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PRESERVING OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC HERITAGE By Ann Chambless

A new service to preserve the visual heritage of Jackson County is open to the public at the Scottsboro Public Library. The library staff is photographing old photographs as well as documents such as early land grants and old letters. This project is sponsored jointly by the Friends of the Library and the Jackson County Historical Association.

Reprints of your old photographs and documents will be catalogued and stored in four by five picture envelopes. Negatives will remain the property of the library and will be stored in acid free containers. Volunteers from the Jackson County Historical Association are assisting in developing and maintaining this foresighted project.

Think on the value of this service. It is comparable to an insurance policy. If you allow the library to photograph your pictures, a reprint will always be available in case of fire, theft, or natural deterioration. As they age, old photographs fade. In time, reprints will be more clear than the original.

The Jackson County Historical Association will be able to use these reprints in accordance with their purpose: to record, compile, preserve, and disseminate County information. When the inventory warrants, a photographic exhibit will be open to the public at a regular meeting of the Historical Association. Reprints will be used in the Association's quarterly publication, THE JACKSON COUNTY CHRONICLES.

No reprints will be released by the library staff for profit without a notarized release by the owner of the original photograph and/or document.

The library staff will make up to three photographs while the owner waits. Any number above three can be left at the library and picked up within five working days or at a time designated by the librarian. The project was made possible by the purchase of a camera, special lens, copy stand and lights, through the joint efforts of the Friends of the Library and the Jackson County Historical Association, which shared the cost of the new equipment. Scottsboro Librarian, Peggy McCutcheon said the service will be valuable to the public in several ways. It will serve as insurance against the loss or destruction of old photos. As they age, old photographs fade and in time the reprints will be clearer than the original, Mrs. McCutcheon said.

The service will also provide a valuable resource for amateur genealogists and family historians trying to track down photographs of old relatives or places, she said.

"Imagine finding a picture of your great-great-grandparents made from an original now located in Texas," Mrs. McCutcheon said. "Most visiting genealogists share freely and will support this local effort."

She said an effort is being made to inform out-of-state and county genealogists of the service, making possible an exchange between local and out-of-town relatives.

"We're real excited about this project," she said.

A wide range of photo types including people, places and things related to Jackson County as well as photos depicting every day life on the farm, in business, churches and schools will be accepted.

She said at the time of copying a form filled out by the owner would also include a release permitting the library to copy the photo and release it, giving credit to the owner.

Carlus Page of the Jackson County Historical Association said the service will help coax some people to preserve historically valuable photos and documents.

"I think there will be a lot of things that we will get (preserved) that otherwise we just would like not be able to get because people treasure those kind of things," Page said.

"I think we might even find some instances where we might have to go to where the person is, as long as he has electricity. A lot of people just won't trust you with any items they have."

"I don't think you can put a monetary value on an item like this," Page said. "It's a brand new field that we should have been into a long time ago because we have lost so much stuff already."

"It's going to be a great means to an end, to disseminate some real good history to our people who are here now and those who will come later," he said.

"The more we know where we have been the more we will know where we're going," Page said.

Mrs. McCutchen said the entire library staff is being trained to operate the equipment so someone will always be available to copy photos."

She said the staff will copy up to three photos while you wait. Large numbers of photos will have to be left at the library. Most would be copies within five working days.

Reprints may be purchased for \$5 for a 3 by 5 and \$10 for an 8 by 10 copy. The copy negative will become the property of the Scottsboro Public Library and may be used and inventoried at its discretion following the guidelines in the policies of the library, Mrs. McCutcheon said.

Jim Eiford, a long-time Scottsboro photographer and a member of the library board of trustees, said a new type of film will make enlargements of the reproduction better. Using Ilford XP-1 film and the standard C-41 color processing available almost anywhere, the library will get high quality and convenience of processing, he said.

"It's literally grainless. When I first heard about it, I said, 'Impossible,' but it works," Eiford said. The film will make it possible to enlarge copied negatives more without losing as much quality, he said. For more information on the preservation project, contact the library at 574-4335.

Photographic Collection Policies

This project is a joint effort of the Scottsboro Public Library, Friends of the Library and the Jackson County Historical Association. The purpose of the project is to document, preserve and disseminate the history and culture of Jackson County through a photographic collection.

1. The library will accept photographs and documents in the following areas:

1. Persons of Jackson County heritage
2. Events in Jackson County.
3. Landmarks in Jackson County.
4. Commerce and industry in Jackson County.
5. Family and farm life in Jackson County.
6. Education in Jackson County.
7. Religion in Jackson County.
8. Transportation in Jackson County.

9. Houses in Jackson County.
 10. Sports in Jackson County.
 11. War time events and people (Civil-Vietnam).
 12. Jackson County miscellaneous.
- II. The staff will copy up to 3 photographs while persons wait. Any number above the 3 will be left to be picked up in 5 working days or a time designated by the librarian.
- III. The cost of the reprints are: 3x5 - \$5.00 and 8x10 - \$10.00.
- IV. The copy negative becomes the property of the Scottsboro Public Library and may be used and inventoried at their discretion following the guidelines in the policies of the library.
- V. The copy negatives will be cataloged and stored in picture envelopes. The negatives remain the property of the Scottsboro Public Library and will be stored in accordance with negative storage procedures.
- VI. The photographs may be used by the Jackson County Historical Association and the Friends of the Library in accordance with the purpose of said organizations.

Huntsville Museum of Art

Alabamians are turning out their dresser drawers, albums, and storage cabinets for interesting landscape photographs made in Alabama during the 20th century. An exhibition of these photographs, a joint project of the Alabama Humanities Foundation and the Huntsville Museum of Art, will open at the Huntsville Museum on April 25, 1989, and will tour the state later in the year.

"We're looking for photographs that make a strong visual impact and show the amazing variety of our state," commented Exhibition Curator Frances Robb. "We'll exhibit views from different areas of Alabama, views that show all aspects of our state--from the typical to the unusual, from unspoiled wilderness to agricultural or industrial areas, from historic sites to people using our land--from fishing or hunting to barbecuing in the backyard."

"Most of the photographs will be modern, but we're also looking for interesting ones as far back as the 1920s. The photographs we're considering include a beautiful autumn mountain scene, baptism ceremonies at a rural spring, and a view of industrial Birmingham. We're looking for photographs by serious amateurs as well as professionals. Historical societies, newspapers, businesses, libraries, and families are asked to look through their collections for Alabama landscape photographs that make a strong visual impact."

"We'll be publishing an exhibition catalog and a checklist of Alabama photographers that will include people who've photographed all sorts of subjects, not just landscapes. This will be a lasting resource for local communities."

The Alabama Reunion

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of interesting Alabama Landscape photographs is encouraged to send description, details, and/or Xeroxes or copy prints to Ms. Frances Robb, Curator, Alabama Landscape Photography Exhibition, Huntsville Museum of Art, 700 Monroe St. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (205) 535-4350. Photographers may submit up to 20 slides or prints for consideration, but must enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to help ensure their safe return. October 1, is the deadline for submitting slides or photographs for consideration. Ms. Robb will be traveling over Alabama in September and may be able to schedule a look at large collections in person.

