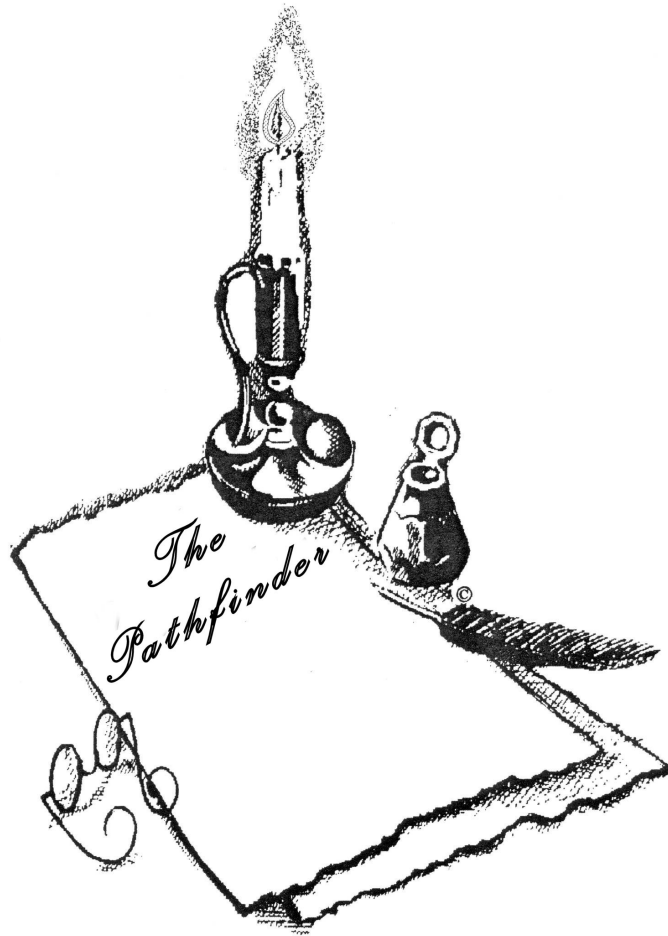


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oliver Jervis

(None reported this quarter)

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Sharon Nee Goodman

Thank you for participating in making this newsletter what you would like to see by sending in photographs, stories & family histories. If you would like to send information for publishing in the Pathfinder, please send to Sharon Goodman, 118 Orange Tree Lane, Georgetown, TX, 78626. Or you can email me at sharon@sngthere.com.

JOHN MOFFAT**PART I, 1828-1886**

Contributed by Oliver Jervis

In 1870, after having acquired 1,761 acres of the John G. Bostick and Tandy C.K. Bostick grants located in Marion and Grundy Counties and having contracted for the purchase of 1,146 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres of the Charles Christian grant, John Moffat nailed a sign, "Moffat", on a tree along the Mountain Goat railroad tracts, owned and operated by Tennessee Coal and Railroad Company. The railroad company designated the place Moffat Station and established it as a stop. On January 18, 1871 Moffat Station was approved as a post office by the postal authorities. On October 15, 1874 the name was shortened to Moffat.

John Moffat was born November 9, 1828 in Glasgow, Scotland, the son of well-educated and polished parents who traveled in elevated circles of Scottish society. His father was a successful businessman, a partner of the manufacturing firm of Moffat and Swan, who, however, in an economic downturn, lost his financial position, and immigrated to Canada with his wife, two sons and a daughter. Moffat's father, after about three years of unsuccessful effort to reestablish himself in Canada, became depressed, took to drink, and left his home.

Moffat's mother had supported the family since its immigration to Canada. In order to assist her Moffat, at the age of seven, was "adopted" (probably indentured) to a farmer in a remote part of Canada, where he remained until the age of fourteen. When he was about the age of nine, a temperance missionary visited the rural area where he lived. He gained permission by "hard begging" to attend a temperance meeting where he signed the temperance pledge amid much jeering by hecklers at the folly of pledging such a young child. John Moffat was faithful to that pledge the remainder of his life.

In the summer of 1848, at the age of 19, Moffat became a member of the Sons of Temperance. In 1851 he was appointed its lecturer for the Province of Canada. He was named the representative of that organization to the National Division through which he became known to temperance representatives in the United States. In 1858 the Sons of Temperance selected Moffat as associate editor of its national publication, *Crusader*. It is believed that about 1858, while on a temperance lecture tour, he crossed the Cumberland Plateau on a stagecoach, traveling from Nashville to Chattanooga; at the place he later named Moffat. He was impressed with the climate, the natural beauty of the area, and what he envisioned as an excellent area for development.

