

**LOOKING BACK, IV
MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**



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C. H Burns - 1887

Information for LOOKING BACK is obtained from various sources and not always verified. All research, court cases and transcribing by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy, unless otherwise noted. Acknowledgment is given, when known, to the source or author. I am sorry for any errors - they are not intentional. Looking Back is a random collection of McNairy County History. This is not an English essay so please expect misspelled words, typo's and other errors. An index was made to help but it also may contain errors and omissions.

March 1, 2015: When I was diagnosed with a meningioma in December, I decided to put all my work on the McNairy County website, in hopes it would help someone else. Some of my work, such as this one, has not been proofed, so please overlook any errors. It is not indexed. Rather, it was indexed, but different programs and printers changed the page layout and the original index is not correct. Since time was my biggest obstacle, I did not go back and index. Please use your 'Find' key to search this document. Some of my work will overlap and be included in more than one document, but I thought it better to share than to be precise. My work as been important to me and important for it to be preserved. I love McNairy County History and I love those who love it with me.

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A POWERFUL CURATIVE

by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

Most childhood memories are pleasant and comforting, yet some are grim and should be left dormant. Caster oil is one memory best left hibernating.

Nearly everyone forty years and older has had an experience with castor oil. Back in the good old days it was used to flush poison out of the system and old folks believed it to be a wonder drug. It would help or cure almost any ailment or at least that's what my grandmother thought and therefore taught her daughter, my mother, likewise.

Every spring we all got a big dose of powerful curative to clean out our sluggish systems. I always knew when I was sick just exactly what would happen. Mama would mix a little castor oil in a glass of orange drink and expect me to drink the slimy stuff without stopping. (I still don't like orange drink.) On a few occasions she even held my nose to entice me to drink it better. I don't know which was the worst - the castor oil or the switching - if I spit it out. The aftertaste was terrible - almost indescribable.

After one such incident, when I was about five years old, I decided to get rid of the castor oil. The old wood heater was stored on the back porch for the summer where it became a catchall. All through the summer, rags and papers were thrown into the heater. Looking for a good hiding place I pushed the bottle down under the papers in the old heater. Next time Mama looked for the bottle of "cure all" she couldn't find it. After searching everywhere, she finally sent to the store, much to my dismay, for another bottle.

By September, I had forgotten the hidden bottle when time came to put the heater up for the winter. After moving it to the living room, attaching pipes and doing other necessary things, Daddy poked in a few stocks of wood and lit a fire. About thirty minutes later we heard a loud noise, a dark cloud of smoke thickened in the room and a ghastly odor infiltrated the air. Everybody choked and gagged while opening doors and windows trying to get rid of the repulsive smell.

Mama was really beside herself to figure out what it was. On sunny days she would open the doors and windows to air out the house. She boiled vinegar with cinnamon and tried every other imaginable trick to eliminate the odor, but the mysterious scent clung in the corners for a long time.

It was the core of every conversation for awhile. Daddy blamed Mama while Mama accused us children. Thank goodness, nobody ever asked me what I thought it was.... and I never told.

HISTORICAL ARTICLES BY J C TAYLOR

Taken from T Wash Scott's History of Adamsville, Tenn

GEORGE G ADAMS VS PALMER PEARSON

George G Adams and John Gib Combs were our justices of the peace in this Civil district in 1843-44. Combs was at Adamsville and Adams had his office in his home four miles west of Adamsville on the Old Stage Road or pike as it was known at that time as the Adams stage stand and hotel. He had just finished and opened an elegant two story building, which could, with propriety at that time be called a country mansion as it was decidedly the finest and best house outside of the county seat town. (Purdy) Esq Adams was a large and portly looking, and matter of fact kind of man, and he made a good and efficient officer. Gilbert Combs was a lively, jovial, kind of man, and he could entertain a crowd of men or ladies for hours with his jokes and witticism, always appearing to be in a good humor with himself and others. He was a natural humorish and would be strickly serious when it was necessary. He could act with judicial decorum. At times, he would mix his humor and levity with his legal proceedings to be advantage. As an example of his pardonable eccentricity and humor, we shall here relate the unique, novel, and amusing manner in which said Gilbert Combs, Esq. disposed of a case in short order that came before him as acting justice of the peace then in the 11th civil district of McNairy County. It was in the year, Anno Domini, 1843.

The suit was instituted for the purpose of determining or trying the legal rights of property, but in reality was brought or instituted for the purpose of the gratification of personal spite rather than for the value of the property involved, which at first was like a mole hill; but, at this time, the day set for the trial, the mole hill had grown to be a large rugged and stupendous mountain of animosity and personal dislike between the families of Adams and Pearson; both had married sisters of the Combs family. Their wives were sisters of Gilbert Combs, Esq. The dispute between Adams and Pearson was in regard to the ownership of a lamb or pet sheep, as both families had raised a lamb at about the same time, and by some means, the Adams' sheep disappeared or left home and did not return. The same kind of sheep was found at Pearson's and it would come or answer to the call by the name of the Adam's children. The whole family decided that it was their pet lamb; and, as as there were unpleasant relations and feelings between the two families, they could not settle the dispute and they decided to have the case legally tried before Esq. Combs at Adamsville.

So the time was set for trial and mutually agreed to by all parties interested. Owing to the relationship and respectibility of the families and the nature of the suit, it attracted unusual attention and interest in the county, and there was a general turn out the day of the trial. As each party was positive, and doubtless honest in their belief that they were right and that the pet sheep was rightful their property, and in justice to themselves and to uphold the honor and intergreity of their families, it was their duty to contend for their legal rights to the full extent of the law.

Each claimant and his family had a score of two or more of witnesses outside of home folks and could honestly, according to their judgement, prove their rights to the property. Here is where Esq. Combs humor, wit and quick decision can be and is used to an advantage. Readers can understand that since he was a relative, it would be difficult for him to render a decision

in the case.

He used his characteristics to the credit of all that were concerned. The crowd was too large for any court room in the county, and court was called in session in the grove. The judge called the parties to know if there were ready for trial, and, being answered in the affirmative, Esq. Combs arose and stated that after impartial investigation and weighing the evidence in his own mind, he had decided to waive all precedents and to act as judge, jury, witnesses and attorney, and to decide the case for himself. Both parties had agreed that they would accept any decision that Esq Combs would give. People had gathered for miles to attend the trial that was held in the grove. This grove, it is presumed, was known as the Pettigrew or Heath Grove. It appeared that the case for Esq Combs would be almost as difficult as some of the cases that King Solomon had to decide. As stated before, Esq Combs announced that he would serve as judge, lawyer, witness and jury.

A noted individual had just ridden up with a rope on his saddle. Esq Combs then announced that he was ready to fire his decision if all parties would agree to accept it and be relatives and friends as they should be. As the parties gave their consent, Esq Combs stated that it was his decision that Mr..... who had just ridden up into the crowd with the rope hanging from the horn of his saddle, and who was known to be the only sheep thief in the county, that the lamb in dispute should be given to this sheep thief, and that the Sheriff, N C Riggs, pay the cost of the suit. The sheep thief of the county and the parties to the suit became friends, and the suit wound up with a laugh and general good feeling. Thus Esq Combs brought to an agreeable end what might have ended in a long law suit costing thousands of dollars and embittered the parties against each other for life.

My object in relating the particulars of this trial is to make manifest the moral and religious effect of a good and generous act. Although the offices sustained some loss, they made friends of enemies. Their act is bearing on this day religious fruits, and they will get a long credit in the other world for it. That noted sheep dealer took charge of the lamb, and he said that he thought it was his sheep from the start. We do not mention his name because he has some relatives in this country today, who are honest, respected and good citizens. (Note, T Wash Scott, wrote this probably in the 1800's.)

Other notes on the Combs family from the T Wash Scott writings: James Combs, who was once the post master of Adamsville was a dwarf but a very intelligent fellow. Gilbert Combs, Sr, and his three sons, Thomas, Jack and Gilbert, Jr, and Joel Stanley, men in good circumstances and slave holders, all related to the Adams's, arrival. They all settled in or near the village of Adamsville. Gilbert Combs, Jr became one of the leading business men in Adamsville. Thomas Combs settled on the bluff on the west side of the Tennessee River. He kept a wayside inn for the accommodation of numerous travelers. Joel Stanley, a brother-in-law of George G Adams, located one mile west of Adamsville, and he opened a wayside inn, and his family kept it for a number of years. At that time, there were no hotels in the village of Adamsville. This inn was probably the two story house that used to be known as the Briscoe place and later owned and occupied by Marvin Surratt.

In the year, 1837 or 1838, Gilbert Combs and a young man by the name of Jack Stratton built a store house on a lot that was later owned and occupied by Gilbert Scott. This was

Gilbert Combs, of Dallas, Texas was here spending the holidays with his parents, A. H. Combs and wife.

L. R. Weatherford was called to McRae, Ark. last week to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Taylor Kendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wolfe of Nashville were here with home folks during the holidays.

DEATH OF OLD CITIZEN: Calvin Wooten, aged 81 years, died at the home in the 18th district on December 20, 1929, a victim of a stroke of paralysis which he suffered only a few days before his death. The deceased was born and reared only a short distance from where he died, being a son of Ezekiel Wooten, who settled in the community in the early part of the last century.

For several years he was a member of the county court from his district, and took an active part in all matters pertaining to his section. He was very active for one of his age, and from his home nearly twenty - five miles away, he was accustomed to ride horseback from there to Selmer.

On the day following his remains were laid to rest in the old family graveyard on the eminence just across from where he died, and within which graveyard repose the ashes of many of the early settlers of that section. Men and women, who lived there one hundred years and more ago. It is said that in this same burying grounds are the remains of Indians, so old is this place and so many were the Indians that roamed that section a century ago.

Esq. Robert Merrell and the Messrs Depoysters, father and son, paid appropriate tribute to this venerable citizens, their old friends and neighbor. Surviving him are his wife and two sons, Dolphus and A. O. Wooten, the latter a citizen of Selmer.

Mrs. E. H. Hockaday Called By Death: Mrs. E. H. (Florence) Hockday died suddenly at her home four miles east of Selmer on the afternoon of December 21, 1929. A few hours before she was stricken with apoplexy, rending her at once unconscious, and from which she never revived. She was doing her household duties when she was seen to stagger and falling into the arm of her aged father - in - law and mother - in - law she was laid upon the bed. Grady Abernathy, her youngest brother who has been carrying the rural mail by her home of his sister for more than twenty years, in keeping with his every day custom, went into the room, and there found his sister. He came hurriedly to town, and there found her husband, and medical aid was hastily summoned, and everything was done that it was humanly possible to do.

Death came a 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The deceased was in robust health and there was no intimation of the impending dissolution. Her death was a great shock to the community and cast a pall over the coming Christmas season, to which she had always looked forward with so much happy and joyful anticipation.

On the following afternoon funeral service were held in the home in Selmer where once she lived with her father and mother, the late M. R. and Rachel Abernathy, and in which both had died, the former in December 1899, and the latter in July, 1925. Elder N. B. Harderman delivered a most appropriate and comforting funeral sermon. Col. J. W. Purviance, who had

known her since childhood, paid a beautiful and touching tribute to her memory. Old time songs were sung. Following the service in the home. The remains were taken to Oak Hill cemetery, and carrying out her expressed desire, she was laid to rest beside those of her father and mother, her brother, Terry and Wisdom, and little nephew.

Mrs. Hockaday was born in Savannah on the 23d of December, 1872. She was the third child in the large family of children, and was educated in the school taught by her father. For a long time she was one of the popular and efficient public school teachers, and was an accomplished musician, having taught music for a long time.

She was a tireless worker; read lots and was wonderfully well informed. In her early life she united with the Christian church under the preaching of the late Rufus P. Meeks, and was a consistent Christian to the day of her untimely taking away. She was passionately fond of the people and of the old and of the children.

In 1907 she married E. H. Hockaday, and after that lived with him and his parents in the old home near number 15, and in that she spent the latter years of her life. There she was happy in the companionship of her husband and his father and mother, to all of whom she was most devoted.

She survived by four brothers, W. K., O. S., J. W., and H. G. Abernathy, and three sisters, Mesdames J. H. Bigger, C. B. Steadman and J. E. Lett.

JANUARY 10, 1930

John Jones Dies: We have just learned of the death of John Jones which occurred at his home in east Selmer Wednesday night. For a long time he has been confined to his home and in a critical condition. The deceased is survived by two sons, Marvin and Ira, and a daughter, Mrs. Ed McCullar. He was a good man, loyal in friendship and devoted to his people.

Negro Killed: Robert Banks, colored employee of Morgan and Hill was instantly killed Saturday afternoon three miles east of Selmer. He fell from a fast moving truck, his head striking the concrete pavement, fracturing his skull being crushed. The body was shipped to his home in Mississippi.

MISC: Mrs. W. E. Tedford of Los Angeles, Cal., sent in her subscription to the Independent this week. She writes that her husband, W. E. Tedford, and Roscoe, were all enjoying splendid health.

J. N. Wilkison of Coats was in Monday and renewed his subscription to the Independent. The Independent has been going into the Wilkison family since it was established more than fifty years ago by Col. J. W. Purviance at Purdy. Mr. Wilkison's father was Eli Wilkison, one of the county's pioneer citizens who died nearly a half century ago, and his mother was a sister of the late lamented Rev. J. H. Curry.

J. F. Tate was in to see us Wednesday. He will move with his family to Terlton, Okla., by the 15th of January. Mr. Tate was a citizens here for several months, operating the Acme Cafe.

In Memoriam: On December 23, 1930, the death Angel called away from the sense of his earthly labors our friend and neighbor, Thomas Paine Moore. He was born June 3 1857, in the

second district of McNairy county, where he spent the greater part of his life.

He was married to Elizabeth Caroline Johnson in October 1888. To this union were born ten children, one dying infancy, and Lenah who died in 1925. The eight living are Mrs. J. T. McMahan, Miss Pearl Moore, W. P., J. O., E. L., H. T., J. P., and C. C. Moore. All reside in this county except J. O. and C.C., who resides in Hardeman.

He was a kind father and devoted husband and a good neighbor. He was always ready to help those in need. Mr. Moore was busy all the time attending to his own business and never meddled with the other fellow's. His word was his bond. If all lived like he did, we would have any use for courthouses or jails.

Bro. Etheridge of Middleton conducted the funeral at old Mount Pleasant on December 26, and there the boy was laid to rest. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saint the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them. "Rev. 14. 13. He obeyed the Gospel under the preaching of Bro. Sparkman in August, 1887, and lived a Christian the remainder of his life.

DEATH OF ARNOLD FULGHUM: Arnold Fulghum, aged 38, died in a Memphis hospital on the 5th of January, 1930, after a long illness. R. B. Gooch brought the body to Selmer. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday morning, after which burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. The funeral service were conducted by Rev. J. H. Maxedon, assisted by Rev. J. W. Wallace and Rev. W. S. Lockman, of Memphis. The deceased was the son of the late Neely and Lula Lockman Fulghum and lived here for a long time, where he was well liked. Beside many other relatives he is survived by two brothers, Hubert and Charles, of Memphis and three sisters, Mesdames H. M. Hooper, of Jackson, H. H. Kenley, of Memphis, and R. S. Reeder, of Selmer.

DEATH OF MRS. SALLIE HENDRIX: Mrs. Sallie Hendrix died at the old home place in the New Salem community January 1, 1930, and her remain laid to rest the following afternoon in Buena Vista cemetery. Rev. J. E. Gault conducted the funeral in the presence of a large gathering. She was the widow of the late James Hendrix and both represented old and prominent families of the county. She was the daughter of W. H. D. Maxedon. Three of her brothers, J. B. , P. J. and J. E. Maxedon, reside here. Several children survive.

DEATH OF J. D. A. COLEMAN: Death removed from our midst on the morning of January 13, 1930, one of its oldest citizens in the person of J. D. A. Coleman, a retired railroad man, and a representative of a prominent McNairy county family. He had been an failing health for a long time, and his death was not a surprise to those familiar with his condition. He died in his apartment on the second floor of the old Prather store building.

The deceased came to Selmer from Falcon in 1891, and was the first station agent of the railroad here, a position he held for a great many years, retiring on a pension by the company long and efficiently and most faithfully. During the years he was with the company here and at Falcon, he made friends of all who came in contact with him. He was kind and courteous in his dealing with the public, and held the esteem and the full confidence of his employers. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank and its first president.

In the latter seventies he came to Falcon from the country west of there, and entered the

school of the late M. R. Abernathy, being a student at Falcon as long as his old teacher remained there. The school was taught in the old building on the hill east of town. He took up telegraphy, and went into the depot with Jo Williams the station agent there, fifty years ago, he being the son of the late Rev. W. J. Williams. When the county seat came to Selmer from Purdy, Mr. Coleman came to Falcon and has been in Selmer all the time since.

Tuesday afternoon his remains were laid to rest in the Falcon cemetery, Rev. J. B. Maxedon conducting the funeral. Surviving him are brothers and sisters and many other relatives.

JANUARY 10, 1930

THE FERGUSON FAMILY

On a recent visit to Selmer of our venerable friends, Mrs. Victoria King, became somewhat reminiscent, and gave us some interesting information.

She is past three score and ten years of age, and was born where her youngest brother, Will Ferguson's home place, established nearly a hundred years ago. Mrs. King is the youngest daughter in a family of nine children. Her parents were Jack and Polly Ferguson, and her grandfather and grandmother were Joshua and Polly Ferguson, who also lived and died in the same neighborhood in the early part of the last century.

The children of Jack and Polly Ferguson are; J. H. Ferguson aged 86; Mrs. Lawson King, long since deceased; Stant, now dead; Sarah, who married John King, and is dead; John King being the deceased husband of Mrs. Victoria King; Dock Ferguson, Margaret Foster; Mes. King, and Will Ferguson.

Sulphur Springs is the old burying ground, and in it are the ashes of many of her people. Mrs. King enjoys good health, and with her daughter, Miss Bell, visits Selmer often.

John Stovall, a pioneer settler, married a sister of Jack Ferguson.

JANUARY 24, 1930

FORMER PURDY CITIZEN DEAD: We are in receipt of a letter from George M. Denny, of Ft. Smith, ARK. announcing the death of his brother - in - law, W. B. Pool, which occurred at his home at Stamps, ARK. on the morning of January 17, 1930. Mr. Pool was eighty years of age. Formerly he lived at old Purdy, where he was born, and where he was in business for many years, living on what was called Back Street, a short distance from the old Kincaid tavern lot. He was the son of R. W. Pool and his mother was Rachel Worthington, both pioneer settlers, and representatives of the first families of the county. His father was one time a merchant of the town of Purdy, his store being on the old Curry Hotel lot, on the north side of the old stage road. There is only one of the old family left, and that one being Mrs. George M. (Mollie) Dennie, of Ft. Smith.

Mr. Dennie and family and the Pool brothers, Bliss and Dan, moved to Arkansas about forty years ago, and both of the brothers are now dead.

W. F. Braden Is Dead: Willie Fulton Braden, 32 of Henderson, Tenn., died at the Baptist Hospital at 1:40 o' clock yesterday morning, (January 19, 1930) following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Braden traveled this territory for several years as a salesman. Funeral service will be held at Henderson. The body will be forwarded by Spencer - Sturia this morning. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Braden, Henderson; two brothers, E. W. Braden of Memphis and Earl Braden, of Henderson and a sister, Mrs. T. H. Smith , The father and mother W. B. Braden and Annie McKinney were born and reared in Purdy, the former the oldest son of the late W. H. Braden and his mother the daughter of the late Judge James F. McKinney, his parents were married in Purdy. Memphis Commercial Appeal of Monday, Jan. 20, 1930.

C. C. Graham Celebrates : C. C. Graham, living a mile west of Selmer, has recently celebrated his 88th birthday, and is hale and hearty for one of his age. He was born within a mile of where he now resides, called the Lockman property. on the west side of the town. The house in which he was born is torn down, but the place is easily seen. it was on the side of the old stage road, and by it passed in the early days of the county many of the celebrated characters of the state and nation.

Mr. Graham has seen many changes in the years that have come since that day in January when he first saw the light of day. The Mexican war has been fought since then, the civil strife between the States, beginning at Bull Run and ending at Appomattox, has been ended for sixty - five years, Indian wars have taken their toll, the survivors of the sixties and their sons have engaged in the conflict of 1898, and the World War has been fought and has been over for twelve years.

The old stage coach is gone and its contemporary institutions have passed away. New things and an entirely new order are in the place of the old. Today, right through the old home place runs a concrete highway, crossing at right angles the old stage road. Motor vehicles pass by at sixty and seventy miles an hour, taking the place of the old method of travel at about five and six miles an hour.

The old tallow dip and brass lamp have yielded to the effulgences of the incandescent, and right where darkness reigned supreme in the fields and in the nearby hollow after the sun has gone thought the Hesperian gateway, are the bright and shining lights of a great power company. Bus lines with motor equipment carry passengers and freight by the old home place every day.

But Mr. Graham still lives and loves to live. A lover of the fox chase and of the outdoors into which he has been so much, he is now retired to the quietude of his home, and in memory hears the invigorating and soul stirring music of his old dogs, to follow which in the years that are gone, gave him so much joy, and because of which, as he feels, his days have been lengthened until this good year 1930. Only one other of this old family lives in this county, Alvin, a brother, more than 80 years of age.

DEATH OF ALBERT MASSEY: Albert Massey, a prominent citizen of the south - western part of Chester county, died at the home this week (Jan 1930) and was buried at Cave Springs on Wednesday afternoon. He was well known in this county.

JANUARY 31, 1930

JULIA LEATHERWOOD: The many friends of Mrs. Julia Leatherwood, widow of the late J. V. Leatherwood, will be grieved to learn of her sudden death, presumably of heart disease. She was found dead in bed Tuesday morning by her brother, J. W. Wardlow, of Ripley, Mississippi, with whom she made her home. Although she was known to have a weak heart she had suffered no acute attacks and her death came as a great shock to the family. She was sixty-eight years of age and had been a member of the Christian church for many years. She is survived by four children and several brothers and sisters, of whom a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Reeder, a sister, Mrs. S. K. Fowler, and a brother V. B. Wardlow, lives here.

