

# Pioneer Days

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### PELHAM, TENNESSEE GRUNDY COUNTY

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Henrietta Bowden Ray

was a member of the Daniel  
Bowden

In loving memory of my mother and father, Della Wilder Ramsey Bowden (1885-1953), daughter of John David Wilder (1863-1943) and Virginia Catherine Patterson Wilder (1851-1936) and Upton Beall Bowden, Jr., M. D. (1884-1951), son of Upton Beall Bowden, Sr. and Henrietta Pennington Douglas Bowden.

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My Great Great Grandfather, John Patterson, lived in North Carolina. He fought in the Revolutionary War. His son, John, had two sons, Daniel (Dan) and David. These sons moved from North Carolina to middle Tennessee. Daniel (Dan) bought a farm on the banks of Elk River near Pelham, Tennessee. Here he owned a Tanyard. The main building was a two-story building of rock and brick. The lower story was used to shave and dress the leather. The upper story was used for making saddles and shoes. The entire work of a cobbler was carried on.

To make what they called good calfskin leather, the hides were first put into a lime pool and remained there until the hair would "slip." They were then taken out and "fleshed" with flesh knives. After this, they were put into vats about six or eight feet deep which were long enough and wide enough for the largest of hides. It was necessary for these hides to be aired each morning for several days. After going through this vat, they were put into another; each hide between a layer of bark here to remain for about twelve months. The hides were then taken out and "fleshed" again. They were then ready for use.

Good big trees were plentiful then and were cut and stripped of their bark to aid in this work. The bark was stored away to "season." It was then put into a mill shaped very much like the coffee mill. The bark was beaten into the mill by a mallet. The lever to the mill was pulled by a horse that caused the mill to grind this bark. The ground bark was shoveled out and stored away to put between the hides.

A lime kiln was there where they made their lime to carry on this work.

A water wheel near a dam in the river was used to supply the vats with water. This wheel was round with planks nailed across on the inside of the rim and at each section was a wooden cup. These cups put the water into a trough that carried it to the vats when needed. My Grandfather carried this work on through most of the Civil War.

My Grandmother cooked on an open fireplace with ovens, griddles, huge pots and frying pans.

She spun her thread and wove it into cloth to supply the household. In weaving cotton checks for Sunday dresses to get different colors of thread for checks and stripes, she used sweet gum bark and boiled this bark in water with a little copperas added to make a beautiful purple. Blackjack bark with a little copperas made a lovely black. Walnut hulls and walnut bark made brown and would also give a black by dyeing again with copperas. A delicate blue was made by using stump water, madder, and bluing. This was mixed and allowed to stay in the container for several days until a foam formed before being used to color thread blue.

Daniel Patterson was the father of six children. My Grandmother and the girls were busy with the house work, raising cotton, spinning, dyeing threads with different kinds of bark and weaving into cotton checks to make clothes for the family. Spinning and weaving cloth to make suits of clothes for the men folk, knitting socks and carrying on the many duties of the household was done by the "girls."

The men took care of the many duties of the farm and tannery. They made shoes for the entire family as well as the necessary leather materials used by the families of the surrounding area. He supplied leather goods for the soldiers, mainly shoes and saddles.

After the Battle of Murfreesboro, the "Yankee" soldiers camped all over the farm, burned fences and barns, drained pits, took cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and chickens. They left one rooster. My sister clung to the bridle of the last horse and begged them to leave something to work the fields with. Tears and pleading only brought the sharp crack of the whip and everything was taken.

After the Civil War, with everything completely destroyed, my grandfather undertook to replace and build back. Dreams were shattered when he "took sick and died," leaving his wife and six children to suffer the devastating hardships left by the Civil War.

My mother, Virginia Catherine Patterson who married my father, John David Wilder, is the only one of these six children living. She was born in 1851 and at age seventy plus told me of the Pioneer Days.

Written by Della Mae Wilder Ramsey Bowden, wife of Dr. Upton Beall Bowden, Jr. and daughter of Virginia Catherine Patterson Wilder (1851-1936) and John David Wilder (1863-1943).

1. Daniel Patterson-A Tanner listed on the 1860 Census for Grundy County-Microfilm #653-1252, Coffee County Manchester Public Library, Manchester, Tennessee  
Daniel Patterson married Mary Floyd

#### Their Children:

1. John married Margaret Smith.
2. Martha H. married John Smith.
3. Virginia Catherine married John David Wilder.
4. Sarah A. married Sam Partin.
5. Nancy A. married John Partin.
6. Mary E.

Martha Hargas (age 33) was a member of the Daniel Patterson household for this Census.

2. David Patterson, a farmer, lived in District No. 9 of Franklin County for the Census of 1860 as recorded by R. B. Roberts, Asst. Marshall for Franklin County.  
David Patterson (age 32) married Sarah (age 22).

**Their Children:**

1. Martha A. (age 8)  
John Patterson, age 70, born in North Carolina, was a member of the David Patterson household for this Census.
2. Joseph B. (age one month)  
Darcus, age 40, female, born in South Carolina, was also a member of the David Patterson household for the 1860 Census.

