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J.C.H.A. MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 1995, 2:30 p.m.  
The Heritage Center, Scottsboro

Program Vice President John H. Graham has planned an interesting program for the January 15 meeting. He will introduce our speaker via THE DAILY SENTINEL. Please feel free to invite a guest and experience a unique presentation of Jackson County's rich history.

January is PAY YOUR DUES MONTH. Annual dues are \$10.00, and Life Membership is bestowed for those contributing at least \$100.00.

Due to the increase in postal rates, it is imperative that you notify the Association of any address change which includes the recent 911 change of addresses in Jackson County. You may mail your 1995 dues and/or address change to the Jackson County Historical Association, P.O. Box 1494, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

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BOOK REVIEW

The third and final edition of THE KEEL-WHITAKER FAMILIES OF JACKSON AND MADISON COUNTY has been printed. Part One covers the Keel and related families. Part Two contains Whitaker Wanderings. The text of the book is comprised of very informative, early history, as well as family history, maps, documents, photos, and an INDEX.

This book is beautifully bound and gold embossed; it contains over 610 pages. Only 100 copies were printed, and there will be no more after these are sold, as this is the final printing. Order your copy today by mailing your check or money order payable to: KEEL-WHITAKER BOOK. Mail to Hilda Barnette, 1505 15th Avenue, SW, Decatur, AL 35601. The cost is \$55.00 postpaid.

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BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED - History of 18th Battalion Alabama Cavalry Wesley W. Burnett, 10009 Sunset Drive, Post, Texas 79356 (806-495-3884) is conducting research for a definitive history of the 18th Battalion Alabama Cavalry, also known as Gunter's 1st Battalion Alabama Cavalry, Gunter's Partisan Rangers, Gibson's Battalion, and the 18th Battalion Alabama Infantry. He has collected material from the Official Records series, Confederate Veteran Magazine, Eliza Mae Woodall's "The Stevenson Story", Confederate veteran pension applications, and National Archives microfilm. He seeks to expand the work by stories from descendants. Can you add to his compilation?

The book will consist of a unit narrative and biographical sketches of all men who served in the unit as identified by the National Archives microfilm. Upon completion of his project, Mr. Burnett will donate a copy of the microfilm and photocopies of each man's compiled service record to the Jackson County Historical Association. Please correspond with Mr. Burnett if you can share family facts and battalion experiences.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kay Lee Wrage Gunn, 4327 Westside Drive, Dallas, TX 75209, is a direct descendant of Captain William T. Gunter who organized Gunter's 1st Battalion.

J.C.H.A. RECOGNIZES LEWIS WENDELL PAGE, SR.

by Ann B. Chambless

Lewis Wendell Page, Sr. - volunteer extraordinaire - received due recognition at the November meeting. Outgoing president Bill McCutchen presented Mr. Page with a plaque commemorating Page's Herculean effort in the republication of J.R. Kennamer's HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA.

After the J.C.H.A. voted to finance the second edition, Mr. Page coordinated all phases of the project with the help of John Clopton, Bill Jones, and John F. Neely. Mr. Page obtained republishing rights and then charted the course through the publishing process. He then manned the successful sales, delivery, and inventory process. Thanks to Wendell Page's dedicated leadership, the Association has recouped its initial investment and is now reaping financial profit from the book sales. Mr. Page's untiring efforts have fueled the engine of success in the Association's first major "hardback" publication effort. KUDOS TO WENDELL PAGE!

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FRANK A. TAYLOR PRESERVES JACKSON COUNTY CEMETERIES

by Ann B. Chambless

Frank A. Taylor of Meridian, Mississippi has gifted Jackson County, Alabama with a generous, caring preservation gift. Although neither he nor his Mother ever lived in Jackson County, they both have felt drawn to this area because of strong family ties. Frank A. Taylor's maternal grandparents were born here just prior to the Civil War. After moving to Arkansas, they instilled in their descendants a loving respect for the land of their birth.

Mr. Taylor has restored several ancient, stone crypts and has installed twelve new grave markers in the Bynum, Shelton, and Liberty Cemeteries. If the reader could have seen the state of disrepair and deterioration of the crypts, then each could have a fuller appreciation of the magnitude of Mr. Taylor's restoration project. What had been a literal pile of handcut rocks now stands refurbished as a tribute to deceased family members buried so long ago. Contemporary granite markers at each grave now record the identity of those buried 90 to 165 years ago. It should be noted that inscribed markers were placed where there were none only after thorough research documented Mr. Taylor's family members and burial plots.

Frank A. Taylor is the son of Frank and Anna (Evans) Taylor, and Anna Evans was the daughter of Mary Strother (Browder) and Geo. Washington Evans. G. W. Evans was the son of Mariah (Haney) and Claborn Evans. Claborn was the son of Tarlton and Susanah (Pace) Bellomy Evans who moved from Scott Co, VA to Jackson Co, AL, circa 1828 and patented land in what became Tupelo. Mariah (Haney) Evans was the daughter of Isaac and Susan Haney of Virginia who were buried in the Bynum Cemetery in 1839 and 1830, respectively.

KUDOS TO FRANK A. TAYLOR! Long neglected cemeteries in Jackson County need more caring hearts like that of Frank A. Taylor of Meridian, Mississippi. One cannot view the splendid results of his tributes to his ancestors without feeling inspired.

ANCESTOR SEARCHING IN JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

MRS. J.W. COULTER, 50 WEST COVE ROAD, KENSINGTON, GA 30707, seeks parents of John BREWER (born 1777 - died Apr 29, 1855) and his wife Temperance (born 1776 - died Sep 20, 1869). Both are buried in Long Island Cove. Also, seeks parents of John GILLIAM (born Jun 20, 1812 - died Jun 1, 1862) who married the Brewers daughter, Nancy (born Apr 24, 1815 - died Apr 17, 1898). John Gilliam served in Nesbit's group and died in the Civil War.

MELVIN BRIDWELL, 2613 LANDSDALE DRIVE, NW, HUNTSVILLE, AL 35810, seeks info on George W. Gifford, born May 1838 in Franklin Co, TN. George changed his name to GEORGE W. LOCH, Feb 8, 1868, and married Mary Elizabeth Carter Golden on Dec 13, 1868, in Jackson Co, AL.