WALTER REED: News was received here Monday of the death of Walter Reed which occurred in a hospital in Martin Sunday night. He was struck by a automobile, when he stepped onto the highway from behind another car, Mr. Reed was a member of one of the oldest families of the county and formerly lived here. He left to become identified with a bank at Obion. He retired a few years ago and located on a farm near Terrell. He was a successful business man and a useful citizens. Friends here regret to hear of his untimely death.

GRAVEL HILL: Mrs. Ella Gann, wife of Harold Gann of Corinth, and daughter of T. J. Hamm, of this place, died at her home last Saturday. She was sick for several months. Her remains were brought here for burial Sunday. Rev. Hardwick conducting the funeral she was forty years old.

T J. Hamm is confined to his room on account of a sprained ankle sustained in a fall.

FEBRUARY 7, 1930

STANTONVILLE: J. R. Hurley and son, Lee, were called to Morris Chapel Monday to attend the bedside of his brother, George Hurley, who died Monday. He was 63 years old, and was born near Chewalla, removing here with his parents when a young man. He was a son of Rebecca Hurley.

MICHIE: Elmer Whittaker recently lost a good mule. Henry Wardlow suffer much from cancer, he is no better. George Michie is on the sick list this week.

P. F. DIXON: P. F. Dixon died at his home here on February 4, at the age of 95 years.

DEATH OF MRS. DAVE BROWN: Mrs. Dave Brown died recently at her home in the second district. Burial was in the old family graveyard. The deceased was most highly esteemed by all who knew her. She represents a pioneer family of the county, being the daughter of the late Pete Leonard.

MRS. WARNER WYATT IS DEAD: Mrs. Warner Wyatt died at her home on Main Street at 7 o' clock Sunday night. She had been sick for a long time and her death was not unexpected. While an invalid for a long time, she bore her suffering patiently and without complaint. She was 73 years of age, and leaves a surviving, her husband and many others relatives. She has a brother, J. S. Simmons, of New York, who was unable to attend the funeral. Rev. J. B. Maxedon and A. L. Dickerson conducted the funeral at the Methodist church on Monday afternoon and burial was held in Oakhill cemetery.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DIES: William (Bill) Rickman died at his home in the 13th district last week. He was about 70 years of age, and was well known in the eastern and south eastern part of the county. Surviving him are many relatives.

FEBRUARY 14, 1930

ENGINEER MAXWELL DIES: M. P. Maxwell, aged 41 died suddenly in the Union Station in Memphis at noon last Sunday. He had gone there on Business and succumbed to a heart attack. For about two years he had been resident engineer in charge of the construction of the first bond issue roads. Before coming to Selmer he was with the state highway department under former commissioner, C. N. Bass. He is survived by his wife and three sisters. Burial was at Winchester on Thursday.

RAMER: After months of suffering Mrs. Tine Coleman passed away January 31, at the home of her niece, Mrs. W. E. Kirkman. She was a estimable christian woman, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Surviving her, beside other relatives are two nephew, J. C. and J. E., Barnes and a niece, Mrs. Kirkman, who lives here. The funeral was conducted at Sulphur Springs by Rev. J. W. Wallace, of Selmer, and the body laid to rest in the near by cemetery.

STANTONVILLE: Edgar Hurley, of Kansas City, visited his aunt , Mrs. Leora Davis, recently. She has been right sick, but is slightly improved.

DEATH OF MRS. JAMES L. LITTLEFIELD: Mrs. James L. Littlefield died at her home in Adamsville on the evening of February 9, 1930. On the following afternoon the funeral was held in the Baptist church in the presence of one of the largest crowds that ever assembled there for a funeral occasion. The church was filled and many were unable to gain admittance, Rarely do so many relatives attend a funeral as was witnessed at this one. The attendance of so many relatives and friends was a beautiful tribute to the love and esteem in which this good woman was held. Rev. Richardson, her pastor, preached an impressive funeral sermon, after which the body was laid to rest in the near by cemetery. Six fine young fellows, her grandsons were the pall - bearers. R. B. Gooch was the undertaker in charge.

The deceased had been in ill health for a long time and an attack of pneumonia hastened her taking away. She was born on the 14th day of March, 1857, and married James L. Littlefield on the 6th day of December 1877. To this union eleven children were born, seven sons and four daughters, ten of whom survive. All of the children are grown and married. It was only a short time ago that the oldest sister, Mrs. J. W. Hickman, died. Beside her husband the following children survive, John Luther, Hartel, Edgar, Neal, Henry, Nathier and Charlie and Mesdames Mark Perkins, John J. Tidwell and W. M. Messer.

Adamsville had been the home of Mrs. Littlefield for more than forty years, and every one there and elsewhere who knew her loved her for the many traits of christian character which she possessed.

FEBRUARY 21, 1930

Dr. Henry Sanders, prominent physician and big land owner of the Lawton community, was severely injured last Saturday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile driven by John W. Coffman, of Adamsville. The accident occurred just west of Artie Gilchrist's on number 15. The horse ridden by the doctor was so badly hurt that it had to be killed. Dr. Sanders was knocked unconscious, and badly cut and bruised. His condition was such that his brother, Dr. E. G. Sanders, called for the R. B. Gooch ambulance and took him to Corinth hospital. The X - Ray examination showed that no bones were broken. At the time of the accident the driver of the car and Dr. Sanders were going toward Adamsville.

ESQ. W. W. JOPLING DIES: Esq. W. W. Jopling dies at the home eight miles east of Selmer on the evening of February 14, 1930, after an extended illness. The funeral service were held at the home the next afternoon conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. M. Mills, of Bemis, W. K. Abernathy, an old friend of the family paid a brief tribute. Burial was in old Prospect graveyard.

Mr. Jopling was the son of the late Frank Jopling and was born at the old home place four miles south of Purdy, December 16, 1866, and married Nitha Ann Ward in October 1888. Surviving him are his wife and two sons, William and Hugh, and a sister Mrs. Lee Browder and a brother, V. A. Jopling. The deceased was a jovial, sunny - natured man, and made many friends. He was elected a justice of the peace years ago, and in health was most attentive to the duties of the office. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church.

MRS MATTIE CROWE JONES: Mrs. Mattie Crowe Jones, wife of Rev. J. E. Jones, pastor of the Methodist church at Milburn, Kentucky, died suddenly at her home February 12, 1930. Her remains were brought back to Adamsville to the home of her brother, E. S. Crowe. On the afternoon of February funeral service were held in the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. H. A. Butts. A large crowd of the old friends of the deceased assembled to pay tribute to her memory.

Mrs. Jones was reared in Adamsville, the oldest daughter of the late Gabriel S. Crowe a substantial citizen and prominent churchman in his day. She took an active interest in church matters and organized the W. C. T. U. at Adamsville a quarter of a century ago. Her influence for good was felt in every community where she went, and everyone loved her for the sweetness of her character.

Surviving her are her husband a daughter, Mrs. John W. Hamilton and three brothers, Evan S. Henry and Harbert and four sisters, Mrs. Cecil Curry, Mrs. Sam H. Butler, Mrs. Leal Ernest and Mrs. Ressie Gray.

Friends from out of town were Rev. H. A. Butts, John Arnold wife and daughter of Kenton, Rev. H. W. Davis, Paducah, T. C. Davis, of Milburn, Ky. Roy Ebans, Milburn, J. M. Doty and family, E. M. Dollar and family and Mrs. Eber Harris, Memphis, Linell Daws and wife, John Pope and Clarence Dodds, Luray and Mrs. John McDougal, Winons Mississippi.

More Reminiscences: A few more reminiscences, as I aimed to write soon after my other article, but was prevented by the death of my daughter, Mrs. Florence Brown of Jackson was sick so long after that.

I see Mr. Conner still writes, I went to school to a Mr. Conner at Beech Bluff, an uncle of his, I suppose. I would like to know what became of his daughter, Margaret and Ann. He was a preacher, and his school is the only one I ever went to where the boys and girls were taught in separate school. Dear old Purdy of the long ago was a little inclined to be aristocratic. I lived there when that fine brick college was built, and we left there in 1861.

I suppose most people know that 75 and 80 years ago steamboats used wood as fuel. I remember being on a boat when it ran a race from Natchez, Miss., to Memphis. There used to be a lot of hands in the Mississippi river bottoms cutting wood for the boats. There was a man his wife and three children living afterward, leaving the three little children alone. The oldest child, was a girl 7 year old. There were no neighbors and the children were alone with their dead mother. The wolves would howl around the cabin at night. The girl heard the sound of an axe and went to the sound and there found an old negro man chopping wood He took them out and brought them to someone home and spent a night with my grandfather Lumpkins and they told me of the circumstance. Some 40 years ago there was an article in the Globe Democrat telling of this pathetic incident. Strange things do happen. Mrs. Sallie L. Wolverton

DEATH OF J. ED GOOCH: J. Ed Gooch, aged 50 years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Maud Henneberry, on Main Street here, on the evening of February 13, and was buried in Oak Hill cemetery the following afternoon. Funeral service conducted by Rev. A. L. Dickerson and J. W. Wallace were held in the Methodist church in the presence of a large audience.

Ed Gooch, as everybody here knew him, had many friends. He was the second son of the late Henry Clay and Florence Gooch, and was born at Falcon, removing with his parents to Selmer in the early nineties. His father built the residence now owned by M. E. Lee, on Cypress Avenue. There the family lived until its removal to the Gooch hotel a long time ago. The deceased had been an invalid for months, but in the home of his sister he was given every attention by her and others of his relatives. Only three of this once large family survive, they being Mrs. Finlay Ammons, Dan B. Gooch and Mrs. Maud Henneberry.

Tragic Ending: E. E. Walker, aged 50 years, took his life on the afternoon of February 17, in a room in his home just south of Bethel Springs. He shot himself through the heart with a pistol. Brooding over financial trouble and litigation is said to have unbalanced him, reports being that he has been a farmer, and recently purchased the Hartman farm, moving there from his old farm north of McNairy. Surviving him are his wife and several children and others relatives, Esq. Walker, of the 16th is a brother.

Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Sharon Dies In Selmer: Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Sharon died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Haynes, on the evening of February 19. She had been sick for a long time. Funeral service were conducted in the home the following afternoon by Rev. A. L. Dickerson and J. W. Wallace. Burial was in Oakhill cemetery, R. B. Gooch was the undertaker in charge. The deceased was the widow of Rev. Thomas Sharon a Methodist minister who died in Kentucky thirty - five years ago. He served charges in this county preaching here and at Falcon. She is survived by two daughters and a son, several grand - children and six great grand - children.

MOORE'S: Miss Velma Wardlow spent Saturday night with Miss Rosa Huggins. Thetus

Wardlow spent Saturday night with O. English. Miss Rosa Huggins and Velma Wardlow went to O. K. Wardlow's Saturday. Cage Wardlow and wife came home Saturday night from Alton, Illinois. Jack Wardlow and wife have a new boy, they named it Cresteen.

R. A. Poindexter and son, Armon, from the 10th district called to see us recently and renewed their subscription to the Independent. Mr. Poindexter is a nephew of "Uncle Buck" Poindexter, who will be 100 years old next January. He lives near Shiloh National Park, and except for deficient eyesight, is very active for one who is nearing the century milestone in life's pilgrimage.

Flake Humphrey and wife attended the funeral of his uncle, Clay Michaels, who was buried near Booneville, Miss., last week. Mr. Michaels was a splendid christian gentleman, and was one of that communities's substantial and most highly esteemed citizens. He was well known in Selmer, where he frequently visited, and his many friends here will learn with regret of his passing.

MARCH 7, 1930

J. D. Warren, well known in the south part of the county, and a good citizen, died suddenly at the home of his son, Thomas a mile and a half west of here, last Saturday. He was 72 years old, and had been in feeble health for several months. His remains were laid to rest here Sunday by the side of his wife, who died several years ago. Rev. Elbert Bolding conducted the funeral and R. B. Gooch was the undertaker in charge.

Clay Tacker, of the 11th district was in Selmer Monday and told us of the death of Mrs. Jim Williams, of near Leapwood. She was sick about two weeks with the flu. The deceased was about sixty years old, and was born and reared in this county, spending most of her life in the Leapwood community. Her death has taken a good christian wife and mother from the community. She was a member of the Church of Christ, and loved by all who knew her. She had a most cheerful disposition and was ever ready to lend a helping hand. Surviving her are her husband, three children, two sisters and two brothers.

MARCH 14, 1930

Rev. W. S. Lockman, aged 50 died suddenly at his home in the city of Memphis, on the morning of March 11, 1930. He was buried in Oakhill cemetery here on the following afternoon after impressive funeral service at the Methodist church conducted by Rev. O. A. Marrs, Pastor of Southside Church, Memphis, J. M. Pickens, Jackson and G. J. Carman of Memphis. The deceased was born in this county, coming to Selmer with his parents when a boy. His father was the late W. M. Lockman, until his health failed him about a year ago he was an active member of the Methodist ministry, and pastor of different churches in West Tennessee. He is survived by his wife and three children. His mother, Mrs. Jennie Lockman, one brother, F. L. Lockman, and two sisters, Mrs. T. E. Foust and Mrs. Artie Wilson, and many other relatives in the county.

OLD CITIZEN: Buck Mills, of Adamsville, was in to see us Saturday. He is a son of R. A. Mills, who lives in Adamsville, being now in his 90th years. "Uncle Bob Mills was born in

Maury county in 1841, and came to this county when a child, a son of " Uncle Billy and Nancy Mills.

This old and prominent family settled in the Winding Ridge community, where so many of the sturdy pioneers established themselves in the early part of the last century. Among the number in those good old days were Billy Mills, Luke Littlefield, John Farris, Anderson Cox, Clem Carrol, Alex Whiteside, Carrol Haily, the Carothers and Morton families.

The home of " Uncle Billie Mills was one of the meeting places for the younger people sixty and seventy years ago. It was in this old home that the late A. K. and M. R. Abernathy, young men from Alabama, received their first greeting from McNairians. In this splendid community M. R. Abernathy taught his first school nearly sixty - five years ago. " Uncle Bob" was of the number of young people then. He afterward married Sarah Hamilton, daughter of another pioneer, " Uncle Billie Hamilton". She died many years ago.

In that old Winding Ridge home were other members of the Mills family, but only three are left, " Uncle Bob and his two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jones and Mrs. Clerisa Walker, more than four - score years of age, and both schoolmates of the late Mrs. Rachel Abernathy.

But " Uncle" Bob is planning to made another crop, and to use an old Blount turning plow which he has used for 34 years.

MARCH 21, 1930

KIRK'S: Mrs. F. J. Morphis died on the 9th of March. She was born in 1850 and was a christian woman. She was buried in the Kirk cemetery, Rev. J. G. Gooch conducting the funeral.

J. H. Ammons Dies: J. H. Ammons, a citizens of Selmer for forty years, and of the county for more than fifty years, died at his home on Pharr avenue on the night of March 14, following a long illness. He was born in Hardeman county on December 22, 1844, a son of William Henry Ammons, a pioneer settler, and came to this county soon after the Civil war. In that was he was a soldier under Gen. Forest. The deceased located in Selmer about 1890, building the house at the corner of Pharr avenue and Fourth street. He was the operator of the first livery stable here, it being located where the old Boss Perkins barn was, and was a man of remarkable energy. He was a loyal friend and a good neighbor. In 1868 he married Sarah Francis Kernodle, and to this union several children were born, three of whom, Bedford, Finlay and Fletcher, together with their mother survived. A brother, B. F. Ammons, was most attentive to him and to his aged mother, they having lived alone for many years. The funeral services were held at the home conducted by Rev. J. B. Maxedon. Burial in Oakhill cemetery.

Mrs Clerisa Walker: We have just learned of the death of Mrs. Clerisa Walker, who died at the home of her son, Truman Walker, west of Adamsville on Tuesday night. She was buried at Adamsville on the following afternoon. She was a member of an old and prominent family, a daughter of the late Billie Mills, and was reared in the old Winding Ridge community. We made mention of this good old woman in our last issue.

Cad Allison, an old citizen of the 9th, died Wednesday. His wife died a few days ago. He at one time resided in the 7th district living where Ed Wagoner now lives. His wife was the

daughter of the late Jacob Wagoner.

Dr. B. L. Moore and A. G. Miller of Little Rock, Ark. were recent guest in the home of Dr. Moore's brother, W. C. Moore. Dr. Moore is a native McNairian, being a son of the late Alvin C. Moore, one of the pioneer settlers of the section about four miles west of Selmer. For many years Dr. Moore has resided in Arkansas.

REMINISCENCES - March 21, 1930

I believe it would be of interest to a goodly number of the readers of the Independent to give a history of the old Presbyterian church at Bethel Springs as far back as I can remember, and that will be about 80 years. I will be 85 in June next. I am sure I was carried to the church many times before I was a year old in my mother's arms. I was baptized in infancy, hence I am a Presbyterian.

The old church was situated about 75 yards east of the present one. The graveyard has been enlarged and includes one faced west. Where the town stands was old Tom Rankin's farm. His fence ran about where the railroad now runs, but there was no railroad then being built.

There were then no automobiles, no bootleggers or millionaires, and I don't remember of seeing a beggar in my younger days.

The church had a large membership, and as I remember, a greater percentage attended the service then they do now. Whole families attended regularly. There was Billie Wilson, Wm. Baxter, old man Gillespie, Henry's Croskery's father, Wash Wilson, widow Kerr, Boydston. Old Man Kerr was the preacher as far back as I can remember. He lived about a mile and a half west of Bethel Springs, on the old stage road. We had seven Wilson families members of that old church. Billie Wilson, William Baxter, Mr. Gillespie and my father were elders. Two of them occupied a seat in front of the pulpit, facing the congregation. They conducted the song service, giving out the song two lines at a time. Then everybody would sing that could, negroes and all. We had quite a number of negro members. They were slaves and had no church of their own.

We had camp meetings every late summer or fall. The grounds in front of the church huts. The space between the church and tents was a square containing 8 or 10 acres of ground. The road was one side of the square. In the tents scaffolds were built for beds, covered with straw. Back of the tents were open sheds for cooking, but most of the cooking was done at home.

We had feasting and prayer, and old times religion. We usually had the best preachers. People would come from 3, 5 and 10 miles, walking, on horseback, in buggies and wagons. Everybody invited to dinner and they usually remained. There service a day were held, with prayer meeting at the tents. There were called to service by the bowing of a long tin trumpet from the front of the church. We had good attention and good preaching. The meeting lasted a week including two Sundays. They were happy days, my boy friends were Grit and Jim Wilson, Tom Croskery, Henry Gillespie, Jim Lear, Tom and Dave Wilson, Eddie Kerr, Crump McAlip, Clay and Jess Moore, Dick Maxedon, Bill Tatum, Henry and Frank Hendrix. The descendants

of these boys are scattered over the county. I frequently see the family names mentioned in the Independent. They sound very near and dear to me. I notice in your paper of February 21, mention of the death of Esq. W. W. Jopling, son of Frank Jopling, and nephew of W. D. Jopling, sheriff. He was loved by everybody, and known by nearly every man, woman and child in the county.

Truman Turner was another of my old chums. We fished and hunted together, owned coon dogs, and we have cut down trees 3 and 4 feet through to see a coon fight, and we were rarely disappointed. Truman married and died years ago. He left children and sometimes I notice the name Turner in your paper, and I suppose they are his grand children.

I will write to Mrs. Wolverton direct. She has me interested about old times folks.

W. P. Conner, Okolona, Miss.

MARCH 28, 1930

PEBBLE HILL: Mrs. Sarah Ann Rickman died in the home of her son, John Rickman, on March 18, 1930, at the age of 63 years and six months. Surviving her are seven children, five boys and two girls. Her remains were laid to rest in the old Pebble Hill cemetery the following afternoon, Rev. White and Scruggs conducting the funeral service. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

STANTONVILLE: Rubye, the third daughter of B. C. White and wife, died Friday night and was buried at Mt. Vinson Saturday.

John Allison, of Waurika, Oklahoma, came to attend the bed side of his brother, C. J. Allison, who died Wednesday. An unusual occurrence was that it had been just a week since his wife died.

APRIL 4, 1930

FROM MOORE'S: Miss Velmer Wardlow spent Sunday night with Miss Leona Moore. Amos Wardlow was in Selmer Monday on business. Miss Velmer Wardlow spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. Lelah English. Dave Wardlow was visiting Amos Wardlow and wife Saturday night. Thetus Wardlow spent Sunday with Olus English.

Chewalla: The body of Mrs. Emma Derryberry, whose home was in Adamsville, was brought here Saturday for burial in the Indian Creek cemetery. She was a sister of Mrs. L. A. Hurley here.

GEORGE ERWIN: George Erwin died Tuesday at his home in Bethel Springs after a brief illness. George was one of the colored men who grew up around old Purdy many years ago. He was honest and industrious, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. A. C. Wilson, one of the best liked colored boys in this community, died Saturday at his home in Selmer after a long and painful illness. For a long time he had worked at the barber shop where he was popular with all the patrons, and was always missed by his many friends in this county.

Former McNairian Dies: We are in receipt of a letter from Edward Gooch of Piave, Miss. telling of the death of his father, J. A. Gooch, who died there on March 23, from an operation for cancer of the stomach. He was 68 years of age, and was born and reared in the southwest part of this county. He left here in 1890. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Mattie Hines Gooch, and four children. He was a brother of Mrs. P. J. Foster, of Selmer, W. B. Gooch, of the first district and Monroe Gooch, of Jackson.

APRIL 11, 1930

Venerable Citizen: William A. Wilson, of the 17th district came to see us on a recent visit to Selmer. He was born within a mile of where he lives now at a place called Double Springs, in 1845. He is the third child of Daniel and Levina Wilson, pioneer settlers, coming from North Carolina in the first quarter of the last century. Our venerable friend married the first time a daughter of the late W. H. D. Maxedon. To this union eight children were born. Some time after the death of his first wife he married a daughter of the late D. W. Coob. Five boys were born to this union. Mr. Wilson gracefully carries his years, looks after his farming interests and attends church services regularly. We are always glad to see him.