Two hundred years have come and gone since we first became a nation. Do we need to be reminded that the "goodly heritage" that has been given us must be passed to the next generation? One Nation, under God, is the only way Americans of two hundred years from now will be able to say, "I have a goodly heritage." Psalm 16:6



# The Bicentennial In Pelham

Henrietta Bowden Ray

The day dawned with the sound of rain and the beauty of a freshly washed earth. Rain continued throughout most of the day.

Our thanks was offered for allowing our lovely valley and our beautiful county to participate in the observance of our two hundredth birthday.

Our flags were proudly hung during the early morning hours; our thanks was given at breakfast, lunch, and supper with an extra "Thank-You" for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us-a Favored Land.

Our churches presented our country's flag. Our National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance was from our hearts. Our Veterans of all wars were remembered.

Our minds drifted to the famous of these wars among whom men like Lieutenant Colonel John Douglas who had "the best equipped Regiment of the Eighth Connecticut Regiment." Colonel William Douglas who fought with the Colonies during the French and Indian Wars with General Putnam and "raised his own Regiment which he equips and funds" and served with Montgomery "and marched to New York where he fought with the Continental Army under General George Washington. We thought of "The Shot Heard Around the World." Paul Revere as he yelled, "The Regulars are out." Thomas Paine as he reminded all "These are the times that try men's souls." Nathan Hale who said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Patrick Henry who shouted, "Give me liberty or give me death." The tempestuous John Paul Jones who vowed "I have not yet begun to fight." The Colonists who risked their all because "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered." The Colonial Watchman who proudly announced "Cornwallis is taken."

Church School lessons were appreciated more than ever. Our ministers were very special. Family reunions were part of our day. The bells of our valley reminded us again of the hearty pioneers who loved God and Country enough to give their all that we might enjoy our freedoms of today and signed that famous document.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. From the spire of our churches chimes of faith pealed out. Ours was a great day for the greatest country in the world. Many Happy Returns!

As the stacatto sounds of bursting fireworks of the Bicentennial of our United States died away into the night-time, I imagined our area as it was during the Pioneer Days of the sixteen, seventeen and eighteen hundreds. An area rich with wild life, fertile soil and an abundance of water; a section fed by five eternal springs near our pleateau that were supplied by oceans of underground water. These fed into one large river now known as the Elk River. The springs provided most desirable campsites for the Happy Hunters. Artifacts of their day hold their many secrets of their time and as we find their messages carved on our limestone and as we stoop to pick up an oil lamp or an arrow head, we wonder more and more about their life-style. . . secrets locked in the past that we can never know. This land was rich in timber through which the moccasined feet of the early people made their paths, cut cane from the cane-brakes, fished in the many streams, tilled the fertile fields, hunted the wild game and enjoyed a place that provided their every need.

As our determined pioneers won our independence and moved westward this land was opened to them. From the colony of Virginia many made their way toward the Southwest. From North Carolina our settlers moved due west into the foothills of the Cumberland Plateau.

Finally, our settlers were many in number and our Valley became a part of the State of North Carolina, later the State of Franklin and on to the State of Tennessee. By the 1800's Pelham Valley was known as the section of our county that had "been in three states and three counties, yet had never been moved."

Our "roads" were wilderness paths over which the ox cart, the wagon and men on horseback could travel. Our settlers "worked" the roads and tried to keep the chuck-holes filled for others to make their way into the area. The river provided travel for small rafts and canoes.

By 1844 we were sufficient in number to command a place of our own and from the surrounding counties (Coffee, Marion and Franklin) enough land was taken to establish Grundy County.

Prior to 1836, Pelham Valley was the Tenth Civil District of Franklin County. From 1836 to 1844 Pelham Valley was in Coffee County.

The earliest tax record (1850-1860) that we have shows our county consisted of nine districts with our people paying taxes on the number of slaves, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine, bales of cotton, Hogsheads of Tobacco, bushels of wheat and bushels of corn. Listed on this roll were:

GRUNDY COUNTY TAX ROLL 1850's		No. Slaves	Value	No. Horses	Value	No. Mules	Value	No. Cattle	Value	No. Sheep	Value
NAMES											
Brawley, Alfred				4	600	1	70	19			
Brawley, Samuel				2	200			6			
Brawley, Alfred				4	400						
Brawley, Walter				2	200			1			
Brawley, Elizabeth				2	150			6			
Brawley, Navagator				1	130	1	60				
Brawley, James				2	205			3			
Brawley, Walter Senr.				1	150			6			
Brawley, W. T.				2	300			7			
Brawley, Emory				3	550	8		8			
Cunningham, William	4	2200		4	500	8	725	32	34		
Crouch, William				5	400	6		5	7		
Crouch, John				1	125						
Cunningham, Joseph				1	80			2	2		
Christain, Samuel J.	3	1700		3	350			7	11		
Cunningham, Langston				1	40			2			
Fletcher, James				4	500	3	550	6			
Guest, William	4	2600		5	300	1	100	16	15		
Garretson, J. C.				2	300			3	21		
Lusk, Rebecca	1	900		1	60			2	2		
Lusk, Sarah	1	1000		4	350			18	11		
Lusk, James				4	350			8	6		
Lusk, Bird				2	150			1			
Lusk, Anderson											
Martin, Thomas				2	150			12			
Martin, Edmon				3	300			10			
Mooney, Lucinda	1	800		1	75			2			
Parks, Janus	2	2000		10	700			25			
Rhea, William				5	400	2	80	22	10		
Rhea, James				2	250	2	50	2	10		
Sain, N. B.	1	450		1	85			9	1		
Winton, James Sen.	8	1900		11	825	1	75	75	30		
Winton, William	1	700		3	200			10	10		
Winton, Stephen				3	250			7			
Wooten, Jesse	11	6000		5	500			4	10		
Wooten, James	6	2500		2	200			15			
Wooten, Jonathan	1	900		3	200			5	10		
Wooten, William	7	800		2	200			9			
Wooten, John	2	1200		2	125			4	3		