John Moffat mapped the village of Moffat and began selling tracts and lots from his holdings to people he could interest in settling on the Cumberland Plateau or Cumberland table lands as it was called. A fellow Canadian, Dr. Oliver D. Mabee, was an early associate with Moffat in the development of the town. He was named its first postmaster on January 18, 1871. On February 11, 1873 he acquired 125 acres from Moffat for \$500. Known as the O.D. Mabee farm, the property was located on Main Street at the current site of Monteagle Elementary School and extended to and including the site of High Point Restaurant.

Moffat believed the sparsely inhabited Cumberland table lands had potential for land value appreciation, if only, the population could be increased. In the initial, August 1871, edition of *The Enterprise*, edited by him, it was proclaimed:

"The measure of land values depends upon the population. Ever addition to the population of a county increases the value of real estate, especially if a producer is added. The grandest, safest, best policy of the land owner – the policy sanctioned by the wisdom of all time – is to multiply his neighbors.

Every producer is also a consumer; thus, while the productive power of the land is increased with labor, especially interested labor, a market for a portion of the

products is created at home. This is why lands are more valuable in towns than in country; this is what makes an acre of sterile land in the heart of London worth five million dollars, which, if located in some of the counties of Tennessee, would not bring a dollar.

Divide your lands, induce and encourage immigration by offering them at low prices and on easy terms, to poor hardworking man of the thickly populated countries. Bring his strong arms, enterprising head and a few hundred dollars into your county, and you will find him raising the price of land all about him. Above all, make it possible for him to come, by offering him terms that he can meet.”

The Enterprise was a monthly journal published by Tennessee Immigration, Real Estate and Labor Association that was formed in 1871 to promote the development of Tennessee through immigration. Immigration was sought not only from foreign countries but also from the northern states of the United States.

The president of Tennessee Immigration, Real Estate and Labor Association was Arthur St. Clair Colyar, a Nashville lawyer and Tennessee political leader. He was instrumental in reorganizing the former Sewanee Mining Company into Tennessee Coal and Railroad Company. It was through his vision that the company developed a process for converting Sewanee seam bituminous coal mined at Tracy City into coke that could be used in blast furnaces to produce pig iron used in the manufacture of iron and steel products.

John Moffat was Secretary and Treasurer of Tennessee Immigration, Real Estate and Labor Association. Colyar and Moffat appear to have been closely connected in the effort to encourage immigration to Tennessee, particularly to the Cumberland Plateau, and the advocacy of division of large tracts of land into smaller parcels at affordable prices. Colyar was politically active in promoting the establishment of a Tennessee Commissioner of Immigration.

The scheme of Tennessee Immigration, Real Estate and Labor Association was the formation of County Co-Operative Associations of not more than ten citizens within a county to collect and make available statistics relative to a county useful to immigrants and others. The statistics for the locality embraced temperature of the climate, accessibility, character of the soil, productions, the mean value of improved and unimproved lands, water power, mines and minerals, timber, manufactures, markets, means of getting to markets, and

other information as the principal and branch offices of the association may have required. The County Co-Operative Associations were further to assist strangers visiting a county to obtain correct information about it. The Association was authorized to sell real estate and receive commissions for real estate sales, that were to be divided between the “corporators and the respective ‘County Co-Operative Associations’”.

In 1872, John Moffat became editor of *Nashville Journal of Commerce*. A weekly publication devoted to business issues. This was an additional platform for his advocacy of Tennessee immigration and development.

In 1874, the Governor of Tennessee, likely through the influence of Arthur St. Clair Colyar, appointed John Moffat Commissioner of Immigration and bestowed upon him the honorary designation of “Colonel”. An Englishman, R.W. Hickling became his secretary. Hickling later became Assistant Commissioner of Immigration.

In 1876, as Commissioner of Immigration, Moffat authored *A Brochure of Tennessee’s Attractions to the Immigrant*, a twenty one page pamphlet that describes the state as eight well defined natural divisions. The most attention is given to the Cumberland Plateau. Among other virtues, it is extolled as a land of people without consumption. Under “Watering Places” it proclaimed:

The Monteagle Health Resort at Moffat, Marion County, was opened last year, (1875) and bids fair to be a popular resort, not only for parties from the low counties of the South in the summer. But also a winter resort for parties afflicted with pulmonary diseases from the North. Here may be found, during the hot months of summer, families from different localities, in the lowlands, enjoying the cool and invigorating atmosphere.”

