wherein he traded land for a newer two-room house. As he aged and his health began to fail him, Herbert Brannan was appointed as his administrator. The decision was made to move him into the Maplehurst Hotel. It was arranged so that he could "take" his meals at the Monteagle Diner. Sam's final home was a skilled care unit in Winchester, TN.

Aged William Matthew Farmer passed away in 1943 while living with his son Andrew Thomas on the Grundy Co. side of the tracks. His wife Belle died in 1950, and their precious son Sam joined them in the Monteagle Cemetery in 1974.

MEMBERS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, EACH A SHINING STAR

A poem by Barbara Mooney Myers

When it comes to writing you've each passed the test
 Whether its been from doing research, history, old stories, photos -
 You've been the best.

Most of us, like myself, have set for hours
 Reading and gazing at things we'd missed.
 That's why today, no matter how old it is,
 It still stirs our fantasy and bliss.

Often it's true, written words that come direct from the heart
 Dwell strong within us deeply and seem to never to part.
 It's words like these that can never be measured
 They come spoken with honor and praise
 And each of us who has shared them, lift them high with gratitude day
 after day.

So with high honor and credit given to you for the great jobs you each
 have done, Working hard, digging through the roots daily from early
 morning to later evening sun,
 As we test our skills doing our very best,
 Never once stopping to let the computer rest.

Filling the pages with history of words that catches each researcher's eye
 Never expecting a gift for the work we do no matter how hard we tried.

As we fold back another year, and bring forth a new one,
 May God make it brighter, give each of you the strength and faith you

need to make things much lighter.
May God's hand direct each of you in a pathway to keep you above the par,
And let each of you always continue to be a shining star.
Happy new year to all of you.

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.

GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855

Transcribed by Sharon Goodman

Be it Remembered that at a county court begun and held for the County of Grundy at the house of Jesse Wootens on Cumberland mountain on the first Monday of May being the 2nd in A.D. 1847 and 71st year of the Independence of the United States present Esqr. John Burrows one of the court and there being no Justices present during the day the Clerk adjourned court until court in course.

John Burrows

State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that at a county court begun and held at the house of Jesse Wooten on Cumberland mountain on the first month being the 7th day of June A.D. 1847 and of the Independence of the United States the 71st year. Present the worshipful John M. Morrow, James Lockheart, and Ambrose Killian esquires Justices and c, The Justices of the quorum being absent.

Ordered by the court that the following persons be appointed a Venire at the August term of the circuit 1847- to wit in civil district No. 1: Greek Braley, Michael Hoover, and William S. Mooney; No. 2: Christopher Hobbs, Alfred Fults,

and Christopher Myers; No. 3: Zedekiah Walker, Ambrose Killian and Martin Dykes; No. 4: William H. Tate, William Marler and Andrew Gross; No. 5: Stephen M. Griswold, Elijah Warren, and William Hunter; No. 6: James Sartain, William Warren and William Brown; No. 7: L.D. Lynch, John Meeks, Britton Meeks and Benjamin Todd; No. 8: Thomas Warren, Samel Southerland, and B.O. Nevell and that a Venire Facias issue.

This day Elijah Walker tendered his resignation as Constable in the 5th Civil District of Grundy county which was received by the Court and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Court Adjourned until court in course

John M. Morrow

Ambrose Killian

James Lockhart

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

Myers, R.S.- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 4960; cash value of farm, \$2500; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$307; Indian corn, 125; wool, 25 lbs.; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes,

40; butter, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$60.

Fultz, Wm. C. (tenant)- improved acres, 14; unimproved acres, 300; cash value of farm, \$350; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; sheep, 2; swine, 16; value of livestock, \$225; Indian corn, 150; wool, 6 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$50.

Cowan, Moses- improved acres, 9; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$110; wheat, 25; Indian corn, 150; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$10; value of animals slaughtered, \$48.

Fultz, Comadore- improved acres, 18; unimproved acres, 444; cash value of farm, \$462; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; sheep, 4; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$213; Indian corn, 125; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 40; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$62.

Dyks, Sanders- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 112; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 1; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$ 292; Indian corn, 20; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 75 lbs.; honey, 20 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$72; tobacco, 30 lbs.

Fultz, Andrew- improved acres, 12; unimproved acres, 88; cash value of farm, \$200; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 7; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$300; Indian corn, 200; wool, 50 lbs.; peas & beans, 12; butter, 70 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$15; value of animals slaughtered, \$60.

Tate, Jackson (tenant)- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 180; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$170; Indian corn, 500; wool, 50 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 30.

Freeman, George E.- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 3470; cash value of farm, \$5500; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 2; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$129; Indian corn, 200; Indian corn, 200; oats, 30; wool, 12 lbs.; peas & beans, 11; Irish potatoes, 100; butter, 150 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$55.

Long, Arther- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 7960(?); cash value of farm, \$8000; horses, 2; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 7; working oxen, 6; other cattle, 6; sheep, 30; swine, 21; value of livestock, \$1311; Indian corn, 200; oats, 12; wool, 12 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 25; value of home manufactures, \$100; values of animals slaughtered, \$220.

Woodlee, James- improved acres, 80; unimproved acres, 255; cash value of farm, \$2500; horses, 7; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 6; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 10; sheep, 16; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$1305; Indian corn, 100; wool, 15 lbs.; peas & beans, 6; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 25; butter, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$100; value of animals slaughtered, \$200; hay, 20 tons; grass seed, 20 lbs.

Tipton, John (tenant)- improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$346; Indian corn, 100; oats, 6; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 20; butter, 40 lbs.; honey, 75 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, 130; maple sugar, 30 lbs.; beeswax, 20 lbs.

Bond, James- improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 500; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 4; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$386; Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 15; butter, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$60; value of animals slaughtered, \$105.

Kell, Wm. H.- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 250; cash value of farm, 1500; horses, 3; asses & mules, 3; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 4; sheep, 7; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$618; Indian corn, 150; Irish potatoes, 100; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 50 lbs.; value of animals slaughtered, \$180.

Perry, Stephen- improved acres, 30; unimproved acres, 145; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$210; wheat, 5; Indian corn, 150; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 5; butter, 45 lbs.; honey, 47 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30; rye, 5; beeswax, 5 lbs.; tobacco, 50 lbs.

Walker, Elijah- improved acres, 60; unimproved acres, 170; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 4; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$442; Indian corn, 235; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 30 lbs.; value of home manufactures,

\$25; value of animals slaughtered, \$85; maple sugar, 20 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons.

Levan, Henry (tenant)- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 275; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$350; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 20 lbs.; honey, 200 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$63; maple sugar, 20 lbs.; molasses, 15 gallons.

Hobbs, A. (tenant)- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$300; milch cows, 3; sheep, 5; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$160; Indian corn, 200; oats, 20; wool, 120 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 30; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$170.

Wilson, Wm. (tenant)- improved acres, 22; cash value of farm, \$300; milch cows, 3; sheep, 5; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$ 160; oats, 30; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 100; butter, 70 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$72.

Handerson, Lewis- improved acres, 50; unimproved acres, 1600; cash value of farm, \$6000; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; value of livestock, \$80; Indian corn, 50; oats, 30; wool, 20 lbs.

Smith, William- improved acres, 130; unimproved acres, 800; cash value of farm, \$2000; horses, 3; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 6; sheep, 35; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$655; Indian corn, 40; wool, 10 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 300 (?); sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 150 lbs.; honey, 25 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$44; value of animals slaughtered, \$125; cheese, 150 lbs.; hay, 8 tons; grass seed, 50 lbs.; molasses, 25 gallons.

Barnes, Wm. P. - improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$ 280; Indian corn, 80; wool, 11 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 100 lbs.; honey, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$75; hay, 5 tons; molasses, 25 gallons; beeswax, 5 lbs.

Franklin, D.H.- improved acres, 25; unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$800; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 3; other cattle, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$204; Indian corn, 375; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 75; sweet

potatoes, 3; butter, 100 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$25; hay, 3 tons; grass seed, 3; molasses, 12 gallons.

Northcut, John- improved acres, 22; unimproved acres, 140; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 3; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 6; other cattle, 3; sheep, 10; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$814; Indian corn, 200; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 50; butter, 75 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$40; value of animals slaughtered, \$250; hay, 5 tons; grass seed, 8 lbs.

Smartt, Jane (tenant)- improved acres, 20; unimproved acres, 270; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$145; Indian corn, 850; wool, 30 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 30 lbs. (?); value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$30; tobacco, 30 lbs. How did Jane get 30 lbs. of wool with no sheep? I double checked this one.

Griswold, S.M. - improved acres, 40; unimproved acres, 360; cash value of farm, \$2300; horses, 1; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$410; Indian corn, 125; wool, 25; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 30; butter, 350 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animals slaughtered, \$56.

Campbell, Jas. R. – improved acres, 45; unimproved acres, 55; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$225; Indian corn, 1500; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 60 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$60.

Guest, W. – improved acres, 70; unimproved acres, 300; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 4; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 7; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 11; sheep, 12; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$863; wheat, 60; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 50 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$30; value of animals slaughtered, \$200; tobacco, 20 lbs.

Roberts, Philip (tenant)- improved acres, 15; unimproved acres, 1585; cash value of farm, \$1500; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; sheep, 24; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$225; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 75 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$20; value of animal slaughtered, \$75; garden produce, \$300.

Bell, Harris- improved acres, 200; unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$8000; horses, 9; asses & mules, 4; milch cows, 12; working oxen, 5; other cattle,

14; sheep, 10; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$2100; wheat, 200; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 250 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$50; value of animals slaughtered, \$250; molasses, 40 gallons.

DISTRICT TOTALS: improved acres, 1212; unimproved acres, 18729; cash value of farms, \$50862; horses, 55; asses & mules, 17; milch cows, 82; peas & beans, 166; Irish potatoes, 1260; sweet potatoes, 432; butter, 2330 lbs.; honey, 417 lbs.; value of home manufactures, \$924; value of animals slaughtered, \$2004.

This ends the 1860 Agricultural Census for Grundy County. Next issue will start the 1870 Agricultural Census for Grundy County.

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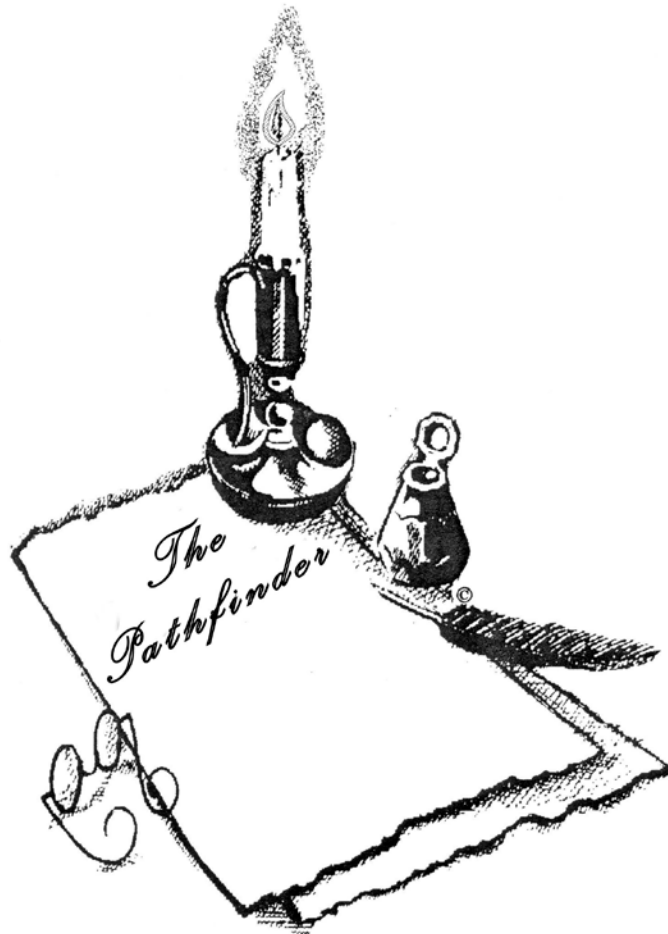


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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

I hope you enjoy the photos that I have included in this issue. If you have photos you'd like to share, please send them to me either electronically to my email address (gchswbmaster@hotmail.com) or to my home address: 3623 Walleye Way, Round Rock, TX 78665. I will return those photos mailed to my address. The photos included in this issue were found online and shows us a glimpse of yesteryear. Such were the days!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nadine Moore

None reported for this issue.

The ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded!

You finally find your great grandparent's wedding record and discover that the bride's father was named "John Smith".

QUERIES

2014-007 I found this one on Facebook; it was posted by Johnny White of Woodbury, TN. Does anyone know who this man is? The photo was taken in 1941. If you can identify him, please let me know.

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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 **Forty-first Tennessee** (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Franklin, Bedford and Marshall Counties, and was organized at Camp Trousdale in

November 1861 with Robert Farquharson, colonel. In December it moved to Bowling Green; thence to Fort Donelson, where it fought gallantly and was captured by the enemy. In September 1862, it was exchanged at Vicksburg, and was reorganized with Farquharson colonel. After various expeditions the regiment was transferred, in January 1863 to Port Hudson. In May it moved north, where at Raymond, it met the enemy in a sharp battle, and afterward in that vicinity and around Jackson participated in several severe fights and numerous skirmishes. It was at Yazoo City when Vicksburg surrendered. Early in September it marched east to Chickamauga and was in the hottest part of that gigantic and desperate battle. Many of its bravest were stretched dead upon the field. It wintered near Dalton, and in 1864, in the Georgia Campaign, was engaged in all the principal engagements down to Atlanta, fighting gallantly and losing heavily. At Jonesboro it also fought and on the Tennessee campaign at Franklin was not surpassed in desperate fighting by any other regiment. It finally surrendered in North Carolina. During the war it lost more men on picket duty than in battle.

The **Forty-second Tennessee** Confederate Regiment was raised under the first call in Cheatham, Montgomery and other counties, and five companies in Alabama and was organized about the 1st of October 1861, with W.A. Quarles, colonel. It occupied Camps Cheatham and Sevier and in February reached Fort Donelson just in time for the battle, in which it distinguished itself and lost severely. It was captured, and in September 1862, was exchanged at Vicksburg, and soon reorganized at Clinton, MI. Quarles was re-elected colonel. Here five companies from West Tennessee took the place of the five Alabama companies. In March 1863, I.N. Hulme became colonel, vice Quarles promoted. It participated in various movements in Mississippi before the surrender of Vicksburg and during the siege. It then moved on sundry expeditions, and in 1864 joined the campaign through Georgia, and was engaged at New Hope Church, Pine Mountain, Kenesaw, Smyrna Depot, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta and Lick Skillet road, losing in the aggregate heavily. In Hood's bloody campaign the regiment at Franklin, in those awful assault, left about half its numbers killed and wounded upon the field. This was its most desperate battle, and here it exhibited superb courage. It participated in the stubborn contest at Nashville, and moved south with the army, and finally surrendered in North Carolina in April 1865.

The **Forty-third Tennessee** (Confederate) Regiment was raised in the counties of Hamilton, Rhea, Meigs, Polk, Bledsoe, Jefferson, Roane, Bradley, Hawkins

and McMinn, and was organized in November 1861, with J.W. Gillespie, colonel. Its first service was guard duty in East Tennessee until the reorganization in May 1862. After various movements and thorough drill at Charleston, it was, in August, sent to Humphrey Marshall's brigade in Virginia. It soon afterward joined Bragg's Kentucky campaign, but was in no noteworthy engagements. In December it was transferred to Vicksburg and was subjected to hard service, and in May 1863, moved to Port Gibson to oppose Grant's advance. It fought at Champion Hill and covered the retreat to Vicksburg. It fought often during the siege, always with dash and daring, losing heavily in the aggregate. It surrendered early in July, and was soon exchanged and was ordered to re-enforce Longstreet, who was besieging Knoxville. During the winter the regiment was mounted, and in the spring of 1864 did outpost duty in East Tennessee skirmishing often and losing severely. It was engaged at Piedmont, losing several men. In Virginia it was often engaged, moving with Early around Washington and fighting at Winchester, Monocacy, Cedar Creek, Fishersville, White Post, Kernstown, Darksville, and Martinsburg. In the fall of 1864 it returned to east Tennessee. It fought at Morristown, losing heavily; raided Russelville with success; during the winter it did outpost duty. In the spring it learned of Lee's surrender and then moved south to join Johnson, but at Charlotte met President Davis and served as his escort until his capture. It was paroled in May 1865.

The **Forty-fourth Tennessee** (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Bedford, Grundy, Lincoln, Franklin and Coffee Counties, and was organized at Camp Trousdale in December 1861 with C.A. McDaniel, colonel. It soon moved to BowlingGreen and early in February 1862, to Nashville, thence to Murfreesboro, thence to Corinth, where it arrived March 20th. In April it marched north and fought gallantly at bloody Shiloh, losing 350 killed, wounded, captured and missing out of 470 engaged. It reorganized at Corinth and with it was consolidated the remnant of the Fifty-fifth Regiment. Late in July it moved to Chattanooga, thence north to invade Kentucky, and October 8 fought desperately at Perryville, losing 42 killed and wounded. It suffered in that awful retreat south. September 19 and 20· 1863 at Chattanooga the regiment fought heroically and charged the enemy with terrible effect, losing severely. It was soon detached and sent with Longstreet to besiege Knoxville. It fought at Bean's Station and elsewhere and went into winter quarters at Morristown. In May 1864, it moved to Richmond, VA and was engaged at Drury's Bluff, Petersburg, Walthall's Junction and elsewhere besides numerous skirmishes and was finally surrendered and paroled.

The **Forty-fifth Tennessee** (Confederate) Regiment was raised in the counties of Wilson (Companies B,F, G and H), Williamson (A), and Rutherford (D,C,E and D), and was organized at Camp Trousdale, Sumner County in the autumn of 1861, with Addison Mitchell, colonel. After various movements, during which it did duty in Mississippi and Louisiana, it joined the army of Gen. A.S. Johnston and participated in the brilliant Confederate victory at Shiloh, losing heavily in killed and wounded. Company A suffered a loss of 7 killed and about twice as many wounded. It was reorganized at Corinth and was then placed on detached duty for some time, after which it participated in the Kentucky campaign, and later was engaged in the headlong charges at Missionary Ridge, and in 1864, in many of the general engagements, on the movement to Atlanta, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca (two) Powder Springs, Atlanta, and Jonesboro and then at Columbia; second Murfreesboro, and in 1865, at Bentonville, NC, where it surrendered.

GRUNDY COUNTY TEACHING

Alma Brashear Henley

I finished the eighth grade at the Valley Home School in 1916. I wanted to teach, so I rode in a buggy to Altamont, the county seat a distance of long miles, where I took the state teachers examination.

I passed the examination and received a two year teacher's certificate. Later I attended an institute taught by the county superintendent, this was an eight week course. I again went to Altamont for this. My first school was Payne's Cove. It was a typical one room southern rural school of that time. It had the usual equipment. The salary was \$45.00 per month. I rode in a buggy up to the cove on Monday mornings and returned home after school let out on Friday. I boarded at a home in the community and walked the mile and a half to school in all kinds of weather. School never let out because of the weather even though a few of the children who lived at a distance, or were very young were out during very bad spells of snow and ice.

I returned to Payne's Cove for my third year of teaching.

In 1918 I was sent to Tatesville to teach in a two teacher school. Tatesville was a coal mining community out in the mountains. My salary was now \$55.00. This

building was small and hot. I had the first four grades, and I mostly taught them out under a shade tree. This school, and some others in the county, had to close early this year because of the flu epidemic.

In 1920 I left Grundy County but continued to teach for a number of years.

Some of the outstanding teachers of that period I remember are: Ester Brashear, Gladys Conry, Annie Thomas, Anne Mae Gilliam, Henrietta Ray, and Joe Gallagher. Esther Brashear taught fifty one years.

SCHOOL RECORDS FOR GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 1849

Submitted by Janelle Layne Taylor

A list of children in school district No. 11, Grundy County, Tennessee. (This list is just for the total number of school aged children).