MRS JOE GRANT: Mrs. Joe Grant, aged 57 years, died April 8, at her home near Friendship, in Dyer county, after a long illness. The deceased was a daughter of the late J. A. Weatherly and wife, and was reared in the Hunter's store community. The remains were laid to rest on the afternoon of April 9, and the funeral service was conducted by Rev. W Maxedon and W. T. Barnes. She is survived by her husband and seven children, her mother, Mrs. M. J. Weatherly, four brothers, T. F., J. H. , W. L. and R. M. Weatherly, and five sisters, Mrs. Mattie Boatman, Mrs. Lizzie Boatman, Mrs. Loudella Brint, Mrs. Ora Gooch and Mrs. Essie Nickles. To the bereaved relatives the Independent extend its heartfelt sympathy in the death of their loved one.

APRIL 18, 1930

Former McNairian Dead: We have in the Terrell (Texas) Tribune of April 11, of the death of Robert Turner. He was reared at Bethel Springs, and was a merchant there for a long time. We join with the many friends in expressions of sympathy. Below we print from the Tribune

“ Robert Turner for many years connected in various business associations at Colquitt and Terrell, died at the family home on Pacific avenue Thursday evening following a long period of invalidism induced by a paralytic stroke eight years ago. The funeral service will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o' clock at the Methodist church.

Robert Turner was born Sep.5,1861, in McNairy county, Tennessee. He came to Texas in 1906, located at Colquitt and was associated in business with S. J. McAfee until 1913, when he moved to Terrell, where he has since resided. In 1891 he joined the Methodist church, of which he was a consistent member until his death.

Of him it can be truly said, " He was glad when they said let us go into the house of the

Lord", for he always enjoyed his church privileges very much, and even attended service for some time after suffering a severe stroke of paralysis in July, 1922. For the last five years he was unable to attend, but was always glad to see his pastors, and would inquire of his friends about the church and Sunday School services and about the congregations.

In 1900 Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Eulah McAfee, who is left to mourn his loss. Also he leaves two brothers Charles, of Jackson, Tenn., Dick, of Tupelo, Miss. and two sisters, Mrs. Euphia Keelen, of Jackson, Tenn. and Mrs. Ethel Jordan, of Birmingham, Alabama. He was a faithful husband and friend and brother, always trying to make his life conform to the teaching of the Lord and Saviours Jesus Christ, and his many friends esteemed him for his life of consistency, and his staunch fidelity to the higher ideals life.

FORMER MCNAIRIAN DIES IN ARKANSAS : Mrs. J. H. Sinclair, aged 78 years, died April 8, at her home in Beebe, Ark., after a week's illness of pneumonia. The Sinclair family lived in McNairy county for many years, removing to Arkansas about twenty years ago. While here they lived at the John Gib Combs place on the old stage road west of Adamsville. Deceased is surviving by her husband, who is 82 years old, and two daughters, Mrs. G. M. Beckham, of Ward, Ark. and Miss Callie Sinclair, of Beebe, Ark. and nine grand - children, among the latter being Herman Wallace, who attended the funeral last Wednesday at Beebe. Mrs. Sinclair was a devoted member of the Methodist church for many years. The passing of this splendid woman will be cause sorrow among her many friends here, and the Independent extend its condolence to the relatives in their sad hours of bereavement.

TRAGIC DEATH OF FORMER MCNAIRY COUNTY BOY: News of the tragic death of John Hester, former McNairian, near Chattanooga, has been received here with genuine sorrow. He was drowned in Chattanooga Creek on April 9. He was born and reared near Bethel Springs and is the youngest member of the family. He removed to Chattanooga several years ago. Three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Robinson of Bethel Springs, Mrs. Della Murry of Oklahoma, and Mrs. J. B. Graham, of Selmer, and five brothers, F. M. Hester of Bethel Springs, W. G. Hester, of Chattanooga, E. W. Hester of Jacksonville, Fla., J. T. Hester of South Pittsburg, Tenn., and J. H. Hester of Mississippi. Sympathy is tendered the family by the Independent.

SHOOTING AFFAIR: John King, son of Oner King shot and slightly wounded one of the colored employees of Gorrell Bros. here last week. Several shots from a pistol were fired. The shooting was near the depot. King escaped. Warrants were issued.

APRIL 25, 1930

DAVE H BURTON: Dave H. Burton, M. & O. Trainmaster, died Tuesday night from injuries received Tuesday afternoon when he fell from a railroad motor car near Union City. Mr. Burton was well known all over the Mobile & Ohio system, and had been in the railroad service for forty - five years. He was a christian gentleman, and was held in high esteem by the officials and employees of the railroad, and no man had more friend in this section than Dave Burton. His tragic death is regretted by everyone who knew him. The deceased is survived by his wife and two daughters, and to them the Independent extend its heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

MAY 2, 1930

JACK MATLOCK: Jack Matlock, aged 71 years, died at his home April 24. His remains were laid to rest in the old Falcon cemetery. deceased is survived by his wife and two daughters, Ida Matlock, of Franklin, ILL., and Mrs. Lou Fowlkner, of Trimble, Tenn.

FORMER MCNAIRIAN DIES IN TEXAS - ELGIN CHAMNESS: Elgin Chamness, 76 years of age, died recently at his home in Oaris Texas. He was a native McNarian, having lived near Adamsville until he moved to Texas in 1903. Mr. Chamness was a splendid christian gentleman, and his passing will cause genuine sorrow to his many relatives and friends throughout this section. Prof. A. H. and Emmet Chamness, prominent educators of Texas, are sons of the deceased, and to them and the surviving relatives, we offer our condolence.

MAY 2, 1930

ALEX SURRATT DEAD: Alex Surratt, 67 years of age, died Saturday at his home ten miles east of Selmer on the old Stage road, after having been in feeble health for a long time. Mr. Surratt was a member of one of the oldest families last century, his parents having settled in this part of the last century, where they reared a large family of children. The deceased is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. J. H. Hair and Chester Surratt, of Sanderson, Texas. Will Surratt, Mrs. Everett Plunk and Mrs. Hugh McArther, who lives near the old Surratt home stead, and two brothers, Charlie and Jack Surratt, who also reside in their old neighborhood. The Independent deeply sympathizes with these bereaved relatives in the death of their loved ones. Sunday afternoon the remains were laid to rest in the old Combs cemetery.

Lindsey McCormack Dead: Lindsey McCormack, age 69 years, died Tuesday at his home in the old Pleasant Grove community after a long and painful illness. Mr. McCormack was a prosperous farmer and was born and reared in the community where he died. He was a member of the Methodist church and lived a consistent christian life. Since the organization of the Selmer Bank & Trust Co., he had been on its board of directors, he was devoted to his family and his home , and was a loyal friend, and in his death the county has lost one of it's best citizens. The deceased is survived by his wife and a large family of children, among them being, Mrs. T. W. Prather of Selmer. One of the largest crowds ever assembled at the Gravelhill cemetery attended the funeral of this good man. Funeral was held Wednesday morning and conducted by Rev. J. B. Maxdon of Selmer.

ALF BAILY: Alf Baily, a good colored man who lived in Selmer for many years until he moved to Humbolt a few years ago, died at the latter place last week. He was a hard - working man and had many white friends here who will regret to hear of his death.

MAY 16, 1930

L. E. CAPOOTH, CORINTH, STRICKEN AT GERMANTOWN: Luther E. Capooth, of Corinth, Miss., died suddenly yesterday afternoon near the Southern Railroad Station at Germantown. He had been in ill health for several months and had only recently returned to his work as foreman of bridges construction for the Southern Railway. He had been employed by

the road for more than 25 years. He attended the First Baptist Church at Corinth and was a Royal Arch Mason. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rosa Capooth, one brother Walter Capooth, Ramer, Tenn. and a nephew, H. E. Capooth of this city. The body was sent to Corinth, Miss. last night for burial. Cole Carlin had charge of arrangements. The above from the Commercial Appeal of May 9, will be read with sorrow by the many who knew the deceased here. He was born and reared in the Chewalla community, and used to be a frequent visitor to Selmer.

JACK MULLENS: Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wooten attended the funeral of her oldest brother, Jack Mullens, at the old family burying grounds near Essary Springs, Tuesday. Mr. Mullens was 61 years old, and died suddenly, having been afflicted with heart trouble for a long time.

CYPRESS: Mrs. A. H. Crocker and son, James Jr., accompanied by her father, Rev. L. V. Kirk, of Carbondale, ILL., motored to the Taylor community one day last week to visit Rev. Kirk's only sister, Mrs. Samantha Prince. Rev. Kirk has been in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Crocker, for some time and is happy, hale and hearty at the age of 87. He will return to his home in Illinois soon. Rev. J. W. Cheshier, prominent doctor and minister of Slater, Mo., sends greeting to his old friends in McNairy, where he was born and reared.

MAY 23, 1930

MRS NANNIE SHEA: Mrs. Nannie Shea, aged 83 years, died Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Raper, with whom she had lived for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Shea and family moved here from Baldwyn, Miss., more than thirty years ago and took an active part in interests of the community. Mrs. Shea was postmistress for a number of years and was known and loved by all with whom she came in contact. Her life exemplified the proverb, "To have friends is to be one". She lived an Christian life, and although a cripple and practically a shut in during her later years, she was a great leader, well informed, and retained a lively interest in public affairs. She is survived by three daughters, Mesdames J. J. Raper, C. A. Barnes, of San Francisco, and Charles Bonds of Aberdeen, Wash., and three sons, C. C. of Spokane, Wash., and P. H. and G. M., who live here. The funeral was conducted by Eld. J. A. Houston, of Memphis, assisted by Rev. W. C. Phillips, in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing friends, and her body laid to rest in the Ramer cemetery beside that of her husband.

MAY 30, 1930

L. D. Wardlow and his brother, Felix, of Montgomery, La., are in the county this week. They came to see their brother, Henry, who is seriously ill at the home of his son, Henry Cage near Michie. These boys are prominent business men in Louisiana, L. D. being president of a strong bank in his home town. They will return home this week. While in the county they visited their sister, Mrs. Sarah Sweat.

JUNE 6, 1930

DEATH OF MRS. CLIFFORD (PETTIGREW) MARTIN: Mrs. Clifford Martin, daughter of Grover Pettigrew and wife, of Cyclone, died at the home of her parents last week, and was buried in the old Gilchrist cemetery, Rev. F. L. Watt of Selmer conducted the funeral. The deceased was twenty - two years of age, and had been in declining health for a long time. She was a lovable young woman. Her many friends will join in expressions of deep sympathy to her bereaved parents and others members of the family.

DEATH OF J. G. WILSON: J. G. (Gib) Wilson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hamilton, on May 29, 1930, and on the following morning was buried beside his wife in Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. Jack Pickens, an old friend, assisted by Rev. J. W. Wallace, conducted the funeral. Mr. Wilson had been in falling health for several months and his death was not unexpected. He was born west of Adamsville eight - three years ago, and was the son of Robert Wilson, one pioneer settlers in what was called Wilsontown. He lived there until about 25 years ago, when he moved to Selmer. His wife died five years ago. Surviving him are three children, Mrs. J. E. Hamilton and Hubert Wilson, of Selmer, and Artie Wilson of Jackson. Beside he leaves two brothers, Fillmore Wilson, of Texas, and Corneilus Wilson, of Adamsville, and three sisters, Miss Neal Wilson, Mrs. Mag Sharp and Mrs. Bettie Farris of Adamsville. Mr. Wilson was a good man and a good neighbor, esteemed by all who knew him. The Independent, of which he had so many years been a reader, extends sympathy to the bereaved.

MICHIE: Felix and Dow Wardlow of Montgomery, La. spent a day here last week with their sister, Mrs. Sarah Sweat. They were on their way home from a visit to their brother, Henry Wardlow, who has been in declining health for a long time at the home of his son, Henry Cage Wardlow, at Michie. Fleix is a rural carrier and Dow is a banker at Montgomery. They are sons of the late Jimmy Wardlow, and were reared in the old New Hope community in the 15th district. While here they met many of their old friends and schoolmates, and were delighted with the many improvements along all lines which have taken place all over McNairy county since they left here nearly thirty years ago.

Mrs. Odom Castleberry of Memphis, was called to Michie last week to see her brother, Henry Wardlow, who is seriously ill at his son's home, and while in the county, stopped at Selmer to see her sister, Mrs. Sarah Sweat, Mrs. Castleberry has recovered her health, and is looking well.

JUNE 13, 1930

Rosco Hurley, of Los Angles, Cal. has been visiting relatives in this section after an absence of eight years. He holds a responsible position with the Pacific Electric, has married since well pleased with his adopted home, altho Tennessee and McNairy county still have a warm place in his affections.

DEATH OF MRS. W. E. GOOCH: Mrs. W. E. Gooch died at her home on Main Street June 5, 1930, after a protracted illness. She was buried the following afternoon in the old family burying grounds at Gravelhill. A brief funeral service was held at the residence in Selmer, conducted by Rev. A. L. Dickerson. At Gravelhill funeral service were held in the church, this funeral being conducted by Rev. Bishop of Jackson. A number of friends of the deceased

attended from Selmer, and there was a large crowd of relatives and old friends that had gathered for the services at Gravelhill, the old home of the deceased. Surviving her are her husband, W. E. Gooch, of the state highway department, and two children, Buel and Mavourine. Her father and many other relatives also survive. Mrs. Gooch had lived in Selmer for many years, moving here from Gravelhill community. She was the daughter of J. R. McCoy, a substantial citizen of the 5th district. Deep sympathy is extended the father and the children and all who mourn her death.

GRAVELHILL: Mrs. Earl Gooch, daughter of J. R. McCoy, of this place died at her home in Selmer last Thursday after a long illness, and at her request, her remains were laid to rest by the side of her mother in the family cemetery here Friday in the presence of a host of friends and relatives. Rev. Bishop of Jackson, and Rev. Dickerson of Selmer, conducted the service. Shackleford, of Savannah, was undertaker in charge.

W. J. Oliver, one of the oldest citizens of Selmer, dropped dead in his garden Wednesday. A write up of his death will appear next week.

JUNE 20, 1930

" Uncle Jack " Willis Dies: " Uncle Jack " Willis aged 82 years, died at his home in the 13th district last week, and was buried in the old family cemetery in Weatherford community, J. B. Maxedon conducting the funeral. The deceased was a familiar figure, and had numerous friends for many years he found it convenient to visit Selmer frequently, and particularly upon Saturday afternoon. He is survived by many relatives.

Warner Perkins Killed: Warner Perkins, aged 28, son of Guy Perkins formerly of Stantonville, was instantly killed in an automobile wreck near Florence, Ala. June 13. He was on his way to work and his car struck a bridge. He was buried at Henderson Sunday. Sympathy is extend the bereaved.

Sudden Death - W. J. Olive: W. J. Oliver, aged 82, was found dead in his garden in the late evening of June 11, 1930. He had gone to do a little work in keeping with his custom, and failing to return, his body was found. Heart failure was the cause of his death. Mr. Oliver had lived in Selmer for more than a quarter of a century, and was one of the town's most prominent and beloved citizens. In the early nineties he was sheriff of the county. In the war of the sixties he was a gallant Confederate soldier. For many years he had lived a retired life, and made daily visits to town where he always received a hearty welcome. One of the beautiful traits of his character was manifest in the tender and loving care he constantly gave to his aged and invalid companion. Only one son, Arthur H. Oliver, and numerous other relatives survive him. The following afternoon the body of this good man was laid to rest in the gravelhill cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. A. L. Dickerson. The deceased was a devoted member of the Baptist church.

C. C. Surratt: C. C. Surratt, 82 years old, died suddenly at his home on the old stage road 4 miles west of Adamsville, on June 13, 1930. The next day his body was laid to rest in the old Combs cemetery, just west of the John Gibb Combs place, on the same old road. In the old cemetery, sleep the ashes of many of his kindred, his father and mother, brother and sister. Only

a brother, Jake Surratt, of that once large family survives. There were twelve children of this splendid family. He leaves several children and other relatives in the county and other sections. Mr. Surratt was a unique character, a man of strong convictions, and of vigorous expression. He always led a very active life and the day of his sudden death had been working on his farm. He had lived for a long time where he died, his home being the old Garl place, once a famous stopping place. Across from the old home in war times and before was one of the old stage stands. Right after the civil war he married a daughter of the late Thomas Devault, and she died some time ago. His father was the late Mack Surratt, a pioneer settler, and was born and reared in the community where he died.

J. T. (Tommie) Meeks: J. T. Meeks, aged 75 years, died some what suddenly at his home in Adamsville on June 2, 1930. He was buried the following day in the Adamsville cemetery, Rev. Pafford, of the Methodist church, conducting the services. The deceased operated the Adamsville Hotel, removing to Adamsville several years ago from his home north of Adamsville. He was a highly respected citizen. Surviving him are his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Russell Sanders.

JUNE 27, 1930

GOOD WOMAN DIES - MRS DOLP SMITH: Mrs. Dolp Smith, aged 67 years, died Saturday night at her home one mile north of McNairy, following a stroke of paralysis. Her remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon in the old McNairy cemetery, Rev. Burkhead conducted the funeral. Mrs. Smith was a Christian woman, and was loved by all who knew her. Beside her husband, the deceased is survived by nine children, all grown and married. Her hisband is a brother of our townsman, J. M. Smith.

T. M. Humphrey Dies: the death of T. M. Humphrey, removed from this community one of the most familiar characters. He was born in Prentiss county, Miss., seventy - seven years ago. He located for business at Falcon in 1890, and moved to Selmer in 1898. For twenty - eight years he had successfully operated a grocery store here. He joined the Baptist church in 1904, being one of the most substantial member till his death. He was held in high esteem by a circle of friends. Interment was in Oak Hill cemetery Monday afternoon, following impressive funeral service led by Rev. T. R. Hammons, of Tyronza, Ark. former pastor here. Prof. W. G. Robinson, of Jackson, also delivered a touching funeral oration, telling of his former association with the deceased and family. Pall bearers were A. C. Wooten, H. G. Abernathy, Frank Smith, W. A. Barksdale and Marvin Brooks. Deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Charlie Moore, of Booneville, Miss., who also attended the funeral service and one brother, Bill Humphery, of San Angelo, Texas. One son, W. F. Humphrey, young business man of Selmer, also survives.

SHOOTING NEAR CHEWALLA: Russ Hamilton shot and wounded Joe Price last Saturday afternoon with an automatic shot gun. Price was taken to a hospital at Corinth, and Hamilton was arrested and brought to the Selmer jail. The preliminary trail will be held sometime next week.

NEGRO SHOT: A drunken negro employed in the grading of No 57 highway shot and slightly wounded Simp Westbrook, last Sunday morning. The shooter is in the Selmer jail to

wait action of the grand jury.

NEW SALEM - MRS ROSETTA JOHNSON DIED: Since last writing to the paper, our community has been saddened by the death of a good woman, Mrs. Rosetta Johnson, who died June 17, 1930. She was laid to rest the following afternoon in the New Salem cemetery. Rev. T. N. Hays of Jackson conducted the funeral. Mrs. Johnson has been in ill health for a long time, but she bore her suffering with patience and meekness. She was a good Christian wife and mother, having united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church early in life. She was loved by all who knew her. Surviving her are her husband, John R. Johnson, four sons, Earl, Paul, J. R., of this community and Clay of Saltillo, Tenn. Two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Williams of Henderson, and Miss Velma Johnson. Also her mother, Mrs. Itsha Moore, one sister and several brothers, beside numerous others relatives. Loved ones, grieve not for your dear wife and mother for she is at rest with her Saviour. The community at large extend sympathy and condolence to the bereaved relatives.

JULY 11, 1930

Another Veteran Dies: Robert Wagoner, more than four score years of age, died at his home near old Purdy last week, and was buried at the old Bethesda graveyard. Rev. Daniel, of Bethel Springs, conducted the funeral. Mr. Wagoner had spent his long life in the community where he died, and was the son of Jacob Wagoner, a pioneer citizen of that community. He is survived by his wife and one son, Walter Wagoner. The deceased was well known in Selmer where he visited many times, and by all who knew him, he was held in high esteem. Jo Wagoner, a prominent citizen of Bethesda community is a brother.

JULY 18, 1930

Rufus A. Meeks, son of H. J. Meeks, was struck and instantly killed by a Southern Railway train last Thursday night near Chewalla. His body was laid to rest in the White Oak cemetery the following day. Bro. Homer Moore conducting the funeral services.

JULY 25, 1930

Guy Walker Instantly Killed: Guy Walker, a young man of perhaps twenty, was instantly killed on highway No 5 about a mile north of Bethel Springs Monday night about eight o'clock when he was dashed to the pavement from a truck load of feed stuff. His skull was severely crushed and he died before the driver of the truck and other could reach him. The manner in which he was hurled from the truck was indeed strange. He was holding a large sign, an advertisement of the same brand of feed stuff upon which he had been riding, and the wind, taking hold of the sign, blew both it and the youth to the pavement. Guy Walker lived at McNairy and is survived by his mother and a brother and a sister. He was a son of the late Erwin Walker.

J. V. Tedford Dead: J. V. Tedford, prominent citizen of the 8th district, died at his home

in Finger on the 17th day of July, 1930 and buried at Finger the following day, Rev. Lafferty, presiding elder of this district, preached the funeral. Mr. Tedford had been in falling health for some time. He was a native of that section of the county, having been born and reared in the community, a son of the late James Tedford, a pioneer citizen in this section. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Tedford, a daughter of the late W. B. Malone, and also four children, one of them being, Mrs. Guy Bishop of Finger, Tennessee. The others are Vaudie Tedford of Dallas, Texas, Barney Tedford of Finger, Tennessee, and a daughter, Nora, of Finger, Tennessee. Mr. Tedford was a prominent citizen, public spirited, and will be much missed in the community. As a testimonial of the esteem in which the deceased was held a very large crowd gathered for the funeral to pay tribute to our departed friend. The Independent expresses sympathy to the bereaved.

