

TENNESSEE COUSINS

A HISTORY OF TENNESSEE PEOPLE

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COL. WILLIAM LILLARD OF COCKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND HIS FAMILY

COL. WILLIAM LILLARD, the first Legislative representative from COCKE COUNTY, Tennessee, lived on the river, below OLD NEWPORT, in COCKE CO., TENNESSEE. He was a Colonel in the American Revolution, according to Will Lenoir's "Sweetwater Valley". It was WILLIAM LILLARD, who with old PETER FINE raised a company and followed the marauding Indians back into the mountains of North Carolina in 1785, on an expedition in which a brother of PETER FINE was killed and his body placed under the water of a frozen stream until it could be recovered later. From this incident the stream obtained the name FINE'S CREEK which it still bears - in HAYWOOD COUNTY, North Carolina. The well known JOHN FINE, of MONROE COUNTY was of this PETER FINE family, in COCKE COUNTY. So we know that WILLIAM LILLARD was in East Tennessee in 1785, immediately after the revolution and may have been there earlier.

This COL. WILLIAM LILLARD came from CULPEPPER COUNTY, Virginia. In 1927, STOUT LILLARD, a member of this family published a book giving the History of this LILLARD FAMILY, a copy of which the writer has never been able to secure and has never seen. This WILLIAM LILLARD of COCKE COUNTY TENNESSEE was most surely related to the ABRAHAM LILLARD who settled in POLK COUNTY, whose forbears were also from CULPEPPER COUNTY, Virginia. JANE HARRISON (b. 1796) also belonged to a CULPEPPER COUNTY family.

Not having seen the LILLARD HISTORY I am unable to give the names of all the children of COL. WILLIAM LILLARD or the name of his wife. He had two children, of whom I know:

1. WILLIAM LILLARD JR., born in Tennessee (probably Cooke County) August 14, 1798, who married a NANCY ROUTH and settled in MONROE COUNTY, Tennessee.
2. LOUISE LILLARD, who on AUGUST 25, 1838, married BENJAMIN ROUTH, a brother of NANCY who had become the wife of WILLIAM LILLARD, JR. They also moved to MONROE COUNTY, Tennessee, and settled in SWEETWATER VALLEY.

If ABRAHAM (Of POLK COUNTY), JOHN and JAMES LILLARD and their sister SARAH were born in VIRGINIA in the 1790s it is certain that neither of them were

the children of COL. WILLIAM LILLARD, and they were perhaps the off-spring of the JOHN LILLARD who married SARAH CAMPBELL, daughter of ELIAS CAMPBELL, who deeded JOHN LILLARD the slave boy BOB, who is buried at BENTON, in the old graveyard. Nor was JAMES LILLARD, father of COL. NEWTON LILLARD, of MEIGS COUNTY, a son of COL. WILLIAM LILLARD, if, as GOODSPEED says, he was born in Virginia in 1795, for in 1795 COL. WILLIAM LILLARD was living in COCKE COUNTY, Tennessee. My opinion is that JAMES LILLARD, of DECATUR, in MEIGS COUNTY, was the JAMES LILLARD, a brother of ABRAHAM, whom MR. DOUGHERTY says, was born in 1795 in VIRGINIA. It is mighty easy to get a date wrong in these family charts.

WILLIAM LILLARD, JR. AND HIS WIFE NANCY ROUTH.

WILLIAM LILLARD, JR. and his wife NANCY ROUTH, who settled in MONROE County, Tennessee, had the following children:

1. ANDREW JACKSON LILLARD (b. Feb. 20, 1829, in Monroe County, and who married SAMANTHA TALLAFERRO of an old CULPEPPER COUNTY family, in LOUDON COUNTY.
2. WASHINGTON LILLARD
3. LOUISE JANE LILLARD, who married JOSEPH BRAGG, in 1851.
4. CAROLINE LILLARD (b. in 1835) and lived in MONROE COUNTY.
5. MURRELL LILLARD (b. 1837)
6. JULIA LILLARD who married a RILEY BURNS.
7. JOSEPH B. LILLARD (b. 1845).

SAMANTHA TALLAFERRO who married ANDREW JACKSON LILLARD, was the son of JOHN TALLAFERRO, who had settled in LOUDON COUNTY, Tennessee, and who, like the LILLARDS was a member of an old CULPEPPER COUNTY family. This marriage ran "true to form" in that the two families came from the same Virginia section, had known each other for generations and to intermarry was carrying out an unwritten social rule among such families.

MURRELL LILLARD joined the Army of the Confederacy and fought for the South.

JOSEPH LILLARD, son of WILLIAM LILLARD JR. and NANCY ROUTH, married MAGGIE J. HARRISON, who, like JANE HARRISON, the wife of ABRAHAM LILLARD, came from another old CULPEPPER FAMILY, and again "ran true to form".

THE LILLARD FAMILY AND ITS CONNECTIONS OF CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

THE BRYAN AND LILLARD FAMILIES OF CULPEPPER COUNTY

The LILLARD FAMILY and the DILLARD FAMILY, were neighbors in CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and strange to say, BOTH FAMILIES intermarried with the HARRISON FAMILY, also numerous in that county.

The writer has said that the LILLARD FAMILY of East Tennessee came from CULPEPPER COUNTY, Virginia, and with good reason: There was no other section of the country from which they could have come, save and except that territory from which CULPEPPER was derived. Diligent search of the early Virginia land records has failed to turn up a family named LILLARD, although the DILLARDS were comparatively plentiful. The 1790 census of Buckingham County, North Carolina has yielded up old MOSES LILLARD, with six sons and two daughters, but he, no doubt had drifted down there from CULPEPPER COUNTY, and we have not found trace of him since.

In 1929 in delving around in an old home in CULPEPPER COUNTY a fragment of one of the old minute books of 1763 was found with 270 pages of it MISSING. What was left has been restored, as near as could be, and published. In that we found the earliest notes relating to the LILLARDS of CULPEPPER, JOHN, JAMES and THOMAS LILLARD.

On page 326, under date of May 19th, 1763 JOHN LILLARD and his wife SUSANNA, executed a deed to THOMAS LILLARD which is there recorded.

On August 20, 1763 (page 434) in the case of THOMAS GRAYSON v. RICHARD PARKS, judgment was for the plaintiff on the verdict of a jury composed of WILLIAM GAINES, BENJAMIN HOOMES, JOHN HEARD, AMBROSE BOWEN, JAMES GRAVES, JOHN DUNCAN and JAMES LILLARD. And practically the same jury rendered a verdict in the case of JAMES V. CUMMINS on the same day.

When these cases had been disposed of the court then took up the case of JAMES DILLARD v. JOHN SANDERS.

That a JANE DILLARD of CULPEPPER CO. married ANDREW HARRISON, about this time, and an ABRAHAM LILLARD was later married to a JANE HARRISON, undoubtedly a relative of ANDREW HARRISON, of CULPEPPER COUNTY, is at least singular, and makes the LILLARDS and the DILLARDS at least homogeneous.

On May 20, 1763 (page 347 of the old Culpepper Minute Book or fragment, the case of JOHN TACKETT v. RICHARD PRICE came on to be heard, and a jury composed, among others of WILLIAM GAINES CHARLES and JOHN YANCEY, RICHARD SHIP and WILLIAM NASH gave the plaintiff a verdict, and then came up the case of THOMAS STANTON vs. RICHARD BRYAN.

RICHARD BRYAN, the defendant in this case, was the father of JOSEPH BRYAN who died in CULPEPPER COUNTY in 1806 and who had JAMES, WILLIAM, AQUILLA, LUCY, ELIZABETH and a son JOHN BRYAN who married NANCY LILLARD. This NANCY LILLARD was the daughter of a JOHN LILLARD, who married a MISS GARRETT & had children:

1. NANCY LILLARD who m. JOHN BRYAN.
2. SILAS LILLARD (went to Mississippi)
3. CAPT. BENJAMIN LILLARD, who went to Kentucky, having married ELIZABETH BROWNING, the daughter of NICHOLAS BROWNING.
4. Also four daughters, LILLARD.

May 19, 1763 (page 323) a new grand jury for Culpepper was sworn in, and the members were as follows:

John Latham
William Walker
John Menefee
Jonas Menefee
John Cooper
William Smith
RALEIGH DUNCAN
NICHOLAS BROWNING
Isaac Wall
And several others.

The NICHOLAS BROWNING was the father-in-law of BENJAMIN LILLARD, who married Elizabeth Browning and moved to KENTUCKY.

As soon as the grand jury was sworn in they indicted HARRISON MONDAY for profanely swearing.

This HARRISON MONDAY was the son of ELIZABETH HARRISON the wife of THOMAS MONDAY, and the sister of ANDREW HARRISON of CULPEPPER COUNTY, whose grandson (Son of Battaille Harrison) married JANE TODD of Jefferson County, Tennessee. He was JAMES HARRISON father of JOHN and JAMES HARRISON of LOUDON COUNTY, Tennessee.

JOHN BRYAN and his wife NANCY LILLARD were the grandparents of Wm. J. BRYAN

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN A DESCENDANT
OF THE LILLARD FAMILY

The great "Commoner", WILLIAM JEN-
NINGS BRYAN is a descendant of the
LILLARD FAMILY, through NANCY LIL-
LARD who married JOHN BRYAN in CUL-
PEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

RICHARD BRYAN, who, on May 20, 1763
was a defendant in the case of STAN-
TON vs. BRYAN, in Culpepper County,
Virginia, was the Great Great grand-
father of HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRY-
AN, the famous Democratic Statesman.

He had his son JOSEPH BRYAN, who was
the father of JOHN BRYAN, who mar-
ried NANCY LILLARD, the daughter of
JOHN LILLARD and his wife MISS GAR-
RETT, daughter, perhaps of SILAS GAR-
RETT of the Fairfax County Gerretts
who moved to South Carolina.

JOHN BRYAN and his wife had several
children and more than one son. Their
son SILAS LILLARD BRYAN, sold out &
moved first to TENNESSEE and from
there went with an elder brother to
MISSOURI, where he settled. SILAS
LILLARD BRYAN and his wife were the
parents of:

1. FANNIE BRYAN married a BAIRD.
2. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN also mar-
ried a BAIRD.
3. CHARLES BRYAN (who ran for vice
president on the Democratic
ticket).
4. ALLEN BRYAN, who never married.
5. HANNIE BRYAN who never married.

HANNIE BRYAN, sister of WILLIAM JEN-
NINGS BRYAN, was named for her grand-
mother NANCY LILLARD. JOHN LILLARD,
father of NANCY LILLARD, like some
of the other LILLARDS, moved to Ten-
nessee, and went from there to OHIO,
according to Green's Culpepper.

COL. BENJAMIN LILLARD WHO WENT TO
KENTUCKY AND HIS FAMILY

COL. BENJAMIN LILLARD, who married
ELIZABETH BROWNING and moved to
KENTUCKY, where he was a prominent
blue-grass stock man, and had lots
of fine blooded horses, had six
children, at least two of whom in-
termarried with their cousins, the
BROWNINGs, from CULPEPPER County,
who had also pulled up stakes in

CULPEPPER COUNTY and moved to the
Blue Grass State. His children were
as follows:

1. CHARLES H. LILLARD married a MISS
GOORLEY, of Mississippi.
2. LUCY LILLARD married (1) JAMES M.
O'BANION (2) CORNELIUS SMITH.
3. MARGARET LILLARD m. WILLIAM L.
BROWNING
4. SILAS BRYAN LILLARD m. a MILDRED
DUNCAN, of the family of RAN-
LEIGH DUNCAN, grand jury 1763
in Culpepper County.
5. WILLIAM J. LILLARD m. VIRGINIA
BROWNING, a daughter of MASON
BROWNING.
6. EDWINA C. LILLARD married RICHARD
H. BROWNING, son of JOHN BROW-
NING.

WILLIAM J. LILLARD and VIRGINIA BROW-
NING (he the son of Col. Benjamin Lil-
lard) had a daughter LENA LILLARD who
married WILLIAM HARRISON. Virginia had
a sister LUCY BROWNING who married a
WILLIAM STICKLEY (Stickleys in Monroe
County, Tennessee) and had MASON STICK-
LEY and BROWNING STICKLEY.

EDWINA C. LILLARD, daughter of Colonel
BENJAMIN LILLARD and her husband RICH-
ARD H. BROWNING, had the following
children:

1. OPHELIA BROWNING m. WILLIAM LIL-
LARD.
2. EDWARD BROWNING went to MISSOURI.
3. SALLIE BROWNING m. MR. HARRISON.
4. FRANK BROWNING (to MISSOURI).
5. LESSIE BROWNING.
6. JANE BROWNING m. RICHARD DUNCAN.

RICHARD H. BROWNING was the son of
JOHN BROWNING and his wife KITTIE DUN-
CAN, another descendant of RANLEIGH
DUNCAN, the old CULPEPPER grand juror
of 1763.

ROBERT SLAUGHTER of CULPEPPER COUNTY,
Virginia, married in 1750, a SUSANNA
HARRISON, and among their children
was SUSANNA SLAUGHTER who became the
wife of THOMAS LILLARD, November 23rd
1791.

CHARLES RICHARD KAVANAUGH, of ANDER-
SON COUNTY, Kentucky, married a MISS
LUCY E. LILLARD, ANN, CHARLES and
PHILEMON KAVANAUGH are spread all
over the old Minute Book of CULPEPPER
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, of 1763. These KAV-
ANAUGHs, of course, like the LILLARDs
and BROWNINGs went to Kentucky and set-
tled in the early days.

JOHN CHILES of another VIRGINIA FAMIL-
Y, married ELIZABETH LILLARD, March
7, 1785. He died in Mercer County, Ky.
in 1803, leaving a will.

SOME NOTES ON THE LILLARDS WHO WENT
TO KENTUCKY AND SETTLED

GEN. CHRISTOPHER LILLARD married
SALLY BLACKWELL in perhaps FRANK-
LIN COUNTY, Kentucky. She was the
daughter of ROBERT BLACKWELL, who
went to Kentucky from ORANGE COUN-
TY (Out of CULPEPPER). The name
of JOSEPH BLACKWELL appears on the
old Minute Book of CULPEPPER COUN-
TY, Virginia, in 1763, on pages
313, 360, 374 and 375. ROBERT
BLACKWELL, father in law of CHRIS-
TOPHER LILLARD was born in 1758 and
was certainly of a later generation
than JOSEPH, who may have been the
father. ANDERSON COUNTY, Kentucky
was taken from FRANKLIN, MERCER &
WASHINGTON Counties in 1827, and
CHRISTOPHER LILLARD was present at
the first court held in Anderson,
as was EPHRAIM LILLARD. EPHRAIM
LILLARD was a son of JOHN LILLARD
(wife Ann) who left will in MERCER
COUNTY in 1801, so that it is prob-
able that CHRISTOPHER and JOHN LIL-
LARD were brothers.

ELIZABETH LILLARD, who appears to
have been a sister of CHRISTOPHER
and JOHN LILLARD married JOHN CHILES
in LINCOLN COUNTY, March 7, 1785,
so that it is probable that JOHN
and CHRISTOPHER LILLARD arrived in
KENTUCKY by, or before, 1785. The
exact identity of this family has
not been established by the writer.
However, they were certainly from
either ORANGE or CULPEPPER Counties,
in VIRGINIA.

JOHN LILLARD and his wife ANN (She
may have been ANN CHILES) named
the following children in his will:

1. NANCY LILLARD
2. THOMAS LILLARD m. ELIZ. CHILES
3. JOHN LILLARD
4. ANNA LILLARD m. PELHAM.
5. MARY LILLARD m. MCGINNIS
6. SUSANNA LILLARD m. JONES
7. JOSEPH LILLARD
8. EPHRAIM LILLARD
9. JAMES LILLARD
10. PATSY MCGINNIS
11. DANIEL LILLARD
12. DAVID LILLARD

Executors: JOHN LILLARD
JOSEPH LILLARD
EPHRAIM LILLARD
THOMAS FREEMAN

Witnesses: - JOSEPH WILLIS, JONATHAN
JERKINS, ABEL JERKINS.

Will was proved at the AUGUST
Court, 1801.

DANIEL LILLARD married SALLY GATES
November 22, 1801.
WILLIAM JONES married ELIZABETH B.
LILLARD in July, 1823

JAMES H. WHITTINGTON married MARTHA
A. LILLARD, daughter of JOHN LIL-
LARD, Dec. 5, 1831; bond signed
by JOHN LILLARD, in ANDERSON CO.,
Kentucky.

ASBURY LILLARD married REBECCA LAY, on
September 21, 1825.

JOHN L. LILLARD married NANCY ANN -
STRONG, January 3, 1826, in Lin-
coln County, Kentucky.

ELI PENNY and MARK LILLARD were in-
ducted and sworn as Justices of
ANDERSON COUNTY, Ky., in 1828. In
1827 ELI PENNY was made the guar-
dians of orphans of WILSON HUCKER.

JAMES PENNY. His name ap-
pears on the old order book
of CULPEPPER COUNTY (page
317,) April 21, 1763. This
PENNY family of course, was
from CULPEPPER, as were
EPHRAIM, JAMES, JOHN, PETER
and THOMAS HUCKER (Old Order
book pp 271, 272, 456 & 328,
CULPEPPER COUNTY).

The HUCKER FAMILY of CULPEPPER also
were prominent, for a time in JEF-
FERSON COUNTY, Tennessee, where they
intermarried with the WALLACE FAMILY
of BLOUNT COUNTY.

All of the foregoing notes, based on
entries from the records of MES. ARD-
RY, MeADAMS, "Forks of the Klhorn"
and the COLLINS HISTORY of KENTUCKY,
can be verified by the student.

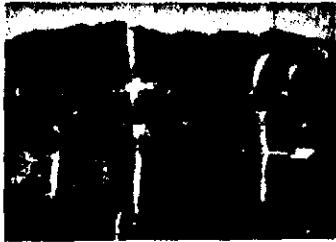
THE CAMPBELL FAMILY OF CULPEPPER
COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The JOHN LILLARD, who married SARAH
CAMPBELL, daughter of ELIAS CAMPBELL
in CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and
the father of ABRAHAM LILLARD, was
of the same set of LILLARDs embraced
in the foregoing notes. Naturally,
there were several JOHN LILLARDs in
this family, as in 1763 there was
a JAMES, JOHN and THOMAS LILLARD all
perhaps of the same generation, and
all of whom may have had a JOHN LIL-
LARD. Some one of them perhaps was
the father of GEN. CHRISTOPHER LIL-
LARD of Kentucky. One JOHN LILLARD
m. MISS GARRETT and had SILAS LILLARD;
another JOHN married ANN CHILES and
died in Kentucky in 1801, and still
another married SARAH CAMPBELL and
became the father of ABRAHAM LILLARD
who died in POLK COUNTY.

THE OLD GAP CREEK SETTLEMENT IN THE WATAUGA VALLEY

The GAP CREEK SETTLEMENT on the WATAUGA (Now, of course, a part of CARTER COUNTY) is rich in history and in legends relating to the early pioneers who settled there when time really began in this part of the old World. Among the first pioneers who picked this spot for their cabins in the earliest days were SIMON BUNDY, JAMES EDENS, THOMAS GOURLEY, WILLIAM BOYD, JOSEPH HYDER and others.

GAP CREEK begins at the foot of GREER or GAP CREEK MOUNTAINS and runs for nearly five miles northwesterly in an irregular course to empty into WATAUGA RIVER at "Watauga Point" just a few



WHERE SIMON BUNDY LIVED - GAP CREEK

yards below the STYAMORE SHOALS. The Watauga Fort was within a mile of the mouth of GAP CREEK, and therefore the section became settled very early.

The STYAMORE SHOALS monument stands just east of Gap Creek on the MILLIGAN HIGHWAY. In 1780 the pioneer Wetum-gans assembled here to organize into a small army under JOHN SEVIER, Colonel JONATHAN TIPTON, and others, and marched across the rough country to King's Mountain to defeat the British army and General Ferguson. Many of the settlers on GAP CREEK were revolutionary soldiers, and among these were JAMES EDENS, THOMAS GOURLEY and ROBERT LOVE. The men went up Gap Creek on the way to King's Mountain.

One of the first settlers on Gap Creek was SIMON BUNDY, who settled about 1770 below Clark's Spring. HENRY LYLE received one of the first land patents on the east bank of Gap Creek in 1776. Matthew Talbot, Sr., a pioneer Baptist preacher from Virginia, was also an early settler here and built the first

grist mill on GAP CREEK about 1775. His son, Matthew Talbot, Jr., who removed to Georgia, became one of the first Governors of that State. Another son, a Thomas Talbot, was one of the first Sheriffs of WASHINGTON COUNTY, then N. Carolina, in 1783.

THOMAS GOURLEY, another settler served as county court clerk of Washington County, North Carolina, in 1787. James EDENS, Sr., a pioneer Baptist preacher, from Virginia, settled near Clark's Spring, above SIMON BUNDY. Robert Love, Sr., settled on the West Bank of Gap Creek, near the mouth of same. Col. LOVE is remembered as the mediator between JOHN SEVIER and COL. JOHN TIPTON during the Sevier-Tipton civil war contesting the authority of the State of Franklin against the State of North Carolina. Love supported TIPTON but was a friend of JOHN SEVIER.

JOSIAH CLARK settled on the east bank of Gap Creek opposite ROBERT LOVE. He built and operated a powder mill on Gap Creek. Other pioneers were WILLIAM BOYD, WILLIAM SHARP, NICHOLAS BROYLES, WILLIAM MATLOCK, Christian Schultz and ABSCLOM MOORE.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR became one of the most noted settlers of the Gap Creek community. He was the owner of "HAPPY VALLEY", a large plantation extending from the headwaters of BUFFALO CREEK and running eastward across GAP CREEK to GREEN HILL plantation, the Tipton plantation, now ELIZABETHTON. He built the "manor house" which he named "Rotherwood" at Watauga Point, joining the ROBERT LOVE PLANTATION. "Rotherwood" is still standing, facing the mouth of Buffalo Creek on the old MILLIGAN HIGHWAY.

MATTHEW TALBOT SR., and JAMES EDEN, SR., were among the first Baptist preachers to settle in the State. JAMES EDENS, JR., a son of James, Sr., became a noted Baptist preacher in the Holston Association. THOMAS D. LOVE, a grandson of ROBERT LOVE, SR., became one of the first lawyers in Carter County. Later settlers on Gap Creek were:

Joseph Hyder	Isaac Kite
Thomas J. Dugger	Mr. F. M. Hyder
John Hyder	Morgan Yeasday
Alexander Grindstaf	Jonathan Hyder
Thomas Tipton	Pleas M. Williams
Joseph Tipton	Isaac Buck
Reuben Landsown	

and the Bangers, Loudermilks, Burchfields, McKinnays, Lovelaces, Humphreys Millers, Jones, McMurris, Chastains.

SIGNERS OF THE WATAUGA PETITION

For the District of Washington, in Year 1776.

Heading the List, as Members of the Committee, were the following Persons:

JOHN CARTER, CHAIRMAN.
WILLIAM BEAN
JACOB BRONN
ZACHARIAH ISBELL
JOHN JONES
ROBERT LUCAS
CHARLES ROBERTSON
JAMES ROBERTSON
GEORGE RUSSELL
JOHN SEVIER
JAMES SMITH
JACOB WOMACK

Non-Members of the COMMITTEE who Signed were as follows:

JOHN BARLEY
JOSHUA MARTIN, SR.
HENRY BATES, SR.
HENRY BATES, JR.
WILLIAM BATES
HUGH BLAIR
JONATHAN BOSTIN
ERIC BOWYER (Sometimes Lew)
WILLIAM BROOKS
JACOB BRONN
JOHN BRONN
JOSEPH BRONN
JOSEPH BRONN (Jr)
JOSEPH HULLER
JOHN HEMPER
FREDERICK CALVIT
JOSEPH CALVIT
LANDON CARTER
EMANUEL CHOYE
JOHN CHICKINWARD
WILLIAM CLARK
JAMES COOPER
ABRAHAM COX
HOWARD COX
JOHN COX, JR.
JOHN I. COX
WILLIAM COE
DAVID CROCKETT
CHRISTOPHER CUNNINGHAM, SR.
CHRISTOPHER CUNNINGHAM, JR.
JOHN DAVIS
THOMAS DEDMON
WILLIAM DEED

JOSEPH DUNHAM
RICE DURRETT
JAMES EASTLEY
RICHARD FLETCHER
EMORY GOODIN
ALEXANDER GREER
ANDREW GREER
JOSEPH GRIMES
JOHN HALL
GEORGE HARTY
MATTHEW HAWKINS
DAVID HICKOK
GIDEON HIGHTOWER
ABERDEGO HILL
ALBROCK HEDGE
EDWARD HOPSON
JOSHUA HOUGHTON
THOMAS HOUGHTON
DAVID HUGHES
THOMAS HUGHES
GEORGE HUTTON
MICHAEL HYDER
ZACHARIAH ISBELL
JOHN JONES
LEWIS JONES
JOHN KING
ROBERT LUCAS
JOSEPH LUSE
CHARLES McCARTNEY
JOSEPH McCARTNEY
JOHN McCORMICK
JOAB MITCHELL
MARK MITCHELL

JOHN MOORE
DANIEL MORRIS
GIDEON MORRIS
GROVES MORRIS
SHADRICK MORRIS
ROBERT MURPHY
JOHN NAVE
TETER NAVE
WILLIAM NEWBERRY
RICHARD NORTHON
WILLIAM OVERALL
ELIAS PEEKER
WILLIAM PERVES
ELIJAH ROBERTSON
JOHN ROBERTSON
JULIUS ROBERTSON
MARK ROBERTSON
WILLIAM ROBERTSON
ROSEBA ROSE
ROBERT SEVIER
VALENTINE SEVIER
ADAM SHERRILL
SAMUEL SHERRILL, SR.
SAMUEL SHERRILL, JR.
HENRY SKLER
THOMAS SIMPSON
WILLIAM TAYLOR, Clerk
JONATHAN TIPTON
FREDERICK VAUGHAN
JOHN WADDELL
JAMES WILLIAMS
ISAAC WILSON
JACOB WOMACK

From "Ransley's Annals of Tennessee," page 136.
Order of signatures changed to have them appear in alphabetical order.

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**WASHINGTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA --
LATER TENNESSEE**

WHEN FIRST ESTABLISHED INCLUDED THE ENTIRE STATE TENNESSEE

After the people of the WATAUGA SETTLEMENT petitioned in 1776 to be annexed to North Carolina, the Legislature of that State established "Washington County, North Carolina" in November, 1777. As established Washington County then embraced all of what is now TENNESSEE, so far as known.

The first Magistrates appointed for the new Washington County were:

James Robertson	Valentine Sevier
John Carter	John Sevier
Jacob Womack	Robert Lucas
Andrew Greer	John Shelby Jr.
George Russell	William Bean
Zachariah Isbell	John McNabb
Thomas Houghton	William Clark
John McMahan	Benjamin Gist
John Chesholm	Joseph Wilson
William Cobb	Thomas Stewart
Michael Woods	Richard White
Benjamin Wilson	Charles Robertson
William McNabb	Thomas Price
	Jesse Watson

The first court was held on February 23, 1778. The following were the officers selected:

JOHN CARTER, Chairman
JOHN SEVIER, Clerk
Valentine Sevier, Sheriff
James Stuart, Surveyor
John McMahan, Register
Jacob Womack, Stray Master
John Carter, Entry Taker

SAKUEL LYLS, JOHN GILLILAND, RICHARD WOODRIDGE, EMANUEL CARTER, WILLIAM WARD, V. DILLINGHAM and SAKUEL and JOHN SMITH, Constables.

The County was then divided into Seven Districts, and the following magistrates appointed to make returns of the taxable property:

Benjamin Wilson	John McNabb
John Chesholm	William Bean
Michael Woods	Zachariah Isbell
	Jacob Womack

A great many cases came before the court, and history is the richer for the records that have been preserved

of some of the proceedings of the first courts held - though not all of them, of course.

The long table of names included herein has been culled from those proceedings, and at least give a fairly good idea of the names of people who were living in what is now the State of Tennessee, who were confined mainly to this immediate section. The first Courts were probably held in what is now CARTER COUNTY, but the territory was a part of WASHINGTON COUNTY, North Carolina from 1777 until 1783, when it was a part of the State of Franklin for about two years; then back to N. C. again until 1790; then in "Territory South of Ohio" until 1796, when it became CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GRAND JURY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, N. C.

The second meeting of the county court of Washington County, N. C. was held in May, 1778 at the home of Col. Charles Robertson, and at this meeting the very first grand jury for the County was empaneled and sworn. It was composed of the following persons:

William Asher	Charles Gentry
James Hollis	Amos Bird
John Nave	Arthur Cobb
John Dunham	Peter McNamee
John Patterson	Nathaniel Clark
James Wilson	Adam Wilson
Drury Goodin	Samuel Tate
Jacob Brown	David Hughes
Joseph Fowler	Robert Shirley
James Grimes	Robert Blackburn
John Clark	Rosen Stout
Andrew Burton	John Hoskins
	N. Hawkins

The first case that came before the Court was the State v. Ezekiel Brown and another case was that of the State vs. Moses Crawford.

EPHRAIM HUNYAP had been appointed the State's Attorney.

Little is known of the proceedings of the county court for 1783 and 1786 as most of the records were lost in the struggle that took place between the Tiptons and Seviers.

THE FIRST COURTS ESTABLISHED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

After the establishment of the first Courts in Washington County, N.C. in 1777, the old proceedings show the names of the following persons, from time to time:

ARLE, EZEKIEL
Accused of stealing a horse.

ADAIR, JOHN
The old entry taker of 1793.

ADAMS, CATHERINE
ADAMS PHILLIP
ADKINS, CHARLES
AIKEN, WILLIAM
ALEXANDER, JOHN
ALLEN, JOSEPH
Merchant at Greenville.

ALLICOTT, JAMES
ALLISON, CHARLES
ALLISON, JOHN
Ruling elder in Rev. Samuel Dock's Church in Sullivan County.

ALLISON, ROBERT
Justice of the Peace.

AMES, THOMAS
Early settler in Carter's Valley.

ANDERSON, ALEXANDER
ANDERSON, BARNABUS
Deposition in Tryon Co. N. C. as a witness in Watauga suit.

ANDERSON, JAMES
ARMSTRONG, LANTY
Of Greene County.

ARMSTRONG, MARTIN, the entry taker, and Surveyor.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM, of Stony Point in Hawkins County.

ASHER, WILLIAM

BACON, MICHAEL
BAKER, FRANCIS
BAKER, MARY
BAKER, SAMUEL
BALLARD, ANNE
BALLARD, JOSEPH
BARTLAY, GEORGE
BARKER, THOMAS, a Tory in revolution.
BARKSDALE, CLEAVERTUS, Sheriff, 1760.
BARRY, WILLIAM
BASED, JOHN died 1781
BASHIN, GREEN
BATES, ISAAC, in Tryon Co. N.C. 1778.
BAULDING, ELISHA
BAYLEY, ROBERT
BEAN (BEENE) JESSE 1782 Gr. Jury.
BEAN, JOHN owned ford.
BEAN, ROBERT
BEAN, WILLIAM, 1778.
BEAN, WILLIAM, SR.
BEAN, WILLIAM JR. 1779.
BEALE, DAVID, Greene Co.
BEALE, SOLOMON, Greene Co.
BEARDEN, JOHN
BEIL, WILLIAM, Hawkins County.
BENNETT, ELIZABETH
BERRY, JAMES, 1783, Hawkins County.
BERTYMORE, MARTHA

BIRD, AMOS, Greene County on Hollicksby Riv.
BLAIR, JAMES, before 1783, Hawkins County.
BLAIR & PATTERSON, firm, Hawkins County.
BLAIR, JOHN
BLAKE, JOHN Ader. Michael Mahoney.
BLACKBURN, ROBERT
BLACKHILL, DAVID
BLACKHILL, JOHN
BLAVINS, WILLIAM
BOLLSTOCK, JAMES, suspected of Turfism.
BOND, JESSE, 1778
BOND, JOHN, died 1781
BOND, MILDRED, widow, of John Bond.
BORNAN, CONNELIUS
BOONES, JESSE, 1783
BOWYER, LUKK, ESQ.
BOWYER, LUKK, Atty. 1778.
BOZ, RICHY
BOYD, JOHN
BRADLEY, JAMES
BRANDON, THOMAS, Constable
BRASIE, RICHARD
BRIGHAM, JAMES, Sullivan County.
BRIDGER, WILLIAM
BROOKS, LITTLETON, 1783, Hawkins County.
BROWN, JACOB
BROWN, JOSEPH
BROWN, JOSEPH, 1800, Hawkins County.
BROWN, THOMAS
BROWN, WILLIAM W., 1783, Hawkins County.
BRYLES, ADAM, 1782, his last will.
BRYLES, LEWIS on Horse Creek.
BROOKS, THOMAS, 1783, Hawkins County.
BRUMIT, THOMAS
BRYANT, WILLIAM 1779, suspected of treason.
BULLARD, deceased, 1780
BULLARD, JOSEPH, made peace bond.
BULLER, JOSEPH
BUNDY, GEORGE
BUNDY, RUBEN
BUNDY, SIMON
BUNTON, ANDREW
BURLESON, AARON 1782, his last will.
BURNES, JOHN
BUTLER, JOHN
BUTLER, ISAAC
BYBEE, SARAH 1782, minor, chose Isaac Mayfield as guardian.

CALDWELL, THOMAS 1783
CALDWELL, CAPT. THOMAS, Hawkins County.
CALDWELL, ROBERT
CALHOUN, JOHN
CALHOUN, MARGARET, wife of JOHN CALHOUN.
CALHOUN, MARGARET
CALHOUN, SARAH
CALLAHAN, JOEL
CALLAHAN, JOHN
CAMPBELL, JAMES
CAMPBELL, ROBERT
CAMPBELL, WILLIAM, Deputy Surveyor.

PETER WALTER FAMILY

PETER WALTER was a native of WASHINGTON COUNTY, being the son of English parents. He had a son JOHN WALTER, born in 1800, who married MARGARET KIKER. Margaret Kiker Walter died in 1864. G. W. WALTER, a son of JOHN WALTER, married REBECCA J. ELLIS, the daughter of THOMAS ELLIS, of Greene County, Nov. 15 1844, and they left a family of several children and descendants - some of whom removed to Texas in the early days of that State.

GEORGE SWINGLE FAMILY

GEORGE SWINGLE was born in MARYLAND in 1779, the son of LEONARD SWINGLE. GEORGE was a millwright and came to Washington County about 1800, where he married the daughter of GEORGE BAYNES in 1807. Her name was MARY and they had a son BENJAMIN SWINGLE who married MARGARET COCHRAN, on November 13, 1838. She was the daughter of JAMES COCHRAN, of GREENE CO. Tennessee. They had several children, including GEORGE, WILLIAM G., MARY and MARGARET SWINGLE.

THE TYLER FAMILY

WILLIAM TYLER came to WASHINGTON CO. Tennessee, from the SHENANDOAH valley, where they were neighbors at one time of the TIPTONS. He came to Washington County about 1803 and located on lands that had been previously owned by Governor JOHN SEVIER. He died in 1820 at the age of seventy two years. His wife was daughter of ROBERT PHILLIPS. They had a son WILLIAM TYLER, born August 5th, 1813, who married MARTHA GILLESPIE in 1842, a daughter of ALLEN GILLESPIE. She died in 1879. He then married the widow CRUMLEY who had been a MISS ROSE, and they had two sons named WILLIAM and NATHANIEL TYLER.

JOHN RUBLE

JOHN RUBLE was of German descent and his father was NATHIAS. HENRY RUBLE a son married PHEBE HUNTER, a teacher and farmer in WASHINGTON COUNTY. They were the parents of HENRY HUNTER RUBLE, born in 1828, who married ELIZABETH WEST, daughter of EDWARD WEST.

NATHAN SHIPLEY FAMILY CAME FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The NATHAN SHIPLEY family came from BALTIMORE, Maryland, to Washington County, Tennessee. Nathan was a member of the Legislature and a surveyor of Washington County for several years. He was the father of ENOCH SHIPLEY, born in Washington County, who had a son NATHAN SHIPLEY who married MARY JONES, daughter of a JOHN JONES. This NATHAN was born in Washington County in 1822. He and his wife MARY had a son ELBERT A. SHIPLEY born Feb. 18, 1849.

ABRAHAM SNAPP FAMILY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

The ABRAHAM SNAPP family was another Washington County clan that came from the Shenandoah Valley in an early day.

The Great grandfather was LAWRENCE SNAPP, the father of ABRAHAM SNAPP who married MARY FOGLESONG and located in Washington County, about 1801. His son ABRAHAM SNAPP was born in 1797. His father ABRAHAM SNAPP and MARY FOGLESONG had six sons and eight daughters:

1. LAWRENCE SNAPP
2. GEORGE SNAPP
3. PETER SNAPP
4. JOSEPH SNAPP
5. ABRAHAM SNAPP
6. JACOB SNAPP
7. CATHERINE SNAPP
8. SALLIE SNAPP
9. LENA SNAPP
10. BETSY SNAPP
11. FLORA SNAPP
12. MARY SNAPP
13. PATSEY SNAPP
14. PECCIE SNAPP

ABRAHAM SNAPP, the fifth son in the above list, married OCT. 10, 1826, and they had a son, Doctor S. T. SNAPP. In 1827 she died & he then married MATILDA WENDELL, a daughter of DANIEL WENDELL and his wife MARY HAWKINS, from Lexington, Virginia. This was in the year 1804. (Nov. 17th). They also had one son, WENDELL D. SNAPP who was born in Washington County, on August 27, 1830.

He was educated at Washington College and Lebanon, Tennessee, though he never practiced law.

PETER MILLER AND HIS FAMILY KIN OF THE CROUCH CLAN

PETER MILLER was perhaps of GERMAN descent, and may have married his wife ELIZABETH in the Yadkin County in North Carolina. A year after their marriage he settled down in WASHINGTON COUNTY. His wife is said to have been a cousin of DANIEL BOONE. This is perhaps an error and may have arisen by the tradition that she was born on BOONE'S CREEK in Washington County, and her relationship to the JOSEPH CROUCH family of that section.

PETER MILLER and his wife ELIZABETH were the parents of PETER MILLER JR. who married MARY HUNT, the daughter of SAMUEL HUNT and his wife SARAH CROUCH, daughter of JOSEPH CROUCH, one time Sheriff of Washington County. The first PETER MILLER and his wife had four sons and one daughter and PETER MILLER, JR. and his wife MARY HUNT had ten children, whose names are not available, with the single exception of SAMUEL MILLER, who was born July 18, 1818, who was married Nov. 5, 1840 to ELIZA ANN RANGE, daughter of JACOB RANGE and his wife SUSAN HALE, both born in Washington County.

SAMUEL MILLER and his wife ELIZA RANGE had the following children, all of whom were great grandchildren of JOSEPH CROUCH and PEGGY SAMFORD, viz:

1. JULIA MILLER m. CARR
2. ELBERT S. MILLER
3. WILLIAM P. MILLER
4. SUSAN M. MILLER m. CARR
5. ALICE E. MILLER
6. PETER MILLER)
7. JACOB MILLER) Twins.

SAMUEL MILLER, father of the above children, was the oldest son of PETER MILLER, JR. and his wife MARY HUNT.

THE ALEXANDER MATHES FAMILY

ALEXANDER MATHES, SR. was born in 1740 in the Shenandoah Valley of Va. He married ANN LEATH in 1769. Moved to Washington County in 1782. ALEXANDER MATHES JR. was born in Va. in 1775 m. ISABELLA ORD. A son, born near Washington College moved to Greenville, S. C. and in 1831 had a son E. S. MATHES born there, who later returned to Washington Co. His mother was ORPHA WOOD.

THE KEEBLER FAMILY OF KENDRICK'S CREEK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

THE KEEBLER family was from NEW CASTLE COUNTY, Delaware, CECIL COUNTY, Maryland and CHESTER, County, Penn. JACOB KEEBLER, the son of JACOB KEEBLER and wife CATHERINE, and descendants of JAMES and BARBRA YOUNG, was born Oct. 22, 1765, at MARCUS HOOK, New Castle County, Delaware. Two children were born to them in Delaware & several later. SAMUEL KEEBLER, another son was born on KENDRICK'S Crk. in Washington County, Tennessee, Aug. 26, 1804. He was still living in 1887 and was then 83 years old. JACOB KEEBLER, his father, was a revolutionary soldier.

THE SAMUEL HUNT FAMILY OF BOONE'S CREEK

JESSE HUNT, a native of VIRGINIA located in Washington County on BOONE'S CREEK, where Daniel Boone is supposed to have "killed a bar".

SAMUEL HUNT, a son of JESSE HUNT was born on BUFFALO RIDGE, in the same general locality in 1812, and before 1852-3 had married ELIZABETH ELLIS, the daughter of WILLIAM ELLIS and his wife LETITIA.

SAMUEL HUNT and his wife ELIZABETH ELLIS were the parents of JESSE J. HUNT who was born December 27, 1852 on Buffalo Ridge. JESSE J. HUNT was well educated and early entered into business for himself in the town of JONESBORO, where he was always known and regarded as one of the leading merchants.

It is not improbable that ELIZABETH, the first wife of SAMUEL HUNT died, after which he married SARAH CROUCH, one of the daughters of the old revolutionary soldier, JOSEPH CROUCH; or this may have been an older SAMUEL & a brother of JESSE, as he was known as SAMUEL HUNT, SR.

JACOB COPP, FROM SHENANDOAH

JACOB COPP, from SHENANDOAH VALLEY, in Virginia was the father of PETER COPP born in Washington County in 1818. JACOB F. COPP, son of PETER was born April 21, 1850, and in 1873 he married MARY WALTER the daughter of one PETER WALTER, heretofore mentioned.

DEEDS TO AND FROM NOAH DANIEL
IN CARTER COUNTY

ADAM LOUDERMILE, March 20, 1835, to NOAH DANIEL, for \$150.00 deeds a "part of the tract of land I now live on" to a stake on WASSON'S line containing 26 acres more or less. ADAM LOUDERMILE, Witness, JOHN - THAN TAYLOR and HILLY HIGGINS.

JAMES FEATHERS to NOAH DANIEL, deed June 23, 1838, consideration \$300, a certain tract of land on SINKING CREEK I purchased of JOEL COOPER, SR. "on which my shop is", to a sugar tree stump at COOPER'S BRANCH, etc. Warranted. Witnesses: Andrew TAYLOR and FRANCIS M. COOPER. Vol. J p 83, Carter Co. Records.

BILL OF SALE to SLAVE. March 5th, 1844. W. CARTER and W. G. CARTER sell to NOAH DANIEL for four tons of bar iron, a woman slave named ONY or IVY. Witnessed by JAMES PEARCE and N. O. TAYLOR. Vol. K p. 31 Carter Co. Records.

NOAH DANIEL of CARTER COUNTY to WILLIAM O'BRIAN, deed dated May 17, 1849. Whereas said O'BRIAN sold to me (Daniel) the land on which he then lived for \$1,041.85 and I gave him my bond to permit him to repurchase the same, for principal and interest, and he has this day paid me \$1175.64. Land located on Watauga River in CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, corner of ANDREW TAYLOR, containing by grant to PATIENCE COOPER, 300 acres more or less (the intention being to reinvest said O'BRIAN with such title as I obtained from him, and A. W. TAYLOR, as Trustee. NOAH DANIEL. Witnessed by A. W. TAYLOR and C. W. NELSON. --Vol. L. p. 164 Carter County Records.

ESTHUEL BUCK to NOAH DANIEL, deed dated August 14, 1849. Consideration \$700.00, paid and to be paid, land in the 8th Civil District of Carter County in TURKEY TOWN on North side of the Watauga River, adjoining the lands of JAMES RANGEL, the first tract called the TOM BUCK tract (Tom Buck sold it to Esthuel Buck) to a small oak at A. TAYLOR'S corner - the other called the McAlister tract, on which said Buck now lives. ESTHUEL BUCK. Witness, A. W. TAYLOR and W. Y. WILLIAMS. Vol. L p 182 Carter Co.

NOAH DANIEL and his wife MARY DANIEL, of Carter County, Tennessee,

to WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL; consideration \$84.00 - tract of land on waters of WATAUGA RIVER, joining the lands of JOHN CARTER, and others, running East with the DAVID P. O'BRIAN line. January 22, 1858. Signed by NOAH DANIEL and MARY DANIEL. Witnesses: HENRY LITTLE and JAMES SWEENEY.

OTHER DANIEL DEEDS FOUND IN
CARTER COUNTY RECORDS

WILLIAM DANIEL of ASHE COUNTY, North Carolina deed to WILLIAM ROBERTS, of CARTER COUNTY, Tennessee; in consideration of the sum of \$300.00; tract of land on COOPER'S CREEK, containing 44 acres. Dated April 12, 1853. By WILLIAM DANIEL. Witnesses: GEORGE MOORE, WILLIAM SHANN and GEORGE BROWN. --GEORGE WILLIAMS, Clerk; Ben Brown, Register; by ABE (or A. C.) Carter, Deputy. Vol. D p 355.

RENTAL CONTRACT, dated December 17, 1856. GREENBERRY DANIEL has rented his house in ELIZABETHTON for 18 months for \$30.00 to WILLIAM JORDAN --Carrick W. Nelson, Trustee, to certain personal property to secure said rental. Signed G. B. DANIEL and WILLIAM JORDAN. Wits: JAMES HELL and H. M. FOLSON. Vol. N p. 236, of Carter County Records.

WILLIAM WINTERS bond to GREEN BERRY DANIEL, dated October 30, 1854. Have sold tract of land on which I now live to said DANIEL, containing 50 acres, the mineral reservation there-in sold to GEORGE W. FOLSON & CO. Signed, WILLIAM WINTERS. Witnesses: ISAAC SWIDER and C.M. NELSON. Vol. N. p. 27 Carter County Records.

WILLIAM DANIEL deed of land to E. KIDWELL, the land located in the 13 Civil District of Carter County. Consideration \$100.00. Signed WILLIAM DANIEL. Witnessed by S. A. CURNINGHAM and M. G. MANNING. Dated Sept. 28, 1871. Vol. R p. 82.

RILEY B. DANIEL to JOSEPH T. MORRILL consideration \$250.00, land on the North side of WATAUGA RIVER, beginning at a rock near DANIEL'S SHOP, containing eight and 1/4th acres; running East with WILLIAM H. MATHEWS line. Signed: Vol. X p. 798 RILEY B. DANIEL ARIGAIL DANIEL

Witnesses:

GEORGE W. LITTLE
S. S. MATHEWS

Land known as old HENDRICKS tract.

COL. JOHN CARTER - EARLY PATRIARCH
OF CARTER'S VALLEY

COL. JOHN CARTER was one of the pioneers of TENNESSEE, and a principal and prominent member of the WATAUGA SETTLEMENT. He emigrated from VIRGINIA, in 1771 or 1772. Intelligent and patriotic, he was soon a leader in the WATAUGA ASSOCIATION, and became the Chairman of the COMMITTEE and of the Court - which for several years combined the Legislative, judicial and executive functions of the Infant Government West of the Alleghany. - RAMSEY'S ANNALS OF TENNESSEE, page 107.

COL. JOHN CARTER'S residence was about half a mile NORTH of ELIZA - BETHTON on the property still owned (in 1853) by his grandson, GENERAL JAMES J. CARTER. - Ramsey p. 141.

COL. JOHN CARTER'S DEATH
OCCURRED IN 1781

When Col. JOHN CARTER came to the WATAUGA VALLEY in 1771-1772 he was an old man, and in 1776, in the early part of the year, when he signed the WATAUGA PETITION, as its Chairman he did so "with a palsied hand", and LANDON CARTER his son, attached his signature, he being grown at the time, and having married thereafter in 1784. COL. JOHN CARTER died in the summer of 1781, and the records of the Washington County court contain the following entries relating to his death:

AUG. 27, 1781: LANDON CARTER, ESQ. (to) have leave of administration on the Estate of COL. JOHN CARTER, deceased, and for that purpose have entered VALENTINE SEVIER, THOMAS HOUGHTON and CHARLES ROBERTSON, ESQ. his surties in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Pounds for his faithful administration, etc. Page 85 American Historical Magazine, Vol. 6.

The wife of COL. JOHN CARTER was SUSAN, as shown by this item:

FEB. 25, 1782. An inventory of the estate of JOHN CARTER, deceased is returned by SUSAN CARTER, admx., and same is ordered to be filed. - American Historical Magazine Vol. 6 p 91.

(It was customary in those days for the widow to be appointed administratrix, after someone acting in her behalf had been temporarily appointed.)

EMANUEL CARTER TOOK A PART IN
THE ADMINISTRATION

Who was EMANUEL CARTER? Was he a brother of LANDON CARTER and a son of COL. JOHN CARTER? Note this entry from the records:

FEB. 25, 1782. Ordered that a deeds potestatem (writ) issue to take the deposition of EZEKIEL SMITH, JOHN DRAKE, RICHARD FIELDS, BENJAMIN DRAKE and HENRY HICKEY on behalf of WILLIAM PARKER on a Caveat v. John Carter on a tract of land called WATAUGA OLD FIELDS, and that:

A deeds potestatem (writ) issue to take the deposition of ROBERT COOPER, SAMUEL WILSON and EMANUEL CARTER in behalf of LANDON CARTER, administrator of the estate of JOHN CARTER, deceased, in a disputed claim of land with WILLIAM PARKER, called the INDIAN OLD FIELDS. - American Historical Magazine Vol. 6, p. 91.

It is positively known and shown by the records that COL. LANDON CARTER was a son of COL. JOHN CARTER, but there is no absolute proof in existence of the names of other children. The WILLIAM PARKER, of the above legal dispute, was perhaps the youngest part - ner of the firm of CARTER & PARKER mentioned in the History of this Tennessee settlement.

In 1778, JOHN CARTER was one of the witnesses to the will of JOHN COLE, with EMANUEL CARTER, which adds to the probability of a close relationship between Col. JOHN & EMANUEL.

JOSEPH CARTER was a local prosecutor, and in 1780 also a witness in the case of the STATE v. JAMES RAY, and EMANUEL CARTER declined, when appointed to act as CONSTABLE.

In GREENE COUNTY there were several outstanding persons named CARTER, contemporaneous with LANDON CARTER, including MICAJAH, DANIEL, JOHN CARTER (said to have been a brother of LANDON, but proof lacking), MICHAEL, CALEB, HUGH, BENJAMIN, WASHINGTON, etc.

FRANCIS J. CARTER, who married ESTHER CROCKETT is claimed to be one of LANDON'S BROTHERS. In the account by MISS ZELLA ARMSTRONG, who bases the claim on the fact that Will Lenoir wrote a book in which he so stated. No PROOF, however.

WILLIAM CLARK, OF WATAUGA, SON IN LAW OF GOV. JOHN SEVIER

Among the signers of the WATAUGA PETITION to the Legislature of N. C. in 1776 was one WILLIAM CLARK, who, about 1786 married ELIZABETH, the oldest daughter of GOV. JOHN SEVIER. In 1778 WILLIAM CLARK was a member of the WASHINGTON COUNTY SOCIETY, of which COL. JOHN CARTER was Chairman, and of which JOHN SEVIER was also a member. He was probably a brother of NATHANIEL CLARK and of a JOHN CLARK whose names appear on these early records. At that time, of course, there was no CARTER COUNTY, which was later cut out of Washington County.

This WILLIAM CLARK, son in law of JOHN SEVIER was probably a revolutionary soldier, and in some way was related to GEN. ELIJAH CLARK, for he himself settled in Georgia by 1792, where he married a second wife, RUTH GORDON.

The children of WILLIAM CLARK and his wife ELIZABETH SEVIER (who was a daughter of John Sevier by his first marriage, to SARAH HAWKINS) were, according to Miss Zella Armstrong's account:

1. ELIZABETH CLARK
2. SARAH HAWKINS CLARK
3. JOHN (?) CLARK.

WILLIAM CLARK moved to FRANKLIN County, Georgia, where, on Feb. 14, 1792, he was married to RUTH GORDON, by whom he had:

4. JOHN CLARK
5. OLIVER CLARK
6. SEVIER CLARK
7. SARAH CLARK
8. RUTH GORDON CLARK.

WILLIAM CLARK'S name appears on the records of FRANKLIN, WILKES, GREENE, COLETHORPE and other Counties in Georgia, after his second marriage, and it is significant, that, according to the Armstrong account, he finally removed to HALL COUNTY, Georgia, and died at or near CARTERSVILLE, named for the CARTER FAMILY, some of the near relatives of LANDON CARTER and his father, COL. JOHN CARTER, the first settlers along the Watauga River in the Washington District, which explains the absence of so many CARTER names on the Tennessee records.

OLIVER CLARK, SON OF WILLIAM, WHO DIED IN TEXAS

OLIVER CLARK, the son of WILLIAM CLARK of the WATAUGA VALLEY, who moved to GEORGIA and married as his second wife RUTH GORDON, married in SPARTANBURG COUNTY, South Carolina, ELIZABETH TRIMMIER, the daughter of OBDOLAH TRIMMIER, a noted revolutionary soldier; from there he moved to WINSTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, remaining there a few years, and then came to Texas and settled in what was known as the PETERS COLONY, where he died leaving a large family of children. He was a brother in law of GEORGE & JAMES BLAIR, both of whom were also sons in law of OBDOLAH TRIMMIER.

MARY AMANDA CLARK, a daughter of OLIVER CLARK and his wife ELIZABETH TRIMMIER, married MATTHEW McKINNEY, of Texas, and they were the parents of ORA ELIZABETH McKINNEY, who married SAM R. DAVIS, who was known to this compiler, prominent ranchman and banker of DENTON, Texas, the parents of several children, including my friend and boyhood acquaintance MATT DAVIS, of Charlotte, Texas, a few miles South of San Antonio.

Other Texas descendants of OLIVER CLARK and his wife ELIZABETH TRIMMIER, besides the McKinnays and DAVISES, were the HOPKINNS, BATES, and the famous DR. MOREHEADS, of Dallas, Texas, now deceased.

OLIVER CLARK OF CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

OLIVER CLARK, the son of WILLIAM CLARK (of the Watauga settlement) was probably named for his grandfather, another OLIVER CLARK, who appears on the records of CULPEPPER COUNTY, Virginia in 1763. One account says that WILLIAM CLARK was born in Shenandoah County, Va. April 7, 1757, which could be true, since all of this was Orange County at one time, and also an extended area of CULPEPPER A lost (but recently found and published) record of Culpepper shows in 1763 the names of older members of the Clark family, named EPHRAIM, JOHN and OLIVER CLARK, living in that county and whose names are to be found in the minutes of the Court in the month of May, 1763.

WILL OF SAMUEL TIPTON, SON OF COL. JOHN TIPTON

The Legislature of the State of Tennessee, on April 9, 1796, divided the mother County of WASHINGTON, and established CARTER COUNTY, and the first court was held at the house of SAMUEL TIPTON. He was the oldest son of COL. JOHN TIPTON, and the man who had laid off the tract of land on the DOE RIVER and sold the first lots for the town of ELIZABETHTON, about this time. -Remsey p. 666.

SAMUEL TIPTON died in 1822, in CARTER COUNTY and his will, dated August 20th of that year is on record at the old courthouse. In it he names the following legatees, who were his children:

1. JAMES J. TIPTON
2. ABRAHAM TIPTON
3. ISAAC TIPTON
4. SAMUEL TIPTON
5. JOHN B. TIPTON
6. POLLY TIPTON the wife of JOHN BOYD.
7. ELIZABETH TIPTON who married GEORGE LACY
8. CATHERINE TIPTON who married JOHN DUNLAP
9. FROXY TIPTON who married (2) JOHN DUNLAP.

His daughters, named above, were married at the time his will was written, and he doubtless had grandchildren living at that time.

1. JAMES J. TIPTON married JOANNA CORNLEY in 1824.
 2. ABRAHAM TIPTON married PATSY LACY in 1817.
 4. SAMUEL A. TIPTON married N. J. CROMLEY in 1853
 3. ISAAC TIPTON married MARY ANN PATTERSON in 1819.
- (See Tipton Marriage Records)

ALFRED MOORE CARTER, SON OF HON. LANDON CARTER

ALFRED MOORE CARTER was one of the sons of HON. LANDON CARTER and the grandson of COL. JOHN CARTER. He (Alfred Moore) was born in 1784 and died in 1860. He had a brother, WILLIAM BLOUNT CARTER. The wife of ALFRED MOORE CARTER was EVALINA BELMONT PERRY, who was the daughter of DAVID PERRY, of VIRGIN-

IA. (no particular place named) - Alfred Moore Carter and his wife EVALINA had also a son named WILLIAM BLOUNT CARTER, a Princeton graduate, who became a Presbyterian minister, and who was raised in Elizabethton. He was twice married, and served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at ROGERSVILLE until 1846, when he returned to ELIZABETHTON and was a farmer the balance of his life. He had two brothers, SAMUEL CARTER and JAMES CARTER, the former having been a naval officer, and the latter a Colonel in the Federal Army during the Civil War.

JOHN CARTER, OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT, BROTHER OF LANDON.

The question of whether LANDON, a known son of the original COLONEL JOHN CARTER, had a brother JOHN, as contended by historians, seems settled by the following notation from two authorities:

GOODSPEED, page 1202: It is a singular coincidence that in each constitutional convention held between the years 1790 and 1870 the people of WATAUGA were represented by a member of the same family; first, by COL. JOHN CARTER; in 1795 by his son, GEN. LANDON CARTER; in 1834 by his grandson, GEN. WILLIAM B. (Blount) CARTER, and in 1870 by his Great grandson, WILLIAM B. CARTER (Rev. William Blount Carter, above), Jr. (Note that there is no mention of JOHN CARTER at all).

REMSEY'S ANNALS, page 674: August 8, 1794 (16 years after the death of COLONEL JOHN CARTER in 1781) the Legislature of Tennessee did pass an Act providing for the election of Three Presidential Electors of President and Vice President, and (for that purpose the State was divided into three Districts, Washington, Hamilton & Mero) it was further enacted that JOHN CARTER, JOHN ADAMS and JOHN McALLISTER, of Washington District to serve as electors for the purpose of electing electors from said district.

The JOHN CARTER mentioned in the above Act could not have been other than a son of the original JOHN CARTER, in 1794, and it is the only place his name seems mentioned.

NOTES ON THE LONDON CARTER FAMILY - FROM WILL

ELIZABETH MAGLIN CARTER, wife of LONDON CARTER, died in CARTER COUNTY leaving a will, dated on March 22, 1841, which was witnessed by DAVID NELSON and WILLIAM STOVER, in which she named the following legatees:

1. GEORGE A. DUFFIELD, for the use of his mother, SALLIE S. BREWER, and at her death to go to my grand-children:

- (1) GEORGE A. DUFFIELD
- (2) WILLIAM P. BREWER
- (3) EMALINE M. BREWER

2. Grand-daughter ELIZABETH BHEA, formerly E. CARTER.
3. MARY C. TAYLOR, daughter.
4. ELIZA GILLESPIE, daughter.
5. ALFRED MOORE CARTER, son.
6. ALFRED W. TAYLOR, the husband of my grand-daughter ELIZABETH TAYLOR, daughter of SALLIE S. BREWER.

7. GEORGE W. CARTER, son.

8. To all my children:
 - (1) SALLIE S. BREWER
 - (2) A. M. CARTER
 - (3) W. B. CARTER
 - (4) G. W. CARTER
 - (5) ELIZA GILLESPIE
 - (6) MARY C. TAYLOR

Executors of will:

ALFRED M. TAYLOR
ALFRED W. TAYLOR.

LONDON CARTER married ELIZABETH MAGLIN in 1784, and they had the following children:

1. ALFRED MOORE CARTER married to MATILDA M. WENZEL in 1810, & EVALINA BEHMENT PERRY in 1818.
2. SALLIE S. CARTER married (1) ... DUFFIELD (2) BREWER.
3. WILLIAM BLOUNT CARTER and his wife had WILLIAM L. CARTER.
4. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARTER
5. ELIZA CARTER married GEORGE GILLESPIE.
6. MARY C. TAYLOR married JAMES PATTON TAYLOR, who was the father of NATHANIEL GREENE TAYLOR, eminent minister & a member of the United States Congress, who married a daughter of DAVID HAYNES, and they were parents of
 - (1) HON. ROBERT LOVE TAYLOR
 - (2) ALFRED A. TAYLOR.

OTHER ITEMS FROM THE RECORDS OF CARTER COUNTY

WILL OF SAMUEL BOGART, dated OCTOBER 22, 1833.

Legatees:

1. JEREMIAH BOGART, my plantation in CARTER COUNTY.
 2. LIDIA BOGART.
 3. MARGARET McNABB, my daughter.
- Executor:
Son: JEREMIAH BOGART.

WILL OF GEORGE DOWSON

From Will Book 1.

JUNE 17, 1794.

Leave entire estate to his wife Elizabeth.

Witnesses: ROLAND JENKINS
JOSEPH GENTRY.

INVENTORY of the Estate of JAMES MULKIN (From Will Book 1) 1794. No names mentioned.

EDWARD WILLIAMS. Will was probated in WASHINGTON COUNTY, but inventory of Estate considered in CARTER CO. as shown in Will Book 1, including:

1. Personal items.
2. Note on JOHN JOHNSON for 10 lbs.
3. A debt on CHARLES ROBERTSON, acknowledged by himself.

4. Reference to land that SEBASTIAN HARRN lives on on Indian Creek.
Signed: JOSHUA WILLIAMS
ARCHIBALD WILLIAMS

Will of WILLIAM DUGGER.

