

Marion.County,Tennessee

### **An Old Landmark Gone**

**8-29-1895**

The trestle at Inman has been taken down and its existence is now a memory. When built, it was looked upon as a great construction, which it really was being very expensive. The cedars of which it was constructed cost 13 cents per foot at some place on the Lebanon branch of the railroad. (these are not the cedars of Lebanon), and were huge trees ranging from 35 to 45 feet long of great circumference.

The timber has been taken to Victoria and shows but little signs of decay, to be utilized for other purposes. Vale old bridge.

### **SAM HOUSTON ACADEMY**

**1895**

The board of Trustees met at Jasper Monday. All present.

The records of previous meetings were read and approved. Secretary reported that Treasurer had duly filed his bond and had requested Treasurer of former board to transfer records and accounts.

Examination of records of County Courts fail to show any report of settlement since September 7, 1874, when **A. A. Hyde**

reported on hand collateral to the amount of \$5,595.61. The meeting then adjourned.

**1896**

A dozen zebras were carried up Tuesday evening to work in the mines at Inman

### **EVERGREEN KNOLL**

The **Hoge** home Evergreen Knoll was established in the year 1826 by **John Hoge, Sr.**, who was the son-in-law of **Col. David Oates**. Evergreen Knoll is situated on the site of the old Indian village where **John Hoge Sr.**, and **Col. Oates** traded with the Cherokee Indians.

**February 6, 1896.**

Let everybody get ready for the public school

**1896**

A party of young people went to a cave about a mile below here, Sunday. They reported a good time and brought back a basket of stalactites and stalagmites as the fruits of their trip. The mysterious camera seems to be the center of attraction now at the cave on Sundays.

Ebenezer Community

**.1896**

**W. F. Smith** of Kelley's Ferry, a comrade of Post 53, G.A. R. who served in Company A, 4<sup>th</sup>. Tennessee Cavalry, started for Atlanta, Tuesday to meet a comrade who was a prisoner with him at Andersonville whom he has not seen for 31 years. We would like to see those old boys meet.

**March 19, 1896**

We welcome to our exchange list the Sequachee News, published at Sequachee, Tennessee, which is a bright and newsy weekly. Ducktown Gazette.

**1896**

The South Pittsburg Statesman changed its management last week, being now under the care of **A. L. Woodfin, J. C. Beene** retiring.

**1896....They Make Coke Now.**

As the production of coal by the convicts at the Brushy Mountain mines is largely in excess of the demand, the Penitentiary Commission at Nashville is now figuring on the cost of making coke, and it is very probable that in the near future, coke ovens will be built on the Tennessee State penitentiary lands there.

**1897**

**David Webb** and **Miss Lucy Lane** were married Sunday in Victoria. It seems there was a parental objection, so the young couple met in the road and the knot was tied as securely as though it had been tied in the parlor.

**PLEASANT GROVE****December 14, 1899**

Hog killing weather

**Rev. Lambert** is improving.

Many from here attended court last week.

We are going to have a fine time Christmas.

The **Epworth** League at **Wesley's** Chapel is still in progress and growing in interest all the time

**D. V. Dame** is able to be out after a severe illness.

**Mr. Thomas Colston**, of Whitwell visited home folks here Sunday.

The supper here Saturday night was a grand success. A new feature of the supper was the girls brought their suppers in paper sacks instead of boxes. So we turned it into a poke supper. There was a large number of those pokes and they sold like hot cakes and ranged in price from 20 cents to \$1.00. The cake for the prettiest girl caused a great deal of excitement, every boy wanting his girl to have it. After a hot campaign **Miss Lou Payne** was declared the winner, and **John M. Gerren** had the pleasure of carrying it home for her. Ask **John** if it was much dark around Cedar Ridge coming home

**GUILD****1900**

**Josepheus Conn Guild**, Engineer of Tennessee has conceived of a plan to widen the use of water resources and eliminate a stretch of treacherous waters in the mountain gorges below Chattanooga.

