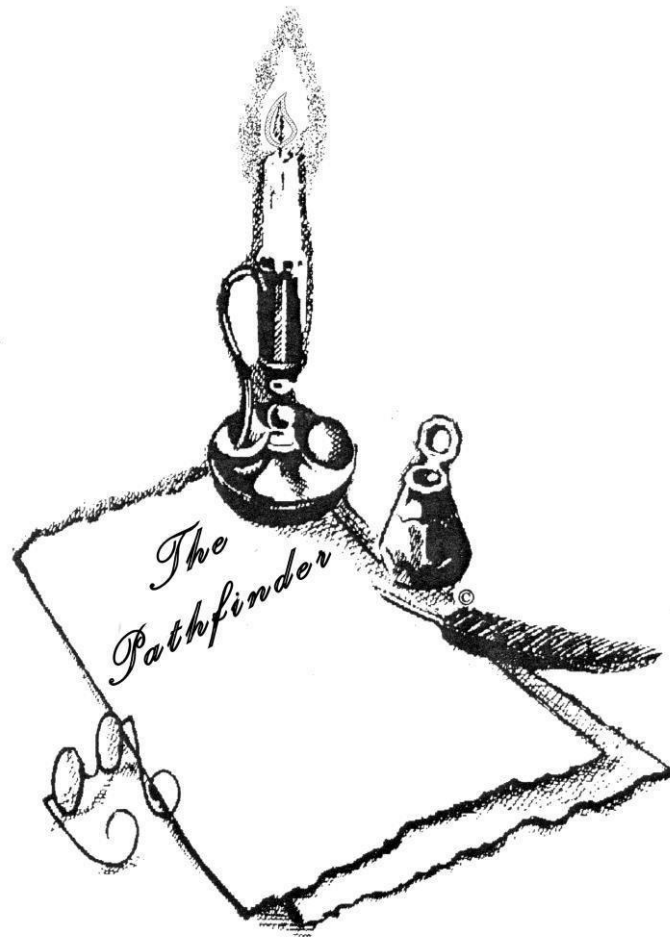


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News, Notes, & Greetings from the Pathfinder Editorial Staff

Thank you to all who have supported the Grundy County Historical Society both in the past and through the last quarter. We have finally finished putting the David Patton materials in order, some 16 notebooks, thanks to the work of Barbara M. Myers. A few of the contributions we have received are as follows: a number of Grundy County High School yearbooks from Ray Winton, a Sartain Family History from Trish Springer, an Anderson Family History by Louis Houston Anderson of Delaware, a notebook on the Dr. William Carroll Barnes, Jr. and Annie Laura Nearn family by Charles & Terri Scott, several Coalmont Elementary School yearbooks from Amanda Irvin, the records of Erma Smartt dealing with Bess, Whitman, Smartt, Hobbs, and other families from George & Dianne Roberts, L.C. "Curg" Creighton flags and photos from Barbara Mayer, and a notebook about the Tracy City Rescue Squad by Jerome "Pete" Bouldin. Work on the expansion of the library continues. We hope you will enjoy the June 2021 *Pathfinder*.

Janelle L. Taylor & Gabby G. Crabtree



Palmer Softball Team

Bottom row L-R: Gene Henry, Johnny Vernon Tate, Wayne Cannon, Bill Wiggins, Floyd "Moe" Garner
 Top row L-R: Harold Grooms, Glenn Tate, Doug Grooms, Bruce "Frog" Tate, Glenn "Pete" Smith, James Wayne Tate, Jimmy Northcut

The Killing of John Elijah Smith, Grundy County Deputy

Newspaper submissions from Peggy Coleman & Jackie Partin

Additions by Janelle L. Taylor

Deputy Smith's body lies just outside the wall around Laxson family graves in Laxson Cemetery, near the intersection of Bell's Cove Road and Providence Road, in Providence Community. His tombstone announces for all to know who he was and what happened to him. Inscribed is the following: "Killed: He lived an upright life and died for law and order." This inscription along with his dates of birth and death stand testament to his existence and contribution to his family and community. John Elijah Smith was born May 31, 1851, and died July 5, 1894.

According to his son William Anthony Smith's death certificate, John Elijah Smith was born in Tabo, Missouri. We know that he married Nancy Catherine Bradshaw on December 8, 1877, in Grundy County. Nancy was the daughter of Joseph and Martha Lawrence Bradshaw. She died in April 1894, just months before her husband, John Elijah, was killed leaving their 7 children orphans.



John Elijah Smith tombstone



*Edgar Lee Smith, son of
John Elijah & Nancy
Bradshaw Smith*

This note was added to Edgar Lee Smith's Find-A-Grave entry: "One of 7 children born to John Elijah and Nancy Catherine Bradshaw Smith. All children were orphaned upon their father's murder July 5, 1894. Some, or all, of the children were fostered by George M. and Alice Livina King of Monteagle, TN." Photos and more information may be found online at Find A Grave. John Elijah Smith, Find-A-Grave memorial ID 125788075; Nancy Catherine Bradshaw Smith; memorial ID 125788161; George M King, memorial ID 191848427; and Alice L King, memorial ID 191848580.

Newspaper accounts chronicling the killing of Deputy Smith follow:

Chattanooga Daily Times 06 July 1894:

KILLED AT TRACY CITY

SPECIAL DEPUTY MARSHAL JOHN E. SMITH SHOT BY A. J. L. RODDY.

Roddy Was a Desperate Character and Killed Smith While He was Trying to Arrest Him—The Accomplices to the Crime Also Arrested.

Special to The Chattanooga Times.

Tracy City, Tenn., July 5.—John E. Smith, special deputy United States marshal, was shot and instantly killed at noon today by A. J. L. Roddy while attempting to arrest him (Roddy) on a bench warrant issued by Judge Key.

Roddy was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in May, but was released on bond and promises of good behavior, notwithstanding the many strong petitions from the lawabiding citizens of Tracy City to prevent his release. Owing to the recent shooting of Deputy Marshal Phil Roberts by John Roddy, a brother of Alf, Judge Key issued the bench warrant for his rearrest, with the above result.

Roddy was also shot by Smith or some one of his posse, but his wounds are not thought to be necessarily fatal. He is now under guard, and his brother, Will Roddy, Clabe Erwin and Poleat Smith have been arrested for aiding in the shooting of Smith. Smith was a highly respected citizen, and leaves seven motherless children.

Chattanooga Daily Times 21 July 1894:

DEPUTY SMITH'S DEATH.

Trial of Will Roddy and Others Continued at Nashville.

Special to The Chattanooga Times.

Nashville, July 20.—Will Roddy, Clabe Irvin and Poleate Smith, charged with complicity in the killing of Deputy Marshal Smith, at Tracy City, July 6, were before Commissioner Doak today.

Attorney Brock, for the government, moved for a continuance on the grounds that these three men should not be brought to trial without the alleged principal, Alf Roddy, who has not yet recovered from his wounds, and is besides suffering with malarial fever at the jail. The case was continued until next Tuesday.

Chattanooga Daily Times 07 July 1894:

A DEPUTY MARSHAL'S MURDER.

Alf Roddy, Brought to Nashville, Will Die of His Wounds.

Special to The Chattanooga Times.

Nashville, July 6.—Alf Roddy was brought here tonight from Tracy City and placed in the city hospital. He is wounded in the hip and back. His recovery is doubtful. Will Roddy and Clabe Irvin were also brought in.

The affray occurred in the following manner: John E. Smith, a special deputy marshal, summoned three men to assist him on a bench enactment charging him with running a "blind tiger." The posse went to Roddy's house and surrounded it. Smith called to Roddy to surrender and Roddy made a break. Smith fired and struck his man in the hip. Roddy returned the fire and hit Smith near the heart. Smith called to Roddy again to surrender and then fell dead. One of the posse then shot Roddy in the back and he fell, while several men who were with him escaped to the woods.

WILFUL MURDER

Says the Coroner's Jury Was the Killing of Deputy Smith by A. J. L. Roddy.