Dated April 10, 1831-3

Testator names the following legatees all his children:

1. ANNA DUGGER wife of WILSON.
 2. MARK DUGGER
 3. JAMES DUGGER
 4. JULIUS DUGGER
 5. ELIZABETH DUGGER
 6. LAVINIA DUGGER the wife of MATHIAS VANROUSE.
 7. THOMAS DUGGER
 8. REBECCA DUGGER the wife of ANDERSON PEARCE.
 9. MARTHA DUGGER
 10. ROSANNA DUGGER wife of MARTIN.
 11. NANCY DUGGER
 12. SUPRA DUGGER wife of MORGAN
 13. WILLIAM DUGGER) Executors.
 14. TARTLTON DUGGER)
- Witnesses: J. L. MORGAN (m. SUPRA)
WYATT GRIFFITH.

THE COUSINS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The woods were full of ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S cousins around ELIZABETHTON in Carter County, in the old days & some of them are there yet.

ISAAC LINCOLN married MARY WARD, in Rockingham County, Virginia, and settled near Elizabethton. The site of the cabin in which ISAAC and his wife lived was still pointed out a few years ago at the foot of LEBB MOUNTAIN.

ISAAC LINCOLN was the son of JOHN LINCOLN and his wife REBECCA FLOWERS, daughter of KNOX FLOWERS. JOHN LINCOLN was called "Virginia John" and he had a sister ANN LINCOLN, who married WILLIAM TALEMAN and they had a son BENJAMIN TALEMAN, who married HIANA BOONE, said to have been a cousin of DANIEL BOONE. The home of the LINCOLN FAMILY in Rockingham County, Virginia, was on LINNVILLE'S CREEK. Many of them belonged to the Linville Creek Baptist Church.

JOHN LINCOLN died leaving a will in Rockingham County dated in November, 1788. In it he mentioned his wife REBECCA LINCOLN and the following children:

1. THOMAS LINCOLN (d. in Ky.)
2. ABRAHAM LINCOLN (Grandfather of Pres. Abe Lincoln born 1744; m. BARRHEBA HERRING.
3. ISAAC LINCOLN m. MARY WARD.
4. JACOB LINCOLN (b. 1751) married DORCAS ROBINSON.
5. JOHN LINCOLN (d. Ohio 1838)
6. HANNAH LINCOLN m. JOHN HARRISON, of Rockingham.
7. LIDIA LINCOLN (m. BRYAN.
8. SARAH LINCOLN married DEAN.
9. REBECCA LINCOLN married a HYMKEL, and died in Queenville Tennessee in 1840.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN and his wife BARRHEBA HERRING, were the parents of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the UNITED STATES.

The old ISAAC LINCOLN graveyard was located on the old LINCOLN FARM above ELIZABETHTON, Tennessee, which a few years ago belonged to the estate of DR. J. N. RAYZAR, deceased.

According to MRS. VAUGHT, a kinsman of the family the inscriptions read as follows:

SACRED to the memory of ISAAC LINCOLN, who departed this life, June 10, 1818, age 64 years.

SACRED to the memory of MARY LINCOLN, who departed this life August 27, 1831, age about 78 years.

DANIEL STOVER, born August 28, 1820; died November 28, 1858.

LINCOLN WILLS ON THE RECORDS OF CARTER COUNTY

The will of ISAAC LINCOLN appears on the records of CARTER COUNTY, dated April 22, 1814. In it he leaves all of his property to his wife MARY.

MARY (WARD) LINCOLN'S will is also on file in CARTER COUNTY, executed after ISAAC'S death. She distributes 28 slaves to her legatees. She names:

1. WILLIAM STOVER (a nephew)
2. PROBER CROW (a niece)
3. CHRISTIAN CARRIGER, SR.

ISAAC LINCOLN and his wife MARY appears to have had only two children:

1. _____ LINCOLN, a son who died during his minority.
2. MARY LINCOLN who married CHRISTIAN CARRIGER, SR., mentioned in the mother's will.

But MARY (WARD) LINCOLN had two sisters, one of whom became the wife of DANIEL STOVER, and had a son WILLIAM STOVER; another sister, who married a man named WILLIAMS, and had a daughter PROBER WILLIAMS who married CAMPBELL CROW.

WILLIAM STOVER, SON OF DANIEL

WILLIAM STOVER, son of DANIEL and nephew of MARY LINCOLN had a son DANIEL STOVER, who married MARY JOHNSON, daughter of PRES. ANDREW JOHNSON.

ANDREW JOHNSON died at the home of this daughter near ELIZABETHTON July 31, 1875. ANDREW JOHNSON'S wife was ELIZA MARMILK, and they were married by MORDECAI LINCOLN.

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HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Established by the State of North Carolina in 1786, from territory taken from SULLIVAN COUNTY. Under the State of FRANKLIN it was SPENCER COUNTY

THE FIRM OF PARKER & CARTER OF CARTER'S VALLEY

THOMAS AMIS, THE PIONEER, OF HAWKINS COUNTY.

PARKER & CARTER'S store in what was called CARTER'S VALLEY, was the nucleus of what afterwards became Hawkins County, Tennessee. Under the short-lived STATE OF FRANKLIN it was called SPENCER COUNTY for a short time, but when the "dream state" passed out, the name of HAWKINS was re-assumed. In the settlement of a claim for Indian raids on their establishment PARKER & CARTER were awarded the rights to practically all of the lands in the valley, but only admitting an enterprising citizen who helped them close the deal into partnership in the firm. This was ROBERT LUCAS.

It is a strange freak of history that, notwithstanding the important part played by this firm there is no certainty about the identity of either of the original partners of this firm. Goodspeed's editor says that the senior partner of the firm was perhaps JOSEPH PARKER and the junior partner JOHN CARTER. In the administration of the estate of COL. JOHN CARTER, the ancestor of the CARTER FAMILY in Carter County, it is shown that important witnesses in behalf of the son LANDON CARTER administrator, were one WILLIAM PARKER and EMANUEL CARTER, so that it seems, at least, that the senior partner was perhaps WILLIAM PARKER, instead of JOSEPH PARKER, and as EMANUEL PARKER was also a witness in and to these same matters of litigation, it seems plausible that he may have been the junior member of the firm, a son of COL. JOHN CARTER and brother of LANDON CARTER.

This compiler has searched in vain for any convincing evidence that COL. JOHN CARTER had a son JOHN, who lived on the Watauga, or in Washington District, or that JOHN CARTER was the partner of the firm of PARKER & CARTER. Ramsey's "Annals" mentions a JOHN CARTER, who in 1796, was appointed along with JOHN ADAMS and JOHN McALLISTER to serve as an "elector" in the Washington District by an Act of the Legislature, but this JOHN CARTER could very easily have been a son of EMANUEL CARTER, and a grandson of COL. JOHN CARTER. The marker in the Carter cemetery discloses that LANDON CARTER had no son named JOHN.

THOMAS AMIS has received the credit for having been about the earliest settler in what is now HAWKINS CO., TENNESSEE. The circumstances indicate very strongly that he may have been one of the pioneers who was induced to come to the Watauga valley by Gen. James Robertson, "from the general vicinity of WAKE COUNTY" in North Carolina.

The ancestry of THOMAS AMIS of Hawkins County, Tennessee, is as follows:

THOMAS AMIS, grandfather of the man who came to Hawkins County, is said to have been of Rhuganot extraction and in 1822, married in MIDDLESEX COUNTY, Virginia, RACHEL DANIEL, the daughter of JAMES DANIEL of MIDDLESEX and his wife MARGARET VIVIAN. By this marriage two sons were born:

1. THOMAS AMIS (1732-1764) who moved to Northampton County, North Carolina, where he left a will in 1764, naming his wife LUCY and sons JOHN and THOMAS, who settled in Halifax County, N. Carolina.
2. JOHN AMIS (b. 1724) who married MARY HILLARD in 1743, and who died in Northampton County, N. C., leaving will dated Feb. 18 1764, in which he named his wife MARY, and two sons
 1. THOMAS AMIS (b. Jan. 1744)
 2. WILLIAM AMIS

WILLIAM AMIS, the eldest brother was Commissary for the 3rd North Carolina Regiment during the revolution, being succeeded by his brother THOMAS AMIS, who moved to HADLEY COUNTY about 1787, to HADLEY COUNTY in 1772, and to HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE shortly thereafter. He served in the Provincial Congress at Halifax in 1776, and in the State Senate in Tennessee in 1786. He was married Jan. 27, 1763 to ALICE GALE, daughter of THOMAS WHITNEY GALE and his wife MARY GRIFFITH. Two of his children:

1. MARY AMIS married JOSEPH ROGERS
2. RACHEL AMIS married JAMES HAGAN

THE LIST OF TAX PAYERS OF HAWKINS COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1792

ROGERSVILLE and HAWKINS COUNTY, was the home of the first newspaper published in the State of Tennessee, the KNOXVILLE GAZETTE, the first number of which was issued November 5, 1791. G. ROULSTONE and R. FERGOUSON were the publishers. G. ROULSTONE, having purchased a lot on the northeast corner of the public square, previous to this time, it is presumed that the paper was published in a building erected on that lot. After about one year, the paper was removed to Knoxville, in Knox County, which had then been established. Just why a newspaper called the KNOXVILLE GAZETTE was first located in ROGERSVILLE, must be accounted for, in the absence of any other explanation on the theory that it was ultimately intended from the start that the publication would be eventually located in the new town on the Holston. The early files of the old KNOXVILLE GAZETTE are preserved in the Lawson McChae Library at Knoxville to this day, and the following interesting list of early tax payers of HAWKINS COUNTY (for the year 1792) appeared in June of 1792, while the paper was still being published at ROGERSVILLE:

Advertisement by EDWARD ERWIN:

Saturday, June 30, 1792.

At (the meeting of) a committee appointed by the worshipful court of HAWKINS COUNTY, at the June Term, to examine the Stray Master's Books, (we) do find that the following persons are indebted to the County, for the following sums: (Amounts due by each are omitted here).

THOMAS AMIS
JAMES ARMSTRONG
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG
NATHANIEL AXSTIN

WILLIAM BEAN
JOHN BEARD
WILLIAM BELL
WALTER BENTLEY
JAMES BERRY
WILLIAM BINGHAM
HENRY BLEVINS
HENRY BOWEN
JOHN BOWEN
LITTLETON BROOKS
THOMAS BROOKS
JOHN BURCH

ELIJAH CHRISSEM
JOSEPH CLOUD
JOHN COOPER
JOHN COX
WILLIAM COX
JOSEPH CRINKER

JOHN DANIEL
PLEASANT DUKE
FRANCIS DYER

EDWARD ERWIN
NATHANIEL EVANS

WILLIAM FITZGERALD
AARON FLETCHER
JAMES FORGEY

ROBERT GRAY, SR.

DANIEL HAMLIN
ROBERT HAMILTON
MORDECAI HAYWOOD
RICHARD HOWARD
JOHN HUNT
LEVI HYMES

DANIEL JONES

MORMAN LAWSON
RUBEN LAWSON
WILLIAM LAWSON
LUKE LEA
WILLIAM LEA
JOHN LONG
JOHN LOONEY

JOHN MARTIN
ROBERT McCAIN
DANIEL McDONALD
JACOB MILLER

JOHN MILLER
THOMAS MIZER
BENJAMIN MURRELL

HUGH OWEN

JOHN PATTERSON
ABE PEVEHOUSE

ARCHIBALD RHEA
STEPHEN RHEAS

HENRY SHARP
BARTLETT SIMS
JAMES SIDS
ALEXANDER SMITH
WILLIAM SMITH
WILLIAM STUBBLEFIELD

JAMES THOMPSON

WILLIAM WALKER
JOSEPH WALLING
JAMES WOOD
JAMES WILLIAMS, JR.
JOHN WILLIAMS
SAMUEL WILSON
MARGARET WRIGHT

(Signed by the members of the Committee, as follows:

THOMAS AMIS
DANIEL HAMLIN
ELIJAH CHRISSEM
JAMES BERRY

Dated, June 19, 1792.
ROGERSVILLE, (Ter. South of Ohio).

JOSEPH ROGERS OF ROGERSVILLE
HAWKINS COUNTY

The town of ROGERSVILLE was built on lands belonging to JOSEPH ROGERS, the son in law of THOMAS AMIS, the early pioneer of the HAWKINS COUNTY settlement. GOOD-SPEED says that he settled on the lands in 1786, and that in 1787 the commissioners appointed for locating the county seat made a report in which they said they had "selected the site on the lands of JOSEPH ROGERS on Crockett's Creek" The Creek then called by that name runs through the town now, and is supposed to have gotten its name from the Crockett family.

The following tombstone inscriptions of members of the ROGERS family, show that JOSEPH ROGERS first settled there in 1786:

JOSEPH ROGERS, born in the County of TYRONE, Ireland, August 21, 1764; came to the United States of America in 1784; settled here and founded the village of ROGERSVILLE, 1786, where he lived until his death, November, 1838.

MARY ROGERS, daughter of THOMAS AMIS, and consort of JOSEPH ROGERS; born in the County of DUPLIN, North Carolina, August 22, 1770; died November 30th, 1833.

ELIZABETH MARY ROGERS, daughter of JOSEPH and MARY ROGERS, OCT. 26, 1790 - April 23, 1809.

Above inscriptions copied from page 191 of Acklen's Tennessee Tombstone Inscriptions.

Children of JOSEPH ROGERS and wife MARY (AMIS) ROGERS were:

1. THOMAS ROGERS
2. MARY ELIZABETH ROGERS (b. 1790)
3. FRANCIS ROGERS (b. 1795) married JAMES TAYLOR GAINES and (2) DR. HUGH WALKER.
4. MARGARET ROGERS married DR. WILLIAM E. COCKE.
5. ALICE ROGERS m. STOCKLEY MITCHELL.
6. JAMES ROGERS (s)
7. JOSEPH ROGERS (s)

(s) These two sons may be doubtful, as records for proof is not found. 1. This THOMAS ROGERS was the Rev. THOMAS, or "T. ROGERS".

JOSEPH McMINN, OF HAWKINS
COUNTY, AND FAMILY.

JOSEPH McMINN and a brother, JOHN McMINN were early settlers in HAWKINS COUNTY. Both married. JOSEPH McMINN married HANNAH COOPER, perhaps before he came to HAWKINS CO. N. C. (or TENNESSEE). His second wife was REBECCA KINGAID, whom he married in 1812; his third marriage was to NANCY (Glasgow) WILLIAMS. By the three marriages JOSEPH McMINN had only one child, a daughter JANE McMINN.

JANE McMINN was born August 27, 1787 and died, January 27, 1815. She was married (1) to HUGH CAMPBELL, who was a ROGERSVILLE business man, in 1804, and he died the same year; (2) to MAJOR JAMES GAINES, No issue by either marriage.

JOSEPH McMINN was Governor of TENNESSEE from 1815 to 1821, and died and is buried at the town of CALHOUN, Tennessee. He was the son of ROBERT McMINN and his wife SARAH. Joseph McMinn died October 17, 1824 at Calhoun, Tennessee.

JOHN McMINN, the brother of JOSEPH McMINN, married MARY, and they had only one child, HETTY McMINN, who married ROBERT MORRISON, who was born in 1796, by whom she had many children. Robert Morrison died in 1854 at the age of 59 years.

Among the children of HETTY McMINN and her husband ROBERT MORRISON - was a daughter MARTHA ANN MORRISON, who married a THOMAS J. KNOX, who lived at CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, near CALHOUN, and whose son DAVID LUCKY KNOX, married ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY of a prominent family.

Accordingly the descendants of HETTY McMINN, the niece of GOV. JOSEPH McMINN, who was a kind of adopted daughter, include numerous persons of the name of KNOX and MONTGOMERY.

These KNOXES and MONTGOMERIES were mostly native to BRADLEY COUNTY & Cleveland, Tennessee.

The above statements are based on the family Bible records in ACKLES pages 144-5, and are considered as authentic.

So, it is apparent that neither JOSEPH McMINN or his brother, JOHN, left descendants of the name.

JOEL GILLENWATERS AND HIS FAMILY
OF HAWKINS COUNTY

The name of JOEL GILLENWATERS appears first on the records of Hawkins County as a member of the Grand Jury in 1810. The name of GILLENWATERS appears on the records of South Carolina and it is not improbable that the Hawkins County family came to the Watauga Valley from there.

The name of the wife of JOEL GILLENWATERS is not known at this late day and we have been unable to find it on the records. Whoever she may have been, they are known to have had at least one son, JOHN GILLENWATERS who married ELIZABETH SURGOIN, whose parents lived at a place by the name of SURGOINVILLE, in HAWKINS COUNTY, her father being the owner of a saddle shop there in an early day.

JOHN GILLENWATERS and his wife left Tennessee and migrated to EFFINGHAM COUNTY, Illinois, where in July of 1842, their son WILLIAM P. GILLENWATERS was born. Both JOHN and his wife were born in Hawkins County & JOHN died in Illinois in 1843, and his wife a few months later, and the son WILLIAM P. GILLENWATERS returned to Hawkins County and to the home of his grandfather, where he worked for a year or more with his grandfather in the saddle shop, and then went to Strawberry Plains to school after which he taught for several seasons and studied law, and finally returned to Hawkins County and became one of the leading lawyers of ROGERSVILLE. WILLIAM P. GILLENWATERS married in 1865, Miss Amanda Sexton, by whom he had several sons and daughters, whose descendants are scattered.

STOCKLEY DONELSON MITCHELL, SON IN
LAW OF JOSEPH ROGERS

STOCKLEY DONELSON MITCHELL was son-in-law of JOSEPH ROGERS and his wife MARY AMIS, S. D. MITCHELL was born at ROGERSVILLE, March 25, 1795, and his wife on November 4, 1800. They were married at ROGERSVILLE, December 11, 1823. He graduated at the University of North Carolina in the year, 1815. They were the parents of nine children, including RICHARD P. MITCHELL (1827), JAMES GAINES MITCHELL (1830) and MARGARET (1831).

WILLIAM PHIPPS AND FAMILY OF
HAWKINS COUNTY

WILLIAM PHIPPS, the ancestor of the family bearing that name, came to and settled in HAWKINS COUNTY, from BOTETOURT COUNTY, Virginia, in an early day. They were presbyterians.

WESLEY A. PHIPPS was a son of WILLIAM PHIPPS, and was born September 16, 1816 and died October 16, 1862. He married ELIZA BALE, born in HAWKINS COUNTY in 1825 and died 1865. They were both born and died in HAWKINS County. Among their children was a son WILLIAM S. PHIPPS, born in 1848, who married MISS SALLIE CARMAK, daughter of DR. JOHN CARMAK and his wife MATILDA.

WESLEY A. PHIPPS was a well known merchant of Hawkins County, who had one store at LYON'S STORE and another at STONY POINT, the home of the Armstrong family.

THE WATTERSON FAMILY OF HAWKINS
COUNTY - KINSMEN OF HENRY WATTERSON

It is claimed that the ancestor of the WATTERSON FAMILY of Hawkins County was born in Ireland, and he came to America and settled in HAWKINS COUNTY (What is now) before Tennessee was established as a State. Among the children of this first WATTERSON were JAMES WATTERSON, who married SARAH GALBRAITH, of a North Carolina family, and HENRY WATTERSON who married LYDIA HUTCHINSON. HENRY WATTERSON was born in what is now Hawkins County in 1795 and lived until 1877. LYDIA (Hutchinson) WATTERSON was born in 1799, and died February 28, 1876. They were married in 1833. They were married in HAWKINS COUNTY.

HENRY WATTERSON who married LYDIA HUTCHINSON was about a third cousin to the famous HENRY WATTERSON, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal. He and his wife were parents of WILLIAM H. WATTERSON, born in 1836, who was Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Hawkins County, Tennessee for many years, who completed his education at Reory and Henry College, which he entered as a student in 1855, and where he remained as a student until June, 1859. He then read law under Hon. Landon C. Haynes. He married MINNIE VA B. RILEY in 1870 and they had about eight or more children.

WALKER FAMILY WILLS IN
HAWKINS COUNTY

JOHN WALKER died in HAWKINS COUNTY TENNESSEE, leaving will dated AUG. 19, 1818. He made his wife ELIZA - BETH his executrix. His children:

1. JOSHUA WALKER, oldest son.
2. JOHN WALKER
3. EDWARD WALKER
4. ELIZABETH WALKER
5. JAMES WALKER
6. CONTHIA WALKER
7. SARAH WALKER
8. FRANCIS WALKER
9. ANDREW WALKER.

Witnesses: JOHN WALKER
NICHOLAS LONG.

FRANCIS H. WALKER, possibly a son of JOHN WALKER, married LUCINDA & died in Hawkins County, leaving a will, dated January 30, 1847, in which he named the following children: (Witness, WILLIAM COBB)

1. POLLY ANN WALKER
2. WILLIAM WALKER
3. MARTHA CAROLINE WALKER
4. ELIZABETH JANE WALKER, who was the wife of THOMAS H. HOMER the executor of the will.

FIRST GRAND JURY IN HAWKINS
COUNTY IN 1810

Following are the names of members of the first Grand Jury in Hawkins County empanelled in 1810:

JOSEPH McMDON, foreman.
JOHN JOHNSON
HEZEKIAH HAMELIN
GEORGE HALE
JOHN CRITZ
JOHN HAMELIN
ROBERT McMDON, probably the son of JOHN McMDON, brother of JOSEPH.
JOHN HENNS
JACOB MILLER
JAMES HAYGOOD
JOHN GILLINWATERS
GABRIEL McGRAN
SAMUEL SMITH
RODHAM KENNER, descendant of REV. RODHAM KENNER of Northumberland County, Virginia.
DAVID BAGLER
MICHAEL ROANE.

JAMES HAYGOOD was son of MORDICAI Haygood who lived about eight miles above ROGERSVILLE, where he settled in 1785.

SAMUEL POWELL, NOTED ROGERSVILLE
JUDGE AND LAWYER

JUDGE SAMUEL POWELL, who died in 1841 and whose tombstone record in the Presbyterian Churchyard at Rogersville, shows that he married MARY, was a distinguished citizen of HAWKINS COUNTY, who lived on his farm near Rogersville. He served one term as a member of Congress from Tennessee. In 1807 he was elected Judge of the Superior Court; later, in 1821 he became Judge of the First Judicial District, in which office he served until his death in 1841. Several of his sons and daughters are buried in the same cemetery. In 1805 SAMUEL POWELL was Master of the first Masonic Lodge organized in Hawkins County. Among the members in 1805 we find the names of JACOB PECK, R. L. Caruthers, Orville Rice, ABSOLOM LOONEY, William Young and a JOHN A. ROGERS.

WILLIAM ARNOTT, EARLY RESIDENT
OF HAWKINS COUNTY

WILLIAM ARNOTT, the original ancestor of the ARNOTT family in Hawkins County, was from Virginia, and was the father of JACOB ARNOTT, who was born in 1800 in the county. JACOB ARNOTT married AMY GRIGSBY, the daughter of WILLIAM GRIGSBY, who was also from VIRGINIA.

JACOB ARNOTT and his wife AMY GRIGSBY were the parents of several sons among whom was WILLIAM M. ARNOTT who was born in Hawkins County in 1827, who married CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS the daughter of WILLIAM PHILLIPS and his wife JEMIMA FULLER. They were the parents of ten children

ROBERT KYLE, ANCESTOR OF THE
HAWKINS COUNTY KYLES

ROBERT KYLE was the ancestor of the family of that name in Hawkins County. This family came from North Carolina, probably with GEN. JAMES ROBERTSON. ABSOLOM KYLE was son of this ROBERT KYLE, and he in turn had a son WILLIAM C. KYLE who married ALICE MARRINGILL, member of the family of that name, who came early to the Watauga valley. They were parents of ROBERT M. KYLE who married ANNIE McNUTT, of Knox County. They were all Cumberland Presbyterians.

NOTES ON THE ARMSTRONG FAMILY
OF ROGERSVILLE.

The oldest ARMSTRONG WILL we found on the records of HAWKINS COUNTY was that of:

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, dated Feb. 17th, 1810, in which he named his wife as AFINAH and made her and THOMAS JACKSON, his executors. He mentioned his children, but failed to name them. Witnesses were HENRY MARSHALL, JESSE BROWN and C. REGAN.

I am quite sure that the above WILLIAM ARMSTRONG was the ancestor of the AUGUSTA COUNTY Armstrongs who settled in Hawkins County, and the father of another WILLIAM ARMSTRONG a native of Augusta County, Virginia, who built the first brick residence in ROGERSVILLE, which is still standing, a kind of show place of the little town.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, who built the 1st brick home in Rogersville, was the father of still another WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, who was born in 1791 and died in 1860, and whose wife was a MARY YOUNG. They settled at a place known as STONY POINT, which is about 12 miles northeast of ROGERSVILLE. They had at least two sons, whose names crop out on the records, so as to be capable of identification, as follows:

1. ALFRED ARMSTRONG born Dec. 29, 1823 whose wife was named ELIZABETH.
2. CAPT. WILLIAM L. ARMSTRONG, who was born July 3, 1837, and who married SALLIE C. BUREN. Among their children was another WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, called the 5th of the name in the family.

ALFRED ARMSTRONG and his wife ELIZABETH were the parents of HENRY C. ARMSTRONG, who was elected Sheriff of Hawkins County, and who married Miss Florence HICKEY, of an early family that had settled very early in WASHINGTON COUNTY, Tennessee, and whose family name appears often on the ancient records of that county. Henry C. Armstrong was elected the Sheriff of Hawkins County in 1867.

The ARMSTRONGS of the above family were all ardent members of the Presbyterian Church, and leaders in the community life of Hawkins County, and were probably related to another set of ARMSTRONGS of HAWKINS COUNTY.

JOHN ARMSTRONG WHO MARRIED
JANE BAKER IN VIRGINIA.

There was another ARMSTRONG FAMILY that lived in HAWKINS COUNTY in a very early day, headed by a JOHN ARMSTRONG, who married JANE or JEAN BAKER in Prince Edward County, Va., moved to Hawkins County, Tennessee, in an early day, and died leaving a will in Hawkins County, dated on April 17, 1813. He named his wife JANE ARMSTRONG and the following legatees;

1. JEAN ARMSTRONG, daughter, and called "JEAN" only; Annie Baker; sons Thomas Baker, John and daughter MARY.
2. THOMAS ARMSTRONG
3. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG
4. BAKER ARMSTRONG
5. JOHN ARMSTRONG
6. JAMES ARMSTRONG
7. SAMUEL BAKER (probably son in law and husband of the daughter ANNE (ARMSTRONG) BAKER, mentioned at the beginning of the will with his daughter JEAN.)

JANE (or JEAN) BAKER, who married JOHN ARMSTRONG in Prince Edward County, Virginia, was the daughter and sixth child of DOUGLAS BAKER and his wife JANE THOMPSON, daughter of REV. JOHN THOMPSON, one of whose daughters ANNE married JAMES CUNNINGHAM and another ESTHER, who married SAMUEL CROCKETT.

SAMUEL BAKER, a brother of JANE, wife of JOHN ARMSTRONG, died in 1802, and it was perhaps his son, SAMUEL BAKER who married ANNIE ARMSTRONG, the daughter of JOHN and JANE.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, SON OF JOHN
OF ROGERSVILLE

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, one of the sons of JOHN ARMSTRONG and his wife JANE BAKER, died about the year 1817 in Hawkins County, and left a will dated May 10th 1817. Children named, were:

1. JANE ARMSTRONG
2. THOMAS ARMSTRONG
3. ANNIE ARMSTRONG
4. NANCY ARMSTRONG who was the wife of a man named FORGEY, to whom he left \$50, at his wife's death.

THE PETER WILLS FAMILY OF
JOHNSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

It is probably true, as claimed, that the WILLS FAMILY, of JOHNSON COUNTY, were of German descent. The ancestor was a LEWIS WILLS, who perhaps landed at NEW CASTLE DELAWARE, at an early age and grew up there, where he was married to CATHERINE DICK, and by her, is said to have had seven children, as follows:

1. JOHN WILLS (b. 1778)
2. PETER WILLS (b. 1778) married SUSAN WEITZEL in 1806.
3. ELIZABETH WILLS (b. 1778) married ALFRED SMITH.
4. MARY WILLS (b. 1779) married HENRY SMITH.
5. BARBARA WILLS (b. 1782) married THOMAS McQUOIN (sometimes McQUEEN.)
6. LEWIS WILLS (b. April 1, 1784) married CATHERINE WEITZEL.
7. SARAH WILLS (b. 1786.)

After the death of his first wife LEWIS WILLS, married ELLEN MARTHA KING, at New River, in ASHE County, North Carolina, where he had then settled, and by this marriage he had other children, as follows, who were probably born in N. Carolina:

8. JACOB WILLS (b. 1809)
9. ROBERT WILLS (b. 1811)
10. SOPHIA WILLS (b. 1815)
11. ELLEN WILLS (b. 1818)
12. MARTHA WILLS (b. 1817 - died in 1804).

LEWIS WILLS, SR. enlisted in the revolutionary army in VIRGINIA & served to the end of the war.

PETER WILLS and his wife SUSAN-
NAH WEITZEL, had children:

1. MARY WILLS (b. 1807) married ADAM SEQUIN.
2. JOHN D. WILLS (b. 1808) m. MARY D. NEAL.
3. LEWIS WILLS (b. 1810) married SARAH ORASCHER.
4. CATHERINE WILLS (b. 1815) m. REV. ABRAHAM MURPHY.
5. CALES WILLS (b. 1815) died March 5, 1805.
6. WILLIAM WILLS d. 1806.
7. DAVID WILLS (b. 1817) d. y.
8. ADAM WILLS m. AMANDA ORR.
9. JAMES WILLS m. ELIZA ORR.
10. PETER WILLS m. SARAH ORR.
11. SUSANNA m. CLIFFORD DOWNKELLY.

LEWIS WILLS, son of the first LEWIS married CATHERINE WEITZEL and had a son, ROSSKILL B. WILLS, who married ELIZABETH E. DUFF (b. 1838 in WASHINGTON COUNTY, Virginia, the daughter of DAVID B. DUFF and his wife SARAH, and they were parents of H. B. WILLS who married SARAH E. DOWNKELLY, the daughter of JAMES DOWNKELLY and his wife FRANCES.

JOHN D. WILLS, son of PETER WILLS & SUSAN WEITZEL, who married MARY D. NEAL, was the father of D. W. WILLS (b. March 11, 1835), who married a MARY CRESS, as his first wife, and NANCY ROBINSON, daughter of MOORE ROBINSON as his second wife. PETER WILLS, who married SUSAN WEITZEL, is said to have settled in JOHNSON CO., Tennessee, about 1799.

NORMAN E. WILLS, who was born in JOHNSON COUNTY, Tennessee, October 15, 1847, is set down as the son of a PETER D. WILLS who married SOPHIA J. McQUOIN (McQUEEN), and this PETER WILLS is said to have been born January 14, 1816. NORMAN E. WILLS and JAMES N. WILLS (b. in Johnson County November 3, 1838) were brothers. The latter was at one time the Trustee of Johnson County. SOPHIA J. McQUOIN, who was the mother of these two sons and the wife of PETER D. WILLS, was born in Washington County, Virginia, August 30, 1821, and was the daughter of THOMAS McQUOIN and his wife MARY WILSON. This THOS. McQUEEN'S first wife may have been BARBARA WILLS, heretofore mentioned.

SOME McQUOIN - WILLS FAMILY
RECORDS - JOHNSON COUNTY

JAMES W. McQUOIN married RACHEL ANN WILLS, on June 7, 1841. The groom died about 1858, and the widow married as her second husband ROBERT E. HENRY (or BARRY), on September 27, 1857. MARGARET E. McQUOIN, daughter of the first marriage, married WILLIAM E. SCOTT June 18, 1846, and A. T. HENRY, son of ROBERT E. HENRY and RACHEL ANN WILLS, married NEODA L. CROCKETT.

JAMES W. McQUOIN was born 1819, RACHEL ANN McQUOIN (WILLS) b. 1838, ROBERT E. HENRY, born Feb. 1, 1831, ALEXANDER THOMAS HENRY (m. BEODA L. CROCKETT) b. Oct. 21, 1838. Children of JAMES W. McQUOIN and his wife RACHEL ANN WILLS: JOHN HESKELL, MARGARET HEBECOA, LAURA JANE and JAMES L. W. McQUOIN.

THE WAGNER FAMILY OF JOHNSON
COUNTY, FROM DAVIDSON CO. N. C.

The WAGNER FAMILY of JOHNSON COUNTY, Tennessee, were numerous, and came to Tennessee, from DAVIDSON COUNTY, North Carolina.

DANIEL WAGNER was the ancestor, and he was born in 1745 and died 1827 and is buried in DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. Two of his sons, DAVID and MATHIAS came to Tennessee, and settled near SECOON'S CROSS ROADS, in JOHNSON COUNTY, & were neighbors of LEONARD SECOON. In North Carolina this family of Wagners were allied with the BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH, of Davidson County, North Carolina.

DAVID WAGNER, of JOHNSON COUNTY, had four sons, heretofore mentioned, viz MATTHEW, DAVID, JACOB and JOHN.

MATHIAS WAGNER, born in 1765, died in 1856, also had four sons:

1. JOSEPH WAGNER
2. MATHIAS WAGNER
3. JACOB WAGNER
4. FREDERICK WAGNER.

The following records relating to the descendants of JOSEPH WAGNER, an older son of MATHIAS WAGNER, is of such interest, as showing the names of the pioneer Johnson County families with which his children and grand-children were allied:

JOSEPH WAGNER (the father) was born December 5, 1799; died December 5, 1859 (exactly 100 years old at the time of his death. His wife was NANCY WAGNER (daughter of DAVID WAGNER, and his first cousin), who was born in 1810, and died in 1887. They were the parents of thirteen children:

1. ANDREW C. WAGNER (b. 1828) married HILLY BAKER
2. ALEXANDER B. WAGNER (b. 1831) married NANCY CATHERINE BAKER.
3. MARGARET A. WAGNER (b. 1832) never married.
4. SUSANNAH WAGNER (b. 1834) married ANDREW SMITH.
5. MATHIAS W. WAGNER (b. 1836) married SARAH HOWARD.
6. SARAFINA C. WAGNER (b. 1838) married ANDREW SECOON.
7. DAVID WAGNER (b. Dec. 20, 1839) he married MARY DUGGER.
8. RACHEL WAGNER (b. 1841) married to JOHN N. VAUGHET.

9. MARY ANN WAGNER (b. 1845) married DUGGER PIERCE.
10. JOSEPH WAGNER (b. 1845) married LOUISE SMITH.
11. JACOB WAGNER (b. 1847) married MARY KEECE.
12. NANCY CATHERINE WAGNER (b. 1850) never married.
13. DANIEL WAGNER (b. 1852) married ALICE SMITH

MATHIAS MILLER WAGNER, THE SON
OF MATHIAS. SON OF MATHIAS

MATHIAS MILLER WAGNER, was the son of MATHIAS WAGNER II, and brother of JOSEPH WAGNER, of the foregoing records. He was born June 30, 1801 and died February 15, 1867. He married MARY FITZ in 1829. They had eleven children:

1. ISAAC E. WAGNER (b. 1830) never married.
2. CAROLINE E. WAGNER (b. 1832) & married THOMAS J. FAW.
3. ALZENA P. WAGNER (b. 1833) married SAMUEL D. JACKSON.
4. MATHIAS F. WAGNER (b. 1834) married LETITIA WORTH.
5. DANIEL WORTH WAGNER (b. 1835) He never married.
6. JAMES F. WAGNER (b. 1837) never married.
7. MARY M. WAGNER (b. 1838) d. y.
8. LUKE LEE WAGNER (b. 1839) d. y.
9. JOSEPH H. WAGNER (b. 1841) married SALLIE WHITE.
10. NOAH J. WAGNER (b. 1844) married NELLIE KING.
11. WILNA SAVRONIA WAGNER (b. 1845) never married.

NOAH J. WAGNER, born April 18, 1844, and died Feb. 25, 1931, married to NELLIE KING, Sept. 14, 1869. They had seven children:

1. CHARLES M. WAGNER (b. 1870) married MAY MURPHY.
2. JOSEPH HUGH WAGNER (b. 1872) never married.
3. JULIA MARY WAGNER (b. 1878) married W. WHITE MURPHY.
4. CAROL WAGNER (b. 1878) married RICHARD E. DOWNKELLY.
5. JAMES L. WAGNER (b. 1880) married MAE HILL.
6. ADDIE BOYD WAGNER (b. 1885) married ROBERT F. LINDON.
7. NOAH KING WAGNER (b. 1886) married MARTHA SCHWELL.

JAMES L. WAGNER and his wife MAE HILL were married in 1906, and had one child LOUISE LINDVILLE WAGNER.

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ARCHIBALD GRANT, the ancestor of H. T. GRANT, was brought to this country by his parents, whose Christian names are unavailable. His wife was JENNIE McGINNIS, who was a native of Washington County, Virginia. They were the parents of ARCHIBALD GRANT, JR., who married MARGARET ORR, the daughter of ARCHIBALD ORR and his wife POLLY HOPE, also natives of Washington County, Virginia; these last were the parents of H. T. GRANT, who came when 15 years old to JOHNSON COUNTY, with his parents. He served as a member of the North Carolina cavalry troops in the army of the Confederacy, and in 1877 married FRANCIS WILLS, daughter of PETER WILLS and his wife SOPHIA McCORMAN. PETER WILLS was the son of PETER WILLS (who served on the first grand jury) and was a native of JOHNSON COUNTY.

JOHN MITCHELL, of STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA was the father of HYDER M. MITCHELL of Johnson County, who married SARAH SLIMP, daughter of JACOB SLIMP, of Roane's Creek, and HYDER M. MITCHELL was the father of JAMES S. MITCHELL, one time well known merchant of Johnson County, born December 7, 1849 in the county. JAMES S. MITCHELL married in 1873, a daughter of JONES SMITH, (ALICE SMITH) whose mother was MARY SMITH. JONES SMITH'S father was DANIEL SMITH. ALICE SMITH was born in CARTER COUNTY.

HENRY MOCK, SR. of what is now DAVIS CO. North Carolina (then a part of SURET COUNTY), was the father of HENRY MOCK, JR. (born September 8 1794) who married KANOT GIBBS. HENRY MOCK, JR. moved to Washington County, Virginia, and settled, and there his son EMANUEL ROGER MOCK, was born in 1836. In 1869 EMANUEL H. MOCK married LAVINIA F. WILLS, the daughter of R. B. WILLS and his wife REBECCA INYF. LAVINIA F. WILLS was a native of JOHNSON COUNTY where she and her husband lived.

JOHN MURPHY was the ancestor of the MURPHYS who settled in JOHNSON COUNTY. He brought his family from ORANGE COUNTY, North Carolina to CLATSOP COUNTY, in Tennessee, where he settled in 1798 where he died in his eighty-second year. He was the father of ABRAHAM MURPHY, who was born in North Carolina, May 18, 1796, & died February 6, 1882. MARY MURPHY, widow of JOHN, the ancestor, died October 14, 1836. ABRAHAM MURPHY (son of JOHN) was married

three different times. His first wife being SARAH PROVINCE, whom he married in 1813; his second was MARY WALKER, by whom he had three sons, and his third wife CATHERINE WILLS, born March 9, 1812 and died November 22, 1904, on Thanksgiving day. ABRAHAM MURPHY lived in Claiborne, Knox and JEFFERSON Counties for many years, and his sons attended school at Holston College in New Market, Jefferson County, among other places. Finally, leaving Jefferson County, ABRAHAM MURPHY moved to ELIZABETHTON, in Carter County, Tennessee, where he engaged in the mercantile business; then moved up to DOGGER'S FERRY, still in Carter County, and finally to JOHNSON COUNTY, where he ran a store and an iron foundry until 1861, when the War Between the States started. Later, after the war, he took his two sons, Kemp and ELBERT into partnership with him, and then in 1875 retired. KEMP MURPHY married SUSAN C. WILLS in 1849, she having been born in JOHNSON County in 1833, the daughter of JAMES H. WILLS. Kemp Murphy served in the Northern Army during the War.

DR. JAMES C. SMYTHE was born in WASHINGTON County, Virginia, July 7, 1790, the son of JOHN A. SMYTHE, an old Irish man of that County. He was the husband of ANN R. ORR. He was raised on the site of Emory & Henry College. He and his wife, ANN ORR, of Washington County Virginia, were the parents of HON. THOMAS S. SMYTHE, who was born in 1827, in Washington County, Virginia, one of about ten children, of his parents. In 1856 he was a magistrate in JOHNSON COUNTY and in 1865 became Clerk & Master. He soon afterwards became a practicing attorney in JOHNSON COUNTY, which he continued until 1882. He married MARGARET DONNELLY, daughter of RICHARD DONNELLY, who was born in 1826, near Mountain City.

ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, was a native of SCOTLAND (according to tradition) who came to America as a British soldier, during the American Revolution and served with the British Army. He was the father of JOSEPH SUTHERLAND, of GRAYSON COUNTY, Virginia, whose wife was SARAH KING. The mother of JOSEPH SUTHERLAND was MARGARET BEVANT. SARAH KING was a second wife of JOSEPH SUTHERLAND and the daughter of JOHN KING and wife NANCY COLLET. J. A. SUTHERLAND, son of JOSEPH and his last wife, married SARAH D. WILLS. He was a soldier in the Northern Army. His wife SARAH WILLS died in the year 1864 and they were the parents of only one child, a son, who was born shortly after their marriage in JOHNSON COUNTY, and who also died in the year 1867. He was a one time Sheriff and County Treasurer of JOHNSON COUNTY.

THE PERKINS FAMILY OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JACOB PERKINS was the earliest Tennessee ancestor of the family of that name that started in what is now JOHNSON COUNTY. He settled with the Hoskins, Ashers and Wilsons on Roane Creek before 1790, and lived until 1820, when he died leaving the following children:

1. JOSEPH PERKINS
 2. JOSUA PERKINS
 3. JACOB PERKINS JR.
 4. JOHN PERKINS
 5. AMOS PERKINS
- and perhaps daughters whose names do not appear.

JACOB PERKINS was perhaps a relative and of the same family as NICHOLAS PERKINS, who settled in this same part of Tennessee, coming from Halifax and Pittsylvania County in Virginia, with the Hardiman family.

FAMILY OF DAVID WAGNER OF JOHNSON COUNTY

DAVID WAGNER the father of persons of that name settled East of SHOWN'S CROSS ROADS, the home of LEONARD SHOWN, in what is now JOHNSON COUNTY, but long before that county was established. He had sons:

1. MATHEW WAGNER
2. DAVID H. WAGNER
3. JACOB WAGNER
4. JOHN WAGNER.

MATHEW M. WAGNER was elected Trustee and DAVID H. WAGNER Register of the new County of Johnson, when it was first organized at Pleasant Grove Schoolhouse on May 2, 1834. M. M. WAGNER was one of the magistrates present at the organization. At a very early day, NATHANIEL TAYLOR built the first Iron Works on Roane Creek, which afterwards came into the possession of his son JAMES F. TAYLOR, who eventually sold the property to DAVID H. WAGNER.

THE FIRST JOHNSON COUNTY GRAND JURY

The first JOHNSON COUNTY grand jury was composed of ANDREW POTTER, THOS. BARRY, WM. TOMPKINS, MIKE SMITHPETER, JOHN H. VAUGHT, ROBT. DORAN, JOHN WAGNER, CASPER COBB, PETER WILLS, etc.

SOME JOHNSON COUNTY FAMILIES AND WHERE THEY CAME FROM

MOSES BERRY, son of THOMAS BERRY, of Virginia, was the father of ROBERT BERRY, who was born in ARLINGTON, Va. Feb. 1, 1831. The wife of MOSES BERRY was DORCAS L. EDMONDSON, also of Virginia. ROBERT BERRY became at one time, Clerk of the County Court of JOHNSON COUNTY. He married the widow, RACHEL McQuinn, of Carter County.

JOSEPH BROWN, who married ANNA BAYLER, a native of WILKES and ANSON COUNTIES in North Carolina, was the father of JAMES BROWN, who settled in what is now JOHNSON COUNTY. JAMES BROWN was born in ASHE COUNTY, North Carolina October 23, 1811. He married Harriet N. Halliburton, daughter of Rev. William Halliburton of North Carolina. They were parents of CAPT. BARTON B. BROWN, of the C. S. A. An S. J. BROWN, of JOHNSON COUNTY, was also a son of JAMES BROWN. S. J. married a daughter of CELIA PERKINS WAGNER (wife of JACOB WAGNER).

JAMES HENRY GEURCH, a lawyer in JOHNSON COUNTY, was born near Elk Cross Roads in Ashe County, N. C. in 1858 and was son of WILKIE GEURCH and his wife MARGARET RAY, daughter of WILLIAM RAY (a North Carolina Cousin). Margaret Ray was born in 1817. JAMES H. GEURCH married VIRGINIA L. BUTLER.

ROBERT DONNELLY, one of the early settlers of Carter County, was the father of RICHARD DONNELLY, who married REBECCA DORAN and they were parents of DR. J. D. DONNELLY, of Mountain City in JOHNSON COUNTY, who was born at that locality December 5, 1823. DR. DONNELLY married FRANCIS ORR, daughter of ARCHIBALD ORR, who was born in Washington County, Virginia. They had a house full of children.

CAPT. ALFRED T. DONNELLY was a brother of Dr. J. D. Donnelly, was much younger, and was born in 1836. H. C. DONNELLY, a merchant, was another brother. All of these DONNELLYS were republicans; all were Methodists, and some of them, at least, served in the Northern Army during the War Between the States. REBECCA DORAN, the wife of RICHARD DONNELLY, who was the mother of this wife, was the daughter of ALEXANDER DORAN, early settler of JOHNSON County.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GRAND JURY
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

The members of the first Grand Jury in Jefferson County was empanelled in 1792 at a court held at the home of JEREMIAH MATHEWS, near the present town of Dandridge. They were:

John Gilliland
Benjamin Harrison
Joseph Rainey
Edward Wright
William Doherty
John Coffee
John Hornbeck
Benjamin Davis Sr.
James Alexander
James Hill
John Bradshaw
Benjamin McFarland
Samuel McSpadden
Tidence Lane
Thomas Jarnigan.

The first indictment was returned against HEUBEN ROACH, who was accused of stealing cloth and ribbon from one GEORGE BAXTER.

Every name mentioned in the above, including the defendant and the man complaining possess genealogical significance in the study of Tennessee "cousins".

THOMAS JARNIGAN OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

CAPT. THOMAS JARNIGAN, who settled on the North side of "Cmoky" river about four miles from its mouth in 1784-5, built the first mill in Jefferson County on LONG CREEK.

CAPT. JARNIGAN, according to GOOD-SPEED'S History, was from somewhere on the DAN RIVER "in Virginia". The mistake in this statement is that, instead, he came from North Carolina, though perhaps from that part of it through which, dropping down out of Virginia, the Dan River runs. Originally, the JARNIGAN FAMILY came from MANSELD COUNTY, Virginia; from thence to CHEWAN & BERTIE counties, on down into the Nueces River country in Johnson & Duplin and Sampson Counties. The Jarnigans intermarried in North Carolina with the NEEDHAM BRYAN family, and there was a NEEDHAM JARNIGAN, among others. Capt. Thomas, or his father moved farther West to Orange County, and along the Dan

River, and then, later, probably was among those who accompanied Gen. James Robertson to the Watauga settlement. He lived in Carter or in Washington County in a Fort for a year or so, and when the lands below were opened for settlement, he came along with many neighbors to the Nollichucky River in Jefferson County.

For the North Carolina and Nance - mond County, Virginia JARNIGAN material, see LOST TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA, pages 76-77. On the North Carolina records the name was often spelled JERNIGAN.

CAPT. THOMAS JARNIGAN's wife was a HETTIE SHIELDS, who came from MARYLAND, which suggests that the JOHN, WILLIAM and JAMES SHIELDS, who appear on the Jefferson County records were also from Maryland families of that name. Captain THOMAS JARNIGAN and his wife HETTIE SHIELDS had the following children:

1. NOAH JARNIGAN (oldest son).
2. PRESTON B. JARNIGAN
3. SPENCER JARNIGAN
4. CHESLEY JARNIGAN m. MARTHA BARTON
5. LAVINIA JARNIGAN m. MAJOR LEA.

The family of MAJOR LEA, who married LAVINIA JARNIGAN in Jefferson County in 1793, also came from the vicinity of the DAN RIVER, but in NORTH CAROLINA.

NOAH JARNIGAN, the oldest son of CAPT. THOMAS JARNIGAN is credited with having been a revolutionary soldier at the age of 16 years. NOAH JARNIGAN was the father of MILTON P. JARNIGAN, who read law in the office of his late cousin SPENCER JARNIGAN at Athens, in McMinn County, Tennessee. Spencer was the son of CHESLEY JARNIGAN and his wife, MARTHA BARTON, and was a distinguished Tennessee lawyer. He had a sister LAVINIA JARNIGAN, named for her aunt LAVINIA LEA, who became the wife of DR. WILLIAM J. J. MORROW, of Madisonville, Tennessee.

Of JUDGE SPENCER JARNIGAN it was said: "He was a brilliant and effective speaker, possessing a mind of quickness and energy, and an imagination of exceeding fertility. He had great powers of ridicule, and when opportunity afforded, would use invective with crushing effect. He studied law under JUDGE HUCE LAWSON WHITE."

WILL OF THOMAS DENTON OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENN.

The will of THOMAS DENTON of Jefferson County, Tennessee, was dated on May 1, 1807. He does not give the name of his wife. His children were legatees:

1. GEORGE DENTON.
2. JOEL DENTON (m. Jane Armstrong)
3. WILLIAM DENTON
4. CAROLINE DENTON
5. JANE DENTON
6. DAVID DENTON.
GEORGE DENTON and DAVID DENTON, sons of GEORGE DENTON, his oldest son.

Elizabeth Denton, Josiah Denton, Margaret Denton, David Denton & John Denton were purchasers at the sale of the estate.

JACOB DENTON - HIS LAST WILL
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

JACOB DENTON'S will, on record at Dandridge, in Jefferson County, was dated January 10, 1840. This may have been the JACOB DENTON who married SALLIE ARMSTRONG, August 31st, 1813. His wife is not mentioned. His legatees were:

1. GEORGE DENTON
2. JAMES DENTON
3. GEORGE DENTON
4. ISAAC DENTON
5. JACOB DENTON
6. MARY DENTON
7. FRISCELLA DENTON
8. Grandchildren: SARAH DENTON
ELIZA DENTON
who m. LOY.
9. JACOB DENTON to pay ELIZA LOY.
10. JAMES DENTON, son of ISAAC DENTON.

Executors: THOMAS DENTON and son, JAMES DENTON.

JAMES COFFEE - HIS WILL ON
FILE AT DANDRIDGE

This will is dated January 13, 1807. Legatees were:

1. ROBERT COFFEE
 2. MARGARET COFFEE m. WEIR
 3. MARY COFFEE m. SMITH
- Executors: JAMES SCOTT, JAS. McQUISTION
Witnesses: JOHN BALCH, RACHEL BALCH
& BARBARA O. BALCH

WILL OF ROBERT RICHEY, THE OLD
DANDRIDGE BLACKSMITH

ROBERT RICHEY was a DANDRIDGE BLACKSMITH, who died leaving will in Jefferson County, dated August 8, 1811. His wife's name in the will was CATHERINE (KATS) RICHEY. His children were:

1. JOSEPH RICHEY.
 2. ISABELLA RICHEY, wife of a JAMES HUNNER.
 3. JANE RICHEY who married a man by the name of SAMPLES. GEORGE RAY married HANNAH SAMPLES in 1801.
- Executors: JAMES HUNTER and the son JOSEPH RICHEY.
Witnesses: JAMES MAYER and JOHN CARSON.

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF
JOHN MAXWELL

Elizabeth Maxwell, step-daughter of this JOHN MAXWELL married ALEXANDER RICHEY.

JOHN MAXWELL'S will was dated May 9, 1801 and is on record in Jefferson County. He provides

1. For his step-daughter, Elizabeth, wife of ALEXANDER RICHEY, and their daughter, JOHN MAXWELL RICHEY.
2. For his sister, MARGARET MORROW, and her son, BENJAMIN MORROW.
3. If wife should die, his estate to be divided amongst the children of RICHARD MORROW. (Evidently the husband of his sister, MARGARET MAXWELL.

CODICIL, dated July 18, 1807:

Recites that BENJAMIN MORROW had died in the meantime and that no part of the estate should now go to the children of RICHARD MORROW.
Witnesses: THOMAS SNODDY
JAMES HAVENS
SARAH HAVENS.

WILL OF JOSEPH WILLIAMS
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY Married
SOPHA THORNBURG

Dated in 1810.
Mentions "Oldest son, HENRY WILLIAMS and "my other children, not named."
Executors: WALTER THORNBERRY (BURG?)
HENRY THORNBERRY (BURG?)

EARLIEST PIONEER SETTLERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY

Space in a work of this nature prohibits an extensive account of all old families. Here are some brief mentions of many about whom more could be presented, but for lack of such space:

HEZEKIAH ASHMORE came to Tennessee from SOUTH CAROLINA, where he was born and was the father of DAVID ASHMORE who was born in Tennessee in 1793, and who married MARY SHADEN, daughter of JAMES SHADEN. They were the parents of J. M. ASHMORE who was born in 1821 and who was a blacksmith at MOSSY CREEK (or Jefferson City), later depot agent for the E. T. V. & G. Ry. Co. J. M. ASHMORE married twice, first MARY J. MCCOUSTLAN and second MISS WELDON, a daughter of HENRY WELDON.

JOSEPH BEKLER, SR. came from VIRGINIA and settled in GRAINGER COUNTY, and was the father of JACOB BEKLER, who was born in 1804 and who married a niece of GEN. BENJAMIN CLEVELAND - NANCY, the daughter of MARTIN CLEVELAND, who lived in GRAINGER COUNTY, a brother of ROBERT and BENJAMIN CLEVELAND. JOSEPH C. BEKLER, son of JACOB and NANCY, was born November 29, 1833, NANCY died in 1884. JOSEPH went to Carson-Newman, and was Superintendent of the Schools of Jefferson County. He was a merchant in Grainger County for some time. His wife was ADDIE HICKLE, the daughter of CALVIN HICKLE, and she was born in KNOX COUNTY.

DAVID BETTIS, an Irishman, was the father of JOHN W. BETTIS who married MARY LYLE, and their son J. O. BETTIS was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee May 11, 1848. MARY LYLE was born in NORTH CAROLINA. He was wounded during the war between the States, but after the war ran a livery stable at MOSSY CREEK (Jefferson City). The wife of J. O. BETTIS, the old liveryman at Jefferson City was MARTHA A. JOHNSON, the daughter of JOEL JOHNSON of Jefferson County. They had no less than ten children and a peasant herd of descendants.

SAMUEL W. BIDDLE lived in Washington County where his son JAMES H. BIDDLE was born away back in 1824; also a son DAVID W. BIDDLE. Both were physicians and JAMES W. BIDDLE located at WHITE PINE, where he married JULIA A. BARKER and had four daughters and three sons.

WILLIAM BRAZELTON, the grandfather of GEN. WILLIAM BRAZELTON, came to Tennessee from North Carolina, where he was born. He had a son WILLIAM BRAZELTON, who was the father of GEN. WILLIAM BRAZELTON, who, from 1839 to 1847 was major general of the East Tennessee militia. General Brazelton was a brother in law of JOHN FAIN, heretofore mentioned, and married MARTHA A. GILLESPIE, daughter of THOMAS GILLESPIE, and sister of AMELIA GILLESPIE who married JOHN FAIN. JOHN FAIN GILLESPIE was born in New Market, Tennessee, August 29, 1833, the son of GEN. WILLIAM BRAZELTON and MARTHA A. GILLESPIE. GEN. WILLIAM BRAZELTON'S wife, MARTHA A. GILLESPIE was born at LIMESTONE, in Washington County, near the GREENE COUNTY line and close to TUSCULUM College. JOHN FAIN BRAZELTON, great grandson of the original WILLIAM BRAZELTON, married BLANCH BRANNER, a daughter of GEORGE BRANNER. They had seven children.

PETER BRYAN was the ancestor of the family of that name that centered its activities around the old MOSSY CREEK (later Carson-Newman) COLLEGE at Jefferson City. PETER BRYAN had a son THOMAS, who went to school at STRAWBERRY PLAINS ACADEMY, and who became one of the first teachers in the MOSSY CREEK COLLEGE. He was followed in this work at the same place by his son Prof. R. R. BRYAN, who married REBECCA LANGBORN of HUNTER COUNTY, and they, in turn, were the parents of Prof. W. S. BRYAN, who was born in 1827, and who was at one time principal of the HUNTER HIGH SCHOOL, and who married MARY GATE, the daughter of MADISON GATE.

JACOB HULL, a native of MARYLAND, settled in Washington County. He and his wife were the parents of VINCENT G. HULL, who married LYDIA STICKLER. Vincent Hull was a gunsmith who worked from one county to another, including Washington, Jefferson and Grainger Counties. Vincent Hull's son, EMILIAN HULL was born in Washington County October 30, 1834. He was married, first to MARY A. THOMPSON, daughter of GIBSON THOMPSON and second to ELIZABETH BOGARD TROTTER, widow, and the daughter of DANIEL BOGARD, a minister and his wife HANNAH.

ROBERT BURCHFIELD married ANNA E. MALCOUM. Both were natives of Tennessee. They had JOHN BURCHFIELD who was born in Jefferson County in 1831, who married a daughter of WASHINGTON ALLEN.

AMBROSE CALDWELL, a revolutionary soldier, from VIRGINIA, was the ancestor of the Caldwell family of JEFFERSON COUNTY, and came there immediately following that conflict. He was the father of JOHN CALDWELL, whose wife was MARGARET SHEDDEN - (or SHADEN ?), and who about 1690, having turned his attention to geology and prospecting in the mountains, discovered and developed the famous DUCKTOWN COPPER MINES in Polk County, Margaret Shadden was born near Dandridge - July 26, 1787, the daughter of ALEXANDER SHEDDEN (whose daughter MARY married DAVID ASHMORE, heretofore mentioned). She died in 1861. They were the parents of DR. A. A. CALDWELL, who was born about two miles from MOSSY CREEK, December 25, 1822. Dr. Caldwell was a practicing physician around Strawberry Plains, in Jefferson, Knox and Grainger counties. DR. CALDWELL married LOUISA MEEK, the daughter of MAJ. A. R. MEEK, of Straw Plains, and they had several children, including CHARLES M. and ALFRED CALDWELL. They were all ardent Presbyterians.

LEMUEL CARMICHAEL, the ancestor of this Carmichael family was born in HUNTER COUNTY, N. C., and who came to Jefferson County as one of its earliest pioneers. He was the father of another LEMUEL CARMICHAEL, who was married to SUSANNAH MILLER. This second Lemuel was born in 1817, and died in 1887. SUSANNAH MILLER was born in Jefferson County in 1819, & in her old age lived at SEVIERVILLE. LEMUEL JR. and his wife SUSANNAH had a son DR. J. W. CARMICHAEL, who was born two miles from Dandridge in the year 1849. After teaching school for a time at GATLINBURG, he began the study of Medicine under DR. CAWOOD, of Dandridge, and later graduated from Vanderbilt in February, 1867. Dr. Carmichael married ELLEN McCLARY, of Sevier County in 1861, the daughter of JACOB McCLARY and his wife ELIZA A. HENDERSON, one of the oldest families in East Tennessee. They had several sons.

JOHN CARSON, a native of VIRGINIA, was ancestor of the Carsons of Carsonville, in Jefferson County. He was the father of BENJAMIN CARSON who married SARAH HALE, daughter of RICHARD HALE, of HAMBLEN COUNTY. They were the parents of J. R. H. CARSON, who became a prominent merchant at Carsonville and also at WHITE PINE. J. R. CARSON, brother of BENJAMIN, served in both the House and Senate of the Tennessee Legislature, as did JAMES HALE another brother.

ABRAHAM DENTON, probably a son of the man of the same name who lived in the Watauga settlement, and for an assault on whom, JOHN OLSON, a member of the first court of that place was convicted and fined, lived in SEVIER or JEFFERSON COUNTIES, and his daughter MARY DENTON married J. M. THOMAS, who was a son of GEORGE THOMAS, J. M. THOMAS and his wife MARY DENTON (See Denton Mills in Jefferson County) were the parents of MILLIE THOMAS who became the wife of ISAAC M. GATE, the son of PERRY GATE and his wife SARAH UNDERWOOD. MARY DENTON, daughter of ABRAHAM DENTON, was born in 1827, and after her marriage she resided in Jefferson County, where the Denton family was numerous, as shown by the records of that county.

JAMES COILE, a native of North Carolina, was the son of a revolutionary soldier and is said to have come to Tennessee, when a child, with his parents. The COILES were related by marriage to the BETTIS family & JOHN L. COILE, a son of JAMES COILE was the father of HON. JOHN J. COILE a merchant, and DR. H. P. COILE. JOHN COILE, father of these two, married MARY BETTIS, who was born in Jefferson County in 1825, the daughter of JOHN W. BETTIS and his wife ELIZABETH LYLE.