"NORTH ALABAMA SHARP SHOOTERS" CONFEDERATE ENLISTMENT

A
Co. "G", 12th Alabama Vol. Inf. Rgt.
"North Alabama Sharp Shooters." Enlisted at Woodville,
AL June 20, 1861

1. Capt. A.S. Bibb	Resigned after one year
2. 1st Lt. John J. Dillard	Resigned after one year
3. 2nd Lt. Rufus H. Jones	Resigned after one year
4. 3rd Lt. Daniel Butler	Died July 29, 1862
5. 1st Sgt. James E. Adams	Discharged Nov. 14, 1861
6. 2nd Sgt. Richard C. Bevill	Missing Sept. 14, 1862
7. 3rd Sgt. R.M. Erwin	
8. 4th Sgt. John T. Fowler	Discharged July 23, 1861
9. 1st Cpl. Wm. R. Fletcher	Killed Sept. 23, 1861
10. 2nd Cpl. George W. Kennamer	
11. 3rd Cpl. T.M. Fletcher	Died of wounds, July 1863
12. 4th Cpl. Lee V. Mitchell	
13. Allison, L.B.	Discharged Sept. 9, 1862
14. ATchley, George W.	Discharged Aug. 23, 1862
15. Betty, William L.	Discharged Oct. 14, 1861
16. Bingham, William H.	Huntsville resident
17. Brown, Charles H.	
18. Burks, George W.	Killed Sept. 14, 1862
19. Calloway, Robert E.	
20. Cameron, Henry	
21. Cameron, James T.	
22. Clifton, T.H.	
23. Cruse, Thomas	
24. Derrick, Jacob	Died Apr. 10, 1864
25. Derrick, Jesse F.	Discharged Nov. 25, 1861
26. Dunn, Thos. Jefferson	Died Aug. 3, 1861
27. Evans, James K.	Discharged Sept. 22, 1862
28. Farmer Freeland	
29. Friar, Noah	Died Aug. 5, 1861
30. Gerding, Edward U.	Discharged Aug. 17, 1861
31. Gerding, J.G.W.	C.S. Navy appt. July 16, 1861
32. Gibson, George B.	Discharged July 29, 1861
33. Goode, R.T.	Discharged Apr. 3, 1863
34. Guerin, John S.	
35. Hammond, Abne Jr.	
36. Hardcastle, James M.	Killed May 31, 1862
37. Hodges, G.R.	
38. Isum, James B.	Deserted Sept, 1864
39. Jones, Jephtha J.	
40. Kennamer, James A.	Died June 3, 1862
41. Kess, John Francis	
42. Kess, Sampson M.	
43. Keys, Washington	
44. Lee, Giles	(Washington Co. Tenn.)
45. Magner, Jack F.	Died Sept. 8, 1862
46. Maples, William J.	
47. Maples, Thomas B.	
48. McCarty, Michael	
49. McMillen, David J.	
50. McMillen, Warren W.	
51. Middleton, William E.	
52. Mitchell, Robert B.	Died Feb. 12, 1864 (prison)
53. Morrison, Jonathan	(Marshall Co. resident)
54. Morrison, John G.	(Woodville resident)
55. O'Conner, Michael	
56. Patton, E.S.	Discharged
57. Payne, James W.	Discharged Dec. 17, 1861
58. Peevy, Dial	
59. Pinkston, J.R.	
60. Phillips, Elihu	
61. Pockriss, G.B.	
62. Reed, Tillman	Died May 31, 1862 in Virginia
63. Renfro, J.T.	
64. Renfro, T.B.(Dandy)	
65. Riffo, A.J.	
66. Riggins, Abner	
67. Rogers, S.L.	Discharged Sept. 6, 1861
68. Rogers, W.J.	Died Dec 30, 1862
69. Rogers, T.J.	
70. Ross, F.M.	Discharged Dec. 16, 1861

- 71. Ross, Poleman D. Elected Captain July 13, 1862
- 72. Sadler, George T. (Musician) Discharged July 4, 1861
- 73. Smith, Samuel Died Aug. 22, 1861
- 74. Smith, William T.
- 75. Stephens, F.D. (Jackson County resident)
- 76. Stevens, Dr. Solomon D. Transferred July 15, 1861
- 77. Stewart, Charles F. Killed Oct. 19, 1864
- 78. Stewart, William
- 79. Swearingin, Green
- 80. Taylor, S. Grant Died Sept. 16, 1862
- 81. Whitecotton, Valentine N. (David?) Died July 15, 1862
- 82. Woodard, A. Jackson
- 83. Wright, Isum Asaph (Marshall Co. resident)

B

Recruits for Capt. Bibb's Co. "G" 12th Ala. Vol. Inf. Rgt.
mustered Aug. 15, 1861

- 1. Atchely, John H. Died October 31, 1861
- 2. Atchely, J.J. Killed May 31, 1862
- 3. Austin, Stephen B. Discharged Dec. 31, 1862
- 4. Adams, H.A.
- 5. Burks, J.H. Died Nov. 17, 1863 (prison)
- 6. Butler, Hudson
- 7. Cline, David (Huntsville resident)
- 8. Crawley, R.K. (Family in Coosa Co.)
- 9. Dudley, John S. Killed May 2, 1863
- 10. Elms, Arch Died Oct. 24, 1861
- 11. Erwin, William B.
- 12. Fowler, W.H. (Madison Co. resident?)
- 13. Higgins, J.C. Discharged Aug. 4, 1863
- 14. Hodges, J.J. Discharged Oct. 15, 1862
- 15. Howk, Michael
- 16. Jones, Felix Died Nov 30, 1861
- 17. Jones Jacob (Paint Rock Resident)
- 18. Kennemer, Willis Died June 4, 1864-wounds
- 19. Kerr, John W. (Guntersville resident)
- 20. Love, Perry G. Died Apr. 2, 1862
- 21. Maples, Francis Marion
- 22. McMillen, Peyton B. (Guntersville resident)
- 23. Millican, A.S.
- 24. Miller, Joshua N. (Talladega resident)
- 25. McBrewer, James
- 26. Neighbors, Wm. T. (Marshall Co. resident)
- 27. Perkins, Isaac
- 28. Perkins, Jaber
- 29. Perkins, John W.
- 30. Posey, James W. Killed Sept. 14, 1862
- 31. Preston, A.T. Appointed Capt. A.C.S. 1862
- 32. Saylor, Marion M. (Madison County resident)
- 33. Sisk, Jeremiah
- 34. Smith, Robert W.
- 35. Stephens, W.W. Died May 12, 1862
- 36. Sutton, David
- 37. Switcher, M.A.F. Missing May 3, 1863
- 38. Taylor, W.A. Died Nov. 22, 1861
- 39. Ward, P.W. Imprisoned by C.S.A. 1863
- 40. White, Jordan
- 41. Whitecotton, James Discharged Jan. 18, 1862

C.

- 1. Atchely, William (?-1862) Discharged Sept. 23, 1862
- 2. Brooks, M.R. Feb 1, 1864 Discharged Feb. 25, 1865
Clarke County
- 3. Benkes, John H. (?-1862) Discharged Sept. 29, 1862
- 4. Bevill, B. Edward (?-1862) Died 1862
- 5. Black, J.
- 6. Black, Willis May 16, 1864 Died Apr. 19, 1865, Prison
Jefferson County