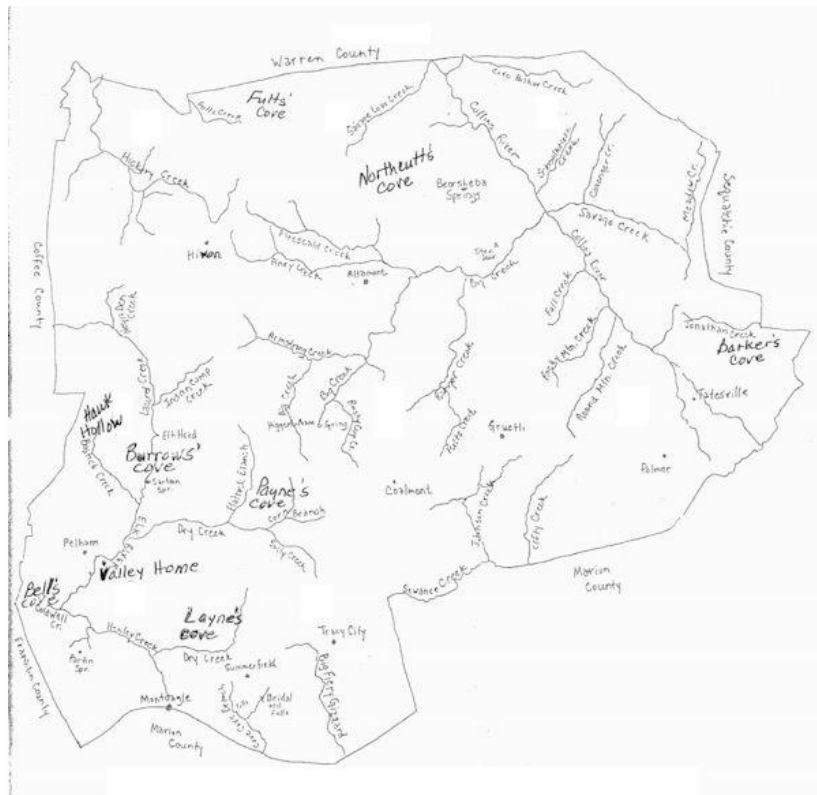
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Payne, G.W.	2
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Burrows, Thos.	2
McIntosh, Rachil	3
Meeks, David	3
Partain, William	4
Meeks, Solomon	5
Burrows, Anthony	1
Howard, Martha	4
Payne, B.F.	1

Burnnet, Sela	4
Webb, John B.	7
Ellis, John	3
____, John	1
B____, John	4
?	4

I do certify that this is a list of the children over 6 and less than 21 this July 1, 1849. D. Burrows, B.F. Pain, J.B. Webb, Comm.

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

Arlene Partin Bean & Janelle Layne Taylor



PAYNE'S COVE

Thomas Payne , Sr. and wife, Yannaka Ayers, owned land with their son, Poindexter Payne, in Franklin County, GA. They sold their land in 1811, and Poindexter moved to Pendleton County, SC. At some point between 1811 and 1820, he and his family migrated to Franklin County, TN. When the 1820 census was taken, Poindexter Payne was living in Franklin County, TN and was reported to be over 45 years old. He had living with him: 3 males under 10 years; 1 male age 16-18; 1 male age 18-20; 2 females under 10; 2 females age 16-18; 1 female 26-45. The latter was his wife, Annie Bell Hill.

Poindexter and Annie Bell settled in the protected reaches of what is now their namesake, Payne's Cove. According to oral history the first Payne settlement was right at the base of Spring Hollow, just northeast of Roberts' Cemetery. The old house place was located by a spring which supplied water, and the nearby forest supplied game.

A grandson of Poindexter Payne gave his name to the ridge which separates Payne's and Burrows' Coves. He was William Elson "Bud" Payne who built a log house on the ridge and raised a family there with his wife, Mary Angeline Meeks. Jerome Payne still talks of the peach orchard his daddy planted on the side of the mountain and of the good water which came from the spring on the ridge. Mary Elsie (Payne) Layne, Bud and Angie's daughter, related stories of the night hikes along a narrow path to church either at Bethel or Payne's' Cove. There is no house on the ridge today, only the remains of an ancient rock chimney. Somewhere near the garden, now a mass of trees, are the graves of the twin girls, lost at birth, who would have been a part of this mountain family.

The Payne and Sanders families appear to have been contemporaries in the cove. Although neither family surname is now represented in Payne's Cove, there are many descendants.

Some family surnames that have made Payne's Cove home: Bean, Morris, Northcutt, Nunley, Oliver, Payne, Reed, Rodgers/Rogers, Roberts, Sanders, and Stubblefield.

Cemeteries in Payne's Cove include: Payne's Cove Church Cemetery (next to Payne's Cove Congregational Methodist Church), Mayes Family cemetery, Robert's Family cemetery, Oliver Family cemetery, Meeks Family cemetery, Goodman Family cemetery, Clouse Meeks Family cemetery.

GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE LICENSES,**1850-1874**

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GRUNDY COUNTY, TN (1850-1874)

Dykes, Virginia A.	marr.	Stokes, J.G.	13 Jan 1870
Eavens, John W.		Hensley, Martha F.	15 Apr 1856
Echols, J.V.		Countiss, Louisa E.	30 Dec 1870
Edward, James A.		Weaver, Rebecca J.	23 Sep 1872
England, Alexander		Purcell, Mary	31 Aug 1867
England, Jesse M.		Brawley, Marda	25 Oct 1871
Farrar, Mary M.		Duncan, John F.	02 Dec 1857
Fehr, Jacob		Bolinger, Elizabeth	04 Dec 1871
Ferrill, N.J. Miss		Masin, D.H.	06 Dec 1870
Finney, P.P.		Chritian, India	05 Feb 1868
Fipps, John		Dickerson, Martha	24 Jan 1873
Fipps, Louisa		Meeks, J.C.	23 Jan 1873
Fipps, Martin		Sanders, Aily	25 Feb 1863
Fitch, Harriet		Campbell, Archibald	23 Mar 1861
Fitch, Lucinda		Nunley, Jesse	23 Jul 1868
Fitch, Sarah		Kilgore, Richard	08- Nov 1863

Fitchpatrick, Minerva	Scott, Isaac	18 Jan 1856
Fitzgerald, Demish	Fitzgett, Bridgett	03 Aug 1857
Fitzgerald, John	Allison, Ryan	17 Jun 1857
Fitzgett, Bridgett	Fitzgerald, Demish	03 Aug 1857
Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth	Hughes, Wade H.	20 Sep 1852
Flere, Henry	Studer, Eliza	26 Dec 1870
Fletcher, Elizabeth	Rhea, Thomas	26 Jul 1858
Fletcher, Harriet	Braley, J.A.	26 Jul 1858
Fletcher, Mary	Penn, Wm.	08 Nov 1871
Fletcher, Rebecca	Bramlett, J.C.	14 Jul 1872
Flyn, Michel	Reader, Eliza	10 Mar 1858
Foster, Maggie	Conn, B.F.	11 May 1872
Foster, Martha	McMillen, E.W.	28 Dec 1872
Foster, Mary C.	Payne, S.W.	26 Dec 1872
Franklin, Adele	Van Biber, Geo. L.	31 Jul 1871
Franklin, Alender	Tate, Wm.	28 Jul 1859
Freeman, M.E. Miss	Hampton, W.H.	27 Sep 1862
Freence, Darcus	Nunley, Archibald	22 Jun 1863
Fritts, James N.	Moser, Abigal	02 Oct 1863
Fults, Caroline	Fults, Wm. C.	03 May 1857
Fults, Caroline	Rhea, James J.	23 Aug 1859
Fults, Commodore	Coulson, Mary	10 Dec 1856
Fults, Daniel	Argo, Evaline	20 May 1872
Fults, Daniel	Campbell, Elizabeth	20 Jan 1867
Fults, Daniel	Nunley, Franky	27 Sep 1862
Fults, Delpha	Layne, Isaac	18 Mar 1870

Fults, Elbert	Carson, Isabella	22 Jul 1859
Fults, Elizabeth	Aigo, Willis	17 Nov 1868
Fults, Henry	Campbell, Sarah	06 Sep 1868
Fults, Henry P.	Nunley, Jane	24 Dec 1856
Fults, Hiram	Smart, Mary	04 Jan 1868
Fults, James	Cope, Sophrona	15 Jan 1866
Fults, James D.	Layne, Rebecca J.	06 Jun 1870
Fults, Jane	Stubblefield, I.G.	06 Apr 1866
Fults, Jesse	Hoskins, Mary	30 Aug 1872
Fults, John	Smart, Syrena	31 May 1871
Fults, Lucindy	Walker, Martin J.	06 Jan 1866
Fults, Malinda	Whitman, John	18 May 1852
Fults, Marshall	Campbell, Nancy	22 Dec 1852
Fults, Martha	Wooten, John H.	02 May 1868
Fults, Mary	Patrick, James C.	13 Mar 1860
Fults, Mary Ann	Rogers, Elisha	03 Sep 1857
Fults, Nancy	Cooper, Ewell	25 Jan 1871
Fults, Polk	Nunley, Nancy	23 Apr 1872
Fults, Sallie	McClure, James	24 Dec 1872
Fults, Samuel E.H.	Hobbs, Elizabeth	16 Aug 1850
Fults, Smith	Sanders, Tiney	18 Feb 1856
Fults, Steward	Myers, Nancy	09 Jan 1857
Fults, William J.	Scott, Elizabeth	16 Aug 1859
Fults, Wm.	Whitman, Alice	21 May 1855
Fults, Wm. C.	Fults, Caroline	03 May 1857
Gallahere, Thomas	Clay, Mary	02 May 1871

Garner, Adam	Lowe, Luda	19 Mar 1869
Garner, G.W.	Gilliam, Mary H.	16 Feb 1857
Garrett, W.H.	Hepner, Annie C.	08 Oct 1874
Getzner, Charles	Nicholas, Maria	24 May 1870
Gibbs, Wm.	Martin, M.E. Miss	05 Aug 1859
Gibson, Eliza	Cox, Josiah	05 Nov 1853
Gilbert, James	Sandridge, Sarah	24 Feb 1852
Gillam, Malinda	Moran, Peter	24 Mar 1874
Gilliam, B.F.	Goodman, Catherine	25 Sep 1858
Gilliam, Eliza	Goodman, John W.	20 Oct 1865
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Gilliam, Sarah	Jones, Wm. L.	02 Oct 1873
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Gilly, Benjamin L.	Cope, Elizabeth	06 Sep 1865
Gilly, Mary	Powell, Jerone	06 Oct 1858
Gilly, Sauson J.	Dykes, Jacob	23 Feb 1858
Givens, Jesse	Burrows, Harriet	12 Sep 1868
Givens, Sophronia	Caldwell, Samuel E.	13 Jul 1866
Goff, Louisa	Thomas, Robert	21 Sep 1863
Goodman, Catharine	Goodman, Samuel	22 Apr 1867
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Goodman, E.A. Miss	Barnes, P.H.	20 Oct 1865
Goodman, Henderson	Southerland, Thera	10 Sep 1866
Goodman, Henry	Roberts, Margaret	19 Aug 1855
Goodman, John W.	Gilliam, Eliza	20 Oct 1865
Goodman, Mary Caroline	Armstrong, Martin	24 Mar 1856

Goodman, Poindexter	Powel, Tanesses	19 Sep 1857
Goodman, Sabina	Sanders, John R.	29 Dec 1856
Goodman, Samuel	Goodman, Catharine	22 Apr 1867



The old shoe shop in Tracy City, owned by Frank Brawley.

5 DIE IN PLANE CRASH

From North Grundy Star, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1965

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Harrell, both 25, and their daughters Ann, 2, and Lois, 1, and Billy Riley, 17, cousin of Mrs. Harrell died Wednesday night on Pull Tight in heavy fog. They were going home for a holiday visit to Calvert, KY. They had been living in Rome, GA, where Dr. Harrell was interning.

Chuck Reeves of Tullahoma was the investigator of the crash. Ronnie Robison of Hillsboro, and Clifton Medley of Pelham were among the first locals to arrive at the crash site.

Many people from the Pelham area hiked from Bonner Hollow in Burrows' Cove up the mountain to where the wreckage was located. My parents, Elbert & Elsie Layne and I, cousins Barbara & Linda Morris, along with their mother Myrtle "Nig" Morris were among those who made the hike. I remember seeing Lude and Jewell Goodman on the hike as well. There was little wreckage to see once we arrived where the plane had crashed. I did find a few coins that had been burned. It has been years since I have even thought of this until recently I was looking at the Grundy County newspaper collection that Ralph Thompson has available on a jump drive for \$35. Order your newspapers from Ralph Thompson; 6253 Jacq Court, Hixon, TN 37343.

DR. DAVID HAMPTON BRYAN, M.D.

(1858-1949)

Jackie Layne Partin

Contributions by Bob Douglas, David Randall Bryan and John Milton Bryan, Jr.

Some appreciative patients named their newborns after their beloved doctor, Dr. David Hampton Bryan. For example, *David Hampton* Wells, Mary *Bryan* McFarland, and *David Bryan* Thomas were a few of those babies. We are a strange lot of people; we expect a doctor to be there when we need him, and today 2013, he or she is accessible most of the time except on holidays. One needs to think back to the medical situations of the late 1800's and early 1900's when the "Doc" traveled by foot, mule, or horse and buggy. Dr. Bryan was no

different in his mode of travel in Monteagle and the surrounding areas. As a young doctor, he traveled by horseback when making house calls or by foot if the calls were close enough to keep him from saddling the horse.

Bob Douglas, a former neighbor of the doctor, recalls recorded home visits that Dr. Bryan made to a Trussell family who lived near Pelham. The family had contracted typhoid fever, and several members were quite ill. The good doctor traveled four miles up and down the mountain on his horse twice a day to take care of the family. In the coming years, just for fun, he graduated from his horse to a big-wheeled bicycle and later for work trips, to a T-Model Ford sedan. Who was this man who gave so freely to those in need of medical attention?

David Hampton Bryan, born Dec. 20, 1858, was one of seven sons of John Alexander and Charlotte Elizabeth (Hampton) Bryan. David's brothers were Robert Jefferson, John A., Jr., Ben, William Ransom, George Edward "Eddie" and Joseph Wade. Like the neighbors around the Bryan place, farming went on in a big way. John, Sr. had plenty of help with the plowing, caring for animals, milking and anything else that a farmer's chores entailed; just as soon as a little son grew strong enough to fork hay or milk a cow, he was given a chore. Little Ben may have died between 1870 and 1880 leaving six sons to do chores. David Hampton's favorite stomping grounds were around Fountain Grove, Prairie Plains and Hillsboro.

It was only a matter of time until he met the love of his life, Frances Louvinia "Fannie" Brixey. They married in Warren County on Nov. 1, 1883. Fannie's mother was the former Martha Elizabeth Swann of Verville, Warren County, Tennessee. Her father, Calvin S. Brixey was infamous for his cruelties during the Civil War. I could write a long summary about him, but he was not directly tied to Monteagle since his reign of terror happened before Monteagle was established. He stole anything he wanted and killed off folks, (or had it done), he did not like, one being Anderson S. Goodman, an ancestor of my husband, Grady Ward Partin. Local Grundy County men also aided him in his rampages, two being Martin Van Buren Phipps and James Conaster. Martin Phipps moved to Cooke County, Texas to avoid the backlash from his time spent riding with the Brixeyites. Martin went so far as to name one of his sons *Calvin S.* Phipps. That is enough said about these evil man.

Before David Hampton and Fannie Bryan moved to Monteagle, Dr. William Kirkman Bowling, purported to be a descendant from John Wolfe and Pocahontas, was living in the newly formed Chautauqua, the Monteagle Sunday

School Assembly. He lived there only a couple short periods of two seasons, and because of his age and his prestigious position probably tended only to those inside the domain as a resident physician. In 1885 Dr. Bowling died in Nashville. The Bryans saw a need in the growing little village for someone to care for the sick, so before 1891, they moved to Monteagle. Dr. Bryan may well have been the first medical doctor to linger many years with the needy folks of Monteagle. I'll name a few of his patients: Clara Etta Wooten was delivered by him in 1898; the following were tended while sick and until death by him, little Gracie Lee Levan, 1914; Thomas Raymond Metcalf, 1914; Emma Casine Scott, 1917; William Thomas, 1916; Mont David Barnes, 1916, Margaret (Turner) Starling, 1915, Henry Clay Parker, 1929, and my great-grandfather, Alex Benson King, 1912.

The young family seemed to have lived near the DuBose School area on the Grundy County side of the tracks while Fannie was alive, but at some time after her death in 1908, Dr. Bryan and young Laura moved over to the Marion County side of town. Dr. Bryan continued his medical practice, but he needed someone to watch over his eleven-year-old daughter. Mary (Lowrie) Francis, wife of Robert Cooper Francis, became Laura's baby sitter for all the times that the good "Doc" was called out on duty. This is how Dr. Bryan became acquainted enough with Mary's half-sister Martha Lowrie to ask for her hand in marriage. They eventually moved into a small, two-room house behind the home of Robert A. and Nannie (Henley) Francis. The house now belongs to the Francis family, and underwent some renovations. It is located just south of the barn on said property and north of what used to be Kitty Bell Lane that separated the Will Richmond place. It is now (2013) the Tony Gilliam property.

In 1927 Dr. Bryan served as the Sunday School Superintendent at Morton Memorial Methodist. Folks thought of him as a kindhearted, dedicated man as he went about his work. Bob Douglas remembers him as being a tall, slim man with a jovial personality. He also remembers that Dr. Bryan was the first person that made him think really hard when he asked Bob about which came first, the chicken or the egg.

Dr. Bryan and his first wife had two children, but only one child, Laura, survived. He and Martha had no children. Laura grew up to marry Ragnar Gustraf Arthur Thele who immigrated to the USA from Stockholm, Sweden. He and Laura moved to Jefferson County, Alabama where he worked as a civil engineer in the Birmingham Electric Company, and she was a clerk in the Birmingham Fire Insurance Company. Ragnar passed away in 1982 and Laura

in 1988. Both were brought back to Monteagle Cemetery and buried beside Laura's parents.

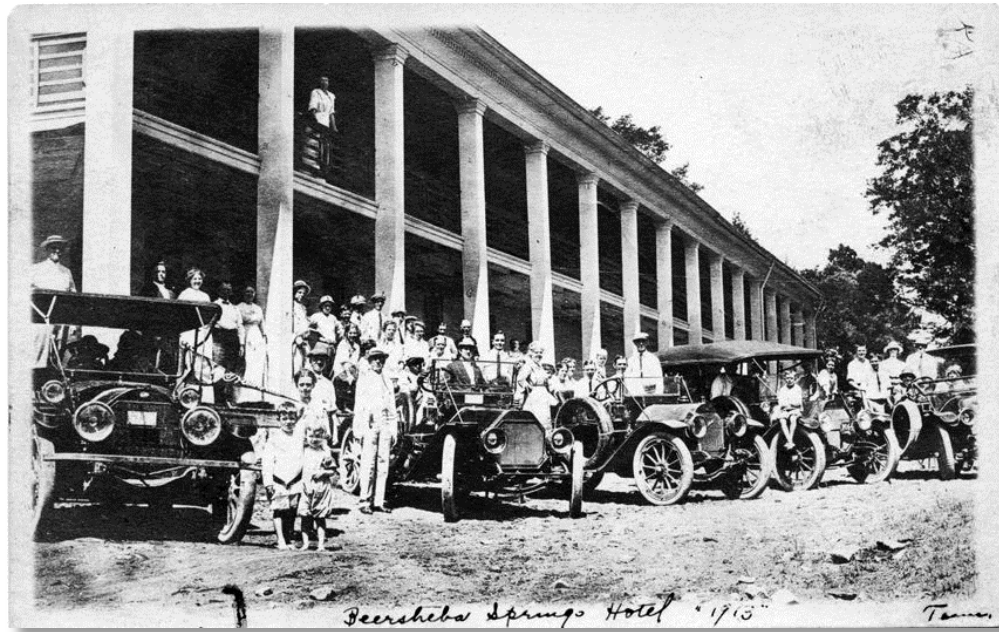
In his older years, Dr. Bryan moved to Prairie Plains to live with his nieces, Hattie and Mamie. He took his T-Model with him. He was ninety years of age when he passed away in his beloved Prairie Plains in Coffee County. He had outlived both his wives. Mary Elizabeth had died in 1938. His body was brought back to Monteagle and placed between his two wives in the Monteagle Cemetery.



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GPS ROUTING STUDY OF THE PAYNE TOLL ROAD & RELATED STAGE ROADS, PART 1

Ralph Thompson and Rocky Layne

The purpose of this paper is to capture and preserve GPS data on the routing of both the Payne Toll Road and related Stage Roads.

