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## FOREWORD

Almost everyone in the community has helped in this unprecedented effort to record the history of our valley. We have tried to include every family represented here; however, if your family has been omitted, it was because we received no information from the questionnaires that were distributed to the individual families.

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We hope to continue our historical research. If you have anything to contribute, please contact Janelle Coats or Arlene Bean, Rt. 1, Pelham, Tennessee 37366. Chuck Sherrill also would like to correspond with anyone interested in area family histories. He may be contacted at this address: Chuck Sherrill, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, TN.

We hope you will enjoy our efforts to record the history of Pelham Valley.

\*Abbreviations used were m. - married, b-born, d-death, and ca-approximately.

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## PELHAM VALLEY MEMORIES

Pelham Valley, a place we love and call dear,  
A place if you ever lived, you will always want to return here.  
The work was hard for both Mama and Dad.  
They worked long and hard for what we had.  
You remember: Back then there was no T. V.  
If it had been available, may not have been a you or me.  
The children were happy, full of the dickens-  
Some families had more kids than they had chickens.  
Dad and Grandpa worked all day tilling the soil behind a mule and plow.  
No fancy tractor for them like it is now.  
Wonder what they would say about the tractors with their chrome and glass!  
I can hear them yelling, "Over that thing, I'll take my jackass."  
'Country life in Pelham- so special in spring,'  
Seeing our land and trees awake with green.  
In the summer, working in the bright sunshine  
'Picking up Potatoes', 'Pickin' Cotton'- lucky to make a dime!  
We did our share of work, winter, spring, summer and fall.  
We would still have time for "Kick the Can", "Hide and Seek" and  
a game of "Baseball"!  
The fall, prettiest time of all, looking at the mountain, seeing  
the mountain's colors come out.  
Looks as if Mother Nature took her paint brush and painted all about.  
Remember, in the morning the rooster would crow. You'd hurry to do  
this and that. That rooster didn't need an alarm clock; that old  
rooster had "gettin' -up time" down pat.  
Mother Nature would call to the little house with the star and moon.  
Sometimes you would forget just how far down the path was that little room.  
If you didn't walk to school, you rode in Grandpa's wagen!  
After school there were chores to do you didn't see our "rears" draggin'.  
The two-room school house- one room called "little room" one room  
called "big room" Two teachers having time for every kid.  
The chores after school were bringing in the wood, feeding the chickens,  
and milking the old cow!  
Then, study the "3-R's" Whatever happened to the "3-R's" anyhow?  
Come Sunday, to Sunday School and church dressed up smiling with a grin,  
Singing the old hymns from the old hymn books, wish they would use  
those old books again.  
When it was cold, with a red nose and flu knocking you around,  
you moved closer to the old fireplace- get one side warm the other  
side would cool down.  
Ah well, everything wasn't perfect, everything at your hand,  
So let's be thankful to be born here whether you are boy or girl. Remember  
you were born in the "Garden Spot of the World."  
Maybe this sonnet has put your brain to humming.  
I know when I die & meet Saint Peter at the gate; he will say,  
"Come in. You have done fine."  
I'll say, "Excuse me, Sir. I'll be right back. I gotta see Pelham  
just one more time."

Judy Patton Rickner  
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## ELK RIVER VALLEY GEOGRAPHY

Lying at the base of the Cumberland Plateau in Grundy County, TN, is the fertile Elk River Valley made up of the various small communities of Providence, Valley Home (also known as Crossroads or Mt. View), Pelham, Payne's Cove, Layne's Cove, Burrows' Cove, and Bell's Cove. There are many hollows and lesser known coves. These are: Roberts' Cove, part of which is called Hawk Hollow, another part of the same cove is called Bonner Hollow colloquially; Trussell Cove, located in behind Wayne & Mary Elizabeth Shelton's home; Smith Hollow, just past Leroy & Ruby Argo's home traveling northeasterly toward Payne's Cove; Parmley Hollow, located across the ridge and northeast of Smith Hollow; Procter Hollow, located behind Rilla Mae Givins' house; Limekiln & Spring Hollows, north of the Roberts' Cemetery in Payne's Cove; Orchard Hollow, deep in the head of Payne's Cove; Granny Hamby Hollow, along the Elk River south of Frank & Alma Woodlee's house; and Campbell Hollow, due north of Elkhead Church of Christ. These communities, hollows, and coves are located on the easternmost edge of the Eastern Highland Rim at 1020 ft. above sea level. The coordinates for the area (intersection of U.S. Highway 41 & TN Highway 50) are 30° 18' 36" North latitude and 85° 52' 52" West longitude.

The Elk River is the principal stream flowing through the area. It has its beginnings in Burrows' Cove at Elk Head where it flows from beneath the Cumberland Plateau from several springs, the principal one being Blue Springs. It is also fed at its head by Laurel Creek from the plateau and Jay's Creek which flows from Campbell Hollow. As the river continues its swift shallow movement downstream, it receives the waters of the Sartain Spring located at the base of Payne Ridge. Cold and swift, the water's movement continues on downstream until it is joined by the waters of Dry Creek out of Payne's Cove. The name of the creek indicates its usual condition until spring rains come. The aforementioned confluence is right at the Payne's Cove Road Bridge across the Elk. Prolonged periods of precipitation cause considerable flooding along the road. The Elk courses its way on to Valley Home where U.S. Highway 41 crosses it. Just a little further downstream is Bell's Mill, a favorite swimming hole and baptismal spot, as well as the site of an old mill where grain was ground using the power of the moving water. In the early days, this was also the site of a ford (crossing place) for travelers on Bell Road. On downstream from Bell's Mill, the Elk is joined by Caldwell Creek, which is fed by Henley Creek and Gilliam Creek, near Providence. The Elk continues on its way to the Franklin/Grundy County line to the bridge on TN Highway 50.

This location was formerly known as Patterson Ford because a large tannery operated by the Pattersons was located there before the Civil War. The Elk continues on to form the Woods Reservoir near Tullahoma. Flowing southward, it continues to Fayetteville, TN, then into Alabama where it shortly joins the Tennessee on its way to join the Ohio.

The Elk (Chuwalee to the Indians) River's course is 100 miles in length, and it is navigable as high up as Fayetteville at the mouth of Mulberry Creek in Lincoln County, TN.

No lakes are located in the Elk River Valley; however, one large marshy area known as Goose Pond is located on the property of Bill Henley in the Valley Home community. The Goose Pond has most recently (1985) been used as the site of a mud bog.

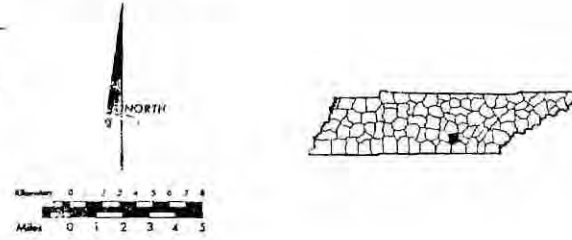
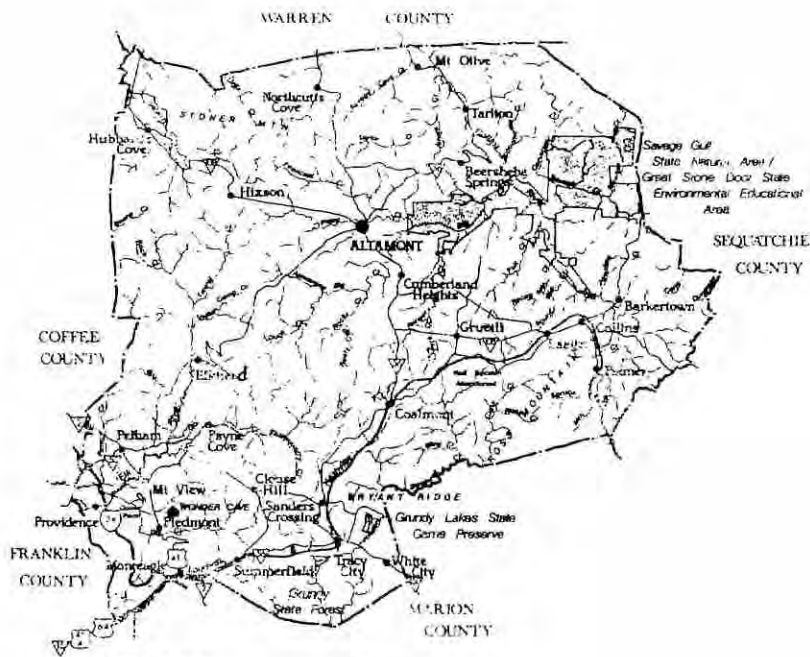
Many caves are located in the river valley. Probably the best known is Wonder Cave which has been open to the public for many years. Other large caves here are: Trussell Cave, located at the mouth of Trussell Cove, Saltpeter Cave and Big Mouth Cave, both located near the Roberts' Cemetery in Payne's Cove. Neither of these caves has been commercialized. Many smaller caves are located throughout the area. Having once been underwater, this region is underlain by large quantities of limestone, a sedimentary rock formed by the skeletal remains of tiny marine animals. Limestone reacts with acids formed in the soil. The acids eat away the limestone and form caves and sinkholes.

The fertile soils of the Elk Valley are valuable resources. They are made up mostly of yellow and red clays which were formed under mixed, deciduous forests. Present day crops include soy beans, wheat, corn, and hay crops. In past years cotton was of some importance, but it is no longer grown here. Vegetable gardens are widespread. Some farmers raise truck patch vegetables. The growing season is around 200 days.

Precipitation in this part of Tennessee averages 52"-56" annually. Temperatures rarely go below 0°; however, during January of 1985 temperatures dropped to a record -22°. Summer temperatures are mostly pleasant, but temperatures in the upper 80's and 90's are not uncommon to the valley.

Quarrying of limestone was a viable business in areas near Wonder Cave close to the Edgar & Nannie (Rieder) Parks home, on the Emmett & Elsie (Haynes) White property following the mountain road in a northeasterly direction from Jack & Janice (Burnett) White's residence, on Highway 50 at the Elbert & Elsie (Payne) Layne homeplace and next door behind the home of Tom & Janelle (Layne) Coats, on the Bell's Cove Road near Anna Mae Gilliam's residence and further around the same road at Grover & Margaret (Patterson) Partin's, and near the Grundy/Coffee County line nearby Robert & Elsie (Harlan) Brothers' home. These quarries were operational in the 1920's, 30's and some on into the 40's. As late as 1959 a quarrying operation was located on the Elmer & Elva (Hawk) Woodlee property on the side of the Burrows' Cove Mountain.

Present day Elk River Valley is served by three major highways. These are Interstate 24, an east/west route linking Chattanooga and Nashville, U.S. Highway 41, a north/south route also linking Chattanooga and Nashville, and Tennessee Highway 50 which links Decherd and Altamont.



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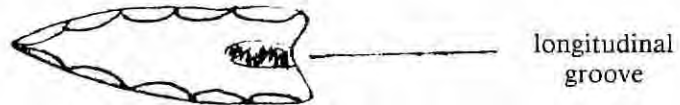
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**THEY WERE THE FIRST**

Ice Age hunters crossed the land bridge across the Bering Strait and migrated through Canada into what is now the United States. This migration is thought to have begun some 20-30 thousand years B.C. The first evidence of these hunters was discovered in New Mexico in 1926 when a number of projectiles (spear points) known as Clovis points were found. These fluted points are distinctive in that they have a longitudinal groove down the center.

**CLOVIS POINT**



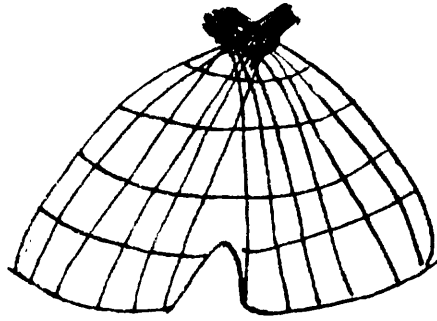
Since that time hundreds of Clovis points have been found throughout the Southeast with a majority coming from Northern Alabama and the Highland Rim of Tennessee.

The Ice Age campsite nearest to the Elk River Valley is the LeCroy site in Hamilton County, TN. Fifteen fluted points were found here along with hundreds of cutting and scraping tools. Fluted points have also been found in Coffee, Rutherford, and 27 other counties in Tennessee. None have been located in Grundy County, but one has to assume that since these have been found in adjacent counties on either side of Grundy, the Ice Age hunters also roamed the Elk River Valley.

The Ice Age or Paleo Indian culture gave way to the Archaic period which extended until 1000 B.C. Artifacts collected from this period are bone awls, needles, projectiles (arrow heads and spear points), knives, and beads. The Archaic Indians were hunters and gatherers and camped in caves or under rock shelters.

By about 1000 B.C. the Woodland culture replaced the Archaic Indians. The Woodland culture left behind many artifacts largely due to the large numbers of their population. They built circular houses with small saplings inserted in the ground as ribs for the outer walls of the dwelling. These ribs were tied together at the top then covered with grass, leaves, sticks, and branches. The Woodland groups also used caves and rock shelters for dwellings.





Woodland Dwelling

“The Woodland Indians frequently built earthen burial mounds to hold their dead. These mounds were sometimes built to cover a single body and at other times there were multiple burials in a single mound. Most of the mounds were relatively small, although the exact size is difficult to estimate because of constant erosion from man and the elements. Most have succumbed to the farmer’s plow, but there is a mound .6 mile south of Pelham on the east side of U.S. 41. The mound rises 10 feet above the surrounding terrain and measures 117 feet by 90 feet. It is precisely located, strangely enough, in Warren Cemetery. The Woodland gradually gave way to the Mississippi culture period. This, like the preceding cultures, was made up of many different tribes speaking different tongues.

The Mississippian Indians were much more agricultural and stationary in their lifestyle.” (Nunley & Bowdin) They were never here in large numbers as were the Woodlands.

Historic times brought the Cherokee and the Yuchi Indians to the Tennessee country. The Cherokee used the Elk River Valley as a hunting ground and for temporary camp sites. By 1835 the U.S. Government was rounding up the Indians (some 13,000 to 17,000 of them) in preparation of moving them West to Indian Territory, now the state of Oklahoma. This forced march westward was to become known as the Trail of Tears. About 1000 Cherokee Indians escaped into the mountains in East Tennessee thereby avoiding the march westward and keeping a remnant of the tribe alive in Tennessee and North Carolina. Many families in the Elk River Valley tell of Cherokee Indian ancestry in their family lines.

Leucindy “Aunt Lou” Thompson Meeks (b. 1849 d. 1916) wife of George Wilson “Wilse” Meeks was reputed to be the daughter of a Cherokee woman and a white man. Lou was described as a thin woman with straight black hair and dark skin who hardly ever wore shoes and smoked a corncob pipe.

The Yuchi Indians are remembered for their stone box burials. The graves of the Yuchi Indians were lined with large flat stones which were arranged to make a type of vault to encase the body. They resemble the Mississippian culture in many ways.

In 1540 during the Mississippian period, the first white men, scouts from DeSoto’s expedition, are thought to have crossed the Cumberland Plateau and the valley floor in search of “Chisca”, a place rich in copper and gold. “Chisca” may have been somewhere near Old Stone Fort in Manchester. Instead of gold, the scouts located only one poor Indian village so they returned to their party and continued on a more southerly route.

A vast prehistoric thoroughfare crossed the Elk River Valley. Archaeologist William E. Mayer called it the Cisca and St. Augustine Trail. This trail extended from Cisca, an Indian village at or very close to Old Stone Fort near Manchester to the Spanish settlement at St. Augustine, Florida. The trail ran from Old Stone Fort to Pelham, Elk River, Wonder Cave, and crossed the railroad branch line southeast of Monteagle, followed down Battle Creek, and crossed the Tennessee River near the mouth of Battle Creek. Early white settlers called this the Nickajack Trail because it led to the Nickajack town on the Tennessee River. It was over this trail on 8 Sept. 1794, that an expedition from the Nashville settlements traveled to attack the Indian town at Nickajack. (Nunley)

## TENNESSEE BEGINNINGS

All of what is now Tennessee was once part of North Carolina, but being across the Appalachian Mountains from the mother state, it received little attention. Eventually the “over the mountain men”, as ancestral Tennesseans were called, rebelled against North Carolina. In 1784 they set up a new state called Franklin and appointed John Sevier as governor. This new state came into being largely because North Carolina refused to help white settlers with troubles which developed between them and the Indians.

The state of Franklin was short lived, lasting only until 1788 when North Carolina regained control of it. Lacking interest in the territory and being unable to solve the Indian problems, North Carolina gave the region which was to become Tennessee to the U.S. Government in 1789. This land came to be known as the Territory of the U.S. South of the Ohio River. William Blount was its governor.

By 1796 the population of the territory, largely from Virginia and the Carolinas, had grown enough to ask for statehood. Tennessee entered the Union June 1, 1796, as the sixteenth state. Washington County which was set up in 1777 encompassed the entire state.

Most of the activity of the white man was centered in East Tennessee until 1779 when two groups of pioneers led by James Robertson and John Donelson moved into Middle Tennessee. By 1783 all of Middle Tennessee was considered one large county, Davidson. Grundy’s parent counties came to be in this order: From Davidson, Rutherford was formed; from Rutherford, Bedford and Warren were formed in 1807; from Bedford and Warren, Franklin was formed in 1807; from Bedford and Warren, Franklin was formed in 1807; from Franklin, Coffee was formed in 1836; from Coffee, Grundy was carved in 1844. (Everton)

## BEFORE GRUNDY

In the early 1830's some Franklin County residents desired to be cut off and made into another county which was to be named Jones County. It was to be created from Warren & Franklin Counties only and was to include the headwaters of the Elk and its watershed. This county never came to be; however, citizens in the extreme northeastern part of Franklin County (Elk River Valley) petitioned to become a part of Coffee County in Oct. 1837, giving reasons of being remotely situated from Winchester and consequently subject to much inconvenience and expense in attending courts and in transacting ordinary business there. They proposed this territory to be annexed into Coffee County: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the said Coffee County near Isaac Street's on the Winchester & McMinnville Stage Road thence to the foot of Cumberland Mountain to the Marion County line - thence with the Marion County line to the Warren County line - thence with the Warren County line to the Coffee County line - thence with the lines of said Coffee County to the Beginning embracing the settlements on the head of Elk River - for which as in duty bound we will ever pray. (original spellings used)

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| W. S. Mooney          | Samuel Burrows        | Silbourn Jones          | Larkin Bethel         |
| John Wilson           | Jesse Spain           | Joseph Jackson          | Wm. W. Thompson       |
| Joh Morrow            | Anthony Burrows Sen.  | David Cox               | G. N. Pully           |
| David Willis          | James R. Sartain      | Nathan Cox              | Roland Davis          |
| John B. Graham        | S. P. ? Cope?         | James Mayo              | John Smith            |
| R. T. Roberts         | John H. T. Bell       | David Muckleroy         | W. B. Wilson          |
| Joseph Willis         | A. S. Goodman         | Wm. H. Burrows          | Charles Cooper        |
| Jesse Cornelison      | Samuel Austell        | Jesse M. Gotcher        | William Warran        |
| McClellan McDaniel    | John Crockett, Sen.   | George W. Payne         | Allen Bratcher        |
| Moses Phips           | John G. Bostick, Jun. | Ephriam Phillips        | Jesse Eskinds         |
| John Burry            | William C. Crockett   | Wm. Spayn               | Hosey Rinald          |
| John McKelvey         | John T. Crockett      | David Burrows           | (covered by fold)     |
| Richard Person        | Wiley Harp            | James Roberts           | George W. Thompson    |
| Thomas Sanders        | William B. Miles      | Benjamin Todd Sen.      | (torn) Tucker         |
| Eles Person           | Henry M. Ballard      | David Parish            | Elijah Cornelison     |
| Jesse Larson          | Robert Taylor         | Benjamin Todd Jun.      | T. P. Stephenson      |
| Henry Jourden         | Jas. Howard           | Robt. Lackety, Sr.      | G. W. Chapman         |
| A. E. Patton          | James M. Sheid        | Wm. Riley               | James R. Harris       |
| Taswell Spain         | B. F. Payne           | Wm. Ballard             | Isham Womack          |
| James Meeks           | R. L. Singelton       | Samuel Tate             | Henry Gotcher         |
| Isaac Meeks           | Charles Rowland       | John Cate. Jnr.         | William Stephenson    |
| Jourden Sanders       | Philip Roberts        | John M. Caylor?         | Andrew J. Harris      |
| David Bowler          | D. G. Goodman         | Smith Blanton           | Thomas McGown         |
| Elijah McDaniel       | Joseph Crawford       | Miles Taylor            | Spencer Glasscock     |
| William Keith         | John King             | George Miller           | John Harp             |
| Charles Greer         | Bengaman Morow        | Zacharihar Burgess      | Wiley Harp            |
| David Tate            | Wm. Ward              | Joseph E. Burroughs     | Washington Riley      |
| A. E. Conn            | Thomas L. Gunn        | William M. Hopkins      | William Rankin        |
| Wm. W. Crabtree       | Chastelton Ward       | Ranker Tate             | Benton C. Stonestreet |
| S. P. Goodman         | Bergis Wals (or z)    | Wilis McEvow ?          | John Rankin           |
| Richard Bradshaw      | Daniel Wals (or z)    | Benj. Taylor            | Andrew Gillum         |
| Sutha Sanders         | James W. Stamps       | James P. Walker         | John Cagil            |
| John W. Bell          | William Perkins       | Andrew McGowen          | William Harp          |
| John G. Burrus        | Wm. Dunaway Signor    | James (X his mark) Reed | John Forsythe         |
| Wm. Hicks             | Thomas H. Cowan       | Elijah Cates            | Josiah Wilkins        |
| Morgan Price          | Nickerson Pulley      | Jacob D. Stephenson     | John A. Smith         |
| John Jones            | John Cate             | William Stroud, Jun.    | Lever Rowland         |
| Samuel Paine ?        | Samuel Thompson       | Thomas Wileman          | Cyrus Warren          |
| N. Turner             | Joseph T. Mileham     | James Wileman           | Robt. Lackey, Jr.     |
| William W. Sims       | Harison Cornelisan    | James Wilkinson         | Brisan Willis         |
| William Harper        | George W. Loveless    | John Hunter             | Charles Sawyers ?     |
| James Harper          | Lawson Wileman        | Elias Smith             | Isaac M. Wilkinson    |
| Henry Martin          | William McCowan       | Lovel D. Sartain        | George Milliken       |
| James Pety            | John Harker           | Wiley Malom             | John Hilton           |
| John Price            | Allen Mason           | James Sartain           | John Wileman          |
| Wm. C. Graham         | Robertson Nevill      | J. W. Ikard             | Eliisha Stonestreet   |
| Anthony Burrows, Jur. | Stewart Cowan         | Harris Gillam           | Harrison Wilson       |
| Pleasant Nevill.      | Wm. Harris            | Jas. Thomas             | John Mileham          |
| Daniel Havenor        | Daniel Ivey           | David McGown            | Coleman Mileham       |
| Isaac Roberts         | James Gorden          | John W. Morrow          | Luther O. Goodman     |
| Ely Cleveland         | Levi Craddock         | Samuel McGown           | Davis J. Pattie       |
| Wm. Person            | Arthur Grayham        | George Roberts          | Thomas B. Loveless    |

James Jackson, Jun.  
 Thomas Burrows  
 Geo. W. Thomas, Jun.

Charles Rowland (dup.)  
 Philip Roberts (dup.)  
 James N. (Y.?) Moore

John B. Webb  
 Jonas Webb  
 John Burrows

Bans Tomas  
 Peter Vibert  
 William Thompson

Coffee County approved the annexation of this area of Franklin County, and an election was held in Pelham on 3 Feb. 1838. A list of the voters follows;

John G. Bostick  
 James Jones  
 Ellis Pearson  
 Walter Mileham  
 Isaac M. Wilkinson  
 B. F. Payne  
 Joseph Willis  
 Amos Smith  
 William B. Clark  
 Samuel Parks  
 David T. Willis  
 Isaac Meeks  
 William Warren  
 John Moore  
 Allen Mason  
 William H. Floyd  
 Nathan Cox  
 John Mullins  
 John Price

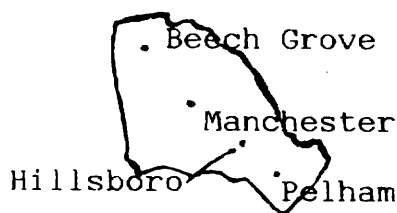
John Warren  
 Allen Morse  
 Jethro Goodman  
 Erasmus R. Tucker  
 John Burrows  
 Thomas Burnyne ?  
 Walter Crabtree  
 Henry Kilburn  
 John Meeks  
 Taswell Spain  
 William C. Wilkinson  
 Joseph Bradshaw  
 Jesse Evans  
 John W. Ikard  
 Archibald E. Conn  
 A. E. Patton  
 Washington Mullins  
 James Roberts  
 Isaac H. Roberts  
 William Bostick

Richard T. King  
 Thomas Saunders  
 Moses Phips  
 James Wilkinson  
 William Hicks  
 James H. Cornelison  
 John Rankin  
 Thomas Harrison  
 John McKelvey  
 Jesse McBride  
 Eli Moore  
 Thomas Murphy  
 Thomas Myers  
 Benjamin A. Burks  
 John Turner  
 Charles Cooper  
 John W. Bell  
 Richard T. Roberts  
 David Parrish  
 Levi Cradock

James D. Pattie  
 Richard Pierson  
 William Pierson  
 James Mayo  
 David G. Goodman  
 John Bradshaw  
 Samuel Sullinder  
 W. S. Mooney  
 Uriah Sherrell  
 Sedborn Jones  
 James I. Summers  
 Middleton McDaniels  
 Daniel Heifner  
 Gor. W. Cowan  
 Samuel Davidson  
 David Cox  
 Benjamin Todd, Sen.  
 Thompson Evans

Seventy-seven people voted in this election. Seventy-six approved of joining Coffee County, only one dissented. The Elk River Valley joined Coffee County where it remained until Grundy County was formed in 1844.

Coffee County  
 1844



By 1879, R. J. Only of Moffat (now the area around Monteagle) sought to create a new county made up of portions of Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, and Marion Counties. The new county was to be named Lea and would include the domain of the University of the South & Sewanee. This county, too, died shortly after its conception.

(Source: Coffee County Historical Society)

## BELL'S COVE

The name Bell's Cove comes from an early settler, Harriss Bell, whose son built and operated a water powered grist-mill on Elk River near where Elston and Shelby (Henley) Clay now live. The 1850 census of Grundy County shows Harriss, age 27; his wife, Rachel, 24; William O., 5; Margaret J., 2. By 1860, to his family had been added Robert L., 10; John, 8; and Mary M., 1. Living with the family was Jesse Laxon, 65.

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

The old mill finally closed in the mid 1930's when Sumner Bell was killed in a tractor accident. Over the years, piece by piece, the mill was torn away and now there is only the concrete base and the name, "Bell's Mill", to remind us of the once thriving business and of the Bell family.

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

On the farm of Alice (Gilliam) Womack near the home of Homer & Arlene Layne is the old Harriss Bell Cemetery.

There are no tombstones; however, Harris Bell (b. ca. 1821) is buried there along with an Adams, and some of the Thomas family.

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

William Gilliam b. before 1800 m. Elizabeth Roark

John Gilliam b. 1800 m. Ann \_\_\_\_\_

Minyard Gilliam b. 1801 m. Martha Harris

Harris Gilliam b. 1804 m. Nancy Reed

Amy Gilliam b. 1809 m. Jack Partin

Nancy Gilliam b. ? m. William Brown

Martha Gilliam b. 1812 m. James Roark

Charles Gilliam b. 1813 m. Rebecca Roark

Allen Gilliam b. 1816 m. Louisa \_\_\_\_\_

Sallie Gilliam b. 1820 m. Fred Gibson

James Gilliam b. 1822 m. Mary Ann Garret

Susannah Gilliam b. ? m. Dock (?) Richardson

William Gilliam and Elizabeth Roark had several children including Jessip Gilliam who married Mary Jane Thompson. They in turn were the parents of Lanson O'dell "Dellie" Gilliam who married Annie Layne. "Dellie" and Annie Gilliam were the parents of:

William Jessup Gilliam who died young

Lula May Gilliam m. James Cox, son of Jim & Fannie (Howland) Cox

Goldie Irene Gilliam m. Alton Meeks, son of John & Nannie (Dotson) Meeks

Elmerry Gilliam m. Phillip Layne of Whitwell

John O'dell Gilliam m. Julene Sweeton of Tracy City

Mary Virginia Gilliam m. Jimmy Hill, son of Morris & Leora (Layne) Hill

Gerald "Bud" Gilliam m. Christine Williams, daughter of Walter Alexander & Lucy Elizabeth (Meeks) Williams

Earl Gilliam m. Ruth Bain daughter of Buster Frank & Ova Mai (Mullican) Bain

Burwell Gilliam m. Margie Bain daughter of Buster Frank & Ova Mai (Mullican) Bain

Jessip & Mary Jane (Thompson) Gilliam were also the parents of Lem, Minyard, Frank, Jim, Ed, Evaline, Ginny, and Samuel Gilliam. Samuel married Maggie Taylor. Their children were:

Billy Gilliam m. Mattie Hill *Stephens - Audrey's mother was Jim Scott's sister*

Alvin Gilliam m. (1) Audrey *Scott* (2) Gladys Kilgore

Charlotta "Lottie" Gilliam m. Alton Kilgore

*Al* Etta Gilliam m. William Jennings Bryon "Jay" Layne

Lizzie died young -

Mitch Gilliam, Jessip Gilliam's brother, married Sis Brinkley, Bob Mitch Gilliam's mother. Bob Mitch m. 1. Beddie Meeks (no children) 2. Clercy Meeks. (Among their children were Robert m. Minnie \_\_\_\_\_ & Jimmy

1. Beddie Meeks (no children) 2. Clercy Meeks.

Jessip's brother James "Jim" Gilliam m. Ginny Osborn. They had Harvey, Will, & Oscar "Buck" Gilliam. "Buck's" marriage to Molly Meeks was said to have been "a spur of the minute thing".

The story goes that "Buck" was driving a wagon and team through Payne's Cove one fall day in 1910 when he noticed Molly out in her father's yard. Being "struck" with her immediately, he invited her to join him in his journey to Tracy City. She gladly accepted the invitation as well as his proposal of marriage. While they were in Tracy City, they became man and wife. Buck was badly bowlegged so someone asked Molly why she'd marry a man like that. She replied, "I didn't know he was bowlegged until he got out of the wagon at Tracy." "Buck" and Molly's children were: Wilson Gilliam m. Lizzie Mae Cox, Edward "Curly" Gilliam m. 1. Mildred Long, Gordon Gilliam m. 1. Lucille Brown 2. Gladys Medley, James Gilliam- died young of poisoning, Lannie Gilliam m. Ruby Medley, Lancen Gilliam m. Lorene Gilliam, Lucille Gilliam m. Robert Swafford. Houston Gilliam who m. Elizabeth Barnes and Liza Gilliam who m. \_\_\_\_\_ Yager were also the children of Jim Gilliam by another marriage.

Harris and Nancy (Reed) Gilliam, grand parents of Alice (Gilliam) Womack, lived at Caperton's Ferry near Bridgeport, Alabama, where they had several bouts with malaria. Thinking that the water was the culprit, Harris rode horseback North over the mountain to Pelham Valley seeking a healthier place to live. He learned of a Daniel Hill who had a 300 acre farm which he wanted to sell because he wanted to move to Texas. In 1828 Harris bought the farm for \$1000. On the property was a two room cabin where the Gilliam family lived until they could build a bigger, better home about a year later. That house is the present day home of Alice (Gilliam) Womack. The children of Harris and Nancy Reed Gilliam were:

Francis Gilliam b. 1831 m. Catherine Goodman

Martin b. 1833 m. Clementine Patton

Allen never married

Mary b. 1837 m. Watt Garner

Eliza b. 1839 m. John Goodman

Samuel Roy b. 1841 m. Molly Buckner

William b. 1844 m. Josephine Patton

Sue died young

Sallie b. 1847 m. Billy Jones

Margaret b. 1850 m. George Gipson

Malinda b. 1853 m. Peter Moran

Elizabeth "Bettie" b. 1857 m. Jim Henley

Harris and Nancy (Reed) Gilliam's son Samuel Roy married Molly Buckner. Samuel and Molly had only one child, Roy Gilliam who married Ura Tate. Their children were:

Anna Mae Gilliam never married - presently living at the mouth of Bell's Cove

Mary Bell Gilliam never married

Matha Gilliam m. \_\_\_\_\_ Bobo

Woodrow Gilliam m. Doris Goodman - Presently living in Bell's Cove. Their children were: Jimmy m. Carol Meeks; they have a son, Marshall. Randy m. Kathy Dreaden. They have a son, Mark. Betty m. Horace U. Henley & Bobbie m. Tom Gray.

Harris and Nancy (Reed) Gilliam's son William m. Josephine Patton in October of 1873. Their children were:

Nancy Elizabeth Gilliam b. 1874 m. Carl Faas, a German

John Bunion Gilliam b. 1876 m. Charlotte

Allie Myrtle Gilliam b. 1878 m. Joe Scruggs

William Napier Gilliam b. 1881 m. Lillian Anderson

Hugh Gilliam b. 1885 m. Samantha Shetter

Harris Gilliam b. 1885 m. Samantha Shetter, widow of Hugh

Martin Gilliam b. 1888 never married

Mattie Layton Gilliam b. 1891 never married

Eugenia Bell Gilliam b. 1896 m. Jim Trussell

Alice Rue Gilliam b. 1899 m. Junior Womack

The children of Hugh Gilliam and Samantha Shetter (daughter of Taylor Shetter and Annie Layne) were:

Embry Gilliam m. \_\_\_\_\_ Garner

Josephine Gilliam m. Chester Green

Louannie Gilliam m. Fred Poore

Edgar Gilliam m. Lucille Bennett

Martin Gilliam m. Anna Ruth Reider

Harley Gilliam m. Ebb Gipson

Harris Gilliam and Samantha Shetter had these children:

Virginia Gilliam m. Ben Rose

Austin Gilliam m. Kathleen Bennett

Junior Gilliam - never married

Austin and Kathleen Gilliam lived in Bell's Cove until a few years ago when they moved to Florida. Their son Keith still lives in the old Harris Gilliam homeplace.

In the mid 1940's Harris Gilliam planted about ½ acre of daffodil bulbs with the intent of selling the flowers. He decided to market them at Oak Ridge, TN, possibly because of the boom in that area during WW II. A family tradition was born. Every year the Austin Gilliam family continues to take the yellow flowers to East Tennessee.

Harris and Nancy Reed Gilliam's son Martin operated a store in Pelham where Pascal Medley's service station is presently located. Pete T. Gilliam, his son, later took over the business and ran it until his death. His wife, Grace Hampton Gilliam continued to operate the business until about 1948 when the building was torn down.

(Woodrow Gilliam related this story about his grandfather.)

Sam Gilliam enjoyed a good prank now and then. He told Charlie and Oscar (Buck) Gilliam, his cousins, that he could call up spirits from the grave. They, of course, didn't really believe him, but they decided to accompany one another to the old Harris Bell graveyard where they were to meet Sam at dusk. Sam, in the meanwhile, had found a sunken grave, wrapped himself in a sheet, and laid down in the grave. When Charlie and "Buck" arrived, he arose all covered by the sheet. They were so astonished by the specter that they didn't wait around for Sam to arrive and prove that he actually could call up spirits.

## BELL'S COVE NOTES

Bell's Cove today has no churches or schools; however, it is reputed to have boasted one of the earliest schools in the valley. White's School was located at the top of the ridge on an old mountain road which ran from Cave Spring, now Partin Spring, to the Claude Henley homeplace in Providence. Taylor Partin reports that the school/church combination was in operation there before the Civil War. It is uncertain as to how the name of the school came about; however, in the 1860 census there was a family of Whites in the area living near the Harriss Bell family. Listed were: Robert G. White, age, 56; William, 23; Walton, 20; and Elizabeth, 17. It seems logical to assume that the school took its name from the family of the surname, White.

Sunday School services were periodically held in the summer months by Harris Gilliam (b. 1855) at Trussell Cave. Grover Partin remembers attending regularly when he was a young boy. The rocks around the entrance served as both pews & pulpit.

The earliest road in Bell's Cove wound around the base of the mountain up near Jay and Etta (Gilliam) Layne's house to conserve farming land and to ensure quick drainage in rainy times. It wasn't until 1927-28 that the existing road was built across the valley floor there.

In back of Grover and Margaret (Patterson) Partin's garden there are 3 graves; two adults with the Smith surname and an infant child belonging to Foster and Ethel Stephens. The Wild Bill Field named for Bill Smith, a brother of Sam Smith, is located in the mountain above Grover and Margaret Partin's house. There is one known grave (person unknown) on that property. An ancient graveyard was located in the corner lot near where Edgar and Lucille (Bennett) Gilliam presently live. No one remembers who was buried there. There Laxson and Caldwell cemeteries are located on either side of the road at Dessie (Sanders) Henley's at the mouth of Bell's Cove near Providence.

The house where Johnny and Lois (Waller) Crownover now live was built in 1914 by Will Scott (m. Melissa Dyer) and his son Jim Scott. It was built of yellow poplar and oak at a cost of \$150.00 for General Thomas who moved to the cove from Coalmont. Later General swapped this place to Jim Roper, an uncle of Estil Roper, for a place in Hillsboro. Johnny B. Partin bought the house from Jim Roper and added a sandstone chimney at a cost of \$60.00 in 1930. Johnny B. lived there until his death in 1938. Successive occupants were Warren Stephens Partin Kirkpatrick, Taylor Partin, Kelly & Ethel Partin Crownover, Johnny Crownover (great, great grandson of Columbus Partin), and his family.

Being made of logs, the residence of Orb & Lucile (Fry) Garrison seems to be one of the older houses in the cove; however, it was built in the 1930's by Pat Partin, a brother Bryan Partin.

An old log house still stands on the Clarence & Faye (Moran) Garner farm in the cove. The last residents of the dwelling were Leon and Daisy Henley Conry. The Garner property once was a part of the John P. Henley farm, and Daisy was one of this daughters; therefore, the old log house must have once been inhabited by the Henleys.

## **TRUSSELL'S COVE**

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

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

Jim Trussell's children were: (A) Robert m. 1. Lucy Partin 2. Ella Johnson (Robert & Lucy's children were: Viney m. Jim Brown and Wesley m. Edith Huffer.) Later Robert m. Ella Johnson. Their children were: Ruby m. Walter Reed, & Iris Trussell m. James Nelson, Henry m. Ruth Huffer, Robert Lewis, Jr. m. Maude Meadows, Aaron m. 1. Mary Ella Johnson 2. Joyce \_\_\_\_\_, Charles m. Melba \_\_\_\_\_, Leon m. Blanche Wright, Ernest m. 1. Mary Florence Payne 2. Joyce McCullough. (B) Will m. Bessie Partin, (C) Pete m. Viola Henley, (D) Oscar m. 1. Clara Cope 2. Pearl Kopp, (E) Henry m. 1. Clara Woodlee 2. Ruby \_\_\_\_\_, (F) Bell m. Jess McGregor, (G) Kate m. Elbert Thomas, (H) Leevesta m. Dave Turner, (I) Mary m. Norris Cope, (J) James Wesley Trussell m. Eugenia Gilliam. James & Eugenia's children were: Elsie Marie m. Virgil Wilson, Abbie Louceil m. Paul Strausbaugh, Carl Hudson m. Lois Beene, Elbert Ward-never married, Paul Bryan m. Georgia Mae Williams, Herbert Hoover m. Clara Bow Glover, Wendell Grayson m. Mary Ellen Woodall, & Sandra Sue Trussell m. David Lee Wilkinson.

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

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

## **BURROWS' COVE/BURROUGH'S COVE**

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

Burrows' Cove is made up of Elkhead and Campground communities which are named respectively for the headwaters of the Elk River and for an area used by the Indians, Civil War soliders, and more recently religious camp meetings. Politically the cove has been very prominent. The county court met at the home of Thomas Burrows there in 1846. John Burrows, first trustee, of the county presided. In fact, when it was time to select a county seat, Burrows' Cove was on of the first selections; however, it, along with Pelham, Beersheba Springs, Northcutt's Cove, and the Wooten Place lost out to Altamont.

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

The Robert Box family moved to the 3rd civil district on the Elk River in 1809 when he was granted 196 acres which adjoined Abraham Hargis and Henry Gotcher. On 16 Oct. 1815, Robert Box bought and additional 100 acres from Wm.

Cross. Little is known of Box family in this area except for Robert's will dated 7 May 1821 (Franklin Co. will book 1808-1876 p. 47) in which he lists: John Box, Robert, George, James, Micajah, Neely, Mary m. Virdeman Joy, and Sarah m. Charles McDaniel. By 1830 all families of the Box surname except James had left Franklin Co., TN.

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

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

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

## **COUNTISS PEN**

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

## **STONE BRIDGE**

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

## **FAMILIES OF BURROWS' COVE**

### **ARP**

Arp is a relatively new name in Burrows' Cove introduced in the late 1960's when Gene and Anna Arp moved here from Ohio. In 1971 James Reeford Arp and his wife Francis Harris moved here. By 1976 Paul (his brother) and Rose Marie (Chester) Arp had moved to the cove.

### **BENNETT**

Eli Harlon Bennett was born in a covered wagon December 5, 1825, the son of James Bennett born 1790. In 1850 Eli Bennett was living in Grundy County with his wife's parents James W. Arnold and his wife Sarah Mourning Mullens in Tracy City, Tennessee. By 1860 the Arnolds were there, but Eli was not. He was found in Franklin County in 1860 and in Grundy County in 1870.

Eli was a Methodist preacher circuit rider. He made his living as a cabinet maker and carpenter. During a disease epidemic in Middle Tennessee, most of his brothers left for Texas where they homesteaded. Eli later went to visit his sons who had also moved to Texas. He preached at various churches in Oklahoma before his death on February 13, 1905, at Hartshorn, Oklahoma.

Eli had a son, Frank "Bud" who m. Martha Sherrill. Their children were: Henderson Bennett m. Christine Hall, Cam Bennett m. Berta \_\_\_\_\_ (from Georgia), Eli Bennett m. Edith Lassater (daughter of Crit Lassater), Jeff Bennett drowned as a young boy, Lula Bennett m. 1. Frank Thompson 2. Fritz Thompson (brothers), Tishy Bennett m. Charlie Watson (Ed Holder's mother's brother). This family lived primarily at Gum Creek in Franklin County, Tennessee.

On Armistice Day 1911, Henderson Bennett and his wife Christine "Christian" Hall Bennett (daughter of Edd Hall) moved their family to the head of Brown's Hollow (now called Hawk Hollow) where they had purchased a house from Rube Brown, a large woman who weighed 300 pounds or more. Henderson had met and married Christine in South Carolina where he had gone to seek employment in the cotton mills. Their children were: Howard Bennett m. Mary Smith, Edward Bennett m. Helen Levan, Lucille Bennett m. Edgar Gilliam, Janie Bennett m. Lillard Davidson, Ethel Bennett m. Robert L. Winton.

## BRASEEL/BRAZILE

The Brazile/Braseel family probably arrived in Burrows' Cove between 1870 and 1880. Three families with the Brazile surname were living in the area in 1880 when the census was taken. These were the families of William, Elias, and Benjamin Brazile.

William L. Brazile b. 1851 in Alabama m. Sarah E. Hamby b. 1857. To this union was born 1. James Thomas Edward Brazile b. 1876 m. Jose McCaula (their children were: James, Leona, and Zelma Brazile) 2. William Lawrence Brazile b. 1880 m. Julia Sanders and had a son, Buford. 3. Mary Emma Brazile b. 1885 m. \_\_\_\_\_ Tendlill. 4. James Marlee Brazile m. \_\_\_\_\_ (had a child, Clara) 5. Elzie Brazile m. Ruth Lassater (They had one daughter, Evelyn who m. Paul Williams) 6. Henry "Toby" Brazile m. Eva Parsons (no children) 7. John Brazile m. Alie Hayes. They had four children: Elmer, Eules, Floyd and Lorraine Hayes.

Elias Brazile b. 1820 in Alabama had these people in his household in 1880: Matilda, 56; Sarah E., 21; wife of Hiram F., 19; Issac, 16; & John H., 4 (grandson of Elias and Matilda).

Benjamin Brazile b. Alabama was in 1880. Living with him was Clementine "Clemma", 40 b. Alabama; Katherine, 9; Ida C., Franklin P., 2; Matilda, 3 mos. Living with the family were boarders, Sarah Dickerson, 91; and Margaret Hawk, 65.

After 1880 Benjamin and Clementine had two other daughters, Nin and Bertha.

Benjamin Brazile was married twice. By his first wife Bertha he had Ida C. By his second wife, Clementine, he had Franklin P., Matilda, Nin, and Bertha.

Clementine had been married previously to Burwell Blanton and had a daughter, Katherine Blanton, who was listed as Katherine Brazile in the 1880 census. Katharine m. Jim Hawk. They had a daughter, Sarah Mae Clementine "Maymie" Hawk who married Herbert Sartain. They in turn were the parents of L. D. Sartain m. Reba Jo Bennett and Jim Blanton Sartain who m. Maxine Partin.

Ida C. Brazile never married. Nin married Bob Phipps. Their only child was Wade Phipps who m. Mary Sue Winton. Wade and Mary Sue had one child, Bobby Phipps, who m. Katherine Hamby. Bertha Brazile never married. Nothing is known of Matilda Brazile who may have died young. Franklin P. Brazile (now Braseel) m. Vinnie Meeks. Their children were Nellie who died in infancy, Ethridge "Bud" Braseel m. Alma Harrison, (Their children were: Frank Ethridge, Jr., who died in infancy, Mae Wanda m. William Spradling, Jerlene "Jerry" m. Jack Johnson, Frankie Edwene m. Howard Winton, Clyde Leo m. Jean Nunley, Tom m. Selma King, Kenneth m. Hilda Meeks, and Randall David, died at three weeks of age) and Elsie Braseel m. Blake Burrows, (Their children: Inez m. Joe Fred Payne, Jerry m. I. Melvadean Cambell 2. Debbie Pirtle 3. Ginger Tate Frederic, Jim Burrows m. Marie Sitz, Bill Burrows m. Sally Nunley, & Henrietta m. Orval Dupree.)

Silas Brazile b. May 1850 in Alabama lived in Burrows' Cove near William and Benjamin Brazile. Since their births are in close proximity, they all were born in Alabama and, they lived practically next door to one another, it is logical to assume that they were most likely brothers. Silas and his wife Martha Jane Winton b. 1858 had one son, William Norris "Bee" Brazile who married three times 1. Suda \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Mary Note, daughter of Chris Note 3. Biddie Kilgore. By Biddie Kilgore, "Bee" had two daughters, Narcia m. Kenneth Wilson and Edna m. A. M. "Jack" Conn. Bee and Suda had a daughter, Dorothy.

## BROWN

Sam and Elizabeth (Douglas) Brown moved to Roberts' Cove from Hamilton County, Tennessee and inhabited the head of the hollow; therefore, it became known as Brown's Hollow for a time. The Browns moved from the cove in 1909, but their daughters Hanna and Addie stayed behind since they married local boys. Hannah Brown m. Houston Hawk and Addie m. Dee Hawk. Another daughter Liza m. \_\_\_\_\_ Carlton while still another daughter Mary Ann m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gibbs. Mary Ann, her husband, and Sam Brown all moved to Illinois after Elizaabeth Brown's death.

## BUCKNER

The Buckner surname was introduced here by B. F. Buckner (m. Opal Bonner) in 1959 when they moved to Bonner Hollow where Opal's father, Haskel, was raised. Their children were: Yvonne m. Willard Sartain (parents of Cindy, Dwayne, & Nathan); Dennis m. Bonnie Nunley; Clarence m. June Smith; James; Shirley m. Ray Phy from Oklahoma; & Jerry m. Jalonda Thomas.

## BURNETT

John Burnett, born between 1770 - 1780, brought his family from Patrick County, Virginia, and settled in Pelham Valley in Franklin County in the 1820's. In the 1840 Federal Census, only a son and his family were recorded in the valley - Elihu and Celia Burnett and their four young sons. Two sons and a daughter were born after 1840. Of these seven children, only John and William lived in the valley until their deaths. Martha married and moved to the mountain; Stephen married Louisa Clark and moved to Missouri; Felix Grundy, James Wesley and Jefferson Burnett went to Barry County, Missouri, with their brother Stephen.

Since this is a record of Pelham Valley families, only John and Bill Burnett will be dealt with in this record. I. John B. Burnett, Sr. was born in Pelham Valley in Franklin County in 1830. In 1854, he married Martha Jane Rust, daughter of Isaac and Margaret (McElroy) Rust. The Rusts and McElroys came from Scotland and settled in Rutherford County. From there, Isaac and Margaret Rust came to Pelham Valley and bought the farm presently owned by Bill Henley. John Burnett was a farmer and the farm he began with his first purchase in the 1840's is still owned by his descendants.



John represented his District in the County Court of Grundy County for 35 years. He was familiarly known as "Squire Burnett" through out the County. He was first elected in 1876 and served until his death in 1903. In 1986, one hundred ten years after John was first elected, a grandson, L. H. Burnett, is representing the same District in the County Commission.

One of John's duties as a Justice of the Peace was to hold trials at his home. During bad weather the trials had to be held indoors. John's family would go into the kitchen and stay until the trial was over. If the trial was held in the morning, the women used this time to prepare the noon meal, probably cooking over an open fire in the kitchen fireplace. John remembered this when he built his new house in 1880. He said he didn't want men at a trial watching his wife and daughters as they prepared a meal and he didn't want the women and children hearing the rough language that might be heard at the trials so he made no connecting door between the livingroom and the kitchen. For forty-five years every time someone went to the kitchen they had to first go out through the open hallway or "dog-trot" and across the back porch.

John and Martha Burnett had nine children. Martha died in 1880 shortly before her new home was completed. She was buried the next day in Warren Cemetery in Pelham. When the family returned home from the burial they found that 10 month old Stephen, who was very ill, had died of blood poisoning while they were at the cemetery.

A.&B. Two of the surviving children, Callie and Lee, never married. Callie kept house for her father and the children until John's death in 1903. He was buried in Warren Cemetery beside his wife and two small children. Lee and Callie are buried nearby.

C. Isaac Newton "Ike" Burnett married Lula Wooten of Tracy City in 1896. They had four children. Mabel married Graham Cline first and then Hulon Martin. Harvey married Marjorie Conry. Lora married Hal Barker. Espa married Sam Layne. Ike and Lula Burnett and three of their children, Mabel, Harvey and Lora are buried in Warren Cemetery at Pelham.

D. Laura Burnett married Haul White in Pelham Valley in 1884. They had three children; Mary Alice, Henry H. and Allen. Mary and Allen White remained single. Haul and Laura White and Mary and Allen are buried in Warren Cemetery. Henry White married Clara Brashear in Pelham Valley. They had four children; Henry Alton, Fred, Ralph, and Laura Ann. Henry and Clara White and son, Fred, are buried in Warren Cemetery.

E. John B. Burnett Jr. married Jennie Wilson in Coffee County in 1907. Johnny brought his bride to the home his father had built in 1880. Their children were born and grew up there. It was Jennie Burnett who finally had a door cut to connect the livingroom and the kitchen. Johnny and Jennie Burnett are buried in Warren Cemetery. They had five children. Madeline married Nelon Hamby and had Doyle and Nelene. Jim married Louvina Meeks and had Johnny, Carl, Anna Rose, Faye, and Janice. Wilson married Sarah Berry of Michigan and had Bonnie. Lenora married Franklin Payne and had Neil. L. H. married Gladys Crabtree and had Edwin, Byron and Carlton. L. H. was rural mail carrier in the valley for more tha 30 years.

F.&G. Dellie Eugene Burnett married Alma Note. They moved to Cincinnati a few years after their marriage. Their children were Harley, Alton, Marie and Mildred. Dellie Burnett's twin sister died at age two years.

H. Phinnes Burnett married Lytle Rust of Pelham Valley. Their first child died when one year old. Two daughters survived. Tressie A. married Paul Dunaway. Their children were Paul Burnett Dunaway and Joan Dunaway. Margie Burnett married Robert S. Taylor and had a son, Robert W. Taylor II. Bill Burnett was the second son of Elihu and Celia Burnett to stay in Pelham Valley. He married Minerva Burrows, daughter of John Burrows. Bill and Minerva had two children, John Savage and Malinda, before Bill died at the age of thirty-five. Minerva married Solomon P. Goodman after Bill's death and had two children, Evaline and Francis P. "Bud" Goodman.

A. Malinda Burnett married Archibald Argyle Campbell in 1873. They had six children. Malinda Campbell died at the age of thirty-five. Pairlee never married but remained at home and cared for the young children after her mother's death. 2. Lon Campbell married Estella Tate of Tracy City. None of their eight children lived in Pelham Valley. Lon and Estella Campbell are buried in Bethel Cemetery. 3. William Riley Campbell married Leslie Hinton. None of their seven children lived in Pelham Valley.

4. Alice May Campbell married W. L. Myers of Pelham Valley. They had eleven children. Gladys Myers married Coy Gordon of Mississippi first and then Hubert Rogers of Coalmont. Sula married Will Edwards. Floyd married Eloise Campbell. Pascal married Lois Meeks first and then Juanita Oliver. Jeweldean married Harold Scheer of N.J. James married Vela Hawk. Georgia Lee married Emmett Clay first and then Guy Simmons. Carl David married Edith Magouirk. Carmon married Bonnie Patterson first and then Ruth Lassater. Edgar married Nell Ruth Oliver. Six of the children of Lonnie and Alice Myers still live in Pelham Valley. Lonnie and Alice Myers are buried in Bethel Cemetery.

5. Clara Campbell married John Wesley Summers. They had five children; Geneva, Mary Alice, Charles, Lee and Madeline. Wesley and Clara Summers moved to Estill Springs but are buried in Bethel Cemetery. None of their children live in the valley.

6. Alvin Campbell, youngest child of Malinda and Arch Campbell, married Lizzie Martin Henley of Pelham Valley. They had two children. Lizzie and Alvin Campbell are buried in Bethel Cemetery. Their son, Earl Campbell, married Lillie Hargis of Gruetli and moved to Michigan. Marean Campbell, daughter of Alvin and Lizzie, married John W. Crabtree, Jr. Their children are Ronald, Larry and Elaine. Johnny Crabtree died in 1958 and Marean later married Baxter Hill.

B. John Savage Burnett, son of Bill and Minerva Burnett left the valley as a young man and never returned to live there. He married Mary Caroline McGinnis Haynes and had six children. A granddaughter, Bessie Rieder, married Alvin Winton and returned to the valley to live. Elisha Burnett, son of John Savage and Mary Burnett, lived in the valley for several years before his death in 1934. Elisha's son, Willie Burnett married Johnnie Patton and remained in the valley. Elisha and Mary Ellen (Byers) Burnett are buried in Warren Cemetery.

## BONNER

The Bonner family moved to the hollow which now bears its name in November 1920 from Tarlton Valley. They came here to farm with G. C. Hamby. The family patriarch was Rufus Bonner m. Etta Lenora Elizabeth McCarver. Their children were: Haskel m. Bethie Hawk; Vernon m. Louella Davidson (parents of Carl Edwin, Martha Ann, Richard, Burlene, & Brenda); Ruby m. Joe Sartain (parents of Marshall & Harold); Glenn m. Rose Howard; Glenn served three terms as superintendent of Grundy County Schools: 1960-64, 1968-1972, 1976-80. Glen & Rose were the parents of Glenn William, Joyce, & Bruce Earl. Rachel m. Charles Jacobs (parents of Charlene, Ina Sue, & David); Robena m. Joe Good (son, Keith); Ralph m. Edna Winton (parents of James Nelson, Linda & Troy); and Arden m. Ruth Dyer. Their children are Sharon & Terry Bonner.

Rachel Bonner Jacobs related this story: Grandfather James Bonner was out hunting one black night with two of his brothers when suddenly a ball appeared before them, seeming to float in the air. One brother got up enough courage to grab the fiery ball, which caused such scars that they stayed on him for the remainder of his life. The place where this incident occurred is still called the "Booger Hole".

## BURROWS

The Burrows family was among the earliest settlers of the Pelham Valley, Deed records show that Anthony, John, and Thomas Burrows were active in buying and selling land and slaves in the 1840's. They may have been brothers, and sons of an Elizabeth Burrows who died about 1860. Thomas Burrows' will, dated 1854, names his three adopted daughters Harriet Burrows, Martha Jane wife of Poindexter Burrows, and Ann Elizabeth wife of James Cunningham. He apparently had no sons. John Burrows, born ca. 1802 in North Carolina, married Malinda, a daughter of Poindexter Payne. In this way the pioneer families of Payne's Cove and Burrows' Cove were united. Among the children of John and Malinda (Payne) Burrows were Poindexter, Thomas F. and Minerva who married William Burnett in 1854. Many of the Burrows descendants moved in Texas in the 19th century.

## CAMPBELL

William Campbell age 37, a cabinet maker, was living in Burrows' Cove in 1850 along with his wife Nancy, 30, and his children: Asa, 14; Lemuel J., 12; Zebadiah, 9; and William C., 6. By 1860 Lemuel J., also a cabinet maker, was married to Jincy Meeks the daughter of Solomon "Sollie" Meeks who lived next door.

Lemuel and Jincy's children were: James Lemuel Campbell m. Betty Roberts, Dewitt Campbell - never married, Josie Campbell m. Jay Burrows, Jane Campbell m. <sup>FRANCES NUNLEY</sup> Will James (pronounced Jeems), W. Harris Campbell b. 1864 m. Ida Woodlee. Harris worked for a while in the coal mines on the mountain but mostly supported his family as a carpenter and farmer. He and Ida had these children: Lela Campbell m. Ephriam Hamby, Vance Campbell m. Ora Northcutt (a sister of Vernon and Gordon Northcutt), Nina Campbell m. Leonard Winton, Hilda Campbell m. 1. Garnett Clay 2. Wade Guffy, Loda Campbell-never married, Ethel Campbell m. Ellis Hawk, Ava Campbell m. John Sartain, Vernon Campbell, Elois Campbell m. 1. Floyd Myers 2. Ernie Murphy, and Taft Campbell m. Georgia Lee Smartt. (Taft & Georgia Lee had Bernice m. Robert Gipson and Vernice Mae who m. James Elbert Gipson.)

## CLAY

The Clay family arrived in the Elk River Valley sometime after 1860. They located at a site across the road from Paul and Rose (Chester) Arp's present home. Alfred Payne Clay and his wife Mary Carter Clay lived there. Among their children was George Clay who married Maggie Conry. George Clay ultimately bought the farm where George Myers Clay and Edwene McFarland Clay presently live. The Clays in this area are descended from George and Maggie Clay. Their children were:

Garnet Clay m. Hilda Campbell  
Hassie Clay m. Horace Fults (parents of Clay Fults m. Vivian Henley)  
Wiley Clay never married  
Joseph Clay m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dodson  
Luster Clay m. Ruby Wilson  
Emmett Clay m. Georgia Lee Myers  
Ellis Clay m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Odis T. Clay died young and was buried in Warren Cemetery.

Garnet and Hilda (Campbell) Clay had these children: (a) Elston Clay m. Selby Henley (parents of Wayne, Kerry, and Connie) Elston served from 1953 to 1960 as sheriff of Grundy County, and since 1966 has General Sessions Judge. (2) Ernest Clay m. Elsie Rollins, G. H. Clay m. Shirley Anderson, (G. H. was ambushed and brutally killed. Their children were Cindy and Lance Clay.) (3) Ralph Clay m. \_\_\_\_\_. (4) Charles m. \_\_\_\_\_. Garnet's family lived on the old Goodman place near Elk River behind where L. H. and Gladys (Crabtree) Burnett now live.

Emmett Clay and Georgia Lee Myers' family consisted of; Frank Emmett Clay m. 1. Judith Holiday 2. Sherry Hoback Hughes; George Myers Clay m. Edwene McFarland (parents of Eddie, Keith, & Eric); Drucilla m. Clifton Medley (parents of Mike, Tony, Daryl, & Marcella); Linda Jo Clay m. Jerry Johnson Margaret "Peggy" Clay m. Danny Brazier. Emmett and Georgia Lee (Myers) Clay first lived in an old log home which originally belonged to the Gallaghers. Joe,

Ethel, John, and Dominick Gallagher were raised there. The log building was located a short distance south of Georgia Lee (Myers) Clay and Guy Simmons' present day home. Emmett Clay was killed in a tractor accident in the late 1950's.

#### WAYNE CLAY

One of the more unusual occupations one could have today is that of knife maker; however, that is what craftsman, Wayne Clay, does for his livelihood. His local business serves an international clientele. Exotic hardwoods, ivory, bone, & antler are just some of the materials used in the handles of the cutlery he makes in his shop in Bell's Cove.

#### CRABTREE

The Crabtrees who settled in Pelham Valley came from North Carolina near Raleigh. In the 1850 Census there were five Crabtree families in the 6th District of Grundy County; William W., John, Iley, Elizabeth, and Janson.

I. Iley Crabtree married Mary C. Tucker in Pelham in 1844. Their children were Larena Dow (L. D.), Silas Reuben (Pete), Melina Jane, Belle, Isaac Crawford and Nancy Emmaline.

A. Pete Crabtree married Dorcas Winton. Their children were Carrie, Burton, Elizabeth, Arthur, Oscar, Lela, Lillian, Vinnie and Ruby. Carrie married Speaker Scott. Burton married Lena Pearson. Elizabeth married George Hamby. Arthur never married. Oscar married Eva Cook. Lela married Marvin Givens. Lillian married \_\_\_\_\_. Vinnie married E. L. Hamby. Ruby married a Brown. Emmaline married Joe Lewis.

Two of Pete and Dorcas Crabtree's children lived in Pelham Valley.

1. Vinnie and Eldridge Hamby had no children.  
2. Lela married Marvin Givens, son of Billy and Betty (Campbell) Braseel Givens. Their children were Waldean, who married Joe Sartain; Herchel, who married Rilla Crowell; Georgia, who married E. B. Harmon and Howard, who married Melanie Crowell. Pete and Dorcas Crabtree and many of their descendants are buried in Bethel Cemetery in Burrows' Cove.

B. Margaret Crabtree married J. B. Bouldin.

C. Belle Crabtree married Thomas Meeks.

D. Isaac Crawford Crabtree married Jamie Clay first and then Liza England.

E. L. D. Crabtree married Susan Alexander.

F. Nancy Emmaline Crabtree married John Lewis Winton of Pelham Valley. Their children were Leonard, who married Nina Campbell; Robert, who married Ethel Bennett; Claude, who married Nell Sartain; Dillard, who married Ella Creek and Sam and Mary Helen Winton who did not marry.

II. Another Crabtree family, probably William's, was a very early family in Pelham Valley. Names of some of the children were Elizabeth, William Iley, Rebecca, and Phoeba. Two sons were killed in the Battle of Murfreesboro during the Civil War.

A. Phoeba Crabtree married Henry Counts of Lincoln County. Their children were Andrew, Bonnie, Isaac N. and Willis G.. Ike Counts was living in Elora, TN in 1985.

B. Rebecca Crabtree married Will James. → son Husband: Richard James

C. Elizabeth Crabtree married Alexander Houston Sanders of Pelham Valley. He was sheriff of Grundy County for several years. Elizabeth first married a Taylor and had two daughters, Alice and Dorcie. Elizabeth and Houston Sanders had seven children. One died as a young child.

1. Payton Sanders married Ethel Caldwell. Their children are Charlie, Raymond, Emmette, Elsie May and Billy Payton Sanders. Emmette remained in Pelham Valley. He married Elizabeth Moore and their children were Jacqueline and Anita. After Elizabeth's death, he married Pauline Marlow and had a son, Ralph.

2. Robert Sanders married Minnie Campbell.

3. Walter Sanders married Elvie Cribbs.

4. Delia Sanders married Rufus Sublett

5. Lula Sanders married John Bennett.

6. Rebecca Sanders married John Laxson. They had six children. Cecil married Mabel Grooms. Herbert married Fannie Grider. Bill married Margaret Dickard. Mildred married Crawford Keller. Ed married Virgie Tucker. Charlie married Esther Wimberly.

7. Clayton Sanders married \_\_\_\_\_.

D. William Iley Crabtree married Martha Burnett. Their seven children were born in Pelham Valley. Two children died young. John, Etta, Wilson, Morgan and Celia survived. The family moved to Clouse Hill when the children were young. John married Ada Hillis first and then Octa Myers. Etta married Arch Brown. Wilson married Lydia Scruggs and Celia married Clark Dykes. Morgan Crabtree never married.

1. John Crabtree returned to Pelham Valley in 1935 to live on his farm in Burrows' Cove. John and Ada Crabtree had three children. Herchel married Mildred (Kruger) Harrington and lives in Montana. John W. Jr. married Marean Campbell and lived in the valley until his death in 1958. Gladys married L. H. Burnett. She is postmaster at Pelham. John Crabtree served as a member of the Grundy County Court, Board of Education, and as a Road Commissioner of the County. John and Ada Crabtree and their son, John W., Jr. are buried in the City Cemetery in Tracy City. Octa Crabtree is buried there also.

2. Alma Crabtree, daughter of Wilson and Lydia Crabtree, came to live in Pelham Valley when she married Frank C. Woodlee of Burrows' Cove.

## DAVIDSON

The surname Davidson was introduced into Burrows' Cove by Richard Hudson Davidson who was a farmer and casket maker. Davidson married Elizabeth Hamby. They had five children: Lillard Davidson m. Janie Bennett, Dillard Davidson m. Gladys Brinkley, Johnny Davidson m. Frances Bailey, Louella Davidson m. Vernon Bonner (parents of Carl Edwin, Burlene, Martha Ann, Richard, & Brenda), Elbert Davidson m. Florence Speegle (parents of Donna m. Earl Northcutt, Martin m. Wanda Meeks, & Dillard). Florence Speegle's parents, Alf Newton Speegle & Bessie Birdwell moved here from Marion County and lived the remainder of their lives and were buried at Bethel. Florence was their only child.

## DICKERSON

In 1860 William B. Dickerson, age 33: his wife, Elizabeth, 29, had living with them two children: Solomon, age 12; and Wade H., 2. Next door to this family was Sarah Dickerson, age 63, b. VA and James K. P. Jolly, age 15, b. TN. Sarah was possibly the mother of William B. Dickerson. Solomon "Sol" Dickerson married Mandy Foster and had these children: Betty Dickerson m. Lewis Sartain, Ame Dickerson m. Sally Givins, Clarence Dickerson m. Alma Fitch, Jim Dickerson m. Nona Givins, Doug Dickerson m. Betty \_\_\_\_\_, Lem Dickerson m. Savanna Kilgore (parents of Lee Upton Dickerson m. Novella Rodgers), Estie Dickerson m. Emmitt Kilgore, Bunia Dickerson m. Jeff Nunley, & Mince (female) died young from burns.

The old Sol Dickerson homeplace is where David Forrest "Hamp" & Marie Arp Nunley live at the present time.

## ECHOLS

James V. Echols m. Louisa Countiss and moved to the Elkhead community in about 1870 from McMinnville. He was a farmer. (See the Civil War section for additional information.) James and Louisa's children were raised in the valley. They were: Martin Echols m. Bertha Winfrey from Estill Springs, Albert Echols m. Mary Summers, Creed Echols m. Bessie Sartain (daughter of James Sartain), Myrtle Echols - died at age 12, and Robert Echols - killed in a coal mine at age 19. Only Creed and Bessie Sartain Echols had descendants who lived in this area. Their two children were Louise Echols m. 1. Thomas Lecroy 2. Herbert Tate and Martin Eugene Echols m. Byrtle Way. Neither of the Echols children had offspring.

## FRANKS

Another surname which was a late arrival was Franks. The Franks family came to the valley with Ulysses Law, a sawmiller, in 1938 from Savannah, TN. They camped in a tent for some time in Burrows' Cove near Elkhead. Eventually they moved into Payne's Cove. This Franks family was made up of Lawrence Franks, his wife Stella White, whose grandmother was a full blooded Indian, and their children: Frances m. Leon Winton, Shirley m. Bobby Meeks, Ruby m. 1. James Artress 2. Ted Tallbot, Buddy m. Betty Parks, Roy m. Patricia Harris, Barbara m. James Deaddario. Most of the children were born here in Grundy County.

## FULTS

Commodore Fults and his wife Jane Coalson (sister of Jim Coalson) were the parents of Ples Fults who m. Lizzie Winton, daughter of Anderson Winton. Their children were Marvin Fults (female) - never married and Horace Fults who m. Hassie Clay. They had one son Clay who m. Vivian Henley. Their children are Gail, Karen, and Clay Jr.

## GIVENS

The Givens family came to Grundy County from near Woodbury Tennessee. Ronald Givens' great-great-grandfather was Jesse Givens, Grundy County Registrar of Deeds. Jesse's brother, Polk, was a self styled lawyer. Betty (Campbell) Givens, wife of Billy Givens who was killed in Texas, brought her family to the valley in 1895 from Orange Hill near Tracy City, Tennessee. She had relatives in the area at the time. Marvin Givens, her son m. Lil Crabtree and became the progenitor of the Givens surname in the Elk River Valley. Their children were: Waldean Givens m. Joe Sartain; Georgia Givens m. E.B. Harmon; Herschel Givens m. Rilla May Crowell (parents of Ronald, Rona Lee; Jeannette, Donald, Rebecca, and Kathy) Howard Givens m. Melanie Crowell (parents of Barbara, Francis, Leon, Neil, John, and Thula). Marvin and Lil's children walked from their mountainside home near Proctor Hollow to the school at Pull Tight, a milling community, on top of the mountain.

## HAMBY

Eli Hamby came to Tennessee and first located in Warren County; however, in 1860 he was living in Grundy County with his wife Sarah. They had eight children: Ephriam L. Hamby b. 1816 m. Catherine Elizabeth Calhoun, (Ephraim was appointed to serve in the circuit court of Grundy County in 1848). William Harrison Hamby b. 1819 m. Polly Tucker 2. Mary Dixon, Clarissa Matilda Hamby b. 1821 m. John Keel, Sarah Emaline Hamby b. 1823 m. John W. Shelton, Eli Washington "Wash" Hamby b. 1826 m. Rachel Arkansas Sartain, Martha Ann Hamby b. 1832, Parmelia Elizabeth Hamby b. 1834 m. Aaron Sartain.

(A.) Ephraim L. (b. 1846) and Catherine Elizabeth Calhoun Hamby (b. 1846) had these children: 1. William "Bill" Hamby b. 1846 m. Sarah E. "Sallie" Cornelison Sutherland who in turn has 5 children: Dora Della Hamby b. 1878 m. H.H. "Bud" Haynes. (Their children were Cora Haynes m. Maurice Warren and Holbert Haynes m. Maggie Kennedy). 2. William Ephraim Hamby b. ca. 1881 m. Lela Campbell. They had: Nellon E. Hamby b. 1908 m. Madeline Burnett (parents of Nelene m. Jim Nunley and Doyle m. Ernestine Meeks); Wayne Elmo b. 1913 m. Pauline Smartt; Agnes "Aggie"

b. 1884 m. Nelson G. Jones (parents of Bill, Orville, Marie, Maurice, La Vonne, and Ophelia Jones) George W. Hamby b. 1910 m. Jennie Sanders (parents of Chester and Edna Hamby), Mary Hamby m. Billy McDaniels (no children).

3. Jane Hamby b. ca. 1848 m. Jim Sanders - killed by lightning.

4. Elvira Hamby b. ca. 1849 m. Arch Campbell (no children).

5. Joseph C. Hamby b. 1855 m. Susan Sartain (parents of Leonard Hamby m. Anna Coker, James J. Hamby, Aaron Hamby, Azzie Hamby, Ethel Hamby m. \_\_\_\_\_ Coker, and Lizzie Hamby m. Richard H. Davidson (their children: Lillard m. Janie Bennett, Dillard m. Gladys Brinkley, Louella m. Vernon Bonner, Elbert m. Florence Spiegel, and Johnny m. Frances Bailey).

6. Sarah E. Hamby b. 1857 m. William L. Brazile b. 1851.

7. Eli Harrison Hamby b. 1859 m. Mary Lavona "Molly" Hawk (b. 1868). Their children were: James Harvey Eli Hamby b. 1885 m. Anna Pearl Campbell. (They in turn had Arley Hamby b. 1910 m. Lucy Howard; Lavona Hamby m. Earl L. Tipps: Pauline Nancy Hamby m. Irving Mercer Robbins; Blanton Hamby; Randall L. Hamby m. Jane Hill; Willadean Hamby m. Russell P. Shockley). Lena Hamby - unmarried, Eldridge Lee Hamby m. 1. Vennie L. Crabtree, 2. Eva Cooke Crabtree.

8. John Morgan Hamby b. 1862. m. Mary Frances Henson (b. 1865). Their children were: Thursie J. Hamby b. 1890 m. Willie Payne (parents of Goldie m. Claude Johnson, Willie Mae m. Stanley Northcutt, Mary Florence m. Ernest Trussell, and Johnny m. \_\_\_\_\_), and Ella Mae Hamby b. 1899 m. Barney Johnson.

(B.) Eli Washington "Wash" Hamby b. 1826 m. Rachel Arkansas Sartain & owned between 600-700 acres of land in Burrows' Cove. "Wash" was in the Civil War. Their children were: (1) James Harrison Hamby b. 1857 m. Nancy Annie Phipps. They in turn had Grover Cleveland Hamby b. 1884 a long-time merchant m. Bessie L. Meeks. (They were the parents of Hagan C. Hamby m. Mildred Chrisman, Jewel Hamby m. Lude C. Goodman, Melrose Hamby m. Edward Holder, and Nanna Lou Hamby m. Thomas Earl Meeks) Clercy Hamby - unmarried, Willie Hamby b. 1890 m. James A. Green, Maymie Hamby b. 1900 - unmarried.

(2) Eli W. Hamby m. Allie Hawk (parents of Henry A., Cora May, Roy Briggs, Dola Bell Hamby).

(3) Jesse Ransom Hamby b. 1863 m. Mary Lavonna Hawk. Their children were: Horace m. Nila Parsons (Their children were Pauline - unmarried, Juanita m. Earl McNear, Eva Rose m. Billy Winton, Mitchell m. Evelyn Brannan. Carl m. Ruby Campbell, Katherine m. Bobby Phipps, Henry m. Lorena Yokely). Robert Lee Hamby m. Ezella \_\_\_\_\_, John Hamby, Thomas Hamby - unmarried, Alton Hamby m. Dorothy Price, Eva Rose m. John Worley, Timmie m. Thomas Barrett, Ola Hamby m. Barney Brown.

(4) Clarissa M. Hamby m. Charles B. Womack (Their children were Herbert, Arley, Ross, J.D., and Eldridge).

(5) George Franklin Hamby b. 1877 m. Mary Lou "Eliza" Crabtree. (Their children: Luard Franklyn Hamby m. Iola Dyer, George Herman Hamby, Rachel Emily Hamby, Elmer Lee Hamby, Milton Hamby, Thelma Nellena Hamby, and Onis Herndon Hamby).

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## HAWK

The known children of Margaret "Peg" Hawk were John, Bud and Ella. Margaret and her son John are known to have lived in this area.

John Hawk began the Hawk family surname in Burrows' Cove and gave his name to the area now called Hawk Hollow. He moved there from Hubbard's Cove just after the Civil War with his wife Elizabeth Lusk where they had these children: 1. Houston Hawk m. Hanna Brown (Their children were Hubert m. Hazel Sartain, Sam m. Vina Sartain, Susie m. Grover Bynum, Paul m. Tinnie Sartain, Bethie m. Haskel Bonner, and Elva m. Elmer Woodlee.) 2. Molly Hawk m. Eli Hamby (Their children were El and Harve).

3. Jim Hawk m. Kate Blanton (They were the parents of "Maymie" Hawk m. Herbert Sartain). After John's first wife died, he married her sister, Sarah Lusk. They then had two children: (1) Dee Hawk m. Addie Brown (sister of Hannah). Dee and Addie Brown Hawk had three sons: Ellis m. Ethel Campbell: Dillon m. Ruby Rieder (Their daughter is Verna Ruth m. Jay Winton): D. C. m. Leona Rose (Their daughter is Imogene m. David Keller). (2) Ann Hawk never married, but continued to live on with and take care of her aging father, John.

## KILGORE

The Kilgore family of Burrow's Cove sprang from William Kilgore of VA who was 60 years of age in 1860 and was living in the cove with his family, Mary Ann "Polly", 45; Marion, (male), 11; Sarah A., 6; John, 4; and Araminda, 2. In 1850 William and Polly Kilgore reported no children to the census. Since this family was apparently started when William was 50 years old, in all probability this was his second marriage.

Marion Kilgore and his family were well known in the cove because they operated a government still which specialized in the making of brandy. Local farmers brought wagon loads of apples and peaches to be used there. This still was located in a hollow just above the foot of the Cumberland Plateau on Highway 50 in Burrows' Cove. The hollow bears the name of Marion's first wife, Elizabeth "Liz", who lived and is buried there. Marion later m. Josie Meeks (daughter of George Wilson and Leucindy Thompson Meeks). The following were their children: Ollie Savanna Kilgore b. 1896 m. 1. Lem Dickerson 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Stacy, Biddie b. 1897 m. William Norris "Bee" Brazile, Emmitt b. 1899 m. Estie Dickerson (Their children were Alfred, Clayton m. Alma \_\_\_\_\_, Oma Lee m. 1. Howard Morris 2. Clyde Meeks, Blanton m. Ruth Johnson, Josephine m. J. B. Nunley, Harold "Big" m. 1. Josephine Thompson 2. Ruth Myers, Delores "Cootie" m. Gene Myers, Frank Emmett "Shack" m. Mildred Myers), Gracie b. 1901 m. Elzie Hayes, Roy b. 1903 m. Mary Bell Rodgers, Levoy b. 1905 m. Ethel Cunningham, Claude b. 1907 m. Annie Bell \_\_\_\_\_, Orval b. 1910 m. Lee Mar-crom, Mildred b. 1912 m. Lish Nunley. (They were the parents of L. J. Nunley m. 1. Elsie Rollins 2. Rose \_\_\_\_\_,

Wilson m. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Patty \_\_\_\_\_, Bobby m. Magdalene "Dale" \_\_\_\_\_, Margaret m. Wayne Sanders, Glenna Fay m. Barry Brownfield, Henrietta m. 1. Jackie Meeks 2. Jake Moses.

## MYERS

Thomas Jefferson Myers and his wife Georgiann Shelton moved into the head of Burrows' Cove at Elkhead about one mile north of Blue Springs, the actual head of Elk River. There they raised all their children. Those children were William Lonnie Myers m. Alice May Campbell (granddaughter of A.A. Campbell), Robert E. "Bob" Lee Myers m. 1. Carl Bailey (parents of Paul Baily) 2. Sam Winton (brother of Robert L. Winton), Frances Myers - moved away and m. a lady who was three-quarters Cherokee, Orbin Myers m. Cordia Givens of Altamont, Fred Myers m. Viola Gibbs, Bessie Myers m. Jim Givens, Etta Myers m. 1. Alton Rankins 2. Clyde Smartt, and Carl Myers m. Velvie Hobbs.

Lonnie Myers and Alice Campbell have descendants in the valley today. Their children were: (A) Gladys Myers m. 1. Coy Gordon of Mississippi 2. Hubert Rogers (son of Vet Rogers) (B) Sula May Myers m. Will "Sheeny" Edwards of Mississippi, (C) William Floyd Myers m. Elois Campbell (sister of Ava Campbell Sartain). Their children were Billy, Carl Anthony, Gene, Wendell, and Joyce. (D) Thomas Pascal Myers m. 1. Lois Meeks 2. Juanita Oliver (They had two children: Deborah and Keith). (E) James Merrell Myers m. Vela Hawk, (F) Malinda Jeweldean Myers m. Harold Scheer, (G) Georgia Lee Myers m. 1. Emmett Clay (see Clay) 2. Guy Simmons, (H) Archie Ross Myers died at 18 months, (I) Carl David Myers m. Edith Magouirk, (J) Edgar Allen Myers m. Nell Ruth Oliver. They had three children: Teddy, David, and Patsy Ruth. (K) Ernest Carmon Myers m. 1. Bonnie Patterson (Lavon Myers is their son). 2. Ruth Shaddock Lassater.

## NUNLEY (BURROWS' COVE)

Nunleys in this area are decended from Carroll Nunley, son of Jeremiah and Jane Davis Nunley who possibly came here from Warren County. He is thought to have been a brother to Madison Nunley, Bill, Riley, and Easter Nunley.

Carroll and Mary Nunley had these children: Joe m. Angie Brown (grandparents of Willie Jo (Sitz) Medley and her brother, Robert Sitz). Eleck m. Engia Smith, Bill m. Harriet Smith, Emma m. Smartt Hampton, Nettie m. Abe Haskins, Margaret m. Poindexter "Dick" Campbell (grandparents of Carol Meeks Gilliam), Francis (male) m. \_\_\_\_\_, and Jeff m. 1. Sally Haskins 2. Buna Dickerson. Jeff had 21 children and his tombstone at Bethel reads: "Some have children; some have none; here lies the father of 21".

Jeff and Sally (Haskins) Nunley's children were: Frank m. Pearl Nunley, Tampico m. Layden Gohtson, Kate m. Otis Campbell, Carrie m. Garnet Burrows, and Webster m. Maymie Givens.

Jeff and Buna (Dickerson) Nunley had: Pete m. Abbie Coffelt, Sally Ann m. Dotson Argo, Carroll (never married), Lish m. Mildred Kilgore, Jefferson m. Zelma Fults, James m. Francis Schasser, Ruth (died young), Gladys m. Melvin Oliver, Novella m. Clyde Brady, Bunia m. James Gilliam; Margaret, Mary, Lee, and Elisha; Graham m. Mae Campbell, and Luke m. Molly Coffelt.

Luke and Molly (Coffelt) Nunley now live in Burrows' Cove although they spent many years in Indiana. Their children are Ruth m. Dale Harshman, (Parents of Dale Jr. m. Annette Stubblefield, Brian & Anthony), Carolyn m. Wallace "Shorty" Heitt, Willine m. Paul Campbell, (Parents of John & Mary), Bunia Lou Nunley, and Wessley Nunley.

The Webb and Maymie (Givens) Nunley family is made up of William Leo Nunley, Webster m. Zelma Fults, Silas "Polly" m. Pearley Sartain (see Sartain), J.B. Nunley m. Josephine Kilgore (Their children: Felix G. m. Patsy R. Myers and Bonnie m. Dennis Buckner), Willie Mae Nunley m. Paul K. Parks (Their daughter: Jan m. Roy Swisher), Pauline Nunley m. 1. Billy Myers 2. Wayne Bonner (Her children were: Maxine Myers m. Ronnie Henley, Becky Myers m. Randy Goodman; Ann, Sue and Mike Bonner), Mary Lee m. Ray Sanders, Forrest David "Hamp" m. Marie Arp (Their children: Forrest m. 1. Sandi Hamby 2. \_\_\_\_\_, Nadine m. Keith Myers, and Kevin Nunley). Randil m. 1. Bonnie Harris 2. Sue Fults (Randil and Bonnie's children were: Reneece, Carmen, Carla, Colene and Nikki. Sue and Randil have a son, Nathan).