CAROLE FINLEY DAVIS, 553 E. FM 1392, TERRELL, TX 75610, seeks info on FINLEY family. She descends from William Larkin Finley whose brother was Alva Finley, a merchant in old Bellefonte. Alva Finley was a Quartermaster Sergeant in Wann's Co, Norwood's Battalion during the Cherokee Removal. William L. Finley was a private in Wann's Co. William L. Finley moved to Texas after this military service. Alva Finley (born 1815) died Nov 13, 1843, and is buried in the old Bellefonte Cemetery next to his daughter, Sarah Alvena Finley who died on Sep 12, 1842, age 6. Mrs. Alva Finley's given name was Sarah T. F. Alva Finley's name was preceded by Colonel on his grave marker.

NOTE BY ABC: Alva Finley's date of death was recorded as 1848 by Mrs. J.A. Proctor in 1951 and as 1843 by Hunt Stuart in 1957.

CAROLE FINLEY DAVIS, 553 E. FM 1392, TERRELL, TX 75610, seeks info on Phoebe Sanders Lee (1813-1902) who is buried in the Fowler Cemetery in Paint Rock Valley. Her daughter married a Fowler. Carole is also interested in any info on the family of Robert and Sarah Finley who lived in Paint Rock Valley at the time of the 1870 census. Their son Solomon, born 1852, and their daughter Nancy, born 1857, married children of Isaac and Margaret Jones who were neighbors of the Robert Finleys. She would also like to know more about the LARKIN family for whom her William Larkin Finley was named.

NETA WOOD, 20422 SOCRATES AVENUE, SIMI VALLEY, CA 93065, seeks parents of John Rooney King (born Nov 22, 1839 - died Jan 19, 1889). He married (1) Sarah Ann Cathryn Adkins Hazelwood on Sep 8, 1870 and (2) Minerva Allen. He had three children by first marriage: Lester, Kittie, and Minnie. His first wife was the daughter of James and Susan Brown Adkins. His second wife bore him two children: Lucinda and Allen.

PATRICIA S. FINNELL, 2985 S. NEWPORT, DENVER, CO 80224, is re-searching and seeks info on the following families: Joshua and Elizabeth (Caperton) Townsend. Joshua was a Rev. War veteran, born Mar 5, 1762, and died circa 1841. When did his wife die and where are they buried? She was recorded as 70-80 on the 1840 Jackson Co, AL census. Their daughter, Jayly, married Major Thomas Wilson, son of William and Huldah (Sherrill) Wilson. Also seeks info on Mary Jane (Wilson) and Jeremiah Stephens who moved to Texas circa 1855.

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Mary Charlotte Parks  
SEX Female COLOR white  
MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed wife of W.D. Parks, Jr.  
DATE OF BIRTH July 16, 1860  
BIRTHPLACE Scott Co, Arkansas  
NAME OF FATHER John M. Kirby  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Tennessee  
NAME OF MOTHER Mary Conley  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tennessee  
NAME OF INFORMANT R. R. Bridges  
DATE OF DEATH Jan 1, 1920  
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN R. R. Bridges  
PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro, AL  
PLACE OF BURIAL Cedar Hill  
DATE OF BURIAL Jan 3, 1920

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Andy Olinger  
SEX Male COLOR white  
MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married husband of Mollie Olinger  
widowed  
DATE OF BIRTH Feb 21, 1875  
BIRTHPLACE Alabama  
NAME OF FATHER Jack Olinger  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama  
NAME OF MOTHER Bettie Samuel  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tennessee  
NAME OF INFORMANT Hugh Boyd  
DATE OF DEATH Feb 21, 1920  
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd  
PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro  
PLACE OF BURIAL  
DATE OF BURIAL

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Joseph Blancet (Blansett)  
SEX Male COLOR white  
MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed  
DATE OF BIRTH age 60  
BIRTHPLACE  
Occupation Janitor (school)  
NAME OF FATHER  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER  
NAME OF MOTHER  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER  
NAME OF INFORMANT  
DATE OF DEATH  
Cause of Death Old Age  
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN  
PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS  
PLACE OF BURIAL  
DATE OF BURIAL  
Undertaker E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Jackson Derrick  
SEX Male COLOR white  
MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed X  
DATE OF BIRTH age 70  
BIRTHPLACE Alabama  
NAME OF FATHER  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER  
NAME OF MOTHER  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER  
NAME OF INFORMANT R. H. McAnally  
Cause of Death pneumonia  
DATE OF DEATH  
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN H. Sherrill  
PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Woodville  
PLACE OF BURIAL Limrock  
DATE OF BURIAL Feb 16, 1920

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME W. R. Hurley

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 73

BIRTHPLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

Cause of Death Old Age

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN G. B. Tate

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL Center Point

DATE OF BURIAL Feb 21, 1920

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Willie Chanie (Chaney)

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married X widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 37

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER Thomas W. Kirby

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Pearce (Pierce)

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Mar 12, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Pierce Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL Mar 13, 1829

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Not named

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single X divorced

married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Mar 10, 1920

BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro

NAME OF FATHER Charley Shelton

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER near Tupelo

NAME OF MOTHER Lora Bynum

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT Charley Shelton

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Edward Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Tupelo

DATE OF BURIAL Mar 11, 1920

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Vida Hancock

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

wife of George R. Hancock  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER John Burrow

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Mary Jane Coffey

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT John Burrow

DATE OF DEATH Mar 30, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Edward Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Finney Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL Mar 31, 1920

Undertaker E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Thomas Parks

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widowed Mary Parks

DATE OF BIRTH age 74 yrs 11 mos 13 days

BIRTHPLACE Tennessee

NAME OF FATHER William Parks

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Tennessee

NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tennessee

NAME OF INFORMANT R. M. Parks

DATE OF DEATH March 8, 1920

Cause of death Pneumonia

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN R. R. Bridges

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL Mar 9, 1920

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME George Guffey

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married X widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 50

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER Ephraim Guffey

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

MAIDEN  
NAME OF MOTHER not known

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT C. Shiflett

DATE OF DEATH Mar 26, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN H. F. Gattis

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Aspel

PLACE OF BURIAL ?Morris graveyard

DATE OF BURIAL Mar 27, 1920

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Olessie Poe

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married X widowed wife of Wm Poe

DATE OF BIRTH age 40

BIRTHPLACE Tennessee

NAME OF FATHER John Moore

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MOTHER Malinda Cheek

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

Cause of Death Tuberculosis

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN G. Nye

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Hollywood

DATE OF BURIAL ?