GEORGE W. COURTNEY lived in Hamblen Co. and married REBECCA McPHERSON. They were the parents of DR. A. L. COURTNEY, a practicing physician and an old time druggist, of WHITE PINE, who was born in Hamblen County in 1856. Dr. Courtney's wife was ROWE McFARLAND, the daughter of Maj. B. A. McFARLAND, of Jefferson County.

HENRY DUKES (or DUKE) was a native of North Carolina, who came to JEFFERSON COUNTY in a very early day. He was the father of WYLLIE DUKES (or DUKE) who married ELIZABETH PARKER, who was the daughter of ALLEN PARKER and his wife SARAH, who came to Tennessee with the DUKES FAMILY. WYLLIE DUKES and his wife ELIZABETH PARKER were the parents of A. P. DUKES, who was born in Jefferson County July 26, 1837. A. P. DUKES for many years followed the trade of a carpenter, and lived in Jefferson, Sevier and KNOX counties during that time. He was married in 1861 to MARY GATE, who was a daughter of JOSEPH GATE. Mary Gate was born in JEFFERSON COUNTY, Tennessee in 1840, where A. P. DUKES continued to live after his marriage. Twelve children were born to A. P. DUKES and his wife Mary Gate.

JOEL DUNCAN lived in JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, where his son JAMES DUNCAN was born April 14, 1842. JOEL was a descendant of either CHARLES or JEREMIAH DUNCAN, who first settled in the Watauga Valley in Carter or Washington counties about 1781-2. JAMES DUNCAN, the son of JOEL (whose wife was Nancy) married MARIHA JANE BETTIS, daughter of A. P. C. BETTIS, of Jefferson County. JAMES DUNCAN was a gallant Confederate soldier during the War between the States, and he and his wife MARIHA JANE had and raised seven children. The DUNCAN FAMILY to which JAMES and JOEL belonged, were numerous, but not so much is found about them on the Jefferson County records, though in Washington, Knox and Carter counties, the name often appears.

DUNN FAMILY, from North Carolina. C. E. DUNN, who came to JEFFERSON COUNTY and settled, was born in 1843, near RALEIGH, N. C. He was the son of P. A. and K. J. (COOK) DUNN, of North Carolina, both natives of Wake County. C. E. DUNN was educated at Wake Forest College, was a soldier for the Southern cause, in the War between the States, and married in 1868 in Jefferson County, Mrs. I. W. B. Franklin, who was a Miss MARGARET. They had a son and daughter, PATTEN DUNN and DORA DUNN. He was a plain farmer and stock raiser.

DAVID FAGALA was born in JEFFERSON Co. Tennessee, in 1811, but soon after the Indians had been removed from Georgia and the Indian lands had been opened to settlement he moved to that State, where he married a Miss FERELOPE HANDLE, the daughter of WILLIAM HANDLE, and they then moved back to JEFFERSON COUNTY. A son C. W. FAGALA was born in Georgia in 1853, and after the family returned to Tennessee C. W. FAGALA, the son, married MATTIE C. MITCHELL, a native of Jefferson County. She was the daughter of W. H. MITCHELL. His wife died April 3, 1879, and he married as his second wife in 1880, M. A. HAYS, who was born in Jefferson County in 1844.

GEORGE FOX was a native of Tennessee, & was the father of ELI FOX, who married BATTIE BIRD, ELI FOX was born in SEVIER COUNTY in 1816, and he and his wife were parents of WILLIAM C. FOX, of JEFFERSON COUNTY, who was also born in SEVIER CO. BATTIE BIRD was the daughter of a LEWIS BIRD. In 1876 WILLIAM C. FOX married ELLEN ZIEGLE.

JOHN W. FRANKLIN, the Jefferson County pioneer of the Franklin family came down out of VIRGINIA. BENJAMIN F. FRANKLIN, the son, married HARRIET L. RANLIN, of the numerous Rankin family of Jefferson County. Benjamin Franklin was born in Jefferson County in 1825. His wife was born in Jefferson County in 1818. They were the parents of GEORGE FRANKLIN, who was born in Jefferson County August 8, 1854. The son attended school at Dandridge, and later in life was in the mercantile business at WHITE PINE, not far from Dandridge. GEORGE FRANKLIN married JULIA BRACKBURN & after she died, married again, this time to SALLIE BELL, a daughter of CALVIN BELL. The Franklins were all Presbyterians.

HEZEKIAH FRANKLIN, of Jefferson County, belonged to a different set from that of JOHN W. FRANKLIN (above) unless the relationship runs back into VIRGINIA, which it may. HEZEKIAH FRANKLIN was born in North Carolina and came to Jefferson County and settled when he was a very young man, his wife being ELIZABETH DUNCAN. They had a son J. B. FRANKLIN, who married ELIZABETH WALKER the daughter of HAYNES WALKER, of Jefferson County, who was born in 1847. J. B. FRANKLIN was born in 1848. He was the inventor of a washing machine, & he and his wife had a number of children, who are listed in the account of this family by GOODESPEED.

T. T. GALLION, of Jefferson County, was born in Blount County, North Carolina in 1825, and two years later was in Tennessee, where he had come with his parents, whose names are not available. T. T. GALLION married MARTHA McMILLAN, and they became the parents of the beloved physician DR. T. W. GALLION, an old time physician in the town and surrounding country of Dandridge. Dr. GALLION was born in ENCK COUNTY, just over the river from Strawberry Plains in the McMILLAN neighborhood, November 25, 1855. For a few years in Dandridge he was in partnership in the practice of medicine with DR. LYLE, until that physician's death. He had a brother, also prominent as a physician, who was also born in Knox County, and who joined Dr. T. T. in his practice at Dandridge in later years. No account of his marriage has been found.

Dr. GALLION attended the Medical Department of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, from which he graduated in 1885.

MRS. FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT, the famous authoress, lived for a time in JEFFERSON COUNTY, and was a teacher at New Market. Mrs. Burnett's perhaps most famous book was "LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROI" which spread her fame throughout all America and Europe. Dr. T. W. Bellion, of Dandridge, the "beloved physician", who was raised in and near NEW MARKET, like many others, of the same general vicinity, was for a time a student of the famous writer.

GOOWIN FAMILY. JACOB GOOWIN, came in early life with his parents to GRAINGER COUNTY, and settled. He was born in PINCASTLE COUNTY (now extinct), and his father's Christian name is uncertain at this late date. JACOB GOOWIN married CAROLINE EASLEY, the daughter of WARHAM EASLEY, SR. He was a hotel keeper at BEAN'S STATION and at the town of RUTLEDGE in Grainger County. JACOB GOOWIN was the father of J. W. GOOWIN, who after the War between the States, in which he served, came to Jefferson County and entered the mercantile business at Jefferson City - then called MOSSY CREEK. J. W. GOOWIN married IDA YOE, daughter of OCTAVUS YOE, in Grainger County in 1866.

TEMPLE HARRIS, who afterwards became a wealthy and prominent resident of JEFFERSON COUNTY, was born in Grainger County in 1826, and moved to Dandridge shortly after the birth of his son DR. JAMES A. HARRIS, who was born in 1861. Dr. Harris married DUC HOLTSINGER, whose father was prominent in Jefferson County.

RICHARD HAYWORTH is said to have been born on the Holston river in Jefferson County, March 5, 1794. One account says that his father was JAMES HAYWORTH, the son of a GEORGE HAYWORTH, who emigrated from England in 1692. The last is obviously doubtful, since a man old enough to "emigrate to America in 1692," could not have a son young enough to be the father of a son in 1794, 102 years later. Anyway it is stated that the wife of RICHARD HAYWORTH was MARY ANN LYLE, and they appear to have been the parents of two sons:

1. I. F. HAYWORTH (b. 1831)
2. DAVID HAYWORTH

I. F. HAYWORTH married MARY M. BRAZELTON in 1868. DAVID HAYWORTH married to SUSANNA LEWIS, and had MAHLAN HAYWORTH and DAVID HAYWORTH, born in 1833 and 1840 respectively, in JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, both Mahlan and David leaving sons.

PHILLIP HAWKINS, who was born in GREENE County, Tennessee in 1828, was the son of NATHAN HAWKINS and his wife MARY HOWELL. Nathan Hawkins was also born in Tennessee, and served in the war of 1812. The name of Parents of NATHAN HAWKINS fail to show in any accounts examined. Nathan and his wife MARY HOWELL (who was born somewhere in North Carolina) had eight sons, including the son PHILLIP HAWKINS. Phillip Hawkins was a gallant soldier with Robert E. Lee, and about the time the war started he married VIRGINIA F. PAGE, of Greene County, and they had a numerous family, and settled in JEFFERSON COUNTY, where their descendants reside to this day.

JOHN HAYNES was born in SURREY COUNTY, Virginia, and came to what is now either Grainger or UNION County, when a small boy. The name of the father of JOHN HAYNES is not plain, but whoever he may have been, as a HAYNES, he was the ancestor of a goodly lot of descendants. A search of the records of Union and Grainger Counties herein may reveal the parents. JOHN HAYNES was the father of WILLIAM HAYNES who married SARAH SMITH and who was living with his wife and family in what is now UNION COUNTY, on May 30, 1825, when their son WILLIAM HAYNES was born. WILLIAM HAYNES, the son of William and Sarah Smith Haynes lived with his mother on the farm, about two or three miles west of the present MORRISTOWN. His mother was the daughter of MARGARET SMITH, widow, of Sullivan County, where she was born. Then the son moved to a farm near MOSSY CREEK (Jefferson City) in Jefferson County. In 1855 he married ENDSEY HALE, the daughter of ELLIAH HALE, and they had two sons, DANIEL M. and T. W. HAYNES, who went into the retail saddle and harness business at Knoxville.

WILLIAM HENDERSON. His father was one of the early pioneers of Tennessee and met his death while out on a scouting party at the hands of the Indians in the Cumberland Mountains, in the vicinity of Crab Orchard, somewhere West of Kingston (as it is known now). The slain Henderson was the father of WILLIAM HENDERSON, who in turn, was the father of GEORGE M. HENDERSON who was born in SEVIER COUNTY in 1811, and married SARAH, and they were the parents of JAMES C. HENDERSON, of JEFFERSON COUNTY, who was born in the year 1844. The identity of the slain ancestor in this account does not appear in any of the stories I have found about it.

Father
Nathan
D. Tenn

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS RELATING TO THE FIRST FAMILIES

Although COCKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE was not officially established until OCTOBER 1797, when the territory comprising it was cut away from Jefferson County, settlers began to appear along the CHUCKY RIVER as early as 1783, in that part of the country that now comprises COCKE COUNTY. Below are some references to some of the first families:

GEORGE McNUTT

GEORGE McNUTT was one of the first to settle South of the FRENCH BROAD RIVER. It is a tradition that his daughter was the first white child born on the lower side of the river.

THE ROGERS FAMILY

Three members of the ROGERS FAMILY boldly took their courage in hand and moved over on the South side of the French Broad about 1783. They were JOSIAH, BENJAMIN and ALEXANDER ROGERS. They were probably brothers and were sons of the DAVID ROGERS who had first located in what was first called WASHINGTON COUNTY or District, along the Watauga, and in that settlement.

JOSIAH ROGERS afterwards lived in Sevier County, and was the father of NANCY ROGERS, who married a FORTNER and for whom NANCY ACADEMY was named.

JOSEPH AND WILLIAM DOHERTY

These two DOHERTY BROTHERS, JOSEPH and WILLIAM, were sons of GEN. GEO. DOHERTY, from Virginia. Their mother was PRISCILLA GOFORTH, daughter of WILLIAM GOFORTH who had settled about the same time (1785) or earlier, on the North side of the French Broad above DANRIDGE.

THE HUFFS, BOYERS AND OTTINGERS OF "DUTCH BOTTOMS"

The HUFFS, BOYERS and OTTINGERS were Dutch emigrants or of Dutch descent, and they settled about ISAAC and JACOB BOYER were the ancestors of the BOYER family. As a matter of history, these BOYERS came down out of Virginia, and ISAAC BOYER married ELIZABETH SIMS and C. F. BOYER, born in 1849 in COCKE County, married Florence McNabb, a daughter of ALEXANDER McNabb, then living in MONROE Co.

STEPHEN HUFF later married ELIZABETH CARSON. He was the grandson of JOHN HUFF, who had settled in these "Dutch Bottoms" when they were a part of GREENE COUNTY, before even JEFFERSON COUNTY had been established. The HUFFS built a fort for the protection of themselves and their neighbors from the hostile Indians. ELIZABETH (CARSON) HUFF was a daughter of ANDREW CARSON. Stephen Huff was born in 1796 in what is now COCKE County.

The OTTINGERS intermarried (or some of their children did) with members of the LOVE FAMILY of Greene County, Tennessee.

PETER FINE AND HIS FAMILY

PETER FINE, who was licensed in an early day to keep a ferry - the first in COCKE COUNTY - has an interesting history.

He was a Baptist in belief, and when the first Church in Cocke County was organized by the Baptist denomination at what was called Upper War Ford, it was represented in the Boston Association of that year (1794) by Joshua Kelley, John Netherton and PETER FINE.

Peter Fine was a brother of VINET FINE, who was killed by Indians in the mountains of North Carolina, in what is Haywood County. His friends buried his remains in a creek, which ever since has been "FINES' CREEK".

JOHN GILLILAND AN EARLY SETTLER IN COCKE COUNTY

JOHN GILLILAND was one of the early settlers near the mouth of BIG PIGEON was JOHN GILLILAND, who made a crop of corn on his land in 1783, and a year or two later brought his large family to the place, where he continued to live until the time of his death about 1788-89. He left a large family of children, including eight who were sons. He took an active part in the organization of the State of Franklin and was a member of the convention of 1785 who wrote the Constitution of the new State. JOHN GILLILAND donated fifty acres of his land for the first county seat of COCKE COUNTY. It was called NEWPORT.

The commissioners appointed to locate it and superintend the erection of the county buildings were:

HENRY BEAGAN
WILLIAM JOB
JOHN COFFEE
PETER FINE
JOHN KENNEY
REPS JONES
JOHN McLAUGHLIN

SAMUEL ODELL, ANOTHER EARLY SETTLER OF COCKE COUNTY

It is believed that the first settler on COZBY CREEK in Cocke County was SAMUEL ODELL. The Odell family first settled in Washington County, and as the lands were opened along the French Broad, they pushed Southward with other settlers. About two years after the expedition from the Pigeon River to North Carolina, when VINE Fine was killed, in a raid by Indians, NESHIMIAH and SIMON ODELL were murdered. They were probably sons of SAMUEL ODELL, the first settler on Cozby's Creek.

SPENCER RICE

SPENCER RICE who came down from Watauga and settled in Cocke County in 1793 was appointed with ALEXANDER ROGERS and HENRY PATTON to lay off a road from Pigeon to War Ford.

THOMAS GRAY AND THE GARRETT BROTHERS WERE LAWYERS

In 1796 THOMAS GRAY was licensed to practice law in COCKE COUNTY and and at the same time WILLIAM GARRETT was also licensed. GRAY GARRETT, a son of WILLIAM GARRETT obtained his law license at the same place in 1821, and was elected as attorney general, a position he retained for eight years. Later he removed to CLAIBORNE COUNTY, where he remained for a long time, and became quite prominent.

TWO RANDOLPH BROTHERS WERE EARLY LAWYERS IN COCKE COUNTY

W. H. M. RANDOLPH, a young Virginia lawyer came to Cocke County and began practice about 1846. He was almost immediately chosen as the attorney general, but died not long afterwards.

In 1848, JAMES H. RANDOLPH, brother of W. H. M. RANDOLPH entered the practice of law and soon became prominent. He was elected to the House of representatives and later served as Senator from the district. In the year 1868 he was elected Judge of the judicial circuit. After about ten years he retired as Judge and from the practice of law and engaged in the operation of flour and saw mills in the county.

FRANCIS J. CARTER, TRUSTEE OF ANDERSON ACADEMY

FRANCIS J. CARTER, whose wife was ESTHER CROCKETT (1780-1870), daughter of JAMES CROCKETT (son of SAMUEL CROCKETT and ESTHER THOMPSON), lived in COCKE COUNTY, and was a trustee of ANDERSON ACADEMY, which was opened about 1820 about one mile South of OLD NEWPORT.

Other Trustees about this time were

ISAAC LEONARD
ABRAHAM McCOTY
DANIEL McPHERSON
WILLIAM LILLARD
ALEXANDER SMITH
AUGUSTINE JENKINS
PETER FINE
HENRY STEPHENS

MORE INTERESTING TENNESSEE COUSINS WHO STARTED IN GRAINGER COUNTY

ANDREW YARNEY who was elected the first Clerk of the Court for GRAINGER COUNTY in 1796.

MARTIN ANDERSON who was made the original Sheriff of Grainger County.

REUBEN WHITE who was appointed on the list of Constables.

JOHN REEA who was also appointed as one of the constables. Also **WILLIAM SMITH, JOHN HOSKILL, ELIAS DAVIS & JOHN HIRBERT.**

NICHOLAS T. PERKINS permitted to put in a grist mill on **STIFFY CREEK.**

WILLIAM THOMPSON to establish a mill on Buffalo Creek.

WILLIAM STONE to establish a grist mill on **RICHARD CREEK.**

ALEXANDER BLAIR, and WILLIAM HOSKELL members of the first grand jury.

JEREMIAH CHAMBERLAIN also a member of the first grand jury.

DAVID HAILLY also a member of the 1st grand jury of Grainger County.

JAMES BLAIR, JR., DAVID HAILLY, MAJOR LEA, BENJAMIN McORTNEY and BARKLEY MARSHALL on commission to select a site for the county courthouse.

This was not selected at this time, and in 1801 a part of GRAINGER COUNTY was sliced off to form CLATSOP COUNTY. When this was done, some of the persons mentioned above may have found themselves residents of CLATSOP instead of GRAINGER. And among these were old man **ELIJAH CHISHAM** and his son **JAMES CHISHAM**. These CHISHAMs had first been residents of HARRIS County, then GRAINGER COUNTY and now of CLATSOP, and yet, perhaps had never removed from their original place of settlement.

HUTLEDGE was selected as the name of the County seat, and named for Gen. George Rutledge, of SULLIVAN COUNTY, in 1801. On the commission to select it were **WILLIAM MARSHALL, PHILIPS BRAD, ROBERT PATTERSON, WILLIAM FOLK, JOHN SWANE, WILLIAM CLAY and REHAN DAVIS.**

MICHAEL COONS, the OLD BLACKSMITH OF GRAINGER COUNTY

In 1801 and prior thereto at **BEAN'S STATION** some miles North and East of **HUTLEDGE**, the **THOMAS WHITESIDE** hotel flourished and became famous, being patronized by travelers on the road to and from **KENTUCKY** and **VIRGINIA**. After the town of **HUTLEDGE** was established the first house of entertainers (Hotel) licensed was that of **MICHAEL COONS**, who was also a blacksmith. The reader of these notes has met **MICHAEL COONS** before, if he has read the notes on **JEFFERSON COUNTY** & the account of the **FRENCH BROAD BAPTIST CHURCH** at "Coon's Meeting House" of which Church **MICHAEL COONS** was a member.

MICHAEL COONS died in 1805, only two years after he opened his hotel and blacksmith shop in **GRAINGER COUNTY** & in his will left property to **DANIEL MORROW** and his wife **ELIZABETH**, an almost infallible indication that **MORROW** had married **ELIZABETH COONS**, one of the daughters of **MICHAEL COONS**, & moved up into **BATH COUNTY, Virginia**, where it is believed he had not only **MICHAEL MORROW** and **JOSEPH MORROW**, but another son, who became the grandfather of the distinguished **EMBASSADOR to MEXICO**, of modern times, **HON. DWIGHT MORROW**.

Other persons of genealogical interest who were among first settlers in **HUTLEDGE, Tennessee** - see, were as follows:

JOSEPH HICKY, who also ran a house of public entertainment.

BENJAMIN CRAIGHEAD, a business man & member of the firm of **CRAIGHEAD & MASSENGALE**. (see Sullivan County).

DANIEL CARSWELL and **HUGH JONES**, who were "batters".

STERLING COOKE, brother of **JOHN COOKE** and son of **GEN. WILLIAM COOKE**, from Virginia, who was Clerk of Grainger Co from 1810 to 1818.

WILLIAM E. COOKE, brother of Sterling and **JUDGE JOHN COOKE**, who was Clerk of the Circuit Court

JOHN LEA of the old **NORTH CAROLINA LEA** family, relative of **MAJOR LEA** who was Sheriff in 1804-6.

MAJOR LEA (not a title, but his first name) who married **LOUVINIA JARRIGAN**, in **JEFFERSON COUNTY** in 1785, on commission to select site for courthouse 1796

CHESLEY JARRIGAN AND FAMILY OF GRAINGER COUNTY

After more than 150 years it is difficult to get some of these old families straight.

CHESLEY JARRIGAN and his wife **MARTHA GILL** were residents of **GRAINGER COUNTY** most of their lives, except a few years at **CLINTON** and **KNOXVILLE**, when educating their children. Reference to the **JEFFERSON COUNTY NOTES** heretofore will show that there was a **CHESLEY JARRIGAN**, who died in **JEFFERSON COUNTY** somewhere around 1826, and that he had married **MARTHA BARTON** in 1795 perhaps in **Greene County, Tennessee**, and settled in what was **JEFFERSON COUNTY**, with brothers and sisters, **NOAH, PRESTON B., SPENCER** and sister **LAVINIA**, who married a **MAJOR LEA** - doubtless the same **MAJOR LEA** who is listed as one of the first magistrates of **CLATSOP COUNTY** in 1796.

The marriage of **CHESLEY JARRIGAN** of **JEFFERSON COUNTY** to **Martha BARTON** in March 1795 is shown on the marriage records of the county published in these notes. The **CHESLEY JARRIGAN** of **GRAINGER COUNTY** died in 1879 at the age of 78 years at **DATE SPRINGS**. He was the father of **THOMAS J. JARRIGAN**, who was born January 20, 1835. This **CHESLEY JARRIGAN** was NOT a lawyer, but a plaid farmer. He was also the father of **JOHN J. JARRIGAN** and **CHESLEY G. JARRIGAN**, and his wife **MARTHA GILL** was perhaps a sister of **SAMUEL GILL**, a business man at **BEAN'S STATION**. Now this **CHESLEY JARRIGAN** who married **MARTHA GILL** must have been a son of **NOAH JARRIGAN**, brother of the **CHESLEY**, of **Jefferson County**, whose wife was **MARTHA BARTON**, and whose daughter **LAVINIA** married **MAJOR LEA**, and a brother of **MILTON P. JARRIGAN**, who read law in the office of his cousin **SPENCER JARRIGAN**, at **ATHENS, Tennessee**. Also this **CHESLEY JARRIGAN**, of **GRAINGER COUNTY** was the niece relative of **MAJOR LEA**, as shown.

CHESLEY JARRIGAN who married **MARTHA GILL** and lived in Grainger County had these children:

1. **THOMAS JARRIGAN** (b. 1856)
2. **CHESLEY G. JARRIGAN**
3. **JOHN J. JARRIGAN**
4. **SPENCER CLACK JARRIGAN**
5. **HENRY T. JARRIGAN**

THOMAS JARRIGAN married **KATH M. TAYLOR**

THE MURRAY AND COOBS OF GRAINGER COUNTY

WILLIAM MURRAY, of Grainger County, was born about 1800, and married a **SARAH COOB** (1800-1865). They were married at **BEAN'S STATION**, and the husband **DR. WILLIAM MURRAY** practiced medicine in the county for thirty years or more. **DR. T.**, his son went to **OLD TOSCUIGN COLLEGE**, but quit and enlisted in the forces of the Confederacy when the War between the States started. **DR. Murray** and his wife had five children and the son **William T. Murray** was the fourth. In 1867 **William T. Murray** married **Mrs. ELIZABETH J. JARRIGAN**, a daughter of **Sammal Gill**. They had a good sized family, mostly daughters.

THE SAMUEL GILL FAMILY OF GRAINGER COUNTY

THOMAS GILL was one among the very early settlers of what is **GRAINGER County**. He came there from the vicinity of **HEKLE COUNTY, North Carolina**. He came overland in wagons, bringing his wife and family, including several negro slaves along with him. The name of his wife is unknown, but may appear on some of the old tombstone records shown in these notes.

SAMUEL GILL was the son of **THOMAS GILL**, and was born April 18th 1818 probably at **Bean's Station, Grainger County**. He married **DIANA COOB**, who is said to have been born in **KNOX COUNTY**. (She was perhaps of the **WILLIAM COOB** family, of **WASHINGTON** and **SULLIVAN Counties**, and of that branch of the family who lived near the line of **GRAINGER CO.** in the Flat Creek settlement, in the upper part of **Knox County**). **SAM GILL** and **DIANA COOB** were the parents of **JAMES S. GILL**, born October 12, 1847. He was sent to school at **Morrisston** and **Henry and Henry College**, and in 1876 was married to **Miss Gellie B. Morgan**, who was also born in **Knox County**.

JAMES S. GILL and his wife **SARAH B. MORGAN**, were the parents of the following children:

1. **JOHN GILL**
2. **CHARLIE GILL**
3. **JESSIE GILL**

--1 son and 2 daughters.

SOME OF THE CARMICHAELS WHO LIVED
IN GRAINGER COUNTY

Some of the CARMICHAEL FAMILY lived in GRAINGER COUNTY, and among these was DANIEL C. CARMICHAEL, whose wife was FRUENCE HOWELL. Both were born in what was at that time GRAINGER COUNTY, but later became a part of HAMBLEN COUNTY.

Originally the CARMICHAEL family lived in what was called WASHINGTON or GREENE COUNTY, and one of the HEIRS of Washington County is said to have married a CARMICHAEL, while our records herein show that a James Carmichael married JOSEPH TROTTER in Washington County in 1795. James & Alexander Blair lived in Grainger County as these notes also disclose. Daniel Carmichael was born in 1800 and died in Grainger County in 1860. This couple were the parents of the early day minister REV. JOHN H. CARMICHAEL who was born in Grainger Co. February 2, 1835.

REV. JOHN H. CARMICHAEL married MARY E. GROVE, of Grainger County in the year 1868. They had at least one son and four daughters whose names are not given. He was a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church during his long and useful life.

ABNER DAIL AND HIS FAMILY OF
GRAINGER AND UNION COUNTIES:

ABNER DAIL was born somewhere in Virginia and married JANE McDONOUGH, perhaps in GRAINGER COUNTY. They had a son, DR. H. G. DAIL, who was a prominent physician. JANE McDONOUGH was another one who was born in ENCK CO., TENNESSEE, possibly just over the line, from GRAINGER COUNTY, which later became Grainger.

DR. DAIL was born in that part of the County of Grainger that is now in UNION COUNTY. ABNER DAIL, his father, is said to have been a soldier in the war of 1812. December 24, 1845, Dr. Dail married ELIZABETH HAIN, of UNION COUNTY, a member of the HAIN family that had once lived in CARTER COUNTY, a daughter of ADAM HAIN and his wife MARY AUSTIN. (Mary Austin was born in JEFFERSON COUNTY, Tennessee). They, Dr. Dail and wife, had five children, two sons and three daughters. The family were Baptists. Dr. Dail was a republican in politics.

ARCHIBALD MULLENS, FROM NORTH
CAROLINA TO GRAINGER COUNTY

ARCHIBALD MULLINS married NANCY ATKINS, who lived to be nearly ninety years of age. ARCHIBALD was born in North Carolina, January 23, 1804 and his parents brought him to Sullivan County when he was a child, but we do not have the names of his parents. His wife NANCY ATKINS was born in Grainger County about 1805.

ELIJAH MULLINS, the son of ARCHIBALD and NANCY MULLINS was born in Grainger County January 23rd, 1825. He was the third of nine children. When twenty years of age ELIJAH MULLINS moved to Arkansas and settled for a time in SEVIER COUNTY, in that State, where he worked as a saddler. While in Arkansas he married ELIZABETH G. YATES, who was born in BEDFORD COUNTY, Tennessee October 5th, 1831. Before the War Between the States ELIJAH and his family returned to Grainger County and settled on the old Mullins home place, and in 1862 he joined the forces of the Confederacy and served for eighteen months. He was in the battle of Vicksburg, and for physical injuries was paroled and returned home and went to farming after the war was over. He and his family continued to reside in GRAINGER until the time of his death.

NOTES PERTAINING TO THE MITCHELL
FAMILY OF GRAINGER COUNTY

Some of the MITCHELL FAMILY from STAFFORD COUNTY, Virginia, settled in Grainger County. BENJAMIN MITCHELL was born in Stafford County, Virginia in 1797 and died in Grainger County, Tennessee, in 1880. He married into the LLOYD FAMILY, one of the pioneer tribes of East Tennessee. His wife was ANNA LLOYD. Her family of LLOYDS came to Tennessee from North Carolina. JAMES M. MITCHELL, son of Benjamin and his wife ANNA, was born in GRAINGER COUNTY July 23, 1827. He was in business at Spring House a long time & later, at CEDAR FORD, in UNION COUNTY. He married NANCY E. (BROWN) MOODY, a widow, whose first husband was a HENRY MOODY. She was born in SEVIER COUNTY, Tennessee in 1824. At one time JIM MITCHELL was a prominent member of the County Court and a magistrate of GRAINGER COUNTY.

HANCOCK COUNTY, TENNESSEE

THE CAMPBELL FAMILY WHO LIVED
IN HANCOCK COUNTY

People began to settle in what is now HANCOCK COUNTY as early as 1795 but the county was not organized until about 1850, so that it is in comparison with it neighboring counties a new territory.

The first court was held at the home of ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, and after that for a time in the old Union Church. ROBERT CAMPBELL, SR. was among the first to settle in what is now HANCOCK COUNTY. He had been one of the first settlers of HAWKINS COUNTY, lying immediately East of HANCOCK. Long before HANCOCK was established ROBERT CAMPBELL took up a large body of land near the present SNEEDVILLE, the county seat, and in 1815 deeded and divided it among his three sons:

ROBERT CAMPBELL, JR.
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL
JOSEPH Y. CAMPBELL

each of whom then settled on his respective tract. The neighborhood was then known as GREASY ROCK. The name was changed to SNEEDVILLE in honor, it is said, of W. H. SNEED, a prominent resident of ENCK COUNTY. The place name was preserved, however, for a time in the establishment of what was designated as GREASY ROCK ACADEMY.

At the time GREASY ROCK (afterwards Sneedville) was selected as the seat of justice of HANCOCK COUNTY, Mulberry Gap was a candidate for the honor.

ALEXANDER TRENT ONE OF THE FIRST
SETTLERS IN HANCOCK COUNTY

ALEXANDER TRENT, an old and well known character of HENRICO and Goochland County, Virginia, whose name is well known among genealogical research workers, was among the very first 1795 settlers in what is now HANCOCK COUNTY

DAVID TRENT, maybe a son, but at least a descendant of ALEXANDER TRENT was one of the first members

of the board of TRUSTEES of GREASY ROCK ACADEMY, when that institution was established. Other members of the board were:

Lea Jesse
Joseph Campbell
C. W. Baker
Isham Brewer
SAMUEL JARVIS
Holden McCee
Alex Campbell
W. R. Davis
Canada Hodge
William S. Rose.

JOHN RAY HAD A SETTLEMENT
SOUTHWEST OF SNEEDVILLE

WILLIAM MCKEE located on the North side of CLINCH RIVER, and JOHN RAY established a settlement southwest of GREASY ROCK and Sneedville. JOHN GIVENS, an early Baptist minister, lived on Beaver Creek.

SOLOMON MITCHELL AND TWO SONS
OF WILLIAM AMIS

SOLOMON MITCHELL, probably one of the sons of JOAB MITCHELL (killed by the Indians, and whose wife was ANN HENDERSON, from Granville County, North Carolina) and JOHN AMIS and LINCOLN AMIS, probably sons of WILLIAM AMIS, the first HAWKINS County settler, together with ALEXANDER TRENT, with the BOLDEN, ANDERSON, BRYANT and COLLINS families, all settled in the same locality, about three or four miles South of SNEEDVILLE.

A settlement also existed at MILLBERRY GAP, and it is thought that a family by the name of NEWMAN, that may have lived there, gave the name to NEWMAN'S RIDGE, which runs through the county parallel with the CLINCH RIVER.

ISAAC W. CAMPBELL

Son of ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, was the first Sheriff of HANCOCK COUNTY.

THE FIRST FAMILIES TO SETTLE IN WHAT IS NOW GREENE COUNTY

GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE was established in 1783, by the STATE OF N. CAROLINA.

Settlers began to build cabins in what is now GREENE COUNTY as early as 1778, and one of the first families to arrive was that of ANTHONY MOORE, whose daughter is said to have been the first white child born in the county. His cabin was near HENDERSON'S STATION.

DANIEL KENNEDY came in 1779 and located on the river, four miles East of Greenville at the mouth of HOLLY CREEK. He was made Clerk of the County Court on the organization of the county. He also became a brigadier general of militia.

JAMES ENGLISH settled on the head waters of LICK CREEK, JOSEPH HARDIN on the Bearing Fork of the same, and GEORGE, WILLIAM and HENRY CONWAY at the mouth of LICK CREEK.

AMOS BIRD settled on Nollichucky river; Alexander Calbreath on Sinking Creek; James DELANEY on Holly Crk; LEWIS BROYLES on HORSE CREEK; JAMES HOUSTON in what was known as the COVE; LANTY ARMSTRONG on the site of REEATOWN, and ROBERT CARR and ROBERT HOOD on the present site of GREENEVILLE.

JAMES PATTERSON located with his family on LICK CREEK in 1783, the year Greene County was organized. He had four sons JAMES, ANDREW, NATHANIEL & WILLIAM PATTERSON. The MOORE, RANKIN and DAVID RICE FAMILY also settled in the same locality about the same time.

About 1790 a large number of CHAKERS came over the mountains from North Carolina and settled, and among these were WILLIAM REESE, GARRETT DILLON & PETER DILLON, WILLIAM and ABRAHAM SMITH, SOLAMON BEALLE and DAVID and

JOHN B. BEALLE, SAMUEL ELLIS and MORDACAI ELLIS, ABRAHAM MARSHALL and SAMUEL PEARSON, SAMUEL STANFIELD and GEORGE HAYWORTH. They formed their first Meeting House, February 25th 1815, and in November, of the same year their first general convention met at LICK CREEK MEETING HOUSE OF FRIENDS in Greene County. The first Secretary was JOHN MARSHALL. At another convention in 1822, the following delegates were present:

Green Branch: JOHN MARSHALL, SAMUEL McNEES and DAVID STANFIELD.
Maryville Branch: AARON HACKNEY,



ANDREW JOHNSON'S TAILOR SHOP, GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

DAVID DEIZEL, ISAIAH HARRISON and ANDREW COWAN.
Hickory Valley Branch: ISAIAH HARRISON and JOHN COULSON.
Nollichuck Branch: Lawrence Earnest.
Turkey Creek Branch: WILLIAM ELLIKEN,
Washington Branch: JOSEPH TUCKER,
French Broad Branch: WILLIAM SNODDY & JOHN McCRESKY.
Holston Branch: JESSE LOCKHART,
Jefferson Branch: JOHN and JAMES CALDWELL and ELISEA HAMMER.
Middle Creek Branch: JOHN KERR.

JAMES JONES was chosen President
THOMAS DONN was made Clerk.
ASA GRAY, Treasurer.
BEAVER CREEK, SULLIVAN, POWELL'S VALLEY, KNOXVILLE and NEWPORT Branches, seem not to have been represented at this meeting.

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FIRST FAMILIES OF GREENE COUNTY.

ROBERT CARR, ABOUT THE FIRST SETTLER IN GREENEVILLE, TENN.

In the year 1783, a part of Washington County was sliced off and the lower part of it called GREENE COUNTY. This was done by the Legislature of North Carolina. There was practically no lower end, and anything between Washington County, South, at that time may have been considered in Greene County. On the third Monday in August 1783, the first court of pleas and quarter sessions met at the home of ROBERT CARR, near what is known as Big Spring in the now Greenville, Tennessee. Following are the names of the (first) magistrates who were present:

JOSEPH HARDIN
JOHN KEMMAN
GEORGE DOHERTY
JAMES HOUSTON
AMOS BIRD
ASABEL RAWLINGS

Up to this time, of course, all these men had been residents of WASHINGTON COUNTY.

The following officers of GREENE County were then elected:

DANIEL KENNEDY, Clerk.
JAMES WILSON, Sheriff.
WILLIAM COCKE, Attorney
JOSEPH HARDIN, JR., entry taker.
ISAAC TAYLOR, Surveyor.
RICHARD WOODS, Register.
FRANCIS HUGHES, Ranger.

The following were members of the first Grand Jury of Greene County in 1783:

HENRY CONWAY
JOSEPH CARTER
DAVID BUSSELL
LANTY ARMSTRONG
ALEXANDER CALBRAITH
ARCHIBALD STONE
ANDREW MARTIN
JAMES ROGERS
JEREMIAH JACK
ANTHONY MOORE
GEORGE MARTIN
DAVID COPELAND
RICHARD WOODS
ROBERT ALLISON

In 1785 GREENE COUNTY became part of the State of FRANKLIN. Among the NEW magistrates appear the names of

BENJAMIN GIST, JOHN GIST, JAMES PATTERSON, JOHN MAUGHAN, JOHN WEIR and DAVID CRAIG.

From the best accounts it appears that ROBERT CARR was about the first settler in what is now the town of GREENEVILLE, in 1783, in which year Greenville was first established, along with the County of GREENE. WILLIAM DUNWOODY and ROBERT HOOD came about the same time. In fact all of these probably located there as early as 1780 or 1781.

The first hotel (House of entertainment) was kept and run by this ROBERT CARR, who, in 1783-4 built his house on the North side of Main St. Dunwoody was properly DUNWIDEL, and the name CARR was sometimes KARR & KERR, a very usual variant. The first courthouse completed about 1785 was of logs and a dirt floor. It stood at or near the site of the present Greene County courthouse. During the life of the "Spate of Franklin" the House of Commons met in this courthouse, which was called the "Capitol" of Franklin, and the Senate met at BOB CARR'S home close to the Big Spring, heretofore referred to.

ANDREW GREER WAS THE FIRST MERCHANT IN GREENEVILLE

ANDREW GREER was the first merchant in the town of GREENEVILLE. He was identical with the ANDREW GREER, an INDIAN TRADER of the early days, who nearly 30 years before had camped with JULIUS DUCKER, somewhere along the Watuga, and established the first home in the new settlements West of the Alleghenys.

WILLIAM DICKSON, about the year of 1800, was another merchant doing business in Greenville. This man came from over the mountains in North Carolina, where he was born. He became or was an educated man and a lawyer and served as a member of the United States Congress from Tennessee from 1801 to 1807. After his retirement he moved to Nashville, served in the General Assembly a number of terms, practiced law in the Courts of Nashville and the surrounding country, including the courts in East Tennessee. He died in Nashville, Tennessee in 1819.

CAPT. JAMES STINSON was County Register & Valentine Sevier County Clerk.

THE BAYLESS FAMILY OF WASHINGTON
AND HAMBLEN COUNTIES

One of the numerous of the early families of East Tennessee was named BAYLESS. WILLIAM BAYLESS married CATHERINE HAIRE in Washington County, in October, 1797. (See marriage records).

REUBEN, JOHN and THOMAS BAYLESS were all members of the old CHEROKEE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, organized by Rev. TIDWELL LANE in 1785 in Washington County. Among other members at the same time were ISAAC DENTON, JOSEPH CROUCH and PETER JACKSON.

REUBEN BAYLESS was the son of SAMUEL BAYLESS, and also the father of JOHN and THOMAS BAYLESS. Descendants of these Baylesses, of which SAMUEL was the original ancestor in East Tennessee, lived in ENCK, BLOUNT and MCNICE COUNTY, and some went to Texas in an early day. SAMUEL BAYLESS came from GECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND to Washington County, Tennessee.

The wife of REUBEN BAYLESS was ELIZABETH MOORE, whose parents came from South Carolina. REUBEN was born in what is now Washington County, probably the son of SAMUEL, the son of the first SAMUEL. They were the parents of ASA BAYLESS, HEZEKIAH BAYLESS and others - in all twelve children. ASA BAYLESS and HELLIAH GOODE had the following interesting list of children:

1. REUBEN F. BAYLESS
2. RANCI J. BAYLESS
3. ELIZABETH BAYLESS m. PETERS
4. ASA A. BAYLESS
5. MINERVA A. BAYLESS m. PENLAND,
6. ZACHARIAH T. BAYLESS
7. AMANDA BAYLESS m. WINDWYFRED
8. SARAH A. BAYLESS
9. MARY E. BAYLESS m. MOSER
10. WILLIAM D. BAYLESS

REUBEN BAYLESS, father of ASA BAYLESS fought in the war of 1812. HEZEKIAH BAYLESS probably moved to KENTUCKY.

THE BEWLEY FAMILY OF HAMBLEN

The BEWLEYS, JACOB and J. W., were natives of Washington County and lived in the old home near TUSCULUM COLLEGE. The first BEWLEY to settle in Washington County was GEORGE BEWLEY. JACOB married MALINDA MOORE and J. W. married MALINDA ATKINSON of RUSSELLVILLE. Jacob's wife first married a LITTLE.

THE FOLSON FAMILY CAME FROM CARTER
TO HAMBLEN COUNTY

MALCOLM N. FOLSON was born in MOORE County, North Carolina and was the father of GEORGE W. FOLSON, born in 1824, who came to Hamblen County, and at one time was a prominent and outstanding business man, who was in the banking business at MORRIS TOWN. Malcolm N. Folson his father, was born in 1792, and was a participant in the war of 1812, in which his father also fought. He had two brothers Maj. H. M. FOLSON, of Elizabethton and B. F. FOLSON, who lived at Reun Mountain. All of these resided in CARTER COUNTY at one time, and their descendants are still numerous there.

MALCOLM N. FOLSON married NANNIE HUGHES about the time he came to CARTER COUNTY, where he died in 1878. GEORGE W. FOLSON married ELLEN TAYLOR, a daughter of FRANK TAYLOR of Hamblen County. The grandfather of the Folson family of Carter and of Hamblen County was killed in the war of 1812 (or died) and was buried in a soldier's grave at NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN HALE OF
MARYLAND IN HAMBLEN COUNTY

JOHN HALE, of MARYLAND, was the ancestor of a large family, which started in Washington and Sullivan Counties and some of whom finally settled in HAMBLEN COUNTY.

JOHN HALE was a revolutionary soldier. Some of the Hales also went to JEFFERSON COUNTY. JOHN HALE was the father of RICHARD HALE, who married MARY COK in either Washington or SULLIVAN COUNTIES. He and his wife were the parents of JAMES HALE, born 1813 in Washington County, who at the age of sixteen came to JEFFERSON COUNTY, that part of which became HAMBLEN, where he was married to MARY ANN MOORE, daughter of EPHRAIM MOORE, a native of Tennessee. Among other children they had:

1. PATRICK H. C. HALE
2. NAPOLEON T. F. HALE
3. ALEXANDER F. HALE
4. RICHARD S., S. JAMES F., and
6. THOMAS N. HALE

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FIRST SETTLERS ON CLINCH AND IN
POWELL'S VALLEY, CLAIBORNE COUNTY

The Act establishing CLAIBORNE COUNTY (from parts of HAWKINS & GRAINGER) was passed October 29, 1801.

The first settlements in Claiborne County were made in POWELL'S VALLEY and along Clinch River. Two Hundred Thousand acres of the lands included in the boundaries had been granted to HENDERSON & CO. under the terms of the settlement made with them.

The County was named for WILLIAM CHARLES COLLE CLAIBORNE, one of the first Judges of the Superior Court and the first member of the U. S. Congress from Tennessee.

When the County was laid off, according to its boundaries, it included the lands theretofore obtained by purchase or otherwise by persons who had obtained such lands when they were a part of Hawkins County, of which they were also original settlers. It also included original settlers of the then GRAINGER COUNTY, who likewise had obtained their lands taken up when it was part of HAWKINS COUNTY. These facts explain why it is that some of the first settlers of CLAIBORNE COUNTY had also been first settlers of HAWKINS and GRAINGER counties.

Following is a list of the first magistrates of CLAIBORNE COUNTY, who were present at the house of JOHN OWENS in December, 1801, when the court of pleas and quarter sessions was organized:

1. ISAAC LANE
2. JOSEPH WEBSTER
3. WILLIAM TRENT
4. JAMES CHISHOLM
5. ABRAHAM LENHAM
6. JOHN WALLING
7. MATTHEW SIMS
8. JOHN VAN KIBBER
9. WILLIAM ROGERS
10. GEORGE READ
11. C. NEWPORT
12. JOSEPH NATIONS

13. JOHN CASBY
14. JAMES KENFRO.

The oath of office was administered to these persons by ANDREW EVANS and JOSEPH COBBS, of GRAINGER COUNTY. The officers of the new County selected at this meeting were:

ISAAC LANE, Chairman.
WALTER EVANS, Clerk
NATHANIEL AUSTIN, Ranger
JOSEPH NATIONS, Coroner
EZEKIEL CRAFT, Register
LUKE BOWYER, Attorney General
* DAVID ROGERS, Sheriff.

*DAVID ROGERS failed to make bond, and JOHN HUNT, SR. was thereupon elected to fill the vacancy thus created in the office of Sheriff.

The next term of the court was held at the house of JOHN HUNT, who lived on the site of TAZEWELL. A town to be called TAZEWELL was selected as the county seat, and it was laid off and established on JOHN HUNT'S land.

LUKE BOWYER came to the settlement very early. He had been one of the first settlers of the WATAUGA SETTLEMENT.

The first grand jury selected for the county were:

JOHN HUNT
WILLIAM GRISCOM
NATHANIEL AUSTIN
SAMUEL TATE
JACOB DOBBIN
WILLIAM BOWMAN
WILLIAM STROUD
JOHN WEBSTER
NIMROD DODSON
PETER NEAL
THOMAS GIBBONS
PETER BUFFAKER
WILLIAM HUSH
THOMAS JEFFERS
HEZEKIAH JORDAN
ELISHA WALLING
ARCHIBALD MCKINNEY
GEORGE SNUFFER.

The third meeting of the court was held at the house of ELISHA WALLING. Commissioners to erect a jail in 1812 were:

JOSIAH C. RAMSEY ROBERT CROCKETT
JOHN EVANS DAVID ROGERS
WILLIAM KENFRO REUBEN ROGERS

DAVID ROGERS OF CLAIBORNE COUNTY
AND HIS FAMILY CONNECTIONS

DAVID ROGERS, who was the first Sheriff elected by the County Court in Claiborne County in 1801, but who resigned his right to the office in favor of JOHN HURT, SR., who was elected to serve in his place, was born in WYTHE COUNTY, Virginia (or what is now Wythe County) about the year 1777, and lived to the age of 94 years.

DAVID ROGERS was possibly the son of that certain JOHN ROGERS, who at a session of the WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT on the 28th day AUGUST 1778 (American Historical Magazine, Vol. 5, page 386) was mentioned in the following order:

Ordered, that a commission issue to JOHN COLLIER and ISAAC SHELLEY, Esq. to take the deposition of HUGH MORRIS, LYDIA CROSS, MARY TYE and JOHN CROCKETT on behalf of JOHN ROGERS, defendant, the State Plaintiff.

The JOHN CROCKETT mentioned in this order, was the father of DAVID CROCKETT, the "hero of the Alamo," who was born several years after this order was passed.

Information about this ROGERS family is very meager. It is mere tradition that DAVID ROGERS was born in WYTHE COUNTY, Virginia, and that he was born in 1777. He may have been born earlier, and he may have been born in Washington County, or somewhere on the Watauga, since his father was undoubtedly there in 1778. It looks like, considering all the records available that JOHN ROGERS had children:

1. DAVID ROGERS (b. ca. 1777-9) married MARY ELIZABETH LEWIS b. OULFORD CO. N. C. 1781 & died Claiborne Co. 1880 in her 100th year.
 2. REUBEN ROGERS, of CLAIBORNE Co. about the same time.
 3. HUGH ROGERS married NANCY TROUGHTON of GREENE COUNTY, Oct. 8, 1788.
 4. JAMES ROGERS married REODA ALEXANDER, 1793, Washington Co.
 5. JOHN ROGERS married ELIZABETH ASHER, Washington Co. 1788.
 6. ROBERT ROGERS m. HANNAH TIPTON Washington County in 1793.
- See MARRIAGE RECORDS of WASHINGTON COUNTY, herein.

DAVID ROGERS AND JESSE ROGERS
SONS OF DAVID OF CLAIBORNE

DAVID ROGERS in Claiborne County in 1801, and who married MARY ELIZABETH LEWIS (da. of AARON LEWIS of Watauga) had these children:

1. BENJAMIN ROGERS who married AR - TAMESA ? in Washington Co.
2. DAVID F. ROGERS (b. Oct. 28th - 1813) m. May 12, 1836, ELIZABETH HAMPTON, of N. Carolina.
3. JESSE ROGERS, born Oct. 6, 1811, in Powell's Valley, Claiborne County, who married MARGARET WILSON, daughter of DAVID WILSON, of Claiborne County.

BENJAMIN ROGERS (born in Washington or Claiborne County in 1805, and his wife were the parents of about nine children, and both parents were living in Washington County in 1850.

DAVID F. ROGERS, son of DAVID ROGERS and MARY LEWIS, married ELIZABETH HAMPTON, the daughter of ELISHA and Lydie Hampton, of Stokes County, N. C. in 1836. They had:

1. DAVID ROGERS
2. JOSEPHINE ROGERS
3. JOHN F. ROGERS
4. SILLAS I. ROGERS
5. HOBACK M. ROGERS
6. SNEED ROGERS
7. W. F. ROGERS
8. MARY ROGERS
9. SARAH ROGERS
10. HUGH ROGERS
11. REUBEN C. ROGERS.

JESSE ROGERS (b. 1811) and his wife MARGARET WILSON, were the parents of

1. JESSE L. ROGERS, an Attorney.

JESSE L. ROGERS was born in Powell's Valley, Claiborne County, April 9th 1856. Studied at Tusculum Academy & law at Lebanon, Tennessee. Represented Claiborne and Hancock Counties in the Legislature. Was a delegate to the Republican convention in Chicago that nominated Blaine for President. He married ANGLE McPETHRICK, who was born in Ohio. In later years he removed to Dandridge, in Jefferson Co., Tennessee, where he practiced law until the time of his death.

Non- JESSE L. ROGERS and his wife ANNE McPethrick, were the parents of two children:

1. RALPH L. ROGERS
2. MAGGIE ROGERS.

JOHNSTON FAMILY OF CLAIBORNE
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JAMES JOHNSTON and his wife ELIZABETH McNEE were natives of VIRGINIA. He was born in 1789 and died in 1871, and his wife was born in 1801 and died in 1876. They were the parents of ISAAC M. JOHNSTON. ROBERT JOHNSTON, a native of Ireland was the father of JAMES JOHNSTON. James Johnston and wife were married in SULLIVAN COUNTY, Tennessee, and after that lived for a short time in Washington County, Virginia, and then came to CLAIBORNE COUNTY where they lived until their decease. James Johnston was a magistrate of Claiborne Co. for twelve years. He and his wife had eleven children and ISAAC M. JOHNSTON was the youngest child.

ISAAC M. JOHNSTON married a MISS NORVESTA SOUTHERN, of Claiborne county and they were also the parents of 11 children. The father, Isaac M. Johnston served as a soldier of the Confederacy in the War between the North and the South & participated in the sieges of Knoxville, Bull's Gap and in many other notable engagements during the term of his service.

THE EPPES FAMILY OF CLAIBORNE
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

One of the genealogically important families who lived in Claiborne Co., Tennessee, was the EPPES family, who were descendants of the early American emigrant, Col. PETER EPPES, of Virginia.

The ancestor of the EPPES family of Claiborne County lived in what was first Knox County, somewhere near the line of the present Grainger, & which territory was then a part of KNOX COUNTY. His name was EDWARD EPPES, who settled there perhaps ca. 1790, coming down from VIRGINIA. His wife was an ANDERSON and a direct descendant of the JORDAN FAMILY to which GEORGE JORDAN, Attorney General of Virginia (for the King) was connected.

ANNE EPPES, daughter of this EDWARD EPPES, who came to Knox Co., in an early day, married THOMAS GIBBONS, father of THOMAS GIBBONS.

THOMAS GIBBONS FAMILY OF
CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENN.

THOMAS GIBBONS, as shown herein, was a member of the first Grand Jury empanelled in Grainger Co., Tennessee, in 1801. HEZEKIAH JORDAN, was another member. Also, it will be noticed that JAMES CHISHOLM was appointed one of the first magistrates of the County, at the same time. JAMES CHISHOLM, a son of ELLIJAH CHISHOLM, married the daughter of THOMAS GIBBONS. ELLIJAH CHISHOLM was also among the first settlers of CLAIBORNE COUNTY, by virtue of the geographical change of his holdings from Hawkins to GRAINGER, and from Grainger to Claiborne County.

THOMAS GIBBONS, SR. was born and raised in old ALBEMARLE PARISH, in SURREY COUNTY, Virginia. He married ANNE EPPES, the daughter of COL. EDWARD EPPES, who settled in the upper parts of Knox County, near the line of GRAINGER and later Claiborne County. This THOMAS GIBBONS, SR., was the father of the THOMAS GIBBONS who was on the first grand jury. The Albemarle Parish Register kept by Rev. William Wylie, the Rector, in those old days, shows the following children of THOMAS GIBBONS, SR. and his wife ANNE EPPES:

1. MARY GIBBONS (b. 1763)
2. JOHN GIBBONS (b. 1767)
3. THOMAS GIBBONS (b. 1769)
4. ANNE GIBBONS (b. 1772)
5. BETSY GIBBONS m. JAMES S. CHISHOLM
6. EDMUND GIBBONS
7. WILLIAM GIBBONS
8. SALLIE GIBBONS
9. EPPES GIBBONS
10. REBECCA GIBBONS
11. JAMES GIBBONS m. MISS CHISHOLM, & had son ELLIJAH GIBBONS.

JAMES S. CHISHOLM was born Nov. 26, 1774, in Virginia. He married Jan. 26, 1794, BETSY (or ELIZABETH) GIBBONS, daughter of THOMAS GIBBONS, SR., and sister of the THOMAS GIBBONS who was on the first grand jury of Claiborne County. JAMES S. CHISHOLM and his wife BETSY GIBBONS were the parents of ten children & among them was CLAIBORNE CHISHOLM who was twice married, and who was the father of

COL. JOHN CHISHOLM (of Texas)

Noted Texas cattleman who established the famous "CHISHOLM TRAIL".

**BENJAMIN CLOUD AND HIS FAMILY
OF CLAIBORNE COUNTY**

BENJAMIN CLOUD, SR. was the second County Clerk of CLAIBORNE COUNTY, succeeding WALTER BYANS, who was the first Clerk.

BENJAMIN CLOUD, JR., son of the above BENJAMIN SR., was born in CLAIBORNE COUNTY in 1802, so it is probable that the CLOUDS were living in the county in 1801, when it was first organized. BENJAMIN CLOUD, JR. married ELIZABETH SHULTZ. He, also had served as County and Circuit Clerk during his life time, and also represented Claiborne County in the General Assembly.

ALEXANDER M. CLOUD was born in the town of TAZEWELL, the county seat, in January, 1847, and went to school at Tazewell College. He married MARY A. JOHNSTON of Claiborne County in 1876 and became the father of three sons and two daughters, and has many descendants living in the county at this late day.

**NOTES ON THE CARR FAMILY OF
CLAIBORNE COUNTY**

The CARR family of Claiborne County was related to the CLOUDS and FULKERSONS by marriage. JAMES CARR was married to JANE CLOUD, who was born in Claiborne County in 1823, who appears to have been a grand-daughter of BENJAMIN CLOUD, SR. the 2nd County Clerk. They were the parents of ROBERT F. CARR and JOHN C. CARR, who were both engaged in the mercantile business at the town of Tazewell in an early day.

ROBERT F. CARR married Catherine B. FULKERSON, a daughter of A. B. and HENRIETTA FULKERSON, and by her he had three sons.

**THE DAY FAMILY, FROM ALBEMARLE
COUNTY, VA. TO CLAIBORNE CO.**

The DAY FAMILY came to CLAIBORNE COUNTY, from ALBEMARLE COUNTY, Virginia, and settled on SYCAMORE CREEK, where SAMUEL DAY and his wife WINNIE EVANS, lived until the

time of his death December 19, 1875 at the age of 75 years. They were what was called Primitive or hard-shell Baptists, and had eleven children in their family.

DR. JAMES A. DAY and his brother, MAJ. G. W. DAY were gallant soldiers in the army of the Confederacy. After the close of the war between the North and the South JAMES A. DAY attended RICHMOND CONFEDERATE MEDICAL COLLEGE, and then the University of Nashville, where he graduated and located at his home town of Tazewell. In 1867 he moved for a short time to Missouri, but in comparatively a few months resumed his practice in Tazewell and Claiborne County.

DR. JAMES A. DAY married into the EPPES family heretofore mentioned, his wife being SARAH EPPES, daughter of WILLIAM EPPES, by whom he had eight sons and a daughter.

**THE FULKERSON FAMILY OF
CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENN.**

The FULKERSON FAMILY came to CLAIBORNE COUNTY, from VIRGINIA. DR. JAMES FULKERSON'S son was a Confederate soldier in the army of STERLING PRICE, DR. F. M. FRANCES PATTERSON, who was a sister of GEN. ROBERT PATTERSON of Philadelphia. R. C. FULKERSON, a brother of Dr. James Fulkerson, is said to have been a Union sympathizer during the war between the North and the South. PETER C. FULKERSON, was born in CLAIBORNE COUNTY December 8, 1840, and was the son mentioned, who served in the C. S. A. He was a prominent lawyer of CLAIBORNE COUNTY, and was born 18 miles North of TAZEWELL near MULBERRY GAP.

JUDGE PETER C. FULKERSON, son of DR. JAMES FULKERSON and FRANCES PATTERSON, married in 1869 MISS MAMA V. GLENN, of Johnson County, Missouri, who was a daughter of REV. ROBERT GLENN, a noted minister of the Presbyterian Church. She died before 1882 and after her death the Judge married, as his second wife, JENNIE E. (FOGARTY) TREWHE, a widow, who was the daughter of JERIKL FOGARTY.

By the first marriage JUDGE FULKERSON had five children, two sons and three daughters. By his second marriage he and his wife had only two children.

SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
**THE HENRY FAMILY OF HENRY'S FORT
AT MOUTH OF DUMPLIN CREEK**

SEVIER COUNTY was first called such under the STATE OF FRANKLIN, but settlements had sprung up down that way before the proposed new State had come into existence. The first rallying point was established in that section in 1783 when a number of settlers who had located there assembled at MAJOR SAMUEL HENRY'S at the mouth of DUMPLIN CREEK and there erected a fort.

Practically all of these settlers around HENRY'S FORT, when it was first built had come there direct from the Watauga settlement; from around ELIZABETHTON, JONESBORO and Greene County.

In the old early records of the Washington County Court in 1778, appear the names of FIVE persons named HENRY. They were:

1. SAMUEL HENRY
2. HUGH HENRY
3. JAMES HENRY
4. WILLIAM HENRY
5. ROBERT HENRY

These may not all have been brothers, as it would appear, but we have enough proof to establish that HUGH HENRY and SAMUEL HENRY were; and it is not improbable that they all had the same father - said to have also been named HUGH.

Long after the home of SAMUEL HENRY had ceased to be used as such, the locality where he lived was known as "Henry's Cross Roads". Both SAMUEL HENRY and HUGH HENRY are said to have been revolutionary soldiers.

The children of SAMUEL HENRY and his wife (her name not yet found) were, in part, at least:

1. SAMUEL HENRY
2. HUGH HENRY

SAMUEL HENRY (oldest son of the first SAMUEL HENRY) married MARGARET E. BRYAN, and lived at HENRY'S CROSS ROADS in Sevier County.

HUGH HENRY (Son of the first SAMUEL HENRY) was born in 1796, at Henry's Cross Roads, Sevier Co.

SAMUEL HENRY (m. MARGARET E. BRYAN) of Henry's Cross Roads, Sevier County, Tennessee, were the parents of:

1. SAMUEL HENRY, Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate Army. Born in Sevier County in 1828. He was living at Gunter's Landing in Alabama at the outbreak of the war, and after the war settled at the town of GAUSDEN.
2. MARY ANN HENRY, who married, as his first wife, her cousin, ALBERT GALLATIN HENRY. (They had a son SAMUEL HENRY, born at Gunter'sville, Alabama in 1860.

- HUGH HENRY (born in 1796) was married FOUR times:
- (1) Name of wife unknown, except that she was born in Tenn.
 - (2) PATSY GUNTER, the Cherokee half-breed daughter of JOHN GUNTER, an old trader, maker and Indian trader, who settled at Gunter's Landing (later GUNTERSVILLE) in Alabama.
 - (3) MRS. ANNA (CLANCH) FIELDS, the widow of the famous RICHARD FIELDS, Cherokee Chieftan.
 - (4) SARAH WILLIAMS.

The children of this HUGH HENRY, who was a grandson of the pioneer, SAMUEL HENRY, from Watauga to Sevier County, by his four marriages, were as follows:

1. ALBERT GALLATIN HENRY married his cousin MARY ANN HENRY.
2. PATRICK HENRY (by Patsy Gunter) also married three times: (1) SARAH STARNES (of Ala); (2) ALLIE ALFORD (3) MRS. LAURA (GIBBS) TODD.
3. THOMAS BENTON HENRY, killed by a bunch of Union sympathizers in the War Between the States).
4. BLACKSTONE RECTOR WILLIAMS HENRY, of Marshall County, Alabama.