The Graham Nunley and Mae Campell family consists of: Jimmy Nunley m. Nelene Hamby (Their children are: Alan m. Sandy \_\_\_\_\_, Randy, Sheila m. Eddie Dickerson), Anna Mae Nunley m. Cordell Gilliam 2. Deon Pool 3. Coy \_\_\_\_\_ (Her children were both by Cordell Gilliam, but were adopted by Deon Pool. They are: Linda Pool m. Ricky Parks and Ronnie Pool m. Linda K. Morris), Wayne m. Judy McCormick, Sherry m. 1. Junior Bumbaloo (Their child was Cindy m. Keith Phipps). 2. Gordon Clouse (They had a son Troy). 3. John Cartwright, Edwin m. Kathy Burtrum, Dwight m. Connie Hale, Betty m. Danny Raider, Debbie m. Ronnie Teague, Jean m. C.L..Braseel (Their children are: Susan, Brenda, Christina, and Adam Braseel).

## PARTAIN

The family of William and Hannah Partain, natives of North Carolina, appears in the 1850 census of the Burrows' Cove area. Their sons were John, Richard, George and probably Thomas P. Partain. Deed records show that Hannah was a daughter of Thomas King, from whom she inherited property. William Partain sold land at the head of the cove to Reuben Hampton before 1852, and the Partains faded from most county records for several decades after that. Tennessee records of the Civil War, both Union and Confederate, show about 15 Partains on each side. In 1870 in Grundy County Samuel Partain married Sarah Parks and in 1879 John Partain married Nancy Patterson. No female Partains married in Grundy County before 1880. John and Nancy appear in the 1900 census with sons Wm. H. Roy, James, and George W.

## PATTON

John Patton arrived in Burrows' Cove with a team of steers used for logging. He and his wife, Sarah, ran a small store located near where Louie "Red" and Gladys Campbell Sartain now live. They had one son, Howard, who was killed in service. Although there were many Pattons in Pelham, John does not appear to have been related to that line.

## PHIPPS

The family of Jackson Phipps (1815-1899) came to Pelham Valley before 1820. He had several brothers also in this area, most of whom later went west. It is thought that their father was John Phipps and their mother Mary Sanders. Jackson Phipps was a farmer in the area south of Pelham. Court records show that he and his brother David also operated a liquor distillery (moonshine still) and were arrested for it -- the case eventually was heard in the State Supreme Court, Jackson's wife was Sallie Smith, a native of Alabama. Their children were: Elizabeth Gilly; Martha (never married); James; Louisa Hobbs Meeks; Sarah Hawk; Emeline Henley; John; Mary Jane (never married but won a breach of marriage suit in 1895, and had a son); William; Nancy Hamby; Selina (died young). James Phipps ran away at the age of 15 and joined the Confederate Army, lying about his age. His mother went to the camp, found him, and made him come home with her. Like his father, he raised a large family, including: Nancy Bowlin; Sallie Manley; Dewit; Lee; Ida O'Neill; Mollie Hart; Joe; and Sam. His wife was Amanda Spencer. Most of this latter group of Phippses have moved away from the Pelham area.

## SAM PHIPPS

Sam Phipps rode his horse to Pelham, and his dog followed along. While there, someone kicked the dog. Sam became so infuriated that he killed the man who kicked the dog. He rushed back to his home in Burrows' Cove and quickly disposed of his land by making a deal with James Sartain, Sr. to move him and his family to Anderson, Alabama. James agreed to do so in return for Sam's land.

Sam Phipps had a twin brother, David. Jackson Phipps was thought to be their brother.

## SARTAIN

The descendants of James Sartain, Sr. (b. 1816 d. 1910) are scattered throughout the various communities of the Elk River Valley. James became successful financially while practicing veterinary medicine in Missouri. When he came to Tennessee, he purchased two tracts of land- one in 1846, the other in 1849. This land was located on the Elk River. In 1850 James married Rebecca Isabell Brown when he was 33 years of age, but during that same year the couple had living with them **Demaeratus** (male), age 11; Arkansas, 9; Arrena, 8; Arsenith, 6; Ariminda, 4; **Erctiln** (male), 2. These were likely to be his children by his first marriage since both the 8 & 9 year olds were born in Missouri.

Family records indicate that the children of his first marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ Tucker were Democrates "Mock", Jackson m. Sarah Jane Winton, Sis (possibly named Inas), and Clercy m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hamby. Jackson and his wife had these children by 1900. Lewis M. b. 1880; Mary b. 1881; Theresa b. 1884; James b. 1887; Nora b. 1889. Lewis married Bettie Dickerson. Their children in turn were: Edison Sartain m. Lydia Fults (parents of Pearly m. Silas "Polly" Nunley who had Webster, Joe, Kathleen, & Samuel D.; Martin Sartain - never married; Thomas Sartain m. 1. Joy \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Dixie \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Marie \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Donna \_\_\_\_\_; Mary m. 1. Billy Pendergrass 2. James Thackett 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Sharp; Dewey Sartain m. 1. Shirley \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Barbara Givens 3. Linda \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Janie Anderson; Marlee m. 1. Fred Meeks 2. Junior Nunley; Melba m. 1. Pete Meadows 2. Melvin Smitty, Williard m. Yvonne Buckner; William m. Ginger Anderson). Stella Sartain m. Earl Argo (parents of Willis, Ruby, Betty, Melrose, Ann, Leroy, Don, Arthur, & Dillard), Hazel Sartain m. Hube Hawk, Nell Sartain m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lappin, Clercy Sartain m. Doyle Myers (parents of Ethlene Myers m. Carl Burnett), Bertie Sartain m. Lloyd Riley, Louis "Red" Sartain m. Gladys Campbell (parents of Junior, Mark, Barbara, Bessie Lee, Wynnecticut, & Tony), Mark Sartain m. a girl from the Philippines, Luke Minister "Minnar" Sartain m. Esta Lee Campbell (parents of Edith Sartain). Jackson & Sarah Sartain had other children: Sam, Ike, Alberta, Democrates "Young Mock" m. Molly \_\_\_\_\_, John & David.

James Sartain, Sr.'s marriage to Rebecca Isabell Brown produced this family" Loak m. \_\_\_\_\_ Garrett, Ferd m. Betty Shelton, Aaron m. 1. Vine Hargis 2. Caroline Speegle, James II m. Mary Hargis (Sister of Vine), Jenny m. Robert Countiss, & Angeline m. Samuel A. Henley. The Aaron Sartain / Vine Hargis marriage produced two children, Isabell "Betty" Sartain b. 1894 m. Francis Meeks and Mary Lee Sartain b. 1896, never married. Isabell "Betty" Sartain & Francis Meeks had these children: Robert m. Adrian Arp, Louvina m. Jim Burnett (Their children were: Johnny m. Judy Carrick, Carl m. Ethlene Myers, Anna Rose m. Sam Morton, Faye m. James C. McClaran, & Janice m. Charles E. "Jack" White.), Sam m. Lucille Arp, Rose m. Edd Heston, Blanton m. Clara Haley (Their children: Wanda m. Martin Davidson, Jackie m. 1. Henrietta Nunley 2. Betty Mears 3. Louise Crocker), Uliss m. Ellen Shortridge, James m. Edna Magouirk, Nancy m. Carl Haskins, Carlee m. Jim Smith, Henry m. Melba Rogers, Ernest m. Leona Keller (parents of Vickie Meeks m. Dennis Garner & John Meeks, Kim), Eliss m. Clara \_\_\_\_\_.

Aaron Sartain then married Caroline Speegle from Battle Creek in Marion County, TN. Their children were: Ethel b. 1899 m. Floyd Bean, Vine b. 1900 m. Sam Hawk, Tennessee b. 1904 m. Paul Hawk, Ferd b. 1904 m. Zora Rieder (They had one son, Wendell.), Alf b. 1908 m. Rosa Alberta Phipps (Their sons were Ray & Brent), Elmer b. 1911 m. Ina Woodlee (Their children were Lou Carolyn and Linda.), Joe Luther b. 1914 m. Waldean Givins.

Angeline Sartain m. Sam Henley. (Their children were: Lou (male) m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brawley, Cam m. Emma Goodan, Sam- never married.

James Sartain II m. Mary Hargis and had Herbert Lee Sartain m. Sarah Mae Clementine "Maymie" Hawk, Bessie Ann m. Creed Echols, Jennie Ermia m. Lloyd Owen Bean, Nellie Sartain m. Claude Winton, James Sartain m. Alma Meeks (Their children were James Frank Sartain who was killed in service & Vera Ruth m. 1. Ray Goodman 2. Gene Cowley), John Sartain m. Ava Campbell, Joe Sartain m. Ruby Bonner (Their children: Marshall m. Judy Hampton, Harold m. Barbara Davenport), & Margie m. John Henry Fults.)

There seems to be a connection between James Sartain, Sr. and Susannah Sartain who lived close by him and his family in 1860. In fact, Demaeratus (Democrates) was living with her in 1860. Susannah was probably James Sartain, Sr.'s mother. Lovell D. was also a brother of James Sartain, Sr.

Lovell D. (also called Love/Lovey) Sartain m. Catherine F. \_\_\_\_\_. Their known children were: Clementine (m. 1. Burwell Blanton 2. Benjamin Brazile) and Elizabeth. Clementine had a daughter Catherine "Kate" m. Jim Hawk. They then were the parents of "Maymie" Hawk who married Herbert Sartain. Lovell Sartain married a second time to Eudora Patton. Maymie Hawk m. Herbert Sartain and had James B. Sartain m. Maxine Partin. (They had 1 daughter Millicent Kay m. Eddie Baker - They have 1 daughter, Jennifer.) & L. D. Sartain m. Reba Jo Bennett. (Their children are: Jimmy m. Henrietta Harris, Janette "Susie", Mike, Mary Kate, Carolyn Dee, & Billy Mack Sartain.)

## SMARTT

The Smartt family name came here from Altamont when Dee Smartt m. Ida "Sis" White. Their children were: Earl m. 1. Pauline Nary (daughter of Jane Winton) 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Qualls (daughter of Ollis Qualls), Pauline m. 1. Elmo Hamby, 2. \_\_\_\_\_, Tom never married, & Georgia Lee m. 1. Taft Campbell 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Walker.

## SUMMERS

J. W. Summers b. 13 January 1842 d. March 1907 m. Martha Elizabeth Guest b. 2 June 1842, d. 22 January 1910. They were married in 1867. Their children were: Lydia Summers m. Charles White; Nannie Summers m. Andy Lockhart; Betty Summers m. Will Lockhart; Mary Summers m. Albert Echols; Lula Summers m. Isham Levan; J. W. Summers, Jr. m. Clara Campbell (sister of Alice, Parille, and Alvin.)

This family lived in the Burrows' Cove area and is thought to have moved here from Rutherford County.

## WINTON

James "Juber" Winton was born in North Carolina; however, he moved to the Beersheba area with two of his brothers. They lived near Stone Door but found it undesirable because of Indian problems. Rather than continually fight, the brothers departed Beersheba, each going his own way, one to Warren County, another to Atlanta who was never again to contact either of his brothers, and the third, James "Juber" Winton to Burrows' Cove where he was enumerated in the 1850 census with his family: Malinda, his third wife; John, 22; Mary E., 17 (John's wife); Stephen, 21; Anderson, 19; James, 17; Nancy, 16; Jesse, 14; and Mary, 12. "Juber's" other wives were: 1. Mahalaha \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Luticia Hawk who was killed in a tornado 3. Sally Myers.

The ancestral Winton homeplace was located where Stanley and Willie Mae (Payne) Northcutt now live. The place was passed down to George Winton, grandson of "Juber" then to Stanley Northcutt, a stepson of Larson Winton (the son of George Winton) gained possession of the property.

The old Juber Winton house and the house now occupied by Clercy Hamby were built on the same style-that of logs with two larg rooms on either end and a central, open hallway. The Hamby house has of course, been drastically renovated so that it no longer shows outward signs of its former appearance.

The Wintons in this area are descended through Anderson Winton, son of "Juber". Anderson Winton m. Mary Ann Messick. Their children were: (1) John Winton m. Nan Crabtree, (2) Jesse Winton m. Rene Stubblefield (Their children were: Alvie m. Bessie Rieder; Yance m. Ada Sherrill; Mable m. Fred Lusk) (3) George Winton m. Ann Meeks (Their children were: Larson m. Della Oliver; Mansill m. Willie McCann; Mary Sue m. Wade Phipps (They had one son Bobby Phipps m. Kathryn Hamby); Clair never married; Bessie m. Russell Archer. (4) Liz Winton m. Pless Fults (Their children were: Marvin (female) - never married, and Horace m. Hassie Clay (Their son was Clay Fults). (5) Dorcas Winton m. Pete Crabtree (6) Melota "Levi" Winton m. John Henry Fults (They had a son Henry Fults, Jr. who m. 1. Margie Sartain 2. Carlee (Gipson) Payne 3. Inez Winton) (7) Martha Caroline Winton m. Silas Brasseal. Their son wa W.N. "Bee" Brasseal (Brazile) who in turn m. Biddie Kilgore. They had two daughters, Edna m. "Jack" Conn; Narcia m. Kenneth Wilson.

John Winton and Nan Crabtree's descendants continue on with the Winton surname in Pelham Valley. Their children were: Robert Lee (Bob) Winton m. Ethel Bennett (no children); Len m. Nina Campbell; Dill m. Ella Myers; Helen - never married; Sam was killed; Claude m. Nell Sartain. Claude and Nell's children were Edna m. Ralph Bonner; Louie m. Inez Carden (He served as Sheriff of Grundy County from 1966-70 then 1972-1976); Paul m. Edna Mae Oliver (They in turn had Harold David Winton m. Mary Jane Stubblefield.) Paul was killed in a timber cutting accident. Glenn m. Uldean Rogers; Jay m. Verna Ruth Hawk (Their children were Teresa m. Tim Cunningham and Gaye m. John Kelly; Bobby m. \_\_\_\_\_ and Kelly m. \_\_\_\_\_).

## WOODLEE

The Woodlee family traces its ancestry from England to Virginia. Andrew Woodlee, the immigrant, arrived in Isle of Wright Co. VA, in 1690. The Woodlees moved from the Virginia area to Irving College. Some then settled in Northcutt's Cove while William Armstrong Woodlee and his wife Mary Ann Smith came across the plateau and settled in Burrows' Cove. Along with William came his brother, John Woodlee. John's children were Talmadge, Carroll, Matt, & Johnny Woodlee. Johnny Woodlee operated a general merchandise store across from the newer Cleve-Hamby store. The white house which still stands across from Jewel Hamby Goodman's home was the residence of John Woodlee, Sr.

William Armstrong Woodlee & Mary Ann Smith had these children: Hattie m. Chris Note of Germany, Frank m. Myrtle Hobbs, Ida May m. Harris Campbell, Jim m. Mary Hobbs, Edith - never married and lived to be 95, William Gordon Woodlee m. Mary Lou Meeks. Their children were: (A) Lily May Woodlee m. Rufus Childers (They had : David Childers m. 1. Betty \_\_\_\_\_, Inez Childers m. Jim Bouldin, & Gordon Childers m. Marzee Dickerson.) (B) Elmer Woodlee m. Elva Hawk (Their children were: E. G. Woodlee m. Polly Adkins & Willene m. Jim Barlow.) (C) Frank Woodlee m. Alma Crabtree (Their children: Harold Cecil Woodlee m. Amy Spreckly of England and Nancy Woodlee m. 1. Webster Nunley 2. Roger Kilgore, son of Delores Kilgore Myers.) (D) Hobert Woodlee m. Una Rhea and had



one son William Pope Woodlee. (E) Ina Woodlee m. Elmer Sartain, They had Lou Carolyn who m. Harold Bowen & Linda who m. Ronnie Haynes.) (F) Irene Woodlee m. Frank Moran. Their children were: Anna Laura Moran m. R. B. Cox & Frank Moran, Jr. m. 1. Allie Ruth Smith. Anna Laura & R. B. had children: Wayne & Ellen.

## **HOME AGAIN!**

Mr. Sam Brown (age 84) of Hillsboro, Tennessee, remembers:

My daddy told me this story many times. My grandfather (who lived in Hawk Hollow of Burrough's Cove, Pelham, Tennessee) bought a mule and two hogs from a man on the south side of the Tennessee River in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He brought them to Hawk Hollow. He put them in his fenced-in lots. He found them missing. After searching the surrounding area for days he finally gave up as having lost the hogs and mule. Weeks later, the two hogs and the mule made it back home to Chattanooga after swimming the Tennessee River to get home!

Bobby Phipps remembers:

George Winton had a sow that he hauled to Winchester. She got out of the wagon and could not be found. Weeks and weeks passed. She finally made it back to Burrows' Cove with feet worn off...walking on her knees!

## **BURROWS' COVE**

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## **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 Co. 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 numbers of deer.

This community's early history has many ties with Monteagle and the Assembly Grounds as well as with Summerfield. This is probably true in part 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 accomodate sight-seers. Even the water for the Assembly Grounds was furnished from Wonder Cave and was 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 mule pulling the cable when suddenly the cable snapped cutting off the mule's front legs. Luckily Mary Jane wasn't injured.

## **AUNT SUKEY LAYNE LEVAN**

Just above the turnback on Highway 41 was the Sukey Levan Cabin, "a two room house with the rough planks literally covered with pictures-sometimes a lovely piece of painting, often some souvenir of real artistic work given the little woman by some of her numerous friends-visitors who passed that way, and guests of the Assembly, who always found it pleasant to take-in her cottage in their route down to the valley. There was a large back room and a small kitchen beyond, all scrupulously clean. The sheets were snowy white. Upon the walls here, too, there were numerous pictures; one, a life sized portrait of Bob Taylor, (He was governor of Tennessee at the time.)

Sukey's husband, William Levan, "Sweet Papa" to her, died leaving her to raise five children" ...I never thought hit was right to spend his (Sweet Papa's) money; I jes' tuck hit all-every bit of hit, hunny (\$12.00)-An' put hit right roun' him...The first thing I got a nice white stone."

Sucky picked ducks and chickens for Mis' Short. For that, she made \$2.00 a week, plus she took vegetables to the Assembly Grounds on the back of Queenie her pony. Sukey married again after "Sweet Papa" died, but her new husband was too sickly to do the plowing and help out with the chores and besides he wanted to sell Queenie because he couldn't plow her. He and Sukey separated over their differences in opinion concerning Queenie. Sucky said that more than liekly, she could get another man, but "I jes knowed I never could get another Queenie" (from **Coves & Cliffs of the Cumberland**s).

## **AUNT CINDA MARTIN**

Aunt Cinda Martin came to Monteagle with Billy and Sally McCoy and Sally's mother, Mrs. Cawthron, who came to the mountain from Sequachie County for health reasons. Apparently the cure worked. Billy lived to be 102 years old. Sally lived to be 105, and Mrs. Cawthron reached 112. Cinda inherited their log house which had been built at the time "Indians possessed the grounds". The house had no windows at all, and there Cinda lived alone. She was asked about some of the first inhabitants of the mountain and she replied, "That wus four families here when we-uns settled, or jes' 'bout that time. Ben Wooten had the first store in Tracy City; thar warn't nothin' else thar; then Ben Trussell and Osborne & Moses Thompson. Thar was one store in Pelham an' Stoneford Mill, in the valley, where we-uns had to get meal groun'. Hit tuck two days to come and go .... We-uns had plenty wood and coal fer diggin', good water, and raised all the meat &

vegetables we wanted. We didn't need much close, and that's the reason folks lived so long. They warn't bothered out they lives a-huntin' fer work and vitols..."

(from **Coves & Cliffs of the Cumberlands**)

## **A VISIT TO THE BILLY LAYNE CABIN**

Billy Layne's house was a small, one-room log house, with shed room and loft above. A visitor might be greeted with strains of Sunday school anthems from the pump organ and an invitation to eat pumpkin an' cornbread with po' fokes.

One visitor inquired about the Summerfield church services he attended. Billy told of Mis' Smith who was the preacher at both Summerfield and Cinda's Chapel. She was a sister of the "ole one-armed Confedric soldier, Mr. Bradshaw, what is a-keepin' o' the post office now in the village; an', now, Mis' Smith is powerful 'ceptable 'mongst the people." He told of earlier times though when Mis' Smith wasn't accepted and had to hold her meetings in the woods. He told of his own falling away frin the church and of doing "mighty wrong", but that he had now decided "ef the Lord has called a woman fer to preach the gospel an' his word, thar hain't none o' us poor, weak-minded bretherin whut ought to desist." Billy Layne later became a preacher himself and founded the Union Church in Layne's Cove.

(from **Coves & Cliffs of the Cumberlands**)

## **AYLOR**

It is unbelievable that such a short name, could be spelled so many ways. For example: OHLER-EILER-AILER-AHLAR-AYLER-EYLER and others. German in origin, known as Penn. Dutch, the names John, Mary, Anthony, William, Johanna, & Joseph are in most every family of Aylors back to the old country. The ones most known in the Pelham Valley area was that of Anthony born ca. 1795 in Virginia. One of his sons, George traveled on to Georgia, and he remained there. The son of Anthony, (the chair-maker) who is so well remembered in the valley was Joseph (Joe) B. Aylor, born ca. 1833 in N.C. He married Mary Summers Aug. 1, 1853 (dau. of Bazel and Viney Summers) The children of Joseph and Mary were: Wm. H. who married Agnes Gilliam (Gilland), Mary Oda was the wife of Abraham (Abe) Layne. Alice married G. M. (Kept) Pirtle. Anthony married Rebecca Hollins. John Robert married Flossy Earp. Jocie was the first wife of Sq. Bill Bennett. Mattie died young and single.

## **HASSEBROCK**

George Hassebrock came from Gorham, Illinois, to the Elk River Valley during the building of Highway 41 in the late 1920's. He was of German extraction and had been married to Carrie Blanton who bore him two sons: August m. Peggy Meeks from Tracy City. (They returned to Illinois to live.) & Fred who m. Faminda Hill. Their children are: Freddie Wayne Hassebrock m. Kathy Thomas & Loretta who m. F. Leonard Layne 2. Billy Boyd Edwards.

After his arrival in the valley, George met and married Beedie Meeks. They had no children.

## **HILL**

William Thomas Hill (brother of Jim & Sam Hill - had half sisters, Nan & Deelie) m. Hatie Partin (sister of Johnny B. Partin and Bessie Trussell. Bryan & Orval Partin were her half brothers). William T. & Hattie moved to Layne's Cove in 1920 from Alto. Their children were: (1) Joe- never married (2) Edith m. 1. Abe "Little Abe" Layne 2. Robert Shirley. (Abe & Edith had: Virginia, Sherman, & Teresa.) (3) Lucille m. Huey Gipson (Their children were Huetta, Yvonne, & Naomi.) (4) Ozler m. 1. Alucia Hill 2. Rita Wilkerson (Ozler & Alucia's children were: Clayton, Morton, Joan, & Randall) (5) Mary Lee m. Alton Johnson (Their children: Ernie, Michael, & Tommy.) (6) Margaret m. 1. Alf Campbell 2. Jack Jordan 3. Roy McGhee (7) Faminda m. Fred Hassebrock (Their children are Freddie Wayne m. Cathy Thomas & Loretta m. 1. Leonard Layne 2. Billy Boyd Edwards.

## **KILGORE**

The Kilgore family of Layne's Cove seems to have moved from Marion County with the Laynes when they crossed the plateau into Pelham Valley.

Stephen A. Kilgore b. ca. 1802 m. Jane Lovlace b. ca. 1805. They were living in Layne's Cove when the 1860 census was taken. Their known children: Mary Annie b. ca. 1829 m. Andrew Jackson Blanscet, Sally b. ca. 1835, Hiram b. ca. 1832 m. Jane \_\_\_\_\_, Martha A b. ca. 1844, William A. b. ca. 1866, Frances b. ca. 1866, Elizabeth b. ca. 1868. Hiram Kilgore was also living in Layne's Cove in 1860 with his wife Jane. Also living in the household were Mary McGeorge, Malinda, and Betty J. Kilgore.

John B. Layne signed for Issac Kilgore (b. 1845) to join Co. D of the first Vedette Cavalry under Cal Brixey in 1863. Kilgore enlisted at Pelham.

## **LAYNE**

John Lain (Layne), Sr. b. ca. 1768 in VA; d. before 1849, m. Barbara DeVault (b. ca. 1770 in NC) Barbara's maiden name is Logne in an old Layne Bible. Their descendents settled in Layne's Cove. Their children were:

David b. ca. 1791

William b. between 1793-1800 m. Polly \_\_\_\_\_.

Elizabeth b. ca. 1794 m. David Luallen of Ala.

Nancy b. ca. 1798 m. Hiram Kilgore

Abraham b. ca. 1798 m. Rebecca Kilgore

Margaret b. ca. 1802 m. Richard Bradford

Burrell b. ca. 1804 m. Emily \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaac b. 1809

Daniel b. 1811 m. Anna Bryant

Polly Anna m. \_\_\_\_\_ Kilgore

Lou

Sallie

John, Jr. b. ca 1808 m. Esther Kilgore This couple moved to Layne's Cove where he was a wagon maker. It was their children who began the Layne line in the Elk River Valley. Their children were:

(A) John Layne III b. 1831 m. Mattie Bryant

(B) William Harrison "Spunkie Bill" Layne b. 1832 m. 1. Elizabeth Ann \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Catherine Cox

(C) Abraham Layne b. 1835 m. Celia Pickett

Preston D. Layne b. 1835 m. 1. Martha J. Thomas 2. \_\_\_\_\_

(D) Preston D. Layne b. 1835 m. 1. Martha J. Thomas 2. \_\_\_\_\_

By 1st wife

Martha b. 1864

Preston, Jr.

Oliver

Henderson "Hense"

By 2nd Wife

Simon

James

Rosie

(E) David Layne, wagonmaker, b. 1837 m. Tennessee \_\_\_\_\_

David Layne b. 1859

Monroe Layne b. 1859 m. Elizabaeth \_\_\_\_\_

Eleanor Layne b. 1879

Mary Layne b. 1863

Daniel Layne b. 1874

(F) Isaac Layne b. 1840 m. Samantha Elizabeth Thomas

(Isaac was a Methodist preacher. Samantha was a midwife.)

1. William Thomas "Bill" Layne b. 1862 m. 1. Mary Jane Blackwell 2. Ruthy Phillips 3. Nettie Eleanor Parker

1a. Esther Layne b. 1886 m. Charlie Gilliam

Howard Gilliam m. Lula Mae Loveless

Ramie L. Gilliam m. Kenneth Ramsey

Elmer H. Gilliam b. 1911

Wm. Elzie Gilliam m. Mary Mollnaire

Arnold H. Gilliam m. Alberta Daniel

Hayden W. Gilliam b. 1922 unmarried

Leonard H. Gilliam m. Stella Buckner

Charles Edward Gilliam m. Jeanette Hittson

1b. Lester Layne b. 1888 d. 1889

1c. Della Layne b. 1890 m. Sam Jones Cox.

Arlie M. Cox m. David W. Shields

Samantha E. Cox b. 1909 m. George C. Wilson

Bernice W. Cox b. 1911 m. Maggie Taylor

Nellie Cox b. 1913 m. Willis Fate Bennett

Roy G. Cox b. 1915 m. Marion Hinderliter

Velma N. Cox b. 1918 m. E. J. Jordan

Sam A. Cox b. 1921

Charles G. Cox b. 1924 m. Judy DeCamillo

1d. Annie Layne b. 1882 m. Lanson Odell "Dellie" Gilliam

1d1. William Jessup Gilliam b. 1913 died young

1d2. Lula May Gilliam m. James Cox

Virginia Cox m. Rayburn Hill

Jennifer Cox

Ann Cox m. Doyle Foster

Lori Foster

1d3. Goldie Irene m. Alton Meeks

Anna Ruth Meeks m. Jerry Hardy

Jennifer Hardy

Richard Hardy

Leah Dell Meeks m. James Sells

Debbie Sells m. \_\_\_\_\_ Turner

Jeff Sells

Connie Meeks m. Jimmy Rogers

Chris Rogers

Gina Rogers

Coy Rogers  
 Hilda Meeks m. Kenneth Braseel  
 Betsy Braseel  
 1d3. Annie Alberta Gilliam m. Allen Magouirk  
 Raymond G. Magouirk m. Judy A. Parson  
 Rosa Lee Magouirk m. Dean Harris  
 Dennis Wade Harris  
 Sarah Ann Harris  
 David Lee Harris  
 Phillip Harris  
 Rebecca Sue Harris  
 Ruby Magouirk m. Leroy Argo  
 Johnny Argo  
 Jason Argo  
 Patty Lou Magouirk m. Brenda G. Meeks  
 Peggy Sue Magouirk m. David Gallagher  
 1d4. Elmerey Jean Gilliam m. Phillip A. Layne  
 1d5. John O'Dell Gilliam m. Julene Sweeton  
 1d6. Mary Virginia m. James L. Hill  
 J. Curtis Hill m. Dianne Mitchell  
 Angela D. Hill  
 Curtis B. Hill  
 C. Norman Hill m. Margaret Ann "Peggy" Conry  
 Kathrine M. Hill  
 James Norman Hill  
 Eddie N. Hill m. Susan D. Sanders  
 Jack Aaron Hill  
 Jeni Lynn Hill  
 Robin Hill  
 Clara Hill  
 1d7. Gerald E. "Bud" Gilliam m. Christine Williams  
 1d8. Earl Gilliam m. Ruth Bain  
 1d9. Burwell Gilliam m. Margie Bai  
 1e. Taylor Layne b. 1894 m. Myrtle Thomas b. 1897  
 1e1. Margie A. Layne b. 1914 m. Lewis B. Good  
 1e2. Dillard H. Layne, Sr. m. Corene Cox  
 Dillard Harold Layne, Jr. m. Brenda J. Koger  
 Troy Layne m. Patricia Curtis  
 Heather J. Layne  
 Russell Layne  
 Travis Layne  
 Joyce Layne m. Donnie Gipson  
 C. Doyle Layne m. Linda Gibson  
 James Ronald Layne  
 Brenda K. Layne m. Gregory Sparks  
 1e3. Hulon Layne m. Dorothy Mattox  
 1e4. Villes V. Layne m. Leon Thomas  
 1e5. Carl Hampton Layne m. James Sargent  
 1e6. Helen J. Layne m. James Sargent  
 1e7. Wm. Taylor Layne m. Jean Jones  
 1e8. Robert Thomas Layne m. Elizabeth Bush  
 1e9. James Kenneth Layne  
 1f. Rushia Layne b. 1895 m. Cleve Carroll  
 1g. Samantha Layne b. 1898 d. 1901  
 1h. James Andrew Layne b. 1900 died young  
 1. William T. "Bill" Layne m. Ruthy Phililps & had  
 Elvie Bell Layne b. 1905 died in infancy  
 1. William T. "Bill" Layne m. Nettie E. Parker  
 1a. Grace Parker m. Joe Ferrell (Nettie's child)  
 1b. Dauntie E. b. 1908 m. Robert L. Gipson  
 Bobbie Evelyn Gipson b. 1929  
 E. Alene Gipson m. Gene Conder  
 Frank D. R. Gipson m. Joyce Worley  
 Robert L. Gipson, Jr. m. Bernice Campbell  
 James Elbert Gipson m. Vernice Mae Campbell

- Howard Dean Gipson m. Rebecca Givins  
 Leyvonne Gipson m. Carl Featherston
- 1c. Virgil Layne m. 1. Vera Keys 2. Rachel Tidwell  
 Leonard Layne m. 1. Loretta Hassebrock 2. Donna Jones  
 Greg Layne Edwards  
 Brenda Layne m. 1. Marvin Porterfield 2. Emmett Tankersly
- 1d. Ola Bell Layne b. 1912 died young
- 1e. Joseph Elbert Layne b. 1914 m. Mary Elsie Payne  
 Janelle Layne b. 1947 m. Thomas E. Coats, Jr.  
 Mary Megan Coats b. 1975  
 Delbert C. "Bolley" Melton m. Mildred Lowe (son of Thelma Meeks & Elbert Layne)  
 Steve Melton m. 1. Tammy Shelton 2. Marylis Bollinger  
 Kim Melton m. David Ritchey  
 Jessica Ritchey
2. L. D. Layne b. 1865
3. Easter Layne b. 1867 m. Robert W. Parks
- 3a. Eva Lee Parks b. 1888 m. Josiah P. Payne  
 See Payne Family
- 3b. Zora Bell Parks b. 1892 m. 1. James Meeks 2. Carroll Pearson  
 Dorothy Meeks m. Blant Mayes  
 See Payne Family  
 Owana Meeks m. 1. Earl Hill 2. Joe Sartain  
 Eva Meeks m. Vernon Baker  
 Vera m. Hulon Rhodes  
 Lela Mae Meeks m. 1. Grover Gipson 2.  
 Cecil J. B. Meeks m. Lucille Marlow  
 Bobby Meeks m. Shirley Franks  
 Joseph C. Pearson m. Emma Marcrom
- 3c. Fred A. Parks b. 1890 m. Gracie Payne  
 See Payne Family
- 3d. Edward Herald Parks b. 1894 m. Nannie Rieder  
 David Parks m. Betty Holder  
 Glenn Parks -never married  
 Jonas Parks m. Adaline Argo  
 Frank Parks m. Shirley McCord  
 Imogene Parks m. Ralph White  
 Deborah White m.  
 Zora Parks m. John Bean  
 Randy Bean m. Donna Henley  
 Kelley Bean  
 Sandi Bean  
 Mary Ellen Bean  
 Martha Ruth Bean  
 Edna Parks -never married  
 Charles Parks -died in infancy
4. Abraham Kelly Layne b. 1871, 1. Oda Aylor  
 4. Leora Merritt Layne b. 1899 m. Morris Hill  
 Estle D. Hill b. 1920 killed in WW II  
 Lilly Eleanor Hill m. 1. O. V. Meeks 2. Albert Rieder  
 Buster Meeks  
 Marilyn Rieder m. Mike Turner  
 Mark Turner  
 Olive Alucia Hill m. 1. Ozler Hill 2. Therman Williams  
 Ralph Holland Hill m. 1. Terry \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Shirley \_\_\_\_\_  
 James Lawrence Hill m. Mary V. Gilliam  
 See Mary V. Gilliam on this chart  
 William Hamilton "Hamp" Hill m. Pauline Shetter  
 Douglas Hill m. Weatherly Rustin  
 Dianne m. Donnie Moon  
 David Hill  
 Nettie Geraldine Hill m. Edwin R. Gibbs  
 Judith Gibbs m. 1. Danny Hill  
 Jan Gibbs m. Robert Pratt  
 Laurie Gibbs m. Jimmy Tucker  
 Maria Gibbs m. 1. Mike Hall 2. Gene Irwin

Chris Gibbs

- 4b. Grace Layne b. 1898 m. Joe Henley  
4c. Viridia Esther Layne b. 1903 m. Richard Gilliam  
4d. Robert Wilson Layne b. 1905 m. Willie Thomas  
4e. William Jennings Bryan "Jay" Layne b. 1901 m. Hattie Huetta Gilliam  
Ela Mae Layne m. 1. Jessie Rollins 2 Henry Blankenship  
Gladys Marie m. James Sanders  
Rita Sanders m. Anthony Shrum  
Lonnie David Layne m. Earline O'Neal  
Pat Layne m. Bobby Hamby  
Larry Layne m. Gail Oliver  
Ben Layne m. Patty Mankin  
Michael Layne m. Lisa \_\_\_\_\_  
David "Rocky" Layne m. Peggy Hamby  
Amber Layne  
Dava Layne  
Nellie Louise Layne m. Ralph Sheid  
Velma Jean Layne m. Billy Layne  
Mary Juanita Layne m. James Edward Layne  
Fred Anthony m. Marlene Moses  
Harlan Tommy Layne m. Nancy Stipan  
Kenneth Owen Layne m. Patricia McCanless  
Glenda Arlene Layne m. Homer Lewis Layne, Jr.  
Kim Layne  
Holly Layne  
Kirssy Layne  
Linda Marlene Layne m. 1. James Ernest Nunley 2. Kenneth W. O'Neal  
Kenneth Wayne O'Neal, Jr.  
Derrick O'Neal  
Kendra O'Neal  
4f. Abraham "Little Abe" Layne m. Edith Hill  
Virginia Layne m. 1. James W. Tudor 2. John Vincent Zimsek  
Sherman Layne m. Patricia Dickerson  
Sharon Layne m. Archie Hunt, Jr.  
Gary Layne  
Teresa Ann Layne m. 1. Charles West 2. James Hannah  
4g. Eva Bell Layne b. 1910 m. Buford King  
Mae Pearl King m. 1. Carlton Thomas 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Wilhelm  
J. C. Thomas m. 1. Imogene Hawk  
4. Abraham K. Layne b. 1871 m. Sally Williams  
John Layne m. Dorothy Rollins  
John Kelley Layne m. Rhonda K. Irvin  
John Abraham Layne  
Brenda Lee Layne  
Amanda Vandora Layne  
Virginia Lee Layne m. Jerome Sheldon Blalock  
Jeremy Sheldon Blalock  
4. Abraham K. Layne b. 1871 m. Ozella Magouirk Meeks  
William "Bill" Layne m. 1. Rose \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Margie \_\_\_\_\_  
Billy Lane (by Rose)  
Billy Pryor (Margie's boy by a previous marriage)  
Deborah Kay Layne  
Bryan Kelly Layne  
5. Mary Jane Layne b. 1874 m. "Lige" Shetter  
6. Elizabeth Layne b. 1876 -crippled -never married  
7. Nancy Ann Layne b. 1879 m. John A. Scruggs  
John David Scruggs m. Mable Coffee (no children)  
Elanor Scruggs m. George Gipson  
Haskel Scruggs m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dooley  
Mary Scruggs m. Aaron Hargis  
Maidy Scruggs m. Elmer Messick  
Carrington Scruggs m. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Shoulders 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Scruggs m. Bruce Earl Bonner  
John Eric Bonner

Randy Bonner

(G) Susan "Suckey" Layne b. 1843 m. William Levan

(H) Polly Anna Layne b. 1846 m. Elic Johnson

(I) Daniel Layne b. 1848 m. Wilpha \_\_\_\_\_

(J) Barbara Ellen Layne b. 1839 m. Frank M. Cox

Mary Cox

Jane Cox

Rebecca Cox

Nancy Cox

Abigail Cox

James Cox b. 1870

(K) Nancy Layne b. 1850

(L) Tennessee Rutielie Layne b. 1853 m. Frank Meeks

Jim Meeks m. Zora Parks

See Zora Meeks Family in this chart

Priest Meeks

John Meeks m. Nancy Summers

Mary "Tompie" Meeks b. 1847 m. \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson

(M) Mattie Layne

(N) (M) Peggy Layne

(O) Sally Layne

(P) Lou Layne

## PAYNE/ SAYLES/ RAULSTON

Robert M. Payne b. 1848 was an entrepreneur from South Pittsburg, Marion County, Tennessee. He was among those of the first graduating class from the University of the South at Sewanee. He invested in coal mining on the Cumberland Plateau and operated a mine just below Cooley's Rift (located at the deep curve on I-24). Probably his most successful venture was the hotel business. In 1900 he was enumerated as the hotel keeper. Living at the hotel were the following: Emma E. Payne b. 1851, wife of R. M. Payne, a son, Buford b. 1884, and his daughter Katy Sayles b. 1877. Also living at the hotel were Jack G. Sayles b. 1871 of Chicago, Illinois. Jack was Katy's husband, and he worked as a confectioner there. Gilbert Sayles, Jack's father b. 1833 lived there. These servants and employees were listed: Julia McGhee servant b. 1855, Alex Shepherd (black waiter) b. 1860, Phil Hawkins b. 1835 (house carpenter), Clifton Newton b. 1875 (hotel clerk), Mary Otoole b. 1845 (chamber maid), Mary Thurman (black cook) b. 1870, **Wionsor** Perry (black porter) b. 1865.

While Payne was operating the hotel he bought Wonder Cave which had been discovered in 1897 by three Vanderbilt students who dove into the icy water and swam under the bluff to discover the opening into the cavern. Payne bought the cave from Francis Rieder and blasted an entrance into it in 1900.

Shortly thereafter the cave was opened to the public who entered it by boat. To make the cave accessible to tourist from Monteagle, Payne constructed a private road. Highway 41 follows some parts of that road. The cave enjoyed tremendous success from 1900 until around 1914 when World War I began.

In 1929 Jefferson Jones Raulston took over as manager. He had married Mary Orme Sayles daughter of Jack and Katie Payne Sayles in 1927 (Jack and Katie had a son, Cecil Payne Sayles who died of ptomaine poisoning when he was 16 years old). The late 20's and early 30's saw the cave in economic difficulty. J. J. Raulston had to take a job in South Pittsburg, his hometown, to make enough money to support his family and the cave. The cave's only employee at the time was Ed Parks who was paid \$1.00 per day, and the cave wasn't taking in enough money to pay his wages.

J. J. Raulston was known locally as Jonah; however, that was a nickname that came about because he, as a child, told the story of "Jonah swallowing a whale". Everyone thought it amusing that he told the story backwards; thus, the name Jonah stuck. Jonah had one brother Benny Cope Raulston who m. Marcella \_\_\_\_\_ from Atlanta. Jonah and Mary Orme Sayles Raulston had these children: Marion Greer "Fod" Raulston- never married, Frank McDaniel Raulston m. Glenda Lightfoot, Elizabeth Orme Raulston m. George Haynes, and Hugh Sayles Raulston m. Jean Norman Carter of Richmond, Virginia

The cave continued to be in business under the management of J. J. Raulston until 1963. Frank then managed the cave from 1965 until 1980. He bought the property in 1978. After his death in 1980 the cave was sold to a Chattanooga businessman.

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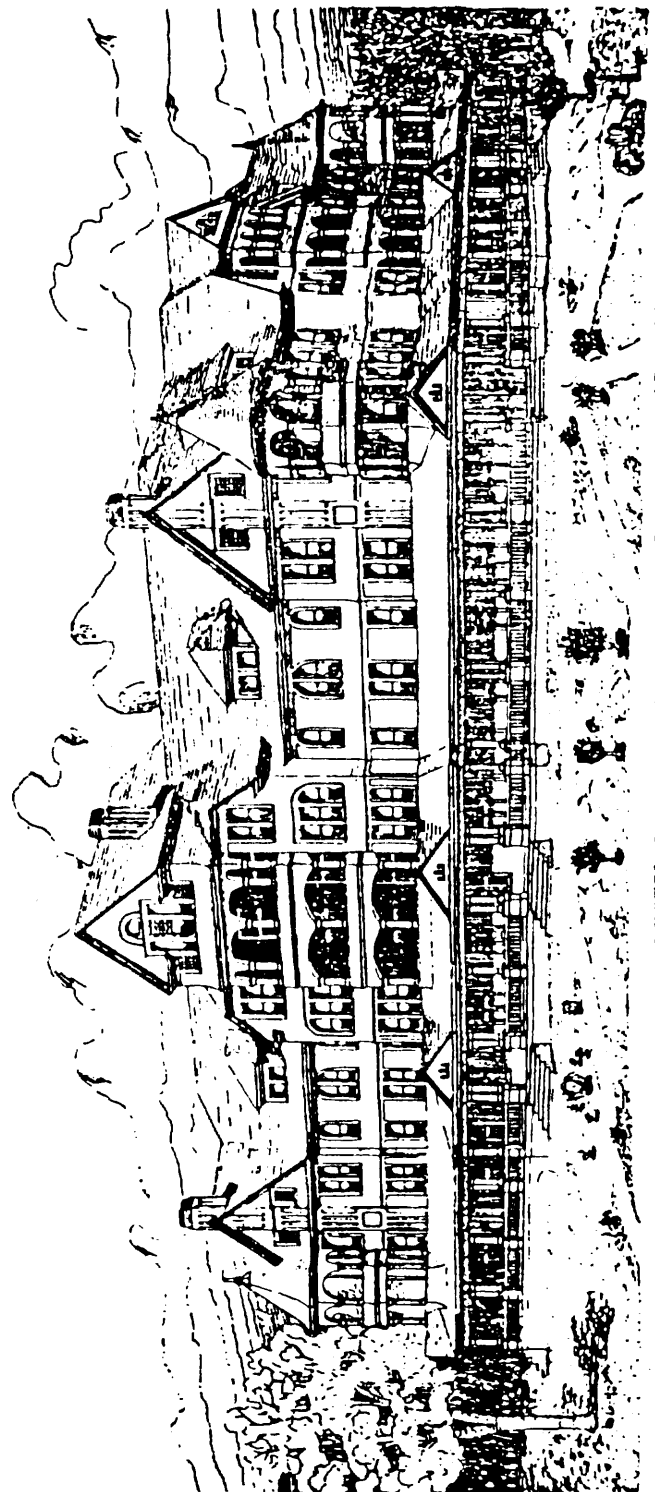
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## PARKS

In 1860 there were two Parks families living in the Elk River Valley- the William L. "Major" Parks family and the Samuel Parks family. William was a veteran of the Mexican War. He was married twice. He & Nancy A. Bobo, his first wife, had 3 children: John Franklin Parks m. Abby Cox, Ada Parks m. Johnny O'Neal (They had a son, Johnny.), & George Parks who went to Texas and was drowned in the Red River. William Parks' second wife was Sarah Green (sister of Ed Green). Their children were Estella Parks m. John Jackson, and William Charles "Bill Widget" Parks, named so because he couldn't stand still.

William "Major's" son, John Franklin "Jack" Parks m. Abby Cox. Their children were: Myrtle m. Grover Sanders, Maybell m. Spencer Thomas, Irene m. Bob Parmley, Elan m. Richard "Dick" Dyer, & Horace m. Maggie Thomas.

Samuel Parks married twice 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jemima Turner. Their children were Robert m. Easter Layne, Sarah m. Sam Partin (parents of George Partin), Francis, John Oliver- never married, & Malinda.

Samuel Parks also had these children living with him in 1850: Elizabeth, 23; Mary, 20; Abigail, 19; and Benjamin Franklin, 14. Benjamin Franklin Parks m. 1. Angeline Henley 2. "Sade" \_\_\_\_\_. By his first wife Benjamin had Malinda Abigail m. Francis Rieder, Sam. m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dooley, & Nan m. Jonas Rieder. By his last wife, "Sade", he had: Bill Parks (father of Fred Parks of Monteagle) Liza m. \_\_\_\_\_ Esslinger, & Becky m. Tom Levan.

Robert & Easter Layne Parks' children were Frederic A. m. Gracie Payne (see Payne), Eva Parks m. Joe P. Payne (see Payne), Zora m. Jim Meeks, & Ed m. Nannie Rieder.

Ed Parks & Nannie Rieder had these children: David m. Betty Holder, Glenn-never married, Jonas m. Adaline Argo, Frank m. Shirley McCord, Imogene m. Ralph White, Edna-never married, Zora m. John Bean, & Charles Parks who died at 6 mos.

## RIEDER

John Henry Rieder was born in Switzerland but later moved to Indiana where he married Sarah Elizabeth Knee. They moved from Indiana to the Swiss Colony at Gruetli. John spoke only German at the time. He often came to Pelham Valley to buy feed for his livestock bringing along one of his sons as interpreter.

Among these sons were Francis Marion Rieder, Albert Rieder, and James D. Rieder.

F. M. Rieder m. Malinda Parks daughter of B. F. Parks. Their children were: Henry Rieder m. Lilly Moran (They were the parents of Ruby Rieder m. Dillon Hawk, Anna Ruth Rieder m. Martin Gilliam and Henrietta Rieder m. William Curtis.), Nannie Rieder m. Edgar Parks, Ben Rieder m. Pearl Moran (sister to Lilly-Their only child was Lloyd m. Georgia Fay Garner.) Jonas Rieder m. Verna Ruth Floyd (Their children were Bill m. Irma Jean Gipson and Don m. Robal \_\_\_\_\_) Albert Rieder m. Eleanor Hill Meeks (They were the parents of Marilyn m. Mike Turner). David Rieder m. Lizzie Gipson (no children), Myrtle Rieder died young, Tressie Rieder m. M. B. "Cap" Lassater (They were the parents of Nannie Ruth m. \_\_\_\_\_ Stencil, D. C. m. Ruth \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Francis m. \_\_\_\_\_, and Kenny Lassater. Zora Rieder m. Ferd Sartain (They had one son, Wendell Sartain m. \_\_\_\_\_).)

F. M. Rieders' brother Jonas m. Nannie Parks. They lived at Clouse Hill but after Jonas' death the family came to Pelham Valley and lived with F. M. and Malinda Rieder for a time. The Jonas and Nannie Rieder children were: Annie m. James Polk Conry, Lester m. \_\_\_\_\_ Yarber, Elizabeth and Elsie both of whom were school teachers and never married.

Albert D. Rieder was also a brother to F. M. and Jonas. He m. Laura Minerva Burnett b. 1882. They were parents of Bessie Rieder b. 1899 m. Alvie Winton (Their children were Marshall and James Frank Winton). James Albert Rieder m. Velma Lorene Borbee, John Mitchell Rieder m. Lillian Walker, George Howard Rieder m. Fran Bell, Mary Elizabeth Rieder m. Julius Dewey Nunlist, Eva Mildred Rieder m. \_\_\_\_\_ Nunlist, Laura Sue Rieder m. Arthur Lavern Roach.

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## SUMMERS

In Prince Geo. Co. Md., March 1, 1703, John Summers made his will. In the same county, 5 generations later, Geo. Summers was born 26 Aug. 1759. He moved to Rutherford Co. TN. Here he made his last will, named his wife and each of their 9 children. After the 1820 early TN tax list was made, 2 of these, (probably others) came into Grundy Co. TN. Brazil (Bazzie) and wife Finey \_\_\_\_\_ reared their family in the Pelham Valley area. Their children were Nancy, wife of John Meeks, Cintha, Mary, wife of Joseph B. Aylor. Malinda married Hiram Kilgore, Wm. Earnest, and Anderson Summers. The community of Summerfield was named for this family.

## THOMAS

Both Jonathan & Nancy Thomas were born in 1797 in South Carolina. They moved to Georgia, then came to Tennessee. The 1850 Grundy County census states: Jonathan Thomas, age 63 male farmer, born in S.C., Nancy 63 female, born in South Carolina., David age 23, laborer, born in TN., Robert C. age 19 also a laborer, born in TN. Just next door, lived a son James Thomas and his family. His first wife was Marinda Walker. This couple was born in Georgia ca. 1814. Their first 5 children were also born there; Sarah (Sally) b-1836 and was the first wife of Andrew Smith. Nancy b-1838 and possibly married John Adams. Martha b-1840, married Preston Layne. Meredith (Daunt) b-1842. Samantha Elizabeth b-1843 and died Feb. 7, 1916, married Isaac Layne. Tallitha E., born 1845 in Alabama, married William Adams. Eliza born 1847 in Alabama.

James Thomas married his second wife, Mary Tucker Feb. 4, 1855, in Grundy Co. TN. She was b-1838. As the first family, this group of James Thomas' children grew up in the Pelham Valley area. From the 1870 Grundy Co. Census: Franklin (Frank) born 1857, m. Ella Crabtree. James Aylor (Little Jim) born 1859, Geo. W. m. Mucie McFarland, Kate m.

John Meeks, David m. Julia A. McFarland, Margaret (Allie) was the wife of Sam Tucker of Huntsville, Ala. Mary was the wife of Will Sanders (son of Mitchell & Amanda Sanders). John married Carrie A. McFarland. Fanny was wife of J. C. George of Huntsville, AL.

## TUCKER

In 1860 there were eight listings for Tucker families in Pelham Valley. In the Bell's Cove area were Archibald, 31; Elizabeth, 32; David F., 8; William A., 7; & Jonathan N. 3. Living nearby were William, 25; Sarah, 23; E. S. , 6; Harris H., 4; & Mary E. , 1. One ancient Tucker hand carved limestone gravestone inscribed with only, G. W. Tucker, lies in an old graveyard in a pasture behind Hulon Smiths house in Providence.

Living next door to Campbell Henley was another family, Alexander Tucker, 59; Martha, 21; and Nancy J., 4.

Lorenzo D. Tucker, 55; June, 55; lived near Iley Crabtree & Anthony Aylor in 1860. They also appear in the 1850 Grundy Co. census with these people in their household: Samuel, 17; Nancy, 15; Silas, 11; Margaret L.; Ransom B. Scott, 4; and Fry Carpenter.

In Burrows' Cove, Mahala, 42; Zebadiah, 21; **Harrison**, 17; Susannah; Louisa E., 9; & Mary A. S., 5; lived next door to Aaron Sartain & John Winton.

Samuel Tucker, 28 was a wagonmaker in 1860. He had living in his household: Susannah, his wife, 26 & Isaac H. 3 mos. along with Julia Roberts, 64, probably his mother-in-law. This family lived in the Burrows' Cove area.

James Tucker, 44; Mary, 14; Lucinda, 11; Mahala E., 8; Silas L., 5; & Nancy A., 3, lived near Henry Goodman and John Crabtree in 1860. Also in 1860, Alexander Sanders, 18, & Silas Tucker, 21, were living in the same household. This Silas could be the Silas Henry Tucker who married Orpha Levan (dau. of Tom Levan) and had Henry Lee Tucker b. 1875 m. Anna Bell Henley, Ida m. Willis Meeks, Gertrude m. \_\_\_\_\_McFarland, & Fannie m. W. C. Vance. Silas also married a woman called "Sis" and had a son, Grover Tucker.

Lee Tucker, listed previously, was the progenitor of the present day Tuckers in Layne's Cove. His mother died when he was 9. He resided for a time with his grandmother Levan who lived where Rose Howard Bonner now lives but left home when he was 12 years old. He went to Monteagle and lived with a Mrs. Hands until he married and came to the William & Sarah Parks place in Layne's Cove where Marshall Tucker now lives. Lee and Orpha Tucker's children were: Don m. Evon McNally, Edward-never married, Virgie m. Ed Laxson, Wilson m. 1. Christine West 2. Elsie Meeks Layne, (Wilson had Roger, James Dennis, & Deborah by his first marriage, Wilson H., Jr., & James Timothy by this second marriage.) Stella m. Raymond Rose, (Their children wre Bobby & Brenda) Kenneth-never married, Marshall m. Mary Miller, Helen m. Edward "Bud" Wise, & Evelyn m. Henry Smith.

One other Tucker family must have lived in Pelham for there is a spring on the side of the ridge across from Billy Wade & Bobbie (Southerland) Wilson's house known as the Jenny Tucker Spring; however, nothing is known of that family.

### Layne's Cove

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## 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 Pendelton 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 18-28; 2 females under 10; 2 females, age 16-18; 1 female, age 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 houseplace 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 & 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 & 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 & 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.

The following section attempts to give a brief history of the surnames represented in the community; however, it, of course, is not a complete list.

## BEAN

The Bean family came to this area from Rhea County in Tennessee. William Edward Bean was born in 1839 and his wife Alzade Sanders (daughter of Jordan Sanders and Julia Smith) lived in Payne's Cove and raised a large family there. Their children were Mary Elizabeth m. Mack Meeks, Robert Hasten m. Dora Meeks, Jay Boyd m. 1. Lilly Meeks 2. Amy Orlena Elizabeth Mansfield 3. Melinda Meeks, Laura Ellen m. Alfred Meeks, Virginia Jennie-never married, William Matthew m. 1. Annie Burrows 2. \_\_\_\_\_, Jordan Doliver m. Lessie Grooms, twins born ca. 1887 (died in infancy),

son born ca. 1889 (died in infancy), Floyd Otis born 1890 m. Ethel Sartain, Lloyd Owen born 1890 m. Jennie Sartain, and Lela Mae Bean born 1895 died in 1909.

This family may have been related to Obadiah Bean who owned property in Burrows' Cove in the early 1800's.

The Bean boys, twins, Lloyd and Floyd, were well known in the cove for their molasses. School kids enjoyed the skimmings in the afternoons after class.

Lloyd Owen Bean m. Jennie Sartain born 1894 and had: Owen m. Annie Bell Payne, James Edward-never married, twins Ruth and Ruby, Charles David - unmarried, Pauline m. Salvatore Marchesoni, and her twin, Paul, and John Bean m. Zora Parks.

Owen Bean and Annie Bell Payne's children were: Danny m. Nadine Aslinger, David m. Arlene Partin Heney, Sue m. John O'Neal, and Joey m. Elaine Davis.

Pauline Bean and Salvatore Marchesoni's children were: John m. Beth Marcrom, Lisa, Joe, & Danny m. Kathleen Edwards.

Floyd Otis Bean (brother of Lloyd) m. Ethel Sartain and had these children: Thelma Louise m. James Willard Medley, Gladys Lee m. George W. Forseyth, Floyd Earnest m. Wilma Jean Watson, Joseph Louie m. Wilda Brown, and Alice Mae Bean m. Carl Blaine Larke.

## **BRINKLEY**

John Brinkley from Praire Plains married Lizzie Nunley b. 1895. They lived in Payne's Cove where they raised their family of six children: Charles Buford Brinkley m. Jean Mocabee, Lillian m. 1. Johnny Stevens 2. Elmer Morris, Fred m. Earlene Taylor (Their children were Dale and Ann), Johnnie m. \_\_\_\_\_, Wilma Jean m. Albert James, and Ruby m. Charles Taylor. No one with the Brinkley surname is now living in the cove.

## **HARRIS**

The George and Margaret "Maggie Lou" (Hensley) Harris family moved from Palmer via Decherd into the cove in August of 1937 to live with Sally (Richmond) Summers, (grandmother of George,) who was married to the Reverend J. L. Summers. This move lasted until 1964 when they returned to Decherd, "Maggie Lou's" hometown since her folks made the move from Illinois. Three of the Harris children now reside in the valley: Dean m. Rose Magouirk, Mary m. Ronad Winton, and Henrietta m. Jimmy Sartain. Ernest Harris, brother of George, and his wife, Nannie Pauline Patrick, lived on the old Chris Note place for several years.

## **LASSATER**

In the late 1800's John Lassater and his wife Sally Grayson lived at Big Springs. John, a farmer, pioneered draining his wet lands by digging ditches and placing cedar poles in them to allow water to drain away. John and Sally's son, Burt Lassater m. Maude Farrar, also lived at the same location after he married and started his family. The Lassaters had these children: Don Lassater (moved to Arkansas), Sarah m. Elmer Johnson, Mary-never married, Ben Lassater m. Mary Fails of Alabama, John Lassater m. Jewel Johnson, Carl Lassater m. Melba \_\_\_\_\_, Rachael Lassater m. Bedford Chapman, & Ruth Lassater m. Bealer Satterfield.

## **MAGOUIRK**

Magouirk, an Irish name, was brought to this area quite by chance. It seems that George Washington Magouirk (b. 1834 d. 1917) was a soldier passing through Pelham during the Civil War when he met Martha Elizabeth Ooley, the girl he decided to marry. The country suited him as well as the woman; therefore, he came back to settle here when the war was over. The ancestral Magouirk homeplace is said to have been located above Big Spring. George W. and Martha had these children: Jim Magouirk m. Rosie Roberts, Otis Magouirk m. Orpha Meeks, John Magouirk, Otsa Magouirk m. Ace Oliver (see Oliver family for descendants), Sally Magouirk m. Jack Turner, Ozella Magouirk m. 1. George Meeks 2. Abraham K. Layne, and Olna Magouirk m. Alma Nunley. Olna and Alma had these children: Allen Magouirk m. Alberta Gilliam, Andie Magouirk m. 1. Esther Roberts 2. Mary Shrum, O. W. Magouirk m. Mary "Sally" Loraine Richardson, Emma Magouirk m. Everette Meeks, Edna Magouirk m. James Meeks, Edith Magouirk m. Carl David Myers, Alton Magouirk m. 1. Edna Roberts 2. Martha Elizabeth New from England, and Ellen Magouirk m. Alvin "Jack" Meeks. Alton & Martha New Magouirk had daughters: Lynda, Mary m. 1. John Earle 2. Jessie Frye, & Lois m. Bobby Brown.

## **MAYES**

The Mayes name, once common in Payne's Cove, is no longer found there. It came with Albert Mayes who married Mary Conn Payne around the turn of the century. The Mayes children were: Roy Mayes m. Veola Patrick, Albert (never married), Blant m. Dorothy Meeks, Grace m. Bob Ferrell, Cleo m. Bill Wyatt, Oscar m. Abadeen Meadows, Thelma m. Joe Oliver.

## **MEEKS**

There are many Meeks homesteads far into the head of Payne's Cove. The Clouse Meeks place lies about ½ mile across Dry Creek in the cove's head. It is also the site of three family grave plots. Those of Clouse & Minnie (Stokes) Meeks' child, Ida, who burned to death, their sons, George and John. John was shot to death in Kentucky. The Crip John Meeks place lies farther up in the cove.

Today Meeks is a common surname in Payne's Cove; however, the 1820 census revealed no Meekses in Franklin County. By 1830 there were two Meeks families residing there. These were the families of Isaac and Sollomon Meeks. Grundy County had been formed by 1850; these Meeks families were listed in Grundy: Britain & Emeline Meeks, Riley & Hessey Meeks, John & Susan Meeks, James & Nancy Meeks, Isaac & Tobitha Meeks, & Thomas & Permela Meeks.

In 1850 John Meeks, 29, his wife Susan Carlone Payne, 25, (daughter of Poindexter Payne) and their family: Ariminda, 11; Elizabeth, 8; Elijah, 6; Minerva Evaline, 5; William H., 2; were living in Payne's Cove. By 1860 there were other children: Benjamin, 9; Ann Elizabeth, 6; Susannah, 3; and Lucinda Erlene, 1. These children tended to stay in the same locale after they were married. Ariminda m. George Oliver, Eliza m. Moses Shrum, Elijah m. Kitt Irving, Minerva Evaline, William H. m. Narnie Eudora Idella Northcut, Benjamin was bitten by a rabid steer and died, Ann Elizabeth m. Zebadiah Payne Gotcher, Susannah and Lucinda (no other information)

William H. Meeks and Narnie E. Idella Northcutt had these children: Minnie Meeks, John Meeks, b. 1880; Nannie or Doll, b. 1882 m. Vester Meeks; Thomas Newton b. 1884 m. 1. Myrtle Burrows 2. Elizabeth Holt; James "Jim" m. Lillie Meeks (Jim Meeks was sheriff of Grundy County for many years.), Lucy b. 1888 m. Jesse Woodlee (parents of Gladys Woodlee m. Charlie Roberts). Norman Meeks b. 1894 m. Elizabeth Smith; Myrtle "Mert" m. Robert Oliver; DeWitt Clinton b. 1890 m. 1. Willie Burrows 2 Alice Harris; William Houston, Jr., b. 1877 m. Ida Tucker; Elihu, died young; J. B. "Dick" Meeks b. 1878 m. Mattie Woodlee. Dick & Mattie were the parents of: (1) Cheatom Meeks b. 1912 m. Mattie James who were in turn the parents of Opal m. Jimmy Stubblefield, Ralph m. Helen Medley, Johnny m. Dixie Ann Dyer, David m. Linda James, and Nancy-unmarried. (2) Carl m. Lucille Nunley, (3) Billy Meeks m. Evelyn Meeks (parents of Larry m. Marilyn Tate, Billie Jean m. Dillard Argo. (4) Orpha m. Leonard Roberts, (5) Pauline m. George Moore, (6) Maymie m. Jesse "Shorty" Morris (parents of Monroe m. Anita Morris, Scotty Morris m. Jackie Burnett, Charlotte-unmarried, Johnny m. Debbie Bess, Faye m. George H. Rogers, and Don, (7) Ella b. 1924 d. 1929, (8) Marie b. 1927 d. 1937.

William Houston Meeks, Jr. b. 1877 m. Ida Almetta Tucker, b. 1879, sister of Lee Tucker. Their children were Ol Idella Meeks b. 1898 m. Jay Fults, Henry Dewey Meeks b. 1900 m. Pearl Nunley, Orpha Ezella Meeks, b. 1902 m. Otis Vickalphen Magouirk, William Thomas "Petey" Meeks b. 1905 m. 1. Myrtle Sanders 2. Avis Smartt, Gertrude "Dude" Almetta Meeks b. 1907 m. 1. Wilburn King 2. Ralph Browning.

John Meeks, the patriarch of this line was a brother to James Meeks who lived next door to him in 1850. Riley Meeks, 19, Hassey 19, & son Joseph 7 mos. lived next door to John & was parobably a son of either John or James Meeks. Isaac Britain Meeks b. ca. 1811 appeared in the 1850 census. Most likely he was also a brother of John and James Meeks because James Meeks had a son who was named Isaac Britain, b. ca. 1858).

In 1850 the elder Isaac Britain was 39, his wife Emeline, 34; James, 17; Margaret J., 16; Mary E., 14; John W., 11; Sarah J., 10; Thomas J., 9; Milley T., 7; George D., 6; Joseph C., ; & living with the family was Elizabeth Rhea, 76-possibly the mother of Emeline.

James Meeks b. ca. 1813 m. twice 1. Nancy Smith 2. Abigail \_\_\_\_\_. These were the children of James Meeks: A. Jackson Meeks b. 1854 m. Sarah Sanders b. 1861; Samuel T. Meeks, (sheriff of Grundy Co.) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Leona Holt; James D. Meeks b. ca. 1838; Isaac Britain Meeks; Bitha b. 1849 m. Dick Hobbs; Mary b. ca. 1838 m. Wesley Sanders; Clementine b. ca. 1841 m. Josiah Poindexter Payne; George Wilson "Wilse" b. ca. 1844 m. Leucindy "Lou" Thompson; Susan A. b. ca. 1846 m. Thomas Benton Payne.

It was through Joseph C. Meeks b. 1858 (son of Isaac Britain b. ca. 1811) that the Meekses in Burrows' Cove were descended. Joseph C. m. Louiza Phipps. Their children were: Bob Meeks who went to Texas, Lucy m. Joe Campbell, Nancy Dee m. John Brown, Hense m. 1. Thursie Payne (They had one daughter, Damie m. Roy Wemberly.) 2. Etta Meeks (daughter of Nathan Meeks) Hense & Etta's children were: Joe Boyd Meeks m. Novella Birdwell, Fred Meeks m. Marlee Sartain, & Georgia D. Meeks m. Walter Bryan, Jr.) Francis Meeks m. 1. Lear Crosslin 2. Bettie Isabell Sartain. (Their children were: Robert Meeks, Louvina, Sam, Rose, Blanton, Eliss, James, Nancy, Carlee, Henry, Uliss, & Ernest) Francis Meeks and his first wife, Lear, had these children: Alma Meeks m. James "Jim" Sartain, Lois "Little Lois" m. Pascal Myers, Homer Meeks m. Edna White & Frances Meeks Brown. After his mother's death Francis Meeks was adopted by Georgia Dee & John Brown, his aunt & uncle,; therefore, he used the surname Brown.

Andrew Jackson Meeks (son of James) m. Sarah Sanders and had these children: Lou Meeks m. Gordon Woodlee (parents of Elmer m. Elva Hawk, Frank m. Alma Crabtree Ina m. Elmer Sartain), Thursie Meeks-never married; Bessie Meeks m. Grover Cleveland Hamby (parents of Jewel Hamby m. Lude Goodman, Melrose m. Ed Holder, Hagan m. Mildred Chrisman, and Nanna Lou m. Earl Meeks), Vinnie Clementine Meeks b. 1847 m. Franklin P. Brazile, Clyde Meeks m. \_\_\_\_\_ (parents of James Lee Meeks m. Rona Lee Givens Patton).

Samuel T. Meeks was at one time sheriff of Grundy County m. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and had these children: Noxie, Sammie (female), Mildred, Issac Brittain, and James. Samuel married again to Leona Holt. They had Evelyn m. Billy Meeks, Buddy m. 1. Edan Mae Meeks 2. Frances Bouldin; Paul Meeks m. \_\_\_\_\_, Ocie Meeks m. 1. Paul Click 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Their daughter Carolyn m. Charles E. Conry and had a daughter, Candy). George Wilson "Wilse" Meeks m. Lucindy Thompson b. 1849. Their children were: (1) Rosie Meeks b. 1891 m. Frank Grooms (Their children were: Dillard Grooms m. Clara Sanders and Lillard Grooms who died at birth along with his mother, Dillard and Lillard were twins. Frank Grooms later m. Ann Clay and had one child, Ogden Grooms) Josie Meeks b. 1875 was the second wife of L. Marion Kilgore b. 1849 (see Kilgore).

(2) Mattie Sarah Meeks b. 1884 m. George H. Hawk (Their children were Vivian Hawk m. Claude Thomas, Sarah Gertrude b. 1901 m. Gilbert Nunley, Henry Herrell Woodrow b. 1918), (3) Dollie Virginia Meeks-died young, (4) Mollie Meeks m. Oscar "Buck" Gilliam (Their children were: a. Wilson Gilliam b. 1911 m. Lizzie Cox, b. Edward "Curly" m. Mildred Long, c. Gordon m. 1. Lucille Brown 2. Gladys Meldey (Gordon & Gladys had children: Marie, Virginia, Charles Hayden, James Benton, David & Lisa), James - died young, Lannie b. 1921 m. Ruby Medley. (They in turn had one son Lannie Gilliam, Jr. m. 1. Deborah Wiggins 2. Victoria Pais,) Lancen Gilliam (twin to Lannie) m. Lorene Gilliam, & Lucille Gilliam m. Robert Swafford.

(5) Tiny Meeks (twin to Tincia), (6) Tincia M. Meeks b. 1889 m. 1. Sam Sartain 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Judd (Their children were Sam Jones Sartain, Corbett Sartain, and Sullivan Sartain. Two of the children were named after prize fighters and one after a preacher. This family moved by covered wagon to Rockwall, Texas. (7) Mary Angeline Meeks b.

1879 m. William Elson Payne (see Payne), (8) Allie Bell Meeks b. 1885 m. Joe Perry (Their son was Joe Hazel Perry m. Bell Shadrick). (9) Martha L. Meeks (no information).

Clementine (daughter of James) m. Josiah Poindexter "Deck" Payne. This family moved to northern Alabama near the Tennessee state line at Fayetteville. Their children were: (ages from 1880 census). John P. Payne, 19; Sarah A. Payne, 18 (g. g. grandmother of Thomas E. Coats, Jr. m. Janelle Layne); Eliza B. Payne, 16; Sidney J. Payne, 11; Jennie V., 6; and Archie E. Payne, 8.

Solomon Meeks b. 1803 and Issac Meeks b. 1804 both reported in the 1850 census that they were born in Kentucky. They appear to be brothers and probably some relation to James and John Meeks.

Solomon lived in Burrows' Cove and was 47 years old, in 1850. Living with him was his wife Malinda, 46; James, 14; Malinda, 12; Bytha, 9; Martha, 5; Hannah, 2; and Ruben, 11 months.

Issac Meeks 46 lived in District 7 and had with him Tobitha, 39; Felix G., 16; Benjamin, 16; James J., 11; Joseph N., 9; Willis B; William T., 4; and John W. 1. Issac lived near James and Nancy Smith Meeks; therefore, he was probably related to them. Issac married twice and had 14 children: (1) Merrill b. 1828 m. Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Matilda m. \_\_\_\_\_ Baldwin (parents of Nancy S. Baldwin b. 1846). They moved to St. Louis, Missouri. (3) Felix Grundy b. 1833 m. 1. Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Loulla Sanders (parents of J. Leonidas, Salina C., Silas N., Charles L. D. , Nora, and Thomas P.) (4) Benjamin b. 1834 m. Abigail Burrows in 1855 (Their children were J. G. b. 1856 and Isaac b. 1859.) (5) James J. b. 1839 m. Margarite \_\_\_\_\_ (parents of Samuel H.) 6. Jasper N. b. 1841 (7) Willis Benson b. 1843 d. 1904. (8) William J. b. 1846. (8) William J. b. 1846; (9) John W. b. 1849 reputed to have been killed during the Civil War. When his body was returned home, it was found to be that of an unidentified red-haired man. (10) Nathan Meeks b. 1853. (11-14) Unaccounted.

Willis Benson Meeks served in Company B, 44th Regiment of Tennessee Infantry, C.S.A. during the Civil War. He won a lottery and built the house that Fred A. and Gracie Payne Parks lived in (across from Larry and Reeda K. Medley Shelton's house). It was said that Willis inspected every board used in the house. He discarded anything that had a knothole or any imperfection. Willis B. married twice- first to Mary "Molly" Tucker b. 1844. Their children were (1) Matilda Jane Meeks, first wife of William Meadows (Their children were Emma, Mary "Mamie" Willis b. 1890 and Harrison) (2) Texana Meeks b. 1868 d. 1911. First wife on Henderson Layne (b. 1862 d. 1957), son of Preston Layne. (Their children were: Nora Layne b. 1887-never married, Martha b. 1888 m. Thomas, Viola b. 1891, Eric b. 1894 m. Roy Layne, Roy b. 1897 m. Alice \_\_\_\_\_, m. Ben Turner (3) Margaret F. b. 1870 (4) Almita d. before 1895 (5) Ida d. ca. 1900 (6) Elizabeth "Betty" (d. ca. 1900) m. George Clay (They had one daughter, Vera Clay). (7) Laura b. 1873 d. 1903 first wife of Rich Jacobs (Their children were: Ethel Jacobs b. 1892 m. Cam Willis, Jessie b. 1896 m. Bryan Henley, Charlie L. b. 1894 d. 1941 m. Icie Payne, Nellie May b. 1899 d. 1901, and James Clyde m. 1. Barbara Louise Rollings 2. Jewel Patterson Partin).

The second wife of Willis B. Meeks was Nancy Jane Ragsdale Harrison b. 1853 d. 1925. Her children by her first marriage were: Leslie m. Jim Cox and Jenny, the second wife of William Meadows. Nancy's children by Willis B. Meeks were: Violet; b. 1879 d. 1915-never married, Willie Myrtle b. 1883 m. Henry Flynn, Huella "Ella" b. 1892 m. Lemuel Earl Wallace (Their children were: Dorothy m. 1. G. B. Underhill 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Templeton and Wrenn Carlene m. Herman Sanders.

Still another Meeks family was located in Layne's Cove by 1880. Frank Merrill Meeks, a carpenter, b. ca. 1850 m. Ruetelie "Tealie" Layne b. 1853. Their children were: John m. Nannie Rutelie Dotson, James "Jim" H. m. Zora Parks, Priest J. m. 1. Ellen Layne 2. Winnie Ladd, Taylor m. 1. Lizzie Gilliam 2. Martha Worley, and Mary "Tompie" m. Wess Johnson.

John and Nannie Dotson Meeks had these children: Alton Meeks m. Irene Gilliam, Beedie Meeks m. 1. Bob Mitch Gilliam 2. George Hasebrock, Francis "Frankie" m. Thomas Todd from Murfreesboro.

Another John, "Crip John", Meeks, Jr. b. 1836 m. Mary "Polly" Cope b. 1841 lived in Payne's Cove & had these children: (1) Clouse Meeks b. 1877 m. Minnie Stokes of Kentucky (Their children were Alvin "Jack" Meeks m. Ellen Magouirk (who in turn had Sonny m. Garner, Jessie Ruth m. \_\_\_\_\_ Prince, Margaret m. David Fulmer, Jo m. Henry Stubblefield, and Dean). Everette Meeks m. Emma Magouirk (Their children were Donna m. Billy H. Roberts and Carlotta m. Wayne Clay.) Clarence Meeks m. 1. Gladys Payne who died with the birth of their first child 2. Vestie "Bo" Nunley 3. Catherine Macbee. (Clarence and "Bo" Nunley Meeks had these children: Edna Mae Meeks m. 1. Buddy Meeks 2. Lawrence Perry, Tom "Red Tom" Meeks' m. 1. Dorene Meadows 2. Dora Mirrors, & Johnny m. Nancy Kilgore) (2) Dora Meeks m. Robert Bean (3) Jossie Meeks b. 1864 m. James Gibbs (4) Bertie Meeks m. Robert Layne (5) Jeff Meeks died in Oklahoma (6) Alfred Meeks b. 1870 m. Laura E. Bean (7) John Vester Meeks b. 1884 m. Nancy "Nannie or Doll" Meeks (8) Lillie Marie Meeks b. 1882 m. James "Jim" Meeks.

George Meeks m. Ozella Magouirk and had these children; James Meeks m. Etta Watley, Georgia, Mable Meeks m. Ab Knox, Willie m. Frank Moran - (They had these children: Mark, Tommy, Carolyn, Nell Ruth), O. V. Meeks m. Elanor Hill, Alvin Meeks m. Joann Oliver. Elsie m. 1. Clyde Layne 2. Wilson Tucker.

Elsie Meeks and Clyde Layne had these children: "Laney" Clyde Layne, Mattie m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lawyer, Novella m. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Ladd 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Annie, Lucy m. James Hill, George, & "Bug". Clyde Layne was the son of Coleman Layne and Burt McFarland.

## MORRIS

The Morris surname in Payne's Cove comes from two lines which may be remotely related several generations back. Luther E. Morris and his brother, Frank, sons of Clair and Hattie (Miller) Morris, married local girls, Myrtle Oliver and her cousin Anna Oliver. Clair and Hattie Morris were from Keith Springs Mountain in Franklin County. Frank & Anna Oliver Morris had these children: Anita m. Monroe Morris, Jan, Brenda m. \_\_\_\_\_ Neal, & Kathy Morris.

After moving to Payne's Cove from Alabama, Bob and Maude (Metcalf) Morris lived at the old Ed Conry homeplace at Big Springs where Bob engaged in farming. Their children were: Jessie "Shorty" m. Maymie Meeks, Polly m. Johnny Oliver, and Elbert m. Minnie Roberts, Jerry m. Hazel Rose, Herman m. Edna Morris. Shorty & Polly continued living in this area. Their parents moved to Alto. Elbert's family lived in Pelham in the late 1950's. Elbert Morris was accidentally electrocuted.

## **NORTHCUTT**

The Northcutt surname, well known in the Altamont area, was established in the cove by Benson Northcutt who married Idella "Dell" Oliver. Benson had a brother Spencer who moved to Texas and two sisters, Maymie m. Till Mayes and Nellie m. \_\_\_\_\_ Harmon. Their parents were Steve and Sudie Northcutt of Coalmont. Stephen A. Northcutt had lived in the cove in his younger days (age 10 in the 1860 census) along with his mother Mary E. Griswold Northcutt and his siblings, Sarah K., 8; Narnie U.A., 7; James H., 4; and William E., 1. Elihu Northcutt, Mary E. Griswold's husband, went South in 1859 with some stock and never returned. It was thought that he was murdered for his money. Elihu, a former tax collector for Grundy County, was the son of the famed General Adrian Northcutt who was a general with the United States in the war against Mexico. Mary Griswold Northcutt later married Joseph Sweden.

Benson & Dell (Oliver) Northcutt's children were: Charles m. Helen Garner, Stanley m. Willie Mae Payne, & Susie who died young. Dell (Oliver) Northcutt married again, after Benson died, to Larson Winton. They had two children: Leon Winton m. Frances Franks and Carl Winton m. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Knott 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Cox.

## **NUNLEY (PAYNE'S COVE)**

Jerimiah & Jane Davis Nunley's son Madison (Matison) m. Mary E. Sanders and became the progenitor of the Nunleys in Payne's Cove. Their son William Nunley b. 1866 and his wife Josephine b. 1876 were living in Payne's Cove in 1900. Their children were: Minerva m. Burt Meeks, Edward m. Lillie Meeks (daughter of Clouse and Minnie Stokes Meeks) Alma m. Olna Magouirk, Pearlie m. Henry Meeks, Gilbert m. 1. Gertrude Hawk 2. Louise Summers, Fred "Buddy" m. Lucille Gilliam, Vestie "Bo" m. Clarence Meeks, Lillard "Bayo" m. 1. Iva Lee Oliver 2. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_, Leonard m. Leona Holt Meeks.

Minerva Nunley and Burt Meeks had: Clercy Meeks m. Bob Mitch Gilliam, Thelma Meeks m. Carlton Melton (Their son Delbert C. Melton m. Mildred Lowe), Bill Meeks m. Mildred Oliver (Their children: Billy m. Connie Northcutt and Ronnie m. Josephine Stubblefield).

Gilbert Nunley and Gertrude Hawk (Their children were Eugene, Christine, Lucille m. Carl Meeks, and Alvin).

Fred "Buddy" and Lucille (Gilliam) Nunley had Jim Riley, Rodger, and Josephine Nunley. Lillard "Bayo" Nunley and Iva Lee Oliver's children were: Charles, A. C., Jody, Earnie "Hoss", Frankie, & Danny Ray.

## **OLIVER**

The first Oliver in Payne's Cove appears to have been George Oliver, a one armed school teacher, who along with his wife Ariminda Meeks owned two mulatto servants in 1860. These servants were: Dave Oliver, age 16, and Henderson Oliver, 14. George & Ariminda Oliver's children were: Robert B. m. Myrtle Meeks, John m. Molly Sanders (They were the parents of Minnie & Mae Oliver.), Jim (lived at Tracy City), Bill m. Minnie Shrum, George, & Callie Oliver who lived near Chattanooga.

Robert B. Oliver & Myrtle "Mert" Meeks had these children, many of whose descendants are still in the cove today. Idella "Dell" m. 1. Benson Northcutt 2. Larson Winton, Arthur "Yock" m. Stella Payne, (They had Althea, George, and Myrtle who married 1. Luther E. Morris 2. Lawrence Jordan.), Cheatom Oliver m. Irene Phipps. (Their children were Marvin Earl m. twice, Melvin m. Gladys Nunley, Joann m. Alvin Meeks, Jim m. Janice Ross, Geneva m. Dillon Patterson, Bernie m. 1. Linda \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Linda \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Donna \_\_\_\_\_, Ace Oliver m. Osta Magouirk (Their children were: Mildred Oliver m. Bill Meeks, Iva Lee m. Lillard "Bayo" Nunley, Nell Ruth m. Edgar Myers, Hershel m. \_\_\_\_\_ Ann Oliver m. Jay Fults, Lessie Oliver m. Dewey Hart, George, Stanley, & Bernie Oliver all died young.

Bill Oliver & Minnie Shrum also have descendants in the cove and surrounding areas. Their children were: Joe Oliver m. Thelma Mayes, Robert Oliver (never married), George Oliver m. Jean Garner, Anna Oliver m. Frank Morris, Mindy Oliver m. Bill Patton, Johnny Oliver m. 1. Lorene Sanders 2. Polly Morris, Jim Oliver m. Mae Meeks, Ida Oliver m. Henry Rodgers, Edna Mae Oliver m. 1. Paul Winton 2. John Crowell.