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Infant not named

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Apr 8, 1920

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER Dave Seabolt

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Alla Jackson

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Apr 8, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Edward Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Burgess Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL Apr 9, 1920

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Susie Evett

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed  
wife of James Evett

DATE OF BIRTH age 32 (born 1888)

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER William Angle

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Susie Little

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH April 30, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Edward Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Goose Pond Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL May 2, 1920

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Infant not named

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Apr 5, 1920

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER Ernest Clayton

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Cora Ivins

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Apr 5, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Center Point Cem

DATE OF BURIAL Apr 6, 1920

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME John H. McCord MD

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed  
Husband of Alice McCord

DATE OF BIRTH age 77

BIRTHPLACE Tennessee

NAME OF FATHER James McCord

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Tennessee

NAME OF MOTHER Flora McCloud

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tennessee

NAME OF INFORMANT W. S. Bridges

DATE OF DEATH June 3, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN George Nye

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Bellefont

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Thomas Beavers

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed  
husband of Nellie Beavers

DATE OF BIRTH age 42

BIRTHPLACE Jackson Co, AL

NAME OF FATHER James Beavers

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Maiden not known

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT R. H. McAnally

DATE OF DEATH June 12, 1920

Cause of Death broken back - crushed spine

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Randles ?McAnally Cem

DATE OF BURIAL June 13, 1920

Undertaker R. H. McAnally



JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Edward Boyd

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married X Husband of Rose Boyd

DATE OF BIRTH age 47 yrs 4 mos 14 days

BIRTHPLACE Larkinsville

NAME OF FATHER J. H. Boyd

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Virginia

NAME OF MOTHER Jonnie Moore

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT Hugh Boyd

DATE OF DEATH July 30, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Cedar Hill Scottsboro

DATE OF BURIAL July 31, 1920

Undertaker E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Infant unnamed

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH July 7, 1920

BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro Rt 2

NAME OF FATHER Robert Bell

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Nellie Barren

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT Mariah Walden

DATE OF DEATH July 7, 1920 stillborn

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Midwife Mariah Walden

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Goose Pond Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL July 8, 1920

Undertaker Samuel T. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Kate Lee Kennamer

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married X widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 32

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER Charles T. Wood

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Mary Jackson

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT

DATE OF DEATH Aug 11, 1920

Cause of Death Tuberculosis

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Memphis, TN

DATE OF BURIAL

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Vina Waller

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widowed X

DATE OF BIRTH

BIRTHPLACE

NAME OF FATHER Ray

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER

NAME OF MOTHER

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER

NAME OF INFORMANT

DATE OF DEATH

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS

PLACE OF BURIAL Burgess Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Clary R. Watkins

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married Alex Watkins widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 61 Sep, 1859

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER Lafayette Tate

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MOTHER Stancel

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT J. Watkins

DATE OF DEATH Aug 21, 1920

Cause of Death cancer of breast  
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Pisgah

DATE OF BURIAL Aug 22, 1920

Undertaker R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Paul Gay

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single X divorced

married \_\_\_\_\_ widowed \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER J. W. Gay

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Susie Horton

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Aug 29, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL Aug 30, 1920

Undertaker E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Mrs. Bettie Gold

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widow of David Gold widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Dec, 1850

BIRTHPLACE Alabama

NAME OF FATHER James Flannigan

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Georgia

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MOTHER not known

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT John Gold

DATE OF DEATH Sep 14, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Burgess Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL Sep 15, 1920

Undertaker E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME J. H. Gregory

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married husband of Daisy Gregory widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 69

BIRTHPLACE Tennessee

NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Tennessee

NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Mrs. Lucy Campbell

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
widow of Green D. Campbell  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Aug 4, 1827

BIRTHPLACE Tennessee

NAME OF FATHER Archibald McKissick

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Scotland

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER not known

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tennessee

NAME OF INFORMANT P. W. Campbell

DATE OF DEATH Oct 11, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN George E. Nye

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Scottsboro

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 12, 1920

UNDERTAKER R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME William E. Young

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
husband of Frankie Young  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 68 yrs 7 mos 8 days

BIRTHPLACE near Scottsboro

NAME OF FATHER Preston Young

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Bettie Wilson

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT Martha E. Miller

DATE OF DEATH Oct 18, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Burgess Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 19, 1920

UNDERTAKER E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Henry L. Bulman

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
husband of Pelinia Bulman  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 54

BIRTHPLACE Woodville

NAME OF FATHER James W. Bulman

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Bishop

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT

DATE OF DEATH Oct 24, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL Woodville

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 25, 1920

UNDERTAKER R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME William H. Norwood

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
husband of Sarah Norwood  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Nov 30, 1839

BIRTHPLACE near Hollywood

NAME OF FATHER Henry Norwood

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Virginia

NAME OF MOTHER Sophia Green

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Virginia

NAME OF INFORMANT Judge John B. Tally

DATE OF DEATH Oct 28, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN George E. Nye

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 3, 1920

UNDERTAKER R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Infant Beard

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH age 1 yr 6 mos 11 days

BIRTHPLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER Guy Beard

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Jackson County

NAME OF MOTHER Gladdice Johnson

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Oct 2, 1920

CAUSE OF DEATH Pneumonia

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN George E. Nye

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 3, 1920

UNDERTAKER R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Mary Rosson

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married widow of Abner Rosson  
widowed

DATE OF BIRTH July 7, 1836

BIRTHPLACE Kentucky

NAME OF FATHER James Steeley

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Kentucky

NAME OF MOTHER Mary Johnson

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Virginia

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Nov 6, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN R. R. Bridges

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME John W. Downey

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced

married husband of Mary Downey  
widowed

DATE OF BIRTH 1852 age 68

BIRTHPLACE North Carolina

NAME OF FATHER James H. Downey

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER North Carolina

NAME OF MOTHER Lucinda C. White

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER North Carolina

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Nov 6, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERTAKER E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME ? Flora Cestel Dawson

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single X divorced

married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH May 17, 1907

BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro

NAME OF FATHER Mose Dawson

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Tennessee

NAME OF MOTHER Mary Ella Webb

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE OF DEATH Appendicitis

DATE OF DEATH Nov 29, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN R. R. Bridges

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME William Olinger

SEX Male COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single X divorced  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH July 7, 1914

BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro

NAME OF FATHER Luther Olinger

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama

NAME OF MOTHER Eliza Hodge

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT Willis Hodge

DATE OF DEATH Dec 8, 1920

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN No doctor

CAUSE OF DEATH Burned at grate

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL Dec 9, 1920

UNDERTAKER E. D. Hollis

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Infant not named

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Jan 3, 1921

BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro

NAME OF FATHER Walter O. Braselton

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Madison County

NAME OF MOTHER Margaret Elkins

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tennessee

NAME OF INFORMANT Father

CAUSE OF DEATH Unknown

DATE OF DEATH Jan 3, 1921

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN R. R. Bridges

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Margaret Philand

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married X wife of K. A. Philand  
widowed