7. Balakberger, G.W. (?-1864) Discharged Nov. 5, 1864
8. Bowden, G.W. May 14, 1864 Deserted Nov. 10, 1864
9. Bradford, A.S. Oct. 21, 1864 Died July 3, 1865, Prison
10. Bramblett, J.B. July 6, 1864 Deserted April 2, 1865
11. Brown, Z.T.
12. Burgess, E.W. March 17, 1864
13. Buzbee, Thomas Oct. 8, 1864
14. Camp, J.E.
15. Canterbury, A.K. Oct. 6, 1864
16. Canty, G.B. Apr. 18, 1864
17. Carter, Josiah April 5, 1864
18. Cates, J.S. (?-1864)
19. Chandler, D.
20. Etheridge, Benjamin March 19, 1864
21. Fulmer, M.J. Sept. 29, 1864 Died
22. Gerald, R.T. (?-1862)
23. Gibson, R.J. Jan. 29, 1864 Killed Sept. 19, 1864
24. Gillum, Y.T. Dec. 9, 1863
25. Grizzle, A.J. (?-1862) Missing Sept. 14, 1862
26. Guy, F.M. Sept. 29, 1864 Deserted Dec. 3, 1864
27. Hancock, Henry D. Apr. 2, 1864 Died Oct. 15, 1864, Prison
28. Harding, W.P. May 30, 1864 Deserted June 21, 1864
29. Harris, P.C. May 30, 1864 Deserted June 21, 1864
30. Hodges, H.M. (?-1862) Died May 25, 1863
31. Hollingsworth, James (?-1864)
32. Jackson, E.M. Feb 27, 1864
33. Keel, Seaborn(?-1862) Died Apr. 28, 1862
Keel, Noah
34. Kennedy, W.R.(Apr. 2, 1864)
35. Kennamer, Samuel Nov. 1, 1862 Killed July 1, 1863
36. Kirkland, Wm. George(?-1862) Killed May 31, 1862
37. Lemley, S. May 11, 1864 Killed Sept. 19, 1864
38. Livingston, George Mar. 3, 1864
39. Lovejoy, J.F. Feb 9, 1864
40. Mackey, R.P. March 8, 1862
41. Macon, W.B.(?-1864)
42. Maffett, E.F. (?-1862)
43. Maples, George W.(?-1862)
44. Maples, Enoch F. Mar. 8, 1862
45. Martin, Hilliard H. (?-1864)
46. Morris, John H.(?-1864)
47. Morrison, Willis(?-1861)
48. Oakely, W.S. Aug. 3, 1864
49. Odum, Hansford A. Jan 18, 1864 Died Oct 24, 1864, Prison
50. Owens, R.S. (?-1863)
51. Rayner, George W. May 6, 1864 Died May 6, 1864, Prison
52. Pearson, G. M. Feb. 19, 1864
53. Petty, G.L. Apr. 7, 1862 Died April 27, 1862
54. Phillips, S. Oct. 9, 1864 Deserted Mar. 30, 1865
55. Powell, W.B. Mar. 5, 1864
56. Provence, James K. Mar. 8, 1862
57. Provence, W.T. Mar. 8, 1862
58. Pruitt, E.O.D.(?-1862)
59. Pugh, J.W. Mar. 13, 1864
60. Reed, N.(?-1862)
61. Reed, S.C.(?-1862)
62. Robertson, J.A.
63. Sawyer, Jasper W. Apr. 2, 1864
64. Shaw, W.L.
65. Shelby, J.A. Oct. 6, 1864 Discharged Feb. 20, 1865
66. Sheldon, D.H.
67. Smith, Charles E. Mar 8, 1862
68. Smith, Eason Mar. 31, 1864
69. Smith, Thomas Mar 8, 1862
70. Sowers, J. (?-1864)
71. Stephens, Josiah(?-1863)

72. Stephens, W.S. (?-1863) Discharged Sept. 18, 1863
73. Tatum, R. Apr. 2, 1864
74. Taylor, Benjamin (?-1862)
75. Thompson, H. Mar. 28, 1864
76. Thompson, J.A. July 28, 1863 Died Oct. 7, 1864, Prison
77. Washam, Isom Aug. 2, 1862
78. Waters, W.B. (?-1861)
79. Weir, Walker B. Dec. 5, 1863
80. White, Thomas M. Apr. 19, 1864
81. Word, A.B. (?-1864)
82. Wood, Samuel (?-1864)
83. Wright, D.
84. Wright, Silas T. March 1863 Killed July 1, 1863

Dear Ann,

You might recall that I wrote you about Capt. A.S. Bibb's Co. G. 12th Alabama Infantry Regiment. The unit was organized at Woodville on June 20, 1861, calling themselves the "North Alabama Sharp Shooters." I'd like to identify each member and have some additional about them: date of birth, death, marriage, educational and professional information.

I'm hoping that people in your area will be able to help. Even correcting the way those names are spelled in my records would be significant. Judge Page has been most helpful in this regard, having provided information on perhaps twenty men. I would be pleased if you'd consider publishing the muster roll I have put together in order to attract information.

Also - do you know of anyone who has a transcript of the 1860 Jackson County census?

Thank you,

Allen J. Pitt

P.S. Pages lettered 'A' are original enlistments. Pages lettered 'B' are enlistments dated Aug. 15, 1861. Pages lettered 'C' are later enlistments.

Unidentified names from Alabama Archives roll:

Adams, Press. - Match only
 Brown, Will
 Burks, W.H.
 Hodges, Doc - Match Only (Doctor M. Hodges) (Co. C, Mead's Conf. Cavalry Recruited 12-12-1864)
 Hodges, Newton - Match Only
 Kerr, Wesley
 Poens, Koot
 Price, Mike
 Sisk, Rufus
 Stephens, Bird
 Taylor, Brooks

JULY HISTORICAL MEETING REPORT

Vice President Mary Ann Cromeans called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. at the Scottsboro Public Library. Several items of business were discussed. Due to excessive heat, the Ice Cream Social in Caldwell Park was cancelled. Instead the members met at the Dairy Twist for refreshment.

The bank statement dated August 16, is as follows:

Balance 7-19-88	\$2054.72
Deposits	0
Checks-Filing Cabinet	206.29
U.S. Post Office	28.00
Balance 8-16-88	\$1820.43

ANCESTOR SEARCHING IN JACKSON COUNTY

Kirby-Tindle-Wilmoth

Tressie Wilkinson, 509 SE 70th, Oklahoma City, OK 73149, is searching for parents of Richard Kirby, born circa 1810 in TN, who married Polly _____ circa 1832, probably in TN since their first ten children were all born in Tennessee, 1833-1848, according to census records. Their eleventh child was born in Arkansas in 1850. Richard Kirby's granddaughter stated he told his children was Cherokee. Richard and Polly's son, James David Kirby, made application for Cherokee citizenship in 1887-1888.

Richard and Polly Kirby's children were: Sarah (Sally), Jasper, Nancy, Gooley Ann, Shepherd, Thomas L., Wyatte, David, and John Kirby were all in household of William and Mary Wilmoth. Since Tindle, Wilmoth, and Kirby are also family names found in Jackson County, AL, can someone help tie the above families to a Jackson County connection?

Milligan

Searching for the remains of William Conklin Graham Milligan who was a private in Company G, 143 New York Volunteer Infantry, Civil War, who died on January 5, 1864, in convalescent camp at Bridgeport, AL after December 2, 1863. If you can help, please write: James R. Crane, 429 Leonia Avenue, Bogota, N.J. 07603.

Prince

Ron Prince, 1203 Stone Trail, Longview, TX 75604 would like to correspond with others researching the Prince family in Jackson County, AL. He descends from Zachariah and Susannah Prince who were in the 1840 and 1850 census of Jackson County, but moved to Arkansas circa 1852. Zachariah was brother of Jesse Prince of Paint Rock Valley. Needs maiden name of Susannah Prince.

Roberts

Ann B. Chambless, Route 4-Box 265, Scottsboro, AL 35768, would like to correspond with descendants of John Rogers, born circa 1770-1780, died between 1841 and 1844 in Jackson County, AL. Possible son John M. Rogers who married a Hancock and moved to Texas. Daughter Eliza Rogers (b. 1811), married.

Burgess

Elsie Burgess White, Route One, Box 263-B, Glenwood, ARK 71943, is searching for parents of Pleasant Monroe, Joseph, Bill, and maybe William Burgess. Joseph Burgess was born in 1825 in Bledsoe County, TN and married Martha Faulkner in Cherokee Co., AL. Pleasant Monroe Burgess married Elvira Meggs. William is said to have died in the Civil War. Joseph and Pleasant Monroe Burgess are buried in Arkansas.

SNELL RESEARCHING KLAN FOR BOOK

Presently I am researching the activities of the revised Ku Klux Klan in Alabama for the period 1916-1930 and am preparing a book length manuscript for publication. I am seeking help and information from members of the Jackson County Historical Society and any others who might be able to assist. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

While trying to cover the entire state, I am particularly interested in Jackson County, Alabama. According to preliminary research, there may have been four units located in Scottsboro, Pisgah, Stevenson,

and possibly at Bridgeport. In addition to these towns, newspaper articles mention members from Gurley and Hollywood.

In May 1923, it was reported that a local unit had been formed in Scottsboro. Accompanying this event was the appearance of a "fiery cross on the mountain side south of town." The town was introduced to "her first Ku Klux Klan parade in full regalia" in mid-September 1923.

After the organization became established in Scottsboro, efforts were made to start a group in Stevenson. In September 1923, a group of Klansmen visited a union service at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church there.

"The largest crowd ever seen in this town at night" witnessed a parade in Scottsboro in December 1923. Following the parade, the auditorium of the courthouse was packed to hear a Klan lecturer.