**June 7, 1900**

**Rev. J. A. Wampler** died Wednesday, buried at Shellmound

**PLEASANT GROVE****March 1, 1900****Special to the News:**

**Mr. Eugene Smith** of **Ebenezer** was calling on his best girl here Sunday.

**Mr. Y Furguson**, of **Jasper** was calling on **Miss Fannie Rogers** Sunday evening.

**Miss Maud Dame** of **Gravel Hill**, was visiting **Miss Hattie O'Neal** Sunday evening.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dame** were visiting **Mrs. Sallie Dame** Sunday.

**Mr. Dobbins**, a popular young man of **Jasper**, was out prospecting for a girl Sunday.

**John M. Gerren**, a very promising young operator of **Jasper**, was visiting home folks Sunday.

**Mr. A. A. Rogers** continues to add to his residence. Wonder what that means.

Wonder if that girl at **Cedar Point** wasn't lonesome Sunday evening?

**Miss Hattie O'Neal** who has been very sick at **Sequachee**, has returned to her home and is improving slowly. We hope that she may be fully recovered soon.

**Miss Emily Rogers** is making some nice improvements in her flower garden.

**Mr. C. R. Rogers** made a business trip to **Jasper** Friday.

**PLEASANT GROVE**

**July 26, 1900**

**Special to the News:**

**Mrs. S. D. Minter spent Sunday with Mrs. O'Neal.**

**Mrs. Mary Torbett visited relatives near Inman last week.**

**Mrs. Redfield and daughter, Maud, are visiting Mr. Rawlings and family.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Lee O'Neal, of Trenton, Georgia have been visiting Mrs. S. C. O'Neal and Family.**

**We are sorry to learn of the illness of Little May Minter.**

**Mr. and Mrs. George Dame visited their son, D. V. Dame Sunday.**

**Miss Hattie O'Neal contemplates a visit to relatives in Georgia soon.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rogers are visiting the family of A. Rogers to-day.**

**Miss Maud Dame was shopping in South Pittsburg Tuesday.**

**Three cheer for the Institute and all the teachers.**

**Misses Mollie and Callie Quarles, of Whitwell, are visiting their grandma, Mrs. Colston.**

**Mrs. J. M. Bible went to Jasper Saturday shopping.**

**D. V. Dame and son made a business trip to Sequachee Friday Blue Eyes**

**“SEQUACHEE “ to “SEQUATCHIE”**

**(Changing the town name )**

**September 19, 1900**

Post Office Department,  
Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster  
General, Stamp Division  
Washington, D. C. **Gustafson Bros.** Mfg.  
Co. Sequatchie, Tennessee  
Sirs:

In reply to your letter of September 14, I have to inform you that the Post Master at Sequatchie ordered your special request envelopes to be printed returnable to “Sequatchie”, because he was obliged to do so in view of the Department’s rule requiring that the official orthograph of the postoffice as published in the Postal Guide be followed in all requisitions for printed return cards. So as long as the official spelling remains “Sequatchie,” this office cannot, under the rule print cards returnable to “Sequachee.”

If the patrons of Sequatchie postoffice desire it’s name to be changed to “Sequachee,” I beg to advise that a petition to that effect, signed by the patrons generally, be forwarded to the fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

Your Postmaster is to-day directed to return to this office the 500 special-request envelopes furnished for you with the name

of the postoffice printed “Sequatchie,” If you decline to accept them, and the will be given credit at there postage value.

Very respectfully,  
**Edwin C. Madden**  
Third Assistant  
Postmaster General

Advantage was then immediately taken of the implied hint in the letter and the following petition was then circulated and signed by our citizens generally, only four parties who were given a chance to sign refusing.

To the Hon., the fourth Assistant Postmaster General, U.S.A.

The petition of the undersigned citizens of Sequachee, Marion County, Tenn., residents, property owners in said town of Sequachee, and patrons of the Postoffice in said Sequachee, respectfully represents.

That the said town was established as Sequachee, July 1, 1890, and has continued until this date, and all deeds and conveyances of property were made as being in Sequachee and so recorded, and the Postoffice of Sequachee was duly established July 1, 1890.