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Wagoner, David			4	450						
Branch, Jordon			1	100			2			
Brawley, Greek	1	700	1	200	2	250				
Rhea, Thomas			2	150						
Stotts, Andrew			2	100			9			
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY SECOND DESTRICT</b>										
Barrett, John							2			
Green, Samuel			1	50						
Green, Mordica										
Hobbs, Ester										
Hobbs, Elizabeth										
Hobbs, Nelson			1	100						
Nunley, John							2	1		
Myers, Crest			1	70			5			
Myers, Hollen			1	75			2	1		
Myers, Christopher			1	70			3	1		
Nunley, Willis			1	75						
Nunley, John Senr.										
Nunley, Jessee			2	150			5	2		
Northcutt, Adren	5	5000	11	900	4	300	72	50		
Northcutt, H. B.			7	750	2	250				
Northcutt, Huston			1	150						
Smith, Martha										
Scott, Jonathan										
Swinret, John										
Smith, Ensley H.			1	25			5			
Smartt, William										
Tallman, John W.										
Thompson, Rachael										
Thompson, James							3	30		
Thompson, Hampton										
Smart, Adren										
Nunley, Wilerford							5	8		

<b>GRUNDY COUNTY THIRD DESTRICT</b>	<b>No. Slaves</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Horses</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Mules</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Cattle</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Sheep</b>	<b>Value</b>
Bond, William			2	70	1	1	3			
Bost, Noah			5	400			10			
Brown, Landen										
Countis, Peter			2	400						
Countis, P. H.			8	700	2	240				
Crossland, John										
Dykes, John		7	595							
Dykes, Isham Sen.			1	100						
Dugan, William	5	2200	1	140						
Dugan, John			11	850						
Dugan, Robert			1	125						
Dykes, Landers			6	700						
Gross, John	12	8900	1	70						
Gross, Asa			8	500	2	200				
Gross, Lawson			2	250						
Gross, Jonah			1	50						
Johnson, William			1	150						
James, Abraham										
James, Robert			3	200						
Jones, Isaac										
Killian, A. H.			5	400	1	100				
Lankford, Silas										
Morton, John			2	200						
Morton, Isiah			1	100						
Nunley, Jessee			6	300	3	180				
Rogers, Terrel	1	1000	3	140			6	48	18	
Ransom, Washington										
Smith, Nancy			1	75			3	25		
Stepp, R. M.			6	500			14	100	64	
Savage, Simeon			2	70			7	45	2	
Savage, Samuel			4	300	1	100	7	120	8	
Tate, Jackson			1	40						
Tate, Robert H.			2	125			10	70		
Turner, Isaac			1	150						
Vickers, Jessee	4	2200	2	180			6	70	7	
Vickers, Joseph			1	50			2	15		
Walker, Jeremiah Sen.	5	2300	6	400			12	100	20	
Walker, James Sen.	1	800	1	20			13	105		
Walker, John J.			4	300			20	150	8	



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Dykes, Isham, Jr.			1	140						
Walker, Zedakiah			2	170			9	65	8	
Walker, Jeremiah A.			4	257			11	100	8	
Wannermaker, Jacob			3	500			19	125	17	
Woodley, Enoch	1	800	6	650			15	150	9	
Patrick, Moses			8	600	1	75	20	150	15	
Stepp, Carrel			1	125						
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY FOURTH DESTRIC</b>										
Brown, Samuel			2	125			9	100		
Brown, Gilford			1	70			1	12	4	
Briant, W. C.			1	100	1	20	7	150	10	
Barker, Howel			4	250			25	200	20	
Brown, Lial (Dial)			1	100			4	56		
Brown, W. S.			1	30			8	75		
Barnes, Thomas							5	75		
Barnes, Charles Sen.			1	50			1	7		
Boulden, M. T.			1	60			2	15		
Cagle, James			2	150			4	65		
Cagle, Jacob							2	25		
Knight, Martha			2	70			5	40		
Knight, Dolphin			1	85			1	10		
King, Stokely							6	60		
King, Wm. C.							2	10		
Lane, Daniel			5	250			25	200	10	
Lane, Isaac			6	550			9	120	10	
Lane, John			1	100			3	30	2	
Lane, Abraham			1	50						
Perry, Benjamin			1	75			5	35		
Ross, John			1	85			3	18		
Pickett, J. C.			2	100						
Pickett, B. Z							1	10		
Smith, Wm. W.							1	8		
Savage, Jessee										
Savage, Britania			2	140			6	40		
Savage, Martha										
Stone, C. J.	1	900	1	100	1	80	3	30		
Smith, James			1	35			5	50		