J. J. Harris Dead: J. J. Harris, aged 79, a prominent and life - long citizen of this county, died at his home three miles north of Adamsville on July 18, 1930 after an illness of several months. He was one of a family of six brothers, two half brothers, and three half sisters, all children of Arthur Harris, deceased, a well known citizen of the north part of McNairy county many years ago. W. H. Harris of Finger is the only full brother surviving. The deceased is also survived by his wife, to whom he has been married 58 years, and three children, Gus and Jim Harris of Adamsville, and Prince Harris of Memphis. The half brothers and sisters surviving are, Tom and Robert Harris of Finger, Mrs. Emma Writing of Humbolt and Mrs. Mattie Dillion of Bethel Springs. Funeral services and interment at the old Mt. Carmel cemetery, two miles south of Finger, where his parents, three brothers and many other relatives are buried.

Death of Mrs. Lena Talbott: Mrs. Lena Talbott, wife of Luther Talbott, died on the afternoon of July 31st, 1930. She had been in the hospital at Jackson for several days and brought back home on the day she died. She seemed to be improving just fine until about one hour before her death. Everything was done for her death was a great shock to her friends. She was laid to rest in the old Hopewell cemetery the following afternoon.

AUGUST 1930

Henry Wardlow Is Dead : Henry S. Wardlow died at the home of his son, Henry Cage Wardlow, near Michie on the morning of August 29, 1930. His remains were laid to rest in the old family burying grounds at New Hope the following morning. Rev. Scruggs his pastor conductor the funeral, John Templeton, Rev. Isaac Young and W. K. Abernathy made brief talks. R. B. Gooch was the undertaker in charge. Mr. Wardlow was born in February, 1854 and was the son of James and Memphis Wardlow, pioneer settlers in the south part of the county. He spent the greater part of his life in the New Hope community and was widely and favorably known. For a long time he had been suffering from a cancer and throughout his long confinement he was patient and uncomplaining. The deceased had lived for a long time his son and beside this son, he is survived by one daughter, several grandchildren and many brothers and sisters. Mrs. Sarah Sweatt, of Selmer, is a sister.

Old New Hope Graveyard: On a visit to the New Hope community last Saturday, where we attended the funeral of an old friend, Henry S. Wardlow, we strolled through the old

graveyard. It was laid out as a burying ground a long time ago, and within its confines repose the ashes of many of the sturdy citizens of that good community.

Among the many monuments marking the graves we noticed one erected to the memory of J. T. Nickles. He lived in that community for a long time. He was born in 1847 and died in 1916. On another one we saw the name of P. W. North, born in 1835, Aaron Crow, born 1828 died 1922, L. B. Rogers born in 1834 died in 1888, Calvin Tays born in 1817 died in 1888, B. F. Pierce born in 1849 died in 1919

In the south part of the old graveyard is an imposing monument, erected to the memory of James and Memphis Wardlow, and on this monument are these carved words, James Wardlow, Memphis Wardlow, born in Buckingham N. C. , James Wardlow born in 1832 died in 1888, Memphis Wardlow born in 1835 died in 1891 " our father and mother, James and Memphis They prayed and worked for their children, They lived and died as Christian.

Near the graveyard is the community church and a little further removed is the school house. The New Hope settlement is an old one and in it in the years long gone by, lived some of the pioneer citizens and many of the most substantial ones of the county. Some of these whose names are familiar are those of the Meek family, the North, the Farris, Nickles, Wardlow, Caffey, Forsythe, Price, Houston, Huggins, Emmons, Atkins, Michie, Bowers, McCoy, Gooch, Hamm, and many other families.

These old people have passed to their rewards and represents lives of a new and younger generation have taken their places. These assemble on occasions to pay tribute to departed loved ones, and to worship at this old place hallowed and sanctified by the lives of their ancestors.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1930

Tragic Death: Fount Tate, brother of our townsman K. R. Tate, met a tragic death on Highway No 15 west of Hornsby on last Saturday evening. He was having some trouble with his car and hailed an oncoming motorist. In some way the automobile struck him, his skull being fractured. The party driving the car took the injured man to Bolivar and from there he was taken to a Corinth hospital, where he lived only a short time. Burial at Decaturville.

Antiques: Arthur Stephens was in Selmer Saturday afternoon. In discussing some of the old articles about the place he calls attention to a trunk that his great - grandfather Ruffin Womble Stephens brought to this section of the county from North Carolina in 1812. He came from the mother state and settled in Hardin county from which place his grandfather, Joe Stephens moved to McNairy county a long time before the Civil War. He brought with him this old trunk. His father, the late Columbus Stephens, kept it in the family for quite a while and at his death Arthur Stephens possessed it and has had it since. Knowing that Henry Ford was interested in matters of this kind he wrote him and his secretary asked that it be sent Mr. Ford. On reflection he did not and for sentimental reason keeps it at his home in the 11th district. When the trunk was brought from North Carolina the War of 1812 was raging and Andrew Jackson was in his prime and vigor as a warrior. McNairy county had not been organized then and neither was any other county in West Tennessee at that time.

Our Aged Friends: Last Saturday afternoon J. R. Swain, Grady Abernathy and the writer made a visit into the 19th and 8th district. Passing through Bethel Springs, and out of the town on a new gravel road, we drove on old number 5 to the Jack Etheridge place, and there took the road that leads to Forty Forks and on to parts in the northern part of the county.

In keeping with a previous engagement made here on the day of the big celebration, we joined Charlie, Will and Jim Lipford at the home of Otis Plunk and wife. Soon Robert Croskery came up, and leaving Mrs. Plunk in charge of the home, we drove to the old home of the late R. F. Beard, that we might there pay a visit to an old friend, the wife of Mr. Beard. We went in, and were as cordially received by her and her daughter as any one could be. While she was lying on a bed of affliction from which she had not been able to get up in five years, she was happy and smiling.

Mrs. Beard was born across the field from where she now lives, and is the only child and survivor of the large family of the late Jack Kirby, a pioneer citizens of the northern part of the county, and a familiar figure in old Purdy fifty and more years ago. It was her father whose funeral was preached by that matchless and eloquent young Baptist minister, Egbert Osburne. The late W. D. Jopling took the preacher from Purdy to the funeral and the burial of his old friend. She was born in February 1846 and married Mr. Beard at the close of the Civil war. He died in May 1922 and was well known in this county for a long time, having served as surveyor for years.

We left there and went to the home of J. S. Lain and wife both of whom are enjoying good health and gave us another warm and hearty welcome. Mr. Lain was sitting in front of the door to the room in which he was born in 1850. Her father was Hugh Kirby the first white child born in McNairy county. The splendid old people are enjoying life, and are much devoted celebrating recently their 64th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1866 near McNairy, Wm. Crow, a Justice of the Peace performing the ceremony. For thirty years Mr. Lain was a member of the McNairy County Court and has always been one of the county's strongest and most beloved citizens.

He was a school director in his district forty years and more ago, and it was he and the late W. B. Malone and Hugh Carroll that signed a contract for the writer to teach school at old Lain's Academy forty years ago. A happy hour was spent talking of old times and we left the old home feeling that we had been wonderfully compensated for the trip.

Near by runs a new gravel road and they are permitted to live to a ripe old age and enjoy the manifold blessing of present. They seen the rising of the sun thousands and thousand of times and together have watched its going down from their place on the same old porch where we found them last Saturday afternoon. We wish them years and years of continued happiness and joy.

We came on back and stopped at the home of Mr. Plunk where the party partook of a feast of luscious watermelons. The Lipford brothers have gone back to the great city in which they live, carrying happy memories of the afternoon and promising to continue their periodical visits to the county that gave them birth.

PURDY FAIR GROUNDS

Purdy Fair McNairy County Independent May 2, 1924. Our old friend, W. V. Barry, in last week's paper, told of an interesting contest between old man "Brue" Roberson and Mr. Morley at the old Purdy fair grounds a long time ago. We were not there, then but it was our good fortune to be at the fair there later, about the year 1886 or 1887. W. M. Ruleman was the secretary treasurer of the fair and he employed the writer at 50 cents a day - and the day was 24 hours long - to assist him in the work for the four days of the fair. Before the fair he had employed several to do the work necessary to put the grounds and buildings in shape. Two of that number of employees were Ned Moore and Terry Abernathy. They had to do, among other things, the job of white washing the fences. All this was done for the exquisite privilege of attending the fair the four days, Ned and Terry. Now mind you , they did not get what they get now, \$3 and \$4 a day, and a "season pass." They got none of the former and very little of the latter. The management just turned them in at the gates as a reward for the work they had done. Sunday before the fair we went out early after dinner to see the exhibitors and the exhibits.

We remember that afternoon and shall never forget it. T. J. Sharp and his brother, Dave Sharp, from Guys, were there and they brought a lot of stock and other exhibits. And then there was Bill Moreland with some fine stock. For the first time in life we saw a man they called Clem. It was Clem Lea. He had with him some race horses and two bright little boys, Bill and Al. He had a colored boy with him. They were unloading the wagon. It had in it provisions, quilts, lanterns, saddles, and everything required for the week ahead. J. D. Johnson of Henderson was there and Dug Criner came late that evening.

By nightfall the whole grounds seemed alive with people and filled with exhibits. In obedience to a rule at our house- as old as was the home - we had to be under the parental roof when night came, and we wended our way to the town of Purdy, and on the west side of what was called Back street we went in for the night. Back to the fair grounds we went early the next morning and stayed the remainder of the week. Terry was getting his pay for his whitewashing and the writer was assisting the secretary treasurer now and then. The fair come on and it was a great exhibition. To us it was not rivaled by any in all the country.

The floral hall was the biggest; the exhibits the best and most varied and numerous; the interest the keenest; attractions unexcelled. The days were enjoyed to the fullest extent. Under the law then, betting on horse races was permitted on licensed tracks, and the track there, one third-circle, was in that class. There were many races during the week and Clem Lea with his horses, and Bill and Al as his riders, carried off most of the purses. Toney Mc--- was in one of the races, entering a ball-faced horse named Jim. He raced him under the saddle. The route was a mile, and Toney won. Miss Mamie Erwin, now Mrs. Perkins, was in a riding contest, on an afternoon, and there were many contestants, and she won. W D. Jopling, astride of his iron-gray chargers, was the marshal of the day and the official announcer. The role he played; the magnificence of his carriage; breezy and picturesque; his wonderful voice and the captivation character of his expressions, made him a feature on the program every day. Clint Stone rode a -----an afternoon of-----regular program had been concluded. Several were entered in that race. A side bet was the "purse." Rounding the track for the third time, and in the stretch for the finish, came, Clint. The rider behind closed in on him. His horse stepped on Clint's and down all of them went. The

crowd rushed to the rescue. Clint emerged from the mass of horses and riders and wanted to know "where is my specs?". The damage done to "them" was all that was found. Orville Wagoner rode a race that day. His horse "flew" the track just north of the grandstand and Orville "flew" the horse. He struck the ground, and from his looks when they picked him up, the only part of his anatomy that hit was his nose. It appeared to be mashed beyond all hope of recovery. Blood was everywhere. But a personal acquaintance with Orville for a great many years after the incident was proof that the injury was only a minor one.

Some in the crowd we remember very well. From Bethel Springs there were Bob and Charlie Turner, John Pigott, who had some sort of controversy with Charlie Wardlow over a horse race; Kick and Frank Dillon, J. R. Stovall, Lindsay Sanders, J. P. Epps, Grit Wilson; and then there was Huse Freeman, Bill Chatman, W. H. Stone, Bill Tedford. Dick Peeples, Minnie Freeman, Minnie Nelson, Maggie Combs, Jo Johnson, Dug Criner, Tom and Dave Sharp, Bill Moreland, Clem Lea, the McAfees, J. L. Littlefield and Frank M. Freeman; Andy Jopling and the Rimmers with their running mules; all the Gilchrists, with the pulling mules; John and Erwin Rogers, From McNairy; Annie Braden, Willie Barrett, Bill Malone, Jim Kirby Dave Kirby, Dock Smith. Dr. J. L. Smith, Hugh McAlpin, Mrs. Nancy Ruleman, Arch and Jim McDougal, J. W. Purviance, M. R. Abernathy, J. R. Adams, J. P. and J. J. Prince, J. A. Beard, J. G. Combs, B. F. McIntyre, T. F. Dalbey, John W. Stump, the Stanleys, Lewters, and lots and lots of others. But the old Purdy is no more, and the fair grounds wherein were gathered the multitudes in the past, have given way to cultivated fields, and there remains no sign or vestige there now. The little boys and girls then are now men and women. About all of the men and women who took part in these happy days have left the stage of the world for ever. But it is well that we take these pilgrimages into the past and freshen our memories with a recital of the things that belonged to other days.

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MCNAIRY COUNTY ROADS

Mostly in the southeastern part of the county

Jan 1858

John S. Huggins overseer of road leading from bridge near Huggins store on Muddy Creek to

Jesse Elam. Wm H. Thompson owned a town lot in West Camden. James S. Tate overseer of Chewalla Purdy Rd from Old State Line Rd to Muddy Creek. Thomas Springer overseer of road

Mar 1858

Calvin Hamm overseer of Purdy Road from Houston Bridge to Nathan McCoy. Some of the workers, James M. Hamm, John A Jones, T. J. Hamm.

June 1858

Asa Jones, Calvin Hamm, T A Richards, James M. Huggins Sen, Wiley C Meeks be appointed as a jury of service to view and locate a road leaving the Houston Bridge Road near Gravel Hill Post Office, running by said Office and thence the most practical and direct route to Corinth. To report at July term.

Road Committee: Wm Jean overseer, J. L. Huggins, Cicero McCormack, James Reynold, Dennis Springer, Wm Garrett, Thomas Springer, Asa Jones, Joseph English, Alfred English, Wm English, J. M Littlejohn and L. M. Huggins.

L. A. Cannon overseer of the road leaving Houston Bridge road near Gravel Hill Post Office and run to state late. Thos M. Richard, Charles Burns, James M. Huggins. To make a second class rd.

July 1858

H. R. Sharp, Andy Elam, P. W. North appointed to commission a bridge across Muddy where Purdy and Corinth and State line roads crosses.

Road committee (didn't get which road but near Gravel Hill according to names) : John S. Huggins, Robert Reynolds, Presley Tuley ?, Asa Jones, D. W. Hewitt, W W Onstead, T L Littlejohn, W S Tippet, Calvin Hamm, G. R. Jones, John A. Jones, John Richards, W. W. Richards, John L. Armstrong.

Aug 1858

The new road was ordered Aug 1858 (leaving Houston Bridge Rd near Gravel Hill Post Office, running by said Office and thence the most practical and direct route to Corinth. 1st Class road. J. D. Richard overseer to Muddy Creek. A. T. Springer, James S. McCoy, James Huggins Jr, Carroll Hamm, John Whitaker, John S. Williams, W. G. Clemmons, L. M. Huggins (hands) James M Huggins Sr (hands) W. D. McCormack, Thomas J. Bassham

Sept 1858

Silas Littlejohn overseer instead of T. Springer on a road. John Bowers, Jesse Edward, J. D. Bowers, Adams Bowers (hands) J. J. Hamm, Wm Hogan, William Rushing, -- Blythe, 2nd class rd.

Ordered by court: Wm C Meeks appointed overseer of road from Muddy Creek to where new road intersects with the present Hack Road near Noal Ezels. Hands: L. A. Cannon, E. Cobb, John Thompson, – Thompson, Noal Ezel and boy, Wm Richards, Wiles Meeks, John Miller, Wesely Guthering, Jake Smith & boy, Thomas S. Richards, J. J. Ray. John Whitaker overseer of road from Wm Hamm old place to where Corinth road intersects with Houston Bridge Rd: D. W.

Hewitt, Asa Jones, J. S. McCoy, J. R. Huggins, Carroll Hamm, J. S. Williams, W. G. Clemmons, L. M. Huggins hands, J. L. Huggins, J. S. Huggins hands, James M. Huggins hands, W. E. Jones, Charles Robertson.

W. W. Onstead appointed overseer of Corinth Rd from Wm Hamm old place to new bridge on Muddy. W W Onstead Charles Onstead, Onstead, J. W. Monroe, G. R. Jones, J. L. Armstrong, John & W W Richard, T L. Littlejohn, W S Tippet, A Prince, Presley Tuley ,R. J. or I. Walker, on portion of Farmington Bolivar Rd. H. H. Brown, G. M. G Brown, S. J. Murry, E Thompson, James Cross, J. P. Jeans, John D. Springer, Wm Prather's hands, John Garrett, C. H. Hill, George Moore, John Hill hands, E. H. Hill, Calvin Armsrong, Simpson McHughes, R. C. Houston hands, Robert Houston Jr, Levi Springer, James Blankenship, J. G. Clase?

Dec 1858

Archable Oliver appointed overseer in place of Thomas Farris at road commencing at John Whitaker bounds and work to the Miss line.

Jan 1859

M. C. Meeks overseer State Line Rd from Samuel Chambers place to Andrew Elam. P North, – Curry, Obediah Farris, Martin Elam, Mrs. Rebecca Chambers hands. 2nd class rd

Apr 1859

John A Jones overseer of road from Nathan McCoy to Houston Bridge. Thomas Robertson, A. C. Chenault, John English, Draden Young, Oswell Young, James M Hamm, John Monroe. Samuel T ----, Charles Robertson, Washington Owens.

April 1859

\$25.00 to build a bridge across Chambers Creek where Hamburg/Farmington Rd and Savannah/Farmington Rd cross said creek. D. S. Wardlow, W S Adcock, J. B. Randolph were commissioners appointed to see bridge built.

May 1859

Houston Bridge Rd to Cypress Branch, Samual J. Murry appointed overseer instead of Levi Springer.

Sept 1859

John H. Reeder, overseer of Hamburg/Gravel Hill Rd to Rowland Creek. Wm Jones, J. H. Reeder hands, Phillip Hamm, Berry A. Carter, Layfayette McCormack, Moses Brigman, James Lakey. 2nd class rd.

Nov 1860

Road from Wm Hamm old place to Corinth Rd/Houston Bridge Rd. John S. Huggins overseer instead of A. T. Springer, D. W. Hewitt, Asa Jones, J. S. McCoy, J. R. Huggins, Carroll Hamm, J. S. Williams, W. F. Clemons, L. M. Huggins, J. L. Huggins, J. S. Huggins, J. M. Huggins, W. E. Jones Charles Robertson.

Corinth Rd from Wm Hamm old place to new bridge: W. W Richards instead of Wm Fields, John Richards, L. D. Richard, W W Richards, Charles Jones , Wm S Tippet, G. R. Jones, Newton

Burns, John English, M. E. English, James English, Charles Onstead.

Mar 1861

Road from the mile tree to the twenty mile tree. John Bowers in place of Silas Littlejohn, Jesse Erwood, J. D. Bowers, Adam Bowers, J. J. Hamm, Wm Hogan, Wm Rushing — Blythe. 2nd class road.

Nov 1861

Farmington Rd from J. A. Smith to Ten Mile Post. James T. Horn, Wm Tippet, Wm Grant, John Latta, Charles Jones, Alfred Crabtree, James Mc- —, John Erwin, Joseph English 2nd class.

Jan 1862

Houston Bridge Rd to Cypress Creek. Robert S. Hill overseer instead of Charles Hill.

Sept 1865

A road from 10 mile post to 12 mile post. Solomon Carter, Thomas Bowers, Jermiah Berry, J. P. Kein, Isaac Farris, W. H. Decoly.

Oct 1866

Purdy & Monteary Rd from near Sandhill. Samuel Singleton overseer with Solomon Farris, Thomas Hopkins, Wes Emmons

Nov 1867

On Purdy Montreaty Rd, near Sandhill. W. R. Rushing, Philip Rushing, Bud Rushing, James R. Horn.

June 1868

Purdy Farmington Rd - Thomas H. Farris lived on this road.

BARK ROAD

Dudley Richard brought this into me one day in May 2001. Paul Dillon gave it to him. Paul's mother had told him all this information:

According to my mother (Bertha Reid Dillon) the Old Bark Road was a wagon trail from near Gravel Hill community to the Tennessee River. It got its name because people in the Gravel Hill community stripped the bark off oak trees (Black Jacks) and hauled the bark to a hide tannery located on the bank of the TN River just south of present Shiloh Park. The bark was used in the tanning process.

The road started in Gravel Hill community and went east thru Needmore Community crossing present Michie-Pleasant Site Road about where Old Needmore Store and Julius Mills home was, continue east to Mills home place, past John George home, uphill across R. L. Reid home place (formerly Bob Michie Farm) to a junction of roads at the bottom of the hill Michie and Honeycutt farms.

This junction had several roads coming to it. The main road was the old Corinth MS to Pittsburg Landing Rd and was used until the 1880's when the Park Service changed the route to the present Hwy 22 route.

Bark Road joined the old Corinth-Pittsburg Rd going east for approximately a mile, the old road was down the dell (?) ½ mile Owl Creek. Near the Whitaker, Moore, Farris farms, then Bark Rd turned west past the Jagers home place, Pratt & Jordon farms across county line & Goodman farm to Hwy 22 at old stone restaurant by Old Pine Rest Hotel at Shiloh across present Hwy 142 thru residential (?) past Old Childers Hill Rd to Shiloh National Park where it retains its name to this present time. Joining the Hamburg & Purdy Road on the Park going east to near the edge of Park and Cantrell farm, continuing east to the tannery on bank of Tennessee River. Submitted by Paul R. Dillon

P.S. I am informed that this road is mentioned and shown in some of the Confederate Field battle — in the area, and may be found at Shiloh National Park Headquarters.

P.S.S. I notice in the Independent that the 1997 reenactment of “Old Sunken Road” Battle of Shiloh will be done on Pratt Lane. I believe that is a part of Old Bark Road mentioned above.

NK Note: I think Paul Dillon wrote the PS and the PSS.