This article will be continued in the December edition of *The Pathfinder*.

THE MOUNTAIN GOAT NOW TAKING NEW STEPS

Barbara Mooney Myers with additions by Lanny Bell

While researching the Mountain Goat, I began reading about many families I grew up around and those that folks in my family knew throughout the years. One of these families was that of James “Jim” Bell, Sr. Mr. Bell married Charlotte Elizabeth Partin, whom everyone called “Lottie”.

Jim Bell's father, William, a switchman for the NC & St. L Railway in Chattanooga was knocked from the top of a box car by a wire on 1 March 1923, while walking towards the front end of the moving train. Evidently, he did not see the telegraph wires that crossed the tracks because of heavy smoke. He died from his injuries four days later. Jim was 4 years old at the time.

After his father's death, his mother, Lucille Rawlings Bell, and her children moved to Tracy City and lived with her mother-in-law, Mary Crouch Bell. Mary's husband, Allen Tribble Bell, had died in 1919. Lucille was 27 years old and had 3 children: William, Jr., Jim, Margaret and one on the way (Eugene). The house where they lived faced the train depot and is located behind the Cumberland Funeral home. Mr. Bell grew up within sight and sound of the Mountain Goat steam locomotives.

Jim grew up without a father, but was greatly influence by his Boy Scout Leader, Father Alfonso C. Adamz. After graduating from Grundy County High School, Jim was married, had one son, James, Jr., and was working for the NC & St. L Railway in Chattanooga where is dad worked, when he was called to serve in the US Army during WWII, 1943-1945.



WWII photo shows Jim standing on a train in Germany. The watch chain seen in the photo goes to the watch that his dad used when he worked on the railroad. A good watch was needed by railroad workers to stay on schedule.

Mr. Bell was assigned to Company C of the 718th Railroad Operating Battalion. The 718th was the first railroad battalion into France and Germany. It was standard operating procedure to move supplies and personnel at night without lights to and from areas near the front battle lines. The 718th worked closely with General George Patton's Third Army during the Battle of the Bulge. Jim received the WWII Victory Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the European/African/Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal with 4 bronze stars. Each bronze star on the ribbon of the campaign medal represents a campaign the wearer served in. The 4 campaigns that Mr. Bell participated in were Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.



The Jim Bell family: Lanny, Lottie, James, Sr. (Jim), Elizabeth and James, Jr.

After the war, Jim returned to Chattanooga as a brakeman for the NC & St. L Railway, eventually transferring to the Tracy City branch known as the "Mountain Goat". During this time, the team pulled coal loader trains off the mountain from Sewanee to the main line in Cowan, TN. Jim and Lottie had two

other children, Lanny and Elizabeth Ann. Jim retired as a conductor on the "Mountain Goat" after spending 39 years as an employee of the railroad. He was the only living member of the "Mountain Goat" crew at the time we in the Grundy County Historical Society began assembling *The Heritage of Grundy County, TN 1844-2004*. Jim & wife Lottie also spent many hours working at the family owned Partin's grocery and general merchandise store in Tracy City where my family traded. Partin's store was located on the lot where the Lunch Box restaurant now stands.

Another dear railroad family was the Schearer family. Mr. Emil Schearer was employed with the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and was the first in Grundy County to be employed by the Nashville -Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad in Tracy City in 1881.

Charles Schaerer worked as a fireman, then became an engineer with the Nashville and Chattanooga and afterward with the Mountain Goat as it whistled up and down the tracks..

Solomon "Sol" Schaerer, Emil's son, worked for Werner's Mill and Lumber Company to buy the family home place from his mother Mrs. Annie Schaerer in 1925. The Schaerer home, located at the corner of Dutchtown Rd. and 3rd Street, now houses the 6th generation of the Schaerer family. Mr. "Sol" also took a job as brakeman with the Nashville-Chattanooga & St. L where he retired in 1957.

According to Alan C. Shook, co-author of the *Mountain Goat*, the train track was built largely to serve the University of the South and the Monteagle Assembly. Depots were built in Monteagle, Sewanee, Tracy City, Palmer, and Coalmont. Will "High Pockets" Payne, a conductor on the train, amused passengers boarding in Tracy City with his saying, "All aboard, and if you can't get a board, get a plank." Many men from the mountain worked for the Mountain Goat line which was 40 miles to and from Cowan to Palmer.

