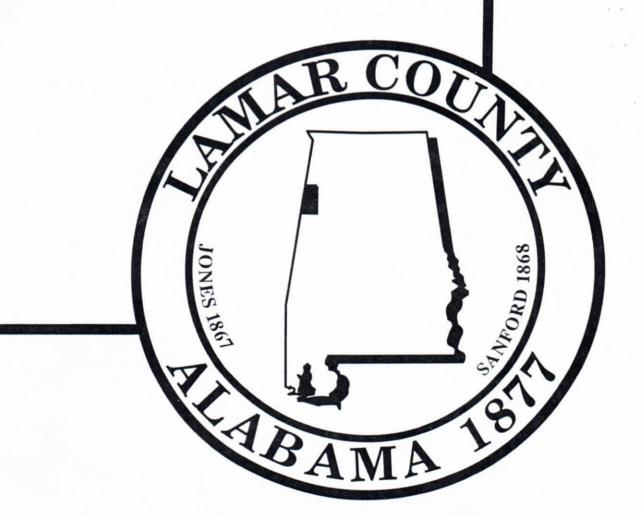
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Sergeant in Col. Moultrie's SC Regiment. Richard Priddy, born 4430/1160, was a Sergeant in the Regiment of VA. Submitted by: Committee and Written by: Sabra Sudberry

Old Clipping Relates to Indian War of 1836

Mrs. John S. Guyton of Lamar Co, who is the guest of Chief of Police C.W. Tarwater and Mrs. Tarwater, has an old faded clipping from some newspaper which is of historical interest. The clipping follows:

"Below is the roll of the company of Capt. D.U. Hollis, which was organized at Moscow for the Indian War of 1836. Truly may her citizens be proud of their record which shows that the sons of Moscow have always responded to the call of their country whenever the drums beat or the bugle sounds. D.U. Hollis, captain; Leroy Kennedy, first lieutenant; T.C. Moore, ensign; James Whitesides, orderly sergeant; David M. Hornback, Jesse Bean, Anthony Johnson, Joseph Holliday, John Mayson, Daniel Holladay, John Johnson, T.K. Guyton, John Custar, John Cauble, John C. Stanford, Robert Patrick, Joseph Miller, W.R. Reddus, Lewis Almon, Rufus Weaver, J.G. Bankhead, A.W. Moore, Wilson Kennedy, Kibble Terry, John Matthews, Berry Hollis, J.W. Guyton, Isaac Rasberry, G.P. Sullivan, Bysha Taylor, William Carter, Sr., H.B. Alberson, Hiram Tarwater

Hiram Tarwater was the grandfather of E.W. Tarwater of Jasper. Submitted by: Sabra Sudberry, and Contributed by: Bo Morris

Indians of Lamar County

The Chicksaw Indians settled in the northern part of the county. Choctaw Indians settled in the southern part of Lamar County. They shared a similar lifestyle, their small wooden homes were made of logs, a mixture of clay and branches filled the cracks.

Farming was an important activity, each family helped with the tribal garden and gave grain to the common store house. Corn was the main crop which was ground into meal. Squash, beans, pumpkins, cotton and tobacco were also planted. Nuts and berries were gathered from the woods.

Men spent most of their time hunting and fishing, although they killed many small animals, the deer was the most important animal in the woods, the meat lasted many months. It's skin was turned into buckskin for clothing and shelter. Women had specific duties, they took care of the children and the crops.

Indians emphasized the group rather than the individual. The extended family had a duty to care for others. The Indians enjoyed sports like: long races, wrestling and throwing spears through a hoop.

Indians believed in a great spirit and had a reverence of nature. Some people were buried with their pipes and tobacco to make friends in the next life.

The Choctaws put their dead on a scaffold until the flesh was gone, then the bones were buried in urns. Dying in battle was the best way to earn eternal life. The inability of Indians and settlers to live peacefully together is a sad part of history.

The Indians were naturally hostile to those taking their land. Thus began the fighting.

The Indians lost because they were divided, less numerous and had inferior weapons. For the Indians in the Lamar County area, the matter was terminated in a series of treaties in 1816. The Indians left Lamar County having made numerous contributions to the life of future inhabitants.

Intermarriage between the Indians and the white traders left a bloodline which will always endure. Submitted by: Polly Gann, 661 Olive Hill Rd.. Beaverton, AL 35544

Slave Deed - 1834

This document proves that we - Lamar County - (Marion County at this time) was in the slave business.

"For and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I have this day bargained and sold unto Thomas W. Woods a Negro boy named Anderson eight years old the write whereof is hereby conveyed by me my heirs executors & assigns forever to the claims of all and every other person and also warrant him be sound and sensible and clear of all impediments give under by hand & seal this 20th day of Sept. 1834.