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER Newton Ables

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MOTHER Mollie McCutchen

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER near Larkinsville

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Feb 27, 1921

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Not named Stillborn

SEX Female COLOR white

MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed

DATE OF BIRTH Feb 24, 1921

BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro

NAME OF FATHER K.A. Philand

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MOTHER Margaret Ables

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama

NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Feb 24, 1921

CAUSE OF DEATH Premature

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro

PLACE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Not Named  
 SEX Female COLOR white  
 MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed  
 DATE OF BIRTH Feb 20, 1921  
 BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro  
 NAME OF FATHER John M. Miller  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Alabama  
 NAME OF MOTHER Alma Carter  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Alabama  
 NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF DEATH Feb 27, 1921  
 ATTENDING PHYSICIAN George E. Nye  
 PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro  
Randalls Chapel  
 PLACE OF BURIAL McAnally Cem  
 DATE OF BURIAL Feb 28, 1921  
 UNDERTAKER R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Not Named  
 SEX Female COLOR white  
 MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
married widowed  
 DATE OF BIRTH Feb 20, 1921  
 BIRTHPLACE Scottsboro  
 NAME OF FATHER Bob Bell  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Madison County, AL  
 NAME OF MOTHER Willie Bynum  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Madison Co, AL  
 NAME OF INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF DEATH Feb 20, 1921 Stillborn  
 ATTENDING PHYSICIAN George E. Nye  
 PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro  
 PLACE OF BURIAL Center Point Cem.  
 DATE OF BURIAL Feb 21, 1921  
 UNDERTAKER R. H. McAnally

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Miss Cora Read McDonald  
 SEX Female COLOR white  
 MARITAL STATUS single X divorced  
married widowed  
 DATE OF BIRTH Oct 3, 1892  
 BIRTHPLACE Indiana  
 NAME OF FATHER C. L. McDonald  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Indiana  
 NAME OF MOTHER Alma Jane Selvey  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Lebanon, Indiana  
 NAME OF INFORMANT C. L. McDonald  
 DATE OF DEATH Mar 19, 1921  
 CAUSE OF DEATH Killed by train  
 ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Hugh Boyd  
 PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro  
 PLACE OF BURIAL Indiana  
 DATE OF BURIAL Mar 21, 1921

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORD OF DEATH

NAME Thomas Jessie Winn  
 SEX Male COLOR white  
 MARITAL STATUS single divorced  
husband of Mary Jane Winn  
married widowed  
 DATE OF BIRTH Sep 13, 1857  
 BIRTHPLACE Alabama  
 NAME OF FATHER David Winn  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER unknown  
 MAIDEN  
 NAME OF MOTHER unknown  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER unknown  
 NAME OF INFORMANT T. J. Winn, Jr.  
 DATE OF DEATH Mar 27, 1921  
 ATTENDING PHYSICIAN R. R. Bridges  
 PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS Scottsboro  
 PLACE OF BURIAL Finney Cemetery  
 DATE OF BURIAL Mar 28, 1921  
 UNDERTAKER R. H. McAnally

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The Jackson County Historical Association will share a joint meeting with the Bridgeport Historical Society on Sunday, April 30, 1995, at 2:30 p.m. John H. Graham, Program Vice President, invites you to bring friends to hear Marion Loyd share from his published memoirs of his eighty-four years of living the wonderful life in Bridgeport. Mr. Loyd and Mr. Bob Whitten, true masters of the art, will reminisce and relate Bridgeport's colorful history as they conduct a tour of the Bridgeport Society's history shop which houses a remarkable collection.

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DON SCHAEFER, 1297 DEANE ST, FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72703-1544, published SANDERS SIFTINGS No. 1 in April and quoted subscription price of \$12 for four issues each year beginning in July 1995. His initial issue contained story of Levi Lindsey Sanders, born in Jackson Co, AL on Feb 21, 1837, the son of Benjamin Sanders, Jr. who was killed by Federals during Civil War. Levi L. was grandson of Benjamin Sanders, Sr. who was converted at the age of 96 at Jackson Co camp meeting, dying two years later.

MRS. OBINELLE STRICKLAND, 2620 JUDITH PLACE, SHREVEPORT, LA 71104-3717, seeks info on Thomas J. Pruett, b. Apr 4, 1869 in Scottsboro, d. Apr 29, 1957, Atoka, OK, and his brother Jesse Ernest Pruett, b. Mar 1, 1876, Scottsboro, d. Sep 6, 1945, Denison, TX. Who were their parents and where are parents buried?

ETELKA H. WALLS, 608 FLORENCE AVE, NW, MUSCLE SHOALS, AL 35661, is descendant of W.J.B. Padgett and Rev. Crawford Howell. Wm Allen Howell md Mary Alice Padgett, and their son, Wm Paul Howell, md Sarah Jane Mason and moved to Plevna. She has record of Howell family to 1700s and will share, as she would to correspond with Padgett/Howell researchers.

DeWAYNE WELBORN, 9325 N. 133rd AVE, OWASSO, OK 74055, seeks info on Alfred A. Welborn, b. 1811-12, and his wife, Elizabeth E., who lived in Jackson Co from 1840 until 1865 when they moved to DeKalb Co, AL. Also interested in Jesse R., Nathaniel, Lorenzo, and John H. Welborn/Wilbern.

WANDA R. HUGHES, 2730 E. BONANZA RD APT 2, LA VEGAS, NV 89101-3550, has researched Wm Stapleton and Lucinda (Carlton) Burch who moved from Wilkes Co, NC to Stevenson, AL prior to 1840. She has proven the line back to Thomas Burch (died 1775 Albermarle Co, VA) who md Hannah (Cheadle) Braxxe, daughter of John and Millicent (Hughs) Cheadle of Middlesex Co, VA. Would like to correspond with other Burch descendants, particularly from line of Nancy Ellen Burch who md Bradley L. Davis on Nov 14, 1866, in Stevenson, AL.

CAROL McCARTNEY, 1247 VIA MIL CUMBRES, SOLANA BEACH, CA 92075 seeks parents of Elias Holder (b. ca 1823, d. after 1880) who owned land in Fackler. Elias Holder md 1st Mary \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd Jane Collins, and 3rd Matilda Caroline Russell. Elias had 10 children: Wm B., Sarah J., Nancy J., John M., Mary, Martha, Bennett, Matthew, Pauline, and Henry Michael Holder.