Special to The Chattanooga Times.

Tracy City, Tenn., July 6.—The coroner's jury brought in a verdict this morning to the effect that John E. Smith had come to his death from a pistol shot at the hands of A. J. L. Roddy. That the killing was premeditated and without cause and that Will Roddy was an accessory to the deed.

The prisoners, Will Roddy, Erwin and Poleate Smith were taken to jail at Nashville this evening. A. J. L. Roddy was taken to the hospital there. July 20 is set as the date of the trial, to be held before Judge Lurton in Nashville.

J. E. Smith was buried today at his old home in the valley six miles from Monteagle. The deepest sympathy is felt for the orphaned family.

Civil Districts in Grundy County, TN in 1860

Original document spellings have been used.

Researched by Richard Savage

This day Wm. Hill, Wm. Humble, and A. Coulson who was appointed in connection with other commissioners to redistrict the County of Grundy at the last term of this Court made the following report which reads in these words.

We the undersigned commissioners who were appointed by the Grundy County Court at its January term 1860 for the purpose of redistricting the County of Grundy, and after being duly sworn proceeded to perform the duty assigned which resulted as follows to wit.

1st Dist. Beginning at the northwest corner of said Grundy County in the center of the stage road leading from McMinnville to Hillsboro where the Coffee and Warren County lines cross the same. Thence eastwardly with the north boundary line of the said Grundy County to the Higgenbotam Old Turnpike Road. Thence with said road to the top bluff of the mountain, thence with the said main top bluff around Hubbard's Cove to the Scott Road. Thence with said road westwardly to the county line, thence with the county line northwardly to the beginning. This shall be district number one and the voting place shall be at John Wooten's.

2nd Dist. Beginning at the northwest corner of District one south eastwardly to the Altamont and Hubbard's Cove Road. Thence with said road eastwardly to the Old Turnpike Road. Thence north eastwardly to the Turkey Point at the head of Northcut's Cove so as to include Wm. B. Nunly. Thence westwardly with the bluff of the mountain to what is known as the Alfred Fults old place. Thence with the main divide of Stoner Mountain to the county line. Thence westwardly with the same to the beginning. This shall be district number two and the voting place shall be at Enoch Campbell's.

3rd Dist. Beginning at the north east corner of District number two running thence southwardly with the various meanders of the line of District number two to the Turkey Point at the head of Northcut's Cove. Thence a direct line to the old Fults Road near Wm. B. Nunly Thence with the said road eastwardly to the old Armstrong and Northcut Cove Road. Thence with said road and the Altamont Road on by the old Tipton place to the forks of the road near Martha Smith's. thence with the right hand road to the county line in the direction of the old Argo place. Thence with the county line to the beginning. This shall be district number three and the voting place shall be at the big spring where Jonathan Scott has lived for some time.

4th Dist. Beginning at the northeast corner of district number three. Thence southwardly with the various meanders of the east boundary line of the same to the top of the mountain near what is known as the old Tipton place. Thence eastwardly with main top bluff of the mountain passing Bouldins Creek, Dan, and Bersheba Springs to the Stone Door. Thence to the Peak Mountain so to include all the inhabitants of the Valley of the upper portion of Collins River. Thence with the left prong of said Collins River to the county line. Thence east and north and west with the county

line to the beginning. This shall be district number four and the voting place shall be at John Gross's.

5th Dist. Beginning at the south west corner of District number four. Run thence northwardly with said line to a point near the Peter Rock. Thence with the main divide between Raines Creek and Fall Creek to the old Lain place on the Chattanooga and Altamont Road. Thence with A. Coulson's School Path to Smith Fults Road. Thence with said road in the directions of the Ross place to Clifty Creek. Thence southwardly with said creek to the county line. Thence eastwardly with the county line to the beginning. This shall be district number five and the voting place shall be at the place where P. H. Tate resides in the year 1859.

6th Dist. Beginning at the south west corner of District number five running thence northwardly with the west boundary line of the same to where it crosses the Altamont and Chattanooga Road. Thence with the said road to Rains Creek. Thence up said creek to Fults old road leading in the direction of Richard Bradford's. Thence with said road to Rock Creek. Thence up said creek to where the road leading from Nunly's(?) old place to Bradford's crosses the same. Thence with said road to where the Altamont and Paynes Cove Road leaves the same. Thence with said Paynes Cove Road to the bluff of Paynes Cove. Thence around with the main bluff of the same eastwardly southwardly and westwardly to John Meeks's road. Thence southwardly with said road to Goodwin's Trace. Thence with said trace to the county line. Thence with said trace eastwardly to the beginning. This shall be district six and the voting place shall be at Thomas Johnson.

7th Dist. Beginning at the south west corner of District number six running thence northwardly with the various meanders of the west boundary line of the same to where it strikes the Altamont and Paynes Cove road. Thence with the main divide of the ridge between Paynes Cove and Burrows Cove to Elk River. Thence down the river with the meanders of the same to the mouth of Colwells Creek. Then up the creek to S. P. Goodman's Mill. Thence with the neighborhood road to the point of the mountain south to the county line. Thence eastwardly with said line to the beginning. This shall be district number seven and the voting place at T. T. Levan's.

8th Dist. Beginning at the top bluff of the mountain where the Paynes Cove Road starts down the mountain. Thence northwardly with said road to the Burrows Cove Road. Thence with said road westwardly to the main bluff. Thence with the various meanders of the same northwardly and westwardly to the Hollis place on the mountain. Thence a direct line from there to Eliza Roberts. Thence with said river and the line of District number seven to the beginning. This shall be district number eight and the voting place shall be at Eli Hamby's.

9th Dist. Beginning at the south west corner of district number seven thence northwardly with the lines of the seventh and eighth districts to the county line. Thence southwardly with the various meanders of the county line to the beginning. This shall be the ninth district and the voting place shall be Pelham.

10th Dist. Beginning at the north west corner of District number six thence with the line of the same and the lines of the seventh eighth first second third fourth and fifth districts to the beginning. This shall be the tenth district and the voting place shall be at Altamont.

Given under our hands this 4th February 1860

Wm. C. Hill
W. H. Humble
A. Coulston Commissioners

Which report being in all things confirmed by the court and ordered to be made a part of the record of this court.

From County Court Minute Book C, p. 169-171. February term 1860.

Mountain People

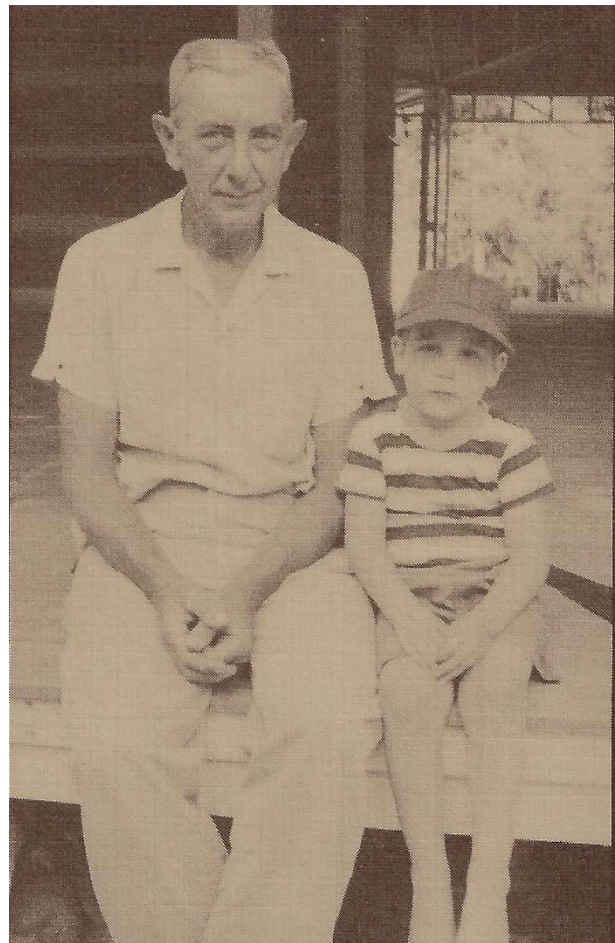
Leonard Leon Tate

1912-1989

We are mountain people.
We are a boorish set, they tell us—
Hard-bitten, coarse of feature and of speech,
Shallow and brawling as the mountain streams,
With morale friable as our sandstone.