THE FIRST JUSTICES OF SEVIER COUNTY IN 1796.

The first court held in SEVIER County, Tennessee, met on July 4, 1796. The following justices were present:

JOSHUA GIST
JOSEPH WILSON
ANDREW COMAN
JOSEPH YANCE
ROBERT FOSCOCK (POCK)
PATRICK HENRY
MORDECAI LEWIS
JOHN CLACK
ROBERT CALVERT
ADAM WILSON
JAMES RIGGINS (RAGGINS?)
ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY
JESSE GRIFFIN
ISOM GREEN (GREEN?)

The new officers selected were as follows:

SAMUEL HENMAN, Chairman.
SAMUEL WEAR, Clerk.
JAMES McMARSH, Register.
THOMAS BUCKLEHAM, Sheriff.
JAMES D. FURKITT, Coroner.
ALEX MONTGOMERY, Surveyor.

This was the same list of officers who had served under the State of Franklin, with the exception of the Register and Coroner.

JOSHUA GIST, PROBABLE SON OF NATHANIEL GIST, INDIAN TRADER

In Dr. Gee's excellent history of the GIST family, no mention is made of a JOSHUA GIST, and yet there can be little question but what the JOSHUA GIST who was one of very first Justices of the County Court of Sevier County belonged to that family. Neither is there a BENJA-MIN GIST mentioned by Dr. GEE, and yet the records he presents do show that three of the sons of Captain RICHARD GIST (the ancestor) of Maryland, viz: CHRISTOPHER, WILLIAM and NATHANIEL, each married a daughter of JOSHUA HOWARD, of Maryland.

NATHANIEL GIST (son of Richard) married MARY HOWARD, daughter of JOSHUA HOWARD, probably about 1740, and two of the brothers of NATHANIEL GIST died in 1788 and 1794 respec-

tively, which shows that NATHANIEL may have lived until after 1790. No information whatever is given by Dr. Gee about the family, or even the date of death of Nathaniel Gist, who married this daughter of JOSHUA HOWARD. But the late JUDGE SAMUEL C. WILLIAMS, revered Tennessee historian, in an address delivered at ROGERSVILLE, Tennessee, July 12, 1797, gave the following information pertaining to this NATHANIEL GIST:

"We know, of a surety, that two Indian traders came to the LONG ISLAND OF HOUSTON, hard by, and from there conducted a trade with the Cherokees as early as 1784. One was RICHARD PEARIS; the other NATHANIEL GIST. The first, a few years later led bands of Cherokee warriors this way, going to the aid of young GEORGE WASHINGTON against the French Indians of the Ohio Valley. One of the main war paths of the Cherokees crossed the Holston at the mouth of Dodson's Creek, only a few miles above Rogersville, and ran thence past Long Island. The second of these traders, NATHANIEL GIST, returned time and again for long stays in the Cherokee Country where he was a favorite with the leading chiefs of that nation. His alliance with a Cherokee maiden resulted in the birth of one of the greatest men ever born on the soil of Tennessee, Sequoyah (GEORGE GIST) the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet, in recognition of whose achievements and high character, the giant trees of California were named."

(According to HESTON, GEORGE GIST, otherwise SEQUOYAH, and the compiler of this record, were born within one mile of each other - though far apart in time, of course.)

From the American Historical Magazine, Vol. 5, p. 344:

At a court begun and held for the County of Washington the 28th of February, 1778:

Present:
JOHN CARTER, Chairman.
& (among others)
MORDECAI GIST
JOHN McMARSH

See JAMES McMARSH, the new Register.

PATRICK HENRY, GRANDSON OF SAMUEL HENRY SECOND COUSIN OF WILL ROGERS

PATRICK HENRY, the grandson of SAMUEL HENRY, of "Henry's Fort", Sevier County, Tennessee, was a second cousin of the famous WILL ROGERS. CLEMENT VARN ROGERS, father of WILL ROGERS was the grandson of ELIZABETH HUNT GUNTER, daughter of JOHN GUNTER of "Gunter's Landing" who was a sister of PATSY GUNTER, the mother of PATRICK HENRY, son of HUGH HENRY, grandson of SAMUEL HENRY of Henry's Cross Roads, in Sevier County. ELIZABETH HUNT GUNTER, sister of HUGH HENRY'S second wife died in CALDWELL, OKLAHOMA - the home of the famous WILL ROGERS.

HUGH BARRY KILLED AT HOUSTON'S FORT WITH THE HENRYS.

In the days of the Indian uprisings in Sevier and Blount counties, the neighbors often foregathered at different "Forts" for their protection against the raids. In the year 1788 what was known as HUGH-BARRY'S FORT was only about six miles from the present Marysville. On one occasion in that year it was subjected to an attack by the Indians, and neighbors from many miles around were there gathered for their defense. The MERRIS FAMILY were living there at the time, but those who had foregathered with them included SAMUEL HENRY and his family, JAMES HOUSTON, the McConnells, the McWHERES (including Margaret Houston McWHER, second wife of Rev. Samuel Doak, the Sleas and HUGH BARRY. While the fight was on, with about 100 Indians, Hugh Barry in looking over the bastion, exposed his head to the aim of an Indian's rifle & fell inside the station fatally wounded.

THIS HUGH BARRY was the brother in law of GEN. JAMES WHITE, later of Knoxville, having married CYNTHIA LAWSON, a sister of MARY LAWSON & daughter of HUGH LAWSON, of Virginia and North Carolina, who was the wife of the founder of Knoxville and mother of JUDGE HUGH LAWSON WHITE. One of the daughters of GEN. JAMES WHITE was named CYNTHIA BARRY WHITE, after her aunt, the wife of this HUGH BARRY. The wife of ALEX McWHER, afterwards Mrs. DOAK, kept busy mauling bullets, at the time.

SAMUEL WEAR THE FIRST CLERK OF SEVIER COUNTY

After the conclusion of the "Treaty of the Holston" in 1791, and WILLIAM HICOURT took over as Governor, at the home of WILLIAM COBB on the Watonga, Samuel Wear was elected the first Clerk of Sevier County, and was also named as one of the representatives in the first territorial assembly which really established SEVIER out of a part of what had been called JEFFERSON COUNTY. At the first meeting of the court of Sevier County in 1794, the new officers were selected. Samuel Howell was named Chairman, and SAMUEL WEAR, Clerk; JESSE BIRD Register; Thomas Buckingham, Sheriff; Mordecai Lewis, Coroner, and Alexander Montgomery surveyor.

SAMUEL WEAR seems to have married his first wife, MARY (Polly) THOMPSON (daughter of William Thompson & his wife Elizabeth Igle) in Augusta County, Virginia. After Polly's death, he married second MARY GILLILAND, daughter of JOHN GILLILAND. He came to WASHINGTON and later was on the records in GREENE COUNTY, before going down into what is now Sevier County. His children (by first marriage) were:

1. ELIZABETH WEAR m. ROBERT ARMSTRONG
2. ROBERT WEAR m. LUCRETIA THOMAS
3. REBECCA WEAR m. JOHN WITT
4. SAMUEL WEAR
5. JOHN WEAR m. SURAH MULLINGBORN and (2) SARAH M. PATTY.
6. MARY WEAR married Col. SIMON FERRY (by second marriage);
7. DIANA WEAR m. DAVID JOHNSON.
8. PLEASANT M. WEAR married TERTIENA TIPTON.
9. MARGARET WEAR m. D. B. CHAMBERS
10. MIRREVA WEAR m. JOHN GUTHRIE.

REBECCA WEAR WHO MARRIED JOHN WITT - MOVED TO ARKANSAS

REBECCA WEAR, daughter of COL. SAMUEL WEAR, who married JOHN WITT, moved to FAIRBURNVILLE, Arkansas, with her family and 8 children.

1. ROBERT WITT
2. WILLIAM SAMUEL WITT
3. JOHN WITT
4. ELIZABETH WITT
5. CAROLINE WITT
6. MARGARET WITT
7. CHARLOTTE WITT
8. MALINDA JANE WITT.

THE OLD SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH
OF SEVIER COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 29, 1789, a Baptist Church had been organized near the town of what later was SEVIERVILLE; but the exact date of the organization of a Methodist Church is not known with certainty. Bishop ASBURY, in his famous JOURNAL tells of his visits there and of stopping at the home of MITCHELL PORTER, near the "Chapel" accompanied on the last occasion with the

later BISHOP McKENZIE. Mitchell Porter was a Virginian, who had settled in Sevier County after the revolution, which he fought in, as a soldier. MITCHELL PORTER's son, JAMES P. H. PORTER, married NANCY ROGERS, daughter of JOSIAH ROGERS, who was the first white child born in SEVIER COUNTY.

In 1806, a JAMES BRADY, HOPKINS LACY, THOMAS HILL ALLEN, HUNYAN, JES were appointed trustees of what was known as NANCY ACADEMY, to be established in SEVIERVILLE, and which was named for this NANCY (ROGERS) PORTER.

The small CHAPEL built of logs, as mentioned by BISHOP ASBURY, became the SHILOH METHODIST EPISCOPAL Church, and the old cemetery is about all that is left of the original log building.

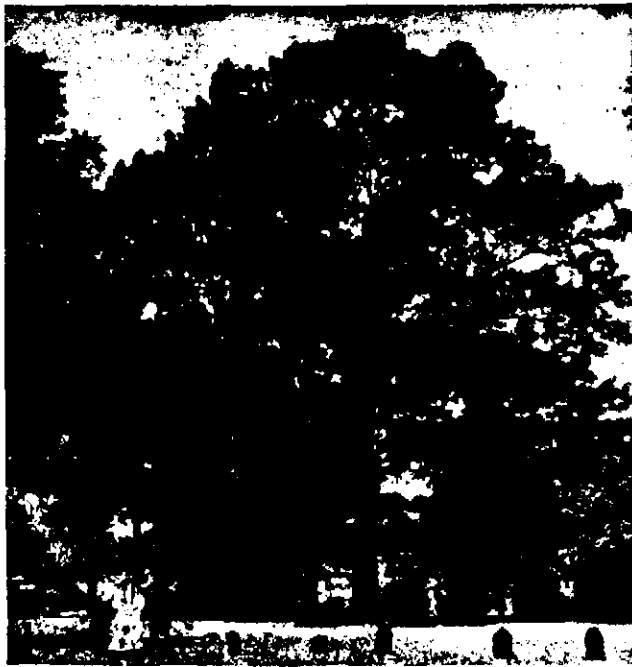
In this old cemetery sleep the last remains of MITCHELL PORTER, perhaps NANCY ROGERS PORTER and many of their descendants. These inscriptions appear:

MITCHELL PORTER, THROUSTON'S VA. CO.,
REVOLUTIONARY WAR. 1760 - 1834.
REV. JAMES CUNNINGHAM was born OCT. 26,
1787; died June 20, 1869.

SOME NAMES FROM THE OLD CHURCH
ROLLS OF SHILOH

The old church rolls from 1816 to 1881 show the following interesting names of Sevier County early families:

ANDREW RAMBO, FRANCIS RAMBO, HENRY-
CA RAMBO, MARY RAMBO.
ARCHIBALD SCHUOGE, AOGIE SCHUOGE,
BENWELL SCHUOGE.
JAMES CUNNINGHAM.



THE OLD SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY NEAR
SEVIERVILLE, TENN.

AARON HUNYAN, ESTHER (PORTER) HUNYAN,
GEORGE MOORE, MARY (PORTER) MOORE,
SUSAN MULLENDONE, CATHERINE MULLENDONE,
MARY MULLENDONE and DAVID MULLENDONE.
ANDREW LAWSON and MARGARET LAWSON
MARY SEATON
JOHN MONTGOMERY & ROBERT MONTGOMERY.

THE FOWLER FAMILY OF
SEVIER COUNTY

The grandfather of the FOWLERS who lived in SEVIER County lived in Cooke County in the early days. He was DR. THOMAS FOWLER, who was the father of ABIJAH and JOSIAH FOWLER both of whom had a hand in producing the famous "Fowler's Arithmetic".

ABIJAH FOWLER, the son of Dr. Thomas Fowler, married ELIZABETH CURETON, a daughter of RICHARD CURETON who lived also in Cooke County. Abijah Fowler was a school teacher. He and his wife had, among other children, WILLIAM FOWLER, born in 1848, who was the oldest of twelve children, & who attended HINAWASSEE COLLEGE until the beginning of the war between the North and the South. After the war William Fowler read law in Monroe County, practiced for a time at LOUDON, Tennessee, and then moved to & settled in SEVIER COUNTY, where he remained the balance of his life. In 1879 he became Clerk of the County Court of Sevier County, which he held six years and then became master and clerk of chancery. He married in 1869, a MISS KARNES, of Philadelphia, Tennessee, on the line of Loudon and Monroe Counties, and had one son, O. C. Fowler.

JOSIAH FOWLER, brother of ABIJAH FOWLER, moved to Texas, before the war between the States, where several of his sons fought for the Confederacy, while William Fowler, their cousin in Sevier County was a Union sympathizer. These Fowlers will be mentioned in the notes on Monroe County.

THE HENDERSONS WHO LIVED IN
SEVIER COUNTY

The HENDERSONS of earliest day SEVIER COUNTY, were perhaps related to persons of that name who appear on the earlier records of JEFFERSON COUNTY, which was cut in two parts to furnish the territory for SEVIER COUNTY, but it seems that a certain WILLIAM HENDERSON, from Virginia, was the ancestor of the particular set in SEVIER COUNTY. We have not certainly identified this pioneer's family. He had a son WILLIAM, who was born in what is now COOKE COUNTY, when it was a part perhaps of Jefferson County. This son WILLIAM

HENDERSON was married before 1810-11, but his wife's name is unknown. They were the parents of

GEORGE HENDERSON

GEORGE HENDERSON was born May 10, 1811 and married SARAH YETT, a member of a pioneer family of that section (Sevier County) some members of which afterwards migrated to Texas, where they intermarried with the FOWLERS & HENDERSONS in that State. GEORGE HENDERSON and SARAH YETT were the parents of another WILLIAM HENDERSON, who married MARY HUNYAN, a daughter of AARON HUNYAN. Mary Hunyan was born on September 3, 1833, and her husband WILLIAM HENDERSON was born December 6, 1833. They were married in January, 1856, and were the parents of ten children. One of these children was DR. JAMES A. HENDERSON, of SEVIERVILLE who was born June 9, 1861, at about the time the civil war started. He attended Carson-Newman, then the old Carson College at Jefferson, Tennessee and also studied at Vanderbilt University.

DR. JAMES A. HENDERSON married twice, first MARY MONTGOMERY, the daughter of Captain J. A. MONTGOMERY, and they had a son VICTOR HENDERSON, whose mother died a few days after he was born. Dr. Henderson then married LAURETTA MURPHY the daughter of W. C. MURPHY, who was born August 26, 1856, who has been heretofore mentioned in these notes.

THE ALEXANDER McCALLIE FAMILY
OF SEVIER COUNTY

A. J. McCALLIE, born November 18, 1819 in Sevier County, was the son of ALEXANDER McCALLIE and his wife HETTIE McCROSKY, who was a daughter of JOHN McCROSKY.

The McCROSKYS came to SEVIER COUNTY from Augusta County, Virginia, but were descendants of SAMUEL McCROSKY, minister of ACCOMAC COUNTY, Virginia, in the seventeenth century. He was one of the rectors of HUNGAR'S PARISH on the EASTERN SHORE, of Virginia. More about the McCrosky (or McCROSKY) family will appear in the Monroe County notes.

In 1744, A. J. McCALLIE was married in Sevier County, Tennessee, to HARRIET T. A. CUNNINGHAM, the daughter of a JAMES CUNNINGHAM. She was born in Knox County September 30, 1824. They were the parents of ten children, most of whom lived to maturity.

KING FAMILY MARRIAGES FROM THE
KNOX COUNTY RECORDS

Here are a few marriages by members of the numerous KING FAMILY of Knox County, not found in Miss Kate White's list before 1801:

WILLIAM Y. KING to PROSPER LAMBDAKE -
June 13, 1817.
THOMAS KING to ELIZABETH KERRILL, on
July 19, 1817.
BENJAMIN KING to FRICKEY GATES, Feb -
ruary 29, 1834.
JOSEPH KING to SALLY FORD, July 4th
1834.
WILLIAM KING to ELIZABETH ANDERSON -
August 23, 1817.
JANE G. KING to IGONATHUS WILSON, Dec.
9, 1817
MARY G. KING to ROBERT GILLESPIE, on
June 16, 1819
JAMES R. KING to ISABELLA MONKEL, on
February 25, 1820.
DORCAS M. KING to DANIEL D. FOUTS, on
October 7, 1823
ELIZA PRUDENCE KING, to OREDIAN BOAZ
Nov. 18, 1823
BENJAMIN H. KING to DAVID STEWELL, Jan.
8, 1824.
SALLY KING to ARTHUR BAILS, July 22nd
1824.
GABRIEL R. KING to ELIZABETH KING, on
January 1, 1827.
REBECCA KING to HENRY WILNER, Novem -
ber 21, 1828.
JOHN KING to POLLY MILLS, December 25
- 1827.
MARGARET KING to JAMES VANCE, Septem -
ber 15, 1834.
MARGARET KING to JOHN DOUGLASS, April
5, 1834.
WILLIAM KING to MAHAJA, November 21st
1837

KENNEDY FAMILY MARRIAGES IN
KNOX COUNTY

The KENNEDY FAMILY was prominent in the early days of KNOX COUNTY, and here are about a half dozen marriages in which they were parties:

MARY JANE KENNEDY married SAMUEL
VANCE, October 25, 1833
WILLIAM KENNEDY to MARY SCOTT, January
8, 1818.
DIANA KENNEDY to JOHN SOUTHWELL, Jr.
December 31, 1816.
RANCY KENNEDY to JAMES W. BRIGHT, Dec.
1, 1826.
LAVINIA KENNEDY to WILLIAM PRYOR, Sept.
1, 1831
MARY ANN KENNEDY to HENRY LAMAR, 1836.

DANIEL STICKLEY - WILL IN
KNOX COUNTY IN 1795.

We found this will of DANIEL STICKLEY on the records of KNOX COUNTY:

DANIEL STICKLEY (of Knox Co.)
Legatee:

1. SIRILIA STICKLEY, wife.
Children:
2. ELIZABETH STICKLEY
3. CHRISTIAN STICKLEY
4. MARY STICKLEY
5. MATALINA STICKLEY
6. DANIEL STICKLEY
7. BARBARA STICKLEY
8. CATHERINE STICKLEY.

Executors: Son, CHRISTIAN STICKLEY
and HENRY JONES.

Witnesses: WILLIAM JONES and
MARTIN FRUITT.

His
DANIEL x STICKLEY
Mark

And here are three STICKLEY MARRIAGES
from the Knox County records:

CHRISTIAN STICKLEY to ISABEL GREENLEY,
October 5, 1802.
POLLY STICKLEY to ISAAC FRUITT, March
25, 1803.
DANIEL STICKLEY to BRISTY COVINGTON -
December 28, 1805.

The STICKLEY family came from the Val -
ley of Virginia, and there were many
of the name in MONROE COUNTY (See
Monroe County Notes), who came there
from LEE COUNTY, Virginia.

LOVE MARRIAGES IN KNOX COUNTY
FROM THE RECORDS

We find the following marriages in
the LOVE FAMILY in Knox County:

SAMUEL LOVE to CHARLOTTE BELL, May
16, 1818.
SAMUEL C. LOVE to RANCY COUNCIL, in
May, 1814.
SAMUEL H. LOVE to MARGARET C. ARM -
STRONG, Dec. 23, 1831
MARY ANN LOVE to WILLIAM WALKER, Oct.
3, 1820.
SAMUEL LOVE to POLLY SMITH, July 9,
1822.
THOMAS B. LOVE to SUSAN SMITH, 1824.
ROBERT LOVE to KATE McFARLAND, 1832.
PLEASANT LOVE to DIANNA P. ARMSTRONG
December 23, 1831.

SOME KNOX COUNTY GUARDIANSHIPS
FROM PROBATE RECORDS

The following brief abstracts are
taken from the probate records of
KNOX COUNTY:

During the year 1804 the records
disclose that BARTLETT CANNON
was made the guardian of JANE
CANNON.

That JOHN LOVE in 1811 at the July
session of the court was appointed
Guardian to

William Walker
Jane Walker
Polly Walker

who were minors and orphans; and
that the said JOHN LOVE entered
into bond with MATTHEW WALKER and
JOSEPH LOVE as his sureties.

DAVID AYRES appointed as Adminis -
trator. At the April Session of
the Probate Court of Knox County,
in 1807, DAVID AYRES was appoint -
ed administrator of the estate of
PATRICK SHELTON.

In OCTOBER, 1816, SARAH TANKERS -
LEY was appointed Guardian by the
Probate Court of Knox County, of
JOHN WASHINGTON TANKERSLEY and of
LUCINDA TANKERSLEY. She made bond
with WILLIAM BALTRICKP as surety.

NICHOLAS GIBBS, ANCESTOR OF THE
GIBBS FAMILY, MADE GUARDIAN

At the April Session of the KNOX
COUNTY Probate Court in 1804,
NICHOLAS GIBBS, the ancestor of
the Tennessee GIBBS FAMILY, was
appointed administrator of the
estate of the father and guardian
of the orphans of a family by the
name of BOND. The orphans were:

WILLIAM BOND
JOEL BOND
JOSEPH BOND
BENJAMIN BOND
ISAAC BOND
ELIZABETH BOND
MARTHA BOND

Under date of April 10, NICHOLAS
GIBBS rendered an account of the
estate belonging to said orphans
and duly qualified as their guar -
dian, according to law.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, OF KNOX
COUNTY - HIS LAST WILL

The last will and testament of
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, dated Septem -
ber 8, 1801, was probated in
KNOX COUNTY. In the will testa -
tor mentioned his wife ELIZABETH
and the following children:

1. AGNES HALL, daughter.
2. JAMES CAMPBELL
3. JOHN CAMPBELL
4. ELIZABETH HALL, daughter.
5. JENET M. RANLDES, daughter.
6. WILLIAM CAMPBELL
7. SAMUEL CAMPBELL
8. MARY FLEMING, daughter.

Executors: Wife and son JOHN
CAMPBELL.

---ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL

Witnesses: JOHN PAUL
JOHN DOUGAN.

MARTHA BERRY (or BARRY) HER
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

MARTHA BERRY, of KNOX COUNTY, in
Tennessee, left a will which was
dated October 10, 1804, in which
she provided:

"To my loving mother, MARGARET
HAWKINS (or HAWKINS) all money
that is due me in VIRGINIA, from
WILLIAM COLEMAN and DAVID HOLMES
of Mecklenburg County; also that
due me from my father's estate.

"My mother and JAMES WHITE to be
Executors."

(Signed)

her
MARTHA x BERRY
mark.

Witnesses: ANDREW WHITE
W. G. BLOUNT.

Who was this MARTHA BERRY? Was
she the daughter of that certain
HUGH BARRY, who was killed by In -
dians at Fort Houston some twelve
or fourteen years previous, and
who married CYNTHIA LAWSON, sister
of MARY LAWSON, who was the wife
of GEN. JAMES WHITE, whom she named
Executor? Did the wife of HUGH
BARRY, after his death, marry sec -
ond, a man named HAWKINS?

SAMUEL MORROW, BROTHER OF ALEXANDER MORROW, OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

This SAMUEL MORROW was another son of DAVID MORROW (SO) shown on the chart. He lived in MARYLAND, also in CAROLINE COUNTY, Virginia, and in AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, where he owned lands that joined those of THOMAS ARMSTRONG.

Later he settled with HUGH MECKLEN DANIEL GILLESPIE, REV. DAVID CALDWELL, the McADDOCS, WHITES, CUNNINGHAMS, BRALLS, DENNIS and others in the old BUFFALO CHURCH neighborhood in GUILFORD COUNTY. Many of his MORROW kinsmen located in the same general vicinity.

He and his wife had the following children:

1. DAVID MORROW married MARTHA BRASHEARS.
2. JOHN MORROW who married MARY KELSEY, sister of HUGH KELSEY. He was killed in the revolution.
3. THOMAS MORROW who married JANE McCARTY, daughter of MOSES.
4. SAMUEL MORROW married to JANE (PEDEN) MORTON, widow.
5. GEORGE MORROW married MARY CALHOUN and MARY MECKLEN.
6. ROBERT MORROW, who settled in CHESTER COUNTY, S. C.
7. MARY MORROW (also in Chester Co. South Carolina.)

SAMUEL MORROW who married JANE (PEDEN) MORTON, the widow, and had MORROW children, went to TYGER RIVER in Spartanburg District, but his children afterwards went over into ALABAMA and Tennessee.

DAVID MORROW, OF GUILFORD COUNTY, MARRIED MARTHA BRASHEARS

DAVID MORROW, of GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C., who married MARTHA BRASHEARS the daughter of ROBERT BRASHEARS, moved to MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C. where he died leaving a will in 1810, where he gives the names of all his children, but fails to mention the name of his wife. MARTHA MORROW, his wife, in her will probated 20 years later, names the same children, with some grand-children added, which identifies her.

The children named in the will of DAVID MORROW and his wife MARTHA in 1810 were as follows:

1. JAMES MORROW
 2. DAVID MORROW (on Sugar Creek)
 3. MARGERY MORROW m. HEGANS
 4. ANN MORROW m. CROCKETT
 5. MARGARET MORROW m. WALDOP.
 6. ELIZABETH MORROW m. PRIDE.
 7. MARTHA MORROW m. CROCKETT
 8. JANE MORROW m. BROWN.
 9. Grand-daughter MARY K. MORROW.
- Executors: BENJAMIN WEATHERS & LEMUEL BIGHAM
- Witnesses: ASHER ALEXANDER and PARIS ALEXANDER.

JAMES GORDON and AARON HOUSTON are the executors named in the will of MARTHA MORROW, the widow.

JOHN MORROW WHO WAS KILLED IN THE REVOLUTION

JOHN MORROW (son of SAMUEL) who married MARY KELSEY, a sister of HUGH KELSEY (who appears on the East Tennessee records a number of times) was killed in the American revolution. They were married in 1774, and had the following children:

1. DAVID MORROW (born in 1774)
2. ROBERT MORROW (born in 1779)
3. SARAH MORROW (b. in 1781)

JOHN MORROW was killed in 1781, the year his daughter SARAH was born. The old Chester records in South Carolina show the administration of his estate. After her husband's death, MARY KELSEY married one of the McCULLOGHS, by whom she had several children.

THOMAS MORROW, WHO MARRIED JANET McCARTY, DAUGHTER OF MOSES McCARTY

THOMAS MORROW whose wife was JANET McCARTY, daughter of MOSES McCARTY. JANET McCARTY had a sister, MARGARET McCARTY who married FLEMING BATES, of VIRGINIA. The children of THOMAS MORROW and his wife were:

1. MARY MORROW (2) JAMES MORROW
2. THOMAS MORROW
3. MARGARET MORROW
4. ELIZABETH MORROW
5. SARAH MORROW (7) JOHN MORROW
6. ANNIE MORROW
7. JEMIE MORROW.

SAMUEL MORROW, WHO MARRIED MRS. JANE (MORTON) PEDEN

THE MORROW FAMILY OF MORGAN AND LAWRENCE COUNTIES IN ALABAMA.

When MOSES WHITE, of HENRY COUNTY, North Carolina, executed his will in 1786, the witnesses thereto, as the record shows were: JAMES WHITE, (the founder of ENCKVILLE) SAMUEL PEDEN and JOHN MORTON.

Among the children of MOSES WHITE mentioned in his will, besides GEN. JAMES WHITE and other sons, were two daughters (among others) ELIZABETH WHITE who married THOMAS PEDEN, and KATHERINE WHITE, who married SAMUEL PEDEN. This SAMUEL PEDEN was the witness named above.

JANE PEDEN, a sister of THOMAS and SAMUEL PEDEN married a man named MORTON, by whom she had several children, and her husband JOHN MORTON was the other witness to the MOSES WHITE will in 1786. He had a number of children named MORTON and at his death the widow JANE PEDEN MORTON married SAMUEL MORROW (who witnessed the MOSES WHITE will), and they had children:

1. ROBERT S. MORROW m. ROSA DOBROUCEL.
2. DAVID MORROW
3. WILLIAM L. MORROW
4. SAMUEL MORROW
5. JAMES MORTON MORROW who married KATHERINE WHITE PEDEN, daughter of KATHERINE WHITE and SAMUEL PEDEN (The witness to the MOSES WHITE WILL). This KATE WHITE PEDEN was the niece of GEN. JAMES WHITE, of ENCKVILLE.

JAMES MORTON MORROW--MARRIED NIECE OF GEN JAMES WHITE, OF KNOXVILLE

The United States Census of Fayette County, Alabama, for 1850, shows that JAMES MORTON MORROW was born in South Carolina in 1800, and that KATHERINE WHITE PEDEN was born in 1807, and that they had the following children:

1. SAMUEL MORROW 20 years of age.
2. JEFFERSON MORROW 18 years.
3. MARY ELLEN MORROW, 14 years.
4. MARTHA MORROW, 12 years.
5. JOHN MORROW, 9 years.
6. JANE MORROW, 4 years.
7. MARY ELLEN m. THOS. SIDNEY CALHOUN.

Most of the MORROWS who are so numerous in MORGAN and LAWRENCE Counties, in Alabama, are the descendants of SAMUEL MORROW and his wife JANE (MORTON) PEDEN.

The book called "PEDENS IN AMERICA" claims that JOHN PEDEN who married PEGGY McDILL, the parents of the PEDENS who married into the WHITE family, came from COUNTY ANTRIM, in IRELAND. All of this MAY be true, but the presence of the PEDEN FAMILY in ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, Virginia, shows they were neighbors of the MORROW FAMILY in that County & in LOWER NORFOLK, a half century before this traditional JOHN PEDEN is supposed to have left IRELAND. In reading the account of the County ANTRIM JOHN PEDEN I see no positive proof of the statements made about him, and remain skeptical about the story of the PEDEN FAMILY origin. JAMES PEDEN, a brother of JOHN PEDEN, died in Isle of Wight County in 1746 and was buried at the OLD BRICK CHURCH.

GEORGE MORROW WHO MARRIED MARY CALHOUN AND MARY MECKLEN

GEORGE MORROW, the son of SAMUEL MORROW, married MARY CALHOUN. She was the grand-daughter of the JANE EWING, who married EZEKIEL CALHOUN and settled in the Washaw section of South Carolina. Mary's father was HUGH CALHOUN. But it appears that GEORGE MORROW must have lost his first wife MARY CALHOUN and then married MARY MECKLEN, the daughter of HUGH MECKLEN, of the Buffalo Church section of GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.

GEORGE MORROW died in ARBENVILLE County, South Carolina, leaving a will dated and proved April 6th, 1790, in which he names all of the children (apparently) of both marriages. They were:

1. HUGH MORROW (b. 1754)
2. JOHN MORROW
3. JAMES MORROW
4. GEORGE MECKLEN MORROW.
5. JANE MORROW
6. MARGARET MORROW
7. MARY ANN MORROW.

PEOPLE WHO LIVED AT "FOUR MILE BRANCH POSTOFFICE" IN MONROE
COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 115 YEARS AGO.

**HISTORICAL ENTRIES ON THE OLD LEDGER
OF CUNNINGHAM & RANKIN'S STORE**

One Hundred and Fifteen years ago (1855) FOUR MILE BRANCH was the name of the postoffice located in the Four Mile Branch neighborhood, and CUNNINGHAM & RANKIN had a little country store there. It included all the people who lived in the general vicinity of the HILES FERRY, up and down the river on both sides for several miles, and back as far as the present town of VONOZE.

Of course there are few people living in MONROE COUNTY today who can remember there being a postoffice at that place, and NONE who could possibly remember the firm of CUNNINGHAM & RANKIN. Sixty-five years ago, JOHN LATTIMORE owned a store at the same place, doubtless the successor to the Cunningham & Rankin establishment. The Lattimores, McGees, Callways, Hairs, Whites and Howards dominated the community, to a large extent, and names of these particular families stand out prominently in the memory of a boy who looked upon all of them as practically his "kin folks". Long after that boy's parents had moved away to Texas, letters used to arrive from Tennessee, postmarked at "Four Mile Branch".

A few years ago when the idea of writing these notes first began to form in the mind of the writer, he ran across an old ledger kept in 1855 to 1856 kept by the Cunningham & Rankin Store. On it appears hundreds of items charged to customers who lived in the trade territory of FOUR MILE BRANCH. The entries are historic. Names appear on that ledger that belonged to a lot of people who are now looked upon as the "remote ancestors" of hundreds of descendants who have perhaps forgotten their names and that they ever lived in that particular community.

I can imagine no more delightful task than to copy these names in these notes, with an occasional comment on their identity, where I happen to know about them.

**THESE NAMES SHOULD STIR THE MEMORY
OF MANY MONROE COUNTY PEOPLE**

Joseph Gilbreath
James Curtis
WILLIAM CARSON

I know this family is still in the county.

Samuel McCallum
Cushman Moore
William Snyder
ROBERT LISK

Probably brother of ELISHA P. LISK and uncle of SAM LISK who went to Texas and served in the C. S. A.

Rugh Brown
Manuel Smith
JOHN M. RANKIN

One of the partners in the store.
Thompson Barnett
PENDLETON ISEKILL

His descendants still live in the town of Vonoze, near by the old Four-Mile Branch. There are hundreds of Isbells still living in Monroe County. The Isbells were related to Rev. Joseph Calloway.

William Upton, Esq.
JASON ISEKILL

Related to Pendleton Isbell.

John Barnett
James Reavely
DARBY REAGAN (or Ragan)

The Reagans have been there long years. There are oodles of them.

Michael Gardner
Levi Clark.

William A. Upton
Richard Stephens
Jeremiah Frazer

JOHN DENTON
RALPH HAGLER. They lived on the North side of Tallies.

JOHN ROBERTSON
Beb Wear

ANDREW COWAN

Probably came from Jefferson or Knox County.

ABRAHAM McLEMORE
ARSON McLEMORE

Brothers from North Carolina who were related to the JONES FAMILY by intermarriage - the Charles C. and JOSEPH JONES, who came along later from South Carolina.

ALLEN HENLEY. This probably the one who married the widow of ABIJAH FOWLER.

Daniel Houston

John Beatty. Kin of the WHITES.

WILLY McGEHE
SALINTHY (CYNTHIA) McGEHE

Unidentified members of the BAR-CLAY McGEHE family.

LOYD SMITH
Randolph Gideons
JUSTIN STEAD

In 1831 Justin Stead, with JOSEPH TRAVIS, A. R. HENDERSON and DAVID RUSSELL were witnesses to the will of REV. JOSEPH CALLAWAY.

John Sims
Weasley Strather (or STROTHER)

Abner Pitman
David Cordeal
James Hacker
Butler Ramsey
Phillip Cole
G. W. TEMPLETON

Patsy Stephens
Jones Leaver
William Steward
Ryley Smith

Jeptha Underwood
EVAN JONES

Henry Lesler
SAMUEL HENRY

Maybe of the same family at the Henry Crossroads in Jefferson Co.

HENRY HOUSTON
ALBON JONES

James Choxsley
BARTHOLOMEW DENTON

BOLAN C. CANNON
HUGH CUNNINGHAM

Of the Miles Cunningham family.
Came from BLOUNT COUNTY.

Joseph Scott
Col. A. R. T. HUNTER.

Charles Hess
George Snyder, Jr.

MILLER ISEKILL
Nicholas Byars.

TABITHA HIGES
ROBERT MARSHALL

Joseph Marshall was the second Register of MONROE COUNTY, in 1828.

Thomas Barnett
JAMES BEATTY

Samuel McClure
Isaac Hicks

WILLIAM ISEKILL
John Bogart

ANDREW VAUGHT

The Vaughts were from the Watauga Valley. One Vaught married OREDDIAH RAY, JR.

JOHN SWANSON
Feggy Hacker

Robert Sharpe
William Taylor

William Snyder
ELIJAH KAGLETON

James G. Formby
Isaac Baker

JOHN BEARNE
Nancy Porter

John Warren
JOHN CARSON, SR.

NATHANIEL MOORE
Lewis Shepherd

Alvren Hagler
Patsy Ellerson

Garrett Frazer
Hubbard Ragsdale

Joseph Smith
William Gossett

ALLISON HENSLEY
Hensleys lived in Unicoi County in the Nollichucky region.

SAMUEL WALLACE
Of the Blount County family.

Phillip Swanson
ISAAC DENTON

ELISHA P. LISK (See 1850 Census)
Arch Marley

Nancy Saul
Nancy Porter

PLEASANT GENTRY
Of the Jefferson and Knox County family of that name.

Miller Logan
WESLEY HARKINS

Isabelle Dearm
John Morrison

NOSES McCONNELL
Probably the ancestor of the McConnells of Blount County, some of whom are buried at the Baker's Creek Presbyterian Church.

G. W. Graves
WILLIAM WHITE
Son of RICHARD WHITE and the grandfather of THOMAS WHITE of the present Four Mile Branch neighborhood.

JOHN HOWARD
Probably nephew of REV. JOSEPH CALLOWAY, who came from North Carolina.

JESSE WATKINS
May have been the Jesse Watkins who several years later was killed by Indians in Texas.

MICHAEL NAVE
Of the family of that name who were early settlers in the Watauga Valley in Carter County.

WILLIAM HARGIS
Belonged to the Hargis family, some of whom are buried at Baker's Creek Church.

WILLIAM ROGERS (May have been kinsman of the famous person of that name).
LEONARD WOOD

Possible ancestor of the man of the same name, who in 1920 ran for the Republican nomination for President of the United States.

DAVID CORDEAL
The Cordeal family probably came from BRUNSWICK CO. VA. stock.

Barbin Swanson.
JOHN GENTRY
Descendant of Charles Gentry from Jefferson County, Tennessee.

THOMAS HOPE
This man was the oldest son of the famous architect who built "Wick - lenburg" on the Holston from P. A. Ramsey & a home for CHARLES McCLUNG.

AMONG THE FIRST OFFICERS AND LAWYERS
OF BRADLEY COUNTY

REV. HENRY PRICE who was a local minister of some note, and who had lived in the territory South of the KINNASSEE and preached among the Indians, as early as 1838-9, was one among the first county officers selected when Bradley County was organized. He was elected the first Circuit Court Clerk in 1856. WILLIAM CARTER, at the same time, was elected the first Sheriff of the new county; JOHN E. ROBERTSON, Clerk of the County Court; James Hauderdale, Trustee and Frank Kincaannon, Register of Deeds.

Among others who served as early Sheriffs of Bradley County, were:

Alexander Clingan
Charles I. Price
THOMAS L. BATES
ISAAC LOWE, and others.

Judge Thomas L. Williams, of Knoxville organized the first chancery Court in Bradley County in 1840. DAVID M. KEY, of Monroe County succeeded to the same position, back in 1870. D. C. TRESHITT was also the Chancery Court judge just before D. M. Key.

Among the early lawyers who lived & practiced in Bradley County in the first years of its existence, were:

John T. Coffee
Charles F. Gillespie
T. J. Campbell
J. B. Collins
John B. Hoyl
B. Jarnigan

Campbell afterwards went to Texas & settled. Lawyers who practiced after the war between the States were

R. M. Edwards
J. H. Gout
J. G. Stuart
F. B. Mayfield
James Mayfield
Arthur Trayner
John C. Amsey
J. H. Aiken.

J. N. AIKEN was the son of SAMUEL J. AIKEN and his wife MARTHA L. BROWN & this Samuel was a native Irishman, who was a blacksmith. When the Indians were removed to the West Samuel Aiken had charge of the ambulance train. Shortly afterwards he died.

BRIEF MENTION OF SOME OLD TIMERS
WHO LIVED IN BRADLEY COUNTY

THOMAS L. BATES married CYNTHIA McCARTY, daughter of E. V. McCARTY and his wife SALLIE G. McCARTY, who came from the McCarlys of Anderson and Campbell County, East Tennessee. THOMAS L. was the son of EZEKIEL BATES (b. in Virginia in 1794) whose wife was HANNAH HILL (who was born in Georgia, and died in Bradley Co. in 1837) They had eight children. The Bates family came to Bradley Co. from Alabama, where they had moved from Georgia. Thomas L. Bates was one time Sheriff of Bradley County.

P. L. BIBLE was a son of HENRY BIBLE and his wife NACHEL SIMMONS and came from Monroe County, but were originally from Greene County, East Tennessee. P. L. BIBLE was born, however, in MONROE COUNTY. He became by trade a brickmason and afterwards went into the contracting business in Cleveland and adjoining territory. His wife was AMANDA COLEMAN, of POLK County. She died and he then married MARY TAYLOR, of Monroe County. TAYLOR BIBLE was a son of this last marriage. He was a Confederate soldier.

WILLIAM BRYAN married LUCY COLE and lived in Sevier County, where he came from Virginia, where he was born. They were the parents of P. L. Bryan, an early Bradley County farmer. The wife was born in Jefferson County, but she died in McMinn. These Bryans were related to the numerous LILLARD FAMILY of JEFFERSON, McMINN and MEigs County. P. L. BRYAN married ANNA M. HORTON, a daughter of DANIEL HORTON, who was born up in Washington County, Tennessee in 1834. They had children:

1. MARY M. BRYAN
2. SARAH E. BRYAN
3. WILLIAM E. BRYAN
4. DANIEL HORTON BRYAN
5. ALICE A. BRYAN
6. THOMAS L. BRYAN
7. JOSEPH A. BRYAN
8. FELIX G. BRYAN
9. LUCY B. BRYAN.

JOSEPH BYRD was one of the BOANE CO. BYRDS and married ANNA. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He had a son, JAMES S. BYRD, who married in KING Co. and then located in BRADLEY COUNTY. He married MISS MARGARET T. McMILLAN, the daughter of COL. JOSEPH and TERESA W. McMILLAN, who was born in BRADLEY County, the daughter of an early settler in BRADLEY COUNTY.

S. P. GAUT was an old time lawyer who practiced in Cleveland and the surrounding territory. His father was JOSEPH GAUT and his wife DELILAH JONES, who came from JEFFERSON COUNTY, and the son was educated at MOSSY CREEK COLLEGE (now Jefferson City, Tennessee). He married Fanny Anderson, from Alabama, and became the father of DAVID A. GAUT, who also became a Cleveland lawyer.

RUFUS L. GRAVES was born at ABINGDON, Virginia. His parents were HENRY W. GRAVES and ALCEY SOULE. Henry W. Graves was born at PETERSBURG, Virginia. He lived at CHARLOTTE, but died at DALTON GEORGIA. RUFUS GRAVES was in partnership in the mercantile business for a time with the ENOX BROTHERS. Later he was a partner of JAMES McKAMAY. He married AMANDA WELLS, first and second, HELENA BRAZELTON. He had two or three children by both marriages. They were Cumberland Presbyterians.

JAMES S. HANCOCK came to Bradley from over in Polk County, where he was born. His father was WILLIAM HANCOCK. James S. married FANNIE CHILDRRESS who went to school in the town of Cleveland, but who was a native of Georgia. Hancock ran an old time planing mill.

C. L. HARDWICK was born in 1827 at what is now CHARLESTON, but was then the headquarters of the Cherokee Agency, then in charge of EDGE MONTGOMERY, whose daughter JANE was his mother. JOHN HARDWICK came from down in Georgia and was one of the Georgia Hardwicks, and MONTGOMERY was one of the Georgia Montgomeries. He married ISABELLA TUCKER, of Bradley County, and they had twelve children. They were all Methodists.

The HATCHER FAMILY came to East Tennessee from Virginia. CHARLES F. HATCHER married NANNIE PETTIT and they lived and died in POLK COUNTY. The son G. R. HATCHER was born in 1834, and married MARTHA YEST in POLK COUNTY, and he and his wife ran a hotel in Cleveland called the HATCHER HOUSE.

HANK & TIPTON were partners in the hardware business. M. P. HANK was a son of WILLIAM HANK and MAHULIA SWINSON, who were married in HAWKINS COUNTY, Tennessee, lived in KING Co. and finally came to BRADLEY COUNTY. M. P. HANK married first EMMA BOWEN and second SALLIE A. DODSON and had two children, REBECCA and KARL HANK. His partner was E. C. TIPTON.

THE HERRIGAR FAMILY of Bradley County came here from GREENE COUNTY, Tennessee, where HENRY B. HERRIGAR was born in 1815. His father was CAPT. HENRY HERRIGAR who married CHARLOTTE HENDERSON. The father was a saddler. They were married in 1807 and had no less than ten children. CHARLOTTE HENDERSON was born at Knoxville.

JUDGE JOHN B. HOYL, an old time lawyer in Cleveland, was born in McMinn County, the son of REV. T. L. HOYL a native of North Carolina. JUDGE J. B. HOYL was Circuit Judge for about eight years. He first practiced law at HENTON in Polk County, but later came to Cleveland. He married a widow, MRS. GUSSE PARKER, who was born in Texas, but reared in East Tennessee.

LEANDER HUGHES and his wife MARY settled in BRADLEY COUNTY. He was born in Virginia in 1795. He had lived in WHITE, MONROE and McMINN counties before he finally came to Bradley County and settled. JOHN HUGHES, their son married CAROLINE COWAN, a daughter of D. C. and BETSY COWAN, of Bradley County. THE HUGHES CHILDREN of JOHN HUGHES were:

1. LEANDER C. HUGHES
2. JAMES B. HUGHES
3. MARY J. HUGHES
4. IDIA HUGHES
5. ELIA M. HUGHES
6. JOSIAH L. HUGHES
7. AMANDA E. HUGHES
8. SARAH I. HUGHES

THE ANDREW J. JONES family were from North Carolina, and the son THOMAS B. JONES was born in RUTHERFORD COUNTY in that State. The father ANDREW J. JONES died in SEVIER COUNTY. ANDREW first settled in COCKER COUNTY. THOMAS B. JONES married MARIA A. BRUMMITT a native of East Tennessee. THOMAS B. JONES was a Confederate soldier in a GEORGIA REGIMENT.

JAMES M. JOHNSON of Bradley County was a son of JOSIAH JOHNSON and his wife HESTER WALKER of Blount County, Tennessee. He came with the parents to Bradley County where he died in 1861. He married the widow of PAUL HERRIFORD, who had been killed in the year 1849. They had five sons and as many daughters.

THE JULIAN FAMILY of Blount County and SAMUEL, ROBERT P. and M. L. JULIAN were all sons of REV. ISHAM JULIAN and his wife ELIZABETH PATTERSON, of Blount County. ROBERT P. JULIAN had a son, M. L. JULIAN, married MARY SMITH of Hamilton County.

BUR TIPTON COUSINS, FROM MONROE TO CLEVELAND AND TO BRADLEY COUNTY

In 1837, JOHN B. TIPTON was appointed to survey the lands of the COOKE DISTRICT, after the Indians agreed to cede the territory and remove to the West.

JOHN B. TIPTON was the son of COL. JONATHAN TIPTON and the grandson of COL. JOHN TIPTON, the political adversary of COL. JOHN SEVIER during FRANKLIN era. JOHN B. TIPTON'S father had recently been elected by the people of BLOUNT and MONROE COUNTIES to the State Legislature, and had settled in MONROE COUNTY, after living for several years in BLOUNT CO., at Clover Hill, somewhere near MORGANTON.

Appointed to assist JOHN B. TIPTON in surveying the COOKE lands were THOMAS HOWARD CALLAWAY, JAMES McKAMEY, and JONATHAN CASWELL TIPTON, brother of JOHN B. TIPTON. Of course the parents of these two brothers came to BLOUNT and MONROE from CARTER COUNTY and Washington County, where the controversy between their grandfather, JOHN TIPTON and JOHN SEVIER had been so exciting for a time. Still another brother, EDWARD TIPTON had been appointed surveyor of the lands to the West in FALETTE COUNTY, and on a trip by horseback to that part of Tennessee, JONATHAN CASWELL, then 18 years old, had been made a deputy surveyor there, for a time, which experience made his services valuable in the COOKE DISTRICT surveying.

JONATHAN CASWELL TIPTON, sometime in the 1740s, was living in BRADLEY CO. where in 1849 he was elected as the Legislative Representative. Then the next year he married ELIZABETH SHEARON, of DAVIDSON COUNTY, the daughter of a fellow member of the Legislature who had succeeded the famous JOHN BELL, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate, and with his wife, he went back to his old haunts - MORGANTON, TENNESSEE, LOUDON COUNTY (had been in Monroe) where he went into the mercantile business. Later - after several years - he sold out and took his family and moved back to CLEVELAND & settled permanently. He lived on his farm, four miles West of the town of Cleveland. He then served three terms as Circuit Court Clerk of Bradley County, and was appointed to take the census of Bradley County in 1861. He and his wife had eight children born to their marriage, the eldest of them

being WILLIAM SHEARON TIPTON, who was born at MORGANTON, LOUDON COUNTY, Tennessee September 12, 1851.

JONATHAN CASWELL TIPTON and his wife had the following children:

1. WILLIAM SHEARON TIPTON (b. 1851).
2. EDWARD CASWELL TIPTON (merchant)
3. IDA L. TIPTON m. HAYES.
4. MARY LUCRETIA TIPTON m. JOHNSTON.
5. SAMUEL HORACE TIPTON (Editor and Printer in Cleveland)
6. JONATHAN STERLING TIPTON.
7. ADELIA TENNESSEE TIPTON
8. CATHERINE ELIZABETH TIPTON.

WILLIAM SHEARON TIPTON was appointed postmaster of Cleveland by President GARFIELD. His wife was MISS LIZZIE SANDUSKY, of Shelbyville, Tennessee. They were the parents of one son WILLIAM SANDUSKY TIPTON. He was a Republican in politics.

THE WEATHERLY FAMILY FROM GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The WEATHERLY family was one among the early ones who settled in BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

WILLIAM WEATHERLY was born in GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C. about 1765, and died in Bradley County in 1865. He was a Methodist and had come to the county away back in 1837. His wife was NANCY WALKER, who was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, but who, after her husband's death, (it is supposed) died in HENRY COUNTY, in West Tennessee.

They had a son W. H. WEATHERLY, who was also born in GUILFORD COUNTY in North Carolina, July 10, 1815. In 1839 he married RACHEL GAFFY, in 1817. They had five children. After his first wife's death W. H. Weatherly married CECILYNE LOCKYER, who was a native of ROANE COUNTY.

W. G. WEATHERLY, born in BRADLEY CO. in 1840, was a son of W. H. WEATHERLY and his first wife RACHEL GAFFY, and was the oldest of six children. He married MARGARET C. MOBLECK, who was born in BLOUNT COUNTY, Tennessee October 30, 1836. They had six children.

A. J. WHITE, who was Clerk of the Quancary Court of Bradley County for many years, until 1870, was born in HANKINS COUNTY, Tennessee.

POLK COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BACK IN 1839 WHEN POLK COUNTY WAS FIRST ORGANIZED

ACT ESTABLISHING POLK COUNTY- THE FIRST COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Most of the present POLK COUNTY, Tennessee - the part that lies south of the KIWASSEE RIVER was in the COOKE DISTRICT, not evacuated by the CHEROKEES until 1837-8. The village of COLUMBUS was on the North side of the Kivassae river and about three or four miles from the present town of BENTON, the County seat of Polk County. On the site of what became BENTON, lived JAMES McKAMEY, mentioned in the BRADLEY COUNTY notes, who helped JOHN B. TIPTON and THOMAS HOWARD CALLAWAY and others survey the COOKE Cherokee lands. McKAMEY had bought the land of a JAMES LINDNER who had a Cherokee wife and who had built a double log cabin. Lindner was a brother in law of LEVI BAILEY, who also lived in the same neighborhood.

COLUMBUS, which was North of the KIWASSEE and a part of the CHEROKEE PURCHASE of 1819, was settled early and had several merchants in the 1820s, including S. M. REID, JOHN WHITE, WILLIAM and JOHN SHIELDS and SAMUEL McCORRELL. Practically all of these had come down out of Greene and Jefferson Counties when the "Purchase" was thrown open. Columbus was the gateway to what is called the "OVERHILL TOWNS" along the road from Knoxville, Tennessee, to GEORGIA.

The first settlers of POLK COUNTY were enormous specimens of the human race, we are told, remarkable for their size and strength, and particularly the BENTONS, ABRAHAM McKESSICK, HENRY BOYD, JOE BLANTON, THOMAS CRAWFORD and JOHN F. HANNAH. They were all North Carolina Indian fighters and Squirrel hunting pioneers, with long rifles.

Among the first settlers of the County besides those named were:

WILLIAM M. KINGS
ABRAHAM LILLARD
NELSON LAWSON
THOMAS JONES
R. W. McCLARY
HENRY BOYD
JOHN W. TAYLOR
TRAVIS RODGERS
WILLIAM HIGGINS
MICHAEL RIDGEMAN
A. R. STEPHENSON,
BERT SYLOCK

POLK COUNTY, by an Act of the Legislature, passed November 28, 1839, was established out of territory taken from parts of MONROE and BRADLEY COUNTIES. Names of its early settlers also appear in many instances in the annals of the two original counties named.

The commissioners named in the Act establishing Polk County, were as follows:

JOHN TOWNS
JONAS HOUL
JAMES HAWKINS
ANDREW STEVENSON
HENRY BOYD
JOHN WILLIAMS
ALLEN ARMSTRONG
THOMAS HAEGER
JOHN F. HANNAH

In the year 1844 what was known as the COOKE ACADEMY was established in the town of BENTON. The Trustees of this institution were:

ROBERT W. McCLARY
JAMES McKAMEY
W. W. (WILLIAM) HENRY
ABRAHAM LILLARD
W. E. McCORRELL

The BAPTISTS appeared to have been the dominating church of the BENTON community in the earliest days of its existence. The first Baptist ministers were JASON MATLOCK and a ZACHARIAH ROSE. The Cumberland Presbyterians also obtained a good foothold, and the first preacher they seem to have had was HOUSTON HENRY, and then J. L. MILLBURN. The first regular Presbyterian preacher on the ground is said to have been REV. JOHN E. BLACKBURN. He was of the Blackburn family of Blount and Jefferson Counties, of course.

The location of the home of the pioneer JAMES McKAMEY received the most votes for the County seat, which became the county seat and was called BENTON. The town was surveyed and laid off into lots by JOHN F. HANNAH.

The first court of POLK COUNTY was held on the North side of the Kivassae at COLUMBUS, May 4, 1840. Following are the names of the first justices there present:

COL. WILLIAM LILLARD OF COCKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND HIS FAMILY

COL. WILLIAM LILLARD, the first legislative representative from COCKE COUNTY, Tennessee, lived on the river, below OLD NEWPORT, in COCKE CO., TENNESSEE. He was a Colonel in the American Revolution, according to Will Lenoir's "Sweetwater Valley". It was WILLIAM LILLARD, who with old PETER FINE raised a company and followed the marauding Indians back into the mountains of North Carolina in 1783, on an expedition in which a brother of PETER FINE was killed and his body placed under the water of a frozen stream until it could be recovered later. From this incident the stream obtained the name FINE'S CREEK which it still bears - in HAYWOOD COUNTY, North Carolina. The well known JOHN FINE, of MONROE COUNTY was of this PETER FINE family, in COCKE COUNTY. So we know that WILLIAM LILLARD was in East Tennessee in 1783, immediately after the revolution and may have been there earlier.

This COL. WILLIAM LILLARD came from CULPEPPER COUNTY, Virginia. In 1927, STOUT LILLARD, a member of this family published a book giving the history of this LILLARD FAMILY, a copy of which the writer has never been able to secure and has never seen. This WILLIAM LILLARD of COCKE COUNTY TENNESSEE was most surely related to the ABRAHAM LILLARD who settled in POLK COUNTY, whose forbears were also from CULPEPPER COUNTY, Virginia. JANE HARRISON (b. 1796) also belonged to a CULPEPPER COUNTY family.

Not having seen the LILLARD HISTORY I am unable to give the names of all the children of COL. WILLIAM LILLARD or the name of his wife. He had two children, of whom I know:

1. WILLIAM LILLARD JR., born in Tennessee (probably Cocke County) August 14, 1786, who married a NANCY ROUTH and settled in MONROE COUNTY, Tennessee.
2. LOUISE LILLARD, who on AUGUST 23, 1826, married BENJAMIN ROUTH, a brother of NANCY who had become the wife of WILLIAM LILLARD, JR. They also moved to MONROE COUNTY, Tennessee, and settled in SWEETWATER VALLEY.

If ABRAHAM (of POLK COUNTY), JOHN and JAMES LILLARD and their sister SARAH were born in VIRGINIA in the 1790s it is certain that neither of them were

the children of COL. WILLIAM LILLARD, and they were perhaps the off-spring of the JOHN LILLARD who married SARAH CAMPBELL, daughter of ELLAS CAMPBELL, who deeded JOHN LILLARD the slave boy BOB, who is buried at BENTON, in the old graveyard. Nor was JAMES LILLARD, father of COL. NEWTON LILLARD, of MEIGS COUNTY, a son of COL. WILLIAM LILLARD, if, as GOODSPEED says, he was born in Virginia in 1795, for in 1793 COL. WILLIAM LILLARD was living in COCKE COUNTY, Tennessee. My opinion is that JAMES LILLARD, of DECATUR, in MEIGS COUNTY, was the JAMES LILLARD, a brother of ABRAHAM, whom MR. DOUGHERTY says, was born in 1722 in VIRGINIA. It is mighty easy to get a date wrong in these family charts.

WILLIAM LILLARD, JR. AND HIS WIFE NANCY ROUTH.

WILLIAM LILLARD, JR. and his wife NANCY ROUTH, who settled in MONROE County, Tennessee, had the following children:

1. ANDREW JACKSON LILLARD (b. Feb. 20, 1829, in Monroe County, and who married SARANTHA TALLIAFERRO of an old CULPEPPER COUNTY family, in LOUDON COUNTY.
2. WASHINGTON LILLARD
3. LOUISE JANE LILLARD, who married JERESH BRAGG, in 1851.
4. CAROLINE LILLARD (b. in 1835) and lived in MONROE COUNTY.
5. MURRELL LILLARD (b. 1837)
6. JULIA LILLARD who married a RILEY BURNS.
7. JOSEPH B. LILLARD (b. 1843).

SARANTHA TALLIAFERRO who married ANDREW JACKSON LILLARD, was the son of JOHN TALLIAFERRO, who had settled in LOUDON COUNTY, Tennessee, and who, like the LILLARDS was a member of an old CULPEPPER COUNTY family. This marriage ran "true to form" in that the two families came from the same Virginia section, had known each other for generations and to intermarry was carrying out an unwritten social rule among such families.

MURRELL LILLARD joined the Army of the Confederacy and fought for the South.

JOSEPH LILLARD, son of WILLIAM LILLARD JR. and NANCY ROUTH, married MAGGIE J. HARRISON, who, like JANE HARRISON, the wife of ABRAHAM LILLARD, came from another old CULPEPPER FAMILY, and again "ran true to form".

THE LILLARD FAMILY AND ITS CONNECTIONS OF CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

THE BRYAN AND LILLARD FAMILIES OF CULPEPPER COUNTY

The LILLARD FAMILY and the DILLARD FAMILY, were neighbors in CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and strange to say, BOTH FAMILIES intermarried with the HARRISON FAMILY, also numerous in that county.

The writer has said that the LILLARD FAMILY of East Tennessee came from CULPEPPER COUNTY, Virginia, and with good reason: There was no other section of the country from which they could have come, save and except that territory from which CULPEPPER was derived. Diligent search of the early Virginia land records has failed to turn up a family named LILLARD, although the DILLARDS were comparatively plentiful. The 1790 census of Buckingham County, North Carolina has yielded up old MOSSES LILLARD, with six sons and two daughters, but he, no doubt had drifted down there from CULPEPPER COUNTY, and we have not found trace of him since.

In 1929 in delving around in an old home in CULPEPPER COUNTY a fragment of one of the old minute books of 1765 was found with 270 pages of it MISSING. What was left has been restored, as near as could be, and published. In that we found the earliest notes relating to the LILLARDS of CULPEPPER, JOHN, JAMES and THOMAS LILLARD.

On page 328, under date of May 19th, 1765 JOHN LILLARD and his wife SUBANNA, executed a deed to THOMAS LILLARD which is there recorded.

On August 20, 1765 (page 434) in the case of THOMAS GRAYSON v. RICHARD PARKS, judgment was for the plaintiff on the verdict of a jury composed of WILLIAM GAINES, BENJAMIN HOOKES, JOHN HEARD, ANDREW BROWNEN, JAMES GRAVES, JOHN DUNCAN and JAMES LILLARD. And practically the same jury rendered a verdict in the case of JAMES V. CUMMINGS on the same day.

When these cases had been disposed of the court then took up the case of JAMES DILLARD v. JOHN SANDERS.

That a JANE DILLARD of CULPEPPER CO. married ANDREW HARRISON, about this time, and an ABRAHAM LILLARD was later married to a JANE HARRISON, undoubtedly a relative of ANDREW HARRISON, of CULPEPPER COUNTY, is at least singular, and makes the LILLARDS and the DILLARDS at least homogeneous.