DON G. KIRK, 8340 CABERRA DRIVE, DALLAS, TX 75228-5805 seeks info on Kirk, Lamb, Methvin, McCrary, Allen, Choate, and Tucker lines. Needs parents of Samuel H. Kirk, born 1780 in Maryland, and buried on his farm in western part of Jackson Co. He md first wife in East TN, possibly a Lamb, and his second wife was Sara Methvin.

BRIAN P.T. BLAKE, 43 PEACH FARM ROAD, OXFORD, CT 06478, seeks ancestry and relations of Elizabeth Owen, b. 1780 ??AL, died 1833 in Lexington, KY. She md 1799 Thomas Early Blake of South Carolina.

# P R E S E R V I N G   T H E   F R A G I L E   P A S T

An Editorial by Ann B. Chambless

To travel through Jackson County's past is a journey worth taking over and over again. I never tire of finding new avenues to explore. Discovering a path previously not taken makes my heart race and accelerates my mental craving for new keys to the past.

Why such a passion for history? It helps me understand who I am. It instills a sense of place. It nurtures pride in my Southern heritage. It makes me realize that in Jackson County our ancestors instilled values we need to pass on to future generations. When my generation's values were being formed, we understood that helping someone or something in need is part of what you do if you can.

The past is fragile and easily lost. I have come to realize we must "save it or lose it." Why? Because preservation ensures a better quality of life for the present and future generations. When I think of what has been accomplished through the Jackson County Historical Association and by individuals who have joined forces to save local landmarks, I want to thank each individual for their labors of love. I am also grateful that dedicated preservationists realize laurels soon wilt and are always ready to tackle another pressing project.

Nothing lasts forever without concern and care. Old newspapers and court documents yellow and crumble with age. Old photographs outlast their subject matter but fade without special care. Buildings and cemeteries deteriorate in time. If there is no emphasis on the importance of historical preservation, then proponents of "new is better" discard the old.

In Scottsboro, we have already lost a great deal of our late 19th century and early 20th century architectural heritage. How many more buildings will be torn down before we realize we have gone too far?

Today the fate of the Scottsboro freight depot is in jeopardy. Loss of the first brick building erected in what later became Scottsboro would be a terrible waste. If its walls could talk, the depot voices would fill volumes - including Civil War stories.

Preservation minded citizens like Mrs. Drenda King, Clyde Broadway, and Dr. David Campbell are leading the way to reclaim those silent voices. Dr. Campbell's timely history of the Scottsboro freight depot published in the March 26 edition of The Daily Sentinel included an urgent appeal for action. He pointed out the Norfolk Southern Corporation will raze the depot unless civic action intervenes. WE should ALL be raising funds this very minute to rescue, relocate, and restore Scottsboro's oldest extant historic landmark.

Stevenson and Bridgeport preservationists found a way to save their local depots. Surely there are those in Scottsboro with equal energy and concern. Huntsville architect Harvie Jones recently stated, "Old buildings are not a frill. They are positive public relations for a city. They preserve a quality of life for other generations."

Some of my most pleasant memories are of long hours expended in working with a host of friends to secure the Brown-Proctor house in Scottsboro and the Stevenson Depot for use as county museums. I see so many visitors of all ages enjoying the historical artifacts and displays housed in the Scottsboro Heritage Center and the Stevenson Depot Museum. I shudder to think of the void in our children's education and our adult cultural heritage if these two architectural gems had been dismantled or left to be visited only by the local insects and rodents.

I long to see another preservation dream become a reality--namely the publication of a book covering the identity of all buried in Jackson County's 400-plus cemeteries. It would not be an impossible task, as much groundwork has already been accomplished. Neighboring counties in Alabama and Tennessee have already published a comprehensive recording of their own monument inscriptions - usually the work of far-sighted volunteers.

There is increasing interest in historical research, particularly in the realm of genealogy. Birth and death records were not officially recorded in Alabama until 1907. Consequently, the vital statistics found on old cemetery monuments are often found nowhere else. Birth and death dates may have been entered in the old family Bible, but Bibles burn in house fires or got "moved to Texas" when a branch of the family headed west.

This would be a prodigious but most worthy task. To explore the cemeteries is to knock the dirt from our Jackson County roots. Sometimes it means parting high weeds or cutting through dense undergrowth. In some areas the sense of abandonment has attracted cemetery visitors bent on destruction. Others have received perpetual care, but all need recording.

Our ancestors were skilled in selecting their area's most scenic, peaceful spot for burial sites. That pastoral serenity has preserved the cemeteries as a sort of time capsule spoiled only by lack of human interest.

Mrs. Delila Payne Russell's recent Letter to the Editor of The Daily Sentinel was a plea for cemetery care and respect. She recently saw children riding four-wheelers and tossing footballs in a cemetery. Mrs. Russell aptly pointed out the cemetery is not a park and that parents should teach their children to seek other areas for recreation and to respect the privacy of those visiting family grave sites.

Mrs. Russell's letter struck a chord in my heart. Cemetery destruction, intentional or unintentional, is a breach of social justice. History records that civilized societies have always erected monuments to memorialize their dead. Destroying those monuments destroys the identity of the deceased. Absolutely no one deserves that fate!

The markers in this county are some of the prettiest craftsmanship you will see anywhere. The gravestones often convey a sense of personality. One of the most unusual is found in the Tally Cemetery west of Stevenson. The life-sized marble statue of a young girl strowing flowers from a basket marks the grave of Willie Tally who died at the age of 17.

The inscriptions found throughout the county reflect family love and sentiment. One of the most common is, "A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is stilled." Other of my favorites include:

"A loving mother, a precious name, a loving tongue is stilled, a vacant place in our home that never can be filled."

"An amiable father here lies at rest, As ever God his image blest, The friend of man, the friend of truth, The friend of age, and the guide of youth."

"Consider life as you pass by, As you are now, so once was I. As I am now you soon shall be, so consider life and remember me."

Many of the older markers erected between 1830 and 1870 are beginning to crumble and break off due to ravages of time and weathering from the elements. The once fancy marble monument of Thomas and Susan (Bellomy) Foster who were buried in 1868 in the Liberty Cemetery north of Scottsboro now lies on the ground in broken pieces. Hopefully, some Foster descendant will organize a drive to replace these two markers as they appear to be damaged beyond permanent repair.

The old cemeteries and the people buried in them are a very important part of our county's history. Regardless of how we feel about cemeteries or how long we have lived here, if it were not for these people, you and I would not be here today. We owe everything we have to these people and their memories should be preserved.

Several years ago, I compiled a county cemetery index for the Historical Association's JACKSON COUNTY CHRONICLES. I identified each cemetery by name, Section, Township, and Range from TVA topographic maps. I also listed many I had visited which do not appear on county maps.