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Tate, Robert			4	280			4	30		
Tate, Jezeal			1	50			4	70		
Tate, J. G.			1	100			7	30		
Tate, A. J.			1	75			9	110		
Tate, J. W.			2	100			3	18		
Tate, J. J.			2	200			2	25		
Tate, Wm. H.										
Tate, Pleasant			2	75			3	30		
Tate, Elisha							3	20		
Tate, Davidson			1	55			4	48		
Walker, George			2	60			7	48		
Williams, Wm.			2	75						
Christain, Paten							6	100		
Beasley, Ambrose			1	50						
Smith, R. D.							12	100		
Stringer, James			1	60						
Lockhart, John C.			1	65			3	20		
Best, Brazel										
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY FIFTH DESTRIC</b>										
Armfield, John	32	19750	6	900	6	700	15	450		
Aylor, Anthony							1	20		
Anderson, Abert							4	30		
Armstrong, Hugh										
Armstrong, Martin										
Argo, Josiah										
Briant, J. W.			3	157			10	120		
Bidwell, D. M.							1	15		
Barnes, Wm. P.			3	300			9	130		
Bradford, Richard			1	75			12	150		
Bond, James			2	150			8	50		
Bailey, James							2	15		
Campbell, James R.								75		
Dykes, Martin										
Dorris, W. D.			1	50						
Davis, James					1	20				
Dykes, John			3	150			8	150		

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Hobbs, John			1	75			2	25		
Handerson, Lewis			2	178			4	80		
Franklin, David							5	80		
Fults, Andrew							2	15		
Fults, Smith	1	800	8	275	1	25	17	150		
Fults, Daniel			1	100			10	200		
Fipps, David			2	100			2		15	
Lockhart, Holoma			1	80			6	60		
Lockhart, Wm. K.										
Gilley, Gideon			1	80			13	160		
Givens, Wm. A.							2	15		
Gibbs, Vincen										
Griswold, L. M.			1	75			4	50		
Griswold, Wm. A.							2	60		
Gilliam, Thomas L.		1	80							
Gibbs, William			1	125			3	33		
Hill, W. C.										
Hampton, Reuben			1	40			5	75		
Hobbs, John										
Halcomb, J. M.							7	100		
Kilgore, James C.							1	10		
Johnson, Thomas Sen.			1	100			9	118		
Johnson, Thomas Jr.			1	40			5	80		
Levan, Henry			2	60			7	100		
Levan, P. H.							7	150		
Sweeten, Robert								50		
Sweeten, Greenbery							7	75		
Sweeten, Joseph								77		
Smith, W. C.			1	35			1	100		
Scott, J. K.			1	100			5	50		
Smith, R. W.							2	15		
Scruggs, Carter							3	20		
Sanders, Robert							2	20		
Sumers, Bozel			1	20	1	41	9	145		
Sumers, James P.										
Sitz, W. B.			3	300						
Spring, Julia			1	85			12	144		
Smart, Joseph			1	30			2	15		
Meeks, David			1	40			3	22	10	10

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McCraw, William			1	50			6	50	12	
McCoulough, A. N.										
Myers, John			3	285			13	117	32	
Myers, R. S.			3	225	2	100	18	110	8	
Myers, Randolph							2	25	5	
Mucleroy, Isaac					1	80	35	250	14	
Nunly, Manuel			2	150			5	42		
Nunly, W. B.			1	30			6	70	6	
Nunley, W. R. Sen.			5	500	2	100	23	230	27	30
Nunley, W. R. Jr.										
Nunly, John W.			1	75			6	40		
Northcut, John			4	355	2	100	5	45		
Nunley, Joseph										
Parson, Jesse			1	90			8	105		
Perry, Stephen			2	100			5	50		
Powell, Samuel	1	700	2	150			10	100		
Roberts, R. B.			1	110						
Rogers, W. H.			1	75						
Tallent, William							2	18		
Tucker, L. D.			1	75			9	75		
Tipton, S. P.			2	160			4	25		
Tipton, John			2	140			8	80		
Tipton, Johathon							2	20		
Tate, James										
Lockhart, James							1	12		
Walker, Elijah			3	150			5	70		
Woodley, William										
Walker, L. D.			2	150				20		
Walker, James L.										
Wooten, Benjamin			3	260	4	40	17	196		
Walker, Jacob A.			1	50			1	7		
Woodly, James	2	1800	2	80			14	140		
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY SIXTH DESTRIC</b>										
Burrows, J. G.			4	375			12	160	2	
Burrows, John			3	250			10	129		
Burrows, Elizabeth	1	1000								