This project was made possible through the efforts of Rocky Layne. He spent several days in the field collecting the GPS data that allowed for the accurate plotting of these roads.

R. M. Payne was a regional businessman in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Included among his many business interests were Wonder Cave in Pelham Valley and the Monteagle Hotel on the mountain.

In 1903, another business opportunity presented itself to Payne. He needed a good road between the hotel, the Sunday School Assembly Grounds, and Wonder Cave in order to attract visitors. At the same time farmers in the valley needed a better road to bring their produce to market on the mountain. Thus the Monteagle and Pelham Turnpike Company was born.

The Turnpike, more commonly known as the Payne Toll Road, was essentially new construction from the valley up to the point that it merged with the Manchester to Monteagle Stage Road. For the last mile, the Toll Road used the old Stage Road roadbed. The Stage Road had probably not been used as such for a number of years. Stage service between Nashville and Chattanooga peaked between 1830 and 1860. Once the railroads were in place only a few local stages might have been in operation.

Toll Road Route- The road began at Wonder Cave and went south following what is now known as Tucker Road. It continued south crossing Layne's Cove Road and then Dry Creek. After crossing the creek it continued south southeast to the base of the mountain. From that point the road turned east for about 1500 feet as it began to ascend the mountain.

A switchback changed the course to west-southwest for about 400 feet, passing the Toll House at the 150 foot mark. At this point the Toll Road reached the current US 41. A switchback changed the roads course to the east, running with the current US 41 roadbed for approximately 1100 feet. A switchback reversed the road to a westerly direction for another 900 feet to the south of US 41.

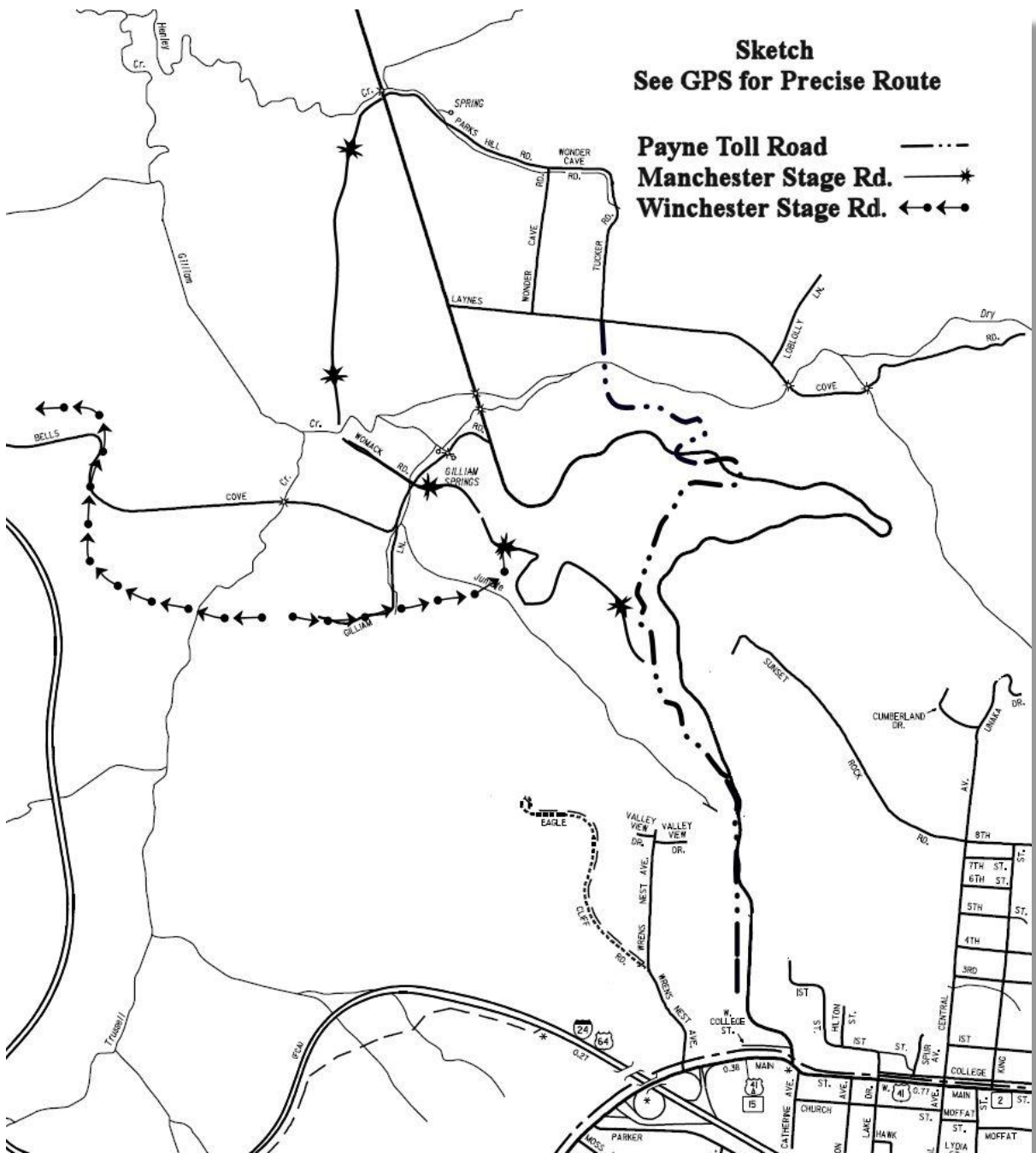
The road then proceeded generally south for one and one half miles to intersect with West College St at the top of the mountain. In this distance it passed the current power line right-of-way at about the 1500 foot mark. Approximately 600 foot south of the power line right-of-way, the Toll Road intersected the stage road that ran north from Monteagle. From that point the Toll Road utilized the existing roadbed.

Stage Roads- In the 1800s, a stage road descended the mountain and served both Pelham - Manchester and Alto - Winchester. The road began its descent following the same route as the current US 41 but a few feet to the west. At a point about 3500 foot north of West College Street, the road turned to the north-northwest and descended the mountain toward Gilliam Springs. It reached the foot at the Bells Cove Road and Womack Road intersection. From the north end of the Womack Road, the stage road proceeded north to the intersection of Hwy 41 and Park Hill Road (Nickajack Trail).

The Alto - Winchester stage road branched off the above mentioned road some 1800 feet above the Bells Cove Road. It went west along the base of the mountain and intersected the Bells Cove Road some 4,000 feet west of Gilliam Lane.

See the following page for a detailed sketch. A very detailed map with GPS details is available on-line at the following location. <http://goo.gl/maps/OqT4Y>.

Part 2 of this report will provide detailed GPS data collected during a field survey.



MEMORIES OF WINTERS & SCHOOL IN THE 1940'S
IN TRACY CITY, TN

Barbara Mooney Myers

Today I see this weather has people in such an uproar. Our schools are closed, which I know is for security of the children, no buses running with these freezing temperatures. It's a reminder that takes me back to the middle forties when we went to school wading the snow up to our knees at times. We had no school buses or any transportation to take us to and from school, or anywhere else for that matter. We did have a family car at times, but Dad used it to get back and forth to work. At the time he was working in the coal mines like many men used to here on the mountain. There were times when his old jalopy, as he called it, wouldn't start, and he'd set out on foot walking into town to hitch a ride with someone who also worked at the mines. Dad hardly ever missed work. That extra dollar, to him, meant a lot for his family of six at home.

Snowy days were happy times. We had snowball fights, built "Old Frosty" and maybe "Minnie", his lady friend, to pass away the time. After the third snowfall of the season, Mom would make us some of that delicious vanilla "snow cream". She always made it from clean snow she got off the top of the grape arbor where Dad had nailed some boards. Often, if she had some Watkins pineapple or orange flavoring, she'd make those flavors for us kids. It was so good! We called it our happy, joyful treat.

On school days Mom wrapped us up so that we had no space underneath to get cold. I had long pants, two pairs of thick socks, my slip, and a full dress. Mom never let me wear long pants without a skirt over them for she said that it was not nice for a little girl to not wear a dress. Pants were always worn under a dress, never by themselves. For shoes, I wore black and white saddle oxfords or brown penny loafers.

As I have said, snow didn't keep us out of school. I remember the fifth and sixth grades really well. My teacher in the fifth was Mrs. Oma Lee Garthwaite. I loved the lady. She was special. On my way to school one day, I got my feet wet even through my rubber boots which we called galoshers, my shoes, and two pairs of socks. My feet were so cold that they ached. Mrs. Garthwaite had me

take off all the wet footwear and hang them on the radiator to dry. I handed her a piece of flannel that Mom had stuck in my booksatchel to use if I needed it. She looked up at me, smiled so big and said, "Some mothers just care like that." We had begun our studies in class when suddenly a voice let out, "Whose stinkin' socks are them on the radiator?" I looked around. I knew that voice. It was Gene Carrick. "Oh, those are Barb's", he said. "Who else would have stinky feet?" He was grinning so big when he said it, knowing that at break I would chase him, and he liked that. "I'll get even with you", I told him.

Our school days were happy ones. I could hardly wait for each new year to begin to see who would be there again among those I shared my happy times with the year before. I had no conflicts with anyone throughout my school years. When Shook School burned, it was a sad time for a lot of us, for school was like a second home for us. Today I glance at many photos of Shook School, and my memories go back to those good old days I shared with the students and teachers there, many of whom have gone on now. Those who remain are dear to my heart. Let me say to you. When you have a good memory, share it. Everybody loves to think of pleasant times in their younger days. Even the memories that weren't pleasant at the time bring smiles. Some received those dreaded paddlings, but looking back we can remember that even a "whack" was sometimes for ones own good. Dad used to say, "A lick from the board never hurt anyone." It did keep us behaving and following the teachers' directions. We behaved, and we learned.

These are some of the memories I have of my school days in Tracy City, TN.

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.

GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855

Transcribed by Sharon Goodman

State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that at a county Cort began and haeld for the County of Grundy at the hous of Jesse Wooten on Comberlan mountain on the 5th day of July A.D. 1847 and the 71st year of the Independence of the United States. Present the worshipful A.S. Goodman Chairman Braley Fults Dugan Lockhart Bradford Campbell Morrow Tate Killion Price Northcutt Esqrs Justices & c.

On motion of Stephen Coap Surety of John S. Low gardion of the heirs of I.H. Roberts deceased Beginnen to be released from any other liabilities an that William Lions be incerted in his Room and Stid.

Ordered by the cort that A.S. Goodman and Micael Hoovr be allowed the some of two dollars and fifty cents each for wettling with John Burrows County Trustee as Revanue comitioner.

Ordered by the cort that Henry Cuningham be appointed overseer of the rode beginning at Brays branch to the county line between Coffee and Grundy and have the following bound and hands Mills H. Burn Isaac Muckleroy James Reed Elijah Conneatison William Gunningham Luis Broom William Gillum Thomas Lovelace James Duak and hands William Brewer.

On motion of Samuel Handcock and it appearing to the satisfaction of the courth that the land listed in his name was done through mistake and that the same lies in Coffee County- it is therefore ordered by the court he be released from the payment of the tax chargeable to him for the Year 1846.

This day the clerk of the court submitted to the court a Settlement with Washington Turner Administrator of William L. Vaughn, deceased which said report being unexcepted to, and examined, and inspected by this court and fully understood, is by the court in all things confirmed.

Court adjourned until court is course.

A.S. Goodman, char

Richard Bradford

R.I. Price

The will you need is in the safe aboard the Titanic!

**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.

1870 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRUNDY COUNTY

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Winton, James- improved acres, 100; woodland, 10; other unimproved acres, 80; cash value of farm, \$10000; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 11; sheep, 22; sheep, 75; value of livestock, \$500; winter wheat, 84; Indian corn, 500; wool, 40 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 10; orchard produce, \$250; butter, 25 lbs.; all produce, \$800; rye, 57.

Christian, S.J.- improved acres, 200; other unimproved acres, 421(?); cash value of farm, \$10000; horses, 8; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 4; sheep, 30; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$2000; winter wheat, 200; Indian corn, 750; wool, 60 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; orchard produce, \$100; butter, 156 lbs.; molasses, 40 gallons; wax, 10 lbs.; honey, 200 lbs.; home manufactures, \$160; animals slaughtered, \$410; all produce, \$1000; tobacco, 10 lbs.

Lusk, Harrison- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$1300; horses, 8; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; sheep, 11; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$350; winter wheat, 60; Indian corn, 250; wool, 20 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 52 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons; wax, 25 lbs.; honey, 400 lbs.; home manufactures, \$100; animals slaughtered, \$120; all produce, \$500; tobacco, 10 lbs.

Braly, Eliza- improved acres, 80; other unimproved acres, 88; cash value of farm, \$4000; horses, 7; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 8; sheep, 15; swine, 100; value of livestock, \$1500; winter wheat, 400; Indian corn, 1000; wool, 80 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 40; orchard produce, \$50; all produce, \$400; tobacco, 20 lbs.

Dye (?), Perry- improved acres, 10; other unimproved acres, 90; cash value of farm, \$150; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; swine, 3; value of livestock, \$150; Indian corn, 50; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 156 lbs.; home manufactures, \$40; animals slaughtered, \$50; all produce, \$200; maple sugar, 100 lbs.

Garretson, Isaac- improved acres, 55; other unimproved acres, 5; cash value of farm, \$15000; horses, 1; asses & mules, 4; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 8; sheep, 6; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$1190; winter wheat, 1225; Indian corn, 200; oats, 40; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 100; sweet potatoes, 75; orchard produce, \$300; butter, 160 lbs.; molasses, 40 gallons, honey, 80 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$365; all produce, \$2970; farm machinery, \$200; wages paid, \$1200; milk sold, 10 gallons; grass seed, 100.

Berry, John- improved acres, 50; other unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 12; swine, 5; value of livestock, \$300; winter wheat, 85; Indian corn, 500; oats, 20; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 100 lbs.; molasses, 40 gallons; home manufactures, \$100; animals slaughtered, \$150; all produce, \$500.

Parks, James- improved acres, 160; other unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$2500; horses, 5; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 6; sheep, 8; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$600; winter wheat, 137; Indian corn, 500; oats, 50; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 10; orchard produce, \$150; home manufactures, \$50; animals slaughtered, \$250; all produce, \$2000.

Mabery (?), T.E.- improved acres, 200; other unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$6000; horses, 3; milch cows, 4; other cattle, 2; sheep, 3; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$500; winter wheat, 100; Indian corn, 700; wool, 30 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 30; butter, 100 lbs.; molasses, 35 gallons, animals slaughtered, \$250; all produce, \$1000.

Lusk, James- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, 500; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; sheep, 7; swine, 8; value of livestock, \$500; winter wheat, 100; wool, 12 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 30; butter, 100 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$100; all produce, \$400; tobacco, 30 lbs.

Lusk, Sarah- improved acres, 50; other unimproved acres, 750; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 10; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$300; winter wheat, 40; Indian corn, 150; Irish potatoes, 12; butter, 50 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$100; all produce, \$200.

Lusk, A.C.- improved acres, 30; other unimproved acres, 76; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 20; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$300; winter wheat, 60; Indian corn, 376; wool, 20 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 15; butter, 75 lbs.; molasses, 15 gallons; wax, 4 lbs.; honey, 50 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$100; all produce, \$300; tobacco, 15 lbs.

Winton, Stephen- improved acres, 100; other unimproved acres, 80; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 3; asses & mules, 4; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 25; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$900; winter wheat, 150; Indian corn, 300; wool, 25 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; butter, 56 lbs.; molasses, 10 gallons, honey, 15 lbs.; home manufactures, \$75; animals slaughtered, \$300; all produce, \$500; tobacco, 12 lbs.; rye, 12.

Guest, Nancy- improved acres, 40; other unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; sheep, 4; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$300; winter wheat, 30; Indian corn, 150; wool, 10 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 12; orchard produce, \$100; butter, 56 lbs.; home manufactures, \$50; animals slaughtered, \$75; all produce, \$300.

Sain, N.B.- improved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$3000; horses, 4; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 8; sheep, 20; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$1200; winter wheat, 150; Indian corn, 500; wool, 30 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 25; orchard produce, \$100; butter, 100 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons; home manufactures, \$100; all produce, \$300; all produce, \$500.

Thackston, B.J.- improved acres, 2; cash value of farm, \$660; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 12; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$350; winter wheat, 50; Indian corn, 250; wool, 12 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 15; butter, 75 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons; home manufactures, \$75; animals slaughtered, \$100; all produce, \$250.

Braly, Emery- improved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$4000; horses, 3; asses & mules, 5; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 10; sheep, 20; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$1500; winter wheat, 300; Indian corn, 750; wool, 30 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 40; orchard produce, \$100; butter,

100 lbs.; molasses, 50 gallons, wax, 5 lbs.; honey, 50 lbs.; home manufactures, \$60; animals slaughtered, \$300; all produce, \$800; wages paid, \$100.

Wootton, James- improved acres, 60; other unimproved acres, 160; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 5; sheep, 12; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$600; winter wheat, 50; Indian corn, 300; wool, 15 lbs.; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 15; butter, 65 lbs.; wax, 10 lbs.; honey, 50 lbs.; home manufactures, \$100; animals slaughtered, \$250; all produce, \$400.

Rhea, William- improved acres, 250; other unimproved acres, 620; cash value of farm, \$2500; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$300; Indian corn, 250; wool, 30 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; orchard produce, \$100; butter, 50 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$140; all produce, \$500.

Hoover, James- improved acres, 20; other unimproved acres, 80; horses, 2; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$800; winter wheat, 100; Indian corn, 375; wool, 50 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 15; butter, 65 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$180; all produce, \$300.

Wooton, Jesse- improved acres, 15; other unimproved acres, 500 (?); cash value of farm, \$3735; horses, 2; other cattle, 7; sheep, 11; swine, 27; value of livestock, \$600; winter wheat, 34; Indian corn, 200; wool, 40 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 20; orchard produce, \$100; butter, 50 lbs.; honey, 40 lbs.; home manufactures, \$50; animals slaughtered, \$100; all produce, \$400.

Wooten, Jonathan- improved acres, 50; other unimproved acres, 80; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 4; sheep, 25; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$700; winter wheat, 40; Indian corn, 400; wool, 40 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 20; orchard produce, 100; butter, 50 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons; animals slaughtered, \$120; all produce, \$380.

Winton, William- improved acres, 82; other unimproved acres, 64; cash value of farm, \$2000; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 5; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$700; winter wheat, 85; Indian corn, 375; wool, 10 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 2; sweet potatoes, 1; orchard produce, \$40; butter, 40 lbs.; home manufactures, \$20; animals slaughtered, \$300; all produce, \$520.

Winton, Jesse- improved acres, 100; other unimproved acres, 160; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 6 (?); milch cows, 2; working oxen, 5; other cattle, 8; sheep, 26; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$1000; winter wheat, 148; Indian corn, 375; wool, 50 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 8; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 30 lbs.; molasses, 33 gallons, honey, 50 lbs.; home manufactures, \$100; animals slaughtered, \$286; all produce, \$600.

Jordon, Branch- improved acres, 40; other unimproved acres, 200; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; sheep, 4; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$250; Indian corn, 200; sweet potatoes, 4; butter, 40 lbs., all produce, \$500.

Stotts, Andrew- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$400; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 1; sheep, 10; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$300; winter wheat, 300; Indian corn, 200; orchard produce, \$600; butter, 40 lbs.; all produce, \$700.