**December 1906 A List of County Officials. School Directors & Peace Officers
Taken from the McNairy County Independent Appeal
County Officials**

H P Wood - County Judge	R A Carothers - Register
J C Leonard - Sheriff	Albert Gillespie - Chancery Clerk
Noah Prince - County Clerk	Terry Abernathy - School Supt.
J B Graham - Circuit Clerk	Frank Locke - Surveyor
Horry Hodges - Trustee	W H Stone - Ranger
J H Alexander - Corner	

Justices of the Peace

Elected August 1906 and serve two years

1. F M Clayton	F J Taylor	12. E H T Garrett	J L Hockaday
2. L B Lock	J E Dunaway	13. R S Houston	T J Hurley
3. T H Sipes	John Kerby	15. J H Farris	L E Farris

4.	J S Ramer	J T Williams	16.	W F Maness	J A Wilkins
5.	W F Horn	J W Williams	17.	W E Cobb	F J Floyd
6.	J H Steadman	W A Grant	18.	J T Ramer	T B Wilmeth
	H C Gooch	J H Ferguson	19.	C C Plunk	H D Maxedon
7.	W F Beard	J M Inman			
8.	J S Lain	J E Barham			
9.	J W Burks	B G Tucker)			
10.	J P Sipes	W G Perkins			
11.	W M David	M D Davis			

RESEARCH ON THE GANUS, GANOS, GAINUS FAMILY

by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

George W Ganus and Nancy Barron

Known

children: Mary Ann, David J, Eli, James F Mary Ellinder, John W, Malinda. Louisa

George Ganus was born ca 1815 in SC and his wife Nancy Barron was born ca 1818 in Georgia. Nancy was the daughter of Mary E Barron, born ca 1786 in Georgia. The husband of Mary Barron is unknown. Mary died after 1880, maybe in McNairy County, if not in Hardin County, Tennessee. She is on the 1870 McNairy County, TN census with George and Nancy, age 85.

Mary E Barron is in Marion Co, Alabama in 1860, Pikeville Postoffice on page 531. She is shown at 74 years old, Sarah, age 34, seamstress, William age 13, and Sarah age 11. The children probably belong to Sarah. It is unknown if Sarah is a daughter or daughter-in-law of Mary.

A William Barron, which could be the son of Mary, shows up in McNairy County in 1880. He is in district 15 HH 57. He is age 56 born Ga and wife L J age 39, daughter Mary 1 age 21, M C Kemp age 16 (step-daughter?), R O C age 1 female, daughter. William's wife may have been married first to a Kemp. George and Nancy show up in McNairy County, Tennessee in 1870 in the 7th district HH 157 along with her mother and several of the children.

The Gaines family was found in Marion County, Georgia in 1850, page 236. Living next door is Eason Gaines age 42, Young Gaines age 25 and George W Gaines age 33. There is a possibility they are brothers. The George W Gaines family is shown as

George W Gaines age 33	Nancy age 33,	
Mary Ann age 8,	David J age 6,	Eli age 4,
James 2	Ellinder age 1	

The Ganes family is found in 1860 in Marion Co, Alabama, Pikeville Postoffice. The census shows this information:

George W Ganes, age 45 real estate 200 born SC and wife Nancy age 42, born GA
Mary A, 18 - dau David, 16 - son Eli, 14 son James, 12 - son
Mary, 10 -dau John, 8 - son Malinda, 6 - dau Louisa, 3, dau

The 1870 census of McNairy County, TN, Dist 7 HH 157 shows :

George W Ganess, age 54, Nancy 53, James 20, Malinda age 12,
Louisa age 14, John age 10, Mary Ganess 25, her son George W age 2.
Mary Barron (Nancy's mother) age 84.

The 1880 Hardin Co, TN census, District 15, HH 98 shows:

G W Ganus age 64, Nancy age 63, Linda age 18, Eliza age 17
Eliza probably married in Hardin County.

The names in the George W Gaines family is hard to determine, even the actual spelling of the last name. In 1860 there are two Mary's listed: Mary A (Ann age 18, and Mary (Ellinder) age 10. All the children belong to George and Nancy as the 1880 census shows they had only been married once (to each other.)

Also, a problem with two of the younger children shown on the 1860 and 1870 census names and birth dates. The birth dates vary from census to census.

1860 Alabama census	Malinda age 6	Louisa age 3
1870 McNairy Co, Tn	Malinda age 12	Louisa age 14
1880 Hardin Co, Tn	Linda age 18	Eliza age 17

We know these birth dates are wrong, but probably the 1860 census dates are more correct.

The names of the last two daughters is as confusing as the birth dates. One has been accounted for and one has not. Which one has been found is the big question along with what was the other one's whole name. It is thought the oldest one is Louisa Melinda Ganos.

Lou Ganis married J A Landreth January 31, 1883 in McNairy County, Tennessee. Bondman was J A Taylor and the marriage was performed by J F Carothers, JP. The Landreth's have not been found for 1900, but Lou M Landreth is in McNairy County in 1910, District 10 HH 35. She is age 47 which makes her birth date ca 1863-64. (Which would make her the Malinda, age 6, shown in the 1860 census.) She was born in Georgia and has been a widow for seven years. She says she has three children and two are living. One daughter is living with her, Josie age 24 and her son, Odel G age 2.

The death certificate of Lou - says ' Louisa Melinda Ganos Landreth.' It states she was born Oct 28, 1864 and died November 12 1922 in Stantonville, McNairy County, Tennessee of

tuberculosis. She is buried in Clear Creek Cemetery in an unmarked grave. It is unknown where her husband is buried. The certificate states her father was Geo W Ganos and her mother — Baren. Information was given by John Cobb, her son-in-law.

Other known facts about the children of George and Nancy Barron Ganos are:

1. James F Ganus, born ca 1848 in Georgia. He married Amanda Barnes on sept 3, 1878. L G Crum was the witness and J W Hardeman was the JP. Amanda was born ca 1860. In 1880 they are living close to his father in District 15, HH 79 in Hardin County, TN. They have a daughter named Rita, age 2 months.
2. John W Ganus, born ca 1857 in Georga, married Cintha O Templeton on Nov 15 1878. Witness was J M Barron and D P McKenzie, JP. Cinthia (Synthia) born ca 1864 and was the daughter of Abner D Templton (and Missaline V Smith) Missaline V Templeton is the daughter of Richard, born ca 1793 and Martha born ca 1796 Smith. In 1880 John and Cintha are living in McNairy County, District 10 HH 71, next door to her parents. Cinthia died before August 1887 because J W Ganess married Virginia Hamm on Aug 19, 1887. J T Templeton was the witness and J C Britton was the JP

Other information found, relationship unknown:

Frank Ganus married Sarah C Harris, Mar 12 1902, Arch Gardner witness, John R Burks, Mg;
Sarah E Ganus married Joseph M A Barron, Feb 11 1868, Levi Hurst J P, W J Barron witness.
Francis E Ganis married James C Rowsey, May 13, 1875 Calvin Shull wit, T C Hornbuckle MG

MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE CHANCERY COURT #577
W W MCCULLAR, ETALS VS J J HORN / C C SHAFNER 1884
ISAAC MCCULLAR ESTATE, DISPUTE

Isaac McCullar departed this life in McNairy County on the – day of September 1879, that he died without issue, leaving Missouri E McCullar his widow. Missouri McCullar and W W McCullar took the oath of administration of the estate on October 6, 1879 and the approximate value of his estate was \$1,586.76 plus 178 acres.

At the time of this court action being taken, L B Carter, Sr; L B Carter, Jr and J Sweat had outstanding notes. Missouri McCullar loaned J J Horn \$430.00 on March 28, 1883 to purchase a house and lot in the town of Falcon, McNairy County, Tennessee.

Missouri married Calvin C Shafner on April 14, 1883 and then she died January 1884. Isaac McCullar's siblings say the estate belongs to them, including the money owed by J J Horn.

In this case, it tells about cotton picking time and using baskets to pick the cotton. Apparently Missouri and her second husband didn't agree on this. He wanted to buy baskets and she told him he should have made baskets. Half the cotton belonged to her, since it was on her land. The mare belonged to her and he wasn't to ride it. She had built a nice new house, \$375 on her land after Isaac McCullar's death and if Shafner though he was marrying into a good time - he

might have made a mistake. Missouri was about 49 when she died.

A J Powel, age 51, in 1884, testified that he wanted to marry Missouri but apparently they couldn't come to terms on what each owned. She said no man would control the property of her first husband. He also stated "Yes, she agreed to marry me, but she did not tell me that she did not want to marry an old man." Yet she paid \$75 for C C Shafner, who had come from middle Tennessee, to get a divorce to marry her. She had to give instructions that she would not be responsible for his debts. (Maybe she made a mistake.)

They were married about 10 months when she died. It did not state when she got sick, but W W McCullar stated that when she got sick, Shafner would give her the medicine but he didn't do it right (maybe too much) so she said Martha Lipford would give it to her. He stayed in his room, drunk and mad, and would not see her much during the last. She told W W McCullar she was a little afraid of him, that maybe the medicine she was taking was not the right kind. She died 8-10 days after she told this.

Mary Jane Hefley bought the 178 acres of land in October 1884 for \$1,000.. The 178 acres had been given to Isaac McCullar by his father Alexander McCullar in August 1873.

The siblings of Isaac McCullar received \$142 each: Andrew Jackson McCullar, F H & Elizabeth 'Betsy' Simmons, David McCullar, Mary J Hefly, William W McCullar, Martha Houston who resided in Texas in 1884.

(Note: Elizabeth 'Betsy' in 1884 is the wife of F H Simmons. Reflections state that Elizabeth married a Martindale and then a Cannon. The marriage book shows that an Elizabeth Hill married F H Simmons Jan 31, 1864. In 1880 a John C Hill is living with Frederick and Elizabeth Simmons.

Mary Jane McCullar married P J Helfy

William W McCullar married Mary Etta Murphy

Isaac McCullar married Missouri Lipford

David McCullar married Margaret Cagle

Martha McCullar married Archibald Houston and moved to Texas

Andrew Jackson McCullar married Adaline Rains.

This case did not give a lot of information but it sure was interesting to read.

MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE COURT RECORDS
SETTLEMENT OF WILLIAM WESLEY MELTON, 1865

August 7, 1865, Hiram Melton and B Y Young were appointed administrators of the estate of William Wesley Melton. Walter W Melton and W J Young were bondmen. Inventory total was \$280.41.

W W Melton could write his name and he owed several people at his death: R D

Thompson, Dr L N Pettigrew, Burrow & Thompson, E B Fuller, M Cross & Cates, E F
McLaughlin J W Henderson, Arch Houston, Hollis Skinner Co, Wright & Cross, Margaret
Thomison, S G Thomison,

**MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE COUNTY COURT
HIRAM MELTON SETTLEMENT 1866**

Walter W Melton and Arthur Harris were appointed Administrators of Hiram Melton,
estate October 1, 1866. Hiram Melton died leaving no will. Hiram Melton was the administrator
appointed on Aug 7, 1865 of the William Wesley Melton estate. One penciled note stated each
heir was due 85.99.

Names listed as owing the estate or Hirman Melton owing them were: Richard Newell, R
G Wylie, B J Young, Moses Smith, S Massengill, W R Hardin, M H Johnson, Rebecca Ballman,
John Kerby, J P Walker, Wm Bishop, Prince & Kerby, Asa Bellham, Dick Hardin, A Baucum, J
W Bishop, M H Johnson.

Paid Rebecca Melton to finish out year's allowance \$52.40.

August 13, 1867 he had two \$20 dollar bills and two \$10 dollar bills. A total of \$60, which
was worth 10.80.

\$20 - West Tennessee	worth 6.00
\$10 - State of Georgia	.80
\$10 - Bank of Augusta	3.00
\$20 - State Bank of Carolina	1.00

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These notes were found in the file of William Wesley Melton, deceased. I do not think they
belonged here and a new file was made for them:

**OCTOBER TERM OF COUNTY COURT 1866
(NOTES OF CHAIRMAN LEVI HURST)**

Ordered by the court that Levi Hurst be allowed 16.15, cash in state cases. Levi Hurst,
Chairman.

Ordered by the court that C Shull, by his request relieved from being guardian for
Granville S Ingramham and pay the proceeds in his hands to his successor. Levi Hurst,
Chairman,

Ordered by the court that the sum of 7.50 be allowed for the purpose of repairing the
courthouse out of the taxes of 1867 and that J M McKiney, Levi Hurst, G M Moore be appointed
a commission to arrange and see to the said work on the court house and report quarterly to the

county court, and that they are hereby authorized to contract for said repairs to the best of their knowledge. Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that W D Joplin, John Graham and W H Simpson be appointed a commission to build a bridge across Cypress Creek below of Pharr Mill and the county pay half the expense and that said committee report quarterly at each tern till said bridge be completed. Approved. Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that a bridge be built across Mosses Creek on the road leading from Camden to Pocahontas and the bridge be let to the lowest bidder by the commissioners and the county pay one half of the expenses and J G Gooch, A J Stricklin, Thos M cCrary ?, be appointed the committee and report timely till said bridge be completed. Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that a bridge be built across Huggins Creek and the Clifton and Bolivar Road and the county pay half the expenses and H P Floyd, R T McIntyre and John Kerby be appointed commissioners and report. Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that there be a kitchen built and it so arranged as to have a separate apartment and that Sam Lewis, Richard Kerby, J P (?) Baldrige be commissioners and report. Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that G W Gainus (Ganos) be allowed the sum of twenty dollars for services rendered to his mother-in- law - old Mrs Barron, who is blind and helpless. Approved by the court, Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that H B Wade, Hard Oneal and John Canady be appointed commissioners to proceed and lay off one years provisions for the widow Melton. Approved by the court. Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that Thomas –are be allowed \$50 for work done on the court house. Approved by the court, Levi Hurst, Chairman.

Ordered by the court that Sam Lewis be allow credit on the taxes of 1865 for 11.65. Approved by the court. Levi Hurst, Chairman,

Ordered by the court that L R Littlefield be released from the apprentice bond of Taylor Bans (?). Levi Hurst, Chairman

Levi Hurst, Commissioner of Registration of McNairy County made his report as commissioner and said report received. Levi Hurst, Chairman

Ordered by the court that the Clerk made title to J R Holmes and S ----- McClintock for the land purchased by them, belonging to the estate of Isaac Russom, dec'd. Said land described in the pleads. Approved by the Court, Levi Hurst, Chairman

MCNAIRY COUNTY CHANCERY COURT FILE 224

JAMES E FERGUSON, ETALS VS HENEY W ROTEN, ETALS, 1871

This cause came on to be heard on the 9th day of March 1871, before Chancellor Nixon. Ezekiel Dunaway, deceased, was the owner of an occupant claim in McNairy County prior to the year 1838 and lived upon the same and that he died in the latter part of the year 1838 while residing on the same, leaving him surviving three children, his heirs at law, W P Dunaway, James T Dunaway and Mary Ann Dunaway. His wife survived him but her name is not mentioned and it does not tell when she died.

The widow and family of Ezekiel Dunaway lived on this land to about the year 1844 or 1845 when apparently the land was divided among the heirs. The date, July 17, 1849 was entered, which I think was the date court was petitioned for Mary Ann's land was transferred to Henderson Ferguson. Apparently Mary Ann inherited 232 acres of land.

This lawsuit is a land dispute between the heirs of one Mary Ann Dunaway, a minor at the time of her father Ezekiel Dunaway's death. Mary Ann married Henderson Ferguson, about 1845, before she became of age and therefore Henderson Ferguson took possession of the land, as was the law and custom in that time.

Mary Ann Dunaway married Henderson Ferguson about 1844. They had four children, James E Ferguson, Nancy Jane who married William C Ramer, Mary Margaret who married J M Melton, and Henderson Ferguson, a minor at the time of this lawsuit. Henderson married M J Ramer Jan 2, 1872. J E married Margaret Hill, Feb 27, 1870

Henderson Ferguson died in August 1852 and Jessee Gooch was appointed guardian over the children. Apparently the court never divided the land among the widow and the children. When Mary Ann married Henry W Roten, he became guardian of the Ferguson children and Jessee Gooch gave him the money due the Henderson Ferguson estate and he loaned it to a Mr Young. Apparently this lawsuit was over the fact that they never received this money. Another factor was that the Ferguson children felt the land was theirs and none belonged to the Roten children. (However they forgot the land was their mother's to begin with.)

Mary Ann died a few days before Christmas 1869. The resting place for Henderson Ferguson or Mary Ann Dunaway Ferguson Roten are not documented in the cemetery book.

In reading over this case - I hope Mary Ann was happy, it seems both men married her for her land. She was also called Polly Ann.

According to the 1850 census, Henry Roten was 50 years old and Mary Ann was 30. They are listed in district 6 hh 957. Apparently he had 3 sons by a previous marriage, Logan B age 21, William H H age 20 and Jessee W age 14. Mary Ann and Henderson Ferguson's children were Mary M age 14, James E age 12, Nancy J age 10 and Henderson age 8.

Mary Ann and Henry Roten's had two children by 1860, Robert Z age 4 and William P age 1.

The case says Mary and Henry Roten had six children, four of whom are living in 1870. Mary Ann was dead by census time in 1870 and I did not find Henry Roten in the McNairy County census.

RESEARCH ON

GEORGE VERNA J. RIDGELL AND WIFE UNA JANE FREEMAN

(Note: so often we have to allow for errors in the census, cemetery and all records, as errors do occur - and we have to look for these errors and allow for them. I find many errors in names listed. Example says, Una's mother was Annie Kirk, in the census she is listed as M D, the tombstone record says Annie.)

1920 McNairy County , TN, Census, District 18 HH 24 transcribed by R. Harold Cox shows:

Verna J Ridgell	19		AR AR GA	General Store Sales
Una	29	wife	TN	
Birtie	7	dau	TN	
Ottis	5	son	TN	
Icy	3	dau	TN	
Albert	10 mo	son	TN	
Bertha Wilson	29	sister	AR	

(lived on Cypress & Chewalla Rd)

There is no marriage record that I can find on Verna J Ridgell and Una Freeman. Diana Dance, daughter of Icy Ridgell, says that Verna's name was George Verna Ridgell and Una Jan's parents were John Dolphus Freeman and Annie Kirk.

I do not find the name Ridgell list in any McNairy County Census except 1920.

1900 McNairy County, TN Census, District 4, HH 16, transcribed by R Harold Cox shows:

J. A. Freeman	M W	Jan 1857	43	19 *	Head	TN	Farmer
M. D.	F W	Dec 1857	43	19	Wife	TN	11/9*
Martha A	F	?? 1882	18		D		
Isaac N	M	Jun 1884	15		S		
Narcissis	F	Mar 1886	14		D		
Una J	F	Feb 1890	10		D		
Joseph C	M	Feb 1890	10		S		
Sarah F	F	Mar 1892	7		D		
William A	M	?? 1894	5		S		
Charley T	M	Jan 1897	3		S		
Mattie	F	?? 1899	1		D		

They lived in the Ramer area

* means married 19 years

* means the wife has had eleven children and 9 are living at the time of census

I do not find a marriage record for John Freeman marrying an Annie Kirk. I do find a

marriage for J D Freeman and _____ Kanady on Mar 3, 1881. Marriage performed by J G Gooch, JP and witness was Obediah Kanady. This could fit, as stated above, the Freemans had been married 19 years.

I do not find any record in 1880 that could be John Freeman, except one, and that is a calculated guess. In district 1, HH 100, which is lowest southwest part of the county, Elzer Freeman age 65 and his wife age 63 and son John age 25 are living with Ann and Q P McCallister. Elzer is stated as FIL, wife is MIL and John is BIL.

M A Freeman marries I P M McCallister on Jan 3, 1877 by J P Gooch, JP. Witness was J B Stewart.

1850 McNairy County census, transcribed by R Harold Cox. District 2 HH 731
Elzy Freeman, age 30, NC farmer, Narcissa 25, Caroline 11, Jane 5, George 3.

Some Cemetery Records recorded by Albert Brown on the Freeman & Ridgell's include:

I N Freeman, born June 14, 1884, died Sept 8, 1951, buried McCalips Cemetery
Annie Freeman, born Dec 1858, died Dec 25, 1943, buried McCalips Cemetery
John D. Freeman, born Feb 18, 1857, died Jan 15, 1943, buried McCalips Cemetery
Albert V Ridgell, born 1919, died 1959, buried White Oak Cemetery (must be error born 1899)
George V Ridgell, born Dec 22, 1890 died Nov 25, 1929, buried White Oak Cemetery
Una Freeman Ridgell, born Feb 4, 1890, died Mar 7, 1938, buried White Oak Cemetery

MCNAIRY COUNTY INDEPENDENT - July 3, 1903

W W WALLACE

Another Christian Father Has Gone to the Spirit's Land. W. W. Wallace was born in North Carolina on the 26th of August 1823. His parents brought him to Tennessee when but a child. He was principally brought up in Tennessee, where he had his Spiritual birth by faith in Christ, when but a child he joined the M. E. Church South, of which he made a consistent member until death. Soon after his conversion he went to work in prayer meetings and other church work. His delight was to give glory to God and peace on earth.

He was married to Elizabeth Lockman Feb. 25, 1847. They had 5 children born to them. After this the affectionate companion and mother died a triumphant death in the Lord. Later he was married to Cyrena Nethery, March 1, 1857. They had seven children born to them.

In 1867 he was licensed to preach in the M. E. Church South. I never knew anything of him but an earnest Christian worker and a loyal citizen. An aged brother in Christ rose up at the burial of the one of whom we write and expressed himself as having known him from a young man and had never know anything contrary to those Christian virtues. Another says, "I have lived a neighbor to him for forty years and have never known a discord in his life."

He was a Mason of the ancient type, made at heart in truth and virtue, under the tongue of good report raised to the degree of a Master Mason in Gravel Hill Lodge, McNairy Co., Tenn. He

was a man of prayer. I do not know when he erected his family alter but it was in operation about 47 years ago. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. All have been converted to God but one. As the father can no longer live to plead with the son, will all who read this offer a prayer for him? Father died at his home in McNairy County, June 2, 1902. J. W. W.

THE JOY

of living is to have good health. Use Herbine and you will have bushels of joy. You need not be blue, fretful and have that bad taste in your mouth. Try a bottle of Herbine, a positive cure for all liver complaints. E Harrell, Austin, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for over a year, and find it a fine regulator. I gladly recommend it as a fine medicine for dyspepsia."