In April 1924, a crowd of an estimated 6,000 spectators "from all over Alabama braved the threatening storm" and observed a Klan parade and program. After Brunswick stew was served to approximately 150 local Klansmen at the fairgrounds in Scottsboro, the parade began. Headed by mounted cavaliers and assisted by the Birmingham drum corps, the group marched about the business district and assembled on the courthouse lawn. Entertainment included the Vaughn quartet from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The program was under the direction of Grand Titan Burt Thomas of Birmingham. Earle W. Hotalen, lecturer from Atlanta, delivered an address, in which he conferred the "cross of honor to a number of the original Klansmen." A special train brought about 300 Klansmen from Sheffield, which swelled the crowd largely drawn from Huntsville. "A fiery cross over forty feet high was erected in the center of the square facing the courthouse." The article concluded, "Very few occasions in the history of Scottsboro have attracted more people. The presence of a number of lady members of the Klan attracted quite a bit of attention too."

In 1925 a Collinsville newspaper carried an ad for an auto parade for Sunday May 17. Departing from Pisgah at 9 a.m. the automobiles would visit Rosalie, Flat Rock, Poplar Springs, and return via Shiloh and Ider by 12:30 where a barbecue dinner was served Klansmen for 50 cents. The parade would continue after lunch to Henegar, Pine Grove, Sylvania, and Dutton, where the parade disbanded. "The public is requested not to block the roads so that the cars can pass."

Eliza B. Woodall in The Stevenson Story, wrote that "the last public meeting of the Klan (in Stevenson), about 1928, was on the parade ground about where Nebraska Avenue runs between Fifth and Seventh Streets. The members wore the traditional white robes and hoods and engaged in parade formations on horseback and other ceremonial procedures including the burning of a cross very late at night." I would appreciate any information you might have including newspaper clippings, photographs, letters, recollections, scrapbooks, flyers and cards. I would be pleased to learn names of people who might have some knowledge of the time period. I am interested in events and how they fit into the overall picture. We do not need to use personal names and contributor's names can remain anonymous if they choose. We do not want to hurt or embarrass anyone, but would like to recount, to the best of our ability, a good historical account of the organization in Jackson County and Alabama.

To do so, I need your help.
Thank you for your consideration.
William R. Snell
Professor of History
Lee College
Cleveland, TN 37311

NECROLOGY

Mrs. Milton Heacock, Scottsboro
Miss Leola Matthews, Scottsboro
Mrs. Bowers Parker, Scottsboro

PAINT ROCK VALLEY MEMORIES Jackson County Sketches By David Campbell

Jackson County's Paint Rock Valley is in our minds what we think a valley should be. Small branches and creeks flow from the mountains surrounding the valley. There are Granny Branch, Pigeon and Bear creeks, Dry and Little Dry creeks, Clear, Turkey, Burke's and Guess creeks. They flow into the larger streams in the valley: Estill Fork, Hurricane, or Larkin's Fork creeks; or empty into the Paint Rock River itself.

These branches and creeks wash topsoil into the Valley, tempting Valley residents for years to raise crops in the rich soil. However, what gives the Valley its richness-the-water-also was the Valley's plague, for through the years spring and summer floods consistently drowned crops. Now, most of the Valley farmland has been turned into pastures. Cattle graze the bottom land, and in its wider expanse, the Valley land stretches out as far as the eye can see toward the mountains.

The Valley changes like a kaleidoscope with the seasons. In the spring, it comes alive with bright green color and the branches, creeks, and the river rise with the rains. In the summer, nature fights back to try to regain its footing in the Valley, and grass, weeds, plants, and shrubs flourish. In the fall, colored leaves paint the mountainsides and a feeling of anticipation sets in the air. For me, the Valley is prettiest in the winter, when mists fill the hollows and the motion slows as the winter is endured.

The Paint Rock Valley is in the western part of Jackson County and extends from the Tennessee state line to the Tennessee River. It is an integral piece of the mosaic that is Jackson County. The name itself is rich in history and color. Floyd Clemens, who has lived in the Valley since 1929, explains: "The Valley got its name from a type of agate rock that is found here. It has every color of the spectrum. The Indians would use the rock as ceremonial objects or as necklaces. The rock would wash into the river and the water would wear it smooth. That's how the river got its name. These rockhounds recognize the Paint Rock agate when they first see it. They say that it is the only red agate found anywhere in the United States.

Mr. Clemens lives on his farm near Garth in a house constructed of river and field rock. Clear Creek flows next to his house. "Sometimes the water in the creek is so clear you can see a nail in the bottom of it," he says. Mr. Clemens, active in county watershed projects for years, now raises cattle and

operates the highly successful Clear Creek Hunting Club, which has members throughout the state and some from Florida. Mr. Clemens' farm sits at the base of Bingham Mountain and extends into McFarland Cove. Mr. Clemens knows this area thoroughly. He tells of the cave in the cove where Indians camped. He tells of Shoemaker Rock, where a local sympathizer made shoes for Confederate soldiers during the war.

The Valley provides a tour through history. Start at the town of Paint Rock along U.S. Highway 72 (now the Bob Jones Highway), then turn north on Highway 65 up the heart of the Valley. Small, unincorporated towns line the road. There is Garth, then Trenton, Hollytree, and Princeton. At Princeton you'll find one of the most unique school buildings in the county - Princeton School. The school was built by Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers in the 1930s and is made of rock gathered in the Valley. Mrs. Kittye Henshaw, another lifelong resident of the Valley, recalls riding in a wagon as a child and collecting field rock for the school construction. When the wagon was full, she says, they would return to the school site and deposit the rock. Next to the school is Curley Putman Field, named in honor of perhaps the Paint Rock Valley's most famous product, Curley Putman, the Nashville songwriter who immortalized the Valley in his song, "The Green, Green Grass of Home".

Travel on up 65 North as the river winds near the road. At the foot of Jacob's Mountain stands a small, shed-like building that once was the office of Dr. H.F. Gattis who practiced medicine in the Valley after the Civil War on through the late 1800s. The building still contains the shelves on which Dr. Gattis stored his medicines. The house in which Dr. Gattis and his family lived stands next door. It is well-preserved and occupied. The house and office are on the land of Mr. Howard Hall, whose family has lived in the Valley for several generations. Mr. Hall realized the historical significance of the country doctor's office and he preserved it.

Across the Valley from Jacob's Mountain is Maxwell Mountain, which reaches a peak of 1700 feet, making it one of the highest mountains in Alabama. No one lives on Maxwell Mountain now, but some fifty years ago there were families there. Maxwell Mountain is known in Paint Rock Valley lore for the white whiskey, or moonshine, that was made there. Residents say they have seen the whiskey hauled from the mountain "by the carload," to be transported to Huntsville or Chattanooga. The mountain, because of its isolation and rough terrain, was perfect for moonshine operations. Although not condoning the practice, some residents of the Valley do point out that for some this was the only way that they had of making a living during the Depression years.

Drive on up the Valley to Swaim. Here Highway 65 connects with Highway 146. Highway 65 to the north takes you to Tennessee; Highway 146 to the east carries you to Cumberland Mountain. It is near Swaim that Hurricane Creek and Larkin's Fork Creek join to form what is then called the Paint Rock River.

Just off Highway 146 near Swaim is Highway 9, which goes to Estill Fork, where Estill Fork and Hurricane creeks flow. This is one of the most scenic and isolated parts of the valley. Mr. Floyd E. "Pete" Prince and his son, Eddie, operate the small grocery store and post office at Estill Fork and raise cattle on their farm. Pete Prince, 82, is descended from valley pioneers. Mr. Prince is asked if he has ever lived anywhere else. "No. This is the only place

I ever saw where I wanted to live," he says. He did, he says, live "up North" for a while during the 1930s and even worked for the Ford Motor Company at the 1934 Chicago World's Fair. But that wasn't enough to sway him from the Paint Rock Valley and he came back home.

Mr. Prince bought his store from Mrs. Winnie Reid in 1943. Mrs. Reid was the mother of long-time Scottsboro mayor John T. Reid, who was born at Estill Fork. The old Reid store stands next to the Prince's newer store. With a fine sense of history, Eddie Prince keeps the original cash register from the Reid store in the newer building and he lines the store walls and ceiling with unusual items (hay hooks, tobacco bunches, lanterns) that reflect the area's history. As with other country stores, the Prince store is a gathering place for the community.