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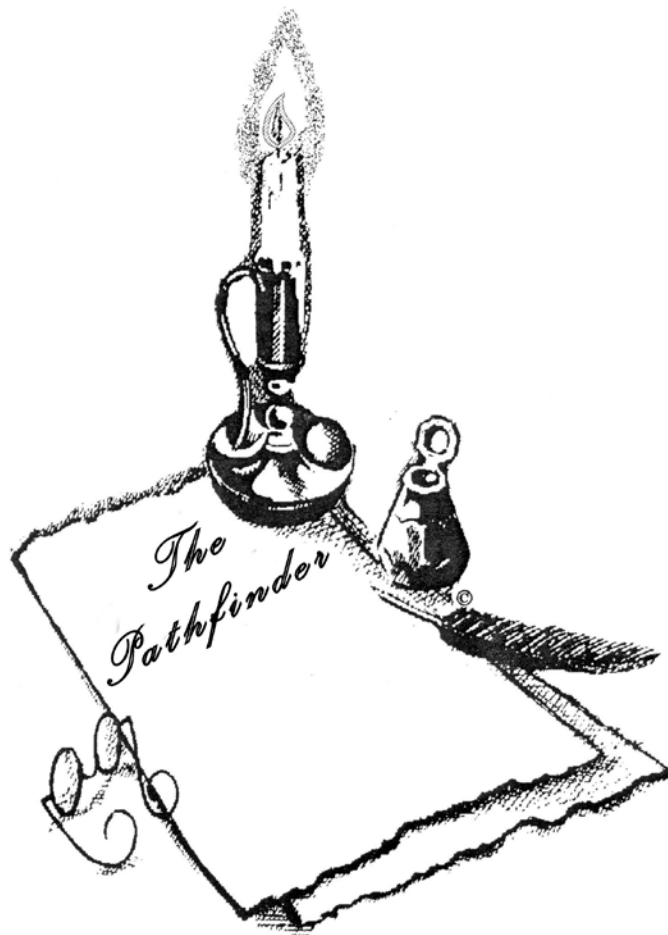


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oliver Jervis

It is with great sadness that I advise that Marty Buffington, wife of our Treasurer, Ronald P Buffington, died unexpectedly on August 5, 2014. She collapsed into unconsciousness on a layover in Minneapolis during her return flight from California where she was visiting her daughter and grandchildren. She was taken to a nearby hospital where neurosurgery was performed. An abnormal genetic condition, Arterial Venous Malformation, was discovered. The vessels had erupted resulting in brain bleeding that could not be stopped.

Marty was born on June 13, 1946 in Elizabethton, Tennessee. She graduated from Samford University in Birmingham in 1968 where she met and married Ron. She served on the 1996 Olympic Committee that hosted the Olympic soccer events in Birmingham. She was one of the hostesses at the Olympic Village.

Marty came to the plateau in 2001 when Ron took the position of General Manager of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly where he served until his retirement in 2010. At Monteagle Marty has served as Education Chairperson and on the Administrative Council at Morton United Methodist Church. She was Trustee of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly and Chairperson of its Landscaping Committee.

Marty was an accomplished gardener who with great organizational skills managed the extensive gardens at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly and the staff and volunteers who worked with her. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be sorely missed.

Oliver

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

Thank you to Norma Shrum, who sent in some really interesting family genealogy! Be sure to look for it in this issue and the next issue, too! If you'd like to send your family's history for publication, please note my new address after August 29th.

Sharon Goodman, 118 Orange Tree Lane, Georgetown, Texas, 78626.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nadene Moore

Reba Simmons, Ava Nell Timoschuk, Dr. Oscar P. Fitzgerald, Donna Mintz, Judy H. Davenport, Shirley Slatton.

“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 Forty-sixth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in west Tennessee, almost all the entire force going from Henry County, and was organized late in 1861, with J.M. Clarke, colonel. It participated in the movement of Gen. Pillow up the Mississippi, was at Columbus and Island No. 10, and later at Prot Hudson, where it lost several men, killed and wounded. For a time it was part of Stewart’s brigade. Many of the regiment were captured and died in prison at Camp Douglas and elsewhere. It participated in the Kentucky campaign under Gen. Bragg, losing a few men killed and wounded at Perryville. It participated with the Army of Tennessee in all the principal movements of that command, engaging the enemy in numerous places and losing in the aggregate heavily. It was finally consolidated with other regiments.

The Forth-seventh Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was organized in late 1861 with M.R. Hill, colonel and was raised in the counties of Obion, Gibson and Dyer, and first participated in the movements of Gen. Polk’s army succeeding the battle of Belmont. It moved southward and joined the army , and finally in April 1862, engaged the enemy at Shiloh. Later it participated in the actions around Corinth, and finally marched with Bragg into Kentucky, fighting at Richmond and skirmishing elsewhere. It returned to Tennessee, and just before the battle of Murfreesboro was consolidated with the Twelfth Regiment.

The Forty-eighth Tennessee (Confederate, Voorhees) Regiment was raised in Maury, Hickman and Lewis counties, and was organized in December 1861 with W.M. Voorhees, colonel. It moved to Clarksville, thence to Danville, thence to Fort Henry, and after the evacuation there, to Fort Donelson, where, after fighting in that historical action, it surrendered. After about six months it was exchanged at Vicksburg, was reorganized at Jackson with Voorhees again colonel. A portion of the regiment, on details, in hospitals and on furlough, had escaped the capture at Fort Donelson, and with five companies from Wayne and Lawrence counties, had served under Col. Nixon until December 1862, when the old regiment was reunited, the portion that had been captured having been incorporated with the Third from the exchange in August until the reunion. It was at the bombardment of Post Hudson in March 1863 and at the engagements in and around Jackson about the middle of July. After various movements it reached Dalton, GA November 26th. January 1864, it moved to Mobile, thence joined Joe Johnston at New Hope Church, 27 May 1864. It fought at New Hope Church, Pine Mountain, Kennesaw, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Lick Skillet Road, losing in aggregate very heavily, particularly at the last named engagement, where it lost half its men. It was in all of Hood's engagements on his Tennessee campaign except Franklin. It was active and valiant at Nashville. In several small skirmishes detachments of the regiment fought with severe loss and great bravery. It was at Bentonville, NC and surrendered in the spring of 1865.

The Forty-eighth Tennessee (Confederate, Nixon) Regiment was raised in middle Tennessee and organized late in 1861 with G.H. Nixon, colonel. After various duties it participated in the campaign against Louisville, and was engaged at Richmond, where it lost several men killed and wounded. It continued with the army until it was found that the forces at Louisville had been heavily reinforced, then turned back, and October 8th fought at Perryville, losing several men. It was in various movements subsidiary to those of the Army of Tennessee, was at Murfreesboro, and in September 1863, at Chickamauga, where it lost severely and exhibited great gallantry on the field. After this it participated in all the battles on the Georgia campaign and finally took part in the actions around Atlanta and the invasion of Tennessee by Hood. After many vicissitudes, it finally surrendered in the spring of 1865 in North Carolina.

The Forty-ninth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in Montgomery, Dickson, Robertson, Benton and Cheatham counties and was organized in December 1861 with James E. Bailey, colonel. It moved to Fort

Donelson where it was hotly engaged in the various desperate movements of that action, and was surrendered with the army. It was exchanged in September 1862, at Vicksburg, was reorganized at Clinton with Bailey, colonel. It was at Port Hudson during the bombardment of March 183; thence moved to Jackson, where in July it fought in several engagements there; thence moved to Mobile, where W.F. Young became colonel. It then moved north and joined Bragg at Missionary Ridge, too late for the battle; thence marched to Dalton; thence back to Mobile and Mississippi and back to Johnston's army, at New Hope Church, where it fought 27 May 1864. It was afterward engaged at Pine Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain, Smyrna Depot, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Lick Skillet Road and elsewhere, losing at the last named battle 76 killed, 400 wounded and 19 missing. Here it was consolidated with the Forty-second Regiment. It moved north with Hood, engaging in all the battles and skirmishes of his disastrous campaign. At the awful charges of Franklin it fought with great nerve and desperation, losing 20 killed, 36 wounded and 36 missing out of 130 engaged. It was engaged at Nashville and then retreated south, and joined Johnson's army in North Carolina, where at Bentonville, it fought its last battle and was surrendered with the army.

GRUNDY COUNTY TEACHING

Marie Parks Malone

PART I- I was elected to teach in the Swiss Colony, and selected to be the principal. This was a two teacher school, but a one room building. This room was divided into two sections by drawing a line with a curtain hung on a wire down the middle of the room. This was done after the devotional period every morning.

This was my second year of teaching. The school I had for my first year had closed at Christmas due to the drop in attendance. The stave mill had moved from the community and with it the children.

I had never been out to the colony since it was opposite end of the county from my home in Monteagle. School opened in July and closed in March, giving the teachers time to attend a quarter and a half at college. I had no car so was apprehensive about transportation to Gruetli. But my older sister and her husband came up from Alabama for a visit and they had a Model T Ford. They took me out there on a Sunday afternoon before the Monday morning school opened. The deposited me, and baggage, at the home where I was to board and

went on their way, wanting to get back and out of the unfamiliar surroundings and the dirt roads before nightfall. I was exhausted and a little “squeamish” so went to bed soon after supper.

I had been in bed about an hour when I felt really sick. I, very quietly, left my room and sat in the swing on the front porch. I wasn't at all sure I was going to live and I didn't care very much. I had, what I later learned was a sick headache. I had the worst headache of my entire life and was very nauseated. At the lowest ebb of this episode a large owl started sounding forth in a tree nearby. This frightened me so badly that I almost tore the door down getting back in the house. But my headache was gone and I've never had another just like that one! Just a case of nerves, I suppose. Thank you, Mr. Owl!

I averaged a trip home about every other month. The other weekends were spent in the community. I took advantage of this time to visit the homes of the school children. And of course taking part in all community activities. Church on Sunday and etc.

The first year I boarded about a mile and a half from the school. The other years I moved to a home within sight of the school.

The first day of school was quite an event. Many of the parents came with the children. “Teacher” was supposed to make a speech. Mine was short. We had a devotional period. Then I asked the parents if they cared to say anything. Next, I had each child with his name, age, and grade on a sheet of paper. (Believe me those Swiss names were something to pronounce as well as learn to spell.) Next I assigned seats according to grades. And the year was off and running.

This school had a little reed organ probably the only one in the county, which was used for religious services on Sunday. Fortunately my coworker could play. I was so tone deaf that I always insisted that there was only two tunes that I could recognize. One was Yankee Doodle and one was not. This organ was a great help with the morning devotionals and programs. The other equipment was the standard to be found in all the rural school of the era. A blackboard, some chalk, a water cooler, double seats, the back of which made the desk for the one behind, and a potbellied stove. Also, a desk on a flat platform for the teacher. Said desks had no drawers or pigeon holes. Also, no back or front as the case may be. Anyway, I had a back tacked on so that my legs would not be so visible when I sat down, which I did very seldom. After all, I did have two very nice young men in the grade who were a little older than I. Though of course they never knew of this.

The Colony was a very stable agricultural community and a desirable place to teach. Even though it was very isolated. These farmers also raised cattle so made Swiss cheese and from their vineyards made wine. These two commodities were the source of the cast income.

We had children from three families who were not Swiss. But these children seemed to be able to understand the dialect, and the two groups got along together very well indeed. The Swiss dialect was spoken in the home, and quite a bit on the playground. English seemed to come easy to them however, and they would immediately switch into it in the presence of non-Swiss people. It was wonderful to find so many bilingual children and a real loss that they did not learn to read and write in their native tongue. Some of the children were born in Switzerland.

In so many ways the colony school was the most desirable school in the county. The children were so well trained at home. Never was discipline a problem. Actually there was times when I hesitated to “get tough” as I knew the child would be punished again at home if he had to be punished at school. Most of the time a straight, unsmiling look was all that was necessary. Once I overheard a child say “watch out when Miss Marie’s eyes turn black”.

I had never lived in a community like Gruetli. So I too had lots of things to learn. There was one thing that I really learned, and that was to love every one there. The impressions these hard working, high standard people had on their children and upon whomever they come into contact with will long be remembered.

There were five children in the family where I boarded. Three boys and two girls. And, yes a dog, but Max was always around, always met me coworker whenever we went through the big plank gate and down the long lane to the house. Max, unless out hunting with father was always chained to a large wooden block which he dragged around. I suppose this was to keep him home and not out in the woods chasing wild animals.

The food in this home was also interesting, and good, and wholesome. Also, sometimes surprising. As when the mother asked what my mother did to “change up”. I mentioned that we sometimes had Jello. The second grade daughter was translating for us and the result was JELLO every Thursday served like jelly for breakfast. The bread was unforgettable. Very large loaves were held in the crock every Thursday. The aroma made everyone ravenous. These huge loaves were held in the crook of the left arm and sliced towards one

with a very sharp sword like knife. All this points up the fact that if the teacher was not up to standard, it was not a dietary deficiency.

The Swiss people, including the school children, had a love for music. They had bought the little organ in the school building. And the father where I boarded had a most beautiful accordion. He had brought it from his home in Switzerland. I loved it when he would sit on the porch on a warm evening, or by the big wood burning stove in the main room and play the many selections stored away in his memory. I wonder who has this instrument now. Someone I knew, I hope is enjoying it and remembers some of the things he knew.

The most complimentary thing said about me while I was teaching in the colony said by a male of course, was Miss Marie is “almost good enough to be a man”. I had a difficult time persuading the friend to whom the remark was made to give me a literal translation. The Swiss men in the 1920’s really had the old European ideal of women. Perhaps this did cause me to lean towards “Women’s Lib”. Yes, all us teachers of that era were called by our first names.

Apples seemed to thrive here on the mountain, as did all vegetables. Apples, irish potatoes, turnips and perhaps cabbage were “hilled up” in the garden. Sweet potatoes were kept in bins in the house. Cheese was always plentiful, as was milk and butter. Apple cider was made and some of it canned sweet for the children and those of us who did not like it hard. Grapes were also plentiful, so in addition to the wine, we also had grape jelly as well as juice. All this to show that we had a healthy, ruddy bunch of children at school, no one suffered from malnutrition, including teacher. We did not see the pale faces and concave chests that were so often seen in the coal mining camps. So absenteeism from illness simply was not to be considered in this school.

(Part II in December’s Pathfinder issue)

SCHOOL RECORDS FROM 1849

Janelle Layne Taylor

A report of the Common School Commissioners for the school district #15, Grundy County.

	Boys	Girls
Caldwell, R.C.	1	

Tolbert, Wes or Mrs. (can't read)	2	1
Spain, Jesse	1	
Kilgore, Stephen	1	2
Loveless, Thomas	1	
Lawson or Levan, John P.	1	
Burris, Elizabeth	3	1
Adams, Elizabeth	1	
Lynch, L.D.		2
Hardcastle, Enoh	1	3
Smith, James	1	
Thomas, John	1	
Jones, Sebron	2	3
McBride, Patrick		2
Sullender, Samuel		3
Bradshaw, Joseph	2	2
McBride, Elizabeth	1	1
Arnold, Nancy	none listed	
Dayshields, Josiah	2	female not visible
Goodman, William	1	
Smith, A.C.	3	
Sutherland, William W.	2	
Strickland, Nancy	1	
Guinn, William	1	
Tucker, E.R.	2	

Call, Caleb C.

Arnold, James 1

Mullins, John

Cox, Nathan 3

Wilson, Andrew 1

Heathcock, (maybe) Thos. 1

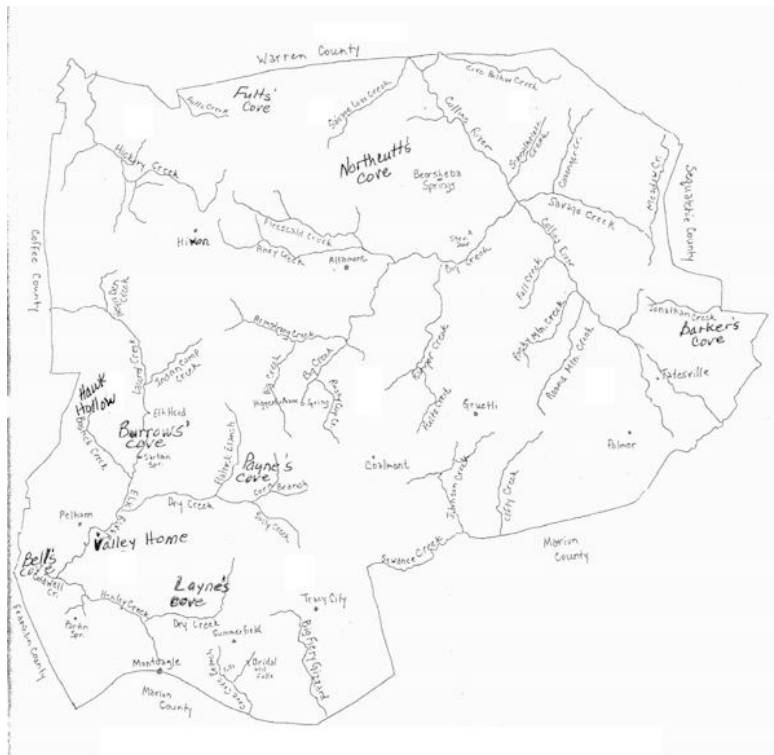
Smith, Elias 4

We do hereby certify that the above list is, we believe, a correct list of the scholastic pupils of school district No. 15 up to the last day of June 1849. This the 1st day of July 1849. Daniel Mosley, Joseph Bradshaw, R.C. Caldwell.

THE COVES OF GRUNDY COUNTY

FROM HOMECOMING '86 HISTORY OF THE ELK RIVER VALLEY

Arlene Partin Bean & Janelle Layne Taylor



TYREE / TARRY COVE

Official maps name the cove near the Grundy / Coffee County lines Tyree Cove; however, a search through land records reveals no Tyree surname in this entire area. Locals have always know the cove as Tarry Cove. The name is said have come from the fact that one night the family who was living there (possibly Pattons or Wilsons) drove upon a man all covered with tar stumbling along the road. They were scared so badly that they whipped around their horse and buggy, leaving their house unoccupied for the night. At daylight a search revealed no trace of the Tarry man, but the cove retained the name, Tarry. In recent years the area has been inhabited by Cam and Lorene Wilson Conry and most recently Bob and Elsie Harlan Brothers.

PULL TIGHT

Up on top of the mountain from Tarry Cove was the old sawmilling community of Pull Tight. The unusual name is thought to have been decided upon when the two prominent families wanted to name it for themselves. The Morgan's favored Morgantown. The Grooms family wanted the name to be Groomsville. As it was being publicly discussed one night, and old fellow in the crowd desiring to settle the argument called out, "Just call it Pull Tight. It's the tightest damn pull I've ever pulled in my life". So now the defunct community was called Pull Tight. It boasted a church and a school.

GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE LICENSES,

1850-1874

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GRUNDY COUNTY, TN (1850-1874)

Gordon, Mary E.	Stotts, S.H.	05 Apr 1867
Grantam, P.A.	Meeks, Sary J.	03 Jan 1863

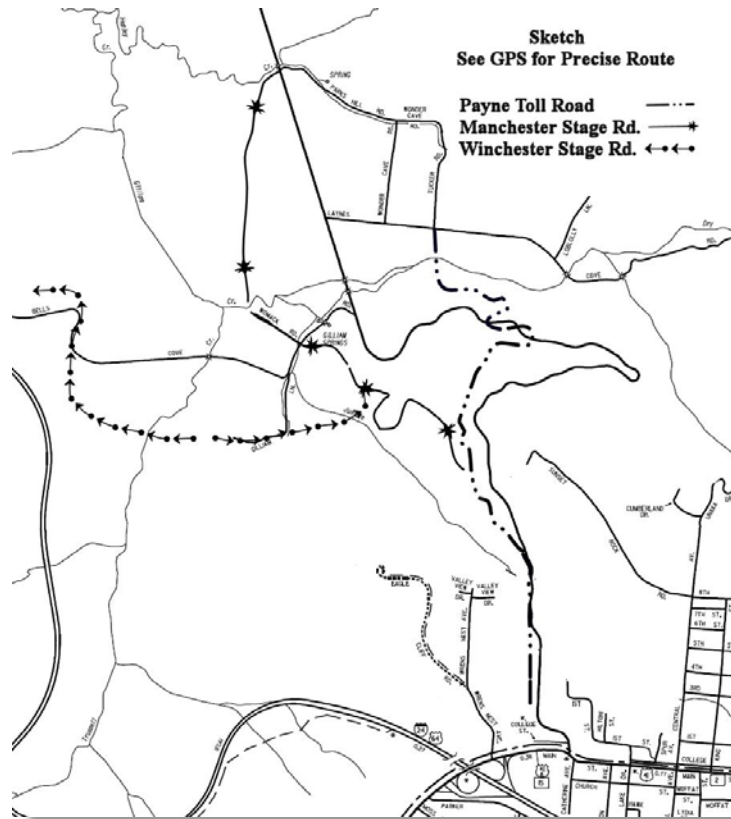
Grantham, P.A.	Sweeton, Dorcas	30 Apr 1874
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Green, Mordica	Campbell, Mary	26 May 1866
Green, Sarah	Sutherland, Garrison	15 May 1854
Green, T.R.	Sanderson, Sarah A,	17 Oct 1868
Green, W.R.	Myers, Martha J.	02 Dec 1867
Griswald, Louisa	Tipton, Stephen F.	05 Oct 1854
Griswald, Lucy	Thompson, John	02 Nov 1854
Griswald, Nancy	Sanders, Robert	07 Dec 1854
Griswald, Sophia	Long, T.B.	04 Mar1858
Griswald, Wm. A.	Warren, Martha	07 Apr 1857
Gross, Asa	Bast, Sarah L.	23 Jul 1850
Gross, Martha	Killian, J.H.	20 Feb 1872
Gross, Sarah J.	Ransom, James	04 Nov 1872
Guess, Organ	Shelton, Wm.	23 Sep 1870
Guinn, ____	Mabry, Anderson	21 May 1866
Guinn, Eliza	Barber, John	20 Dec 1853
Guinn, G.D.	Patton, Josephine	15 Jan 1868
Guinn, Jane	Mullins, Squire	25 Dec 1872
Guinn, John	Northcut, Sarah	01 Apr 1871
Guinn, Lettia	Mabry, Anderson	21 May 1866
Guyer, Jacob	Reuff, Anna	05 Jan 1870
Hall, John	Hargis, Amanda	20 Sep 1872

Hall, T.H.	Haynes, S.E. Miss	20 Aug 1874
Hamby, E.W.	Sartin, Arkansas	21 Aug 1856
Hamby, Eliza	Sartin, Aaron	13 Jan 1855
Hammons, Mary Sarah	Paxton, Markeori	13 Jul 1854
Hampton, Reuben	Ritchey, Sarah C.	12 Oct 1852
Hampton, W.H.	Freeman, M.E. Miss	27 Sep 1862
Hampton, W.H.	Smith, L.E. Miss	03 Nov 1866
Hanilanzer, Allen N.	Layne, Sarah	10 Aug 1858
Hanley, Angelina	Parks, B.F.	24 Nov 1866
Hargis, Amanda	Hall, John	20 Sep 1872
Hargis, James G.	Atkins, Anna	05 Nov 1874
Harris, Samuel L.	Parks, Jane	09 Jan 1867
Harrison, Catherine	Pearson, Charles H.	19 Sep 1855
Harrison, Elijah	Gilbert, Sarah	05 Mar 1855
Harrison, Elizabeth	Wiley, Thos.	06 Sep 1852
Harrison, Garrison	McGovern, Florence	20 May 1850
Harrison, Thomas	Blair, Malinda M.	03 Feb 1852
Harrison, Thomas	Turner, Louisa	09 Aug 1852
Harrison, Thomas J.	Doran, Elis J.	08 Jan 1871
Hasket, Nancy Jane	Jackson, James T.	05 Sep 1873

**GPS ROUTING STUDY OF THE PAYNE TOLL ROAD
& RELATED STAGE ROADS, PART 1**

Ralph Thompson and Rocky Layne

Part 1 of this report provided a narrative description of the routing of the Payne Toll Road and related Stage Roads. Part 2 provides the detailed GPS readings acquired through a detailed field survey.



Payne Toll Road GPS Readings

T1	N 35° 16.026	W 85° 50.911	Layne's Cove & Tucker Rd
T2	15.988	50.995	
T3	15.945	50.998	
T4	15.844	50.976	
T5	15.849	50.931	
T6	15.861	50.892	
T7	15.852	50.859	
T8	15.832	50.817	
T9	15.811	50.790	

T10	15.814	50.747	
T11	15.798	50.725	
T12	15.783	50.727	Toll House - North of Hwy 41
T13	15.773	50.739	
T14	15.747	50.785	
T15	15.695	50.605	
T16	15.696	50.611	
T17	15.682	50.689	
T18	15.696	50.704	
T19	15.696	50.753	
T20	15.682	50.784	
T21	15.664	50.796	
T22	15.627	50.823	
T23	15.566	50.865	
T24	15.481	50.910	Power Line Right-of-Way
T25	N35 15.478	W85 50.910	
T26	15.463	50.904	
T27	15.440	50.895	
T28	15.423	50.897	
T29	15.406	50.907	
T30	15.383	50.906	
T31	15.355	50.906	
T32	15.343	50.881	
T33	15.338	50.877	
T34	15.303	50.865	
T35	15.274	50.841	

T36	15.232	50.817	
T37	15.216	50.802	
T38	15.209	59.781	
T39	15.165	50.763	
T40	15.148	50.763	
T41	15.130	50.734	
T42	15.105	50.710	
T43	15.086	50.712	
T44	15.079	50.703	
T45	15.053	50.671	
T46	14.944	50.642	
T47	14.797	50.625	
T48	14.696	50.631	
T49	14.573	50.633	North of Hwy 41 & Hwy 64

Manchester Stage Road GPS Readings

S1	N 35	15.385	W 85	50.907	Toll Road Intersection
S2		15.447		50.941	
S3		15.448		50.946	
S4		15.457		50.980	
S5		15.474		50.998	
S6		15.480		51.003	
S7		15.495		51.019	
S8		15.530		51.052	
S9		15.531		51.086	
S10		15.529		51.102	
S11		15.513		51.113	

S12	15.497	51.121	
S13	15.499	51.132	
S14	15.504	51.138	
S15	15.522	51.142	
S16	15.530	51.145	
S17	15.533	51.154	
S18	15.532	51.179	Alto Stage Intersection
S19	15.532	51.147	
S20	15.536	51.153	
S21	15.549	51.174	
S22	15.552	51.189	
S23	15.556	51.204	
S24	15.562	51.217	
S25	15.570	51.264	
S26	15.580	51.292	
S27	15.674	51.369	
S28	15.680	51.383	
S29	15.681	51.418	
S30	15.669	51.436	
S31	15.673	51.448	
S32	15.678	51.478	
S33	15.679	51.477	Center of Bells Cove Road
S34	15.688	51.498	
S35	15.768	51.627	
S36	15.796	51.654	
S37	15.803	51.657	

S38	15.896	51.658	
S39	15.964	51.655	
S40	15.988	51.663	
S41	16.042	51.658	
S42	16.467	51.613	
S43	16.498	51.555	
S44	16.513	51.548	Nickajack Trail Intersection

Alto - Winchester GPS

W1	N 35. 15.525	W 85. 51.183	Manchester Stage Road
W2	15.501	51.178	
W3	15.484	51.186	
W4	15.474	51.193	
W5	15.465	51.201	
W6	15.444	51.203	
W7	15.438	51.21	
W8	15.435	51.235	
W9	15.45	51.295	
W10	15.443	51.321	
W11	15.438	51.375	
W12	15.438	51.418	
W13	15.429	51.448	
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W16	15.409	51.517	
W17	15.406	51.589	

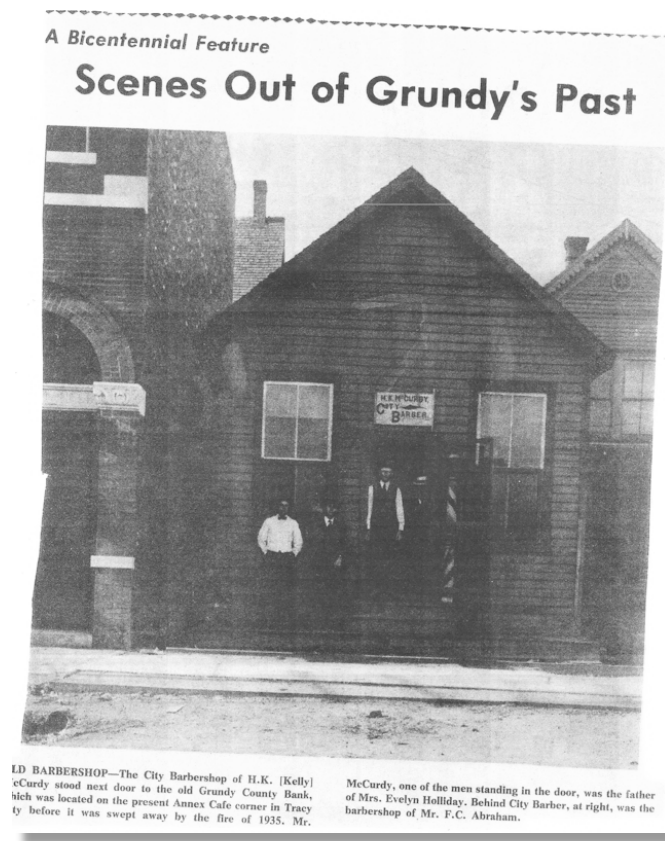
W18	15.395	51.609	
W19	15.395	51.676	
W20	15.403	51.709	
W21	15.424	51.779	
W22	15.444	51.897	
W23	15.452	51.965	
W24	15.459	51.995	Trussell Cove
W25	15.495	52.206	
W26	15.516	52.239	
W27	15.649	52.27	
W28	15.672	52.321	
W29	15.742	52.294	
W30	15.743	52.276	
W31	15.748	52.243	
W32	15.78	52.212	
W33	15.794	52.214	
W34	15.822	52.227	
W35	15.831	52.261	
W36	15.823	52.272	
W37	15.806	52.339	
W38	15.815	52.429	Approx. 4,000 West of Gilliam Lane.

The above GPS reading were obtained and are being recorded here in order that future generations might have a precise and accurate record of these roads.

OLD PHOTOGRAPH MEMORIES

Barbara Mooney Myers

As I was preparing this notebook of old photos for our library at the Heritage Center, these old pictures took me back to the times when I can remember hearing my Daddy and others speak of the old barber shop of “Mr. Fred “ he always called him. , when I got older, I learned he was Mr. Fred Abraham. I never knew where the barber shop was or much about it until I discovered the photo. All I knew was it was there in town near the Company Store. Daddy always said this was where he asked my mother to marry him, there between the barber shop and the Company Store. He was twenty-years-old. She was sixteen in 1922. There, standing at the barber shop, were two guys he knew, and he asked them to be his best men. The rest is history. The courthouse was the next stop. When I saw this photo, it brought back a lot of old memories of things I have heard my Dad and Mom talk about as well as things I remember from days gone by. Let me tell you about some of these memories.



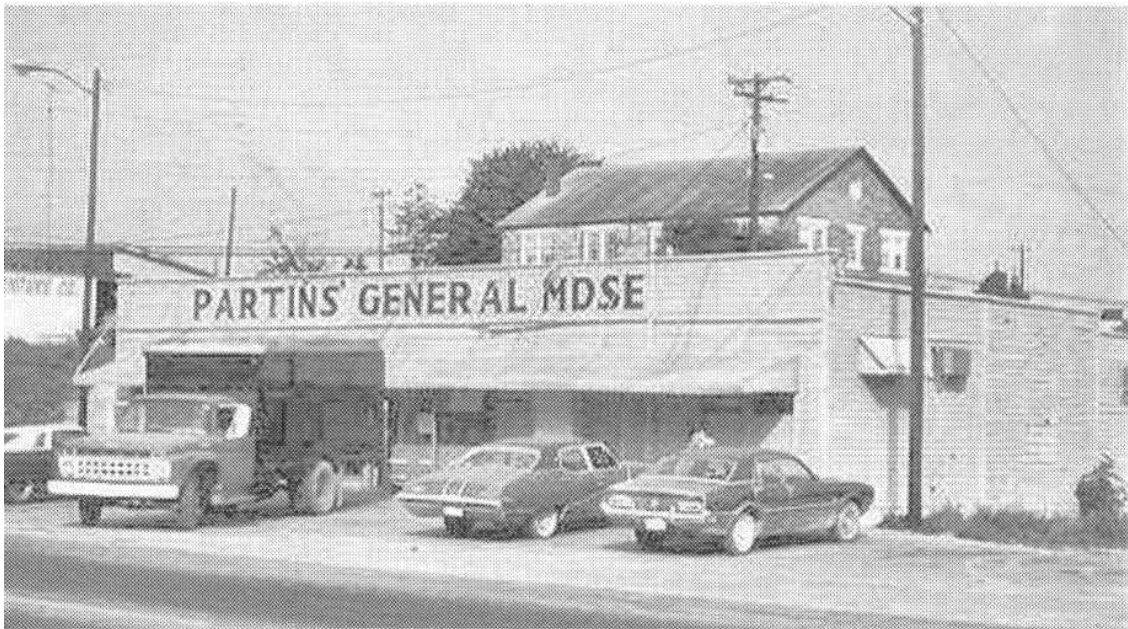
The Dixie Theater brought many happy hours to those of us who needed somewhere to go to pass away the time, especially when we were “sparkling” as teenagers. Whenever we could get enough money to buy a ticket, the theater would be our first stop. Often my date paid my fee to get in as I got older, especially if he had a job.

We had familiar street corners. We hung out near the Annex, at least when there weren't a lot of older men hanging around, but we seldom got the choice to take that corner, so we usually took Cheek's Drugstore, which was across the street from Mrs. Ella Fults' Café, when we had a little change to spend. We always had lots of time to kill.

One of our favorite places while we were growing up was the fair. When it came to town we were all ready to see what the excitement was going to be this year. We dressed up in our floral skirts and white blouses, penny loafers and bobby socks, bright red lipstick, & jewelry if we had any. I often had some pearls, or a chain necklace my uncle got me, or big flowers for my hair. Many of us teenage girls dated and went with our boyfriends or met them there at the fair.

As the story goes, I was dating boy, but others seem to be interested in him since he was popular in school as a top ball player. I let it be for a while until finally his older brother came along and carried me away. We took-in the fair rides, won glassware and jewelry, ate the "fair" food, and generally had a great time. He took me home in a nice car! We kept dating, and later on married, so the fair, in my case, let to my marriage.

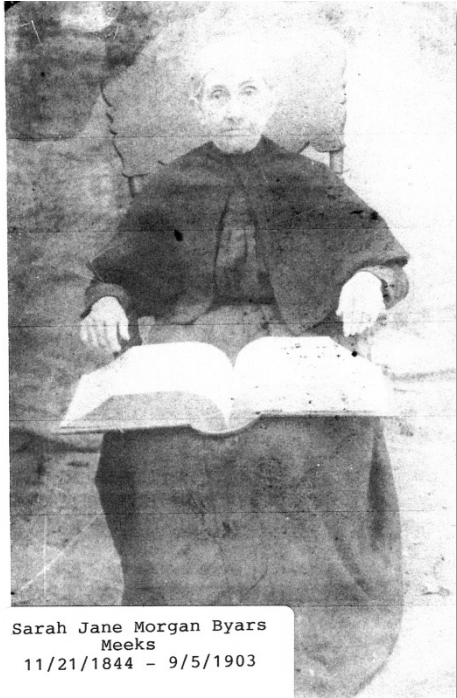
Looking at these old photos brought back so many good memories.



Partin's Store (James Bell Jr.)

SARAH JANE MORGAN BYARS MEEKS, PART I

Norma J. Shrum



Sarah Jane Morgan Byars
Meeks
11/21/1844 - 9/5/1903

Luther and Nina Mae Nix, Joyce,
Wayne, Dessie, Joel, George Ray



J. Lambirth and Minda Teague Byars Family
L to R Cecil, Joe in front, behind him Maude
Byrtle, Verna, Minda holding Herbert Johnson *J. Lambirth*
Nina Mae, Bessie Johnson, Narva



Sarah Jane Morgan Byars Meeks

1844 - 1903

Sarah Jane Morgan was born November 21, 1844¹ in Jefferson County, Alabama. Her parents were William M. Morgan² (born about 1824) and Rebecca Moore² (born about 1824) who were married December 10, 1843.³ Marriage records say they were both born in Alabama. Sarah Jane was their only child. Her mother died sometime after 1850 but before 1858.

Sarah Jane's paternal grandparents were Ezekiel Morgan (born August 21, 1797 and died November 26, 1881⁴) and Linnie Brantley⁵ (born February 28, 1802 and died December 27, 1874). They had moved to Alabama from Raleigh, North Carolina some time before being recorded in the 1830 census. They had eleven children and both are buried in the Davis Cemetery in Dora, Alabama.

After Sarah Jane's mother died, William married again on February 24, 1858⁶ to Frances (Fanny) Price at the residence of her father, William Price. Fanny was only five years⁷ older than Sarah Jane. William and Fanny had five children: Wiley born 1858, Mary born 1860, twins G. R. Perry and G. K. born 1864 or 1865, and Louisa born 1868.⁸

Sarah Jane married John W. Byars in Jefferson County, Alabama on January 26, 1862⁹ at 18 years of age. John was 11 years older. He had previously been married to Rebecca Harwood. Rebecca was born in 1814 and died in 1855. John and Rebecca had seven children: Manerva (born 1835),¹⁰ John (born 1836),¹⁰ Margaret (born 1838, married Pleasant Mullins on November 4, 1858,¹¹ and died about 1903), Sarah Elizabeth¹⁰ (born 1840, married [1] Lewis McAnnally on April 18, 1858¹² and [2] John Quincy Adams, and died in 1907), Lucy (born 1841),¹⁰ Malissa¹⁰ (born 1842 and married Joseph Mullins on July 8, 1860),¹³ and Susanna L.¹⁰ (born 1845). Sarah Jane had a stepmother who was only five years older than her, but she now found herself a stepmother only 9 years older than her eldest stepchild.

¹ Photo of Sarah J. Byars Meeks marker at Clouse Hill Cemetery

² William W. Morgan household, 1850 U.S. Census, Selfs District, Jefferson County, Alabama, dwelling 14; Online: Ancestry.com

³ Marriage of Morgan-Moore, Alabama, Marriage Collection, 1800-1969; Online: Ancestry.com

⁴ Photo of Ezekiel Morgan marker; Online: Find-A-Grave.com

⁵ Photo of Linnie Brantley Morgan marker; Online: Find-A-Grave.com

⁶ Marriage of Morgan-Price, Alabama, Marriage Collection, 1800-1969; Online: Ancestry.com

⁷ William M. Morgan household, 1860 U.S. Census, Jefferson County, Alabama, Page 841, dwelling 596

⁸ William Morgan household, 1870 U.S. Census, Township 15, Range 1, Jefferson County, Alabama, Page 289, dwelling 15

⁹ Marriage of Byers-Morgan, Alabama Marriages, 1809-1920; Online: Ancestry.com

¹⁰ John Byars household, 1850 U.S. Census, 17th Subdivision, Blount County, Alabama, Page 337, dwelling 641; Online: Ancestry.com

¹¹ Marriage of Mullings-Byars, Alabama Marriage Collection, 1800-1969; Online: Ancestry.com

¹² Marriage of McAnnally-Byars, Alabama Marriages, 1809-1920; Online: Ancestry.com

¹³ Marriage of Mullings-Byars, Alabama Marriages, 1809-1920; Online: Ancestry.com

After Sarah Jane and John's marriage, they had three children¹⁴ in addition to the seven children he already had. Their first child Mary was born 1863¹⁴ (died 1929) and married, according to a daughter's death certificate,¹⁵ Silas N. Pearson.^{16,17} Their second child William "Willie" was born 1864¹⁴ and married Nancy Isabelle Crow.¹⁸ The third child was Joab Lambirth was born 1867;¹⁴ he was incorrectly listed in 1870 Census as Jacob and as Sam on his wife's death certificate.¹⁹ He married Eminda/Amanda Teague,^{20,21} and died June 13, 1931.²²

John W. Byars was killed in a logging accident in February 1872. Although the location of his grave is unknown, it is thought that he is buried beside his first wife in Blount County, Alabama.

Sarah Jane came to Grundy County, Tennessee, sometime after her husband's death. On April 6, 1873²³ she married Thomas Meeks. Thomas has served in the Civil War and lost a leg. He had a peg leg and was nicknamed "Sugarfoot." The 1880 census lists five sons that Thomas had from an earlier marriage: A. S. Born 1860, Samuel born 1861, William M. born 1865, Joseph born 1867, and Isaac born 1869.²⁴ Sarah Jane and Thomas had three daughters.²⁴ The oldest was Frances "Frankie"²⁴ who was born in 1874;²⁵ although no marriage records have been located, the family said she married Robert Rohelie. Frankie died December 27, 1908.²⁶ The second daughter was Luella "Lula"²⁴ who was born in 1876²⁷ and married Dallas Yokley according to their son's birth certificate;²⁸ she died in 1926.²⁹ The youngest child Martha Leona "Lena" married William Hamilton.³⁰ Some of these children lived in Marion County after they were married.