WOODVILLE 75 YEARS AGO (1831)

April 6, 1906 - McNairy County Independent

Having asked for editorials you would scarce expect anything of so ancient a title as "Woodville 75 years ago." My father J D Huddleston, taught school in the old Woodville schoolhouse, whose site is in what is now my orchard. It was a lovely place, shaded all around with large oaks, the last of which has lately fallen. Nearby is a fine old spring, the water gushing out of the hillside, which my father used to murmur something about in his feverish dreams when he lived in Arkansas.

There was once a fine start for a little town here. There was a store, gin, mill, blacksmith shop, etc.

Col F Hurst, Dr Job Bell, Pryer Huddleston, Smith Isbel, Mr Chapom, B C Hurst, were some of the first inhabitants. Grandma Overall lived here. She owned Uncle Jack and Aunt Jinnie of fortune telling fame. Mrs Ann Bell was her daughter. She and Louritta Hurst were the reigning belles of the day, the one very stout and thrifty, the other very fair and gentle. Col Hurst hewed the punchons, in fact he hewed the logs that made Dr Bell's first office.

The country is well watered, Ky's creek on the west and Hamstring on the east, forming a peninsular contained about sixteen families that have no school at all without crossing water, sometimes at a great risk and walking about two miles. We are petitioning, praying, imploring that our people have an equal chance at least for a school.

Mrs John Mitchell went to the last school that was taught in this neighborhood, and she has a family of about fourteen children. LS



THE BEATY PHOTO TENT

will be at the following places
the following dates: (1906)

Finger	May 2, 3, 4, 5
Masseyville	May 7, 8, 9
Rosecreek	May 10, 11, 12
Ottersville	May 14, 15, 16
Selmer	May 17, 18, 19

If you want pictures call on them
on the above dates.

May 4, 1906 Independent Appeal

MAY 1906 - -CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DOCKET

Mary Gauss et al. Vs. Southern vs Southern Railroad, compromised, defendant pay cost.
RE Chambers vs John Richards, compromised, defendant paying cost.
Lean Whitten vs George Whitten, decree for divorce, granted.
J W Kiddy vs Lou Kiddy, decree for divorce.
Josie Roe vs Will Roe, decree for divorce.
Maggie Pharr vs Simon Pharr, decree for divorce.

MAY 1906 - STATE DOCKET

Monroe Goodman, charged with murder in second degree, not guilty.
Ed Lindsey, carrying weapon, submitted, \$40 and cost.
J C Huffman, carrying weapon, \$50 and cost.
Luther Surratt, \$10 and cost.
Ruff O'Neal, dismissed on payment of costs.
Jeff Osburn, DL. society, \$20 and costs.
Bob Gibson, public drunkenness, \$10 and costs.
Lum Bias, murder in second degree, ten years in pen.
Will Neighbors, carrying weapon, \$50 and costs.
John Sweat, disturbing public worship, \$40 and costs.
James Clayton, carrying pistol, \$50 and ten months in jail.
James Clayton, assault, \$10 and costs.

SEPTEMBER 1906 - COUNTY COURT

New notaries: W. T. Piggott, Bethel Springs
L. E. Farris, Adamsville
L. O. Atkins, Ninth district
D. M. Archer, Third district.

Poor House Commissioners Elected: N. A. Erwin, J. H. Alexander

A motion was made to work county convicts on roads was defeated.

Each Justice be supplied with Rogers' Manual.

The district line between the Sixth and Thirteenth districts changed as follows: Beginning at Will Hockaday's run through to Crooked Creek bridge, near John Hall's. this puts Squire W A Grant, who has moved to the Carter place in the Sixth district; also John Hall and others will be in the Sixth.

CIRCUIT COURT SEPTEMBER 1906

Circuit Court met Monday, with Judge Everett presiding: Attorney General Tipton, Sheriff Leonard and Clerk Graham.

Grand Jury:	J S Ramer, foreman	W G Matlock
Homer O'Neal	W M King	J L Sewell
Albert Pickett	J N Cox	M A James
John Kernodle	Charles Foster	John Hoover
L E Farris	W R Ramsey	Tillman Henry, officer

Travis Jury:	J M Hicks	J N Hamm
R G Gray	A K Tedford	J A Reid
Henry Wilkins	J R Carothers	Ed Holmes
J E Curry	G W Dolison	Zach Powell
Tom Croskey		

G W Martindale, administration vs M& O Railroad. Suits for damages for killing Montague (colored) at Tupelo, Miss. Trial by jury on Monday. Judgment in favor of the Defendant.

CRIMINAL DOCKET

State vs Tom Wren, carrying pistol, submitted, fined \$50, ten days in jail.

State vs Jasper Calicut, larceny. Pleaded guilty. One year in the penitentiary.

State vs Lindary Vernall, carrying pistol. Trial by jury. Not guilty.

State vs Eddie Kemp, giving liquors to minors. Dismissed on payment of costs.

State vs Frank Sanders, disturbing public worship. Fined \$20 and costs.

State vs Bud Barnett, public drunkenness. Fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Schott Norwood, public drunkenness. Fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Coram Holmes, giving liquor to minors. Fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Arthur Wright, public drunkenness. Fined \$25 and costs.

SEPTEMBER 1906 CHANCERY COURT

Ferguson, et al vs R E McKinney. Dismissed by complainant.

Della Smith vs J W F Smith, divorce granted.

Myrtie Swain vs J B Swain, decree for divorce.

George W North vs B North, decree for divorce

J W Deming, et al vs Chas Deming, report of sale continued.

R P Plunk vs S A Plunk, dismissed by complainant and parties reunited.

Mrs Mattie E Combs, et al vs Devon Sewell, et al, decree in favor of complainant for land.

E H Chamness vs W E Parrish. Will case: 1/3 real estate to Chamness, 1/3 to grand children and 1/3 more decree.

Mrs Annie Sanders Lamb et al vs Artisimer Sanders et al. Sale confirmed and decree dower interest of Mrs Sanders and order allowing attorney fees.

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W. J. WILLIAMS

W J Williams was born March 23, 1830 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Married to Miss Ester Martin, December 15, 1847. Moved to Tishomingo County, September 1849. Moved from there to West Tennessee, Madison County, September 1, 1854. Professed religion September 1859; united with the Pleasant hill congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; joined the Hopewell Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, October 3, 1862. Joined the Confederate army, December 1861, commanding Company B, in the 52nd Tennessee, commanded by Col. B. J. Lee. Was in the Shiloh battle, together with a number of other battles. Was discharged at Columbus Miss in May 1865. Reached home the 25th days of the same month. Was licensed to preached at Yorkville, Gibson County, Tennessee by the Hopewell Presbytery September 29, 1865. Was ordained at Camden, Benton County, Tennessee by the same Presbytery October 6, 1867. Moved to McNairy County January 1873. Have engaged in the work of the ministry to the exclusion of everything else. Am now 74 years old.

This life's summary was written about 1904 by Mr Williams himself. He died Feb 24, 1907. Taken from McNairy County Independent.

This was in a community article to the McNairy County Independent dated December 23, 1909. The heading said Stumpville News and was written by L.S. (I have tried to just who L.S. was - but haven't been successful.)

“Money could not buy my grandmother’s old Bible. It is covered with a piece of Kentucky jeans sewed on with her dear fingers, done fully a hundred years ago. It contains the family. My grandmother was born in 1773 but her father’s age is not recorded. His name was McBee and he lived to be 107 years old. He lived and died in East Tennessee. I knew father Abraham Hill, but he was a soldier of 1812 and I think his brother Daniel was also.

LIST OF OFFICERS, JUDGES AND CLERKS TO HOLD THE ELECTION AUGUST 4, 1910, AT THE VARIOUS VOTING PLACES IN MCNAIRY COUNTY:

First District

Officer: Felix Taylor
Judges: P N Coleman, Neely Russell, W T Boatman
Clerks: S K Wallace, Oscar Smith

Second District

Officer: J A Moore
Judges: W W Roberson, Z T Simpson, D R Cockran
Clerks: B P Moore, Ed Moore

Third District

Officer: George Russom
Judges: George Estes, Lein Sharp, J C Maxwell
Clerks: Mack Archie, Bunyan Kernodle

Fourth District

Officer: George Prather
Judges: W R Crabtree, J A Ramer, J T Williams
Clerks: R W Taylor, Dalton Gooch

Fifth District - Gravel Hill Box

Officer: Josiah Jordan
Judges: John Springer, Rady Huggins, J D Cheshier
Clerks: J W McCoy, Jess Springer

Fifth District - Caffey Box

Officer: N F Nickles

Judges: John English, I C Crow, R W Caffey

Clerks: J W Williams, Odum Castleberry

Sixth District - Selmer Box

Officer: W J Olive

Judges: Joe Alexander, H C Taylor, L R Carter

Clerks: Charlie McCullar, W E Stone

Sixth District - Falcon Box

Officer: Linsey Leonard

Judges: Jeff Foster , J C Gilbert, P A Neathery

Seventh District

Officer: Dick Hendrix

Judges: Andy Garner, William Holland, John J Horton

Clerks: Miles Freeman, Walter Wagoner

Eight District

Officer: J S Lain

Judges: F E Miller, Frank Beard, J E Barham

Clerks: John Tedford, John Harris

Ninth District - Pebble Hill Box

Officer: Mitt Wardlow

Judges: Lewis Rickman, John Burks, W J Sutton

Clerks: J P Huggins, Robert W Michie

Ninth District - Acton Box

Officer: James Burks

Judges: P Farris, James Manual, George Michie

Clerks: J W Smith, Robert Wade

Tenth District - Stantonville Box

Officer: Guys Perkins

Judges: Warner Wyatt, Benton Kendrick, Dew Michie

Clerks: John Wyatt, William Rickman

Tenth District - Lawton Box

Officer: James Gilchrist

Judges: J R Cagle, S C Carroll, Lewis Harris

Clerks: Charlie Freshour, Cisco Walker

Eleventh District

Officer: Sidney Pyron

Judges: C C Stevens, Frank Alexander, John Hair

Clerks: R F Lewis, Hubert Harris

Twelfth District

Officer: Marion Jamerson
Judges: Nute Holland, B M Dallas, R H Hill
Clerks: J P H Smith, Sam Bishop

Thirteenth District

Officer: J A Weatherford
Judges: T R Sanders, George Wilkes, Lee Willis
Clerks: Taylor McAfee, Mack Luttrell

Fourteenth District - Chewalla Box

Officer: Robert York
Judges: G L Merrell, James Haynes, C C Turner
Clerks: R M Merrell, W P Surratt

Fourteenth District - Guys Box

Officer: R B Hooker
Judges: J L Meeks, Dave Sharp, E G Auten
Clerks: B Olive, Everett Meeks

Fifteenth District

Officer: R T Gray
Judges: John Scott, R A Mills, J R Wesson
Clerks: W M Littlefield, W J Stanton

Sixteenth District

Officer: J B Jackson
Judges: Robert Ranklin, C C Roberson, John Garrett
Clerks: Hugh Maness, J M Bishop

Seventeenth District

Officer: A C Henry
Judges: John McCaskill, E F Cross, J J Swaim
Clerks: Horry Hodges, Nute Owens

Eighteenth District

Officer: J M Barnes
Judges: J F King, Calvin Wooten, Calvin Graham
Clerks: Robert Ramer, Stanford Mathis

Nineteenth District

Officer: Jack Etheridge
Judges: D W Hester, John Maxedon, C C Plunk
Clerks: John Swaim, Crump Wilson

McNairy County Election Commission

J R Adams, J T Houston, W H Stone

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District 1 - Neathery's

Officer Edgar Coleman
Judges O C Steadman, Frank Milstead, D F Fortune
Clerks Frank Crocker, Lester McAlpin

District 1 - Taylor's

Officer M F Minton
Judges R G Gooch, N V Fortune, J H Howell
Clerks T G Fortune, C L McAlpin

District 2 - Hunter's

Officer Forest Hunter
Judges Tom Hunter, Rufus Knight, R M Weatherly
Clerks G W B Hines, J E Dunaway

District 3 - Rosecreek

Officer L O Hooper
Judges W H Cox, J F Whitten, J R Whitten
Clerks Homer Anderson, E S Robinson

District 4

Officer W J Darby
Judges T O Carman, R H Anderson, Joe Prather
Clerks Homer Anderson, E S Robinson

District 5 - Gravel Hill

Officer J B Huggins
Judges William Hogan, N B Carney, Joe Huggins
Clerks Thurman Latta, Andy Hamm

District 5 - Caffey

Officer Will Forsyth
Judges Wick Huggins, Tom Bowers, Tom Farris
Clerks Charlie Burns, Jim Wardlow

District - Selmer

Officer W J Oliver
Judges John Lockman, W A Reeder, Clay Gibson
Clerks Frankie Gilbert, Frank Curry

District 6 - Falcon

Officer John Carman
Judges Bob Browder, W D Basinger
Clerks Henry Carman, Horry Carman

District 7 - Purdy

Officer W W Joplin
Judges J J Wharton, J A Beard, R L Hendrix
Clerks Walter Wagoner, John Wagoner

District 8 - Finger

Officer W H Carroll
Judges N A Tucker, D E Bishop, J F Lofton
Clerks John Harris, Ward Maness

District 9 - Donnell Springs

Officer Jim Carroll
Judges G G Michie, R Wade, James Adcock
Clerks Charlie Moore, Jim Asbill

District 9 - Pebble Hill

Officer Guy Chambers
Judges W E McCleod, George Burks, Lee Whittaker
Clerks Tom Fullwood, Wes Woods

District 10 - Stantonville

Officer E Michie
Judges John May, J H Dancer, W S Burks
Clerks Lucy Erwin, John Garrison

District 10 - Lawton

Officer Benton Kendrick
Judges Joe Walker, J C Gilchrist, Artie Gilchrist
Clerks Emit Kendrick, W J Coia

District 11 - Leapwood

Officer L O Wharton
Judges Lee Harris, G L Pyron, J H Jackson
Clerks M A Robinson, J C Hodge

District 12 - Mt Zion

Officer G H Crowder
Judges H T Matlock, J W Odum, R L Bishop

Clerks G M Dallas, W O'Neal

District 13

Officer John Henson

Judges Z H Ray, Mack Luttrell, Dan Willis

Clerks Evert Henson, Dorse Humphrey

District 14 - Chewalla

Officer Billie Springer

Judges Warren Ledbetter, Josh Dixon, James Haynes

Clerks William Morse, John Stanfield

District 14 - Guys

Officer James Mitchell, Jr

Judges Will Tanner, E F Meeks, Van Wardlow

Clerks Jim Hamm, John Glover

District 15 - Adamsville

Officer J V Hurley

Judges S P Perkins, W H Foster, W C Vernell

Clerks W T Tidwell, G M McKenzie

District 16 - Rocky Knob

Officer J B Jackson

Judges G E O'Neal, W D Lee, T C Robison

Clerks J N Robison, L J Crumby

District 17 omitted

District 18 - Cypress

Officer John Ramer

Judges Dolphus Wooten, B F Howell, T B Wilmeth

Clerks George Blasingame, W L Curry

District 19 - Bethel Springs

Officer J R Stovall

Judges John Maxedon, R D Etheridge, John Hipps

Clerks Bruce Mitchell, A H Grantham

The Democratic Election Commissioners for McNairy County:

O V Erwin, Chairman, R M Houston, Sec, W D Hendrix, W E McLeod, O L Droke

AUGUST 1, 1918 ELECTION

Justices of the Peace elected:

1ST R W Taylor

Lee McAlpin

11th J H Carothers

S A Pyron

2 nd	O T Stumph	D W Locke	12 th	Lee Meek	Newt Wright
3 rd	T H Sipes	G W Russom	13 th	J A Weatherford	E A Raines
4 th	G A Prather	J W Teague	14 th	J L Meek	W P Surratt
5 th	J B Huggins	J W Williams	15 th	W T Carothers	J F Wilkins,
6 th	W H Stone	W S Taylor		J R Wesson - corp of Adamsville	
	J T McCullar	N E Goodrum	16 th	Ben Garrett	H Bullman
7 th	W F Bearden	J A Sipes	17 th	W B Plunk	J F Wilson
8 th D	Charlie Barham	Eddie Peoples	18 th	J T Ramer	R M Merrill
9 th	J L Coln	J R Burks	19 th	W W Hester	R F Lewis
10 th	D J Barnes	W H Wilson			

Board of Education:

1 st District	J M Crocker	4 th District	J L Harris
2 nd District	J W Wood	5 th District	W F Maness
3 rd District	C A Morphis		

All Republicans were elected and the county court is largely republican. Results:

County Court Clerk	J R Swaim	1425	majority - 166
	Noah Prince	1250	
Circuit Court Clerk	J B Graham	1779	majority - 432
	W M Whorton	1331	
County Trustee	F O Hamilton	1779	no opponent
Register	C A Scott	1776	no opponent
Sheriff	John F Dillon	1440	majority - 280
	A H Jopling	1211	
County Supt	Terry Abernathy	1436	majority - 224
	Grady Hamm	1212	
Chancellor	J W Ross	1575	no opponent
Circuit Judge	R P Baptist	1240	no opponent
Attorney General	W K Abernathy	1266	no opponent

McNairy County, Tennessee Chancery Court

821 - October 21, 1889

C GILCHRIST

Your petitioner James C Gilchrist would most respectfully represent and show to your honor that C Gilchrist died in McNairy County, State of Tennessee, some time in the year 1868 after making and publishing his last will and testament, leaving Mary Caroline Gilchrist, his widow and sole executrix who is still living , and your petitioner James C Gilchrist and John Gilchrist, Robert C Gilchrist, William Gilchrist, Archable Gilchrist, Nancy K Cook, formerly Nancy K Gilchrist, L J Pettigrew, formerly L J Gilchrist, Elizabeth Gilchrist and Frances Gilchrist; sons and daughters and Mary C Gilchrist his said widow as his sole legatees of his said estate.

On the 11th day of November 1878, the said Robert C Gilchrist married a Miss M M McKinze and that some time about the year 1882 or 1883, said R C Gilchrist died intestate in said county, leaving surviving him the said M M Gilchrist as his widow and two children as the result of said marriage.

On the 20th day of December 1879, the said Francis Gilchrist intermarried with one Thomas L Pettigrew and sometime about the year 1882 the said Francis Pettigrew died intestate in said county leaving surviving him the said T L Pettigrew, her said husband and one boy child named William E Pettigrew as the results of her said marriage.

On the 4th day of June 1885, the said T L Pettigrew, widower aforesaid and the said M M Gilchrist, widow as aforesaid, intermarried with each other and that some time in the year 1889 T L Pettigrew died intestate in said county leaving surviving him said M M Pettigrew as his widow, and her two children by the said Robert C Gilchrist, deceased her former husbands, and the said William E Pettigrew his only child by his first wife the said Francis Pettigrew and two children as the result of his last marriage, his only heirs.

William E Pettigrew is a minor and now about eight years old and has an estate consisting of real and personal property amounting to about one thousand dollars left to him by his mother the said Francis Pettigrew, deceased and one of the legatees of the estate of her father the said C Gilchrist, deceased.

James C Gilchrist was appointed guardian for William E Pettigrew September, 1889. As guardian he is legally entitled to the custody and control of the person and property of said William E Pettigrew. James C Gilchrist states that M M Pettigrew, step-mother and aunt of William E Pettigrew, wrongfully and illegally withholds the custody and control of William E Pettigrew and positively refuses to deliver him up to petitioner although she has often been requested to do so. Petitioner also states that M M Pettigrew is in no wise related except as step-mother and who has two other sets of child, both her own by two different husbands to care for and look after.

Frances Gilchrist Pettigrew requested at the time of her death that her brother, James C Gilchrist, to take charge of her son William E Pettigrew and raise him for her. James C Gilchrist took him to his house and kept him until he was about four years old , when his father T L Pettigrew married Mrs M M Gilchrist, the widow of Robert C Gilchrist. At which time William's father took him to his home to live. William lived with his father until his father's death in 1889. At T L Pettigrew's death he requested his wife M M Pettigrew to keep William

with her and raise all the children up together, which she agreed to do.

In this case James C Gilchrist states that M M Pettigrew is a good woman but the child would be better off with him. It is unknown the outcome of this case.

OLD LAND MARK DESTROYED

We have just learned of the destruction by fire of the old Jim Palmer Wilson house, a mile and half west of Adamsville. This old place was settle by James Palmer Wilson more than sixty years ago and it is here he raised a large family. He was a Confederate soldier and right after the war he married the only child of Rozette Cox Jones, she be the child of the late Anderson and Rebecca Cox. The mother of the writer of these lines was the youngest child in that family, Rachel Cox Abernathy.

The wife of Mr Wilson was Euphemia Jones, and she and her aunt, Rachel Cox, were reared in the same home, that of the grandfather Anderson Cox. They were children together and went to school at old Pleasant Ridge nearly three-quarters of a century ago. Euphemia married first and with her young husband established this old home. Children of this union were: R A N Wilson, now a celebrated Presbyterian minister who lives in Arkansas; Etta Wilson Carman, now deceased; Ophelia Williams, Bessie Wilson Lucas and Jessie Wilson Derryberry. All children live in McNairy County except R A N Wilson.

SELMER, TENNESSEE

NOTICE of application under the law of the State of Tennessee for Incorporating the City of Selmer, Tennessee.

1. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that they hereby make application for a charter of incorporation for the city of Selmer, McNairy County, Tennessee with the following boundaries, viz: Beginning at the new bridge on Cypress Creek southeast of the courthouse in Selmer, running thence in a westerly to a house in P H Thrasher's field now occupied by Murph Wagoner and including said house within said boundaries; thence in a northerly direction to the old Graham place on the old Bolivar and Purdy road, including the old residence in said boundaries; thence in an easterly direction to the west end of what has been named and known as Adams Street, thence along the middle of said street to the eastern line of the right-of- way of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad; thence south with the eastern side of said right- of- way to the point where Cypress Creek touches said right- of- way; thence down said creek with its meanders to the bridge at the point of the beginning.