On May 20, 1765 (page 347 of the old Culpepper Minute Book or Fragment, the case of JOHN TACKETT v. RICHARD PRICE came on to be heard, and a jury composed, among others of WILLIAM GAINES CHARLES and JOHN YANCY, RICHARD SHIP and WILLIAM NASH gave the plaintiff a verdict, and then came up the case of THOMAS STANTON vs. RICHARD BRYAN.

RICHARD BRYAN, the defendant in this case, was the father of JOSEPH BRYAN who died in CULPEPPER COUNTY in 1806 and who had JAMES, WILLIAM, AQUILLA, IDCY, ELIZABETH and a son JOHN BRYAN who married NANCY LILLARD. This NANCY LILLARD was the daughter of a JOHN LILLARD, who married a MISS GARRETT & had children:

1. NANCY LILLARD who m. JOHN BRYAN.
2. SILAS LILLARD (went to Mississippi)
3. CAPT. BENJAMIN LILLARD, who went to Kentucky, having married ELIZABETH BROWNING, the daughter of NICHOLAS BROWNING.
4. Also four daughters, LILLARD.

May 19, 1765 (page 325) a new grand jury for Culpepper was sworn in, and the members were as follows:

John Latham
William Walker
John Mansfee
Jonas Mansfee
John Cooper
William Smith
RALEIGH DUNCAN
NICHOLAS BROWNING
Isaac Wall
And several others.

The NICHOLAS BROWNING was the father-in-law of BENJAMIN LILLARD, who married Elizabeth Browning and moved to KENTUCKY.

As soon as the grand jury was sworn in they indicted HARRISON MONDAY for profanely swearing.

This HARRISON MONDAY was the son of ELIZABETH HARRISON the wife of THOMAS MONDAY, and the sister of ANDREW HARRISON of CULPEPPER COUNTY, whose grandson (Son of Battelle Harrison) married JANE TODD of Jefferson County, Tennessee. He was JAMES HARRISON father of JOHN and JAMES HARRISON of LOUDON COUNTY, Tennessee.

JOHN BRYAN and his wife NANCY LILLARD were the grandparents of WM. J. BRYAN

MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

MORGAN COUNTY WAS ALL IN ROANE COUNTY UNTIL 1817.

All those whose names are found in the records of ROANE COUNTY before 1817, are subject to the possible charge that they lived in what is now MORGAN COUNTY, except that the part now MORGAN had but few settlers in those earlier days. The entire county came out of ROANE, but not all of ROANE, of course, went into MORGAN.

In those early days, we do find some of the STONECIPHERS living in ROANE COUNTY, and they perhaps did live at that time in what is now MORGAN County. This may also be true of a few other families.

When you drive through HARRISMAN, an interesting point almost from the beginning, you drive through a part of MORGAN COUNTY. Harrisman is and long has been a coal producer. SAMUEL and MARTIN HALL are said to have set the first example of living in what is now MORGAN COUNTY.

There was a colony of enterprising Germans first, seeing the possibilities of the section, located there. Other early settlers not far from WARTSBURG, the county seat, were:

Joseph Stonecypher
Benjamin Stonecypher
Michael Stonecypher
Eura Stonecypher
John M. Staples
Elijah Beese
Titus England
John Freese
Royal Shoemaker
Mathias Williams
Ephraim Davis
Morgan Handricks
John Webb
Littleberry Briant
Lewis Beator
John Craig
Basil Roman.

The HENRY and CEDAR RIVER are the two main water courses that drain the territory, which is composed mainly of what is known as the Cumberland Plateau.

DAVID STONECIPHER located on what is called CHECKED PINE, Michael STONECIPHER located lands on BIG ROCK.

MORGAN COUNTY was named for GENERAL DANIEL MORGAN, of the American Revolution.

DANIEL S. LAVENDER, an early settler donated land for a county seat, which was West of Warburg and on which a jail was built, the place being called MONTGOMERY. Fentress county was established and this location was unsatisfactory, so another site was selected, on the East side of Emory river on the Wall place, and called by the same name - Montgomery. Commissioners who selected this site were:

Jacob Layman
John Triplett
Benjamin Hagler
John English
Shadrack Stephens
Samuel Scott
Sterling Williams.

In 1870 the county seat, by an election, was moved to Warburg, about a mile or two distant. The commissioners in 1870 to sell the old property and build a new courthouse at the new site were:

C. G. Joyner
R. A. Davis
L. B. Snow
E. H. McOatham
W. L. X. Davidson
Amos Taylor
J. W. Davidson

The first sheriff was GARRETT HALL. The first county court clerk was WILLIAM WALL.

The first Circuit Court Clerk was ROBERT A. DANNEY
First Clerk and Master: R. F. STAPLES
First Register: BENJAMIN C. WHITE
First Trustee: William D. Fields.

SAMUEL HALL OF MORGAN COUNTY AND HIS FAMILY

SAMUEL HALL, the first settler in MORGAN COUNTY, Tennessee, came out of Virginia, and settled first on BEAVER CREEK in ERICK COUNTY, Tennessee. He located in Morgan county about 1807, and reared a large family of children, including DAVID HALL and GARRETT HALL, the latter being the first Sheriff of Morgan County. DAVID HALL had a son JOHN HALL SR. who had JOHN HALL served in the Legislature from Morgan County.

LEVI TRUETT (TRENHITT) LAWYER LIVED AT ONE TIME IN WARTSBURG.

HERNDON LEA, OF THE FAMOUS LEA FAMILY FROM NORTH CAROLINA

In 1826, after the establishment of Fentress County, when it was decided to move the town of Montgomery to another site, not so far from the present Warburg, a sale of town lots was put on an the first lot was sold to a negro blacksmith named BUSH.

Among the first business and professional men who settled in the new Montgomery were JOHN H. BRYANT, WILLIAM STAPLES and JAMES JOHNSON.

THOMAS S. LEA, a physician and LEVI TRUETT (TRUETT), a lawyer, became residents of the place. TRUETT had come from North Carolina, from near RALEIGH, and located first in ROANE COUNTY, and afterwards in Montgomery and WARTSBURG. TRUETT later moved to what is now POLK COUNTY, Tennessee, and an account of his family will be found under the notes pertaining to POLK COUNTY.

LEVI TRUETT had a brother, JAMES TRUETT who moved to Texas and served as a member of the House of Congress in the Republic of Texas. These TRUETTS were the ancestors of REV. GEORGE W. TRUETT, famous Baptist Minister, who died in recent years at his home in Dallas, Texas.

WILLIAM WALL A PROMINENT EARLY SETTLER AND LAND OWNER

WILLIAM WALL became independent and important as a substantial land owner of MORGAN COUNTY, when he bought up a lot of land around the new town of Montgomery and up and down the Emory river.

He came from Virginia and had an interesting family composed of his wife and the following children:

1. THOMAS WALL
2. JOHN WALL
3. SAMUEL WALL
4. RUSSELL WALL
5. JULIAN F. WALL.

WILLIAM WALL served as the first county court Clerk of MORGAN COUNTY. And among his successors in that office were ELIJAH LAVENDER, E. G. KINGSTON, SAMUEL P. VAUGHAN, G. W. KEITH, H. RUMMAN, SIMON HURST, JAMES M. MELLON and JOHN M. SCOTT.

Or famous Tennessee Cousins, from CASWELL COUNTY, North Carolina, had a prominent representative in MORGAN COUNTY, from 1836 to 1845, in the person of HERNDON LEA, who was elected to the office of COUNTY REGISTER, succeeding DANIEL S. LAVENDER who had succeeded the first Register, BENJAMIN C. WHITE.

He was a close relative of the LUKK LEA who was down around CALHOUN in BRADLEY COUNTY about this time, and whose daughter married THOMAS HOWARD GALLAWAY, of Bradley and Monroe Cos.

The name HERNDON LEA runs back to the family when it lived for several generations in North Carolina, before many of its members had transferred their homes down into Tennessee and Georgia.

See the notes on the CALLAWAY FAMILY in another part of this volume.

THE KELLY FAMILY OF WARTSBURG AND MORGAN COUNTY

JAMES KELLY, who lived on Emory River married MALLINDA HALL, one of the daughters of MARTIN HALL, who came to ROANE and MORGAN COUNTIES from North Carolina, probably Haywood County, where there was a large family of the name in the pioneer days.

In 1840, James Kelly like many others, became restless and sought new territory, and picked up and removed to the State of Missouri. But in about two or three years he was back again. He owned quite a number of negro slaves. On December 12, 1848 James Kelly was murdered. He had a son, DANIEL M. KELLY who was married in 1843 to MARY J. JONES and they had a number of children.

He lost his first wife and married as his second wife, RUTH WILSON.

JOHN M. DAVIS came from LOUISA COUNTY, Virginia, and settled on EMORY river in Morgan County in the early days. He was the grandfather of REUBEN A. DAVIS, who at one time was the chairman of the county court of MORGAN COUNTY, the son of JOSEPH S. DAVIS, who was born in LOUISA COUNTY, Virginia.

MORE EARLY DAY RESIDENTS AND PERSONALITIES OF WHITE COUNTY

ADAM HUNTSMAN was a lawyer, who resided for a period in WHITE COUNTY where he practiced law. He had come from further up in East Tennessee, but was born in VIRGINIA. In West Tennessee he ran against DAVID CROCKETT and defeated him for Congress, but was beaten the next time and never went back to Congress any more, though it is said he moved to Alabama and tried. He had a wooden leg.

HOPKINS LACK TURNER was born a few miles West of SPARTA, but at that time in SMITH COUNTY. He went to Congress and afterwards to the United States Senate. He had a brother SAM TURNER, who practiced around Sparta and Winchester, who "ate the evidence" against his client, who was charged with forgery of a bill.

THE PASSONS FAMILY settled in Hickory Valley in White County and WILLIAM PASSONS the grandfather, was born way back in 1823 and lived until he was 93 years old. He had a son, MONROE PASSONS who was Sheriff of WHITE COUNTY, and was the father of Prof. TOM PASSONS to whom we owe much for assistance in preparation of these notes. He was a few years ago a teacher in the Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville, and is a fine gentleman. Dalton Davis, some years ago City Marshall of Sparta was cousin of our friend TOM PASSONS and a grandson of WILLIAM PASSONS.

The ROTAN or WROTAN family were the descendants of CAPT. WILLIAM WROTEN from Barnwell District, South Carolina who settled in Sparta at an early day. HE had a daughter who married DR. THROGMORTON in Sparta and became the father of GOV. JAMES W. THROGMORTON, of Texas. He was also the father of EDWARD ROTAN (WROTEN) born in Sparta in 1844, who moved to Texas and made a successful business man at Waco.

JUDGE JOHN A. CATRON, a native of Virginia, first settled in OVERTON County and then came to Sparta and read law in the office of GEORGE W. GIBBS. Later he returned to OVERTON COUNTY and became Judge of the Court of Appeals and was then appointed a Federal Judge by Andrew Jackson. Judge Catron held court as a Federal Judge in Sparta in the year 1834.

REV. JESSE EVERETT HICKMAN was a native of WHITE COUNTY, born near Cherry Creek October 22, 1805, and died from the result of an accident, caused by a frightened horse he was driving in 1888. DR. MONROE SEALS was unable to give us the name of his parents or his origin, but thinks that he was perhaps a Princeton graduate, which he may have been. He spent most or all of his life in WHITE COUNTY and as Pastor of the Cherry Creek Church, sometimes called Hickman's Church.

TANDY LEWIS, possibly a relative of the Lewis family of which Major William Lewis, from South Carolina was the head, served as President of the County School Board, County Surveyor and a Representative in the Legislature.

CHAMP FERGUSON was born in Clifton, Ky. November 29, 1821 and died in 1865. He was a famous Confederate Raider during the war between the States and had his base in White County. He married Martha Owen in 1848. His daughter married George Metcalf.

JOHN B. ROGERS lived in Sparta and he practiced law there for a time. In 1823 he was Adjutant to General Smartt of McMinnville. It is said he went North and made himself the friend of ABEL LINCOLN, and that he was also a staff officer of General Jackson in the Seminole war. He married LOUISA CLARK, and founded BON AIR SPRINGS, although it has been said this place was started by CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN. In 1867 he served in the State Senate from the White County District. And Dr. Seals adds, "later he was elected to Congress", which is a mistake. No John B. Rogers ever served in Congress up to 1917. He died in 1873 and was buried at Bon Air.

HON. HENRY McMILLAN once lived in the town of Sparta, though he was born just over the line in MONROE COUNTY, Ky., but moved to Celina, Tennessee, and went to school at Phylomath Academy & later at the University of Kentucky. He read law in the office of E. L. Gardenhire and after he received his license began his practice in the town of Sparta. He succeeded BOB TAYLOR as Governor of the State, in the year of the Centennial.

REV. TOM KITTRELL was one of the old time Cumberland Presbyterian ministers of this section, regardless of whether he ever collected his or any salary for his services. He was born and raised at OLD ZION.

E. L. GARDENHIRE, SPARTA lawyer, was a member of the CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

DR. GEORGE W. GIBBS (who was one of the first settlers) was a leading lawyer in SPARTA in the early days. He founded the bank in the town. Afterwards he left SPARTA & moved to West Tennessee, where he founded UNION CITY.

CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN, of White Co., is said by some to have been the founder of BON AIR SPRINGS as a summer resort, although JOHN B. ROGERS, the lawyer, is said to have owned the hotel.

STEPHEN WALLACE was the head of a family that settled in HICKORY VALLEY, White County. He had a son MAL C. WALLACE who was school superintendent at one time in SPARTA.

BROWN FAMILY. This family lived in White County in the early days, and REV. R. B. BROWN, Pastor at one time of the First Presbyterian Church in COOKEVILLE, was born in WHITE COUNTY. (Dr. Seals does not give the names of his parents). He spent several years in West Tennessee, and was afterwards pastor of the Church in Sparta. W. C. BROWN was born in CANNON COUNTY, but lived in Sparta & was once president of the City Schools.

DR. SEALS in his book says: "JOHN LOWREY would have been Governor of Texas, but for the failure of his health." He has reference to "JIM LOWREY" who was a prominent newspaper man in Texas. This indicates the origin of the Texas JIM LOWREY as a descendant of ALEXANDER LOWREY, who was on the commission to lay off the town of SPARTA, and probably afterwards went to West Tennessee.

WILLIAM MATLOCK came from HUNCOMBE County, North Carolina, where he was born in 1798. From there he migrated to CARTER COUNTY, Tennessee, and afterwards to WHITE COUNTY. He was in the War of 1812. He married SUSAN MENEFEE in WHITE COUNTY in 1844 and became a very wealthy man.

WILLIAM LITTLE settled in WHITE CO. in the early days. He was a Scotchman. He was brother of REV. THOMAS LITTLE and they settled in HICKORY VALLEY. Rev. Thomas Little was the father of BRUCE LITTLE.

HUD ROBINSON, the famous writer and evangelist, was born on a farm 12 miles west of Sparta in 1860. He was the author of thirteen books. HUD was a Methodist Preacher. His brother, J. J. Robinson, who was older, was a Confederate soldier.

REV. MEMUCAN WADE WAS AN OLD TIME PREACHER IN WHITE COUNTY

In a list of old before-the-civil-war teachers and preachers in White County was HIRAM TAYLOR, FLETCHER JACKSON, DAVID AMES and the Rev. MEMUCAN WADE. The latter was a descendant of the Wade family of HALIFAX COUNTY, Virginia and the old North Carolina revolutionary patriot, MEMUCAN HUNT.

REV. CELIAS DENTON and ISAAC DENTON were both what is known as "Two-Seed" BAPTISTS. Both lived and preached in WHITE and McMINN Counties. REV. MEMUCAN WADE was a Presbyterian minister, and also a teacher.

THE ROAD ACROSS THE CUMBERLANDS AND SOME ANCIENT LAND MARKS

The road from Knoxville to Nashville was built in 1768. It became what is known as a turn-pike, a link at a time. It passed through BON AIR, and in 1840 CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN, John Rogers and others built an "inn" there. Among the guests along this pike were ANDREW JACKSON, JOHN SEVIER, James K. Polk and others. The CROOK INN was built where PIMONA is now located at about the same period.

Another famous old INN was the brick house still standing at CRAB ORCHARD, which was then in WHITE COUNTY. Literally hundreds of guests stopped at these places on their way across the State to the Cumberland Settlements and Nashville. ROBERT BURKE built the old CRAB ORCHARD INN, which at one time was the most popular place between Knoxville and Nashville. BURKE also built a part of the turn pike through Cumberland County about 1828 and is said to have driven his own stage coach on many occasions, pulled by a four-horse team. The old ROCK HOUSE was also on this pike.

There were many other interesting families in WHITE COUNTY, which space has crowded from these notes:

The GIST FAMILY, BENJAMIN GIST in 1830 was the largest land owner.
THOMAS EASTLAND, the same, in his time.
CROCKETT LAWSON, an Indian fighter.
OLIVER YOUNG
The HURTON FAMILY, from N. C.
AMEROSIE DAVIS, cave man, etc.

VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

WHITE, WARREN AND BLEDSOE COUNTIES
FURNISHED THE TERRITORY

The counties of WHITE, WARREN and BLEDSOE furnished the territory comprising the new county of VAN BUREN, when it was established in 1840. At that time MARTIN VAN BUREN was President of the United States, and the County was named for him.

The first court for the County of VAN BUREN was held on April 6th, 1840, at what is now SPENCER, which was made the County seat, and was given the name SPENCER in honor of one THOMAS SHARP SPENCER, who, it is claimed, was killed by the Indians in what is now VAN BUREN County.

SPENCER, the County seat of VAN BUREN County is the home of HURRITT College, an educational institution established before the war between the States.

THOMAS SHARPE SPENCER, THE PIONEER
KILLED BY INDIANS

In 1776/7 THOMAS SHARPE SPENCER and others, including a man named HOLLIDAY came to the Cumberland settlement allured by the accounts of the fertile soil and abundance of game. They built several cabins. Most of them returned, but Spencer and Holliday remained. - Ramsey p. 192.

SPENCER later attracted the attention of the frontier settlements by living in a hollow tree, somewhere in the bounds of what afterwards became Sumner County. He was a giant in proportion to those around him and a brave Indian fighter.

On April 1, 1794, many years afterwards a party of some forty Indians near the Crab Orchard fell upon a bunch of travelers. Thomas Sharpe Spencer was killed and James Walker wounded. This is said to have been in Upper Van Buren County.

CHESTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FOUR WEST TENNESSEE COUNTIES FURNISHED TERRITORY FOR CHESTER

CHESTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, was not established until the year 1879. The Act was passed on March 1, of that year.

In 1875, four years previously, however, an Act had been established out of the same territory and having the same boundaries, but had been called WISDOM COUNTY. The Act of 1879 establishing CHESTER County repealed the Wisdom County Act.

The territory which was set aside to make Chester County, came out of the four counties of MARION, HENDERSON, McMAHER and HARRISMAN. The early settlers, therefore of what became Chester County had been residents of those four counties, depending upon where they lived, as to which.

COUNTY OF CHESTER NAMED FOR A SOLDIER IN SAM HOUSTON'S TEXAS ARMY

COL. ROBERT I. CHESTER, for whom CHESTER COUNTY, Tennessee, was named was born July 21, 1793, and as a boy he lived in JONESBORO, TENNESSEE, where the old Chester Hotel, owned by his family, was the stopping place of both Sam Houston and Andrew Jackson in the early days. He served in the war of 1812, and then in 1824, after going "broke" in business, located in Jackson, Tennessee. In 1825 to 1835 he was the Postmaster at Jackson. He then went to Texas and was made a Colonel in the Texas army and supposedly fought in the battle of San Jacinto. After the battle of San Jacinto, he left Texas and returned to Jackson, Tennessee, where he again became postmaster of the town. He married a niece of Andrew Jackson, a Miss Hays. His second wife was Jane P. Donaldson, a kinsman of his first wife.

BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

ESTABLISHED OUT OF TERRITORY FROM
RUTHERFORD COUNTY IN 1807.

BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE came into existence by an Act of the Legislature of Tennessee, passed on December 3, 1807, while it was in session at KNOXVILLE, by cutting the territory of which it was then composed off the south end of RUTHERFORD COUNTY. As first established the county included large sections of the present MARSHALL COUNTY, COFFEY COUNTY and FRANKLIN COUNTY, and all of MOORE and LINCOLN COUNTIES, as they are today; an area of about 8000 square miles, or 1/80th of the State. The first county seat was established in its central part, near the headwaters of EAST MULBERRY CREEK, in the present MOORE CO. Its exact location was about a half mile North East of the little village of COUNTY LINE, and about three miles North of Lynchburg, on what was known as the old WILLIAM STONE farm, in the house of a widow by the name of PAINE. Among the lawyers at the first meeting of the court at the home of MRS. PAINE were ANDREW JACKSON, THOMAS H. BENTON and FELIX GRONK.

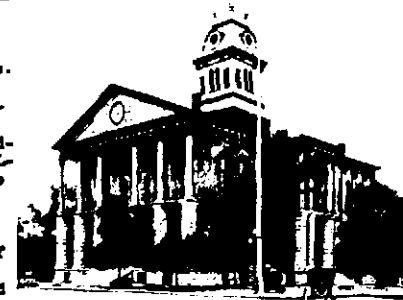
ANDREW JACKSON was the owner of lands located near by on the upper stretches of East Mulberry Creek. Later on, DAVID CROCKETT lived near by, and a JAMES B. OWEN ~~about two miles~~ farther West where he settled in 1806, before the Bedford County courthouse was located there. This old Gowen home was still standing and in a livable condition a few years ago.

WILLIAM PEARSON. Not far away from this first county seat of BEDFORD COUNTY is to be seen the grave of WILLIAM PEARSON who was a revolutionary soldier, and who was the ancestor of all the Pearsons in the Southern part of BEDFORD COUNTY. It was believed by some that he was a Tory. Mr. Pearson died in 1844 and people searched in vain among his effects for his "Red Coat" but none was ever found. It was here among the hills and hollows of KIX

RIDGE, according to tradition that JAMES B. OWEN and DAVID CROCKETT hunted together, and were close neighbors and "chums". Also it was from here that DAVID CROCKETT enlisted in the Creek-Indian war, and JAMES OWEN in the war of 1812. Near this place also was the headquarters of the famous bushwhacker, BILL DAVIS and his band of reckless followers in the war between the States.

In the year 1809 the Legislature formed LINCOLN COUNTY by cutting off the whole South end of BEDFORD COUNTY, and making KIX RIDGE the boundary between the two counties. This left the old county seat of BEDFORD over the line in LINCOLN CO. To remedy this, in the same year the Legislature passed an Act establishing a committee to locate a new County seat for BEDFORD near its center, according to its new boundaries. The committee named in the Act consisted of:

JOHN ATKINSON
WILLIAM WOOD
BARCLAY MARTIN
HOWELL DANIX (?)
DAVID McKESSICK
JOHN LANE
BENJ. BRADFORD



BEDFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT
SHELBYVILLE.

Several of the streets in the town of SHELBYVILLE, which was selected as the permanent county seat in May, 1810.

Pending the establishment of the permanent county seat, however court was held and the business of the county carried on at the home of AMOS BALCH, two or three miles South of Shelbyville, which is pointed out today as the actual first county seat of the County of Bedford of today.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS. Several thousand acres of land in BEDFORD COUNTY were set aside for and patented by the State of N. CAROLINA to the officers and soldiers of the Continental Line of North Carolina in the American Revolution. Other grants of some of these lands were issued by the State of Tennessee.

Among the latter grants may be included some of the large tracts of land that were obtained along JACK RIVER by ANDREW JACKSON and his associates at different periods, some of which land was near FALL CREEK in Bedford County.

THE TAYLOR FAMILY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

To this writer one of the interesting families of LINCOLN COUNTY is that of the TAYLORS. An unpretentious set of Southern folks, who settled at an early day in the central basin of Tennessee, and pursued the humble paths of plain farmers who tilled the soil, relied on their own efforts, instead of speculation, and forged ahead and succeeded about as well as those born in the "silver spoon" class. When I find one of their sons occupying the high office of Justice of a Supreme Court in Texas, and when I explore the annals of the TAYLOR FAMILY, from Va. who furnished one President of the name, and two who bore the names of collateral kinsmen - MADISON and MONROE - I wonder why they appear so unpretentious! They certainly could, if they care to do so, boast of their ancestry and the accomplishment of members of their family.

The old annals of LINCOLN show that even before the County of LINCOLN was established, JAMES MCCORMICK, JOHN ANDERSON, RICHARD WYATT and one HENRY TAYLOR cut their way through the cane bottoms along NORRIS CREEK, in the neighborhood of old 'Zeke Norris' cabin and "entered" lands. This was in 1806, and he was one of the first white men to penetrate the wilderness. He was from South Carolina, and his son HENRY TAYLOR died in 1855 & his wife had been CATHERINE SLOAN, a South Carolina name. Their third boy was SAMUEL H. TAYLOR.

This HENRY TAYLOR family from SOUTH CAROLINA, may have been related to YOUNG TAYLOR and KIMUND, JAMES and WILLIAM TAYLOR, who came from VIRGINIA to Lincoln County, but there seems to be no evidence of the fact.

YOUNG TAYLOR (b. 1789 in Va.) came to LINCOLN COUNTY, about 1818. He died in about 1874, a very old man. He married SARAH POSTON (d. 1866), and they had one son JAMES H. TAYLOR (b. 1822) in LINCOLN COUNTY, who was the grandfather of JUSTICE WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN TAYLOR of the Supreme Court of TEXAS. They may have had other children.

KIMUND TAYLOR and his wife JANE POSTON appear to have had two sons:

1. YOUNG A. TAYLOR (b. 1826)
2. TEMPLE C. TAYLOR (b. 1825)

and possibly other children, whose names do not appear.

JAMES TAYLOR was another brother of KIMUND and YOUNG TAYLOR, of LINCOLN COUNTY. His wife (and this is very important) was JENNIE SHELTON. And, the account of JAMES TAYLOR shows his father was named EDMUND TAYLOR, who was a native of VIRGINIA. Therefore YOUNG, KIMUND and JAMES TAYLOR were all three the sons of EDMUND TAYLOR, of Virginia.

JAMES TAYLOR had a son THOMAS TAYLOR who was born in LINCOLN COUNTY in October, 1824.

WILLIAM TAYLOR seems to have been another son of this EDMUND TAYLOR, of VIRGINIA, who came to LINCOLN COUNTY and had a son EDWARD TAYLOR (possibly EDMUND) who was born in 1821. WILLIAM TAYLOR (father of this EDWARD TAYLOR) married PRISCILLA ALEXANDER in LINCOLN COUNTY. This WILLIAM TAYLOR was born in 1790, in Virginia, and came to LINCOLN COUNTY as a young boy, and married PRISCILLA about 1819.

Charted, the family shows up thus:

KIMUND TAYLOR of Va. had children:

1. YOUNG TAYLOR (b. 1776)
2. EDMUND TAYLOR (b. 1778)
3. JAMES TAYLOR (b. 1781)
4. WILLIAM TAYLOR (b. 1790)

1. YOUNG TAYLOR m. SARAH POSTON and had son:

1. JAMES H. TAYLOR (b. 1822)

2. KIMUND TAYLOR m. JANE POSTON and had sons:

- YOUNG A. TAYLOR (b. 1826)
- TEMPLE C. TAYLOR (b. 1825)

3. JAMES TAYLOR m. JENSIE SHELTON in Virginia, and had:

- THOMAS TAYLOR (b. 1824)

4. WILLIAM TAYLOR m. PRISCILLA ALEXANDER, and had son:

- KIMUND TAYLOR (b. 1821)

The above chart shows that these 4 persons were evidently brothers. The JAMES TAYLOR (son of YOUNG TAYLOR) m. MARTHA SIMMONS and had six children:

1. JAMES S. TAYLOR m. MOLLIE McLAUGHLIN.
2. SARAH TAYLOR m. T.B. GEORGE.
3. FRANKLIN P. TAYLOR
4. WILLIAM TAYLOR.

The other two children died young.

WHERE THE POPULAR NAME "YOUNG" CAME INTO THE TAYLOR FAMILY

Naturally, the persistent use of the name YOUNG as a forename in the LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE Taylors, had a reason. In tracing the family I never lost sight of it as a clue. I found where EDMUND TAYLOR married MILLION SHELTON in 1775; and where JAMES TAYLOR married "JINCIE" (Shelton) Crutchfield in 1804, and then located the will of DANIEL SHELTON in PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY in 1809. Also I found where COL. WILLIAM BYRD in his "Journey to the Land of Eden" in 1755, said that the highest up settlers were Peter Mitchell and AARON PINSON (A Joel and Nathan Pinson settled in the cane brakes of Norris Creek in Lincoln, direct descendants of this AARON) and when the surveyors came in to the wilderness and opened their books in 1737, on November 17th, MICHAEL YOUNG entered 400 acres below the second fork of Banister River, and Thomas Marlow for 100 acres in the fork of Roanoke river a little below PETER MITCHELL'S path. - Clement's History of Pittsylvania Co., Va., p. 38.

DANIEL SHELTON, son of Mrs. Mary Shelton Clark (widow) whose will was probated in Pittsylvania in 1770, married a daughter of MICHAEL YOUNG.

DANIEL SHELTON's will probated in the same county, September 18, 1809, named his wife LETTIE and the following children:

1. YOUNG SHELTON.
2. LEROY SHELTON
3. KUNSTALL SHELTON
4. DAVID SHELTON
5. WILLIS SHELTON
6. MILLIE (MILLIEN) TAYLOR.
7. ANNE BAILEY
8. SALLY PAYNE
9. CLARY SHELTON
10. POLLY SHELTON.

Of course, the daughter MILLIE was the MILLION SHELTON, who was married to EDMUND TAYLOR in Pittsylvania County, on April 1, 1775.

KIMUND TAYLOR and his wife MILLION SHELTON had a goodly sized family of both sons and daughters, which I shall attempt to reconstruct from items found on the records of both Pittsylvania and Henry Counties.

SIGNIFICANT ENTRIES ON THE RECORDS PITTSYLVANIA AND HENRY COS. VA.

In order that the reader may understand the basis of the writer's conclusions about the origin of the TAYLOR FAMILY of LINCOLN COUNTY, Tennessee, I append below some of the items on which these conclusions are founded:

JAMES TAYLOR m. JINCIE CRUTCHFIELD in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Nov. 10, 1804.

KIMUND TAYLOR m. MILLION SHELTON in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, April 1, 1775.

BENJAMIN HAWKINS m. MOLLY TAYLOR, daughter of WILLIAM TAYLOR in Henry County, Virginia, October 1, 1778.

JOHN MAY m. CHARITY TAYLOR, the daughter of JAMES TAYLOR, June 23, 1779, in Henry County, Va.

GEORGE TAYLOR m. HANNAH JENNINGS the daughter of MILNES JENNINGS in Henry County, Va. June 23rd, 1779 (the same day that a JOHN MAY, married Charity Taylor as shown above).

JAMES PITTMAN m. MARTHA TAYLOR in Henry County, Virginia, July 2, 1781.

The following is a brief order issued by the military authorities of Pittsylvania County, Va. dated May 23, 1781:

"KIMUND PAYNE, Philemon Payne William Watson and JAMES TAYLOR. Sir: The men whose names are contained in the above list you are to give notice to appear at the courthouse on Monday next in order to march, they being of the numbers now ordered out. ABRAM SHELTON. (Abram Shelton was a first cousin of YOUNG SHELTON and of MILLION SHELTON who married KIMUND TAYLOR.)

At a meeting of the committee of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY Sept. 27, 1775 the following gentlemen were nominated as officers of the militia agreeable to the ordinance of the convention, viz: Captains:

DANIEL SHELTON
JAMES TAYLOR
KIMUND TAYLOR.

SOME MORE PERTINENT ITEMS FROM THE OLD VIRGINIA RECORDS.

LUCRELLA TAYLOR, daughter of JAMES TAYLOR married JOHN PEARSON, Pittsylvania County, Va. August 22nd - 1808; WILLIAM TAYLOR security on the bond, and signed by JAMES TAYLOR, father of the bride.

The PENN FAMILY lived in that part of PITTSYLVANIA that was out off into HENRY COUNTY, but COL. ABRAHAM (or ABRAM) PENN was County Lieutenant of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY in 1781, during the revolution. The Penns were related to the TAYLORS, as will be shown.

PHILLIP PENN was a brother of ABRAM PENN and had a daughter, SARAH PENN who married JOHN NORTON in Pittsylvania County, Va. July 28, 1784.

GEORGE PENN, possibly a son of PHILLIP PENN married PATTIE FARRIS, the daughter of JACOB FARRIS in HENRY COUNTY, Virginia, Dec. 6, 1784, near the time that his sister SARAH had married PATTIE FARRIS.

THE THREE OLDER TAYLORS OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

From the records that have been presented it is easy to figure the relative generations of the TAYLOR FAMILY that settled in Pittsylvania County.

CHARITY TAYLOR who married a certain JOHN MAY in HENRY COUNTY, Virginia, June 23, 1778, was the daughter of CAPTAIN JAMES TAYLOR, who was of an older generation.

MOLLIE TAYLOR who married BENJAMIN HAWKINS, Oct. 1, 1778, was of the same generation as Charity above, but MOLLIE TAYLOR was the daughter of WILLIAM TAYLOR, evidently brother of CAPTAIN JAMES, Mollie and Charity were first cousins.

CAPT. EDMUND TAYLOR, was brother of both JAMES and WILLIAM, and was the father of EDMUND TAYLOR, who married MILLION SHELTON, daughter of CAPTAIN DANIEL SHELTON on April 1, 1775.

Thus we have three brothers, EDMUND, JAMES and WILLIAM TAYLOR, ancestors of the PITTSYLVANIA TAYLORS.

EDMUND TAYLOR, THE FATHER OF THE TAYLOR FAMILY OF PITTSYLVANIA.

The TAYLOR FAMILY, of Pittsylvania County, were the descendants of JAMES TAYLOR "of Caroline" as he was known, and who, according to family tradition (which we must accept, since the record fails to disclose otherwise) was twice married, and came to Virginia from Cumberland County, England. The name of his first wife was FRANCES -- and the second was a MARY GREGORY. The first three children were by his first marriage and the others by Mary Gregory. They were:

- 1st marriage:
1. JAMES TAYLOR (b. 1688)
 2. JAMES TAYLOR m. MARTHA THOMPSON.
 3. SARAH TAYLOR m. ROBERT POWELL
- 2nd marriage:
4. Ann Taylor (b. 1684)
 5. MARY TAYLOR m. HENRY PENDLETON and (2) EDWARD WATKINS
 6. EDMUND TAYLOR (b. 1690)
 7. ELIZABETH TAYLOR (b. 1694) twin.
 8. JOHN TAYLOR (b. 1696) married CATHERINE PENDLETON.

JOHN TAYLOR who married CATHERINE PENDLETON, lived in CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, but died in North Carolina, March 16, 1780, had two daughters, among his ten children, that married into the PENN FAMILY, and HON. JOHN PENN, signer of the Declaration of Independence, was of this same family.

MARY TAYLOR m. _____ PENN
CATHERINE TAYLOR m. MOSES PENN.
Abram and Phillip Penn were among their sons.

As early as 1759 EDMUND TAYLOR had moved to what is now CUMBERLAND PARISH in Mecklenburg County and was a member of the vestry of the first Church. In 1764 he was appointed to take the "tythables" of the parish & the list shows that he was the second largest land owner in the parish with 20 tythables, and 8400 acres of land. After that year his name appears no more on the records and he may have moved to the PITTSYLVANIA Country on the DAN RIVER, with his sons, of whom he must have had many, but at least three of them are believed to have been:

1. EDMUND TAYLOR (Captain)
 2. JAMES TAYLOR (Captain)
 3. WILLIAM TAYLOR
- all of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

TRACING THE LINCOLN COUNTY TAYLOR FAMILY BACK INTO VIRGINIA

On the preceding page the writer has shown briefly an outline of FOUR TAYLOR BROTHERS, who are known to have lived in LINCOLN COUNTY, as well as some of their children and grandchildren. Here are more data which should be added, in order that the make-up of this group may be better visualized:

YOUNG A. TAYLOR (b. 1826 in Lincoln County, Tennessee) the son of EDMUND TAYLOR and his wife JANE POSTON, had the following children:

1. TEMPLE C. TAYLOR (b. 1825)
2. YOUNG A. TAYLOR
3. WILLIAM F. TAYLOR
4. ZYLPHIA E. TAYLOR
5. JOHN H. TAYLOR
6. IDA B. TAYLOR
7. COBA F. TAYLOR
8. ARDELLA TAYLOR
9. ANDREW W. TAYLOR.

It is stated "The father (EDMUND TAYLOR) was born in Virginia, but married in NORTH CAROLINA. If we accept that statement then JANE POSTON, whom he married, may have been living in NORTH CAROLINA, and from there. If Jane Poston, who married EDMUND TAYLOR, who had a son YOUNG A. TAYLOR - was from North Carolina, then YOUNG TAYLOR, who married SARAH C. POSTON & had James H. Taylor, must also have married his wife in North Carolina. It is evident that these two POSTON sisters lived in North Carolina, before coming to TENNESSEE.

THOMAS TAYLOR (b. 1824) see the chart, was the son of JAMES TAYLOR and JENSIE SHELTON. The note on which we rely also adds: JAMES TAYLOR "married JENSIE SHELTON, in VIRGINIA, and the father & grandfather (EDMUND) were VIRGINIANS. If James Taylor was from Virginia, then so were YOUNG TAYLOR, EDMUND TAYLOR & WILLIAM TAYLOR. THOMAS TAYLOR, son of JAMES TAYLOR and his wife "JENSIE", m. MARY HILL, and had children:

1. JAMES H. TAYLOR
2. YOUNG A. TAYLOR
3. ELIZABETH J. TAYLOR
4. JOHN F. TAYLOR
5. ROBERT J. TAYLOR
6. JENSIE L. TAYLOR
7. SUSAN F. TAYLOR.

The reader will take notice that YOUNG TAYLOR was a son of THOMAS, the son of JAMES and "JENSIE" like the others.

PROOF SHOWING THE LINCOLN TAYLORS FROM AROUND DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

Now the writer will attempt to present evidence showing that the TAYLORS of LINCOLN COUNTY, Tennessee came from around DANVILLE, VIRGINIA. The evidence may not convince the reader; it may not convince the TAYLORS, but it convinces the writer of this account.

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA is one of the old Virginia towns built on the famous DAN RIVER. Danville, itself, quite a modern city, is not the county seat of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY. The town of CHATHAM, some twenty miles distant is the county seat of PITTSYLVANIA County. Pittsylvania County was laid off and established in 1767 out of HALL - FAX COUNTY, and ten years later (1777) HENRY COUNTY was cut off of Pittsylvania on the West. MARTINSVILLE is the county seat of HENRY COUNTY. The writer has been in both counties and in both county seats and has there examined the records. My original notations made in both counties are before me, as I write.

It will be noticed that the name YOUNG TAYLOR is used by all these TAYLOR brothers in LINCOLN COUNTY, except WILLIAM, who was the youngest of them all. It will also be noted that one of the brothers (JAMES TAYLOR) married "JENSIE" SHELTON. My notes in both HENRY COUNTY and PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY show that it was the home of the TAYLOR and the SHELTON sisters lived in North Carolina, before coming to TENNESSEE.

"JAMES TAYLOR married JINCIE CRUTCHFIELD in Pittsylvania County, November 10, 1804."

JINCIE CRUTCHFIELD was born a SHELTON and was the widow of a CRUTCHFIELD at the time she married JAMES TAYLOR. It thus appears that this was the JAMES TAYLOR (son of EDMUND TAYLOR) who had a brother named YOUNG TAYLOR who married SARAH C. POSTON and another brother EDMUND TAYLOR who married JANE POSTON, all three of them being sons of an older, EDMUND TAYLOR, of VIRGINIA. I examined this marriage bond of James Taylor and Jincie Crutchfield, but made only the record above in my notes.

BUT THESE NOTES show another item of interest here:

"EDMUND TAYLOR married MILLION SHELTON (daughter of DANIEL SHELTON)(Pitts.Co) April 1, 1775"

**DEWEY STOVALL, GUILFORD DUDLEY AND
OTHER EARLY GILES COUNTY MEN**

The names of other early comers to GILES COUNTY, prior to and at about the time of its establishment in 1810, include the names of one DEWEY STOVALL and GUILFORD DUDLEY.

DEWEY STOVALL was a descendant of a BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL, of Eastern Va. and may have been the son of JOHN STOVALL, who died leaving a will in Granville County, North Carolina in 1821, in which he mentioned the following legatees:

1. BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL
2. JOSIAH STOVALL
3. WILLIAM STOVALL
4. DEWEY STOVALL
5. BENJAMIN STOVALL
6. JOHN STOVALL
7. GEORGE STOVALL
8. Son in Law, OWEN GRIFFIN
9. JOHN STOVALL, son of THOMAS STOVALL deceased, and son in law, AARON FINSON.

(NATHAN and JOEL FINSON were "game break cutters" in what is now LINCOLN COUNTY.)

GUILFORD DUDLEY. His name is shown on the early GILES COUNTY records. He evidently did live there for a time.

COL. GUILFORD DUDLEY was born in CAROLINE COUNTY, Virginia, April 17, 1756, and died February 3, 1833 in Franklin, Tennessee. He was a revolutionary soldier and the son of COL. CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY and his wife MISS DANIEL (daughter of JOHN DANIEL and his wife ANNE WILLIAMS) the wife of Col. GUILFORD DUDLEY was Anna ELAND BAYTON. They came to Williamson County, Tennessee, in 1806, and finally settled in FRANKLIN. He drew a pension as a revolutionary soldier. - Acklan's Bible Records p. 208.

It is possible that the GUILFORD DUDLEY on the records of GILES COUNTY, may have been GUILFORD DUDLEY, JR.

Contemporaneous with the DUDLEYS and STOVALLS in GILES COUNTY, were the following persons:

Peter Lyons	James Hurst
JAMES KNICK	Walter York
John Jones	William Woods
ALLEN ARBENBATHY	ABNER CLEVELAND
John Wilson	William McQuire
David Flinn	James Flinn

NATHAN FARMER	JOHN REASONOVER
John White	Thomas Taylor
John McCabe	James Grimes
JOHN TANCY	James Hart
Robert Curran	Nerrick H. Doyle
Edmund J. Bailey	BENJAMIN TUTT
James Morgan	William Hubanks
Joseph Johns	Richard Little
Abraham Bosin	JOHN CONNINGHAM
Owen Shannon	James Shannon
Isham Carter	WILLIAM HANBY
Benjamin Phillips	Gebe. Higginbotham
Robert Miller	Lawson Hobson
Jonas Kindred	Samuel Paralely
Charles McCallister	James Seed
ANDREW HEWIN	John Bridgwall
William Ball	Edson Walker
James Kindred	John Scott
JAMES HONT	Douglase Rine
Joseph Boyd	SAMUEL BLACK
John Bryant	William Riddle
William B. Brock	JAMES LINDSEY
HENRY SCALLES	William Pillow
Robert McAshley	Richard Briggs
Jelly Remberton	OSPEA BLACK.

**SAM DAVIS, CONFEDERATE HERO, HUNG
AS A SPY, 1863, AT PULASKI**

SAM DAVIS, I think a native of HUNTERDON COUNTY, was the famous Confederate hero of the war between the States, who was captured in 1863, inside the Federal lines at Pulaski, with important and complete plans of the U. S. Army in Middle Tennessee in his possession.

Davis was tried by the Federals and convicted of being a spy of the Confederacy and was hung on East Hill, in front of Squire James McCollum's residence, Friday morning, November 27 1863. Davis, when pressed, admitted that he obtained such plans from a Federal officer, and was offered his life and freedom if he would reveal the officer's name and identity, whom he admitted was even present at the hanging. This Sam Davis refused to do, though the writer once talked to a man, a Confederate Soldier, who pleaded with him to reveal the name.

His answer to the offer will long be remembered in Southern History, but in substance, it amounted to the calm remark to his executors, to

"Go ahead with the hanging."

The SAM DAVIS ROCK, now a shrine, is on the road between Murfreesborough and NASHVILLE.

**ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER ERECTED THE FIRST
COURTHOUSE IN PULASKI**

The first court of pleas and quarter sessions of GILES COUNTY was held on third Monday in February, 1810 at the home of LEWIS KIRK on Richland Creek, and the magistrates appointed by the Legislature were sworn into office.

JOHN DICKEY was elected Chairman. German Lester was elected Clerk. JESSE WYTHEKLAND was elected Register. CHARLES KIRBY was elected Sheriff.

A log cabin was at once erected in Lewis Kirk's yard which served as a temporary courthouse, also a kind of make-shift jail, but the felony prisoners were sent to Williamson or Meary County for safe-keeping. Two years later fire destroyed these two buildings.

ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER then entered into a contract with the commissioners' court to build a new Courthouse. AL - EXANDER was of PULASKI. He and his business partner then built also a new jail. These buildings stood until about 1880, when they were torn down and better ones erected. Five or six years later they burned down.

In 1814, awaiting the erection of the burned courthouse court was held one term at the house of DAVID MARTIN and one also at ISAAC SMITH'S, both in PULASKI.

**NATHAN ADAMS ON THE LIST OF EARLY
LAWYERS IN GILES COUNTY**

When the GILES CIRCUIT COURT convened for its first session on the Second Monday in June 1810, the presiding Judge was Hon. Thomas H. Stewart. AMOS BALCH was Attorney General. James Barry was appointed Clerk and Sheriff Charles Neely opened the Court.

The Attorney Generals of the Circuit thereafter, were in the following order:

Robert L. Cobb
Gideon J. Pillow
Edmond Hilkensby
James H. Thomas
Nathaniel Barter

Archibald M. Hughes
NATHAN ADAMS.
etc.

Both Archibald M. Hughes and NATHAN ADAMS, Lawyers, were from PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, Virginia.

NATHAN ADAMS SR., (so-called in his last will and testament, recorded in D. & W. XI p. 245, Pittsylvania Co., Va.) left will dated October 23, 1801 in which he mentioned his wife ANNE and the following children:

1. JOHN ADAMS
2. JOEL ADAMS
3. NATHAN ADAMS
4. WILLIAM ADAMS
5. SARAH HOLEN
6. BETTY FROEN (Price?)
7. KERRICKA MARRIS
8. POLLY ADAMS.

In the same County (Pittsylvania Co. Virginia) there is an old marriage bond, which reads:

"NATHAN ADAMS to SALLY MURPHY, daughter of JAMES MURPHY, Feb. 15, 1809."

I don't know, of course, whether the Nathan Adams who married Sally Murphy in 1809, was the same Nathan Adams who came to Pulaski and was Attorney General of the Circuit Court of Giles County.

However, I have no manner of doubt, in the absence of actual knowledge, that the young NATHAN ADAMS, who about 1805-30, made his way to Texas, and took a job as a messenger boy, and is now (1900) President of the largest bank in the Southwest, is a lineal descendant of Sam. Nathan Adams, one time Attorney General of the Circuit Court of Giles County, Tennessee, as Texas Nathan Adams went to Texas from PULASKI.

THE RAINEY FAMILY

The RAINEY family of GILES COUNTY came from North Carolina, where Rowan D. Rainey was born in 1799. Rowan Rainey married Eliza Sumnerhill and they were the parents of ISAAC H. Rainey and seven other children. The family came to Giles County about 1839.

Isaac H. Rainey used to run a livery stable in PULASKI, GILES COUNTY.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CHRISTOPHER BULLARD OWNED THE OLD TOWNSITE OF WINCHESTER

CHRISTOPHER BULLARD, the ancestor of hundreds of persons of that name in the South and West, once owned the first twenty-six acres of land on which WINCHESTER, the county seat of FRANKLIN COUNTY was erected.

The Legislature passed an Act in 1807 providing for the establishment of FRANKLIN COUNTY, and providing for the holding of the first courts at the home of Major WILLIAM RUSSELL near COWAN. Part of the territory came out of Bedford and some of it out of WHITE COUNTY; some of the territory also was taken from Warren County, but later some of it was taken away in establishing other counties, Moore, Coffee, Grundy and Marion Counties. Early records of the courts held at Major Russell's have been destroyed and one must do a little surmising about what took place at that period.

A later act of 1809 provided for the holding of an election for seven commissioners to select and acquire land for a county seat, and naming the town WINCHESTER, after Col. JAMES WINCHESTER. The County was named for Benjamin Franklin. The following are the names of the commissioners chosen:

1. GEORGE TAYLOR
2. JESSE BEAN (BEENE)
3. SAMUEL HOSWOOD
4. JAMES BOGAN
5. JOHN COWAN
6. JOHN HILL
7. GEORGE DAVIDSON.

There is a record which shows that the commissioners on February 10, 1818, paid CHRISTOPHER BULLARD one dollar for 26 acres of land upon which the town of WINCHESTER was located by them and the lots laid off and sold. A courthouse and jail were built, but the first thing that happened to them was a fire that burned them down. The Legislature then came forward with an Act for holding a lottery for the purpose of replacing the loss and named as commissioners for that purpose

1. Wallis Estill
2. William Russell, Sr.
3. Col. James Lewis
4. Christopher Ballard

S. James S. McWhorter
S. Thomas Eastland

JESSE BEENE (OR BEAN) OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TO ALABAMA

HON. JESSE BEENE (Spelled Alabama annals in that way) was a lawyer, and a native of the Watauga Valley country in East Tennessee. Like a good many other residents of this part of Tennessee, Franklin, Lincoln and Giles Counties, he drifted down into Alabama, where he had a somewhat distinguished career. This man has been mentioned earlier in these notes in connection with the Beans of "Bean's Station". That he was of the Bean Station Beans (who came originally from Pittsylvania and Henry Counties, in Virginia, as so many others did) is amply illustrated by the fact that one of his daughters in Alabama married William O. Winston, one time Co. Clerk of Hawkins County, Tennessee.

HON. JESSE BEENE married the daughter of COL. WILLIAM BIRD, of Warren County, Georgia, and his wife was a sister of the mother of Hon. William L. Yancy, noted Southern Statesman.

He was at one time Chairman of the Democratic State Convention from Dallas County (Selma) Alabama, and was prominently mentioned as a candidate for Governor of the State. His son in law William Overton Winston was a cousin of Governor Winston, of Alabama and was also President of the Alabama, Great Southern Railroad.

WILLIAM O. WINSTON, grandson of the son in law of JESSE BEENE was a school mate of the writer of these notes.

ISAAC VAN ZANDT AN EARLY SETTLER OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

ISAAC VAN ZANDT and JOHN B. HAWKINS settled near Winchester in Franklin County in 1817.

EDWARD FINCH came to Franklin County from South Carolina in 1808.

SOME EARLY FRANKLIN COUNTY LAND GRANTS TO PIONEERS

A large part of the lands in Franklin County were entered and covered by land warrants granted by NORTH CAROLINA for military services rendered by the owners while the territory was a part of that State.

GOVERNOR EDWARD RUTLEDGE, of South Carolina in his life time owned some 73,000 acres of land in what is mostly Franklin County, and HENRY M. RUTLEDGE was his executor, handled these lands.

GEN. ANDREW JACKSON and JOHN HUTCHINS (the latter a relative of Gen. JOHN COFFEY) were the assignees of JOHN G. and THOMAS BLOUNT of 1000 acres of their lands on the Bolling Fork, just below WINCHESTER.

THOMAS DILLON was another assignee of the two Blount Brothers to 5000 acres on Elk River, and on March 5, 1808 Dillon sold 18000 acres on Elk River to E. Thursby. All of these Blount lands were perhaps in the original RUTHERFORD COUNTY, at the time.

HENRY M. RUTLEDGE sold WILLIAM P. ANDERSON and JOHN STROTHER a large lot of land on Elk River and on both sides of Logan Creek in 1808. JOHN STROTHER came from Georgia to Tennessee and was one of the original incorporators of the "Tennessee Company" along with Zachariah Cox, that claimed more than a million acres of land in North Alabama at one time. JOHN STROTHER also represented at one time the business interests of Gov. William Blount relating to his land holdings in Georgia.

JOHN MACLIN and JOHN OVERTON obtained a grant of 4955 acres from the State of Tennessee in Franklin County in 1808; and NICHOLAS FRANKEL obtained 640 acres. Both tracts were on Elk River. The same year grants were issued to SOLOMON WAGGONER, WILLIAM RUSSELL, ABRAHAM RUSSELL and JOHN COWAN, each 200 acres on the Bolling Fork; and JAMES CURKINGHAM and ROBERT BEAN, each 200 acres on Bean Creek.

JAMES PATTON AND ANDREW ERWIN OWNED FRANKLIN COUNTY LANDS

In the year 1809 a patent to 1000 acres of land in what at that time

had been designated by the Legislature as FRANKLIN COUNTY was issued to JAMES PATTON and ANDREW ERWIN. These two individuals, a few years before had laid off and platted the town of ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, and sold the lots. It is not known that they ever lived in Franklin County, which is also true of many of those who acquired lands at the beginning of its history, only to dispose of them at the first good opportunity.

ANDREW JACKSON, of course, never lived in Franklin or Winchester, but the record shows that in the same year (1809) he and JOHN WINFORD, each were granted 640 acres on land warrants located on ELK RIVER.

FAMOUS EARLY DAY LAWYERS OF FRANKLIN AND THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER

WINCHESTER, the county seat of FRANKLIN COUNTY, had some able and outstanding lawyers in the early days of the county.

COL. CHRISTOPHER BULLARD, who sold the townsite to the commissioners on which the town was built had two sons in law, husbands of two of his daughters, who were numbered among them.

From March 4, 1825 to March 5, 1835, Hon JACOB C. ISAACKS, who married Miss BULLARD, was a member of the United States Congress from Winchester and Tennessee. He was a member of the Winchester bar.

From March 4, 1815 to March 5, 1817, Hon. ISAAC THOMAS, whose wife was also a Miss Bullard, daughter of Colonel Christopher Ballard, was a member of the Fourteenth Congress from the same Tennessee District. He, too, was an outstanding member of the Winchester bar.

HON. EDWARD VENABLE, appointed ambassador to Guatemala in 1857, but who died before he reached, or just after reaching his post (A member of the family of the Prince Edward County, Virginia, Venable) had long been a member of the Winchester bar.

Other outstanding attorneys of Winchester, included HOKKINS L. TURNER (father of Peter Turney) Frank Estill, Gov. A. S. HARRIS, T. A. Mabrey, James Taylor. Gov. Isham G. Harris was born and raised in Franklin County.

OLD MOORE COUNTY FAMILIES BRIEFLY MENTIONED

GALLAWAY DANIEL, born in North Carolina came to what is now MOORE COUNTY, when only eight years old, and became the father of JACK DANIEL, who owned a distillery at LYNCHBURG, and who was born in 1848. The date of the birth of Gallaway Daniel can only be proximated from those facts.

S. A. BILLINGSLEY, of Moore County, was a native of HEMLOCK COUNTY, which was established out of DEANE COUNTY in 1807, and was born in 1806. He said his father was a minister and his grandfather a member of the Legislature of Tennessee. He was no doubt a direct descendant of the old Indian fighter and preacher JOSEPH MURKIN of Washington and Jefferson Counties, and some of whose sons were also ministers. In 1886 S. A. BILLINGSLEY was in business at LYNCHBURG in partnership with one T. G. BAILEY.

T. G. BAILEY, the business partner of S. A. BILLINGSLEY was born in what is now MOORE COUNTY. His parents were THOMAS R. BAILEY and MARY M. EDWARDS who were natives of North Carolina & Alabama, in the order mentioned. This Thomas R. Bailey died in 1834 in what is MOORE COUNTY.

H. B. MORGAN was a son in law of J. L. BRYANT, born in 1824 in LINCOLN COUNTY. The Bryants and Morgans were in the mercantile business at LYNCHBURG.

THE EDENS FAMILY, of MOORE COUNTY was originally from South Carolina. SAMUEL EDENS married MARY FRANKS in South Carolina, though they may have been married in LIMESTONE COUNTY, Alabama. At any rate BENJAMIN M. EDENS was born of this marriage in Madison County, Alabama in 1822, and the parents came to what is now MOORE COUNTY in 1835. BEN EDENS married PAULINE BLYTHE in Moore County and they had nine children.

ISAAC and MATILDA (HODGINS) FORESTER came from South Carolina to Moore Co. before it was established. Isaac was born in 1790 in S. C. He served with ANDREW JACKSON and was under Gen. John Coffee, ALEXANDER FORESTER, a son of ISAAC and his wife, married a Miss Minerva Bacon of Moore County. Alexander Forester was a soldier of the Southern Confederacy.

AMOS GORE (was it actually GORNEY) married MARY A. CONNER, and perhaps it

was a South Carolina marriage, since both were born in that State. They came to Tennessee and settled in what was then HENFORD COUNTY, perhaps in what is NOW MOORE COUNTY. They had a son JOHN E. GORE who was born in April, 1836, in HENFORD COUNTY, but who, after the establishment of MOORE County, lived there. His father of JOHN E. GORE - Amos - was a minister called "Elder Gore". John E. Gore & son of Elder Amos Gore and his wife, MARY A. CONNER, married JANE CURRIE - HAM, who was born in MOORE COUNTY & they were the parents of eight children, including:

1. ELIZABETH GORE
2. WILLIAM L. GORE
3. REBECCA GORE m. HUGHWORTH.
4. ROBERT E. GORE
5. JORDAN GORE.

JOHN E. GORE, father of the above children, left home when 18 years of age in 1854 and went down into Mississippi, where he had relatives & engaged in farming and boating, but came back to MOORE COUNTY and married. Elder Amos Gore and his family were all BAPTISTS.

The father of DR. THOMAS RAY, of HENFORD COUNTY, Tennessee, was named AMOS GORE RAY, and no doubt obtained his name from Elder Gore.

A close friend of this compiler is BEN. ROBERT E. GORNEY, prominent planter of ARKANSAS, MISSISSIPPI, who is living, hale and hearty at this time. This merely suggests the remote possibility that the two families MIGHT be the same, distinguished only by the slight difference in spelling, although there certainly ~~may~~ two different families who spelled the names the separate ways.

DR. ABEL B. GORDON was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, and moved to Winchester about 1841, where his son W. W. GORDON was born in May, 1848 & who afterwards married a MISS MARY E. FLETCHER, and settled in LYNCHBURG in Moore County.

ANNOUNCE LEE PARKS was born in North Carolina; married ELEANOR E. WATTS and moved to Missouri; then came to LYNCHBURG, Tennessee, where he was a wheelwright and wagon maker and died in 1880, leaving a son THOMAS B. PARKS of Lynchburg, and married in 1849, E. A. M. TAYLOR, daughter of Squire J. H. TAYLOR, and they had six children. This Parks family and all its constituents were members of the Christian church.

COFFEE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

TAKEN FROM WARREN, FRANKLIN AND HENFORD IN 1846.

JUDGE SAMUEL ANDERSON PRESIDED AT THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT

COFFEE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, was taken from Warren, Franklin and HENFORD Counties in 1836, by an Act of the Legislature passed on February 8th, 1836. It was not organized until the year 1841. Appointed to run the boundary lines of the new County and to locate the county seat, were the following persons:

HUGH DAVIDSON
ALEXANDER BLAKELY
DAVID BICKERSON
THOMAS POWERS
WILLIAM BRADSHAW
LEWIS BOBO.

DAVIDSON, BLAKELY and BRADSHAW were from North Carolina, and BOBO from South Carolina.

The following are the names of the first magistrates of the county:

Adam Rayburn
John G. Walker
Alfred Ashley
JOHN LISK
Larkin Barham
Robert S. Rayburn
Alexander Downey
James Yell
Gabriel Jones
William Hodge
Johnston Garrett
Josiah Berry
John Charles
William Montgomery
Wade Stroud
Lecile Bobo
John W. Cauden
JESSE WOOTEN
James M. Arnold
William Holmes

The first court met at the house used as a Baptist Church which stood on the site of what afterwards became the town of MANCHESTER, and which town became the County seat of COFFEE COUNTY. JOHN W. CAUDEN was made chairman of the County court.

THE FIRST OFFICERS selected for COFFEE County, Tennessee, were:
DANIEL McLENN, County Court Clerk.
JOHN BELL, Sheriff
JAMES A. BRANTLEY, Register
MOSES P. WHITE, Trustee
WILLIAM P. HARRIS, Coroner.

The first Circuit Court ever held in COFFEE County was held in the month of June, 1836. It met in one of the old log house homes that stood near the present site of MANCHESTER.

The first Presiding Judge was HON. SAMUEL ANDERSON, and JAMES WHITE - sides was the Attorney General for the Circuit, and present at this session of the Court.

HUGH DAVIDSON, WHO HELPED ORGANIZE COFFEE COUNTY

HUGH DAVIDSON, one of those who aided in laying out COFFEE COUNTY, had been a resident of WARREN COUNTY and lived near the line of COFFEE COUNTY as it was established.

He married MARGARET OWEN, who had been the second wife of HAMBORN OWEN or OWEN, who died in 1848 & is buried near the line of COFFEE and Warren Counties.

JOHN LISK, another one of the first organizers of COFFEE COUNTY was a prominent resident of the family in Warren County and the father of the two daughters who married into the YORK family. (See Warren County).