¹⁴ J. W. Byars household, 1870 U.S. Census, Township 5, Range 3, Limestone County, Alabama, Page 36, dwelling 127; Online: Ancestry.com

¹⁵ Lena Frances [Pearson] Carlton death certificate no. 8578 (1928), State of Tennessee Bureau of Vital Statistics; Online: Ancestry.com

¹⁶ Silas N. Pearson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Civil District 7, Grundy County, Tennessee, Page 190 A, dwelling 21; Online: Ancestry.com

¹⁷ Silas Newton Pearson death record, Tennessee Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955; Online: Ancestry.com

¹⁸ Nancy Isabel Byars death certificate no. 14834, State of Tennessee Bureau of Vital Statistics; Online: Ancestry.com

¹⁹ Amanda Byres death certificate no. 29014, State of Tennessee Bureau of Vital Statistics; Online: Ancestry.com

²⁰ J. Lambirth Byars household, 1920 U.S. Census, 4th Civil District, Grundy County, Tennessee, Page 10 B, dwelling 208; Online: Ancestry.com

²¹ Joe Willie Byars [son of Lambirth Byars and Mindy Teague] death certificate no. 52-12786, State of Tennessee Office of Vital Statistics; Online: Ancestry.com

²² J. Lambirth Byars death record, Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955; Online: Ancestry.com

²³ Meeks-Byars marriage, Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002; Online: Ancestry.com

²⁴ Thomas Meeks household, 1880 U.S. Census, 9th Civil District, Grundy County, Tennessee; Page 16, dwelling 28; Online: Ancestry.com

²⁵ Robert Rohelie household, 1900 U.S. Census, 11th Civil District, Grundy County, Tennessee, Page 221 A, dwelling 246

²⁶ Frankie Rohelia death record, Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955; Online: Ancestry.com

²⁷ Dallas Yokley household, 1900 U.S. Census, 10th Civil District, Grundy County, Tennessee, Page 108 A, dwelling 188

²⁸ James (Jim) Yokley [son of Dallas Yokley and Lula Meeks] delayed certificate of birth, State of Tennessee, Division of Vital Statistics (1953); Online: Ancestry.com

²⁹ Luella A. "Lula" Meeks Yokley death information; Online: Find-A-Grave.com

Thomas Meeks was a bitter and cruel man. Sarah and the children, especially his stepson. Lambirth, were victims of his anger. If Lambirth was not quick to obey his stepfather's orders, he would be hit with a walking cane, a chair or anything handy. Sarah finally left Thomas and divorced him. She and Lambirth lived together and finished raising the younger girls. By 1900 she was living with her daughter Lula and her husband Dallas Yokley. Sarah's two sons, Lambirth and Willie, were both coal miners.

Sarah Elizabeth Byars McAnnally was Sarah Jane's stepdaughter through her first husband and was only four years older than her stepmother. After her husband was killed in the Civil War, she came to Grundy County to be near her stepmother, which reveals the sort of relationships Sarah had with some of her stepchildren. In 1878 Sarah Elizabeth married John Quincy Adams [not the fourth president]. After his death, Sarah Elizabeth moved on to Arkansas to be with relatives there and passed away in 1900.

Sarah Jane died in Tracy City in Grundy County on September 5, 1903.¹ She is buried at Clouse Hill Cemetery in Tracy City. Her son, Joab Lambirth Byars and his wife, Minda Teague, were my grandparents. I was ten years old when Minda passed away, so I do have personal memories of her.

Norma Joyce Nix Shrum

Judge David Campbell Chapter

National Number 657323

(CONTINUED IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE)

GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855

Transcribed by Sharon Goodman

State of Tennessee- Be it remembered that at a county cort began and held for the County of Grundy at the hous of Jessee Wooten on Comberlan mountain on the 5th day of July A.D. 1847 and the 71st year of the Indapendance of the united States present the worshipful A.S. Goodman chairman Braley Fults Dugan Lockhart Bradford Campbell Morrow Tate Kilion Price Northcutt Esqrs Justices & c.

On motion of Stephen Coap Surety of John S. Low gardion of the heirs of I.H. Roberts deceased beginnen to be released from any other liabilities an that William Lions be incerted in his room and stid.

Ordered by the cort that A.S. Goodman and Micael Hoovr be allowed the some of two dollars and fifty cents each for wetting with John Burrows county trustee as revenue comitioner.

Ordered by the cort that Henry Cuningham be appointed oversear of the rode beginning at Brays branch to the county line betwenn Coffee and Grundy and have the following bound and hands Mills H. Burn, Isaac Muckleroy, James Reed, Elijah Conneatison, William Cunningham, Luis Broom, William Gillum, Thomas Lovelace, James Lusk, and hands William Brewer.

On Motion of Samuel Handcock and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that land listed in his name was done through mistake and that the same lien in Coffee County--- It is therefore ordered by the court he be released from the payment of the tax chargeable to him for the Year 1846.

This day the clerk of the court submitted to the court a settlement with Washington Turner, administrator of William L. Vaughan, deceased which said report being unexpected to, and examined, and inspected by the court and fully understood, is by the court in all things confirmed.

Court adjourned until court in course.

A.S. Goodman, Char.; Richard Bradford, R.I. Price

GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS,

1850-1880

Compiled by Charles Sherrill

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

1870 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRUNDY COUNTY

Barrett, John- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$500; asses & mules, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 2; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 100; oats, 60; wool, 4 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 100; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 200 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$200; all produce, \$400.

Fults, Adam- improved acres, 70; other unimproved acres, 225; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 7; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; sheep, 20; swine, 60; value of livestock, \$1200; winter wheat, 95; Indian corn, 400; oats, 150; wool, 30 lbs.; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 14; butter, 400 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$350; all produce, \$900; wages paid, \$100; tobacco, 15 lbs.

Crouch, William- improved acres, 18; other unimproved acres, 17; cash value of farm, \$800; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 1; sheep, 3; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 300; oats, 75; wool, 5 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 14; butter, 40 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$275; all produce, \$400.

Miller, James- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 10; swine, 14; value of livestock, 320; winter wheat, 100; Indian corn, 200; oats, 30; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 35; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 15 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$150; all produce, \$700.

Fults, Harris- improved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$1500; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 4; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$200; winter wheat, 25; Indian corn, 150; oats, 75; wool, 8 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 16; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 30 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$100; all produce, \$200.

Lowe, Ezekiel- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; value of livestock, \$100; Indian corn, 200; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 14; butter, 25 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$75; all produce, \$200.

Wood, Thomas- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$140; Indian corn, 150; butter, 75 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$125; all produce, \$315.

Qualls, Andrew- improved acres, 30; other unimproved acres, 19; cash value of farm, \$700; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 125; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 35; butter, 65 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$100; all produce, \$205.

Campbell, H.A.- improved acres, 40; other unimproved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 1; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$210; Indian corn, 150; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 100;

sweet potatoes, 60); butter, 85 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$50; all produce, \$100; tobacco, 100 lbs.

Campbell, Alexander- improved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$100; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$104; Indian corn, 10; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 30; sweet potatoes, 36 (?); animals slaughtered, \$50; all produce, \$100; tobacco, 15 lbs.

Brown, George- improved acres, 40; other unimproved acres, other unimproved acres, 105; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$100; winter wheat, 40; Indian corn, 200; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 26; sweet potatoes, 14; butter, 40 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$80; all produce, \$218.

Campbell, Zebulen- improved acres, 40; other unimproved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$150; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, \$250; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 16; butter, 70 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$95; all produce, \$300; tobacco, 20 lbs.

Campbell, William- improved acres, 30; other unimproved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$755; horses, 2; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 2; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 300; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 35; sweet potatoes, 29; butter, 65 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$118 (?); all produce, \$312; tobacco, 30 lbs.

PAGE TOTALS: improved acres, 388; woodlands, 0; other unimproved acres, 6455; horses, 17; asses & mules, 4; milch cows, 23; working oxen, 9; other cattle, 22, sheep 39; swine, 285; value of livestock, \$4373; winter wheat, 260; Indian corn, 2535; oats, 390; wool, 67 lbs.; peas & beans, 25; Irish potatoes, 469; sweet potatoes, 129; butter, 1170 lbs.; animals slaughtered, \$1768; all produce, \$4400.

DIST. 3, ALTAMONT

Hobbs, Wesley- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$250; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 1; value of livestock, \$200; Indian corn, 200; oats, 20; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 30 lbs.; all produce, \$300; tobacco, 20 lbs.

Nunly, John- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$300; working oxen, 2; value of livestock, \$75; Indian corn, 300; oats, 100; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 40; all produce, \$375.

Smart, Ruben- improved acres, 12; other unimproved acres, 32; cash value of farm, \$325; horses, 3; other cattle, 1; swine, 14; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 50; oats, 200; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 50; sweet potatoes, 25; all produce, 185; hay, 1 ton.

Smart, Esther- improved acres, 20; other unimproved acres, 110; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 1; milch cow, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 18; value of livestock, \$260; Indian corn, 100; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 35; sweet potatoes, 22; butter, 40 lbs.; all produce, \$165.

Fults, John- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 125; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; value of livestock, \$110; Indian corn, 200; oats, 50; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 19; sweet potatoes, 5; butter, 18 lbs.; all produce, \$216.

Fults, Hyrum- improved acres, 10; other unimproved acres, 5; cash value of farm, \$75; Indian corn, 50; oats, 30; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 41 (?); sweet potatoes, 19; all produce, \$110.

Nunly, Comodore- improved acres, 90; other unimproved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$4000; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 5; sheep, 20; swine, 40; value of livestock, \$675; winter wheat, 200; Indian corn, 600; oats, 700; wool, 24 lbs.; peas & beans, 12; Irish potatoes, 15; sweet potatoes, 41; orchard products, \$100; butter, 65 lbs.; all produce, \$2990 (?).

Green, Samuel- improved acres, 20; other unimproved acres, 5; cash value of farm, \$10; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$240; Indian corn, 300; oats, 150; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 12; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 12 lbs.; all produce, \$325; tobacco, 25 lbs.

Fults, Daniel- improved acres, 8; other unimproved acres, 10; cash value of farm, \$90; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 3; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$150; Irish potatoes, 16; butter, 14 lbs.; all produce, \$114.

Hobbs, Alexandra- improved acres, 15; other unimproved acres, 100; cash value of farm, \$150; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; sheep, 5; value of livestock, \$150; wool, 10; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 23; sweet potatoes, 12; butter, 19 lbs.; all produce, \$85.



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FIRST MORTGAGE RETIRED

On July 24, 2014 Grundy County Historical Society retired its first mortgage indebtedness with United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The satisfaction of the first mortgage is the first phase of a campaign launched in April 2014 to retire its entire mortgage indebtedness. There remains a second mortgage with U.S.D.A. Rural Development with a principal balance of \$183,458.41.

The first mortgage was made in November 2009 to purchase the historic First National Bank building and related facilities from Citizens Tri County Bank. The second mortgage was made in July 2011 to provide funds to complete restoration of the building to its 1904 original condition, develop a regional museum that portrays themes of history that have grown out of the plateau and have had national or international impact, and expand the former “Root Cellar” that was housed in a closet at the Tracy City Library to a professional genealogical library with data and up to date equipment for study and research. The second mortgage was made to supplement funds raised in a Capital Fund Campaign that provided \$350,000 for the project.

The Heritage Center is the building and operation that houses and maintains the museum, library and research center. It enhances the community as a hub where the public comes to learn, share information and stories, socialize and engage in community activities. Individuals, organizations and public bodies regularly schedule the facility for receptions, events, seminars, board meetings such as the Grundy County Library Board, meetings of area public librarians, and even as an election site for early voting.

The president of the Heritage Center, Oliver W. Jervis, states: “The Heritage Center is a place where people and communities of the South Cumberland Plateau are inspired to understand who they are and how they are connected in history with interrelated pathways. The history and artifacts that are revealed and displayed at the Heritage Center provide revelation and encouragement that the people come from a rich and achieving heritage. The stimuli at the Heritage Center foster pride and inspiration in the people.”

Members and others interested in assisting in the work of the Heritage Center or in making a financial commitment to reducing the mortgage indebtedness should contact it at telephone (931) 592-6008, at email history@blomand.net, by mail at P.O. Box 1422, Tracy City, Tennessee 37387, or by personal visit at 465

Railroad Avenue, Tracy City, Tennessee 37387 (Monday through Friday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.)

COMING ATTRACTION- ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW!

On Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. noted furniture authority Oscar P. Fitzgerald, IV will conduct identification of selected antique furniture and decorative art pieces that interested owners bring to the Heritage Center. Items submitted should be brought to the Heritage Center on Friday, October 3 between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. for examination and selection and be left over night until after the presentation.

Fitzgerald holds a B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University and M.A and PhD degrees in history from Georgetown University. He has served as curator for Tingey House, the oldest residence in the Navy. His clients include Dumbarton House, the headquarters for The National Society of The Colonial Dames; Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial; the Frederick Douglas House and the Clara Barton National Historic Site. A popular lecturer on antique and contemporary furniture, Fitzgerald has spoken to museums, professional organizations, educational institutions and collectors groups including Winterthur Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Furniture Society, Georgia State Museum and to voyagers on several Atlantic Ocean crossings of Queen Elizabeth II. He serves on the faculty of Smithsonian Institution/George Mason University Master's Program in the History of Decorative Arts where he teaches the core history of American furniture courses. His *Four Centuries of American Furniture* has been through four printings and is the standard reference book in the field. A recent publication, *New Masters of the Wooden Box* is the catalogue for an exhibition that has traveled the country.

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The Grundy County Historical Society meets quarterly (March, June, September, and December) at the Heritage Center. Meetings are normally on the 2nd Saturday unless otherwise announced. These meetings are open to anyone with an interest in the history of the region.

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Dues are \$20.00 for an Electronic Membership with e-mail delivery of The Pathfinder or \$30.00 for Regular Membership with postal delivery of The Pathfinder. All membership expires on December 31st.

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SHARON N. GOODMAN

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Queries are free. Please be brief. Submit by e-mail to Janelle Taylor at jcoats@cafes.net or send on a 3"x5" card to the Grundy County Historical Society's address, **Attn: Janelle Taylor**. The Historical Society will perform quick lookups at no charge. Further research will be performed at a rate of \$10 per hour plus the cost of copies at \$.15 per page plus the cost of postage and handling. Contact jcoats@cafes.net with queries.

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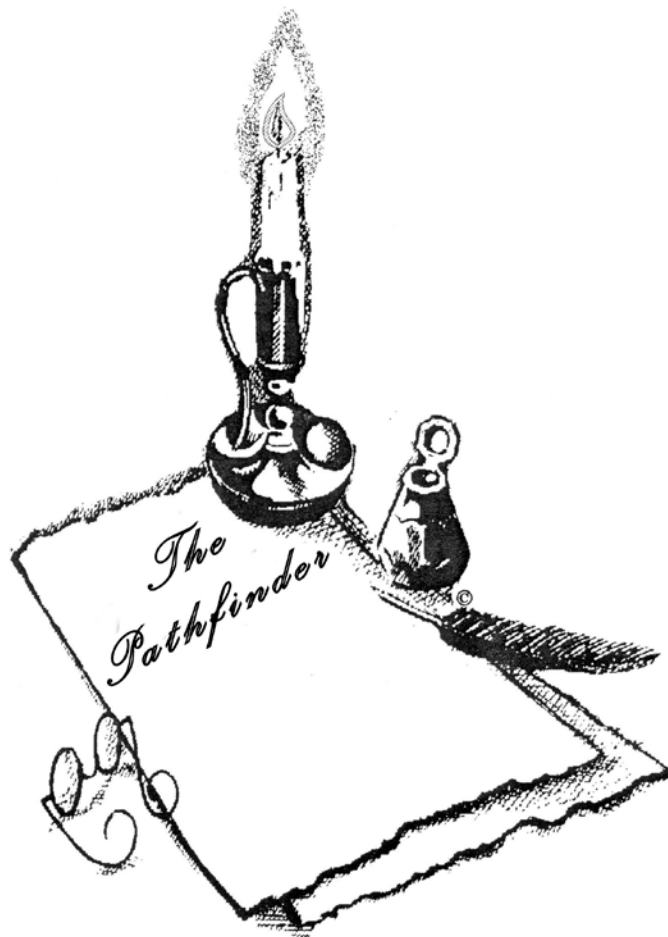


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oliver Jervis

For several years the organization has experienced the benefits of two internet websites that were established by interested and computer talented members or persons who diligently maintained the sites for the benefit of the society. *The Pathfinder* editor, Sharon Goodman, established and has maintained *w.w.w.gchs.homestead.com* and former member Ralph Thompson established *w.w.w. Grundycountyhistory.org* and permitted considerable material from the Heritage Center to be placed on the site. Both of these persons have advised that as of the end of the year (December 31) that they will no longer be able to provide website service for the Heritage Center. We are grateful for the service they have provided for several years and thank them for the efforts and service each of them has provided to promote the Heritage Center and its mission.

Fortunately about two years ago Ronald Buffington, our Treasurer and in house computer consultant, realized the importance of having a website for the organization that was owned or hosted by the organization itself. A site with call letters *w.w.w.grundycountyhistoricalsociety.com* was created but not fully activated or implemented. Marshall Graves, a recent new member who has a degree in computer science from Vanderbilt University, has agreed to become the web master for this site. He is currently working on implementing the site. We anticipate that it will become fully operational by the end of the year. Any member who has material they feel should be on the site should email it to Marshall Graves at marshall.graves@gmail.com.

Our organization has a mission to reach out to all parts of the plateau, it covers and valleys and show how the people are interrelated in history. In today's environment electronic media capability is essential for our organization to succeed. We are and have been most fortunate to have interested and capable people guiding us.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year! 2014 has hurried by and is almost concluded! Thank you for participating in

making this newsletter what you would like to see by sending in stories and family histories. If you would like to send information for consideration for publishing in the Pathfinder, please send to Sharon Goodman, 118 Orange Tree Lane, Georgetown, TX, 78626. Look forward to more changes in the upcoming year!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nadene Moore

NONE REPORTED THIS QUARTER

GRUNDY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUDGETS

Ron Buffington

Building Fund- Operating Expense Budget 2014-2015 (Nov. 23, 2015)

INCOME:	Budget 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015
Fund Raiser	\$1000.00	\$5700.00
Partners	\$4800.00	\$3600.00
Grundy Co. Support	\$2000.00	\$2000.00

Utilities Co. Support	\$1000.00	\$2000.00
Pledges	\$ 500.00	\$ --
Annual Fund	<u>\$5600.00</u>	<u>\$3000.00</u>
TOTALS:	\$14900.00	\$16300.00

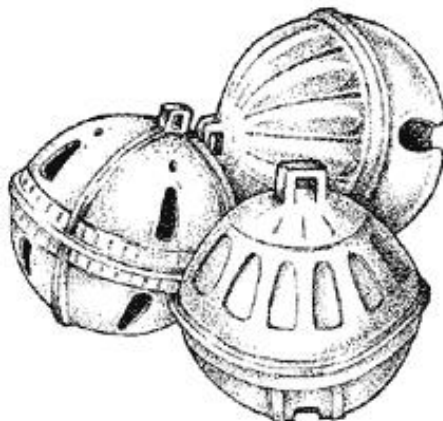
General Account- as of October 23, 2014

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET
	2014	2014	2015
Book Sales	\$5525.00	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Dad's Railroad	\$300.00	\$850.00	\$ --
Dues	\$4500.00	4750.00	\$4750.00
Christmas party income	\$600.00	\$680.00	\$600.00
Non-member research fee	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Fund Raising	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$2035.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$10925.00	\$8780.00	\$9885.00
EXPENSES:			
Books for sale	\$400.00	\$266.00	\$270.00
Misc.	\$1300.00		\$100.00
Licenses	\$250.00	\$260.00	\$280.00
Charity	\$100.00	\$108.00	\$350.00
Copier	\$1200.00	\$2609.00	\$3000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$250.00	\$105.00	\$110.00
Entertainment Christmas party	\$600.00	\$680.00	\$600.00
Equipment repair	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$450.00

Furniture	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Office Supplies	\$2000.00	\$\$1328.00	\$1400.00
Postage & Delivery	\$600.00	\$712.00	\$750.00
Pathfinder postage & reproduction	\$1500.00	\$800.00	\$850.00
Prof & Legal fees	\$625.00	\$665.00	\$665.00
Publishing of books	\$1750.00	\$ --	\$1000.00
Website Expense	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$10925.00	\$7933.00	\$9885.00

Operating Expenses- Mortgage Sinking Fund

INCOME	BUDGET 2015
2014 Carryover	\$6706.00
Pledges	<u>\$4700.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$11406.00
EXPENSE:	
Mortgage payments	<u>\$10167.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$10167.00
2015 Year End Carryover	\$1239.00



“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 Fiftieth Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised at Montgomery, Stewart, Cheatham and Humphreys Counties, and was organized on Christmas Day, 1861 at Fort Donelson, with G.W. Stacker, colonel. In January it moved over to assist Fort Henry, and February 6 returned to Fort Donelson and assisted in the contest there which resulted in the surrender. Nearly half of the regiment escaped capture. In September 1862, the regiment was exchanged and was reorganized at Jackson, MI; C.A. Sugg became colonel. It then operated in Mississippi, skirmishing several times. In November it was consolidated with the First Tennessee Battalion. It was at the bombardment of Port Hudson. In May 1863, it moved to Jackson, and May 12 took an active part in the battle of Raymond. It also fought at Jackson. In September it joined Bragg in Georgia. On the way, in a railroad accident, 13 men were killed, and 75 wounded. The regiment reached Chickamauga in time to take an active part. It was in the bloodiest part of that awful contest, losing 132 of 186 engaged. Col. T.W. Beaumont was killed; Maj. C.W. Robertson took command, but was mortally wounded. November 25, at Mission Ridge, the regiment was again cut to pieces, Col. Sugg of the brigade being mortally wounded. The regiment was then consolidated with the Fourth Confederate Regiment (Tennessee). It wintered at Dalton, and in the spring and summer of 1864 fought at Resaca, Calhoun Station, Adairsville, Kingston, New Hope Church, “Dead Angle”, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and elsewhere, losing many valuable men. It moved north, fought at Franklin and Nashville, then marched to North Carolina where, in April 1865, it surrendered.