That the postoffice continued as Sequachee until 1897 when without any request on the part of any of the people or notice to them the name was changed. No necessity

appeared then to change the name from “Sequachee” to “Sequatchie,” none exists to-day, and we ask that the name of the postoffice be spelled officially same as the name of the town:

**W. L. Melcher**, Trustee of town property.  
**Henry Kent**                      **B. T. Sutton**

**Jno. L. Schultz**  
**W. S. Pryor**  
**J. S. Bennett**  
**R. L. Ivy**  
**R. E. Pearson**  
**T. W. Walsh**  
**J. A. Sullins**

**R. J. Wells**  
**Jackson Lee**  
**M. C. Campbell**  
**Nicholas Fulfur**  
**George W. Rogers**  
**C.C. Houts**

**Signatures of citizens of Sequachee  
“Sequatchie”**

**W. L. Melcher**              **Thomas H. Hill**  
**T. E. Campbell**            **John A. Curtis**  
**M. Martin**                    **J. O. Campbell**  
**Austin Coppinger**        **R. J. Brown**  
**L. W. Gable**                  **W. M. Houts**  
**Carroll Griffith**            **George Joseph**  
**Wylie Parker**                **Chris Wagner**  
**J. L. Ramsay**                 **J. W. Houts**  
**E. A. Burnett**                **Jim Robbins**  
**James Campbell**            **G. A. Tribble**  
**J. E. Martin**                 **A. Milbrandt**  
**H. E. Tate**                    **Aug. Hartwig**  
**Geo. H. Wiseman**         **John Thornton**  
**William Hill**                 **Alan Anderson**  
**J. R. Houts**                  **Edgar L. Pryor**  
**C. E. Cunningham**        **Jasper Henderson**  
**M. B. Abrams**                **Burroughs Wells**

## SEQUACHEE VALLEY NEWS WRITERS – 1900 – 1950

### Ebenezer Community and Neighborhood

Pen Name                      Year

Blue Eyes                      1900

Shannon Bacossie            1901

Old Maid                      1901

Rabbit Foot                  1901

Slim Jim                      1901 - 1916

(Pheobe Hancock Webb)

Farris                         1902

Weeping Willow            1904

Sweet William              1904 - 1911

Batchelors Button         1905 - 1906

Marygold                    1905

Hardscrabble               1905

White Rose                  1905

Clodhopper                 1905

Red Riding Hood          1905

Car Box                      1906

Sleeping Beauty          1906

Red Rose                    1906

Wild Bill                    1906 - 1907

Red Pink                    1906

Blue Bell                    1907 - 1913

Honeycomb                 1908

Old Dad                     1909

Lonely Girl                 1908 - 1909

Black Bird                  1909

Cold Wave                  1910

(John H. Curtis)

Billy Goat                  1912

Bright Eyes               1912

Snow Ball                  1912 - 1916

Blue Bird                  1913 - 1915

Pen Name                      Year

Happy Sunflower          1913 - 1917

Rosebud                    1914

Whipporwill               1914 - 1915

Weeping Willow          1915

Red Roses                  1915

Little Bessie              1916

White Lilly                1916

Prim Rose                  1916 - 1924

Jay Bird                    1916

(J. Levi Webb)

Daisy                        1916

Snowdrop                  1916

Dad                         1918 - 1919

Daffadill                  1921 - 1924

Rambling Sam            1921

Husbands Sweekheart    1923

Blackeyed Sweetie        1925

Blackeyed Susie         1925

Polly                        1929 - 1935

Twin Sisters               1930

Note:

The above Sequatchee News Writers were part of the close-knit friendly communities that were a big part of our past. **Slim Jim, Jay Bird, and Cold Wave** are the only three we can identify at this writing.

Pen Name                      Year

**Slim Jim**                      1901

Was **Pheobe Handcock**

She lived on Hancock Road.

b. 12-13-1882 d. 11-24-1974

md. **Mel Webb** of Ebenezer.

**Cold Wave**                  1910

Was **John H. Curtis**

Of Curtisville. (local)

He married **Adalind Brown** of

Whitwell, Tennessee at age 73.

They moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas

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**Jay Bird**                      1916

Was **J. Levi Webb**

He lived in Ebenezer on Baptist Hill Rd. He was born there 9-4-1896 and died 3-1-1960. Bd. Pleasant Grove

Married to **Rose Lucile Raulston.**

**Levi Webb (Jay Bird)** was a

Switchboard Operator at

Hale's Bar Lock & Dam.