JESSE WOOTEN AND HIS FAMILY OF COFFEE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JESSE WOOTEN, one of the first Justices of the Peace of COFFEE COUNTY, was originally of the lower part of Warren County, and it is believed, a son of WILLIAM WOOTEN, who died Dec. 1, 1834, at the age of 80 years and was buried in the old RIVE SPRINGS Primitive Baptist Churchyard in Low-er Warren County. These Wootens were related to the Laynes and McGaheens of the same section. W. H., JONATHAN and MARY MARY WOOTEN were also members of the JESSE - WILLIAM WOOTEN FAMILY. They came originally from Virginia, but came to Tennessee, perhaps from down in GEORGIA.

MARY ANN POLK, wife of LEONIDAS J. POLK, born in DAVIDSON COUNTY - (Tenn.) July 26, 1810; died at Hamilton Place, August 1, 1847. (his first wife).

GEORGE W. POLK, born in 1847 and died in 1894.

WILLIAM POLK, born February 1st, 1839, and died April 5, 1906; a Major in the Confederate States Army.

Infant son of LEONIDAS and FRANCES A. Polk, died 1841.

LEONIDAS POLK, son of GEORGE W. & SALLY L. POLK, born in MAURY COUNTY, Tennessee, December 9, 1856; died April 3, 1899.

In memory of the children of ANDREW J. and REBECCA POLK.

GEORGE B. M. POLK, son of GEORGE W. and SALLY L. POLK, born MAURY COUNTY, Tennessee, December 15th 1848; died March 25, 1877.

MUFUS K. POLK, son of GEORGE W. & SALLY L. POLK, born October 31st 1845, died August 27, 1902.

GEORGE W. POLK, son of WILLIAM & SARAH POLK, born in Raleigh, N. C. July 12, 1817; died January 8th, 1892.

SALLY L. POLK, wife of GEORGE W. POLK, and daughter of ISAAC & MARY M. HILLIARD, born in HALIFAX COUNTY, North Carolina, Nov. 26, 1813; died July 2, 1894.

SALLY HAWKINS, daughter of GEORGE W. and SALLY L. POLK; born June 18 1845; died Nov. 18, 1914.

WILLIAM J. POLK, born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, March 21st 1793; died in Maury County, Tennessee, June 27, 1860.

MARY REBECCA POLK, wife of WILLIAM J. POLK; born March 10, 1797, died September 20, 1885.

THOMAS G. POLK, born in the year 1825; died in 1877.

ELORA L. POLK, daughter of CADWALLADER & GARRIX POLK, born July 28, 1866; died July 15, 1867.

MARIA O. POLK, daughter of WILLIAM J. and M. R. A. POLK, born August 17, 1830, and departed this life on April 3, 1860. Also ROMAN POLK, son of above b. 1834, died in 1844.

THE HILLIARD FAMILY OF MAURY COUNTY FROM HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C.

That we should find the members of the HILLIARD FAMILY intermarried with and buried in the same graveyards with the POLK FAMILY in Maury County, Tennessee, when we turn back the pages of history some three hundred years and find these two families neighbors in SOMERSET COUNTY, Maryland. (See Terrance's Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore, p.446)

On one stone in the old St. John's Episcopal Churchyard in Maury County we find the following inscription:

MARY MOORE HILLIARD, daughter of COL. HARRY MURFREY, and the wife of ISAAC HILLIARD, SR.; born in North Carolina, March 9, 1786; died in MISSISSIPPI, March 1st, 1818.

And then we find where GEORGE W. POLK married SALLY L. HILLIARD, the daughter of MARY MOORE HILLIARD & ISAAC HILLIARD, and the granddaughter of HARRY MURFREY.

Other HILLIARD INSCRIPTIONS:

GEORGE W. HILLIARD, born in 1822 & died in 1864.

MARY M. M. HARDBMAN, daughter of ISAAC and MARY MOORE HILLIARD, born December 1, 1805; died September 30, 1890.

ERWIN S. HILLIARD, born October 5, 1850; died December 12, 1920.

On the same monument are these two inscriptions together:

ISAAC H. HILLIARD, SR., born Sept. 7, 1811; died June 28, 1868.

MARION BRANNIN HILLIARD, wife of ISAAC H. HILLIARD, August 5, 1824; died August 24, 1853.

MARY HARDBMAN HILLIARD and sister (not dated).

KITTRILL FAMILY in MAURY COUNTY. In an old graveyard near Mt. Pleasant are these graves: A. R. KITTRILL - 1821-1907. HINYO G. KITTRILL, 1845-1904.

JOHN M. KITTRILL "Father" - born July 9, 1834; died December 28th - 1893. John M. Kittrill was born in GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

THE HENDERSON FAMILY OF OLD EBENEZER CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY

The old Register of EBENEZER CHURCH in Maury County, contains the names of some HENDERSONS, who are obviously of the well known North Carolina stock, and shows both names and dates, as follows:

RICHARD HENDERSON and his wife JENN who left the bounds of the Church in 1835. In their family were:

1. MUFUS GILLES HENDERSON, born May 18, 1807.
2. JOHN OSMON HENDERSON, born Dec. 3, 1808.
3. WILLIAM HARRY HENDERSON, born on January 31, 1811
4. HENRIEL ALEXANDER HENDERSON, born February 29, 1814.
5. ZENEA WORTH HENDERSON, born July 9, 1816.
6. JAMES HENDERSON HENDERSON - born March 3, 1819.
7. SAMUEL CALDWELL HENDERSON, born on November 17, 1821
8. MARY JANE HENDERSON, born May 2nd 1824.
9. ISABELLA CAROLINE HENDERSON, born March 16, 1828.
10. RICHARD BALDRIDGE HENDERSON, born May 30, 1832.

JUDGE RICHARD HENDERSON, the moving spirit in the historical "Transylvania" enterprise, had a son, RICHARD HENDERSON, born in 1764, whose mother was ELIZABETH, the daughter of JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS, and I have heretofore run across no record accounting for him or his family, or indicating that he settled in MAURY COUNTY, Tennessee, where he became a communicant until 1835, when he and his family appears to have left there & departed for some other part of the country. The above looks like his family. If so, it is interesting to have this record of the members of his family. He was brother of JUDGE LEONARD HENDERSON.

WILLIAM STEEL HENDERSON, a member of EBENEZER, died June 3, 1860; his wife ELIZABETH HENDERSON, died thereafter May 29, 1847.

(ARCHIBALD HENDERSON, brother of RICHARD - above - and son of JUDGE RICHARD HENDERSON, married SARAH ALEXANDER, and SARAH'S brother, a William Lee Alexander, married ELIZABETH HENDERSON, the sister of ARCHIBALD. They had a son JOHN STEEL HENDERSON).

However, I find no WILLIAM STEEL HENDERSON listed in any of the Henderson charts. According to the EBENEZER CHURCH REGISTER in Maury Co. Tennessee, WILLIAM STEEL HENDERSON and his wife ELIZABETH had children born in MAURY COUNTY, as follows:

1. ALEXANDER SIDNEY HENDERSON, born July 12, 1805, married in August 1826; died January, 1861.
2. WILLIAM FRANKLIN HENDERSON, born March 28, 1807; married June 9, 1834; died Jan. 29, 1871.
3. JOHN LAWSON HENDERSON, born Mar. 20, 1809; married January 16th 1834; died Sept. 1, 1899.

(JUDGE RICHARD HENDERSON had a son JOHN LAWSON HENDERSON, born in 1778)

4. MARGUS YOUNG HENDERSON, born on January 15, 1811; died November 23, 1848.
5. ELIZA MARIA HENDERSON, born Dec. 19, 1818, married January 6th 1836.
6. JENN CAROLINE HENDERSON, born Jan. 16, 1819; married November 27th 1845; dismissed and evidently removed from EBENEZER in 1847.
7. EDWARD HOUSTON HENDERSON, born January 11, 1817; married Oct. 31, 1839; died January 18th, 1868. [See HELON]
8. MICHAEL BALDRIDGE HENDERSON, born January 19, 1819; died July 19 1861.

EDWARD H. HENDERSON, died January 16 1868, as shown above, but he had been dismissed in 1861. His wife was SARAH E. and they were married Oct. 31, 1839. (It looks like his father WILLIAM STEEL HENDERSON had married ELIZABETH HOUSTON). EDWARD H. HENDERSON and wife had children:

1. CYNTHIA CASTRO HENDERSON, born Sept. 11, 1840.
2. HENRY JAMES HENDERSON, born Nov. 12 1845.
3. ALEXANDER HOODS HENDERSON, born June 8, 1848.
4. SARAH HOUSTON, born May 27, 1853.

ALEXANDER SIDNEY HENDERSON, son of WILLIAM STEEL HENDERSON & ESTHER LAWSON, who died June 30, 1832. They had the following children:

1. JAMES FRANKLIN HENDERSON, born on October 31, 1836.
2. HARRY ELIZA HENDERSON, born Nov. 15, 1836.
3. SUSANNA AMANDA HENDERSON b. Feb. 12, 1851
4. ELIZABETH LAWSON HENDERSON, born 1836 and MARY JANE born 1837.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS WHO CAME TO
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Nobody will ever know the names of all the revolutionary soldiers who came to and settled in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE (or any of the other counties, for that matter).

The patriotic societies that sprang up in the succeeding generations, after more than a hundred years had passed since the last hero of this gallant band had been buried, made every effort to find the graves of as many of them as possible and locate them with "markers", but many of them were lost and it is uncertain where they found their last resting places.

While the gracious, but highly appropriate Act of the North Carolina Legislature, brought hundreds to the "Hero District" to secure homes, after the war ended, all who came were not from North Carolina, and many of them were from VIRGINIA and even came down out of KENTUCKY. Others, not having rendered military service during the war, came along and secured pre-emption lands, and thereafter aided materially in the development of Middle Tennessee into the veritable "garden spot" which it soon became.

But many of these revolutionary soldiers left herds of descendants & they became, important and important citizens, the worst "fly in the ointment" being that some of them even forget who their ancestors really were.

The graves of those whose names appear on the following list, are, however, known to be in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, and markers erected with due care show where most of them are buried:

- (1) JOHN ALLEN
- (2) WILLIAM ALLEN
- (3) JOHN ANDERSON
- (4) MARK ANDERSON
- (5) Frederick Bann
- (6) JOHN BRAD
- (7) ANDREW BURKE
- (8) NICHOLAS CUNNINGHAM
- (9) HENRY COOK
- (10) WILLIAM CROFTON
- (11) COL. GUILFORD DUDLEY
- (12) JOHN HENRIKS
- (13) JOHN HVAAS
- (14) THOMAS FERGUSON
- (15) HENRY GARRETT
- (16) WATSON GENTRY

- (17) ANDREW GOFF
- (18) JACOB GRADNER
- (19) ROBERT GUTHRIE
- (20) LARK HARTLEY
- (21) SAMUEL HENDERSON
- (22) DANIEL HILL
- (23) MAJ. GREEN HILL
- (24) GEORGE HUME
- (25) JOHN McCALLISTER BUTTON
- (26) WILLIAM KENNEDY
- (27) PETER LESLIE
- (28) DANIEL LIGHTFOOT
- (29) WILLIAM LOCKRIDGE
- (30) SAMUEL McOUTEREN
- (31) DANIEL McMAHON
- (32) ROGER MALLORY
- (33) WILLIAM MARSHALL
- (34) COL. WILLIAM MARTIN
- (35) COL. HARRY MURPHY
- (36) NELSON R. MAILING
- (37) GEORGE NEELY
- (38) ROBERT OSBORNE
- (39) LT. HARMON PERKINS
- (40) JOSEPH PHILLIPS
- (41) MILAS PRIBST
- (42) MOSES PRIBST
- (43) JAMES POTTS
- (44) JAMES RAGSDALE
- (45) JACOB SCOTT
- (46) JOHN SECREST
- (47) MAJ. ANTHONY SHAWNE
- (48) HENRY SLEDGE
- (49) SHERROD SMITH
- (50) DAVID SQUIRES
- (51) EDWARD SWANSON
- (52) JAMES TURNER
- (53) RICHARD VERNON
- (54) DANIEL WHITE
- (55) MOSES LINDSEY
- (56) REV. JOHN ATKINSON
- (57) JOSEPH FRANKS
- (58) COL. WILLIAM WHITE
- (59) JAMES WILSON
- (60) WILLIAM HEDFORD
- (61) JAMES SHEPPARD
- (62) RICHARD SACKETT
- (63) ANDREW CROCKETT

The passage of time has drawn a veil of uncertainty around the origin and ancestry of many of these brave men, and neglect to keep and preserve family records has left a dearth of information about their personal history. Even the identity of some of these men has become mixed with others who bore similar names and it is therefore impossible to present any account whatever of some of them for that reason.

The reader will also please remember that the foregoing list only presents the names of those who it is believed died and are buried in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, and that many lived in the county for a time perhaps and then removed farther West and will be found mentioned on records covering the other counties included in this compilation, if they should be found.

(4) MARK ANDERSON, REVOLUTIONARY
SOLDIER, WILLIAMSON COUNTY

MARK ANDERSON, this revolutionary soldier, whose grave is marked as such, in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, was born in VIRGINIA.

His furthest back VIRGINIA ancestor, so far as we have been able to trace, was a certain GEORGE ANDERSON, who in the latter part of the 17th century - 1680 to 1690 lived on what was sometimes referred to on the old records as the GEORGE ANDERSON SWAMP, and later called SPEARMAN'S SWAMP, where also lived a certain JOB SPEARMAN and his family. This was in HENRY COUNTY Virginia. Among the neighbors of the GEORGE ANDERSON mentioned was COL. JAMES GAINES, MR. ROBERT PATNE, THOMAS LINDSEY (who married an Underwood) and THOMAS THORPE and his wife FLORIDA. Also the NEVELLY FAMILY, Daniels and Harrisons.

GEORGE ANDERSON had a son JOHN ANDERSON who married a daughter of WILLIAM GRAY, a brother of ABNER GRAY, and had a son MARK ANDERSON, mentioned in the GRAY WILL in 1786 as one of the witnesses. In the settlement of the estate of WILLIAM GRAY, HENRY, MUSCO and JAMES GARRETT are mentioned between 1770-72, -Valentine Papers P. 517.

This MARK ANDERSON of the WILLIAM GRAY WILL had a son JOHN ANDERSON who married HENRY McMAHON, who in turn had a son MARK ANDERSON, and one named JOHN ANDERSON, who married his cousin ABNER COOPER, and had a GARRETT ANDERSON, sister GEORGIA LANTIER, who married AUGUST HALL and is buried at Washington, GEORGIA. MARK ANDERSON, uncle of the GARRETT ANDERSON, and brother of JOHN ANDERSON was the MARK ANDERSON who settled in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE. Both JOHN ANDERSON and his brother MARK were revolutionary soldiers.

JUDGE WILLIAM McANDREW KIR, Postmaster General at one time, had a daughter who married GARRETT ANDERSON, the grandson of GARRETT ANDERSON and his wife ANNE HALL, of Washington County, Georgia, and practiced law in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

JOHN ANDERSON, brother of MARK ANDERSON of WILLIAMSON COUNTY, Tennessee, died in Prince Edward County, Virginia, in 1817, and his son GARRETT ANDERSON, of GEORGIA, who was a distinguished lawyer went back to Virginia and was his administrator. GARRETT ANDERSON also had a sister who died in Texas.

(11) COL. GUILFORD DUDLEY OF NORTH
CAROLINA, to WILLIAMSON COUNTY

JOHN DANIEL, who was the grandfather of COL. GUILFORD DUDLEY, revolutionary soldier, who settled and died in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, left his last will and testament in GREENVILLE COUNTY, North Carolina, which was proved in the August Court of that county in 1768, same having been executed the 19th day of June of the same year, and witnessed by JOSEPH LINDSEY, JOHN WALKER and JOHN DUNCOMB. The following is quoted from his will:

"And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life, I give, bequeath, and dispose of the same in manner and form following:

"Item. I lend my well beloved wife ANNE all my estate both real and personal during her life and after her decease all my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between my five children, viz:

1. James Daniel
2. John Williams Daniel
3. Sarah Harrison
4. Martha Barby
5. ELIZABETH DUDLEY

to them, their heirs and assigns forever."

"And, as I am informed that I did some years past make a deed of gift to my daughter ELIZABETH DUDLEY, wife to CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY, my negro wench Hannah, together with her increase. I do declare the said GIFT to be VOID and entirely contrary to my will, I set being in MY EXPLICIT SENSE at the execution of the said Deed of GIFT.

"And do by this present writing appoint JAMES DANIEL and JOHN WILLIAMS DUDLEY, executors of this my last will and testament.

John Daniel (Seal)

WILL OF CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY, of HALLIAX COUNTY, North Carolina, June 2, 1777. Names children: RANSOM DUDLEY, CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY, SARAH DUDLEY, LINTON DUDLEY, ANN DUDLEY, GUILFORD DUDLEY, ELIZABETH DUDLEY and AGATHA DUDLEY. Executors:

Seal GUILFORD DUDLEY
HENRY MACHIN
GRANDALIO DAVIS

Witnesses: CHAS. PARKER, GABRIEL LONG.

SOME NOTES ON THE LOGAN FAMILY OF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY

JAMES HENDERSON, a brother of SAMUEL HENDERSON (father of Judge Richard Henderson) made his will in LINCOLN COUNTY, North Carolina in 1793 and is buried at MaAdenville. His wife was VIOLET LAWSON, daughter of HUGH LAWSON and the sister of MARY LAWSON, the mother of HUGH LAWSON WHITE, of Tennessee history & fame. He had the following children, given here for ready reference, though attention is directed to his account in the Lost Tribes of North Carolina pp. 228, 487, and also to the charts of the Henderson family elsewhere in these notes. He and his wife had the following children:

1. John Henderson
2. James Henderson m. Margaret DICKSON.
3. William Henderson m. Elis-Abernathy
4. Lawson Henderson m. Elis. Carruth
5. Logan Henderson m. Johnston
6. Katherine Henderson m. William LOGAN
7. Mary Henderson
8. Martha Henderson.

LAWSON HENDERSON and his wife ELIZA CARUTH were the parents of HON. JAMES PIERCEY HENDERSON, the first Governor of Texas.

JAMES HENDERSON and his wife MARGARET DICKSON, the daughter of COL. JOSEPH DICKSON, a member of Congress from North Carolina, and who died in Fayetteville, Tennessee, in 1828, moved to Williamson County and settled near Franklin.

These Hendersons were related to the LOGAN FAMILY of Franklin, who came to Williamson County from North Carolina with the Hendersons and McKasicks, & the JAMES HENDERSON (son) was the father of the VIOLET HENDERSON mentioned below.

In regard to the LOGAN FAMILY of WILLIAMSON COUNTY, the following letter, dated April 15, 1937, will be of general interest:

From Nashville Tenn.

Dear Cousin:

I had time to make a trip over to Franklin, in Williamson County, Tennessee, on yesterday and spent many hours at the court house, looking up old records; but was only fortunate in finding one item, of especial interest, which was the will of WILLIAM LOGAN, which was probated there, October 1835. The estate amounted to eight hundred and ninety acres and two hundred acres, slaves, etc. There were two

pages of the inventory. All divided between six sons and two daughters, named in the will. One son WILSON NEWTON LOGAN was left the library. The two daughters named in the will were VIOLET MARY LOGAN (from whom the COOKES, of Shelbyville, Tennessee were descended); and MARY PATTERSON LOGAN, who married WILLIAM F. LITTLE, my grandfather. The will was signed by WILLIAM LOGAN, and his wife CATHERINE was named Executrix, together with JOHN HENDERSON. In the marriage records I found any number of PATTERSON marriages, dated from 1805 up to 1809.

ROBERT HENDERSON to FROXY SHEPHERD on June 30, 1807.

ROBERT HENDERSON to MARY WOOTEN on June 3, 1808.

WILLIAM PATTERSON to ELIZABETH MAYFIELD, October 1, 1808.

JAMES PATTERSON to ANNA GORDON, October 1, 1808.

LINDY FULLIN to HANNAH WHEATROCK, Oct. 19, 1807.

In my home town, Murfreesboro, I have picked up this information:

LOGAN HENDERSON, son of JAMES HENDERSON married Margaret Ewart Johnston, daughter of COL. JAMES JOHNSTON and JANE EWART, daughter of ROBERT EWART, of Scotch-Irish descent.

In 1818 LOGAN HENDERSON came to Tennessee and purchased much valuable land near Murfreesboro, in BUTLER COUNTY. He died in 1846. His wife died August 15, 1845. He and his wife had the following children:

1. JAMES F. HENDERSON married Amanda M. Voorhees.
2. VIOLET HENDERSON married WILLIAM F. LITTLE, as his first wife.
3. JANE HENDERSON married WILLIAM S. MOORE.
4. FRANK HENDERSON.

FRANK HENDERSON must have been a son of JAMES HENDERSON, for he was the brother of VIOLET, who married WILLIAM LITTLE. Evidently LOGAN HENDERSON'S mother was a LOGAN, for WILLIAM LITTLE'S second wife was MARY PATTERSON LOGAN, a first cousin of VIOLET. BOB LOGAN was a brother of MARY PATTERSON LOGAN, who married WILLIAM F. LITTLE. (Wrong: MARY PATTERSON LOGAN was a widow, probably of a brother of BOB LOGAN).

CATHERINE LOGAN, who married WILLIAM LITTLE (or LITTLE) was the daughter of JAMES HENDERSON and the sister of LOGAN HENDERSON, who is mentioned.

FAMILIES BURIED IN THE OLD FRANKLIN
CEMETERY, WILLIAMSON COUNTY

In the town of FRANKLIN, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, there is an old cemetery, located at the corner of Fourth Avenue and North Margin St., which is said to have been established about 1811, or about 140 yrs ago. Many of the graves are absolutely unmarked and many that have been marked cannot be deciphered on account of various reasons. Some of the names are readable and some are so dim that dates are uncertain and even names. But the local D. A. R. Chapter many years ago made a list of those that it was possible to read, with some dates of burial. From that list the following are copied, without giving each name and generally only the family name, with the oldest date of burial:

Allen, Andrews, Badger (1845) Bailey 1836, Bain 1864, Baltimore, Barham 1842, Beach 1859, Berson 1836, Binford, BLACK, JAMES 1855; BLACK - KURN 1843, Bradley 1843, Branch 1827, Brown 1831, Boehms 1839, Boon 1852, Booth (William) 1836, Boyd (Harrison).

Caldwell (Andrew) 1847 and 1811, Cameron (Wren) 1846, Campbell (Andrew) 1818, Carter (Theodoris) 1838, Chapel 1844, Cady (Yancy) 1848, Churtnsey, 1857, Craig 1856, Criddle, Crockett (1798-1855), Crown 1850, Crutcher 1837, Cunningham 1850.

Davis 1845, Dempsey 1837, Doyle 1841, Drake, Dudley (Oulford) 1835, Dwyer (William) 1830,

Halbeck, English 1839, Erwin, Estes 1843, Ewing (Andrew G.) 1863.

Farrington 1830, Ferguson 1857, Figs - urge 1834, Fisher 1839, Foster 1834, Fry, (Dr. Joseph).

Gadsey, Gault 1841, Gilliam, Glass - 1860, Gholson 1818, GORDON (Bally Carter), Gray 1839, Gantler 1840.

Hall 1848, Haulon, Hanner 1841, Hays - borough 1842, Hardeman (Nicholas Parkins) 1772-1818, Haynes 1818, Hicks 1817, Hightower 1845, Hildreth, Hill 1834, Hobbs 1839, Hollins, Hutton (Eli) 1838.

Jenkins (Thomas) 1814, Johnson 1817.

Lanny (Avery) 1855, Lester 1816, Lewis (Mrs. of Va.), LONG.

Manning 1820, Marr 1849, Marshall 1842,

Martin 1831, Mays, McAllister, McClellan 1832, McCombie 1838, McCown, McDaniel 1841, McEann 1850, McPhail 1844 (Dr.), Miller 1862.

MURPHY (George T.), Nichol 1850, Nichols 1848.

O'Bryan (Dr. Lawrence) 1845, Otey 1841, Owen.

PARKER 1835, Parks 1856, Park (William) 1846, Parish (Abraham Maury) 1828, Peebles 1835, Perkins (Nicholas P.) 1833, Plunkett, Porter 1833, Potts.

RAGSDALE 1851, RICE, 1834, Richardson 1841, Ripley, Robinson 1816, Rogers, Rothrock.

SAMPLE (William) 1786 -1816, Scott, Scruggs 1854, Seagriff (George) 1847, Sessions, Shehan, Short, Simmons 1853, Sinclair (James) 1847, Slaughter 1846, Smith 1832, Spivey (Henry) 1844, Spann 1837, Squire (David, Rev Sold.) 1762-1818, STOVALL, Stuart (Judge Thomas) 1836.

Taylor (W. D.) 1852, Tillett, TOOMEY (Miss Margaret) 1851.

Van Pelt 1837.

WATKINS (Martha Jane) 1848, Wells 1838, White (MOSES B.) 1850, Williams 1856, Wilson 1845, Wolridge (Dr) 1870, Wren 1800, Wright (Nancy) 1854.

HARDY MURFREE GRAVEYARD NOT FAR
FROM FRANKLIN

The Hardy Murfree family cemetery is located South of Franklin in Williamson County. Inscriptions:

COL. HARRY MURFREE was born the 5th day of June 1752 and died on April 5th 1809.

WILLIAM HARRY MURFREE was born in Hertford County, North Carolina Oct 2, 1781, and migrated to Tennessee in 1825. He died on the 9th day of January 1854.

ELIZABETH MARY MURFREE, daughter of JAMES and MARY MURPHY, born Hertford Co. N. C. Oct. 28, 1787, and died July 15, 1826, and they were married in North Carolina in 1806. This monument erected in their memory, by their children, who feel the magnitude of their loss.

THE TWO SPRING CREEK SETTLEMENTS

The sparse records available seem to indicate that there were two different SPRING CREEK settlements in WILSON COUNTY.

In 1799, the year WILSON COUNTY was established, JOHN FOSTER appears to have removed from Drake's Lick to the SPRING CREEK settlement described as being SOUTHEAST of the site of LEBANON, where he was joined by WILLIAM DUNWELL and ALEXANDER BARCLAY, but the following year they were joined by Martin Talley, William Sherrill, Purnel Hearn, JOHN JONES, JAMES CARSON, Benjamin Motley, Henry Chandler, ADAIR HARPOOL and GREGORY JOHNSON, so that there was quite a crowd in the settlement. At the other SPRING CREEK settlement described as being eight or nine miles SOUTH of Lebanon, DAVID MCGARTNEY, FOSTER and JOHN DOAK, ALEXANDER BRADEN (SHERRILL?) and a family by the name of DOWELL settled. The Downells were perhaps from the GUILFORD COUNTY, North Carolina family of that name.

About 1800 ROBERT SHANNON, LEE HARRISON, JOHN GIBSON, JOHN SPONES and John Rice settled at FORD LICK (Not located).

THE ROUND LICK SETTLEMENT

It was about 1800 when the ROUND LICK SETTLEMENT began to fill up. Following are the names of some of those who made their appearance at that time in this community:

Jacob Ventresse	Thomas B. Beede
John Coplinger	EDMUND JENKINGS
JOHN PATTON	George Hearn
JAMES EDWARDS	Duncan Johnson
Daniel Smith	Isaac Grandstaff
Frank Tracy	William Neal
Shelah Waters	JOSEPH BARNES
SOLOMON BASS	John Lawrence
JORDAN BASS	John Green
William Coe	John Phillips
William Hayes	ANTHONY HARRISON
Benjamin Phillips	JOHN W. PETERSON

JOHN W. PETERSON was from the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia and Harper's Ferry. (See Hayden's Virginia Genealogies).

ROBERT JAMES, LEWIS MERRITT, DAVID WELLS, Jonathan Oment, DANSON BARKOCK and HEDON BARKOCK settled on SINKING CREEK about 1800.

ON HURRICANE AND FALL CREEKS

The following families settled about 1800 on HURRICANE CREEK in Wilson County:

ABRAHAM KNIGHT	JOHN GIBSON
CHARLES CUMMINGS	HENRY MOSIER
John Merritt	Frank Young
JOSEPH STACY	CHARLES WARREN

and at the same time, these settled on FALL CREEK:

FRANK FUGGETT	WILLIAM LESTER
JOHN DUNWELL	LYOYD SWELLERS
JOHN ALSDP	AARON EDWARDS
SAMPSON SMITH	JACOB JENNINGS
	and WILLIAM WARREN.

AQUILLA SUGGS ON SUGGS' CREEK

AQUILLA SUGGS, from North Carolina built his cabin on SUGGS' CREEK - named for him - about 1800, and had for his neighbors:

JOSEPH CASTLEMAN	JOSEPH HAMILTON
THOMAS DENNISON	BENJAMIN DOBSON
	and BENJAMIN BOCKER

and over on CEDAR CREEK were the log cabins of HOCKEY KEEVES, JOSEPH WEIR, NATHAN CARTWRIGHT, WILLIAM WILSON and MATTHEW FIGURES.

CEDAR LICK CREEK AND SMITH FORD

THEOPHILUS BASS, brother perhaps of SOLOMON and JORDAN BASS of the ROUND LICK settlement, settled on CEDAR LICK CREEK, with Clement Jennings, James H. Davis, Thomas Davis, Joshua Kelley and HARRISON BAYS as his close neighbors.

JAMES MEADOC about 1800 settled at the SMITH FORD on the Cumberland River, with George L. Smith, William Calkley, Charles Rich, Beason Byrne, ANSER BOWE, Edward Pickett, JOHN ANDERSON and DAVID INELAND for neighbors to help fight the Indians.

ALONG THE CUMBERLAND RIVER

The frontier homes of CALVIN TAYLOR, JAMES HUNTER, JOSEPH KIRKPATRICK, DANIEL GLENN, STERLING TRAFFLET and WILLIAM SAUNDERS were built along the Cumberland River on lands that went to WILSON COUNTY in 1799.

THE TOWN OF LEBANON AND NEDDIE JACOBS THE OLD FIDDLER.

NEDDIE JACOBS was an old fiddler and owned the land on which the town of LEBANON was built, and which was selected as the County seat of WILSON COUNTY in 1802, 148 years ago.

His land was covered with cedars and it suggested the "Cedars of Lebanon" so they named the town LEBANON. The tradition is that JACOBS settled on the land and built his cabin there in 1800. The first court may have been held in the Jacobs home, but this is not known, but it is known that the WILSON COUNTY Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions was held in private residences from 1802 to until 1806, when a courthouse was built out of some of the Cedar Logs cut from the Neddie Jacobs lands.

The first Circuit Court did not meet until September 24, 1810, when the new courthouse was available, with Judge Thomas Stewart as the Presiding Judge. Other early Circuit Judges were James C. Mitchell and Samuel Anderson.

Among the first lawyers to practice in the Courts of WILSON COUNTY were the following:

JESSE HEARTON
NICHOLAS PERKINS
BROOKFIELD RIMLEY
JOHN B. JOHNSON
LEMOYNE HERRING
CHARLES SMITH
JOHN HICKINSON

To this list I am sure should be added ANDREW JACKSON, JOHN OVERTON, THOMAS H. NEWTON and others, who perhaps practiced mostly at Nashville, but most certainly was present when the court sat in LEBANON.

MANY REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS LIVED IN WILSON COUNTY

Many revolutionary soldiers came to WILSON COUNTY and settled, after the county was organized and no complete list of them could probably even be compiled. The following ones have been mentioned in some accounts: JAMES SCOTT, JEREMIAH McWICKER, ANTHONY GANN, PHILLIP BRACKLEY, JOHN HARPOOL, JOHN DANNEY, EDWARD MITCHELL and JOHN WYDE.

JOHN ALCORN, THE FIRST POSTMASTER AT LEBANON, TENNESSEE

JOHN ALCORN was the first postmaster at LEBANON, TENNESSEE. He was also a Justice of the Peace for many years. JOHN ALCORN died March 9, 1829 at the age of 62 years and was born in 1768.

JOHN ALCORN is buried about one mile and a half North of the town of LEBANON, East of Hunter's Point pike.

The name of his wife was FRUENICE & MRS. FRUENICE ALCORN died August 5th, 1854, at the age of 75 years, having been born in 1779. They had the following children:

1. ZULINA ALCORN, born October 19th, 1800. She married a DOUGLASS and died in 1830.
2. JAMES ALCORN, born May 3, 1808, & died September 28 1831.
3. MINERVA ALCORN, born June 7, 1805 and died November 2, 1852. She married JOHN L. WYDE.
4. MARY ALCORN, born September 3rd 1807, and died February 14th, 1851. She married W. L. MARTIN and they had one child who died in infancy.

The writer is fairly sure that this JOHN ALCORN was related (possibly a brother) to the ELIJAH ALCORN, who settled first in Georgia, and later in Texas, who married NANCY HODGSON & left many descendants in Austin's Colony in Texas.

THE BASS FAMILY OF WILSON COUNTY OF THE ROUND LICK SETTLEMENT

SOLOMON, JORDAN and THEOPHILUS BASS settled in the Round Lick community around 1800.

SIGN BASS of this same family born August 1, 1761, died August 20th, 1847 and is buried on the HARRY BASS farm South of the Nashville pike. His wife was MARY BASS, who was born in 1769, and died May 18, 1857.

CADDER BASS, buried in the same spot was born in March, 1790 and died Oct. 28, 1886.

SIGN BASS and his wife had children: MILLERNEY BASS, SALLIE BASS, H. T. BASS, LOUVINIA BASS, ELIZABETH BASS, MARY A. BASS and ANNY ELIA BASS who m. J. Z. GRAVES.

SOME NOTES ON THE BEGINNINGS OF THE BURTON FAMILY IN VIRGINIA.

RICHARD BURTON who appears as a headright of THOMAS LUCAS and who was associated on the records with the CATLETTS, VALENTINE ALLEN and others who took up lands in the RAPPAHANNOCK section, probably was one of several of the name who were brothers. It was this same RICHARD BURTON who patented lands at the head of QUEEN'S CREEK in YORK County about 1752, in his own right. These Valentine Allens and the Catletts and Rowsees were all on the Rappahannock and related to the UNDERWOODS. Thomas Lucas married Mrs. Margaret Upton, widow of JOHN UPTON, of ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, whose daughter (one of them) married JOHN CATLETT. This is strong indications that RICHARD BURTON may have lived at first in ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, where there was a JOHN BURTON who witnessed the will of JOHN OLIVER in 1755. This justifies the guarded assumption that JOHN BURTON of ISLE OF WIGHT and RICHARD BURTON, of ESSEX or RAPPAHANNOCK (or possibly what was then LANCASTER County) were brothers.

RICHARD BURTON, of the above, who was a "headright" of THOMAS LUCAS, was no doubt and most certainly the same one of the name who was a witness in RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY in favor of JOHN CATLETT after 1656 and prior to 1664. A JOHN BURTON patented lands in Lancaster County in 1668; SAMUEL BURTON was in the same neighborhood Dec. 7, 1655 and ordered to turn in his tithables to Abraham Weekes; ROBERT BURTON, on the same date exactly (Dec. 7, 1655), was admitted as the guardian of JOHN JOHNSON and his brothers and sisters. Apparently (as was the custom nine times out of ten in such cases), JOHN JOHNSON'S father (JOHNSON) had recently died and ROBERT BURTON had married the widow, John's mother. (Thus we understand, stacking one presumption on another, that ROBERT BURTON was of marriageable age and probably comparatively a young man). - "Burton Chronicles", page 379, and Fleet's Abstracts, Vol. 22, page 19.

RALPH BURTON (Nugent p. 276) was one of the headrights of WILLIAM FRY April 1763, when he patented lands on Chickahominy River in James City County. The land, patented by FRY was eventually repatented to LYDIA NOELL, the widow of JOHN NOELL, and whose daughter MARY NOELL afterwards became the wife of ROBERT BURTON of Henrico County. The name was usually spelled "NOWELL".

THE BURTONS OF LOWER NORFOLK AND OF ACCOMAC COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BRYAN BURTON was one of a large number of emigrants who settled with a contingent of "headrights" (or at least came to Virginia) supposedly brought over by RICHARD BARTLETT and Sir William Berkeley in 1645/6. (See Nugent p. 160. Upper Norfolk County.

JOHN BURTON and WILLIAM BURTON were also in Upper Norfolk at the instance of HENRY BRADLEY in 1643. ROBERT BURTON was used as a headright by JOSEPH CROSHAN of York County, who lived on Queen's Creek, a neighbor to RICHARD BURTON who had patented lands there.

It is fairly safe to assume that WILLIAM BURTON of the Upper Norfolk set was perhaps the same WILLIAM BURTON who settled in ACCOMAC COUNTY and whose widow MARY BURTON became the wife of JAMES ALEXANDER, brother of a WILLIAM ALEXANDER of Somerset County, Maryland, who was the known ancestor of all the Alexanders who settled in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and were the neighbors of the Burtons who went there from Granville County, North Carolina.

All of these BURTONS, in my judgment, were of the same English stock, but perhaps mostly "cousins" in a broad sense, though some of them, also were brothers. But which?

ROBERT BURTON and RICHARD PARKER were both among a short list of headrights of FRANCIS MORGAN who patented lands in GLOUCESTER COUNTY in 1652. At that date Gloucester County had just been erected as a county and was considered as a part of YORK COUNTY up to about that time. This is significant in considering the part that the name RICHARD PARKER plays in the history of the BURTONS.

COL. FRANCIS BURTON AND HIS WIFE JUDITH---OF THE BARBADOES.

On the records of ST. ANDREWS PARISH in the BARBADOES in 1780, appears the name of COL. FRANCIS BURTON and his wife JUDITH, a son GEORGE BURTON and a FRANCIS BURTON, JR.

Among the residents of ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH in the BARBADOES in 1780, appears RICHARD PARKER and his wife and FOUR SLAVES. Leaving Gravesend, England on the FALCON, 1758 bound for the BARBADOES was THOMAS PAGE, aged 80 yrs.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF COL. THOMAS PAGE IN RAPPAHANNOCK

CORNELIUS NOELL AND HIS CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Mr. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY SWEENEY, deceased, who died but recently, left to posterity his "Wills of Old Rappahannock, containing among hundreds of other ancient wills that of COL. THOMAS PAGE, on pp. 38-39. It is dated the 10th of March 1676, and proven in May following. His legatees were:

1. ELIZABETH WEST, oldest daughter of RICHARD WEST. (A daughter?)
2. MARY NOELL, oldest daughter of CORNELIUS NOELL (A daughter?)
3. SAMUEL ALLEN "my grandson, my plantation, which I formerly lived upon, and his heirs forever."
4. VALENTINE ALLEN, my son, 200 acres of land where he now lives, to him and his heirs forever.
5. To the children of WILLIAM HODGINS, 300 acres of land where my son ALLEN now lives, to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.
6. I give my daughter MARY ALLEN, all the rest of my estate, to her & her heirs forever.

EXECUTRIX: My daughter, MARY ALLEN. Wits: William Fooge and Robert Rutherford.

A probate was granted to CAPT. THOMAS HAWKINS upon MARY ALLEN'S consent.

My interpretation of the will is that COL. THOMAS PAGE'S wife was an ALLEN, and that VALENTINE ALLEN married his daughter MARY ALLEN.

VALENTINE ALLEN had at this time, at least one son named SAMUEL ALLEN, one of the legatees in the will.

VALENTINE ALLEN and his wife MARY PAGE had a daughter CHRISTIAN ALLEN, who married HENRY LONG, of St. Mary's Parish in Richmond County, and she and her husband sold lands she had inherited from her father's estate by his will, (date not mentioned) to THOMAS PIMMER, of GLOUCESTER COUNTY, by a deed they made in 1706. -Mason's Gloucester Records Vol. 2 p. 104.

It is from this will, together with other bits of information from the actual records, that this writer bases his idea about the origin of the BURTON FAMILY, which GEN. FRANCIS BURTON has so ably presented in his "BURTON CHRONICLES". Gen. BURTON did not have access to this will at the time he wrote his account.

CORNELIUS NOELL appears in RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY sometime after 1750, but THOMAS NOELL (NOWELL) was the owner of lands on Skiff's Creek in Warwick County, not far from Martin's Hundred before 1630, and could possibly have been his father. PETER NOELL was a headright of COL. WILLIAM WHITTINGTON, of Accomac County in 1647 (Nugent pp 14 and 170). PETER NOELL was possibly a brother of CORNELIUS, who married ELIZABETH PAGE, the daughter of COL. THOMAS PAGE. The NOELL family was numerous in Spottsylvania County, where RICHARD NOELL was the son in law of STAFFORD CRUTCHFIELD in 1788. CORNELIUS NOELL, it is claimed, was born in HOLLAND, but so were some of the BENNETTS. They were English who had sought a haven in HOLLAND against real or fancied grievances that arose in Church matters relating to those of Puritan leanings. CORNELIUS NOELL was not a "Dutchman". He had lands in Rappahannock as early as 1665, according to "Burton Chronicles" p.340. On the same page is an abstract of his will in ESSEX COUNTY, proved on June 20, 1699. He names his children but omits his son JOHN NOELL, who married LYDIA PERKINS and was dead at the time his will was made:

1. JOHN NOELL (not mentioned, and deceased at that time.)
2. DANIEL NOELL
3. JAMES NOELL (under age 1699)
4. MARGARET NOELL m. CORNALLIE
5. MARY NOELL (mentioned in the will of THOMAS PAGE in 1676) m. CLERKSONG.
6. CORNELIUS NOELL (under age)
7. ELIZABETH NOELL.

SPELLING OF THE NAME NOELL, SOMETIMES "NOWELL".

Much confusion results from the different ways the name NOELL has been spelled. It is safe to assume that the spelling NOWELL in most instances is a substitute for NOEL or NOELL. NOWELL, however, is too well known as a different family, to assume that it was intended for NOELL or NOWELL. We like to think that the proper way to spell the name was NOELL NOEL & shall use that method, except to make it clear how it was used. In other words, NOELL BURTON and NOWELL BURTON were synonymous and identical.

SAMUEL ALLEN, SON OF VALENTINE,
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

SAMUEL ALLEN, son of VALENTINE, referred to in the will of his grandfather, THOMAS PAGE in 1676, as my "grandson, SAMUEL ALLEN", had the following children:

1. SAMUEL ALLEN (father in law of NOEL and HUTCHINS BURTON) who lived in New Kent County, Va.
2. ROBERT ALLEN, who settled in Lunenburg County.
3. CHARLES ALLEN, who also settled in Lunenburg County.
4. EDMUND ALLEN, who settled in HENRICO COUNTY.
5. WILLIAM ALLEN, who was sheriff of HENRICO CO. 1744.

The births of most of the children of S. SAMUEL ALLEN are noted on the pages of the old St. Peter's Parish Register. They were:

1. JOSEPH ALLEN born April 12, 1711.
2. BENJAMIN ALLEN b. April 12, 1711.
3. EMORY ALLEN b. April 6, 1714.
4. CHARLES ALLEN (b. ca. 1719)
5. JAMES ALLEN (b. ca. 1730)
6. JUDITH ALLEN, b. Oct. 31, 1734.
7. ANNE ALLEN born April 16, 1736.
8. JACOB ALLEN (dau) b. July 1736.
9. MARGARET ALLEN b. April 22, 1734.
10. MARY ALLEN (m. LYNDALL BACON) born ca. 1741.

2.. ROBERT ALLEN, son of SAMUEL ALLEN, was living in LUNENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA in 1747, and was a "Reader" in Cumberland Parish on December 7, that year. On the 6th day of December, previously (1747) CHARLES ALLEN and JOSEPH FRENCH were appointed proctors, according to Hill's Cumberland Parish Register, p. 326. LEWIS DELONEY, MATTHEW TALBOT, DANIEL FRENCH and ABRAHAM MARTIN were members of the vestry. This CHARLES ALLEN was the brother of ROBERT (b. 1719) in New Kent County. This ROBERT ALLEN appears to have been the father of a son (among several others)

CHARLES ALLEN

who married the widow of the DANIEL FRENCH who was one of the vestrymen of Cumberland Parish. They were married on February 8, 1757. The eldest CHARLES ALLEN was again a proctor, in November of 1755.

3a. CHARLES ALLEN (b. 1719), shown to have been twice appointed proctor or by the vestry in 1755 (in November) was mentioned in the same minutes in which at the same time HUTCHINS BURTON was present and agreed to take Margaret Bevil and her three children and clothe and maintain them. This was HUTCHINS BURTON who married TABITHA MINGE. The name of the wife of this S. CHARLES ALLEN is not known, but he was the father of another

CHARLES ALLEN, who married
LUCY BACON (b. 1744)

and who is mentioned in the will of his father in law LYNDALL BACON, on July 31, 1775 and which CHARLES ALLEN was a member of the County Court of Lunenburg County, Virginia, in 1763-1764, and who probably became a resident of Mecklenburg County, when it was established from Lunenburg. This CHARLES ALLEN and his wife LUCY BACON settled in LAURENS DISTRICT, S. C., and they had the following children:

1. CHARLES ALLEN
2. LYNDALL ALLEN m. MILLY...
3. SARAH ALLEN m. (1) LEWIS SAXON (2) ROBERT MORRIS.
4. MARY ALLEN m. a HARRIS
5. ___ ALLEN (Dau) m. CRISP.

Among those who migrated from LUNENBURG COUNTY to Laurens District, S. C. with CHARLES ALLEN and his wife LUCY BACON were the ABRAHAM MARTIN family, this ABRAHAM MARTIN having been a member of the vestry of CUMBERLAND PARISH in Lunenburg at the time the record begins in 1747, when ROBERT and CHARLES ALLEN were often mentioned on the records.

This MARSHALL family was from HENRICO COUNTY, Virginia, whence they came from Isle of Eight County, with the Bants and others.

CHARLES ALLEN who married LUCY BACON may have been a revolutionary soldier, since he was about the right age, but he was just one of several Charles Allen's (including Charles, the son of S. ROBERT) who were often temperate, but all of whom were apparently descendants of VALENTINE ALLEN and his tribe.

After the death of CHARLES ALLEN in South Carolina, LUCY, his widow married a man named CHARLES SMITH. This CHARLES SMITH's estate came up for administration Nov. 7, 1811, with the widow's bond signed by CHARLES ALLEN and LYNDALL ALLEN, her two sons.

EDMUND ALLEN, SON OF SAMUEL AND THE
GRANDSON OF VALENTINE ALLEN.

EDMUND ALLEN, son of SAMUEL ALLEN and the grandson of VALENTINE ALLEN and his wife MARY PAGE, does not appear on the St. Peter's Parish Register, and it is probable he began life in RICHMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, from where he migrated at an early day to the old HENRICO CO. VIRGINIA; or, as suggested by the "Barton Chronicles" he may have resided for a time in JAMES CITY Co. before going to HENRICO.

NOEL BURTON, EDMUND ALLEN and SAMUEL ALLEN (the last two brothers) were witnesses to a deed, as shown by the HENRICO records in 1819. Also, it seems that RICHARD ALLEN of NEW KENT County bought lands adjoining Chickahominy Swamp, next to NOEL BURTON (son in law of SAMUEL ALLEN) in 1719, from BENJAMIN WOODSON and his wife SARAH PORTER. It is doubtful if RICHARD ALLEN ever lived in HENRICO, however.

In 1684, EDMUND ALLEN was settled on lands in HENRICO on lands near CHICKAHOMINY SWAMP and bounded by the lands owned by THOMAS MATTHEWS, RICHARD WOODSON and MARTIN MARTIN. His name appears continuously on the Henrico Records from 1734 until the time of his death, which occurred before August 6, 1759, when JULIUS ALLEN made bond for the administration of his estate of "his father".

The wife of EDMUND ALLEN was MARY SANFORD (Sandford, Standford, and even SANFORD, as the name is variously transcribed from the old records) of RICHMOND COUNTY, Virginia. She was evidently a direct descendant of that was time wealthy and prominent early day colonial planter, VINCENT STANFORD (Sandford) who patented several thousands of acres in Lancaster, Westmoreland, and along the Rappahannock, was a close intimate of DAVID FOX, THOMAS EUBANK, EDWARD GRIMES, DR. JAMES WILKINSON, the GAINES and CATLETS & HAWKINS FAMILIES. (See Recent pages 271, 273, 300, 334, 335, 359, 380, 384, 385, 374, 411, 445 and 472) He died about 1697, and his wife married ROBERT POLLARD. (Wagant p 411).

One of the grand-daughters of VINCENT STANFORD was the wife of EDWARD JONES, who died in RICHMOND Co. Virginia, in 1715. A son EDWARD JONES was father of a VINCENT JONES.

ANCESTRY OF VINCENT ALLEN, REVOLU-
TIONARY SOLDIER

VINCENT ALLEN was a member of the Virginia Militia during the American revolution; and after the war was moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina and settled. (McAllister p. 261).

His father was CHARLES ALLEN, and the descendants of VINCENT ALLEN claim that he was a son of CAPT. CHARLES ALLEN, who commanded a company during the same conflict. There is no question about CAPT. CHARLES ALLEN having been a revolutionary soldier and the Captain of a Company from Prince Edward, of which JOSEPH PARKS was a Lieutenant and James ALLEN, Ensign. (McAllister's Virginia Militia in the Revolution p. 65); nor is there any doubt but what VINCENT ALLEN also was a soldier of the revolution in the VIRGINIA MILITIA.

There seems to be no doubt but what VINCENT ALLEN was the son of CHARLES ALLEN, but whether his father was the Captain Charles Allen, of the Prince Edward Company, Col. MERRIMAN'S Regiment, is difficult to determine. There were at least THREE known persons named CHARLES of the right age to have been the Captain at the time. They were all descendants of VALENTINE ALLEN, of the Rappahannock.

EDMUND ALLEN (d. ca 1757) and his wife MARY SANFORD had at least these children:

1. EDMUND ALLEN
2. DAVID ALLEN
3. ISHAM ALLEN (d. 1780)
4. LITTLEBURY ALLEN (d. 1785)
5. JULIUS ALLEN (d. 1777)
6. FREDERICK ALLEN m. GEORGE MARTIN.
7. ROYAL RICHARD ALLEN
8. JAMES ALLEN

5. JULIUS ALLEN (Son of EDMUND Gr.) d. leaving will in HENRICO COUNTY, Va., dated April 4, 1777. Children:

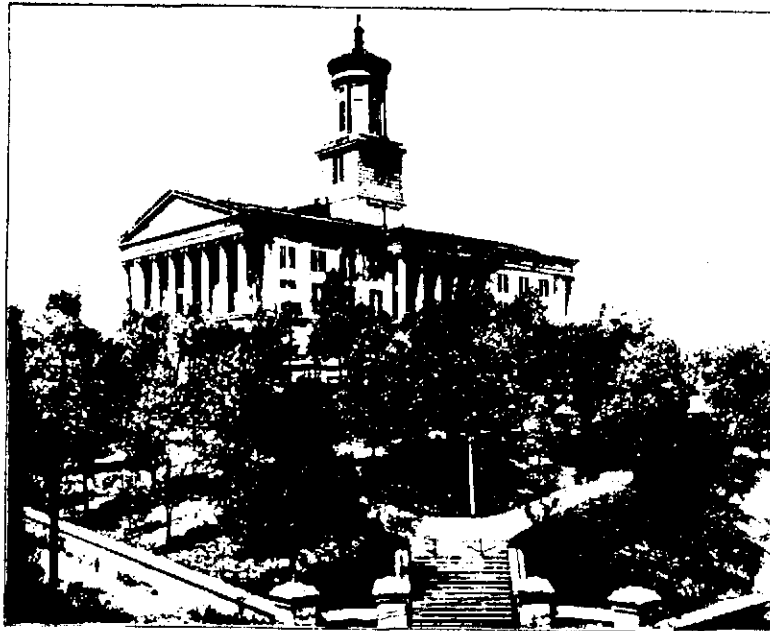
1. JOHN ALLEN.
2. DAVID ALLEN m. MARY JONES
3. JULIUS ALLEN
4. ELIZABETH M. ALLEN.
5. CHARLES ALLEN, to whom he left 600 acres of land and five negroes. Mentions his deceased father EDMUND ALLEN.

The wife of LITTLEBURY ALLEN (d. 1785) was ELIZABETH TURNER, dau. of JAMES TURNER, one of the HENRICOES, CHARLES ALLEN, son of JULIUS ALLEN, was father of VINCENT ALLEN, of NORTH CAROLINA.

DAVIDSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

After the surrender of the British forces at Yorktown and the end of the American Revolution and the transformation of the Province of North Carolina into a STATE, that territory, as a corporate body began to evidence an interest in the "Cumberland Settlement" and its sparse, but enterprising inhabitants, who had foregathered along the Lower Cumberland as pioneers in search of new homes, and therefore had "lickered" with the Chickasaw Indians for such titles as they could lay claim to by virtue of being mere "squatters" on the lands. In 1788 the Legislature of North Carolina graciously passed an Act allowing these settlers along the Cumberland rights of pre-emption. This was the first official step by the now FREE and independent State of North Carolina, officially evidencing its interest and ownership of the territory, which there was no one to dispute, save the Indians.

The next step, of interest to the Cumberland settlers, was the following year, 1783, when the North Carolina Legislature passed an Act establishing the Coun-



THE CAPITOL OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE - FROM AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO

ty of DAVIDSON and appointing for it such civil and military officers, including courts, as were necessary and making provisions for surveying the lands of the settlers, and satisfying the claims of pre-emption settlers and providing lands for the officers and soldiers who had served in the revolution from North Carolina.

Then, the next year (1784) the same Legislature passed an Act establishing a town at the "Bluffs", to be called by the name NASHVILLE, in honor of one of North Carolina's military leaders and Statesmen, COL. FRANCIS NASH. DAVIDSON COUNTY, also, in 1783 was named in honor of another revolutionary leader and soldier, who lost his life in the service of the country, GEN. WILLIAM LEE DAVIDSON, of Mecklenburg County.

THE FIRST BOLD ADVENTURERS TO INVADE THE CUMBERLAND SETTLEMENT

Before 1770 URIAH STONE and several companions came to the Lower Cumberland and explored along Stone's River and other streams, and then made their way back across the mountains. One of these, ROBERT CROCKETT lost his life on "Roaring River". B-then-McLemore Oldham in her useful "Tennessee and Tennesseans" fails to say where "Roaring River" was, or what it was. No one else tells us. Was it the first name of Caney Fork? We wonder. Elsewhere we have given the names of this party in these notes.

In 1778 RICHARD HOGAN, THOMAS SHARPE SPENCER and JOHN HOLLIDAY came. Holliday and Hogan didn't stay long, and left THOMAS SHARPE SPENCER on "his own", while he lived in a big hollow tree and awaited the coming of others. Up to the Spring of 1779 there was no permanent settlement on the lower Cumberland, unless Spencer was it. In the Spring Gen. JAMES ROBERTSON paid his first visit to the present NASHVILLE site, then called the "French Lick" or "Bluffs". His arrival marks the first coming of real settlers to what is now DAVIDSON COUNTY. There were eight men in General Robertson's contingent, and every one of them became permanent settlers in DAVIDSON COUNTY. They were:

- (1) GEN. JAMES ROBERTSON.
- (2) GEORGE FREELAND
- (3) WILLIAM NEELY
- (4) EDWARD SWANSON
- (5) JAMES HANLEY
- (6) MARK ROBERTSON
- (7) ZACHARIAH WHITE
- (8) WILLIAM OVERALL

and one negro man who came along with the party.

EVERY ONE of these eight persons came to the site of NASHVILLE in 1779, from the WATAUGA VALLEY in East Tennessee.

It will be interesting to set down all information possible in regard to the above first settlers, but briefly:

- (1) GEN. ROBERTSON established the Cumberland Settlement.
- (2) GEORGE FREELAND established Freeland's Station at the spring in North Nashville.
- (3) WILLIAM NEELY from North Carolina.
- (4) EDWARD SWANSON m. MRS. CARVER.
- (5) JAMES HANLEY, of the Watauga, may have been in fact JAMES HENLEY.
- (6) MARK ROBERTSON was a brother of

GEN. JAMES ROBERTSON.

- (7) ZACHARIAH WHITE was the husband of "Granny White" who came to the "settlement" after ZACHARIAH had been killed in a fight with the Indians. Among those who escaped was (4) Edward Swanson.
- (8) WILLIAM OVERALL. While on his way from the Bluff to Kentucky, in 1783, William Overall was killed, but other members of the OVERALL FAMILY settled in Middle Tennessee, and there are many descendants, not only in Tennessee, but over the South and West.

This little band of first settlers planted the first crop of corn at the site of Nashville in 1779. In the summer, Gen. Robertson went to Illinois to see General Clarke, and then back to the Watauga. Overall, White and Edward Swanson remained to look after the corn crop, while the others returned to their families.

TWO SETS OF EMIGRANTS CONVERGE ON NASHVILLE IN THE FALL OF 1779.

GEN. ROBERTSON and some of his companions, having returned to their families on the Watauga, made preparations to bring them to the Cumberland settlements, along with other families. In October Gen. Robertson was on his way back. His family had concluded to come by way of water with the party of COL. JOHN DONELSON a well-to-do Virginian, who had assembled and built boats to make the long journey with members of his own family, that of Gen. Robertson and many others who had been sold on the idea that the Lower Cumberland was a good place to settle down and grow affluent.

On December 23, 1779, the Donelson party cast afloat their boats loaded with provisions, arms and members of many families. Col. Donelson, himself travelled in the boat he called "The Adventure". He kept a journal of the long and tedious voyage, much of which has been preserved. On Monday, April 24th, 1780 Col. JOHN DONELSON and his party after the long journey arrived at the "Bluffs" - the present site of NASHVILLE.

COL. JAMES ROBERTSON, who had come overland through Kentucky was there to greet Donelson and his own family when they arrived.

LOCATION OF HUNTINGDON, COUNTY SEAT OF CARROLL COUNTY

The place selected as the county seat of CARROLL COUNTY was first referred to as HUNTSVILLE, but the name was soon changed to HUNTINGDON. This was done to honor a celebrated citizen of NORTH CAROLINA, HERSCHEM HUNT, whose heirs owned and donated the site.

As the term of court held in CARROLL County in June 1822, Banks W. Burrow, Thomas A. Thompson, John Stockard, Samuel Ingram and Mark E. Roberts were appointed as commissioners to lay out the county seat and superintend the sale of lots and the erection of the necessary public buildings. Nathan Nesbit was afterwards added to this committee. Then SEYMOUR LINDENBERGER and JAMES HENRY, two of the commissioners appointed by the Legislature, reported that they had selected a tract of land belonging to the heirs of HERSCHEM HUNT and lying on the north bank of BEAVER CREEK as the site for the town. It was not until July 21, 1822, that the title to this tract of fifty acres was obtained by the commissioners from DR. THOMAS HUNT, owner of the will of HERSCHEM HUNT, of North Carolina, who was then deceased.

The first courthouse of CARROLL CO. built in 1822 was a small log cabin without a floor, erected on the site now occupied by the county court house, and NATHAN NESBIT, Chairman of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions is said to have cut his way through the forest from his home five miles East of HUNTINGDON, carrying with him his cross-cut saw, with which he shaved a door out of the new courthouse, entered and opened the first court ever held at HUNTINGDON on December 9, 1822.

The first courthouse was not used as very long, for in 1824 it was sold to JOHN CROCKETT who moved it away and used it for a kitchen at his own home. At the sale of lots March 10, 1825, JOHN CROCKETT had bought Lot No. 14. There were 117 lots and the public square in the original plan of HUNTINGDON. In 1822 at its first meeting the county court had appointed several persons to make a list of all taxable property in their respective counties or districts, which order with the list of the first county officers, made at the same time is of much interest to the historical student of the county.

THE FIRST COUNTY OFFICERS ELECTED FOR CARROLL COUNTY

At the first meeting of the County Court of CARROLL COUNTY on March 11, 1822 at MCMORGESVILLE in the home of R. E. C. DOUGHERTY, JOHN OWIN was elected Chairman and the first entry on the minutes was as follows:

"Ordered that the County tax be equal to the State tax, except on white and black polls; that each white poll be taxed equal to 100 acres of land and each black poll equal to 200 acres of land.

"That JAMES A. MCGILLY take a list of the taxable property South of Rutherford Fork of the Obion River;

"That THOMAS HAMILTON a list of all north of said Fork of said river;

"JOHN STOCKARD a list of all west of the dividing ridge, dividing the waters of SANDY and OBION RIVERS;

"JOHN BROWN a list of all east of said ridge and north of SANDY bridge, and

"SAMUEL INGRAM a list of the property south of said bridge and east of said ridge".

On the second day of the term the new and first county officers were elected and they were as follows:

SION ROGERS, Sheriff.
LEWELTON W. WHITE, Register.
WILLIAM ADAMS, Ranger.
BANKS W. BURROW, Trustee.
JOHN S. HENRY, Coroner.
JOHN MCNEEL, Constable.
GEORGE SEVIER, Constable.
WILLIAM BARBOROFF, Constable.

ROBERT AND THOMAS LOVE HAD LARGE GRANTS OF LAND IN CARROLL COUNTY

By way of parenthesis at this point it will be of interest to state that among the large grants of land to persons from North Carolina, were those to ROBERT LOVE and THOMAS LOVE, originally settlers on the WATAUGA in the days of JOHN SEVIER and the TYPONS, but later of BURGESS COUNTY (later HAYWOOD) North Carolina. COL. ROBERT LOVE never settled in West Tennessee, but his brother, COL. THOMAS LOVE moved there, and later became Speaker of the State Senate, in which he served many years.