All my life I have wanted to tell them:
That we are mountain people,
That mountain streams have pools of deep
quietness,
And that beneath the sandstone of our hills
There is granite.

Leonard Tate was from Beersheba Springs.



Leonard Tate and Matthew Chenoweth

Part 9-A of "All Things Monteagle"

by Jackie Layne Partin

Churching and Schooling Our Monteagle Pioneers



IT ALL BEGAN in the Union Church building that also doubled as the first school for Moffatt/Monteagle's children. It stood north of Sawmill Hollow and behind where the Dairy Queen stood for years.

The photo above was shared with me by Roberta (Gregory) Mitchell Alexander. She exclaimed to me, "This photo is the Union Church in Sawmill Hollow." Roberta has passed on, but I wish I could tell her that this photo is my favorite of all old Monteagle ones; it has been used in several of my stories. I hope her descendants realize what a treasure has been entrusted to them in that little photo box.

The Daily American --June 21, 1876--Organization of a New Congregational Church There--"Prof. H. S. Bennett left here Saturday morning for Moffatt, Marion Co., Tenn., for the purpose of assisting in the organization of a Congregational church. Moffatt is one of the most thriving little places on the line of the Tracy City railroad, and derives its name from

its founder, Col. John Moffatt, the commissioner of immigration for the State. The Council called for the purpose of assisting in the organization of the church began its work Saturday night, the 17th inst., by the election of Rev. David Peebles, of Sand Mountain, as Moderator, and Prof. H. S. Bennett as Scribe. The action of the persons who contemplated organizing the church was approved, and Rev. R. S. Rosboro of Tracy City, was examined with reference to his installation as pastor. On the following day, Sunday, the services of organization and installation were carried out as follows: Sermon, Prof. H. S. Bennett; reading of articles of Faith and Covenant, Rev. David Peebles; charge to the pastor, Prof. Bennett; to the people, Rev. David Peebles; Benediction, by the pastor. The pastor and his wife were the only Congregationalists in the company. The rest were Methodists and Presbyterian, with one Mennonite. After due consideration, they chose the Congregational polity as the one on which they could all unite." Moffatt has a fine hotel, and several springs of chalybeate and freestone water, and the splendid atmosphere of the mountain. It seems to be destined to become a favorite place of resort for persons from all sections of the country." There is no mention of the actual church building being ready for any activity in this 1876 article, but I believe the building was there, and all that was lacking was the decision of what denominations or civic activities would be acceptable, in other words, the format.

Quoted from the **July 29, 1880** issue of *The Daily American*: "Mr. {A. G.} Adams has been the means of starting a church in Moffat – a union church. Mr. Steger had given the land; others will aid the work." It is generally accepted that John Moffat had planned to build a church building near his home fairly early in the initial years of buying land on the plateau. No doubt this idea would have become the union church building, but he lost control of that project too. The little excerpt gives credit to Mr. Adam Gillespie Adams and Thomas Maddin Steger. Steger was married to Felix Grundy's granddaughter, Ann Grundy Eakin. He was a Davidson County lawyer, highly respected and sought after in numerous legal matters. His financial status and standing were far above that of John Moffat. We must remember that John Moffat lost just about every material possession he worked to own, even any credits given him from the beginning of his town, Moffat; he would have been unable to pay for a church building. He lost land, even close to his first home, to T. M. Steger, thus allowing him to be the donor of the land to build the union church. It appears more and more that Moffat's investors were the ones intent on having a town, but they were not keen at all on leaving the name of the town in honor of John Moffat.

In the beginning of John Moffat's ventures in Moffat, he managed to have built a significant hotel, the East Wing; have a small, plain house built for himself; set up a sawmill across the road from his house in Sawmill Hollow; at least see a church building rise up for worshippers near that hollow; build a large building behind the church for a

shoe factory—that soon failed; see a girls’ school succeed (known now as DuBose Conference Center—2020); give land and help bring the Southern Sunday School Assembly, now MSSA, to fruition; and many other real estate ventures. Mr. John Moffat was a good man, but a man who rushed into business painting with a broad brush, leaving out the details. Let’s say, “No one had his back!”

Miss Anna Mary Parker included in her book, *Memories of Morton Memorial*, this short paragraph from Louise (Metcalf) Conry: “*I remember the church when it was behind where the Dairy Queen now stands. The building was also used as the public school...*” Thelma Louise (Metcalf) Conry was one of ten children who attended Morton Memorial Methodist Church. I am often asked how long the little union building stood on the corner of Central Ave. and Church Street. I could never give an exact date as to when the doors were originally opened or closed forever.

Here are some things I can pass on; in *The Tennessean*, **Oct. 2, 1888**, in the Monteagle news section we read: “*On Friday the school children in the Union Church building were greatly alarmed by fire breaking through the roof from a defective stove pipe. Only slight damage resulted.*” Here in this one excerpt, we have evidence of the first effort for united worship or sharing of one building inclusive of formal education for Monteagle’s pioneers. Other usages of the little building follow: in **1888**, Rev. Mr. Clement conducted a service there, and in **1889**, Dr. Atchison held a lecture in the little church. In **1896**, Lydia Landon Moffat held a healing service there, and the same year the building was used for meetings to discuss the Fourth of July celebration for the MSSA. **1904** the church entertained a gospel meeting from Rev. W. M. Taylor of Chattanooga. In the **Nov. 21, 1895**, edition of the *Tracy City News* and under the subtitle of “Monteagle News,” **Nov. 19**, we read: “*We have the finest public school in the States according to the size of our town and financial condition of its patrons.*”

In **1873** Mrs. Harriett B. Kells was the principal of Fairmount Girls School that stood on land donated by John Moffat and joining Basil Summers’ grant land. This was a private Episcopal institution, so we need not follow it in our search for Monteagle’s public education. In the *Sequatchie News*, **Sept. 11, 1902**, we read, “*...we boarded one of Smith & Byers fine hacks for a trip to Monteagle. On the way we passed the neat little town of Summerfield, a very clean place of some 200 inhabitants. There are several neat dwelling houses, a church and a schoolhouse.*” In **1915**, Summerfield had “*a somewhat dilapidated building with not sufficient seats for the seventy-five splendid children enrolled, so that many of them are obliged to sit upon the steps of the platform and use its floor for a desk. The building is badly lighted and insufficiently heated. No fence encloses it, and the pigs and dogs hurry after the children, seeking to share their lunches.*” (*The Nashville Tennessean*, **Nov. 21, 1915**.)

Looking at dates, and having researched the deeds for the erection of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church building (ca. 1896), the Methodist Episcopal Church, South building (ca. 1897); and the Church of Christ (ca. 1907), [all three known to congregate in the same church building at different times of the week before they got their own buildings built and dedicated], we conclude that the church building that Steger (land), Adams (money) and others (labor and expertise) built was soon filled with Congregationalists or a union of them and at least three other groups, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Christian Church/Church of Christ, all acceptant of the Congregational polity, at least for the moment. Oh! Let's not forget the one Mennonite's attendance, possibly a Swiss immigrant, a follower of the teachings of Menno Simons, and Mrs. Charlie Mankin (Ella) who was a Baptist.

One definition of a Congregational church is given as follows: "Congregational churches (also Congregationalist churches; Congregationalism) are Protestant churches in the Reformed tradition practicing congregationalist church governance, in which each congregation independently and autonomously runs its own affairs." We know from church history that Methodist Episcopal Church, South and Cumberland Presbyterians were/are not Congregationalists in their polity. The one Mennonite would have been a Congregationalist. It seems strange that the Council would have chosen the "Congregational polity" as a unifying condition. I base this comment on others who surely attended that Saturday night meeting possibly making comments to steer away from congregationalism. What a wonderful thought, "Unity!"