Pete Prince is asked how he has seen the area change in his years here. He answers: "I can remember when there were a lot more people here. There were people everywhere. On Saturdays I've seen wagons lined up for a quarter mile in front of the store here. People farmed. Now most of them have moved away to find work."

On this day, Pete Prince and I drive around the Estill Fork area. He takes me by the Western Union Relay Station just across the creek at Estill Fork. From this site through a highly advanced communication system, huge satellite dishes relay information for Western Union.

The messages go throughout the world. Estill Fork was chosen for the site, Mr. Prince explains, because there was no industrial or commercial sound that would interfere with the signals.

"That road there," Mr. Prince says, "goes to the Walls of Jericho, but now you can't go up there anymore. The Carter family out of Texas bought the land and they've got it leased to a hunting club. They've got the road blocked off up there." For those who have never seen them, the Walls of Jericho are certainly one of Jackson County's most outstanding features. The walls are high limestone bluffs that form a small canyon with a cold water stream in the center. Indian writing still can be found on some parts of the Walls. "On up in the mountains Hurricane Creek begins," Mr. Prince says. "It comes boiling out of the ground like a hurricane. That's why it's named that. It really gets rough when there is heavy rain." Mr. Prince shows me the site of the old Estill Fork school and he takes me by the house his father built. We pass his and his son's cattle farm. Later I leave Estill Fork, knowing that in Mr. Prince I have seen the same strong-will, spirit, and good humor that the pioneers had who settled this Valley.

From Swaim, Highway 65 North carries you through the part of the Valley formed by Larkin's Fork Creek. The highway parallels the creek here and the valley narrows. Along the highway a waterfall can be seen tumbling out of Fanning's Cove. The waterfall comes down the ridge like a staircase. The highway goes to Francisco, where there once was a post office, a voting precinct, and general store. Now only a few families live in the Francisco area. Residents of Francisco are uncertain how the community acquired its name. However, records show that there was a Dr. Francisco Rice who practiced medicine in the Valley in the 1850s and conjecture is that the area was named after him.

Highway 65 goes to the Tennessee state line, then a Tennessee highway carries you on to Huntland. William Fanning lives along Pigeon Cove Creek at Francisco only a half-mile from the Tennessee state line. Mr. Fanning, whose father was from the community, now logs cedar with Belgian horses and sells the timber to companies in Tennessee where it is made into pressed wood. Mr. Fanning knows where his place in the world is. "They told me I'd never be able to build my house here," he says. "It was rough here like you can't imagine when I first started, but I managed to clear the land and level the group up enough to build my

house." The effort was worth it. Pigeon Cove Creek can be heard from Mr. Fanning's house. The creek sound is the soothing, gentle flow of water on stone that makes daily problems seem inconsequential. It is the same sound that tourists pay for at resorts and motels further north in the Smokies. It is hunting season when I am here and at dusk the deep bark of hounds can be heard echoing down the valley. For a second I sense what must have been the lonely life of the pioneers who settled here.

Mr. Fanning says that at nearby Beech Grove Church there are two children buried in the cemetery who were killed by Indians. "They were Tuckers and we put up markers on their graves a few years ago. And on across the state line there is a cemetery where Polly Crockett is buried. She was the wife of Davey Crockett."

By being so close to Tennessee, Francisco residents in some ways live in a no-man's land. This is evident when Mr. Fanning tells of getting a telephone installed. "They told me in Alabama that they couldn't do it, that I'd have to get the phone company in Tennessee to put it in. So, OK. I did that, but later on the Tennessee phone company told me I'd have to get an Alabama area code. So, now I've got an Alabama area code and a Tennessee number and I'm listed in the Huntland directory." At Francisco it becomes obvious how large and diverse a county Jackson is. There are people here who have seen the Tennessee River only a few times and to them Huntland is their main town. The river? Well, that's the Paint Rock.

Kitty Henshaw, Evelyn Rochelle and Katherine Shaver have added a masterful addition to writing the history of the Paint Rock Valley with their book Paint Rock Valley Pioneers. The authors have meticulously surveyed all the known cemeteries in the Paint Rock Valley, listing who is buried in them, the information on each tombstone, and census information for the mid-1800s. All this material is indexed.

Their book contains much history. For example, they elaborate on the Tucker children buried at Beech Grove, noting that the children were killed by Indians while their family tapped maple trees for syrup. These are the oldest known graves in the Paint Rock Valley, with the children's dates of death given as 1812. However, the family had not settled in the area but were from Tennessee. Paint Rock Valley Pioneers gives other information on the Valley, such as the background to the Taliaferro Cemetery near Princeton. This cemetery was named for Elder Richard Henry Taliaferro, a Baptist circuit rider and missionary who, in the 1800s, came into the Valley and established several Baptist churches. The book tells of Moses Swaim, a Jackson County pioneer who moved to the Valley in 1823 and during his lifetime fathered twenty-five children. The first place to start in understanding the history of the Paint Rock Valley is with this excellent book.

Accounts do indicate that settlers began moving into the Valley in the 1820s. At one time during this period, the Valley was a county of its own. It was called Decatur County and was created from Madison and Jackson Counties on December 13, 1821. Old Woodville was the county seat and was located about one mile east of present-day Woodville. However, according to local historian Ann Chambless, it was decided that Decatur County was too small to meet requirements of Alabama Constitution to legally be a county, and in December, 1825, the territory was returned to Madison and Jackson Counties. It is not surprising that an area so unique and self-contained as the Paint Rock Valley was once a county of its own.

The Paint Rock Valley, of course, does extend into counties other than Jackson. The river, in fact, forms the boundary between Madison and Marshall counties before emptying into the Tennessee River about ten miles down river from Gunterville Dam. As was mentioned, flooding has been a persistent problem in the Paint Rock Valley. Some residents remember

the great "rolling tide" flood that occurred in the Valley on the fourth of July, 1937. Mr. Floyd Clemens recalls: "Water came roaring out of the hollows and some places it was like a four-foot high wave. The force of the water mashed corn crops and the river flooded so high that it covered Highway 72." In recent years, however, strides have been made to control flooding. Mr. Clemens, who served as chairman of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors for Soil Conservation, has been instrumental in establishing flood control projects in the Valley. Through funds provided by the Federal Flood Control Act, creeks and ditches and the banks of the Paint Rock River itself have been cleared to provide better drainage. Flooding still occurs, but not like it did.

Floyd Clemens recalls how "Iron Eyes" Cody came to the Valley a few years back to film a commercial for the Alabama Forestry Service. In an environmental public service commercial, Cody is the Indian who sheds tears when he looks at a polluted stream. After spending the day in the Valley, Mr. Clemens said that Cody told him, "I have left places with tears in my eyes. But here I leave with a smile." All of Jackson County can take pride in Cody's smile.

MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The Jackson County Historical Association held its spring meeting with Vice-President, Mary Ann Cromeans, presiding.

The program was presented by Peggy McCutchen, librarian of Scottsboro Public Library. She showed slides of historic homes and sites of Jackson County.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted, a copy of which is hereby attached to these minutes.

The nominating committee made its report concerning officers of the Association with terms beginning in October of this year. The committee presented the following officers for election: President, Wendell Page; First VP, Ruby Lee Smith; Second VP Jane Conley; Secretary, Emma Lou Lovelady and Treasurer, Elizabeth Thomas.

Opportunity was given for nomination from the floor. No other nominations were made. Delbert Hicks moved to accept the report of the committee and elect their slate of officers. Bo Loyd seconded the motion and it carried.

Mary Ann Cromeans reported that there had developed some problems in connection with the publishing of The Chronicles. But Ann Chambless felt that the publication would be ready for distribution soon.

A general discussion was held concerning the mechanics of getting pictures of historic photographs and documents presently in many homes of Jackson County. Peggy McCutchen stated that the necessary equipment to record this local history is not available at the library with trained operators. "The problem," she stated, "is that no one is bringing any pictures or documents in to be photographed.

Delbert Hicks suggested that ways might be found to work through the schools to get these historic documents photographed.