SOME OTHER AND LATER OFFICE HOLDERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

Some other and later officers of Carroll County in the years before the war between the States were, for COUNTY COURT CLERK:

EDWARD OWIN (1822-36)
GEORGE HENRY (1826-40)
YOUNG W. ALLEN (1840-52)
WILLIAM H. GRAVES (1852-56)

For Sheriff:

SION ROGERS
JAMES LAYMORE (1850-52)
THOMAS BANKS (1852-56)
ANDREW KELLY (1856-58)
JOHN NORMAN (1858-64)
JEREMIAH T. POST (1844-48)
JOHN H. BOYD (1848-52)

For Registers:

LITTLEBERRY W. WHITE (1822-27)
H. H. BROWN (1827-32)
THOMAS A. HAWKINS (1832-40)
NATHAN WILLIAMS (1840-52)
BENJAMIN F. HARRISON (1852-56)
GEORGE L. HARRIS (1856-58)
J. H. HOEL (1858-59)
S. A. BROWN 1866.

For Trustees:

BANKS W. BURROW (1822-28)
MATTHEW BIGHAM (1856-42)
WILLIAM HARRISON (1862-70)
J. F. ROGERS (1876-96)

For Circuit Court Clerk:

HENRY B. McCAMPBELL (1822-40)
JAMES M. HENDERSON (1840)
HENRY F. HARRISON (1856-70)

For State Senator:

HENRY H. BROWN (1823)
JAMES R. MCKEAN (1828)
JOHN D. LOVE (1829)
ROBT. E. C. DOUGHERTY (1837)
VALENTINE SEVIER (1839)
ISAAC J. ROACH (1847)
BEVERLY S. ALLEN (1849)
V. S. ALLEN (1859)

For Representative "House":

DAVID CROCKETT (1823)
DURHAM MEYER (1828)
JOEL R. SMITH (1838)
BEVERLY S. ALLEN (1847)
ZANEY BLANDINE (1859)
GRANTVILLE C. HUNT (1861)
J. W. WILSON, (1866)

SOME MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GRAND JURIES IN CARROLL COUNTY

The names of the members of the first Grand Jury in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Carroll were:

Samuel Woods	Robert Algee
Joseph Dixon	John Killough
Lewis DeMoss	Stephen Warren
William Patton	Thomas Finley
John Martin	Abram White
Henry Rogers	Peter Honnell

They were sworn and charged at the September term, 1822.

The following members of the grand jury was appointed at the first term of the Circuit court held at McMoresville April 1, 1822:

Henry B. McCampbell Clerk of the Court.

Edward Owin	Samuel Woods
John Owin	Samuel McCorkle
Knock Knocks	David Moore
Jonathan Dawson	Lewis Demoss
Edward Bussy	John Stockard
Livy Woods	James H. Gee
and John Komez.	

At the September term 1823 John Montgomery was tried for an "affray" and the following were the jurors who sit in his case:

Howell Ward	Julius Webb
Walter Connell	Wilson Lightfoot
Mathis Brigham	David Robinson
Edward Bussy	Theophilus Morgan
Jesse Walker	Nathan Nesbit
and Elijah Whelie	

Beginning with the first courts the names of the following attorneys show to have been allowed to practice in Carroll County during the first two or three years:

William Anderson
James H. Russell
James R. McKean
James K. Chalmers
John L. Allen
M. A. Q. McKEEIN
Beverly S. Allen
V. L. Allen
William Arnold
Robert Hughes
Will Stoddert
Archibald C. Hall
Thomas Taylor

There were also others, whose names appear elsewhere in these notes.

ALBERT C. HAWKINS and CAPTAIN SAMUEL W. HAWKINS were kinemen of GOV. ALVIN HAWKINS. Both of these were natives of CARROLL COUNTY. CAPT. SAM HAWKINS was a son of ISAAC HAWKINS who was born in HENRY COUNTY, Tennessee in 1818, and ISAAC HAWKINS was the son of SAMUEL HAWKINS, born in BATH COUNTY, Kentucky, brother of JOHN M. HAWKINS. SAMUEL HAWKINS Sr. married MARY ROBERTS, daughter of ISAAC ROBERTS, the old surveyor of West Tennessee, and his son ISAAC HAWKINS m. ELIA A. OTT, of Mother-ford County, Tennessee.

WILLIAM HILLIARD whose wife was an ELIZABETH SHELLEY was born in North Carolina about 1816 and came to Carroll County, Tennessee, with his PARENTS when a very young man. ELIZABETH SHELLEY was born in VIRGINIA. Albert Hilliard their son married IRENE MILAM of Henderson County, and after her death he married MELLY HOLLIDAY. They had several children.

RICHMAN (or RICHMAN) HILLIARD was married to DELANEY JONES. He was born about 1800 near Raleigh, North Carolina. He moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where he and Delaney Jones were married. They came to CARROLL COUNTY about 1880 and were the parents of W. R. HILLIARD, born in 1864.

GEORGE HERRIE was born in North Carolina about 1778, and came to Middle Tennessee where he died in 1867. He was with Jackson at New Orleans and participated in the battle, Jacob Hamble, a son was the second man married in Carroll County, in 1828. JACOB'S wife was JANE HERRIT, and their son, G. W. HERRIE afterwards became JUDGE of CARROLL COUNTY.

JAMES JOHNSON married MARGARET MERRASE of Orange County, North Carolina. He was born in JOHNSON COUNTY, North Carolina in 1806. They had a son WILLIAM JOHNSON who married SOPHIA BERRY, the daughter of JOHN BERRY. The Johnsons came to Carroll County about 1835.

JOHN JONES was born about 1794 in Sw Carolina. He married Antoina Floyd in that State and then came to GIBSON CO. TENNESSEE, where he died. Their son, B. F. JONES, moved from GIBSON to CARROLL COUNTY in 1807. He married SARAH MOORE, the daughter of YANNEY MOORE & his wife MARY. Several children.

G. W. KEATON came from Virginia and his wife MARY HAYS from South Carolina. He was born in PATRICK CO. VA. in the year 1797. His parents brought him to what is now DeKalb County. Parents of J. H. KEATON of CARROLL COUNTY.

BARRY C. KYLE and his wife ELIZABETH GILBERT, from Georgia, were the parents of ROBERT G. KYLE, born 1815 in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, Tennessee, who, after moving around a lot finally settled at McKennie in CARROLL COUNTY in 1878. This ROBERT G. KYLE married FLOA ELIZABETH CRITCHFIELD.

HIRAM LANS, father of DR. DUDLEY S. LANS was born in GRANGE COUNTY, North Carolina in 1808. HIRAM LANS was the son of GEORGE LANS. This family was from MARYLAND, whence they came originally from England. DR. DUDLEY S. LANS lived at Clarkburg, in CARROLL COUNTY.

ALFRED MANNIN and his wife were both natives of North Carolina, the parents of T. B. MANNING who was born in CARROLL COUNTY in 1840.

ANDREW McCALL was born in South Carolina in 1790, and left there and settled in HENDERSON COUNTY, where he died in 1861. He claimed to be a Mayflower descendant, and served himself, in the war of 1812. Dr. JOSEPH W. McCALL, born in Henderson County, was a son, who became a resident of HERTFORD, and was at one time considered the oldest physician of the town. His brother HENRY McCALL was also a physician, at Clarkburg, Carroll County. The McCalls were all of the same stock.

The McCOLLUM family of CARROLL COUNTY was from SOUTH CAROLINA, J. C. McCOLLUM being born there in 1828. His parents were AARON McCOLLUM and SARAH WHITE.

ROBERT McCRACKEN, whose wife was CYNTHIA LASHLEE, was born in North Carolina in 1788. Cynthia was born in N. Carolina in 1801. Parents of JOSEPH McCRACKEN, Huntington Merchant.

WILLIAM MERRAS was born in ALABAMA County, N. C. His wife was ELIZABETH. He settled in Carroll county, where he lived and died. HARRIS B. MERRAS, his son was the sixth of ten children. Harris Nobane m. MARY J. FIELDS the daughter of ALEXANDER FIELDS and had thirteen children.

WILLIAM L. McNEILL was a native of N. C. His son A. C. McNeill came to CARROLL COUNTY with his parents, after his birth in Fayetteville, N. C. in 1821. A. C. McNEILL was a merchant in HERTFORD for many years.

JAMES McMAKIN, father of DAVID McMACKIN was born in North Carolina in 1791. He was an early settler in Carroll County. David married Mintie Rogers in Carroll County. They had six children.

There were several MOORE families in CARROLL COUNTY, and A. W. MOORE and his wife NANCY came to Carroll County about 1844, from North Carolina where A. W. MOORE was born in 1815. J. D. MOORE, a son was about three years old when the family came to Carroll County. J. D. MOORE married MARY TOWNS.

GEN. W. W. MURRAY, a prominent lawyer, was born at BLAIRSVILLE, GEORGIA and came with his parents to CARROLL COUNTY.

GREEN S. NEWSOM was from Virginia. He married MALINDA DICKERSON. He was born in 1798. Settled first in ROBERTSON County. Was veteran of war of 1812. Parents of DR. W. R. NEWSOM of McLEMORESVILLE.

WILLIAM PALMER, who married NANCY HARRIS, came from Anson County, North Carolina where he was born in 1808, the son of MARCUS PALMER. They came to Carroll County in 1850. Parents of W. ALBERT PALMER born in 1845.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS came to CARROLL COUNTY from MEMPHIS County in East Tennessee, in 1840. He died 9 years later. Son CHARLES F. PHILLIPS born 1850.

The PRITCHARD family was from ANSON COUNTY, North Carolina, where CHARLES PRITCHARD was born in 1797, who was a son of JESSE PRITCHARD. CHARLES married MARTHA WILLIAMS and came to CARROLL County in 1855. REV. S. PRITCHARD a son was born in 1836. They were related to the HODGES and SHERARDS.

THE PRIBST FAMILY was from CATAWBA CO. North Carolina.

The RIDGLEY family were from Illinois to CARROLL COUNTY, but originally from MARYLAND.

The SANDERS FAMILY was from ANSON CO., North Carolina. JAMES SANDERS, b. 1812 was father of JUFMAN C. SANDERS, Carroll County Sheriff.

The SLOAN family came from South Carolina. They claimed to have been born in Ireland.

LUKE THOMAS and his wife ELIZA BARRA-BELL were from BURKE COUNTY, North Carolina via Kentucky. Parents of HAYWOOD THOMAS born in CARROLL COUNTY in 1828.

COL. JAMES TOWNS was from Virginia & married JULIA B. CLARK. Son. HENRY C. TOWNS, their son was educated at Hampden-Sidney College in Va, and was a lawyer in CARROLL COUNTY, and a partner of ALBERT G. HAWKINS in 1874. He married ALICE CROCKETT.

JOSEPH TUCKER was born at RALEIGH, N. C. about 1817, and his wife was MARY JOHNSON, ALEXANDER C. TUCKER their son married second CAROLINE BLACK, and by both marriages (the first wife being MARTHA BELL) he had eight children.

NOTES RELATING TO THE WILLIAMS FAMILY OF CARROLL COUNTY

We have a record of THREE FAMILIES named WILLIAMS who settled and lived in CARROLL COUNTY. The heads of these families were all natives of NORTH CAROLINA, but whether related to each other is not known. The heads of these families were:

1. ROWLAND WILLIAMS m. MARY MILLS
2. B. (BENJ.) T. WILLIAMS who married MARGARET LOWMEIER.
3. THOMAS WILLIAMS m. HARRIET BLAIR.

ROWLAND WILLIAMS' birth date is unknown, but their sixth child was born April 17, 1828 - E. W. WILLIAMS. ROWLAND WILLIAMS died in 1854, and having had seven children, it is not improbable that he was born before 1800. His wife MARY MILLS was also born in North Carolina. She died in Carroll County in 1841. The son E. W. WILLIAMS married MISS EDWARDS, a daughter of NATHANIEL EDWARDS, who lived in CARROLL COUNTY. They were the parents of nine children;

1. Sarah A. Williams
2. William A. Williams
3. John S. Williams
4. James W. Williams
5. Elizabeth Jane Williams
6. Washington H. Williams
7. Lorrann M. Williams
8. Ella Alpine Williams
9. Rowland N. Williams

B. (Benj) T. WILLIAMS was born in North Carolina in 1811, and MARGARET LOWMEIER his wife, in Alabama in 1806. They first settled in MADISON County, and later in CARROLL, where B. T. WILLIAMS died in 1870. They were the parents of SANFORD W. WILLIAMS, who married FREDONIA ADAMS of HENDERSON COUNTY, and they had two sons, HERMAN J. WILLIAMS and THOMAS W. WILLIAMS. It is known that the LOWMEIER FAMILY was from GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C. (See Index).

THOMAS WILLIAMS was born in 1798 in N. C. HARRIET BLAIR was born in MO. Carolina in 1808. They were parents of LORENZO F. WILLIAMS of CARROLL CO.

DYER COUNTY TENNESSEE

DYER COUNTY ESTABLISHED IN 1823
FROM LANDS OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT

The official date of the establishment of Dyer County, Tennessee, was October 16, 1823. It was named in honor of COL. ROBERT HENRY DYER, of MADISON COUNTY, the son of JOEL DYER who had several grants of land in the territory.

The following statement from JUDGE SAMUEL C. WILLIAMS' "Beginnings of West Tennessee" should be noted:

"The policy pursued in 1819 was followed by the Legislature when the counties of CARROLL, HENDERSON, HENRY and MADISON were created. They were given jurisdiction over territories definitely marked out for future counties, but where there were not yet sufficient inhabitants to support local governments. Thus, what were later WEAVER and OSION were attached to HENRY, residents there to be subject to all duties of the citizens of HENRY COUNTY. The protecting wings of CARROLL were extended westward over the regions later GIBSON and DYER. MADISON was given guardianship of the territories marked out to become counties and which were later HARDMAN and HAYWOOD. The area known as Tipton County was attached to HENRY, and that later created into McHAINY was placed under the jurisdiction of HENRY COUNTY. HENDERSON COUNTY alone, was left without a ward. Within a year, the inhabitants desiring it, the region afterwards called DYER COUNTY, was taken from HENDERSON and attached to MADISON."

From the above it will be seen that the territory of which DYER was established, while still denominated a part of the "Western District", was at one time, to all intents and purposes, a part of MADISON COUNTY, and was so situated, when the county was established October 16, 1823, altho for a short time it had been similarly a part of CARROLL COUNTY.

In 1823, the Tennessee Legislature met at MURFREESBORO, and in its October and November sessions established the following counties: McHAINY, DYER, HARDMAN, GIBSON, OSION, TIPTON and HAYWOOD. All in OCTOBER, except HAYWOOD, on November 3rd, 1823.

COUNTY SEATS OF THE NEW COUNTIES
SELECTED BY THE SAME COMMISSIONERS

A side-purpose or secondary motivation of the Legislature at the time it established the seven counties mentioned in the preceding paragraph, was to confer such coveted honor on some of the soldiers who served with Gen. ANDREW JACKSON by perpetuating their names in the titles of the new counties.

And, due to the sparsity of inhabitants in the areas thus organized, perhaps, in an Act of November 15th, the Legislature named a general commission, composed of non-residents of the areas affected, to locate the county seats of these several counties, first carrying the names of ABRAHAM MADRY and WILLIAM HALL, who declined to serve with the others named, but which was amended thereupon to include:

JAMES FORTNER
BENJAMIN REYNOLDS
ROBERT TIPTON.

On December 25th this committee made its report and stated that they had visited the various localities, and that the counties of WEAVER, OSION, DYER, GIBSON and TIPTON had been selected sites "near the center" of the counties.

That is why, in the annals of these several counties the names of the same "county seat locators" are often mentioned, which may seem odd to those not informed of the facts. It is probable that all members of the commission originally and finally named, resided in the Western District with the possible exception of ABRAHAM MADRY, a well known resident of MIDDLE TENNESSEE.

JOHN RUTHERFORD, son of GEN. GRIFFITH RUTHERFORD, of North Carolina fame as a soldier, was chairman of the 1st court of DYER COUNTY, which was held at the home of JOHN WAREY in October of 1824. WILLIAM MITCHELL was selected as the first Clerk of the Court. The first magistrates were:

John Rutherford
Benjamin Fortner
John D. Burris
William Lyrrrell
Dr. Thomas Bush

The first settlements were in 1820.

FIRST LARGE GRANTS OF LANDS IN WHAT
BECAME DYER COUNTY

Some of the leading North Carolina politicians and men of prominence gobbled up a lot of large tracts of land in what is now DYER COUNTY.

Elsewhere in these notes mention has been made of the coming to this section of the young surveyor, HENRY RUTHERFORD in 1785, who landed at the mouth of the FORKED DEER and went on up the river and established KEY CORNER, where he made surveys for Memucan Hunt, Martin and John Armstrong, & for his father Gen. Griffith Rutherford and himself and his brother JOHN RUTHERFORD, who long afterwards located there and became the Chairman of the first County Court of DYER. A little further up he established the corners and made a survey for GEN. GEORGE DOUGHERTY of JEFFERSON COUNTY, Tennessee.

Owners of the large grants of land in what is now DYER and partly LANDERSDALE County, were:

BENJAMIN SMITH, afterwards a Governor of North Carolina, 37,000 acres.
MARTIN AMSTRONG 26,000 acres.
BENJAMIN MCGULLOUGH 10,500 acres
GEN. GRIFFITH RUTHERFORD 6,000 acres.
HENRY CLARK, 5546 acres
HENRY RUTHERFORD, 5000 acres
JOHN RUTHERFORD, 5,000 acres.
REV. ADAM BOYD, 5,000 acres
JAMES GORROR, 5,000 acres.

Other prominent North Carolina grants of lesser importance were:

JOHN STOKES
EZEKIEL POLK
WILLIAM SHARPE
HARDY MURFREE
READING BLOUNT
JOHN GRAY BLOUNT
WILLIAM TERRELL LEWIS
WILLIAM HAWKINS
ARCHIBALD MURFREY.

MEMUCAN HUNT HOWARD, LAND LOCATOR,
VISITED DYER COUNTY.

MEMUCAN HUNT HOWARD, from Granville County, North Carolina, in his account of his surveying expeditions in the DYER COUNTY Country, claims to have surveyed 7,200 acres for REV.

ADAM BOYD the old revolutionary Chaplain and kinsman of ALEXANDER CRAIGHEAD, instead of the 5000 acres mentioned in the foregoing, taken from the account by Judge Samuel C. Williams.

MEMUCAN HUNT HOWARD was a grandson of MEMUCAN HUNT, the old Granville County, North Carolina treasurer, and amassed a fortune as a land locator in the Western District.

WHEN THE FAMOUS JOHN SMITH T. CAME
TO DYER COUNTY.

HOWARD in his account of DYER COUNTY relates the story of the coming to that section of JOHN SMITH T., the famous "land buccaneer" of the early days. Howard went to HALE'S POINT on the Mississippi in DYER COUNTY where he found JOHN SMITH T. in a room with his guns stacked around him claiming everything in sight as his property. Instead of spending the night with the desperado he left immediately for DYERSBURG, sixteen miles away, although it was late in the day.

COL. JOHN SMITH T. had the name of having killed several men, one at Nashville. He is said by Howard to have died at the HALE HOME not long after 1840.

JOHN SMITH T., shows up on the Tennessee records at KINGSTON in Roane County about 1800 or earlier. (See Roane County notes herein). Judge Williams says he was associated with the celebrated ZACHARIAH COX, who promoted the "Tennessee Land Company" around Muscle Shoals. While he was living in ROANE COUNTY, Tennessee, he appears to have been not only a law-abiding citizen, but grew very wealthy in lands and property, and played the role of one of the leading citizens of that pioneer settlement at the time it was first organized, buying and selling lands with the best and most forward-looking men of the times and country.

Before finally locating, as he appears to have done, at HALE'S POINT -- he having known the Hales in East Tennessee -- he appears on the records at PARIS, Henry County, a short time previous. He appended the "T." at the end of his name, in order that he would not be confused with other persons named JOHN SMITH.

MORE OF THE EARLY PIONEERS IN HENRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

GEN. FELIX H. ZOLLICOFFER at the age of 17 years started the publication of a newspaper in PARIS. This was in 1829 and 1830. Other newspaper men in Paris in the early days were WILLIAM GATES, S. B. ADEN, H. F. CUMMINS, JOHN W. COOK and a man by the name of DARTIN. Also H. W. WALL and W. B. PORTER.

In 1821 JOHN RANDLE, WILLIAM RANDLE, GEORGE D. RANDLE and JAMES MILLER, found a salt deposit about four miles from Springville.

PARIS was incorporated, September 30, 1823. COTTAGE GROVE in the northwestern part of Henry County was established on the lands of DR. BOWDEN. The next year CONYERSVILLE came into notice on the Pack Conyer place. Then HENRY STATION started up on the railroad in the southwestern part of the county. ELKROHN was nine miles East of PARIS; BUCHANAN in the northeastern part of the county; MANLEYVILLE on the lands owned by WILLIAM MANLY; GALEDONIA in the southwestern part.

Pioneer school teachers in HENRY COUNTY were

John Heavis
Henry Lightfoot
Samuel Haskins
William Watson
Henry Harding
SAMUEL W. FLEMING.

Pioneer ministers who were preaching in Henry County in the early history of the county, were:

Methodists: BENJAMIN PEOPLES, SEVERED COOK, JOHN MANLY and SAMUEL HASKINS.

Baptists: REV. TRAINER (of Trainer's Creek), LEWIS BALDWIN, SAMUEL McCOWAN, JACOB BROWNING, JAMES CONYERS (of Conyersville); JAMES HAYNES, and LEWIS M. EDGAR.

Cumberland Presbyterians: WILLIAM HENRY, JAMES LAWS, ROBERT BAKER, JAMES MACKAY and RICHARD BEARD. Rev. Beard was afterwards President of Cumberland University at Lebanon.

Rev. BENJAMIN PEOPLES, who lived at McMORRENSVILLE when he first came to West Tennessee was the first "Circuit Rider" in HENRY COUNTY. He raised and educated six sons, also his three brothers in law, RICHARD, THOMAS and

JOHN RANDLE. Five of his sons became preachers: William, Benjamin F., JOHN R. and SAMUEL PEOPLES.

The outstanding members of the bar of HENRY COUNTY, to begin with, were

William Fitzgerald
BERRY Gillespie
HUGH W. DUNLAP
M. A. Martin
J. W. COOK
William Arnold.

They were all practicing lawyers in Paris as early as 1824.

The earliest Judges of the Circuit Court in Henry County, were:

Joahus Haskell
John C. Hamilton
John W. Cook
William E. Harris (1836-46)
William Fitzgerald

Later came LUCIAN L. HAWKINS, JOSEPH R. HAWKINS and JAMES D. PORTER.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GRAND JURY IN HENRY COUNTY

The members of the first grand jury whose names have been preserved on the records of HENRY COUNTY in 1822 were as follows:

William C. Williamson Everett House
Samuel Swearingen John Harberry
William Palmer Peter Heehoney
Stephen Parker William Howland
ALEX SCARBROUGH Aaron Pearce
Aaron Carey John Barnett.

The first Sheriffs of HENRY COUNTY were: THOMAS GRAY, EDWARD H. TARRANT SPRAGMAN HOLLAND.

The first Trustees: SAMUEL McCOWAN, JOHN WOODFIN and BENJAMIN C. BROWN. Also STEELING ORBAIN in 1834-42.

The First Registers: JAMES G. SWISHER (1821-24); and JAMES LEMPER.

First County Court Clerks: JAMES HICKS, THOMAS K. PORTER and JAMES RAY.

First Congressmen: ADAM ALEXANDER & DAVID CROCKETT. Later IRHAM G. HARRIS.

First State Senators: HENRY M. BROWN JOHN D. LOVE and THOMAS LOVE (1829); IRHAM G. HARRIS in 1847; W. H. TRAVIS in 1857.

THE LAST RESTING PLACE AND MONUMENT TO HUGH DUNLAP AND FAMILY IN THE OLD CITY CEMETERY, AT PARIS, TENN.

DUNLAP

(At Base of Shaft)

HUGH DUNLAP

Born Nov. 5, 1789 at LONDONBERY, IRELAND; died Oct. 10, 1846.

SUSANNA GILLIAM

his wife, daughter of DEVEREAUX GILLIAM; great grand-daughter of JOHN KILBIS, of YOCKHARGE, Va.; born May 19, 1775; died Jan. 6, 1829.

They assisted in laying the foundation of civilization in Tennessee from the Eastern to the Western borders, and were the parents of sons distinguished in their native SEATS and in LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI and TEXAS.

RICHARD GILLIAM DUNLAP

at 19 years of age commanded a company of volunteers under JACKSON at MOBILE and PENSACOLA; a Captain of volunteers in the war against the FLORIDA INDIANS; a Brigadier General of volunteers called to meet threatened difficulties on the Mexican frontier; member of the Legislature of 1821 and 1833 from Knox County, Tenn. He was the author of the statutes under which a system of public schools was first established in Tennessee; member of the Cabinet of President Lamar of Texas; Minister of that Republic to the United States. He died on his return from this mission, before reaching the meridian of his life or of his usefulness.

CHILDREN OF HUGH AND SUSANNA (GILLIAM) DUNLAP

LADY E. DUNLAP, born April 10, 1795; died in the month of June, 1822.
RICHARD G. DUNLAP, born September 5, 1796; died June 22, 1841.
HUGH W. DUNLAP, born Feb. 25, 1798; died March 27, 1849.)
WILLIAM C. DUNLAP, born Feb. 25, 1798; died November 17, 1872) Twins.
DEVEREAUX GILLIAM DUNLAP, born January 15, 1800; died August 20, 1826.
JOHN IRVIN DUNLAP, born November 18, 1801; died Dec. 24, 1874.
SUSANNA E. DUNLAP, born March 10, 1804; died in the summer of 1863.
CHAS. GILLIAM DUNLAP, born January 30, 1805; died August 20, 1827.
ELLEN W. DUNLAP, born October 10, 1807; died in the summer of 1822.
FOLLY G. DUNLAP, born September 10, 1809. (No death date given).
JAMES T. DUNLAP, born December 29, 1810; died November 8, 1879.
GERAZETTE E. DUNLAP, born December 21, 1812; died September 3, 1827.
MARTHA J. DUNLAP, born April 8, 1815. (Death date not given)
RIPLEY E. DUNLAP, born January 21, 1817; died January 30, 1884.
BATHENIA A. DUNLAP, born January 23, 1820; died December 5, 1839.

RICHARD WINN DUNLAP, son of JOHN H. DUNLAP and his wife MARIETTA BEAUCHAMP, born Nov. 30, 1851; died September 8, 1897.
CHARLIE B., daughter of B. F. LANG and H. CONNEY, wife of RICHARD WINN DUNLAP; born Oct. 26, 1856; died May 15, 1894.
JAMES T. DUNLAP, C.S.A.
CAPT. J. T. DUNLAP, JR., C. S. A. ANNEMIA A., dau. of GEN. JOHN L. DUNLAP, wife of T. C. HARCOURT, b. Dec. 5, 1837; died March 12, 1878.
RIPLEY E. DUNLAP, son of B. E. and A. D. DUNLAP; 1854-1881.
RIPLEY ELLIS DUNLAP, 1817-1884.
MARIETTA BEAUCHAMP wife of JOHN H. DUNLAP, b. Dec. 1814; died 1893.

JOHN DUNLAP, b. KNOX CO. TENNESSEE Dec. 25, 1814; d. 1895. Citizen of Paris 51 years.
JOHN E., second son of JOHN H. and MARIETTA B. DUNLAP; born Dec. 6th 1840; died Sept. 24, 1865.
SUSANNA DUNLAP, wife of JAMES DAVIS PORTER; June 17 1832; Nov. 5, 1914.
JAMES D. PORTER - 1828 -1912.
JOSIAH HORTON PORTER - 1824-1905 - eldest son of THOMAS KENNEY PORTER the first, and his wife GERALDINE HORTON PORTER.
GERALDINE HORTON PORTER (1839-1874) wife of DIXON G. FOWLER, of PAUDGAR KENTUCKY, dau. of THOMAS KENNEY PORTER, and his wife GERALDINE HORTON. (End of Inscriptions)

SOME OF THE FIRST LAND WARRANTS ISSUED IN DAVIDSON COUNTY

Among the first tracts of lands surveyed by DANIEL SMITH and the first land warrants issued by SAMUEL BARTON, Entry Taker, in DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA (later Tennessee) were the following:

ALEXANDER GREER, 380 acres on STONE'S RIVER, April 8, 1784. Greer obtained this warrant by assignment from GEORGE GLASS, who had also served in the COMMISSIONERS' GUARD. (This should have been shown in the preceding list).

DANIEL DUNHAM, 640 acres on THOMPSON'S CREEK. JAMES BRADLEY had assigned this to Ephraim McGorry, who sold it to DAN DUNHAM. April 15, 1784.

JOHN DUNCAN, 640 acres on SPENCER'S CREEK, May 17, 1784

JOHN FULKINSON, 640 acres on STEWART'S CREEK, May 21, 1784.

JOHN COCKRILL, 640 acres also on STEWART'S CREEK, July 10, 1784.

MICHAEL CASTILLO, 640 acres on SKAGGS'S CREEK, a branch of BIG BARRON RIVER - JULY 13, 1784.

JOHN CALLOWAY, 640 acres on STATION CAMP CREEK. This was issued to the "heirs of JOHN CALLOWAY", who was evidently deceased at this time - July 22, 1784.

JOHN GRANT, 640 acres on CASPER'S CRK. two miles below the old station on HENDERSON'S LICK trace. GRANT obtained the right to this warrant by assignment from HENRY RIDE.

JAMES CHEPFIELD, also deceased at the time (July 30, 1784), and warrant was issued to his "heirs", 640 acres on the first Big Creek above the mouth of BRACK'S CREEK.

JOHN EVING, also deceased August 3, 1784 and issued to his "heirs", for 640 acres on STONE'S RIVER.

PHENIX COK (FINDST), warrant for 640 acres on "ROARING RIVER" at the place where ROBERT CROCKETT was killed about 1769, including a hunter's Camp, near a Spring. August 9, 1784.

EMERSON DRAKE, 640 acres on MILLER'S CREEK on the Sulphur Fork, August 10th 1784.

DANIEL CHAMBERS, 640 acres on the Sec -

and Big Creek above STONE'S RIVER STATION, which Chambers had by virtue of an assignment from ROBERT CARTWRIGHT, one of the pioneers who had come to the settlement as a member of COLONEL JOHN DONELSON'S party by boat. Issued August 27, 1784.

JAMES GIVENS, 640 acres on the West side of Little Harpeth River about a mile and a half West of Gempson Sawyer's lands. August 27, 1784.

DANIEL CHAMBERS, 640 acres on CUMBERLAND RIVER, about a mile and a half from lands of JOHN, down the river to include an old cabin built by WILLIAM STEWART. August 27, 1784.

BARTLETT SEARCY and WILLIAM GRIFFIN - 640 acres on LITTLE HARPETH RIVER, where the road from JOHNSON'S LICK crosses. August 27, 1784.

WILLIAM DOBBINS, 640 acres on Cumberland and Stone's Rivers, which DOBBIN obtained by assignment from a CHARLES TAYLOR.

STOCKLEY DONELSON (Son of Col. John Donelson) 640 acres on GOOSE CREEK, above HENDERSON'S LICK, who bought it from WILLIAM PRICE. Oct. 25, 1784.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, 640 acres on STEWART'S CREEK. Oct. 25, 1784.

LARIMER CLARK, 640 acres on CUMBERLAND RIVER, below Stewart's Creek, who obtained the right from JACOB McCARTY, who had it by assignment from HENRY SPARSON, November 30, 1784.

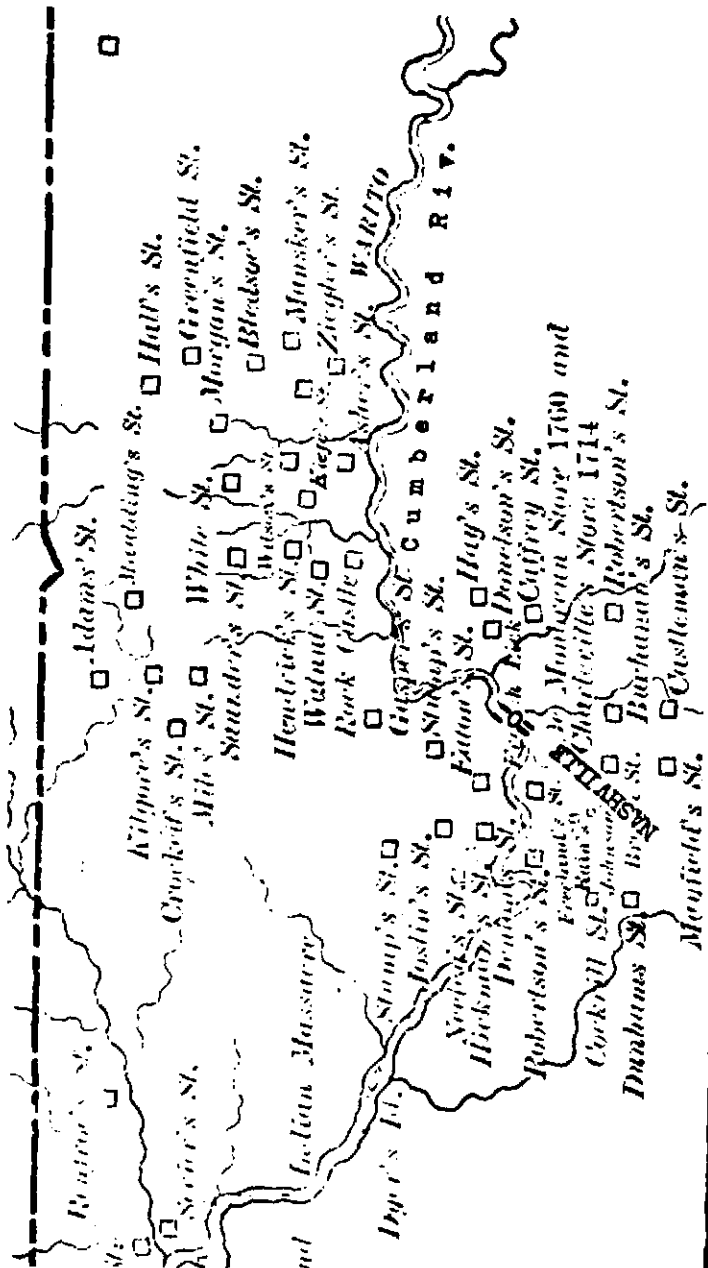
LARIMER CLARK, 640 acres on CUMBERLAND RIVER, which he had obtained by assignment from JOHN GIBSON. December 22, 1784. The following note to JAMES BARTLES, Surveyor follows this warrant:

Please destroy two warrants in the name of JOHN GIBSON, one for a pre-emption and i for a "Guard" right. Signed: SAMUEL BARTON.

WILLIAM GARNET, 640 acres on RICHLAND CREEK, who obtained the right thereto from PETER TURNER, who had it by assignment from MICHAEL LAWICK. Dec. 27, 1784.

GEORGE GARNET and WILLIAM CAMPBELL - 640 acres on Stewart's Creek, December 27, 1784.

WILLIAM COOKE, 640 acres on INDIAN CREEK, bought from JOHN BAKER, assignee, of JOHN HENDERSON. Dated December 3, 1784.



OLD MAP SHOWING FORTS AND STATIONS IN THE NASHVILLE SETTLEMENT

WILLIAM COCKE, 640 acres on HARPETH RIVER, joining the pre-emption of HUGH LEMPER, which books obtained by assignment from EVAN BAKER, Dec. 31, 1784.

JOHN ELLIOTT, 640 acres on THOMPSON'S CREEK, who obtained the right from DANIEL DUNHAM, July 8, 1785.

DANIEL DUNHAM was killed by Indians in 1785.

WALTER DOUGLAS, 380 acres on STATION CAMP CREEK beginning at the S.E. Corner of the land of JAMES CROCKETT. Douglas obtained this right from one GEORGE BLACKBURN, Feb. 4, 1785.

JOHN DUNHO, 640 acres on CUMBERLAND RIVER, below the mouth of SIDKING CREEK, which right Dunho had from THOMAS MAE, by assignment, Feb. 28 1785. Name sometimes spelled DUNABOR.

JOHN DUNSON, 640 acres on Cumberland River above RED RIVER adjoining a military claim located by JONATHAN DRAKE, April 9, 1785. (Drake may have been a revolutionary soldier).

JOHN DOWNSON, 640 acres in the Forks of STONE'S RIVER and the CUMBERLAND, belonging at the lower corner of the public land. (Land set apart for Revolutionary soldiers of North Carolina) May 8, 1785.

JOHN DOWNSON, 640 acres in the FORKS of the Second Big Creek above mouth of STONE'S RIVER, assignee originally of WILLIAM BURGESS, Dec. 12, 1785.

HENRY WATKINS assigned his right to 640 acres on Drake's Creek to LAWRENCE CLARK, who obtained the warrant there to June 6, 1785.

JAMES CHATFIELD, warrant to 640 acres on Cumberland River joining the public survey of Drake's Dick. Crabtree was the assignee of JOHN BROWN, who bought from CHARLES BOWEN, June 24, 1785.

JOHN CHALG, 640 acres on the Main HARPETH RIVER, beginning at the Corner of ANTHONY SHARP. June 24, 1785.

GEORGE GILLESPIE was the assignee of STEPHEN RAY, who bought from WILLIAM BRADSHAW, who obtained the right originally from GEORGE SCOTT, to 640 acres on BIG HARPETH RIVER, beginning at the corner of JOHN DOWNSON, June 24, 1785.

JOHN ELLIOTT, assignee of HANCOCK WILLSON 640a on ARLINGTON'S CREEK, June 24, 1785.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT, 640 acres on BIG HARPETH, beginning at ALEXANDER NELSON'S corner, which Elliott obtained from RALPH WILSON. June 24, 1785.

MARTIN HARRIS assigned his right to Aquilla CARMACK to 640 acres on CHESA LICK CREEK, beginning at the corner of SAM MOSEY. Warrant issued June 24, 1785.

The heirs of JOHN GALLOWAY (deceased) 640 acres on GOOSE CREEK, Sept. 9th, 1785. Another warrant had been issued to them, July 22, 1784 on Station Camp Creek, which see.

BENJAMIN DRAKE, 640 acres on BARTON'S CREEK below the MEAT CRIBS, September 15, 1785.

ADAM WICUFF and LAWRENCE CLARK, 640 a. on the South side of CUMBERLAND RIVER beginning about one mile below the second creek on the South side of CUMBERLAND above the VIRGINIA LINE. Originally the right of JOHN GIBSON. Dec. 8, 1785.

STOCKLEY DOWNSON and WILLIAM TORRELL LEWIS, 640 acres on the South side of CUMBERLAND RIVER, as assignees of MORGAN OSBURN. Jan. 17, 1786.

JUSTINUS CARTWRIGHT, 640 acres on MARIOWSON, March 30, 1787. This includes the improvement of JAMES RAY, which was taken by attachment at the suit of STEPHEN RAY.

JAMES CROCKETT, 640 acres on the Little Harpeth, as the assignee of RICHARD GROSS, October 5, 1786.

RICHARD MOGAN, 640 acres on HEDSON'S CREEK beginning nearly a mile West of DUNHAM'S pre-emption as the assignee of ANDREW LUCAS.

ALEXANDER CAVITT, 640 acres on HEATHON'S STATION CREEK, including the improvement made by WILLIAM ELLIS, which CAVITT secured by assignment from the heirs of JOHN LINDSEY (deceased?). On May 7, 1789.

JOHN GENTRY, heir of NICHOLAS GENTRY, 640 acres on South side CUMBERLAND on a branch of BROWN'S CREEK, about five miles from the FRENCH LICK and near SAMUEL BARTON'S improvement. Sept. 12, 1789.

ROBERT NELSON on January 3, 1786, appeared before SAMUEL BARTON, a Justice of the Peace for DAVIDSON COUNTY, and took and subscribed to the oath to discharge the duties of the office of Deputy Surveyor for DAVIDSON COUNTY, North Carolina.

GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON

Through the long years the writer of these notes has made a considerable study of the life and parentage and the ancestry of General ANDREW JACKSON, including many different accounts, adopted and used repeatedly by his biographers, and is thoroughly convinced that all of them are founded upon ERRONEOUS TRADITIONS, practically none

briefly my own ideas on the subject, and no one will be required to accept or adopt them, if they think otherwise.

JACKSON was born March 15, 1767, at the home of either JAMES CRANFORD, or GEORGE McKEWEN, just over the line from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in what is now Lancaster County, S. C., though his parents'



"THE HERMITAGE" HOME OF GEN. ANDREW JACKSON, NEAR NASHVILLE.

of them first hand, and all at variance with the few records that are to be found bearing on the subject. The statements that follow are MY CONCLUSIONS, based on my own personal research, and I am not so optimistic as to believe that they will be accepted by the descendants of General Jackson at this late day, or by the writers and the followers of the writers who have heretofore written on the subject. It is my privilege, however, to give the views I entertain and to state

how was on Liggett's Branch, on the waters of BRAYTON CREEK in Lower Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, a few miles away. The death of his father, ANDREW JACKSON SR. had occurred only a few days before. This account is obviously correct, and that he was the third son of ANDREW JACKSON, SR. and his wife WELSHEN HITCHCOCK is beyond dispute. Both George McKemie and JAMES CRANFORD had married sisters of his mother and were his uncles therefore by marriage.

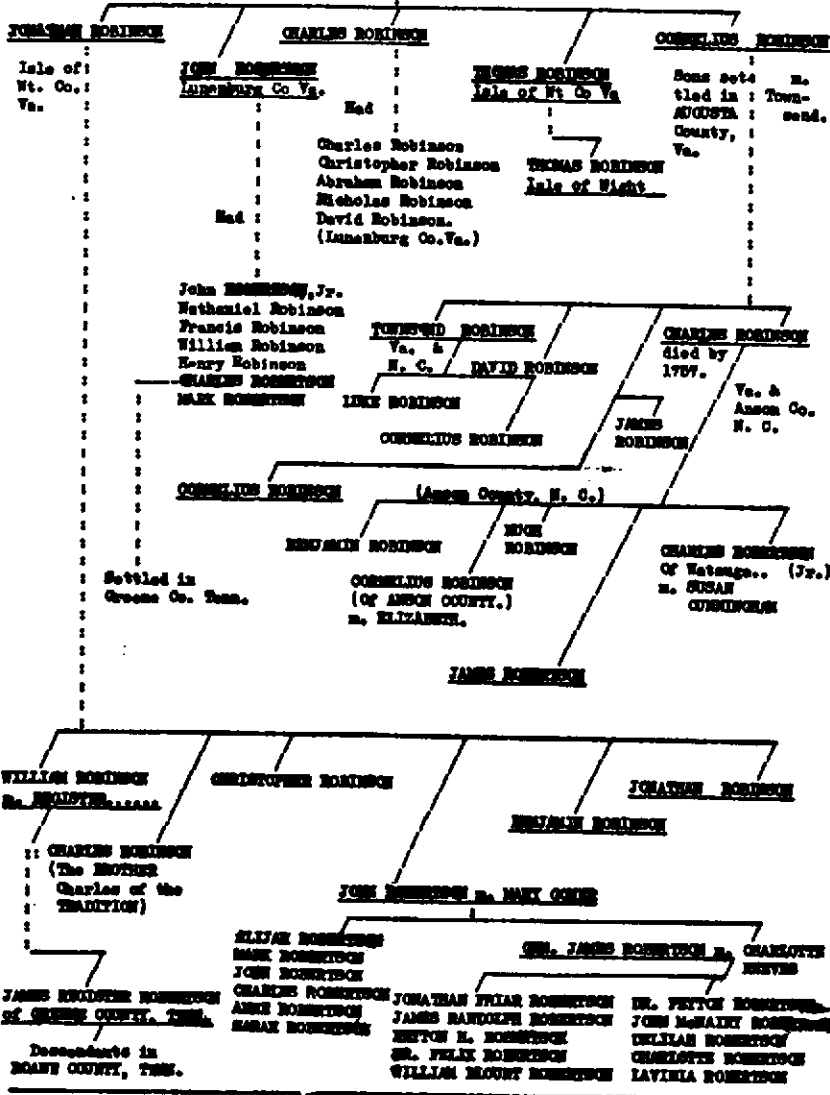
CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON

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CORNELIUS ROBINSON

Northumberland Co. Virginia Va. Reg. 43 p. 88.

Who had:



THE THOMPSON FAMILY OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

The THOMPSON FAMILY, of DAVIDSON County, Tennessee, are descendants of REV. JOHN THOMPSON, Presbyterian Minister, educated at Glasgow, but of an English family, who came to America about 1718, or earlier and settled on the Eastern Shore of MARYLAND and at LEWIS, Delaware, a successor of REV. FRANCIS MCKENZIE, the founder of the first SYNOD in America.

REV. JOHN THOMPSON (as he spelled the name, though his descendants have used the usual "p" in their signatures) was a co-laborer and contemporary of REV. SAMUEL DAVIES, of Hanover County, and among Rev. Thomson's "protoges" was Reverend HENRY PATILLO and DAVID GALLWELL, of North Carolina, with whom he not only had an acquaintance, but exercised a great influence on the lives of these two men. HENRY PATILLO had arranged to pursue his studies with THOMPSON, but the Presbytery sent THOMPSON to North Carolina on a tour as a missionary for the Church, some five years before REV. HUGH McADEN visited that section. He was delayed there and preached in the bounds of CENTER CONGREGATION before REV. ALEXANDER CRAIGHEAD appeared in Mecklenburg County, about 1755, from VIRGINIA. Rev. JOHN THOMPSON was the author of "THOMPSON'S SHORTER CATECHISM" - "THE POOR ORPHAN'S LEGACY" and several other books. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN published his "Poor Orphan" and WILLIAM PARRIS, of Williamsburg, his "Shorter Catechism". One of the daughters of REV. THOMPSON married REV. RICHARD SANKIN, Hampden-Sidney founder, and another daughter married SAMUEL CROCKETT, ancestor of the Middle Tennessee Crocketts. He had several sons, and among them ROBERT THOMPSON, the first man who was killed in the "Regulator" war in Orange County, North Carolina. At the time he was killed ROBERT THOMPSON was in company with his father's old time friend, REV. DAVID GALLWELL of the Buffalo Church. ROBERT THOMPSON was sometimes called "ROBIN" or "ROGER", and his marriage in ANNELIA COUNTY, Virginia, to ANN FERGUSON, on May 18th, 1750, spells his name "ROGER". Thus the identity of the groom would be considerably in doubt, but for the fact that the oldest child of our ROBERT THOMPSON was born thereafter on Jan. 27, 1752, a little over a year later,

and the further well-established fact that REV. RICHARD SANKIN and other kindred of Rev. JOHN THOMPSON were at that time living in ANNELIA COUNTY, Virginia, where the Crocketts and others settled for a time.

ROBERT THOMPSON AND HIS CHILDREN --SOLE TO DAVIDSON COUNTY.

ROBERT THOMPSON and his wife ANN - (if our assumption of her identity is correct) had children:

1. HEBERCA THOMPSON, born January 27, 1752.
2. LUCYTHIA THOMPSON, born August 29, 1755.
3. SAMUEL THOMPSON, born June 15, 1756.
4. ROBERT THOMPSON, born March 15, 1757.
5. THOMAS THOMPSON, born October 2 1759.
6. EFFRAM THOMPSON, born June 23, 1761.
7. LAVINIA THOMPSON born January 28, 1763.
8. JOHN THOMPSON, born on February 23, 1765.
9. JACOB THOMPSON, born on May 27, 1767.

HEBERCA THOMPSON, daughter of ROBERT THOMPSON, married ISAAC WRIGHT and they were the parents of HEBERCA WRIGHT who became the wife of HENRY GOODLOW, and there are a large number of GOODLOW descendants of this marriage.

LUCYTHIA THOMPSON married MILES CAMPBELL, supposed to have been a soldier in the Revolution, and they settled in WILLIAMSON COUNTY, Tenn., and became the parents of HON. NEWTON CAMPBELL, who was Governor of Tennessee.

LAVINIA THOMPSON, the third daughter of ROBERT THOMPSON and his wife ANN FERGUSON, married in GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C. in 1779, JAMES MCKENZIE, one of the descendants of a brother of REV. FRANCIS MCKENZIE, whose work had been carried on by her grandfather, REV. JOHN THOMPSON in Maryland and Virginia. After MCKENZIE'S death, LAVINIA (the widow MCKENZIE) married JOSEPH ERWIN, son of ROBERT ERWIN, of Guilford County, North Carolina. Her first husband, JAMES MCKENZIE was the son of JOHN MCKENZIE, whose daughter MARGARET married first ARTHUR ALEXANDER, and second, JAMES WILSON.

TENNESSEE COUSINS IN ROBERTSON COUNTY FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Quite a large number of our "Tennessee Cousins" in ROBERTSON COUNTY came there from NORTH CAROLINA and VIRGINIA. What is meant is that several of the North Carolina "Cousins" were originally from Virginia stock, who had later settled in North Carolina and removed from there to ROBERTSON COUNTY, Tennessee.

Quite a bunch of these settled on RED RIVER, proper, and Sulphur Fork, and prominent among them were ELIAS, JOSIAH and WILLIAM FORT, THOMAS and WILLIAM JOHNSON, THOMAS KILGORE, the PHILLIPS FAMILY, CHARLES KILGORE; also JAMES and HARDY HERNAN, the HERNANDEZ, including CARL DARDEN, HOLLAND DARDEN and JOSEPH DARDEN, WILLIAM and JEREMIAH BATES, HENRY, JOHN and JAMES GARDNER, CHARLES and WILLIAM MILLS, JAMES MONTGOMERY, MARTIN WALKER, ROBERT KERR and ISAAC DORTCH, probably from Granville County.

On CALDWELL'S CREEK, were CALDWELL WATKINS, JOSEPH WASHINGTON, AZARIAH DUNN, HENRY AYERS, GEORGE MURPHY, REV. WILLIAM CARTER, GEORGE WILLIAMS, THOMAS PARKER and DAVID J. JUSTICE.

On BEAVER DAM CREEK, settled a THOMAS FORDARD, ARTHUR PITT, JOHN CHAMBERS, JAMES OWEN, JOSEPH WINDFIELD, WILLIAM HENSON, JOHN KREBLE, MARTIN and MEREDITH WALKER and THOMAS BAIRD.

On CARR'S CREEK were MATTHEW DAY, JACOB BINKLEY, MICHAEL FISHER and JACOB FISHER and JAMES CROCKETT. Henry Johnson, who located on Carr's Creek, was the grandfather of HON. CARR JOHNSON, and HENRY JOHNSON was the son of CARR JOHNSON. WILLIAM and JOHN HULLINGTON were also grandsons of HENRY JOHNSON. This set of JOHNSONS were from VIRGINIA, I think.

Those on BROWN'S FORK were HENRY PEY, JAKE BINKLEY, HENRY CHILDERS, PATRICK and THOMAS MARTIN and SAMUEL and WILLIAM CROCKETT.

WILLIAM FORT, JAMES MITCHELL, DAVID SMITH, ANTHONY SHANKLIN and JOE WINNERLY, settled on WEA FISH.

On MILLER'S CREEK were located ROBERT HEAD, RICHARD JAMES, JOHN GARR, JAMES BRYAN, NICHOLAS COPRUD, JEROME MARTIN, JAMES ELLIOTT and SAMUEL WALKER.

COLONEL BENJAMIN ELLIOTT lived on BRUSH CREEK, and had for his neighbors

BENJAMIN JORDAN, GILLES and WILLIAM GORTKELL, JAMES ATKINS, JOHN STEPHENSON, MARK HOBLE (probably from South Carolina), FRANK GRIMES, MATTHEW LUTTER SR. and JR., and JOHN and JAMES YOUNG.

HARDY HERNAN lived on STYCAMORE CREEK and JAMES HERNAN on MILLER'S CREEK.

On SPRING CREEK, Rev. Joseph Derris built the first shingled roofed house in the County. JAMES JAMISON, ELIENA PILLARD and ELIENA BELLAMY lived on BATTLE CREEK.

HENRY ROSE lived on BUZZARD CREEK & MATTHEW ROSE on WARTBACH; WILLIAM MASON, JOSEPH FERRY, HOWELL SELLERS were neighbors of HENRY, and JAMES BELL and JOHN CROWING of MATTHEW ROSE. Most of these came from perhaps Caswell County, N. C.

In 1779 THOMAS KILGORE brought MOSES and ANDREW MAULDEN, SAMUEL MASON & JOSIAH HANCOCK or HAWKINS out from NORTH CAROLINA, all of whom settled at KILGORE'S STATION. CHARLES and WILLIAM MILLS are said to have come from South Carolina. I think DAVID and HUGH HENRY came to ROBERTSON CO. from the WASHINGTON SETTLEMENT, or from Washington County, East Tennessee, but which was then NORTH CAROLINA.

ELIAS FORT AND THE HORN FAMILY.

ELIAS FORT (1750-1828) m. SARAH HUGH. He left will in 1820. He had children JOSIAH, ELIAS, BASTIE (m. JACKSON), CATHERINE (m. WILLIAMS) ELIZABETH (m. LAWSON; MILBERRY (m. DELOACH) GENDI - BRUCE m. SMITH; grandson MATTHEW WILLIAMS, and a son WILLIAM FORT.

JOSIAH FORT m. CECILIA HORN, sister of MILBERRY HORN, daughter of HENRY HORN and SARAH BATTIE. MILBERRY HORN married JOSEPH PHILLIPS, of Edgecombe Co. N. C. and they settled about six miles North of Nashville. He was a Captain in the revolution. Margaret T. Phillips daughter of MILBERRY HORN and JOSEPH PHILLIPS became the wife of JOSIAH F. WILLIAMS, and they had a daughter MILBERRY WILLIAMS, who married ORVILLE SWING (1806-1878), the son of NATHAN SWING and his wife SARAH HILL, daughter of DANIEL HILL. Their son ORVILLE SWING II married DEWY WATKINS in 1865. POLLY PHILLIPS, daughter of MILBERRY HORN and JOSEPH PHILLIPS, married the famous JESSE WARTON who came to Nashville from Virginia, and thus our N.C. and Tennessee Cousins were brought in to closer relationship. The PHILLIPS FAMILY also lived in ROBERTSON CO.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

MOSES RENFRO AND HIS FAMILY SIMPLY COULD'NT WAIT.

In COL. JOHN MONTGOMERY'S expedition down the Holston, over the Muscle Shoals, down the Tennessee to the Ohio, and back up (?) the COMBERLAND RIVER to the French Lick, at Nashville, was the old Tennessee-Virginia pioneer and his little party, consisting of his sons and relatives. Having experienced the excitement of the long voyage, lasting several months, the old pioneer was evidently impatient to set foot on his own lands in this new "garden of the Gods" and when the flotilla reached a point not far from the mouth of RED RIVER, he and his little band disembarked, and landed themselves, eager to settle in the country they had so long sought.

It is said that he, it was, who bestowed the name RED RIVER on the stream whose confluence with the Cumberland, was reached. Pushing forward, they formed the first set-

by a hostile tribe of INDIANS, and MOSES RENFRO and many of his company killed. One member of the party, a MRS. JONES, a widow, by a miracle survived the attack, and is said to have made her way on foot to Eaton's station, where the Donalson party had eventually landed the day before they reached NASHVILLE.

COL. JOHN MONTGOMERY AND HIS FRIEND MARTIN ARMSTRONG

It is a well-founded tradition that the town of CLARKSVILLE and its establishment was planned as early as 1770 by COL. JOHN MONTGOMERY and COLONEL MARTIN ARMSTRONG. Armstrong, being a surveyor, perhaps was more or less familiar with the country, met MONTGOMERY and divulged to him his dream of building a town on the Cumberland at the mouth of RED RIVER. As a result, in 1784 the two men entered six hundred and forty acres of land, at this point and had it surveyed by JAMES SAUNDERS.



THE TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE AND THE CUMBERLAND, FROM FORT DEFIANCE

tlement by a group of white people in what is now MONTGOMERY COUNTY, but was first called "TENNESSEE COUNTY" which it retained until the year 1786.

This first "settlement" was destined, as were many others in those early days, to last but briefly, for in less than two months it was destroyed

Through the North Carolina General Assembly they pushed an Act naming the town CLARKSVILLE, after GENERAL GEORGE ROGERS CLARK, in 1785. Before the grant was finally secured COL. ARMSTRONG and his friend had laid off the town. On Nov. 27, 1794, a party of Indians killed and scalped Col. JOHN MONTGOMERY and wounded James Saunders and CHARLES BRATT.

**COLONEL JOHN MONTGOMERY, AN OLD
WARRIOR FOR LIBERTY**

COL. JOHN MONTGOMERY, after whom the County of MONTGOMERY was named, and one of the Proprietors of the land on which the town of CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE was built, would have gone down in History as a soldier and patriot even if he had never settled in Middle Tennessee. From Judge SAMUEL C. WILLIAMS' "History of the Lost State of Franklin" page two is copied the following:

COL. JOHN MONTGOMERY, of the upper reaches of the ROBERTSON, recruited men in the Holston Country to go to the rescue of GEORGE ROGERS CLARK in his efforts to win the Northwest for the Americans.

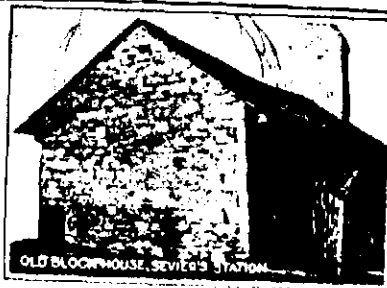
Having been a colonel in command of a regiment recruited by him in the Watauga valley, which accompanied the GEORGE ROGERS CLARK campaign, it is little wonder that JOHN MONTGOMERY honored the town he helped to build on the Cumberland and Red Rivers by naming it CLARKSVILLE.

No effort will be made in this book to give a roster of the descendants or relatives of COL. JOHN MONTGOMERY as about all you have to do is to spend a few days in MONTGOMERY COUNTY and look at a few directories and telephone books.

The MONTGOMERIES and CUNNINGHAMS are all related, and the town of CLARKSVILLE also teems with Cunninghams.

**THE MEMBERS OF THE MOSES RENFRO
PARTY, WHO WERE MASSACRED**

The members of the MOSES RENFRO party, who were massacred near Clarksville, consisted of himself, one of his sons, at least, his grown daughters, some young grand-children, NATHAN TURPIN, and perhaps SOLOMON TURPIN, though Ramsey says that, some of them were not killed but took charge of the women and children and took them to Nashville, but on a return to the place some time later, another son, JOSEPH RENFRO was killed, and also an old man JOHNS and his wife who had been of the original party. On this last occasion slaves or twelve there were, were all killed. It has



SEVIER'S STATION AT CLARKSVILLE

**COL. VALENTINE SEVIER SETTLED IN
CLARKSVILLE**

COL. VALENTINE SEVIER, brother of GOV. JOHN SEVIER, settled at Clarksville in an early day, coming over the mountains from the Watauga Valley.

A deed on record at the courthouse at Clarksville, Montgomery County shows that Col. Valentine Sevier purchased a tract of 640 acres of land in the northeast fork of Red River and Cumberland River in the month of July in 1798. It is quite possible that Col. Sevier had settled in the vicinity before that date, however.

Col. VALENTINE SEVIER built a fort or "Station" on the high ground West of the confluence of the Cumberland and Red Rivers. It still stands.

In the month of January, 1798 two of Col. Sevier's sons, on their way to Nashville were massacred by Indians along with two companions who were going with them. VALENTINE SEVIER, another son, was also massacred during the same month. In a letter written by Col. Sevier in 1794 to his brother he mentions other tragedies:

"William Snider, Betsy, his wife, his son John and my son JOSEPH were killed in Snider's House. They also killed ANW KING and her son JAMES and scalped my daughter REBECCA. I hope she will recover. The Indians have killed whole families about here this fall. The engagement commenced at my house and continued about an hour the neighbors say. Such a scene no man ever witnessed before. Nothing but screams and the roaring of guns, and no man to assist me for some time"

About 4 feet East of this "Station" is

**FIRST SETTLERS AND ORGANIZATION OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

The first settlers of ROBERTSON CO. were the RENFROS and their companions, on Red River, near the mouth of CARSON'S CREEK. These included MOSES, ISAAC, JOSEPH and JAMES RENFRO; JAMES HOLLIS, NATHAN and SOLOMON TURPIN, ISAAC MAYFIELD, JAMES JOHNS and the widow JONES. All of these, of course, were members of the DONELSON expedition, who left the boats about the mouth of RED RIVER.

In 1785 when the Legislature over in North Carolina established the town of CLARKSVILLE, the Act named the following commissioners: JOHN MONTGOMERY, ANTHONY CRUTCHER, WILLIAM POLE, ANTHONY HEDGECOCK and LARNER CLARK.

In 1788, when TENNESSEE COUNTY was established, a court of pleas and Quarter Sessions was held at the house of ISAAC FITZWORTH; the 3rd session met at the house of WILLIAM GRIMS, and the later sessions met at Clarksville, where, on the public square, a small log courthouse had been erected. Clarksville, of course, was the County seat of TENNESSEE County, during its existence as well as MONTGOMERY COUNTY, after that county was established in the year 1794.