## **PAYNE**

Poindexter Payne & Annie Bell Hill lived in Franklin County when the 1820 census was taken. They lived in what is now their namesake, Payne's Cove.

Their children:

Evaline Payne m. 1. Benjamin Reed 2. Anderson Goodman

Benjamin Franklin Payne m. Elizabeth "Betsy" Conn

Carlone Payne m. John "Lige" Meeks

Dudley Payne (lived in Texas) probably m. Sarah West

Zebadiah Payne

Cleveland Payne m. Jalah Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (Tom Coats' 4 great grandparents who lived in north Alabama near Fayetteville, TN)

Washington Payne m. Susan Key (Washington & Susannah - twins)

Susannah Payne

Lucinda C. Payne m. Jessie M. Gotcher

daughter m. John Jones  
Malinda Payne m. John Burrows

The Paynes in Pelham Valley are descended from Benjamin Franklin & Elizabeth Conn Payne. Their children were:  
Zebadiah C. Payne b. 1843 m. Louisa Price (She later married John Wilkes Booth after Zebadiah died in the Civil War.)  
Thomas Benton Payne b. 1844 m. Susan Roberts Meeks  
Lucinda J. Payne b. 1847 m. Houston Sanders (had no children)  
Anne Payne b. 1849  
George Conn Payne b. 1852 m. Almedia Sanders  
Minerva E. Payne b. 1853 m. Joseph K. Rodgers  
Jesse L. Payne b. 1856  
James Buchanan Payne b. 1860 m. Ellen Meeks  
Jerome Franklin Payne b. 1863 m. Mary Catherine Smith (moved to Texas)  
Robert "Bobby" Payne never married  
William Elson "Bud" Payne b. 1868 m. Mary Angeline Meeks

(A) Thomas Benton Payne & Susan Roberts Meeks family:

1. Nancy Elizabeth Payne b. 1864 m. Alexander P. Roberts
  - 1a. Rosie Roberts b. 1884 m. Jim Magouirk
  - 1b. Susie "Sude" C. Roberts b. 1889 m. Ralph "Dick" Rodgers
    - 1b1. Maybell Rodgers m. Roy Kilgore
    - 1b2. Minerva "Nervie" Rodgers m. Doug Tatam
    - 1b3. Henry Rodgers m. Ida Oliver
      - Jewel Rodgers m. 1. Brent Sartain 2. Chester Searle
      - Marissa Sartain m. Ricky Seals
      - Alan Seals
      - Clifford Rodgers m. Candy Shane (no children)
      - George Houston Rogers m. Faye Morris
      - Christy Rogers
      - Jason Rogers
      - Jonathan Rogers
  - 1b4. Joe Harley Rogers m. Ruby Reed
    - Calvin Rogers b. 1949
    - Bobby Joe Rogers b. 1950 m. Janice Morris
    - Melanie Rogers
    - Stephanie Rogers
    - Ricky Rogers
    - Wanda Rogers b. 1958 m. Mike Gallagher
    - Heather Gallagher
    - Chad Gallagher
    - Holly Marie Gallagher
    - Mark Rogers b. 1961
    - Mae Rogers b. 1965
  - 1b5. Novella Pearl Rodgers b. 1925 m. 1. Lee Upton Dickerson 2. T. Horace Woodlee
    - Edward Lee Dickerson m. Sheila Nunley
    - Angie Dickerson
    - Libby Woodlee
    - Regina Woodlee
    - Rance Edward Woodlee
  - 1b6. Alfred Rogers m. Lois Cox
    - Uldean Rogers m. Glen Winton
    - Roger Winton m. Kathy Hendrix
    - Rachel Winton
    - Jody Winton
    - Ronald Winton m. Mary Harris
    - Kelly Winton
    - Kerry Winton
    - Terry Winton
    - Ronald Dale Winton
    - Glenda Winton m. 1. David Grant 2. Randy Cunningham
    - Randall Winton m. Judy Shinn
    - Tracy Winton
    - Glenda Winton
    - Michelle Winton m. Joe Jones
    - Melba Rogers m. Henry Meeks

- Theona Rogers m. 1. Jim Bob Wilson 2. Billy Buckner  
 Boyd Rogers m. Beatrice Rhea  
 Kent Rogers m. Tina Meeks  
 Brandy Rogers  
 Cynthia Rogers m. Freddie W. Henley  
 Michael Dewayne Henley  
 Jimmy Rogers m. Connie Jean Meeks  
 Chris Rogers  
 Gina Rogers  
 Coy Rogers  
 Rita Rogers m. 1. Monte Finney 2. Larry Northcutt  
 Travis Finney  
 Mark Finney  
 Leslie Northcutt (step daughter)  
 Phillip Rogers m. Linda Bradford  
 Melissa "Missy" Rogers  
 1c. Henry Roberts b. 1892 m. Oda James  
 1d. Francis Roberts b. 1896 m. Maggie Fults  
 1e. Arsenath Roberts b. 1905 m. Herbert Echols  
 1f. Elmo Roberts b. 1908 m. 1. Alice Rhea 2. Joyce Northcutt  
 1g. Charlie B. Roberts b. 1901 m. Gladys Woodlee  
 1g1. Benton Roberts m. Betty Scott  
 Chad Roberts  
 1g2. Billy Hagan Roberts m. Donna Meeks  
 Renee Roberts  
 Jeanne Roberts  
 Shane Roberts  
 1g3. Marshall Roberts m. Carol \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Frieda \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rachel Roberts  
 Brad Roberts  
 Greg Roberts (stepson)  
 1g4. Paddy Roberts m. Mary Lou Lawson  
 Patricia Ann Roberts  
 Michael Roberts  
 Chris Roberts  
 1g5. Lewis Roberts  
 1g6. Daphene Roberts m. Gene Johnson  
 Brad Johnson  
 1g7. James Roberts m. Patricia \_\_\_\_\_ Garner  
 Benjamin Franklin Roberts  
 1g8. Rose Roberts m. Wesley Coker  
 (2) Annie Lee Payne b. 1867 m. Banger Odom (no children)  
 (3) Lucy Clementine "Tiny" Payne b/ 1869 m. Ambrose Duncan (had children)  
 (4) Jennie M. Payne b. 1873 m. Christopher Columbus "Tobe" Rust (had children)  
 (5) Nancy Payne b. 1875 died young  
 (6) Mary Louise Payne b. 1877 m. Harry Etter (had children)  
 (7) Lillie Grace Payne b. 1882 m. Nora Nevills  
 8a. Clarene Payne- never married  
 8b. Raymond Payne m. Lillie Burnside  
 8c. Rupert Payne m. Frances Pitts  
 8d. Fayna Payne m. Johnny Curtis  
 8e. Virgie Payne m. Tom Gallagher  
 8e1. Tommie Gallagher m. Joe Cook  
 Jerry Cook m. Gloria \_\_\_\_\_  
 Darlene Cook m. Ricky Scott  
 8e2. Wendell Gallagher- never married  
 8e3. Jean Ann Gallagher m. Joe Buckner  
 Jennifer Buckner  
 Carrie Buckner  
 8f. Franklin "Booge" Payne m. Lenora Burnett  
 8f1. Neil Franklin Payne m. Sandra Pearson



- Ryan Payne  
 Andrew Neil Payne
- 8g. Cecil Payne- never married
- (9) Josiah Poindexter Payne b. 1885 m. Eva Lee Parks
- 9a. Blanche Payne- never married
- 9b. Robert Payne m. Betty McBride
- 9b1. Billie Payne m. 1. Paul Hill 2. Charles Garrett  
 Nathan Hill  
 Eric Hill
- 9c. David Payne m. Elizabeth "Lib" Jackson
- 9c1. Johnny Payne m. Maxine Wagoner  
 Darren Payne
- 9c2. Jacky Payne m. Linda Kay Goodman  
 Todd A. Payne  
 Tiffany Payne
- 9c3. Ricky Payne m. Ramona Stewart  
 Jamie Payne  
 Kelly Payne
- 9d. Joe Payne m. Inez Burrows (no children)
- 9e. Annie Bell Payne m. Owen Bean
- 9e1. Sue Bean m. John O'Neal  
 Timothy O'Neal  
 Jeffrey O'Neal
- 9e2. Danny Lee Bean m. Nadine Louise Aslinger  
 Julie Bean  
 Kevin Bean
- Joey Bean m. Elaine Davis  
 Jennifer Bean  
 Jeremy Bean  
 Jason Bean - Twins
- David Bean m. Arlene Partin Henley (no children)
- 9f. Edith Payne m. Gordon Harles
- 9f1. Roxann Harles m. Jeff Eddie
- 9g. Carl Payne m. Bobbie Warren
- 9g1. Tammy Payne
- 9h. Patsy Payne m. Kayo Woodall
- 9h1. Eddie Woodall m. Donna Partin  
 Jared Woodall  
 Justin Woodall
- 9h2. Bobby Woodall m. Candice Payne
- (10) Nora Bell Payne b. 1888 died in infancy
- (B) George Conn Payne b. 1852 m. Almedia Sanders
- (1) Mary Conn Payne b. 1880 m. Albert Mayes
- 1a. Albert Mayes- never married
- 1b. Roy Mayes m. Veola Patrick
- 1b1. Roy Winston Mayes m. 1. Dorothy Hargis 2. Jean \_\_\_\_\_
- 1b2. Wayne Mayes m. Jean \_\_\_\_\_
- 1b3. Mary Ruth Mayes m. James Rogers
- 1b4. Byron D. Mayes m. Carlene Orange
- 1b5. Glenn Mayes m. \_\_\_\_\_ Layne
- 1b6. Fritz Mayes m. 1. Julie \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Phyllis \_\_\_\_\_
- 1c. Cleo Mayes m. Bill Wyatt (no children)
- 1d. Grace Mayes m. Robert Ferrell (no children)
- 1e. Thelma Mayes m. Joe Oliver
- 1e1. Michael C. Oliver m. Susie Norris
- 1f. Blant Mayes m. Dorothy Meeks
- 1f1. Edwina Mayes m. Jerry Gayster
- 1f2. Opal Mayes m. Maury Vestal
- 1f3. Jean Mayes m. Paul Stevenson
- 1f4. Kenneth Mayes m. Linda Gain Rieder
- 1f5. Gary Mayes never married
- 1f6. Peggy Mayes m. Jimmy Goodman  
 1. Jennifer Goodman
- 1f7. Sherry Mayes m. 1. Ray Shimmin 2. Bill Hazen  
 Stephanie Shimmin

- (2) Etta Payne b. 1886 m. Harvey Aylor  
 2a. Emmett Aylor m. Tressie McFarland  
 2b. Lois Aylor m. Boyd Charles  
 2c. James Earl "Nook" Aylor m. Irene \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Isadell "Icie" Payne b. 1896 m. Charlie L. Jacobs  
 3a. Charles Conn Jacobs m. Alene  
 3a1. Ricky Jacobs  
 3b. Carol Jacobs m. 1. John Ashburn 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Allen  
 3c. Ola Jean Jacobs m. Jamie Winton  
 3d. Maxine Jacobs m. Odie Rose  
 3d1. Donnie Rose  
 3d2. Roger Rose  
 3d3. Karen Rose  
 3e. Billie Ruth Jacobs m. 1. Finley Roberts 2. Fred Wages  
 3e1. Sherrie Roberts m. Mickey Cherry
- (4) Gracie Payne b. 1898 m. Fred A. Parks  
 4a. Robert Payne "Bob" Parks- unmarried  
 4b. George Allen Parks- died in infancy  
 4c. Fred Basil "Pink" Parks m. Billie Faye London  
 4d. Paul K. Parks m. Willie Mae Nunley  
 4d1. Jan Parks m. Roy Swisher
- (5) Bessie Lee Payne b. 1889 m. William Bowlin  
 5a. Lena Kate Bowlin m. Frank Wilson, Jr.  
 5a1. George Frank Wilson b. 1946 m. Mary Helen Arledge  
 Steven Wilson  
 Franklin "Frankie" Wilson  
 5a2. Boyce Lyndon Wilson m. 1. Sherry Church 2. Jan Hanna
- (6) Henry Grady C. Payne m. Norah Pearson
- (7) Cassie Lee Ola Payne- never married
- (8) Joey- died in infancy
- (C) William Elson "Bud" Payne b. 1868 m. Mary Angeline Meeks  
 1. Jerome Franklin Payne b. 1896 m. 1. Lemma Nunley 2. Ada Scruggs Tate  
 1a. J. L. Payne m. Jean Stockwell  
 1a1. Chester Payne  
 1a2. Peggy Payne  
 1a3. Larry Payne  
 1b. Amelia Payne m. Paul Magouirk  
 1b1. Don Magouirk m. Doris Layne  
 1b2. Brenda Magouirk m. Donald Ray Rhodes  
 1b3. Sheila Magouirk- unmarried  
 1b4. Paula Magouirk m. Ricky Hamlin  
 1c. Betty Jean Payne- never married  
 1d. Bobby Payne m. Betty Fults  
 1d1. Ginger Lee Payne  
 1d2. Bobby Lee Payne, Jr.  
 1d3. Dana DeLee Payne
2. Willie Wilson Payne b. 1897 m. 1. Thursa Hamby 2. Lizzie Knight  
 2a. Goldie E. Payne b. 1918 m. Claude Johnson  
 2a1. James Lee Johnson m. Alva Louise Barnes  
 2a2. Janie Marie Johnson m. Roy Crouch  
 2a3. Willie Ruth Johnson m. Blanton Kilgore  
 2a4. Brenda May Johnson m. Harold Moon  
 2a5. Joseph m. Johnson  
 2a6. Katie May Johnson m. Kenneth Judge  
 2a7. Mark Anthony Johnson m. Teresa Woods  
 2a8. Jerold Johnson m. Debbie Hauch  
 2a9. Arthur Lewis Johnson m. Frances Holland  
 2a10. Clenton Johnson m. Darlene Judge  
 2b. Willie Mae Payne b. 1920 m. George Stanley Northcutt  
 2b1. Benson Northcutt m. Nadine Hampton  
 Robbie Northcutt  
 Cheryl Northcutt m. Mike Rogers  
 2b2. Earl Northcutt m. Donna Jean Davidson  
 Sherry Lynn Northcutt

- David Earl Northcutt
- Marty LaDon Northcutt
- Michael Eugene Northcutt
- Tammy Renee Northcutt
- Stanley Leon Northcutt
- Carla Kaye Northcutt
- Darla Faye Northcutt
- 2b3. Freddie Northcutt m. Peggy Mazzio
- Christopher Michael Northcutt
- 2c. Mary Florence Payne m. Ernest Trussell
- 2c1. Clifford Trussell
- 2c2. Wendell Trussell
- 2c3. Ronnie Trussell
- 2d. Johnny Payne m.
- 3. Stella Mae Payne b. 1899 m. Arthur Lee "Yock" Oliver
- 3a. Althea Oliver- died young
- 3b. George Oliver- died young
- 3c. Myrtle Angeline Oliver m. 1. Luther Eugene Morris 2. Lawrence Jordan
- Barbara Jean Morris m. Kenneth Morris
- Timothy Morris
- Brian Morris
- Linda Kay Morris m. Ronnie (Gilliam) Pool
- James Lance Pool
- Heather Dawn Pool
- Anthony Jordan
- Mary Ann Jordan
- 4. Fred Elson Payne b. 1902 m. Carlee Gipson
- 4a. Marie Payne m. J. V. Gann
- 4a1. Freddie Lee Gann m. Candice Miter
- 4a2. James David Gann m. Betsy Jo Hamilton
- 4b. Ernest C. Payne m. Helen Lucille Hill
- 4b1. William Dale Payne m. Sharon Lee Henderson
- 4b2. Sherry Darlene Payne died at birth
- 4b3. Ernest Charles Payne m. Judith Lynne Monroe
- 4b4. Jeanne Marie Payne m. David Paul Neal
- 5. Gladys Angeline Payne m. Clarence Meeks
- 6. Upton Bell "Buddie" Payne m. Lucy Green
- 6a. Charles William Payne m. Mary Frances Barrells
- 6b. Hershell Jame Payne m. Louise Watts
- 6c. Jeweldene Payne m. Gyndle Earl "Pete" Wells
- 6d. Rachel Payne m. Benny Burnett (no children)
- 6e. James Kenneth Payne m. Peggy Grooms
- 6f. Carl Bailey Payne m. 1. Janice Layne 2. Sue Payne 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Mary Elsie Payne b. 1918 m. Joseph Elbert Layne b. 1914
- 7a. Linda Janelle Layne b. 1947 m. Thomas Eugene Coats, Jr. b. 1945
- 7a1. Mary Meagan Coats b. 1975

## REED

Several unfortunate events happened to the Reed family who came to the cove. They lived deep in the cove near the Clouse Meeks place when it came a disasterous flood. The waters rose so high that their house was floated down stream, where it was eventually caught by a stump. Being unable to move the structure, the Reeds continued to live there and raise their family. Joe Reed, the father, was not to see an end to his troubles with the flood. His wife, Della Lowe, was thrown from a horse and crippled. She remained bedridden for years. Joe Reed himself was the victim of one of the most heinous crimes perpetrated in the cove area. While on his way to market some of his farm wares, he was gunned down by a shotgun blast. He was carrying chickens to sell on the mountain, and they too were shot. No one was ever charged with the crime; however, robbery did not seem to be the motive. Joe and Della Reed had these children: Emma Reed m. Frank Meeks, Walter Reed m. Ruby Trussell, Sam Reed m. Flora Meeks, and Robet Reed m. Ann Meeks (Their only child was Ruby Reed m. Joe H. Rodgers).

## RODGERS/ROGERS

Joseph Rodgers came to Grundy County from Lincoln County in about 1874, just after marrying Minerva Payne whose family lived in Payne's Cove. Joseph's father died at about that time and his mother Nancy took most of her younger children to live in Chattanooga, where she died at an advanced age. Joseph and Minerva Rodgers lived in the

vicinity of Payne's Cove. Grandson Oscar Henson recalls being told that on three different occasions their home burned and they lost all of their possessions. Their children were: Ben m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brough moved to Texas, Louella m. Tom Adams, Maude Mariah m. Ephriam Jacob Henson (parents of Oscar Henson), Oscar "Vet" m. Emma Sanders, Ralph Houston "Dick" m. Susan Roberts (parents of Joe Rogers m. Ruby Reed, Henry Rodgers m. Ida Oliver, Alfred Rogers m. Lois Cox, Minerva "Nervie" Rogers m. Doug Tatam, Novella Pearl Rodgers m. 1. Lee Upton Dickerson 2. "Ted" Woodlee, Maybell Rodgers m. Roy Kilgore), Pearl Rodgers m. Jeff Smith, & Vera "Vee" Rodgers m. Herbert Echols.

Minerva Payne Rodgers died before 1900 leaving several small children. Her husband in his old age did a little farming, labor work, and peddling. He was quite deaf and in 1918 failed to hear a train coming one day as he was walking from Pelham to Coalmont. He was killed instantly. The family received a settlement of about \$1500 from the railroad.

## ROBERTS

Phillips Roberts, the first sheriff of Grundy County, was born in 1806 in North Carolina and came to Grundy County in 1812. He served in the Seminole War in Florida, and during the Civil War he was commissioned captain of a Confederate company, but before the war was ended, was honorably discharged because of extreme age. He was married twice, first to Susan R. Smith. They had no children. He then married Arsenath Pearson of Pelham. Their children were: Issac; Alexander P.; Riley B.; Susan m. Henry Mitchell; Annie m. Peter McGovern; William P.; Betty m. L. J. Campbell; and Phillip H. Roberts.

Riley B. Roberts (b. 1861 d. 1888) was described in the *Compendium Biography* as a "self-made man, being both architect and builder of his own fortune, and is today one of the leading coal mine contractors in Tracy City" He married Jennie McGovern. To them were born at least five children: Issac, Lizzie, Carl, Cora, and Everette.

Alexander Roberts, son of Phillip, m. Nancy Elizabeth Payne. This couple had seven children from whom the present day Roberts families in the cove are descended. The children were: Henry b. 1892 m. Oda James, Rosie b. 1901 m. Jim Magouirk, Francis b. 1895, m. Maggie Fults, Susie "Sude" b. 1889, m. Ralph "Dick" Rodgers, Charlie b. 1901, m. Gladys Woodlee, Arsenath b. 1905 m. Herbert Echols (his second marriage), Elmo b. 1908, m. (1) Alice Rhea (2) Joyce Northcutt Aylor Smith.

In 1844, when Grundy County was formed, Issac H. Roberts was a member of the state legislature from Coffee County who lived in Pelham Valley. Legislator Roberts favored Pelham to be the county seat of the newly formed Grundy County while Adrian Northcutt favored Northcutt's Cove. After considerable discussion, a compromise was reached locating it on the mountain between the two points, and an election was held in October, 1848. The selection was ratified, and a town named "Altamont", signifying "high mountain" was begun. A court house was erected, and the first court was held in it 3 June 1850. (information from the Federal Writer's Project by W. C. Abernathy. Manuscript located at the State Library and Archives, Nashville).

Cousins of these Roberts were descended from Silas Thurman Roberts who married Elizabeth L. McGowan in 1846. Silas and Philip Roberts were probably brothers, although nearly 15 years apart in age. Children of Silas Roberts were Coleman, Crawford, and Calma Levan. Coleman married Mary Rayburn and raised a family of nine children, including Wiley Crawford Roberts who married Fannie Viola Basim and lived at Pelham. The Basim family had come to Tennessee from Maryland.

## SANDERS

Solomon Saunders (Sanders), an Irish immigrant, was an early settler in Payne's Cove where he continued to live until his death at the age of 104 years. He was a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He and his wife had eleven children. Among them were Thomas and Jacob Sanders.

Thomas Sanders, b. 1790 in NC, m. 1816, had a son, George C. (Uncle Dick) Sanders who was born in Pelham Valley in 1821. Uncle Dick became a well known farmer and hunter and built his home on the mountain overlooking Pelham Valley.

Jacob Sanders married Martha Yates. To this union was born 12 children: Andrew, Allie m. John Hunter, Alexander Houston (b. 1838), Joseph, Adaline m. Thomas Johnson, Caledonia m. Mack Meeks, Mincey, James, & Elick. John was a member of the Twenty-eighth Federal (Union) Cavalry and was killed at Tracy City during the Civil War. Alexander Houston, his brother, on the other hand enlisted in Co. A, First Tennessee Infantry (Confederate) under Peter Turney. Alexander Houston Sanders had a long and distinguished military career. He fought at Gettysburg, then was authorized to return home to raise a company of men. He accomplished his task and the new company became known as Co. C, Twentieth Tennessee Confederate Cavalry. He served as captain of his company until forced to surrender on 2 June 1865, after over four years of military service. He was in many major battles and was wounded numerous times; however, he survived and returned to Payne's Cove where he married on the 16th of August in 1869, Elizabeth Crabtree, daughter of Walter Crabtree. They became the parents of seven children: Robert E., Lula m. James Bennett, Rebecca m. John Laxon, Delia, Walter, John H., and Myrtle.

The captain and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In 1892 Captain Sanders was elected to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Rust who died in office.

(from *Compendium of Biography*)

## STUBBLEFIELD

The Stubblefield name was introduced to Payne's Cove in 1956 when Bill and Allie (Steward) Stubblefield moved there from Alabama. All of the Stubblefield surname presently in this area are their descendants. Jimmy Stubblefield m. 1. Opal Meeks 2. Margaret Maynard, Arnold m. Reba Morton, Henry Stubblefield m. Joe Meeks, Ray Stubblefield m. Judy AcAr-

thur, and Chester "Doobie" Stubblefield m. Linda Musselman Rood. Josephine Stubblefield m. Ronnie Meeks, and Mary Jane Stubblefield m. Harold Winton are also daughters of Bill and Allie.

### **Mysterious Spots**

Anyone who has spent any time in Payne's Cove can tell you of the mysterious dark spots which appear on the roof of the saltpeter cave. The story is that one of the Roberts' slaves lost her husband. Not having anything suitable for dressing him for burial, she stole into the master's house and took his finest suit. When Roberts found out what had happened, he became upset. Knowing that she would probably be punished, the distressed widow ran to the saltpeter cave where she's said to have cut her own throat. The blood gushed with such a terrific force that it went to the cave's ceiling where it is visible today.



### **PAYNE'S COVE NOTES**

On August 24, 1860, Benjamin Franklin Payne, G. W. Payne, A. S. Goodman, and Isaac Meeks made a bond for \$500 with the state of Tennessee to sell spiritous liquors. In this agreement they had to swear not to "adulterate with any substance whatever the spiritious or alcoholic beverages which were offered for resale." At that time stills were legal; however, laws were eventually enacted that made them illegal, but production of "spiritious liquors" was a thriving business in the cove until recent years.

A handful of people now farm in the cove; a few people engage in lumbering. Most, however, are employed in light industry in nearby towns. One of the most impressive farming operations is being carried out by Bob Willis who has dug a canal along the base of Payne Ridge to channel spring water coming from the mountain into Elk River. Many acres which were formerly too wet to put into agricultural production are now farmable.

In the 1970's a road was begun by the county to link the Payne's Cove road at Big Springs to the Clouse Hill road at the top of the mountain. Extensive grading was done, and the road was passable from start to finish, but rains came and washed out several sections. Funds were in short supply so the road has never been completed. It now lies in a state of disrepair accesible only to four wheel drive vehicles and A.T.V.'s.

Roads through the cove to the mountain are not a new idea. At least four wagon roads led to the top of the plateau fifty or more years ago. One led up through the head of the cove then up the "left hand side of the mountain" by the old Parsons' place to Coalmont. The old Lassater Road approximately where the newer road was to be built up by Big Spring led to Clouse Hill. Another road through the head of the cove up the "right side of the mountain" by the Sam Sartin log cabin led to Tracy City. The Tany-yard Road which went up the mountain by Charlie and Gladys (Woodlee) Roberts' led to Brown's Mill, then on to Coalmont.

### **CEMETERIES IN PAYNE'S COVE**

Payne's Cove Church Cemetery beside the Payne's Cove Congregational Methodist Church.  
Mayes Family Cemetery - adjacent to Payne's Cove Cemetery  
Roberts Family Cemetery - near the Gladys (Woodlee) Roberts home  
Oliver Family Cemetery - near residences of Joe & Ruby (Reed) Rogers and Pat & Brenda (Meeks) Magouirk  
Meeks Family Cemetery - off the road to the left past Nancy Meeks' home  
Sanders Family Cemetery at Big Spring  
Goodman Family Cemetery on the Payne's Cove Road near Elk River in a field owned by Shirley (Anderson) Clay  
Clouse Meeks Family Cemetery - at the head of Payne's Cove

(Payne's Cove Compiled by Janelle L. Coats)

### **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 known the cove as Tarry Cove. The name is said to 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 said to have been decided upon when the two prominent families wanted to name it for themselves. The Morgans favored Morgantown. The Grooms family wanted the name to be Groomsville. As it was being publicly discussed one night, an old fellow in the crowd desiring to settle the argument called out, "Just call it Pull Tight. It's the tighest damn pull I've ever pulled in my life" so the now defunct community was called Pull Tight. It boasted both a church and school.

Compiled by Janelle Layne Coats

## **PELHAM**

The name Pelham is said to have come from an early settler whose surname was Pelham. He was well liked in the community and worked to improve schools, churches, and the community, in general. Centerville was the early name for this area, and it seemed to be located near the old Bud Haynes Place (the present day I-24 bridge) until Mr. Pelham came along. He settled briefly near where the present day post office is located and people started moving in around him. As the settlement shifted the name changed and was pronounced in two syllables, Pel-ham.

### **Henrietta Bowden Ray**

Visiting with "Mama Carden". Summer of 1961.

Martha Elizabeth Crouch ("Aunt Matt", "Miss Matt", "Miss Mattie", "Mama Carden") was born July 22, 1873. At age 90 Mrs. Carden's mind was sharp and full of wit. She had a ready smile for every visitor to her front porch. I asked her to "visit" each family with me that she could remember since coming to Pelham, Tennessee, as the young bride of Dr. Lynn Adolphus Carden.

"Of course, I will. But it will take us several evenings to get around." This is how we "got around".

The original house here was made of logs. Dr. Lynn Adolphus, son of Sarah Charles and Billy Carden moved to Pelham. He bought this house from Harrison Levan and married Martha Elizabeth Crouch in 1900. Martha Elizabeth was the daughter of Elizabeth White (sister of Charlie White's father Robert "Bob" White) and Moses Crouch.

Our Methodist Church... The original building was built of logs. The second building was a frame building. The third and present building- a frame building. In 1905 while the present building was being constructed Sunday School was held in the Pelham School. At Christmas time real candles were used... it took one hand to watch. Now, the second building. It had a pulpit boarded up so that the preacher's head was all the audience could see when he was seated. Many thought he looked like a Jack-in-the-Box! Three or four large posts adorned the center of the church. These held the roof and ceiling up. Dr. Carden was superintendent of the Sunday School for thirty years. Uncle Tom White (oldest brother of Charlie White) was the local preacher. He opposed Christmas trees with candles... realized the danger! He was noted for his descriptive adjectives! Tom White's mother Mary said, "I watch the boys: Tom, Bob, Hall, Jim and Charlie while Charlie (a good layman) prays."

Everybody went to church then- not like it is now. Most of the time everyone **walked**. During the days of tent meetings, wagons were loaded for the ride to service. Travel was by horseback, buggy and wagon. After the days of the "Toll Road" tourists made their way across the mountain by way of Pelham. Most were "pulled through" the Henley Creek section.

The people I remember: Jimmy Guinn, George Guinn, Dr. Jimmy Odom and children: John who married Jossie Henley, Banjor who married Annie Payne and Pink who died. Dr. Jimmy Odom lived in front of the Pelham Methodist Church. Dr. Will Dartiss, a dentist, married Narcia. George Keele, John Gallagher, a faithful Methodist, Superintendent of Sunday School 45 years married Belle Patton.

Jim Cox built the original John Thomas house- John Thomas married "Polly" Braseel. Children: Annie Thomas and George Thomas. Tiny Payne married Ambrose "Ambers" Duncan. Benjamin Payne married Sookie Meeks. George Payne married Almedia Fosta "Meade" Sanders.

Hense Layne married Tex Meeks- sold to Rich Jacobs who married Laura Meeks. Rich's children: Charlie, Clyde, Ethel and Jessie. Dr. Lynn Adolphus Carden m. Martha Elizabeth Crouch. One son, Abbott who married Gladys Conry. Their children: Billy Abbott and Inez.

### **Mrs. Carden**

Wilse Meeks married Mollie Tucker.

children:            Laura who married Rich Jacobs.  
                          Texarcana who married Hense Layne.  
                          Tildie who married Bill Meadow.  
Wilse Meeks second wife was Nancy Jane Harrison.  
children:            Ella who married Lem Wallace.  
                          Willie who married Henry Flynn.  
                          Violet

Ephiram Henson bought from Mr. Wilse Meeks' widow and moved to Pelham (This is the present Fred Parks house). He then sold to Dr. L. A. Carden and bought a lot near the church and built the present house. Ephriam (Uncle Eph) went into the mercantile business. Ephriam married Maude Rogers.

Children: Willie, Lillie Mae, Oscar

Beyond "Uncle Eph's" was "Darkey Town".

I remember:

Tom Willis who married Celina . The house was near the Darkey Well and between Sunday School and church services everyone would get a drink from the well.

Anderson Willis married Belle Guinn

children: Louisa  
Ruthie  
Addie married George Hayworth  
Frank  
Elisha  
"Bug"

George Guinn married Winnie Willis.

children: Harlan  
Clara Bell married Edd Williams  
Mary Lou married Hollis Winton  
Otha married Waldean McGowan c. James.  
Otha m. Allene Wooten c. Bobby Ann.

Mary Southerland married Hence Rich

children: Arthur  
Thursie  
Annie  
"H" (Henderson)  
Calvin

"Blind Lizzie" Guinn

children: "Cryer"  
Hamp Rutledge

Beyond "Darkey Town" was the "Boots" Nevill's house. "Boots" married "Sis" Goodman (sister of Solomon King Goodman who gave the acre of land for the Pelham Methodist Church).

David Howard married Elizabeth "Bethy" Ooley. Her father, Bill Ooley had their house built on the present Glenn Bonner site.

Jim Hawk married Kate Blanton

children: Maymie

The Hawk house was built by Frank Wilson who rented it to Forrest Patton and Willie Wilder Patton. Then Frank Wilson sold it to Jim Hawk.

### **Mrs. Carden**

The Charlie White Place- The house was built by slave labor.

The clay for the bricks was dug from the red clay bank near the present L. D. Sartain house. The bricks were burned near the site of the house. Most of the walls were twelve inches thick.

Charlie White married Mary C. Elliott (1830-1896). "Sookie" Brothers and Mary White were sisters.

Charlie White (1826-1897).

Charlie White, Jr. married Lydia Summers

children: Homer  
Irene  
Emmette  
Mary Belle  
Lena

Tom White married Tennie Clendenon

children: Beulah  
Ida  
Horace

Kelse Levan married Calma Roberts - built a small house where the present Henry White house is.

Haul White married Laura Burnette.

children: Henry  
Mary  
Allen

Johnnie Burnett married "Jennie" Wilson

children: Madeline

Jim  
Wilson  
Lenora  
Leburn Hoyt

"Uncle Frank" Sartain m. Sue \_\_\_\_\_. Two daughters, Pete and Maude. He was well liked, a good worker and owned by Jim Sartain about 1846. Bill Goodman "Little Billy" married

Ninnie

Billy

"Ruff" married Mary Hinton, Brother Guinn's grand daughter.

Jimmy Levan married

Jimmy was the brother of Kelse Levan.

Jimmy's children:

Harrison

Jamie Guinn

Mary

The Jimmy Levan house is now the Alvie Winton house.

Hense Meeks married Thursia Hamby

Jeff Fults Sr. lived on the mountain. He made and peddled tar. He would "put up" his oxen and himself at the Mose Crouch place for a week.

Where the present Carl Panter house is, cedar poles were arranged in racks to hitch horses. "Upping blocks" for the ladies to get on and off their horses. The Carl Panter house was built by Charles and Isa Payne Jacobs.

The first buggy to come to the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church, South belonged to Col. Ike Wilkinson. "It was something. It was grand! No top or nothing and would be ordinary now... but then... my, my!"

Below the Haul White place was the George Meeks house. George Meeks sold to Idle Grooms. Idle Grooms sold to J. D. Hawk.

Pelham was not always quiet. Often there would be drunken brawls. I remember one where one got this throat cut and John White and John Wilder sewed the throat up!

Bob and Jim White built the store on the north corner of the highway going into Burrough's Cove... went into mercantile business... failed, went broke... sold to David W. Howard. "bad Boys" got Jim Guy to crawl to the roof of the D. W. Howard store to "spy" on an Odfellow meeting. Got caught... jumped- liked to have killed him! Guy lived on the Tom Patton place.

The Eckward Green, Tom White, J. Q. Brashear families all walked to church every Sunday.

Pelham got its name from a Pelham family who lived here in the early days of settlers. No one knows which of the Pelhams decided to make this area his home.

The John Gallagher house was originally owned by Dr. Dartiss. Dr. Dartiss then sold to a Mr. Keel. Then, John Gallagher bought the place. There was a store back of the Gallagher house. I don't know who built it. John Gallagher ran the store for a time then rented to Ephriam Henson.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fox daughter of Willis Fox and Bessie \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Fox then married Bettye Layne then Bettye Layne Fox married Joe West.

Blessings bought a beautiful two-story house where the Cam and Emma Hargis house is. It burned. Blessing then built the house where Cam and Emma live.

Pelham School was at the old Baptist Cemetery.

The first house on the right of the Decherd Highway was a grand log house belonging to John Rust. John Rust died. Ike Burnett built the second house (now the Holbert Haynes house). Ike Burnett sold to Crawford and Sally Crouch Roberts. They lived at this place during their lifetime.

The third house on the right was the Julius Garner house. Julius lived in Coffee County and built the house for Mrs. Garner to run a boarding house for the teachers. One of the boarders and her son pried the ceiling up to become "Peeping Toms"! This is now the J. D. Hawk property.

To the right and behind the Garner house was the John Thomas house. Beyond his house was his shop, then the old Baptist Church which was used for a school. The church was on the left close to a well and the cemetery was on the right next to the present Sam Levan place.

Next was the Thomas Patton place. Thomas was the son of Gen. Alexander E. Patton.

Next was the Ekward Greene place. "Ek" was a wonderful church worker. They would walk to church and bring every youngun they had.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Guy (Jim Guy's father) Place was next.



The Hampton Gunn place was bought from John Patton. It then became the John Alex Gunn place. The Alex Gunns were always church goers.

Next was the George and Maggie "Aunt Mag" Clay. George attended church regularly and "Aunt Mag" was one of the best!

The next house belonged to Jim Cox. Mrs. Cox and children never failed to get to church. Jim would bring as many as he could in his wagon.

Next was the Alex Gunn place. The family always at church.

Next was the Thomas Gallagher (John Gallagher's father and mother) Jane Clay Gallagher place. Good church workers.

In front of and to the left of the Gallagher Place lived the "Nat" McBrides.

The Polexie Nevill's place was next. Polexie was a wonderful woman, yes, wonderful. Polexie's daughter married Polk Sims (Dr. Sims' sister-in-law). Then, it became the Sims Place.

The Johnny Howard (good Methodists) place was next.

Then the Bob Whites (good Methodists) which later became the Cheatum Reaves Place.

Uncle Billy Ramsey (Church of Christ preacher) died at age 98. He was running cattle and his horse fell injuring his side, and he died of pneumonia.

Nannie, Ellen and Mollie Wilkerson were Baptist members.

Now, north of my house:

The P. T. Gilliam's store was on the corner. Next was the John David and Virginia Catherine Patterson Wilder house. On the right corner was the Bob and Jim White Store then the John A. Wilkerson house. The Martin Gilliam house was next. Part of the original Martin Gilliam house is now the Harvey Hamby house.

The P. T. Gilliam house was built after he married Grace Hampton. The old house was moved "up in the field" and used as a "darkey house".

On the left after Wilder's house was the Jim Ray house (renters). Joe West lived there the longest and it became known as the West House. Joe and John were brothers. Joe lived in the West House and John lived in the present Dee Hawk house. These two started and helped build the Church of Christ.

J. Q. Brashear lived on the corner then the Bill Ooley place was next. Mr. Brashear and wife moved to the Ooley house. Mr. Brashear ran a saw mill and was magistrate for years. He built and donated the slat benches for the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They were wonderful. Just wonderful compared to what we did have! These benches were replaced by the W. S. C. S. about 1930. The new benches were made by the Sam Werner Lumber Company, Tracy City, Tennessee.

After the Brashear house was the Methodist Parsonage (now the Cam Conry place) built by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. People came from neighboring communities (Valley Home, Providence and Alto) to help with the building.

Near the back of the Parsonage was the house first rented by Garner and Ethel Wilder Patton. Their first child, Dennis, was born here. This house was built by the Rev. W. R. Wilson. Nelson Jones bought it. Nelson Jones lived here and sold to Fannie Basim Roberts. Nelson Jones married Agnes Hamby. Their children: Willie "Bill", Marie, Orvill "Pete", Glenn, Ophelia, Maurice and Lavon.

Martha Morris, mother of Chester, Asbury and Marie, lived in the next house. It is now the Wade Wilson house.

Ben Wilson married Tressie Carden and Dr. Carden built a log house for them. Isham Levan and John Guest were the carpenters.

Ben Wilson married Nancy Tate. This house later passed on to Frank Wilson, Sr. and later to Frank Wilson, Jr.

The Cam Conry place was originally the Rice Elkins place. Rice Elkins married Matt Rodgers. This area was known as "Tarry (Tyree) Cove".

### **Mrs. Carden**

John Hale and Sam Willis built the present Methodist Episcopal Church. They boarded with John Thomas. The Dr. Carden house which is approximately one hundred seventy-five years old, was built before the Civil War. Dr. Carden swapped the "Black Dan" Patterson place to Harrison Levan for the house on this corner. Dr. Carden and Cleo Cook Carden (daughter of Nancy Cook) lived here. Their children were Wayne and Tressie. Just south of the Carden house was a large building that was used as a store and the Masons met here. The store was last used by Nelson Jones.

The "Darkies" I remember:

Joe Southerland who married Caroline Southerland (Aunt Free). Their children: Alex, Martha, Ben, Mary, John and Tennie.

Mary Southerland Rich and Henderson Rich.

Tom Willis, father of Anderson.

George Guinn and Winnie Willis Guinn. Their children: Harlan,

Mary Lou, Otha and Clara Bell.

Blind Lizzie Guinn and her daughter Cryer Guinn.

"Bug" Guinn

Sam Sheid father of Andy

George Hayworth.

Sister Allen... in robe.

Anderson Willis and wife Bell Guinn Willis.

Gertrude Kennerley, teacher.

The Hense Willis place- Hense Willis married Bobby Blanton. They had one daughter, Betty Willis who married Levi Woodlee. This place was known as the Willis place as long as I can remember. This is now the Buford Conry place. The Hense Willis children were: Bessie Willis who married Emmett Bramblett, Blanton Willis who married Dena Sain, Lucille Willis who married \_\_\_\_\_ Berry, Ernest Willis who married Jessie Conry, Fanny Willis who married Claude Henley, Clayton Willis who married Gertrude Caldwell, Carl Willis who married Carrie Lee Hill and Willie Mae Willis who married Oscar Henson.

Dave Wilson married Zora Brooks. Mr. Dave bought from the Smiths. The house was blown away during a tornado. Dave Wilson, Jr. built the present house. The children of Dave and Zora Brooks Wilson were: Benjamin who married Tressie Carden, James Brooks Wilson who married Edna Moss, Mattie Bell Wilson who married Lawrence Partin, Ora Wilson who married Mark Pearson, Rebecca Wilson who married Andrew Jackson, David Hugh Wilson who married Ruth Stoakes and Exie B. Wilson. (Thanks to Ruth Wilson for details of Wilson family.).

Next was the Colonel Ike Wilson house.

Dr. Johnny Farris' children came to the "to-do's" at Pelham. Dr. Johnny was the only one of the Farris children to live to adulthood. General Alexander Patton's place was used as Federal Headquarters during the Civil War.

The descendants of Alexander E. Patton (1800-1879) and Selina Bell Zora Hollingsworth (1815-1849) own large farms in the area. General Patton divided his many acres among this children: Mary E. Patton, James H. Patton, John Hamilton Patton, Thomas Benton Patton, Emaline C. Patton, Texann Patton, Selina Josephine Patton and Georgia Tennessee Patton.

## Henrietta Bowden Ray

Visiting with Cora Willis Roper and Harold Willis:

\* Indicates Military Service

I. The children of Mary E. Patton (1832-1902) m. \*Col. Henry S. Sheid (Civil War) (1827-1911)

1. Tennessee (died young)

2. Selina Sibbel m. W. H. Taylor

3. Cora Shied m. Edd Willis

1). John F. Willis m. Maggie Henley

1. Cora Willis m. Clyde Roper

1. Joe Clyde m. Linda Jones

1. Lori Renee

2. Stacy Lynn

3. Joe Travis

2. \*John Roper (Viet Nam War) m. Karen Nicley

1. Justin Robert

2. Lauren Amanda

2). Jean Willis m. Robert Sullivan

1. Juanita Sullivan m. William Greer

1. Michael Cates

2. Jane Sullivan m. Roland Heim

1. Jessica

3). \*Harold Willis (W. W. II) m. Marie Lassater

1. June Lassater m. Frank Silver

1. Shawn

2. Chris

2. Judy Willis m. Joe Clem

1. Ashley Hope

3. Steve Willis m. Donna Powell

1. Alecia

2. Sonya

4). Christine Willis m. \*Joe L. Lassater (W. W. II)

1. Susan Lassater m. Wayne McMahon

1. Amanda

2. Patrick

3. Kimsey

2. Dan Lassater m. Barbara Riley

5). \*John F. "Jack" Willis (W. W. II) m. Elizabeth Carr

1. Linda m. Richard Crosslin

1. Krista

2. Jason

3. Karen

2. Sharon Willis m. Joe E. Eaves
    1. Joseph
    2. Elizabeth
  3. Debbie Willis m. Greg Hensley
    1. Adam
  4. David Willis m. Sue Hobbs
    1. Heatherly
    2. Katie
    3. Valerie
  5. Donna Willis
  6. Dale Willis
- 6). \*Fred C. Willis (W. W. II) m. Louise Haston
1. Jeanie Willis m. Jon Bell
    1. Diana
    2. John
    3. Emily
  2. Bobby Willis m. William Myers
    1. Bryan
    2. Beth
    3. Beverly
    4. Belinda
  3. Charles F. Willis m. Terri Hamby
    1. Quent
    2. Whitney
    3. Lance
  4. Charlotte Willis m. Joe Keele
  5. Brent Willis m. Linda Peters
    1. Amy
  6. Angie
- 7). Betty Willis m. Al Jagers
1. Timothy Jagers
  2. Patty Jagers m. Bruce Manthe
    1. Jeffrey Martin
- 8). \*Kenneth Willis (W. W. II) m. Jane Holt
1. Pam m. Mike Bolin
  2. Patricia m. Steve Duncan
  3. Lisa
  4. Doug
- 9). Ann Willis m. Charles E. Wells
1. Jeffery m. Debbie McBroom
    1. Matthew
    2. Jennifer
- 10). \*Bobby G. Willis (W. W. II) m. Vivian St. John
1. Kathy
  2. Donald
  3. John

Visiting with Mildred Patton Frizzell and Judy Patton Rickner:

- II. \*James H. Patton (1834- ) Civil War m. Sue Woodlee  
 Children: Jim, Kate, Dora, Margaret, George.
1. Jim Patton did not marry.
  2. Kate Patton did not marry.
  3. Dora Patton did not marry.
  4. Margaret Patton m. John White
  5. George Patton m. Mary Oder Aylor

1. Johnny died young.
2. Mildred m. Lee Frizzell
  1. Eddie Lee
  2. Carolyn Sue m. Gary Brazier
    1. Wendy
3. \*George Vernon (W. W. II) m. Nora Schilds
  1. Elaine m. Kilgore
  2. Deloris m. Welch
  3. Ruth
4. Margaret m. Elden Beckwith
  1. Terry m. Andy Nye
  2. Cynthia m. Robert Kannack
    1. Julie
5. Howard m. Mildred Dodge
  1. Vernon Patton
  2. Wayne m.
  3. William
6. Paul m. Lolis Buchannon
  1. Linda m. Roger Everest
    1. Mike
    2. Stacey
    3. Mark
7. \*Joseph (W. W. II) m. Bessie Jacobs
  1. Patsy Joe m.
  2. Brenda
  3. Cheryl
8. Ruby m. James Worley
9. Rachel m. R. B. Gallman
  1. Gloria Jean m. \_\_\_\_\_ Willis
    1. Kathy m. \_\_\_\_\_ Maurice
    2. Todd
    3. Wendy
  2. Mary Michelle m. John Holland
    1. John
10. Osborne m. Louise Metcalfe
  1. Betty Joyce
  2. Judith Ann m. Ronald Edward Rickner
    1. Julia Louise
    2. Deborah Marie
11. \*Eugene (W. W. II) m. Helen Sodreggen
  1. Darrell m. Jan Waters
    - 1.

III. John Hamilton Patton (1838- ) Civil War. Did not marry.

Visiting with: Aubrey Patton Gallagher (age 87 and Grand-daughter of Gen. Alexander E. Patton), Cora Haynes Warren (age 88 and Great Grand-daughter of General Patton), Georgia Edna Patton, Sue Patton, Johnnie Patton Burnett, Mary Ellen Patton, Anna Dell Taylor, "Bobby" Wilson, Judi Gunn, Felicia Gunn Savage, Lena Kate Wilson, Mildred Frizzell, Janie Hines, Cleora Gallagher, Jim and Juanita Haynes, Mary Frances Gallagher, Staci Smith Medley and Judy Rickner.

IV. \*Thomas Benton Patton (Civil War) m. Susan Clementine Clark-Children: Benton Garner, John Forrest, Dessie, Mattie, Beulah, Nora, Bell. Aubrey, Tommy.

1. Benton Garner m. Vera Ethel Wilder
  1. Dennis Benton m. Altha Rose
    1. \*Dennis Wayne (Korea War) m. Shella Long
      1. Dennis m. Marsha Couser
        1. Leslie
        2. Anthony Patton m. Jan Weddington
          1. Lee
        3. Helen Jean Patton m. John Clark
        4. Timothy Lee Patton
        5. Linda Lynn
  2. Jean Rose Patton m. John C. Bittner
    1. Teresa m. David Murphy

1. David
  2. Alicia
  2. John, Jr. m. Shelia Flemming
    1. John, III
    2. David m. Melissa Kelley
      1. Rachel
      2. Michael
      3. Isaac Kelley
    3. Elaine
  3. Vera Ann Patton m. Robert Tenny
    1. Elizabeth Ann m. Charles Hall
      1. Kyle
    2. Earl Carson Tenney m. Betty Gooden
      1. Adam Joseph
      2. Lindsay Marie
    3. Rosemary Jill m. Brian Arney
    4. Michael
    5. Jeffery
    6. Bobbi Jean
  4. John Carson Patton m. Claudia Rose
    1. Claude Benton
  5. \*Donald Patton (Marines) m. June Williams
    1. Donna Sue
    2. Dianne m. Lance Relford
      1. Drew Lance
    3. Dedra Patton m. Carl Willis
      1. Derrick
    4. Deneen
  6. Linda Sue Patton
  7. Morris Edward Patton
2. Sam Carl Patton m. Rachel Lewis
    1. Ruth Patton m. John Kephart
      1. Renae
      2. Johnna Lynn
    2. Sammy Carrol m. \_\_\_\_\_ Mirabile
  3. Johnnie Vera Patton m. Willie Burnett
    1. Billy Garner m. Marguerite Sartain
      1. William Nelson m. Susan Haren
        1. Tiffany Lauren
      2. Johnnie Mae Burnett m. Danny Excobedo
        1. Joshua James
        2. Travis Michael
      3. Robert Lee
      4. Billy, Junior
      5. Melody
    2. John David Burnett m. Flona Lee Brown
      1. Carl David m. Vesta Ann Rose
        1. Billy Faye
      2. Jacky Renae m. Scotty Morris
        1. John David
    3. Mary Ethel Burnett m. Kenneth Magouirk
      1. Jeffrey Wayne m. Lucinda Bowman
        1. Chasitty Blair
        2. Mendy Celeste
  4. Edward Lee Patton died as a child.
  5. \*Thomas William Patton (W. W. II) m. Mary Ellen Roberts
    1. Dianne Patton m. Lavon Myers
      1. Lee Don
      2. Lori
    2. Peggy Sue Patton m. Danny Eugene Hartline
      1. Meredith Patton Hartline
      2. William Russell Patton Hartline
    3. Edward Lee m. Connie Tate Layne
      1. Peggy Lee Ann

- Edward Lee m. Dorothy Louise Davison
1. Jason Edward
6. \*James David Patton (W. W. II) m. Georgia Edna Rose
1. Shelia Faye m. Crawford Miller
    1. Clint
    2. Jody
  2. Larry David Patton
  3. Donna Patton m. Claude Hill, Jr.
    1. Jamie
  4. Marla m. Jackie Steel
    1. Jackie Dee
    2. John David
  5. Vicki Patton m. Tim Amacher
    1. Lyle Amacher
    2. Wesley Patton Amacher
  6. Connie m. Barry Tawwater
    1. Charlie
    2. Angie
7. Clementine Catherine Patton m. John Leonard Grooms
1. Janette
  2. Nancy m. Haskel Parmley
    1. Jason
    2. Jonathan
    3. Jennifer
  3. Jane Ellen m. Fred Morrison, Jr.
    1. Cary
    2. Patrick
 Jane Ellen m. Charles Grider
    1. Sarah Jane
  4. Betty Lynn m. Charlie Schearer
    1. Kathryn Marlynn
    2. Eddie
    3. Melissa
  5. Richard Dean m. Clara Cox
    1. Richard, Jr.
 Richard Grooms m. Teresa Smith
    1. Donnell
    2. Michael
2. John Forrest Patton m. Willie Wilder
1. Howard Douglas Patton m. Callie Cleo Dotson
    1. Dollie Oleta m. Charles Gilbert Gipson
      1. Sandra Oleta
      2. Callie Ann m. William Pinegar
        1. Matthew Wayne
        2. Christopher Coty
    2. Wilna Jean Patton m. Robert Dewey Smartt
      1. Robert Dewey, Jr.
      2. Timothy James
      3. Vicky Dianne
    3. Howard Douglas m. Margaret Janette Winton
      1. Connie Sue
      2. Mark David
    4. Anetta Patton m. Gary Schlageter
      1. Michael Dewayne
      2. Kevin Wayne
  2. Tommie Oleta Patton died as a child.
  3. Dessie Patton Did not marry.
  4. Mattie Patton Did not marry.
  5. Beulah Patton m. Sam Levan
    1. Anna Dell m. \*William Bouldin Taylor (W. W. II)
      1. William Sam m. Shelia Partin
        1. Michael
        2. Jeremy
  6. Nora Patton m. Benjamin Franklin Wilson, Sr.
    1. Lorena m. Cam Conry

1. Geraldine m. William Lentz
2. Ruby Wilson m. Luster Clay
3. Wade Wilson m. Florence Goodman
  1. \*Billy Wade (Korean War) m. Elsie Lee (Bobby) Sutherland.
    1. James Randal (adopted) m. Terry Huffer
      1. Brian
      2. Donald Wade
    2. Ricky Wade Wilson m. Donna Melinda Green
    3. Melinda Kizar
    4. Patsy LaDell
  2. Patsy Ruth Wilson m. Robert Kenley Cannon
    1. Kenny
    2. Keith
4. Georgia Wilson m. Wilbur Roscoe Gunn
  1. \*William Roscoe (W. W. II) m. Mary Isabell Terry
    1. Terry m. Cary Bagley
      1. Jessica Meade Gunn
    2. Jo Anna m. Frank Thursby
      1. James Frank m. Andrea Rich
        1. Brandon James
    3. \*James Frank (Korean War) m. Judith Holt
      1. Cynthia Lynne m. Luther R. Kelley
      2. Cheryl Leigh
      3. James Hampton
    4. Nellena Gunn m. Sam Charles Smith
      1. Donnie Ray m. Marty
      2. Dana (adopted) m. Troy Brown
    5. Hampton
    6. Thomas Edgar Gunn m. Patricia Ann Lowrie
      1. Fleicia Ann m. Johnny Edward Savage
        1. Heather Nicole (adopted)
      2. Thomas Keith m. Rosemary Baltz
      3. Carol Leigh
  5. Frank Wilson, Jr. m. Lena Kate Bowlin
    1. \*George Frank (Viet Nam War) m. Helen Arledge
      1. Steven Courtney
      2. Franklin Rhea
    2. Boyce Wilson m. Janice Hannah
  7. Belle Patton m. John Gallagher (First Judge of Grundy County Court)
    1. Mary Sue Gallagher m. Whitman Taylor
    2. Thomas Michael m. Vergie Mae Payne
      1. Tommie Mae m. Joe Cook
        1. Jerry m. Gloria Sullivan
        2. Darlene m. Richard Scott
      2. Jean Anne m. Joe Buckner
        1. Carrie (Adopted)
        2. Jennifer (Adopted)
        3. Wendell
    3. Joe Forrest m. Harriet Edwena Gilliam
    4. \*John Paul Gallagher (World War II, with General Patton)
    5. Janie Bell Gallagher m. Raymond Glen Hines
    6. Edgar - Died as a child
  8. Aubrey Patton m. \*Joseph E. Gallagher (W. W. I)
    1. \*Benton Gallagher (W. W. II) m. Cleora Wilson
      1. Tressie Jo m. Arthur Raymond Magouirk
        1. Scotty Ray
        2. Shannon Dawn
        3. Shelly Lee
      2. Robert Clay m. Shiela Dianne Meeks
      3. Jerry Dale m. Karen Barnes
        1. Shalonda
        2. Amanda Dale
        3. Justin Clay
    4. James Kenneth m. Carol Jean Myers
      1. Benjamin Michael

2. \*Joseph Clark Gallagher (W. W. II) m. Mary Frances Prince
  1. David Prince Gallagher m. Peggy Magouirk
  2. Paul Edmund m. Connie Hobbs
    1. Mandy twin
    2. Bandy twin
    3. Brandon Kyle
  3. Joseph Michael m. Wanda Rogers
    1. Heather Elaine
    2. Michael Derrick
    3. Holly Marie
  4. Teresa Anne m. Joe Blaylock
    1. Nicole
    2. Jodi Anne
  5. Mary Jo twin
  6. Mark John twin
3. Clementine Gallagher m. William Roy Smith
  1. William Roy Smith, Jr. m. Betty Tims
    1. Christopher Tims Smith
    2. William Nicolas
    3. Jennifer Sloane
  2. Pamela Smith
  3. Cynthia Rose m. Charles Stovall
    1. Gabrielle Dene
  4. Laura Lee m. Phillip Stevens
    1. Jeremy
    2. Mary Ashley
    3. Bethany Paige
  5. Joseph Wayne Smith m. Kim Powell
    1. Whitney Adam
    2. Jonas McDaniel
    3. Adrian Miles
  6. Pattie Sue m. Jimmy Dale Huber
    1. James Ericson
    2. Haley Erin
  7. Glenn Dale Smith m. Kim Polak
    1. Joshua Edmund
  8. Stacy Lynn m. Shannon Medley
    1. Charles Colby
4. Alfred Lee Gallagher m. Billie Jean Brown
  1. Susan
5. Willodean
6. Ethel Virginia m. Jess Alton Gipson
  1. Angela Louise m. Charles Wayne Sawyer
    1. Lori Lee
    2. Ami LaShae
9. Tommy Patton did not marry.

V. Clementine "Tennie" Patton m. (1833) \*Martin Gilliam (Civil War)

1. Peter Turney Gilliam m. Grace Hampton
  1. Harriet Edwena m. Joe Forrest Gallagher
  2. \*Peter Turney "Turney" (W. W. II) m. Mary Widner
    1. Dianne
    2. Gail
    3. Russell
  3. Vera Lell m. 'Joe Crouch (W. W. II)
    1. Bonnie m. Edd Tillman
      1. Todd
      2. Stephanie
    2. Joey m. \_\_\_\_\_ Bibgy
      1. Grace
4. Mary Melrose m. George Wilson
  1. Barbara Ann m. Hal Pierce
    1. Jeffery
    2. Clint
  2. Penelope Gay m. Roy Tankersley
    1. Brett



- 2. Burt
- 5. Elizabeth Ann m. Malcolm Parrish
  - 1. Myra
  - 2. Pamela
- 2. Vera Clementine m. Isaac M. Gilliam
  - 1. Fred Haynes Gilliam (Superintendent, Coffee Co. Schools- District Attorney General, 1950-1967- Judge, State Court of Criminal Appeals 1967-1968) m. Sarah Katherine O'Neal.
    - 1. Nancy Katherine
- 3. Nancy M. Gilliam m. James B. Bradshaw
  - 1. Emma m. Shesley Lovell
    - 1. Annie
    - 2. Sarah
  - 2. Horace m. Annie Hood Colburn
  - 3. Jim
  - 4. George
  - 5. Herman m. Cornelia Vaughn
- 4. Georgia Tennessee Gilliam m. Will Nelson
  - 1. Earl m. Angie
    - 1.
    - 2. Martin
    - 3. William Turney
  - 4. Larry m. Dorothy Norman
    - 1. Jean
    - 2.
    - 3.
  - 5. Jim Gilliam m. Sallie Addington
    - 1. Sarah m. Fain Morrison
      - 1. Rebecca
      - 2. Miriam m. Anthony Komac
        - 1. Elizabeth
        - 2. Anthony, Jr.

Jim Gilliam m. Rena Morton

Visiting with Cora Haynes Warren, Jim and Juanita Haynes and Jack White.

VI. Texan C. Patton (1845-1889) m. Horatio Prentis Haynes

Children: George, Jim, Horatio Prentis

- 1. George Haynes m. Lula Parmley
- 2. Jim Haynes m. Joe Cox
  - 1. Buford m. Lula Rollins
  - 2. Elsie m. Emmett White
    - 1. Charles Emmett m. Janice Burnett
      - 1. Lydia Ann twin
      - 2. Lisa Marie twin
      - 3. Carol Lynette
    - 2. Betty m. Bruce Sloan
      - 1. Susan Lynn
      - 2. Andrea Gayle
- 3. Horatio Prentis Haynes m. Dora Idella Hamby
  - 1. Cora Elizabeth m. \*Maurice Warren (W. W. II)
    - 1. Anna Dell m. Loyd Tate
      - 1. Linda m. David Lansford
        - 1. Michael
      - 2. Dianne m. Bill Studley
        - 1. Matthew
      - 3. Lloyd, Jr.
    - 2. Holbert Haynes m. Maggie Kennedy Keel
      - 1. Prentis died at age 8.
      - 2. George Haynes, Sr. m. Elizabeth Raulston
        - 1. George, Jr. m. Sonya Rose
          - 1. George IV
        - 2. Connie m. Ferrin Milo
          - 1. Jessica
  - Georgia Haynes, Sr. m. Sharon Robison
    - 1. Dianne
- 3. Jim Haynes m. Juanita Lockhart

1. Regina m. Mark Thomas
  1. Mark, Jr.
  2. James David
  3. Shannon Lynn
2. Kayla m. Dean Gipson
  3. Vanessa m. Jeff Greech
4. John Haynes m. Mary Roper
  1. Pam m. Steve Molder
  2. Kevin m. Christie Broyles
  3. Christie
5. Charles Haynes m. Sandra Scruggs
  1. Melissa m. Kasey McIntyre
    1. Bryan
    2. Ashley
  2. Keith m. Glenna Ghee
    1. Lacey
    3. Steven
    4. Amy
6. Larry Haynes m. Linda Bohannon
  1. Joyce m. Gerald Parks
    1. Dawn
  2. Stephanie

John Patton, son of General Alexander E. Patton and Selina Bell Zora Hollingsworth Patton did not marry. He was the brother of: Thomas Benton, Jim, Josephine, Texanne, Mary E. and Clementine.

Aubrey Patton Gallagher remembers: "My father, Thomas Benton Patton, made a trip to Alabama to get four little Patton girls and brought them to Pelham Valley. They were:

1. Minerva Patton m. Dan M. Patterson
  1. Dan "Red Dan" m. Annie Jacobs
 Minerva Patton Patterson m. Henry Goodman
  1. Elbert
  2. Octavia m. William Harrison Partin
2. Allie Patton m. Mark Blair
3. Josephine m. William Gilliam
 

Josephine's mother was Martha Jane Cobb of Jackson Co., Alabama.
4. Bell Patton m. Jim Reid

I do not know if they were children of grandpa's brother (Gen. Alexander E. Patton, grandfather of Aubrey Patton Gallagher) or not." Many Pattons settled near Huntsville, Alabama.

Henrietta Bowden Ray visiting with Edgar and Annie Mary Long Gunn, Felicia Gunn Savage, Carrol Gallagher, Judith Gunn and Lillian Wooten.

VII. Selina Josephine Patton m. \*John Hampton Gunn (Civil War)

Children: Alexander "Alex", Ida, Henry, Cora, Maymie, Myrtle and Edgar.

1. Alexander "Alex" Gunn m. Betty Conry
  1. Josephine m. James C. Myers
    1. Jimmy Myers, Jr. m. Jo Ann Crater
      1. Mary Ann
      2. Beth Ann
    2. Betty Lou Myers m. Robert Humbert
      1. Robert Humbert, III m.
        1. Jeffrey Brenton
    3. Kenneth Edgar Myers m. Jackie French
      1. Summer
      2. Ryan Kenneth
  2. Edgar Gunn m. Annie Mary Long
    1. Kenneth Edgar Gunn m. Rebecca Hoback
      1. Misty Michelle
      2. James Allen
    2. Vicki Ann Gunn m. Sandy Ray Baker
      1. Kyla Elaine
  3. Fannie Isabell Gunn m. Paul Franklin Champion
    1. Paula Suzanne m. Carl David Hillis

1. Christie Dawn
2. Amanda Carrol
3. Jonathan David Wayne Hillis
4. Mary Frances Gunn m. Robert N. Bryson
  1. Mary Ann m. Martin Wadell
    1. Robert Martin Wadell
2. Ida Gunn m. John White
  1. Gaylor
3. Henry H. Gunn
4. Cora Gunn m. Wade Parker and W. L. Birch
5. Maymie Gunn m. Roy Wooten
  1. Lillian Josephine m. Russell Burger
  2. Anna Bell m. Julius Parrish
    1. W. R. Parrish m. Pam
      1. Serrie Denise
      2. Russell Edwin
  3. Roy Gwyn m. Pauline
  4. Frances Louise m. Ellis Hancock
    1. Betty Louise m. James Randal Brittle
      1. James Randal "Jamie"
      2. Margaret Allison
    2. Bobbie Ann m. Robert Oglesby
      1. Michelle Leigh
      2. Melissa Ann
    3. Billy Ann (twin of Bobbie Ann) m. David Bridges
6. Myrtle Gunn m. Marion J. Cunningham
  1. Henry
  2. Hamilton m. Elizabeth
    1. Carrol
    2. Connie
  3. Georgia Mae m. Edd Kelso
    - 1.
    - 2.
    - 3.
  7. Edgar Gunn m. Sallie Wilson
    1. Jo Elma m. Roger Wallace
    2. Tommy
    3. Myrtle m. Thomas Dye

VIII. Georgia Tennessee Patton did not marry.

Alexander E. Patton's wife Selina Bell Zora Hollingsworth (1815-1849) died at age 34. General Alexander E. Patton married Mary Cullender in 1852.

## **CIVIL WAR SERVICE 1861**

General Alexander E. Patton and  
 son- Thomas Benton Patton and  
 son- James H. Patton and  
 son- John W. Patton  
 and sons-in-law  
 Col. Henry S. Sheid  
 Martin Gilliam  
 John Hamilton Gunn

Gen. Alexander E. Patton trained soliders- appointed by Confederate Government during Civil War. Pelham's 10th. Postmaster 1852 and 12th. Postmaster 1856

Owned 31 salves, 14 horses, 20 mules, 70 cattle, 100 sheep, 250 hogs, 327 bu. wheat, 7,500 bu. corn and 1,948 acres of land.

## **PELHAM'S "COLORED PEOPLE"**

Pelham Valley was blessed with a group of kind and concerned "Colored People." When the "White Folks" had trouble the "Colored Folks" had trouble; and when the "Colored Folks" had trouble the "White Folks" had trouble. Each worked to help the other. West of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was "Darkey Town."

Here lived: Tom Willis (Blacksmith) and his wife Celina Willis

Their Children were:

Anderson married Bell Guinn

Winnie married George Guinn  
"Sis" married John Rutledge  
Ruthie married Frank Rutledge  
Emma married Ben Southern  
Louisa married Kirk Patton  
Frank married Edna  
Elisha married 1. Bruce Patton, 2. Kitty Fetherston

Anderson was a blacksmith, as was his father...Anderson and Bell Guinn Willis were two good people. Anderson kept his shop closed on Sunday and if the Methodist Episcopal Church South had services other than the regular Sunday service, Anderson would close his shop while the church service was being conducted.

**Anderson and Bell Guinn Willis' children:**

1. **Gertrude** married John Kennerly. Their children: Ova Eudora, Kennerly married Sherman Marable. Juanita married Grizzar. Howard married Jessie Corn.
2. **Addie Bell** Willis married George Hayworth 1902...left Pelham 1950 for work in Sewanee. Their children: Ruth, Jewell, "Baby Sis," Joe Ellen married Simon Smith, Marie, Ann Frank, Clayton
3. Charlie "Bug"
4. Marcus

George Hayworth's brother Allen Hayworth married Hattie Neville and lived in Pelham for a short while. George Guinn married **Winnie** "Aunt Puss" Willis Guinn. Their children were:

1. Eldridge Guinn married Willie Southern.  
Eldridge worked at coke ovens in Coalmont.

Their children: Florence, Earl, Dan, Leah Dell "Doll Baby," Melrose

2. Horace married Annie Rich  
Horace worked at coke ovens in Coalmont and Tracy City.

Their children: Wiley, May Bell

3. Harlan "Paddle" married Lizzie
4. Magdeline
5. Lee - drowned
6. Tom married Elizabeth
7. Clara Bell married Edd Williams

Their children: Pauline married Hubert Gaines, Josephine, Tommy married Webster, Dena, Barbara "Bobby" married Danny Thomas, Gloria Faye, Guinn

8. Clyde - died of flue in 1918.
9. Mary Lou married Hollis Winton
10. Otha married Walden McGowan

Their child: James Guinn

Otha married Ailene Wooten

Their child: Bobby Ann

"Uncle George" was loved and respected by everyone. He "peddled" vegetables to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly to make a few extra dollars for his family. Winnie "Aunt Puss" Willis Guinn helped with all the babies and was always present when one of the little ones was sick. She wrapped many in onion poultices to break the fever of pneumonia, croup, or a serious cold.

The second house belonged to Henderson and Mary Southern Rich.

Their children were:

Arthur married Maggie Sheid

Calvin

Thursie married Elzie Hill

Annie married Horace Guinn

Henry "H" married Beatrice Cunningham

"Aunt Mary" ... a thrifty widow, worked for area people and was always taking or dragging limbs home for firewood as she made it toward home at the end of each day. She did her canning in a large wash pot and would often be after dark finishing the jars of whatever her "Neighbors — the white folks" had given her to take home. She would say, "It will beat a snow bank this winter." She helped every family in the community.

The fourth and last house in "Darkey Town" was where "Blind Lizzie" Guinn lived. Her daughter was Ellen "Cryer." Ellen's two children were: Hampton Guinn Oliver and "Lige" Elisha Oliver, Jr. Cryer m. Bud or Martin Oliver.

"Blind Lizzie" made a cake every Saturday and without help except for separating the eggs. She was known for the extra good cakes. She could carry two buckets of water from the "Darkey well" ... one bucket on her head and one bucket in her hand. She could walk any place in the village. She would wash for the "white folks" and was able to "sort" the dark clothes from the white clothes without help from anyone. A most remarkable person.

Clem Shed and her niece "Little Sis" who married Alvin "Jack" Southern lived across the road from the well.

Sister Lou Allen lived among her people and often served as "the preacher." She always wore light gray with a crisp white collar... "a good preacher...enjoyed fishing...enjoyed revivals."

Joe Pulley lived in a house near the "Darkey well," across the road from the George Guinn house. Joe was the son of Charlotte Pulley who lived in the field in back of Esther Brashear's house. She also had a daughter Mattie who in turn had a daughter, Molly m. \_\_\_\_\_Patton.

"Uncle Frank" Sartain and "Aunt Sue" had two daughters: Maude and "Pete".

For a short period of time, "Willie Six" Sims who married Mollie Trimble lived near Pelham. "Willie Six" became a famous football trainer at the University of the South, Sewanee. Their child: Frances married Dellie Hill whose children are: Willie D. and John Haynes.

The family of Alvin "Jack" Southern who married Mary Lou "Little Sis" Sheid lived on the P. T. Gilliam farm.

Their children:

1. Isabella Southern married Sam Allen Starks.

Their children: Calvin, Linda Lue, Sandra Clara, Roise Anna, Berdeda Lee and Amber Lisa.

2. Jessie Southern married Melvin Williams.

Their children: Glenda, Thomas, Darlene, Jennie

3. Sterling Southern married Daisy Wilkerson

Their children: Andy Lewis, Clemmie Louise, Melvin, Paul Ray, Georgie Ann and Thomas

4. Lonnie

5. Thomas "Tom Cat" Southern

John Parrish lived with Dr. U. B. Bowden.

From the village of Pelham we go to the Frank Wilson place where the Sheids lived. Then to "Frog Town" where the Southern lived. Why "Frog Town?" At night the frogs in the nearby ponds of Alex Gunn, George Clay and Garner Patton would make so much noise you could not sleep!

Sam Sheid and his wife Betty Wilkerson Sheid lived on the Frank Wilson Farm.

Their children:

Louise

Sammy

Geniveve

Sam Sheid's second wife was Ailene Danny.

Their child: Sammy

John Sheid married in 1902 Elizabeth "Lizzie" Nevill

Their children:

Arthur

Johnnie Versie married Milton Southern

James Burl (J. B.) married Helen Corn

George Allen married Annie Miller

Clemmie married Lillard Hill

Arthur

Joe and Carolyn Gunn Southern lived in "Frog Town."

Joseph (Joe) Southern married Carolyn "Aunt Free" Gunn.

Their children:

Alex

Tennie

John

Martha

Maude married Henry Featherston

Mary married Henderson Rich  
Benjamin

Benjamin Southern married Emma Ann Willis.

Their children:

Versie married Lymon Francis

Milton married Versie Sheid

Joe Thomas married Pauline Fetherston

Roscoe

Ruth married John Kennerley

Hurley (H. W.)

Charles

Maudie Bell married James Brandon

Charles Alex "Uncle Alex" married

1. Josephine (Henrietta) Willis

Their children:

Alvin "Jack" married Mary Lou "Little Sis" Sheid

Jessee married Clarence Robinson

2. Alex's second wife was Isabell "Deed" Reynolds.

Their children:

Waymond

Cleo

Alberta

Ruth

Joe Wallace

Vera

Lera

Johnnie Versie Sheid Southern has compiled the SOUTHERN/SHEDD FAMILY HISTORY that lists families outside Pelham, Tennessee.

## **PUSS GIBBS**

Puss Gibbs, a black lady, lived where Bobby Phipps lives now. Her house was the center attraction on Saturday nights in Burrows' Cove. She would move all the furniture into the kitchen and all the locals would come down for the Saturday night dance held in her front room. It was customary for the young rowdies to bring a chicken to roast on a spit. The chicken, of course, had to be stolen.

One night during the festivities France Meeks was accidentally hit in the eye by some fireworks. Puss was nursing a small baby so she put some of her breast milk in his eye to "kill the powder burn." Later on he saw a doctor about the eye. Dr. Farris told him that the milk had saved his sight.

## **FRANK SARTAIN**

Frank Sartain was the slave of James Sartain Jr. who built a log cabin near Sartain Spring on Elk River to house Frank. Frank m. Sue (said to be kin to the Gibbs family who also lived in the cove) Their children were Pete and Maude, both girls.

Blanton Meeks remembers that his grandfather, Joe C. Meeks saved Frank's life one day when 2 rowdy drunks had tied a rope around Frank's neck and hooked him up to a mule so they could pull him through Elk River. Joe Meeks happened upon the group and ordered them to let Frank loose. In later years, Frank moved to Pelham, died here, and was buried in the corner of the old Baptist graveyard.

## **Other Blacks in Pelham**

Ed Sullivan was the last black to live in Pelham. The Ed Williams family lived for a time in Providence and worked for farmers there. Frank and Lige Rutledge lived on a farm near Pelham. Albert McFarland m. Addie Fair. Albert Jones m. 1. Rosa Jones 2. Eliza Ikard.

## **Wilkerson**

The Henry Wilkerson and Josie Winton family lived at the Coffee/Grundy County line. Henry had a brother, Ance, at South Pittsburg. When Henry died in 1920/30, Joe Green Wilkerson came all the way from Texas to bury him. Henry and Josie had these children: 1. Hattie m. Kirby Brock (son of Speaker & Phoebe Brock) 2. Mamie m. 1. Dick Lou (murdered) 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Hampton, a preacher from Ky. 3. Ella m. W. K. Glenn in Ky. 4. Cora m. Eulus Patton. 5. Mattie, (murdered) m. John Jones. 6. Ike died at age 105 in Madisonville Ky. 7. Joe-never married- died young 8. John m. Georgia Hill (dau. of Edd Hill) 9. George m. Dessie Brock (sister of Kirby, Will, and Lillian Brock)

Source - Hattie Brock

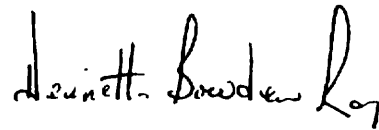
I am grateful to the following people for the information concerning the Pelham "Colored People": George Hayworth, Otha Guinn, Allene Wooten Guinn, Mary Lou Guinn Winton, Isabella Starks, John and Ava Sartain, Bettie Conry Gunn.

To those of you who would like to find more concerning your ancestors, I would suggest the nearest public library. The Genealogy Section of most libraries will supply you with Census Records and other valuable information. Historical

Societies and County Court Houses have volumes of information.

If, what I have compiled concerning OUR PIONEERS has helped you in any way, my goal has been accomplished.

I am thankful for those who came to our shores and established "one nation under God" for our freedom. As long as God and his Son, Jesus Christ, are in our plans; our Nation, and we as individuals, will succeed. May we leave the same heritage to those who follow.



Henrietta Bowden Ray  
May 9, 1983

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Slaves frequently took the name of their slave-owners. The census of 1850 shows two hundred-thirty slaves in Grundy County. Following is a list of the slave-owners. Perhaps you will find your ROOTS among these last names: Cunningham, Christain, Guest, Lusk, Mooney, Parks, Sain, Winton, Wooten, Brawley, Northcutt, Dugan, Gross, Rogers, Vickers, Walker, Woodley, Stone, Armfield, Fults, Powell, Burrows, Sartain, Blair, Goodman, Gilliam, Harrison, Low, Meeks, Mullins, Sanders, Turner, Couldwell, Gunn, Patton, Sheid, Sutherland, Willis, Warren.

### Henrietta Ray visiting with Otha "Hop" Guinn

Our people were: George Guinn, produce man to Monteagle and the University of the South, Sewanee. Anderson Willis, blacksmith, wood worker and iron worker. Alex Southern, farmer and preacher. Ben Southern, farmer and preacher. John and Sam Sheid, farmers. Jack Southern, farmer. Edd Williams, farmer and mill worker. Edd and Clara Bell Guinn Williams saw four of their five children through college.

I finished the eighth grade at age twelve. We had five months of school then. At age twenty-one high school became available. H. Rich married Beatrice Cunningham. They bought a pick-up truck and put a top on it with bench seats on each side. It came through Pelham going to Winchester hauling school children. Dr. Bowden said, "Hop" why aren't you going?" He took me to Winchester where I took the entrance test. I passed and they started me as a sophomore. The white kids at Pelham would bring their books and help me. I went three years- got my diploma. Each high school was allowed to send two seniors to A and I State College to take a test for a scholarship. I went. By noon half of the kids quit. The test was over at five p.m. We were given a "break" until seven o'clock. I won the one-year scholarship to A and I State College! At this time, Dr. Bowden got me on the Adult Education program and I taught at Tracy City. Back then sixty dollars a month was good money! I substituted for Gertrude Kennerly at the Pelham School. I spent twenty-three years at the Arnold Engineering Development Center. Mr. Nelson Jones and Mr. Joseph E. Gallagher would help me with my lessons. Dr. Bowden kept me on "go". Ours was a most unusual community in Pelham. No illiterates, everybody finished eighth grade. Everyone most congenial.

### Henrietta Bowden Ray

Visiting with Delia Sublett: (1963 age 83) I remember: Billy Green and Bettye Greene...Ekward Greene...Bob White...Tom White...Jim White...Tennie and Haul White...John Howard, Bell and Lula..."Boo" Nevills, husband of Sis...Wilse Meeks and Nan...Jim Payne...Annie Payne...Jennie Payne...Tiny Payne...Lizzie Payne...Dr. Odom and Pink...Nancy, John, Lytle Rust...Tobe Rust...George and Meade Payne...Alex, Luther, Jim, Ruby Green...John, Lee, Martha Burnett...All the Pattons...All the Willises...All the Meadows...All the Thomases...John Thomas was the undertaker at Pelham for years. He made and sold caskets...The Coxes, Jessie, Lee, Joe, Annie and Lem...The Gunns, Hamp, Henry, Ida, Thursa, Edgar, Myrtle and Maymie...The Wilkersons, Joe Green, brought the first buggy to Pelham...Mattie, Jim Bell and adopted daughter, Annie...

No church at Cross Roads so the following came to Pelham: The Red Jim Henleys...Bill and Allie Henley...The Bill Aylor Family...The Cox Family... The Dan Patterson Family...The John Goodman Family...The Levans, Betty, Nora, Sam, Harrison and Jamie...Bud and Sis Tucker (Lee Tucker's mother and father)...Edd and Octavia Conry...Bob Countess...Martha Price, a faithful Methodist...W. R. Wilson and others built the present Methodist Church. "I wish we could go back to those wonderful days!"

Visiting with Myrtle Henley: (1964) I remember: So many around Pelham were good to go to church. I especially remember Hamp Gunn, Myrtle Gunn, Maymie Gunn, Pete, Vera and Aunt Sis... Captain Sanders lived in front of the Methodist Church...and Deliah Sanders Sublett. The Carden House was first home of Myrtle Henley. She lived with Grandpa Guinn. The first appointment of Brother Guinn in Tennessee was the Hickory Creek Charge near Viola...He served the charge for eight years then the Pelham Charge for four years, then back to Pelham...Superanuated due to health.

Brother Guinn and Polk Wilkerson (Church of Christ) often had "Polite" debates on baptism!

John Burnett married Jennie Wilson...Laura White...Finis Burnett...Lee Burnett...Nora Nevills...Martin Nevills...Sis Nevills...Ethel, Della, Willie Wilder...all regular church members.

### Henrietta Bowden Ray

Visiting with Miss Clercy and Miss Maymie Hamby-Summer of 1963 - Misses Clercy and Maymie Hamby could remember the people they had heard their father talk about: John Burnett, Iley Crabtree, Eli Hamby, B. W. Hamby, E. L. Hamby, John Keel, Robert Kilgore, Soloman Meeks, Jackson Phipps, Moses Phipps, Phillip Roberts, L. D. Sartain, James

Sartain, A. H. Sartain, Haul White, John Winton, Anderson Winton, Eli Bennett, J. M. Blair, Harris Gilliam, Kitt Meeks, G. W. Oliver, Paton Sanders, Martin Gilliam, W. G. Green, John Guest, John Patton, Polk Givens, J. R. Hamby, Billy Woodlee, Bill Grooms, Sam Brown, Jim Echols, Sam Echols, John Summers, George Winton, Bob Hobbs. Billy Givins, Jessie Givins, Pleas Fults, John Henry Fults, Jack Sartain, Chris Note, Abraham Sartain (old), Lish Braseel, Bud Payne, Sallie Meeks, Bill Parker, H. Bouldin, Tom Myers, Jerome Bouldin (old), John Smith (old), Russell Burrows, Dick Ivans, Chrit Laseter, Dan Conry, Bob White, Tom Scissom, Bud Hawk, Speaker Scott, George Rogers, Joe Rogers, Dick Weaver, Tom Ivans.

Visiting with Mrs. Sallie Bell (1879- ) We rode horseback most of the time. Near the church we had "Upping Blocks" for getting on and off our horse. We wore long riding skirts and we would take the skirt off and put it over the side saddle. The skirt was fastened on by a strap on the horn of the side saddle.