Rev. Samuel Reed Roseboro married Martha Clarissa Colyar, sister to Arthur St. Clair "A. S." Colyar, a highly respected gentleman in the coal and railroad industries around Sewanee and Tracy City. Samuel was in Cache Creek, CA in 1870 and Marshall, Michigan in 1880, quite often moving around as a clergyman. He is buried in Clifton Springs Cemetery in Ontario, New York. He and his wife had one daughter, Viola, who attended Fairmount School in Moffatt/Monteagle. Rev. Roseboro thus had ties to Tracy City and the town of Moffat. Professor Henry Stanley Bennett was at one time a professor of theology at Fisk University. He, too, traveled around teaching, building missions and serving as a Congregationalist. He was involved directly with The American Missionary Association.

This formation of a Congregational union group came about five years after Oliver Dennis Mabee sorted out the mail for callers in 1871. In 1876, the town of Moffat was well on its way to becoming a must-visit, get-out and sit-a-spell village on the Cowan/Tracy City railroad. The main calling cards for that particular stop on the plateau

were the cool, summer temperatures, the lovely flora and plentiful fauna in the nearly undisturbed wilderness. Unlike the larger, dusty, coal town of Tracy City, to the east, Moffat was clean, inviting, and had the aroma of freshly cut lumber and wild flowers that adorned the mountain slopes and boulder fields. John Moffat had on his own land the sought-after Poplar Springs that still remain to this year (2018), although well hidden in the thickets in a city park, a park that needs a historical marker today and a spring that needs a really good cleaning. The Fairmount School for Young Ladies, as one ad called it, began its operation on **Apr. 9, 1873**, so their spiritual efforts, Episcopal, did predate the entrance of the Congregationalists upon the mountain. The school's connection to the University of the South made it the first religious effort in Moffat Station. There was no Monteagle Sunday School Assembly until the early **1880s** with its first season in **1883**.

An excerpt from a **Jan 24, 1887** news article, *The Daily American*, gives us another bit of interesting news of schooling in Monteagle — "A school for the winter has been reopened in the village, and has an excellent attendance. Miss Martha Lowrie has it in charge. Last fall the idea of a winter school was agitated by Mrs. Mary E. Stone, wife of Rev. H. M. Stone, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. With her also began the idea of a school for those unable to pay for it. Application was made to several liberal persons in the assembly, and quite a number were secured a few months instruction. At Christmas an entertainment was prepared for everyone, in which the school children showed most creditable proficiency. But the kind teacher, so earnest, gentle, patient, was taken ill from the effect of the cold and died in a few days. She was laid to rest in the *new* cemetery, which has not yet been laid out into lots..."

In the **1870s** and **1880s**, the denominations worked, taught and forged on as though they had their own buildings. The village union church building connected the town folks together. Even when Lydia (Landon) Moffat brought in her teachings on Scientology, she was able to meet in the union building and was received, but rather coolly.

To be continued with Part 9-B in the September Issue

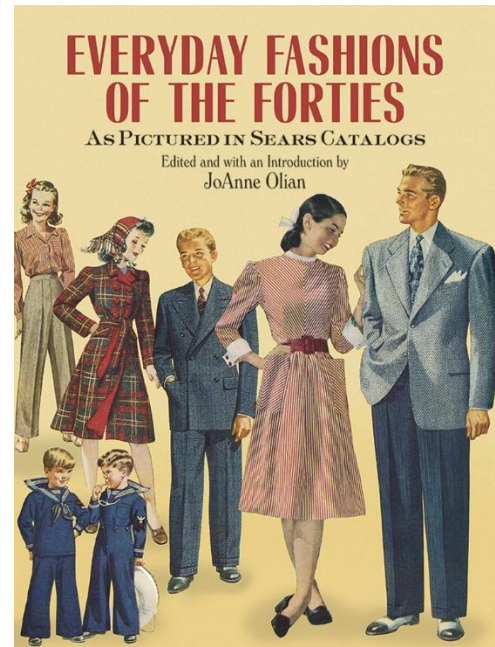
DID YOU KNOW? As You Like It was located on the hill above Bud Pattie's Store on the way to Plainview. There was a little restaurant called "As You Like It" that used to be on the side of the road, State Route 56, by the curve, so the community around the restaurant came to be known as As You Like It. It is part of the greater Tracy City. - Information by John Campbell

The Wish Book & the Joy of Sears & Roebuck Paper Dolls

by Barbara Mooney Myers

In my earlier years, I remember we had very little to entertain us, especially if we had to stay indoors. Outdoors was no problem because we could play with cousins or other kids in the neighborhood. I wasn't fortunate enough to have Betsy McCall paper dolls, but that didn't keep a resourceful girl from having fun with her own self-made dolls.

The whole family was always grateful to receive the big Sears & Roebuck catalog. It meant something different to everybody in the family. My daddy, Bill Mooney, called it the outhouse book. My mom, Josephine, called it the "wish book" and a source for clothes, shoes and almost any other items that our family might need. We girls, my cousin and I, however, knew that the best use of the catalog was for cutting out paper dolls. Of course, we had to wait until the catalog was no longer useful to Mother.



I cut out the paper dolls, pasted them on cardboard, then cut out various outfits for each of the dolls. This activity kept my play time interesting especially when my cousin, Ernestine Dove, came to visit and brought her own collection of Sears & Roebuck paper dolls. We'd exchange hats and clothes from one doll to another. We made beds of old cigar boxes which Mom lined with scraps of material, and I cut-out pillows from the catalog to complete the set. After a while the catalog became a ragged mess, and Dad had other uses for it, so he'd say, "That book needs to be gotten rid of." Mom would only gaze up at Dad from the corner of her eye and would retort, "Bill, you handle your job, and we'll handle our jobs and chores here at home. Where do you think your shirts that you like so well come from?" They came via the catalog, of course, so Dad gave a little grin from the corner of his mouth and stopped the insistence that the

book was messy and needed to make its way to the outhouse, but that was the way my dad was! We recycled that catalog. Everyone got some type of use of it.

The days of the Sears & Roebuck cut-outs eventually gave way to Barbie dolls, which my own daughters found fascinating. And, like my own mother, I helped to make the clothes and accessories for their Barbies. Oh, the memories from times gone by!

Where Did We Get That Expression?

"Beyond the Pale"

by Janelle Layne Taylor

A pale was an area of settlement or control such as the English had in Ireland, but the term was not confined to use in Ireland alone but in Russia as well.

Four eastern Irish counties: Louth, Meath, Dublin, and Kildare were the "obedient shires" and the only part of Ireland under the control of the English crown in the 14th century. The king's perimeter was marked with wooden fence posts pounded into the Irish turf. These were called "pales," from the Latin *palus*, meaning "stake." It was a "line of demarcation" as well as **a last "ditch" attempt to thwart cattle rustlers.**

Over the following centuries, the English settlement fortified its boundaries by turning the fence line into an impressive barrier: a ten-foot-deep ditch surrounded by eight-foot banks on each side and ringed by a thorny hedge. These ramparts were never meant to be an impregnable wall, but they did provide a daunting obstacle to raiders stealing English cattle across the borders. Within the Pale ditch, settlers lived under the protection of the Crown. But once you passed "the Pale", you were outside the authority and safety of English law, and subject to all the savageries of rural Ireland. "Beyond the pale" then became a colloquial phrase meaning "outside the limits or control of acceptable behavior or judgment", thus our phrase "beyond the pale", and our colloquial phrase "paling fence", widely used in Grundy County, TN, especially in earlier years.



The Pale in Ireland



Paling fence today

Source: www.cntraveler.com/story/what-beyond-the-pale-actually-means

Life with Grandfather and Grandmother McGovern

by Richard Savage, Jr.

As told by Pearl Stockwell Savage to her grandson, Richard Savage, Jr., about her childhood days with her grandparents, Pete and Roannalee (Roberts) McGovern. The stories are very much as she told them.