The earliest inhabitants of CLARKSVILLE were JOHN MONTGOMERY, ANTHONY and WILLIAM CRUTCHER, AMOS BIRD (who came from the Watauga Country), Geo. Bell, ROBERT NELSON (Revolutionary Soldier), and ARTHUR McALLISTER. The latter is said to have come from somewhere in Pennsylvania. About 1794-5 others came, including JOHN EASTON, DANIEL JAMES, JAMES ADAMS, WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, PHILLIP GILBERT, ROBERT DUNNING, HUGH McCALUM, BENI HANLIER and ARTHUR SWOODY, and JOHN McNEILL (or McDILL) from South Carolina built a Fort on RED RIVER between PRINCE'S and CLARKSVILLE, about this time.

Early settlers of MONTGOMERY COUNTY from NORTH CAROLINA included HAYDEN WELLS, JAMES, CHARLES & LUNCAN STEWART, ANTHONY and WILLIAM CRUTCHER & ROBERT NELSON. From SOUTH CAROLINA were JAMES FORD, FRANCIS, WILLIAM and ROBERT PRINCE, GEORGE NEWELL and JOSEPH B. NEWELL, and DR. MORGAN HUGHES, who settled South of the River. SEBELS and SEVIER from WATAUGA.

NOTES FROM THE OLD RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY AND TENNESSEE COUNTIES

We copied the following notes from the old records of TENNESSEE and MONTGOMERY COUNTIES:

GEORGE WALKER of FAYETTE COUNTY, deed to WILLIAM LUKK, of Tennessee County, Territory South of the Ohio, of 487 acres on the waters of SULPHER FORK, of RED RIVER, in Tennessee County, on August 4, 1794.

Grant to RICHARD THOMAS of 365 acres on Stewart's Creek in TENNESSEE COUNTY, Territory South of the Ohio River, August 31, 1793.

SAMUEL BARTON (The old Entry Taker) bought 640 acres on the South Side of the CUMBERLAND RIVER and the West Side of MILL CREEK, August 17, 1793. This was probably a grant.

JONATHAN QUINCE sold to JACOB McGRITY, (At whose house ROBERTSON COUNTY held its first court in 1794), 640 acres on the South Side of Cumberland River, on August 19, 1793.

JOHN WILLIAMS was a Lieutenant in NO. Carolina, and obtained lands in TENNESSEE COUNTY, July 5, 1789.

LUKE SHAWTY, sold his rights to one SEABRNE JONES, as a soldier, who obtained 640 acres of land in April of 1789.

ELIJAH ROBERTSON, as the assignee of SPERDIN SCURLOCK obtained 640 acres of land, five miles below the mouth of RED RIVER, on the North side of the Cumberland River June 21, 1793. Also obtained 640 acres six miles N. of RED RIVER through the rights of a JAMES O'NEAL, on the same date.

WILLIAM MACLIN, bought the rights of Sargeant GEORGE STEWART and in this way acquired the title to 1000 acres on the North side of CUMBERLAND RIVER below CLARKSVILLE, June 24, 1793, this land was in TENNESSEE COUNTY, Territory, South of the Ohio River.

ANTHONY CRUTCHER'S Estate bought 640 acres July 28, 1793, which land was located by JAMES BOLD.

CAPT. WILLIAM LEWTON, a Captain in the Virginia Line, was granted 1417 acres on August 31, 1793, which land was located on PRINCE'S CREEK, a branch of RED RIVER, in TENNESSEE COUNTY, (Later MONTGOMERY, I suppose.)

LAWRENCE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FURNISHED MANY TROOPS TO HELP FIGHT THE WAR WITH MEXICO

Nearly all of the "old timers" of LAWRENCE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, are the descendants of the men who volunteered and helped to fight the war with MEXICO in 1845-46. On the public square at LAWRENCEBURG, the County Seat there is a monument erected in memory of the young men who lost their lives in that conflict, and it is believed to be the only one in the State of Tennessee, although SUMNER, Williamson and several of the others surrounding, furnished large quotas of soldiers for the same war.

LAWRENCE COUNTY was established 1817 out of parts of HICKMAN and MADISON COUNTIES. It is said the earliest settlement in the county was made near HENKIVILLE on the Big Buffalo River, which as early as 1800 boasted of having a grain mill, a whisky distillery and a "hard shell" Baptist Church.

Among the first families to settle in the County were the PARKES, STRIHLINGS, SYKES, SUMMS and BENTLEY. These families will have many descendants who reside in the County, and at last accounts, the STRIHLINGS, particularly were exercising a great influence in the continued growth and development of the farming and dairy industries of the County.

ONE TIME HOME OF DAVID CROCKETT, CONGRESSMAN AND HERO OF THE ALAMO

Another monument which attracts the attention of travelers and residents of LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE, is a monument erected to the memory of DAVID CROCKETT, one time Tennessee Congressman and later a famous martyr to the cause of human liberty in the ALAMO in Texas.

Sometime after the County was organized DAVID CROCKETT settled in Lawrence County, where he became a member of the County Court and served as a member of the building committee, which erected the first courthouse in LAWRENCE COUNTY.

The story is that, becoming involved in debt to some extent he sold his lands and moved across the Tennessee River into what is called "West Tennessee" and

was then the "Western District", soon ran for the Legislature and afterwards for the United States Congress, being both elected and defeated in course of time to both, after which he told his Tennessee friends to go "where they pleased"; that he was "going to Texas".

THE SYKES FAMILY

THE SYKES FAMILY of LAWRENCE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, came originally from ALBEMARLE PARISH in SUSSEX COUNTY, Va. From there, members of the family were living in ORANGE COUNTY, North Carolina, when the revolution got under way. Some of them were probably "Regulators" who, after the revolution sought an asylum and bounty lands in Middle Tennessee, landing perhaps in Lawrence County.

THE BENTLEY FAMILY

All I know about the BENTLEY family came through Mrs. Elanah Spurlock BENTLEY, Historian of WARREN COUNTY, Tennessee. The family was from ANNE-LIA COUNTY, Virginia, and the oldest son of SAMUEL BENTLEY who died in 1794, was WILLIAM BENTLEY, who was an officer in the American Revolution and an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati. His revolutionary grant was somewhere in the Cumberland District, hence the BENTLEYS of LAWRENCE COUNTY.

THE PARKES FAMILY

WILLIAM and JOSEPH PARKES, ancestors of the Parkes family of LAWRENCE CO. TENNESSEE, came from MONTGOMERY, W. VA. WILLIAM M. PARKES, . . . She and he had children:

1. THOMAS PARKES b. Nov. 25, 1794.
2. WILLIAM PARKES b. Dec. 5, 1796.
3. JOHN PARKES b. April 19, 1801
4. JOSEPH PARKES b. May 1, 1806.
5. ELIZA PARKES b. August 2, 1801
6. MARTHA PARKES b. March 18, 1814.

All of these with their children came to and settled in LAWRENCE COUNTY, TENNESSEE. JOSEPH and WILLIAM, first.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

ESTABLISHED OUT OF TERRITORY TAKEN FROM STEWART COUNTY

"WAVERLY GETS ITS NAME FROM THE "WAVERLY NOVELS"

HUMPHREYS COUNTY was named in honor of JUDGE PERRY W. HUMPHREYS, Judge of the Superior Court, from 1807 to 1809 and who held the first Court in the County. The Act establishing the County provided for the holding of the first court at the home of SAMUEL PARKER, JR. on Trace Creek, about two miles from the present County seat of HUMPHREYS COUNTY.

The first county seat of HUMPHREYS County, however, seems to have been RYDOLLSVILLE and WAVERLY became the seat of Justice of the County only after 1835, when BENTON COUNTY was created, and RYDOLLSVILLE, before that time had been in what is now BENTON, established out of HENRY and HUMPHREYS jointly.

The town of WAVERLY, which became the permanent county seat of HUMPHREYS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, was named for SIR WALTER SCOTT'S series of novels dealing with fictional characters.

The land on which the town of WAVERLY was located was donated by DAVID CHILDRICE, and was laid off and surveyed into lots by ISAAC LITTLE in 1836.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY bears the distinction of having furnished more able bodied soldiers for service in the War Between the States than it had actual voters to take part in its elections.

It was at JOHNSONVILLE in this County where General Forrest captured several Federal gunboats.

HOUSTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

HOUSTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, NAMED FOR GENERAL SAM HOUSTON

HENRY EDWARDS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO SETTLE.

HOUSTON COUNTY, which lies between STEWART and HUMPHREYS COUNTY, was established January 21, 1781, and the territory set aside for it was taken from parts of DICKSON, HUMPHREYS and STEWART. It was also given a part of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, subject to a vote of the residents of that part of Montgomery, who, however, voted against the change.

N. McKINNON was the Chairman of the of the first county court held in Houston County, April 3, 1871. The County seat selected was ARLINGTON and a courthouse was constructed & completed there in time for Court to be held in it May 6, 1872. However in 1878 KERN became the County seat of Houston County

The territory comprising the present HOUSTON COUNTY - then mostly MONTGOMERY COUNTY, had early settlements by 1798 and 1799.

HENRY EDWARDS and the members of his numerous family and relatives, were early settlers of what is now HOUSTON COUNTY. They located at what is known as STEWART'S STATION. The GUILD family, possibly from Alabama, was another of the first families of the County.

FREDERICK BOONE, said to have been related to DANIEL BOONE, the Explorer & Indian Fighter, was one of the first pioneers of the county.

Fanciful tales about the super-human strength of a DANIEL HUGHANAN, another early HOUSTON COUNTY pioneer, have been handed down through several generations. Daniel Buchanan, lived in what is now HOUSTON COUNTY.

JOHN A. MURRELL, the famous Tennessee "outlaw", while not a resident of the County, was the brother of WILLIAM MURRELL, who was a school teacher and taught in Houston County between 1880 and 1880.

* PERRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PERRY COUNTY WAS PART OF HICKMAN COUNTY UNTIL 1821.

PERRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, was established November 14, 1821, out of HICKMAN COUNTY. PERRY COUNTY also included all of the present DECATUR COUNTY, and all of this territory had been DICKSON from 1808 to 1807. The part of PERRY now comprising DECATUR COUNTY lies across on the West side of the Tennessee River.

The first County Seat of PERRY COUNTY was PERRYVILLE, on the West side of the river, in what is now DECATUR County, and it so remained the county seat until DECATUR COUNTY was established, in 1846.

PERRY COUNTY was named in honor of the famous Commodore Oliver Hazard PERRY, while DECATUR COUNTY, taken from Perry was called DECATUR after Commodore STEPHEN DECATUR.

PERRYVILLE was a somewhat noted point in the days when it was the County seat of PERRY COUNTY, and it is said that DAVID CROCKETT, AMIRON JACKSON, DAN ROBERTS, JAMES K. POLK, afterwards President, and other famous early Tennessee lawyers and statesmen were often in attendance on court there.

Ferny Stanley taught the first school in the county on TOM'S CREEK in 1820.

The first steamboat, the GENERAL GREENE came up the river in 1819, and the first merchant was a man by the name of JOHN YATES, also on Tom's Creek.

* LEWIS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

LEWIS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, was established December 23, 1845, and parts of HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, WAYNE and some of MAURY COUNTY were used to make up its territory.

This county was named in honor of MERIWETHER LEWIS, who in 1809 departed this life at GRINDER'S DAM, about eight miles from BURNING WOOD, the County seat of LEWIS CO. It is one tradition that he committed suicide, while on his way from Saint Louis to Washington to

FIRST COURT IN PERRY COUNTY HELD AT THE HOME OF JAMES DICKSON

The first county court of PERRY COUNTY, was held at the home of JAMES DICKSON on the first Monday in January following the establishment of the County. The home of JAMES DICKSON was on LICK CREEK.

The following magistrates were sworn into office and qualified at the first meeting of the court:

JAMES DICKSON
JOSEPH BROWN
WILLIAM HODGES
WILLIAM BRITT
JOHN L. HOUSTON
BROCK HOOPER
GERRALD GRIFITH
GREEN B. NEWSON
MR. NUNE.

The following were the first officers elected to serve PERRY COUNTY:

WILLIAM HARRISON, Clerk.
AARON LEWIS, Trustee
JOHN A. BALDS, Register
JACOB HARRISON, Ranger
MARK MURPHY, Coroner
WEST WOOD, Sheriff.

The "hard shell" Baptists built the first church on LICK CREEK, and the ministers were REV. WILLIAM HODGES and REV. WILLIAM AKINS.

JOHN TRACY built the first water mill on Cedar Creek.

LINDEN made the county seat in 1846.

except the part of GOVERNOR of the LOUISIANA TERRITORY.

DOBBS AND GRINDERS

The DOBBINS and GRINDER FAMILIES, who were the heads of a SWISS COLONY, came to what is LEWIS COUNTY about 1809. ROBERT GRINDER owned the inn where MERIWETHER LEWIS died. BURNING WOOD was a SWISS name and made the county seat after NEWBURN, which it supplanted.

CHEATHAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE

TERRITORY FOR CHEATHAM FROM FOUR DIFFERENT COUNTIES

SAMUEL WATSON WAS ELECTED THE FIRST COUNTY JUDGE OF CHEATHAM

The territory necessary for the establishment of CHEATHAM COUNTY, was taken from four other Tennessee Counties, viz, DAVIDSON, HUNTERDON, DICKSON and MONTGOMERY. It was established on February 28, 1806, a short time prior to the War Between the States. It derived its name from NATHANIEL CHEATHAM, who was Speaker of the Tennessee Senate at the time the County was created.

The first county court for Cheatham County was held at SYCAMORE MILLS on May 15, 1806.

The following magistrates for CHEATHAM COUNTY were present:

W. L. GOWER, Chairman.
B. F. Hinkley
J. M. Lee
W. L. Hooper
Jesse Hooper
W. Crockett
J. L. Majors
R. T. Gayton
W. W. Williams
A. J. Bright
R. L. Weakley.

SAMUEL WATSON was elected the first county judge of Cheatham County and was sworn into office on the first Monday in June, 1806.

Land for the courthouse and other county business was bought from a man named LINNEX. The Court Court held its sessions however, at FORREST HILL, a little South of ASHLAND until November, 1807, when it began to hold its first meetings at ASHLAND, selected as the County Seat of the new County.

The town of ASHLAND was incorporated in 1809 under the name of ASHLAND CITY, but on account of negligence on the part of the officials its charter was lost, but it was reincorporated many years later.

BENJAMIN HARRIS is said to have lived near SYCAMORE MILLS as early as 1790. (The ancestor of CLARENCE HARRISON, famous Chicago Attorney).

JOHN HYDE and HOWARD ALLEY were early settlers near Pleasant View, and ROBERT HEATON and BRANTON LEE were at ASHLAND CITY (site) in 1796.

* DECATUR COUNTY

THIS COUNTY A PART OF PERRY COUNTY UNTIL ESTABLISHED IN 1846

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WHO ORGANIZED DECATUR COUNTY

DECATUR COUNTY is on the West side of the TENNESSEE RIVER and came out of PERRY COUNTY.

The County was named for Commodore STEPHEN DECATUR of the United States Navy.

PERRYVILLE, the former County seat of PERRY COUNTY "passed out" of the County seat business.

PERRYVILLE was a noted place and in the old days entertained men like Sam Houston, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and others who visited.

In the act establishing DECATUR COUNTY, TENNESSEE, in November, of 1846, the following persons were named as the commissioners to organize the new county:

John C. Yarbrough
William J. Mensies
John S. Walker
Samuel Blythe
David B. Underbark

An election was held to determine a county seat for the new county, and the place chosen at the election was DECATURVILLE.

WAYNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

ESTABLISHED OUT OF HICKMAN AND HUMPHREYS IN 1817.

WAYNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE was established November 24, 1817, and the territory to make up the new county was taken out of HICKMAN and HUMPHREYS County. The county was named for GEN. ANTHONY WAYNE. Because the Act had not been regularly engrossed and signed it had to be re-passed by the Legislature in 1819, two years later.

At the time the ACT took effect BENJAMIN HARDIN was living on Pastor's Fork of SHOAL CREEK at the crossing of the Natchez Trace, in what became WAYNE COUNTY. The first meeting of the county court for the organization of WAYNE COUNTY was held at his house. The next meeting was held at the home of WILLIAM BARNETT on the Old Town Branch, where BARNETT had erected a log courthouse, for the purpose. At this meeting the following magistrates were present:

Benjamin Hardin
Jesse Cypert
William B. Curtis
William Burns
Farley Gallagher
David Gallagher
Reuben Kyle
John MacFith
C. W. Pope
William H. Ross
Henry Rayburn
William B. Walker.

Following are the names of the first county officers elected at this meeting for WAYNE COUNTY:

WILLIAM BARNETT, County Clerk.
BENJAMIN HARDIN, Sheriff
JOHN M. BARNETT, Circuit Court Clerk.
JOHN MCCLINE, Register.
JOHN MERRITT, Trustee.
JOHN HILL, Ranger.
W. E. PAYNE, Coroner.

The county court continued to meet at this place until 1823 when the County seat was moved to WAYNESBORO, a place that was founded and settled by WILLIAM BURNS in 1821, and was sold to the commissioners appointed to locate the county seat, by him. The land was forty acres, which was divided into lots, which were sold for proceeds to erect the courthouse.

The Commissioners appointed for the purpose of locating the county seat consisted of:

Nathaniel Riddle
Charles Burns
James Hollis
John Hill.

The first chancery court was held at WAYNESBORO in 1847. Judge TERRY H. CAHAL was the Judge and C. B. McLENNAN Clerk and Master.

ADAM WILSON CLAIMED AS THE FIRST SETTLER IN WAYNE COUNTY.

In the sketches of WAYNE COUNTY, it is claimed that ADAM WILSON established the first settlement in the county on Pine River, at some uncertain early date.

This same claim is made for ADAM WILSON in Hickman County. Both statements are probably true, because at the time he settled neither county had been established, and it was probably THOMPSON COUNTY - or else DAVIDSON. Later it was in HICKMAN and after 1817 in WAYNE COUNTY.

JESSE CYPERT AND THE MORROW AND MARTIN FAMILIES

JESSE CYPERT (one of the first Justices of WAYNE COUNTY) married JEREMIAH MORROW, who married a JOHN MORROW, son of WILLIAM MORROW.

THREE brothers, WILLIAM, LEONARD and ZACHARIAH MORROW came from the TAR RIVER section of North Carolina with the Cyperts.

WILLIAM MORROW and his wife had children: JOHN, JAMES and THOMAS MORROW.

JOHN MORROW m. ELIZABETH CYPERT
JAMES MORROW m. PATSY MARTIN, daughter of WILLIAM MARTIN, of BEDFORD COUNTY.

THOMAS MORROW. (JOHN MORROW b. 1808)

JOHN MARTIN MORROW was the son of the JAMES MORROW who m. PATSY MARTIN. His son MORROW had a daughter GRACE MORROW who m. MARVIN A. HELAN.

HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

COUNTY SPLIT BY TENNESSEE RIVER - PART IN MIDDLE AND PART WEST TENNESSEE

WHEN THE HARDINS MADE THEIR WAY TO WHAT BECAME HARDIN COUNTY

HARDIN COUNTY, established, Nov. 15, 1819, lies partly in MIDDLE TENNESSEE and partly in WEST TENNESSEE. It was taken from the WESTERN DISTRICT, after the Chickasaw Purchase, and at that time extended to the MISSISSIPPI RIVER, in theory, at least.

It was named for COL. JOSEPH HARDIN, the same man who first settled what is called "Hardin's Valley" in KNOX COUNTY, whose children moved to the County, but who probably died in ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE. COL. JOSEPH HARDIN came out of VIRGINIA, long before the American Revolution, and settled in LINCOLN COUNTY, North Carolina, where he was living during that war, with his brothers, JOHN HARDIN and BENJAMIN HARDIN, and his brother in law, FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT. The HARDINS were born near RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. JOSEPH HARDIN and his brother BENJAMIN, and their brother-in-law, FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT, were signers of the TEXON DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, along with JOHN ROBERTSON (Father of GEN. JAMES ROBERTSON of NASHVILLE) on July 24, 1776. The names of JOSEPH HARDIN and JOHN ROBERTSON (Spelled ROBINSON) are signed one above the other on this instrument.

In the year 1815 COL. JOSEPH HARDIN with surveyors and chain-carriers - came from HENNINGTON (Roane County) TENNESSEE and located his military claim to 2000 acres, along with grants of 1000 acres to each of his sons, in what is now HARDIN COUNTY, along the banks of the Tennessee River. He and his wife - her name unknown - had the following children:

1. James Hardin
2. Gideon Hardin
3. Amos Hardin
4. Benjamin Hardin (killed by the Indians) *
5. Robert Hardin (killed by the Indians)
6. Benjamin Hardin (Second Son.)
7. Robert Hardin (Second Robert)
8. Margaret Hardin, who married Rinnian Steals.
9. John Hardin (killed by Indians at Lookout Mountain in 1766)

This Ben was ransomed from the Indians but ran away and was never heard from again. Supposed to have been killed.

The HARDINS, after the Colonel had located their lands in June 1816 left ROANE COUNTY for West Tennessee three years before HARDIN COUNTY was established. They proceeded in two parties, one by boat down the TENNESSEE river and the other overland. In the boat party were the BRAZELTONS & GOODENS, including SOLOMON BRAZELTON & MRS. SALLY BRAZELTON and JOSEPH GOODEN and his wife. This party crossed the MUSCLE SHOALS in Alabama, and finally landed at the mouth of HARDIN'S CREEK, and went a short distance up the creek to where BENJAMIN JOHNSON afterwards built a mill, and Sarah Brazelton was the first to put foot on lands in HARDIN COUNTY. The overland party left ahead of the others. They were JAMES HARDIN and his family, JOSEPH HARDIN, JR. and his family, and MRS. ELIZABETH THACKER and family; in all 23 persons. JOHN BRAZELTON was also in this overland party. They took along horses and cattle and were delayed for a short time in WARREN COUNTY. This party finally arrived at the head waters of HARDIN'S CREEK, where the same was so dense it was difficult to penetrate, and they had to cut out roads as they went on through. The GOODENS consisted of JOSEPH GOODEN, his wife HANNAH and two sons - JAMES and THOMAS GOODEN. JOHN BRAZELTON died September 20, 1816, and he was the first white man to die in HARDIN COUNTY.

In 1817 JAMES HARDIN'S four brothers, GIBSON, AMOS, BENJAMIN and ROBERT HARDIN, moved out from ROANE COUNTY and also JOHNATHAN COURTNEY and his family, consisting of his wife and 4 sons:

1. John Courtney
2. James Courtney
3. Amos Courtney
4. Stephen Courtney
5. Melvina Courtney
6. Nelly Courtney
7. Osa Courtney.

Johnathan Courtney was a blacksmith & had a shop, also a shoe and carpenter shop, located about a mile Southwest of Clifton Ford on Indian Creek. He made shoes for 50 cents a pair for the settlers. HENRY GARNER built the first mill. It was above the Clifton Ford on Indian Creek.

SETTLERS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER IN HARDIN COUNTY

The West side of the TENNESSEE RIVER in Hardin County, was not invaded by the settlers quite as early as the East side, because the other side was in Chickasaw territory until the treaty with those tribes had been finally signed.

Two men, SIMPSON LEE and GEORGE ONE settled on the West side of the river in about the year 1819. The HARDINS had been on the West side for about three years at that time. They were just opposite where CHEROKEE is now, and where the WHITES established a ferry, when they came. SIMPSON LEE'S place was a short distance northeast of Craven's Landing. GEORGE ONE'S place was about two miles northwest of the Landing.

The same year WILLIAM GANN and one of the MASSINGILLS near what was afterwards called GANN'S SPRING, JACOB DELANEY and JOHN CHAMBERS settled on WHITE OAK CREEK.

In 1828 THOMAS SHANNON, from DAVIDSON County (probably a relative by marriage of ANTHONY MINGO) made a permanent settlement at Saltville. He had with him COL. JOHN HOLLAND and Parkerson Mitchell sent with him by boat from Nashville down the Cumberland to the Ohio and back up the Tennessee to Point Pleasant, and went out about half a mile from the river and built a camp. His wife and children came through by land, driving the cattle. Mr. Shannon had the following children:

1. Willie Shannon
2. Franklin Shannon
3. Thomas Shannon
4. Nathan Shannon
5. George Shannon
6. Jane Shannon
7. Susan Shannon
8. Sarah Shannon.

THOMAS SHANNON built the first house in SALTVILLE in 1828. Saltville was first known as HANKINS' LANDING after SMITH HANKINS and his brother FERRY HANKINS.

MAJOR JAMES MONTGOMERY came out and settled a half mile northwest of SHADY GROVE CHURCH. He was an old warrior and Indian fighter and was with COL. JAMES HARDIN and BOLANW HRAZELTON in the battle of Horse-Shoe Head. JESSE W. HOLLAND had a tanyard near Shady Grove Church, the first in Hardin County.

CHARLES MILES ERECTED THE FIRST COTTON-GIN ON THE WEST SIDE

In 1824 CHARLES MILES, who had been one of the first magistrates of ROBERTSON COUNTY when it was organized in 1796 came West and settled about a mile West of Saltville, near what was afterwards called "Miles' Branch". Soon afterwards MILES built the first cotton gin on the West side of the river.

JOHN DAVY, with a wife, and five sons and three daughters bought land on White Oak Creek in 1825. His son THOMAS DAVY afterwards owned the land where Saltville was built. It was also called sometimes DAVY'S LANDING. In 1849 he leased the "landing" to Scott Terry, and ran a store under the firm name of DAVY & WILLIAMS at the place.

JESSE JONES AND GEORGE NORWOOD AND COFFEE'S LANDING SETTLEMENT

Soon after the first settlement at SALTVILLE people began to settle in the territory South of WHITE OAK River or Creek.

JESSE JONES and GEORGE NORWOOD settled on MUD CREEK.

ISAAC GRAHAM and ROBERT KING located on Chalk Creek. JAMES ENGLISH near the head of Chalk Creek.

JESSE JONES' house was one of the precincts and voting places. GEMMA JONES, a daughter, married JAMES MORROW. Previous to the year 1825 a public road ran from the lower end of COFFEE BLUFF and Coffee's landing to the top of the Bluff, where it intersected the road from HARDIN'S FERRY (Cerro Gordo) to McNAIRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, of which JAMES MORROW and SIMPSON LEE had been appointed the overseers.

JOHN BARNES and ROBERT BARNES were the first settlers at COFFEE'S LANDING. CHAMP'S LANDING was first the home of a man named BURNETT, but later was bought by DR. CHAMP.

FITZBERG LANDING was named after FITZ TUCKER, who ran a liquor establishment and store there.

The battle of BELLICH was fought here during the War between the States & here are the battle-field cemeteries.

* McNAIRY COUNTY TENNESSEE

McNAIRY ESTABLISHED 1823 OUT OF HARDIN COUNTY TERRITORY

McNAIRY was established October 8, 1823 out of the WESTERN DISTRICT and territory supposed to have then been a part of HARDIN COUNTY. On October 16 - just 8 days later, HARDMAN COUNTY was established just West of it. When FAYETTE COUNTY was established in 1824, part of it was taken out of HARDMAN and some out of HENRY County had been created out of HARDIN COUNTY on November 24, 1819 though HARDIN had been established itself for only 11 days at that time. All of these counties had been established out of the CHICKASAW TREATY lands, known as part of the "Western District", lying West of the Tennessee River.

McNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE was called by that name in honor of JUDAH JOHN McNAIRY, from North Carolina, who served on the bench so long in Tennessee.

The county was laid off, after it was fixed by a location committee, by the Surveyor-General of the District, who was JOHN FURDY, of HENDERSON COUNTY, and the County seat was named FURDY, in his honor. The present county seat is SELMER. FURDY went out of the "County seat business" in the yr. 1890, when P. H. Thrasher gave the county a courthouse located at Selmer.

The first session of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions was held as directed in the Act establishing McNAIRY County at the home of ABEL V. MURRAY, about four miles southwest of what afterwards became FURDY, the county seat, on the second Monday in January, 1824.

Men who were prominent in McNAIRY County are listed as COL. JAMES WARREN, JOHN H. MEEKS (from the Holston Country), Judge John V. and MARCUS J. WRIGHT (an officer in the Creek Indian War), William G. Jopling, John G. Gooch, Maj. Benjamin Wright, William S. Wisdom, Henry S. Wilson, Maclin Cross and JOSEPH BARNETT. Col. D. M. Wisdom has also been mentioned in this respect.

HOME OF BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL, AN OLD REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER.

McNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, was perhaps the last home of BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL, the old revolutionary soldier from VIRGINIA and NORTH CAROLINA, a direct descendant and namesake of the man of the same name who, in 1693 married ANNE BURTON in Henrico County, Virginia leaving four sons and a daughter, and whose sons probably settled in Granville County, North Carolina. (Reference to the index will show other references to this soldier, who migrated to Middle Tennessee, and drifted further West to McNAIRY County, where he probably died.) See "Beginnings of West Tennessee" by Judge Samuel C. Williams, page 233.

CAPT. JOHN HENDERSON was another revolutionary soldier who settled in McNAIRY County, and possibly died there. -Ibid.

DANIEL HILL, another soldier of the revolution, who served under Gen. John Sevier, settled in McNAIRY county. He and his eight sons and two sons in law settled in McNAIRY County in 1828 and he and members of his family died there and are buried in the ROSE HILL CEMETERY at BIRCH SPRINGS in McNAIRY County.

DANIEL HILL AND HIS FAMILY

DANIEL HILL came to WASHINGTON COUNTY, N. C. from Loudoun County, Va. Served under JOHN SEVIER. His wife was ELLEN. Sold their farm on North side of NOBLE LICKCREEK RIVER in 1803. About 8 miles from Morristown. Sold to BALDWIN HARKLE. Children:

1. ABRAHAM HILL m. MISS WALKER.
2. ELIJAH HILL m. REBECCA COFFMAN.
3. JAMES HILL m. NANCY COLUMAN. (Her mother was a HULLARD) To Mo.
4. JESSE HILL moved to Missouri.
5. WILLIAM HILL
6. JOHN HILL
7. ELIAS HILL
8. JEFFERSON HILL m. WOMACK.
9. SARAH HILL m. JOSEPH GRAHAM
10. MASSIE HILL m. LUCINDA HARKLE, daughter of BALDWIN HARKLE. HILLS related to DAVID MILLER of Va.

JOHN RICE AND HIS FIVE THOUSAND
ACRES ON THE CHICKASAW BLUFF

JOHN RICE who entered a tract of land of 5000 acres at Chickasaw Bluff on which land the City of Memphis now stands, was killed on the 18th day of January 1792, while in a boat in company with VALENTINE SEVIER and others on the Cumberland river in what became MORTGOMERY and was then TENNESSEE CO., not far from the town of Clarksville. At that time JOHN RICE was the practical or partial owner of the tract of land which he had entered in company with JOHN RAMSEY who obtained also a similar tract.

VALENTINE SEVIER, the son of VALENTINE and the nephew of GEN. JOHN SEVIER, & JOHN RICE and other occupants of the boat were fired upon by the Indians & young Sevier instantly killed. JOHN RICE died in a short time and he and VALENTINE SEVIER were buried together some distance below the mouth of RED RIVER.

JOHN RICE came originally from CASWELL COUNTY, North Carolina, and one of his sisters, ANN RICE married DANIEL WILLIAMS, a son of GEN. JAMES WILLIAMS, who was slain at King's Mountain during the revolution. The family was from HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, and ANN RICE moved to South Carolina, with her husband and his relatives. JESSE and SHADRACK RICE were JOHN'S brothers. They came to West Tennessee from So. Carolina, about the same time that JOHN RICE came from Caswell County, as did JOEL and ELISHA RICE, two other brothers. JOHN RICE is called an "Indian Trader" in the books, but he appears to have been also a land trader, for before his death he had acquired title to as much as 120,000 acres of land in the Western District. JUDOH JOHN OVERTON and ANDREW JACKSON purchased much of this RICE lands from the heirs of JOHN RICE. Rice was related to the BATES, WRIGHT and other families, and JUDOH OVERTON bought the 5000 acres in Memphis, and sold a half interest therein to ANDREW JACKSON in 1796. The claim belonged to RICE at the time he was killed, and Overton bought from the WRIGHTS who were his heirs. Later JACKSON sold parts of his interest to GEN. JAMES WINCHESTER, or to his brothers, STEPHEN, RICHARD and WILLIAM WINCHESTER, but Jackson's final disposal of his interest in these lands was to GEN. JAMES WINCHESTER in 1818, who paid the sum of \$5,000.00 for it. This consisted of only a 1/8th undivided interest in the tract.

GEN. JAMES ROBERTSON "DISCOVERED"
THE CHICKASAW BLUFFS

While the French and others appear to have previously "taken notice" of the fact that CHICKASAW BLUFFS was a kind of rallying point for the Indians in obtaining supplies, etc., it remained for the old Tennessee "War Horse" GEN. JAMES ROBERTSON, to discover its advantage as a place where the Indians needed supervising and watching. As early as December 11, 1782, GEN. ROBERTSON established CHICKASAW BLUFFS as a depot to which was sent the supplies given to the Indians. The place thus became a kind of post at which the English & the Chickasaws met from time to time until the treaty of 1818, when the entire Western portion of the STATE of TENNESSEE was transferred by the treaty to the United States. Thus, the man who began life in BRUNSWICK COUNTY, Virginia, lived and grew to manhood in the Old North State, pioneered his neighbors across the mountains to the Natchez, and later led them through Cumberland Gap and the torrents of Muscle Shoals to the Lower Cumberland, finally advanced to where Memphis stands today and there died, on September 1, 1814.

MORE FIRST SETTLERS OF SHELBY COUNTY
TENNESSEE.

JOEL KAGLER and JAMES WILLIAMS were among the first to settle in SHELBY COUNTY.

The first road in the county ran from Memphis to the Taylor Mill on FORKED DEER RIVER. Thomas H. Parsons, a JOHN FLETCHER, JOHN C. McLEMORE, CHARLES HOLMAN and WILLIAM ERWIN looked after and laid out this road.

PROCK GRACE bought the first lot sold in the town of Memphis.

W. A. THOMP and PETER ADAMS owned an early grant in SHELBY near the old State Line.

JESSE BENTON, CHARLES McDANIEL, D. C. TRIMMELL, SAM SMITH and JOEL CREN - SHAW lived on BIG CREEK in 1830.

DR. BENJAMIN HARKINS, WILLIAM KEES, THOMAS TAYLOR and WILLIAM SAUNDERS lived near RALPHIGH, once the County seat. JOHN W. WILLIAMS was the first white child born in Shelby County, in the year 1822.

HENDERSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

COMPOSED OF LANDS OUT OF THE WESTERN
DISTRICT - ESTABLISHED 1821ARNER TAYLOR AND OTHERS LOCATED ON
THE SITE OF LEXINGTON

HENDERSON COUNTY, Tennessee, was established by an Act of the Legislature passed on November 7, 1821. The area included in this county all had been a part of the "Western District" included in the treaty with the CHICKASAW INDIANS, dated October 19, 1818, which was brought about through the efforts of ANDREW JACKSON and ISAAC SHELLEY, whereby all their lands East of the Mississippi were ceded to the United States. This treaty was executed on the date named and opened up for settlement all lands in Tennessee West of the Tennessee River.

On November 7, 1821, the Legislature passed an "Act to Form and Establish New Counties West of the Tennessee River" This Act by its terms, established FOUR NEW COUNTIES out of the "Western District", viz: HENDERSON, MADISON, CARROLL and HENRY COUNTIES, all of which came into existence at the same time.

HENDERSON COUNTY was named in honor of COLONEL JAMES HENDERSON, who was Colonel of Tennessee Militia in one of the battles before New Orleans, & Brigade Quartermaster on the staff of General Jackson on the Natchez Expedition of 1812-13.

THE FIRST SETTLERS IN HENDERSON
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The earliest settlers in what is now HENDERSON COUNTY came there before the County was established. One JOSEPH REED came there in 1818, perhaps about the time the Chickasaw Treaty was made, and entered lands on Beech River about five miles West of the present town of LEXINGTON, which was designated as the County seat of HENDERSON COUNTY. This Joseph REED (Godspeed says REEL) had two sons, JOHN and WILLIAM REED who occupied these lands during their life-time.

In the month of February, 1820 THOMAS HAMILTON settled near Pleasant Exchange, the name of a village located in Henderson County.

ARNER TAYLOR was one of those who came to the section where LEXINGTON was established in the early days. Others were CHRISTOPHER H. WILLIAMS, MICAJAH BULLOCK and JOHN FURDY, who has been mentioned in these notes heretofore.

CHRISTOPHER H. WILLIAMS was from CASWELL COUNTY, North Carolina, the son of TONY WILLIAMS, and his wife was a MISS SHARPE. They afterwards settled in MISSISSIPPI and had a son RON. JOHN SHARPE WILLIAMS, the famous United States Senator from MISSISSIPPI. This CHRISTOPHER HARRIS WILLIAMS was also a kinsman of MICAJAH BULLOCK, who was likewise from GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, the son of EDWARD BULLOCK. Micajah Bullock was probably born in HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, from where his parents moved to North Carolina. -Lost Tribes of North Carolina p.280.

DR. JOHN A. WILSON and SAMUEL WILSON were also early residents of LEXINGTON and HENDERSON COUNTY, and the town of LEXINGTON was located on lands previously owned by SAMUEL WILSON.

Other early settlers in HENDERSON CO. TENNESSEE, include:

MAJ. JOHN HAINON, whose lands were located near the head waters of a creek called "Big Sandy".

JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW and WILLIAM BAY both settled near the head of BEACH RIVER.

WILLIAM GAIN and GEORGE POWERS were near the site of PLEASANT EXCHANGE.

WILLIAM DUFFY settled at the head waters of the South Branch of the FORKED DEER RIVER.

WILLIAM DISMUKES was on the NORTH FORK of FORKED DEER RIVER. DISMUKES came to West Tennessee from GRATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. Lost Tribes of North Carolina pp 199-201.

The home of JOSEPH REED (a first settler) was near PINE KNOB.

JOHN and WILLIAM BRIGHAM built a mill on MUD CREEK in 1821, and DANIEL BARNCROFT erected a mill on the FORKED DEER RIVER in HENDERSON COUNTY, about the same time.

CROCKETT COUNTY TENNESSEE

PARTS OF HAYWOOD, MADISON, GIBSON
AND DYER COUNTIES USED

Portions of HAYWOOD, GIBSON, MADISON and DYER COUNTIES were taken for the purpose of establishing a county to be named CROCKETT, after the famous Tennessee statesman and Texas hero, HON. DAVID CROCKETT.

The Legislature of TENNESSEE made two attempts to establish CROCKETT COUNTY. The first, on December 20, 1840. But this first attempt appears to have been a failure. In the Act commissioners were appointed to hold an election to ascertain if the people who lived in these four different counties, or those fractions from which the territory for the proposed county was to be taken, were willing. The year following, JUDGE READ, of Madison County - one of the counties interested held the Act unconstitutional and void, and that CROCKETT COUNTY, as a matter of fact and law did not exist.

The history of this controversy over the first establishment of this county, seems somewhat hazy and uncertain. Just how far the new county had gone towards setting up its machinery and what happened between the years 1840 to 1870 is problematical, but evidently, not very far.

THIRTY-FOUR years later, on July 7th, 1870, long after the war between the States, the Tennessee Legislature enacted another law, with the same caption as that of 1840, which resulted in the final establishment of CROCKETT COUNTY in a Constitutional manner and taken from the same counties as designated in 1840.

This last Act (1870) provided also for commissioners to organize the County. They consisted of:

A. B. NEWLEY
JAMES BERSON
DAVID WHITEHEAD
A. T. FINKLER
G. W. BENTLEY
JOHN LYON
J. C. THOMP
T. F. CONLEY.

After this Act was passed considerable opposition by residents of other counties to the establishment of the new County of CROCKETT manifested itself.

SEVERAL INJUNCTION SUITS FILED IN
THE DIFFERENT COURTS

To prevent the final establishment of CROCKETT COUNTY several injunction suits were filed in the Courts, setting up the original objections to the new or proposed county.

At TRENTON, in GIBSON COUNTY, STEPHENS in DYER COUNTY, JACKSON in MADISON COUNTY and HENRYSVILLE in HAYWOOD COUNTY, such suits were instituted by residents of the different parts of each County affected, but these appear to have failed on legal grounds.

One E. B. MASON, of JACKSON was particularly active in his opposition to the County of CROCKETT being instituted and was the "power behind the throne" in the litigation which was launched.

There was some "hot headed" talk and the result appears to have caused considerable excitement in the town of ALAMO, which had long been regarded as the County seat of CROCKETT COUNTY.

AN ELECTION HELD TO SELECT THE
FIRST COUNTY OFFICERS.

Although the new Act establishing the County of CROCKETT was passed in the year 1870, the election to select the county officers of the new county was not held until March 9, 1872.

This appears to have been a concession over the old system by which the members of the first commissioners' or county court usually appointed or elected the first officers.

ALAMO, the County Seat of CROCKETT was named for the ALAMO in San Antonio, Texas, where DAVID CROCKETT died in the famous "saga" in which practically every man participating on the last day, died.

The first meeting of the County Court of CROCKETT county was held in March. JOHN B. BOYKIN, ROBERT JOHNSON, GILM BUCKNER, CORNELIUS BROWN, JOHN BROWN, E. WILLIAMS & BROWN, first justices.

NOTES RELATING TO THE BROWN FAMILY
OF CROCKETT COUNTYCOL. JOSEPH BROWN, OF MAURY COUNTY
(AND PERRY) TENNESSEE.

The compiler has made an effort to identify the BROWN FAMILY that settled finally in CROCKETT COUNTY in the early days, and presents the following account, which may or may NOT be correct:

CAPT. J. L. BROWN was a gallant Confederate soldier, who, at one time during the War Between the States, was with General Forrest's command. In 1871 he lived at NEWBURN in DYER COUNTY, where he conducted a blacksmith shop and a kind of carriage & wagon manufacturing business. His father, REV. BENJAMIN BROWN, was a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister, who settled in MADISON COUNTY, and afterwards in CROCKETT COUNTY, where he died in 1877.

Rev. BENJAMIN BROWN was a son of the old early-day Indian fighter and scout, COL. JOSEPH BROWN, of Maury County, who, when a young boy, with his father's family, on the way by boat from the Holston Valley, to Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland settlement, was captured by the Indians, together with his mother and two sisters, and two of whose older brothers were killed on the same trip, while his father, COL. JAMES BROWN, revolutionary officer, from N. CAROLINA, was also killed.

COL. BROWN, Two sons and three sons-in-law, JOHN GENTRY, WILLIAM GENTRY and JOHN GRIFFIN, and all the men of the party were killed on this occasion by the Indians. Mrs. Brown and one daughter were held prisoners for eleven months, and one small son was held by the Indians five years. The son of Col. Brown released at the end of eleven months, together with other members of the family thus rescued made a successful overland journey to the Cumberland settlement and located their father's revolutionary lands three miles south of Nashville. This son was subsequently COL. JOSEPH BROWN, of Maury County, Tennessee, who in 1808 was named by the Legislature on the commission that selected the town of COLUMBIA as the County Seat of the new County of MAURY. It was at about this time that COL. BROWN was establishing his family, and in 1807 or 1808, that his son, afterwards the REV. BENJAMIN BROWN, was born, near the town of COLUMBIA. Thereafter COL. JOSEPH BROWN moved to what is now PERRY COUNTY and became the Chairman of the first county court.

COL. JOSEPH BROWN's wife's name has not been ascertained. The probabilities are strong that he married a certain MISS GORDON. Where and just when he died is also uncertain. It is obvious that he raised a family of several children, but it is not generally known that this gallant Indian campaigner, became an ardent Minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and perhaps preached all over West Tennessee. That he had one son, who also became a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, is known. He was BENJAMIN BROWN who married MARY MAYS, who was born in PERRY COUNTY, Tennessee, on the West side of the Tennessee river, in 1812.

Since the record shows that REV. BRYAN BROWN went to MADISON COUNTY and settled, and later lived and died in CROCKETT COUNTY, it is highly probable that he had several brothers, who followed or went with him to that County, and some of whom perhaps, like himself, lived in CROCKETT COUNTY. One NICHOLAS BROWN did live in Crockett & another, probably of a later generation, a great-grandson of COL. JOSEPH was RAUBAN BROWN, in PERRY COUNTY, where JOSEPH BROWN is known to have lived and was a Justice of the first County Court in 1821, there was an OSWALD GRIFFIN, also a member of the court at the same time. This OSWALD GRIFFIN may have been a nephew of COL. JOSEPH BROWN, whose father, JOHN GRIFFIN, brother-in-law of JOSEPH, was killed by the Indians, and who married JOSEPH'S eldest sister.

A study of the old records and the accounts of the BROWN FAMILY, indicates, if it does not actually prove, that COL. JAMES BROWN, father of COL. JOSEPH BROWN, was a brother of the MORGAN BROWN, who settled on his revolutionary land grants in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE; that both were the sons of MORGAN BROWN, from ANSON COUNTY, N. C., who was the son of MORGAN BROWN & his wife HEBROGA DARDEN, from Virginia; that MORGAN BROWN (M. DARDEN) was son of EDWARD BROWN who lived on KENT ISLAND, in Maryland, and whose wife was MARY WILLIAMS, daughter of MORGAN WILLIAMS, a Welshman.

MORGAN BROWN, of Clarksville, was born in 1708; the brother JAMES BROWN in 1769. JUDGE WILLIAM LITTLE BROWN was son of MORGAN BROWN and first cousin of COL. JOSEPH BROWN, of MAURY COUNTY and later PERRY, ancestor of BRYAN BROWN.

FIRST NAVIGATION BY BOATS ON THE FORKED DEER RIVER

It is said that the first boat that ever came up the FORKED DEER RIVER was commanded by BARNEY MITCHELL & was what is called a Keel boat. It was loaded with groceries and merchandise of all kinds.

BARNEY MITCHELL was a local merchant in JACKSON and had a store said to have been located on LAFAYETTE ST., between Central Alley and MARKET ST. He was an Irishman and had the reputation of being very industrious.

MITCHELL landed his cargo from the keel boat at the mouth of SANDY BRANCH, about a mile West of JACKSON. This was about 1828. On the first trip up the river many obstructions were encountered in the Forked Deer which had to be removed, so that it took him "several months to make the trip", which seems incredible at this late date.

Later, also, a man by the name of MURKINSON, a Scotchman, whose descendants are said to still live in MADISON COUNTY, made the same voyage on the Forked Deer in about two weeks. The distance travelled could hardly be over a hundred miles in an air-line.

In 1828 a number of flat boats were constructed for the purpose of carrying cotton, corn and other produce down the Forked Deer to New Orleans. These boats gave considerable impetus to cotton growing. One S. BURNS is said to have built the first flat boat. In his crew was a Captain William Heyper, who is said to have made fifteen consecutive trips to New Orleans. R. F. GRAY and his partner JACK COPELAND made trips annually to New Orleans for twenty-eight years, until the railroads were inaugurated.

WHEN BRICK HOUSES BEGAN TO APPEAR IN JACKSON.

Brick houses began to make their appearance in JACKSON, a year or so after the county was organized and the town got under way. As heretofore stated ROBERT LAKE probably built the first brick home, of any consequence, in 1828, but a small business house was erected near the northeast corner

corner of MARKET and COLLEGE streets which was built for and occupied as a law office by JUDGE JOHN O. READ, it is thought about 1825 or 1824. Another small house was built for a man by the name of JOHNSON on Baltimore street, who sold it to MR. DEBROYE, Jackson's first tinner and who used it as both residence and business property.

BUTLER and RAWLINS also built a brick store house about 1825. This building, with a third story added was still in use a few years ago.

Beginning about 1828 several houses besides that of ROBERT LAKE were erected. These included the place once known as the TOWLER place on Baltimore, built in 1830 by JAMES CARTERS in 1830; the AMOUR HOTEL built the same year (1830) by WILLIAM AMOUR. In 1831 COL. R. I. GREENER built a place, and another, the HIGGINS home on North Royal St., and also the FEMMER PLACE that stood on Baltimore Street.

SOME OF THE EARLY -DAY HOTELS AND TAVERNS IN JACKSON

Hotels in early day JACKSON were known as "Taverns". Among the Tavern keepers, or hotel men, were THOMAS SHANNON, JAMES THORNTON, HAY. CHARLES SERVICE conducted a Tavern which was located on a lot on Main Street West of Shannon Street, and it had the distinction of being the birthplace of a Mr. BORNESON, the first male child born in the town of JACKSON, who boasted of that fact as an honor he had enjoyed, long after he had grown to manhood, removed to MISSISSIPPI, and had become a popular citizen and one of the leading lawyers on the town of NICHOLAND, in that State.

A man named HIDE built a Tavern on the site of what became later the NEW ARLINGTON HOTEL in Jackson, - conducted by ALLEN I. PATTERSON & finally by SAMUEL LUCKY. At the same time there was the "LAFAYETTE" on the N. Side of Lafayette street which was run by HEDDILL, COOPERMAN and JOHNSON, all popular hosts. The site of the old Lafayette Tavern is between Central Alley and Market Streets, now filled with business houses. "The Rising Sun" run by JACK KINCAID was a once famous Inn in the same neighborhood.

- * SOME EARLY RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES OF MADISON COUNTY, TENNESSEE & JACKSON

MADISON COUNTY, TENNESSEE and the town of JACKSON was the home of many prominent personages and families, some of whose descendants went out from there to other parts of the country and achieved distinction, while others achieved distinction at home. These brief sketches only mention a few of them. There were others, which space must crowd out.

HON. SAMUEL DICKENS

The DICKENS FAMILY, to which HON. SAMUEL DICKENS belonged, came from GRANVILLE COUNTY, North Carolina, and the father of SAMUEL and WILLIAM DICKENS, who were brothers, was ROBERT ROBERT DICKENS, said to have been in command of a regiment of dragoons in the revolutionary war and in that capacity served until its close. WILLIAM DICKENS, an older brother of SAMUEL DICKENS was the Captain of a Company under General ANDREW JACKSON in the war of 1812 & also served in the Indian wars.

CAPT. WILLIAM DICKENS came to MADISON COUNTY in 1826 and settled a few miles North of the town of JACKSON. He had one daughter who married one of the TALBOTS. He was the first settler in his part of Madison County, and DAVID CROCKETT in his campaigns for Congress was a frequent visitor, it is said, in the DICKENS home.

COL. JOHN R. DICKENS, son of either SAMUEL or WILLIAM DICKENS, probably the latter, moved to MISSISSIPPI and was Colonel of a MISSISSIPPI Regiment of Confederate soldiers in the war between the States. One of his sons, HENRY O. DICKENS removed to the West and settled in Texas, where he was a prominent member of the bar.

SAMUEL DICKENS AND DR. THOMAS HUNT

HON. SAMUEL DICKENS, brother of the CAPT. WILLIAM DICKENS, who settled North of JACKSON, in Madison County, had served a term in the U. S. CONGRESS from Granville District in N.C. before coming to Madison County in

1820. He located at SPRING CREEK in MADISON COUNTY, and was acting as the agent for the University of North Carolina, in looking after the lands that had been set apart by the State for that institution, and also looking after his own interests.

In West Tennessee SAMUEL DICKENS became a partner in the land business of DR. THOMAS HUNT, who became the Executor of his father's estate, and in the disposal of the immense tracts of land which he owned at the time of his death in the western District. The following paragraph regarding SAMUEL DICKENS appears on page 112 of "The Beginnings of West Tennessee" by Judge Samuel Cole Williams:

"SAMUEL DICKENS located earlier (1820) in the same County (Madison) at Spring Creek. He was a most unusual man - astute, vigilant and dependable. He had served in the Legislature of North Carolina and in Congress from that State. He succeeded to the principal agency of the University (N. C.) and represented other large Carolina interests as well. In locating lands he had a partner, DR. THOMAS HUNT; and the firm of DICKENS & HUNT employed a large staff of young men in the woods quite constantly for some years."

Judge ARCHIBALD MURPHY came out from North Carolina, to look after the holdings of the University in West Tennessee, and wrote him:

"The fortune of the University is made. It is rich - perhaps too rich. * * * Colonel William Paik, SAMUEL DICKENS, JOHN HALLMARK, Col. THOMAS HENDERSON and General BURNETT, will be rich as I. They can do as much as either of them could desire."

ALEXANDER B. BRADFORD

Alexander B. Bradford, the first Solicitor-General of the Courts of the Madison Circuit, was one of the most brilliant lawyers of West Tennessee, and like Col. John R. Dickens and others located in MISSISSIPPI. He participated in the War between the States and was a gallant officer in the war with Mexico, in which he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the First Mississippi Regiment, which was honored at the battle of Monterey and also the engagement at Buam Vista.

SETTLERS ALONG THE BIG SANDY RIVER
IN NORTHWEST PART OF BENTON

Among the families that settled along the BIG SANDY RIVER, and who, at the time they came there probably lived in HENRY COUNTY, were:

David Watson	John Pierce
Louis Graham	William Pierce
William Cottleman	James Craig
	George McDaniel

JAMES and WYLY ARNOLD settled on the BEAVER DAM CREEK, a tributary of CYPRUS, which empties into the TENNESSEE river. In the neighborhood of COWELL CHAPEL were

Joseph Cowell	Charles Williams
Benjamin Halland	Matthew Williams
Zachary Barker	Thomas Jones
William Thompson	Benjamin Holland
	James Lee

Benjamin Halland and James Lee were the first to locate in the neighbor - hood.

FERDINAND FERRIS, DORSEY P. HEDSON and WILLIAM WOODS located about two miles north of where GARDEN is now situated.

On HANSON or HANCOCK CREEK were the following: An old man named HANLEY - from whom the stream took its name, also GEORGE W. FARMER, DAVID HENSON, SAMUEL HENSON, WILLIAM WHEATLEY, JOSEPH HENSON, JOHN PRYOR and DANIEL HANSON.

On SULPHUR CREEK, CHARLES and WENDELL WHEATLEY and HENRY HOSKINS located.

CHARLES BURKETT, JOHN JACKSON and JOHN B. GARDNER located near the present site of GARDEN.

THOMAS H. BURTON WAS THE FIRST CLERK
OF THE COUNTY

THOMAS H. BURTON was the first County Clerk of BENTON County, from 1836 to 1838.

THOMAS JONES, from the COWELL Chapel section was elected the first Sheriff of the county and served until 1842. Others serving as Sheriff afterwards, included WILLIAM W. DAVIDSON (1842-46) ALLEN FERRISON (46-48), DAVID BREWER, DAVID A. GOSSETT, J. P. LASHLEY, and W. C. KIRK.

ROBERT J. BOGAR was sheriff in 1878.

THE HUDSONS AND DAVIDSONS WERE
OFFICE HOLDERS

The HUDSONS and DAVIDSONS held many offices in BENTON COUNTY. DORSEY P. HEDSON was the first Circuit Court Clerk (1836-48), and was succeeded by JOHN W. DAVIDSON; W. W. DAVIDSON also held the same office in 1840-45.

JOHN H. WILLIAMS and DAVID WILLIAMS were County Trustees, and later GREEN FLOWERS and J. R. CHILDERS were County Surveyors. G. W. L. HEDSON was the first County Register in 1856.

The Allens were school teachers, and after the war between the States, D. J. ALLEN was County Superintendent several terms.

GARDEN, the County seat was located on a tract of land where JOHN JACKSON had "squatted" who otherwise had no title. They made a trade with him for forty acres to build the town on, and in return for his consent, deeded him two or three lots of his own land located in the town.

When the town opened IRVIN B. GARDNER, a carpenter, built himself a dwelling and at about the same time THOMAS H. BURTON built a small log store on the northeast corner of the square, while ANDERSON LASHLEY built a similar store on the southeast corner. Sometime afterwards SAMUEL H. BURTON built a brick hotel.

Dr. J. L. Williams was the first physician, and from 1840 to 1850 many new residents moved in, including, in 1843 ALVA or ALVIN BARKINS, afterwards governor of the State and Judge of the Supreme Court, and Dr. M. L. TRAVIS, who for thirty years was the leading physician of the community. R. B. TRAVIS, JAMES MORSE and THOMAS DOUGLASS also physicians practiced medicine in Garden.

JAMES WYLY, S. C. HENRY, R. J. LAW - HENSON, ICHABOD FARMER, DAVID BREWER, W. F. MORRIS and JOHN P. LASHLEY were early representatives of BENTON County in the Legislature of TENNESSEE. W. F. MORRIS and J. H. FARMER of BENTON County served in the State Senate after the war between the States, and MORRIS during the war.

DORSEY P. HEDSON, W. A. STEELE and GREEN B. GREEN all served as Clerks & Masters of Chancery in the County and District. Members of the HEDSON FAMILY served in practically every office in BENTON COUNTY.

THE FIRST BENTON COUNTY SETTLERS
AND WHERE THEY CAME FROM

WYLY ARNOLD, who with a brother JAMES ARNOLD settled on BEAVER DAM CREEK, married SALLY - from MISSISSIPPI & they were the parents of AARON ARNOLD who, in the old days, ran the ARNOLD HOTEL in GARDEN. The ARNOLDS were out of North Carolina. AARON ARNOLD married JOSEPHINE HAWLEY, of Mississippi. They had five children: DOBA (m. Mc-AULEY), DOBA CORDELLA (m. RIVES), WYLY, HENRY and PEARL ARNOLD.

CHARLES BARKER and his wife ELIZABETH WYATT, came from SOUTH CAROLINA, where he was born in 1795. He lived in STEWART COUNTY in 1818 when he married & moved to HENRY COUNTY and was perhaps "cut off" into BENTON COUNTY. He died in 1844. His wife was a native of N.C. He died in 1844. They were parents of J. A. BARKER who married EMILY HENRY when he had four children: JAMES H., JOHN P., THOMAS H. and EDWARD B. BARKER.

OSWALD BULLOCK who married FENELAPE HOSKINS was born in North Carolina, as was his wife. He first settled over in DYER COUNTY, but later in BENTON, near the TENNESSEE RIVER. He died in the year 1826. They had a son SILAS W. BULLOCK, of BIG SANDY, who came elected in the store of WILLIAM GARWAY and then went to ARKANSAS and TEXAS, some back and went to work again for the GARWAY store at BIG SANDY in Benton County. He married Miss Dora HOSKINS in 1826, and for a time was in the Drug Business at BIG SANDY.

WILLIAM GARWAY was born in SMITH CO., TENNESSEE, but came with his parents to BENTON when six years old and located at BIG SANDY.

ORIGIN OF THE DAVIDSON FAMILY THAT
CAME TO BENTON COUNTY

The ancestor of the DAVIDSON FAMILY of BENTON COUNTY was WILLIAM DAVIDSON of VIRGINIA, who came to DAVIDSON COUNTY, somewhere near NASHVILLE about 1800 or a year or so later, and from there removed to KENTUCKY, where a son L. HENRY DAVIDSON was born. L. HENRY DAVIDSON married MARY J. LASHLEY, who was born in TENNESSEE, and they were parents of BEN. TRAVIS DAVIDSON, one time an attorney at GARDEN, Benton County, who was born in HENRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE in 1846, where his parents had moved and

lived at that time, and perhaps at the time they were married. L. HENRY DAVIDSON died in HENRY COUNTY in 1860 and where his widow lived for many years afterwards. They were the parents of ten children. JOHN W. DAVIDSON and WILLIAM W. DAVIDSON, of BENTON COUNTY, were brothers of L. HENRY DAVIDSON and uncles of TRAVIS DAVIDSON, the Camden lawyer. TRAVIS DAVIDSON, among other positions, was one time MAYOR of GARDEN. TRAVIS DAVIDSON married LOU E. HUGHES, of McKENZIE, Tennessee. EDUARD B. HUGHES was born in CARROLL COUNTY, Tennessee, and was the daughter of WILLIAM HUGHES and his wife VIRGINIA GAINES.

GEORGE W. FARMER was born in ORANGE COUNTY, North Carolina in 1795. He came first to HENRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, from there to HENRY COUNTY and later moved across the river into what is now BENTON COUNTY and settled on SULPHUR CREEK and was living at this place when the County of BENTON was organized in 1836 and he was made Chairman of the first Court of the county. His father had been a soldier in the war of 1812. He had settled in what is now BENTON COUNTY in 1815, and GEORGE W. FARMER married CATHERINE BARKER, daughter of ADAM BARKER, for whom HANCOCK (or HANCOCK) Creek was named. In 1831 their son, JOHN H. FARMER settled in GARDEN, became a Constable, first elected on the Mississippi, became a merchant and finally Sheriff of BENTON COUNTY. JOHN H. FARMER married MARTHA JANE HOSKINS, a native of HENRY COUNTY. JOHN H. FARMER was the father of ICHABOD FARMER, who married MARTHA DAVIDSON in BENTON COUNTY. They settled on the West Bank of the TENNESSEE River in Benton County, and were parents of BEN. A. J. FARMER, prominent lawyer of GARDEN, who served in the LEGISLATURE from BENTON COUNTY.

JAMES GREEN, of BENTON COUNTY, came to the county about 1818-19, and had a son HEZEKIAH GREEN who married MARY WYATT and they were parents of GREEN B. GREEN, one time Clerk and Master in BENTON COUNTY, who in 1844 married ELIZABETH McGILL.

DR. ADAM HAWLEY, physician of BIG SANDY, was the son of WILLIAM HAWLEY and his wife SALLY HOPE, of SULLIVAN COUNTY, Tennessee, where the Doctor was born and raised.

GEORGE W. HULLIDAY a native of SMITH COUNTY, Tennessee, settled in CARROLL COUNTY and married CATHERINE GRIDER. Parents of J. M. HULLIDAY, merchant.