GRUNDY COUNTY SIXTH DESTRIC										
	No. Slaves	Value	No. Horses	Value	No. Mules	Value	No. Cattle	Value	No. Sheep	Value
Burrows, Poindexter			1	50	2	150	15	150		
Burnett, Stephen			2	145			2	10		
Burnett, John			2	400	1	50	5	25		
Burrows, James	3	1400	1	72	1	50	5	52		
Crabtree, Ely			1	125			6	57		
Cates, P. G.			1	50						
Cleveland, David							2	20		
Goodman, A. S.			3	250			10	80	5	
Goodman, H. M.			2	250			5	50		
Hamby, Eli			3	150			3	25		
Hamby, B. W.										
Hamby, E. L.										
Jacobs, Wm. Sen.			2	225			5	50		
Keel, L. B. Sen. (S.B.)			2	60						
Keel, L. B. Jnr. (S.B.)			2	150						
Keel, Levy										
Keel, John			3	175						
Kilgore, Robert										
Low, Samuel	1	1000	4	565	3	195	17	200		
Meeks, Soloman			1	80						
Northcutt, Wm. E.			2	157			13	130		
Phipps, Jackson			2	50			4	24		
Phipps, Moses			2	200			7	76		
Price, J. W.			2	150						
Price, William			3	275			16			
Person, Richard			1	20						
Roberts, James			2	165						
Roberts, Philipp			2	215	1	25	5			
Roberts. S. T.			3	500			10			
Roberts, M. L.			1	70			3			
Roberts. G. W.			2	200			4			
Sartin. L. D.			2	225	1	20	8			
Sartin, James (1816-1910)	1	187	3	215	2	200	20			
Sartin, A. H.			2	50			8			
Tucker, Willam			4	400			9			
Tucker, Isaac							4	3		
Thompson, John			1	50			7	5		
White, Haul			5	475	1	50	4			

Dates provided by  
John and Ava Sartin.



GRUNDY COUNTY SIXTH DESTRIC	No. Slaves	Value	No. Horses	Value	No. Mules	Value	No. Cattle	Value	No. Sheep	Value
Warren, John			5	400			15			
Winton, John	1	700	2	300			12	10		
Winton, Anderson			2	160						
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY SEVENTH DESTRIC</b>										
Adams, Robert			1	140			5	50		
Arnold, James			1	45			4	50		
Blair, W. T.	1	500	1	200			7	55		
Blancel, Andrew			1	55			4	30		
Bell, Haris			5	400			25	200	6	
Bennett, Eli										
Blair, J. L. W.			1	130						
Cox, F. M.										
Corneliason, William			2	150			8	50		
Campbell, William			2	150			4	35	12	
Cox, William							2	20		
Cope, John			1	100			5	40		
Cope, Stephen Sen.			1	80			8	70		
Cope, Stephen Jnr.										
Cox, Nathaniel			1	40			2	10		
Doren, James			3	300			19	70		
Daves, Raleigh			1	50			4	40		
Goodman, S. P.	8	6500	22	1200	18	2200	75	600	35	
Gilliam, B. F.			3	280	2	110				
Gilliam, Allen			1	80						
Gilliam, Harris	3	1800	5	450	1	50	20	250	23	
Harrison, Thomas	2	750	3	375	2	200	9	50	20	
Harrison, M. H.			5	400			11	110		
Henley, Campbell			5	300	2	230	65	300		
Kilgore, Hiram			1	75			7	80		
Kilgore, Stephen			2	125			10	100		
		1400	4	400	1	60	12	100		
Lane, John			2	140			8	80		
Lane, William			1	60						
Meeks, J. G.			1	100			4	35		
Murphy, J. H.			2	80			6	42	11	
Meeks, John			4	275	3	205	15			

<b>GRUNDY COUNTY SEVENTH DESTRIC</b>	<b>No. Slaves</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Horses</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Mules</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Cattle</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Sheep</b>	<b>Value</b>
Meeks, James	4	1800	4	570	6	500	15			
Meeks, T. G.			1	80			5			
Mullins, E. H.										
Meeks, Isaac			3	250	4	285	17	20		
Mullins, M. A.							3			
Mullins, John	1	1000	1	100	2	100	5	30		
Meeks, Brit			2	100			1			
Neasbett, W. A.			2	150			2	10		
Oliver, G. W.			1	175						
Parks, Samuel (1795- )	4	2500	3	170			9	13		
Pane, G. M.							2	1		
Pane, Cleaverland			2	115			1			
Parks, W. L. (1820- )	2	1300	2	100	1	70	6			
Powel, C. L.			2	130			4			
Pane, B. F.			2	150	1	40	7	10		
Powel, Mary Ann			2	100			11	10		
Rusk, Isaac			6	455			7			
Smith, Christain							2			
Sanders, Thomas			3	200			2			
Sanders, T. F.					1	40	1			
Sanders, Jordan	3	1400	2	150	3	300	17			
Sanders. G. W. (G.M.)			1	40						
Sanders, G. C.			2	225			10			
Thomas, James										
Thomas, John			1	65			3			
Turner, John	4	1900	3	200			15			
Brannon, James			1	100			7			
Weaver, John							5			
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY EIGHTH DESTRIC</b>										
Adams, John			1	75			1			
Barber, J. L.			1	100			5			
Burrel, James			1	100			4			
Bell, James			4	225	2	150	20			
Bradshaw, Joseph			4	100						
Couldwell, A. C.			3	200						
Couldwell, R. C.	2	900	4	400	2	225				