I was born in Jasper County, Indiana, in October of 1907. When I was one month old my mother and I took the train from Rensselaer, Indiana, to Tracy City, Tennessee, so Mom could show me to her people. She said she put a pillow on the seat next to her for me to lie on. Dad didn't send her the money for us to come back so we stayed. At some point we lived with Uncle Tom McGovern (*Pearl and her mother Minnie are listed in the household of Tom McGovern in the 1910 census*), but mostly we lived with Grandfather and Grandmother on Hobbs Hill until 1916.



“Grandfather Pete McGovern’s House on Hobbs Hill in 1909. I (Pearl Stockwell Savage) am in the center of the photo. My mother, Minnie McGovern Stockwell, is holding me. Mom’s sister Fannie McGovern is beside Mom. Grandfather is on the far left. Mom’s sister Nora McGovern is beside him and Mom’s sister Eva McGovern is first in front of Nora. Grandmother Roannalee (Roberts) McGovern is not in the picture. She worked too hard to have time to be in pictures.” The lady on the right side holding her baby, Tressie, is Anna Nunley Roberts; boys with hands up are Charles & Marvin Roberts. Kids in front, Charles, Robert, and Allen McGovern while others are unidentified.

In 1909 Dad came down to Sparta where his grandfather had a mill and sent for Mom to come up there. By this time Grandfather didn't like Dad at all. We had to slip off from Grandfather. After we had been in Sparta a few months there was an accident at the mill. Dad was doing some blasting and a man was accidentally killed. There was some trouble about it and Dad must have thought it best for him to leave. He went back up north and was soon working out in North Dakota. There was nothing for us to do but go back to Grandfather's on Hobbs Hill. In 1910 my brother was born. He lived 14 months. My only memory of him is me sitting on his stomach. Dad never saw him.

About 1912 or 1913 they were settling the estate of my great-grandfather Willard Stockwell in Sparta. Dad's uncle, we called him Old Uncle Lem (*Stockwell*), told Mom that if she would file for divorce from Dad (*John Stockwell*) she could then claim Dad's part of the estate because of me. That was the reason for the divorce.

Grandfather and Grandmother treated me just the same as they did their own children. When Grandmother bought her daughters anything she would get something for me too. One of my jobs was picking up apples under the tree. I could be lazy though and sometimes I would end up sleeping under the tree instead of picking up the apples. Grandfather would teach all of his children things about the Bible and the Holy Land and he had me join in with the rest of them. He had a nice desk and maps that he used to point things out to us.

Grandfather stood up for me. When Mom got upset with someone, she would whip me, or want to. I can remember Grandfather saying, "You put that stick down Minnie, you're not going to whip that child."

Grandfather was a leader in the church. He was always up front leading – didn't nobody fool with that pulpit but him. There were times though when he would get to drinking and be gone from the church for weeks. When he came back, he wouldn't drink for months. After Sunday services Grandfather would bring the traveling minister and gobs of people from the church for dinner. Grandmother would have to have it ready. My grandparents had a beautiful, great big dining room table and a fine set of dining room chairs to go with it. It was a dark wood, perhaps mahogany, and would seat maybe 20 people. With such big crowds usually the only piece of chicken left for me was the wing. It became my favorite piece.

Grandfather was a contractor with the coalmines. He would lease a mine then hire a crew to work it. He wasn't, however, a very good manager with his money. Once on a drunk he handed out maybe \$2000 in Tracy City. Another time he got drunk and went hunting. He found some turkeys and thought they were wild turkeys. He ended up killing about seven of Uncle Ludie Brewer's tame turkeys. He had to pay for those!

Grandmother was always busy. She kept her house very nice. The children were not allowed to touch the bedspreads. She had a shift robe, which was of a dark wood like the table and was also a very nice piece of furniture. Their house was the first on Hobbs Hill to have a telephone. People on Hobbs Hill would come and use the telephone or come to the store that Grandfather kept. Sometimes other people with Irish backgrounds would get together at Grandfather's and they would play music.

Grandfather's parents died before I was born. They said that his father (*James McGovern*) was a thick-tongued Irishman who only spoke broken English. Working on the construction of the railroads is probably what brought him first into Tennessee. Grandfather's mother (*Eliza Jane Myers*) was partially crippled and would walk with a cane. But it was told that when they went to church she would get very excited and dance.

Grandmother's father died before I was born. I remember his picture in his Confederate uniform being in the house. He was a captain in the Civil War and was also Grundy County's first sheriff. I do remember Grandmother's mother. She lived across the road from Grandfather. She would dress all in black and wore bonnets. She told a story about when some Union soldiers rode up to the house during the war. They asked a little slave boy where his master was and he said, "He's out fighting the damn Yankees!" She would always laugh when she told the story. There were also stories about hiding things in caves to keep the soldiers from taking them.

While we were living on Hobbs Hill Mom would sometimes work cleaning houses. I recall her working for Uncle Brad Roberts's daughter Elizabeth Oliver. She had children about my age but I didn't get along so well with them. I recall going to the John Sewell house with Mom. One of his daughters, and a cousin to Mom, had tuberculosis. Mom told me that if I saw her use her utensils in one of the food dishes that I was not to ask for it. She wouldn't let me have it.

I started school at Hobbs Hill. My uncles, Allen, Robert, and Pete were near my age and in school with me. Sometimes they would tease me, and I remember them getting me into some trouble. But my older uncles Charles and James were in the school too. They watched over me and didn't let them or nobody else bother me much.

Grandmother got seriously ill, so her brother Brad took her to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. They found it was a cancer that they couldn't treat. While Grandmother was sick she stayed in the parlor. They had a cot for me in the room with Grandmother so that if she needed anything I could get someone to help. Uncle Brad had the first car that I saw. When us children knew that he was coming to visit Grandmother, we would walk down to the foot of Hobbs Hill so we could ride back up in Uncle Brad's car.

Soon after Grandmother died Mom and I went back to Indiana to be with Dad (*John Stockwell*). Mom said it just didn't feel the same anymore without her mother. I was eight years

old at the time. Again, we slipped off from Grandfather. Mom had taken some of our clothes out at different times and left them with a neighbor so he wouldn't notice her packing and suspect what she was up to. We were on the train on our way to Indiana before she told me where we were going. If she had told me ahead of time she would have had a hard time getting me on that train. I was mad and crying. I loved Grandfather and didn't want to leave him to go back to a dad that I could barely remember.

Mom and Dad were remarried at a wedding that I insisted on attending. First, we lived on a farm in the northern part of Jasper County near Gifford. In September of 1917 we moved into Gifford and in 1918 to Rensselaer. In November of 1918 I brought in a letter from Tracy City for Mom. Mom just sat and cried. Her brother James (*McGovern*) had died on November 5 from influenza and pneumonia.



Pearl Stockwell Savage in 1915

William Francis “Calico Bill” Smith

Kirby Crabtree



William Francis “Calico Bill” Smith

William Francis “Calico Bill” Smith was born on November 4, 1836, in Ninemile, Bledsoe County, Tennessee and was the son of Milton A. Smith (1810-1852) of North Carolina and Margaret Jane Sapp (1819-1905) of White County, Tennessee.

During his lifetime, William F. Smith who was commonly known as “Calico Bill” met and had long-term relationships with 3 different women, with whom he had at least 18 children.

His first wife was Elizabeth Betsie Smith (supposedly no relation to Calico Bill) who was born about 1834 possibly in Bledsoe County, Tennessee. The daughter of Eathel Eldridge Smith (1807-1884) and Matilda (McDowell) Smith (1813-1870), Elizabeth and Calico Bill had 4 children together: William Brocklin Smith (1853-1924), Margaret Elizabeth (Smith) Sullivan (1855-1926), Martha Angeline (Smith) Keener (1859-1913), and Arminta (Smith) Shoemate (1865-1945). Elizabeth B. Smith passed away about 1915 in Bledsoe County, Tennessee.