Recently Ralph Mackey has expanded my original list, and he constantly updates when new material surfaces. He now has a computerized list of over 400 cemeteries identified by metes and bounds complete with walking/driving directions.

With Ralph Mackey's contribution, we are now ready for the next step - cataloging each cemetery by recording birth and death dates, poetic inscriptions, a report of the general condition of each cemetery, and the number and locations of unmarked grave sites. Barry Pickett of Dutton has already accomplished this task for the cemeteries on Sand Mountain and several in the valley. Mr. Pickett has devoted countless hours of his spare time to reclaiming and inventorying family and community cemeteries. By expanding the work previously accomplished by those mentioned, the Historical Association would be able to publish a permanent historical record whose value would increase with each passing year.

Many of our county's older cemeteries cry out for reclamation. A good example is the once widely-used public cemetery at old Bellefonte. Monument inscriptions clearly visible twenty years ago are now almost illegible, even when the cemetery is more approachable in the dead of winter. Mother Nature and roaming cattle have almost obliterated the identity of some of the county's oldest settlers at Bellefonte and in numerous other pastoral settings. Home subdivisions and plowed fields have claimed others. Here again, we must "save it or lose it."

One of my genealogy clients, Frank Taylor of Meridian, MS; has gifted Jackson County with preservation work in Liberty, Shelton, and Bynum cemeteries. He contracted with Skyline Monument Company to clean existing markers, rebuild many crumbling crypts, and install markers at previously unmarked graves. Mr. Taylor's maternal grandmother was born near Tupelo but moved to Arkansas in her youth. She retained a strong love for all she left behind. Her abiding respect for departed ancestors and the land of her birth inspired Mr. Taylor to identify, reclaim, and restore the burial plots of four generations of family members. Kudos to Frank Taylor!

I just wish Jackson County had more friends like Frank Taylor. There are so many broken or crumbling monuments in almost every old cemetery in this county. If these are not soon repaired or replaced, their owner's identity will be lost forever.

Truly, the past is fragile and easily lost. We must not rest on our laurels. WE must build on the shoulders of those who have pioneered in historic preservation in Jackson County. We must preserve and record all facets of our history. One of my favorite truisms is:

"Those who have no knowledge of the past  
seldom fully enjoy the present."

AMEN!

EDITOR ANN B. CHAMBLESS lives with her husband, Joe, on the family farm and searches daily for more energy and hours to devote to historic preservation.

HISTORIC SCOTTSBORO FREIGHT DEPOT  
ADDED TO STATE'S ENDANGERED HISTORIC BUILDING ROLL

BY Dr. David Campbell

A city building older than Scottsboro faces demolition unless a last-ditch plan for preservation is devised. The building, the Freight Depot at the corner of Houston and Maple Streets, was constructed in 1860, eight years before Scottsboro was incorporated. The owner of the building, the Norfolk Southern Corp., no longer needs the facility and plans to conduct its Scottsboro operations from a mobile unit adjacent to the rail line near the Depot.

Norfolk Southern has offered to sell the building to the city of Scottsboro for one dollar and to lease the land on which the Depot sits. Norfolk Southern officials, however, have strongly indicated they want the building moved off the railroad right-of-way. To emphasize their point, railroad officials say they cannot provide the city with parking at the present site.

City officials feel the cost of moving the building is prohibitive and question whether or not the building is in good enough condition to be moved. If the building were moved, additional costs would be incurred in restoring it.

Norfolk Southern officials say they do not want to assume liability for the building at its present location and that now the company's only choice is to demolish the Freight Depot, which they say could happen at any time. For this reason, the State of Alabama has placed the Freight Depot on the State's roll of endangered historic buildings. Robert Gamble of the Alabama Historical Commission stated, "The depot is not just significant to the citizens of Scottsboro. It also has state and regional importance."

The building obviously has seen better days since the Memphis and Charleston Railroad opened it as a passenger and freight depot in 1861 in what was then referred to as the community of "Scottsborough," which had been settled in the early 1850s. Scottsboro's founder, Robert T. Scott, had the vision to see the economic benefits that would result from his community being a designated stop along the Memphis & Charleston line. This, along with the relocation of the county courthouse from Bellefonte to Scottsboro, led to the growth of the community. Construction on the Depot began in 1860, and the building was completed at a cost of two thousand dollars.

The Depot itself has had a storied history, perhaps no more so than during the Civil War. According to official war records, a brief but intense skirmish between Union and Confederate troops occurred at the Depot on January 8, 1865.

The Union troops consisted of 29 soldiers of the 101st U.S. Colored Infantry and 25 soldiers of the 110th U.S. Colored Infantry. The soldiers were under the command of First Lt. John Hull.

## HISTORIC SCOTTSBORO FREIGHT DEPOT (Continued)

The Union soldiers had been ordered to proceed to "Scottsborough" to guard water tanks and the Depot. It had been reported that Confederate Brigadier-General H. B. Lyon and a force of 1,000 to 1,500 soldiers were in the area. (Later, Lyon's army was determined to be about 350.)

Lyon was a feared Confederate leader under the command of Nathan Bedford Forrest. Lyon, a Kentucky native who had been West Point trained, led raids into Union occupied territory in northern Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee and destroyed a number of courthouses and railroad depots that had fallen under Union control.

The 101st and 110th Union troops had only recently formed and had little combat experience. They had not been in the Scottsboro area during the early years of the war. These soldiers had been assigned primarily to guard the Memphis and Charleston Railroad lines, but on January 8, 1865, they found themselves in full battle with Lyon's unit at the Depot in "Scottsborough," Alabama.

According to Hull's official report, fighting at the Depot was ferocious. Lyon's men attacked first at 5:30 p.m. One Union soldier was shot, then stabbed in the attack, but the Union troops held the Depot. At 6:00 p.m., according to Hull, Lyon's men attacked again. Hull said that the Confederates "massed their force on the north side of the depot, making an assault, which I repulsed after ten minutes (of) almost hand-to-hand encounter." The Confederate soldiers grabbed the muzzles of the Union troops' guns, attempting to "wrest them through the loopholes of the depot building, in which we were stationed," Hull said. The Union soldiers again fought off the attack.

A third even more intense attack occurred, and once again the Confederates were driven back. Finally, the Confederates fell back and opened artillery fire on the soldiers at the Depot. The Union soldiers then "fell back to the mountain." Hull later praised his soldiers for their bravery, saying "...at no time did I lose confidence in their willingness to fight to the last, though surrounded by a much larger force and aided by artillery." A few days after the battle, Union Brigadier-General Thomas J. Wood officially commended Hull and the Union troops for their "gallant conduct." Wood noted that some of the troops had not officially been mustered into the Union army and he stated, "Justice to these brave men requires that it (enrolling them as troops) should be done without delay."