The Fifty-first Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was organized at Henderson early in 1862, with eight companies, four from Shelby and Tipton counties, and four from Madison and Henderson counties. It was first commanded by Col. Browder. It participated in the siege of Forts Henry and

Donelson, at which time it was only a battalion, and at the latter battle was assigned to artillery service, and consisted of only about sixty effective men. Col. Browder and part of the battalion were captured, but the lieutenant-colonel, John Chester, gathered the remainder together and with two other companies from Madison and Tipton, reorganized and moved to Corinth doing provost duty during the battle of Shiloh. It was then consolidated with the Fifty-second, with John Chester, colonel. On the Kentucky campaign it fought at Perryville, doing splendid execution, and losing 8 killed and about 30 wounded. At Murfreesboro it captured a battery and about 600 prisoners. At Shelbyville many of the men captured at Donelson rejoined the regiment. It was engaged at bloody Chickamauga with great gallantry, and again at Missionary Ridge. In many of the battles from Dalton to Atlanta it participated and later at Franklin and Nashville lost very heavily. A small remnant was surrendered at Greensboro, NC.

The Fifty-Second Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment was raised in west Tennessee late in 1861, and was organized with B.J. Lea as colonel. In January 1862, it was stationed to guard the Tennessee railroad bridge, by order of Gen. Polk. It participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, and was then stationed at Henderson's Station, in west Tennessee, where it remained until ordered to Corinth in March 1862. It moved with the army to Shiloh, and of its action in that battle Gen. Chalmers, its brigade commander, reported as follows: "A few skirmishers of the enemy advanced secretly and fired upon the Fifty-second, which broke and fled in the most shameful confusion, and all efforts to rally it were without avail, and it was ordered out of the lines, where it remained during the balance of the engagement, except companies commanded by Russell and Wilson, which gallantly fought in the Fifth Mississippi Regiment." In many a bloody battle afterward it redeemed itself nobly. It was consolidated with the Fifty-first and was at Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga and in all the general engagements of the Georgia campaign; came back with Hood and fought at Franklin, Nashville, and elsewhere, and marched down to NC, where it surrendered April 1865.

GRUNDY COUNTY TEACHING

Marie Parks Malone

PART II- The entire community was most cooperative and supportive of the school and its program. Never refusing to help in what soever way they could.

Sometimes even to the point of postponing their work to do so. And when a little program was planned for the evening all came carrying their kerosene lanterns. These lanterns furnished the light for the building, casting a soft yellow glow over the stage and in the room. I never saw a flashlight the entire time I spent in this community.

All of the above sounds as if there were no rough spots. Of course there were. We had a couple of children who were almost ostracized by others. It really took a lot of psychology (thought I didn't know I was using it) to include them in the bees, programs, recess games and etc.

Frightful things happened also, for instance the snake incident. One day at the noon recess I was called from my lunch to settle a dispute in a baseball game. I leaned over the porch railing to talk with the two boys, and heard a soft thud above my head. Naturally I glanced up and there just inches from above my head was a snake swinging like a pendulum with a bird in its mouth. Needless to say, the ball game was forgotten. Then there was the lice episode. I happened to see them when I leaned over one of my girls. Luckily it was Friday, so I sent all the children home early after announcing that lice were in the school. Everyone was to have their mother inspect every head at that time. Which I did. One more hurdle passed and one more experience safely weathered.

The two little houses at the end of the paths down in the woods also had to be inspected and occasionally scrubbed. The older boys took care of theirs. The girls did theirs. This was easily taken care of as all the children were clean. In fact they seemed to take pride in having everything clean and neat. They helped with the cleaning of the school room, dusted the erasers, washed the blackboards, and gathered up any litter that might get on the grounds. We all worked and thought nothing of it, but accepted it as a way of life.

There were things that went on in the community that I was not supposed to be aware of and indeed I suppose they affected the school at all. But they were interesting, and certainly added a little "spice" to life. For example, the cemetery was right beside the school, and when I would walk over for my mail after school and perhaps stop to visit with someone, I would have to pass by the cemetery on my way home. Lighting up my way with a borrowed kerosene lantern. One very dark evening two men were digging in the cemetery were seen. Of course I could not let them see me, so I quickly extinguished my light and hurriedly and quietly passed by. The next morning I went early to school and there was a small freshly dug patch of earth to one side over by the fence. Of course I never, but never,

mentioned this or the fact that I occasionally had reason to suspect that the building had been in use the evening before, and I always banked the coal fire, and could tell that it had been disturbed, possibly some gambling was going on.

Laughter came easily to me, as well as the children. I tried to learn as much of their language as I could. Naturally my pronunciation and “mix-ups” caused merriment. As when one Sunday afternoon some of us were out walking. I “kinda” had a date with an older brother, and was trying out my smattering of German. But I used the word for “petticoat” in place of the word for bell. So it came out there is a pretty cow with a petticoat on, this caused lots of laughter and some embarrassment- after all, this was 1928.

For several one primary girl came and stood at my desk and literally gazed at me while I was having my lunch. Finally I asked her why. She replied, “I like to see the little holes in your face go in and out when you chew”. I always suspected that I did look ridiculous with dimples. My being much too tall, much too skinny and much too stringy headed. This is the only time in my entire life when my personal appearance was actually funny to me and made me laugh.

One small boy had an ugly black scar on his face. He had been kicked by a horse a few years previously and his mother had put soot from the fireplace in the wound to stop the bleeding. This youngster was belligerent and defensive toward me as well as towards the other children. One day when he had been usually disruptive I asked him to stay for few minutes after school for a little talk. As soon as the others were out the door he came up to me with his hands in his pockets and his shoulders thrust forward, and said, “You can beat me too, if you want to, everyone else does, but I can tell you right now that it won’t do no good”. I looked at that frail little boy, the white face with the ugly black scar and my heart really broke. Impulsively I put my arms around those thin little shoulders and kissed him. He started crying, and of course I did too. He wiped his eyes and nose on his sleeve and asked, “do you sure ‘nuff like me”? From that day on he was no more a problem, but tried to be helpful in every way. I have wondered what ever became of him, if he learned to be happy and if he still has to carry the burden of the black horseshoe. Yes, I was successful with him, but there were others whom I failed.

A boy I shall call John, this not being his real name, showed absolutely no interest in anything constructive. Never did I find the right way to reach him. I never thought he was mentally retarded, but I never found the proper channel of

approach, I was a complete failure with him all the while knowing that he needed someone. Hopefully, someone else came along who could and did.

An interesting sidelight was the comments made by the girls on our clothes. Of course the teachers wardrobe changed very little from one school year to the next. It was not unusual during the first few weeks of school for some girls to remark, "Why, Miss Marie, you wore that dress last year". As long as a dress was presentable, one wore it. It being somewhat different with the children as they were growing rapidly. Clothes were passed down in their families. The children all changed from school clothes to work clothes as soon as they reached home. Thus the same dress or shirt may be worn to school for a week and not look mussed.

I have said very little in this chapter about the actual teaching of the three R's. The state prescribed course of study was followed in every class, and followed to the letter. Another reason I have not written very much about the class work is that it has been covered so adequately in other chapters. Especially the chapter by Edmund Nussbaum, who was one of my very bright students at the Gruetli school. And who himself went on to teach in a small rural isolated one room school.

As best as time would allow, we tried to work in a little something extra for added interest and for cultural purposes. We had no libraries, so I would take an occasional book from my home. This would be read aloud as a special treat when everything went well, or on days when the weather was too bad for playground activities. The books most enjoyed were "Beautiful Joe", a dog story, "Black Beauty", and "Heidi". And of course, Louisa Mae Alcott's books.

Near the close of my last year in the colony I was asked if I would like to go to Palmer the following year. Palmer, at that time was a prosperous mining town, it actually had hard surfaced streets, a café and a movie. After thinking it over, I accepted. The idea of a larger school with only one grade to teach, more coworkers with who to associate, a furnace, a janitor and indoor plumbing sounded just too good to turn down. So I went. I gained all of those things, but I also lost so very much.

My experiences there is another story.

"You live as long as you are remembered", Russian proverb

SCHOOL RECORDS FROM 1849

Janelle Layne Taylor

A list of the scholastic population of district #12.

	Boys	Girls
Roberts, James	1	4
Warren, Jno	4	5
Calhoun, W.J.	1	
Camel, Wm (probably should be Campell)	2	2
Cleavland, David	1	
Thomason, Marilla		1
Kilby or Kirby, Martain	2	2
Sartain, G.W.	1	4
Purson, Wm	2	1
Guyinn, N.		1
Payne, Cleavland	2	1
Purson, Richman	3	2
Tucker, Wm	2	2
Tucker, Samuel		2
Graham, Arthur M.		2
Davis, Rolan F.	1	3
Cornilison, Jesse	2	1
Cornilison, Jesse, Jr.	1	
Roberts, R.L.	2	1

Sartain, James	1	2
Edding, Andrew	1	
Phipps, Samuel		1

We the undersigned commissioners of the 12th school district do certify that this contains the scholastic population of the children over 6 years old and under 21 years of age this 30 day of June 1849. Jno Warren, James Roberts, W.J. Calhoun

**GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE LICENSES,
1850-1874**

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GRUNDY COUNTY, TN (1850-1874)

Hassler, Jacob	Schild, Margaret	02 Feb 1870
Hawk, George	Scott, Susannah	16 Jan 1867
Haynes, H.P.	Patton, G.C. Miss	02 May 1870
Haynes, H.P.	Patton, T.E. Miss	02 May 1866
Haynes, J.B.	McFinnis, Mary C.	25 Aug 1870
Haynes, S.E. Miss	Hall, T. H.	20 Aug 1874
Heard, John	Lewis, Mary Jane	08 Oct 1858
Heath, Wm. A.	Cope, R.M. Miss	03 Nov 1863
Henley, John P.	Bell, Margaret T.	28 Jul 1867
Hennegar, Josiah	Stoth, Mary	20 Jul 1863
Henry, Patrick	Morton, Sarah	16 May 1861

Hensley, Martha F.	Eavens, John W.	15 Apr 1856
Henson, Martha Jane	Myers, Hollin	24 Apr 1853
Hepner, Annie C.	Garrett, W.H.	08 Oct 1874
Higgenbothan, Charles W.	Perry, Emelia	26 Jul 1864
Hill, Caroline C.	Stone, Thomas	31 Jul 1855
Hill, John	Newman, Mary	16 Jun 1857
Hill, P.W. Miss	Reed, Joseph	23 Jun 1853
Hills, James A.	Pearson, Margaret	09 Oct 1858
Hinchliff, Titus W.	Judd, Lucy A.	11 May 1874
Hobbs, Alexander	Nunley, Elizabeth	15 Nov 1862
Hobbs, Alexander	Smartt, Sarah Jane	19 Jun 1860
Hobbs, Archibald	Bone, Martha	24 Oct 1860
Hobbs, Calvin	Smartt, Elizabeth	24 Jan 1873
Hobbs, Christopher	Reynolds, Nancy	09 Sep 1852
Hobbs, Christopher	Smith, Elizabeth	05 Feb 1855
Hobbs, Diadia	Nunley, Jesse	05 Jan 1857
Hobbs, Elizabeth	Fults, Samuel E.H.	10 Apr 1855
Hobbs, Emeline	Hobbs, Wm. R.	29 Jun 1868
Hobbs, H.S.	Payne, Martha	18 Mar 1873
Hobbs, Harriet	Carson, John	22 May 1871
Hobbs, James	Campbell, Elizabeth	16 Dec 1868
Hobbs, James	Dykes, Sarah	07 Feb 1863
Hobbs, James	Dykes, Sarah	26 Jan 1861
Hobbs, John	Bennett, Mary A.	01 Nov 1872

Hobbs, John	Barrett, Aurena	02 Nov 1868
Hobbs, John	Brown, Prudy	11 Mar 1860
Hobbs, Lucinda	Northcutt, Jake	13 Jul 1850
Hobbs, Lucinda	Still, James	17 Dec 1862
Hobbs, Lurany	Tate, Andrew J.	02 Sep 1852
Hobbs, Manerver	Wright, Starling	07 Jul 1863
Hobbs, N.B.	Nunley, Jane	12 Jan 1858
Hobbs, Richard	Meeks, Bertha	26 Jul 1871
Hobbs, Russell	Rodgers, Polly	23 May 1861
Hobbs, Wm R.	Hobbs, Emeline	29 Jun 1874



John David Wilde store in Pelham, TN next to Hwys. 41 & 50.

Blount Co., Ala JOHN W. BYARS 11/1/1815 - 2/12/1872
 Married 6/28/1834 REBECCA HARWOOD 6/10/1814 - 10/19/1855

Manerva 5/15/1835 - 11/23/1898 Married - Thomas
 Joseph 1836

Margaret 3/26/1838 - 2/24/1903 AR Married Pleasant Mullins 11/4/1858

Sarah E. 1/1/1840 - 7/12/1907 AR(1) Married Lewis McAnally 4/18/1858
 Grundy Co. (2) John Quincy Adams ~~2/9/1878=1886~~

Lucy 1841

Malissa 1842 AR Married Joseph Mullins 7/8/1860

Susanna Lurania 1845

Married 1/26/1862 JOHN W. BYARS
 Jefferson Co., AL SARAH JANE MORGAN 11/21/1844 - 9/5/1903

Joab Lambirth 2/15/1867 - 6/13/1931 Married Minda Amanda Teague

William (Willie) 1864 Married Nancy Isabell Crow ¹⁸⁵¹ _{6/28/60}

Mary 1863 - 1929 Married Silas N. Pearson

Grundy Co., Tn SARAH JANE BYARS
 Married 4/6/1873 THOMAS MEEKS

Frances 2/1874 (Frankie) Married - Robert Rohelie

Leona 1878 Married - William Hamilton

Lullar 1876 (Lula) ⁽¹⁾ _{11/11/1926} Married - Dallas Yokley ^{11/20/1874}
 BURIED EASTERN STAR CEMETERY 12/26/1956
 SEWANEE, TN. (2) NETTIE G. GASS

John W. Byars was killed in logging accident on 2/12/1872. It is unknown where he is buried. They lived in Limestone Co.

Sarah Jane left Thomas Meeks (Nickname Sugarfoot) because he was so mean to her and the children. Lambirth and her then raised the girls.

Sarah Byars Meeks is buried at Clouse Hill Cemetery, Tracy City, TN

Note: Margaret & Malissa married brothers in Alabama then moved to Arkansas, Mazarn Co. Manerva and Sarah Elizabeth husbands were killed in the Civil War. Sarah then married in Grundy Co., TN to John Quincy Adams. After his death she moved to Arkansas and is buried there.

The following photographs are from www.findagrave.com.

Birth: Aug. 21, 1797
 Nash County
 North Carolina, USA
 Death: Nov. 26, 1881
 Walker County
 Alabama, USA

This is my GGgrandfather, I enjoy hearing from any other relatives.

Family links:

Spouse:

Linnie Brantley Morgan (1802 - 1884)

Children:

Reuben M. Morgan (1828 - 1922)*

Robert J. Morgan (1834 - 1918)*

Antalisa Loucresa Amerzener Morgan Davis

(1806 - 1862)*

M.C. Maston Morgan (1837 - 1923)*

Narsissis Morgan Davis (1841 - 1900)*

Melvin W. Morgan (1846 - 1906)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Davis Cemetery

Dora

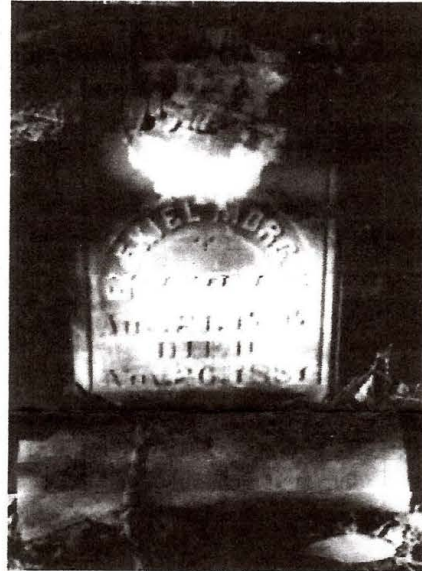
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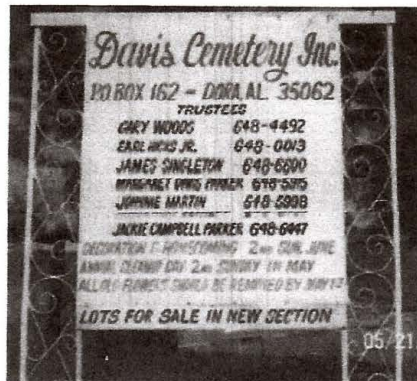
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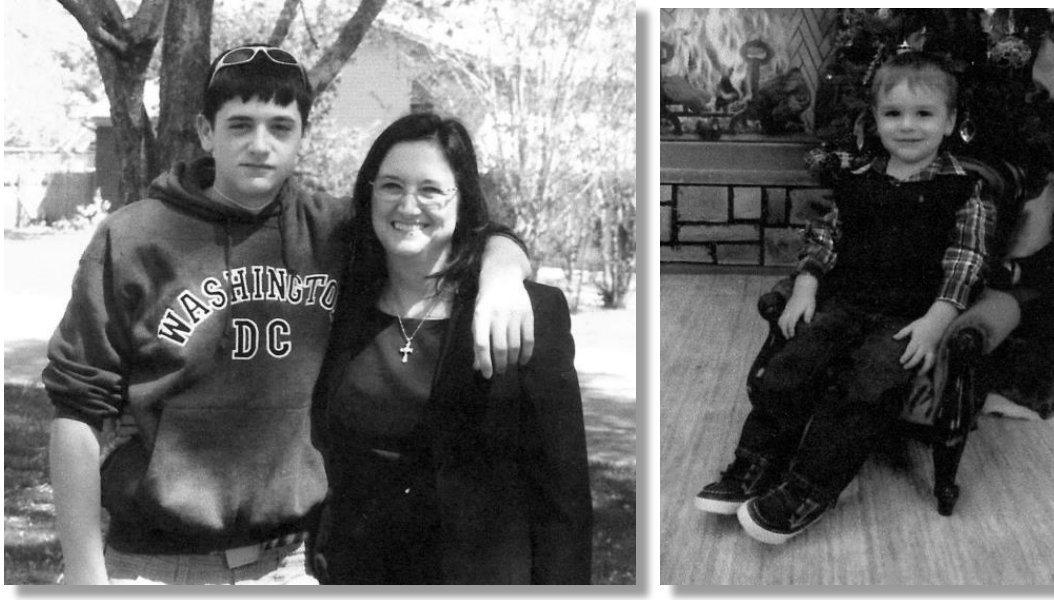


Cemetery Photo

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Andrew and Joyce Shrum



Donald William and Debbie Shrum Rains (left), William Alexander (Alex) Rains

JOHN ELIJAH SMITH, LAWMAN, OF PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY

Explanation of the shooting as told by Wayne Clay to Janelle Taylor, 31 July 14.