<b>GRUNDY COUNTY EIGHTH DESTRIC</b>	<b>No. Slaves</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Horses</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Mules</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Cattle</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Sheep</b>	<b>Value</b>
Crabtree, John			1	75			3			
Bradshaw, Sarah										
Dodd, Joel										
Bennett, M. E.							2			
Gilliam, Martin			1	125						
Green, Charles			2	100			5			
Gunn, W. G.	13	7700	5	565	4	400	13			
Hale, J. W.										
King, John			2							
Lawson, Joseph			1	40			3			
Laxton, Ferrel							1			
Lovelace, I. J.							4			
Mcbride, Louisa							2			
Morton, Joshua			1	100			4			
Nunley, Carrol							2			
Parks, G. W.			1	200			4			
Patton, J. H.			1	125						
Patton, Alexander E. (1800-1879)	31	22300	14				70			Owned 1,948 acres.
Patterson, Samuel			1	75			9			
Roberts, George			2	200						
Richardson, W. C.			3	175			4			
Sutherland, Nancy	1	1000	3	250			5			
Sutherland, J. C.			1	150			4			
Smith, D. C.							4			
Sheid, H. S.	8	5600	5	450	1	125	5			
Sutherland, Garetson	1	700	2	200			2			
Thompson, J. N.							8			
Tucker, Samuel H.							2			
Thompson, F. J.			1	150			17			
Tucker, William							2			
Person, Henderson			1	50			1			
Warren, J. K.			1	100			2			
Wagoner, A. J.										
Willis, M. H.	4	280								
Wiley, T. A.			2	190						
Worthington, James										

<b>GRUNDY COUNTY EIGHTH DESTRIC</b>	<b>No. Slaves</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Horses</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Mules</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Cattle</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Sheep</b>	<b>Value</b>
Warren, Thomas	5	350					10			
White, R. G.							6			
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY NINTH DESTRIC</b>										
Campbell, William			1	120			7	15		
Campbell, H. A.			1	55			4	30		
Campbell, Enoch			1	300			9	100		
Campbell, Arch			4	125			4	30		
Fults, Wm. C.			1	100						
Fults, Adam			3	300			15	150		
Fults, Nathaniel			8	750	3	225	19	210		
Fults, B. S.			2	130			4	50		
Fults, May										
Hughs, W. H.			1	75			3	30		
Humble, W. M.			12	1200	6	300	9	100		
Northcutt, Isaac			1	100			2	15		
Windhan, William			2	65			4	40		

The amount of TAXES paid during this period was based on the following.

1. Number of Slaves
2. Number of Horses
3. Number of Mules
4. Number of Cattle
5. Number of Sheep
6. Number of Swine
7. Number Bales Cotton
8. Number Hogsheads Tobacco
9. Number Bushels Wheat
10. Number Bushels Corn

From Old Tax Record Grundy County Court House, Altamont, Tennessee

# Grundy County

In the July 6, 1844 election, the following men took office:

Philip Roberts	Sheriff
Reuben Webb	County Court Clerk
Abraham Jones	Registrar
John Burrows	Trustee

Presumably, the following magistrates were also elected on this date:

Adrian Northcutt
John Fults
William Dugan
Ambrose Killian
Robert Tate
Isaac Campbell
Stephen M. Griswold
James Lockhart
John Burrows
Thomas Warren
Daniel Sain

From GRUNDY COUNTY TO 1900 compiled by Glen Perkins



# History of Pelham Post Office

Established April 4, 1832. Originally located in Franklin County. Located in Coffee County, date not shown but sometime between March 2, 1842 and Feb. 21, 1844.

Located in Grundy County, date not known, but sometime between Feb. 26, 1844 and March 18, 1845.

Discontinued June 20, 1867.

Reestablished Oct. 2, 1867.

## POSTMASTERS AND DATES OF THEIR APPOINTMENT:

1. Benjamin Hollingsworth	April 4, 1832
2. William S. Mooney	May 14, 1833
3. Anderson S. Goodman	March 2, 1842
4. George W. Vaughan	Feb. 26, 1844
5. William L. Vaughan	March 18, 1845
6. Silas T. Roberts	Oct. 30, 1845
7. Robert S. Pulley	Aug. 10, 1848
8. I. S. Deckard	Sept. 5, 1851
9. Leburn Ikard	Nov. 16, 1851
10. Alexander E. Patton	Dec. 21, 1852
11. Anderson S. Goodman	Oct. 12, 1854
12. Alexander E. Patton	Dec. 11, 1856
13. Abraham Layne	Oct. 2, 1867
14. L. R. Parks	Jan. 4, 1871
15. Abraham Layne	July 25, 1871
16. Charles W. Womack	Aug. 22, 1871
17. Thomas Goodman	July 15, 1872
18. Martin Gilliam	Nov. 27, 1874
19. John A. Wilkinson	Feb. 24, 1881
20. James C. White	Dec. 18, 1884
21. Peter T. Gilliam	June 26, 1894
22. Lynn A. Carden, M. D.	Sept. 20, 1895
23. Horace D. Murphy	May 7, 1898
24. David C. Lasater	Jan. 26, 1901
25. John Gallagher	Dec. 22, 1908
26. Upton B. Bowden, M. D.	June 13, 1916
27. David W. Howard (Acting)	March 16, 1925
28. James Alvin Green	March 26, 1940 (Approx.)
29. Ava Sartain (Acting)	Jan. 1, 1957
30. Kenneth Wilson	May 2, 1959

Supplied by Kenneth Wilson

How did PELHAM get the name? "I've done all the research that I can to try to find the name of my Great Grandfather. I've not been able to do so. I did find out however, that he did not settle in the Community of Pelham, but his relatives did settle there, when they moved across from Virginia." — H. T. Pelham, County Judge, Warren County, Tennessee.