The last run to Cowan was made April 30, 1985. The railroad was a way of life when "Coal was King" on the Cumberland Plateau. Today the rails have been removed, and the railroad bed is making new tracks with the Mountain Goat Hiking Trail. I hope that our community will be a little more appreciative of our past and not forget what our elders have done for us.

My dad loved our railroad history and talked about the "Mountain Goat" and his happy days as a boy when he and his family rode it from Sewanee to Cowan. It was a great joy, I am sure. I miss those tracks, myself, for I used to walk them

in my childhood days. But the past as we knew it is gone, and before us is a new future.

Transcription from the *Republican Banner*—Beersheba, Aug. 12, 1858

Contributed by Jackie Partin

Dear Editor:

At 5 A. M., Tuesday, we left this place in one of Price's four-horse high pressure stages, en route for the grand picnic at Sewanee. The road, which early in the season was one of the roughest institutions that ever enjoyed that name, had become greatly improved. It passes over the plateau of the mountain about twenty miles, to the present terminus of the Sewanee road, which has not yet reached Tracy City. Having taken a deck-passage, we had the full benefit of the refreshing mountain air, which came to us as pure as a maiden's first blush, and laden with the aroma of thousands of wild flowers, and a heavy and varied forest growth. Five miles from Beersheba we enter the beautifully named county-seat of Grundy, Altamont, quite a respectable aggregate of houses and humans, considering the inducements for business.

It is not a little remarkable, in view of the fact well established that the mountain air is a great restorative of feeble health, that the natives of this pimple on the face of nature, in a majority of cases, wear a thin, pale, cadaverous and generally dilapidated aspect. The apparent incongruity is accounted for on the ground that these people, who so belie their healthful home, are indolent and thriftless, and prefer spare diet rather than work and full stomachs. It is certain that many, very many of them, have a great aversion to toil, and it is with the utmost difficulty that they can be induced to take hold of any sort of labor. Their cabins are loosely and carelessly constructed, and a little patch of corn and a garden spot of an acre or so are the only evidences of their agricultural enterprise. They are generally seen sitting about their doors or leaning upon their guns, upon which they depend exclusively for their meat diet—a slim dependence, I imagine, as in three trips hence to Tracy city I have not seen even a squirrel.

But I am digressing. We arrived safely at the terminus of the road, the most difficult part of our stage ride being the passage over the Little Fiery Gizzard, a stream with an immense channel and high bluffs, and very little water. Taking

the cars we were soon whirling over the Coal Company's road—one of the best, by the way, in the country—and a ride of nine miles brought us to the depot—or rather the point where the depot will be—of the University lands. We were fortunate in meeting here our friend Esquire Hawkins, a substantial farmer, and an energetic and careful citizen, residing at the foot of the mountain, in what is known as Talley's Cove, Warren county. Esq. H. Had an extra mule along, and in company with Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, of Mississippi, we commenced at once an examination of the grounds upon which it is proposed to locate the "UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH." We spent an hour in riding over the grounds, and came to a halt at the residence of A. Roberts, Esq., of Hawkerville, no temporarily located with his family in a cabin on the University grounds. Here we had the pleasure of meeting Col. Charles R. Barney, of Baltimore, who is employed by the Trustees for the purpose of making a topographical map of the grounds, its surroundings and railroad connections, selecting sites, and exploring their bearings generally. Col. Barney is one of nature's gentlemen, and highly accomplished in his profession. After the fatigue of seven hours travel we were prepared to do ample justice to the dinner of the excellent lady of our host, Mrs. Roberts, and never did sweet butter, sweet milk, sweet bread, and sweetmeats find more appreciative devotees.....

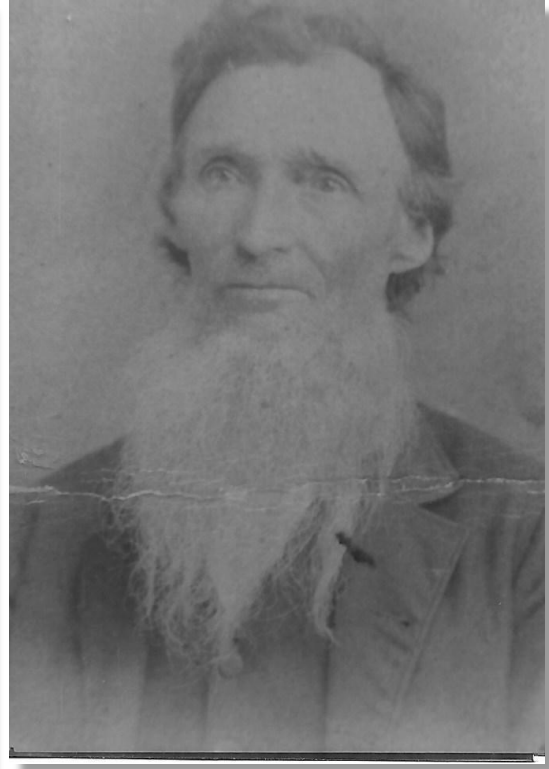
(This article was quite lengthy and the rest of it had no Grundy historical value in my opinion. The fun for me was mentally following the route, crossing the Gizzard on the stage, and finally entering the railroad cars at the temporary terminus—before the railroad finally reached Tracy City, formerly known as Wooten Place. Jackie Partin)