The tombstone of John Elijah Smith, who is buried in the Laxson Cemetery in Providence Community of Grundy County, TN, states the following: “Killed: He lived an upright life and died for law and order.” John was born May 31, 1851, and died July 5, 1894. On December 8, 1877, he married Nancy Catherine Bradshaw. They are said to have had 12 children.

John Elijah Smith is reported to have had a blacksmith shop on the banks of Elk River in the Providence Community behind the Ed & Virgie (Tucker) Laxson home. In addition to his blacksmithing, John Elijah was a constable. His wife Nancy Catherine died on April 1, 1894, so he was a widower when the unfortunate incident occurred. He attempted to arrest a man (name now unknown), but the man resisted and apparently pulled a gun. Smith shot him in the shoulder, but the man “border shifted”, meaning he transferred his gun to his good hand, and shot Smith, killing him and leaving his twelve children orphaned.

BROTHERS OF THE BROOM

Carl Goodman

We were a monopoly and didn't know it.

With a tight grip, from the late 1940s to the early 1960s, my three brothers and I swept the dry goods department of the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company Store in Tracy City, never once relinquishing that broom. The job never paid more than \$5 per month, but unlike our many other jobs, it was a salaried position, and they were few and far between.

That \$5 may not seem like a lot of money today, but it had the buying power of more than \$40 in today's currency. And it was steady work. The broom gave us not only a steady income but a Wall Street style line of credit. When we needed a pair of socks or shoes, we could charge them against our salary. (I love that word salary. It comes from the Latin word *salarium*, originally salt money, or money to buy salt. Roman soldiers received part of their pay in salt.)

We were already familiar with the store. Our father, Dillon Goodman, a coal miner, was once paid in script redeemable at coal company stores in Tracy City, Coalmont and Palmer. That pay system eventually disappeared, freeing miners and their families to shop wherever they pleased.

We swept the store five days a week. That did not include Wednesday, when the store closed at noon, or Sunday, when the store was not open at all. It took about an hour to sweep, or about five hours a week, or 20 hours per month. That's about 25 cents per hour. The Federal minimum wage at that time was 40 cents per hour.

My oldest brother Robert, now a retired forestry professor in North Carolina, was the first of the broom brigade. To be eligible for the job, he had to have a Social Security number, at the ripe old age of 11. He remembers going to the Post Office, then in the heart of downtown Tracy City, and receiving his card in an official U.S. Government envelope from Post Master Clarence Kilgore Sr. It was a proud day. He went to the store directly from Shook School and reported to Hazel Geary, a pleasant but no-nonsense business manager whose tenure with the store continued until its closing. In the meantime, Robert kept his other jobs milking cows and grading eggs for Ray Ingman.

He admitted, in a telephone interview from his home in Goldsboro, N.C., that he rarely saw any money from the company store job. "I took most of it up in trade," he said. "It was an easy way to stay in socks and underwear."

I would receive the broom from Robert at the ripe age of 11 with an equally valid Social Security number. It was 1955. Tennessee Ernie Ford's "16 Tons" was at the top of the charts, and I was in the eighth grade at Shook School--the only "salaried" student in my class. With my earnings, I proudly paid for my own shoes (\$6) and haircuts (50 cents).



Constructed in the 1890s, the company store was a commanding, two-story brick building downtown with offices in the back. You could access the dry goods department either from downstairs through the grocery store or from a parking lot in the back. Inside, you climbed an enclosed stairwell. From outside, you walked up an open wooden ramp. Most dry goods customers entered by the ramp. While the downstairs had a concrete floor, the upstairs consisted of well-worn, heart pine flooring.

The dry goods department was a warren of counters, shelves, boxes and enclosed glass cases. Mannequins were few and most merchandise was either behind the

counter or in a case. Dress patterns were available for leisurely inspection, and along a wall nearby were countless bolts of fabric. A multi-drawer case contained spools of thread of every color. They equipped the many customers, mostly ladies, who made their own clothes. For those who didn't, there were "store bought" shirts, blue jeans and overalls for men and shirt waist dresses, skirts and blouses for women. There was a dressing room behind dark curtain toward the back. In a far corner of the store, near a window, was an area to try on shoes. Customers would pay for their purchases from across a wide wooden counter and the amounts would be tallied on an old cash register that displayed its numbers at the top and clanged proudly with each purchase. When change was needed, the clerk used a dumb waiter system that connected the dry goods and grocery departments.

THE BURNETT HOME IN BURROWS COVE

Edwin Burnett

Traveling east on Tennessee state route 50 from Pelham, Tn., just past the junction of the road to Payne's cove, is the old Burnett home built in 1880 by John "Squire" Burnett. By the standards of 1880, the home was not a mansion but well above the average home of that era. John Burnett was a self-made man who came from very humble beginnings. His father, Elihu Burnett, died in 1844 when John was 14. He was the oldest child and was the chief bread winner of the family. Elihu and Celia Burnett had seven children: John, William, Stephen, Jefferson, Felix Grundy, James Wesley and Martha. The 10 years after Elihu Burnett's death had to be difficult for Celia and her family. There is no record that Elihu ever owned any land. The 1850 census indicates that John and Stephen were farmers who owned horses, mules and cattle but owned no land. William married Minerva Burrows in January 1854. John married Martha Jane Rust in August 1854. Stephen married Louisa Clark in March 1855. We are not certain how Celia was supported between 1855 and her death in 1858, but it is safe to assume that her married sons continued to support her.

After Celia's death, Stephen and his family along with Stephen's brothers Jefferson, Felix Grundy and James Wesley moved to Barry County Missouri. They left Burrows cove in a covered wagon pulled by oxen and took a milk cow to provide milk for Stephen and Louisa's young daughter. Celia's daughter, Martha, lived with John Burnett until her marriage to William Iley Crabtree in 1880. Grundy county tax records indicate that John Burnett did not own land

until 1857 when he bought 45 acres valued on the tax records at \$450. John Burnett would go on to purchase approximately 200 acres in Burrows cove prior to his death in 1903.



John and Martha Jane Burnett had 9 children: William Lee (Uncle Lee), Isaac Newton, Margaret Minerva Caldon (Aunt Cal), Laura Lanet, John B., Elijah Phinnes, Elizy Exie, Dellie Eugene and Stephen. Stephen and Exie died in infancy. Lee and Cal never married. The other men married late in life. John B. Burnett finally married when he was 45 years old. Cal never left home and Lee's working life had him back living at home for long periods. This would prove to be a serious domestic problem for the next generation. The large family proved to be a good supply of farm labor for John "squire" Burnett. He was elected to the position of Justice of the Peace in 1876. The extended family was living in a cramped log cabin which was located across the road from the current Burnett home. After his election to the Justice of Peace, John began building the new home. It was completed in 1880. Sadly, his wife, Martha, died shortly before the home was ready to occupy. Another tragedy struck John the day his wife was buried. He returned home to find that his youngest son, Stephen, had died that day. Both were buried in the Warren Cemetery in Pelham.

The new home had to be a welcome life style change. Six adults and two children had lived in a log home that had at most two rooms and a loft. The new home was two story with two large living areas on the bottom floor separated by

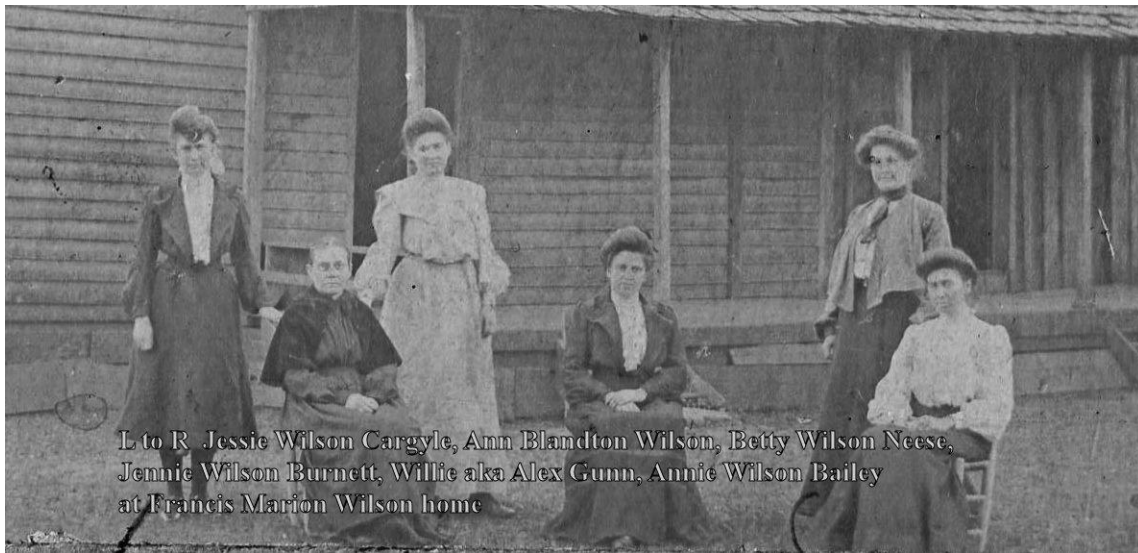
an open area known as “dog run”. The upstairs was one open room and was sleeping quarters for the single men.



The picture above shows the house as it stood in the late 1980s. There were three chimneys, one for each of the two first floor living areas and one for the kitchen which is in back of the right living area. The “front room” on the right side was the family living area. There was a front door to the living area and a side door that exited onto the “dog run” but no door back to the kitchen and dining room area. John Burnett had been elected to the position of justice of the peace before moving in to the new home. After moving in, he held JP court in the front room and had the door that was originally installed to the kitchen sealed. He didn’t want people having business with the court “gawking at his women folk”. There was a door to the kitchen from the back porch and a door from the kitchen leading out to the well that provided water for the family. The kitchen was large by comparable kitchens of the day. The dining area could comfortably seat 20 people. A corner of the dining area was used for sewing. A root cellar was under the dining area that was approximately 10 ft. by 10 ft. Separate from the house was a large smoke house used for curing and storing meat. The lot that held the house was approximately two acres with large oak and hickory trees. There were cedar trees in the front near the road. There was a chicken coop in the back part of the lot. John B. Burnett bought a 1927 chevy and built a garage for it which was on the back left part of the lot. When the depression began, the car spent most of its life in the garage because of the

shortage and high cost of gasoline. The family outhouse was about 120 feet from the back door on a path that led to a large barn. The home was in continuous use from 1880 until Dec. 26, 1975 when its last occupant, Jenny Wilson Burnett, died. She was 98 when she died and the home was finally equipped with cold running water a few years before her death. It never had an inside bathroom or water heater.

After John “squire” Burnett died in 1903, there were only 3 people living in the home. Isaac Newton Burnett had married Lula Wooten and moved to Hillsboro, Tn. Laura Burnett had married Henry Hall White and moved less than ¼ mile to her new home. Elijah Phinnes Burnett had married Lytle Rust and moved to Decherd, Tn. Dellie Eugene Burnett married three years after his father’s death and moved to Tracy City, Tn. “Uncle Lee” attended Normal school in Tullahoma and taught high school for a while. He held different jobs that allowed him to live in the Burnett home for periods of several years. He never married and died at home in 1942. “Aunt Cal” never married and lived in the home until her death in 1944. John B. Burnett finally married Mary Jane Wilson (Jenny) in 1907. He was 45 years old and Jenny was 35 which by the standards of the day really late in life to be married for the first time.



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**That man is the richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.
Henry David Thoreau**

GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855

Transcribed by Sharon Goodman

Be it remembered that at a county court begun and held for the county of Grundy at the house of Jessee Wootten on Cumberland mountain, on the first Monday it being the 2nd day of August A.D. 1847- and 72nd year of the independence of the United States. Present the worshipful John Burrows, Richard I. Price and Richard Bradford, espquires Justices.

There being no business for the court to transact court adjourned until court in course.

John Burrows, Richard Bradford, R. I. Price

Revinue collectors bond

Know all men by these presents that we, J.G. Gentry, Philip Roberts, Benjamin Layne, and John M. Morrow all of the county of Grundy and State of Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto Aaron V. Brown Govenor of the State of Tennessee for the time being and his successors in office in the penal sum of four hundred dollars, the whick payment well and truly to be made unto the said Aaron V. Brown Govenor, as aforesaid and his successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 5th day of July 1847.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas Philip Roberts, high sheriff of Grundy County refused to take upon himself the collection of the State and county tax of Grundy County for the Year 1847- and whereas the county court of said county at their April session 1847 elected the above bound J.G. Genry revinue collector for said county for said year, 1847- according to the provision of the act of assembly made and provided for. Now if the said J.G. Gentry, revinue collector do and shall well and truly and faithfully, collect all the State Tax put into his hands for collection, which by law he aught to collect, and pay the same into the treasury of the State of Tennessee, on, or before the last day of the year 1847, then this obligation to be void and of none effect else to remain in full force and effect.

J.G. Gentry (seal), Philip Roberts (seal), Benjamin Layne (seal), John M. Morrow (seal)

State of Tennessee

I have examined and approve of the above bond this 17th day of August 1847.

Andrew J. Marchbank, Judge & c.

GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS,

1850-1880

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

1870 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRUNDY COUNTY

Nunly, Willis- improved acres, 30; other unimproved land, 190; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; working oxen, 2; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$240; Indian corn, 250; oats, 20; Irish potatoes, 60; sweet potatoes, 40; butter, 20 lbs.; all produce, \$300.

Hobbs, Ryley- improved acres, 12; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; sheep, 2; swine, 16, value of livestock, \$214; Indian corn, 400; wool, 4 lbs.; peas & beans, 4; Irish potatoes, 46; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 28 lbs.; all produce, \$375.

Hobbs, Elizabeth- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 50; cash value of farm, \$4000; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 5; swine, wool, 10 lbs.; peas & beans, 6; Irish potatoes, 23; sweet potatoes, 6; butter, 65 lbs.; all produce, \$425.

Scott, Joh[n]athan- improved acres, 25; other unimproved acres, 2813 (?), cash value of farm, \$2500; horses, 2; milch cows, 3, working oxen, 4; other cattle, 10; sheep, 28; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 500; oats, 400; wool, 44 lbs.; peas & beans, 7; Irish potatoes, 46; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 75 lbs.; all produce, \$700.

Scott, John- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 1; swine, 15; value of livestock, \$200; Indian corn, 400; oats, 30; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 11; sweet potatoes, 9; all produce, \$318.

Hobbs, John Sr.- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 4; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$500; Indian corn, 250; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 14; sweet potatoes, 18; butter, 84 lbs.; all produce, \$418.

Lowry, William- improved acres, 60; other unimproved acres, 40; cash value of farm, \$1000; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 3; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$425; Indian corn, 700; oats, 200; wool, 6 lbs.; butter, 60 lbs.; all produce, \$620.

Nunly, Jesse- improved acres- 300; other unimproved acres- 1700; cash value of farm, \$15,000; horses, 7; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 5; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 3; sheep, 4; swine, 50; value of livestock, \$1500; Indian corn, 1000; oats, 900; wool, 12 lbs.; peas & beans, 10; Irish potatoes, 54; sweet potatoes, 60; butter, 46; all produce, \$2500.

Whitman, John- improved acres, 37; cash value of farm, \$600; horses, 2; milch cows, 2; other cattle, 1; sheep, 5; swine, 13; value of livestock, \$300; Indian corn, 500; oats, 150; wool, 10; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 19; butter, 31 lbs.; all produce, \$519.

Thompson, James- improved acres, 30; other unimproved acres, 45; cash value of farm, \$1000; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 3; sheep, 6; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$300; Indian corn, 300; oats, 100; wool, 14 lbs.; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 19; butter, 39 lbs.; all produce, \$417.

Hobbs, Christopher- improved acres, 30; other unimproved acres, 120; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 2; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 6; other cattle, 3; swine, 35; value of livestock, \$800; Indian corn, 400; oats, 300; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 18; sweet potatoes, 8; butter, 54 lbs.; all produce, \$444; tobacco, 12 lbs.

Hobbs, John C.- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, \$200; horses, 3; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 1; swine, 7; value of livestock, \$400; Indian corn, 250; oats, 75; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 35; sweet potatoes, 22; butter, 59 lbs.; all produce, \$300; tobacco, 8 lbs.

Carson, Samuel- improved acres, 20; cash value of farm, 300; swine, 1; value of livestock, \$15; Indian corn, 100; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 1; sweet potatoes, 4; all produces, \$100.

Northcutt, Polk K.- improved acres, 18; cash value of farm, R (rent); horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$120; Indian corn, 300; oats, 300; butter, 19 lbs.; all produce, \$312.

Northcut, L.H.- improved acres, 300; other unimproved land, 4000; cash value of farm, \$15000; horses, 2; milch cows, 1; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 4; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$500; winter oats, 300; Indian corn, 600; oats, 700; peas & beans, 6; Irish potatoes, 40; sweet potatoes, 29; butter, 37 lbs.; wax, 10 lbs.; honey, 100 lbs.; all produce, \$800.

Northcut, Sarah- improved acres, 40; other unimproved acres, 400; cash value of farm, \$500; horses, 4; milch cows, 3; other cattle, 4; sheep, 30; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$300; winter wheat, 250; Indian corn, 240; oats, 200; wool, 60 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 20; sweet potatoes, 16; butter, 90 lbs.; all produce, \$425.

Northcut, John- improved acres, 60; other unimproved acres, 500; cash value of farm, \$1200; horses, 8; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 7; sheep, 35; swine, 52; value of livestock, \$900; winter wheat, 275; Indian corn, 800; oats, 900; wool, 64 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 56; sweet potatoes, 28; butter, 60 lbs.; all produce, \$1000; tobacco, 40 lbs.

Smart, Elizabeth- improved acres, 15; other unimproved acres, 145; cash value of farm, \$100; asses & mules, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 2; swine, 4; value of livestock, \$140; Indian corn, 30; peas & beans, 1; Irish potatoes, 11; sweet potatoes, 3; butter, 27 lbs.; all produce, \$60.

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Coppinger, Wm.- improved acres, 50; other unimproved acres, 25; cash value of farm, \$100; horses, 3; milch cows, 4; working oxen, 2; other cattle, 2; sheep, 12; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$700; winter wheat, 700; Indian corn, 25; wool, 10 lbs.; peas & beans, 5; Irish potatoes, 25; sweet potatoes, 10; butter, 150 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons; all produce, \$900; wages paid, \$50.

Abernathy, Thomas- improved acres, 15; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 1; other cattle, 1; swine, 12; value of livestock, \$400; winter wheat, 70; Indian corn, 200; oats, 50; Irish potatoes, 12 (?); sweet potatoes, 8; all produce, \$300.

Walker, Zedakia- improved acres, 16; cash value of farm, R (rent); horses, 3; milch cows, 2; swine, 20; value of livestock, \$700; Indian corn, 300; Irish potatoes, 10; sweet potatoes, 7; all produce, \$200.

Walker, F.M.- improved acres, 100; other unimproved acres, 148; cash value of farm, \$3500; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 1; sheep, 6; swine, 30; value of livestock, \$400; winter wheat, 70; Indian corn, 200; oats, 50; wool, 15 lbs.; peas & beans, 3; Irish potatoes, 6; sweet potatoes, 15; orchard produce, \$1000; molasses, 200 gallons; wax, 10 lbs.; honey, 300 lbs.; home manufactures, \$80; animals slaughtered, \$300; all produce, \$2000; farm machinery, \$300; wages paid, \$400.

Walker, Samuel- improved acres, 30; cash value of farm, \$475; horses, 5; milch cows, 3; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 1; sheep, 6; swine, 25; value of livestock, \$700; winter wheat, 30; Indian corn, 750; oats, 12; wool, 20 lbs.; peas & beans, 2; Irish potatoes, 5; butter, 56 lbs.; molasses, 20 gallons, home manufactures, \$200; animals slaughtered, \$300; all produce, \$1000; farm machinery, \$300; rye, 20.

Henson, Houston- improved acres, 75; other unimproved acres, 75; cash value of farm, \$1600; horses, 3; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 4; other cattle, 3; value of livestock, \$330; all produce, \$300.

Henson, John- improved acres, 2; other unimproved acres, 5; cash value of farm, \$300; horses, 1; milch cows, 2; working oxen, 1; swine, 10; value of livestock, \$300; all produce, \$425.

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