I have a Bible bought from Alex Smith before the second Methodist Church was built.

I am daughter of John Gilliland Howard and Sarah Lucinda Neville (daughter of Polexie "Miss Leckie" Neville). I remember of mother telling us of the "HIDE-US CAMP GROUND" meetings near the river...stay for two weeks...take Negro servants...steers and ox wagons loaded with food and people...take children...camp...enjoy preaching...singing...prayer meeting...not far from the present Wilder's Chapel...had preacher for "colored people". It was a wonderful time for each family.

### **Henrietta Bowden Ray**

Visiting with Mr. Alex Gunn: (1963 Age 84) "Mr. Alex" married Sarah Elizabeth Conry. I remember: Description of church of 1856...this church was much smaller than the second church...long benches...not many benches...two large rock steps...three or four feet wide. This church was of logs. Jim Cox lived near the church...ran a blacksmith shop...Children were: Sarah Lee, Dell, Jessie, Jo, Ann, Lem. Jim Cox lived about in front of the Annie Thomas present house then moved near the Alex Gunns.

My father (John Hampton Gunn who married Josephine Patton, rode in a Jersey...the front seat was for the driver...the back seat was for balance of the family...pulled by two fine bay horses. Then a Jersey with a top...then to a buggy.

I remember Uncles Jesse, Will and Tom. John Hampton Gunn served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Grandfather of Alex Gunn was John Thomas Gunn who married Sally and moved to Coffee County.

I married Sarah Elizabeth Conry, daughter of Margaret Hargis and James Conry who came to Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church South. She (Sarah Elizabeth) is our present "Miss Betty" who has served the Pelham church since moving here.

My brothers and sisters were: Edd Gunn who married Sally Wilson (three girls Tommy, Joe Elmer, Myrtle). Henry, Myrtle who married Marion Cunningham, Maymie who married Ray Wooten, Cora, Ida married John White.

John White was from Coffee County. He was a teacher at the Pelham School and directed singing at church.

When Josephine Patton Gunn died John Hampton Gunn married Cora Carrol. She is remembered for her fine soprano voice at the Pelham Church. She and Dr. Carden often sang together. They made a wonderful duet.

Cora Carrol Gunn and John Hampton Gunn had three children: William Gunn, Jamie Gunn, Roscoe Gunn who married Georgia Wilson.

I remember the first church was heated by a large stove that was in the center of the building.

The first school I attended was at the log school near the present Sam Levan place. It was known as the Graveyard School. My first teacher was John A. Wilkerson. We then moved to the Pelham School which was at the present Pelham School site. My first teachers in the new building were: Ashburn, Ashburn and Thursa Phillipps who taught music. John Thomas and his son Frank planed, tongue and grooved every piece of lumber for the first school at the present site. The Grave Yard School house (dated back to the Civil War) was next to the present Old Baptist Cemetery.

John Thomas lived near the school. The Thomas Shop was near the cemetery. Miss Annie and George Thomas were born in the house near the cemetery.

Henry Crabtree would come from the mountain to the revivals. He was known for his ability to sing... "a terrible-extra good singer".

### **Henrietta Bowden Ray**

Visiting with Miss Annie Thomas (1890- age 73) The Pelham School and the Christian Church were built at about the same time.

The Thomas family has lived here at the present house for sixty five years...Levan's barn was Mr. Thomas' shop...then a shop in front of Mr. Brashear's mill...then became disabled and moved his shop to his smoke house back of this house...made caskets for the public.

General Patton was awarded a grant of land for his efforts during the Civil War. He gave two hundred acres of land to each of his children.

Frank Bell owned land now owned by Cam Hargis...sold out to Bedfords. Blessing then to George Payne then to Cam and Sam Hargis. Blessing was killed by Hunter. Mr. Blessing had three houses on the Cam and Sam Hargis lots.

Visiting with Miss Mary White: Mary, the daughter of Haul White (who served as steward for years in the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church) enjoyed her work for the church. I enjoyed the trips by buggy. During the summers the whole country would go to "Aunt Bet" Crouch's...twenty to twenty-five buggies would be there. Everyone would bake and starch to make the First Sunday of Protracted Meeting at Providence. One Saturday I was finishing the fourteenth pie to have ready to take when Bascom White asked, "Are you going to the meetin tomorrow?" I answered, "If I get cleaned up in time." Bascom said, "Well, put yourself in to soak tonight!". We had wonderful times...Belle Patton and Janie Gallagher went with us.



Our first school was near the old Baptist graveyard. Then school was held at the Gilliam house later owned by Lee Burnett.

### **Memories by Marie Jones Graham**

As a young girl, I would walk to Miss Kate and Miss Dora Patton's. They had books by Zane Gray and Oliver Wendell Homes as well as others. I borrowed some of the books and read them. They helped me to "travel".

Annie Thomas' father, John, was a carpenter. We used to go into his old shop where he built coffins before he became bedridden himself. He had built a coffin for himself & for his wife to be buried in.

Our washer woman, Dee, said that her daughter, Pearl Ruth, had a part in children's day at the colored church, but that she didn't have anything to wear. My mother had a black tafeta dress which was long and full. I decided to cut it up and make Pearl Ruth a dress for the festivities. Of course, I gave little thought to the fact that the black dress was my own mother's one and only Sunday dress. I must have had some realization that she would be made for I burned the scraps left over. On the following Sunday, Mother was preparing to go to preaching. We had gone ahead to Sunday School. Mama couldn't find her Sunday dress so she went over to Mrs. Green's and told her to go on to preaching that she couldn't locate her Sunday dress. Mrs. Green told Mama that she wasn't apt to find that dress unless she attended the children's day at the colored church since Pearl Ruth would be wearing it.

Harve Hamby brought in a lot of government mules & my brother, Glenn, got kicked in the head by one of them he was trying to ride.

My grandfather, Will, was "circuit rider" preacher. He married grandma in 1877.

One of the landmarks in Pelham was the huge oak tree which stood beside the Methodist Church (where the parking lot is now). We used to clean off our shoes on that old tree before we could go in the church.

Nelson G. and Agnes Hamby Jones' children were: Willie "Bill", Marie, Orvill "Pete", Glenn, Ophelia, Maurice, and Lavon. N. G. Jones served as trustee of Grundy County.

### **The Blessing Murder**

When times are hard even small things are worth a lot. Who would have thought that a few eggs would cost a man his life and cause another man to be "on the run" from the law? Such was the odd case of Mr. Blessing and Jim Hunter.

Mr. & Mrs. Blessing had at least three children, a daughter who played the piano, and two sons, Claude & Walter. They had owned and run the Pelham Hotel until it burned along with the livery stable located at its side. Their insurance company refused to pay for the loss of the hotel because of the strong smell of kerosene that permeated the area near it.

It was then that the Blessings fell upon hard times. With no hotel and no insurance payment for its loss, Mr. Blessing was able to build only a two room cabin for his family.

At some time after the fire, the Blessing boys ran upon Jim Hunter who was carrying a sack containing a few eggs to the store to trade for some groceries. The boys, not knowing the sack contained eggs, went up to Hunter and smacked it breaking all its contents. Hunter became enraged and slapped one of the boys. Immediately they ran home and told their father of the incident. Mr. Blessing then confronted Hunter and an argument ensued resulting in Hunter stabbing Blessing. Murdering Blessing was reason enough for Jim Hunter to leave the state. Likewise, the Blessings eventually left Pelham; however, their two room cabin was incorporated into the Cam and Emma Hargis house which is now occupied by Judy and Julie Rickner.

**Dr. Upton Beall Bowden, Jr. (1884-1951) Founder of the Grundy County Health Department.** Among the people of Pelham, Tennessee, was a most outstanding man, Dr. U. B. Bowden. Dr. Bowden was born in McComb, Mississippi, the son of The Rev. Upton Beall Bowden and Henrietta Pennington Douglas Bowden. As a child, he lived in Water Valley, Mississippi. He worked in the cane fields and on the riverboats of the Mississippi River to pay his way through school. The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, had a Medical Department and Upton Beall Bowden, Jr. enrolled. Dr. Cain sent him on a house call to Pelham Valley where he met Della Wilder Ramsey. They were married in 1913. From 1913 to 1951 Dr. Bowden took care of those who could pay and those who could not pay. He served as dentist, surgeon and general practitioner. September of 1927 found him developing a cooperative project in sanitation for Bledsoe, Sequatchie and Grundy Counties. Each county was to provide three hundred dollars. The Grundy County Court did not have three hundred dollars to appropriate. Dr. Bowden gave his three-hundred-dollar-a-year salary as jail physician to be used in cooperation with the State Department of Health. The total budget for the year 1928 was \$2,700.00. The State Department supplied \$1800.00. Grundy County \$300.00, Bledsoe County \$300.00 and Sequatchie County \$300.00.

Typhoid fever, dysentery, diarrhea and enteritis of infants, smallpox, tuberculosis and diphtheria were rampant. Dr. Bowden held community meetings persuading adults that sanitation is a way of life given us by Moses. Sanitary pit privies were built as each county court passed ordinances requiring every family to have a sanitary way of disposing of human excreta. Dr. Bowden with his staff of one Sanitary Inspector, one nurse, and one secretary held clinics in schools, theaters, churches, stores, roadsides, and any place people would gather for "shots" to prevent typhoid, diphtheria, whooping cough, and smallpox. Teachers cooperated by helping with blue ribbon parades for children who completed the series of "shots". Parents soon realized the value of "shots". Soon the dreaded diseases were under control.

The Great Depression years were a time he shared with everyone. He saw that no one went without medication. He delivered the babies where there was plenty and where there was not even a floor in the small one-room house built of poles cut from the forest or "slabs" from a sawmill. The W. P. A. mattresses made in the sewing rooms of the county provided the mother the only protection she had from the ground as there was often no bed. The layettes made by the W. P. A. ladies supplied clean and comfortable clothes for the new-born. Often the family would have nothing in the house to eat and the next day found Dr. Bowden taking corn meal, flour, lard, beans and meat to the house.

"The service a man renders to his fellow man is the highest gauge by which he can be judged on this earth and no

doubt will figure in the judgement by the Highest Authority... We see in his passing a "scholar of the old school", one who will not be replaced for a long, long time."- Grundy County Hearld

WHEREAS: U. B. Bowden, M. D., has departed this life since the last Regular Meeting of this court, and

WHEREAS: No living person has devoted more of his time, energy, talents and abilities to the welfare of Grundy County in general and to the health and welfare of the citizens collectively and individually in particular... we laud and commend his efforts for the benefit and betterment of the people of Grundy County... and commend his life and example to present and future generations."- The Grundy County Court Resolution passed by the County Court at the session on October 3, 1951.

Children of Dr. Upton Beall Bowden, Jr. and Della Wilder Ramsey Bowden: Laney David Ramsey, Della Henrietta Bowden, Charles Upton Bowden, Ethel Virginia Bowden.

## **JOHN GALLAGHER**

by Janie Gallagher Hines

John Gallagher (1874-1948) was born in a large log house in Pelham, Tennessee. He was the son of Thomas Gallagher (1846-1897) and Mary Clay Gallagher (1849-1939). He had three brothers and two sisters: Dominic Gallagher who married Lena Knies, Burt Gallagher who married Jessie Cox, Joseph E. Gallagher who married Aubrey Patton, Ethel Gallagher who married Martin Clark and Janie Gallagher.

He attended school at Pelham. As a young man, he clerked in Steve Winton's store in Manchester, Tennessee. After his father's death, he returned to Pelham to help look after the family.

He married Belle Patton December 25, 1904. To this union was born six children: Mary Sue, Tom, Joe Forrest, John Paul, Janie Belle, and Edgar. John and Bell Patton Gallagher were the grand parents of: Tommy Mae Gallagher Cook, Wendell Gallagher and Jean Anne Gallagher Buckner. Four great-grand children: Jerry Cook, Darlene Scott, Carrie Buckner and Jenifer Buckner.

John Gallagher operated a store in Pelham with Mr. Ephriam "Eph" Henson for several years. After selling out to Mr. Henson, he went to work for Mr. Peter Turney Gilliam in the Gilliam general merchandise store.

He was elected Justice of the Peace from the Third Civil District in 1905. He was elected to the Chairmanship. He served in this capacity until 1917. The position of County Judge was created. He was elected to fill this position until 1934. Judge John Gallagher was Grundy County's first County Judge.

He was postmaster of the Pelham Post Office from 1908-1916.

He was a member of the Pelham Methodist Church and served as Superintendent for forty-four years. He was teacher of the adult Sunday School class for many many years.

## **Grace Hampton Gilliam**

By Melrose Gilliam Wilson

Grace Hampton came to Pelham, Tennessee, as a young school teacher and the bride of Peter Turney Gilliam. She shared the professions of merchant and farmer with her husband. "Miss Grace" made his people her people, his land her land.

"Mr. Pete" passed away in 1924 leaving "Miss Grace" with five small children, a three hundred acre farm, a general merchandise store (one of the largest in the state). In spite of personal responsibilities, she found time for the church she loved dearly, the school and the community.

With the charm of the old south and the ingenuity of a yankee peddler she steered the Gilliam Ship thru the dark days of the Great Depression with their children safely and securely aboard.

"Miss Grace" enjoyed the arts of expression with water colors, ceramics, and outdoor life. She loved all that was beautiful and possessed the ability to make everything a work of art.

To her memory we use a quotation of one of her dear friends. "Well done to one who knew the Master's smile."

## **THE HARVEY HAMBY FAMILY IN PELHAM, TENNESSEE**

By Arley Hamby

Harvey Hamby, better known as Harve Hamby, was born and reared in Burrows' Cove about four miles from Pelham. His parents were Eli and Molley Hawk Hamby. They had three children: Harvey, Eldridge, and Lena. He married Anna Pearl Campbell, daughter of L. J. and Bettie Roberts Campbell.

Harve Hamby and his family consisting of wife and three children, Arley, Levona and Pauline moved to Pelham in the spring of 1927. They moved to and rented the farm of Mrs. Grace Gilliam. The old Gilliam house and one acre of land in the center of Pelham was bought from Mrs. Gilliam for the home of the Hamby family. The old house was the original Gilliam home. It had been moved twice. Originally it was located back in the field some distance from the road. On this property a new gas station was built. It was rented to Alfred Ashburn and with Mrs. Gilliam's store across the road, became the loafing place for the young and the old.

Later Harvey bought the E. J. Henson property, also located in Pelham. From his home here he not only operated the Gilliam farm, he owned and operated two farms in Coffee County. About this time, farming was changing from horses and mules to tractors and trucks. In keeping with the times, those changes were made in his operation.

In addition to being interested in farming and its progress and improvement, Harvey was interested in his community and county. He always put his church first. He was active in church affairs and served for years as teachers of the Adult Sunday School Class in Pelham Methodist Church.

He was active in other community affairs. With others, they organized and held one of the finest walking horse shows held in the state. This was held on the school yard at Pelham. Also a baseball league was organized. Baseball games

served as an important recreation for the entire community. He bought a school bus, and his son Arley drove to Manchester for children of the community going to high school. There was no road for motor vehicles to Tracy City. All other community improvements were of interest to him.

County-wide, he was active in organizing the Grundy County Farm Bureau, serving as its president, the Grundy County Farmers Co-op located in Pelham. He served on the Board of Directors for the Co-op. He was a member of the County A.S.C.S. Committee for a number of years, a member of the Ration Board during the war. A member of the County Fair Committee and some other committees interested in the improvement of agriculture in the county and state.

After moving to Pelham two other children were born to Harvey and Anna Hamby-Willodean and Randal Hamby. The children now live as follows: Arley Hamby, Manchester, TN, Levona Hamby Tipps, Dayton, TN, Pauline Hamby Robbins, New Bern, N. C., Willodean Hamby Shockley, Knoxville, TN and Randal Hamby, Hillsboro, TN.

## **BARNES**

Bluefield, VA, was the birthplace of Tom Barnes b. 1875. He probably chose to come to this area in about 1915 since he knew Harrison Nevills, a Pelham resident, whom he had met when they were both in reform school. Tom worked at odd jobs such as well digging. He stayed with John Jackson until he married Annie Cox b. 1886. Annie had a girl named Johnnie. Tom & Annie's children were: Doris m. 1. Lloyd Adams 2. Frank Murphy. Her children were: Franklin Dee, Ellen Marie, Larry David, & Linda Adams. Elizabeth Barnes m. Houston Gilliam. Elizabeth & Houston's children were Laura Katherine, Lewis "Cotton", James Cecil, Charles Houston "Cooney", Debbie Gilliam, & Jan. Alf Barnes -never married. Alf & Doris were twins.

## **BRASHEAR**

Valina Hart Brashear came from France. He was a school teacher who died while teaching near Oak Grove in Franklin County. He and his wife Louise were the parents of four children: James, Robert, Dixie Abernathy, and John Quincy Adams Brashear. J.Q.A. Brashear was a man of great ability and many interests. Many men who are senior citizens in Pelham Valley today got their first job working for him. Among Mr. Brashear's enterprises were a lumber mill and logging operation, a spoke factory, and the International Harvester dealership at Pelham. His daughter Esther Brashear was for many years a schoolteacher at Pelham.

Valina Hart Brashear and Mary Louise Stevens had another child called "Suckie" who dies as a young child. She was accidentally hit in the head with a hoe while she and several others were in the field hoeing.

John Quincy Brashear was born in IL, moved into the valley in the late 1800's, and m. Martha Lusk. They lived in Ala. for awhile. Martha Lusk was a stepchild of William Ooley. John and Martha bought the Ooley place and a daughter Esther Brashear is still living there. They raised 8 children, 1. Eldora died when 17 years old. 2. Samuel Jones Brashear m. Ethel Hale (no children) 3. Eula Louise, unmarried. 4. Willie Lena m. Claude Preston Givens. They moved to Springfield, TN and had 6 girls; Johnny, Esther m. Bill Barnes; Everett Katherine m. Paul Yates; Claudia Louise m. Carl Anderson; Lena Elizabeth M. Al Folsom; Sarah Grace m. Otto Doris, Martha Ruth m. Thomas F. Chambliss. 5. Sarah Clara Brashear m. Henry White, (They had 4 children: Alton, m. Hazel \_\_\_\_\_ Fred m. 1st Juanita Patterson, 2nd m. Irene \_\_\_\_\_. Ralph m. Emma Jean Parks, Laura Ann White- unmarried.) 6. Alma Catherine Brashear m. Horace Aubrey Henley, They had 8 children, Anna White Henley m. John Estel Roper, Mary Helena Henley m. Raymond Smith, John Burwell Henley m. Dorothy Mae Ray, Dora Elosie m. Olice Henry Goodman. Vivian June Henley m. Clay Myrtus Fults, Horace Upton m. Betty Jean Gilliam, William Everett "Bill" m. 1st Nancy Arlene Partin, 2nd Faye Layne Partin, James Donald Henley- unmarried. 7. Mary Esther Brashear unmarried. 8. John Ellis Brashear m. Pauline Green and moved to Dalton, Ga. (They had 4 children: Diana, Joan (twin) m. Jack Huggins, Jeanett (twin) Brashear m. Charles Cooper, Dorothy Olivene m. Ralph Godfred.)

## **CARDEN/COOK**

Both William Carden and Sarah Charles were born in Tennessee in 1837, m. on January 2, 1853. To this union was born nine children: I. A., Charlie, L.A., A.D., R.A., Sallie, Studie, Alice, and Betty.

Bettie Carden m. William Cook of Connecticut. Their child was Henry Cook b. 1849 who m. Josie Sain b. 1850 daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Adams Sain. Henry and Josie's children were: Mary Cleo b. 1872, Ida, Lou, Imma and Arthur.

Dr. L. A. Carden and Cleo Cook were married January 25, 1893. Born to them were Tressie 1894 and Wayne 1898. Cleo Cook died August 25, 1899. Dr. Carden entered these remarks in his Bible November 5, 1899: "Cleo Carden, wife of L. A. Carden died August 25, 1899, at 7 p.m. in Pelham and left two little children Tressie, a girl five years old, and Wayne, a boy 16 months old. May the blessings of God be sufficient." Dr. L. A. Carden then married Mattie Crouch and a son, Lynn Abbott, was born in 1902.

Tressie Carden m. Ben F. Wilson and had five children: David Carden, James Paschal, Wayne Kenneth m. Narcia Brazile, Bennie Dale, and Cleora.

Cleora m. Benton Gallagher, and they had these children: Tressie Jo, Bobby, Jerry Dale, and Kenny Gallagher.

Wayne Carden, son of L. A., m. Thelma Blasingame of Texas. She had one child, Jack William, from a previous marriage. Wayne and Thelma had Stephen Lynn, Roy Wayne, Jr., and Betty Margaret.

Lynn Abbott Carden m. Gladys Conry and had two children: Billy Abbott and Sarah Inez m. Louie Winton.

## **COOPER**

Wayne Cooper and his wife M. E. Crowell moved to Pelham in 1944 to farm with Jim Francis, his uncle. The Coopers have been very active in the Pelham Methodist Church, and Wayne has worked at the Grundy Farmer's Coop since 1945. They have shared their lives with a foster son. Mark Sartain, who graduated from MTSU and has been a teacher for a number of years.

## GREEN

Charles Green came from England to Virginia then on to Tennessee. He settled on the land where the Co-op is now located, and 3 generations of Greens lived on the same property.

Charles Green m. Mary A. Turner, who was of French descent. Their children were Irving m. Sarah Elliott, William Grady m. \_\_\_\_\_ Odom. Mary Jane never married. Sarah m. William "Major" Parks. Louisa Melissa m. \_\_\_\_\_ McBride. and Charles Eckford m. Margaret Eveline Rust. (Their children were: Marvin m. Maud Edgmon, Mary m. Larkin Earl. Luther never married. Jim m. 1. Willie Hamby 2. Lear Jordan Taylor. Chester m. Josephine Gilliam. Harlan m. Avis Gilliam. and Ruby m. Walter Kennedy.)

Charles Eckford Green was a farmer who like many others grew apples which he marked at a local distillery. One day while he was hauling applies to the distillery, lightening struck a tree just as he drove by it. Being a "God fearing" man, he decided that the incident had been a sign from God that he should not sell any more apples to be made into liquor, and that was his last load.

## GUNN

Selina Josephine Patton, a daughter of Alexander E. Patton, was married to John Hampton Gunn, a Tennessee State Representative (1891-1893). Senator (1897-99). (**Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly Vol. II, 1861-1901**).

Her niece, Nora Patton, one of the children of Thomas Benton Patton, also a child of Alexander E. Patton, married Benjamin Franklin Wilson, Sr. (See Patton)

One of the daughter's of Nora Patton and Benjamin Franklin Wilson, Sr., Georgia Ramsey Wilson Gunn, married Wilbur Roscoe Gunn, the only surviving child of Cora Carroll, who was from the Estill Springs community of Franklin County, Tennessee, and John Hampton Gunn. (See Patton)

Thus the family line of the decendents of Alexander E. Patton and Senator John Hampton Gunn are interwoven and can be traced through two families deeply rooted in the Pelham Community.

The family line of **JOHN HAMPTON GUNN** (b. April 5, 1843) is as follows:

### PARENTS:

- I. Thomas Lacy Gunn, from Virginia, born September 3, 1810, married Sallie Reynolds (b. 10/11/1810) in Hillsboro, Tennessee. Thomas Lacy Gunn died in Viola, Tennessee, in the Fall, 1885. Sallie Reynolds Gunn died in April, 1893, in Pelham, Tennessee.

### CHILDREN OF THOMAS LACY GUNN AND SALLIE REYNOLDS GUNN:

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Jesse Gunn        | (B. 12-6-1838)  |
| 2. Francis Gunn      | (B. 12-24-1840) |
| 3. John Hampton Gunn | (B. 4-5-1843)   |
| 4. Henry Gunn        | (B. 1845)       |
| 5. Mary Gunn         | (B. 4-12-1848)  |
| 6. Thirzie Gunn      | (B. 11-14-1850) |
| 7. Lige Gunn         | (B. 4-28-1853)  |
| 8. Thomas Gunn       | (B. 11-6-1855)  |
| 9. William Gunn      | (B. 5-1-1858)   |
| 10. Joe Gunn         | (B. 4-1862)     |

### II: CHILDREN OF JOHN HAMPTON GUNN and SELINA JOSEPHINE PATTON:

(They Married: January 16, 1868)  
(She Died: June 14, 1896)

1. Alex Gunn
2. Ida Gunn
3. Henry Gunn
4. Cora Gunn
5. Maymie Gunn
6. Myrtle Gunn
7. Edgar Gunn

### III. CHILDREN OF JOHN HAMPTON GUNN AND CORA CARROL GUNN:

(B: January 14, 1872)  
(They Married: April 27, 1897)

1. William Cecil Gunn (Died Young; Never Married)
2. James H. Gunn (Died: 12-19-1932)
3. WILBUR ROSCOE GUNN (B. April 19, 1905,  
at Monteagle, Tennessee)

IV. **CHILDREN OF WILBUR ROSCOE GUNN AND GEORGIA RAMSEY WILSON GUNN:**  
(B. January 20, 1905)  
(They Married: April 19, 1924) (See Patton)

**THE WILBUR ROSCOE GUNN FAMILY**

WILBUR ROSCOE GUNN was born April 19, 1905, in Monteagle, Tennessee. The John Hampton Gunn family came to Tennessee from Virginia.

His mother was Cora Carroll, a school teacher, from the Franklin County community of Estill Springs.

He had two brothers, both of whom died at very young ages. Jamie, as he was called, died of pneumonia at the age of 33. Will, a student at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, was killed in a car accident while overseeing a drunken friend home from a school function.

He began farming at the early age of 12 years, having to assume the responsibility for the family homeplace due to his father's untimely death. Even at this very young age, he was recognized as an outstanding farmer of his time as evidenced by the following excerpts from a local newspaper publication when he was age 13:

"Roscoe Gunn, only 13 years of age, has in his exclusive charge 210 acres of land. He has only one hired man on the place. Has two good teams of mules. Has used three teams only one day this fall. He and his helper, Mr. Turner, has seeded the following acres: 30 acres of wheat; 25 acres of rye; and 15 acres in crimson clover. All of these crops are as good as you will find....Ten acres have been turned for corn next spring... Roscoe is a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs, has about 26 that are as good as you will find...He has just purchased 25 head of Aberdeen Angus steers to feed this winter. He has his cotton seed meal bought. Has all the detailed plans for the care and management of his stock thru the winter. Other boys in the county and a great many men may profit by visiting Roscoe's farm".

The foregoing is quite a tribute. He grew up assuming responsibilities from a very early age and continued the pattern throughout his lifetime. Aside from his labors of tilling the land and managing livestock on his place, he was very active in community and county activities.

He was a member of the Grundy County Court for twenty-two years, where he earned the reputation and respect of his peers and constituents as "a man of firm convictions, not fearful of voicing his opinions and standing by them through the final decision". He was a director of the Grundy County Farm Bureau, chairman of the County Agricultural Committee, and active in other farm organizations in the county.

He died on March 5, 1958, at Sewanee, Tennessee, of complications from kidney failure. He left surviving him, his wife, Georgia Ramsey Wilson Gunn, and six children. He was a member of the Pelham United Methodist Church and is buried in the Church of Christ cemetery in Pelham, Tennessee. All of his surviving children reside in the Grundy County or Franklin County area.

(Gunn family information compiled by Judith Gunn)

**HENSON**

Lydia Ward Henson, the widow of Isaac Byrd Henson of Pikeville, came to Grundy County after her husband's death in about 1878, following a brief residence in Jasper. She had been Henson's second wife and relations with his older children were not good, therefore she came to the Pelham area with her younger children to start anew. Her sons Ephriam and John Riley farmed for a while, then Ephriam entered the mercantile business at Pelham, and Riley did the same at Coalmont, later moving his store to Chattanooga. Both married local girls, Maude Rogers and Fannie Crouch, respectively. Lydia Henson had three daughters, Minnie (married George Henson and died in childbirth), Eliza (never married) and Octavia (married Ed Conry). Lydia Henson died from injuries received in a buggy accident, in 1904. The children of Ephriam Henson were Thomas Oscar, Willie (married Pete Jones) and Lille Mae.

T. Oscar & Willie Mae Henson moved to Coffee County; however, they continued to support the Pelham Methodist Church. They were present for every church benefit and were noted for bringing "enough food to feed a dozen" to church suppers.

**LEVAN**

Members of the Levan family can gain a sense of the past by visiting the family plot at the Old Baptist Graveyard at Pelham, which is enclosed by an ornate wrought-iron fence. The Levans came to Tennessee at an early date and by 1850 were numerous in Franklin and Grundy Counties. The mother of the clan was apparently Frances Levan, born during the Revolutionary War and still living in 1850, a widow, in the home of James Levan. Frances' sons were probably T. T., James (who married Margaret Walker), Henderson (who married Elizabeth Bost) and Henry, each of whom had large

families. Among the descendants of this Levan family were James, Lillie, Stella and Sallie Levan who were orphaned in 1897 by the death of their father James. F. P. Enochs was their guardian. Their mother, Susannah Tucker, had died in 1895. Samuel "Kelse" Levan lived on the road to Payne's Cove where L. D. Sartain now lives. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife Calma Roberts Levan had several children, including Isham (who was a house carpenter in 1910), Clinton, Bettie (who married John Farris and died, probably in the flu epidemic, in 1917), Annie, Sam, and Nora.

## **MEDLEY**

The Medley families who moved to Pelham Valley were the sons of Charlie and Minnie Jernigan Medley. Their son, Rev. W. Hervey Medley m. Audie Hill, was the first of the Medleys to arrive here. That was in 1926/27. Their children were Ruby Medley m. Lannie Gillia, Sr. and later Tom Jones, Reba Medley m. Hollis Cox, and W. H. Medley, Jr.

By 1930 John Euell "Bo" and Mary Elizabeth "Cecil" Yarber Medley had moved to Pelham. For a time they lived in a tent near Miss Brashear's home while Bo worked as a mechanic in a nearby garage. Their children were: Pascal m. Willie Jo Sitz. (Their sons are Danny Pascal m. Wanda Merritt and Tim m. Mary Kay Gipson). Johnny "Shorty" m. Mary Henley, Clifton m. Drucilla Clay and Reeda Kaye m. Larry Shelton. Bo was well known in the community, he operated an auto repair shop and a service station.

In 1938 the third Medley brother moved to Pelham. Hascal "Heck" and Beulah Coker Medley lived near the Grundy/Coffee County line. Their children: Willard m. Louise Bean, Gladys m. Gordon Gilliam, Henry Charles m. Janie Henley, and Oscar m. Earnestine Freeze.

Rev. Lee Warren Medley m. Nicky Nickolson moved to Pelham in 1946. They had one child Phillip Medley.

Rufus Emmitt "Dock" Medley and his wife Isabell Rust Medley moved to the location on Elk River where Dale and Cindy Clay Gilliam now live. Dock and his sons operated a gristmill nearby - right at the river's edge. Dock and Isabell's children were: Mavis m. A. B. Matlock, Daliah, Edd m. Ruth Tucker, Bill, Boyd, Lilburn, Ruth, Gertie, Marie, Ollie, and Jo Ann.

Taylor Medley, another of the Medley brothers, lives at Hillsboro.

## **NEVILLS**

The Nevills family was in this area as early as 1820 when a Benjamin Nevills appears in the census with a large family and seven slaves. Other early Nevills family members are Robertson Nevills, whose wife Lucy was nearly 100 years old when she died in 1904, and Pleasant Nevills. The old Nevills family cemetery is across the line in Coffee County between Hillsboro and Prairie Plains. A younger Benjamin Nevills lived in Grundy County in 1850. His wife had the unusual first name of Poxiana and was a Coulson before her marriage. This Benjamin died in 1851 and his widow was living in Coffee County in 1860. Their daughters married John Howard, Robert White, Bill Pattie, Wm. Polk Sims and Lemuel Baird. Their only son was killed in the Civil War. The 1870 census shows nearly 50 Nevills households in Tennessee, but none were in Grundy County. But by 1900 some Nevills had returned to Pelham, for Abigail Nevills, a 44-year-old widow whose occupation is given as landlord, was living in a home behind the Methodist Church with children Martin and Nora. Nora later married Jim Payne.

## **ODOM**

The little house standing opposite the Pelham Methodist Church, in which Miss Annie Thomas once lived, might rightfully be known as the Odom house. It was there that James Odom, a dry goods salesman aged about 28 lived with his mother and brother in 1900. James Odom, the father of these brothers, died in Grundy County in 1870. Their mother lived on for nearly 40 years as a widow. These Odoms had come from Alabama to Tennessee just before the father's death. Young James Odom worked in the store owned by P. T. Gilliam. He was known to his neighbors as Banjer Odom, perhaps because he played the banjo. His brother, John, was a house carpenter. Banjer married Annie Payne.

## **PATTIE**

James Dudley Pattie b. 1816- d. 1855 in Fauquier Co., VA, m. 1st Anna Jean Ried (Reed) who was b. 1820 d. 1850, dau. of Benjamin A. Reed and Evelina Payne. 2nd m. Nancy Ann Motlow Broadway. James D. was a prominent businessman in Pelham in the 1850's. He received a merchant's license in 1853 for Pattie and Long, which was store in partnership with David S. Long.

James D. and Anna Jean had these children: A) William Benjamin Pattie b. 1838 m. 1st Lucy Neville, 2nd Virginia Henley (B) Martha Ann Pattie m. Joseph M. Hawkins (C) Robert F. Pattie b. ca. 1843 (D) Sarah Ellen Pattie m. David Wiley Phipps and went to Bell Co., TX. (E) Joseph Andrew Pattie b. 1849 m. Margaret Travis and went to Sebastain Co., AR.

James Dudley Pattie and Nancy Motlow had one child: Mary Elon Pattie b. 1852 m. Arthur Rutledge Hinkle. They resided in Lynchburg, TN. When James D. Pattie died, the county court sold the land.

### **County Court sale of land**

D. S. Long & T. S. Pattie Administrators of James D. Pattie dec'd

VS

William Pattie et als

By virtue of a decree of the county court of Grundy County Tennessee rendered in the above cause at the June term of said court AD 1863. I will sell in the town of Pelham, Tenn. on Saturday 11th day of July next. The land in the pleadings mentioned in the above cause which contains about five acres, known as the widow Pattie dower situated near the village of Pelham and is the place on which T. A. Wiley now resides on which there is a good dwelling house, STORE house, DOCTOR SHOP.. ect. etc. (J. N. W. Conn was the doctor who had the doctor's shop adjoining the store.) The Land is sold to pay debts. Terms of the sale, twelve months and it with bond and approved security except where the creditor will take confederate money by notifying the clerk of the fact confederate money will be received to that extent and a lein reclaimed.

This 1st day of June A D 1863

S. P. Tipton Clerk

Notes: Davis S. Long and James D. Pattie were partners in a general merchandise business (seed, feed, staples). James D. Pattie died in Feb. 1855, and due to the debts incurred going into the business his estate was sold to satisfy those debts. There wasn't enough to cover the store debts so Davis S. Long, the partner, had to sell part of his share to settle the store debts. T. S. Pattie is Thornton S. Patthe a broker to James D. Pattie and William Pattie is a son of James Dudley Pattie and at the time was with the 1st Tenn. Regiment with the Army of Northern Virginia (Lee's Army). William Pattie was my Great G'father. - By James D. "Petie" Baker

## WARREN

The family of Thomas Warren (1805-1884), a native of Kentucky, settled in Grundy County at an early date, probably coming from the Stephenson Community near Hillsboro, where one Cyrus Warren (probably his brother) lived. Thomas and his wife Nancy, also a Kentuckian, raised a large family and started the Warren Cemetery, which is now more commonly known as Red Hill. Thomas Warren is listed in the 1860 census as a farmer and merchant. Also listed is Joshua Warren, aged 31, a wagon and carriage maker. They may have been brothers. Among the sons of Thomas and Nancy Warren were John, Isaac, George W., and Andrew Jackson. When Nancy Warren died in 1877 she left her entire estate to her daughter, Julia Warren, who was then about 45 years old and unmarried. No marriage or tombstone record for Julia Warren has been located in the Grundy County area.

## WHITE

Charles T. White was b. in Rutherford County, Tennessee, January 26, 1826, and d. January 27, 1897. His wife Mary Caroline Elliot was b. in Danville, Virginia, October 3, 1839, and d. October 29, 1896. Charles T. had three brothers in the Confederate Army: they were Haul, Robert G., and Walter. Walter was killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge, Haul died during the war at Shelbyville.

Charles T. White, a farmer, came to Grundy County in about 1854 after his marriage. Here he and his wife became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South where he was steward, class leader, and trustee. He was also a Mason, a member of Felix Grundy Lodge, No. 284. Mrs. Betty Crouch, mother of Mrs. Mattie Carden was Charles T. White's sister.

Charles and Mary Caroline (Elliot) White had nine children: Tom M. White m. Tennie Clendennon from Viola; Robert H., Unmarried teacher and superintendent of Grundy County schools 1888-90; J. C. "Jim" m. Lizzie Hill; H. Haul m. Laura Burnett; Charles W. m. Lydia Summers; Mary R. died young; W. B. b. 1866 d. 1892; William D. died in childhood and another child died.

"Tom" T. M. White and Tennie Clendennon lived just out of Pelham at the base of the ridge now called the Tom White Ridge. Tom was a preacher. Their children were: Horace "Mutt" White m. Eliza Byrd (no children); Bulah White m. Ben Burks of Chapel Hill; Ida "Sis" White m. Dee Smartt; J. C. "Jim" White had these children: Bascom White, married twice; Yancy m. Bessie Roberts (parents of Alfred "Al", Mary Elizabeth and Raymond); Victor m. \_\_\_\_\_; Charlie m. Edna Sisk; Rosco m. \_\_\_\_\_; Erma m. Claude Miller.

Haul White and Laura Burnett's children were: Allen and Mary. Neither ever married; and Henry m. Clara Brashear (They were the parents of Laura Ann, Fred, Ralph & Alton)

Charles W. White and Lydia Summers had these children: Homer-never married, Mary Bell- never married- was killed in an auto accident at Camp Forrest, Lena m. Earl Couch, and Emmett m. Elsie Haynes. Emmett & Elsie's children were Charles Emmett "Jack" m. Janice Burnett and Betty m. Bruce Sloan.

The ancestral White home place was of logs & located where the old Tom & "Sis" Smartt house now stands. Later the Whites moved to a brick home located on the site where Jack and Janice Burnett White now live. The brick used in the older brick house on this site was made of native red clays present at the base of the Tom White Ridge.

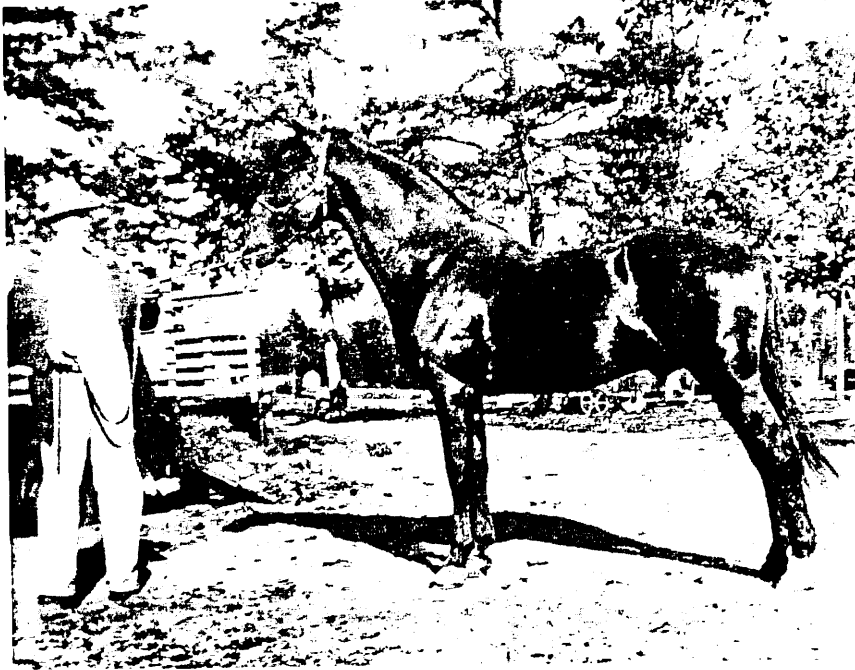
## WILLIS

The Willis family lived in Grundy County near the Coffee County line along the road to Hillsboro. This first Willis to come to Tennessee was Peter Willis (ca. 1770-1840) who settled in what is now Coffee County. His oldest son Joseph married Betsy (Bostick) Willis, for whom the Baptist Church and creek were named. Another son, David, married her sister Sallie Bostick. The oldest son of David and Sallie was William Hence Willis, Sr., who married Susan VanZandt of Old Salem, Tenn., and probably built the old Willis homeplace. His sisters married Smith Blanton and J. S. Decherd, who jointly operated a store in Pelham about 1850. Descendants recall that prior to the Civil War the Willis family had cut lumber to build a fine new house and had it stacked in the yard. When the war destroyed their fortune the lumber went unused, and was eventually used for firewood. The old home was purchased in the 1950's by the Buford Conry family, and much of it was later destroyed by a tornado. Records indicate that W. H. Willis was one of the three wealthiest men in the valley in 1860, just before the war. The other two were Solomon Goodman and Alexander Patton. William Hence Willis, Jr., and his wife Irene "Bobbie" Blanton raised a large family at the homeplace: Blanton; Bessie Bramblett; Eddie (died young in a riding accident); Lucille Henley Berry; Ernest; Fannie Henley; Clayton; Carl and Willie Mae Henson. Blanton & Dena Sain Willis were devoted supporters of the Pelham Methodist Church.

## WILSON'S ALLEN

Being an excellent horseman of Grundy County, Frank Wilson spotted a Grand Sire. In 1923, he purchased Wilson's Allen from Bill Kirby for \$125.00. Mr. Wilson rode his new steed all around the Pelham community. Wilson's Allen saw the beginning of a new breed. His easy natural gait attracted many more owners. His colts are among the most famous. There was Strolling Jim, who won the first National Celebration in Shelbyville; then, the World Champion Grand Sire, Midnight Sun.

Many visitors came to the Wilson's farm to see Wilson's Allen. He became a legend in the walking horse industry. In 1938, Mr. Wilson sold his famous stallion for \$2,500.00 to Steve Hill and Eph Hoover. The horse only lived a few months after the sale; it is believed he died of homesickness.



WILSON'S ALLEN. The man at the halter is Mr. Frank Wilson.

(Pelham Community compiled by Henrietta Bowden Ray,  
Chuck Sherrill, Janelle Coats & Arlene Bean)

## CEMETERIES IN PELHAM

Warren "Red Hill" on 41 Highway  
Old Baptist Graveyard near Esther Brashear's home  
Cemetery near the Church of Christ  
Ooley Cemetery in the back of Esther Brashear's home  
Willis Cemetery near Coffee/Grundy Co. line on Highway 41  
Patton Cemetery near Billy Sam and Sheila Taylor's home

## PROVIDENCE

The Providence community received its name from the name bestowed on its first church/school. "Providence", God's care and guidance in the affairs of man, a beautiful and appropriate name.

Part of the community had previously been called Laxsonville probably because of the influence of the Laxson family in the area. Jessie F. Laxson served as justice of the peace.

The community is bounded on the south by the Cumberland Plateau and on the North by the Elk River forming a long narrow valley 2-3 miles wide and extending across the Franklin County line on the west and eastward to the Bell's Cove area and along Elk River to Bell's Mill- 6-7 miles in length. The community was and is primarily agricultural, consisting of family farms and timberlands. It is watered by the Elk River and its tributaries being fed by the runoff from the mountains on the South. After heavy rains, the farms and roads would become flooded and the community isolated from its neighbors for days. Even now, with land fills and new bridges, roads still become flooded for several hours.

## BELL

Frank and Emma Bell's home was located on the Alto Road, just west of Ida and Paul Jackson's home. Frank was reared in Bell's Cove, son of Harris or Harrison Bell. Frank's children were: Sumner, Annie, Mary, Charles, Georgia, & Nora. Sumner m. Hattie Rowe. (3 children Effie White, Joe Sumner, Billy).

Annie was a school teacher. Charlie was a song leader in Providence Church and later became a Methodist minister. Sumner was Supt. of the Sunday School at Providence Church. He also operated the Mill on Elk River. He and Hattie lived near the mill for many years. Later they moved to the Stephen Rowe home in Franklin Co., Hattie's parents home place.



Mae Bell, widow, owned a home across the road from the Frank Bell home. She had 1 daughter. Her home stood about where Claude and Fannie Willis Henley built on the Alto road. Just east of her home her son, Will lived.

Will Bell m. Sallie Howard. (Children Lula Mae, Willie, Laura and George). Eventually all the Bells left the area. Dick and Elon Parks Dyer eventually bought the Will Bell place. (see Dyer)

## **BRADSHAW**

The Bradshaw were early settlers in this area. At present little is known of where they lived. It is understood, that one Bradshaw family home once stood on the old Providence-Bell's Cove Road just east of James (Jim) and Louise Caldwell Henley's home, and where Reuben and Anne Garner Henley built their first home (now gone) near, now I-24.

It is also understood that one of the Bradshaw families lived near the foot of the mountain southeast of Sam and Janie Caldwell Henley's home.

The whereabouts of Bradshaw decendants are not know.

Even though our knowledge of the Bradshaw family is limited, they left their imprint on the Providence Community.

The 1850 Grundy Co. Census lists a Joseph Bradshaw, 45 years old (a wagon maker), his wife, Martha, age 33, and their children Green W., Dorcas E., William C., John, Sarah A., Anthony A., Mary Ann, & Andrew C.

The 1860 census shows 3 more children Nancy C., James R. Daniel S.

Some of the Bradshaws married local residents. They were, Dorcas Bradshaw m. Jessee Ferrell Laxson, Sarah Bradshaw m. David Patterson, Mary A. Bradshaw m. Martin Powers, Nancy C. m. S. M. Crouch, A. A. Bradshaw m. Lucy Laxson.

A Rev. Joseph Bradshaw is buried at the Caldwell Cemetery.

## **CALDWELL**

Jeremiah Smith m. Margaret Caldwell in N. C. Later they migrated into this area. Jeremiah received a N.C. land grant in what is now TN. It is believed both the Caldwells and the Smiths came here about the same time from N. C. as well as Pattersons and others.

Robert C. Caldwell bought 407 acres of land from Jefferson Smith in 1867. It cornered at the Providence Church. The A. C. Smith home place came into the hands of Charlie Caldwell probably by inheritance. Charlie Caldwell m. Mary Charles Laxson, children Ethel, Willie, Lillian, Gertrude and Allie White, (see Laxon)

Jane Caldwell m. Samuel O. Henley. They had 4 children Claude, Maymie, Frank, and Janie. When Jane Caldwell Henley died, she was buried in the orchard near her home. So was her baby, Janie. Claude Henley m. Fannie Willis. Maymie Henley m. Champ Sims. They live in Ky. Frank Henley m. Winnie Partin. Sam Henley later m. Myrtle Hinton (see Henley) Claude and Fannie Henley moved into the old home on Caldwell Ridge. Sam and Myrtle Henley moved to Decherd. Claude and Fannie Henley had 5 children, Janie, Bobbie, Claude Willis, Frances, and Billie am. Claude Willis Henley m. Joyce Greeter, They had 6 children, Claudia, Joy, Sam, Fayna, Tina, Christina. They live in Franklin Co. near Alto. Janie Henley m. Henry Medley, They live near Pelham.

Bobbie Henley m. Robert VanHoosier and moved to Huntland in Franklin Co. They had 3 children Robert Isaac, Gary Claude, and Betty Jane. Frances Henley m. Johnny Terry of Cowan, They had 1 son John Terry Jr. She later m. Carl Howard and had 2 boys & lives in Ky. Billie Sam Henley m. Dorothy Jean Keller They had 3 children Millie, Becky and William. Billie Sam, Dorothy and Children are a vital part of community life. Frank and Winnie Henley had 1 daughter, Jessie, who m. a Warren, She is now Supt. of Schools in Franklin Co. James (Jim) Henley m. Louise Caldwell. They live right near where the Providence Road crosses Interstate 24. Jim and Louise Henley had 6 children: Maggie, Clarence, Essie, Florence, Vera and Rueben. Maggie Henley m. John Willis and moved to Coffee Co. (Children Harold, Jack, Cora, Fred, Bob, Kenneth.) Clarence Henley m. Dessie Sanders and built a new home near the old Caldwell Cemetery. Clarence and Dessie have 1 child, Selby Birdine, who m. Elston Clay and built a home where Sumner and Hattie Rowe Bell lived, by the mill on Elk River. Selby and Elston have 3 children Wayne, Connie, Kerry. Florence Henley died in a fire accident. Essie Henley m. Patrick Kennedy and moved to Franklin Co. & had 2 sons, Douglas and Michael. Vera Henley m. Jack Clark of Alto and moved there, (no children). Ruben Henley m. Anne Garner of Alto, They moved to Coffee Co. (no children).

## **CLARK**

B. N. "Beck" Clark and Nancy King Clark lived down the lane that led to John & Margaret Patterson's home place. Living there before the Clarks were J. W. and Martha Patterson Smith. The house stood just about where Ed & Virgie Laxson's home now stands. Their children were: Mack, Martin, Vincent, Myrtle, & Hazel. Mack Clark m. Gladys Baker, and they had 7 children. Edwena, Edith, Mack Jr., Georgia Bell, J. B., Raleigh & Polly.

Vincent Clark m. Julie Rice. They had one son, Jimmy. Myrtle Clark m. Raleigh Leach. Martin Clark m. Ethel Gallagher. They had two sons, Riley & Martin, Jr.

Mack & Gladys Clark lived in the house where Mack Jr. and Reliegh now live. (Dan Conry, Jr. Lived there previously.) The original owners and builders are not known.

Martin & Ethel Gallagher Clark lived in the old Clark home for a short time. Later they built a new home across the Elk River on the Pelham Road. Their home was located about where the Chevron station now stands where Interstate 24 intersects state Highway 50.

Vincent and Julie lived in a small house built by Jess Henley- across the road from Mack Clark.

## **CONRY**

Daniel (Dan) Conry came from Cork County Ireland to the United States about 1850. From New York he came to Tenn. working from job to job at railroad building, especially bridges, as he was a mason. In Tenn. he worked on the Tennessee State capital, at building the tunnel between Cowan and Bridgeport and the coke ovens at Tracy City. He bought a farm at Pelham. The farm was located in the Valley Home Community where Eddie Clay and wife now lives.

Dan and Frances Keeling Conry were m. by a Catholic priest in Winchester on April 9, 1855, and raised 12 children, ten to adulthood. (1) James (Jim) Conry m. 1st Virginia Pearson 2nd Margaret Hargis 3rd Dellia Lassiter (see Valley Home Community) (2) Michael Conry m. 1st Nannie Henley 2nd (Name Unknown) lived on the Allen White Farm at the mouth of Payne's Cove. He then moved to Tracy City and was overseer of the coke ovens. Their seven children were Daniel Edmond m. Blanche \_\_\_\_\_, Florence Lillian died in early childhood, Eliza Belle never married. James Marvin m. Margaret \_\_\_\_\_, Joseph Enoch (Joe) m. Myrtis Leonard, Frances Irene m. \_\_\_\_\_ (no children), Michael Emitte. (3) Thomas Conry m. Ella Duncan and lived in several places in the community. They once lived in an old house that stood behind Elbert and Thursie Patterson's present home & in the Cribbs (later Crouch) house near the church. They moved to the mountain as their boys became old enough to work in the mines. Tom and Ella Conry's 13 children were Leon Conry m. Daisy Henley. They bought the farm that Reuben Patterson now owns. Their children were Clyde (died young), Jennie Mae m. Sam Reed, Nellie Bell (twin) m. Reuben Patterson, Jessie Bell (twin m. Albert Thomas. Leonard Conry m. Hattie Heel. Frances (Frannie) Mae m. Elijah Merrill. Willie T. Conry m. Annie Harison, Jame Polk Conry m. Annie Grace Rieder (see Rieders - Layne's Cove). Martin Elmer m. 1st Mable \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Azalee \_\_\_\_\_. Rosa Ella Conry m. Daniel Patterson (see Patterson, Providence Community). Nellie Conry died when she was 1 year old. Roy Conry m. Beatrice Magouirk. 2 infants died at birth. Eugene Conry m. Willie Mae Anderson. John Rowe Conry m. Margaret Goodman. (4) Pete Conry m. 1st Lee Goodman 2nd Hattie Patton their children, Jennie m. Harleth Rodgers, M. E. Conry died 3 month, Lillard m. Elaly Brewster, Mona m. James McGovern, Lillian Elizabeth m. Delbert B. Lappin. (5) Daniel Conry Jr. m. 1st Rebecca Cox 2nd Sallie Oldfield 3rd Mattie Cox. They lived where Mack and Gladys Clark later lived. Their 9 children were Oscar m. Mary Agnes Meeks, Willie m. Margaret Levan, Mabel m. John P. Sherill and lived in an old house near Laxson Pond. They later bought the James (Jim) Partin place where they resided until their deaths. Their children- Alfred Sherrill m. Lucille Garner from Sherwood. They built a new home near Mack Clark's property on the family farm, Herchel Sherrill m. \_\_\_\_\_ and had one child that Alfred and Lucille raised — Herchel continued to live in the home of his parents. Annie Belle m. and moved away. Lucille and children now live in Florida Luther m. Barbara Graham, Beulah m. Dee Nunley, Morgan m. Pearl Kilgore, Henry m. Edna; Dan Conry III M. 1st Virginia \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd Annie Bean, Frank m. Edna Coppinger. (6) Eliza Conry m. 1st Charlie Jacobs 2nd Solomon Goodman (see Valley Home Community) (7) John Conry m. Mollie Brown. They lived in the old house in back of Reuben and Nell Conry Patterson's present home, their children were a son who died in infancy, Hester died at 6 years of age, Lester m. 1st Clinton Adams 2nd Grace \_\_\_\_\_, John and Molly raised 2 children as their own, Lem Frye and Beulah Gipson. (8) William Conry died young. (9) Margaret (Mag) Conry m. George Clay (see Burrow's Cove Community). (10) Edd Conry m. Octavia Adaline Henson. (11) and (12) died as infants.

## CROUCH

According to early records (1860) William Crouch was an early resident of the area. His wife was named Sarah. Their children were named Isaac, E. M., Elisha, and George R.. Elisha married Mary Lowe. E. M. "Mose" married Elizabeth White. He lived on the Bell's Cove Road Probably at the homeplace situated on the curve of the road south of the Jesse Henley place (where Clarence and Faye Moran Garner now live) and west of the old J. P. Henley place where Leon and Daisy Henley Conry once lived. The house is long gone. The old chimney stood alone for years. The Eaton M. (Mose) and Elizabeth White Crouch children:

Sallie m. Crawford Roberts - moved to Pelham  
 Mattie m. Dr. Lynn A. Carden - moved to Pelham  
 Fannie B. m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clemmie m. John Ikard - moved to Franklin Co.

children:

Elizabeth, Vera, son \_\_\_\_\_, and Lorraine

Lorraine m. John Wells. They still live on the old Ikard home farm.

Robert L. (Bob) m. Belle Cole from Belvidere in Franklin Co. They bought the place near the Church-school where the Winwright Cribbs family lived. Tom and Ella Duncan Conry lived there and farmed the place. Later, Henry and Mary Long bought it.

Robert and Belle's children:

Robert (Bob) Jr., W. D., Geneva, Joe, James, and Oren (Pewee).

Bob Crouch was active in the community and church affairs, as well as in politics. He was a Commissioner of Roads in Grundy County. Bob Jr. has made a career in the military. Joe married Lell Gilliam from Pelham. They live in Louisiana. Geneva married and is a teacher in Alabama. James and Oren live in Franklin County.

## CRIBBS:

In 1900, Winwright and Ellen Cribbs lived in the house Bob and Belle Crouch later bought. Their children and spouses were: Cullen, Annie, Sallie, John, Elizabeth, Eva, and Clinton. Eva m. Walter Sanders. They had several children. Clinton married Carrie Thomas from Bell's Cove. The family all later moved to Oklahoma. They were also instrumental in introducing William Collins, an Oklahoma neighbor, to Ida Patterson, they later married and moved to Oklahoma. Winwright Cribbs owned and operated a sawmill in the Providence vicinity. It was said to be near the place where David Smith now lives.

## DAVIS

John Davis m. Martha (Matt) Kilgore. They lived in the old house now owned by Lillian Dyer. They had no children of their own but raised a neice and nephew, Emma and Henry Davis.  
 Henry m. Pearl Lindsey. They lived in Alto and later moved to Memphis. Emma m. Andrew (Andy) Patterson (see

Patterson). Aunt Matt and Uncle John were loved by everyone. Aunt Matt was always there when sickness or trouble struck a neighboring family.

Several have owned the old Davis home and many others lived there..

Families who have lived there include Boyd and Lois Aylor Charles (when Boyd drove the school bus). Jewell and Buford Partin, Lucille and Hulon Smith, The John Smartt family, Boyd and Sammie Edwards, and perhaps others. It has been home for many of Providence's young marrieds.

## GUINN

The Guinns were very prominent people in the early settlement of the area. Grundy Co's. first (1850) census shows they were well established in the community at that time. The Rev. Wm. G. Guinn had a large family. His place of residence is not known, although his land holdings incorporated the following small farms and homesteads. The John and Frances Partin farm, Sammie Edwards, Jewell Partin Jacobs, Elbert Patterson and Warner Patterson's where Ronnie Patterson lives, perhaps other lands and holdings as well. He came from N.C. His wife Pricilla came from S.C. The 1850 census shows they had 6 children: Oliver H., George D., Elizabeth, Emily, Malinda and James A.. George D. following in his father's foot steps also became a Methodist Minister. Both performed many marriage ceremonies in the area. In Charles Sherrill's book, **Grundy Co. Marriages 1844-1880**, Wm. G. performed 33 marriages and George D. 13. The Rev. Wm. G. Guinn was one of the builders of the First Providence Church. Emily Guinn m. Jesse Laxson and lived on the hill back of Laxson Pond. George D. owned the land and houses where Hulon and Lucille Patterson Smith, Jack and Lorene Patterson Mottern, Alton and Martha Bennett Patterson all now live. His home was where Hulon Smith's home is now. Elizabeth m. John S. Barber. The whereabouts of other family members are not known. The Rev. George Guinn raised a granddaughter, Leslie Hinton, her sister, Myrtle Henton, was reared next door by an Aunt and Uncle, Harrison & Jane Levan (where Jack & Lorene Mottern now lives. Myrtle Hinton m. S. O. Henley and continued to live in the community for many years. (see Caldwell/Henley). Myrtle is still living, none of her children live near by.

Reaching down through the years from the Rev. Wm. Guinn, their life blood continues to flow in the community primarily through the Emily Guinn Laxson line. Grandchildren and great grandchildren Sammie Clemons Edwards and her children and grand children, Mildred Laxson, The Keller family, The Charlie Laxson family, The Emmitt and Charlie Sanders families, The Ed Laxson family, and other family members reach back to their ancestors before them. The Rev. Guinn is buried in Caldwell Cemetery. George and wife Eliza are buried just back of Hulon Smith's garden. There are some graves on Elbert Patterson farm (supposed to be Guinns). J. F. and Emily Guinn Laxson are also buried in the Caldwell Cemetery.

## HARRISON

Although there are few Harrisons in the Pelham Valley today, before the Civil War they were one of the valley's few wealthy families. Several massive Harrison tombstones in an old cemetery behind the Shell gas station at the I-24 interchange attest to this fact. Thomas Harrison, a Revolutionary War veteran, was the pioneer settler. He was born in Maryland about 1760 and lived in Lincoln Co., N.C., during his service. This Harrison had pioneering in his blood, for he moved around frequently. In his pension application he stated that since the war he had lived in Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, and Alabama before settling down in Grundy County. Thomas' widow, Nancy, was said to be incompetent by family members wanting to control her wealth, but she fought back by circulating a petition vouching for her sound mind, which many of her neighbors signed. Some of the Harrisons who once lived here went to Alabama. The 1860 census shows Jeremiah and Miles Harrison with large families. One of Jeremiah's sons was Thomas Jefferson Harrison (1824-1904) who raised a large family near Tracy City. The name Garrison Harrison is an unusual one which shows up in early Grundy County records.

## JACKSON

Church and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Gilliam Ooten Jackson lived in Franklin County on the place where Billie Sam and Dottie J. Keller Henley now live, later Church's son, John Wilson, m. Mattie Brakefield Jackson and lived there. Then the Keller family bought the farm and lived there. Sam and Dorothy Keller Henley built a new home on the place.

Church and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Gilliam Jackson bought the old Keele place-once owned by \_\_\_\_\_ and Litha Keele. The Keeles had one son, George. Mr. Keele had a daughter, Hattie, by a previous marriage. Hattie married Leonard Conry.

Church Jackson owned and operated a small county store across the road from his home (now Highway 50).

The children of Church and Lizzie Ooten Jackson were (1) Jim m. 3 times 1st Minnie Henley- 2 children, Tony & Virginia 2nd wife Nellie Gipson - 2 children Leonard and Herbert. later married 3rd Lula Parmley-no children. They lived in a house near Payton Sander's store. Since their demise the place belongs to their daughter, Virginia.

(2) John Wilson Jackson married Mattie Brakefield and had seven children: Clyde, Lula Mae, Elizabeth, Tommie, J. C., Lonnie, and Harold Lewis. The only child living in the area is Elizabeth who married David Payne and lives in Pelham.

(3) Edgar Jackson married Martha Garner from Alto, and they had one child, Ruby. Edgar and Martha lived where Charles (Peewee) Smith and Anna Carol Gilliam Smith later built their house.

(4) Andrew Jackson married Rebacca Wilson from Pelham and built a house across the road and slightly to the west of his parent's home. Andrew and Rebecca had 5 children- Paul, Helen, Johnny, Jimmy, and Joanne, Paul married Ida Sherrill, and they have three children-Tom, Peggy, and Sue. They live in Franklin County, but participate in community activities here.

Joanne married \_\_\_\_\_ and has one child, \_\_\_\_\_. The other children of Andrew and Rebecca Wilson Jackson have married and moved out of the community. After Jim Jackson's death several families have lived in the old home.

Crawford Frizzell lived there. They had several children- Charlie, Joe m. Nina Bell Thomas, Murphy m. Audrey Smith, Bulah, Vernie, Johnny, Lena m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brannan.

## LAXSON

Jessie Ferrell Laxson m. Dorcas Bradshaw. They had 2 children, Martha and Mary. Mr. Laxson later m. Emily Guinn. Children: Mary, Charles, Allie, John and Elizabeth (Bettie). Their old home sat above Laxson Pond on land now owned by John and Frances Patterson Partin. West of Juel (Jewell) Patterson Partin's house. The old pond has now dissappeared (sunk, someone said). At one time Uncle John Partin had a sorghum mill on the south end of the pond. Children used to catch fish there, even with a bent pen if a hook was not available. The pond covered about 2 acres, and was 12 ft. deep in the center. The old Laxson home faced the pond. Sammie Clemmons Edwards says her grandparents dug several wells on the place but none proved very successful. So they finally dug one at the foot of the hill and it over flowed and started the pond. The Laxons later dug a cistern, a novelty in the area in those days. The children of J. F. and Emily Guinn Laxson m. and remained in the community, Some of their decendants still live here.

Mary Charles Laxson m. 1st Charlie Caldwell, 2nd Ford Merrell. Allie m. James (Jim) Partin. John Laxson m. Rebecca Sanders. Elizabeth (Betty) m. 1st Sam Clemmons, 2nd John Partin. (see Patterson), Mary Charles Laxson and Charlie Caldwell had 6 girls. Ethel, Willie, Lillian, Jessie, Gertrude, & Allie White. Ethel m. Payton Sanders. They lived on the road going past the Ikard Pond toward Roark's Cove but later moved up the lane beyond the Rowe house where Margaret Ellen and Frank Neal Brown lived. Then they reopened a small grocery with living quarters on Rowe Branch. Ethel and Payton Sanders had these children: Charles, Raymond Emmitt, Elsie Mae and Billie Payton. Charlie Sanders m. Hattie B. Williams and they moved in the home their father vacated. Charlie and Hattie Sanders have 3 children: John L., Gilda Gray, and Eloise. John L. Sanders m. Geneva. \_\_\_\_\_ and have 1 son, Jimmy Wayne: They all live in Franklin Co. Jimmy Wayne Sanders is the superintendent of Providence Methodist Sunday School. Gilda Sanders m. Lester Buckner and they live in Arlington, TX. Eloise Sanders m. Jim Atkins & has 2 boys. They also live in TX. Raymond Sanders m. Hazel Goodman. They lived over in the field near the foot of the mountain where Raymond's Grandfather, Capt. Sanders once lived. Raymond and Hazel have 3 children: Raymond Jr., \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. They live near Jackson, Miss. Emmitt m. 1st Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd Pauline Marlow. Emmitt and Elizabeth had 2 Children Jacqueline and Anita. He and Pauline had 1 child, Ralph. Jacqueline (Jackie) m. Jimmy Ray Smith, had 2 children Cynthia L. and Michael. Anita m. Jr. Baker from Prairie Plains (no children). Ralph m. Judy Goodman from Valley Home. They have built a new home near Emmitt's, down Laxson Lane. Ralph and Judy have 2 children: Nicki and Amy. Billie Payton m. Faye Cate from Decherd. They have 1 boy. They built a new brick home between the Roe House and his father's old place, but later sold it and moved to Decherd.

Lillian m. Robert Henley. They later made their home in the John P. Henley house on the Alto Rd. Lillian and Robert had 2 children: Douglas Caldwell and Gladys. Caldwell m. Edna Garnet & had 2 children: Mary and Ruth Ann. "Mary m. Johnny "Shorty" Medley from Pelham. They all live in Winchester, TN. Gladys m. Albert Gipson from Roark's Cove. They live there and have children and grandchildren.

Jessie (Bess) m. Jess Henley. They lived on the Bell's Cove Road where Clarence and Faye Moran Garner now live. Jess and Bess had 2 children: Burl and Virginia. Burl m. Septa Hamoning, from Franklin Co. When Jess and Bess moved to Dechard, Burl and Septa continued living there for several years. Virginia m. in Franklin Co. and moved away.

Willie Caldwell m. Arch Vanderford and moved away. (1 child, Blanche).

Gertrude m. Clayton Willis — 1 child, Mary Jo. They moved to Chattanooga.

Allie White m. Michael Conry of Valley Home. (see Valley Home). Mary Charles and Ford Merrell had 2 children, Hubert and Louise. Hubert as a young man ran his father's old Blacksmith shop. Mr. Merrel had formally operated a blacksmith shop in Decherd. Hubert moved away and m. elsewhere. Louise m. Harlon Patterson (see Patterson).

Allie Laxson m. James Partin. (see Partin).

## LONG

The older James Long lived in the house where John and Rebecca Sanders Laxson later lived. He had 4 children: John, James, Jane and Malinda. John m. in Coffee Co. and moved away. James (Jim) m. Lou Ella Gipson from Alto and moved there. Malinda (Linda) m. John W. Smith Jr. and bought part of the George D. Guinn property including the old log home once occupied by the Guinn family. (see Martha Patterson Smith) They raised their family there. The old house was torn down by Hulon and Lucille Patterson Smith. Jane m. William H. Garner and lived on a part of the Long property. Later Dave and Tommie Little Dyer bought the property and made it their home. William and Jane operated a small country store near their home on Laxson Lane. Daniel E. Henley lived with the Garners for several years. At different times, so did many others including Roy and Buford Partin, Grover Cherry, Litha Keele and Edna Autry. The Garners sold Jane's home place to James and Adeline Dyer. The Dyers had 3 children: Mattie, Richard, & David. Mattie Dyers m. Garnett Smartt and lived in the old Jim and Allie Partin house. They had 4 children Veola, Johnny, Willie, and Carl. Veola m. Malcom Collins (see Patterson) The Smartt family moved to Cofffee Co. Richard (Dick) Dyers m. Elon Parks and lived in Franklin Co. They bought the old Will Bell place and raised their family there. They had 7 girls, Rhoda, Lillian, Dixie, Shirley, Jean, Grovone, Earlene. Lillian Dyers m. Paul Tate, and she still lives in the community. They had 3 children: Paul Allan, Marilyn and Joe Michael. Lillian lived for several years in the old John and Martha Davis house , but now has a new home near by. Dixie Dyer m. Johnny Meeks. They have 2 daughters, Shelly & Denise. David m. Tommie Little from Franklin Co. They lived in his father's old home and their children were born there — Harold, Ruth Jimmy (shorty) and Rachel. Harold m. Peggy Warren. They had 3 children Jocelyn, David, and Cynthia Dyer. Jimmy Dyer never married. Ruth Dyer m. Arden Bonner from Pelham and They had 2 children Sharon & Terry Rachel Dyer m. Arnold Arrick, They built a new home about where Wm. and Jane Garner's old store stood. They are all in the community.

## PARTIN

James (Jim) and Allie Laxson Partin lived next door on the east side of the Providence School. They had 1 daughter Agness. When Jim's sister, Mary Partin Merrell died, Mary's daughter Leila Mae Merrell came to live with him. Jim was a school teacher and taught at the Providence School for several years. Agnes and Leila Mae both became teachers. They also taught at the Providence School. Agnes m. Clyde Lusk of Warren Co. and after her father's death, she continued to live with her mother. They had 1 daughter Lois Evelyn who is now married and living in Chattanooga. Leila Mae Merril m. George Leslie Partin (see Nancy Patterson).

During the depression years George and Leila Mae moved to Chattanooga. George worked as a carpenter and their children were all born in Chattanooga. Clyde and Agnes Lusk and her mother Allie Partin eventually moved to Chattanooga. James Partin was the son of Samuel and Sarah Parks Partin. They lived near Wonder Cave where France Reider lived.

Samuel and Sarah Parks Partin had 4 children, James, Mary, George and Ben. Ben and Clara Partin raised George Merrell, Leila Mae's brother. Later Sam Partin m. Sara Patterson (see Patterson). They had 2 children. The only other Partins living in the Providence community were John and Columbus. John Partin m. 1st Nancy Patterson having 4 sons, (see Patterson), 2nd Elizabeth (Betty) Laxson Clemons, 2 children Emily and John. Emily Partin never married: John Ragland Partin m. France Lorene Patterson they had 3 children, Nina Sue Partin Shields and Sheila Partin Taylor. Elizabeth (Betty) Laxson Clemons had a child by her first marriage Sammie Clemons who married Boyd Edward and they had 4 children Betty, Ruth Ann, Ferrell and Billy Boyd Edwards.

## PATTERSON

John Patterson migrated into Tennessee from North Carolina. He had 2 sons, Daniel and David, and it is believed a daughter, Dorcus. David m. Feba Hargis in 1851. In 1859 he married Sarah Bradshaw. The 1860 census shows that David and Sarah lived in Franklin Co. They had 2 children Martha and Joseph. John Patterson, then 70 years old and blind, lived with them as well as Dorcus, Age 40.

Daniel Patterson married Mary Floyd. They owned a tannery and a farm on the south side of Elk River that extended along the river east ward from where the chicken hatchery now stands to the bend of the river beyond the Ida and William C. Collins home. Its southern border ran along the Providence Road beyond the home now owned by Maxine Partin Sartain Wade. Daniel and Mary Floyd Patterson had 8 children:

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| (1) John        | (5) Nancy             |
| (2) Martha      | (6) Mary E.           |
| (3) Virginia C. | (7) William           |
| (4) Sara        | (8) Daniel (or David) |

Daniel and Mary's home stood on the hill above the river near the tannery site. The tannery was destroyed during the Civil War by "Yankee soldiers" and was never rebuilt.

After Daniel and Mary Patterson's death the land was divided among the children some of it was eventually sold and resold until in recent years much of it has finally found its way back to some of the great great grandchildren of Daniel and Mary Patterson.

Namely, Dorothy R. Smith Swann, great granddaughter of John W. and Martha H. Patterson Smith. Jimmy Ray Smith owns the old John and Margaret Smith Patterson's home place--he is a decendent of John W. and Martha Patterson Smith as well as John and Margaret Smith Patterson. Maxine Partin Sartain Wade owns a small acreage of the farm on the Providence Road. Part of the land was at one time aquired by Atty. James Polk Pearson, and transferred to his daughter Mrs. Leah Pearson Lynch of Winchester. Mrs. Lynch sold the property to Roy Smith, Dorthy Swann's Father.

(1) John Patterson m. Margaret Smith and moved into a home he built near where Jimmy R. Smith now lives. Their children were: (A) Andrew Jackson Patterson m. Emma Davis, (B) Daniel B. Patterson m. Rosa Ellen Conry, (C) Ida Patterson m. William Collins, (D) Mary Patterson-never married, (E) William Harrison Patterson m. Ollie Garner, (F) Emma Patterson m. Dick Rose.

(A) Andrew and Emma Davis Patterson had 3 children: John Elbert, William Harlon, and Warner Edward.

John Elbert Patterson m. Thursie Wilson from Coffee Co., and they had 3 children; Juanita, Ruth, and Charles Andrew. Juanita Ruth Patterson m. Fred White from Pelham, and they had 2 children; Glenda and Wayne. Juanita now lives in Oklahoma. Charles Andrew Patterson m. Patricia Waller and has 1 child, Barry. They live in Chattanooga.

William Harlon Patterson m. Louise Merrell. Their children were: Edwanda, Billy Charles, Joanne. Edwanda Patterson m. Donald Ferrel, and they have 1 child, Donald Charles. Billy Charles Patterson m. Joyce Howard, and they have 3 children: Keith, Scott, and Phyllis. Joanne Patterson m. Russell Sharp, and they have 3 children: Billie Jo, Terry Lynn, and Russell Jr. All now live in Chattanooga.

Warner Edward Patterson m. 1st, Lera Smith, 2nd. Edith Hill. Their children were Joe Eddie, by Lera, and Ronnie and Ricky, by Edith. Ronnie m. Judy Holbrook. Ricky married Colleen Keogh. Joe Eddie m. Carolyn \_\_\_\_\_ Warner and Edith still live in Providence. So do Ronnie and Judy and their two sons. Ronnie built a new log home where his grandparents, Andy and Emma Patterson lived. The old home has been torn down, but its memories remain.

Elbert and Thursie lived in the house with his parents for quite a while and at one time Jewel and Buford Partin lived with them. Many others also lived with them at one time or another. They opened their home and hearts to all.

Before Andy and Emma bought the place from Columbus Partin, Bill Garner built the house for Robert and Minnie Campbell Sanders. Others living there were Johnny and Alberta Henley Woodlee. They operated a small store in one room of the house. George and Leila Merrell Partin lived there in their early years of marriage. At this time it belonged to George's uncle, Columbus Partin.

(C) Ida Patterson married William Collins from Oklahoma. They lived in Oklahoma for several years and had two

Nellie Smith m. 1st. Jack Clark, 2nd. \_\_\_\_\_ Boren, 3rd. \_\_\_\_\_. Leon Smith was killed in an accident. Jessie Mae Smith m. \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas. Lear Smith m. 1st. Warner Patterson, and they had one child: Joe Eddie Patterson. Lear then m. Lee Neal Ruch. She m. a third time to a Campbell.

Stanley Smith m. Sally Hall from Tracy City. They have a daughter and live in South Pittsburg, TN.

(B) John W. (Johnny) Smith Jr. m. Linda Long. Their children: L. J. or Elgie Garner, Samuel, Aubrey, Roy, Novella, Homer and Bertha. John and Linda Smith owned part of the farm once owned by Rev. George D. Guinn and lived in the original old log house which had a dog trot. It was later torn down and a new house built by Hulon & Lucille Smith. and remarried. He and Ruth (his second wife) became active in the community again.

Aubrey Smith m. 1st Luther Gilliam, 2nd. Matt Pendergrass. Aubrey lived in the old house belonging to William and JanieLong Garner, later bought by David Dyer his children: Jerlene, Willie, Stanuel, Charles.

Roy Smith Sr. m. Anesta Rose. Their children are: Roy Jr., Dorothy Rose, Charles Dillon (Pee Wee), and Buddy. Roy Jr. Smith m. Clementine Gallagher. They have 9 children and live in Alto.

Dorothy Rose Smith m. Thomas Swann. They live near Decherd. Dorothy now owns part of the original Daniel Patterson's land where the old tannery stood and the original home place stood.

Charles Dillon (Pee Wee) Smith m. Anna Carol Gilliam from Bell's Cove. They have 3 children. They built a new home where Edgar and Martha Garner Jackson and daughter, Ruby, lived.

"Buddy" Smith m. June Garner they had \_\_\_\_\_ children and live in Alto.

Novella Smith m. Wilson Bailey they live in the Soddy-Daisy area near Chattanooga. They have no children of their own but raised Homer's daughter by his first wife.

Homer Smith m. 1st. \_\_\_\_\_ Hindman, 2nd. Martha Bailey. Homer and Martha had 2 girls: Donna and Sandra. Homer and Martha lived in Franklin Co. but are very active in the Providence community.

Bertha Smith m. Dickie Thornberry from Tracy City. They lived in the North until, Dickie died, then Bertha returned to the community and lives on her nieces place near Elk River where her great grandfather once lived.

(C) Mary Smith m. \_\_\_\_\_. They had one child, Alma.

(D) James Smith m. Rebecca Seagroves. They lived on the mountain, and some of their family still lives there.

(E) Cyrus Smith m. Lennie Martin from Coffee Co. They moved to Fla. Their children, as known, were: George, Layton, and Peggy.

(F) Lou Ella m. Thomas Bolden. Their children as now known were: Nannie Mae, Henry, Tillman, and Irene.

(3) Virginia C. Patterson m. John David Wilder. They lived in Pelham and had 3 children. (A) Della, (B) Ethel, (C) Willie.

(A) Della Wilder m. 1st Charlie Ramsey, 2nd Dr. U. B. Bowden. They had 3 children: Henrietta, Charles Upton, Ethel, and Lannie David (son of Charlie & Della Ramsey). Henrietta Bowden m. Joe Cecil Ray; Charles Upton Bowden m. Mildred Reeves; Ethel Bowden m. Hal Stricklin; Lanny David Ramsey m. Nadine Womack.

(B) Ethel Wilder m. Garner Patton. (see Patton)

(C) Willie Wilder m. 1st Forrest Patton. (see Patton). 2nd Albert Schlageter.

(4) Sarah Patterson m. Sam Partin, and they had 1 child, Brown Partin. They lived across the road from where Charles Dillon and Anna Carroll Smith now lives.

(5) Nancy Patterson m. John Partin, and they had 4 boys: (A) William Harrison, (B) Roy J., (C) James Buford, (D) George Leslie. They owned a small farm in Providence-down Laxson Lane. The old house still stands in loving memory of those who lived and loved there.

(A) William Harrison (Willie) Partin m. Octavia Goodman, and they had 5 children: Grady, Charlotte (Lottie), Ruby, Douglas, and Roy Elbert. Grady Partin m. Georgia Shields, and they had: Grady Ward and Herman; Charlotte (Lottie) Partin m. James Bell, and they had: Jimmy, Lannie, and Elizabeth Ann; Ruby Partin m. Dean Long of Alto, and their children were: Silvia and Loyd; Douglas m. Agnes \_\_\_\_\_, and they have 3 children : Joyce (deceased), Joy, and June; Roy Elbert Partin m. Ruth Phillips of Altamont, and they had: Edwin, Earl, David, Darrell, and Emily.

(B) Roy Partin m. Imogene Lemons of Coffee Co., and they lived in Chattanooga. Their children were: Johnny Ruth and Gayle. Johnny Ruth Partin m. Jimmy Garner, and they adopted 1 son. Gayle Partin m. Bruce \_\_\_\_\_, and they have 2 children.

(C) James Buford Partin m. Jewel Patterson. (see Daniel Patterson).

(D) George Leslie Partin m. Leila M. Merrell, and their children were: Georgia Edna, Mary Jean, and Billie Ann. Georgia Edna Partin m. Erbie Kidwell, and they had 1 son, Roger; Mary Jean Partin m. Cameron Peck, and they had 3 children: Stehpen, Allison, and \_\_\_\_\_; Billie Ann Partin m. George Spencer, and they had: Leslie, Jan, and Lynn.

Willie Partin's family moved to Tracy City, and Roy and George's families moved to Chattanooga.

John Partin's 2nd m. to Betty Laxson, and their children- (see Partin).

(6) Mary E. Patterson- No record.

(7) William Patterson m. Ann Tuck of Coffee Co., and they lived in the Prairie Plains area. They had 1 child, Effie, and she married Fred Jones.

(8) Daniel (or David) Patterson m. Minerva Patton of Pelham, and they had 2 children, Arthur and Dan. Arthur Patterson m. Annie Montgomery, and they had 1 child Bessie. Dan Patterson m. Annie Jacobs of Valley Home, and their children were: Thelma, Clifton, Albert, Allen, Reuben, Claude, Frances Lorene, Allie Isabel, Dillon, Bonnie, Wilson, Geneva, Florence, Imogene, and Margie. (see Valley Home Community)

## ROWE

Stephen and Mollie Rowe lived just across the Franklin Co. line, but the Rowe family was a vital part of the life of the

boys, Malcolm and Marvin. They returned to the land that Ida inherited from her father and built a home northeast of Virgie Laxson's home.

Malcolm Collins married Veola Smartt. Veola was the daughter of Garnet and Mattie Dyer Smartt. Malcolm and Veola had three children, John, Barbara, and Tom. Malcolm sold the home place and moved to Manchester.

(B) Daniel and Rose Conry Patterson had 5 girls: Juel or Jewel Isabel, Mary Elsie, Ella Lucille, Margaret Mae, and Johnny Lorene.

Daniel and Rosa continued to live at his father's home place. His parents, John and Margaret, moved to the new house that they had bought from the Rev. George D. Guinn. Years later, after the death of his father and his wife, Rosa, Daniel, and his children moved into the house with his mother, Margaret, and his sister, Mary. Lorene and Jack Mottern now live there.

Jewel Patterson married James Buford Partin. They had 5 children: Thelma Jean, James Leslie, Maxine, Nancy Arlene, and Lanny Fred. Both Lanny and Leslie died young. Thelma Jean married (1) Louis Earl Scott (2) Robert Tyndall (3) Ross Brownwell.

Jean and Louis Earl Scott and 3 children: Lewis Edwin, James Freddrick, and Sharon Gaye. Lewis Edwin (Eddie) married Christine Pickett from Arkansas. They have 2 sons: Daniel Shane and Jamie Lee. Eddie is serving in the military as Army recruiter and living in West Port, Mass.

James Freddrick (Freddie) Scott m. (1) Lynn \_\_\_\_\_. He and Lynn have 1 child, Michael. Michael lives with his mother in Texas. Freddie now lives in Pennsylvania.

Sharon Gaye Scott married Frankie Dale Nunley. They live in Payne's Cove and have 2 children: Frankie Lee and Crystal Lynn.