His second wife was Cynthia Josephine (Robinette) Smith who was born about 1840 and was possibly from Yankeetown, Warrick County, Indiana. The daughter of John Robinette and Margaret (Houston) Robinette, Cynthia and Calico Bill were married in 1865 and together they had 8 children: William Hugh Francis Smith (1865-1925), Margaret Elizabeth Smith (1866-1924), Martha Catherine (Smith) Ellis (1868-1920), James T. Smith (1870-1939), John Milton Smith (1872-1956), Jesse F. Smith (1875-1960), Mintie Josephine Smith (1878-1964), and Samuel Washington Smith (1880-1941). Cynthia Josephine (Robinette) Smith passed away on July 13, 1900 in Marion County, Tennessee, and is buried in Aetna Mountain Cemetery.

His third wife was Elizabeth Stitch who was born May 16, 1850, possibly in Ohio. It is not known who her mother or father was. Elizabeth Stitch married Calico Bill (date and location unknown) and together they had 4 children: Mary J. (Smith) Layne (1880-1957), Charles Wilder Smith (1886-1946), Robert Harrison Smith (1888-1935), and Anna Smith (1891-1978). Elizabeth Stitch passed away on January 19, 1938, in Grundy County, Tennessee, and is buried in Fall Creek Cemetery.

During the War Between the States, William F. Smith enlisted into Union service on November 8, 1862, as a Private in Company “A” of the 4th Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry regiment.

This Union Army regiment was originally recruited as the "4th East Tennessee Cavalry" and was in service from July 1862 to July 12, 1865. The 4th Tennessee Cavalry was organized at Cumberland Gap and mustered in for a three-year enlistment on February 9, 1863, at Nashville, Tennessee, under the command of Colonel R. M. Edwards. Four companies were organized in Louisville, Kentucky, December 1862 through January 1863.

The regiment was attached to the Department of the Cumberland, to January 1864. 3rd Brigade, Cavalry Division, XVI Corps, Department of the Tennessee, to April 1864. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to June 1864. Districts of Nashville and North Alabama, Department of the Cumberland, to October 1864. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Cavalry Corps, Military Division Mississippi, to December 1864. 1st Brigade, 7th Division, Cavalry Corps, Military Division Mississippi, to February 1865. 2nd Brigade, 7th Division, Cavalry Corps, Military Division Mississippi, February 1865. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, Cavalry Corps, Military Division West Mississippi, to May 1865. 1st Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, West Mississippi, to July 1865. The 4th Tennessee Cavalry mustered out of service August 14, 1865, in Nashville, Tennessee.

During the war, William F. Smith was captured by Confederate forces and was imprisoned in the infamous Andersonville Confederate Prison Camp located in southeast Georgia. Constructed in 1864, Calico Bill was in prison here from the time the Camp opened until the end of the War in 1865.

After the war, William F. Smith filed for a pension for his service in the Union Army. The Pension Claim Number was 252579. Mr. A. Hanks represented the Department of Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, DC, who completed the investigation for approving or disapproving the request for a pension.

Later in life after the conflict, Calico Bill would tell his grandson, Arthur Layne, about his service and experience as a Union soldier during the war. Calico Bill tells of having three horses shot out from under him and about being a prisoner during the War. He said he was first taken to Jacksonville, FL, then New York City, then Chillacathy, Ohio, then to Andersonville. He would describe the Andersonville prison camp in such a way that a great-grandson, Homer Dean Layne, could recognize parts of the camp many years later. Bill said their biggest need was clean drinking water. One morning he saw three men standing on a knoll in the camp. He walked over to see who they were, the men were gone, but fresh water was coming out of the ground. When his great-grandson, Homer Dean Layne, visited the camp in later years he was told a spring had appeared in the camp overnight that became known as Providence Spring.

William F. Smith passed away on May 7, 1915, in Gruetli, Grundy County, Tennessee, and is buried alongside his third wife, Elizabeth Stich in Fall Creek Cemetery also located in present day Gruetli-Laager, Grundy County, Tennessee. William Francis Smith was John Franklin "Squirrel" Layne's great grandfather.

Tracy in the Good Old Days

by Herbert Tate in Vancouver, Washington

Transcribed unchanged from *Grundy County Herald*, **June 27, 1946**

Photos have been added to the letter by Jackie Layne Partin



Wife: Idella Merlin (Goben) Tate (ca. 1917)



Robert Herbert Tate, Sr. (ca. 1942)

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:

While visiting in Twin Falls County, Idaho, recently a friend of mine gave me a copy of the Grundy Herald. I brought it home with me and read it through. It has brought back so many memories of my childhood in and around Tracy City, that I am moved to write to you. There were many remembered names on its pages. Some are sons of the ones I knew and some no doubt are grandsons.

It brought back memories of my days in Schook School – we called it Schook's College then. I remember the teachers I went to; the large play ground; the bell that could be heard for miles; the town clock – everyone depended upon it for the correct time. Is it still there or another in its place?

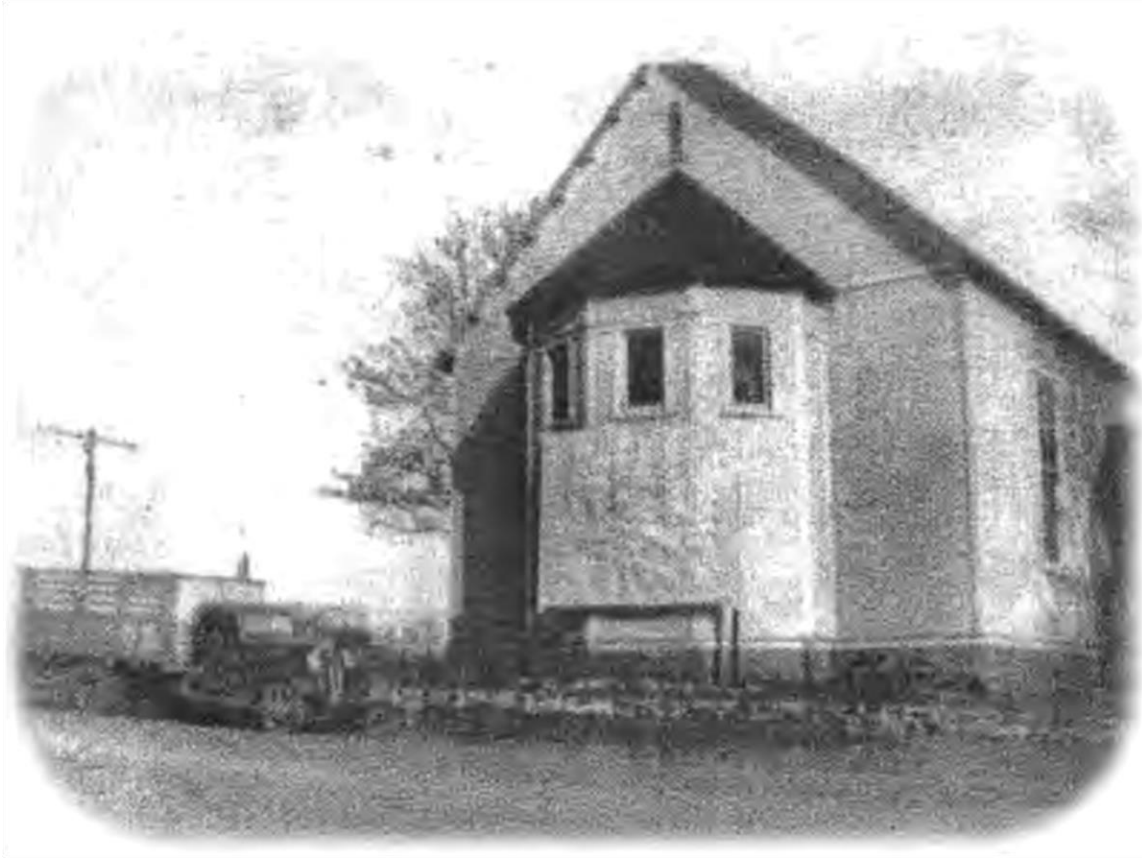


Tracy City's James K. Shook School (1889–1976) was destroyed by arson. Herbert Tate watched the same clock as seen in the photo and listened for the bell from the tower to announce the end of the school day.