## Methodist Episcopal Church, Pelham

The Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America (1823)

This Indenture made this the nineteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three between Solomon King Goodman. . . that I the said S. K. Goodman for the consideration of the love and good will I have for the Methodist Church do give grant and convey unto the said Trustees and their successors forever . . . lot or parcel of land lying in the county aforesaid situated on the branch above where I now live beginning at a post oak on Joseph Willis' line running S. . . on said Willis' line. . . thence East. . . thence North. . . then West. . . to the beginning, containing one acre and eight poles for the purpose of erecting or building or cause to be erected or built thereupon a house or place of worship for the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America according to the rules and discipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the Preachers of the said Church at the General Conference. . . to expound God's Holy Word and I the said S. K. Goodman for the good will I have for the said Church do by these presents give, grant and confirm the above lot of land with all its woods, waters and courses and do hereby warrant and defend the right and title of said lot of land from any claims whatsoever to the said Church for the purpose above written as witnessed my hand and seal the day and date above written.

S. K. Goodman (Seal)

Test. Wm. Goodman  
William Allen

STATE OF TENNESSEE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, February 19, 1823

Deed Book K Page 381, Franklin County Court House, Winchester, Tennessee

## Our Pioneers

What do you hold in store oh, time  
Since the year of 1823?  
Over a century has passed,  
And you still hold the clock-wise key.

Flow backward time in surging might  
To Pioneers who now are gone.  
Bring back to us the hopes and dreams  
Of all the brave who carried on.

Let us go back to scenes of old,  
Back to the paths our fathers trod.  
Let us breathe deeply of their faith  
As we too serve our father's God.

Back to the Circuit Rider's day  
To Altars carpeted with straw  
Back when these days brought golden fruit  
To men obedient to God's law.

Swing backward to these Pioneers  
Who bravely gave to us their best.  
Strength from their labor still lives on  
From the foundation they possessed.

What fruitage comes from seed they've sown!  
What heritage as years go by!  
What victory when He crowns His own  
To live in mansions of the sky!

Sail on, oh time, through years to come  
Recording 'till our work is done.  
May it be said as time goes on  
We shared in the battle — that we won.

Della Wilder Bowden  
1945

## The Church of Christ, Pelham

Thomas Patton and wife to The Church of Christ (1889)

State of Tennessee, County of Grundy

Know all men by these present, that we Thomas Patton and wife, S. C. Patton for the consideration of seventy-five dollars, paid by note, due April first 1889, have this day bargained and sold and do hereby convey unto the Church of Christ, to the care of the Elders of the same and their Successors, a certain lot of land near the town of Pelham, State and County above named Civ. Dist. No. 9, Bounded as follows, Beginning on a black oak, the same being the corner of the Pelham Institute lots, running. . . N. . . W. . . south. . . thence to the center of Pelham and Decherd road and west boundary line of Pelham Institute, Thence N. E. with road and said Institute. . . containing one acre be the same more or less. . . to have and to hold unto the Church of Christ forever. . . To which we affix our names on this the 11th day of Feb. 1889.

Signed: T. B. Patton

S. C. Patton

A. T. Bell, Dept. Clerk of the County Court of said County. Filed for record September 19, 1929. . . L. B. Smartt, Register Book FF, Page 563  
Grundy County Register of Deeds Office

## **Greenwood School 1835**

“This thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five by and between A. E. Patton of the County of Franklin, and State of Tennessee of the one part and William L. Mooney, A. E. Patton and John G. Bostick, Trustees of Greenwood school of the County and State aforesaid. . . that the said A. E. Patton for and in consideration of his love of learning and the desire he has to promote the interest of the rising generation by the deseminaton of useful knowledge among them hath given and granted. . . to the said Trustees and their successors in office a certain tract or parcel of Land with appetenances thereunto belonging. . . and bounded as follows, Beginning at James Wilkinson's and William S. Mooney's corner line and running South with William S. Mooney's line to a stone 7 poles, equidistance between the School house and Baptist Church thence East. . . containing one half of an acre, for the use and benefit of Greenwood School. . . to the said Trustees and their successors in office forever. . .

Alexander E. Patton (SEAL)

## **Elk River United Baptist Church 1835**

“ . . . in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five by and between A. E. Patton. . . and Millington Ledbetter, Joseph Williss and William B. Gunn Trustees of Elk River United Baptist Church. . . A. E. Patton for and in consideration of the regard he has for Religion hath given and granted. . . unto the said trustees and their successors in office a certain tract. . . Beginning at a stone equidistant between Greenwood School house and the Baptist Church. . . containing one half of an acre, for the use and benefit of the Elk River United Baptist Church. . .”