Maxine Partin m. Jim B. Sartain. They had 1 child: Millicent Kay Sartain. Millicent Kay m. Eddie Baker. They had 1 child: Jennifer Baker. Maxine married a second time to Gary Emery and a third time to Chris Wade. Chris and Maxine now live in Florida.

Nancy Arlene Partin m. (1) William E. Henley (2) David Bean. She has 1 child: Jerry Wayne Henley. Jerry Wayne m. (1) Vickie Gunn (2) Karen Thomas. Jerry Wayne has 1 child, by second wife. She is Angela Arlene.

Mary Elsie Patterson married Daniel E. Henley. They have 3 girls: Peggy Joyce, Shirley Ann, and Dana Faye. Peggy Joyce Henley married George Palmer, from California. Since George's death, Peggy has returned to Providence and lives with her parents. Shirley Ann Henley married James A. Gunn. James A. Gunn was from Missouri. They, with their 2 children, live in Tullahoma. Their children are Kristy and Beth.

Danna Faye Henley m. Howard R. Partin (Decherd), 2nd. Marvin Sanders. They have 2 children: Christopher Reynolds Partin and Stacy Partin. They now live in Tullahoma.

Ella Lucille Patterson m. John Hulon Smith, and they have 3 children: Jimmy Ray, Margaret Ellen, & David Hulon.

Jimmy Ray Smith m. Jacqueline Sanders, and they have 2 children: Cindy Lou, and Micheal Ray. Jimmy lives in the house given to John Patterson by his father, Dan Patterson. The homestead was later inherited by Daniel and Rosa Conry Patterson. It was then bought by Buford and Jewel Partin, and they built the house Jimmy lives in now.

Margaret Ellen Smith m. Frank Neal Brown. They bought the old Charlie Sanders place and lived there with their 2 children: Angela and Greg.

David Hulon Smith m. 1st. Linda Beachboard, 2nd. Kathy Ann Smith Patton. Their children are Troy and Russell Smith. Kathy had a child by her first marriage, Ricky Patton Smith, Ricky was adopted by David. David had a daughter, Peggy Sue, by his first wife. David and Kathy built a home on the Providence Road across from the John Partin property. Their home was built on the west side of the old George Guinn property. The George Guinn property is now owned by Hulon and Lucille Smith.

Margaret Mae Patterson m. Grover Partin, no children. They live in Bell's Cove & participate in community activities.

Johnny Lorene Patterson m. Jack Henderson Mottern from east TN. 1 child Jacqueline Annett, presently living in Germany.

(D) Mary Patterson never married, she heired the home place from her father and lived with her brother, Daniel Patterson and family.

(E) William Harrison Patterson m. Ollie Garner and had 3 children: Haskel, Alton, and Lois.

Alton Patterson m. Martha Grace Bennett, and they have 5 children: Carlton, David Alton, Eloise, Ray, and Kay (twins). Alton & Martha live in the home built by his father.

Lois Patterson m. J. D. Bennett. They have 3 children: Archie, Peggy and Larry. J. D. is a preacher and they have not been able to settle in one place for very long.

(F) Emma Patterson m. Dick Rose and moved to Franklin Co. They have 5 children: Leona, Odie, Charles, Melvin, and Nina.

Leona Rose m. D. C. Hawk (Pelham) one child Emma Jean who married David Keller.

Odie Rose m. Maxine Jacobs they had 3 children: Donnie, Karen, and Roger. They operated a store in Pelham for several years and later moved to Fla.

Charles Rose m. Betty Lou Kennedy and they have 3 boys.

Melvin Rose m. Geneva Greene from Sewanee. They have 3 or 4 boys.

Nina Rose m. Carl Panter, and they have 3 children: Carl Jr., Lisa, and Randall, all now live in Winchester.

(2) Martha Patterson m. John W. Smith. They owned the land now owned by Virgie Tucker Laxson. The old home sat in the field, farther back than the Laxson house that now stands. The Clarks owned the land before the Laxsons. Martha and John had 6 children: (A) Daniel, (B) John W. Jr., (C) Mary (D) James, (E) Cyrus, (F) Lou Ella.

(A) Daniel Smith m. Ona Ray, and they had 7 children: John Hulon, Nellie, Leon, Jessie Mae, Lera, and Stanley.

John Hulon Smith m. Lucille Patterson, and they had 3 children. (see Lucille Patterson).

Providence Community. The old Rowe homestead was a log structure and was at one time a stage coach inn. Years later a new house was built. It was built around the main log structure and, of course, expanded into its present state. Stephen and Mollie Rowe's children were: Fannie Rowe m. Charles Ikard and lived near Alto. They had two children: Harrison and Irma. Hattie their daughter, m. Sumner Bell (see Bell), White, (Stephen & Molly's son,) m. Kate Crouch (see Crouch). Lanson and Stephen, their other sons, (no information). After the death of Stephen Rowe, Hattie and Sumner Bell moved from Bell's Mill into the old home. In later years Charlie and Hattie Bell rented to William Sanders.

## **SANDERS**

Alexander Houston and Elizabeth Crabtree Sanders were early residents of Payne's Cove, but moved into the Providence Community across the Franklin Co. line. The old Sanders home still stands at the foot of the mountain between the Rowe Rd., and the old stage coach road, and the Roark's Cove Road by way of Ikard farm and by the old Ikard school house. The old house, in later years, provided a home for newly weds in the family until they established a more permanent home. Charlie and Hattie Williams Sanders and Hazel and Raymond Sanders lived there, as others did.

Capt. and Mrs. Sanders were very active members of the Providence Church as long as they lived. Their children married in the Providence community. Robert m. Minnie Campbell granddaughter of J. F. Laxson. They had no children, but raised a nephew, John Lewis Sanders.

Walter m. Eva (Evie) Cribbs. Their children: Ellen, Ruby, Roy, Molly, Luther, Ada Mae, Alvin, Margie, Wilson, Horace, and Charlie. Ruby m. Frank Moran of Valley Home, (no children). Other family members moved to OK. Rebecca m. John Laxson (see Laxson) Delia m. Rufus Jr. Sublett. They moved to Decherd. Myrtle died early. Lula m. James Bennett & moved to TX. John Payton Sanders m. Emily Ethel Caldwell (see Laxson).

## **SMITH**

Not a great deal is known of the A. C. Smith family. He once lived where Emmitt Sanders now lives. He gave part of the land for the Providence Church and was prominent in Church activities. Charles Sherrill's book of **Grundy Co. Marriages from 1844 to 1880** lists A. C. Smith m. Sally Thomas in 1853. Children-Margaret, William, Mary, Sarah Pauline, Andrew, Cynthia, & Jefferson. Margaret m. John Patterson. William m. in Ky., returned home, and lived in a small house in the field back of the home place near the mountain, but later migrated to Calif.

Pauline m. Elliot Smith and moved to OK. It is believed Cynthia also m. a Smith and moved to OK. Jefferson migrated to New Mexico and has a large family there. It is believed that A. C. Smith and wife as well as the Pattersons are buried in the cemetery back of the Hulon and Lucille Smith house.

Jefferson Smith m. Cynthia Powell in 1835 They lived in the Coffee Co. area near Viola, TN. They had 8 children, Alexander, William, Samuel, Alfred, James, Martha, Margaret & Frances. Most of the children remained in the Coffee Co. Area. The one that came to the Pelham Valley Area (as we know) is Samuel Smith who m. Sara (Sally) Sain and they had 12 children: Harvey (Herv), Susie E., Fannie E. Cynthia, Jeff, George W., Jerry, Lou, Mary, Henry, Polk, & Sam.

- (1) Harvey (Herv) Smith m. Hattie Shetters
- (2) Susie E. Smith m. J. H. Cox
- (3) Fannie E. Smith m. Norris Campbell
- (4) Cynthia Smith m. Jim Shetter
- (5) Jeff Smith m. Pearl Rogers no children
- (6) George Smith m. Betty Jacobs their children are Audrey, George, Sam Charles died in infancy, James, Anna Ruth, Ray and Parker.
- (7) Jerry Smith m. Laura Myrtle (Tish) Watley their 4 children Mary Lou, Margaret (Bonnie), Betty Jean, and Sarah Smith
- (8) Lou Smith m. Joe Hesse
- (9) Mary Smith m. Polk Turner and lived in Tracy City.
- (10) Henry m. Sally Sain lived in Bell Cove awhile then moved to Cowan.
- (11) Polk Smith m. Lillie Marcrom they had one child Raymond Smith m. Helena Henley (see Valley Home Community).

## **OTHER RESIDENTS OF PROVIDENCE**

The Sullivans once lived in the old house John & Molly Conry bought. Bakers, Turners, & Bennetts once lived around Caldwell Ridge in some of the homes. There were also Thomases, Adamases, & Harrisons in Providence. Who was the John Elijah Smith whose gravestone states, "He died for law and order"? Where was the Burnstand Road? We have many unanswered questions.

## **CEMETERIES IN PROVIDENCE**

Caldwell-Laxson Cemetery is on the Bell's Cove Road near the home built by Clarence & Dessie Sanders Henley. Providence Cemetery is located next to the Providence Church.

The Patterson-Smith Cemetery is in back of Hulon Smith's home. Janie Caldwell Henley is buried in the orchard near her home-now gone.

George D. Guinn and his wife are buried on the place that was once their home. (Just back of Hulon Smith's garden.) A grave is located in the field back of Elbert & Thursie Patterson's house. It is believed to be a Guinn.

The old Pearson Cemetery is located near the Tyson Hatchery on Highway 50.

The John P. Henley family plot is located in a field just off Highway 50 in Franklin County.

(Providence Community compiled by Jewel Patterson Partin Jacobs,  
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## VALLEY HOME COMMUNITY

Valley Home community got its name from the school that was named by Violet Baird Blair. The name Crossroads became one associated with the section where the Providence Road intersects with Hwy. 41.

The part at the foot of the mountain became known for awhile as Piedmont. Piedmont is Latin for "foot of the mountain". It was decided when traffic on 41 became heavy and the tourist trade was good to rename Valley Home. "Mt. View" was chosen as the new name; however, Mt. View didn't last very long.

Delia and Crit Lasater lived on a farm at the foot of the mountain toward Payne's Cove. Their children were Ethel Lasater Sweeten, Vanis Lasater Phipps, Edith Lasater m. Eli Harlon Bennett, Bob Lasater, and Byers "Cap" Lasater who m. Tressie Rieder. When her husband was thrown from a horse and killed Delia was left alone so Edith and Eli Bennett moved there with her. The Bennett children-Vanis Bennett Meeks Clayton Bennett, Paul Bennett m. Blanche Bowman, Louise Bennett m. Leo Goodman, Kathleen "Sally" Bennett m. Austin Gilliam, Billy Bennett m. Carol \_\_\_\_\_, and Claudine Bennett m. George Hoover. After they moved, others lived in the house. More recently D. C. Lasater, Ruth, and Randy came there to live.

Will Phipps lived near the Lasaters. He was a bachelor. Leroy and Ruby Magouirk Argo and their sons, Johnny and Jason, built a house near where the old house stood.

Frances "Bud" Goodman and Nannie Henley Goodman bought the farm that joined the Lasaters. He was killed in the mines. Nannie lived on there and raised their six children, Clyde Goodman m. Elvira Jenson, Lucille Goodman m. Archie Myers, Reba Goodman m. Robert Lutz, William Vernon Goodman m. Myrtle Martin, Leo Edwin Goodman m. Louise Bennett, Alma Gene Goodman m. Dave Bennett. The house where they lived is now gone. Bill Henley now owns the farm.

Allie Armstrong Phipps and Lee Phipps lived in the next house. Lee died young. Allie raised their children, Lillian Phipps Sherrill, Jay Phipps, Cleveland Phipps, Gladys Phipps m. Howard McGregor. Raulstons bought the land. Later it was sold to Sam Charle and Nellna Smith. Bill Henley and Faye Layne Henley and family live there now.

James (Jim) Conry, moved from Tracy City to the valley and bought his father's, Dan Conry's, homeplace. He married Virginia Pearson and had 2 children: Minnie Frances Conry m. John Bain, and Elizabeth Myrtle Conry m. William H. Goodman Jr. He then married Margaret Hargis and had 8 more children: Margaret (Maggie) Conry m. Eugene Gordan, Jennie Conry (died when 4 years old), Michael Emmitt Conry m. Alwhite Caldwell, Sarah Elizabeth (Bettie) Conry m. Alex Gunn, Jessie Mae Conry m. Earnest Willis, David Campbell (Cam) Conry m. Lorene Wilson, James Buford Conry m. Louise Metcalf Patton, and Mary Isabel Conry, died of pneumonia during World War I. (Parents and all the children are deceased at this time). The house and farm was purchased by Michael E. Conry Sr. at the death of his father, Jim Conry. During the early 1940's Mike sold the place to Jonah and Mary Orme (Payne) Raulston. They tore down the log house and built the house which stands today. Claude Henley and a son, Sam, bought the place from the Raulstons. In the late 1970's the Henleys sold it to the George Myers Clay family. Eddie and Rebecca ( ) Clay and their 2 children live there at present.

Michael E. Conry and Allie White Caldwell Conry married on Oct. 15, 1919, and moved into a two room house purchased from Nannie Bouldin. In the early 1930's they built the house which now stands. There they reared 2 children, Genevieve Conry Goodman who is now residing there with her husband, Ralph Goodman, and mother, Allie White Conry and Mike E. Conry Jr. who lives in Chattanooga.

Jim and Mary Jacobs Watley lived in the log house on what was known as the Watley Place. It joins the Jacobs farm on one side and Conry farm on the other side. Their children were Willie Watley m. Jim Teague, Betty Watley m. Odis Seagroves, Lill Watley m. Edward Hamilton, Laura Myrtle (Tish) Watley m. Jerry Smith, Etta Watley m. James Magouirk and Jack Watley.

Ed Hamilton and Lill Wately Hamilton lived near the Jacobs farm in a small house. Their children were Edward, Ellis, Charles Hamilton, Louise Hamilton Adams, Henrietta Hamilton, Willie Mae Hamilton, Mary Ellen Hamilton.

James Armstrong and Melinda Hargis lived in the next house. Their children, were Elizabeth Gertrude (Betty) Armstrong m. Henry Jacobs, Allie Armstrong m. Lee Phipps, Bertha (Pen) Armstrong m. Richard Jacobs, and Jefferson Davis (Jay) Armstrong. Later Henry Jacobs and Betty Armstrong Jacobs lived there. Their children are Charles Jacobs m. Rachel Bonner and Grace Jacobs m. Jack Giles. Charles Jacobs now owns the land.

Walter and Effie Cribbs Sanders lived at different places in this area. Their children who lived in this area were Ruby, Alvin, Wilson, Margie, Horace, Charlie, and Luther Sanders.

Harlon Aylor built a house in the woods between the Nazarene Church and Henry Jacobs' house. After he died several families lived there before John Taylor (Jack) Johnson Jr. bought the place. Jack and Jerelene (Jerry) Braseell Johnson built a new house and lived there with their daughter, Renee.

Robert B. (Bob) Sr. and Lula Jacobs Cox lived in the house he built behind the Nazarene Church. Their children were Mamie Cox m. Clarence Echols, Tressie Cox m. Raymond Williams, Corene Cox m. Dillard Layne, Sr., Lois Cox m. Alfred Alexander (Alf Rodgers, Jessie Cox m. Garner Payne, Ruby Cox unmarried, Raymond Cox (Twin) m. Esther Caldwell, Robert B. (R. B.) Cox Jr. m. Anna Laura Moran, Frances Cox m. John Canterbury, Charles Franklin Cox died young, David Cox m. Jean Ann Thomas, Marion Cox (Twin), died in infancy, Paul Cox unmarried, Melvin Cox died as a infant. Jessie Cox and her husband Garner Payne live there now.

Harold and Brenda Koger Layne have a house in front of the Nazarene Church Their children are Troy, Russell, and Travis Layne.

Dee and Tilda Hill Phipps lived in the house where the road turns. Their children were, Melvin Phipps m. 1st Effie \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd. Edith \_\_\_\_\_, Alberta Phipps m. Alfred (Alf) Sartain, Irene Phipps m. Cheaton Oliver, Edward Phipps m. Elise Hill, Henry Phipps m. Inez \_\_\_\_\_, Elsie Phipps m. Bill Driver, Geraldine Phipps m. Bill Partin, Billy Phipps m. Edie \_\_\_\_\_. Roger Smith bought the place and built the brick house. It is now the

(A) Louise Rollings m. Clyde Jacobs. Their children were Marion, Richard Lewis, James Wayne, Pearl Joanne, Clyde Emmett, and John Douglas. Marion m. John Donald Christian of LA and TX and now lives in Penn. They have these children: Barbara, Donald, Caroline, Mary Jo, and John (deceased). Richard "Buck" Lewis m. Norma Doll. They had 3 children: Tina Louise, Tammy, and Stephen.

James Wayne m. Billie Williams. They had 1 son, Phillip Ashley. They live in Maretta, GA. Pearl Joanne m. 1. Charles Cunningham 2. Jesse Western. She has 2 children, Timothy Cunningham and Marian Louise Western

Clyde Emmett (Jack) m. Karen Kyne of Ohio. They had 4 children: Jennifer, Joan, Beth, and Thomas.

John Douglas m. Sherry Goddard. They have 3 children: Ashley, Charles, and Katherine. John's family now lives in Venezuela.

(B) Frank Emmett Rollings m. Tim Scruggs.

(C) Adolphus Jack m. Ailene \_\_\_\_\_.

(D) Florence Dell m. Thomas Scruggs of Altamont. They had 2 girls, Susan and Jennifer m. Jerry Don Thomas.

(E) Rachel Martin m. Charles Geary of Palmer. (no children).

(F) Ashley m. \_\_\_\_\_.

## PEARSON

The families of Richard and Ellis Pearson came to the Pelham area after 1860. Their sons were Silas, James K. Polk and Dr. George "Toy" Pearson. The latter two were brothers and Silas was their cousin. Dr. Pearson lived at the home which later belonged to John Farris and Dee Hawk then Mrs. Fannie Roberts. Among the children of Dr. Pearson and his wife Martha were Jesse, Fannie, Henry, Nora, George, Nannie and Joseph. These Pearsons were probably descendants of Revolutionary War veteran Charles Pearson, a native of Brunswick County, Virginia, who lived in North Carolina before coming to Franklin County, Tennessee, as one of its earliest settlers. Silas Pearson's children were Jim, Nellie, Lizzie Phipps and Jennie Moore. The sons of James K. Polk Pearson were Mark and George.

## RUST

The family of Isaac Rust, a native of Virginia, came to Grundy County from Rtuherford County shortly after 1850. He and his wife Margaret had at least nine children, some of whom were nearly grown by the time they came to Pelham Valley. Their daughter Malinda married George W. Roberts in August 1854, and later the same month her sister Mary Jane married John Burnett. Sons John, Issac, Samuel and James intermarried with the Warren, Smith, Shrum and Sims families, respectively. Isaac Rust died in 1877, his death caused by lockjaw which resulted from a wound in his foot. His sons James and Isaac both worked for the railroad at Tracy City, Son John, according to an account published in 1898, died while serving as sheriff of Grundy County. The 1900 Pelham census shows only two Rust households, both headed by widows. One is Eliza and the other Cleopatra. During the Civil War the Rusts sided with the North.

## SHETTER

Taylor Shetter m. Annie Layne. They lived in Layne's Cove, Monteagle, and Tracy City, Tennessee in the late 1800's. Taylor Shetter ran the pump for Wonder Cave to pump water to Monteagle till he moved his family to Texas around 1901. One of his sons took over pumping the water to Monteagle after that. His name was Ike Shetter. He lived near Wonder Cave where Norman & Peggy Conry Hill now live.

Taylor Shetter and Annie Layne had ten children, eight boys and two girls. Ike Shetter m. Estelle Moran, Samatha Shetter m. 1. Hugh Gilliam and 2. Harris Gilliam, Hattie Shetter m. Harve Smith, Jim Shetter m. Geneva \_\_\_\_\_, Will Shetter lived in Texas, John Shetter lived in Texas, Herb Shetter lived in Texas, Lonzo Shetter lived in Texas, A. B. Shetter lived in Mexico.

Ike and Estelle Moran's children were Hazel Shetter m. Clifford Goodman, Alf Shetter m. Ruby McGregor, Lucille Shetter m. Edd Murphy, Pauline Shetter m. Dan Daniel, & Carl Ed m. Charlotte Mason. Carl Ed was principal of Pelham School for a number of years.

## SOUTHERLAND

Although the Southerland name has largely disappeared from the Pelham area, early deed records indicate that they lived in the valley and had a large family. Apparently they migrated from South Carolina to Alabama and then to Tennessee, as sons of Samuel Southerland were born in each of those three states. Samuel Southerland died about 1850 leaving many heirs including his widow Nancy and sons Bartlett, Joshua, William W. and Garrison. Women in the Southerland family intermarried with the King, Goodman, Russell and Parks families. Garrison Southerland served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The 1900 census shows two Sutherland (or Southerland) families near Pelham. These are both black families are probably descended from slaves of the early white Southerlands. No information about what became of the grandsons of Samuel Southerland has been found. There are no Southerland tombstones in Grundy County, so they all apparently moved away.

## CEMETERIES IN VALLEY HOME

Hargis/Henley Cemetery located near Sharon Bonner's home.

Valley Home Community compiled by Anna White Roper & Arlene Bean with contributions from Charles Sherrill & Janelle Coats.

(Polly) Hargis burned to death at the age of 91 when she was lighting her pipe from a stove and her dress caught fire. Their son John W. Hargis married Elizabeth, daughter of Campbell Henley, and lived near the foot of the mountain at Valley Home. John "Jack" Hargis was a Civil War veteran. His granddaughter Jessie (Conry) Willis recalled that he limped badly due to having run a large thorn into his foot while in Military service a wound which never fully healed. Jack Hargis lived to be nearly 100 years old and after the death of his wife in 1894 lived a rather reclusive life with his unmarried sons. A brother of Jack Hargis was Capt. Abraham Dallas Hargis of Tracy City, a well-to-do businessman and political figure. Children of Jack and Betty (Henley) Hargis were: Malinda Jane Armstrong; Margaret Conry; Mary Sartain; Nancy Kilgore; Malvina Sartain; Campbell; Wm. Dallas and Samuel. The latter two never married, dying in 1934 and 1952, respectively.

## **HENLEY**

The Henley family came to Valley Home from Marion County in about 1855. Campbell Henley (1816-1868) and his wife Malinda Thompson, of the Thompson Hall family in Coffee County, were the progenitors. Campbell Henley had a brother named John who lived in Roark's Cove and is the ancestor of most of the Franklin County Henleys. Campbell and Malinda Henley are buried in a family cemetery which has been allowed to become part of a barnyard south of Valley Home. Their twelve children were: John P.; Elizabeth Hargis; Angeline Parks; Mary Jane; James Campbell; Margaret Jackson; Samuel; William B.; Caroline (died young); Virginia Pattie (Caroline's twin); Nancy and Eliza, both of whom married Michael Conry. The two oldest sons were Civil War veterans. In a veteran's questionnaire, James C. Henley aged 75 stated that he was raised on a farm of 225 acres, in a double log house with two rooms. Since the war he had made his living by farming, ginning cotton, merchandising, surveying and selling apple brandy.

## **HENLEY**

John P. Henley m. 1st Caroline Hargis, 2nd Margaret Bell, children: (A) Rebecca, (B) Maude, (C) Vinnie, (D) Minnie (E) Samuel Orville, (F) James (Jim), Ray, Daisy, Robert (Bob), & Jesse.

It is believed John P. Henley lived in the old house in Bell's Cove where Leon and Daisy Henley Conry later lived. John P. later moved to Franklin Co. to the house where Robert and Lillian Caldwell Henley later lived. John P. and wife are buried near the house.

Minnie Henley m. James (Jim) Jackson. They had 2 children: Virginia and Tony. Rebecca m. Robert L. Sherrill, John P. Sherrill's father. John P. Sherrill m. Mabel Conry- 3 children : Alfred, Annie, & Hershel.

Maude m. Henry Echols & moved West. Vina m. Carter Partin & had 5 children: Lawrence, George, Margaret, Carolyn, and Eliza.

Samuel (Sam) m. 1st. Jane Caldwell. 2nd Myrtle Hinton.

James m. Louise Caldwell.

Robert m. Lillian Caldwell.

Rachel m. (Red) Columbus Partin, lived in the old Harris Bell home in Bell's Cove. Their children: Alice, Paul, Louise, Clara Mae, and Raymond.

Daisy Henley m. Leon Conry. They lived in the old log house in Bell's Cove, but later moved to Providence into the home they bought from John Conry. Their children: Clyde, Jennie Mae, Nellie Bell, and Jessie Bell (twins). Jennie Mae m. Sam Reid from Sewanee. They had 2 children: Sam Charles and Frank Ed. Nellie B. m. Rueben Patterson. They lived in Daisy's and Leon's old homeplace. They had 2 children: Carl and Tommy. Jesse B. m. Albert Thomas & had 1 child, Nell Wanda. Their descendants now live in Franklin Co.

Ellen, Harrison, Mary Jane, Jess m. Jessie Caldwell, and Jonas or Jones Henley.

## **JACOBS**

William and Edith Jacobs were the parents of William Jacobs Jr. who married Rita Avery. (children: Richard, Fernie, Robert, James H., Charles, Samuel, Mary and Edith Edna Blackman, & Amanda.

1. Richard m. 1st Laura Meeks, 2nd Sarah Lee Cox, 3rd Bertha (Penn) Armstrong. (4 children: by Meeks, 1 by Cox, and 1 by Armstrong.) Ethel m. Campbell Willis from Coffee Co.. They moved to Akron, Ohio, and made their home there. (Children Laura Katherine, Elmo, Aliene, Evelyn, and Jo. none live in the area.)

Jessie Avis m. Bryan Henley. (children: Escoc, Elwanda, Rita, Robena, & Jimmy.)

Charles m. Isadel Payne. They had 5 children: Carol, Jean, Maxine, Billie Ruth, and Conn.

Clyde m. Marian Louise Jacobs. They had 6 children: Marian Francis, Richard Lewis, James Wayne, Pearl Joanne, Clyde Emmett and John Douglas.

2. Charles Jacobs m. Eliza Conry. (children: Henry, Lula and Annie (twins), and Bette.)

3. Mary m. James Watley- children: Lilly m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hamilton, Myrtle (Tish) m. Jerry Smith, Jack m. in the North, & Etta m. James Magourik.

4. Samuel m. Ollie Stevens of Sewanee- children: William, Frank, Clyde, Corine, and Bertha. They lived in the St. Andrews area, on the mountain near Sewanee. It is not known who the others children of William Jacobs married. Some live around Fayetteville. William Jacobs came to Pelham from the Beech Grove area. He once owned the place where Lon Myers later lived-moved away and left it.

## **ROLLINGS/RAWLINGS**

James Lewis Rollings' ancestry goes back to 1780. His maternal grandparents were Abraham Hargis and Rebecca Floyd Hargis. Abraham and Rebecca had Benjamin Rawlings who m. Martha Powell. Their son was James Lewis Rawlings who m. Mary Hargis. James and Mary's son was Benjamin F. Rollings who m. Louise Tate, and they had 3 children: James Lewis, Andrew Jackson, and Lydia Rollings. James Lewis m. Pearl Clementine Cox. Their children were Barbara Rebecca Louise Rollings, Frank Emmett, Adolphus Jack, Florence Dell, Rachel Martin, and David Ashley.

## COX

Many people in the Valley Home community are related to the Coxes, which were a large family group there about mid 1800. Nathan Cox, born ca. 1805 in Georgia, appears to have been among the first of that family to settle here. Among the many children listed in Nathan's household in the 1860 census is a seven year old daughter whose name is given as Martha C.C.C.V. Cox. It would be interesting to know what all those initials stand for. Aunt Barbara Cox was a popular midwife around Valley Home. She was the wife of Francis "Frank" M. Cox, and was a Layne before her marriage. Barbara Cox died in 1923 at the age of 84. Her children were James Monroe m. Fannie Gladys Howland children were Zelma m. H. E. Raines & James m. Lula May Gilliam, John Travis, Robert Bell m. Lula Jacobs, William m. Vernie \_\_\_\_\_, Martha, Abigail m. Jack Parks, Rutealie m. Thomas Moran, Jane m. Oscar Henderson, Pearl m. J. L. Rollings, Della m. Farris Rust, Rebecca m. Oscar Conry.

Aunt Vinnie Cox was another member of this family who lived to a ripe old age. Grace Giles recalls that when Vinnie turned 60 her family decided she would live forever, and used to say "they'll have to knock her in the head come judgement day!" Her children were Martha "Mag", Fannie (who married a Mr. Friend in later years), and A. C. "Eck" Cox. Mrs. Giles also remembers that Mag and Fannie lived together for many years and had a solitary old man named Major Phipps live with them to help with chores. She especially remembered the big barrell in which they caught rainwater to make lye.

(Jimmy Rogers contributed the following information about the Cox family.)

During the Civil War my great grandfather Franklin (Frank) Cox was fighting in General Bragg's Army at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, while my Great Grandmother Barbery Layne Cox was taking care of their small farm and the children. A so called fortune teller in the community came to her and told her that my Great Grandfather had been seriously wounded in the battle of Murfreesboro. Leaving her children with relatives, she walked from Pelham Valley to Murfreesboro to find her wounded husband. Upon arriving some two days later and finding his company much to her surprise my Grandfather Frank Cox was standing near a fire drying a blanket for his wounded brother who lay near by.

Sometime later after my Great Grandmother returned home, Yankee soldiers came through Pelham Valley while my Great Grandfather was still away from home fighting for the Confederacy and raided their home taking their only milk cow, mule, chickens, and everything else of value except a cured country ham that my great grandmother (Barbery Layne Cox) had hidden beneath a blanket within the baby cradle where she then placed her infant child asleep gently rocking it in front of the old fireplace until the Yankee troops left.

My grandfather, Frank Cox, as a young boy (born in 1878) attended school in a log school house. This log school was located at that time upon the side of the Hargis Ridge about 100 yards above the still present Hargis Spring.

## GOODMAN

The Goodman family was among the earliest and most influential settlers in the Pelham Valley. The name of the first Goodman settler was John Goodman and he probably came from Rowan or Edgecombe County, North Carolina. His son was Solomon King Goodman (1779-1827) who shortly before his death deeded a plot of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Pelham.

Although there were several sons in each generation, most of these Goodmans seem to have left Tennessee. Two grandsons of John Goodman who did remain are the ancestors of most of the present-day Goodmans in the valley. They were Solomon Poindexter and Anderson S. Goodman. The 1860 census shows Solomon P. Goodman as the wealthiest man in the valley, with acreage valued at \$22,000 and personal property (including slaves) valued at \$13,542. His brother (or cousin) Anderson, who lived on the road leading from Pelham to Payne's Cove and married Evelina Payne Reid, had not done as well, and during the Civil War Anderson Goodman was shot and killed by bushwackers whom he caught stealing his horses. The sons of Anderson S. Goodman were John Henry and Solomon P. "Jr.". The sons of Solomon P. Goodman "Sr." were John, Thomas, Henderson, William and Solomon. Their sisters married B. F. Gilliam (Catherine), "Boot" Nevills (Mary Abigail), Robert Barnes (Elizabeth), and Pete Conry (Sarah Lee). Lillard Goodman of Valley Home was a grandson of Solomon P. Goodman and Elbert Goodman was a grandson of Anderson S. Goodman.

Solomon Poindexter Goodman m. Julia or July Ann \_\_\_\_\_ last name unknown. They had 7 children John W. Goodman m. Lizzie (Eliza) Gilliam.

Thomas S. Goodman, Catherine Goodma m. B. F. Gilliam, Elizabeth A. Goodman m. Robert Barns. W. Henderson Goodman m. Thursa Southerland (Kizah) They had 3 children William Henderson Goodman Jr. m. Myrtle Eliza Conry, Emma Goodman m. Campbell Hargis. Sol Goodman m. \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Abigail Goodman m. "Boot" Nevills. A Martha Goodman is listed in the 1860 Grundy Co. census as a 6 yrs. old child of Solomon Goodman, It is believed Solomon P. Goodman was m. the 2nd time to Nellie Parks and that they had 3 children. William m. Alice Tucker, Solomon m. Eliza Jane Conry, Sara Lee m. Pete Conry.

Anderson S. Goodman and Evalina Payne Reid had 5 children John Henry m. Margaret Roberts.

Selina E. Goodman and George S. Goodman

Solomon P. Jr. Goodman m. Loueasen or Louisa Powell

Mary Caroline Goodman m. Martin Armstrong.

## HARGIS

The Hargis family came to Tennessee from the Carolinas very early, probably immediately after what is now Grundy County was opened up from Indian lands. Thomas Hargis (1804-1872) was a Primitive Baptist preacher and his wife was Mary Gunter. They lived in Marion County some of the time and are buried on the mountain near Tracy City. Mary

sons Shelton.

There was a small house at the corner of Wonder Cave road where "Atter" Parks lived.

William Aylor built a service station/store and living quarters and tourist cabins across the road from Paul Parsons. Several families lived there through the years. Paul and Reba Brown and Carl and Violet Brown bought the place, Paul and Reba's children are Carla, Tammie, and Bruce Brown. Carl and Violet's children are Joyce and Alan.

Donna and Buddy Gillentine live there now in a new house.

Roy Mayes built a house and store across the road from where the Wonder Cave road starts. Oscar and Aberdeen Mayes lived there with their daughter, Evelyn.

Glenn and Uldean Rogers Winton live in the house that was built there later. Their children are Roger, Glenda, Ronald, Randall, and Michelle.

Grover and Myrtle Parks Sanders built a store and cafe near the Mayes store and ran it for awhile. The store was sold several times and different families lived there: Eb and Harley Gilliam Gipson, Hulon and Vera Mae Meeks Rhodes.

Rhodes ran a store there. Their children were Diane and Ricky. Stella and Raymond Rose & Gertrude and Clayburn Gipson lived there, Marion Greer (Fod) Raulston owned it at one time. Quentin and Wanda Killian Partin now live in a house where the store and cafe was. Their children are Michael, Cindy and Susie (twins) Partin.

Alvie and Audrey Stevens Gilliam lived in this area. Their children are Margaret, Howard, Ray, Dale, Alvada, Teresa, and Lola Ann.

Jack and Abbie Cox Parks lived back of where Alton Meeks now lives. Their children were Myrtle Parks Sanders, Maybell Parks Thomas, Irene Parks Parmley, Elon Parks Dyer, and Horace Parks.

Alton Meeks bought the Parks place and built a service station. Alton and Irene Gilliam Meeks live in the house now. Their children are Anna Ruth Meeks Hardy, Leah Dell Meeks Sells, Connie Meeks Rogers, and Hilda Meeks Braseel.

The service station Alton Meeks built has been converted to a house. Herby and Sandy Laxson live there now with their children, Guy, Gina, & Melissa Laxson.

Jimmy and Carol Meeks Gilliam have a home at the foot of Monteagle mountain. They have one son, Marshall.

#### **Others who have lived in the area:**

Burwell and Dorothy (Dot) Ray Henley their children: Judy, Johnny, and Joan Henley.

John Paul and Vennie Medley Jones, Billy (Corky), Dara, Coral Logie and Pete Jones.

Ab and Mabel Meeks Knox and their son, George Knox.

Paris and Alene Cox Layne and their children Paris Jr., Grover, Mary Everlyn, Geraldine, Shelby Jean, Bennie Lurie and Garland Keith Layne.

Rhoda Hill and her daughter Rachel Hill, Dophus and Isabell Patterson Cox, and Kenneth Cox.

Hugh and Martha Sanders and Wren and Hamp Thomas.

Dave and Almagene Goodman Bennett & their children at that time were Nadine Bennett Whitfield, Darrell Bennett, and Reba Jo Bennett Sartain.

Harry and Jenny Pearson Moore and children: Maymie Moore Taylor, Tom, and Faye Moran. Grandchildren Jerry and Marline Taylor.

James and Marjorie Slajchert.

Mickey Guest and daughters, April and Bonnie Williams.

Willard and Peggy Phipps Bridges and children: Lisa (Bridges) Nunley Jones and Shawn Bridges.

### **ARMSTRONG**

The Armstrong family owned thousands of acres of mountain land in Grundy County before the Civil War. William Armstrong came to the area from North Carolina. He may have been a son of Martin Armstrong, a Revolutionary War veteran who was a Warren County pioneer. William's son, John Armstrong, died in 1839 in Franklin County. One of the buyers at his estate sale was Katherine Armstrong, and there is (or was) a creek on the mountain above Payne's Cove known as Kitty Armstrong Creek which was named for her. Most of the male descendants gradually moved away from the area. One of the last was James Anderson Armstrong (1856-1905), a son of the family black sheep Martin Armstrong. Martin had married Mary Caroline Goodman and then abandoned her and their small children, and disappeared. James A. Armstrong married Malinda Hargis and had a beautiful home near Valley Home. Granddaughter Lillian Phipps Sherrill recalled stories of how Yankee soldiers maliciously shot and killed Malinda's beloved flock of white ducks when they raided the area. The only son of James A. was Jefferson Davis "Jay" Armstrong who entered military service as a career and raised his family in California. Among his sisters were Elizabeth "Bet" Jacobs, Bertha "Penn" Jacobs and Allie Phipps.

### **BLAIR**

It is believed that the first Blair in this area was a Thomas Blair who received a land grant of 640 acres on the south side of the Cumberland River around 1783 from North Carolina. A John Blair, possibly a relative, received a land grant also on the water of Big Limestone opposite Perry's Spring.

In the 1840 census of Coffee Co. there was an Alexander M. Blair and an adult male between 30 and 40 with 3 male children and 1 adult between 20 and 30. He was also listed as having slaves. A Thomas Blair was also listed in the 1840 census with 4 males between 20 and 30, 1 male between 60 and 70, 1 female between 60 and 70, and he also had slaves. Alexander M. Blair died in 1849 leaving a wife Malinda Blair and 2 children: Wm. T. and James L. W. Malinda Blair remarried in 1852 to a Thomas Harrison, Wm. T., believed to be William Thomas Blair m. Violet Baird in 1854 and raised 5 children;

James L. W. Blair (little is known about this Blair), J. L. W. Blair m. Fanny w. Rowe on March 1, 1865, in Franklin Co. This is possibly James L. W. Blair.

Alberta Gilliam Magouirk, Mary Gilliam Hill, Elemery Gilliam Layne, Johnny Gilliam; "Bud" Gerald, Earl, and Burl Gilliam.

Joe Sartain and Ruby Bonner Sartain bought the place and built a house. They had two sons, Harold and Marshall Sartain. Tracy Sartain now lives in the house.

S. N. (Silas Newton) Pearson was m. to Mary Isabell Byers. He was a farmer and a carpenter. He purchased one acre of land from William (Bill) Henley. This acre was located in the Valley Home community and bordered on to a lane which ran East to the mountain.

He built a house on this land, and he and his wife reared their family there. He later purchased several acres of land across the lane to the mountain. He purchased this land from Sam Gilliam. His wife passed away in 1929, and he lived on at his home place until his death in 1937.

After his death the land sold (except the acre where the home was) to W. H. Goodman who later sold it to his son Jamie Goodman who still owns it. His youngest daughter, Nell Pearson still lives at the old home place. He and his wife were active members of the old Valley Home Methodist Church. He was noted for his excellent memory and was often helpful to his friends in the establishment of records.

The John Cox house was up the lane from Pearson. Mark Moran and Marie Meeks Moran bought the house. They had two children June Moran Neal and Tom Moran. Marie died and Mark m. Ruth Sanders Moran, they had a daughter Sue Moran. Tom and Imogean Gallighan Moran lived there and had 3 boys. Butch and Linda Dykes Goodman bought the place and have three children: Allison, Amanda, & Russell.

Will and Myrtle Conry Goodman built a house on up the road. Their children were Loretta Goodman m. Frealand Drake, Florence Goodman m. Wade Wilson, Hazel Goodman m. Raymond Sanders, Emily Goodman m. Homer Ikard, Doris Goodman m. Woodrow Gilliam, Clifford Goodman m. Hazel Shetter, Jamie Goodman m. Velma Gipson, and Ward Goodman m. Frances Mooney. Jamie and Velma Gipson Goodman live there now. Their children are Judy Goodman Sanders, Kay Goodman Payne, and Butch Goodman. Around the mountain from there was an old house built by Willis' father Hence Goodman, where he lived with his wife Kizzie. Their children were Will and Emma Goodman who m. Campbell Hargis.

Lewis and Pearl Cox Rollings lived where the next house used to be. Their children were Frank, Adolphus and Ashley Rollings, Louise Rollings Jacobs, Florence Rollings, and Rachel Rollings. Later Jim and Frankie Scott bought the place and lived there. Their children were Leslie Scott Watson, Inez Scott Watson, and Lewis Earl Scott. Inez now lives on the farm in a newer house with her granddaughter Carolyn Johnson.

Gene and Zelma Cox Rains built the next house and lived there with their son, Charles.

James and Lula May Gilliam Cox built a house near there. They had two daughters, Virginia Cox Hill and Ann Cox Foster. James & daughter, Ann, lives there now with her daughter, Lori Foster, Rayburn and Virginia Cox Hill live in a house they built near there, with their daughter, Jennifer.

Next is the house Jim Cox built. He had a daughter, Frankie Cox Scott by his first wife. A daughter (Leslie Harrison), Cleo, by the second wife (Maggie Cox) and then he m. a woman named Fannie Howland & had Zelma Cox Rains, Buelah Cox Gilliam, Lizie Mae Cox Gilliam, and James Cox. Clyde (Hunkie) Harris and Kathy Hill Harris live there now with 3 children Paul, Tammy, and Penny Harris.

Mrs. Knude Linde now lives in the next house, many families have lived there. Wilson Gilliam m. 1st Lizzie May Cox and had a daughter, Shirley, while they lived there, 2nd wife Buelah (Lizzie's sister) Cox Gilliam and their daughter, Wilodean. Ulyss and Miriam Lautzenheizer Brown lived there with their children, Grant, Carl, Paul, and Hershel Brown, Flona Lee Brown Burnete, Lotus Brown Douglas, & Fay Brown Woodall.

Betty Stevens and Melissa Scott lived in the next house. Then a West family lived there. R. C. and Lona West and their children: R. C., Christine, H. B., George, Bertha, and Shirley. Roy and Leslie Scott Watson lived there. They had three daughters, Ann, Verna Mae, and Helen.

Billie and Mattie Hill Gilliam then bought the house. Their children were Lorene Gilliam Bryan, Cardell Gilliam, Lorene Gilliam Henley, Junior, Charles, Alton (Shake), and Eugene Gilliam, Betty Joe Gilliam Perry, and Barbara Gilliam Henley, Willoughby.

Cordell Gilliam and Thelma Turner Gilliam built the next house. They had two daughters, Vicky and Sharon Gilliam.

The old log house at the end of the lane was the home of Frances Marion and Barbara Layne Cox. Their children were Bob, Bill, John, Jim, and Molly Cox, Abbie Cox Parks, Jane Cox Henderson, Della Cox Rust, Pearl Cox Rollings, and Tealie Cox Moran. The old house is now gone.

South of the Henley Creek is a house Frank Moran built. He lived there with his wife, Irene Woodlee and had two children Anna Laura and Frank Jr. Moran. E. L. and Levona Hamby Tipps lived there a while. Will and Myrtle Goodman bought the house and lived there. Jerry and Anna Ruth Meeks Hardy live there now. They have 2 children, Jennifer and Richard Hardy.

Jim and Vicky Slajchert live near by in a house that James Cox built. Later Earl and Burl Gilliam bought it. The Slajchert children are Richard, Jason and Jenna.

Jimmy and Connie Meeks Rogers built the brick house they now live in. Their children are Chris, Gina, and Coy Rogers.

Kenneth and Hilda Meeks Braseel built a house near Henley Creek. They have one daughter, Betsy Braseel.

James and Leah Dell Meeks Sells live nearby. They have two children, Debbie Sells Turner and Jeff Sells.

Boyd and Beatrice Rhea Rogers built a house close to the creek. They had two children, Kent Rogers and Cynthia. Bobby Joe and Janice Morris Rogers live there now with their two daughters, Melanie and Stephanie.

Paul and Claudia Aylor Parsons built the house where Al Reider and his daughter, Marilyn Reider Turner, and her son, Mark Turner, now live. The Parsons children are Billie, Cecil, Dewey, Nelson, and Edmond Parsons, Agnes Parson Howell, Melba Parsons Mahrenholz, Ida Parsons Snell, Ann Parsons Arbuckle, Carol Parsons Hannery, & Oma Lee Par-

Sumner, and Billie Bell. Later Willie Partin and Octavia Goodman Partin and their children Grady Partin m. Georgia Shields, Douglas Partin m. Agnes Dugan, Charlotta (Lottie) Partin m. James (Jim) Bell, Ruby Partin m. Lloyd Dean Long, Roy Elbert Partin m. Ruth Phillips, lived there. Elston and Selby Henley Clay bought the place and built the house they now live in. Their children are Wayne, Kerry and Connie Clay.

The store on the southwest corner of the cross roads was run by Clyde and Elva \_\_\_\_\_ Garner. Clyde and Dessie Wooten Aylor, Alf and Alberta Phipps, then Clayburn and Gertrude Garner Gipson bought the house and store. Gertrude still lives there. They had a daughter, Irma Jean Gipson Rieder.

Martin and Alabama Nancy (Allie) Patton Blair built the house where Thelma Smith now lives.

Thelma Patterson Smith ran a restaurant next to the Blair house. There was a store and tourist cabins where the house J. B. and Theona Smith Clark now own. J. B. and Theona had two daughters Patty Lou Clark Myers and Patricia Clark.

Hervie and Audie Hill Medley bought the next lot and had a house and garage there. The house burned, and they built a house and store together. Their children were Ruby Medley m. Lannie Gilliam, Reba Medley m. Hollis Cox, and Hervy Medley Jr. m. The house was rented to several families then Lacy and Raybell Bean Hardy bought it. They had three sons, Joe, Raymond and Jerry Hardy.

Lannie and Ruby Medley Gilliam built a house and service station. They had a son, Lannie Gilliam Jr.

The first Nazarene parsonage was where Roger and Dianne Rose Smith and their daughter Vickey now live.

Owen and Anna Bell Payne Bean built a house and garage on the east side of 41 Highway. They had 4 children, Eva Sue Bean O'neal, Danny Bean, David Harold Bean, & Joe Lloyd Bean. Anna Bell now lives there.

William Everett (Bill) and Nancy Arlene Partin Henley built the house on the west side of the road. They had a son, Jerry Wayne. Larry and Margaret Adams lived there with their two girls, Heather and Lee Ann. Jerry Wayne Henley is living there now.

Robert Bell Jr. (RB) and Annie Laura Moran Cox built a house where the small house built for Sally Wilson was. They had two children, Wayne Cox and Ellen Cox Griswold.

The next house is the one built by William Thomas Blair. He brought his slaves and built the house about 1850. He then married Violet Baird, and they lived there. Their children were Alziria White (Allie) Blair m. William Burwell Henley, Alexander Martin Blair m. Alabama Nancy (Allie) Patton, Robert (Bobby) Blair died at 12 years of age, James and Thomas moved to Texas with their mother, Violet. It is believed there was another son named Joe Blair. Allie Blair and William Burwell Henley lived there later. Their children were Mary Bell (May) Henley m. Lem White, Josey Henley m. John Odom, Nancy Lee (Nannie) Henley m. Francis Goodman, Lizzie Marten Henley m. Alvin Campbell, and Horace Aubrey Henley m. Alma Catherine Brashear. Estel and Anna White Henley Roper lived there. Their children are Judy Roper Hall, Mary Roper Haynes, Dwight, and Anthony Roper. Anna White and Anthony Roper now live there.

Horace and Alma Brashear Henley built a house west of Highway 41 at the top of the hill. Their children were Anna White Henley m. John Estel Roper, Mary Helena Henley m. Raymond Leroy Smith, John Burwell Henley m. Dorothy Mae Ray, Dora Eloise Henley m. Olice Henry Goodman, Vivian June Henley m. Clay Myrtus Fults, Horace Upton Henley m. Betty Jean Gilliam, William Everett Henley m. 1st. Nancy Arlene Partin - 2nd. Faye Layne Partin, James Donald Henley unmarried. The house is gone. Bill Henley has a plant stand near where the house was.

Charles and Rachel Bonner Jacobs built a house on the old Sam Henley place. Their children are Charlene Jacobs m. Bill Morrison, Ina Sue Jacobs m. Paul Gurley, David Jacobs m. Melda Nottingham. Charles and Rachel live there now and have a large chicken house.

The next house stands where the old John Goodman house stood. John Goodman's first wife's name is unknown to us, but they had three sons Greely, Johnny, and Billy Tom Goodman. After the first wife died he married Lizzie (Gilliam?) and had Novella, Herman, and Clinton Goodman. Later Andrew Jackson (Jack) and Betty Levan Rollins lived there. Their children were Christine m. Bill Hawkertsmith, Louanna, Paul, Vera May m. Bill Davidson, and Doris Rollins. They moved away and others lived in the house. Then Jim and Eugenia Gilliam Trussell bought the place and built the house. Their children were James Trussell, Wilson, Abbie Trussell, Hulon, Ward, Paul, Hoover, Wendall, and Sandra Trussell Wilkinson. Sandra and her husband David live there now.

There was a small house near the school, where several families lived over the years. One family was Perry and Maggie Henley Childers and their daughter Alice (Dot) Childers.

James C. (Jim) Henley m. Betty Gilliam and they had a son Sidney Henley. Betty died and Jim later m. Estella Parks Henley and built the house where they lived. Their children were Alberta Henley m. Johnny Woodlee, Viola Henley m. Pete Trussell, Annie Bell Henley m. Lee Tucker, William Bryan Henley m. Jesse Jacobs, Margaret (Maggie) Henley m. Perry Childers, \_\_\_\_\_, Lucille Henley m. Lillard H. Goodman, Julia Henley m. Allen Patterson, Lura and Vergie Henley never married. Rufus and Etta Bonner later lived there. Arden and Ruth Bonner tore the old house down and built the brick house. Their children are Terry and Sharon Bonner. Sharon lives there now.

There was a house near there where several families lived that are written about elsewhere in this book.

Allen and Julia Henley Patterson built a house next. Their children were Wilodean Patterson m. Hugh Beaver, Wayne m. Mildred Woodall, James m. Agnes Ward, Ronald Patterson m. Diane Geren, Lela Fern Patterson m. Boyd Aylor, and Nancy Patterson m. Ray Howell.

Charles and Gladys Brown Newsome bought the house and lived there a few years. Their children were Buford, Betty, Cardell, & Cornell.

Lewis Earl and Jean Partin Scott lived there also. Their children were Eddie, Freddie, and Sharon Scott Nunley. Barbara and Harold Sartain built a new house. Their children are Tracy and Mark Sartain. The next place was the Sam Henley place. He moved to Tracy and several families lived there through the years. The Charlie Gilliam family lived there. Charlie's wife was Esther Layne. The children when they lived here were Howard, Elmer, Eliza, Arnold, and Ramey.

Then Dellie and Annie Layne Gilliam moved there with their children Lula May Gilliam Cox, Irene Gilliam Meeks,

son m. Sam Smith, Charles Clifton m. Alberta Chambers, Albert Perry (twin) Patterson m. Eva Mae Jones, Allen Cook (twin) Patterson m. Julia Henley, and infant that died, Reuben Alexander Patterson m. Nell Conry, Claude Milton Patterson m. Dorothy Sanders, Allie Isabel Patterson m. Adolph Cox, Dillon Martin Patterson m. Geneva Grace Oliver, Carl Wilson Patterson m. Arrance Gallant, Frances Lorene Patterson m. John Ragland Partin, Bonnie Ozell Patterson m. Carmon Myers, Florence Elizabeth Patterson m. James O. Swearengine, Geneva Patterson m. J. C. Woodlee, Emma Jean Patterson m. James Perry & Margie Patterson.

Claude and Dorothy Sanders Patterson live in the house now. Their children were Jane, Milton, Tronal & Ruth Patterson.

Eliza Conry married Charlie Jacobs and had Henry Jacobs m. Betty Armstrong, Annie Jacobs m. Dan Patterson, Lula Frances (twin) Jacobs m. Robert Bell Cox, Betty Esther Jacobs m. George Washington Smith, Charlie was killed in the mines. She later married Solomon Goodman and had Lillard Goodman. Lillard married Lucille Sara Henley. They had two sons, Harleth who was killed young and Delbert Elmore Goodman. Lucille Goodman now lives in the house.

A store and service station was built on the northwest corner of the Cross Roads by L. H. Goodman. Several families lived there. W. H. and Carra Roper and their children Haskell m. \_\_\_\_\_, John Estel m. Anna White Henley, Emmitt Roper m. \_\_\_\_\_, Alice Roper m. \_\_\_\_\_ Bryan.

Grace Jacobs and Jack Giles and their children, Mildred and Jimmie Giles. Ralph Bonner and Edna Winton Bonner. Their children are James Nelson Bonner, Linda Bonner, and Troy Bonner.

Then Blanton and Dorothy Meeks Mayes bought the store. Their children are Kenneth and Gary Mayes, Peggy Mayes Goodman, Edwina Mayes Gayster, Opal Mayes Vestal, Jean Mayes Craighead, Sherry Mayes Shimmin Hazen.

Jewel Patterson Partin and Buford Partin built the house on Bell's Mill Road. Their children were Thelma Jean Partin Scott Brownell, Maxine Partin Sartain Wade, Arlene Partin Henley Bean, Lannie Fred Partin-died as a young child, James Leslie Partin-died as an infant. The house sold several times. Kerry Clay and Kathy Sampley Clay live there now with their two children.

Dillon and Geneva Oliver Patterson built the house they now live in. They have two children Eddie Martin and Teresa Patterson.

Sam and Thelma Patterson Smith lived on Bell's Mill Road. Their children are Theona Smith m. John Benjamin Clark, and Sam Charles Smith m. Nelena Gunn. Clyde Jacobs and Louise Rollins Jacobs bought the place. Their children are Marion Jacobs Christian, Jo Ann Jacobs Cunningham Western, Richard Lewis (Buck) Jacobs, Jack, John, & Jim Jacobs. Clyde and Jewell Patterson Partn Jacobs now live in the house.

Grant and Mary Lou Smith Brown built the house they now live in. Their children are Stanley, Pete, Bobby, Anthony Brown, and Glenda Brown Patterson.

Raymond and Helena Henley Smith built the house where they now live. Their children were Kathy Smith Patton Smith, Raylene Smith Childs Frassrand, June Smith Layne Buckner, Roger, Lawrence (Peanut), Billy, and Stevie Allen-died as a young child.

Ray and Glenda Brown Patterson live in a trailer near Grant Brown. Their children are Shelly and Candy Dee Brown.

Pete and Kathy Sanders Brown live in a trailer also near Grant Brown. Their children are Lisa, Robbie and Mackie Sanders and Renee Brown.

Bobby and Lois Maguirk Brown also live nearby. Their children are Pamela Ann and Mary Elizabeth Brown.

Calvin Hill and Bonnie Smith Brown have lived in several houses in Valley Home. Their children are Kathy Hill Harris, Linda Hill Argo, Jerry Wayne Hill, Deannie Marie Hill, Connie Hill Alford, Lynn Hill, and Kevin Hill.

John and Deanie Hill lived in the store where Blant and Dorothy Meeks Mayes live. Their children were Gracie, Pauline, Calvin, Austin, Nova, Annie Laurie, J. L. , and Gaylor Hill.

Lannie Jr. Gilliam and Debbie Wiggins Gilliam lived where Kerry Clay now lives. They had one daughter Dana, Lannie Jr. later married Vickie Pais and had Christina, Lannie III, Charlotte, and Stephanie.

John and Mary Roper Haynes lived there also. Their children are Pamela Kay, John Kevin, & Kristie Arlene Haynes.

Lawrence and Linda Bradford Rogers Smith live in a trailer. Linda and Phillip Rogers' daughter, Missy Rogers live there too.

John and Lillie Sanders lived in an old house where Alf and Lois Rogers now live. They had three children, Carlee Ruby, and John Jr. Sanders.

The home of Samuel and Sarah (Sally) Sain Smith was built on or about 1876 after their death the homeplace was purchased by 2 sons, George and Jerry Smith. Jerry and Laura Myrtle (Tish) Watley Smith lived there and raised four children, Mary Lou Smith m. Grant Brown, Margaret (Bonnie) Smith m. Calvin Hill, Betty Jean Smith m. \_\_\_\_\_, & Sarah Smith m. James Roberts. After Jerry's death Tish lived three years, the farm was purchased by Sarah Nell Smith and husband James Roberts in 1959. They resided there until 1964 when the farm was sold to Gertrude Gipson and Bill Rieder who owns it at present. Part of the old house is still standing. Samuel and Sally Sain Smith raised 12 children Harvey Smith m. Hattie Shetter, Susie E. Smith m. John H. Cox, Fannie E. Smith m. Norris Campbell, Cynthia Smith m. Jim Shetter, Jeff Smith m. Pearl Rogers, George W. Smith m. Betty Jacobs, Jerry Smith m. Laura Myrtle Watley, Lou Smith m. Joe Hessy, May Smith m. Polk Turner, Henry Smith m. Sally Sain, Polk Smith m. Lillie Marcrom, & Sam Smith m. Thelma Patterson.

George and Betty Jacobs Smith purchased the property near Bell's Mill in December 1924. They had 7 children, Audrey Smith m. Murphy Frizzell, George Alec Smith m. Kate McFarland, Sam Charles Smith died at age 22 months. James Smith m. \_\_\_\_\_, Anna Ruth Smith m. 1st. J. C. Gilliam - 2nd. Ed Marlow - 3rd. Hugh Balzell Ray Smith m. \_\_\_\_\_, Parker Smith m. \_\_\_\_\_. The George Smith farm was sold after their deaths in 1975. Dennis and Vickie Ruth Meeks Garner purchased the farm and reside there now with their son, Matthew.

The old Bell house was down by the river. Sumner and Hattie Bell lived there. Their children were Effie White, Jo



Nazarene Parsonage.

Dill and Corene Cox Layne bought the Hargis place. Their children are Harold Layne, Joyce Layne Gipson, Doyle Layne, Ronnie Layne, and Brenda Layne. They built a new house there. John Wesley (Jack) Hargis and Betsy Henley Hargis had a home there. Their children were Melinda Hargis m. Jim Armstrong, Margaret Hargis m. Jim Conry, Mary Hargis m. James H. Sartain, Campbell (Cam) Hargis m. Emma Goodman, Vinnie Hargis m. Aaron Sartain, Nannie Hargis m. \_\_\_\_\_ Kilgore, Sam and Dallis didn't marry.

W. J. (Jonas) Rieder and Verna Rhee Floyd built a house near the foot of the mountain. They had two sons, William Jonas (Bill) Rieder m. Irma Jean Gipson, Donald Dean Rieder m. Robels Allen. William J. (Bill) Rieder and Irma Jean Gipson Rieder have two boys Billy Clay and Timothy. Ray and Sherry Mayes Shimmin bought the place, They had a daughter, Stephanie. Ray lives there now.

Alf and Lois Cox Rogers had the next house. Their children were Francis Uldean Rogers m. Glenn Winton, Melba Ruth Rodgers m. Henry Meeks, Nellie Theona Rogers m. 1. Bob Wilson, 2. Bill Buckner, Boyd Edwin Rogers m. Beatrice Rhea, Jimmy Ray Rogers m. Connie Meeks, Phillip Dalton Rogers m. Linda Bradford and Rita Faye Rogers m. Monty Finney. They sold the place to Bill Rieder and moved down on the Bell's Mill Road and built a new house.

Lloyd and Georgia Faye Garner Rieder built the rock house where the road forks. They had two daughters Linda Gayle Rieder m. Kenneth Mayes and Sandra Rieder m. Freddie Hale.

James Brent and Jewell Rogers Sartain built the next house. They had a daughter, Marissa. Jewell lives there now.

Alfred and Berta Phipps Sartain built the next house. They had two sons, Ray Sartain m. 1st. June Laxson- 2nd. Jackie \_\_\_\_\_ and Brent Sartain m. 1. Jewell Rogers 2. \_\_\_\_\_.

Edward and Elsie Hill Phipps built a house where Elmo & Joyce Northcut Roberts now lives. They had a daughter Patsy Phipps m. \_\_\_\_\_. Jim and Janice Ross Oliver and their son James David Oliver also lived there. They also had 2 daughters, Betsy & Nancy.

Elbert and Bettie Turner Goodman had a house, tourist cabins, store and grist mill on the corner where the roads cross. Their children are Georgia Goodman m. Paul Mooney, Ralph Goodman m. Genevieve Conry, and Ray Goodman m. 1st. Vera Ruth Sartain - 2nd. Helen Willoughby Vaugn. Ray and Helen Goodman live where the house was. Their children: Mary Jo & Danny. Mary Jo m. Clyde Alford. Ray & Vera Ruth Sartain Goodman has 2 sons Randall and Douglas Ray Goodman.

Jimmy and Peggy Mayes Goodman live where the Goodman store was. They have one daughter, Jennifer.

William (Bill) Aylor and Agnes Gilliam Aylor built a house on the northeast corner of Crossroads. Their children were Sumner Aylor- died young, Mary Oder Aylor m. George Patton, Harve Aylor m. Etta Payne, Harlon Aylor unmarried, Bell Aylor m. Speaker Myers, Clarence Aylor m. Bobby Smith, Elva Aylor m. 1st. Daniel Patterson - 2nd. Jimmy Davis, Claudia Aylor m. Claude Parson, Clyde Aylor m. Dessie Wooten. Agnes died and Bill married Viola Parks. They had a store on the corner. Hugh and Anna Ruth Smith Balzell built a new house and live there now.

Clyde and Dessie Wooten Aylor built the next house. They had one son, Boyd Aylor m. Lela Fern Patterson. Raymond and Stella Tucker Rose bought the house. Stella lives there now. They had two children, Bobby Rose m. Linda Geary & Brenda Rose m. Robert Sitz. Robert & Brenda have 2 children: Valerie & Greg Stiz.

There was a house near the river that was called the Jeff Smith house. Many families lived there over the years. William J. (Polk) Smith and Lille Marcrom Smith lived there for years. They had one son, Raymond Smith m. Helena Henley.

Dillard and Corene Cox Layne built a house next and sold it to Alton and Martha Grace Bennett Patterson. Their children were William Carlton Patterson m. \_\_\_\_\_, David Alton Patterson m. \_\_\_\_\_, Anna Eloise Patterson m. Robert Henley, Reba Kay Patterson (Twin) m. \_\_\_\_\_, Vernon Ray Patterson (Twin) m. Glenda Brown. Pascal and Juanita Oliver Myers bought the house and lived there with their son Keith Myers m. Nadine Nunley, They have a daughter Deborah Myers m. \_\_\_\_\_ Webb.

Earl and Stella Sartain Argo lived in several houses in Valley Home Community. Their children were Don, Arthur, Leroy and Dillard Argo, Bettie Argo Schmitt, Willis Argo Hanson, Ruby Argo Maxwell, Melrose Argo Halsey and Ann Argo Debrage. Stella now lives near her son, Arthur.

Arthur and Linda Hill Argo built the house they now live in with their three children, Lisa, Kim, and Brad Argo.

Keith and Nadine Nunley Myers built the house they now live in with their daughter, Leslie Jo.

Henry and Sallie Sain Smith lived in different houses here. Their children were Mary Bell Smith, Esther Smith, Sammie Smith (died young), Carl Smith, Thurman Smith, L. C., Buddy, Joe Lewis, Emmitt and Jame Smith.

Wilson and Christine West Tucker lived in Crossroads with their three children Roger, Dennis, and Debbie Tucker.

Joyce Northcutt Smith and Sam Smith lived in a trailer near the Cross Road. They had a daughter, Sammie Jo Smith. Joyce and her husband Elmo Roberts now live there.

Troy and Pattie Curtis Layne live near the mountain in a trailer with their two children, Heather and Josh.

Annie Mae Hill lives at the old Cox place. She is the widow of Luther Hill. Their children were Louise Hill, Bettye Hill, Rayburn Hill, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Rose Hill, James Hill, & George Hill.

Henderson and Christian Bennett had lived there before them. Bill and Melissa Scott and their daughter Betty Scott Stevens and her daughter Aubrey Stevens also lived there.

Alexander (AC) Cox m. Rosie Fults (who was deceased at this time) lived there with his two sons, Dophus Cox m. Isabell Patterson and Hollis Cox m. Reba Medley. He also had two daughters, Bertha Cox and Aliene Cox m. Paris Layne. It was his family home. He had some sisters living there with him, Fannie Cox m. Henry Friends, Mattie Cox m. Dan Conry, and Maggie Cox m. Jim Cox.

Daniel (Dan) Patterson and Annie Jacobs Patterson lived in the Patterson house. Their children were Thelma Patter-

# ELKHEAD SCHOOL



## Elk Head School 1914

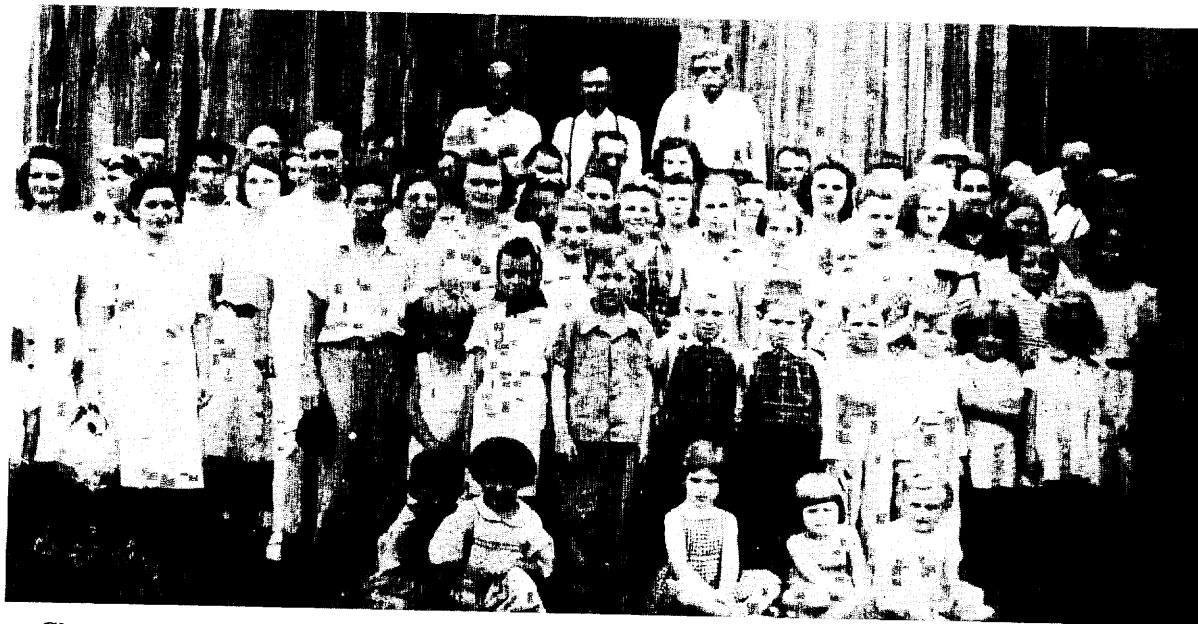
Top Row L to R Hobert Woodlee, Garnett Burrows, Harris Patton, -Nina Campbell (Winton) Hassie Fults, -Estie Dickerson (Kilgore), Minnie Givens ( ), May Woodlee (Childers), Lota Campbell, Veda Burrows (Sanders) Hilda Campbell (Clay) , Maymie Givins (Nunley)

2nd Row Emmit Kilgore, Silas Givins, Vance Campbell, Jim Green, teacher.

3rd Row Gladys Myers (Rogers)-Tressie Myers ( )-Irene Woodlee (Moran), Hazel Sartain (Hawk), - Buford Brazile, Edison Sartain, Roy Kilgore, Hube Rogers, Jim Sartain, - Grace Kilgore ( )- Ruby Myers ( )—Nora Rogers ( )-Blanche Burrows ( )

Bottom row Sula Myers (Edwards)-Ethel Campbell (Hawk)- Sally Ann Nunley ( ) Stella Sartain (Argo)-Ava Campbell (Sartain). Floyd Myers, France Myers (small boy in front of Floyd), Raymond Myers, Bill Rogers, Paul Bailey, Levoy Kilgore, Melvin Burrows, Claude Kilgore

# LAYNE'S COVE CHURCH



## Layne's Cove Church

Seated l to r

Frank Parks, Geraldine Hill, Yvonne Gipson, Naomi Gipson, Zora Parks Row 1 Estill Hill, Sherman Layne, Virginia Layne, Gerald "Bud" Gilliam, Frank Gipson, Burl Gilliam, Earl Gilliam, Leyvonne Gipson, Margaret Gilliam, Juanita Layne

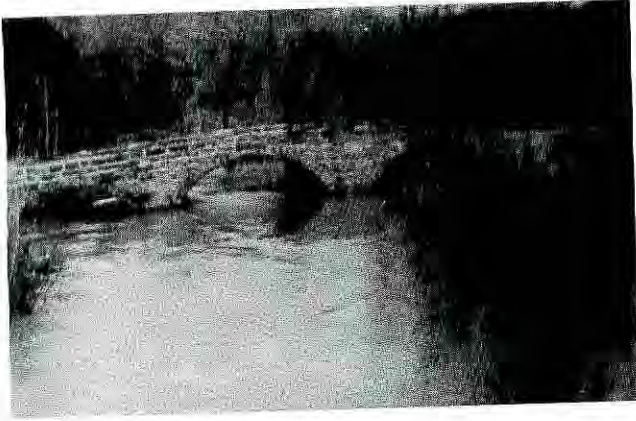
Row 2 Elenor Meeks, Buster Meeks, Fay Rice, Lucille Gipson, John Rice, Mrs. Lloyd Swallon, Edith Layne, Gladys

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Back Row Elsie Meeks Layne, Edd Parks, Joe Hill, Harris Gilliam, John Gilliam, Dellie Gilliam, Annie Layne Gilliam, Hattie Hill, Fred Hassebrock, Faminda Hill, Huey Gipson, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
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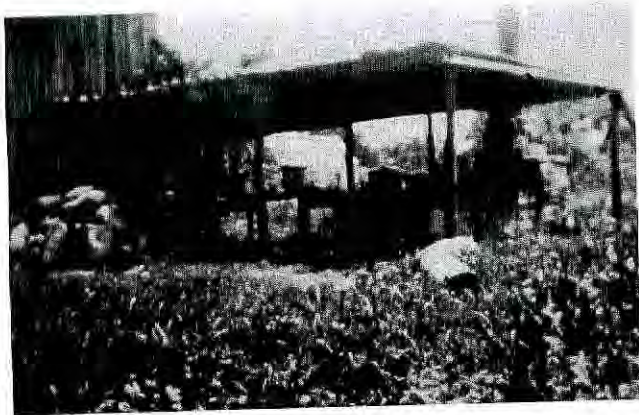
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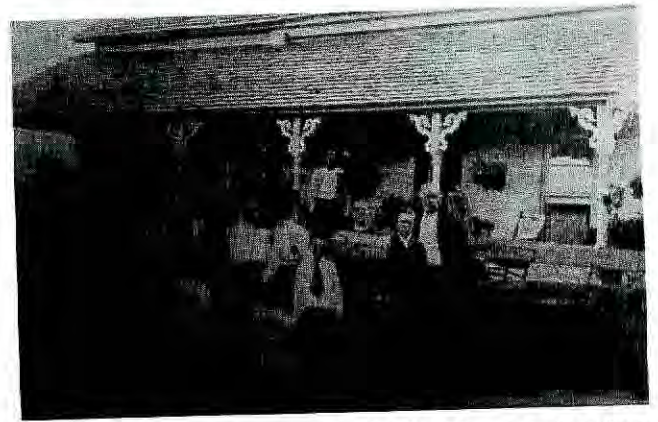
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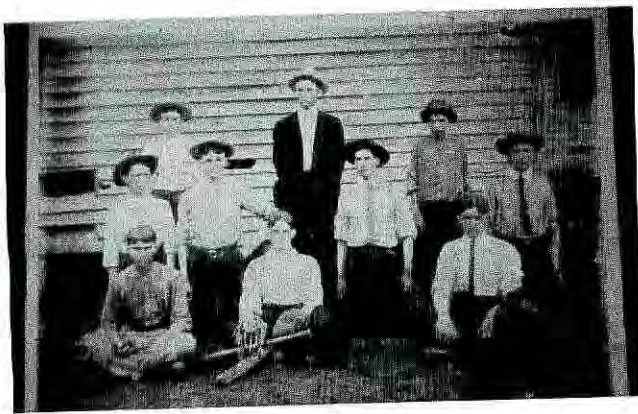
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W.P.A. Cannery at Crossroads.



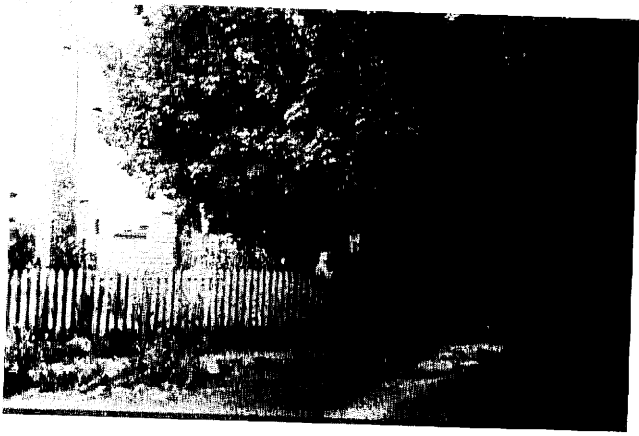
W. T. Blair house and family-Crossroads-where Anna White Roper lives.



Front L. to R.: \_\_\_\_\_ Pearson, Jim Pearson, Sam Brashear.  
 Kneeling: Ben Wilson, \_\_\_\_\_, Bascom White, Joe Gallagher.  
 Back: \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Farris,



Elbert, Georgia, and Betty Goodman-where Ray Goodman now lives in Crossroads.



Dr. L. A. Carden house, Pelham



Baptizing at Bell's Mill



Harrison Hamby house, Burrows' Cove now the Clercy Hamby home



Hamby farm in Burrows' Cove - Cleve Hamby with oxen

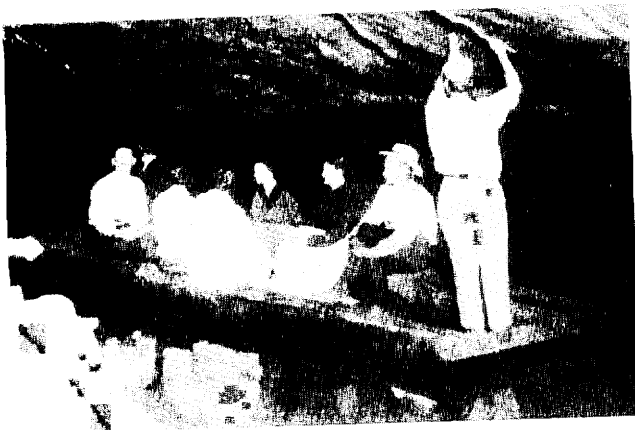


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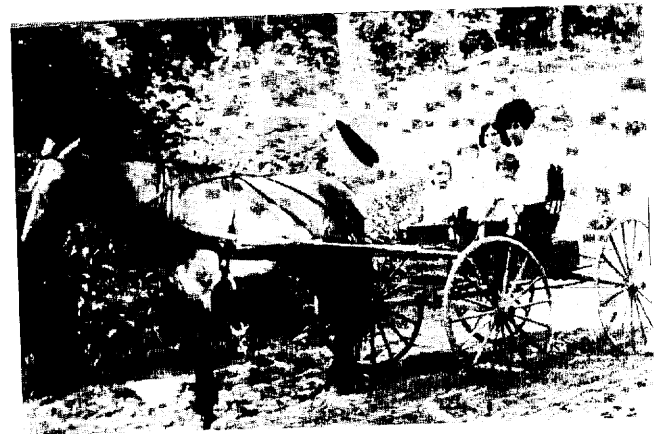


George Winton home, Burrows' Cove

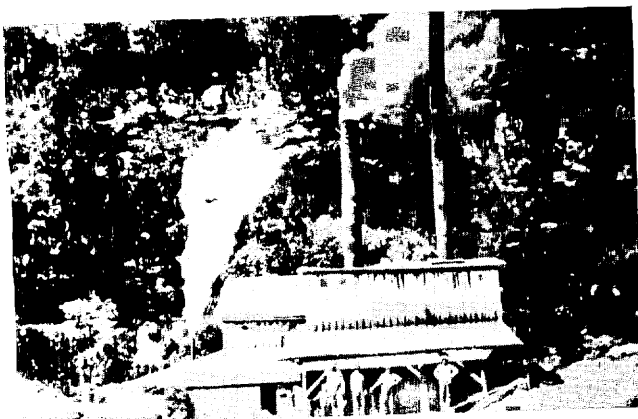
## SCENES FROM THE COVES



Early tourists entered Wonder Cave by boat with guide, Ed Parks.



Out for a buggy ride in Bell's Cove-Mrs. Ura Tate Gilliam, Woodrow, Matha, Anna Mae, & Mary Bell



Pump at Wonder Cave which brought water to the Assembly Grounds in Monteagle



Isaac & daughter, Elizabeth Layne, at their home in Layne's Cove

## THE CIVIL WAR IN THE ELK RIVER VALLEY

The Civil War activities which occurred in the Elk River Valley took place during the Middle Tennessee Campaign or the Tullahoma Campaign which was from June 23 through July 7, 1863.

The rebel's (Confederate's) main supply base was at Chattanooga, but a vastly superior cavalry force enabled them to command all the resources of the Duck River Valley and the country southward. Tullahoma, large intrenched camp, situated on the "Barrens" at the intersection of the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, was their main depot.

Bragg's main army occupied a strong position on Duck River, the infantry extending from Shelbyville to Wartarce, and their cavalry on their right to McMinnville, and on their left to Columbia and Spring Hill.

The Confederates held all the passes throughout the hills around Beech Grove and Noah. The Rebels were also intrenched in Shelbyville.

The purpose of the Union Army was to break through this strong line of defense held by the Rebels and cut them off from their supply base in Chattanooga and to also make retreat into the deep South impossible for Bragg and his men.

Rosecrans (Union) said, "I was determined to render useless their (Confederate) intrenchments, and, if possible, secure their line of retreat on the railroad bridge crossing Elk River." Rosecrans hoped to make Bragg (Confederate) believe that the Union Army was to advance on him by way of Shelbyville while they were actually coming through Hoover's & Liberty Gaps then Matt's Hollow, a long narrow 2 mile long gorge which leads up onto the Highland Rim. Hoover's Gap and Matt's Hollow were occupied by the Confederates; however, the Federals were able to get through. Rosecrans determined to cut the railroad in Bragg's rear. Wilder's Brigade (Union) was sent to burn Elk River Bridge (Estill Springs) and destroy the railroad between Decherd and Cowan. Brigadier General John Beaty (Union), with a brigade of infantry was sent to **Hillsborough** to cover and support Wilder's movements.

Sheridan's (Union) division came in June 28, McCook's Corps (Union) arrived before the night of the 29th. Terrible rains delayed Crittenden (Union), who on the 26th got orders to march to Manchester. The Union Army was massed.

It rained almost incessantly during the 30th, but Federals dragged their artillery and themselves into position. The soil of the "Barrens" became marshy, and it took Crittenden 4 days of incessant labor and advance to move 21 miles.

The Union believed Bragg would fight them from intrenchments in Tullahoma; instead, the Confederates retreated from Tullahoma on July 1st. Shelbyville was taken by Federals by use of flanking and direct charge.

The Union advanced to Rock Creek Road on Elk River on July 2nd. General Sheridan found the Elk so swollen as to barely be fordable for calvary, and the rebel cavalry was located on the south bank to resist their crossing. Sheridan, though, was able to drive them away and occupy the ford. General Thomas found equal difficulties in crossing the river, for the enemy (Confederates) during the night burned the bridge then retreated. The Confederates were pursued to Cowan and over the mountain into Sweden's Cove.

Thus ended a 9 day campaign which drove the Confederates from two fortified position and gave Union possession of Middle Tennessee. This campaign was conducted in one of the most extrodinary rains ever known in Tennessee at that period of the year. (It rained 14 out of 15 days straight.) The soil was so marshy that it was described as "almost quicksand".

Information for the proceeding scenario was taken from the report of W. S. Rosecrans, Major General Union Army in Winchester, TN, 24 July 1863.

The subreports which give closer scrutiny to minor events mention activity in Pelham.

A subreport by Major General George H. Thomas of the Union Army made 8 July 1863, from Camp Winford, TN, states that retreating Confederates fleeing before the Union forces advancing from Rock Creek Ford crossed the mountains near Cowan and Pelham according to reports of rebels taken as prisoners.

Major General Lovell H. Rousseau (Union) reported on 6 July, 1863, from the Pelham and Decherd Road. He recounted the march from Murfreesboro and stated, "It began to rain just as my division was being formed to march out of Murfreesboro on the 24th ultimo, and it has rained heavily every day since. but one." (14 days of rain) He stated that his soldiers fought, laid down in the wet at night, and never murmured.

A subreport made by Col. John T. Wilder of the Union Army on 11 July, 1863, from a camp near Duck River Bridge reports driving the Confederates under Bragg south across the Tennessee River. Since the rebels had been routed in large part from this area, the activity now on the part of the Union was to destroy rebel communications. Wilder reports:

We moved rapidly to **Hillsborough**, leaving 2 brigades of the 123rd until relieved by a brigade of infantry under Gen. Beaty, then we went on to Decherd. "...but on arriving at Elk River found that the incessant rains had so swollen that stream that we could neither ford nor swim it, the current being so rapid that our horses were washed downstream. There was a bridge at Pelham, 6 miles farther up. We turned our course for that place, sending Col. Monroe, with 8 companies of the 123rd Illinois down Elk River, to destroy, if possible, the road and railroad bridges over Elk River at Estill Springs. On his arrival he found a division of infantry guarding the bridges and a large wagon train. He fell back to **Hillsborough** being pursued by rebel calvary without any loss to himself. The next morning he joined us on top of the Cumberland Mts.