I remember the old mill dam where we first learned to swim. There was Blue hole, Haynes hole, New Pond and Peterburg Pond. There were the walks we used to take over Hobb's hill, Meyer's hill and out the road going by the old Gum Springs, where we could get a good cold drink of the finest water one ever tasted.

There was the mule lot where we used to play ball; the switch yards where we used to hop the rail road cars for a short ride (until we got caught!) There was the wye where the old passenger engine No. 49 used to turn around; the round house where the engines were housed at night. We used to loaf there in the evenings and talk with the engine wipers and firemen. What tall tales were told! O. Henry or Runyan had nothing on them.

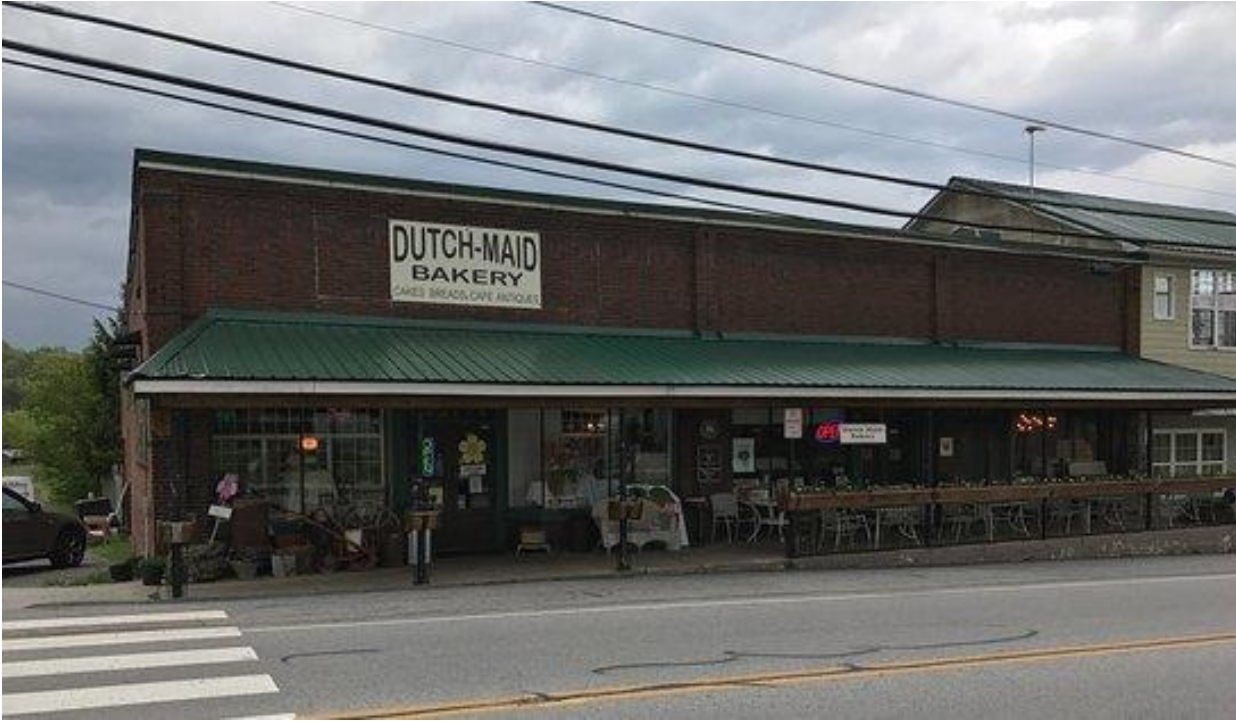
I remember the Depot. We never missed meeting all passenger trains to see who got on or off. Then to the Post Office to ask for mail, knowing full well we didn't have any. I remember the first picture show we had, located in the old Cumberland Presbyterian church house. I remember the Churches – Christian, Baptist and Methodist. My father preached from the pulpit in the Methodist Church, and I thank God for my early Christian training. I am still a member of that church. Recently we had our letters transferred to the University Park Methodist Church on Lombard and Fiske in Portland, Oregon. Memories bring back visions of the cemetery, for my sainted mother is buried there. She died while we were in Altamont for a short time. I was fourteen years old at the time. My father passed away two years later.



The screen against the Tracy City Cumberland Presbyterian Church building was where movies were projected at one time possibly before the Dixie Theatre started a business.

I remember the several coal mines and wonder if any are still operating. There was Ramsey Street Hill No. 2; East Fork; Reid Hill. I drove a mule in the Reid Hill mines for a short time. I also worked in the Pryor Ridge No. 2 mine chalk-eying for a fine old gentleman, a Mr. Sam Payne. We also made some extra money stacking lumber at Werner's saw mill and at the Stave Mill, run by a Mr. Bradley, I believe.

Then I went to work for Mr. Baggenstoss in the bakery. We mixed the doughs by hand in those days. Besides my work in the shop, I delivered bread to all the stores in a basket carried on my arm. We shipped a lot of bread to Coalmont and Monteagle in large covered boxes that I took to the depot on a wheelbarrow. I followed the baking trade for many years, working in Nashville, Memphis, Louisville, Ky., And Birmingham, Ala., besides many small towns from near Chicago on south.



**Baggenstoss Bakery known to Herbert Tate as the Dutch-Maid Bakery in Tracy City, TN
Today it is under new ownership and much larger, but still maintains old history inside
the walls. (2021)**

There are many memories of the many boys of and around my age that I used to run around with. Some have left and made good, some perhaps not. I wonder how many are still around there?

Yes, since I left Tracy City when I was eighteen years old much water has flowed under the bridge and over the dam. There have been two awful wars. I had three sons in World War II. Two were in the air forces and the youngest served three years in the Navy in the Pacific area. I am thankful that God spared them, for all three are back in the states and well. I did my bit in the ship years, working in the capacity as Guard for Kaiser Co., Inc. here in Vancouver, Wash. For a time I was a member of the Coast Guard. My wife also worked in one of the offices – War Bond, where they put out an average of 5,000 Bonds a week, and all \$50 Bonds.



Front: Robert Herbert Tate, Sr.; Back — his sons: L to R: Russell Truman, Robert Herbert, Jr. & Jacob Clinton

The Vancouver yards broke all records in ship building. We built 50 escort carriers, several troop ships and numerous landing craft. My position as Personnel Gate guard has been most interesting. I have checked thousands of men and women of all ages and from all walks of life through my gate. And talked to people from the four corners of the globe. There were visiting dignitaries, high officials and guests from moviedom here on Bond Rallies, etc.

There are many opportunities here in the great North West. The climate is wonderful and the people are grand. Although some congressmen are opposed to the Columbia River Authority its need is real to this country and we are hoping much work will be done. We visited the Grand Coulee project this winter and it is almost impossible to describe its magnitude.

I could go on and on reminiscing and talking of the wonders of the great North West, from the works of man to the wonders God has wrought. We are not far from the Giant redwood trees – huge trees, many 300 feet tall, the tallest 364 feet, with trunks large enough to drive an automobile through. On a clear, hot summer day one can stand upon a hill top and look for miles around and see snow capped peaks. There is Mt. Hood, Mt. Ranier, Mt. Adams, St. Helens and Mr. Jefferson and as we pause we cannot help but say, “Yes, surely there is God in whom we can place our trust, and hope for a better world.”