BENNETT FAMILY OF GRUNDY COUNTY

Julie Hughes

Great Granddaughter of Lula Sanders Bennett

Alexander Houston Sanders of Civil War fame, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Crabtree's daughter, Lula married J.O. Bennett, the grandson of Eli Harlan Bennett.



LEFT: Alexander Houston Sanders and wife, Mary Elizabeth Crabtree

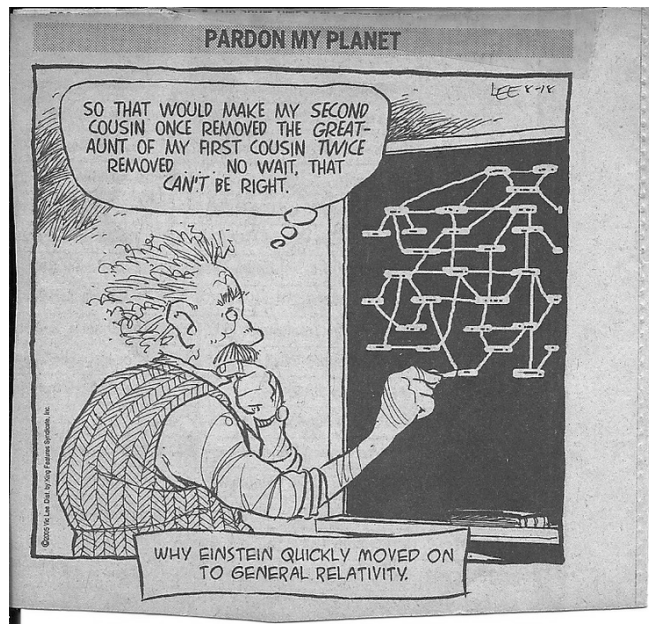
RIGHT: Reverend Eli Harlan Bennett

These descendants of Grundy County residents moved west, settling in Cambria, OK. This photo (below) is from about 1905 when they had visited the Bennett family homestead in Gorman, Texas. J.O. Bennett was a minister and a farmer. He founded the Cambria Baptist Church which still has services to this day. Their young son, Walter Bennett, who is at his mother's arm in the picture was sitting near a window and was struck by lightning and killed a few years after this photo was taken. The older boy pictured here is Emmett Bennett who was to grow up, serve in World War I and live a long life passing away at age 87. The baby is Dora Bennett Johnson who lived to age 77 and had 10 children of her own. The small boy between his older brothers is Arthur Bennett, who married the love of his life, Lola Walls, and had 3 children before Lola died at age 27. Arthur continued on and loved and cared for his children until he passed away at age 74. His children engraved his tombstone, "No Man Could Have Been More".



Pictured (below) in this 1918 photo of the J.O. & Lula (Sanders) Bennett family are their children (back l-r) Arthur, Dora, Myrtle and Marie Bennett (Front l-r) son, Kenneth Bennett, Lula Sanders Bennett, Emmett Bennett, J.O. Bennett, and the barefoot girl is Irene Bennett. Biographies of the 4 older children are given with the first picture. Myrtle Bennet Ford (1906-1992) had 3 sons and worked as a cook at the school. She was lovingly known as Aunt Myrtle by many nieces and great nieces, and we all remember her sense of fashion and wet kisses. Marie Bennett McKinley (1909-1999) also worked as a school cook and raised 3 children. She was a Sunday school teacher at Cambria Baptist Church to many generations. Kenneth Bennett (1911-1949) contracted polio in his youth and suffered the effects the rest of his life. The barefoot girl, Irene Bennett Evicks (1913-2008), married coal miner Adam Evicks (1914-2001). They raised 6 children teaching them the value of an education and hard work. Irene was a homemaker all of her adult life busy with her family, friends, cooking, gardening and flowers. She was known throughout the Cambria Valley as the garden lady.