On leaving the direct road to Decherd, and going in the direction of Pelham, we were compelled to ford streams that swam our smallest horses, and compelled us to carry our howitzers' ammunition on the men's shoulders across the streams. When near Pelham, we learned that a party of rebels were at the bridge, with the intention of destroying it on our approach. I immediately ordered the advance under Lt. Col. Kitchell, Ninety-eighth Illinois, and above 30 scouts of the different regiments, to go forward on a run and prevent the destruction of the bridge. They dashed forward, not only saving the bridge, but taking 2 of the party prisoners, and capturing a drove of 78 mules, which was sent back to **Hillsborough** in charge of a company. We immediately moved forward toward Decherd, half fording and half swimming another stream on the way. We reached the railroad at 8 o'clock in the evening, and immediately attacked the garrison of about 80 men, who protected by a stockade and the railroad cut made a pretty good resistance. We soon dislodged them, however, when they took a position in a deep ravine, with timber in it completely protecting them, while our men had to approach over a bare

hill to attack them, exposing themselves to sharp fire at 60 yards' range. I ordered up our howitzers, and a couple of rounds of canister-silenced them and drove them out. We immediately commenced destroying the railroad track and water tanks on the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, and blowing up the trestle work on the branch road to Winchester. The railroad depot was well filled with commissary stores, which we burned. We also destroyed the telegraph instruments.

A large force was by this time approaching from the north side, and having destroyed about 300 yards of track, we left, after skirmishing with their advance guard and capturing some 4 or 5 prisoners, who, on being questioned separately, stated that six regiments of infantry were about to attack us. Believing that I would have but little chance of success in a fight with them, on account of the darkness and our total ignorance of the ground, we moved off in the direction of Pelham, and, after going about 6 miles, went off the road into the woods at 2 o'clock, and bivouacked without fires until daylight.

When we started again up the Cumberland Mountains, on Brakefield Point Road, I determined to break the road, if possible, below Cowan. When partly up the mountain we could plainly see a considerable force of infantry and cavalry near Decherd. We moved forward to the Southern University, and there destroyed the Tracy City Railroad track. From there I sent a detachment of 450 men, under Col. Funkhouser, of the Ninety-eighth Illinois, to destroy the railroad at Tantaloon, and went forward myself in the direction of Anderson intending to strike the railroad in that place. Col. Funkhouser reported to me that three railroad trains lay at Tantaloon, loaded with troops, and my scouts reported two more trains at Anderson. Both places being approachable only by a bridlepath, I deemed it impossible to accomplish anything further; besides, the picket force left at the railroad, near the university, were driven in by cavalry, who preceded a railroad train loaded with infantry. They were now on my track and in our rear. I collected my force, and determined to extricate them. Leaving a rear guard to skirmish with and draw them down the mountain, I started on the road toward Chattanooga. When about 8 miles from the university, during a tremendous rain, which obliterated our trail, I moved the entire command from the road about 2 miles eastward into the woods, leaving the rear guard to draw them forward down the mountain, which they did, and then escaped through the woods and joined us, some not coming up until next morning. As soon as the rebel columns had passed us, we struck through the mountains, without guides, in the direction of Pelham, and came out at the place we intended to strike, and reached the foot of the mountain, at **Gilham's Cove**, over a very rocky and steep road. We bivouacked at 10 p.m. and next morning at daylight started for Manchester, just getting ahead of Forrest (Nathan Bedford), who, with nine regiments of cavalry and two pieces of artillery, aimed to intercept us at Pelham.

We reached Manchester at noon, having been in the saddle or fighting about twenty hours out of each twenty-four for eleven days, and all the time drenched with rain, our men half starved and our horses almost entirely without forage, yet our officers and men seemed willing and cheerful, and are now only anxious for another expedition, if by such they can accomplish any good. We did not lose a single man in our expedition to the rear of Tullahoma. If our course had not been impeded by the streams flooded beyond all precedent, we must have captured one or two railroad trains, one of them having Gen. Buckner and staff on board; we should have had ample time to have thoroughly torn up the railroad in daylight at several points, whilst on account of the darkness we were compelled to follow the main roads, and the time lost in going via Pelham enabled the rebels to throw a large force in pursuit of us."

The report that follows was made by Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Wood of the U. S. Army on 7 July, 1863, from Pelham, TN.

"In the forenoon of the 1st instant, orders to move as lightly as possible with three days' rations, and take position for the purpose of attacking the enemy, understood to be concentrated in his entrenched position at Tullahoma, were received. Under this order I allowed one wagon to each regiment for the transportation of subsistence for the officers, and the indispensable necessary cooking utensils for the officers and men. The ammunition and ambulance trains were of course, to accompany the troops. The intrenching tools were to be carried after the fashion of the Roman armies, by the men. Thus prepared for the expected conflict, as the division was moving through Manchester to take its position, information was received that the enemy had during the preceding night commenced to evacuate. I was at the headquarters of the commanding general of the army when this information was received. He immediately ordered me to move with my division by the Hillsborough road to this place (Pelham), saying he would send the cavalry or a part of it by the same route, and he desired me to support it. The object of the movement was to try to intercept the retreat of any part of the enemy's force moving to the mountains through this place (Pelham). Subsequently he directed me to remain where I was for further orders. This was, perhaps, about 1 p.m. At 5:30 o'clock I received an order directing me to move to this place (Pelham), via **Hillsborough**. The bearer of the order informed me it was desirable I should, if possible, reach **Hillsborough** that evening. Before 6 o'clock my entire command, including the trains, was in motion. I reached Hillsborough at 9 o'clock and encamped for the night.

Early the next morning, the 2nd, the command moved toward this place (Pelham). About 4 miles from here, light parties of hostile cavalry were encountered by my advance guard, and shots interchanged with them. They, however, fell back rapidly before the steady advance of the troops, and when the advance arrived at the bridge across Elk River, three fourth of a mile south of the village, it was found the enemy had retreated beyond the stream and fired the bridge. The men rushed forward and extinguished the flames, which only involved the flooring, and had not extended to the solid timbers. During this operation a small body of the enemy emerged from the woods and fired on the men engaged in extinguishing the flames. The skirmishers deployed for the protection of the men at work promptly replied, and drove off the enemy.

The fusillade was for a few minutes quite brisk, but I have no means of knowing whether any punishment was inflicted on the enemy.

On our side, one man of the Ninety-seventh Ohio was severely wounded, and has since died. I learned from the citizens of the village (Pelham) that the party I had encountered consisted of about 200 cavalry, belonging to a brigade of Forrest's command. They further informed me that a brigade of cavalry, under Forrest in person, had passed the night of the 1st

here, but that it had left about 9 o'clock on the morning of the 2nd, Forrest going with it, and leaving only a small body above referred to.

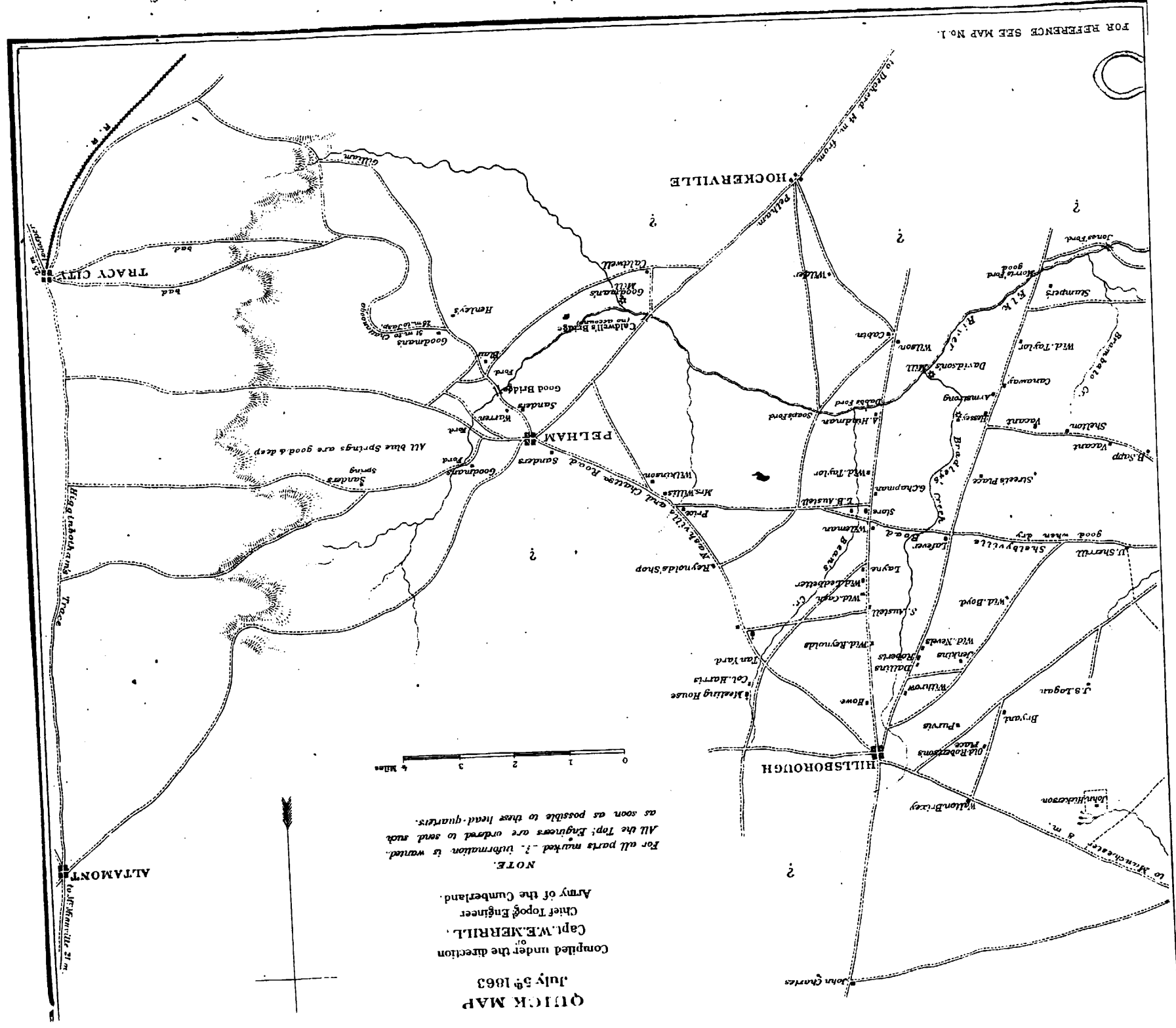
The cavalry, which I had understood from the commanding general of the army at Manchester was to precede me, did not do so, turned to the right at Hillsborough, taking the Winchester Road. I regret it did not precede me, as, had it done so, a part of the hostile brigade that passed the night of the 1st here might have been captured, certainly routed. Later I learned from citizens that Forrest, after leaving here at 9 o'clock in the morning of the 2nd, moved toward the foot of the mountains and commenced the passage that afternoon. This information was fully confirmed subsequently by refugees from Marion County, TN, and by deserters from the enemy. By citizens and deserters I was informed that none of the rebel infantry passed through this place during the retreat. Forrest had with him 2 pieces of artillery.

During the afternoon of the 2nd, I was ordered by Gen. Crittenden, commanding Twenty-first Army Corps, and who had accompanied by division to this place (Pelham) in accordance with instructions just then received from headquarters of the army, to return to Hillsborough."

Additional information about troop movements are included in this report; however, Pelham is not mentioned again. All of the previous reports and subreports were taken from the **Official Records of the War of Rebellion**, Vol. 23, published by the U.S. Government. The research was done by Emmett Goodman of Manchester, TN.



Source: Atlas to Accompany the Official Records . . . 1891-1895.



**NOTE.**  
 For all parts marked - ? - information is wanted.  
 All the Top Engineers are ordered to send such  
 as soon as possible to their head-quarters.

**QUICK MAP**  
 July 5th 1863  
 Compiled under the direction  
 of  
 Capt. W. E. MERRILL,  
 Chief Topog Engineer  
 Army of the Cumberland.

FOR REFERENCE SEE MAP NO. 1.

## GRUNDY COUNTY CONFEDERATES

Grundy County men were largely concentrated in four companies First Tennessee Infantry under Peter Turney, the 35th Tennessee Infantry under Captain Albert C. Hanner, and R. B. Roberts (from Payne's Cove), the 44th Tennessee Infantry under Capt. William L. Parks, and the 32nd Tennessee Infantry which enlisted particularly men from the Providence and Bell's Cove areas, under Capt. Elizah H. Ikard.

Company A of Col. Peter B. Turney's First Tennessee Infantry, a part of the famed Tennessee Brigade, was a famous unit of Grundy County fighting men largely from the Pelham and Payne's Cove areas of the county. These men were enrolled by a Pelham man, Alexander E. Patton who was at the time 61 years old. The captains of this unit were Alexander E. Patton, Elijah Reynolds, Joseph A. Lusk, & Jesse R. Gunn. The muster roll of A Company includes these soldiers, most of which were from the Elk River Valley: Amos Austill, Isaac Crouch, John W. Goodman, Allen Gilliam, Samuel Gilliam, William Mosely, Albert C. McChristian, Riley Meeks, William P. Morton, Tyre Myers, Benjamin Neville, David P. Neville, John W. Patton, Reuben S. Price, Jackson Phipps, Isaac Roberts, Milton Sanders, James M. Sanders, Thomas Statem, William J. Tate, and John W. Warren.

Capt. Patton's company traveled by rail to Lynchburg, VA, in early May of 1861. On May 17 it moved to Richmond where it went into training with the nine other companies of the First Regiment which were being drilled by a detachment of cadets from Virginia Military Institute. The unit saw action throughout Virginia and Tennessee in some of the war's most hotly contested battles. Patton originally signed his men for a period of 12 month's service; however, most of them stayed for a period of 4 long, arduous years. (information from Grundy County Herald, 2 Spet. 1976, p. 12A, by Jim Nicholson.)

## CONFEDERATE VETERANS

J. C. Henley of Pelham, TN, a Confederate veteran himself, listed the following men as enlistees in his company: J. P. Henley, John Winton, Ans. Winton, Sam Tucker, John Bantee, A. H. Sanders, Wesley Sanders, Dave Meeks, George Meeks, Ham Morton, Dow Crabtree, Bud Ikard, Nat McBride, Bill Partin, John Grissom, Left Rose, Arch Crownover, Sims Nevill, Dick Childress, Kelce Levan, Hence Goodman, Brad Warren, Jerry Goings, Marion Kilgore, J. K. Pearson, Dick Keel, Jack Pearson, Carroll Pearson, Bob Pendergrass, and Robert Countiss.

When asked to list others who were Civil War veterans, but not members of his company, J. C. Henley listed these men: William Gilliam & Sam Gilliam of Monteagle, Thomas Patton, James Echols, & Frank Cox of Pelham, Steven Roe Rowe of Alto, Jobe Taylor of Hillsboro, and John Scruggs of Altamont.

The above information was obtained from a questionnaire from the Tennessee Historical Committee filled out by J. C. Henley 1 April 1922. He gave the following information about himself. I am seventy five and four months, born in Marion Co., TN, the son of Campbell Henley and Melinda Thompson and the grandson of Burwell & Margaret Thompson of Roark's Cove. When asked for remarks about his ancestry, he stated, "My paternal grandfather, William Henley, came from Virginia over 100 years ago. My maternal grandfather, Burwell Thompson came from Wales to South Carolina and was a Revolutionary soldier under General Marion. He was an old widower and married my grandmother in the year 1816."

About his war experiences he recounted: "I enlisted in the Confederate Army in September 1861. I first did scout duty in Federal lines. It was about 2 months after enlistment that my company engaged in a skirmish at McMinnville, TN. On the 29th night of November, 6 days before I was 18 the **Yankies** surrounded me and five others, ten miles below Fayetteville, Tenn. I ran to the river and swam across, landing about 400 yards below, went about one mile and lay my way to down under some sycamore bushes until near day then made my way to my command. Our company charged a company, divided them; me and 8 others captured 9 of them. I was discharged in Chattanooga, TN, 16 May 1865, and rode on top of a box car from Chattanooga to Decherd and walked home." He added that at the time of this statement that he and Robert Countiss of Chattanooga were the last 2 of the men listed on his sheet that were still living. (Researched by James Buford Gipson, Decherd, TN)

Mrs. Alice Womack wrote this account of her father who fought in the Civil War and is mentioned in the previous account of the war by Mr. J. C. Henley.

"My father, William Gilliam, was born Nov. 27, 1844. On Feb. 14, 1863, at the age of 19 years, he enlisted at Shelbyville, Tenn., as a private in Company G of the Fourth Tennessee Confederate Infantry Regiment, under command of Col. McMurray. While in Bedford County, he participated in several minor skirmishes against Union forces, then was transferred with his company to Tullahoma & from there to Chattanooga. Seven months after his enlistment, he participated in his first and only battle, which was the Battle of Chickamauga in northern Georgia. On Sept. 19, 1863, during the battle, he was captured by Union forces, was taken as a prisoner of war to Camp Douglass, Illinois, by way of Chattanooga, Nashville, and Louisville. Private Gilliam arrived at Camp Douglass on Oct. 4, 1863. On March 23, 1865, he was transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland. Smallpox broke out while I was a prisoner at Point Lookout. I was immune to the smallpox. I helped care for the sick and the dying. Long deep pits were dug to bury the dead. Not even a sheet to put around the bodies—They were placed in these trenches and covered with the sod. Much suffering from extreme cold and for want of plenty of food. The building where the prisoners were kept was like a huge barn with shelves built all around from top to bottom, each shelf for one man. Two men would sleep where one was supposed to sleep, this way the heat from their bodies and the two blankets kept them from freezing. Each man was issued one blanket... Our clothing was not sufficient. At midnight June 24, 1865, I left Point Lookout, went to Washington up the Potomac River, from there over the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. by way of Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, and home.

I will tell something of our trip from the battle field to prison. When we arrived at Nashville in front of the penitentiary, for a while, we stopped there. When we left we were not all together, but in small groups. We stopped at the Zollicoffer House, now the Maxwell House.

One night when some of the prisoners were going down a flight of steps to get their supper, the steps gave way or broke down. From the rush, several prisoners were killed. This happened about the 26th or 27th of Sept. 1863. I went to this same building. The evening before I was taken to a room to get my supper. I took what I had to eat in my hands, went back to a door where a guard was standing. I got up a conversation with him while I was eating my meal. When our meal was over, we left the room, in passing we met another bunch of men going to get their supper. I being of a hungry disposition, turned around, went back with them and got my second meal, went back to the guard, & was talking to the guard as before. He knew me. I tried to deny being there before. The guard gave a hearty laugh, said he would do the same thing so it passed all right'. William Gilliam was honorably discharged by parole from prison at Point Lookout, MD, on June 24, 1865. The document is endorsed by Lt. Col. J. P. Henley and is countersigned by T. B. Patton and P. B. Keith

William, a member of Company G 4th Confederate Tennessee listed other members of his Company: Far-le Laxon, Anthony Bradshaw, William Bell, Harris Bell, Randolph Burrel, Pleas Boggs, Henderson Lowe, Garison Sutherland, James Guinn, Andy Caldwell, B. F. Gilliam, Walter White, Buck Thomas, George Thomas, William Layne, David Layne, Joe Russel, Jim Levan, William Sanders, John Meeks, and John P. Henley.

#### **ELI W. HAMBY**

Eli enlisted in the 44th Tennessee Confederate Infantry in 1861 and assisted in organizing his company. He remained in the service until 1863 and participated in the battles of Shiloh and Perryville. On his return home he had to begin life anew and was without means, but he became one of the most prosperous farmers and stock raisers, being worth twelve thousand dollars and owning between 600 and 700 acres of land in the Elk River Valley and the greater part of Roberts' Cove. He was married 21 August 1856, to Rachel Arkansas Sartain.

Source: **Compendium of Biography** published 1898 Jesse Shelton Book.

James V. Echols of Pelham enlisted in the Confederate Army in February 1863, at Shelbyville, TN. He first served with Company C., 50th. Alabama Volunteers and later belonged to the 25th Battalion of the Alabama Cavalry. Echols fought in the Battle of Missionary Ridge then went to Dalton, Ga. to winter quarters. Later he reported that he was involved in 28 days of fighting in and around Atlanta. In his questionnaire he stated: "...I have lived for the last 50 years in Grundy County, TN., on the headwaters of the Elk River.

I am a member of the Methodist Church South." He was 76 years old. He listed these men who were known to have been Confederate soldiers:

W. T. (?) Echols

Thoma Patton - Pelham, TN.

Polk Sims - Pelham, TN.

William Conn (?) - Hillsborough, TN.

R. Countiss - Decherd, TN.

L. M. Kilgore - Pelham, TN.

Others from his Alabama company were also listed.

Samuel Gilliam of Bell's Cove was in Peter Turney's 1st. Tennessee Regiment. He enlisted in the Confederate Army at Winchester, TN. in May 1861. He fought and was wounded at Periville, Kentucky. He states, "After I was wounded, I was taken by the Yankees to their hospital. I fought in battles - Chicamauga, Rasakca, and Kinesa Mountains. I was in secret service and wore very good clothes. I did not stay in camp much. My business was to watch river crossings and special courier." He listed as other members of his company, Dave Nevels, James Patton, John Patton, and Frank Parks. Samuel was discharged in Virginia before the war was over because of his health.

John Hawk, Pelham, TN. enlisted in the Confederate Army 6 September 1861, at Viola, TN; he was in B Company. He saw action in the Battle of Shiloh where he was shot in his right arm, then sent to Columbus, Miss. to a hospital. He states that his friends got him home to recover. Later he farmed and moved from Hubbard's Cove to Burroughs' Cove on the head of Elk River close to the Cumberland Mountain. He states, "I have belonged to the Southern Methodist Church about 60 (?) years. I was a steward in the church is all the office I ever held. I've been married twice. I married sisters, both times, me, my wives and five children worked us out a reasonable house so we could make a living. My wives are both dead now - I am here lonesome, old and mighty feeble if you want to know anything else about me ask Skelth Taylor he was pastor here." Hawk told of his youth when his mother hired him out as a farm hand for \$2.00 per month.

Hawk lists these men as others in his company: Bill Wooten, Steve Carr, Joe Makin, John Makin was captain, Ebb Pursley, Sken (?) Hancock, Dink Wooten, Tom Saine (?), Kelley Thaxton, Jim Marr, Bill Sherley, Jass Bennet, Jess Winton, William Hawk (his brother).

Source: **Vol. II Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires** by Southern Historical Press, Easley, S.C. 1985.

#### **Confederate Muster Roll**

Thirty-second Tennessee Infantry from 3 Nov. 1861, to 3 Nov. 1862, from microfilm roll no. 2 at the Tenn. State Library and Archives in Nashville, TN: Elijah H. Ikard, Captain; James O. Norton, Lt.; Orville Bell, Lt.; William H. Rose, Lt.; William D. Wiley, Sgt.; Leander G. Bennett, Sgt.; Henry Long, Sgt.; John K. Buckner, Sgt.; John G. Howard, Sgt.; William R. Finney, Corp.; William A. Mash, Corp.; Daniel C. Smith, Corp.; Amos P. Austell, Corp.; The following persons listed are all privates. Armon C. Bennett, James H. Bennett, George S. Barrnes, George S. Brannan, John Burks, John B. Boyce, James M. Castleberry, John R. Churchman, Robert D. Conn, Anderson A. Camp, Andrew C. Caldwell, James C. Coker, Andrew J. Dyal, William Dossett, John Dotson, Allen K. Elkins, William P. Elkins, William G. Finney, Hopkins P. T. Finney, Minyard Gilliam, James Goings, Andrew Gipson, Henry G. Hampton, George H. Hampton, William Hayes,

John P. Kennerly, Jr., William Lynch, Jesse H. L. \_\_\_\_\_ (probably Lynch), James M. Lynch, Samuel Long, James A. Mc \_\_\_\_\_, Armstead R. Oliver, John R. Oliver, John P. \_\_\_\_\_, George W. Partin, Thomas Perry, George W. Powers, David Perryman, Hugh Pinkston, Solomon Rose, Samuel Reese, Green B. Riley, John Reeves, William R. Richardson, William Sansom, James Sansom, Elijah Sanders, S \_\_\_\_\_, Chapman Sanders, Georg M. Smith, George Taylor, David Thomas, Charles P. \_\_\_\_\_, James B. Wiley, Kendue Wilson, Robert G. White, Patton Weaver. Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Ind. also lists John L. Partin as part of this unit.

The above group was made up mostly of Grundy & Franklin County men.

## **UNION SOLDIERS FROM GRUNDY COUNTY**

There was one Union Company organized in Grundy County at Tracy City. It was called the 1st Alabama and Tennessee Vedette Calvary U.S.A. One muster roll dated 24 Feb. 1864, at Nashville, was found which covered Captain James H. Shannon's Company E., 1st Reg. Independent Vedette Cavalry. Stephen P. Tipton was shown as 2nd Lieutenant of this company consisting of a total of 91 officers and enlisted men, nearly all of whom had enrolled at Altamont, Tennessee, and had been mustered in at Tracy City, TN. on 9 Dec. 1863.

## **BRIXEYITES**

A band of deserters and desperados roamed this area during the Civil War under the leadership of Calvin Brixey who was originally from Manchester, TN. where his mother, Joanna Brixey, ran a boarding house.

Brixey, a one time member of the 16th Tennessee Confederate Infantry, joined the Union Army and received a commission. In time he became a renegade and a bushwhacker. "Brixey admitted to killing men all over Middle Tennessee on grounds that they were spies, southern sympathizers, Confederate recruiters, and guerillas. Union officers tried to restrain him and finally arrested Brixey 4 June 1864; however, by 21 July, he was out of military prison.

Lenora Burnett Payne recalls hearing older members of her family talk of the times they gathered up their chickens and took them to the attic so that the Brixeyites, followers of Brixey, wouldn't steal or kill them. Others remember that their cows were taken into the woods and tied to trees so that they wouldn't be discovered and taken or killed by the Brixeyites.

One local man, Spunky Bill Layne, is said to have ridden with Cal Brixey. Needless to say, he became very unpopular in this vicinity. In fact he was about to be hanged at the point on Cox Riedge near Billy Gilliam's house but his kin who lived nearby begged that he be spared. He wasn't hanged but became a despised man even by his own family.

It is not really known how Calvin Brixey died, but some say that civilian authorities hanged him at Murfreesboro.

Source — *Coffee Co. Historical Quarterly*, Vol. VIII, No. 4 "Hillsboro & Part of the Cumberland Region" edited by Betty A. Bridgewater, 1977.

## **THE CIVIL WAR REMEMBERED**

According to stories handed down from past generations, a lone Yankee soldier's grave is located on the old Cox place near the Billy Gilliam house. Dwight Roper and Wayne Cox found the remains of an ancient musket at the site when they were boys.

Civil War soldiers who ventured into Elk River Valley were away from rail supply lines in Decherd or McMinnville; therefore, when the supplies they carried on horseback were used up they were forced to forage, beg, or steal in order to get food. This practice, of course, did not endear them to the general populace.

Anna White (Henley) Roper remembers hearing about the Union soldiers who came through Valley Home and camped at the foot of the mountain near Billy Gilliam's house. At the Blair house, where she now lives, they milked the cows, got the eggs, and caught the hens. One old hen got away and ran under the house, but a robust soldier lunged after her and crawled up under the house where he ultimately was "stuck". Soldiers awaiting his return soon found him there and began to dig around him to allow enough clearance for him to be pulled out. Needless to say, that hen was saved.

At the Patterson farm tannery (across from Tyson's hatchery on Highway 50) Union soldiers took all the animals for food except for one lone rooster which survived. Silverware, pewter, or any metal which could be melted down to make bullets was also taken.

Miss Esther Brashear tells of a Union soldier taking a book from the John Patton place. After the war was over, he mailed the book to the Pattons noting that he had been lonesome and needed the book.

Many soldiers weren't so benevolent. Anna White Roper tells that her grandmother understood that the soldiers needed food, and bullets, but she couldn't understand why the soldiers took her china dolls and crushed them one by one calling them rebels.

## **THE JOHN WILKES BOOTH CONTROVERSY**

According to federal officers, John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin, was killed at the Garrett home in Virginia, but some maintained that it was Booth's look alike cousin who was killed while Booth fled to the South and Franklin County, TN. Evidence supporting his escape can be found in the Franklin County, TN., Marriage Records which show that on 24 Feb. 1872, a marriage license was issued to John Wilkes Booth and Louisa J. Payne.

Louisa was from Pelham, the daughter of J. Wilson and Martha Price who lived in Payne's Cove. She had married Zebadiah Payne, but he died at the age of 22 as a result of wounds received in the Civil War leaving Louisa a young widow. She and Booth met & married while she was living at Sewanee where she worked as a seamstress for the students at the University of the South, and he was performing plays to entertain the students and working as a cabinet maker.

It was before one of the performances that Booth turned to his wife and said: "Miss Lou, do you know what made those knots, indicating some scars on his legs? I got them in a fall on the stage of Ford's Theatre when I killed Abraham Lincoln."

Being discontent at Sewanee and anxious to collect a \$100,000 reward waiting for him at New Orleans, Booth and his wife and her son Macager Payne moved to Memphis where Booth hired out as a laborer in a cottonseed factory, but he was soon discovered and had to leave so hurriedly that he could not even take his pregnant wife and step child. An Episcopal parish came to Louisa's aid, and soon her child, Ida Elizabeth Booth, was born. Eventually Louisa and her children returned to Pelham. They had a cabin located in between Jacky and Johnny Payne's houses and Blanche Payne's house. One day while Louisa was sweeping off her yard her long skirt was set afire by a small burning heap of debris. She never recovered from her burns and died as a result.

In 1902 an uncle wrote then grown Macager Payne that he had received word that a man in Enid, OK, using the pseudonym "George" had poisoned himself. On his death bed; however, the man had made the confession that he had made to his wife, Luisa, and had used the same proof, his legs, that he was, in fact, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin.

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## EARLY CHURCHES

The earliest churches were pastored by circuit riders who made their rounds once or twice monthly. Some of the local churches grew out of brush arbor meetings, while others were organized into a recognized denomination from the very beginning.

The following section chronicles the known churches in the Elk River Valley.

## CAMP GROUND CHURCH

Anderson Winton, great grandfather of Bobby Phipps, gave the land on which the first church at Campground was built. It was a Presbyterian Church. The log building served as both church and school and was there by 1880. Little is remembered of those who were a part of this early church.

Around 1909 the log structure was replaced by another building which served as both school and church. The land on which the log building stood belonged to the Grundy County Education Department. Ernest J. Cunningham served as superintendent of education at the time.

On June 26, 1955, Camp Ground Free Will Baptist Church was organized by J. B. Fletcher, Ernest Trussell, and Herbert Wade with 51 Charter members. Trustees were John Sartain, Ernest Trussell, and Fred Meeks. Serving as Deacons were Ernest Trussell and Mansell Winton. Secretary and treasurer was Thula Fletcher. On March 15, 1956, the 1½ acre tract on which the original log schoolhouse had stood was deeded to the trustees of the Camp Ground Baptist Church. The deed was known as a Quit Claim Deed. Such a deed defines boundary lines according to the property edges of adjacent land owners. Cleve Hamby and Bobby Phipps are named as boundary owners of the 1½ acres. The land was to be used strictly for church purposes.

In June of '77, with Rev. Cecil Walker as pastor, a new brick church building was erected across the road. The old church building was moved and bought by Bobby Phipps.

These ministers have served the church since its beginnings in 1955.

### Pastors of Camp Ground Church

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| W. O. Spradlin    | Emmit Allen      |
| Herbert Wade      | J. B. Fletcher   |
| W. B. Rogers      | Ernest Trussell  |
| Kenneth Doggett   | Frank Young      |
| Leslie Role       | Tom Johnson      |
| Larry Russell     | Rafford Penny    |
| Tag Kilgore       | Lewis Nunley     |
| Tom Lecroy        | Bob Ferrell      |
| Renyold Flippo    | M. P. Harris     |
| Tom Clark         | Ken Druggers     |
| James Avary       | Larry Cambell    |
| Clifford Trussell | Wendell Trussell |
| Cecil Walker      | Elmer Blaylock   |
| Steve Pate        |                  |

These are the 51 Charter Members of Camp Ground Free Will Baptist Church in 1955.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. J. B. Fletcher     | 11. Bobby Phipps       |
| 2. Thula Fletcher     | 12. Kathryn Phipps     |
| 3. Judy Fletcher      | 13. Mary Sue Phipps    |
| 4. J. B. Fletcher Jr. | 14. Ernest Trussell    |
| 5. Fred Meeks         | 15. Florence Trussell  |
| 6. Marlee Meeks       | 16. Wendell Trussell   |
| 7. John Sartain       | 17. Tresa Trussell     |
| 8. Ava Sartain        | 18. Mansell Winton     |
| 9. Paul Parks         | 19. Ethel Winton       |
| 10. Willie Mae Parks  | 20. Blanton Meeks      |
| 21. Clara Meeks       | 37. Annie Ruth Sartain |
| 22. Jacky Meeks       | 38. Melba Sartain      |

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 23. Wanda Meeks      | 39. W. E. Hamby       |
| 24. Luke Nunley      | 40. Nila Hamby        |
| 25. Ruth Nunley      | 41. Lee Dickerson     |
| 26. Carolyn Nunley   | 42. Novella Dickerson |
| 27. Willene Nunley   | 43. Thursa Meeks      |
| 28. Howard Givins    | 44. Will Meeks        |
| 29. Melanee Givins   | 45. Zelma Nunley      |
| 30. Barbara Givins   | 46. Thursa Payne      |
| 31. Herschel Givins  | 47. Myrtle Baker      |
| 32. Rilla Mae Givins | 48. Lucille Kilgore   |
| 33. Rona Lee Givins  | 49. Dorothy Ray       |
| 34. Janette Givins   | 50. Bonnie Lee Nunley |
| 35. Rebecca Givins   | 51. Francis Givins    |
| 36. Willard Sartain  |                       |

Source:

Information gathered by Wanda (Meeks) Davidson and Bobby Phipps.

Campground has long been know for camp meetings; however, in the 1930's a protracted series of meetings were held. Rev. Howard Cook and a host of people from Chattanooga brought tents and gas powered generators to the area under the beech trees. Here he preached for perhaps as long as 2 years in a tent meeting. The group was fairly self sufficient. They brought their food and supplies from Chattanooga and even moved in a sawmill and made plans to build a church, but the plan never materialized.

There was much speculation as to just who Cook was. "Some said that he claimed to have preached himself out of the electric chair." His helpers and assistants were said to have been "former prison inmates". No one seemed to know exactly who he was, but they attended the meetings and enjoyed the preaching anyway.

Bob and Ninnie Phipps were provided electric lights since Cook located his generators on their land.

Source:

Blanton Meeks

Ethel (Bennett) Winton

### **CHAPMAN'S CHAPEL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

In the year 1904, Dr. J. B. Chapman held a revival in one of the area churches. A year later, he came back through holding revivals again. Unable to find a church in which he could conduct a revival, he was invited by William Aylor to hold a revival in the Crossroads area. They would build a building for this purpose.

Mr. Aylor spoke to George Payne, who owned a sawmill, about sawing the boards for a building. Mr. Payne told Mr. Aylor to get the man, and he would saw the logs. The news went out; the men came; and a building was built (which is part of the present structure) within a week.

They had a revival. Among those who were saved was William Aylor. His home, for years, became the stopping place for preachers who preached at the chapel.

For several years, evangelists passing through held revivals with local preachers filling the pulpit between times. One of the local preachers filling the pulpit between times was John Mooney. As far as is known, the first pastor was Rev. Fago.

Among those holding early revivals were Dr. J. B. Chapman, Rev. B. F. Neeley, Rev. Elijah Weaver, Rev. C. C. Crane, Rev. C. B. Jernigan, and Rev. Bud Robinson.

The church was officially deeded on June 24, 1916. Trustees at the time were G. C. Pain, W. H. Aylor, W.T.W. Cribb, J. H. Cooper, and James Watley.

Champan's Chapel for several years was board and batten with log steps, a pot-belly stove, and slatted pews. But most important, the glory of God was there.

During the latter thirties, the church was weather-boarded and painted inside and out. (This weather-boarding was removed with the remodeling and building of the new sanctuary. Rev. Roy Roberts was the pastor at this time.

The 1950's saw more change; four Sunday School classrooms, a new pulpit area, and a steeple were built; and the doors were remodeled. Dedication was June 6, 1957. Rev. M. K. Weaver was the pastor. Rev. John Porter was the pastor when the annex was built in 1975.

Since there are not any records of charter membership, we have supplied a list of older members as we know them.

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Robert Bell Cox      | Lula Frances Cox         |
| Dillard H. Layne Sr. | Anna C. (Cox) Layne      |
| Alfred Rogers        | Lois (Cox) Rogers        |
| Ward Goodman         | Frances (Mooney) Goodman |
| Joe Oliver           | Thelma Oliver            |
| William Aylor        | Laura (Giliam) Aylor     |

John Mooney  
 Paul Mooney  
 Elbert Goodman  
 Ralph Goodman  
 Roy Worley  
 Daniel Patterson  
 Dillon Patterson  
 Owen Bean  
 Jerry Smith  
 George Smith  
 Eugenia Trussell  
 George Payne  
 Henry Long  
 Claude Parsons  
 Grace Payne Parks

Sarah (Head) Mooney  
 Georgia (Goodman) Mooney  
 Bettie Goodman  
 Genevieve (Conry) Goodman  
 Pearly Worley  
 Annie (Jacobs) Patterson  
 Geneva Patterson  
 Anna Bell Bean  
 Tish Smith  
 Betty Smith  
 John P. Sherrill  
 Bessie Payne  
 Elvie Aylor  
 Paul Parsons  
 Ola Payne

**PASTORS**

Rev. J. B. Chapman  
 Rev. Fago  
 Rev. J. A. Chenault

(1905-1918 were served by the above men. It is not known if there were others.)

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Rev. S. H. Elliot      | 1919-1928 |
| Rev. J. S. Mooney      | 1928-1934 |
| Rev. Elgin Hill        | 1934-1935 |
| Rev. Roy Roberts       | 1936-1950 |
| Rev. Calvin Perivett   | 1951-1953 |
| Rev. A. F. Carey       | 1954-1955 |
| Rev. M. K. Weaver      | 1955-1959 |
| Rev. James Bender      | 1959-1960 |
| Rev. Denzil Huff       | 1960-1964 |
| Rev. Robert Porter Jr. | 1964-1970 |
| Rev. Wallace Dorn      | 1971-1972 |
| Rev. John Porter       | 1973-1975 |
| Rev. Donald Simmons    | 1975-1980 |
| Rev. Ron DeWitt        | 1980-1983 |
| Rev. LeRoy Davis       | 1983-     |

**ELK HEAD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

People in Elk Head first began to meet in the school bilding to worship in about 1912. Harrison Campbell was having Sunday School there. After the school was closed, the Church of Christ purchased the building and land from Grundy County for \$1.00. A new building was built in the middle 1950's. Since then three additions have had be added.

**Preachers at Elk Head Church of Christ**

This list is incomplete. Those remembered by the members are:

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brother Ramsey             | Brother Ronnie Fults     |
| Brother Wilkerson          | Brother Oscar Groves     |
| Brother Polk Sims          | Brother Raymond Sliger   |
| Brother Lee Taylor         | Brother Paul Meacham     |
| Brother J. R. Stubblefield | Brother Roy Markham      |
| Brother Bill Willis        | Brother Hugh Lamb        |
| Brother Chester Hunnicut   | Brother Harold Sain      |
| Brother Blankenship        | Brother Grady McKnight   |
| Brother Luke Gibbs         | Brother Kermit Nunley    |
| Brother Gordon Gibbs       | Brother Gary Childers    |
| Brother Leroy Bivins       | Brother Arnold Frost     |
| Brother Jimmy Hall         | Brother Charles Childers |
| Brother Ray Winton         | Brother Philip Fults     |

**Present Members**

Mrs. W. R. Childers, Mrs. Otsie Dickerson, Graham and May Ellen Nunley, Doyle and Clercy Myers, Mrs. Pearly Nunley, Mrs. Marzee Childers, Mrs. Stella Argo, Mrs. Elva Woodlee, Speaker and Wanda Myers, Charles and Linda Childers, Gerald Burnett, Gail Burnett, Carl and Ethlene Burnett, Terry and Joann Childers, Danny and Betty Rader, Jamie Rader, Billy and Kathy Hill, Frank Woodlee, Mrs. Novella Dickerson, Mrs. Polly Woodlee, Mark Woodlee, Eddie and Shelia Dickerson.

Information for this account of the Elk Head Church of Christ was given by Mrs. Rufus (Lily May Woodlee) Childers and Frank and Alma (Crabtree) Woodlee.

## THE METHODISTS AT ELKHEAD

The following informatin is taken from the Isaac Conger diary of 1813 transcribed by Carey E. Waldrip Sr. of Manchester, TN in 1973: The original diary is in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Isaac Conger was a circuit rider who served appointments on the Elk River Circuit in the Nashville District of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church. He traveled and preached throughout the present counties of Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Moore, and Warren. The text appears with actual spellings, capitalization, etc.

January or February 1813 (Editor's note) "...find my strength...fail it stormd in the knight and a heavy rain fell I started went through the rain to cross the barren fork 12 mile no one com to the meeting next went to Matthew's Catcht one and have the promis of 2 more went that evening to head of Elk Next day Preachd a funeral over and old wicked man appeared desious on his deathbed O how dangerous to put of the one thing needful to a dying hour I had not much liberty but feel Crampt on thinking of his being in fire and pain while I am preaching had a good time in meeting went on next day to Pong springs of bradley's Creek with Bro Dean. next day preached to a large congregation and had liberty Shouts and a hard trial in Settlinge a dispute between 2 of the sisters it was ended in peace by a long trial and the people broke and got to bed a little after 1 oclock this morning feel unwell went on feel some times like getting off my horse and lying down..." p.3.

This is the second entry in the diary that mentions the Elk River.

"... Come to Noahs fork & unexpectedly my horse swam got water in my saddlebags among my books & went on to Ross's dried some of my papers & started again barren fork run nearly over my horse went on wet to meeting & I believe has as great liberty as ever I had after meeting turnd out a whore & then went to father Stanfields & dried my clothes & saddlebags & papers staid all knight & in the morning Brother Fitchgarrill went on with me to meeting and a cold time we had of it they wont pray here & so dirty they cannot hav Religion staid & eat some but with reluctance the Milk I could not eat for I believe the 2 pet pigs they had in the house had eat in the tin and it had not been washed the dirtyest Cup I ever saw to eat out of in my life I must be very hungry if ever I eat there again & they must mend or lose preaching went to Br Jacob Deans that knight & next day went across Elk River and preacht a funeral a mixed multitude & they were mostly tender I then returned back to Bralys Creek to Morrows and staid all knight & feel Refresht some but want the assistance of God today as I hear there are some of the Baptists feel so warm a side for us that it is expected they will join us so I shall pray for the lord to assist me this day & let us have a good tim" p. 8.

Third entry mentioning Elk River:

I seen a woman have a fit in the morning & the man at Knight the first that I ever saw have Convulsion fits to see the Godness & the mercy of God in preserving his people how thankful ought I to be I lay down near 1 oclock & Slept & in the morning feel worn out so much I am hardly able to Ride and have to ride about 21 mile I have no appetite to eat any this morning & Start on to the head of Elk the day was remarkable warm & when I got to the place more people were come out than was common I got up but very weak & had liberty but not Strength Spoke from 1 Thessalonians 5:21 in proving the necessity of Sanctification some got very much out of humor with me call themselves Baptists who plead the doctrine of the devil & Say we cant live without sin making out sin is necessary to keep us alive & as necessary as our dayly food I think such people do the drudgery of the divil who plead for sin as be necessary I think prejudice is at the bottom of it I felt so week I did not hold Class meeting as Br. Box was not there, but soon After he come & went on home & after resting eat my dinner & feel refresht went to see a nursery of apple trees of about 3 acres & returned to Br. Boxes & Slept feel some sores in my Breast & broke down so I can hardly Stir, yet bless the Lord Can feel a good Conscience toward God & this day 17th of June preach at morrows on bradlys Creek had a good time had liberty 3 joined Society & Hugh Gentry a baptist give me his hand & I set his name down his feelings was hurt & that hurt my feelings meeting was appointed here for knight but I Feel very bad am sorry for I have had only one knight rest this week that is so hard I feel two much outdone the people Come out & the house would not hold the people we had only a little Stir among the people old mother morrow was taken Sick very suddenly & very delireous all knight this morning feel well altho I have had meeting 4 knights & only one to rest in the time I see a great necessity of preaching as often as I can started on & went to Captain Neels on Duck River & preacht." p. 12.

Fourth entry for Elk River area.

Slept restless all knight & feel very sore this morning & went on to my appointment preacht but the people are Cold & lifeless & dirty went on after meetng to Lusk Gap to have Meeting at knight preacht but the people were Cold & I dont know if there was any good done next day I went on to Box's & there were only very few we had only a dull time for when I was here before the Baptist got very angrey at me for insisting on holiness of heart Next day I went on to Morrows had a degree of liberty & very good time & in the evening went home with Br. Bradley or went to his house staid until next day." p. 15.

Fifth and last entry pertaining to Elk River:

"slept well & this morning must go on for I have to ride over 20 Miles before meeting so I shall conclud(e) for this time Sept 8 I went on & when I got to the appointment people were gone for Br. Box did not give it out at 2 oclock a he was to a done I staid at Brother Box's untill next day and he went with me to Deans the old man lays in a very low state with his thigh broke I preacht & we had a serious time some Shouting we sat late talking after knight for some come to see me for the last time in the morning after breakfast I started & went on to Captain Neels and the people had been waiting some time I preacht & we has a melting time..." p. 21.

## ELK RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

The following is taken from an article by Betty A. Bridgewater in the Coffee County Historical Quarterly, Vol XI, No. 2, 1980. p.p. 1-3 and p. 12.

This was taken from a history of the Elk River Association of Baptists printed in the Minutes of the 101st Annual



Session of the Elk River Association held at Elk River Church in Coffee County on 11-12 Sept. 1908.

“An account of the Elk River Association of Baptists formed the 20th of August 1808:

On the 10th of October 1806, Bro. George Foster settled on the head of Elk River from the state of Kentucky. He formed the Hopewell Church in 1807. In the fall of 1807, Bethel Church on the south fork of Duck River was constituted by John Davis, James Walker, and George Foster; on 29 March 1808, Bethlahem Church was formed by the same men, and Boiling Fork Church on 19 August 1808 by Elder John Davis, Issac Reed, and George Foster. These four churches together with the Elk River Church met together by their delegates at Hopewell Meeting House on 19 August 1808. After services they were enrolled with George Foster and William Gotcher the delegates named from the Elk River Church. Other names noted which are familiar in pre-Coffee County records were Dutton Sweeten, John Lane, and Bro. William Keel. The following day the group of delegates agreed to unite and form an association, to be known as the ‘Elk River Association’.

Nothing is known as to the reason for the move of the Elk River Church from its first location, said to have been at the head of the Elk River in Burrows’ Cove where it numbered 62 members in 1817 to its location on the outskirts of the village of Pelham.”

...at some unspecified time a new building was erected at Pelham on land given by Alexander E. Patton. Patton granted ½ acre of land on 30 September 1835, in an indenture between himself, Millington Ledbetter, Joseph Willis, and William B.G. Muse, Trustee of Elk River United Baptist Church, all of Franklin County.

“Patton ‘in consideration of the regard he has for religion’ gave land boundaries thus: Beginning at stone equidistant between Greenwood School House and the Baptist Church running S. with William S. Mooney’s line 7 poles, thence E. 11.43p., thence N. 7p., thence W to beginning, containing ½ acre, for use and benefit of the Elk River United Baptist Church. Witnessed by John G. Bostik and Simms Kelly. Registered 7 Dec. 1836, in Franklin County Deed Book P pp. 287-288, Jesse T. Wallace, Register.”

The Elk River Church was the site of the Association meeting in 1835. In 1855 the Association met there again.

During the Civil War the church was burned by union soldiers as evidenced by church records of 8 June 1915, which read “Church agreed to let our clerk, J.R. Bramblett, hold the \$160. ‘which she had received from the Government for our house that was **Distroyed** by the Federal Souldiers During the Civil War’, for which he is to pay the legal rate of interest yearly as long as it is in his care.

## UNION CHURCH IN LAYNE’S COVE

After a brush arbor meeting held by Bro. Cribbs, William Thomas “Bill” Layne decided that the community needed a church. He and his brother, Abraham, looked over the lot and decided on a triangular piece of land on which the present day Church of God sits and stepped it off. Abraham, his sons John, Bill, and others cut logs for the beams overhead and the floor sills. Soon the rough sawed board walls were erected and church began.

A deed conveying ½ acre to the church was made by William T. Layne and wife Nettie E. Parker Layne on the 28th of December 1936, to the trustees of the church. These were Bill Thomas, J. Hense Layne, and Abraham K. Layne. These men were Methodists, but the church was to be nondenominational with the exclusion of ministers of the Catholic and Mormon faiths.

Bill Layne, being a called preacher himself, was the primary minister as well as musician. He played an organ while his followers sang such hymns as “Amazing Grace”, “Heavenly Sunlight”, and “Lily of the Valley”. A variety of ministers preached at the church. These included; Bill Thomas (brother of Arch and Arthur Thomas), Lloyd Swallen, a 7th Day Adventist who also taught Sunday School and was a chiropractor by profession), Elmer Land and his mother. Anniemae Tucker (from Monteagle and neice of Sam Cox), Jim Earl Thomas, Tommy Whitehurst, Nora Fisher (a red headed woman from Chattanooga who had had a bout with cancer), Sonny Boy Walls, Everette Fulmer, and Orvill Simpson.

Since there was no denomination, people did not join, but attended. These early members were: Bill and Nettie (Parker) Layne and family, Harris Gilliam, Dellie and Annie (Layne) Gilliam and family, Leora Layne and Morris Hill and family, Bill Thomas, Hattie (Partin) Hill and family, Hense Layne, Zora (Parks) Meeks, Bob and Dauntie (Layne) Gipson and family, Heuy Gipson (Reider) Parks and family, Helen Tucker, Wilson Tucker, Ozella (Magouirk, Meeks) Layne and family, George and Beedie (Meeks) Hassebrock and family, and Etta (Gilliam) Layne and family.

Source: Irene (Gilliam) Meeks

John Layne

Grundy County Deed Book

## LAYNE’S COVE CHURCH OF GOD

Wanting to replace the one room, ramshackle board building started by his father, Bill Layne, Elbert Layne began to envision a new church for Layne’s Cove so he set to work in 1965 to gather supporters and volunteers to help with the building of a new concrete block building.

Elmer Land, a long time minister in the old church, was selected as a minister to serve in the new building. He began holding Thursday night services in the old church as the foundation for the new church was being dug around it. Mary Hill dug that foundation in her spare time. She lived next door in the house which was eventually to become the residence for the minister serving the church. Mary, Alton Meeks, her brother-in-law, and Elbert Layne, her uncle, then poured the foundation and readied the building for the walls. Gordon Childers and Melvin Johnson were hired to lay the block walls. Jerry Hardy and Grover Partin poured and finished the concrete floor. In short time the chapel itself was completed.

About two years later Sunday School rooms were added. Then on 30 April 1983, a fellowship hall was begun with Henry Hamby as mason. Jack Medely, brother of the minister, wired the new addition, and all of the men of the church worked on various parts of the building.

Everyone in the church worked on the fund raising effort. Families donated blocks for the walls, and \$3,000 was raised. Henretta Bowden Ray donated the proceeds from her booklet "Pioneer Days In Pelham Valley" to the church.

The first organization of the church as a Church of God was in 1969. The old church had been non-denominational, and some instrumental in the building of this church would have preferred to have maintained a non-denominational status since they never joined the organized church, but continued to attend and support it. Among these were Elbert Layne and Mary Gilliam Hill.

These followers are now members of the church: Hubert Medely, pastor; Cora Medely, Georgia Mitchell, Alton Meeks and Irene Gilliam Meeks, Anna Meeks Hardy, Jennifer and Richard Hardy; Jimmy Rogers, Connie Meeks Rogers and Gina Rogers; Alma Harrison Braseel; Kenneth Braseel, Hilda Meeks Braseel, and Besty Braseel; Curtis Hill, Dianne Mitchell Hill, and Angie and Byran Hill; O.E. Stephens, Besty Stephens; Lena May Hill; Vickie Gilliam; Sue Gilliam; Blanche Trussell; Villis Layne Thomas; Terry Land; Etta Gilliam Layne, Arlene Layne and Marlene Layne O'Neal; Famin-da Hill Hassebrock; Darlene Sitz; Gladys Layne Sanders; and Freddie Stoner.

Deceased members: Mattie Gilliam, Bessie Sherrill, Margie Tipton, Beedie Hassebrock, and George Hassebrock.

Some are in regular attendance but have not become members of the Church of God. These are: Ann Cox Foster and Lori Foster; Ruby Magourik Argo, Johnny and Jason Argo; Clara and Robin Hill; Norman Hill, Kathy and Jamie Hill; Coy and Chris Rogers; Kim, Holly and Chrissy Layne; Kenny, Dereck and Kendra O'Neal, Edith Hill Shirley and Bob Shirley; Marshall Tucker; Sherman Layne.

Sunday School superintendents have been: Elbert Layne and Kenneth Braseel. Presently serving is Curtis Hill.

Piano players; John Harwood, Robin Hill, Betsy Braseel, and Irene Meeks.

Song leader - Jennifer Hardy. Jennifer Hardy, Gina Rogers, Betsy Braseel and Coy Rogers make up a singing group.

Ministers - Elmer Land (wife Elsie), John Harwood (wife Kathy), Hubert Medely (wife Cora).

## **PAYNE'S COVE CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH**

In the mid 1800's a Mr. Sanders, great-great grandfather of Josie Sanders, gave land to the community to build a church. It was to be a one room log structure for members of the Presbyterian faith. Phillip Roberts is the only preacher remembered who preached in this building which was eventually torn down because of decay in the late 1800's when a frame building with a large steeple and bell was erected and used for both school and church: however, in 1929 or 30 this building was blown away in a storm. For a period of 15 or more years the cove was without a church. In the late 1940's on land given by John and Bob Oliver. Larson Winton and Charlie Roberts constructed the building presently being used. In the 1970's classrooms were added to the building.

### **Pastors**

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Philip Roberts | 10. W. H. Caldwell    |
| 2. Tom White      | 11. Paul Haynes       |
| 3. James Bean     | 12. Leon Crisp        |
| 4. Elmer Lands    | 13. Jim (Mutt) Nunley |
| 5. Ed Evans       | 14. John Akins        |
| 6. Marvin Meeks   | 15. Gene Richards     |
| 7. Buford Nunley  | 16. Stanley Shrum     |
| 8. Joe Meeks      | 17. Rodney Campbell   |
| 9. Arnold Dykes   | 18. Vester Meeks      |

### **Charter Members**

- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Philip Roberts             | 8. Floyd Bean     |
| 2. George Washington Magouirk | 9. Lloyd Bean     |
| 3. Martha Ooley Magouirk      | 10. Ethyl Bean    |
| 4. Josie Nunley               | 11. Jenny Bean    |
| 5. Elic Roberts               | 12. Larson Winton |
| 6. Lizzie Roberts             | 13. Della Winton  |
| 7. Myrtle Meeks Oliver        | 14. Mattie Meeks  |

### **Mischief at Church**

Gladys (Woodlee) Roberts remembers these stories of events happening at church in Payne's Cove.

One night Philip Roberts was preaching about being a steadfast Christian and that those who had truly repented could not be "run off" from church. Ike Roberts, an irreverent relative, and an accomplice decided to challenge the fact that the congregation couldn't be "run off". Someone had butchered and skinned a beef leaving the head and hide fairly well intact. Ike and his friend, being intoxicated, draped the skin over themselves and proceeded to go to the church where they presented themselves under the beef hide. Walking down the center aisle, they let out a hearty "moo" and startled churchgoers began bailing out of the windows much to the delight of Ike and his friend who just wanted to see if the congregation could be "run off".

In another occurrence the preacher was giving a sermon about Peter and the cock crowing three times when suddenly in the center aisle there appeared, what else, but a crowing cock probably ushered in the back door by some mischevious hand.

Source:

Compiled by Jimmy Northcutt and Connie (Northcutt) Meeks.

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST AT PELHAM**

In 1889 one acre of land was purchased from Mr. & Mrs. Tom Patton for the sum of \$75.00. Soon after the purchase John B. Thomas, father of Annie Thomas, began erecting the building to house the members of the Pelham Church of Christ. These early members included Polk Sims, Cam Henley, Billy Corn, W. P. Ramsey, Annie Thomas, Bill Willis, and B. M. Tate. The group remained active until the 1930's when several older members in leadership positions died. For a period of about 8 years there was little or no church activity, but in 1939 a tent meeting at Crossroads under the direction of Adolphus Rollins revived interest in the Pelham Church. A. C. Willis became a teacher there and remained in the position until 1946 when he moved to Manchester, TN.

In later years James Ashburn and Lloyd Rieder served as elders, James served until his death in 1981.

Presently Bill Curtis and J. L. Winton serve as leaders with Philip Rogers as pastor. The average attendance is 65.

### **Pastors since 1965**

Bill Barnett

Bobby Jones

Jasper Acuff

L. D. Richardson

Philip Rogers

Source:

Compiled by Vickie (Meeks) Garner and Ruby (Rieder) Hawk

## **PELHAM COLORED METHODIST/BAPTIST CHURCH**

The school and church building was the same-- Methodists and Baptists would have services on alternate Sundays although most attended both services and found it difficult to tell the difference. Preachers came from as far away as Nashville, TN. Among the Methodists were Rev. Hicks - the first Methodist preacher here; Bro. Guthrie; Bro. Randolph; Bro. Reasonover; and Sister Allen, an evangelist from Nashville.

The Baptist ministers were: Bro. Robinson, Bro. Holt, Bro. Ben Southern, and Bro. Buchanan.

George Guinn was a steward at the Methodist Church while Anderson Willis was a deacon in the Baptist Church.

## **THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY AT PELHAM VALLEY TENNESSEE**

On October 18, 1970, the Church of God of Prophecy was organized in Payne's Cove from a tent revival located in the corner of Johnny Meeks' pasture. The revival was held by the Rev. J. R. Henderson and Rev. Everett Fulmer.

These were taken into the church as the first members. Robert Tate, William Harris, Dean Harris, Rosa Harris, Mildred Harris, and Margaret Meeks. On October 19, 1970, these were joined to the church: Maggie Lou Harris, Kathy Harris and Elizabeth Tate.

Somewhere around February of 1971, the church was having its regular services in the old Lizzie Jackson house belonging to Roy Smith located on Highway 50.

April 18, 1971, the church was given the name Pelham Valley Church of God of Prophecy.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. Everett Fulmer.

On June 8, 1975, a new church building was begun. By December 1975, the first service in the new building was held.

### **Pastors**

1. Rev. Everett Fulmer

2. Rev. Lamar Dotson

3. Rev. Everett Fulmer

4. Rev. Richard Wix

5. Rev. William Wilcox

6. Rev. Ruth Sykes

7. Rev. John Williams

8. Rev. Everett Fulmer

Source:

Rosa (Magouirk) Harris

## **PELHAM CHARGE**

The term "charge" as applied to the Pelham Charge of the United Methodist Churches is often misunderstood. It comes from the fact that a minister is charged, instructed, to carry forth the gospel to his church or churches regardless of numbers of members or miles apart. The Pelham Charge of the United Methodist Church was formed so that several small churches, which could not support ministers of their own, could have a preacher on a rotational basis every other Sunday.

At present the Pelham Charge is made up of Alto, Pelham, Providence, and Valley Home Methodist Churches. Bethel Church in Burrows' Cove was part of the charge until it was disbanded.

The same ministers have served all these churches; therefore, only one list for all the churches in the charge has been included here.

O. T. stands for on trial before appointment as minister of a church, E. is elder, D. is deacon, P. is pastor - some dates are unknown.

William E. Doss O.T. 1843, D. 1846

Allen Tribble O.T. 1849, D. 1851, E. 1853, P. 1857-58

Sam Parks P. 1877

G. D. Guinn O.T. 1851, E. 1855, P. 1882

U.N.M. Berry O.T. 1872, D. 1874, E. 1879, P. 1897  
In 1877 the Methodist Church merged into the Protestant Methodist Church.

John M. Hadlin O.T. 1874, D. 1877, E. 1879, P. 1877  
Tom White local preacher (not appointed through church)  
J. W. Rooker O.T. 1870, D. 1872, E. 1874  
S. J. Shasteen O.T. 1884, D. 1875, E. 1884, P. 1890

Joe Martin P. 1893  
Abner Comer  
J. C. Robert O.T. 1884, D. 1902, E. 1904  
W. S. Taylor O.T. 1900, D. 1902, E. 1904, P. 1901  
W. H. Carter P. 1903  
P. D. Freeman O.T. 1897, D. 1899, E. 1902, P. 1904  
W. R. Wilson O.T. 1905, E. 1908, P. 1906-1910  
Treadway Supply preacher  
W. E. Couser O.T. 1911, D. 1913, E. 1914, P. 1911  
L. W. Stewart  
Lonnie Freeman  
C. F. Bell O.T. 1907, D. 1909, E. 1911, P. 1915  
E. F. Knowles O.T. 1915, D. 1917, E. 1919  
George M. Davenport P. 1919  
Willis Fields Burden P. 1920  
R. J. Tucker  
George M. Davenport P. 1921  
O. L. Green O.T. 1917, D. 1919, E. 1922  
Alvis J. Davis O.T. 1919, D. 1923, E. 1924, P. 1922  
Woodward Adams O.T. 1927, D. 1929, E. 1932 P. 1927 Monteagle / Pelham Circuit

J. E. Trotter O.T. 1924, D. 1927, E. 1930, P. 1929  
William Comer Moorehead O.T. 1922, D. 1931, E. 1933, P. 1933  
T. E. Hilliard P. 1935  
R. D. Hill O.T. 1911, D. 1913, E. 1915, P. 1937  
Lawrence B. Hicks P. 1938  
Billy Owens (during World War II)  
Henry Neal P. 1946  
Mtichell Sawyer P. 1948  
R. C. Reid P. 1953  
R. C. Woodward 1953  
O. H. Layne 1955  
Dorris Smotherman P. 1956  
Joseph Morris P. 1957  
AJ. L. Wilson P. 1958  
Robert Smith P. 1960  
Leon Morris P. 1963  
Ben Davis P. 1968  
Earl Hocker P. 1970  
Gary Gressmire P. 1973  
Willis B. Nunley P. 1974  
James Rippy P. 1975  
William Haynes 111 P. 1978  
Roy Wright P. 1980  
Arthur L. Smith P. 1983 and is presently serving

The information on the Pelham Charge was taken from records of Della Bowden through 1953. Ray Hines researched this topic and provided post 1953 records.

#### **Pelham Methodist Church**

The Pelham Methodist Church has also been known as the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church South and is presently known as the Pelham Methodist Church. It is thought to be the oldest Methodist Episcopal Church in the county.

According to Franklin County, TN, land records, on 19 Feb. 1823, Solomon King Goodman deeded one acre of land at the present site to the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church for a building. He and Aunt Polexi Neville provided the lumber for that first crude building. It is not known exactly when the first church was built there; however, it is known that the building was dedicated by Bishop John McFerrin of Nashville.

In 1856 a larger building was erected at the same site by Frank Duncan. That building was dedicated by Fountain E. Pitts by Nashville, TN.

Still another church building was erected on the same site during the four year term (1906-1910) on the Pelham Circuit of W. R. Wilson. J. Q. Brashear furnished the lumber and built slat seats for the new church. He also built the chancel rail that is still being used at present. Over the years many additions and renovations were made. Among these were: New steps were built in 1925 by a young people's organization, the Epworth League.

Three Sunday school rooms were added.

Stained glass windows were placed in memory of departed members and loved ones. These windows bear the names of Dr. L. A. Carden, R. H. Rogers and Lee Goodman Conry, John Gallagher, The (R.L.) Crouch Family, John David Wilder Family, Mr. & Mrs. P. T. Gilliam. Harvey Hamby paid for a window.

A new front porch was built by the W.S.C.S.

Jennie Rogers donated a console phonograph for playing chimes.

Four speakers were mounted on the roof to amplify the chimes.

In the middle 1960's additional room to house 4 classrooms were constructed.

A complete kitchen and bathrooms were installed.

In the early 1970's, Marjorie Burnett helped raise funds to install central heating and air, new storm doors and windows, and for insulation overhead, and underpinning. The church was also reenovated inside by Hollis Cox.

In 1978 vinyl siding was added. The porch was enclosed to make a vestibule dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Clara Brashear White. This work was done by Boyce Wilson, contractor.

In 1978 new cushioned pews were bought - many by individuals who placed them in memory of their loved ones. These pews are labeled thusly: The Sheltons

In honor of Marjorie Burnett

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Wright, Sr.

In memory of Tom Gallagher and Mattie Patton

In memory of W. N. & Biddie Brazile

In memory of Cam & Lorene Conry

In memory of Wade & Florence Wilson

In memory of Mrs. Betty Tate

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. U. B. Bowden

In memory of The Alex Gunn Family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Gallagher

In memory of Lude C. Goodman

In memory of Joe & Eva Payne

In memory of Bruce Earl Bonner by his mother & father

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Wilson

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Chester Morris

The Pattons

The Bob Brothers Family

The Fannie Roberts Family

The organ was bought by the Emmett Clay and J. E. "Bo" Medley families in their memory.

In 1986 new choir robes were purchased and a new closet was built in which to store them - The robes and storage facility was given by Henritta Bowden Ray in memory of J. C. "Red" Ray and Dr. & Mrs. U. B. Bowden. Rev. Art Smith built the choir robe closet.

#### **Charter Members of the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church South**

C. T. White & wife Mary

John Howard & wife Lucinda

Polexi Neville

Solomon King Goodman

Martha Bell

Elizabeth Neville

Eliza Rust

Julia Warren

R. G. White

Aggie Cornelison

Billy Green & wife Mary

Martin Gilliam & wife (Clementine)

Mollie Wilkerson

Tom Blair & wife Violet

Mollie Duncan

Texarcana Haynes

Edward Green & wife Maggie

Martha Cox

Jimmy Levan & wife Susan

Sara Green Parks

William Green & wife Sara Elliot

Hampton Gunn & wife Josephine

#### **Church Superintendents 1885-1986**

1. C. T. White

8. Glenn Bonner

2. John Howard

9. Wayne K. Wilson

3. R. H. White

10. Ray Hines

4. Jim Brashear

11. Charles Emmett "Jack" White

5. Dr. D. H. Bryan

12. Larry Shelton

6. Dr. L. A. Carden

13. Elsie Brothers (presently)

7. John Gallagher (served 45 years)

#### **Treasurers**

1. Elsie White

2. Narcia Wilson

3. Gladys Burnett

4. Janie Hines

(presently serving)

### Piano Players 1885-1986

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Vera Gilliam          | 12. Anna Jean Willis                      |
| 2. Myrtle Gunn           | 13. Blanche Payne                         |
| 3. Lon White             | 14. Jo Ann Gunn                           |
| 4. Dora Brashear         | 15. Lora Burnett Baker                    |
| 5. Laura Howard Henley   | 16. Ruth Wilson                           |
| 6. Ida Gunn White        | 17. Blanche Payne                         |
| 7. Della Bowden          | 18. Barbara Ann Wilson                    |
| 8. Willie Henson Jones   | 19. Deborah Ann White                     |
| 9. Tressie Carden Wilson | 20. Charlene Norris                       |
| 10. Mabel Martin         | 21. Reeda Kaye Medley Shelton (presently) |

### Song Leaders

1. Sumner Bell
2. Wayne Cooper
3. Mark Sartain
4. Drucilla Clay  
Medley

### W.S.C.S. (Woman's Society of Christian Service)

On October 17, 1945, a group of ladies met to organize the W.S.C.S. with dedication and determination to make the church pretty and pleasant. Officers elected were: President, Kate Rowe; Vice-President, Johnnie Burnett; Recording Secretary, Della Bowden; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Grace Gilliam; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Sallie Roberts. Dues were to be 10¢ per month and "a part of that would go to other fields". This group heard reports, raised money (made \$49.12 on a fish supper in April 1949), bought windows for the church, sheet-rock for the parsonage, among other projects, and Della Bowden began her history of Pelham Church, much of which has been utilized in this book. The record of minutes kept at the meetings indicates that the W.S.C.S. continued with numerous projects through January of 1953.

Source: Records of Della Bowden and research of Ray Hines & Henrietta Bowden Ray.

### VALLEY HOME METHODIST CHURCH

On November 15, 1953, Rev. R. C. Woodard, the pastor of Pelham charge, met with 47 Methodist believers at the Valley Home School to discuss organizing a church. It was decided to start the church with Bill Rieder as Superintendent. The teachers elected at that time were Rachel Bonner Jacobs - Adult, Jewel Patterson Partin - Young People, Bob Cox - Teenagers, and Anna White Roper - Beginners. Bro. Woodard had ordered the literature, and Providence Church gave some song books they weren't using, so on November 22, 1953, the first church school services were held in Mrs. Viola Aylor's old store house (located where Hugh and Ruth Smith Balzell's house now stands). Adult class officers elected were, Horace Henley- President, Dessie Wooten Aylor-Secretary, and Lucille Henley Goodman-Treasurer.

On the 29th of November 1953, the M.Y.F. (Methodist Youth Fellowship) was organized with Joe Hardy as President and Jewel Patterson Partin as the adult leader. It became one of the best in the district. The first Christmas program was held December 24, 1953, at the school house. The M.Y.F. held the first Sunrise Service ever held in Elk River Valley on the 18th of April 1954, at Wonder Cave. It was a very impressive outdoor service with 25 young people participating. The M.Y.F. members were very active in helping to build the church by putting their hands to whatever task needed to be done; one such task was on the 27th of May 1954, when they purchased 30 chairs for the church using their own money.

On the 5th of January 1954, Joe Sartain, Jewel Patterson Partin, and Alma Brashear Henley were elected stewards, and it was decided to pay the preacher \$10.00 a week. Horace U. and Alma Brashear Henley gave the land to build the church in March 1954. It was decided the church building should be 53 ft. by 33 ft. with a full basement. Ralph Bonner, Jonas Rieder, Charles Jacobs and Horace Henley staked the ground for the building the 25th day of March 1954, and on the 26th of March 1954, Hulon Smith and Boyd Edwards, using county equipment, dug the basement. The first blocks were laid April 15, 1954, and on May 23, 1954, the basement was finished enough to hold the first church school services. May 29, 1954, Rev. Ellis Brashear (brother, to Alma Henley) preacher the first sermon in the basement. He was the only Methodist preacher who had been raised in this area at the time.

On the 6th of June 1954, Bro. Woodard baptized Arlene Partin, the first one to be baptized in the church, and on the 27th of June 1954, the first Vacation Bible School was held. Bro. Bronstetter started the first revival on the 4th of July 1954.

The W.S.C.S. (Woman's Society of Christian Service) was organized on the 16th of August 1954, with Alma Brashear Henley as President, Ruby Bonner Sartain-Vice President, Jewel Patterson Partin-Youth Leader, Jean Partin Scott-Secretary, Anna White Henley Roper-Treasurer, Raybell Bean Hardy-Spiritual Leader and Rachel Bonner Jacobs-Teacher of Divinity. The ladies had suppers, made quilts and other hand made articles to sell. The ladies wanted to have pews for the sanctuary, but the men didn't think they could afford it at the time. The women ordered the pews anyway, and they made up enough money to pay for them by the time the pews arrived. The first year, with hard work, more money was raised by Valley Home than by any other W.S.C.S. organization in the district.

Don Rieder preached his first sermon on the 6th day of September 1954, and in coming months, he became the first preacher to come from the church.

Bro. Woodard was not in good health so the 3rd of February 1955, it was decided to ask Bro. Oliver Layne to assist him. Shortly after this time one of the ladies who helped start the church passed away. She was Betty Armstrong Jacobs. Hers was the first funeral preached in the church. The date was 17 Aug. 1955.

Love, hard work (most of it volunteer), and the dedication of the church members and their friends finished the church. On the 31st of July 1955, the first sermon was preached in the sanctuary.

The Bishop Roy Short dedicated the building on the 11th day of September 1955, and at this time a new preacher was received. He was Bro. Dorris Smotherman whose first sermon was on the day the building was dedicated. Bro. Smotherman married while he was preacher of the charge.

On April 26, 1956, Bro. Smotherman christened the first babies, Stevie Allen Smith and Jerry Wayne Henley.

The first wedding in the church was Ruth Dyer and Arden Bonner in July 1956. January 1, 1960, six years, one month, and fifteen days from the time of the first meeting, the church was paid out of debt.

### **Charter Members of the Church**

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Joe Sartain            | Ruby Bonner Sartain     |
| Betty Armstrong Jacobs | Henry Jacobs            |
| Lucille Henley Goodman | W. J. (Bill) Rieder     |
| Alma Brashear Henley   | Anna White Henley Roper |
| Dessie Wooten Aylor    | R. B. Cox Sr.           |
| Buford Partin          | Jewel Patterson Partin  |
| Vivian Henley Fults    | Nannie Rieder Parks     |
| Arlene Partin          | Joe Hardy               |
| Horace Upton Henley    | Donald W. Rieder (Don)  |
| W. J. Rieder Sr.       | Verna Rhee Floyd Rieder |

In the fall of '79 the church members agreed to let the Senior Citizens meet in the building. Some storage space and restrooms were constructed.

Source:

The information on the Valley Home Methodist Church was taken from the diary of Alma Brashear Henley and compiled by her daughter, Anna White Henley Roper.

### **PROVIDENCE METHODIST CHURCH**

Prior to the Civil War, church and Sunday school were conducted in a building called White's School. This was located in Bell's Cove and was used as a school building also.

After the war, the meeting place was moved to a building where Providence cemetery now is. It was a log building with split log seats and was used for church and school for a few years and was named "Providence". The name came from God's care of mankind.

Joseph Bradshaw and A. C. Smith donated ground for the church and school. In 1869 a new church, a huge building with large poles in the center, was erected with only a few members attending. All leading citizens assisted the church with donations and labor. These citizens included: Joseph Bradshaw, A. C. Smith, J. F. Laxson, Daniel Patterson, J. W. Sullivan, G. D. Guinn, James Guinn, Wash Bennett, Martin Powers, S. D. Rowe; Harris, Robert, and Frank Bell; Mose Crouch, Mr. Walker, and several more whose names are not remembered. A circuit rider would visit the church, and local preachers helped with the preaching.

In 1907 or 1908 the present building was erected. All the superintendents are not remembered, but Mr. Bob Crouch was an active member and superintendent for several years. He and his family did much for the church. Mr. Bob Henley was at one time the song leader. He and his family were dependable members. In the mid 1920's Sunday school was inactive for a few years. Goats would get in the church house and tear up song books.

In 1929 or 1930 Jewel Patterson Partin and Gladys Baker Clark, seeing all the young people growing up in the community with no church or Sunday school decided to do something about it. They pooled resources to send out cards to people to meet at the church to reorganize a Sunday School. A large crowd attended. A. J. Patterson (Uncle Andy) was nominated and was elected superintendent. He was also appointed teacher for the adult class; other teachers were appointed, and Sunday school began again. This was during or the beginning of the depression. Roads were bad; people walked to church mostly; money was scarce; and jobs were few. Uncle Andy kept the Sunday school going by furnishing literature for all classes until times got better, and everyone could help more with the finances. He picked up limbs from woods near the church to build a fire in the pot bellied stove which was the only heat for the church. On real cold days folks sat around the stove. He worked untiringly to get more people interested in the church. He went through the neighborhood collecting funds for the pastor. He would take field peas, chickens or anything to sell, and would sell the produce to a peddler (store on wheels) which came through each week. At times few came, but he never gave up.

Along about this time the Keller family moved into the community and became active participants in church affairs. Crawford became song leader. In 1938 Emmitt Sanders was appointed adult teacher and has held this position until the present time.

In 1953 three class rooms were added and membership averaged 79 with Sunday school attendance over 80. Many ministers, both young and old, have served as pastors-some coming from Hillsboro, some from Monteagle. Since 1953 the pastors have lived at Pelham Parsonage. In 1964 a fellowship hall was built on to the church. The pastor at present is Rev. Art Smith of Pelham.

Source:

Edith Hill Patterson, Lorene Patterson Mottern, Jewel Patterson Partin Jacobs, Elbert and Thursie Wilson Patterson.

### **BETHEL CHURCH**

The Bethel Methodist Church was established at its present site in 1896. The land for the church building was given by James Sartain. The church was named by his wife, Isabella. The building that was constructed on this site is still standing and is being used occasionally for community revivals.

A. "Arch" Campbell served as the first superintendent of the Sunday School and continued to serve until his death in 1919. Successive superintendents were Huse Hawk, Wesley Summers, Eldridge "El" Hamby, Rufus Bonner, and Paul Hawk. Thursa Meeks and Barney Johnson served as organists while Vinnie Hamby and G. C. "Cleve" Hamby were song leaders.

Early members of the church were: Jim and Mary Hargis Sartain and family; Jim and Kate Blanton Hawk and Maymie Hawk; Aaron and Caroline Spiegle Sartain and family; Wesley and Clair Campbell Summers and family; Betty, Tim, Mary Lee, Ethel, and Viney Sartain; Bessie, Jennie, Nell, and Margie Sartain; Eldridge and Vin (Crabtree) Hamby; Harve and Anna (Campbell) Hamby; Dee and Addie (Brown) Hawk; A. Jackson and Susan Roberts Meeks and family; Rufus and Etta (McCarver) Bonner and family; & The John Hawk Family -- Mr. John always rode his mare, Fannie, and tied her to the hitching rail alongside the church.

The once thriving community church closed its doors as a Methodist Church of the Pelham Charge in the early 1960's with Leon Norris as its last pastor. Many of the members began attending Pelham Methodist Church while others moved their membership to other denominations in the community.

Source:

**History of the Methodist Church and Institutions in Middle Tennessee, 1787-1956**, Cullen T. Carter (Editor). Parthenon Press, Nashville. 1956

Tin Sartain Hawk

Vernon Bonner

## VALLEY CHURCHES & SCHOOLS



Campground Baptist Church- Burrows' Cove



First sunrise service in the valley



Pelham Methodist church -LtoR  
Bonnie Patterson, Florence Patterson, Janie Henley,  
Bobbie Henley, Anna Ruth Smith, Frances Henley,  
Inez Carden, and -----



Layne's Cove Church- Bill Thomas (standing)  
First row LtoR  
Billy Layne, George Knox, Alene Gipson, Evelyn Gipson, Mary Lee Hill  
2nd row  
Frank Gipson, Nettie Parker Layne, Faminda Hill, Eleanor Hill  
3rd row  
Ozella Meeks Layne, Elsie Meeks, Mable Meeks Knox, Willie Meeks, and Wilson Tucker



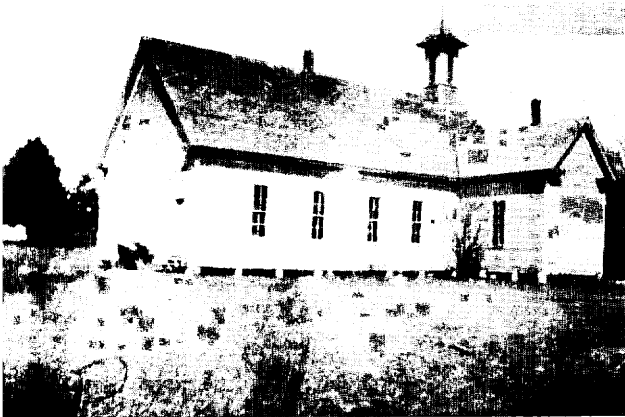
# EARLY SCHOOLS & CHURCHES



Elkhead Church/School - Burrows' Cove.



Bethel Church- Burrows' Cove.



Second Pelham School-rear view.



Pelham School-built 1928.



First Valley Home School.



Valley Home School.

## EDUCATION

Early settlers' children of the valley were educated by their parents. If the parent were educated at all, they taught their own. They used the Bible, taught them to write their names, and what arithmetic they knew.

The early settlers' children were not blessed with school houses and certified teachers; some families learned together. Some parents felt if a child could write his/her name, it would be sufficient.

Early schools after deciding they were needed, were only one room buildings. They were placed near the most populated areas, but sometimes students and teachers walked more than a mile or two to attend.

Teachers were hard to obtain because they needed transportation to Altamont to pay ten dollars to take a test to be eligible to teach.

When they were assigned to a school, they mostly stayed with citizens near the school during the week and traveled home on weekends due to the lack of transportation.

The teachers not only taught, but also served as janitors. The most amazing thing was if a female teacher got married, she had to resign from her teaching position.

As the valley progressed, population increase and demanded the two-room school house; thus more schools were built in more communities. The highest salary in those early days was thirty dollars per month.

This valley has been blessed with an abundance of teachers; many have taught more than one generation of a family.

The children made an extra effort to attend, the number of days that school was in session was according to planting and harvesting time. In earlier days, because of cold weather & lack of materials, including school children's shoes, school was closed.

Our ancestors made an extra effort for their education. They wanted to learn. They worked hard to improve each generation, so that an education was easier to obtain. They worked hard for us to have better opportunities to be educated.

## PELHAM VALLEY TEACHERS

Since many teachers served in a number of different schools, one list has been compiled rather than a list for each school.

Emmitt Lee Newman  
Clercy Hamby  
Mable Winton  
Roy Green  
S. B. Starnes (from Cookeville)  
Marean Campbell Crabtree  
Walter Woodlee  
Luther Green  
John Hancock  
John Farris  
Jessie Willis  
R. H. White (1892 Principal)  
Anna Kleinwatcher (Winchester-IN Mrs. Grundy-1904)  
John White  
Clara Brashear (White)  
Annie Thomas  
Freeland Bryant (Hillsboro)  
Maymie Hawk (Sartain)  
Lucy Howard (Hamby)  
Levona Hamby (Tipps)  
Henrietta Bowden (Ray)  
Glenn Bonner  
Lenora Burnett (Payne)  
Lena Brashear  
Marvin Conry  
Mary Hill  
Pascal Barnes  
Ida Parsons  
Lewis Rollings  
Jerry Don Thomas  
Kathy Curits  
Janet Towry  
Cheryl Tucker  
Linda Buckner  
Mary Jo Parker  
Juanita Campbell  
Sharon Spears  
Patti Hipple  
Kathy Gilliam  
Mike Oliver

Eugene E. Northcutt  
Maymie Hamby  
Roy Mayes  
Maggie Childers  
Jeweldean Myers  
Nell Winton  
Alvin Henderson  
Lou White  
Jim Smith  
Maggie Thomas  
Lorene Mottern  
Thurzie Gunn (Music teacher)  
Alma Brashear (Henley)  
Esther Brashear  
Joe Gallagher  
Jim Greene  
Gladys Conry (Carden)  
Earl Tipps (Dayton)  
Melrose Hamby (Holder)  
Rupert Payne  
Joe Crouch  
Ethel Hale (Brashear)  
Minnie Morris  
Charlotte Merritt  
Emma Hill  
Kate Wilson  
Anna Mae Gilliam  
Effie Bell  
Carl Edd Shetter  
Mary Ellen Patton  
Ivy Lowhorn  
Greg Fults  
Sherry Mayes Shimmin  
Evon Long  
Phylis Morgan  
Nancy Aurand  
Pamela Mayberry Simmons Stacy  
Janelle Coats  
Frieda Sherrill

Vivian McClain  
Linda Bruno  
Ruth Urban  
Mr. Charles  
Eliza White

\_\_\_\_\_ Dillsworth

Lou Spurlock  
Peggy Bennett  
Mary Lawrence  
Barbara Pratt  
Carol Landers  
Will Wilson  
Rice Hancock and wife  
Esther McClain (music teacher)  
Eck Campbell  
Mabel Schultz  
Jean Raulston  
Jean Raulston  
Pearl Morgan Rieder  
Maggie Henley Childers  
Maymie Henley  
Jim Partin  
Agnes Partin  
Carl Garland  
Lucille Goodman  
Bob Crouch, Jr.  
Lena Payne  
Elsie Henley  
Bobbie Henley

Cindy Nowlin  
Teresa Cathy  
Lloyd Carden  
Lucy Howard

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholer

Karen Privett  
Helen Sherrill  
Sue Gibbs  
Bonner Archer  
Patty Bartenstien  
Winona Fults  
Grace Gilliam  
John Farris  
Mattie Adams  
Nelson Jones  
Annie Bell  
Lyda Dotson

## **CAMPGROUND SCHOOL**

Campground was a one room school about 40 feet long and 30 feet wide with a traditional pot bellied stove. It, like many others in this area, was a church/school combination. School is known to have started there before the 1880's; although, the exact date of the first school to be held there is unknown.