Hull reported that eighteen Confederates were killed in the skirmish and that forty were wounded. Included in the Confederate deaths was a "Colonel Oneal," according to later reports. Hull stated that six of his soldiers were wounded and described the Union casualties as follows: "Sergt. Amos Bird, left leg; Sergeant Annis, left leg shot off; Corporal Lacy, slightly; Pvt. Robert Williams, in leg; Pvt. Jones, slight; a private from Lt. Smart's company, whose leg was shot off."



## HISTORIC SCOTTSBORO FREIGHT DEPOT (Continued)

Most local histories of the skirmish have considered the fighting to have been minor. For example, J.R. Kennamer in his HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY states that "the loss was small on both sides." Kennamer, writing some 70 years after the incident, does not cite the source for this conclusion.

Available Confederate records do not refute or prove Hull's account which at this point must be assumed to be true and accurate. A key question, however, in the account is what happened to the bodies of the 18 Confederate soldiers who were killed? Were they taken by Lyon's forces? Or were they buried in the Scottsboro area?

Lyon's forces did not stay in "Scottsborough" for long. Union Colonel A.G. Mallory reported that soon after the skirmish he was stopped by Hull's garrison near "Scottsborough." He then advanced and moved into the town, which he said had been evacuated. Before leaving, the Confederates had set fire to the Depot. Mallory's men extinguished the fire and saved the building, he said.

According to local historian Ann Chambless, that the Depot survived the war is evident in the minutes of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, which on July 1, 1866, show that the Depot at Scottsboro had been "more or less repaired." In 1885, according to Mrs. Chambless, the Depot was remodeled. No details are given in the minutes, however, about the extent of the remodeling.

In 1892, a separate passenger depot was built at Scottsboro. Until this time, the original Depot had served as both the freight and passenger depot. After passenger service stopped in Scottsboro, the passenger depot was purchased by a private owner and relocated to the Joe Dawson farm.

In looking back it is clear that throughout the late 1800s and into the mid-1900s, the railroad line served as the catalyst for Scottsboro's growth, and the Freight Depot was the hub of the city's business activity.

Indeed, there was a time when the Depot was essentially Scottsboro. When the Depot was built, the unincorporated community consisted of no more than two to three hundred people. At this time, there was a lumber mill, a tanyard and several small businesses in the community. A post office had been designated for "Scott's Mill" in 1854.

Robert T. Scott and his son-in-law J.T. Skelton operated the tanyard, used during the early part of the Civil War to make boots for Confederate troops. Scott's home, "White Cottage," was burned by Union troops in the early years of the war. Scott himself died in June of 1863 after being forced to pull a Union soldier's wagon.

As stated, the days of the Freight Depot may be numbered unless some solution to the disposal and use for the building is made. Members of DesignAlabama, an evaluation group, looked at the Freight Depot in studying ways to bring tourists downtown.

## HISTORIC SCOTTSBORO FREIGHT DEPOT (continued)

Perhaps some modern-day Robert T. Scott will see a restored Freight Depot as having the potential for revitalizing the railroad district. Or perhaps the Freight Depot will be deemed more a liability than an asset, when all other city obligations are considered. If so, then after the building is gone, at least some historical marker or monument that acknowledges the role of the Depot in the city's history would be in order.

Meanwhile, for those who are interested in the history and heritage of Scottsboro, it is suggested that late some afternoon, go down to the Depot. Look around and imagine the area 135 years ago. Robert T. Scott himself must have at one time looked on the building with pride, seeing it as the first step in the fulfillment of his dream for "Scottsborough."

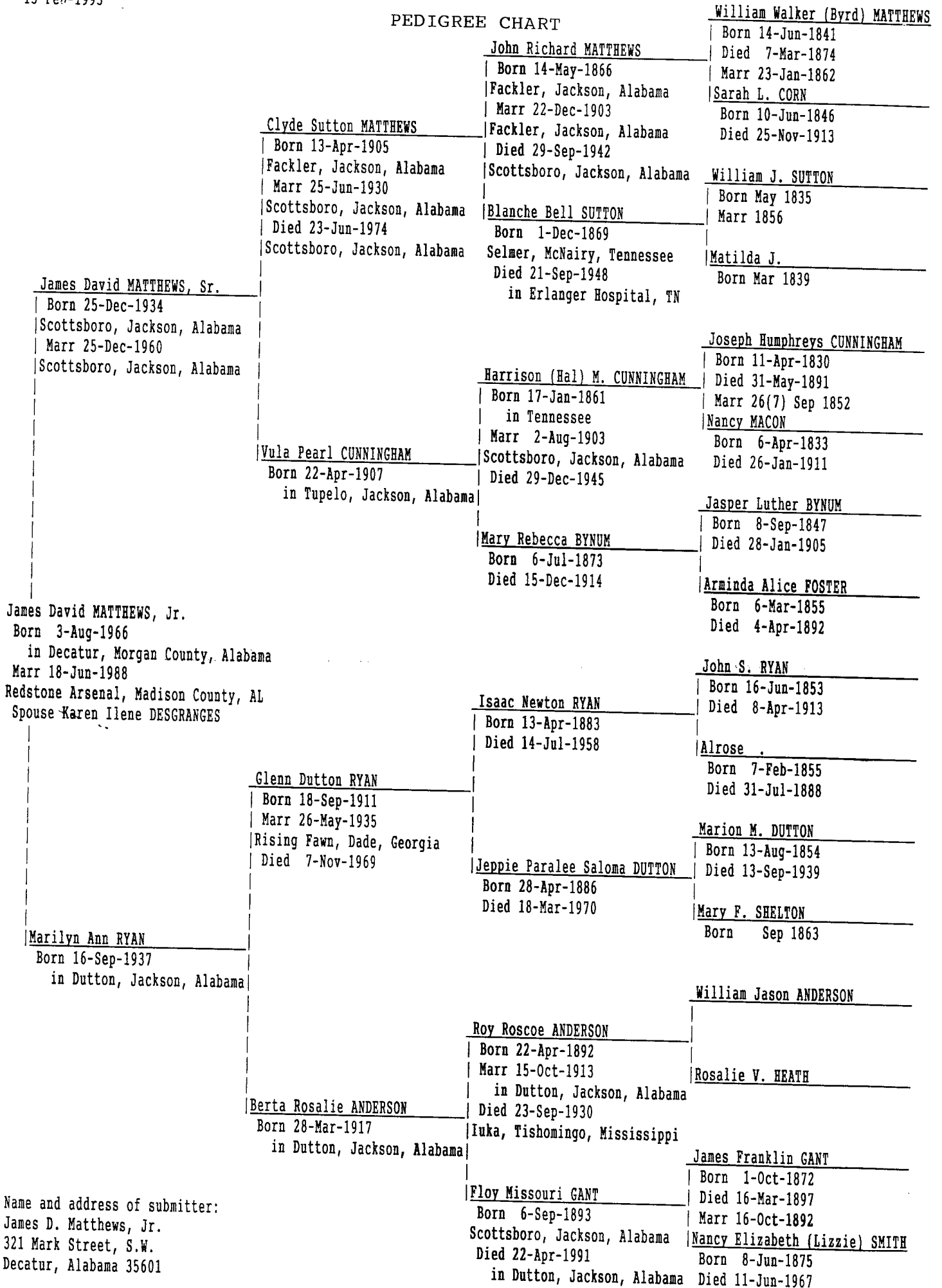
Think, too, about that January day 130 years ago when true believers from opposing sides fought with their lives for gallant causes and struggled to control a depot in a small community on the Memphis & Charleston line. Their story is a part of understanding who we are as a people and how we have come to be what we are.