After a brief discussion of the problem, Delbert Hicks and Anna Ruth Campbell were named to pursue this idea in the hopes of involving the schools. Wendell Page made a motion that up to \$500 be approved to be used in the effort to get historic photographs and documents recorded for the library program. Ruby Lee Smith seconded the motion which carried.

A motion was made that the President and Treasurer of the Association shall constitute a board of Trustees of the Organization. In their official capacity as Trustee

they shall execute, in the name of the Association, all documents, papers and records required in the management of all property and funds of the Association. After a second, the motion carried.

A motion was made that the incoming president, Wendell Page, be authorized to rent a safety deposit box in a local bank to be used by the association as business requires and that both the president and treasurer shall have access to the box.

CHRONICLES MAIL BAG

Dear Friends:

We want to say thank you for copies of your CHRONICLES. They contain information we have placed in our Topical File for researchers to enjoy. That is reason enough to say how nice it is to have you for an Exchange Member for we are so close in location that we can be of much help to our many researchers in Tennessee and Alabama.

Yours Truly,
Floydaline C. Kimbaugh,
Librarian
Franklin County (TN)
Historical Society

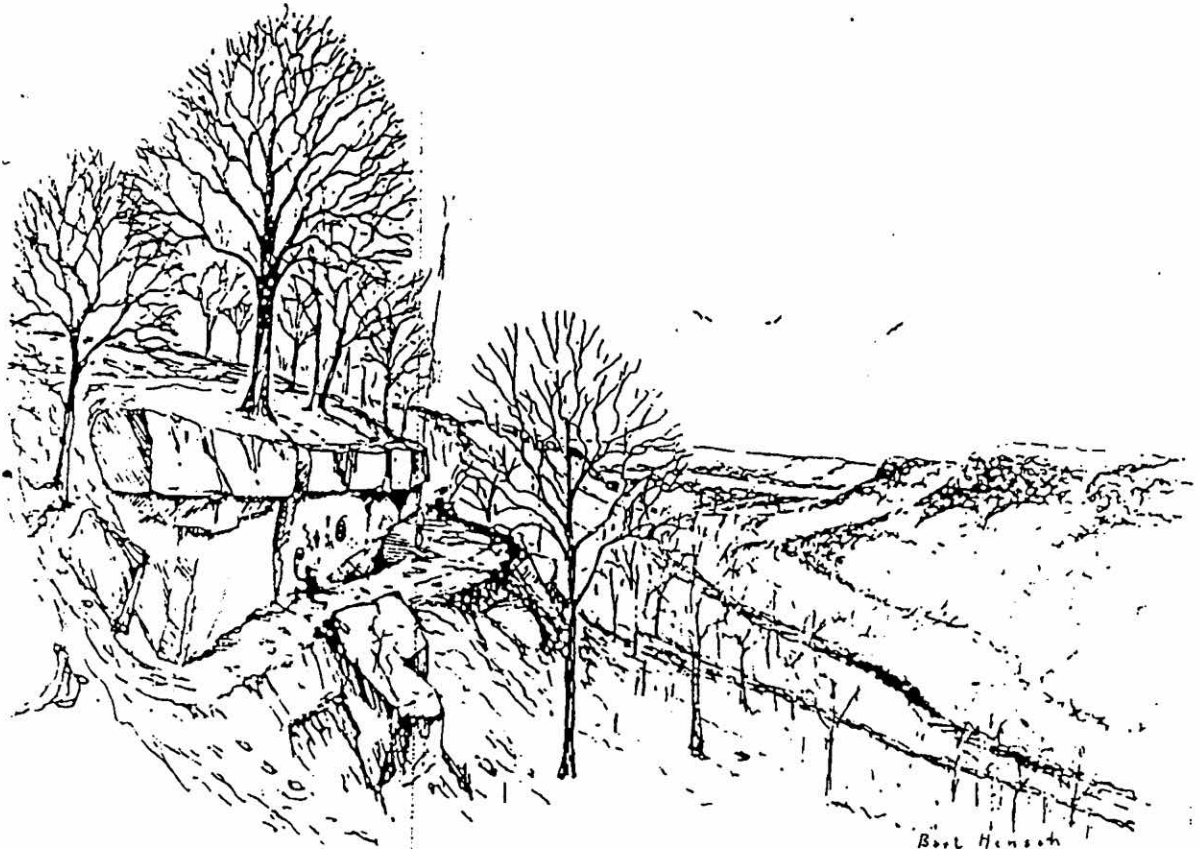
Dear Mrs. Chambless,

I'll be honest with you and say I do not like the new format of the CHRONICLES even though I know it has to be a big load off you and much easier.

I am enclosing my husband's ancestor chart in the hope that you can print it in the CHRONICLES. Molly Tipton was supposed to be a Cherokee Indian. She died when my father-in-law was barely five and that was about all he knew about his mother.

I do hope future issues will tell more about Woodville and Peters Cove. We appreciate the wonderful job you all are doing. I hope we can visit there someday.

Sincerely,
Mrs. William M. Peters
P.O. Box 69
Greenwood, LA 71033



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

To continue your Jackson County Historical Association membership in 1988, please take a moment now to renew. To those who have paid their dues for 1988 - THANKS! We especially appreciate our new life members who joined in 1988: Mr. Elbert L. Beaird, Mr. Loy Campbell, and Mrs. Iris McGriff Reed.

The J.C.H.A. Executive Committee met in September at the new headquarters, the Scottsboro-Jackson County Heritage Center. Plans were made for future publications of the JACKSON COUNTY CHRONICLES in the original format and on a regular, quarterly basis. We regret very much that August and October will be the only two publications for 1988.

The annual dinner meeting will be in January, 1989, and you will be notified later of both time and place.

New officers whose terms began in October are:

President - Wendell Page
First Vice President - Rubilee Smith
Second Vice President - Jane Conley
Secretary - Emma Lou Lovelady
Treasurer - Elizabeth Thomas.

As your Executive Board, we look forward to setting and reaching our Association's historic preservation goals in 1989.

WENDELL PAGE, PRESIDENT

PROGRAM MEETING - OCTOBER 16, 1988, 2:30 p.m.

The Jackson County Historical Association will meet, Sunday, October 16, 1988, 2:30 p.m., at the Scottsboro - Jackson County Heritage Center. Please invite a friend!

ATTENTION: EXECUTIVE BOARD

There will be a meeting of the Executive Board on October 16, at 2:00 p.m. just prior to the program meeting.

You still have time to pay your dues for 1988 or to renew now for another year. Please mail your check to:

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Treasurer
Jackson County Historical Association
Post Office Box 1494
Scottsboro, AL 35768

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TREK UP TATER KNOB

by Julia Thomas Roberts

A hike through the woods, highlighted by a picnic at noon, would probably bore most of today's teenagers. To kids of the depression years of the late 1930s when pleasures were few, simple, and, of necessity, inexpensive, such an outing was something to be anticipated for days ahead and remembered fondly for the rest of the years that follow, whatever their number.

A warm, bright, spring day in late April - twenty or so teenagers armed with well-filled, brown paper bags - a coach-teacher who loved young people, was forever young-at-heart and always Dan Cupid's number one assistant: these add up to sheer joy when just being alive is a heady potion.

Coach Mickey O'Brien was taking his civics class on a picnic! How slowly the week passed, but Saturday did eventually arrive. We met at a previously agreed upon site and started our trek to Tater Knob. We walked north on Houston Street until it dead-ended and then found our way across a lush meadow known as Skelton's Hollow. At its north boundary was the foot of Tater Knob.

Tater Knob was no ordinary mountain. It stood slightly apart from its neighboring mountains as though aware of its uniqueness. The slope of Tater Knob is steep, starting at the very bottom, so it was no easy stroll to climb. But when you are sixteen, the sun is shining, the sky is blue enough to rival October, the air is heavy with the scent of honeysuckle, and the birds are vying for top honors in singing, the steep climb was not a real struggle. We were young and "invincible"; the world was our oyster! What was one small mountain!

So up Tater Knob we started, too filled with the zest of youth to even realize the effort it took to climb. As we came within about fifty feet of the top, the incline increased sharply to about 45° - 50°. We leaned forward into the slope and kept climbing. Our goal was within sight; this was no time to slack off!