Horace Fults recalls his first year of school at Campground. It was in 1906, and the public school term lasted approximately 4 months. Most of the very early teachers there as well as at other schools were men.

John Sartain's memories of the old school include the bucket of drinking water hanging from a beech limb, and, of course, the communal dipper. In the fall when the beech nuts were ripe, they'd be parched on the old pot bellied stove. Every morning the beckoning bell would ring to call students to class where they'd be seated on the straight backed benches to study their red-backed speller, English, history, and arithmetic. Two bells rang at lunch. Those students who misbehaved might be placed in the corner, have to stand on the stage on one foot, or be put behind the door. There were no report cards at first, but as people became more progressive report cards became a part of the school routine just as they are today. (For more information see Campground Church).

Known teachers at Campground.

Jim Partin  
Mr. Conry  
Annie Thomas

Nelse Jones  
Jim Green  
Maymie Hawk Sartain

## **ELK HEAD SCHOOL**

Elk Head is one of the oldest schools in the valley. The land for the school was given by A. C. Burrows. Its name "Elk Head" was a natural one because it is near the head (beginning) of the Elk river. It was a one teacher school and as all the other rural schools in the valley, it had a pot-belly stove in the center and kerosene lamps that hung on the walls that had to be used on dark days.

School was in session 8-4, five days a week. The old balls we used to play with were made of socks. Desks were large enough to accomodate two pupils. The school as all the others in the valley had a bell that rang to let the children know recess was over, and it also signaled time to assemble at 8 o'clock. All the schools had outside privys. The teachers with the help of pupils were the janitors.

The Elk River during the rainy seasons, would flood & school would be out for several days.

All the schools as well as this one helped to support themselves by box suppers and other fund raising events. County warrants were not good for the money owed unless you could hold them a while. Mr. Cleve Hamby would take them if they were discounted a certain percent. Teachers received only \$30 a month. Some used their warrants to pay their taxes.

The Save the Children Federation helped with books as well as sent books and clothing. The school had no trees on the school grounds one of the boys, Gordon Childers, brought a tree that he dug up in the woods, and every one made a big event of setting it out.

During WPA days there was a soup kitchen built and everyone canned and donated food for their victory gardens. This food was taken to the WPA cannery in Patton's Woods where it was preserved.

The school buses began taking children to the high school around 1927/28. Hagan Hamby was one of the drivers. Elk Head School closed in the 1950's. The Elk Head Church of Christ now owns the property and has a church there.

## **HISTORY OF PAYNE'S COVE SCHOOL**

Grundy County history records show that as early as 1812 a family had settled in the area later to be called Payne's Cove. Until 1836 portions of this area of the valley were part of Franklin County and Coffee County.

As more families settled in the cove area, the need for a school arose. The first known school was held in a one-room log cabin which had been built for use as a church building by a Mr. Roberts who was a Presbyterian preacher. The 1844 minutes of the Grundy County Court make reference to a road that would pass by a spring and on by a church in Payne's Cove. The log cabin was located very near the present site of the Congregational Methodist Church in Payne's Cove. Mrs. Charlie Roberts can remember her father-in-law, A. P. Roberts (B.1859) tell of church services and school being held at the log cabin when he was a young man. It is believed the log cabin was torn down many years later.

In the very early 1900's another building was constructed near the same location of the log cabin on Sanders property. Both school and church services were held there too. John Oliver, whose property joined one side of the schoolyard, gave one-half acre of his land so there would be a larger play area.

This one-room building was approximately 24' x 35' in size and was covered with unpainted weather boarding. A cupola on the steep roof held a large bell which was rung by pulling a long rope. A large pot-bellied stove provided heat. Each morning three or four students would take buckets to a nearby homeplace to draw water from the well to carry back to school for the day's drinking water. Students either brought their lunch or walked home at lunchtime.

Pupils sat at their desks until time for a particular grade's class. Then they would move as a group to the "recitation bench." Subjects studied were the basics--Reading, Writing, Spelling and Arithmetic. During this period of time there were usually 30-35 students in grades one through eight with only one teacher. The teacher usually boarded with a family in the community during the school year.

A day the students looked forward to each year was the day the County School Superintendent visited the school. Mr. Lewis Rollins of Altamont (later the County Judge) was superintendent for many years. On the day he visited he would observe classes in session and would always make a speech for the students. A spelling-bee would also be held. Mr. Rollins walked from his home in Altamont to the various county schools as there were only a few automobiles in the entire county at the time. While in the community a family would always invite him to spend the night with them.

In the late fall a special treat for pupils was to have school dismissed early so they could walk to the Bean brothers' sorghum mill which was a short distance down the road from the school near the creek. Here they were allowed to sample the "skimmings" from the sorghum being made.

This school building which had stood since the very early 1900's was destroyed during a windstorm in the spring of 1934. School was not in session the day the storm hit the cove. According to those who remember, the building "just seemed to collapse."

The county constructed another school building which was built on the Bob Oliver property. It was located slightly above and on the opposite side of the road from the former school building. It was "L-shaped" with a large room (about 30' x 40') and a smaller room (about 20' x 20') to the left of a front porch. A large hollow steel post which helped support the roof also served another purpose. When the post was struck with a small stone a loud ringing sound was produced creating a unique school bell. The loud ringing sound could be heard throughout the cove.

Two-coal burning stoves provided heat, and one of the many duties of the teacher was to arrive early enough in the morning to build the fires so the building would be reasonably warm by the time pupils arrived. Students helped with the daily chore of keeping the building clean. Drinking water still had to be carried from a nearby well, and students brought their lunch or walked home at lunchtime.

In the late 1930's the school began receiving government commodities. The school had no lunchroom, so in order for pupils to be able to have a hot lunch the mothers "took turns" along with Mrs. Emma Meeks in helping prepare a five gallon pot of homemade soup each day. This was done for a year or so. The soup was prepared at the home of Mrs. Martha Magouirk which was located about fifty yards down the road from the school. At lunchtime the mothers walked to the school carrying the large two-handled pot containing the soup. They also had to take the bowls and spoons back and forth each day. For two-cents a day a student would receive a bowl of hot soup and eight cracker with which they drank water. Occasionally the mothers would bake homemade muffins for them.

Around 1939 a small frame building was built beside the school for use as a lunchroom. Materials to construct the small building were purchased with money that had been donated by families in the community contributing a few dollars each. Mr. Allen Magouirk donated his labor along with the help of some other men in building the lunchroom. There was a wood cookstove but no refrigerator. One summer Mr. Cheatum Oliver and his sons dug a cellar under the lunchroom and built some storage shelves. "Lunchroom showers" were held and families donated home-canned vegetables, fruits, etc. One summer several of the parents planted a small field of potatoes which yielded many bushels of potatoes for use in the lunchroom.

Other means of raising money for the school included box suppers, selling chances on various items, one-act plays by the pupils and different types of suppers throughout the year. Many years before electricity was extended to the cove, Minnie Alen donated several coal oil lamps to the school. She had purchased the lamps with money received from selling items she had made. The people of Payne's Cove were always very cooperative and generous with both their time and money in working for the benefit of their school.

Mrs. Lena Kate Wilson, a teacher at Payne's Cove School for many years, remembers an "outing" she had for her pupils several years which they especially enjoyed and was educational as well. Students would bring a picnic lunch to school, and at lunchtime they would walk to the Big Mouth Cave in the vicinity. After lunch they would fill the coal scuttles they had brought along with the brownish-gray clay substance from the cave. The next day at school they would use the

clay material in art class to either carve or mold various items. After drying a day or so the items could then be painted.

The "L-shaped" school building which had been in use since the early 1930's for school and church services was in such a run-down condition that it was torn down in the mid 1950's. A new wood-frame school building was constructed by the county across the road from the present site of the Congregational Methodist Church in Payne's Cove. This new building had two large classrooms and a lunchroom. It had electricity, and there was running water in the lunchroom. There was no indoor restroom.

Payne's Cove School was closed after the end of the 1962-63 school year. The last teachers at the school were Miss Blanche Payne (grades 1-4) and Carl Burnette, principal (grades 5-8). The school was consolidated with Pelham Elementary School the following year. Mr. Glenn Bonner was Superintendent of Schools at the time. After the school was closed the building was then used as a community building. About one year after the school was closed the building burned.

#### **Payne's Cove School Teachers**

The following is as complete a list as could be obtained of those who taught at Payne's Cove School from its beginning sometime around 1840 until its closing in 1963.

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| Vernon Alexander     | George Oliver    |
| Glenn Bonner         | Agnes Partin     |
| Carl Burnette        | Blanche Payne    |
| Cora Burnette        | Lenora Payne     |
| Ellis Clay           | Rupert Payne     |
| Gladys Conry         | Pearl Rieder     |
| Marean Crabtree      | Mamie Sartain    |
| Bartley Fannings     | Annie Thomas     |
| Hassie Fults         | Eliza White      |
| Anna Mai Gilliam     | Lena Kate Wilson |
| Jewell Hamby Goodman | Mary Jo Wilson   |
| James Green          | Nell Wilson      |
| Clercy Hamby         | Lee Woodlee      |
| Mamie Hamby          | Walter Woodlee   |
| Essie Henley         |                  |
| Lucy Howard          |                  |
| Sally Jenkins        |                  |
| Jeweldean Myers      |                  |

#### **Payne's Cove School Cooks**

Minnie Allen  
Dixie Meeks  
Emma Meeks  
Pauline Meeks  
Myrtle Oliver Morris  
Maymie Morris  
Irene Oliver

Submitted by -  
Carol Gilliam

#### **PELHAM COLORED SCHOOL**

George & Almeda Sanders Payne deeded a lot to Anderson Willis & Bell Willis for the establishment of the first black school and church in Pelham. The original building is still standing across the road from the home of Mike & Susie Norris Oliver.

In 1932 this land was released to Grundy County for public activities of the Colored People.

**For and in consideration of the sum of one dollar and other valuable considerations to us in hand paid... we A. Willis and wife Bell Willis have bargained and sold...unto the County of Grundy one lot of land to use for the Public School and by the Churches and by all other public activities of the Colored People...beginning on a Rock at the side of Bell's Mill Road...Running South 78° E. 110 ft. to Mrs. Joe Haynes Corner thence South 13° E. 115 ft. to a cedar tree at Harve Aylor's line, thence South 76° West 127 feet to a rock at Bell's Mill Road thence North with road 128 feet to the Beginning.**

**Witness our hands this the 6th day of Aug. 1932**

**A. Willis  
Bell Willis**

By 1953, because of "Changed conditions" daughters of Anderson & Bell Willis gave a quit claim deed to Grundy County releasing the property to be sold to a private individual.

**WHEREAS, on the 6th day of August, 1932, A. Willis and wife, Bell Willis, executed a deed to the County of Grundy in the State of Tennessee, to the hereinafter described lot of land to be used for School, Church and other activities of Colored People, and**

**WHEREAS, said property, by reason of changed conditions, has ceased to be so used.**

**Now, therefore, we Gertrude Willis Kennerly and Addie Hayworth, the heirs and only heirs of the said A. Willis and Bell Willis, deceased...do hereby release, remise, convey and forever quit claim unto the said County of Grundy in the State**

of Tennessee, and all our right, title, interest and claim, legal and equitable...

Witness our hands, this, 25th day of March, 1953

Gertrude Willis Kennerly

Addie Hayworth

Teachers for the Pelham Colored School were Pearl Woodlee, Lillian Jordan, Winnie Joyce, Emma Southern, Vera Acklin, Gertrude Kennerly, Elizabeth Wooten, & Eunice Moore.

The following are interviews with former teachers at the school.

#### **Henrietta Ray visiting with Elizabeth Wooten**

Elizabeth Wooten, the wife of \*Sam Wooten (W.W. II) drove from Manchester, Tennessee, to the Pelham "Colored School". She taught from 1945-1947. Her salary was eighty dollars each month. I was "proud to be a teacher". I always took pride in the looks of my room, painted the walls, painted the "black boards", oiled the floor to keep down the dust, kept our stove polished, the yard clean and well kept. We would pull the grass and weeds from around the building with our hands- there was no mower as we have today. My interests were wrapped up in the children and the appearance of my school. If a child was absent I would go see why. I knew the value of an education to these children. Dr. U. B. Bowden, County Health Officer, came often to our school. He, too, was pleased with our work. He would take our posters and things concerning health to the Nashville office. If I had a question that I did not understand I would go to him for help with the answer. One day he said, "You are smart enough to know that you don't know what you don't know. You are smart, and you will go places. You are teachable. You will go places in life." I did not have a degree when I started teaching, however, I kept going to Tennessee State University until I received my B. S. degree. I then worked toward a Master's degree. Each Friday we would clean the school building for Sunday services. Our preachers were from the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church. Their "salary" was whatever the collection of the day happened to be. There was no light bill, no water bill. We would keep enough money out of the collection to buy lamps, kerosene, globes and a broom. If the church did not own a broom, each family would take its own brooms and help to clean the building for Sunday. I kept the building clean. Bertha Schultz Ashley was the Supervisor of Instruction. E. J. Cunningham was the Superintendent.

Our WPA hot lunch program provided the children with a good meal each day. Anesta Hayworth cooked for us. Most referred to the program as the "soup kitchen".

I had all eight grades. The eighth graders would work with the first graders using flash cards. Our children were taught to mind. I feel that the people in Pelham were extra special. Our mornings started with chapel (scripture, Lord's prayer and five minutes of singing). Each child had something to read every day for chapel. At our programs the white people would pack the house. I usually arrived at my school at six forty-five each morning. Loved it!

#### **Henrietta Bowden Ray visiting with Eunice Cunningham Moore.**

Eunice Cunningham Moore (wife of Milton Moore) was the last teacher at the Pelham Colored School. She would ride the Greyhound Bus from Manchester to Pelham each morning and back to Manchester each evening. The driver of that bus was so nice to me. If I happened to be a minute late, he would wait for me. Most of the time I would get off the bus near Nana Lou Hamby's store, buy a few things and walk the few yards to the school. Nana Lou was such a sweet, nice, and kind person. Lena Kate Wilson would bring my check each month. Cecil Medley, I can't forget. Lenora Payne was a lot of help. Anna Dell Taylor with whom I worked at the Coffee County Hospital was always helpful. Everyone was sweet and cooperative.

My students were from grades one through six. Many of our people had moved from the village to secure jobs in nearby towns. Our enrollment was small. I had Thomas Southerland, John Alex Southerland, Jessie Ruth Southerland, David Wilkerson, Samuel Wilkerson, Neil Wilkerson, "Dooper" Wilkerson, Betty Lou Wilkerson, Marie Hayworth, Frank Hayworth, Peggy Reasonover, Rudolph Sheid and Linda Nevills.

One of the most outstanding speakers was Mrs. Everette Roberts, President, Tennessee State Parent Teacher Association. Mrs. Roberts lived at Palmer and was interested in all children.

We knew our enrollment was very low and expected to be closed at any time. The day finally came. We were told we would have to close due to low enrollment. As the last teacher at the only Colored School in Grundy County, I locked the door and cried. I look back at what a wonderful place it was to teach.

### **PELHAM SCHOOL**

The first school in Pelham was built next to the Baptist Church and across from the Baptist cemetery on a half acre of land given by Alexander E. Patton in 1835. The school was called Greenwood School but some referred to it as "the Ole Baptist School". Trustees of the school were Alexander E. Patton, William L. Mooney, and John G. Bostic. In 1863, the adjacent Baptist Church was burned by Union Soldiers who had camped there during the Civil War.

A new school was built in the early 1880's near the site of the present school. The t-shaped building was built with yellow poplar weather boarding and wood shingles. It consisted of three classrooms, a hall and a porch. The building sat on rocks two to three feet from the ground.

The largest classroom of the school was properly called the Big Room. It had four large windows and a large stage. Three blackboards were located around the room to provide the students with ample room for boardwork. A long wood stove heated the room in the winter months.

The other two classrooms were built similarly to the Big Room but they were considerably smaller. They were also heated with long wood stoves. The younger children were taught in one of the rooms, and music was sometimes taught in the other. There is a receipt, that was kept, dated January 27, 1891, for amount of \$13.50 to Pelham High School for tuition for teaching Instrumental Music (piano).

At the entrance of the school were large double doors which entered into the hallway. Nails were driven into the wall

in the hall to hang coats, as well as, the water bucket and dipper. The main feature in the hall was the bell, located in the belfry, which had a long rope to allow it to be rung at the beginning of each school day. The bell was rung twice. At 7:30, the bell rang to signal for everyone to get to the school grounds. Some people say that it could be heard two miles away. The second bell rang at 8:00 to signal everyone to get in their classrooms and for school to begin.

School mornings were always started with a devotional. Often at roll call, each student would stand and say a Bible verse. "Jesus wept" was known to be a popular verse. Sometimes a teacher would read portions from the Bible and have prayer. After the devotional, a teacher took the younger children to one of the smaller rooms while the older children remained in the big room.

Everyone sat two people to a seat and each desk had hinges so that it would pop up. When it was time for a particular group to have class, they were called to the front of the room to sit on church benches. There they did their boardwork, reciting, reading and any other class work for the day. When one group finished, they went back to their seats to study while the next group came up front to have class. Cedar pencils and tablets were used to do homework. Tablets were sold for five cents each then.

During the day, two recesses were taken. One recess in the morning and one recess in the afternoon was taken. Students had one hour for lunch. Most students brought their lunch and ate quickly so they could play during the remaining time of the lunch hour. Baseball was the favorite game played. Socks would be unravelled and wrapped around a rock to make a baseball and a loose plank with a hand hold was used for a bat. In later years, real equipment was used. Smaller children played on one side of the yard while older children played on the other side. Whip cracker, marbles, co sheep, and chips were all popular games. The school day ended at 4:00.

The school year lasted from August to December. After December, a subscription school lasted until spring. It required that the families of students pay various amounts for tuition. Many of the subjects taught were high school level subjects, such as algebra and geometry. In 1929, the school year was increased to eight months so the subscription school was eliminated.

In 1937, a second school was built on the site of the old school. The school had a large room for grades five through eight and a small room for grades first through fourth. The building also had a large auditorium with a stage, curtains, and lights. The lunchroom and the storage room were located next to the auditorium. The library had glass doors and was adjacent to the big classroom. The girls' and boys' restrooms were located down the hall. The small bell was used in this school and it was at the end of the hall near the boys' restroom. In the basement was the furnace that heated the building. There were also places to store potatoes and canned goods.

In 1968-1969, a larger school was built on the same site. All the smaller schools in the area were consolidated into one large school. The new school had five classrooms, a library, a lunchroom, and a gymnasium. Mary Ellen Patton was the principal. Teachers were Jerry Don Thomas, Carol Landers, Beverly Schobert and Judith Sutherland. There were 108 students enrolled in grades one through eight. School board members were Tom Patton, James J. Oliver, David Hillis, Louie Geary, Clifford Cordell, and Dale Winton.

Pelham had its first official basketball team this year; although years before players traveled from Pelham to the high school to play. Pelham selected Tigers as their nickname and black and gold as the team colors. The coach of the boys basketball team was Jerry Don Thomas. The gymnasium was named Patton Gym in honor of Mary Ellen Patton, who had served as principal at the school for many years.

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\$13.50

Rec'd of N. A. Willis guardian of Mammie  
Feb. (\$13.50) Thirteen dollars and fifty cents, the  
same being amount in full of tuition of  
Mammie, in instrumental music in the Spring  
Term of Pelham High School 1891.  
This Jan. 27-~~1891~~ 1891  
Virgie Gunn.

## THE HAPPY DAYS OF A CHILD AT PELHAM SCHOOL

By the age of five, my mother had taught me to read and to "count". Thanks to both parents for their interest in me and my brothers and sisters, I appreciate their corrections and the smiles of approval they gave us. I could hardly wait to "get to school". Finally, the fall arrived and I proudly enrolled as a bare-foot first grader. With the support of a kind first grade teacher (one who had the first three grades), I was given a Primer! This didn't take long to complete. Our "arith-

metic" consisted of the "counting class". Our writing class was not "printing" but "real writing"! Our spelling class consisted of words suitable for our grade level. As our class was completed we were sent to our seats and if we had time, we were permitted to "listen in" on the classes of others. Recess consisted of fifteen minutes at ten o'clock, an hour for "dinner" and a fifteen minute recess at two o'clock. By four o'clock we were on our way home. No class was "left off" for any reason!

My next goal was the "Big room". This included grades four through eight. The daily schedule consisted of reading, writing, arithmetic, history, spelling, geography, health, English and history. Our books were not "free". We had to work and save our money for buying books the next year. Often we could get second-hand books, therefore, each student did his/her best to keep each book clean and hope to sell the used ones to be able to buy one or two "new" ones and a number of the "used" ones. This was the time for "serious" study. "Love notes" were the only extra-curricular activity we found time for. Our books were carried home each day. Our lessons were prepared for the next day before bedtime. We were not allowed to misbehave. Our admonition was, "If you get a whipping at school, you get one when you get home." If our behavior was what the teacher thought it should not be, we were "kept after school". This required a tremendous amount of "explaining" when we got home.

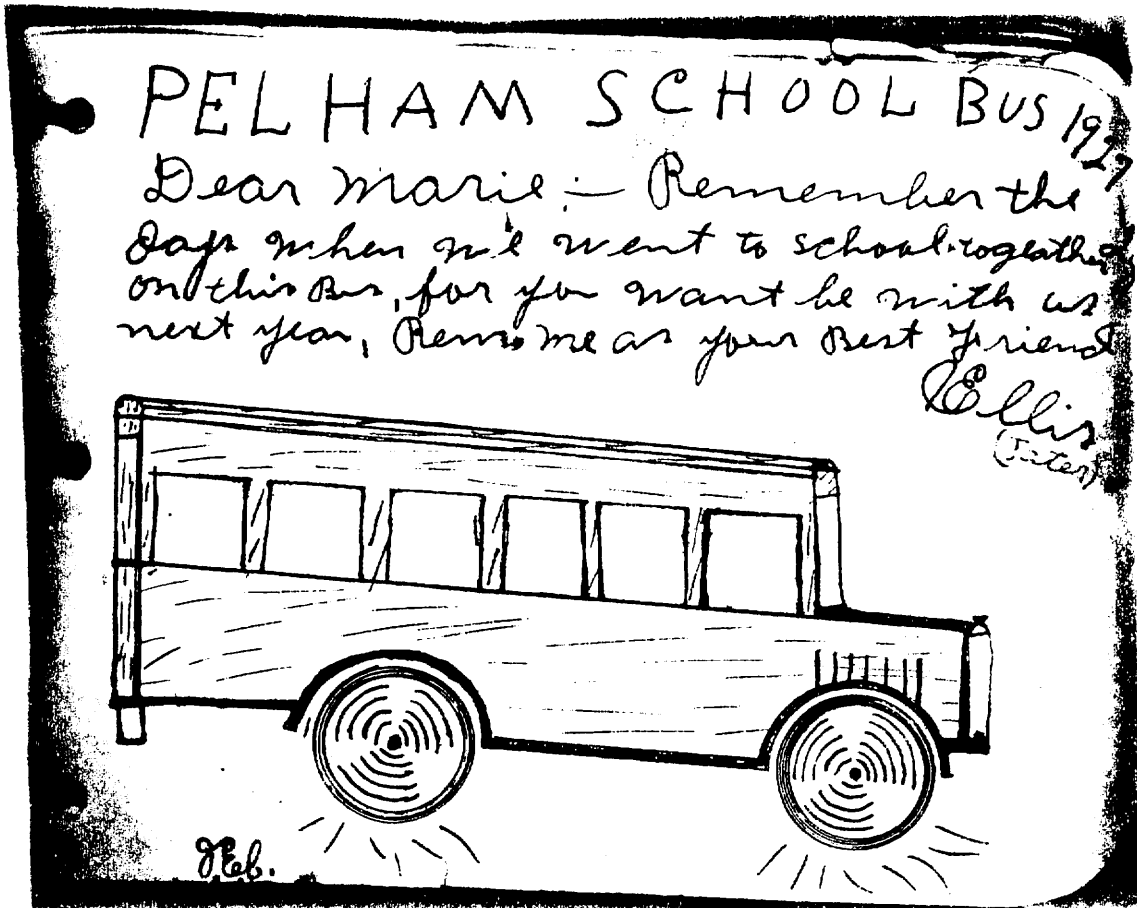
Our building was shaped like a "T". To the right of the entrance was the "little room". To the left of the entrance was the "big room". A narrow hallway led to each of the rooms. Each room was provided with a pot-bellied stove. Fires were built by the teachers. Floors were kept by the teachers and the students. About once a month the floors were "oiled" to keep the dust down. Sweeping of the auditorium was done by teachers and pupils. Enrollment increased and we were given three teachers. This moved the upper grades to the space of the auditorium. More room and more blackboard space and another teacher made everything perfect.

Our drinking facilities consisted of the "water bucket" and a dipper. We were discouraged from drinking from the dipper and would often make a paper cup from a folded piece of "tablet paper".

Bathroom facilities consisted of two boarded-up open back five holers! Each had a long plank with graduated egg-shaped "holes" cut in graduated sizes to accommodate the very small and the large. Recess was the time for everyone to "be excused". If it became necessary to be excused at any other time, sign language was understood by both pupil and teacher. One finger meant you would not be away from the classroom very long. Two fingers denoted a longer period of time. A nod from the teacher allowed you to follow the path around the house or the one that led from the back door of the auditorium. Did we have sex education classes? Yes, they were conducted at the outhouses!

We were proud of our school and our school yard. We planted all the trees that are around the outer edge of the present yard. The wire fence with two-by-four pieces nailed from post to post secured the boundary of our school. Later, the W. P. A. workers built the handsome rock wall that you see now.

Compiled by Michael C. Oliver





**BLUE BIRD NO. 1...** Thanks to Marie Jones Graham (age 76) for saving her autograph book (a must for every student) with the drawing of the Pelham School Bus of 1927. Thanks to the artistic talent of J. Ellis (Tater) Clay.

Marie... I remember: We rode up and down the mountain every day on the old school bus driven by Boyd Charles. The bus was a wooden body on a Chevrolet chassis. There was one long bench on each side and one in the center. The bus was owned by Jones Motor at Tracy City, TN. That bus was difficult to come by. N. G. Jones (my father) and Dr. L. A. Carden (school district representative at that time) were among the many interested in a high school for Grundy County for all students. Dr. Carden had a model A car which he and Daddy rode to the mountain in one night to the school board meeting. On the return trip, the lights went out and Daddy stood on the fender and held a light for Dr. Carden to drive down the mountain.

### **COOKS AT PELHAM SCHOOL**

Lillie Smith, Elsie Payne Layne, Fannie V. Roberts (28 years), Alma Hamilton Sanders Hawk, Ruby Rieder Hawk, Linda Hill Argo, Jean Nunley Braseel, Thelma Smith, Delores Kilgore Myers, Louise Nunley, Ether Winton, Anna White Roper, Bobbie Southerland Wilson, Patsy Ruth Myers Nunley

### **BUS DRIVERS**

1969-70

Bayo Nunley, Hamp Nunley, J. B. Nunley

1970-71

Bayo Nunley, Felix Nunley, J. B. Nunley, Hamp Nunley

1971-72

Hamp Nunley J. B. Nunley, Johnny Meeks

1972-73

J. B. Nunley, Uldean Winton, Elbert Layne, Randil Nunley, Polly Nunley, Alfred Evans.

1973-74

J. B. Nunley, Elbert Layne, Uldean Winton, Opal Meeks Stubblefield

1974-75

Jim Riley Nunley, Elbert Layne, Uldean Winton, Wesley Nunley, J. B. Nunley

1977-78

Johnny Meeks, Joyce Northcutt Smith, Uldean Winton, Jim Nunley

1979-80

Johnny Meeks, Frances Winton, Joyce Smith, Uldean Rogers Winton

1981-82

Uldean Winton, Joyce Smith, Johnny Meeks, Frances Franks Winton

82-Present

Frances Winton, Uldean Winton, Dixie Meeks, Joyce Smith Roberts

### **PROVIDENCE SCHOOL**

Previous to 1867 there was a school building called White's School in Bell's Cove. In 1867 or '69 a new log building was constructed in a new area approximately 2 miles from the old site.

A. C. Smith & Josiah Bradshaw gave the land on which to build a church and a school. It was called "Providence" by its founders and builders. (See Providence Church) By 1907 the population had outgrown the earlier church/school and two new frame buildings were built on the original lot. According to Jessie Henley, school was paid for by parents and lasted about 4½ to 5 months during the year.

The church was placed on the northwest corner of the lot near the road. The school was placed on the southeast corner back from the road with the playground in front. Again in the 1940's a larger building was erected of concrete blocks. It was placed just back of the old building and contained one long room divided by folding doors making a large auditorium or two classrooms. It also contained a lunchroom. Previously the lunchroom was a small separate building built by the community and operated by Emily Partin. It was partly supported by the local P.T.A. which donated canned foods as well as other foodstuff.

Now the last school building is no more. A sacrifice to consolidation and lack of community interest, the last building was torn down. Only the playground is still used by the young people of the valley for softball.

Providence children now ride school busses to Pelham School. Providence community was also served for a time by Wrackler Hall, and old school, located over the Franklin County line.

### **VALLEY HOME SCHOOL**

William T. and Violet Blair sent their oldest children to Murfreesboro to stay with her parents to attend school there because there was no school nearby. So when the opportunity arose, they gave the land for the school. (It is believed in about 1870) and named it Valley Home. The first school house was a log building, a two room, one teacher institution heated with a pot belly stove-equipment typical of schools in this area was two brooms, a black board, dusty chalk, erasers, a water bucket and a dipper. Somewhere between 1870 and 1915 the building began to lean sideways. Since it seemed in no danger of falling, school went on as usual; it had also become a two teacher school. In 1920 and 1921 Valley Home School had two teachers, Miss Esther Brashear and \_\_\_\_\_, and 120 pupils.

In 1933 on the 31st day of August, another deed was made selling some land to the county to go with the old school lot, in 1935 a new rock building was erected by W.P.A. workers. The new school had 3 classrooms, a lunchroom, and an auditorium. It was built in an "H" shape. The deed is recorded at the Grundy County Courthouse.

In 1963 the schools in Elk River Valley were consolidated because each school had to have an attendance of so many pupils to hold two teachers. The school house sat idle for 4 years. It caught fire on the 18th of March 1967, at 1:30, Saturday morning.

In the 1969 the county deeded the land back to the community. The community decided to build a gym and kitchen for community use. Since the community was unable to pay light bills and keep the building in repair, it was decided to lease it to Decherd Apparel for a factory.

## VALLEY HOME SCHOOL



Back Row left to right:

Laura (Tish) Watley, Tressie Rieder, Mary Trussell, Elva Aylor, Claudia Aylor, Maggie Henley, Irene Parks, Lillian Phipps-2nd row: \_\_\_\_\_, Prof. J. C. Rollins, Henry Trussell, Byers (Cap) Lassater, Maybell Parks, Pearl Moran, Frankie Cox, Alice Gilliam, Mary Scott, Laura Thomas, Thursie Moran, Myrtle Parks, Viola Aylor, 3rd row: Zelma Cox, Etta Watley, Anna Mae Gilliam, Florence Goodman, Nellie Pearson, Mary Bell Gilliam, Mary Conry, Ollie Phipps, Elon Parks,

Beedie Meeks, Lee Bradford, Lucille Henley, Amanda Phipps- 4th row: Susie Rice, Louise Rollings, Loretta Goodman, Louannie Rollings, Lillian Johnson, Maymie Cox, Julia Henley, Grace Jacobs, Alberta Phipps, Sidney Scott, Tressie Cox, Lucille Goodman, Thelma Patterson- 5th row: Willie Rust, Ben Davis, Carlton Rust, Arch Thomas, Adolphus Rollings, Frank Emmett Rollings, Clyde Goodman, Melvin Phipps, Allen Patterson, Clifton Patterson, Albert Patterson, Albert Rieder, Bob Lassater, Clyde Aylor, Frank Moran

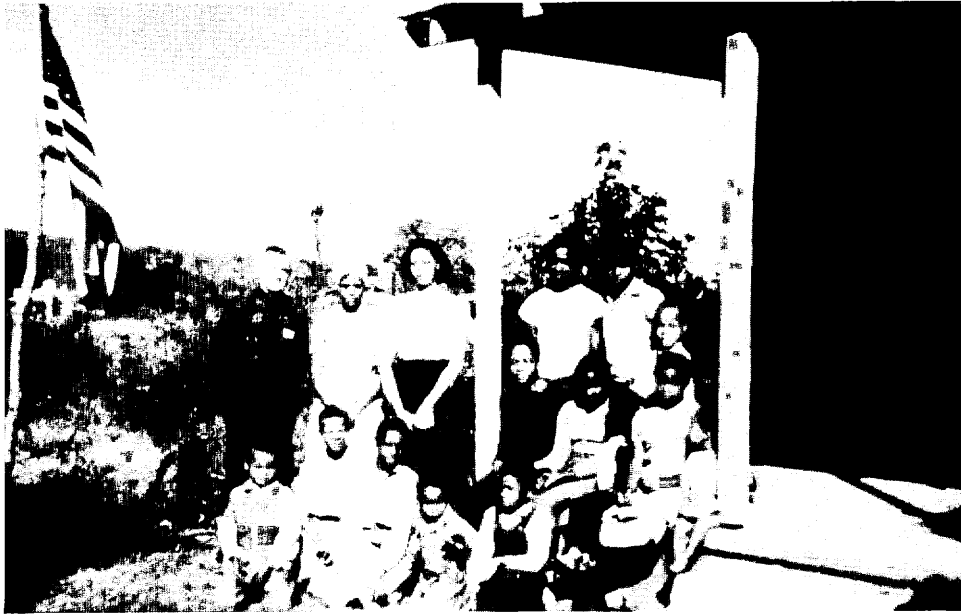


Bottom Row Left to Right:

Jamie Goodman, Reubin Patterson, Clifford Goodman, James Trussell, Edward Tucker, Edward Phipps, Charles Jacobs- 2nd row: Emily Goodman, Laura Henley, Dorothy Meeks, Georgia Goodman, Virgie Tucker- 3rd Row: Thursia Moran, Nellie Pear-

son, Etta Watley, Loretta Goodman, Irene Phipps, Maymie Moore, Dauntie Layne, Louannie Rollings, Ruby Rieder, Hazel Goodman, Myrtle Parks-teacher- 4th row: Grace Jacobs, Thelma Patterson, Florence Goodman, Christine Rollings, Julia Henley, Elon Parks, Lucille Henley.

## PELHAM COLORED SCHOOL



Top: Herman E. Baggenstoss, editor of the **Grundy County Herald**, is pictured with Eunice Cunningham More (3rd from left) who was the last teacher at the

only colored school in Grundy County and a group of her students.



Group of school children at the Pelham Colored School.



Grundy County's only school for colored students.

# PAYNE'S COVE



Top Row: George Sanders, Raymond Bean, Alf Rogers, Charles Northcutt, James Magouirk, Elmo Roberts, Johnny Oliver, Joe Rogers, and Jim Oliver: 2nd Row: Ollie Faye Sanders, Allen Magouirk, Emma Reed, Lorene Sanders, Estes Sanders, Carrie Sanders, and Mrs. Susie Rogers: 3rd Row: "Sheep" Sanders, Andy Magouirk, Stanley Northcutt, Joe Oliver, Mildren Oliver, Owen Bean, Henry Rogers, Emma Magouirk, Ida Oliver, Minnie Oliver, Nervie Rogers; 4th Row: Della Winton, Maymie Hamby, and Arseneth Roberts Echols.

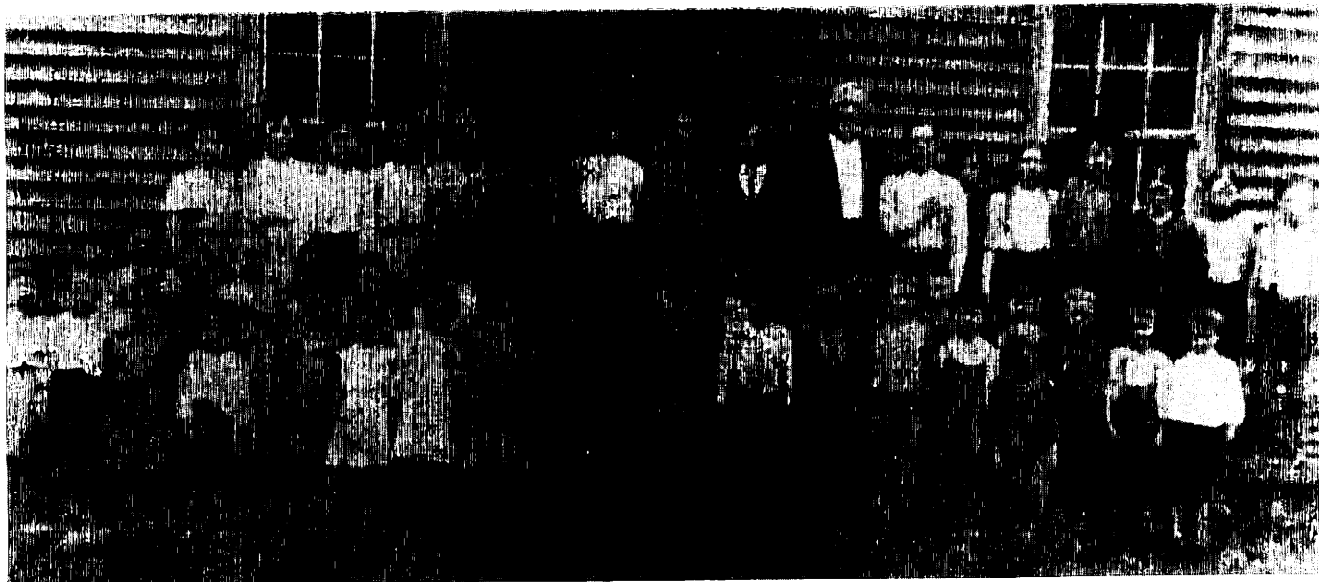


Payne's Cove School



Kneeling-L. to R. - Clifton Medley and \_\_\_\_\_ . Standing- Benton Roberts, Jim Oliver, Charles Nunley, and Ocie Meeks.

# CAMPGROUND SCHOOL



**Front Row**

Susan Hawk, Horace Fults, Hassie Clay, Paul Hawk, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Mable Winton, Clara Winton, May Hamby, Talmadge Woodlee, Yance Winton,  
 Johnny Hamby, Claude Winton, \_\_\_\_\_, Jimmy Woodlee, Sam  
 Hawk, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Second row**

Vera Rodgers, Marvin Fults, Mamie Hamby, Vera \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Brown, \_\_\_\_\_, Ola Brown, Marvin Givins,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, "Mouse" Winton, Lynn Winton, Hube Hawk, Jerome  
 Payne, Garnet Clay, \_\_\_\_\_, Willie Payne, Odist Clay, Wade  
 Phipps.

**Back Row:** Tin Hamby, Clercy Hamby, Willie Hamby, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Myrtle Meeks, Ann Hawk, Mary Hamby, Thursie Meeks, Clarence Echols, Mr.  
 Charles, Cleve Hamby, Allen Echols, Sam Winton, Forrest Parker,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Bob Winton, El Hamby



**Campground School**

**Top Row:** Minnie Woodlee, Pearl Woodlee, Carry Crabtree, Liza Crabtree,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Jennie Sartain, Bob White, Teacher, Frank Braseel, Ruff Goodman, W. N.  
 "Bee" Brazile, Burt Crabtree, Edd Goodman, G. C. Hamby, Dee Hawk, Harvey  
 Hamby.

2nd row: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Bessie Meeks,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Pearl Phipps, Lou Meeks, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Bottom Row: \_\_\_\_\_, Willie Hamby, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Thursa Hamby, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Clercy  
 Hamby, Della Taylor, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Gip Goldin, Tobe Brasell,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Eldridge Hamby.

## PELHAM SCHOOL



Row 1 (front) Emmett Aylor, Osborn "Toad" Patton, Wilson Burnett, Cecil Payne, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Jim Burnett, Dave Payne, Frank Wilson, \_\_\_\_\_ Haynes, Dennis Patton, Tom Gallagher, Riley Clark, Paul Gallagher, Raymond Payne.

Row 2 \_\_\_\_\_, Marie Jones, Janie Gallagher, Virgie Payne, \_\_\_\_\_, Leona Brazile, Lucy Howard, Vernon Patton, \_\_\_\_\_, Wade Wilson, Holbert Haynes, \_\_\_\_\_, Grady Green, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Alton White.

Row 3 Johnnie Patton, \_\_\_\_\_, Mildred Patton, \_\_\_\_\_, Lillie Mae Henson, Blanch Payne, Willie Mae Willis, \_\_\_\_\_, Vera Green, Georgia Wilson, Mary Sue Gallagher.

Boys standing in front of teacher (Pascal Barnes) Hub Sartain, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

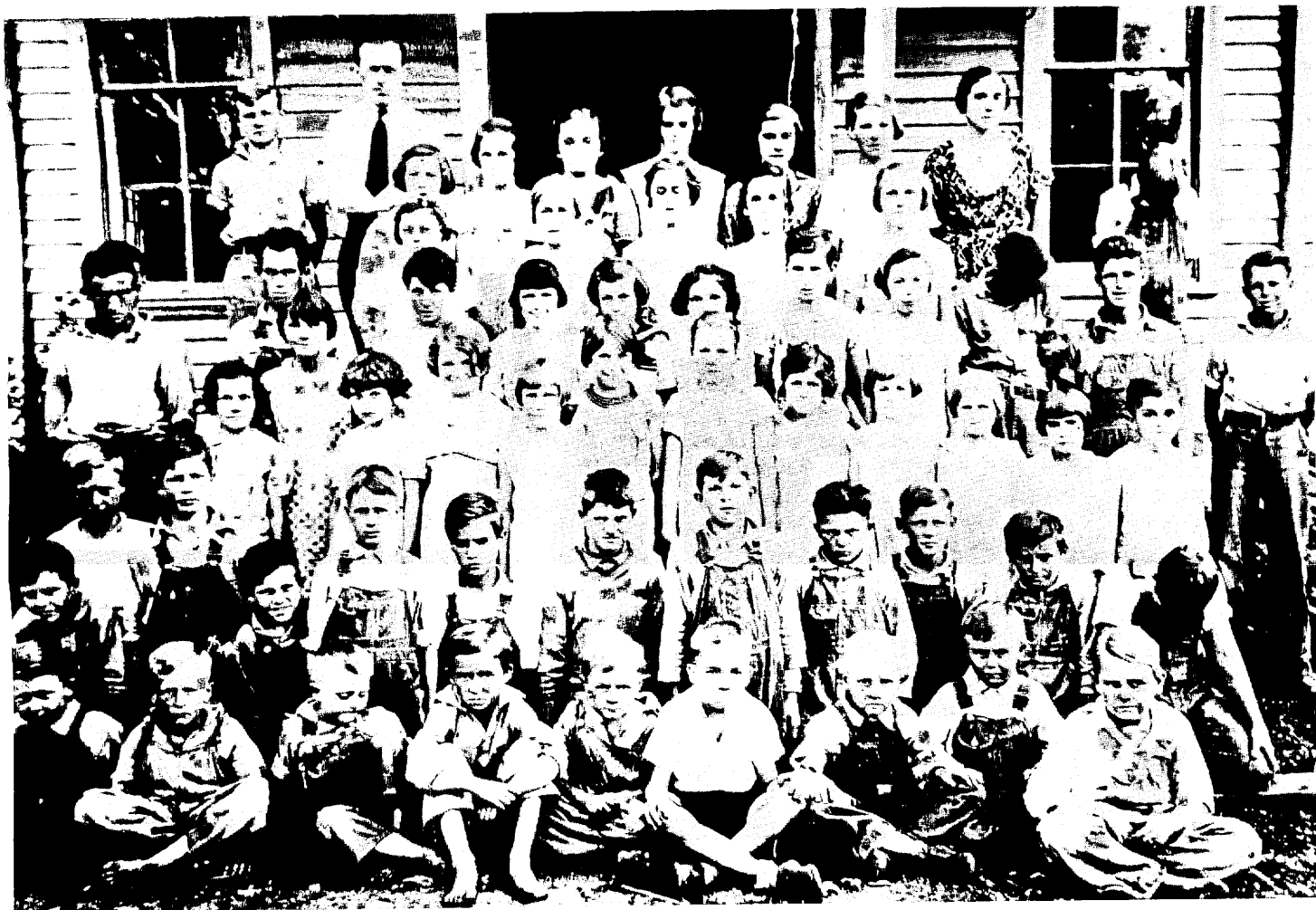
Row 4 Willie Henson, Ola Payne, Ruby Wilson, Esther Brashear, Aubrey Gallagher, Willie Green, Margie Levan, Cora Haynes, Elsie Haynes.

Row 5 \_\_\_\_\_, Buford Levan, \_\_\_\_\_, Harry Levan, Chester Morris, Carl Willis, Clyde Jacobs, Asbury Morris, Rosco Gunn, David Howard.



Right to left - Pelham School

1. Lucy Howard, Georgie Wilson, Mary Sue Gallagher
2. Ellis Brashear, Margie Conry, Abbott Carden, David Howard, Bill Gunn.
3. Ruby Wilson, Margie Levan, \_\_\_\_\_ Bouldin, \_\_\_\_\_,
4. Esther Brashear, Hassie Clay, Helen Winton, Aubry Patton, Mabel Winton,
5. Lena Brashear, Cora Haynes, \_\_\_\_\_ Bouldin, Erica Layne  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Brown, Martha Brown, Alma Brashear, Harlin Green, Wayne  
 Carden.



1st row-L. to R. - L. D. Sartain, Paul Parks, James F. Gunn, Joseph Patton, Fred B. Parks, \_\_\_\_\_ Moser, Carl Payne, William Farris and Walter Burnett.

2nd row- Billy Abbott Carden, Bob Parks, G. H. Clay, Fred White, Bill Gunn, Kelso Simmons, Alfred Barnes, Joe Payne, \_\_\_\_\_, Tom Patton, Paul Patton, and \_\_\_\_\_.

3rd row- Tommie Mae Henson, Dorris Barnes, Maxine Jacobs, Tommie Parks, Willodene Hamby, Kathryn Moses, Frances Gunn, Ella Frances Haynes, Joanna Gunn, Topsy Burnett, Lillian Simmons, and Billie Ruth Jacobs.

4th row- Dick Patton, Max Burrows, Jean Henley, Inez Carden, Clarene Payne, Jean Jacobs, Cleora Wilson, Anna Dell Warren, \_\_\_\_\_, John Partin Henley, and Martin B. Clark.

5th row- Laura Ann White, Evelyn Mayes, Gracie Bell Burnett, Geraldine Conry, Carol Jacobs, and \_\_\_\_\_.

6th row- \_\_\_\_\_, Anna Dell Levan, Rachel Patton, Elizabeth Barnes, Georgia Lee Smartt, and Edith Payne.

7th row- James D. Patton, Rupert Payne (teacher), Esther Brashear (teacher), and \_\_\_\_\_ at Pelham School.

## PROVIDENCE SCHOOL



Left to right: Row 1 seated : Caldwell Henley and Joe Crouch- Row 2 kneeling: Bob Crouch Jr., Rube Henley, W. D. Crouch, Homer Smith, Alfred Sherrill, Albert Thomas, Lonnie Turner, and Durard Roper.- Row 3 standing: Georgia B.



Clark, Jessie B. Conry, Annie B. Sherrill, Nellie B. Conry, Lucille Patterson, Edwene Clark, Elsie Patterson, Novella Smith, Mildred Laxson, Elsie Turner, Effie W. Bell, Bertha Smith, and Maymie Henley - teacher. Row 4: Florence Henley-visitor, Clara Partin, Juel Patterson, Martha Gilliam, and Jennie Mae Conry.- Row 5: m Burl Henley, Clyde Roper, Roy Smith, Hollis Roper, Raymond Roper, Gladys Henley, and Vera Henley.



Left to Right-Row 1: Paul Jackson, Jr. Clark, Everette Bishop, Paul Partin, Hershel Sherrill, J. B. Clark, J. C. Gilliam, Frank Bailey. Row 2: Lorene Patterson, Taylor Partin, \_\_\_\_\_, Jay Nell Stevens, Geneva Crouch, Bobby Henley, Hazel Bailey, Selby Henley, \_\_\_\_\_, Janie Henley, A. \_\_\_\_\_, B. Raymond Partin (kneeling), Caldwell Henley (arms folded). Row 3: James Crouch Jr., Charlie Laxson, \_\_\_\_\_ Turner, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Warner Patterson, Ethel Partin, \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas, Thelma Thomas, Murphy Frizzell, Joe Crouch, Mable Schultz (teacher). Row 4: Claude Anderson (teacher), \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas, Buelah Frizzell, \_\_\_\_\_ Bailey, Alice Partin, Louise Partin, Alfred Sherrill. Row 5: Annie Bell Sherrill, Margaret Patterson, Edith Clark, Elsie Turner. Row 6: Viola Smartt, Alton Patterson, Grover Partin, Nannie Mae Bailey, Gladys Bishop at Providence School.

# EARLY SCHOOLS



## Pelham School

Bottom row: Bob Parks, Dale Winton, Alton White, Martin Bryan Clark, Herman Watson, Elston Clay, Enrest Lee Clay, James David Patton, Lavon Jones, Benton Gallagher, \_\_\_\_\_ Patton, and \_\_\_\_\_.

2nd row: Clark Gallagher, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Raymond Smith, Turney Gilliam, George Elic Smith, Cecil Payne, Nook Aylor, George Haynes, Dick Eugene Patton, Conn Jacobs, James Elmer Smith, \_\_\_\_\_, and Junior Sanders.

3rd row: \_\_\_\_\_ Simmons, Fannie Bell Gunn, Laura Ann White, \_\_\_\_\_, Doris Barnes, Rachel Patton, Georgia Lee Smartt, Argie Mae Watson, Edith Payne, Tommie Mae Gallagher, Frances Gunn, Carol Jacobs, Elsie Mae Jacobs, Esther Smith, and Geraldine Conry.

4th row: \_\_\_\_\_, Ann Gilliam, Ethel Bowden, Ruby Patton, Lena White, Isabel Patterson, Annie Bell Payne, \_\_\_\_\_, Elizabeth Barnes, Sammy Smith, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

5th row: Esther Brashear, Annie Thomas, Maurice Jones, Margaret Patton, Pascal Wilson, Kate Bowlin, Carl Watson, Audrey Smith, Mary Bell Smith, Howard Patton, Katherine Patton, Riley Clark, Billy Henson, and Earl Tipps.



## Providence School

Row 1: \_\_\_\_\_, Roy Partin, Buford Partin, George Partin, \_\_\_\_\_, Claude Henley, Clarence Henley, \_\_\_\_\_.

Row 2: Andrew Jackson, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Mack Clark, Sallie Crouch (teacher), Marty Clark, Hazel Clark, Allie White Caldwell, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Row 3: Henry Davis, Gertrude Caldwell, Emma Patterson, \_\_\_\_\_, Row 4: \_\_\_\_\_.

Ethel Caldwell, \_\_\_\_\_, Ida Patterson, Annie Cribbs, Vincent Clark, \_\_\_\_\_, Bessie Partin, Willie Caldwell, Harrison Patterson, Lillian Caldwell, Kate Rowe, Jessie (Bess) Caldwell, Martha Davis; Row 5: \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Patterson, \_\_\_\_\_, Myrtle Clark, Eva Cribbs, \_\_\_\_\_, Cullen Cribbs, Daniel Patterson, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Bob Crouch, H. Cannon

## AGRICULTURE/BUSINESS

Agriculture has been the hub of our way of life in the valley from the very beginning. From the time when the broad ax cleared the land to the present day, farmers tilled the soil for their livelihood. Early farmers had only a mule or a team of oxen to carry on the backbreaking labor of farming a few acres of land.

After the Civil War, tenant farming was popularized. The tenant was usually a man working to support his family who shared the farm income with the land owner. Both worked to maintain the farm and, of course, could put more acreage into cultivation. Tenant farmers were usually provided a small shack to house their families.

Summertime brought with it much extra work for the womenfolk. They gardened, harvested the vegetables, then canned or dried them for the winter. Every smokehouse was stocked with peppers and sometimes beans strung on a string to dry for winter use. Onions were bunched & hung up to be used later. Cabbage, turnips, and other root crops were usually stored in the "root cellar" or in just a hole dug in the ground lined with straw and temporarily covered with dirt. Canned goods were placed in the smokehouse too. When winter came, they were covered with quilts, etc. so that they would not freeze and burst.

When farmers were sure that cool weather had set in, they killed hogs to ensure a supply of meat for the winter. Pork, chicken, & wild game were the staples of the meat supply. Rarely were cattle butchered since they were needed for a fresh supply of milk and butter. Churning was a chore that every farm wife knew well.

If farmers did well, businesses in the area also did well. As farmers began to need supplies such as feed & seed, businesses sprang up to supply that need. Small grocery stores, & gristmills helped supply food. Blacksmith shops provided tools and gear for plowing. Barrel making provided storage for many farm products. Lumbering provided building materials. Service industries also grew as farm income grew. There began to be even more in years after the automobile was in widespread use.

In later years, after the automobile was in widespread use, eager merchants began "rollin stores" which came through the rural areas on a weekly basis so that folks who did not get to town could buy "store bought goods". The "peddler" would take eggs or chickens in lieu of his merchandise.

Many businesses came to be in those early days. We have attempted to list some of them. This, however, is an incomplete list.

### BURROWS' COVE BUSINESSES

Hume Cooper operated Northcutt's store located in front across the road from Horace Fults' house. Lee and Forshee operated a headmill which made barrel heads in the head of Burrows' Cove in 1915.

Speaker Scott ran a small store located about where Lewis and Gladys Campbell Sartain now live.

Roy Kilgore operated a government approved still in Liz Kilgore Hollow located up from where J. L. and Rose Nunley's house burned.

Burl Killian operated a sawmill in Kilgore Hollow in the 1940's.

Johnny Woodlee operated a store which faced the road around the mountain near Jewel (Hamby) Goodman's home.

John Patton had a store in the cove.

Mr. Tobit also operated a sawmill in the cove.

G. C. (Cleveland "Cleve") Hamby ran a general store for about 40 years (ca. 1920-1960). He first bought the old Johnny Woodlee store then later had a new store built by Will Hayes and Harry Moore. Customers would come with their eggs and chickens to trade for groceries. Jewel Hamby (m. Lude C. Goodman) still has the old Johnny Woodlee scales that they used to weigh chickens, sugar, beans, etc. "Cleve" Hamby also had a gristmill across the road from his store. He got a sixth (1/6) part for grinding the corn. Saturday afternoon was almost a social event since everyone would bring down corn to be ground and Mr. Hamby would dance around to the rhythm of the mill as it worked. A small blacksmith shop was also located near the gristmill to serve area farmers. G. C. Hamby also operated this shop.

### LAYNE'S COVE BUSINESS

William T. "Bill" Layne operated a blacksmith shop at his homeplace in the cove.

Wonder Cave was opened to the public ca. 1900. It was first run by R. M. Payne. The Raulstons later operated it.

Abe Layne had a sawmill in the cove.

"Little Abe" & Jay Layne cut timber in the cove for years.

Many from the cove supplied the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly with homegrown vegetables.

In later years, Freddie Hassebrock operated a gun shop there.

### PAYNES' COVE BUSINESS

Lillard "Bayo" and Iva Lee Oliver Nunley had a store where Ernie "Hoss" and Hattie Nunley now live.

Buddie Payne had a large sawmill on top of the mountain above Charlie and Gladys Woodlee Roberts' homeplace.

Jim Meeks is said to have had a store in the head of Payne's Cove to sell supplies to sawmillers.

Bobby Payne and William E. (Bud) Payne his brother carried supplies on horseback from Pelham to stock their store located on the left just after the bridge which crosses Dry Creek.

Allen Echols had a store where Stella Franks presently lives. Jack Meeks remembers stopping there to buy a 5¢ can of sardines.

Cheatom Oliver operated a small tar papered store at Big Springs.

More recently Hershel Payne operated a large sawmill which prepared lumber to be used in furniture making.

Cheatom, David, & Johnny Meeks have had sawmills in the cove.

Dean Harris presently operates a sawmill.

## **PELHAM BUSINESSES**

Before stores were widespread, to get groceries, our citizens who were isolated got their needs from "rolling stores"; the stores continued up until the late 1950's, before family cars became plentiful.

Peter and Grace Gilliam owned a store near their residence in Pelham. Dave Howard had a store located where the post office is now. The stores during this time sold everything from mule collars to groceries, to plants.

Dr. Bowden's office was a small white building between Nanna Lou Hamby's store and Harve Hamby's filling station- where the fire hall is now located.

Mr. Pete Gilliam's store was located where Pack Medley's station is located now. Other managers of the station Pack now has were Paul Gallagher and Glenn Winton.

Willie Wilder ran a store and Esso station a few feet from the Medley station.

Bill & Anna Dell Taylor ran a grocery store where Larry Haynes' residence is now.

For years Bo Medley ran a garage in a building next to his home. The building is still standing.

Mr. Ben Wilson organized the first Co-Op in this valley, the building is still standing across from the old Wilson home place, where Ed and Ruth Medley live.

The Co-op later was placed at the corner across from Pelham School. It was managed by Robert Payne, Wayne Shelton, and Otto Christian. Years later a new building was built, which houses the present Co-op. The old building was sold and later burned. The land is now owned by Tom Patton. C. E. (Jack) White is manager now. Rob Payne operated a small feed store near his home.

The Purina Feed Building which was located behind the Methodist Church was built by Wayne Shelton & managed by Clifton Medley. Later the building was used as a garage by Jimmy Nunley. The Texaco station and cabins at Pelham were operated by Icie & Charlie Jacobs, then Odie Rose, and later by Carl Panter. The buildings are gone now and were replaced by a Massey Ferguson dealership run by Clifton and Pack Medley. Later Deutz Tractor Company operated by Pack Medley was located there. This building burned in 1984. Near by was a service station operated by Elbert Layne for more than 25 years. Others who operated it were: Lannie Gilliam, Dave Payne, Wendell Harris, Jim Stewart, and Kent Hamby. Next to the station is Pelham Food Market, built in 1958 and run by Jewel Hamby Goodman.

Tom Gunn had a drive-in beer stand down from his home on Highway 50.

Dr. L. A. Carden's office building was located near the intersection of Highways 50 and 41 in Pelham.

Howard's Store was operated by Dave Howard and Glenn Bonner. Later Jim & Alf Sartain opened a feed store there. The building burned and was replaced by the Purina Feed Store operated by Holbert Haynes. This same building was later remodeled and became the present day Pelham Post Office, under postmaster Kenneth Wilson.

Nanna Lou Hamby's Grocery Store was located in the Masonic building. Jewel Hamby Goodman, a sister, took over the store. The building was destroyed by fire in the mid 1950's.

Dr. U. B. Bowden's office, later a dwelling for Jim and Alma Sanders, burned along with Jewel Goodman's Grocery Store and the D. W. Howard Store. The Masons eventually built a new building to replace Jewel's store. The second floor was and is a meeting place for the Felix Grundy Masonic Lodge, while the first floor was a furniture store operated by Nadine Ramsey and Gladys Burnett. Later it became a store operated by Tressie and Joey Magouirk, later a restaurant operated by Uldean Winton, then Florence Davidson, and finally by Maxine Sartain. Afterwards it became a factory; however, the factory burned out on the first floor but the building was repaired and is now used by Dechard Apparel as storage place.

The fire station next door has previously been the post office when Ava Sartain was postmaster, and prior to that it was a service station operated by Alf Ashburn.

At the intersection of what today are state Highway 50 (Dechard Road) and U. S. 41 (Manchester-Monteagle road). On the left side of road, as one looks to the north was the P. T. Gilliam store, built originally by George Gipson, who was in partnership with Mark Gilliam. Later Gilliam bought Gipson out, and the store passed on to Mark's son P. T.; then, at his death to Mrs. P. T. Gilliam, who continued to operate the business until about 1948 when the building was taken down. It was replaced by a service station, now Pelham Valley Farm Center run by Pascal Medley.

Mr. John David Wilder, a blacksmith, opened Pelham's first gasoline filling station. It was located just north of what today is the intersection of U.S. 41 and Hwy. 50. Mr. Wilder sold both Gulf and Sinclair gas. The pumps were hand operated. John David Wilder, who lived from 1863 to 1943, did all kinds of blacksmithing in the age of horse power.

A sawmill owned and operated by J. Q. Brashear was located on Hwy. 50 between where Dill Hawk and Jim Haynes live now. He also operated a spoke factory, an International Harvester dealership as well as a gristmill. The mill had a toll box to measure corn owed the miller.

Joe Pulley's store (Black) was in Pelham. Pulley lived near where Pelham Food Market stands today.

Nelson Jones operated a store located between the Dr. L. A. Carden home & the John Thomas house.

Hunter & Wilson's stove mill was located in Pelham.

Anderson Willis (Black) operated a blacksmith shop.

All listings under heading "PELHAM" in gazetter

The following was taken from the **Tennessee State Gazetter**.

1860/61 Pelham is listed as the capital of Grundy County.

1873/74 These businesses were listed; however, this should not be considered to be a complete list of businesses existing at that time.

Bell & Lane groceries  
Goodman & Henby general store  
Parks & Goodman general store  
E. M. Sims physician

1876/87 Bacon, wheat, corn, & cotton exported, mail daily

Martin Gilliam, postmaster  
I. M. Bell general store & mill  
S. P. Goodman flouring mill  
W. C. Hutton physician  
James Lusk grocer  
E. M. Sims physician  
J. A. Wilkerson & Bro. general store  
1881 Pelham had daily mail and a population of 200.  
1887 mail delivered semi weekly J. C. White, postmaster

A. Bull cornmill  
James Cox blacksmith  
G. W. Cribes sawmill  
G. D. Gipson general store  
G. D. Gunn & Son druggist  
J. H. Gunn justice of peace  
T. A. Henderson undertaker  
G. J. Kard physician  
W. B. Neville ditsiller  
James Odam physician  
John Rust deputy sheriff  
A. H. Sanders justice & real estate  
E. M. Sims physician  
J. B. West saw mill  
C.T.W. White & Son general store  
James O. White general store  
John Wilder blacksmith  
T. C. Willis blacksmith  
1891 mail tri weekly J. C. White, postmaster  
H. Bell corn mill  
R. L. Bell justice of peace  
D. H. Bryan physician  
James Cox blacksmith  
T. W. Cribes saw mill  
G. D. Gipson general store  
J. H. Gunn justice of peace  
T. A. Henderson undertaker  
J. E. Hinton physician  
W. E. Medow carpenter  
A. H. Sanders lumber  
E. M. Sims physician  
J. B. Thomas carpenter  
J. B. West saw mill  
C. T. W. White & Son general store  
John Wilder blacksmith  
T. C. Willis blacksmith

### **PRIVIDENCE BUSINESSES**

Johnny Smith owned and operated a sorghum mill where a barn belonging to Hulon Smith now stands.

John Partin also owned and operated a sorghum mill behind and between property belonging to Jewel Partin Jacobs and Elbert Patterson.

Cribbs owned and operated a sawmill.

Jackson also operated a store

Bill Garner had a store about 1915. He brought in kerosene on a wagon that was pulled by a pair of horses. One of the horses was named Alec. Alwhite Conry and Gertrude Gipson worked there and made 40¢ a day. They had a good business, for it was the only store around. It was struck by lightning and burned somewhere between 1904-1914.

Mack Clark had a store about 1928 or 1929.

Austin Hill's Store was sold to Warner Patterson.

About 1905 or 1906 Providence had a blacksmith shop owned by Ford Merrill. When he died his son Hubert took it over. Buford (Boot) Partin worked there for awhile.

John Smith made molasses at the Providence Tannery site.

Bill Garner and wife Janie Garner built and operated a store for many years in the Providence Community across the road from where Sammie Edwards now lives. After the Garner's deaths the store was bought by Austin Hill and who moved it to his property. It was one roomed and they lived in part of the store. Later Albert Thomas owned the property and sold it to Warner Patterson, who operated it as a store for some time. Bill and Arlene Henley lived there and operated it for a time as others did. It was located east of where Warner Patterson now has his home. He again moved the building back and uses it as a storeroom.

Daniel (Dan) Patterson bought a farm on the banks of Elk River near Pelham, TN. Here he owned a tanyard. The main building was a two story building of rock and brick. The lower story was used to shave and dress leather. The upper story was used for making saddles and shoes. The entire work of a cobbler was carried on.

To make what they called good calfskin leather, the hides were first put into a limepool and remained there until the hair would "slip". They were then taken out and "fleshed" with knives. After this, they were put into vats about six or eight feet deep which were long enough and wide enough for the largest of hides. It was necessary for these hides to be aired each morning for several days. After going through this vat, they were put in another; each hide between a layer of bark here to remain for about twelve months. The hides were then taken out "fleshed" again. They were then ready for use.

Good big trees were plentiful then and were cut and stripped of their bark to aid in this work. The bark was stored away to "season". It was then put into a mill shaped very much like a coffee mill. The bark was beaten by a mallet. The lever to the mill was pulled by a horse that caused the mill to grind this bark. The ground bark was shoveled out and stored away to put between the hides.

A lime kiln was there where they made their lime to carry on this work.

A water wheel near a dam in the river was used to supply the vats with water. This wheel was round with planks nailed across on the inside of the rim and at each section was a wooden cup. These cups put the water into a trough that carried it to the vats when needed. He carried this work on through most of the Civil War. The tannery was then destroyed by the Yankee soldiers.

## VALLEY HOME BUSINESS

William Aylor, Gertrude Gipson, Dorothy and Blanton Mayes have owned/managed grocery stores in the Valley Home area. William and Viola Aylor ran a store many years ago on the corner of the lot where Hugh and Ruth Balzell reside now. Dorothy and Blanton Mayes ran a store for a time in the location where they live now.

At one time when 41 Highway traffic was the heaviest, Elbert Goodman had tourist cabins. He also had a store and gristmill. Gertrude Gipson also had tourist cabins which are now used for rental purposes.

The Gulf Station was built by Owen Bean and is now Charlie Shelton's garage.

Lannie Gilliam, Sr. ran an Amoco Station which was later run by his son, Lannie Gilliam Jr.

Alton Meeks ran a Lion Station at Piedmont. It is now a dwelling house.

In Piedmont, Raymond Rose ran a Texaco Station. Other operators were Hulon Rhodes, Quentin Partin, and "Fod" Raulston. The tourist cabins Raymond Rose once had there are now gone.

Gertrude Gipson has run a grocery/gas store in the Valley Home community since 1934.

History of Gipson's Grocery

by: Gertrude Gipson

"We, (Clayborn and Gertrude Gipson) moved into this community at Piedmont from the Alto community (Roark's Cove) where we were renting a little farm from Mr. and Mrs. Andy Marlow. We sold our farm animals, cows, calves, chickens, and other things we had which amounted to \$525.00 to go into our grocery store and gas station business. We bought stock and fixtures and rented the store from Grover and Myrtle Sanders for \$25.00 a month. The store later sold at auction to Cleve and Harve Hamby. We paid them rent, 1½¢ per gallon of gas sold. We later bought the store and operated it until 1948. We then sold it to Hulon and Vera Rhodes to buy the Clyde Garner place in Cross Roads-store, cabins, and house. We used the old store until 1967, and as it was too bad to repair, I built a new one which we are operating now. Although I retired about five years ago, my grandson, Tim Rieder, is now operating the store."

In the early thirties Horace Henley had a molasses mill in Crossroads. The mill was near where Berta Sartain now lives. Dan Patterson made the molasses. Many farmers had a cane patch. When the cane was grown, it was stripped (the leaves and top removed). Then it was cut and carried to the mill. There were big rollers that were turned by a mule hitched to a long pole. The mule went round and round in a big circle all day. Someone fed the cane into the rollers and the juice was squeezed out into a barrel. There was a rock furnace with a big pan about 4 ft. by 12 ft. divided into 3 parts, a pipe ran from the barrel to the largest part of the pan. The juice was cooked down some then dipped over to a medium pan, then as it began to thicken into the smallest pan. When it was thick enough, it was poured into buckets and lard stands. The molasses were eaten with butter and hot biscuits. The molasses were also used to sweeten pumpkin and sweet potatoes, put in pies, cakes, gingerbread, ginger cookies, molasses candy, taffy, and pop corn balls. When school was out for the day, the bare foot boys in their bib-overalls and blue denim shirts would run to the mill to eat the skimmings (the foam formed where the juice boiled). They got a piece of cane and ate the skimmings from a lard can lid.

Sam and Thelma Patterson Smith built and operated the restaurant that was beside their house in Valley Home. They also built the store and cabins located next door where J. B. and Theona Smith Clark now own. The cabins and restaurant have been torn down and the store-house was converted into a house where J. B. and Theona Clark lived and still own at present.

A cannery was built near the home of Jack and Jerry Johnson by WPA to help people preserve their food.

William Thomas Blair had a cobbler shop in his home. His wife Violet made men's suits.

## BUSINESS LICENSES

Licenses were issued by Grundy County for various occupations such as merchandizing, shaving, and tipling (making liquor). People were also issued stallion and jack licenses. The following is a list of licenses issued by Grundy County to Pelham residents from 1853 to 1860.

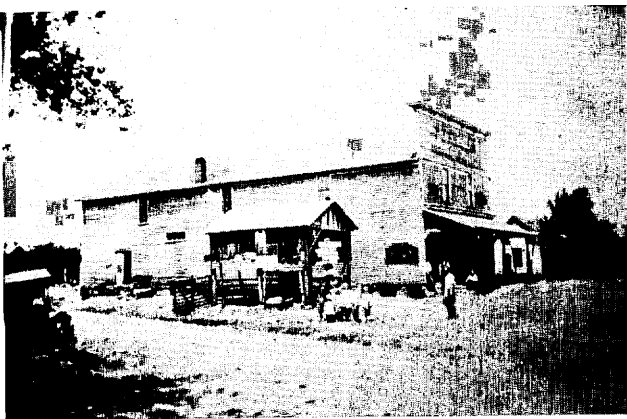
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| 1/25/53  | Conn & Witfield      |
| 2/13/53  | A. E. Patton         |
| 3/15/53  | Jas Sartain          |
| 3/1/54   | Cleveland Payne      |
| 9/15/54  | Anderson S. Goodman  |
| 10/24/54 | Wade & Nash          |
| 11/4/56  | Harris Gilliam & Son |
| 11/4/56  | A. S. Goodman        |
| 11/4/56  | Abraham Lane         |
| 1857     | Stephen Burnett      |
| 4/57     | S. P. Goodman        |
| 3/58     | James Sartain        |
| 3/58     | R. G. White          |
| 5/58     | W. T. Blair          |
| 5/58     | W. T. Blair          |
| 6/59     | John Layne           |
| 6/59     | John Layne           |
| 7/59     | William C. Hill      |
| 9/59     | Wrat Layne           |
| 10/59    | Henry Levan          |
| 1/60     | James Coulson        |
| 11/18/59 | L. D. Sartain        |
|          | S. P. Goodman        |
|          | A. C. Caldwell       |

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Merchandizing license | 4.50     |
| Stallion license      | 2.62     |
| Stallion license      | 8.00     |
| Stallion license      | 5.00     |
| Merchant license      |          |
| Merchant license      | 5.63 1/2 |
| Medicine license      | 5.00     |
| Merchant license      |          |
| Stallion license      | 5.00     |
| Stallion license      | 4.00     |
| Stallion license      |          |
| Stallion license      | 5.00     |
| Stallion license      | 4.00     |
| Stallion license      | 5.00     |
| Shaving license       | 6.88     |
| Merchant license      | .45      |
| Tipling license       | 25.00    |
| Shaving license       |          |
| Jack license          | 5.00     |
| Merchant license      |          |
| Shaving license       |          |
| Shaving license       |          |
| Jack license          | 5.00     |
| Stallion license      | 6.00     |

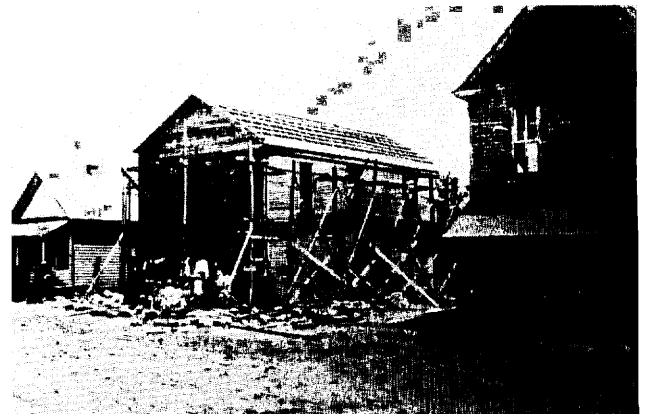
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| 5/9/60  | John Layne    |
| 5/9/60  | Abraham Layne |
| 5/9/60  | Marion Layne  |
| 5/9/60  | G. W. Layne   |
| 5/10/60 | Henry Levan   |
| 7/9/60  | Hiram Kilgore |
| 8/6/60  | Daniel Layne  |
| 8/24/60 | G. W. Payne   |

## PELHAM BUSINESSES



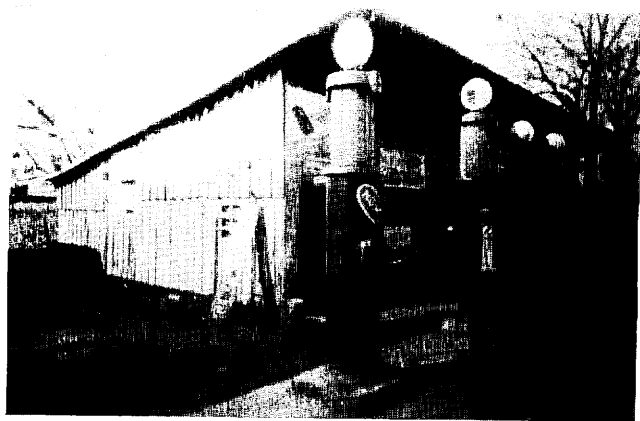
P. T. Gilliam's Store



Dr. Bowden's Office, Hamby's Store, Howard's Store.



Howard's Store -inside pictured - Glenn Bonner, Garnet Clay, & Dave Howard.



John D. Wilder's Service Station



J. Q. Brashear's sawmill



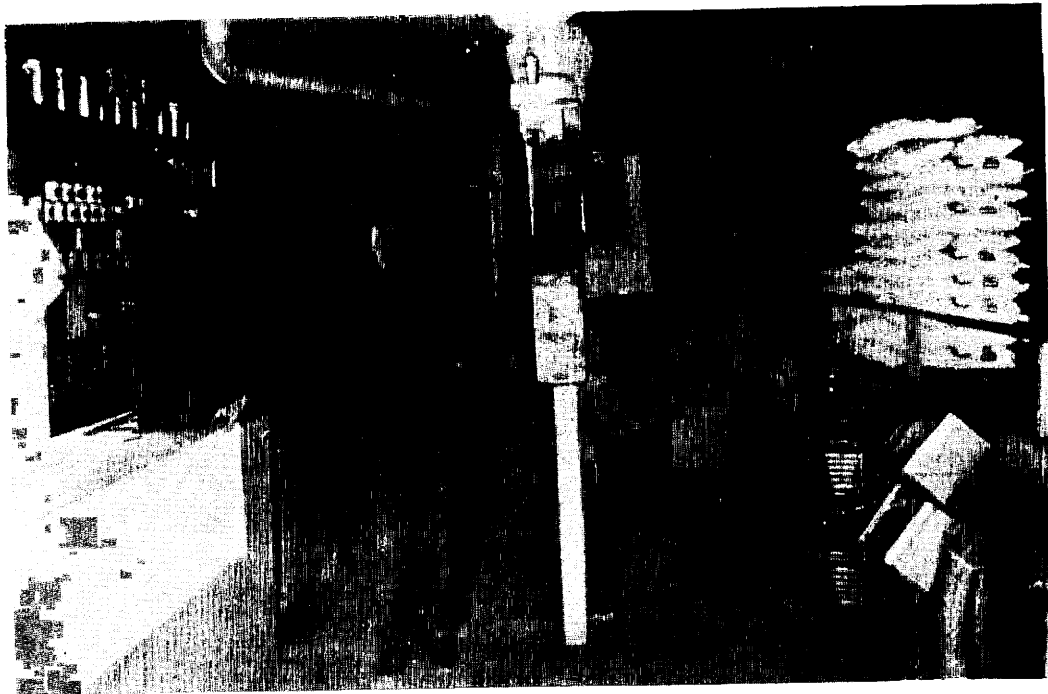
J. Q. Brashear's spoke factory

## VALLEY HOME BUSINESSES



Elbert Goodman's Store at Crossroads.





Elbert Goodman's store at Crossroads.



Viola Aylor's store-Crossroads



Clayborn & Irma Jean Gipson at their station at Piedmont.

## POST OFFICES

The post office at Pelham was established 4 April 1832, and had continuously served as such except for a brief time in 1867 during the Reconstruction period. It was discontinued 20 June 1867, then reestablished 2 October 1867.

These are the postmasters and their dates of appointment.

Benjamin Hollingsworth 4 April 1832  
Anderson S. Goodman 2 March 1842  
William L. Vaughan 18 March 1845  
Robert S. Pulley 10 August 1848  
Leburn Ikard 16 November 1851  
Anderson S. Goodman 12 October 1854  
Abraham Layne 2 October 1867  
Abraham Layne 25 July 1871  
Thomas Goodman 15 July 1872  
John A. Wilkinson 24 February 1881  
Peter T. Gilliam 26 June 1894  
Horace D. Murphy 7 May 1898  
John Gallagher 22 December 1908  
David W. Howard (acting) 16 March 1925  
Ava Campbell Sartain (acting) 1 January 1957  
Gladys Burnett 31 October 1985

William S. Mooney 14 May 1833  
George W. Vaughan 26 February 1844  
Silas T. Roberts 30 October 1845  
J.S. Deckard 5 September 1851  
Alexander E. Patton 21 December 1852  
Alexander E. Patton 11 December 1856  
L.R. Parks 4 January 1871  
Charles W. Womack 22 August 1871  
Martin Gilliam 27 November 1874  
James C. White 18 December 1884  
Lynn A. Carden M.D. 20 September 1895  
David C. Lassater 26 January 1901  
Upton B. Bowden M.D. 13 June 1916  
James Alvin Green ca. 26 March 1940  
Kenneth Wilson 2 May 1959

Since the 1940's substitutes have been appointed: James Alvin Green's substitutes were Melrose (Hamby) Holder then Gladys (Crabtree) Burnett served until her appointment as postmaster. Verna Ruth (Hawk) Winton is the present substitute. Harold Layne served for a time before Gladys Burnett was appointed postmaster.

The rural mail route began in about 1910 when Nelse Jones was appointed carrier with John Farris then Luther Green as his assistants. The route at that time was limited to the main road. Those who lived in areas such as Bonner and Hawk Hollows had no mail service. Later Luther Green was appointed carrier with Homer White as his assistant. In the 1930's outlying areas also received mail service. Upon Green's retirement L.H. Burnett was appointed rural carrier and Emmett White was appointed assistant. L.H. carried the mail until the 1980's when he retired. Charles E. "Kayo" Woodall was acting carrier for a short time before John Wayne Wells was appointed. Wells transferred to another route and Mansil Prince became the rural carrier and is now serving in that position.

The mail was robbed many years ago by Hard Cox near the present day home of Randall and Sue (Fulps) Nunley.

Source: "Pioneer Days, Pelham Valley, Grundy Co.," By Henrietta Bowden Ray, 1983, pg. 51, L.H. Burnett, John Sartain.

Laxsonville, now Providence, had a post office in 1900. Pelham resident H.P. Haynes subcontracted to carry the mail from Laxsonville to Alto for \$200 per year. He was to report to work 6 days per week and follow this schedule: Leave Pelham at 7 a.m. arrive at Decherd by 12 noon, Leave Decherd at 1 p.m. and arrive back at Pelham by 6 p.m. The schedule was very rigorous, yet he was expected to accomplish the entire round, on time, Monday-Saturday.

H.P. Haynes was penalized 52¢ for the quarter ending 30 September 1901, because of failure to make his round in the allotted time. Again on 8 April 1903, he was penalized 39¢ because of failure to make 8 miles of his trip.

Haynes wanted at one point to break his contract; however, he received a letter asking him to continue on in the job since the postmaster at Laxsonville would be "in trouble" if he left the job so apparently he completed his contractual obligation.

Source: From H.P. Haynes' contract with Post Office - in possession of Jim Haynes.

## VALLEY DOCTORS

The valley has had several medical doctors. The earlier doctors made house calls in their horsedrawn buggies. Many times they stayed over night. Sometimes it was more than a day and night when they stayed for a birth of a baby.

The doctors who practiced here were: Dr. J.N.W. Conn who had an office in Pelham in 1863.

Elisha Martain Sims (1830-1891) practiced medicine in Pelham in 1876.

James Odom (date ?). He lived where Ethel Bennett Winton lives at the present time.

George W. Pearson practiced in Pelham in 1898.

Lynn Adolphus Carden (1860-1937). Dr Carden graduated from University of Tennessee - 1898 started his practice in Pelham. His office was near his home. The Carden home and office was on the corner from the residence of Ray and Janie Hines. His office and home burned. They were located at the intersection of Highways 41 & 50.

Johnny Farris lived in Prairie Plains & practiced in Pelham around 1927. He was a man of small stature. It's reported that when he was examining a patient, he was so small he had to get up on the bed with patient to complete the examination.