Said Incorporation to be known as the "City of Selmer." That on the 12th day of Jany 1892, a list of the qualified voters entitled to vote in said corporation was wiled with J R Adams, Clerk of County Court of McNairy County, Tennessee, at his office in Selmer where the same may now be found. This Jany 12, 1892.

W S Alexander

J H Ammons

W Edwin Attums, MD

G A Autry	W T Autry	L W Barnes
P W T Derryberry	W W Flanagan	W Gibson
H G Gooch	S W Gooch	L H Hamm
J F Kernodle	Lawson King	J T McCullar
WM M McNatt	A M Moore	Jas D Morris
S A Perkins	J W Purviance	F G Rasburry
J T Shytes	H C Taylor	H P Wood.

“TRAGEDY,” NOVEMBER 15, 1873.

Tragedy. The Corinth, Miss Nov 15th says: the daughter of Rev Richardson living a few miles from this place, having some misunderstanding, previously, with a gentleman, went to his home, found him at work, spoke to and shook hands with him, and then drew from under her shawl a pistol, placed it to his breast and fired. The man at last accounts, was living, but in a hopeless condition.”

The above article is true, and the gentleman wounded was Mr Mark Haynes, of McNairy County. It is said that he was engaged to be married to the young lady, Miss Mattie Richardson, and was about “to go back” upon his plighted word and honor, and so notified his fair ----. When she received intelligence of his contemplated apostesy she rode over to Haynes’ residence in a buggy, in company with a young brother, she drew forth a pistol from under her shawl and shot him as above described. Miss Richardson and her brother were both arrested after the shooting, and had a preliminary trial before James Houston, esq, who bound them both over to the next term of circuit court at McNairy County. The bond of Miss Richardson was fixed at \$1,000, and was promptly given. Haynes was wounded in the right lung, and his condition or last accounts, was extremely critical. He is a new comer to this section and hails from Georgia. “Wig and Tribune” vol XXX, Jackson, Tennessee, Saturday, November 22, 1873.

RESEARCH ON COMMODORE B. ROGERS

This is just research and notes made from that research. This is not my line, I did it for someone else. Please note, in most census records the name Commodore is spelled many ways. Also the last name is sometimes Rodgers and sometimes Rogers.

Known children of Commodore B Rogers by his first wife: Commodore B (Jr), James H, Ephriam, and Eliza.

As far as I can determine, Commodore B Rogers first shows up in the McNairy County, Tennessee census in 1860. So he had to come sometime between 1850 and 1860. He is listed as C B Rogers in District Five, HH 830, age 46, born in Ohio and a farmer. Apparently he is a widower since no wife is listed and four children are: Commidore B, age 23; James H; Ephrghm, and Eliza age 13. All children born in Tennessee.

The area where Commodore lived in 1860, according to the census was in the southern part of McNairy County, near the Mississippi line.

It is hard to determine if any more of his family is with him. However the James Garratt family living next door is probably related. The census list James Garratt age 35, born SC; Margaret his wife, age 34 born Tenn; Tailor a son age 8; William a son age 6; Commadore a son age 4; Sarah a daughter age 2; Nancy age 33 born SC, relationship unknown and Tailor (probably her son) age 10. All the children born in Tennessee.

By 1870, Commodore has a new wife and all the children, except James, are married also. Commodore and his two sons, Commodore and James are living side by side in the Fifth District of McNairy County, HH 10, 11 and 12.

1870: In the household of Commodore Rogers, age 57, born in Ohio is also Nancy age 41, born Tennessee, Opathulhola (male) age 3, an infant daughter born in February. Also is listed is Peyton Capoot age 16, Alpene (female) Capoot age 14 and Bennett Garrett age 10. A Commodore B Rogers married Nancy Capoot Dec 26, 1866 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi (which is the neighboring county.) So Peyton and Aplene are children of Nancy Capoot. The Bennett Garret is probably related to the Garrett family living next to Commodore in 1860. Nancy's daughter C A Capoot married G L Brewer August 2, 1877.

1880: C C Rogers is located in the 5th district, HH 376, still in the general area of where he has been for twenty years. In 1880 he says he was born in Il and were both his parents. He is listed as age 66 and wife Nancy is age 51.

There is a Bouregard L (Rogers ?) Age 18 born in Tennessee and both parents in Illinois. The printed census by Harold Cox states he is a son, but I look at the original on microfilm and it does not state relationship. However his relation is a mystery. He is not on any McNairy County census under the name Rogers. At age 18, he would have been born ca 1862 and would have been eight years old in 1870, but he is not listed in Commodore's household or any of his children. The only possibility is that he is a son of Eliza Rogers.

The children at home in 1880 are Oceola age 10, who says his father was born in Il, Susan age 8. Ephriam, a teacher age 36 and Katy Carter, age 60 relationship unknown.

Commadore B Rogers was born Mar 13, 1813 and died October 31, 1896. Buried at Indian creek at Chewalla. Nancy was born Sept 29, 1828 and died April 9, 1913 and is buried at Indian Creek also.

1870: Commadore Rogers (Jr) age 34 born in Tennessee is living next door in household no 11. Listed is his wife Martha age 28, born Mississippi, Charles age 11, Franklin age 9, Baker age 5 and Ellen age 4. Commodore B Rogers (Jr) married Martha Criner on July 4, 1867 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. So apparently none of these children belong to Martha unless it is the last one. A Commodore Rogers married Elizabeth R McCade Sept 12, 1860 in Tishomingo County. This could be his first wife and the mother of his children.

1880: Commodore B Rogers Jr , age 44 is listed in the 9th district household 97. This is not too far away from his father's house. He says his father was born in New York. Martha is age 37, Charles 18, Frank, 16, Baker 14, Ella 12. Also listed is Mary Criner age 31. It says sister

One C B Rogers married Nancy Jane King Sept 4, 1856 in Tishomingo Co, Miss. It is unknown who this is or if related to this family.

1870: James Rogers age 19 is living in household no 12. His wife is also Martha age 18, born in Alabama and they have a baby boy born in March. J H Rodgers married M A Fielder Apr 8, 1869 in McNairy County. Her name was Martha Alabama Fielder, born May 15, 1850. She was the daughter of William H "Billy" Fielder and Elizabeth Huggins. Elizabeth Huggins was the daughter of Thomas Huggins and Nancy English. James, called Jim, died and Martha remarried to a Stout. No more information on James or Martha after 1870.

1870: Ephriam Rogers, age 28 is listed a teacher and living in the 6th District with James and Sarah Lawson. School teachers boarded with a family during the school year. According to the census, this was just north a few miles of his father in what was called the Thompson Springs or Pleasant Grove area. It is possible that he taught school at one of those place

1880: Ephriam is back at home with his father. Says he is a teacher.

Mary E Rodgers married A C Criner on Nov 15, 1866 and her brother J H Rodgers was bondman. They were married by H T B Spier, Mg, probably near Chewalla, Tenn. She is still at home in 1860, age 13. In 1870, I have not found Mary. In 1880 she is age 31 and living with her brother Commadore with her son John H. age 10. A C Criner that married Mary E Rodgers and Martha Criner that married Commadore Jr may be siblings

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AUGUST TERM 1859

No 2 David C Hicks, William B Hicks, Allen T Hester and Sarah J Hester
VS Fielding Hurst, Exc, James Blowers, David Dunn, etals. Pauper Acct. Bill originally filed in 1854 or 55 in Savannah, Tenn. Degree for complainant (30 days for an appeal)

No 21 Joshua C Ingle
VS James D Robertson, Hezekiah Ingle, Thomas Robertson, Temperance Roberts (Robertson?) Bond F Hurst. Bill first filed February 9, 1857. This bill was so amended as to make the creditors of Joshua the parties complainants, the case is now E F Duke, etal VS Jas F Robinson, etal. Decree for complainants

No 24 Alexander Whitesides VS Joseph Groves. Bill filed May 13, 1857, Decree for complainant. (Can appeal up to 30 days)

No 26 Charles Cogbill, Jeremiah Adams & wife, Emaline Adams
VS Cornelius Gilchrist, Mary Ann Sprinkles, Catherine Green, Aaron McManus
Bond for complainants: T G Adams, Jno R Fentners, J F McKiney
Bond for cross bill: A J McWharton, Mary Ann Sprinkles, John C Sprinkles
Bill filed Sept 17, 1857. Issued to McNairy County & Maury Co (publication?).
Gilchrist, Catherine Green and Mary Ann Sanders answers filed Feb 16, 1858
Cross bill filed by Mary Ann Sprinkles and Catherine Green, Aug 24, 1858.
Cross bill answered on Feb 18, 1859. Case continued

- No 27 Thomas G Patrick **VS** - injunction & attach H L Doyle, Fielding Hurst, I F Huddleson.
Bond Thos R Smith, R H Wood. Bill filed Oct 15, 1857
- No 28 John P Erwin
VS James Cathey & wife, Mary Cathey, William Erwin, James M Erwin, Troy B Erwin,
Jonathan Erwin, Matilda Kendrick, Mary Erwin & Milton P Erwin
Bill filed Jan 19, 1858. McNairy County and Maury County.
Answers filed by James Cathey Dec 14, 1858, Matilda Kendrick June 13, 1858,
Wm Erwin July 3, 1858. Deposition of Anna Wardlow on file
Death of Mary Cathy suggested and admitted.
- No 30 George C Simmons
VS A A Kidd, J W Woodborne, Robert Gillispie. W Carroll Moore, Adm
Bond for Simmons: Geog C Simmons, Pleasant Cates. Bill filed March 8, 1857. W C
Moore appointed Adm of D C Rankin dec, at Feb term 1859.
- No 31 George W Rowsey
VS (Injunction) James Homes, Hannah Homes, John W Russom, Hugh Russom, Henry
C Russom, Z T Russom, Isaac Russom. Bond for compl: Jacob Scirratt, Geo W
Rowsey. Bond for defendant: A J Kincaid, Fielding Hurst. Bill filed March 9, 1858.
Minor heirs guardian, Julius Jones, was appointed. Continued by consent.
- No 32 Wyatt Mitchell, Sally Mitchell, Mary A Brient
VS A J Kincaid, Ann Watkins, R P Sawyers, C F Sawyers, John Ozment, Wisdom
Ozment, Maclin Cross and Calvin Shull. Bond for Complainant: W H Dugger, A A
Sanders. Bill filed March 16, 1858
Guardians appointed. Deposition of W S Wisdom and W K Walsh on file.
Feb term 1859, ordered sale of 2 Negroes. Continued
- No 33 Garvin Bell & Company **VS** D H Smith and J G Smith (attachment & injunction)
Filed April 22, 1858
- No 34 L L Warren & Company, Fallestine & Garris, Field Beardlee Co, C Harkness & Son
VS Daniel H Smith, John G Smith. Filed April 22, 1858. Property replevied.
- No 35 James S Blankenship
VS writ Habens Corpus Dennis Springer
Bill filed Nov 18, 1858, to writ of Habeus Corpus by order of his Honor Elizah Walker,
Judge, McNairy County. Dismissed at complainants cost.
- No 40 Mary Rowsey **VS** George Rowsey Divorce
Bill filed Dec 13, 1858, injunction & attachment issued. Other papers filed Feb 1859

- No 41 Samuel Lewis
VS W S Wisdom & 23 others. Bond for Complainant: Samuel Lewis, Fielding Hurst.
 Filed Dec 9, 1858. Defendants not answered - 60 days to answers
- No 42 Margaret S Rowsey **VS** - Divorce and Alimony James C Rowsey
 Bond for Margaret Rowsey: Stewart & Perkins.
 Cross Bill: James C Rowsey **VS** Margaret S Rowsey, W E Stewart, P R Stewart, J W
 Perkins. Filed Dec 13, 1858 Alimony of \$150
- No 44 Milton J Hamer and six others (not sure of last name)
VS James Kennedy and eleven others
 Bond for complainant James C Jamerson and J F McKiney
 Filed in Savannah chancery Jan 3 1853
- No 45 S J Chaney, Robert Riol Chaney, John J Chaney, W J Hart, Elizabeth Hart, A B Purdy,
 Robert Purdy **VS** Alfred Moore. Jan 21, 1859
- No 47 W C Lowrey, N E Lowrey **VS** Orville Young, W S Wisdom
 Filed Jan 28, 1859 no answer on file at last term
- No 52 Maclin Cross, Exe of Benj Jopling, Dec
VS Petition to sell land to pay debts and Negroes for division
 Jesse A Joplin, Cynthia Spencer, E H Spencer, Danl Jopling, Laban Joplin and others
 Filed May 10,. 1859 No answers on file
- No 53 Pleasant Cates **VS** Attachment & Injunction. RWP Pool, Saml Worthington, A M
 Worthington. Filed May 16, 1859, case has been compromised and awaits dismissal at
 complts cost.
- No 54 W C McQuiston **VS** McQuiston, Thos J McQuiston, Fanny G McQuiston, Haltz (?)
 McQuiston, Dunbar H McQuiston, Hauber H McQuiston, Maggie S McQuiston, John
 G English, Adm. Filed July 1859
- No 48 N G Ward, Adm of Nancy Aldridge dec **VS** Drewery Aldridge, etals
- No 49 A T Robertson **VS** W S Wisdom, Jas S Lewis. Filed Feb 22, 1859, decree by consent
- No 50 Richard Cross **VS** W C Kindal. Filed April 25, 1859
- No 51 W C Tatum **VS** Simpson Kernodle, etal. Filed April 30, 1859
 Bond for complainant: Edwin Tatum, Laon Street, Geo Bullinger, W B Clayton

- No 54 Laban Hall & wife, etal **VS** Injunction and attachment. A J Hooker
Filed June 1859. Bond for complainant: B S Carr
- No 55 Laban Hall & wife, stal **VS** Fielding Hurst
Filed June 8, 1859. Bond for complainant B S Carr
- No 57 John Terry & Co, etals **VS** S J Chaney, etal filed June 11, 1859
- No 58 William Chandler **VS** Samuel J Chaney, Fielding Hurst, filed July 1859
- No 59 Wright & Ketchum **VS** Samuel J Chaney, etal, filed July 1859
- No 60 R A Robinson & Co **VS** Samuel J Chaney, Fielding Hurst
Filed July 1859. Bondsman for complainant: D W Huddleston
- No 61 A J Hooker **VS** Injunction and attachment B S Carr, etal. Filed July 27, 1859
- No 62 Jane Farris **VS** Divorce Carroll Farris. Filed July 27, 1859, decree for complainant
- No 63 Sarah English **VS** Divorce John English filed August 1, 1859

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- No 13 John P Erwin, Mary Erwin, James M Erwin, Milton P Erwin & four others
VS William C Erwin, Matlida Kendrick, Maclin Cross, adm; etal
In this case 3 tracts of land were ordered to be sold for division, the same was done,
etc. The Clerk and Master has his report ready. Suit No 28 is pending in this court
which has grown out of and is in a manner connected with this case, until that is
determined there is nothing to be done with this case.
- No 16 S C Jones, ADM **VS** Mariah A Hubbard, Martha Hubbard, Narcissus Hubbard, Sarah F
Hubbard, Polly Hubbard, Marica Bevil
This cause has been finally determined, awaits the annual report of the C & M, to the
collection of certain money which is enjoined in his hand by a suit in this court.
- No 21 Joshua C Ingle amended to E F Duke, etals **VS** (Continued from August 1859)
James F Robinson, Hezekiah Ingle, Thomas Robinson, Temperance Robinson
Notice was given to creditors to file their accounts.
- No 26 Charles Cogbill, Jeremiah Adams & wife, Emaline Adams
VS (Continued from August 1859) Cornelius Gilchrist, Mary Ann Sprinkles,
Catherine Green, Aaron McManus & wife, Elizabeth A McManus

See Aust 1859 for more information- continued

- No 27 Thomas G Patrick **VS** H L Doyle, Fielding Hurst, J H Huddleston
Cross Bill: H L Doyle VS Fielding Hurst, J F Huddleston
Bond for cross bill: Thomas R Smith, R H Wood
Continued from August 1858 because of cross bill
- No 28 John P Erwin **VS** (Continued from August 1859)
James Cathey & wife, Mary Cathey, William Erwin, James M Erwin, Troy B Erwin,
Jonathan Erwin, Matilda Kendrick, Mary Erwin & Milton P Erwin
See August 1859 for prior hearing. Cross bill of Wm Erwin on file Apr 1, 1859;
Answer of D Wardlow & D McKenzie, guardians filed July 4, 1859.
- No 30 George C Simmons **VS** Continued from 1859)
A A Kidd, J W Woodborne, See August 1859 for prior hearing.
- No 31 George W Rowsey (this may not be right)
VS (Injunction) (continued from August 1859)
James Homes, Hannah Homes, John W Russom, Hugh Russom, Henry C Russom,
Z T Russom, Isaac Russom, Calvin Shull, William Thompson
Julius Jones, Guardian of minors has not answered since appointed guardian has not
answered. Continued
- No 32 Wyatt Mitchell, Sally Mitchell, Mary A Brient
VS (Continued from August 1859) A J Kincaid, Ann Watkins, R P Sawyers, C F
Sawyers, John Ozment, Wisdom Ozment, Maclin Cross and Calvin Shull
Feb term 1859, ordered sale of 2 Negros.
Set for hearing. The question of the remaining Negroes was reserved.
- No 33 Garvin Bell & Co **VS** D H Smith, J G Smith (Continued from August 1859)
- No 34 L L Warren & Company, Fallestine & Garris, Field Beardlee Co, C Harkness & Son
VS (Continued from August 1859) Daniel H Smith, John G Smith
This case has precisley the same as the above No 33. Bill filed same date, process
executed at the same time. Etc
- No 40 Mary Rowsey (Pauper Oath) **VS** George Rowsey Divorce (Continued from August
1859) Demurrer filed and overruled. Answers of W S Wisdom and Richardson on file.
- No 41 Samuel Lewis **VS** (continued from August 1859) W S Wisdom, W M Terry, Mary
Terry, John Plunk & 21 others Demurrer filed and overruled.
Answers of W S Wisdom and Richardson on file. Continued on consent

- No 42 Margaret S Rowsey **VS** - Divorce and Alimony (Continued from August 1859)
James C Rowsey Bond for Margaret Rowsey: Stewart & Perkins
Cross Bill: James C Rowsey **VS** Margaret S Rowsey, W e Stewart, P R Stewart, J W Perkins Alimony of \$150 was received by Margaret Rowsey. Decree for complainant.
- No 44 Milton J Hamer, Mary Hamer, R H D Ewell, J L T Sneed and two others
VS (continued from August 1859)
James Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Heirs of Mason Roark, Reuben Burrow & 7 others
Death of Wm Roark noted. The rules in this cause is so voluminous reference is made to Rule Docket for same. Cross bill filed. Continued
- No 45 S J Chaney **VS** (continued from August 1859) Alfred Moore Bill dismissed.
- No 47 W C Lowrey and wife, N E Lowery **VS** (Continued from August 1859)
Orville Young, W S Wisdom. Complainants were to give bond of \$250 at the October 1859 term of court and no security given and the case was dismissed. Jany 16, (1860) the complainant counsel brings forward an order that had been mislaid, and the C& M set aside the order of dismissal and gives defendant until February to answer.
- No 48 N G Ward, Adm of Nancy Aldridge, deceased **VS** Drewery Aldridge, John Aldridge, Martha Estis, A G Wesis, Mary Ann L Ward. Bill filed February 16, 1859. Issue on demurrer August term 1859and over ruled. Continued
- No 50 W Richard Cross **VS** W C Kindel (continued from August 1859)
Parties compromise. Kindel abates the nuisance and agrees to pay cost of this cause.
- No 51 W C Tatum **VS** Simpson Kernodle, Lucinda R Kernodle, Maclin Cross, John C Wilson, Bedford Kernodle, William K Walsh, Calvin Shull, G W Wilson, Andrew Baxter.
Bond for complainant: Edwin Tatum, Laban Street, George Bulliner, WB Clayton
Bill filed April 20, 1859. Demurrer filed August term 1859, over ruled, and defendants to answer. Answers of Simpson Kernodle, Ludinda R Kernodle and Maclin Cross on file. Decree for complainant.
- No 52 Maclin Cross, Exe of Benj Jopling, Dec **VS** (continued from August 1859)
Jesse A Jopling, Cynthia Spencer, E H Spencer, Daniel Jopling, Laban Joplin, Cynthia L B Stewart, Ben S Stewart, Martha J Stewart, James F Stewart, Dover A Stewart, William D Stewart, Edwin B Stewart. Decree at last term of this court to sell land and 2 Negroes. The same done.
- No 54 Laban Hall & wife, America Hall, William B Carr, Mary G Carr, Sarah J Carr, Bayless J Carr, Columbus W Carr, Simon H Carr by Laban Hall next friend and guardian. **VS** (continued from August 1859) A J Hooker

- No 55 Laban Hall & wife, etal (same parties as No 54) **VS** Fielding Hurst
Notice to take depositions in Huntsville, Ala Feb 5, 1860. Continued
- No 56 W C McQuiston **VS** (continued from August 1859) McQuiston, Thos J McQuiston and others. Decree for sale of land at August term 1858. Land sold in accordance to decree.
- No 57 John Terry & Co, Terry Knott & Co, John White & Co. **VS** (continued from August 1859) S J Chaney and Fielding Hurst Continued and set for hearing
- No 58 William Chandler **VS** Samuel J Chaney, Fielding Hurst
This case stands precisely in the same situation as No 57. Consolidated
- No 59 Wright & Ketchum **VS** Samuel J Chaney, Fielding Hurst
This case stands precisely in the same situation as No 56. Consolidated.
- No 60 R A Robinson & Co **VS** (continued from August 1859) Samuel J Chaney, Fielding Hurst. Same as file No 59. Consolidated.
Filed July 1859. Bondsman for complainant: D W Huddleston
- No 61 A J Hooker **VS** (continued from August 1861) B S Carr
To take dispositions in Texas.
- No 63 Sarah A English **VS** John English Divorce. Pro confesso ordered last term.
- No 65 M Cross **VS** Henry Maness, Shadrick Maness
Bill filed Nov 9, 1859. Decree for complainant
- No 66 Pitser Miller **VS** Shadrick Maness & H Maness
Bill filed Nov 15, 1859. Decree for Complainant
- No 67 Sarah Ann Bugg **VS** David N Bugg Divorce
Bill filed Nov 17, 1859. Return of sheriff not to be found. Decree for complainant.
- No 68 E H Spencer, etal **VS** James F McKinney, etal Bill filed December 17, 1859. Continued
- No 69 M B Simmons **VS** Charlotte Simons Divorce
Bill filed Dec 20, 1859. Copy of bill to Henderson County, Dec 1859.
- No 70 Matilda Kerr, John W Wilson, Catherine Wilson and others **VS** Robert Wm Kerr, Harriett Kerr, Cynthia A Kerr, John H Kerr and Zenia E Kerr filed January 3, 1860.
Prays for a decree to divide land, slaves and money. Publications made for 4 successive weeks as to non residents. Houston guardian and council

No 71 James Fort **VS** Hamilton Mask bill filed January 14, 1860. Decree for complainant

No 72 Huddleston **VS** Chaney, Hurst, Wisdom Bill filed January 4, 1860. Consolidated.