GENEALOGY PROJECT



Find a multiple photo frame and have prints made to size needed. Frame photos.

DECEASED VETERANS OF GRUNDY COUNTY, TN

David Patton, Palmer Town Historian

After a lifelong interest in military history, and especially that which related to our Grundy County people, about twenty years ago, I began to earnestly gather the names of anyone who ever lived in Grundy County and served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

My sources were varied, from word of mouth to tombstone epitaphs and newspaper obituaries in local and out of county publications. Even I was frequently surprised to learn that someone I knew had a distinguished military record that few others knew about.

Most of the names listed here will be familiar and bring back a flood of memories while others will have been largely forgotten, but it is our fervent hope that all will be remembered with appreciation and respect by future generations of Grundy Countians as they enjoy the freedoms secured by those who came before.

Knight, J.B.	Layne, Kent A.
Knight, Jack	Layne, Larry S.
Knott, Charles Douglas	Layne, Morris
Kraft, Ralph Glenn	Layne, Robert
Kunkle, Charles F.	Layne, Robert Earl "Clifton"
Kunz, Herman Carl	Layne, Taylor
Ladd, Bill	Layne, Willie Douglas "Cap"
Langley, Hiram G., Jr.	Ledbetter, Dewey K.
Lankford, Louie	Ledbetter, James
Lappin, Delbert Earl	Lee, Ernest
Lappin, Ralph M.	Lee, Raymond Allen
LaPrairie, Richard J.	Lee, Willie Green
Laskowske, Phillip W.	Leitsinger, William Henry
Lawson, Bobby R.	Leker, Harold Herman
Lawson, Henry	Lesser, John J., Sr.
Lawson, Perry H.	Lester, Dr. John P.
Lawson, Robert L.	Levan, Charles Oscar, Jr.
Laxson, Billy Fred "Showtime"	Levan, James Alton, Sr.
Laxson, Charlie Walter	Levan, Jarvis L.
Lay, Doyle Dean, Sr.	Levan, Woodrow "Woody", Jr.
Layman, Albert James	Levan, Henry Clinton II
Layne, Alexander Benson	Levan, James Andy
Layne, Andrew, Rev.	Levan, Kenneth C. "Kenny"
Layne, Bill	Levan, Martin E., Jr.
Layne, Bonnie	Levan, Robert Walker
Layne, Bradford "Brad"	Levant, E.M.
Layne, Charles Ray	Lewis, Charles "Frog"
Layne, Chester Edward	Lewis, George Vernon
Layne, Cleveland J.	Lewis, Thomas Howard "Hank"
Layne, Clyde	Lewis, William Austin
Layne, Coleman Franklin	Linton, Lester James, Sr.
Layne, Daniel V.	Littell, Charles, Dr.

Layne, E.W.
 Layne, Eckerd
 Layne, Ernest Howard
 Layne, Ford Ray
 Layne, Homer Lewis, Sr.
 Layne, Ivan
 Layne, James Edward "Ed"
 Layne, Jay
 Layne, Joe P.
 Layne, Joseph Elbert "Ebb"
 Ladd, John Henry
 Lankford, Vachie Martin

Locke, Carl "Red"
 Lockhart, Charles Benson "Kink"
 Lockhart, Clarence Alton, Jr.
 Lockhart, George Allen, Sr. "Bunk"
 Lockhart, Grady Wilson, Sr.
 Lockhart, Elder
 Lockhart, Frank J.
 Lockhart, Gordon D.
 Lockhart, James Harold
 Lockhart, John A. "Big John"
 Lockhart, Lester Kenneth
 Lockhart, Milton
 Lohmann, Melvin L.

GRUNDY COUNTY COURT MINUTES BOOK, 1844-1855

Transcribed "as is" by Sharon Goodman

State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that at a county court begun and held for the County of Grundy, at the house of Jesse Wooten on Cumberland mountain on the first Monday, being the 4th day of September A.D. 1848 and the Independence of the United States the 73rd year. Present the Worshipful Richard Bradford, Robert Tate, and John Fults, esquires Justices &c. A. Northcutt esqr also present.