The top of Tater Knob is perfectly level and almost square, being approximately fifty to sixty feet on each of its four sides. Once on top, we sat down to catch our breath. Among those present were: Herbert "Dusty" Roden, Mose Brannum, Stanley Jones, Claude "Baker" Jones, Sam Simmons, George Dicus, William Derrick, Buron Thomas, Homer Morris, Howard Green, Robert Morris, John Ed Johnson, Opal Dean, Annie Dee Carter, Mary Lou Hughes, Elizabeth Johnson, Jane Starkey, Mildred Jenkins, Ann Marie Smith, Virginia Lipscomb, Virginia Downey, Opal Coffey, Julia Thomas, and, of course, our chaperone, Mickey O'Brien.

Not only had we carried sack lunches, we had also brought large squares of heavy cardboard. Now came the most important part of our entire journey. The boys went back down Tater Knob to the point where the incline began to get very steep. One of the girls would sit down on a square of cardboard right on the edge of the flat "table top" and give her makeshift cardboard slide a push to get it moving. Down the steep grade she flew, shrieking at the top of her voice, gaining momentum by the foot. The boys had the task (or was it the pleasure?) of stopping the girl's headlong flight down Tater Knob. There were always more than enough manly arms to grab the girl and "save" her. It would be impossible to say who had the most fun.....

When hunger and exhaustion drove us to our brown bag picnic, we all sat around the "table top" of Tater Knob and ate, laughing and teasing each other about who saved who on the wild sled rides. Food never tasted better, before or since.

The hours passed so quickly. We hiked down the back-side, enjoying the woods and wildlife and filling our pockets with the sweet shrub we called "sweet bubbas." We came off in Riley Hollow, walked to Tupelo Pike, and followed it into town. The memory of that day is so vivid! A man who cared enough to give up his Saturday for us made it possible. I salute Guy "Mickey" O'Brien, coach, teacher, friend of youth, and a great human being.

LETTERS: RELIVING HISTORY

compiled by Ann B. Chambless

FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE WHICH CHRONICLES CONTEMPORARY HISTORY HAS BECOME A RARE FORM OF WRITTEN HISTORY. TODAY IT IS MUCH EASIER TO "REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE" VIA THE TELEPHONE. A CONVERSATION FROM ALMOST ANYWHERE IN JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD IS FAST AND EASY - NO NEED TO WAIT ON THE MAIL. HOWEVER, PAST GENERATIONS HAD TO DEPEND ON THE POST SYSTEM TO BRIDGE TIME AND DISTANCE AND LEFT A CORRESPONDENCE LEGACY WHICH HAS NO EQUAL.

The following letter was written by Samuel Frazier, Sr. from Knox County, Tennessee, to his daughter-in-law, Mary (called Polly) Parks Frazier, in 1828 shortly after the death of Polly's husband, Samuel Frazier, Jr. (Polly and Samuel Frazier, Jr.'s daughter, Rebecca Frazier, died in Jackson County on November 17, 1822, and Samuel, Jr. died in 1826. They are thought to be the first two buried in Frazier Cemetery which was originally located near the old family homestead on Goose Pond Island in Jackson County, Alabama.)

Knox County, East Tennessee

Much Respected Daughter,

I have sat down to write a few Lines to let you know that I have not forgot you, nor your Children. You feel near to me. I believe more so since you lost your Husband and my Grand Children their Father than before. Also to let you know how we are. Your Mother still keeps much in the same Way that she was when Ruth was here as to her Mind. But her health I think is declining and has sick Spells, more so of late than she usually had, but she generally keeps about. And as for myself, I have my Health as well as I could expect, but am mighty stiff, and when I do any Work I can hardly get up when I am down. I cant ride out of a walk without tiring me as bad as to work. I have planted ten Acres of Corn for my share of the Crop for myself to work, and my Croppers 25 each. But how we will come out is for Time to make manifest.

My Brother George's son Thomas was here about two Weeks past. He came from his Father's and he tells me that they are all well when he left them. But Isaac's Wife is Dead. He called at Abner's (Polly's brother-in-law) and they are all well. Thony is well and family, & Reynolds as well as usual the last account we had from them. I understand by Constant that Abner and one other of your boys were Sick. I should be Glad you would write how you all are as soon as convenient, so will conclude with my best wishes for you all both here and hereafter and now will bid Farewell. This from your

Affectionate Father, etc.

Samuel Frazier

May the 23d, 1828

I have wrote this note without Spects.

Samuel Fraier, Sr. was 79 years old when he wrote this letter in 1828. Mary (called Polly) Parks Frazier, daughter of Joseph Parks was born in 1779 and died in 1848. On January 22, 1798, she married Samuel Frazier, Jr. in Greene County, Tennessee. By 1809, they resided on Gallaher's Creek in Blount County, Tn. Samuel, Jr. owned a mill and others works in this area before he moved south into Lookout Valley in 1817. According to a manuscript written in 1867 by Samuel and Polly's son, the Reverend Robert Frazier, his parents "descended the Tennessee in the Fall of 1819 and settled on that beautiful river at a place called Larkin's Landing. Samuel Frazier, Jr. built a mill and was creating other works on Sauta Creek when death by a fever put an end to his life on December 3, 1826." Mary (Polly) Frazier died in 1848 and was buried in the Frazier family cemetery on Goose Pond Island.

REFERENCE: SAMUEL FRAZIER OF TENNESSEE AND HIS FAMILY, by Virginia Knight Nelson, 3520 Bluff Point Drive, Knoxville, TN

The following letter was written in June, 1859, by Lewis Page to his children: John Johnson Page, Prudence Jones (Page) Kennamer, wife of Robert Rudolph Kennamer who lived in Texas:

Marshall County, Alabama June 4, 1859

Dear Children: ¹

I am still able to commence another letter to you all to let you know that I am alive yet and in reasonable health tho much worn down with old age. My appetite is generally good and my food agree(s) well with me but suffer very much at times with pain and weakness but am still able to keep about most of my time and frequently walk from one house to the other of my children² and some other places and commonly able to attend meeting. My eyes has failed very much. I cannot see well enough to tell ones face across the house altho I can see well enough to read and write without specs. I have not used them for about three years. I can get none that will do me any good but do not need them to see anything close to me. I should have wrote sooner but I thought I would wait and see if none of you would not rite to me but seems you will not so I concluded to write once more. I have wrote twice to you since you wrote to James. I one to Bob³ not very long ago but cannot tell whether you got them or not so I cannot tell what news to write at this time as nothing of much importance turned of late. The health of the country may call very good and has been so generally. James's family is all well. Has four children three Daughters and one Son. Matilda⁴ still with him and is in common (?health.) Robert⁵ is working with him this year. He says some times he is going to Texas next fall but I cannot tell whether he will or not. He has a mare and three colts that is worth \$300 at the price horses sell at here. Now he has some money besides but I cannot tell wat he will do. Williams's⁶ family is well. He has four children three Boys and one girl. He is making a good support but not much money to spare. Buys nothing but what he pays for when he gets it. Owes nothing that is the way they all do lately. Coleman's⁷ family is well Has three children two girls and one boy. He has sold his land and has bought no more yet tho he has not made use of the money. He is living on his father's land and paying rent and doing very well. To Sarah⁸ her father⁹ is well as common lately. The old lady¹⁰ keeps very poorly all the time. Saph's¹¹ wife¹² was poorly last Sunday. The rest is well as far as I know. The winter and spring has been very wet. Crops is late. Wheat very sorry and there is some sign of oats taking the rust as they did last year. The fruit is all killed. Corn is worth 60 cents per bushel. We made plenty but it is carried off on the cars¹³ to other places where it was scarce. Every thing you have to spare can be sold here for good prices. Eggs, chickens, turkeys, butter, and anything. Bacon 10 cent coffee 12½ cents Sugar 8 or 10 retail. We make plenty molasses here which answers almost every purpose for sweetening. It is the best times here that I ever saw for a man that can make anything for sale. Corn, wheat, cotten, pork, beef, horses, or anything else but them that live by the day see hard times unless they get employment on the railroad.