No 73 J M Jones **VS** J O Burnett Bond for complainant: A Houston, J F McKinney
Bill filed Jan 6 1860, sent to Fayette Co, Jan 1860
Returned not found, moved to Arkansas. Decree for complainant

No 74 A M McCalep, etal **VS** George Bulliner, etal Bill filed Janaury 19, 1860. A Cross
appointed guardian adblem pro confesso R Hill Dismiss as to G C Simons. ????

No 75 Andrew McKenzie, etal **VS** John H Meeks, and G W House, etal
Bill filed January 25, 1860. Demurrer sustained. Appeal 30 days. Notice given by
advertisement in Whig Banner for non resident parties. Copy to Hardin Co.

No 76 Lindsey Sanders **VS** P H Braden, W H Braden. Bond for complainant: L L Sanders.
Bill filed Feb 11, 1860

No 77 Joseph Waldrope, etal **VS** William Scirratt
Bond for complainant: Thomas E Pearson. Bill filed February 15, 1860.

AUGUST TERM 1860

No 19 John P Erwin, James M Erwin and 5 others **VS** Maclin Cross, Adm of William Erwin
Sen, deceased, John T Erwin and others. This case is finally disposed of. The Clerk and
Master has to report payment on one of the tracts of land sold by order of this court.
Report on file

No 21 E F Duke and others **VS** James D Robertson, Hezekiah Ingle, Thomas Robertson,
Temperance Roberts Bond F Hurst. Bill first filed February 9, 1857. Continued
August 1858, continued, February 1859 continued,

No 26 Charles Cogbill, Jeremiah Adams & wife, Emaline Adams **VS** Cornelius Gilchrist,
Mary Ann Sprinkles, etal Cross Bill: Mary A Sprinkles, etal **VS** Cornelius Gilchrist, etal
(August 1858, February 1859, August 1859, February 1860 continued) Continued

No 30 George C Simmons **VS** A A Kidd, J W Woodborne, Robert Gillispie. Wm Carroll
Moore, Adm. Bill filed March 8, 1857. W C Moore appointed Adm of D C Rankin
deceased, at Feb term 1859. Continued since August 1858. Dismissed

No 31 George W Rowsey **VS** (Injunction) James Homes, Hannah Homes, John W Russom,
Hugh Russom, and five others Bill filed March 9, 1858. Injunction filed by E Walker,

Judge. Minor heirs guardian, Julius Jones, was appointed as regular guardian had failed to answer. Richard Cross had been appointed guardian of minor heirs. Depositions on file. Case ready to be heard.

- No 32 Wyatt Mitchell, Sally Mitchell, Mary A Brient **VS** A J Kincaid, Ann Watkins, R P Sawyers, C F Sawyers, John Ozment, Wisdom Ozment, Maclin Cross, Calvin Shull
Bill filed March 16, 1858 Guardians appointed. Deposition of W S Wisdom and W K Walsh on file. Money collected from sale of two Negros belongs to heirs.
Thomas W in Texas ? (This was written in pencil) Death of Wyatt Mitchell suggested
- No 33 Garvin Bell & Company **VS** D H Smith and J G Smith (attachment & injunction)
Filed April 22, 1858. Property replevied. Depositions on file - set for hearing.
- No 34 L L Warren & Company, Fallestine & Reid, Field Beardlee Co, C Harkness & Son
VS Daniel H Smith, John G Smith
Filed April 22, 1858. Same as No 33. Continued by consent.
- No 40 Mary Rowsey **VS** George Rowsey Divorce
Bill filed Dec 13, 1858, injunction & attachment issued. Other papers filed Feb 1859
- No 41 Samuel Lewis **VS** W S Wisdom & 23 others. Bond for Complainant: Samuel Lewis, Fielding Hurst. Filed Dec 9, 1858 Defendants not answered - 60 days to answers
- No 42 Margaret S Rowsey **VS** - Divorce and Alimony James C Rowsey
Cross Bill: James C Rowsey **VS** Margaret S Rowsey, W E Stewart, P R Stewart, J W Perkins. Filed Dec 13, 1858. Alimony of \$150. Case set for hearing
- No 44 Milton J Hamer and six others **VS** James Kennedy and twelve others
Filed in Savannah chancery Jan 3 1853. Case set for hearing.
- No 48 N G Ward, Adm of Nicy Aldridge, deceased **VS** Drewery Aldridge, John Aldridge, Martha Estis and 2 others. Bill filed February 1859. Demurrer filed and over ruled.
Waiting for deposition in Texas. Set for hearing.
- No 51 W C Tatum **VS** Simpson Kernodle, Lucinda R Kernodle, Maclin Cross, Jno C Wilson, W K Walsh and 4 others. Bill filed April 30, 1859. Trial at last term of court decree for complainant. Defendants appealed. Supreme Court affirmed the decree of the Chancellor and sent it back for further proceedings in account.
- No 54 Laban Hall and wife, America P Hall, Wm B Carr and six others, pauper's oath
VS A J Hooker.(previous hearings before Chancery Court) Filed July 1859. In other references the Complainants and defendants are not the same, but there may have been two cases combined. Decree last court for complainants course ordered to the C & M to

take and state an account as to the hire of the Negro boy.

- No 55 Laban Hall and wife, America P Hall, Wm B Carr and six others, pauper's oath
VS Fielding Hurst. Bill filed June 8, 1859 (previous hearings before Chancery Court)
Demurrer filed and over ruled. August term 1859. Case set for hearing
- No 56 W C McQuiston
VS (continued from August 1859)
McQuiston, Thos J McQuiston, Fanny G McQuiston, Hatty J McQuiston and 4 others.
Land transferred to one M O Gramps (?) By the purchaser.
- No 57, 58, 59, 60 and 72 consolidated
John Terry & Co and several other parties in different cases **VS** S J Chaney, Fielding
Hurst. Five cases was consolidated at the last court.
No 58 William Chandler -**VS** Samuel J Chaney, Fielding Hurst, filed July 1859
No 59 Wright & Ketchum - **VS** -Samuel J Chaney, etal, filed July 1859
No 60 R A Robinson & Co - **VS** - Samuel J Chaney, Fielding Hurst, Filed July 1859
No 72 Huddleston - **VS** - Chaney, Hurst, Wisdom - Bill filed January 4, 1860.
- No 61 A J Hooker **VS** B S Carr, etal. Filed July 27, 1859. Decree for complainant at last term
of the court for amount paid for Negro boy.
- No 65 & 66 Consolidate No 65 -
M Cross -**VS** -Henry Maness, Shadrick Maness - Bill filed Nov 9, 1859.
No 66 - Pitsier Miller - **VS** -Shadrick Maness & H Maness - Bill filed Nov 15, 1859.
Decree for tract of land.
- No 67 Sarah Ann Bugg **VS** David N Bugg. Divorce
Bill filed Nov 17, 1859. Return of sheriff not to be found. Decree for complainant.
Decree rendered at last term of court - taken from docket
- No 68 E H Spencer, B M Spencer, David J Spencer and 6 others **VS** James F McKinney, Mary
H Spencer. Bill filed December 17, 1859. No answer filed
- No 69 M B Simmons **VS** Charlotte Simons Divorce
Bill filed Dec 20, 1859. Copy of bill to Henderson County, Dec 1859. Set for hearing
- No 70 Matilda Kerr, John W Wilson, Catherine Wilson, William C Wilson, Margaret Wilson,
Mary E Kerr **VS** Robert Wm Kerr, Harriett Kerr, Cynthia A Kerr, John H Kerr and
Zenia E Kerr. Filed January 3, 1860. Prays for a decree to divide land, slaves and
money. Publications made for 4 successive weeks as to non residents.
Houston guardian and council. Order and commissioners appoint to allot dower and
divide land and slaves.

- No 71 James Fort **VS** Hamilton Mask bill filed January 14, 1860. Decree for complainant. Cause heard last term of court, decree for sale of land
- No 73 J M Jones **VS** J O Burnett. Bill filed Jan 6 1860, sent to Fayette Co, Jan 1860 Case held over from other court dates.
- No 74 A M McCalep, Adm of Samuel Hill, Elijah Hill, James Hill, Ellen Hawkins, John Case, Mary Case, A J Hill **VS** Rufus Hill, Catherine Hill, George Bulliner, and 5 others Answer of C Shull, Geo Bulliner, M Rose, M O Plunk filed Feb 1860.
- No 75 Andrew McKenzie, etal **VS** John H Meeks, G W House, H J Kincaid guardian of George Chambers, Samuel Chambers Jr, Nancy Atkins and Daniel McDaniel Bill filed January 25, 1860. Bill filed Janaury 19, 1860. Demurrer filed allowed and complainants appeals to Supreme Court. Continued
- No 76 Lindsey Sanders **VS** P H Braden, W H Braden. (Held over from other Chancery Court terms). Bill filed Feb 11, 1860 This bill was filed for injunction against a nuisance, injunction was refused last term but the demurrer was over ruled. Bill dismissed
- No 77 Joseph Waldrope, Catherine Waldrope, Joseph Waldrope, Emily Bolton, Elizabeth Bolton, Isaac Bolton **VS** William Scirratt, Sen Bill filed February 15, 1860. Will of Joseph Bolton filed. Cause for hearing.
- No 78 Arnold & Hill **VS** James Cooper, F H Sanders, — Cooper Bill filed April 20, 1860
- No 79 J H Sanders, John R Cypert **VS** W H Wamble, Mark Lowery, Henry R Sharp Bill filled June 7, 1860. Continued
- No 80 Mary C Smith **VS** Julius F Smith, Mary J Smith, and 6 others Filed Oct 24, 1859. This bill was filed for sale and division of land and investment in other lands, in the Circuit court of McNairy county having no jurisdiction the same was transferred to this court. Ready for hearing.
- No 81 A J Kincaid, Adm of Josiah Combs, deceased **VS** William J Smith, Mariah Smith, Josiah Combs and one other. Original bill filed in my office July 5, 1860. Publication made to non residents.
- No 82 James F McKinney **VS** William B McKinney, Agness A McKinney, Kate W McKinney Original bill filed July 6, 1860. Publication made as to non residents. Copy to McNairy County and Lincoln Co (Tennessee ??)
- No 83 William Turner, Samuel Chambers **VS** Austin King, Albert Anthony, James Tate Jr

Bill filed July 12, 1860. Austin King being non resident, publication was made.
Case compromised and dismissed.

No 84 Francis Tidwell **VS** Abner Pillow (injunction bill) Bill filed July 28, 1860

No 85 Aaron P Gage **VS** Margaret Gage Divorce Filed July 29, 1860

No 86 Eliza Ann Floyd **VS** Francis D Floyd Divorce and Alimony

No 88 M Cross & P Cates **VS** W F Turner and John V Wright

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No 16 S C Jones, Adm **VS** Merial Bevil, etal
This case only stands on report of C & M for payment by him

No 26 Charles Cogbill, etal **VS** Corneluis Gilchrist, etal Since August 1858
Bill and Cross bill. Report filed of land sold, to whom, etc.

No 40 Mary Rowsey **VS** George Rowsey Divorce
Bill filed Dec 13, 1858, injunction & attachment issued. Set for hearing.

No 41 Samuel Lewis - **VS** - W S Wisdom , W M Terry, etal Case filed Dec 1858. Continued.

No 48 N G Ward, Adm of Nicy Aldridge, deceased **VS** Drewery Aldridge, etal
Partition ordered.

No 51 W C Tatum, Adm & Guardian **VS** Simpson Kernodle August term last, referred to C &
M to take and state an account as to rents and permanent improvements.

No 55 Laban Hall and wife, America P Hall, Wm B Carr and six others, pauper's oath
VS Fielding Hurst (previous hearings before Chancery Court)
Demurrer filed and over ruled. August term 1859. Case set for hearing

No 70 Matilda Kerr, John W Wilson, Catherine Wilson, William C Wilson, margaret wilson,
Mary E Kerr **VS** Robert Wm Kerr, Harriett Kerr, Cynthia A Kerr, John H Kerr and
Zenia E Kerr. Filed January 3, 1860. Prays for a decree to divide land, slaves and
money. Publications made for 4 successive weeks as to non residents.
Houston guardian and council. Order and commissioners appoint to allot dower and
divide land and slaves.

No 75 Andrew McKenzie, etal **VS** John H Meeks, G W House, H J Kincaid guardian of
George Chambers, Samuel Chambers Jr, Nancy Atkins and Daniel McDaniel

3. Thomas M Lawson;
4. Sarah Browder formerly Sarah Lawson and his husband Isham Browder;
5. Nancy Cooper formerly Nancy Lawson and her husband Walter W Cooper;
6. Elvira McCoy formerly Elvia Lawson and her husband Richard J W McCoy;
7. Jane Leath, heir at law of Rachel Leath who is now dead, formerly Rachel Lawson and her surviving husband David Leath;
8. Jefferson Jones, Mollie Jones, John Jones, Lina Fisher and her husband John H. Fisher, Sarah Dancer formerly Sarah Jones and her husband B. F Dancer, heirs at law of Louhania Jones formerly Louhania Lawson and husband, both of whom are now dead; his children and grand children by his first wife and Robert Lawson his only child by his said second wife, all of whom are his legal and only heirs. James Lawson and Malissa J Goforth were married in McNairy County on the 30th day of July 1872. She was the widow of a former husband and at the time of said marriage the mother of defendants J. W. T Goforth, W. R. Goforth, John T Goforth and Julias Lee Goforth. Apparently they had a rocky marriage, for the lawsuit states they were separated about a year but had reconciled at his death.

Before his second marriage, James Lawson made a contact with his intended wife, then Melissa J. Goforth, by which each was to retain the real and personal property they separately owned and at the death of either, the property owned by the deceased was to go to the lawful children thereof. Any profits after the marriage would be held on common between them. This marriage contract was signed July 30, 1872 and filed at the McNairy County Register's Office.

At his death James Lawson owned 600 acres of valuable lands in one body lying in the 6th civil district of McNairy County on Oxford Creek, bounded on the north by Josiah Jeans and Isham Browder on the west by John M Fisher and J. W. Prather and on the south by James Mitchell and A M Anderson and on the east by Thomas Prather and W S Stewart. Also \$1,582.48 personal property.

John W Lawson was appointed administrator of the estate with J. K. P. Lawson and Isham Browder as sureties.

Robert Lawson, is a minor, seven years old, and L. C Roten was appointed guardian.

Grandchildren, Mollie Jones, John Jones and Jane Leath are minors and have no guardians in McNairy County.

Apparently, the heirs from the first marriage believe the widow, which is the second wife, should not receive a homestead or dower rights because of the marriage.

Melissa J Goforth Lawson and son Robert moved to Texas.

This case went on to the State Supreme Court in April 1884 which sent it back to the county.

November 11, 1880 . A list of property not joint belonging to the estate of James Lawson, deceased was about \$333.85. There was a separate list but this list was also included in the total list. The best it could be figured, the total sale was \$1,006.20 and 718.88 of that was acquired during the marriage between James and Melissa. Therefore she received 1/3 of \$718.88 The estate was divided 1/3 to the widow and 2/3 to the other heirs.

An inventory of the sale of the property of James Lawson Deceased.

Ephriam ---- 5 bushel corn 10.00

Jacob Alexander - one milch cow 6.50;
F A Barnes - sythce blade .25
Thomas Bassham - saw .30; four hoes 2.10;
J W Blasingame - lot black wool .15; one table cloth .25; one tray & sifter .70; one colt 56.75
Pinkney Brooks - one black sow 7.00; 4 slips and sheets .70; lot of dishes .30; safe 2.00; balances .25;
two buckets and strawners .60; pr of cards .30; one lot onions .60;
George Browder - 2 hogs 2nd choice 20.25; one bedstead & quilt 2.00; seven tumblers & salt sellers .40;
David Brown - lard and stands .70; lot pot vessels .35; spinning wheel 2.50; skillet & kettle .35
A C Chenault - one set of gears 1.35; set of gears 1.15;
William Calaway - five bushel corn 12.00;
Nancy Cooper - five cups and plates .55; one table .15; one bureau .15
W M Cooper - shovel plow & stock 1.05; one lot of corn and sack .80; set of gears .80; spinning wheel
1.75; sorrell horse 57.00;
A H Deaver - one-- .55
J E Ferguson - one lot hay 10.50;
L Fisher - blanket 1.75; one bed blanket 1.75;
John M Fisher - 1 lot black wool 6.24; two hogs, 1st choice 20.25; one sausage mill .80;
- side saddle and bridle 11.00; safe 5.25;
Andrew Forsyth - one sugar bowl and molasses stand .40; one set crockery .90;
J L Fowlkes - side harrow 2.25; one cow and calf 16.50
Enoch Foy - dishes .65; sheets and slips .55; five bed quilts 3.50; two bed blankets 2.75;
R H Garrett - 10 bushel corn 21.37;
C H Hill - one pair of st— .50;
N S Hudgespeth - 10 bushel corn 21.50
C M Jeans - 10 bushes corn 21.20; Elizabeth Jones - sad iron .30; one pan & spoon .60; 4 ½ yards of
jeans 4.00; table cloths 1.60
J T Jeans - 5 bushel corn 10.50; one lot of soap 4.50;
J K P Lawson - 4 doz doz chickens 11.14; dry cow for 12.05 and potato patch 3.50;
2 hogs 3rd choice 17.75; Lawson one heifer 8.75; one white sow 8.75; one hog 5.40;
lamp .40; yoke of oxen 69.00; mare mule 20.40; 4 wagon wheels 10.00; bed quilt 3.85; J J K P
Lawson - measure .25; one blanket 2.15;
J S Lawson - can't read 3.20
J W Lawson - plow 4.00; gate hinges .50; gun 3.00; table 1.15; bed quilts 7.40; blankets 4.10;
T M Lawson - one black sow 4.00; 2 yearlings 5.50; dry hides; moving sythe 1.50; one lot of geese 5.60;
slay and pitcher .30; sorrell mare 92.00; lot of bbls .15; man's saddle 2.80; one side saddle .80;
Mrs M J Lawson - Quilt 1.95; quilt 3.70; quilt 3.95; blanket 1.65 coffee mill and sugar .25; bible .75;
bottle of drugs .30; bed, pillows and sheets 16.65; quilt 3.00; feather and straw beds 13.35; 1
quilt and 1 blanket 1.60; blanket 1.65; quilt 3.20;
Elvira McCoy - one loom 3.00
John McCoy - one lot of plows .50;

R J W McCoy - one ax 1.15; one heifer 6.50; one quilt 2.75; lot of plows 1.95; one lot of pork 3.10;
Bbl m seed ? .10; one lot of cotton .45; two pitchers .30;

A J McCullar - four chairs .70

Peter McCullar - one gray horse 50.00;

John McHughes - bucket .40; baskets .35;

Nelson Merrell - Grind rock .50;

A M Mitchell - bushel corn 1.50;

James Mitchell - four chairs 1.50; one table .10; shovel .80; towel and table cloths .45;

Joshua Mitchell - bed & straw tick 1.20; sheets/towels .90; sack of peaches 1.85; quilt 3.65;

C T Moore - oat cutter.30;

R A Morgan - bed stead 2.50;

H L Peck - two sheets 1.00; safe 4.70; 1 bed quilt 1.50; lot of dishes 60; cooking stove 15.50;
feather and straw bed 13.35; 2 buckets 2 pans & dipper .65;

J W Prather - stand .60; one clock 1.05; bucket and coffee pot .20; lot of dishes .55;
water bucket and pot .20; fine shovel .25; two books .45;

B P Ray - 1 lot white wool 3.20; four choats 10.75; shot gun 1.70; Table cloth 1.15; plank 1.00

John Ray - bear hook 1.00;

J H Reeder - one lot seed cotton 51.75;

A M Rhinehart - 5 bushel corn 10.75

S S Roberson - 2 hogs 4th choice 17.25;

W H Stone - one lot fodder 2.25; can and 2 bbls .15;

J W Suggs - 1 bed quilt 2.00; 1 bed quilt 2.80; two kettles .50; 2 lard stands .300; one lot of f lower
4.20; one lot chatels .30; one lot fodder 6.30;

R T Sweat - bed stead 2.70;

John Taylor - one wagon 3.25;

J J Williams - bucket .50

W J Williams - 5 bushel corn 10.55; plow tools 2.00;

John Winn - harrow 1.10; large kettle 3.50; two jars and pitcher 1.10; brle of salts 1.65;

David Yokely - large shovel 1.00; spade 1.10;

(To me, the transcriber of these notes - Nancy Wardlow Kennedy) it doesn't seem right that the wife had to buy back what she wanted or needed out of her own house. He had to buy her family Bible. Also, the quilts, medicine and other personal objects. Women were not always protected in those days.)

Notes due:

T M Lawson 24.00

David Brown 180.00

J W Prather 25.00

T M Lawson 12.75

W M Cooper 5.00

J M & J H Fisher 20.46

J K P Lawson 15.00

J M Nelson 140.90

E Foys 28.03

S Thomas & R Steadman 31.95

G D J Kirk and B F McAlpin 22.05