Alexander M. Blair chairman of this court being absent the court appointed Richard Bradford esqr Chairman pro tempore.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Eleanor Wilkerson is dead and has made no will or testament, and it appearing that She died in the County of Grundy, and Isaac M. Wilkerson being the next of kin, the court thought fit to appoint him Administrator of all and Singular the goods and Chattells rights and credits of the Said Eleanor Wilkerson, and Pleasant H. Price his Securities conditioned as the law directs, and took the oath prescribed by law. And thereupon the court prescribed letters of administration to issue to him.

Ordered by the court that Jacob Wagoner be appointed Overseer of the Hills trace road from the Coffee County line to the Warren County line and have the

following bounds and hands (towit) all the hands on Wm. H. Coulson's lands, all the hands on Wm. S. Mooneys lands, all the hands on Eli Hambys lands, and Evan Martin, Thomas Mitchell, and any hands that may live on the lands of Jonathan Wootten, purchased from Barlett Coulson.

Ordered by the court that Daniel Fults, Richard Bradford, William R. Nunley, Davis Nunley and Stephen M. Griswold be appointed a Jury of View, to lay off and mark a road from Altamonte, to intersect the old turnpike road at Jeremiah Nunleys and report to next Court.

Court adjourned until court in course.

Richard Bradford, chirmon p.t., John Fults, Robert Tate

State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that at a county court begun and held for the county of Grundy at the house of Jesse Wootten on Cumberland mountain on the first Monday being the second day of Octobert A.D. 1848, the 73rd Year of the Independence of the United States. Present the worshipful Anderson S. Goodman, Robert Tate, Richard Bradford, Alfred Braley, Richard M. Stepp, Daniel Mosley, Gedion Gilley, Elias Smith, James Sartain, John Fults, William F. Barnes, Esquires Justices &c.

Alexander M. Blair being absent the court fit to appoint and did appoint Richard Bradford esqre chairman pro tempore.

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 & George Tucker, to keep said road in repairs.

Ordered by the court that John Burrows be stricken from the Venire and John B. Webb substituted in his Stead.

Ordered by the court that Elias Smith be appointed Overseer of the Road, from the Stage road at Robert Caldwell's and have the following hands (towit), Green Cladwell, John Thomas, Jesse W. Bride, Robert Adams, Jesse Spain, Sam'l

Silender, Benjamin Jones, Solomon Jones, Seybourn Jones, & Patrick W. Bridge to keep said road in repair.

This day the court appointed Mary Perrel Guardian of Alex'r B. Perrel, Mary E. Perrel, Moses and Andrew Perrel, minor heirs of John Perrel deceased, the said Alexander Perrel, Mary E. Perrel, Moses Perrel being over fourteen years old came into court and chose the said Mary Perrel their Guardian, and the Said Andrew Perrel being under fourteen years old. She was appointed his Guardian. Whereupon the said Mary Parrel came into open court with James Winton Security, who acknowledged their bond conditioned as the law directs and took the oath prescribed by law for Guardians, and was thereupon admitted to act as Guardian for said minors.



GRUNDY COUNTY TENNESSEE SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS,

1850-1880

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

1880 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRUNDY COUNTY

NAME	TILLED ACRES/ WOODLANDS	VALUE OF FARM & BLDGS	VALUE OF IMPLEMENTS	VALUE OF LIVESTOCK	VALUE OF ALL FARM PRODUCTS	HAY (TONS)	HORSES/ MULLES	OXEN/ COWS/ OTHER	CATTLE DROPPED/ PURCHASED/ SOLID/ SLAUGHTERED/ DIED	BUTTER (LBS)	SHEEP ON HAND/ BORN	SHEEP PURCHASED/ SOLID/ SLAUGHTERED/ KILLED BY DOGS/ DIED	FLEECE/ WEIGHT
Laager, Burkhard	1040	175	45	125	218	4	10	022		50			
Ruch, Jacob Sr.	50100	500	120	175	434	8	10	21510		100	2311	00003000	1327
Killing, John	13147	300	70		160								
McCollum, Wm.	30270	700	15	320	240	9	10	3153		40			
Ross, James	872	280	5	150	188		10	0110					
Tate, Davidson	15110	250	10	85	109	3	10	0110					
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Tate, L.F.	25275	800	200	300	250		11	2151	4234000	110	136	00001000	1329
Fehr, Jacob	30120	1000	175	230	340	5	10	2134		75			
Turner, Jesse	3020	300	175	340	200		012	2443	1010000	25	94		919
Scholler, John	2066	600	10	140	50	1	10	023	1000001	100	118	1000000	1125
Ross, Mrs. L.M.	25175	400	20	210	130	4	11	221	0000001	75	1311	1314113	1633
Hocker, Joseph	1085	400	100	200	173	6	12	2111		70			49 (?)
Tate, J.	215	40	3	24			01	011					
Hocker, Leo	20300	1050	130	140	125	7	20	015		100			
Tate, Jessel	1263	300	35	100	230	5	02	020	2000000	150	82		810
Born, Anna	1046	550	40	100	75	1	10	235	1000000	100			
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Baur, Reinhardt	528	500	14	170	15	2		223					
Brandly, Albert	248	200	10	30	22			011	1000000				
Hundzicker, Jacob	19811	600	100	210	185	Jan-00	02	134	2000000	110	136	0000421	918
Bollinger, Jacob	1496	300		37	100	4					93	0010000	816
Wischer, David	1397	200		41	75								
Hauser, Mary Mrs.	18122	400	15	410	100	5	20	034	0000001	110			
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Northcut, Adron	7550	500	80	325	80	1	02	027					
Tipton, John	40150	500	25	200	150		20						
Hobbs, Wesley	1575	300	6	200	100		10	011					
Whitman, John	30175	600	10	200	150		20	020			80	0000110	316
Myres, Elizabeth	25170	400	75	225	100		20	013	003000	100	150	00050000	1428