1. John Johnson Page and Prudence Jones (Page) Kennamer, wife of Robert Rudolph Kennamer.
 2. James Thomas Page - lived in Page Hollow, Kennamer's Cove. William Lewis Page lived in Jackson County, 1¼ miles south of Old Woodville.
 3. Robert Rudolph Kennamer, son-in-law, living in Hopkins Co, TX
 4. Matilda Page, unmarried daughter.
 5. Richard Robert Page. Unmarried son. Killed in Civil War.
 6. William Lewis Page, married circa 1849 Permelia Barton Hodges. Children: Lucy An, John T., James Monroe, and Robert C.
 7. Richard Coleman Hodges who married Eliza Rebecca Page. Was probably living on father's land near Old Woodville. Father was Richard Thompson Hodges.
 8. To Sarah. This portion of letter to his daughter-in-law, Sarah Kennamer Page.
 9. Stephen Kennamer
 10. Rebecca Bosharat Kennamer
 11. Asaph Kennamer, brother of Sarah (Kennamer) Page
 12. Nancy Wright Kennamer
 13. Memphis & Charles Railroad completed about 1855.
- REFERENCE: Lewis Wendell Page, Scottsboro, Alabama

As to Religion I have nothing worth writing at this time. We have peace and I think good feelings in all the Churches. Some good appearances but very small additions to any. Bethlehem has had the most and still seems to be some inquiring the way. As to Pisgah it seems passed hope. There is but few of us and most of us as it were one foot in the grave and cannot expect to be here much longer. I wrote that John Morrison was turned out and Perkins (Jabez) dead. I know not whether you heard it or not. Bro Maples attends us when the weather will admit. What there is of us seems to be in peace. I have thought and still think there (are) some among us that is trying to find the right way by their close attention to meeting. The Lord only knows. Now my dear Children and grand children who I never expect to see in this time world again, Remember your old Father and try to meet where parting will be no more for I hope and trust in God that when I leave this world of sorrow I shall go to rest with him I have so long tried to serve here. Now I say to all Write to me. Let me hear from you while I live. May the Lord Bless you all is the prayer of your affectionate father. Till Death. Farewell.

LEWIS PAGE

EDITOR'S NOTE: LEWIS PAGE, the affectionate father, is the ancestor of J.C.H.A. members: Lewis Wendell Page, Carlus Page, Leo Page, William (Bill) Page, and Horace Rex Page.

<p>Submitted by Lewis Wendell Page P. O. Box 284 Scottsboro, AL 35768</p>	<p><u>GGGF Lewis Page</u> b 1784 Goochland Co, VA m (2nd) 4 Jan 1819 d 13 APR 1868 Marshall Co, AL</p>
<p><u>GF Robert Coleman Page</u> b 10 September 1858 p Woodville, AL m 18 October 1879 p Woodville, AL d 14 December 1940 p Woodville, AL</p>	<p><u>GGF William Lewis Page</u> b 1 February 1826 p Madison Co, AL m 1849, Woodville, AL d Fall 1903 p Woodville, AL</p>
<p><u>FATHER Lewis Allen Page</u> b 14 August 1891 p Woodville, AL m 2 February 1913 p Woodville, AL d 25 September 1974 p Woodville, AL</p>	<p><u>GGM Permelia Barton Hodges</u> b February 1828 p Madison Co, AL d June 1900 p Woodville, AL</p>
<p><u>GM Josephine Kennamer</u> b 8 July 1861 p Woodville, AL d 12 July 1947 p Woodville, AL</p>	<p><u>GGGF Rebecca Thomas Jones</u> b _____ Amelia Co, VA d 18 May 1838 Marshall Co, AL</p>
<p><u>CHILD LEWIS WENDELL PAGE</u> born 20 April 1917 place Woodville, AL married 25 December 1940 place Scottsboro, AL died place</p>	<p><u>GGGF Richard Thompson Hodges*</u> b 1802 Goochland Co, VA m 23 APR 1819 Madison Co, AL d ca. 1858 Woodville, AL</p>
<p><u>GF Seaborn Henry Kennamer</u> b 4 February 1858 p Marshall Co, AL m 1 February 1877 p Kennamer Cove, AL d 30 November 1933 p Woodville, AL</p>	<p><u>GGGM Martha Sadler x</u> b 1800 Goochland Co, VA d after 1866 Woodville, AL</p>
<p><u>MOTHER Della Aquilla Kennamer</u> b 18 March 1894 p Woodville, AL d 30 December 1979 p Scottsboro, AL</p>	<p><u>GGGF Jacob Kennamer</u> b ca. 1774 Fairfield Co, SC m (2nd) circa 1818 d 1 Oct 1856 Anderson Mills, AL</p>
<p><u>GM Mary Francis Jones</u> b 22 November 1858 p Woodville, AL d 9 January 1950 p Woodville, AL</p>	<p><u>GGGM Charity Busby (widow)</u> b ca. 1787 in SC d after 1850 Lauderdale Co, AL</p>
<p><u>CHILD'S SPOUSE Maymie Elizabeth Parks</u></p>	<p><u>GGGF Moses Maples</u> b 17 Sep 1802 Sevier Co, TN m 8 May 1820 Sevier Co, TN d 24 Jun 1880 Woodville, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGM Catherine Manning</u> b 19 Dec 1805 in Tennessee d 12 Jun 1893 Woodville, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGF David Kennamer</u> b 8 June 1828 p Jackson/Marshall Co m 20 November 1851 d 31 August 1892 p Kennamer Cove, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGF Jacob Kennamer</u> b 5 Oct 1789 in SC m ca. 1820 Jackson Co, AL d 6 Apr 1863 Kennamer Cove, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGM Kezziah Busby</u> b Feb 1803 in SC d 5 May 1875 Marshall Co, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGF Pleasant J. Hodges*</u> b 1799 Goochland Co, VA m 11 Apr 1821 Madison Co, AL d Aug 1863 Woodville, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGM Elizabeth Saddler x</u> b 1804 in Virginia d 1871 Woodville, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGF Rufus Herndon Jones</u> b 28 May 1823 p Wake Co, NC m 19 May 1845 Wake Co d 1 January 1886 p Woodville, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGF Joel Jones</u> b 1805 Holly Springs, NC m 23 Apr 1823 Wake Co, NC d after 1853 Wake Co, NC</p>
	<p><u>GGGM Tobitha Utley</u> b _____ d Henry Wilson</p>
	<p><u>GGGF Mary Ann Clementine Wilson</u> b 17 August 1826 p Cory-Raleigh, NC d 25 August 1900 p Woodville, AL</p>
	<p><u>GGGF Henry Wilson</u> b 1792 m 14 Dec 1815 d _____</p>
	<p><u>GGGM Elizabeth Holloman</u> b 26 Apr 1797 d 1880</p>

* Brothers
x Sisters

FROM THE J.C.H.A. M A I L B A G

PERCY B. KEEL, 209 Mill Road, Madison, AL 35758, would like information on family of John L. Finley who married Martha Beadle in Marshall County, AL on April 10, 1853. John L. Finley was born circa 1832 in Alabama and Martha was born circa 1830 in Illinois. Their son, Benjamin "Ben" Finley married Edna Gwathney in Jackson County, AL.

GWEN BEAVERS, 1216 N. Willard, Altus, Oklahoma 73521, would like to correspond with others who have researched the McCoy family lineage. She descends from Andrew Joseph McCoy who lived near Stevenson, AL.

MARY CHILDRESS PAGE, 1011 W. Payne, Olney, Texas 76374, would like to correspond with others who are working the CHILDRESS line. She descends from Robert and Delila Childress whose children were: Mary Amanda, b. 1833 m. Francis Bruce; Nancy Ann, b. 1835, m. John Johnson; Sarah, b. 1837, m. Hiram Vaught (buried at Langston); John M., b. 1840, m. Catherine Godwin; Robert M., b. 1848; Andrew, b. 1850; James S., b. 1854, m. Caldonia Armstrong; and Rufus C., b. 1856. James S. and Caldonia, daughter of Loranzo Dow and Martha Ann Evans Armstrong, are Mary C. Page's grandparents. Robert Childress died in the summer of 1857 in Marshall Co., Alabama, according to his estate settlement records.

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