Alexander E. Patton (SEAL)

Copied from Deed Book “P,” page 287, Register's Office of Franklin County, Tennessee



## School and Church for Pelham Colored People

For and in consideration of the sum of one dollar and other valuable considerations to us in hand paid. . . we A. Willis and wife Bell Willis have bargained and sold. . . unto the County of Grundy one lot of land to use for the Public School and by the Churches and by all other public activities of the Colored People. . . beginning on a Rock at the side of Bell's Mill Road. . . Running South 78° E. 110 ft. to Mrs. Joe Haynes Corner thence South 13° E. 115 ft. to a cedar tree at Harve Aylors line, thence South 76° West 127 feet to a rock at Bell's Mill Road thence North with road 128 feet to the Beginning.

Witness our hands this the 6th day of Aug. 1932

A. Willis  
Bell Willis

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of August, 1932, A. Willis and wife, Bell Willis, executed a deed to the County of Grundy in the State of Tennessee, to the hereinafter described lot of land to be used for School, Church and other activities of Colored People, and

WHEREAS, said property, by reason of changed conditions, has ceased to be so used.

Now, therefore, we Gertrude Willis Kennerly and Addie Hayworth, the heirs and only heirs of the said A. Willis and Bell Willis, deceased. . . do hereby release, remise, convey and forever quit claim unto the said County of Grundy in the State of Tennessee, and and all our right, title, interest and claim, legal and equitable. . .

Witness our hands, this, 25th day of March, 1953

Gertrude Willis Kennerly  
Addie Hayworth

## Pelham's "Colored People"

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

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

Their children were:

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

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

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

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

George Hayworth's brother Allen Hayworth married Hattie Neville and lived in Pelham for a short while.

George Guinn married **Winnie "Aunt Puss" Willis Guinn**. Their children were:

1. Eldridge Guinn married Willie Southern.  
Eldridge worked at coke ovens in Coalmont.  
Their children: Florence, Earl, Dan, Leah Dell "Doll Baby," Melrose
2. Horace married Annie Rich  
Horace worked at coke ovens in Coalmont and Tracy City.  
Their children: Wiley, May Bell
3. Harlan "Paddle" married Lizzie
4. Magdeline
5. Lee - drowned
6. Tom married Elizabeth
7. Clara Bell married Edd Williams  
Their children: Pauline married Hubert Gaines, Josephine, Tommy married Webster, Dena, Barbara "Bobby" married Danny Thomas, Gloria Faye, Guinn
8. Clyde - died of flu in 1918.
9. Mary Lou married Hollis Winton
10. Otha married Waldean McGowan  
Their child: James Guinn  
Otha married Ailene Wooten  
Their child: Bobby Ann

"Uncle George" was loved and respected by everyone. He "peddled" vegetables to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly to make a few extra dollars for his family. Winnie "Aunt Puss" Willis Guinn helped with

all the new babies and was always present when one of the little ones was sick. She wrapped many in onion poultices to break the fever of pneumonia, croup, or a serious cold.

The second house belonged to Henderson and Mary Southern Rich.

Their children were:  
Arthur married Maggie Sheid  
Calvin  
Thursie married Elzie Hill  
Annie married Horace Guinn  
Henry "H" married Beatrice Cunningham

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

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

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

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

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

Joe Pulley lived in a house near the "Darkey well," across the road from the George Guinn house.

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

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

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

Their children:

1. Isabella Southern married Sam Allen Starks.

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

2. Jessie Southern married Melvin Williams.

Their children: Glenda, Thomas, Darlene, Jennie

3. Sterling Southern married Daisy Wilkerson

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

4. Lonnie

5. Thomas "Tom Cat" Southern

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

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

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

Their children:

Louise  
Sammy  
Geniveve

Sam Sheid's second wife was Ailene Danny.

Their child: Sammy

John Sheid married in 1902 Elizabeth "Lizzie" Nevill

Their children:

Arthur  
Johnnie Versie married Milton Southern  
James Burl (J. B.) married Helen Corn  
George Allen married Annie Miller  
Clemmie married Lillard Hill  
Arthur

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

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

Their children:

Alex  
Tennie  
John  
Martha  
Maude married Henry Featherston  
Mary married Henderson Rich  
Benjamin

Benjamin Southern married Emma Ann Willis.

Their children:

Versie married Lymon Francis  
Milton married Versie Sheid  
Joe Thomas married Pauline Fetherston  
Roscoe  
Ruth married John Kennerley  
Hurley (H. W.)  
Charles  
Maudie Bell married James Brandon

Charles Alex "Uncle Alex" married

1. Josephine (Henrietta) Willis

Their children:

Alvin "Jack" married Mary Lou "Little Sis" Sheid  
Jessee married Clarence Robinson

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

Their children:

Waymond  
Cleo  
Alberta  
Ruth  
Joe Wallace  
Vera  
Lera

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

## Teachers For The Pelham Colored School:

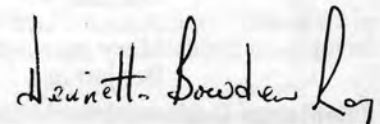
1. Pearl Woodlee
2. Lillian Jordan
3. Winnie Joyce
4. Emma Southerland
5. Vera Acklin
6. Gertrude Kennerley — an outstanding teacher.
7. Elizabeth Wooten
8. Eunice Moore

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

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

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

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



Henrietta Bowden Ray  
May 9, 1983