NAME	SWINE	BARN YARD POULTRY/ OTHER POULTRY	EGGS (DOZ)	INDIAN CORN (BUSHELS)	IRISH POTATOES (BUSHELS)	SWEET POTATOES (BUSHELS)	APPLE TREES	ORCHARD PRODUCT (\$)	HONEY WAX (LBS)	WOOD CUT (CORDS)	OTHER
Laager, Burkhard	25	14	70	75	185	80	170			20	oats, 10; rye, 8; garden produce, \$5.00 cheese, 240 lbs.; oats, 14; rye, 17; wheat, 40; molasses, 40 gal.; garden produce, \$30
Ruch, Jacob Sr.	34	1940	120	142	235	70	75	25		100	
Killing, John				100	200					10	
McCollum, Wm.	19			230	100	100	340	10		15	
Ross, James	22	11	30	100	175	75				10	
Tate, Davidson	4	5	40	35	75	35	175	20		15	garden produce, \$15
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Tate, L.F.	35	199	38	290	195	46	500	50		140	bales of cotton, 30; molasses, 56 gallons wheat, 25; garden produce, \$10 (?)
Fehr, Jacob	12	8	30	100	300	50	100	7		30	bales of cotton, 33; garden produce, \$30
Turner, Jesse	34	1478	70	330	187	60	340			25	rye, 11; wheat, 10; wine, 100 gal.; garden produce, \$15
Scholler, John	8	199	65	60	70		80			15	bales of cotton, 37; garden produce, \$10
Ross, Mrs. L.M.	14	224	80	100	165	70	300	35		10	rye, 19; wheat, 38; bales of cotton, 34; sugar, 41 lbs.; garden produce, \$37
Hocker, Joseph	40	3571	140	110	310	140	720			100	oats, 18; rye, 27; wheat, 39; bales of cotton, 25; garden produce, \$40
Tate (?), Jessie	11	2-Oct	70	40						5	molasses, 120 gal.; sugar, 30 lbs.
Hocker, Leo	44	3074	90	105		295	124			15	
Tate, Jessel	40	376	100	275		110				40	
Born, Anna	30	131	70	30		30				10	
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Baur, Reinhardt		4	30	30							
Brandly, Albert				25							
Hundzicker, Jacob	13	1821	100	175	190	40	300				cheese, 100 lbs.; oats, 14; rye, 10; wheat, 13
Bollinger, Jacob	14			50	311	50	200	15			oats, 23; wheat, 27
Wichser, David	23			37	295	65					wheat, 27 (?)
Hauser, Mary Mrs.					34						cheese, 100 lbs.
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Northcut, Adron	26	50	100	130			1500	50		25	wages, \$50; weeks labor, 20; wheat, 4; peas, 5; dry beans, 1
Tipton, John	40	2525	50	370	10		500		100	25	wages, \$10; weeks labor, 2; oats, 40; rye, 20; wheat, 30
Hobbs, Wesley	4	777 (?)	17	200			1000	30		20	oats, 70
Whitman, John	8	0712	25	300			3000	300		20	
Myres, Elizabeth	20	35	100	700	20		1100			20	oats, 50; rye, 100

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