In closing I would like to say that I am a member of the Masonic Lodge, with membership in the Plumb Lodge No. 862 in Louisville, Ky. (Sincerely yours, Herbert Tate)

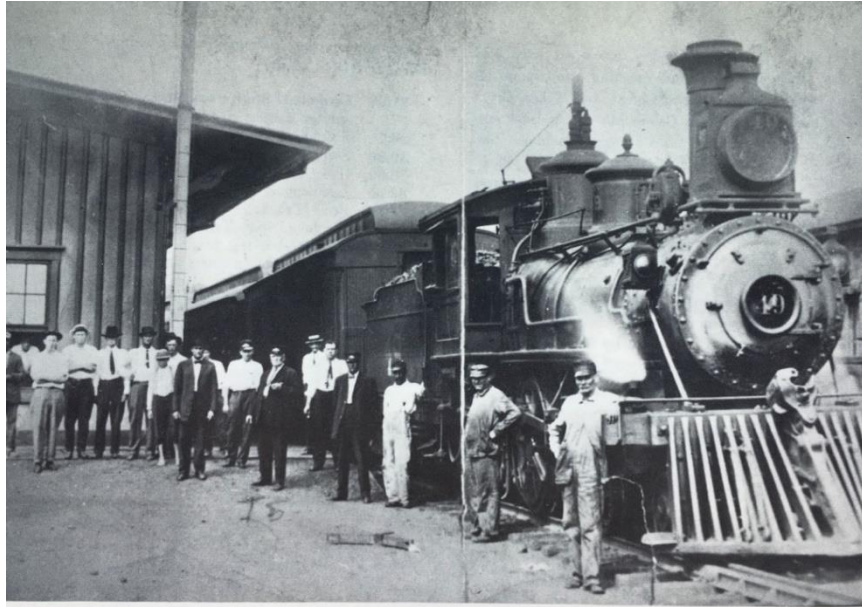
Follow-up Notes by Jackie Layne Partin:

Finding the Herbert Tate in Grundy Co., TN who would fit this story wasn't easy. However, in **1910**, John Clinton Tate was living with his second wife Nettie (m. **Nov. 28, 1909**, Grundy Co., TN), and had not yet had children together, but John's fourteen-year-old son, Herbert Tate born **Feb. 8, 1896**, was in the household. If his mother died when he was fourteen, then this is he. His mother was Sarah Anna Smith, and she would have died around early **1909** before John's second marriage. When Herbert registered for the WWI Draft in Louisville, KY, he listed his occupation as a baker for the New York Baking Co. It was here that he met a young bookkeeper for the company. Her name was Idella Merlin Goben (**b. 1898-d. 1952**), and on **March 28, 1917**, he married her. In **1942**, when he registered for the WWII Draft, he listed his employer as Teroy's Bakery – that all fits into his mentioned skills in his letter to the Grundy County Herald. Interestingly, he listed Evelyn Tate as the person who would always know where he was. Evelyn Grace Tate was his brother Floyd's widow.

John Clinton and Sarah Anna Tate had seven children together, but only sons Floyd Brown and Robert Herbert survived. In the **1900** Census, Floyd was seventeen and Herbert was four. Sadly, Herbert's father died two years after his mother's death, as he mentioned in his letter, leaving him basically alone at the age of fifteen. In **1920** in Louisville, KY, Herbert was indeed using his Dutch-Maid Bakery skills learned in Tracy City; he was back in the kitchen baking. Merlin gave birth to four children in Kentucky: Anna Roberta, Robert Herbert, Jr., Jacob Clinton, and Russell Truman; her fifth child Sarah Jane was born in Mississippi. In **1940**, Herbert was still a baker but in Corinth, Mississippi. He was busy spreading all the Baggenstoss' bread baking secrets.

In **1946** in Louisville, KY, Robert Herbert Tate, Jr. married and was listed as the son of Merlin Tate only. It appears that during the **1940s**, Herbert and Merlin may have grown apart. Idella Merlin Tate died in Louisville, KY, in **1952**, and was buried there. Her husband was not mentioned in her newspaper obituary.

Herbert mentioned several places that are not familiar to me as named – old mill dam; New Pond and Petersburg Pond; these were in Tracy City and most probably parts of the Fiery Gizzard Creek system. The waterfall below my house has never had a name; maybe one of these fits. Standing in front of old engine #49 below is engineer Matt Cope.



No. 49 and the passenger train at the Tracy City station, Sept. 1909. [William Ray Turner]

2 RICHLAND MEN TAKE OWN LIVES

RICHLAND, Wash., March 11.—The deaths of Robert H. Tate, 61, and E. T. Muller, about 55, both ruled as suicides by Dr. Ted Albertowicz, coroner, were reported to police today.

Tate died of a 32-caliber bullet wound in his head.

Muller's body was found in a car parked in a gravel pit south of the bypass highway with its motor running. A hose had been taped to the exhaust and channeled inside the car.

Tate, a former security patrolman at Hanford works, is survived by the widow; three sons, and two daughters. Muller, superintendent of dry cleaning at the Richland laundry, is survived by the widow and one daughter.



Robert Herbert Tate (1896-1957)

In Herbert's death announcement, we read that he left a widow behind. Since Idella Merlin Tate, his wife, had been dead for five years, I have no explanation. Herbert's letter drew me to transcribe it because of the Tracy City historical comments and his positive personality. But for those of you who know me, expect tragedy to find its way into almost every story I write. Looking at his wonderful smile, one might ask, "What happened?"

Skymont Boy Scout Camp

Cherokee Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

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Skymont is located on the western edge of Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau. Tropical oceans which once covered what is now Tennessee caused large seams of coal to be embedded in the sandstone and limestone layers of rock.

As in the Savage Gulf area of the Cumberland Plateau just to the north of Skymont, during periods of heavy rainfall the usually dry river and creek beds become swift and treacherous. Flash flooding can be a real danger during the heavy rains of spring and summer.

Skymont is a 2,460 acre tract of largely wooded land in Grundy County, TN, on the Cumberland Plateau which was acquired by the Cherokee Area Council, BSA in 1968. It was previously known as Skymont Hunting and Fishing, Inc.

Skymont features include primarily wooded areas and 5 lakes which are stocked with fish. There is a 26-mile perimeter around Skymont, much of which is known as The Perimeter Trail. There is one cave which adjoins the property, Van Dyke's Cave. Interestingly, the land

which is now known as Skymont used to have a layover station on the Hill's Turnpike, which was a stagecoach route running between Hillsboro, Tennessee, near Nashville to Dalton, Georgia. The coach ran the route twice per month and carried mail. The layover station burned the year after the Civil War ended.





Fox Hunters *Back row: Hugh Henley, Norman Meeks, James Meeks, Norman Meeks, Sr., unidentified
Front row: Edward "Keen Head" Meeks, Frank Layne, Preston Cannon, Levator Cannon, unidentified*

In the photo are Kenny Gunn, Sue Lynn (Levan) Fults, little girl is Rosalyn Dawn (Holder) Bennett. They are standing in front of the old Felix Grundy Lodge building. The lodge meetings were held upstairs and were accessed by the exterior iron stairs. The downstairs was Hamby's Grocery and the Pelham Post Office. Three of the Hamby siblings ran this store in sequence: Hagan Hamby, Nana Lou (Hamby) Meeks, and Jewel (Hamby) Goodman. Mr. Jim Green, a former teacher, was the postmaster. This building burned Dec 24, 1959. It was located where the block building that currently houses the Felix Grundy Lodge on the top floor and the Refuge Ministries Thrift Store on the bottom floor and is located next door to the current Pelham Post Office.



Bottom right: Pelham Post office & lodge building

Gap Sunday School 1921
from Jordan Broadway



Front: l-r: Harvey Myers, R.D. Hobbs, Odie Hobbs, Horton Hobbs

2nd: Frank Hobbs, Della (Stepp) Campbell, Ella (Rogers) Hobbs, holding Carlos Hobbs, Walter Hobbs, George Fults, Fannie (Fults) Hobbs

3rd: Arch Fults, Roy Greene, Ella Scott, Lilly May (Myers) Brady, possibly Sarah Scott, Bunice (Wrisner) Myers, Hollis Campbell, Jimmy Sartain

Back: Andy Campbell, Roy Fults, Stella (Myers) Brady, Clayton Campbell, Octie (Hobbs) Uselton, Annie Fults, Ollie (Hobbs) Mills, Ora (Fults) Argo

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