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Dr. D.H. Bryan, lived in Monteagle, but extended his practice to Pelham. Dr. Bryan's residence was about a block from the Methodist church going toward Monteagle cemetery. Dr. Bryan, one of his patients recalled, had a unicycle that he rode from time to time. He died in 1949.

Dr. Upton Beall Bowden (1883-1953)

Dr. Bowden started his practice in 1914 in Pelham. He was one of the first to graduate from medical school at the University of the South, Sewanee Tennessee. Dr. Bowden was our last Physician to make his home here. The doctors many times in lieu of cash were paid with canned foods, chicken, fresh pork. When Judy Patton was born to Osborn "Toad" Patton and Louise Metcalf Patton on a July Sunday; Sunday was baseball game time in Pelham. Dr. Bowden told Toad, "You've got a short stop at home"; needless to say that was one game Toad didn't finish pitching.

COUNTY OF GRUNDY, STATE OF TENNESSEE.

PAGE NO. 297 PERSONS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR ENDING 1st JUNE, 1860.

Michael Hoover  
District No. 1, 4, 5, 6, & 7

| No. of Visit | Name               | Age | Sex | Color | Free or Slave | Married/Widowed | Place of Birth | Month Died | Occupation  | Disease or Cause of Death | No. Days |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1            | Elizabeth Sack     | 19  | F   |       |               | M               | Tenn           | May        |             | Dropsy                    | C        |
| 2            | Patsy Janson       | 16  | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | Dec        |             | Small pox                 | 14 days  |
| 3            | Jesse Wooton       | 1m  | M   | B     | S             |                 |                | Oct        |             |                           | 1 day    |
| 4            | Daniel Sain        | 68  | M   |       |               | M               | N.C.           | Jan        | Blk-smith   | Dropsy                    | 6 months |
| 5            | George A. Webb     | 1m  | M   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | Aug        |             | Bold hives                | 4 days   |
| 6            | Joseph Davis       | 1   | M   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | June       |             | Canker                    | 1 year   |
| 7            | Susan Price        | 7m  | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | June       |             | Inflammation              | 1 month  |
| 8            | Isaac Roberts      | 85  | M   |       |               | M               | N.C.           | June       | Farmer      | Old age                   | 6 months |
| 9            | Frances Benson     | 92  | F   |       |               |                 | Va             | Aug        |             | Old age                   | 5 months |
| 10           | Eli Cleveland      | 65  | M   |       |               | M               | unknown        | April      | Farmer      | Palsy                     | sudden   |
| 11           | Philip Roberts     | 6m  | M   | B     | S             |                 |                | July       |             | Diarrhea                  | 3 weeks  |
| 12           | John Phips         | 80  | M   |       |               | M               | Va             | May        | Farmer      | Old age                   | 1 month  |
| 13           | Margaret Roberts   | 7m  | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | May        |             |                           | 3 months |
| 14           | Davidson Cox       | 10m | M   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | March      |             |                           | 2 weeks  |
| 15           | Alexander M. Blair | 44  | M   |       |               | M               | N.C.           | Aug        | Farmer      | Gastric fever             | 2 weeks  |
| 16           | Chansey McMillan   | 35  | M   |       |               |                 | unknown        | July       | Pill Pedler | T. fever                  | 1 week   |
| 17           | Martha A. Simmons  | 23  | F   |       |               | M               | Tenn           | Feb        |             | Female Cramp              | 33 days  |
| 18           | Mary F. Mullins    | 1   | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | Jan        |             |                           | 6 days   |
| 19           | Joseph H. Smith    | 6m  | M   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | Sept       |             | T. fever                  | 10 days  |
| 20           | Mahaly Fults       | 26  | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | May        |             | Fits                      | sudden   |

COUNTY OF GRUNDY, STATE OF TENNESSEE.

PAGE NO. 299 PERSONS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR ENDING 1st JUNE, 1850

Civil District No. 2, 3, & 8

| No. of Visit | Name                      | Age | Sex | Color | Free or Slave | Married/Widowed | Place of Birth | Month Died | Occupation | Disease or Cause of Death | No. Days |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1            | George D. Cullender       | 31  | M   |       |               | M               | Tenn           | Oct        | Physician  | T. fever                  | 22 days  |
| 2            | Salina Patton             | 34  | F   |       |               | M               | Georgia        | Aug        |            | T. fever                  | 10 days  |
| 3            | Virginia Burrell          | 15  | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | May        |            | T. fever                  | 9 days   |
| 4            | Samuel Sutherland         | 55  | M   |       |               | M               | S.C.           | July       | Farmer     | Inflammation of brain     | 9 days   |
| 5            | Anna Jane Pattie          | 30  | F   |       |               | M               | Alabama        | April      |            | Consumption               | C        |
| 6            | Bill, slave of J.D.Pattie | 4   | M   | B     | S             |                 | Tenn           | Dec        |            | T. fever                  | 8 days   |
| 7            | Sam, slave of W.C.Green   | 8m  | M   | B     | S             |                 | Tenn           | Nov        |            | By fall                   | 3 days   |
| 8            | Nancy J. Paterson         | 3m  | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | Nov        |            | Croup                     | 1 day    |
| 9            | Margaret E. Paterson      | 9m  | F   |       |               |                 | Tenn           | April      |            | Teething                  | 6 days   |
| 10           | Ezekiel Hobbs             | 74  | M   |       |               | M               | unknown        | March      | Farmer     | Diarrhea                  | 5 weeks  |

Remarks: This County has throughout the year ending 1st June 1850, unusually healthy, no disease of malignant character has been known here, during the year, unless Typhoid Fever may be so considered. This disease was most prevalent in District 6 & 7 and 8 and most fatal in the month of September 1849. The Physicians of Pelham do not assign any local cause for its existance in that region. The Valley of Elk River, embracing the above Districts, is generally low and flat and in winter and spring, a great portion of the land is covered with water which, in summer and autumn, causes fever and other diseases, peculiar to such situations. The soil near Elk River is very fertile and where it has not been cleared for tillage, is covered with poplar, walnut, oak, hickory, ash, and sugar tree. The water is generally limestone in the valley and the mountain it is generally freestone, sometimes chalybeate, limestone is very \_\_\_\_\_ in the valley and on the sides of the mountains half way to the .....  
W. H. Thompson.

## THE DEPRESSION

When valley people heard that the stock market fell, most were so poor they couldn't even tell.

Everyone living in America October 1929, knows circumstances leading to America's depression and the hardships that followed.

Agriculture was the principal source of income for the valley; of course, the prices of produce and crops of farmers hit rock bottom. They sold their livestock; many had to learn new trades to supplement income and keep their properties together.

After World War I, numerous area young men left the farms, moving to the industrial North searching for jobs.

When soup-kitchens sprang up throughout the country, most of the men returned home. They felt they would eat better than soup if home gardens were successful in the summer.

The prices dipped: corn 20¢ per bushel, wheat 50¢ a bushel, hog price 2½-3¢ per pound, cattle 1½¢ per pound. Cotton became so cheap that it was left in the fields since there was no profit in picking it.

When the farmers income were low the businesses in the communities suffered too--the stores, which sold everything from horse collars and seed, to Carter's Little Liver Pills, blacksmith shops, sawmills, and since owners of automobiles were few, the only garage (filling-station) hurt also.

There were no telephones, and getting a 2¢ stamp for postal communication to write relatives living away was difficult.

Valley farm families pulled together. They killed hogs when the weather turned cold. If they were lucky that meant meat on the table. They made their lard in large black pots outside. (Remember most farms had one of these in the yard .) The lard was placed in 50 lb. cans.

The smoke-house became a must so that meat could be placed in it and cured. The vegetables and fruits canned in the summer were placed in the smoke-house. When the weather turned cold, the supplies were covered by quilts, usually made by the lady of the house or a group of women at a quilting party.

Good old country ingenuity was evident more and more as time worsened; after men thrashed wheat, women would take their bed ticking to the fields, fill them with straw then place feathers over the straw. What a mattress that was: "Grandma's feather bed"!

Mother nature's resources were used to the fullest; ink was made from pokeberries and elderberries. Green dye was made from walnut hulls and was used to dye material.

All members of the farm family worked; they saved seeds to use from year to year. Plants were raised for selling at twenty-five cents per hundred.

Farm families were a sharing group; neighbors helped neighbors. They picked up potatoes and got paid in potatoes. Cows were milked, if there was any extra milk it was sold for ten-cents a gallon. Butter was churned and was sold for twenty-cents per pound.

A sharing group was formed. Sugar cane was grown by a few people; the owner of the sorghum mill would make sorghum molasses on the share system. Wheat was taken to Oak Grove (Franklin County) to be milled on the shares, or percentage basis.

Jewel Patterson Partin Jacobs says of the valley people during the depression, "We didn't hurt as much as our northern folks, because we had no electricity, no telephones, and we could raise our food, but one sure thing, the depression was hell."

During the depression, roads and bridges (what the valley had) were neglected because of having no money for repairs. Perhaps we didn't notice as much because horses and buggies and walking were our principal forms of transportation.

The recovery after Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected President in 1932 started slowly. His "New Deal policies brought about help by placing the unemployed in work programs for a small amount of money, their lodging, and their self-respect.

Agencies started at this time were (C.C.C.) Civilian Conservation Corps, (C.W.A.) Civil Workers Administration, (W.P.A.) Work Progress Administration, and (P.W.A.) Public Work Administration.

The department of war controlled the C.C.C. Young men were selected to live in camps and were paid \$30.00 a month. Their works consisting of: setting out trees, building of roads and bridges, development of parks, and other worth while projects. Dan Henley who worked in the C.C.C. organization states, "Many of their projects still survive and are serving this area today."

The W.P.A. was also a plus in this area; both men and women were employed in this organization. The W.P.A. members were involved in building two schools and bridges. One bridge placed the Providence Road above the Elk River water level. At that time high water blocked the community on both road outlets.

Canneries became available for surplus vegetables the farmers accumulated after the tractor started replacing the mule. One was located near the Nazarene church and the Harlan Aylor home in Valley Home. Another one was located in Pelham between the present day Tom Patton home and the Church of Christ. Mrs. Ethel Patton, was one of the first supervisors. Canning was on a share plan. Any extra products were distributed to the needy and the remainder to local schools. Another cannery was located in back of Pelham School.

A factory making comforters was over Pelham Post Office, area ladies worked here to supplement their incomes.

A mattress factory was built in Tracy City. Aburey Smith, walked from Providence to Valley Home to ride a truck to work. As she walked, she crocheted lace; she made yards of it. This is only one example that the valley people of this era were not afraid of work.

The deserving people who worked so hard and survived the depression began to see things improve. One improvement was the county health program increasing its effort in helping valley folk with health problems.

The following are memories shared by our valley folk who lived during the depression.

Two workers at Pelham cannery was Mattie and Dessie Patton.

Uncle Charley White in his covered wagon and George Quinn in his buggy were familiar folks since they were "peddlers" during the depression.

In the 1950's Mr. Nunely was the operator of "Knott's Rolling Store".

Thursie Wilson Patterson remembers that during hard times, she caught a chicken, sold it to a Rolling Store for twenty-cents to buy necessities; when he left, he turned the chicken loose, and she later picked corn to pay him.

As a young girl, another remembered the men and boys circling the wheat field and as rabbits left, they would catch them for eating. As one said, "We had plenty to eat, but we couldn't get-a-hold of a nickel."

Jewel Patterson Partin Jacobs says, "chicken was a special Sunday meal. As a young bride she learned to preserve every food stuff for winter by canning vegetables and fruits. She also recalls making her own soap & making dresses when material was nine-cents a yards.

Buford Partin worked in uncle John Wilder's Blacksmith Shop after the first car came to the valley as the first auto mechanic.

Anna Bell Payne Bean and Blanche Payne remember when they "Carried chicken and eggs to Mr. Pete Gilliam's store to exchange them for flour, coffee and sugar." They also remember going to parties. While making candy, someone would slip red pepper in it so it would burn the daylight out of their mouths when it was eaten. They recall party games were: "Meet the fly family", "Thimble", "Fruite-basket turn over" and "Poor Kitty".

Jewel Patterson Partin Jacobs remembers Boyd Edwards working on a land fill on Bell's Mill Road at Caldwell Creek, his bulldozer got stuck in the mud, it took a while to remove the dozer.

Louise Metcalf Patton Conry remembers that in 1930, her mother bought three sweaters at Christmas for \$5.00

## ROADS/HIGHWAYS

### A C T S CHAPTER CCX.

An Act to incorporate a company to be called the Pelham and Jasper Turnpike Company.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That Joseph Gentry, Cecil Bobo, Alexander E. Patton, William S. Mooney, George Miller, John Clipper, William McMurry, Philip Bibbes, George W. Rice, David Rankin, David Oats, George W. Rogers, David R. Rollings, John M. Morrow, A. J. Price, G. W. Thompson, and B. T. Holland, are hereby appointed commissioners to open books for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the amount of sixty thousand dollars, or one hundred thousand, if thought necessary by the said commissioners, to be applied to the purpose of making a turnpike road from Manchester, in the county of Coffee, to Colonel David Oats', on Tennessee river, in Marion county; which sum of sixty or one hundred thousand dollars shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each. The said commissioners shall meet at Pelham, on the first Monday in May next, to make such arrangements as they may think fit for opening books for subscription, &c.; as soon as ten thousand dollars or more of stock is taken, they may call a meeting of the stockholders at Pelham, for the purpose of organizing a board by the election of six directors, of which meeting twenty days notice shall be given; at which meeting the stockholders shall go into the election of six directors, by casting one vote for each share, who shall elect a president and other officers; after which time the stockholders shall be and are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Pelham and Jasper Turnpike Company, and together with those that may thereafter subscribe for or purchase stock, shall so continue and may own, sell and buy property, sue and be sued in their corporate name and character, and have, enjoy, and possess all the rights privileges and powers appertaining to bodies corporate and politic by law, and shall so continue and have succession for ninety-nine years

**Sec. 2.** *Be it enacted,* That the company hereby incorporated shall have the same powers and be subject to the same duties, liabilities and obligations, and be in all respects governed and controlled by the provisions of an act to incorporate a company to be called the Lebanon and Nashville Turnpike Company, passed February 12th, 1836,

*except as to the places of advertising and places of meeting, which this company may determine on themselves, and except also the manner in which the road shall be finished, in this that the directors of this road shall direct what part of it shall be covered with rock, and what part shall be graded only, and as to the degree of gradation on said road, where it ascends and descends the Cumberland mountain, which shall be determined on by the president and directors of said company; and there shall be but seven toll gates on this road, which may be located by the directors; provided, no gate shall be nearer than one mile to any town; nor shall they be nearer than five miles to each other. In all other respects the charter of the Lebanon and Nashville Turnpike Company, so far as the same applies and is not changed by this act, shall be the charter of the Pelham and Jasper Turnpike Company.*

**Sec. 3.** *Be it enacted,* That two thirds of said road shall be taken and considered in the state subscription for stock in said company, as a Middle Tennessee improvement, and one third as an East Tennessee improvement.

**Sec. 4.** *Be it enacted,* That if the capital stock of the company hereby incorporated, shall not be subscribed and the construction of the road determined on by said company, on or before the first day of September, 1838, then, and in that case, George W. Rice and William McMurry, their successors and assigns are hereby incorporated as a company, to have succession for the space of thirty years, to be known as the Battle Creek Turnpike Company, with full power and authority to construct a common turnpike road, from the foot of Cumberland Mountain, at or near Hellingworth's old place in Franklin county, to the foot of said mountain, on the east side, near James McCains, who shall construct the road in the same manner directed for the construction of Harris' turnpike road, leading from Winchester to Jasper, be entitled to the same rates of toll, and in all respects where they are applicable, be governed by the rules, regulations and restrictions prescribed for the said Harris' turnpike road and the proprietor thereof; *provided,* that if said road is not completed within three years from the passage of this act, then the rights conferred by this section shall be void.

Passed January 22d, 1838.

1st Session, 22nd General Assembly.  
1837-38, pp. 309-11.

Source- Coffee County Historical Society, "Hillsboro"

The Cherokee Indians used a similar course to present day Highway 41 as a passageway from Battle Creek (in the Martin Springs area) to the hunting grounds on this side of the plateau. Monteagle being the narrowest place on the mountain top between the Sequachie Valley on the South and the Elk River Valley on the North-Northwest. In the late 1700's it was the most widely used. It has been called a major prehistoric throughfare. Archalologist William E. Myers called it the Cisca and St. Augustine Trail. Early white settlers near Nashville called this the Nickajack Trail (more details on this trail in the Indian Section of this book.) There are a few places along Highway 41 which are said to bear traces of old markings put on cliffs by some of the early travelers on the stage road.

Realizing the importance of the road over the mountain. The Pelham-Jasper Turnpike was laid out. The following Legislature Act and Petition refers to the early efforts of citizens of this county to travel a bit more easily. (Pelham was in Coffee County at this time.)

In 1843 an Act to amend the Charter of the Pelham Jasper Turnpike Company.

#### CHAPTER CXCIX.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of the Tennessee,* That the charter of the Pelham and Jasper Turnpike Company be so amended, that the election of Directors for said company shall be holden on the first Saturday in March in each and every year.

**SEC. 2.** *Be it enacted,* That John O. Briley, Robertson Nevil and Isaac Wilkinson of Coffee county, and John Clipper and Richard Stone of Marion county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for said Turnpike road, and that they are hereby authorised and required to perform all the duties required of the commissioners appointed by the act of 22nd January 1838.

**SEC. 3.** *Be it enacted,* That the company shall have the privilege to erect three gates on the above road, instead of seven as originally provided in the charter for said road, and that the company shall be authorised to receive double the rates of toll at each gate, which they were by law authorised to receive at the several gates in the original charter.

**SEC. 4.** *Be it enacted,* That one gate shall be erected on each side of the mountain, and the others on the top, at such places as the commissioners may determine, and as soon as the road is completed according to the provisions of the charter; and that said commissioners shall be allowed one dollar and fifty cents per day for their services, which shall be paid by the company...

Passed January 29th, 1844.

**From: Acts of the 25th General Assembly ... 1st Session ... Nashville, 1843-44. pp. 221-22.**

Source: Coffee County Historical Society - "Hillsboro"

Highway 41 as we know it didn't come into being until somewhere between 1925 and 1927, before that it couldn't be traveled by car. The road was worked (built) in sections and took several years to complete. It was paved and the bridge that now stands between Valley Home and Pelham was built during this time. Valley men and boys worked on building 41 and used their own wagons and teams of mules. A. Dickerson was the boss over building of the bridge. One of the state's rock quarries at the time was located where Tom and Jannelle (Layne) Coats presently live.

The following are excerpts from the Grundy County Court Minutes showing that at one time there was a debate to relocate 41.

In April 1947, the county court rejected a proposal by the Highway Department to buy the right of way on a new road project from Pelham to Monteagle and adopted a resolution urging the state to build a direct route between Pelham and Jasper by way of Tracy City.

During the January 1948, term of the county court, a lively debate took place on the question of providing the right-of-way for U.S. Highway 41 to be built from Monteagle through Pelham to the Coffee County line. Bob Couch of Pelham, former County Road Commissioner led those for favorable action. He was seconded by Jeff D. Fults and Roscoe Gunn. Opposed were Bud Garthwaite, Dr. U.B. Bowden, and Jonas Raulston. The motion finally carried, but limited the share to \$7,000. The right-of-way committee chosen consisted of Judge J.L. Rollings, W.C. Hixson, Cooper Anthony, and John Crabtree. Ame Dickerson of Altamont was appointed County Ranger.

On October 1948, county court continued to debate the right-of-way issue arising out of the Monteagle to Pelham road but did not finally resolve it.

January 1949, county court continued its acrimonious debate of the location or re-location of the Pelham segment of U.S. Highway 41. The court, however managed unanimous approval of the Tracy City to Jasper right-of-way.

On May 1953, it was reported that the long-delayed construction of U.S. 41 between Monteagle and the Coffee County line along a new right-of-way, would be under construct by the end of the year.

Highway 41 was to remain a major road until February 1962 when Interstate 24 opened the segment between Betsy Willis Creek and Monteagle.

Interstate Route 24 was described as a beautiful four-lane highway sweeping down off the Cumberland Plateau in a wide curve which is still visible from the top of the mountain to the bottom and one of Tennessees' "Most Beautiful Highways."

The new road was to have a great effect on some 17 businesses from the top of the mountain on U.S. 41 through Cross Roads and Pelham. As many as 125 trucks and automobiles per hour had been roaring and pounding through Pelham Valley on U.S. 41 for many year and had become a way of life to the people living along the road and many of the businesses catered to the tourists. With the building of I-24 the valley was suddenly deprived of the tourist business; therefore, some businesses had to close their doors.

## ROAD WORK

In the early days there was no Highway Department which maintained roads; therefore, it was necessary for the ordinary citizens to volunteer service as overseer of the roads and to see that they were kept in good repair. This is a list, by no means complete, of those appointed through the Grundy County Court to oversee road work in their respective areas.

7 October 1844-This day Charles F. Lowe, Thomas Saunders, James Meeks, John Warren and Thomas Burrows who was appointed jury of view at the last term of this court made their report as follows. The said road shall begin at Pelham running with the Centerville road passing by Elizabeth Muckleroy's, to the end of her land, and running westwardly so as to intersect the old Caldwell's bridge road near Benjamin O. Nevells. It is therefore ordered by the court that said road be established as a road of the second class and that William Pearson be appointed overseer of said road, passing B.O. Nevells to where it intersects the stage road, and have the following bounds and hands to keep the same in repair, beginning at Pelham running with the new road to Benjamin O. Nevells, then with the county line to the foot of the mountain, thence with the mountain to the point opposite to Pelham and thence a direct line to the beginning.

7 October 1844-Samuel Southerland be appointer overseer of the road from the end of Mrs. Muckleroy's land to Caldwell's old bridge, and to keep the same in repair. Beginning where Tilley formerly lived, thence with the branch to Spain's old bridge, thence down the river to Caldwell's bridge, thence with the bridge road to Pelham.

5 October 1846-James Harrison be appointed overseer of the road from Caldwell's bridge to Samuel Tucker's, and have the following bounds and hands beginning at William Richardsons, at Pelham, and running with the Pelham Branch to Spain's Old Ford, on Elk River, then with the river to Caldwell's Bridge, then with the road to B. O. Nevells, then a straight line to Cumberland Mountain then a straight line to the beginning.

5 October 1846-Ordered by the court that Stephen Cope overseer of the road be allowed \$3.00 to furnish a sledge hammer for the use of the road leading from Pelham to the foot of the mountain, the Pain's Cove road is also to have the use of said Hammer, to be paid fro out of the county treasury out of any money not otherwise appropiated there being thirteen Justices present and the vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were thirteen in the negative none.

4 October 1847-This day Harris Gillum, Harris Bell, L.D. Lynch, R. Caldwell and Joseph Bradshaw, the Jury of View reported as follows, the Said road shall begin, at the foot of Cumberland mountain near Harris Gillums on the Stage road, thence to the southeast Corner of Harris Gillums field, thence westwardly so as to run near Harris Bells, to foot of the mountain Andrew Yongs', thence with the mountain passing Andrew W. Gowan's Spring thence with the mountain passing near L.D. Lynch's, thence with the old road to the place where Taswell Spain now lives thence with Jefferson Smiths line, so as to intersect the other road at meeting house Whereupon the court established said road as a road of the second class-- and that Harris Bell be appointed overseer of said road and have the same bounds and hands allotted A.M. Blair to open Said, and then said hands to be divided between said Overseers--

4 October 1847-Ordered by the court that George Roberts (ky) be appointed overseer of the Stage road from Pelham to the foot of the mountain near Harris Gillums, and have the following bounds and hands, to keep the same in repair, Beginning at Pelham running thence with the Goodin trace to John S. Lowes, thence with the meanders of the mountain, to H. Gillums thence with Stage road to Pelham, including the hands that live at Mrs. Rhoda Lawsons.

Ordered by the court that Pleasant H. Price be appointed overseer of the Stage road from Pelham to George W. Thompson and have the following bounds and hands and all the hands east of the stage road to the prarey creek thence a Straight line to Thompsons then to the Shelbyville road to include Mrs. Willis' hands, Isaac M. Wilkerson and hands, and G.W. Thompson's hands.

Ordered by the court that Hosea Jones, be appointed overseer of the Stage road, from G.W. Thompson, to the Coffee County line near Robert Taylors, and have the following bounds and hands, all the hands of E.J. Hollins, George Roberts hands, James M. Sheilds hands, James Sheids hands, Robert Taylor and hands, George W. Roberts, L.T. Gunn and hands, and all the hands included in said bounds.

Ordered by the court that Philip Roberts Senr. be appointed Overseer of the road from William Cambells to Centerville and have all the hands in the following bounds, commencing at M.G. Stumps thence with the Pelham branch to Elk River thence with Said River to Caldwell's bridge, thence with the road, to Centerville, thence with the Hillsborough road, to where it intersect the stage road, thence with the meanders of the mountain to the beginning.

Ordered by the court that Isaac M. Wilkerson be appointer overseer of the Road from Caldwell's bridge passing Centerville, B.O. Nevells, and the Widow Nevells, to where said road intersects the Stage road and have the following bounds and hands, Beginning at J.M. Wilkersons, running a direct line to Rutliges including Rutliges hands, thence up Elk River to Caldwell's bridge, thence with the road to the beginning.

2 October 1848-Ordered by the court that E.G. Brewer be appointed overseer of the road from Elk River to the mountain on the burned stand road and have the following hands (towit,) Jefferson Waggoner, Wm G. Guinn, Wm. Thompson, Worthy Southerland, A.C. Smith, Daniel Mosley and E.R. Tucker and George Tucker, to keep Said road in repairs.

5 March 1849 ordered by the Court that Newbern Guinn be appointed Overseer of the Road from the foot of the Mountain near Stephen Copes to where it **enters** the Burrows Cove road near Pelham and have the following bounds and hands to work and Keep the Same in **Ripair**--Comencing at Mary S. Roberts, and taking Washington Edgin and Samuel Tucker thence Running East so as to Take in Thomas & Silas Saunders hands thence Round with the meanders of the mountain taking in Stephen Copes hands & William Syas to the Road at the foot of the Mountain.

Ordered by the Court that Harris Gilliam be appointed Overseer of the Stage Road from the Bridge across Elk River near Pelham to the foot of Cumberland mountain near said Gilliams and that he have the following bounds and hands Commencing at said Bridge and Running down said river to the Mouth of Caldwell's Creek up said Creek to & with the district line around with the mountain to the Gooden trace Road thence with said Road to Elk River and with the River to the beginning and that he have all the hands in said bounds except Matt Mullins & Wm. Layne.

Ordered by the Court that William C. Wilkerson be appointed overseer of the Stage Road from Isaac M. Wilkersons to Pelham and have the following bounds and hands towit Commencing at the County line at the said Isaac M. Wilkersons

Running to B.O. Nevells including his hands thence east to A.E. Pattons thrasher, thence with Said Road to Pulley's Store thence North to the top of the mountain, to the beginning so as to include Morgan Price and have all the hand in Said Bounds to work and Keep the same in repair.

7 May 1849-Ordered by the court that George Roberts be appointed Overseer of the Stage Road from Pelham to the south end of the bridge across Elk River on the Jasper Road and that he have the following bounds and hands running up the River **opposite** the Lane between Wm. Roberts & Thomas Warrens and Running with sid Lane to Doctor Cons thence up the Stage Road to George K. Bowers thence to Henry Sheids thence to Bartlett Sutherland thence to Samuel Sutherland thence South to the River and thence up said River to the beginning and that he have all the hands in said bounds to work and keep the same in Repair including Bowers, Sheid, Bartlett and Samuel Sutherlands hands.

Oredered by the Court that William Armstrong, R.P. Webb, John Burrows, A.S. Goodman, Newbern W. Guinn, Richard Bradford & Isaac Meek Sen. be appointed a Jury of View to lay off and **marke** out a road beginning and leaving the Paynes Cove Road at the Mouth of the Laine of A.S. Goodman Running from the mouth of said Lain up the Ridge between James Sartain and Ephraim Philips and to **intercect** the Paynes Cove Road at the school house Spring on the sid of Cumberland mountain thence the **moust** practicable **Rout** to Altamont and report to the Next Term of this Court.

7 June 1852-Ordered by the Court that Thomas Harrison Sen'r be appointed Overseer of the road leading from Paynes Cove to Cumberland by way of Nesbets, Solomon P. Goodman's Mill & R.C. Caldwell's from the said Nesbeth to the Said R.C. Caldwell's, and that he have the following hands (towit, William Nesbets, and his two sons, Thomas Sanders, Jacob Sanders, William Cox, Isiah Cox, William Layne, Matison Nunely, Benj. Todd, Thomas Blair, James Simmons, Ranson Martin, Matison Mulens, J.R. Mullens, hands, Thos. I. Lovelace, Miles Harrison, Silas Leverton. Seborn Ikard, Jefferson Thompson, Benj. Jones, Shadrac McBride, to work and keep said road in repair.

1 Mar 1852-Soloman Deckerd was appointed as overseer of the road leading from Pelham through Burrow's Cove commencing at Pelham and working to forks where Payne's Cove Road leaves and is to have the following hands: James D. Priest, J.N.W. Conn, Dr. H. Whitfield, and old Dr. Conn.

2 Jan 1854-Ordered by the court that James Doren be appointed overseer of the road from Providence along the foot of the mountain to intersect the stage road at Harris Gilams Esqr. and have the following named hands (towit) John Adams, T.J. Thompson, T.J. Lovelace, T.D. Lynch, Andrew Blansett, to work and keep the same in repair said road to be a second class road.

3 April 1854-Ordered by the Court that S.P. Goodman, Harris Bell, and Harris Gilliam be appointed commissioners to let out the repairs of the bridge across Elk River near Pelham to the best advantage and make their report so soon as convenient after said Bridge is repaired all other matters reserves for the further order of this Court.

4 April 1854-Ordered by the court that James Harrison be appointed Overseer of the road from Pelham to Caldwell's old bridge and have the following bounds and hands, towit:- Charles Green, Wm. Buckner, Polyxina Neveills hands, Garrison Sutherland, Calvin Sutherland, Nathan Cox, Isiah Cox, James Bell, W.W. Crabtree and Henry Sheid, to work and keep said road in repair.

Ordered by the court that the following persons be appointed a Jury of View, to view the road opened by Thomas Burrows, John G. Burrows and others, and report **whither** said Road shall be established as a road of the second class to wit: John Hobbs, Josiah Argo, John Northcutt, Stephen M. Griswold, William E. Northcutt, P.H. Levan, John Tipton, and that they report to the next quarterly Term.

Ordered by the court that William Prices precinct of the road of which he is overseer be extended to the Coffee County Line as it now Stands the same having been changed by last Legislature and have in addition to his present hands Alexander Pattons hands, Philip Roberts and hands, Wm H. Willis and hands, to work and keep the same in repair.

1 May 1854-Ordered by the court that the following named persons be appointed a Jury of View to mark and lay off a road so as to change the road leading from Pelham to Centerville and locate Said road as near as practicable on the lines of the lands of James D. Pattie, Charles Green, James Harrison and A.E. Patton, commencing at the mouth of the lane between said Pattie & Patton and ending at the mouth of the lane between said Harrison and Patton where the same strikes the present road and make their report to the next quarterly Term of this Court, (towit) S.G. Roberts, Thomas Warren, Esqr. James D. Priest, Thomas Wiley, Charles Green, Wm. Buckner, & S.P. Goodman.

1 Jan 1855-Ordered by the court that I.K. Mullins be allowed the sum of one hundred and seventy nine dollars for repairing the bridge across Elk River between Pelham and the mountain on the road leading to Jasper, to be paid out of any money in the County **Truaasyr** not otherwise appropriated. There being seventeen Justice present, and the vote being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were seventeen in the negative none.

## **ELECTRICITY**

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

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

In time, the Grundy communities of Monteagle, Summerfield, Tracy City, Coalmont, Palmer, and Pelham obtained power from this source. Pelham received electric lights about 9134 or 1935. However, Burrows' Cove and Paynes' Cove did not get electricity until the early 1950's. In 1939, the Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative was incorporated under the Electric Cooperative Act of Tennessee. Among the nine original incorporators were two Grundy County men, Dr. U.B. Bowden of Pelham and Frank Warren of Coalmont.



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

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

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

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

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

**TELEPHONES**

Dixie Telephone Co. was in existence by 1898, although the phones didn't get to the valley until the 1900's. The first phones were the crank type and were operated by batteries.

The April 1911 Dixie Telephone Book states. Pay stations for the convenience of the public will be found at the following places: Gilliam's Store-Pelham, Harrison Hamby-Burrough's Cove, Arnold Kissling's-Burrough's Cove.

The February 1913 phone book listed these telephones in the valley: Burrough's Cove: Brown, F.E.; Hamby, Harrison; Hawk, James; Pelham, Bowden, Dr. U.B.; Breashear, J.Q. Esq.; Gilliam, P.T. Store; R.M. Payne, Tollgate (Monteagle).

In May of 1954 the REA approved a loan of \$1,485,000 to Ben Lomand Telephone Cooperative, part of which was to be used to acquire the Dixie Telephone Company.

On October 1, 1954, Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative officially came into existence.

**AN EXCERPT FROM THE 4 PAGE "DIXIE TELEPHONE BOOK"**

**Directory of Dixie Telephone Co., Feb. 1913**

**Tracy City**

Parina Chicken Feed makes hens lay and little ones grow fast. Try one bag and you never will use any other.  
**TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED COAL CO.**  
 Telephone No. 197.

- 113 Patis, Mrs. Mary - Residence Hubbs Hill
  - 76 Patis, Wilburn - Residence North Sixteenth Street
- GOOD** looks do count. Use **NEV-O-NO** Cream and you will be convinced.
- 148 Garner, Henry - Residence Teash Street
  - 530 Gentry, W. E. - Residence Coal Street
  - 914 Goforth, John - Residence Seventeenth Street
  - 130 Grantham, P. A. - Residence Seventh Street
  - 104 Graham, Walter - Residence Jasper Road
  - 103 Grundy Publishing Company - Laurel Street
  - 225 Gregg, Howard - Residence Sixteenth Street

**H**ADES is not worse than rheumatism; but **LITHI-SAL** will cure it. Price 50 cents.

- 68 Hargis, Goss - Residence Eleventh Street
- 150 Haynes, John - Residence Fifth Street
- 91 Hampton & Munley - Store Ninth Street
- 98 Hamby, E. W. - Residence Ramsey Branch
- 66 Hampton, Ed - Residence Third Street
- 172-2 Hall, Ed - Stable Coalmont
- 3 Hampton, E. L. - Residence Railroad Avenue
- 247 Hampton, W. E. - Residence Hubbs Hill
- 2602 Harria, Ben - Residence Peror Ridge
- 20 Hamler, L. E. - Residence Third Street
- 216 Hamler, Miss Bertha - Residence Robbins Street
- 17 Hayes, Dr. Douglas - Office & Residence Railroad Avenue
- 22 Henley, Hugh - Residence Twentieth Street
- 164 Henley & Henderson - Store Ninth Street
- 152 Henley, J. C. - Residence Seventh Street
- 62 Hembree, Dr. O. W. - Residence Fourteenth Street
- 6 Henley, S. A. - Residence Rutledge Street
- 243 Herald Printing Company - Opposite Postoffice
- 12 Hines, L. M. - Residence Railroad Avenue
- 47 Holmes, T. H. - Residence Tenth Street

**I**MEDIATE relief from croup by using **STONE'S CROUP & PNEUMONIA SALVE**. Price 25 cents. For sale by **Dorris & Cheek**.

- 250 Ingram & Schild - Shop Altamont Street
- 61 Ingram, T. E. - Residence Sixth Street

**J**UNO'S NECTAR will cure the worst case of constipation.

- 284 Jackson, C. M. - Residence Railroad Avenue
- 281 Johnson, Mrs. J. M. - Residence Tenth Street
- 167 Jossi, Wm. - Residence Twelfth Street

**Monteagle**

The best stock of **DRUGS** in Grundy County is found  
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- 68 Pigeon - Residence
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|                 | Altamont | Beersheba | Burrough's Cove | Coalmont | Clouse Hill | Foster Falls | Gruetli | Meeks | Monteagle | Pelham | Pryor Ridge | Roddy Sp. Co. | Tatesville | Tracy City |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-------------|--------------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Altamont        | 00       | 05        | 15              | 10       | 15          | 15           | 10      | 15    | 15        | 15     | 15          | 15            | 15         | 10         |
| Beersheba       | 05       | 00        | 20              | 15       | 20          | 20           | 10      | 15    | 20        | 20     | 20          | 15            | 20         | 15         |
| Burrough's Cove | 15       | 20        | 00              | 15       | 10          | 20           | 15      | 15    | 10        | 05     | 15          | 15            | 20         | 10         |
| Coalmont        | 10       | 15        | 15              | 00       | 10          | 15           | 10      | 10    | 15        | 15     | 10          | 10            | 10         | 10         |
| Clouse Hill     | 15       | 20        | 10              | 10       | 00          | 15           | 15      | 10    | 10        | 10     | 10          | 10            | 20         | 10         |
| Foster Falls    | 15       | 20        | 20              | 15       | 15          | 00           | 15      | 15    | 15        | 15     | 05          | 15            | 20         | 10         |
| Gruetli         | 10       | 10        | 15              | 10       | 15          | 15           | 00      | 10    | 15        | 15     | 15          | 10            | 10         | 10         |
| Meeks           | 10       | 15        | 15              | 10       | 10          | 15           | 10      | 00    | 15        | 15     | 10          | 10            | 10         | 10         |
| Monteagle       | 15       | 20        | 10              | 15       | 10          | 15           | 15      | 15    | 00        | 10     | 15          | 15            | 20         | 10         |
| Pelham          | 15       | 20        | 05              | 15       | 10          | 15           | 15      | 15    | 10        | 00     | 15          | 15            | 20         | 10         |
| Pryor Ridge     | 15       | 20        | 15              | 15       | 10          | 05           | 15      | 10    | 15        | 15     | 00          | 15            | 20         | 10         |
| Roddy Springs   | 10       | 15        | 15              | 10       | 10          | 15           | 10      | 10    | 15        | 15     | 15          | 00            | 10         | 10         |
| Tatesville      | 15       | 20        | 20              | 10       | 20          | 20           | 10      | 10    | 20        | 20     | 20          | 20            | 10         | 00         |
| Tracy City      | 10       | 15        | 10              | 10       | 10          | 10           | 10      | 10    | 10        | 10     | 10          | 10            | 15         | 00         |

## CHEROKEE REMOVAL FORCES

Benjamin Cherry was the commanding officer of this group of men from Pelham Valley & northern Franklin County. They were a part of the forces ordered to remove the Cherokee Indians from the Tennessee country and force them to their new home in Oklahoma.

Cherry was under Major Lauderdale, who was under General Jessup, who in turn was under the command of General Andrew Jackson.

### Roster of Benjamin Cherry's Company

(From a poor copy, some errors a certainty. Abbreviations added.)

#### Officers:

|                           |                     |                    |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cherry, Benj.             | Howard, David       | Sartain, James--   |
| Gipson, Wm                | Hayes, Wm.          | Sartain, Lovell D  |
| Brannon, Wm               | Hargess, Abram      | Sims, Wm           |
| Carson, James             | Jones, Benj. F.     | Sanders, Thos.     |
| Sartain, Geo. W.          | Keeny, Jas.         | Smith, Alexander   |
| Laxton, Jesse             | King, Geo.          | Stafford, Jos.     |
| Thompson, Samuel          | King Wily           | Somers, Geo.       |
| Gilliam, Harris           | Laxon, Charles ?    | Smith, Hiram B.    |
| Morris, John              | Lacky, A ----       | Stamps,? Jas. W.   |
| Williams, Thos. Jefferson | Laxon, Jas.         | S-----, Anderson   |
| Burrows, Saml.            | Lambert, Westly     | S-----, David?     |
| Bell, John H.T.           | McDaniel, Elijah    | Sims, Elisha?      |
|                           | McFarland, Wm.      | Spain, Wm.         |
| Enlisted Men              | Miliam?, Wm.        | Sutherland, -----  |
| Austin, John              | Morris, Wi---       | Smith, Ele---      |
| Anderson, Alfred?         | McKelog?, Copeland? | Smith, Jefferson?  |
| Anderson, Saml.           | M-----, Coleman     | Smith, James       |
| Anderson, Saml.           | Miliam?, Thos. F.   | Thomas, Johnathan  |
| Boyce, Wm. C.             | Miliam, Ashford     | Thompson, Wm.      |
| Bell, Thos. A             | Moore, Caleb        | Todd, Benj.        |
| Burris, Wm. H.            | Matlock, Jas. M.    | Vibert, Peter      |
| Bennett, H.K.             | Morris, John        | Wiley, Peter       |
| Brannon, John B.          | Marshall, David     | Walker, John W.    |
| Bostick, John             | McKelvy, Jesse      | Williams, John L.  |
| Burrows, Anthony C.       | Morris, Wm. F.      | Williams, Leroy T. |
| B----, Geo. W.            | Nevill, Thos. E.    | Young, Mordecai    |
| -----,-----               | Owen, Benj. W.      |                    |
| Carson, Terry             | Odear, Charles      |                    |
| Cotton, Hiram             | Prince, Nathan      |                    |
| Covy, Jesse               | Patterson, Jackson  |                    |
| Cossoth?, John B.         | Parks, Wm.          |                    |
| Carrol, Isaac             | Richardson, Hugh    |                    |
| Dyer, Abner               | Rose, Geo. W.       |                    |
| Doll?, John               | Roark, John         |                    |
| Davis, John               | Roberts, Hansford?  |                    |
| Ellis, John               | Roberts, Sidney     |                    |
| Ferrell, Wm               | Rose, Thos. G.      |                    |
| Finney, Patton            | Rollins, Benj.      |                    |
| Gwinn, Danl.              | Robert, Geo.        |                    |
| Gilliam, Allen            |                     |                    |
| Goodman, Madison          |                     |                    |
| Gipson, Allen             |                     |                    |
| Gipson, Fredrick          |                     |                    |
| Gage, Wm.                 |                     |                    |
| Greer, John W.            |                     |                    |
| Gower, Zachariah          |                     |                    |
| Hills Thomas J.           |                     |                    |
| Hunter, Obediah F.        |                     |                    |
| Henly, John               |                     |                    |
| Hargess, John             |                     |                    |
| Hill, Wm.                 |                     |                    |

## CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF PELHAM VALLEY (IMCOMPLETE LIST)

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Austill, Augustus             | Meeks, Elijah              |
| Burnett, John Wilson          | Neville, David             |
| Cox, F.M.                     | Pattie Robert F.           |
| Crabtree, William Iley        | Pattie, Wm. Benjamin       |
| Echols, James V               | Patton Alexander E.        |
| Friend, H                     | Patton, James Harris       |
| Gilliam, Martin               | Patton, John Hamilton      |
| Gilliam, Samuel               | Patton, Thomas Benton      |
| Gilliam, Jessup               | Payne, Zebadiah            |
| Gilliam, William H.           | Phipps, David Wiley        |
| Gunn, Jesse R.                | Reynolds, Elijah           |
| Gunn, John Hamilton           | Roberts, Phillip           |
| Hamby, Eli                    | Roberts, Riley B.          |
| Hawk, John                    | Sanders, Alexander Houston |
| Haynes, H.P.                  | Sanders, John              |
| Henley, John P.               | Sartain, James Sr.         |
| Henley, J.C.                  | Sims, Polk                 |
| Kilgore, L.M.                 | Sheid, Henry S.            |
| Layne, David                  | Thomas, John               |
| Layne, William "Spunkie Bill" | Tucker, Zebulon            |
| Lusk, Joseph A.               | Warren, Joshua             |
| Magouirk, G.W.                | Willis, Joseph G.          |
| Compiled by Kenneth Wilson    |                            |

## WORLD WAR I SERVICEMEN FROM PELHAM AREA

This is a list of servicemen who gave their post office address as Pelham, (from records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Compiled by Charles Sherrill).

| Name of Soldier         | Place of Birth | Month & Year Inducted | Age Then | Rank  | Date of Discharge | Served Overseas |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Aylor, Clarence         | Pelham         | 12-1917               | 22       | Pvt.  | 3-1919            | Yes             |
| Bean, Lloyd             | Pelham         | 10-1917               | 27       | Pvt.  | 2-1919            |                 |
| Blessing, Lawrence      | Jasper         | 1-1915*               | 25       | Sgt.  | 4-1920**          |                 |
| Bowlin, Willie          | Decherd        | 1-1913*               | 44?      | Corp. | 6-1920**          |                 |
| Conry, Mike E.          | Pelham         | 10-1917               | 26       | Sgt.  | 3-1919            |                 |
| Dickerson, Douglas      | Altamont       | 10-1917               | 22       | Pvt.  | 2-1919            |                 |
| Fraiss, Walter Benton   | Okla. City     | 10-1918               | 21       | Pvt.  | 6-1919            |                 |
| Green, James A.         | Pelham         | 10-1917               | 28       | PFC   | 6-1919            | Yes             |
| Guinn, Thos. Roy (col.) | Pelham         | 9-1918                | 21       | PFC   | 7-1919            |                 |
| Hamby, Horace           | Pelham         | 9-1917                | 21       | Pvt.  | 4-1919            | Yes             |
| Hawk, Hubert            | Pelham         | 9-1918                | 22       | Pvt.  | 3-1919***         | Yes             |
| Hayes, Albert           | Sparta         | 9-1918*               | 22       | Pvt.  | 3-1919            | Yes             |
| Jacobs, Charlie L.      | Pelham         | 9-1917                | 23       |       | 6-1919            | Yes             |
| Myers, Thomas C.        | Pelham         |                       | 23       | Pvt.  | 2-1919            | Yes             |
| Nunley, Charles M.      | Pelham         | 12-1914*              | 22       | PFC   | 6-1919****        |                 |
| Nunley, Edward          | Pelham         | 6-1918                | 24       | Pvt.  | 1-1919            | Yes             |
| Payne, Frank            | Tullahoma      | 9-1917*               | 33       | Sgt.  | 12-1918           |                 |
| Payne, Henry G.         | Tullahoma      | 9-1918                | 27       | Pvt.  | 12-1918           |                 |
| Roberts, William T.     | Whitesville    | 9-1917                | 26       | Pvt.  | 2-1918            |                 |
| Sartain, Hurbert L.     | Grundy Co.     | 9-1917                | 27       | Pvt.  | 11p1918           |                 |
| Sartain, James, Jr.     | Grundy Co.     | 9-1918                | 22       | Pvt.  | 7-1919            | Yes             |
| Smith, Polk             | Pelham Valy.   | 9-1918                | 22       | Pvt.  | 3-1919            | Yes             |
| White, Benjamin M.      | Prairie Plains | 7-1918*               | 39       | PFC   | 9-1919            |                 |
| White, Charles H.       | Pelham         | 9-1918                | 21       | Corp. | 6-1919            | Yes             |
| White, Charlie Walter   | Irv. Coll.?    | 9-1918                | 22       | Pvt.  | 3-1919            | Yes             |
| White, Victor L.        | Pelham         | 4-1918                | 24       | PFC   | 6-1919            | Yes             |
| Willis, Ernest          | Manchester     | 10-1918               | 21       | Pvt.  | 12-1918           |                 |
| Winton, Robert          | Pelham         | 10-1917               | 24       | PFC   | 3-1919            |                 |
| Woodlee, Talmage        | Pelham         | 7-1918                | 23       | Pvt.  | 12-1918           |                 |

\*Enlisted

\*\*Because of abolishment of Regular Army Reserve

\*\*\*Served as a prisoner of war escort

\*\*\*\*For re-enlistment

These soldiers also served in WWI and were from Pelham Valley. (Compiled by Kenneth Wilson)

|                      |                      |                    |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Aylor, Harlan        | Linde, Knude         | Rogers Jenny Conry |
| Brazil, John         | Meeks, Will          | Schlageter, Albert |
| Byers, John          | Moran, W.C.          | Smith, Jerry       |
| Gallagher, Joseph E. | Parks, Ed            | Thomas, George     |
| Green, Luther        | Partin, Buford       | Warren, Morris     |
| Hamby, Leonard       | Partin, Lawrence     | White, Homer       |
| Hayes, Floyd         | Patton, J.H.         | Wilson, Jim B.     |
| Henley, Clarence     | Patton, James Harris |                    |

### PELHAM VALLEY VETERANS W.W.II AND LATER

|                         |                       |                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Argo, Betty             | Goodman, Jamie H.     | Pace, Bill                |
| Argo, Melrose           | Goodman, James R.     | Parks, Glenn              |
| Argo, Ruby              | Goodman Lude C.       | Parks, Paul F.            |
| Argo, Willis            | Guinn, Harlan         | Parks, Robert P.          |
| Bailey, Frank           | Gunn, Billy R.        | Parson, Dewwy             |
| Bean, Owen              | Gunn, James E.        | Parson, Cecil             |
| Bennett, Edd            | Gunn, James Frank     | parson, William H.        |
| Bonner, Arden           | Gunn, Wm. Roscoe      | Partin, Raymond           |
| Bonner, Carl E.         | Hamby, Arley          | Partin, Taylor            |
| Bonner, Glenn           | Hamby, Randal         | Patterson, Dillon         |
| Bonner, Ralph           | Hamilton, Flatt (??)  | Patterson, Warner         |
| Bowden, Charles U.      | Harris, A.C.          | Patton, Dennis W.         |
| Braseel, C.L.           | Hawk, Ellis           | Patton, Donald            |
| Brothers, J.R. (Bob)    | Hawk, D.C.            | Patton Eugene             |
| Buckner, B.F.           | Henley, Dan E.        | Patton, George V.         |
| Burnett, L.H.           | Henley, William S.    | Patton, James D.          |
| Burrows, Malcolm        | Hill, Estil           | Patton, Joseph            |
| Campbell, Vance         | Hill, Luther          | Patton, Tom W.            |
| Carden, Billy A.        | Hines, Ray            | Payne, Cecil              |
| Clark, Martin B.        | Holder, Edd           | Payne, Carl               |
| Clark, Raleigh          | Jacobs, Buck          | Payne, Johnny             |
| Clark, Riley            | Jacobs, David         | Phipps, Henry             |
| Clay, Ernest Lee        | Johnson, Gordon       | Phipps, Billy             |
| Clay, G.H.              | Kennedy, Walter       | Phipps, Larry             |
| Clay, Ralph             | Laxson, Charlie       | Pool, Ronnie              |
| Conry, Mike E.          | Layne, Harold         | Raulston, Frank           |
| Conry, Billy H.         | Layne, J.E. (Ebb)     | Raulston, Greer           |
| Crabtree, Hershel       | Magouirk, Lois A.     | Raulston, Hugh S.         |
| Crouch, James           | Medley, Daryl         | Reid, Sam C               |
| Crouch, Joe             | Medley, Lee           | Reid, Frank Edd           |
| Crouch, Orin            | Medley, Henry C.      | Rieder, Albert            |
| Crouch, Robert L.       | Medley, Oscar         | Rieder, Dave              |
| Coats, Thomas E., Jr.   | Medley, Williard      | Roberts, Finely           |
| Crowell, John           | Meeks, Alvin W.       | Roberts, Hollis           |
| Crownover, Johnny       | Meeks, Bill           | Roberts, Lewis            |
| Cox, David              | Meeks, Billy L.       | Roberts, Marshal          |
| Cox, James W.           | Meeks, Larry W.       | Rogers, Joe H.            |
| Cox, Raymond E.         | Meeks, William B.     | Roper, Dwight             |
| Davidson, Elbert        | Moran, Tom Kelly      | Sartain, Frank            |
| Davidson, Johnny        | Moran, Willis Tom     | Sartain, Mark             |
| Davidson, Martin E.     | Mottern, Jack         | Sartain, Ray              |
| Edwards, Greg           | Myers, Billy          | Sartain, Lewis            |
| Evans Alfred            | Myers, Carl D.        | Sartain, L.D.             |
| Gallagher, Benton C.    | Myers, Paschal        | Sartain, Lewis, Jr.       |
| Gallagher, Joseph Clark | Northcutt, Georg S.   | Sherrill, Alf             |
| Gallagher, John Paul    | Nunley, Carroll       | Sanders, James, Jr.       |
| Gallagher, Thomas       | Nunley, Edd           | Scott, Lewis E.           |
| Gilliam, Edgar          | Nunley, Fred          | Shelton, Wayne            |
| Gilliam, Cordel         | Nunley, James C.      | Smarrt, Tom               |
| Gilliam, Turney         | Nunley, Jefferson     | Smith, Alfred             |
| Givens, Hershel         | Nunley, Silas (Polly) | Smith, Bob                |
| Givens, Howard          | Nunley, Webster       | Smith, James E.           |
| Givens, Marvin L.       | Nunley, William L.    | Smith, Larry Arthur, Rev. |
| Givens, Ronald          | Oliver, Acie          | Smith, J.C.               |
| Goodman, Delbert        | Oliver, A.C. Jr.      | Smith, Raymond            |
|                         | Oliver, Robert        | Smith, Thruman            |

Swinford, Elijah  
Taylor, Bill  
Trussell, Hudson  
Trussell, Leon  
Trussell, Wendel  
Tucker, Edd  
Tucker, Kenneth  
Tucker, Marshal

Tucker, Wilson  
Watson, Joyce  
White, Charles E. (Jack)  
Wilson, Benny Dale  
Wilson, Billy W.  
Wilson, George Frank  
Wilson, Kenneth  
Winton, James F.

Winton, Paul D.  
Winton, Marshal  
Woodlee, Harold  
Woodlee, Frank  
Worley, Roy  
Williams, Guinn

## MASONIC RECORDS

Felix Grundy Lodge - Pelham

The original charter of this lodge was destroyed, and the request for a new one directed to state officials was not dated. The "Condition of the country" is mentioned and gives the impression that this is Civil War vintage. It was signed by Martin Gilliam, Secretary.

Authority to reorganize on the basis of the old charter and records which were lost "during the contusions of war" was granted 6 Sept, 1864. The earliest report was not dated. These members were listed: I.T. Roberts, W.M.; Samuel Austell, S.W.; Jessie Gunn, J.W.; M. Gilliam, Sec.; A.E. Patton, Treas; H.S. Sheid, S.D.; I.W. Roberts, J.D.; John Oliver, Tiler; E. Reynolds; L.B. Austell: L.B. or L.R. Wileman; W.T. Blair; James Patton; James Ritchie; Wm. Brannon  
Fellow Crafts: G.W. Cunyningham (degree conferred) & James Cunyningham (degree confirmed)

Entered Apprentices: Harril Northcutt, J.L.W. Blair, T.P. Stevenson, L.P. Gilliam, J.L. Dunn

**Demited:** John T. Witt

Dead: Cyrus Barnes, Jessie Reynolds, J.O. Norton, N.D.L.G. Norton, A.P. Forister, S.H. Northcut, G.M. Craword, B.J. Thompson.

Felix Grundy Lodge return of 1866 J.R. Gunn, Master; Jas, H. Patton, Sec.; L.B. Austell, W.H. Brannon, H.L.W. Blair, I.G. Roberts, Elijah Reynolds, J.W. Shelton, Martin Gilliam, Geo. W. Guinn. Withdrawals: John Oliver, J. Britchey, John T. Witt, Samuel Austell.

Withdrawals: John Oliver, J. Britchey, John T. Witt, Samuel Austell

Admitted: A.J. Abernathy

Apprentice: Harris Northcut

Suspended: G.W. Roberts, April 6 for conduct

Return of 1867 for Felix Grundy Lodge

George D. Guinn, J.W.: W.T. Blair, Sec.; B.P. Layne, S.D.; L.B. Austell; Samuel Austell, Treas.; J.J. Abernathy, W.H. Brannon, I.L.W. Blair, Geo. W. Cunningham, Jas, Cunningham, Martin Gilliam, Jesse R. Gunn, P.M., S.D.; (G?) H. Hampton, Tyler; John Oliver, A.E. Patton, James H. Patton, I.T. Roberts, P.M.,: T.P. Stevenson, L.R. Wileman.

Entered Apprentices: H.B. Northcut & John Howard

Withdrawals: Eliga Reynolds, Thos. Morris, W.A. **Horris**, Samuel Austill, (S?). D. Rowe.

The 1868 membership added these to the 1967 list: S.D. Rowe, Jos. G. Willis, C.T. White, A.J. Bradshaw, S.T. Roberts, J.N. Shelton, A.B. Austell, J.K. Buckner, I.L. **Dun**, J.K. Farris, H.M. Goodman, Hamilton Gunn, Wm. A. Harris, Charles E. Harris, Lafayette Lynch, A.E. Patton, H.S. Sheid, G.C. Tuttle.

Entered Apprentices: H.B. **Northcut**, Samuel Payne, A.J. Lee.

Withdrawals: G.C. Tuttle, W.H. Brannan, James Comfort.

Degrees given to: James Guinn, Charles T. White, A.J. Bradshaw, John Kelly, James **Baley**, James Comfort, David A. Ramsey, I.F. Bell, W.L. Cowan, Wm. Brown, Robt. Williams, S.L. Roberts, John P. Hendley, I.F. or J.F. Laxon, Mathew Reed, S.N. Cown, Jas. H. Elliott, D.S. Long, Henderson Wagner, Silas **Parmly**, J.C. Hag(u?)e, A.J. Roddy, John Howard, John R. Witt, J.R. Rush, Jefferson Winton, G.R. Reed

## LODGE RECORDS OF DEATH DATES 1874-1900

A.E. Patton Feb. 3, 1879

J.P. Simms May 9, 1881

J.T. Summers Aug. 1886 (Could be Simmons)

J.K. Guinn May 1876

T.L. Gunn Sept. 1887

B.F. Layne Jan. 2, 1888

Joseph Clay Mar. 1889

W.A. Moore Nov. 1889

Henry Hinton May 12, 1890

Rich Bailey Oct. 28, 1892

John G. Willis Sept. 19, 1893

M. Gilliam Aug 3, 1895

Thos. Gallagher Dec. 18, 1897

Source: Masonic Record - Masonic Hall, Nashville, Tennessee

Researched by Charles Sherrill

## PELHAM FARMER'S ALLIANCE AND PELHAM FARMER'S AND LABORERS UNION

The information contained in this article was taken from the Minute Book of the organizations and covers a period from July 1887 to November 1894. Names are copied as they were in the record. Errors and repetitions may occur due to the change in secretaries and to the personal performance of each secretary for referring to a member and spelling the names.

Farmer's Alliance and Farmer's and Laborers Union were two of several early farmer's organizations. The Farmer's Alliance was a nationwide organization and took an active part in politics. The Pelham Farmer's Alliance was formed July 22, 1887, a few months before the Tennessee Farmer's Alliance was formed. The minutes of the meetings give no details about the business of the Alliance. Some reference is made to the occasional presence of a guest lecturer or organizer.

The first officers of the Pelham Alliance were as follows - Thomas Gallagher, President; W.G. Green Vice President; W.L. Burnett, Secretary; Joseph Clay, Treasurer; T.M. White, Chaplin; R.H. White, Lecturer; Miss Tava Bone, Asst. Lecturer; H.H. White and A.H. Sanders, Doorkeepers.

Referred to as a Lodge in the minutes, Pelham Alliance had a charter, and a constitution. After presenting a petition to the Lodge, a prospective member was investigated by a committee to determine his or her eligibility according to the constitution. If the committee returned a favorable report the petitioner was voted on, elected and initiated. The Lodge also had its secrets and in 1888 Miss Tava Bone, Miss Lee Cox and Miss Della Cox were appointed as a "committee to see after the talking about the secrets of the order". There were lodges at Campground, Burrows' Cove, and Prairie Grove mentioned in transfers to and from Pelham. Grundy County Allaince meetings were held in Grundy and Coffee Counties and state meetings in Nashville.

In 1888, a two story building was built by C.T. White and Sons which was later to become Dave Howard's Store. A contract between the Whites and the Pelham Alliance and Odd Fellows stated that the building was to be built for \$600. The Whites were to own the lower room and operate a store where they could sell anything except liquor; there being "no liquor sold in said store room except for medicinal purposes for all time to come." The Odd Fellows and the Alliance were to own the upper floor jointly with no conflict in meetings. If either lodge ceased to exist the remaining one became sole owner of the room. If either the first or second floor was for sale, the owner of the other floor was to "have first refusal." In January of 1890 the Pelham Farmer's Alliance became known as Pelham Farmer's and Laborer's Union.

## MEMBERS OF PELHAM FARMER'S ALLIANCE NO. 16 AND PELHAM FARMER'S AND LABORER'S UNION NO. 870 - JULY 1877 - NOV. 1894

Mrs. Aggie Aylor  
William Aylor  
Bill Aylor  
H.C. Baker  
A.T. Bell  
Emma Bell  
Frank Bell  
Mrs. Frank Bell  
Harris Bell  
R.L. Bell  
S.M. Bell  
Sarah Bell  
James Bennett  
J.M. Bennett  
J.W. Bennett  
Mrs. Sarah Bennett  
Wash Bennett  
Allie Blair  
Mart Blair  
Miss Katie Blanton  
Miss Sudie Bone  
Miss Tava Bone  
J.G. Brazier  
Dr. D.H. Bryan  
Mrs. Fannie Bryan  
Frank Burks  
Miss Callie Burnett  
I.N. Burnett  
John Burnett, Sr.  
John Burnett, Jr.  
W.L. Burnett  
A.C. Caldwell  
C.W. Caldwell  
Mary A. Caldwell  
R.W. Caldwell  
George Clay

Jane Clay  
Joseph Clay  
Mrs. Lizzie Clay  
Mrs. Maggie Clay  
A.A. Camblee  
Daniel Conry  
Dan Conry, Jr.  
Mrs. Ella Conry  
Eddie Conry  
Mrs. Hattie Conry  
James Conry  
John Conry  
Miss Maggie Conry  
Pete Conry  
Thomas Conry  
William Conry  
Robert Countiss  
Miss Della Cox  
James Cox  
Miss Lee Cox  
William Cox  
Henry Crabtree  
E.M. Crouch  
Mrs. E.C. Crouch  
Elizabeth Crouch  
Sally Crouch  
S.M. Crouch  
B. Buck Cunningham  
John Davidson  
J.J. Doran  
D.W. Duncan  
G.W. Duncan  
S.W. Duncan  
George Dyer  
James Dyer  
S.M. Eckles

Mrs. Mary Gallagher  
Thomas Gallagher  
James Gilliam  
J.O. Goodman  
John Goodman  
Mrs. M.A. Goodman  
Solomon Goodman  
W.M. Goodman  
William Goodman  
Mrs. Bettie Green  
C.E. Green  
E.C. Green  
G.W. Green  
Miss Josie Green  
Miss Mary Jane Green  
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## Home Demonstration Clubs

The National Extension Homemakers Council, Inc., is a non-profit educational organization made up of 30,000 organized groups, or clubs, in 44 states and two territories, with a membership of approximately 500,000. It is one of the largest organizations of women in the United States. Although membership is open to everyone, because of its rural heritage, a large percentage of its members are rural and small-town residents.

Throughout their history, Extension Homemaker clubs have been known by several names in different states. These include Home Economics clubs, Home Bureaus, Home Units, and Home Demonstration clubs. Most are now called Extension Homemaker clubs.

The background of Cooperative Extension work dates back to 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the bill which created landgrant colleges in every state.

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act provided for mutual cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges in conducting "practical demonstrations" in agriculture and home economics to persons not attending these colleges.

In the home economics area, specialists from the universities began bringing educational material to women in various ways, including organized classes. These classes were soon formally organized into clubs which met regularly for educational lessons. Typically, these clubs met in the member's homes, either semi-monthly or monthly.

And so, in June, 1936, an organized meeting was held in the auditorium of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington. Representatives from the states joined in adopting a constitution, selecting a name, and electing officers for the new national organization.

The name chosen was the National Home Demonstration Council, as most clubs were then known as Home Demonstration Clubs. In 1963, the name was changed to the present National Extension Homemakers Council. Officers elected in 1936 were: Mrs. Guy Roop, Virginia, president; Mrs Ernest Overton, Nebraska, vice-president; Mrs. R.T. Douglass, Louisiana, secretary; and Mrs. Walter Hill, Michigan, treasurer.

The first Home Demonstration Agent remembered was Docia Master. The organization provided an opportunity for homemakers to share ideas and experiences for the improvement of home and community life. They participate in such activities as cooking, canning, crafts, and sewing.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pelham Valley Volunteer Fire Department was organized August 1978 by the Pelham Valley Ruritan Club. A 1954 Seagrove model engine with a capacity of 630 gallons of water was purchased from Acme Fire Apparatus in Nashville. The engine and coats, boots, hats, gloves, etc. cost \$9,000. Ruritan members collected from donors \$4,000 and Ruritan members signed a note for the remaining \$5,000 through the bank at Monteagle.

Thirty-three signed up to become volunteer fire fighters. Hugh Balzell was elected as president; Pascal Medely, Fire Chief; and Bill Henley assistant Fireman. Several phones were hooked up with the Fire Dept. number: 467-3333. The fire engine was first kept in John "Bo" Medley's garage. Later it was moved from Bo Medley's to the old Gulf gas station which had been renovated, a concrete floor had been poured, concrete block had been laid, and a new garage door had

been erected on the front of the building. Natural gas had been piped into the building for keeping the water from freezing in the tank in the winter time.

In July 1979, the Pelham Ruritan Club purchased the fire hall and the property from Pascal Medley and Wayne Shelton for \$4,000. The lot being 63' x 152' and fronting Hwy. 41. The Ruritan Club paid \$500 and signed a note for \$3500. Sherman Layne wired the fire hall building and some insulation work was done.

The fire engine note for \$5000 was paid off on July 1, 1980. The final payment on the Fire Department property was paid off August 20, 1984. The Fire engine and the Fire Hall property belong to the citizens of Pelham Valley and to all who contributed to these projects.

In 1986 the Fire Department was incorporated with Hugh Balzell as president; Pack Medley as fire chief, Bill Henley as the asst. fire chief; Larry Shelton as secretary; Charlie Shelton, treasurer; Larry Haynes, train officer; Art Smith, Wayne Shelton, Jack White, and Blanton Meeks make up the Fire Department.

In 1986 an 1800 gallon tanker was purchased by the Fire Department which is taken along to the fires.

(by Ray Hines)

## RURITAN

The Ruritan National Organization was founded in Holland, Virginia in 1928. The Pelham Valley club was chartered July 3, 1964. The purpose of the Ruritans is to promote community services, fellowship, and goodwill. The first president of the local club was Frank Neal Brown. The first officers and members were as follows: Secretary: Dale Harshman Sr. Treasurer: Wendell Gallagher, members J.L. Chance, Benton Gallagher, Lude Goodman, J.B. Nunley, Pascal Medley, Carmon Myers, Glenn Bonner, Joe Cecil "Red" Ray, Leon Norris, Ray Hines, Wayne Cooper, Wayne Shelton, Kenneth Wilson, Hershel Givens, Forrest "Hamp" Nunley, and Glenn Winton.

### SOME OF THE CLUBS ANNUAL PROJECTS FOLLOW:

1. Placing flags on Vietnam graves for Memorial Day in seven cemeteries.
2. Big Brother paper sale
3. Sponsor 4-H club speaking
4. Sponsored "Fairest of the Fair" contestant
5. (1967) Sponsored a turtle derby
6. (1971) leased Pelham Ball Park from the county; borrowed \$14,000 to erect lights for the park (1977) paid the loan off to Monteagle/Tracy National Bank, sponsored Dixie Youth Baseball League
7. 1972 Sponsored first Women/Girls softball team "Pelham Pals". First game played on the field after it was leased to Pelham Dixie Youth. Defeated Monteagle 15-1
8. Sold "Benson" fruit cakes
9. Standing policy to help needy at different times
10. Fourth of July Celebration sponsored many times
11. Placed Pelham School gym Clock/scoreboard
12. (1971-1982) sponsored girls (all league) softball tournaments and league.
13. (1978) \$5,000 dollars for Pelham Fire engine paid off 1980
14. (1984) Paid off Fire Hall
15. Many different projects of community and county, Ruritan donated money.

The Ruritan is located in Zone 1 Cherokee District no. 23. With the help of the women of the community, the Ruritan has been successful in many programs. The ladies have always contributed any time they have been asked. This work brought about an "Outstanding Community Service Award". The annual award has gone to Louise Conry, Uldene Winton, Yvonne Sartain, Wanda Partain, Tressie Jo Magouirk, Cleora Gallagher, Mr. Allen White, and Judy Rickner (who won twice).

Ray Hines won in 1972 "Outstanding Zone Governor's Award". The club has won at one time or the other every award that the National Organization presents. For a small community this is a great achievement.

Other events sponsored: Health Fair, Connie Mack Baseball, and at Christmas-Christmas baskets.

The members of the Ruritan today follow:

1986 President - Clark Gallagher

Vice-President - Jack White

Secretary - Ray Hines

Treasurer - Kenneth Wilson

Other members are Benton Gallagher, Glenn Winton, Pascal Medley, Quentin Partin, Johnny Crownover, Jimmy Rogers, Ralph Sanders, David Gallagher, and James Frank Gunn.

The membership is made up of men from all walks of life. Today for the first time women are invited to join.

(by Ray Hines)



**COUNTY JUDGES**

In the Revenue Docket of Grundy County 1853-1861, the signature of Phillip Roberts, County Judge of Grundy County, appears a number of times.

Below is an except from this docket.

Settlement of Robert Sanders  
Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court  
at Abbeville Grundy County Georgia  
no fines forfituring and no state taxes  
or duties in said Chancery Court was  
concessed on hand as clerk and  
master aforesaid of said Court  
up to the date the official year ending  
in 1857 to the first of September  
Sworn to and Robert Sanders  
Subscribed before clerk & master  
me this the 6th day  
October 1857

Jonathan Linton

J. J.  
State of Georgia & Phillip Roberts  
Grundy County & Judge of said County  
being authorized to settle with the  
officers of said County do hereby  
certify that the above settlement  
with Robert Sanders is just and  
true this October the 6 day 1857  
Phillip Roberts County Judge

Heretofore, it has not been acknowledged that the office of county judge was established before 1917. An old record book was found during our search of county records which proves that the office was established at least as early as 1857.

The early title of County Judge apparently changed between 1857 and 1917 and the executive was referred to as Chairman of the County Court.

After 1917 the title County Judge was once again used.

**COUNTY JUDGES 1917-1916**

John Gallagher 1917-1934 (Pelham Valley)

Charles W. Smith 1934-1942

J.L. Rollings 1942-1958 (Pelham Valley)

Malcolm Fults 1958-1965

W.C. Hixson 1965-1966

Roy Partin 1966- (Pelham Valley)

The office of Judge of General Sessions Court was created in the late 1960's.  
 Judges of General Sessions Court:  
 Joe Cecil Ray (Pelham Valley)  
 Elston Clay (Pelham Valley)

## WORK & LEISURE



Hauling logs are Creed Echols, Horace Fults, Larson Winton & Mansil Winton.

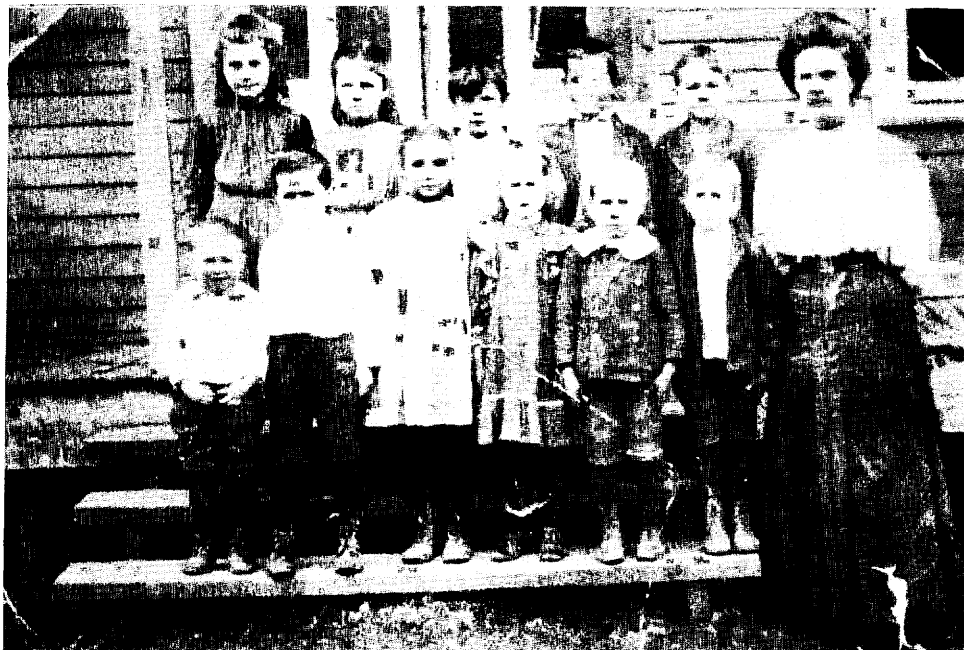


### HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Left to right back row - Annie Patterson,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Ruby Sartain, Bonnie Myers, Stella Rose holding her  
 daughter Brenda, Ruby Long, Anna White, Roper.  
 Seated \_\_\_\_\_, Nannie Good-  
 man, Julia Paterson, Jewel Partin, Viola Aylor, Rachel  
 Jacobs,  
 \_\_\_\_\_.



Pausing alongside Bethel Church are Creed Echols,  
 Mansil Winton, \_\_\_\_\_, &  
 \_\_\_\_\_.



**PELHAM SCHOOL**

Back Row Left to Right - Aubrey Patton, Lorene Wilson, Chester Morris, Clayton Willis, Roy Green. 2nd Row-Roscoe Gunn, Cecil Gunn, Esther Brashear, Ruby Wilson, Abbot Carden. Teacher-Charlotte Merritt.

**FAMILIAR FACES?**



1960

Front L to r.-Peggy Clay, William Sartain, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Jacky Payne, Martin Davidson, Peggy Patton, Dennis Buckner, Jim Conry, 2nd row-Byron Burnett, Barbara Givins, Dianne Patton, Rona Lee Givins, Billy Sam Taylor, Nancy Woodlee, Larry David Adams, Melba Sartain, 3rd row-Jackie Meeks, Ellen Marie Adams, Janelle Layne, Annie Ruth Sartain, Yvonne Buckner, Felix Nunley, George Wilson, 4th row-Donna Davidson, Paula Champion, Neil Payne, Ronald Givins, Harold Woodlee, Larry Haynes & Mrs. Mary Ellen Patton.

# PELHAM VALLEY SCENES



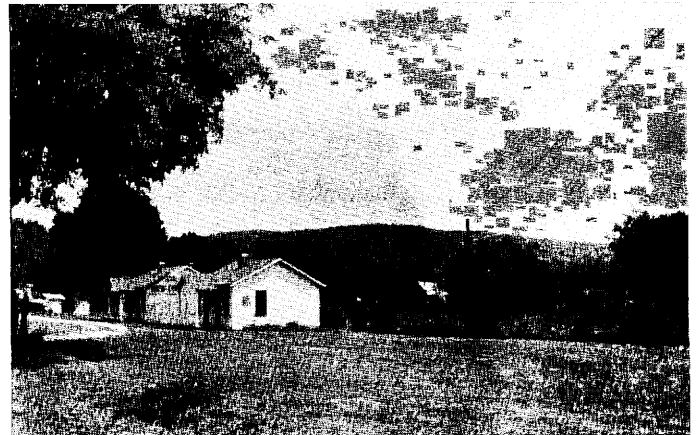
Valley Home — Front L. to R. Richard Laxson, Gary Mayes, \_\_\_\_\_, Arthur Argo, Dwight Roper, George Wilaon, Kelly Layne, & Roper Smith.



Pelham School - 1932 L. to R. - Earl Tipps, Riley Clark, Nook Aylor, Joe Bell, Charles Upton Bowden, Lena White, Audrey Smith & Kate Bowlin.



Janelle Layne on the Old Pelham Well with Alf Ashburn's Service Station (now the fire hall) in the background.



Charlie & Icie Jacobs' tourist cabins at Pelham.

## **ADDITIONAL VALLEY FAMILIES**

### **BROTHERS**

Robert and Elsie Harlan Brothers purchased the Cam and Lorene (Wilson) Conry place in Tarry Cove and moved there from Coffee County. Their children are Roxann, Matthew, Mark and Robin. Elsie is the present superintendent of Sunday School at the Pelham United Methodist Church.

### **SMITH**

Arhtur Smith and his wife Mary Ann (Mickler) are presently living in the Methodist parsonage. Arthur is the pastor of the Methodist churches in Alto, Providence, Valley Home, and Pelham. The Smiths have three children whom they have adopted, Arthur L. II, Robert Lee and Deadra Smith. Lucy and Robert Lynn Smith, Art's parents have moved to Tarry Cove.

### **SWINFORD**

Elijah and Betty (Cheeves) Swinford moved to Pelham from Tullahoma. They bought Mrs. Fannie Roberts' homeplace where they now live with their daughter, Brenda. Paul and Edna Mae Cheeves who live at the Betty Guinn place are Betty's parents.

### **WHITWORTH**

Benny and Brenda Whitworth moved from Marion County to Valley Home. Benny works at Decherd Apparel. Kelly Sue Rogers and Barry Rogers, their children live with them.

### **STOGLIN**

Clyde Stoglin and wife Donna live in the Valley Home Community. They work at Decherd Apparel.

### **SELLS**

George and Kathy Sells live at the old Ed Conry place in Payne's Cove. Don Sells, George's brother, lives with them.

### **COOK**

Gerald and Sarah (Franks) Cook have traveled much of the time to be near Gerald's employment. They came to the Valley Home Community in 1985 then moved away; however, they are returning (1986) with their son, Sam Held, in a more permanent move.

### **LINDE**

Col. Knude Linde and Una, his wife moved to Valley Home in the early 1960's. Knude was born in Australia. Una is a native of Denmark. Knude has two daughters, Kitty and Betty, who live in Texas. Una's mother and father operated a jewelry store in Denmark. She was an only child.

### **SHELTON**

Wayne and Mary Elizabeth (Francis) Shelton moved to Pelham in the 1950's from Coffee County. They have two sons, Larry m. Reeda Kaye Medley (Reeda and Larry's son is Dustin) and Charlie Shelton. The Shelton's live in Bell's Cove. Mary Elizabeth is a teacher. Wayne is a farmer.

### **HOLT**

John and Lanan Holt moved to Burrow's Cove from Coffee County in the late 1970's. Their children are John, Jane, Pamela m. Jeff Winton (Their children are Brianna and Travis Winton) and Dale. Pamela and Dale were Fletchers and were by Lana's first husband. Mr. Hadden, Lana's father lives with them.

### **EVANS**

Alfred and Martha Evans moved to Pelham to operate the Stukey's store located on I-24. They ran it for a number of years before buying the Ethridge "Bud" Braseel farm in Burrow's Cove. Their children are Kathy, Lisa, Mike m. Vicky Medley, and Rusty Evans.

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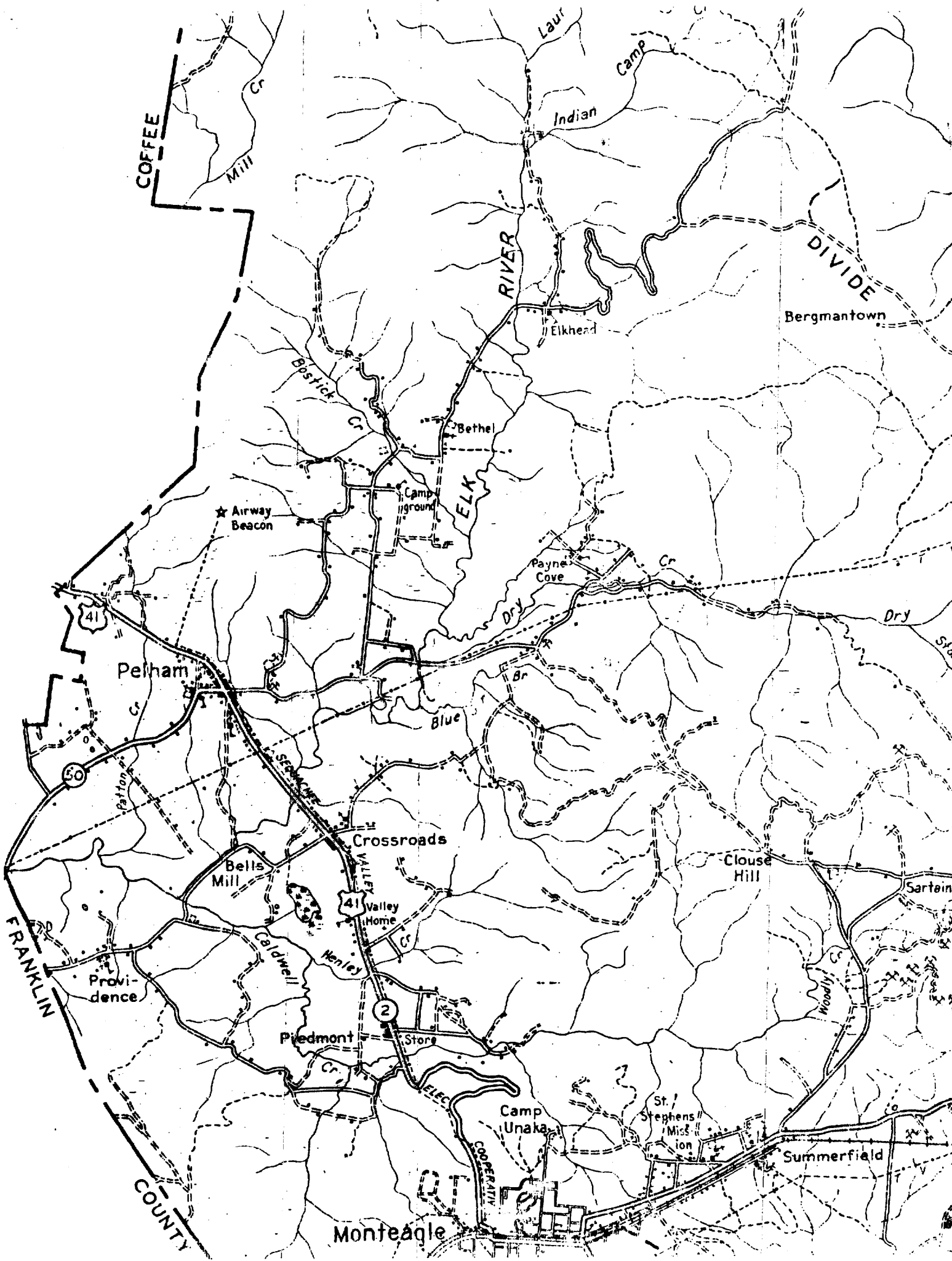
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Indian Cr

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Payne Cove

Blue Cr

Dry Cr

Dry Cr

Star Cr

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Henley Cr

Woody Cr