Signed, James F. Summers Test, Basha Robinson" Submitted by: Charles Gilmer

Sources: Copied from a handwritten decume

1850 Marion Co., AL (including Lamar Co Slaveholders

The slaveowner is listed first, followed by the number of slattey owned:

Lidia B. Terrell, 7; Bosho Clark, 6; James Glascock, 8 Isper Clark, 1; John Rowsom, 6; John Brown, 2; John Spears 21; L.B. Trulove, 5; G.B. Carty, 1; Mat Brown, 3; John Tucker, 6; R. Atkins, 1; W.A. Byrd, 1; William Dunn, 1; E.B. Cody 1: Sandy B. Riggans, 10; Benjamin Riggans, 4; Robert Aston. 1; Peterson Loyd, 9; Bennett Moll, 1; Hugh Reed, 4; Riley Perry, 4; Thadus Walker, Sr., 11; Mary McMinn, 2; George Brown, 16; George Tucker, 2; Thomas Tucker, 31; Frederick White, 2; Thadius Walker, Jr., 3; Milla Tucker, 1; Luke Spruiell, 10; Ima Spruiell, 1; Elizabeth Allen, 3; Ima G. McKenig, 1; Thomas Evans, 11; Basell Dorsey, 1; James G. Young. 2; B. Weston, 1; Gabriel Patrick, 8; Isaac Cooper, 3; William Nolon, 3; J.B. Marchbanks, 5; Noble Terry, 1; John S. Griffin, 2; James F. Guyton, 2; Richard Terry, 1; James G. Bankhead, 17; John Bankhead, 21; Mary Garrett, 18; B.C. Clark, 4; Amos Cooper, 9; O.B. Morehead, 3; W.B. Bradley, 13; John D. Terrell, 1; William Clark, 1; William Cantrell, 9; Alpha Neal, 3; Humphrey Roberts, 2; Levi Mattox, 7; Salome Smith, 1; Jane Bankhead, 11; William Strawbridge, 1; Browson Hollis, 3; Jonathan Hollis, 7; John Hollis, 15; Richmond Garrett, 3; Pinkney Southern, 2; Daniel Holloway, Jr., 1; William Alexander, 3; Daniel Hollis, 30; Aaron Pennington, 1; William E. Trotter, 8; Nancy Holloway, 3; George Good, 12; George Sanford, 1; Thomas Wood, 2; William Sizemore, 1; William Johnson, 9; Absolam Martin, 1; Daniel Holliday, 8; John Holliday, 4; Theo W. Guyton, 7; Darling Hollis, 8; D.A. Johnson, 8; John Guyton, 1; William B. Stephens, 1; William Armstrong, 1; M.A. Price, 20; I.B. and A.K. Metcalf, 2; I.E. Trotter, 6; W.B. Hall, 4: John Pope, 1; Samuel Mixon, 1; Rebecca Waid, 1; John Lochridge, 6; George Henster, 5; P.S. Belk, 1; Dr. D.F. Belk, 1; Archiball Morrison, 1; John Vorters, 1; Burnell Howell, 1; F.H. Stewart, 2; S.S. Adams, 4; Aaron Burlason, 1; Lucy Omish, 1; Caroline Burlason, 1; John A. Miles, 1; Daniel McKinley, 1; H.K. Burlason, 1; Davis Burlason, 1; Grover M. Haley, 2; Daniel Stanford, 1; Alexander Underwood, 17; Patricia Kemp, 1; Isaac Henson, 8; William Crump, 11; Lucia B. Terrell, 1: (note the following 11 names appear to be duplicates, with a few variations in judging the names) William B. Stephens, 1; Luke Sprouse (should be Spruiell), 10; Ima Sprouse (should be Spruiell), 1; Elizabeth Allen, 3; James G. Konig, 1; Thermon Evans, 11; Braseal Dorsey, 1; James G. Young, 2; B. Manston, 1; Gabriel Patrick, 8; Isaac Cooper, 3; A. White, 2; I. Jackson, 1; Alex Thompson, 1; Isaac Davison, 9; Martha Davis, 1; Elucius Thompson, 8; Eli Thompson, 1; John Lawhorn, 6; I.M. Pearce, 2; A.L. McDonald, 2; Isaac Atkins, 1; A.I. Houston, 1; E.G. Terrell, 7; John Northington, 1: A.G. Haley, 9; David Reed, 4; Nathaniel Miller Sr., 1; William B. Bradley, 8; M.A. Price, 1; William Trulove, 1; Isaac Mayfield, 2; I.B. Cantrell, 1; Melvina Cantrell, 1; James Metcalf, 68; I.B. and A.K. Metcalf, 10; I.B. Bankhead, 16; Barnet M. Clay, 9; John C. Price, 10; Moser Hodges, 8; Stephen Blanchard, 4; Abijah Belk, 9; E.K. Belk, 1; Robert Smith, 7; Levi Northington, 16; T.I. Smith, 2. Total number slaves: 807. Total number owners: 164.

Submitted by: Bo Morris Source: Archives, Washington, D.C.

Slave Deed - 1852

This slave bill of sale was found at an old home place west of $V\epsilon$ non, Alabama. In 1852 this area was part of Fayette County, as later became part of Lamar County. It was given to Anna Lc (Rogers) Morris, by Mrs. Gay (Guyton) Henderson, the wife of Verb