The author would like to thank Mrs. Drenda King for her assistance and contributions to this article. Mrs. King is spearheading an effort to stimulate discussion on all possible options for the Depot before the building is demolished. In discussions with Mrs. King, Mayor Louis Price and former Mayor Walter Hammer offered perspectives on the Depot from city government's point of view. Mr. John Baker, a Vice President with Norfolk Southern Corporation, provided information on the current status of the Depot during a telephone interview with the author. Mr. Clyde Broadway provided valuable information on the historical significance of the depot building. Mrs. Ann Chambless has compiled information on the Depot, specifically identifying important dates and the occurrences in the building's history. Mr. Wendell Page discussed the Depot with Mrs. King and the author.

Jerry Gist's book, The Story of Scottsboro, contains very useful historical background on the city. Information on the Civil War skirmish at the Depot is from reports contained in The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. This material is available in the Heritage Room of the Madison-Huntsville Public Library.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. David Campbell is Chairman of the Arts and Humanities, Northeast Alabama State Community College. He is a former president of the Jackson County Historical Association. Dr. Campbell's history of the Scottsboro Freight Depot was first published in The Daily Sentinel on March 26, 1995, and has been slightly modified and updated for THE JACKSON COUNTY CHRONICLES.

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b	Date of birth
pb	Place of birth
m	Date of marriage
d	Date of death
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1 Robert Walter Proctor

b 24 JAN 1877

pb JACKSON COUNTY, AL

m 4 SEP 1900

d 8 MAR 1945

pd JACKSON CO. AL

2 Nola Eula Proctor

b 5 Feb 1905

pb JACKSON County, AL

m 23 Sep 1928 Charles E. Simmons

d

pd

3 Sarah Jane Cornelison

b 13 Nov 1877

pb JACKSON CO. AL

d 17 Aug 1928

pd JACKSON CO. AL

ANCESTOR CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

4 MICAJAH Alexander Proctor

b 7 OCT 1808

pb KENTUCKY AL

m 2 AUG 1839

d JACKSON CO. AL

pd MARGARET M. DAVIS

(Mother of No. 4)

4 Robert Franklin Proctor

b 3 JUL 1847

pb JACKSON CO. AL.

m 18 SEP 1864

d 8 SEP 1911

pd JACKSON CO. AL

5 MARY Elizabeth Bynum

b 1 Apr 1849

pb JACKSON CO. AL.

d 1 OCT 1930

pd JACKSON CO. AL.

12 WILLIAM Cornelison

b 27 MAY 1800

pb NORTH CAROLINA

m 13 MAY 1824 NC

d 17 OCT 1880

pd JACKSON CO. AL

pd REBECCA SANDERS

(Mother of No. 6)

b 23 FEB 1806

pb North Carolina

d 8 AUG 1893

pd AL

7 Elizabeth Fredonia Anderson

b 16 AUG 1856

pb JACKSON CO. AL

d 15 FEB 1926

pd JACKSON CO. AL.

16 Jeremiah Alexander Proctor

b. ca. 1777 VA

d. 8 Sep 1839 AL

(Father of No. 8)

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17 JANE DAVIS

b. 7 JAN 1786 VA

d. 18 JAN 1865

(Mother of No. 8)

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18 REV. JOHNNY P. DAVIS

(Father of No. 9)

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(Mother of No. 9)

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(Mother of No. 11)

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24 John C. Cornelison

b. ca. 1773

(Father of No. 12)

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d. ca. 1822 NC

(Mother of No. 12)

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The Jackson County Historical Association and the committee for the celebration of the founding of Jackson County on December 13, 1819, are happy to announce the republication of THE HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA by John R. Kennamer, Sr., 1935 edition.

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ANCESTOR SEARCHING IN JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

KAY W. GUNN, 4227 WESTSIDE DRIVE, DALLAS, TX 75209, seeks proof of parents of Cynthia Malinda \_\_\_\_\_, born 1817 in TN, who md William T. Gunter ca. 1840-42, and lived near Old Bolivar and Mount Carmel in 1850 and 1860. In 1880 Texas census, Cynthia Malinda Gunter stated she was born in Tennessee, her father was born in ALABAMA and her mother was born in Tennessee. Cynthia Malinda Gunter died in Texas in 1880.

JEAN GAYLE, 124 RIVERPARK BLVD, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780, seeks parents of William Rorex who md Margaret Ann Anderson in 1838 in Blount Co, TN. After William's death, Margaret Ann moved her family to Colbert Co, AL. Is there any relationship between Wm Rorex and Dr. James Knox Polk Rorex (1845-1909) mentioned in Kennamer's HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY?

MYRL FAULKNER OGLE, Box 53, UMPIRE, AR 71971, searching for James and Jane \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson, born TN. Their daughter, Elizabeth md Daniel P. Faulkner early 1870 and moved to Arkansas. Who were Jane \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson's parents. The 1860 census shows 3 Burgess women in Jackson's household. Who were they?

EVA MAYFIELD, 1923 MORTON LEAGUE, RICHMOND, TX 77469, seeks ancestry and relations of John Madison Steele, born 7 Oct 1876 in Jackson Co, AL, died 17 Dec 1947 in Ft. Worth, TX. Believed to be son of Calvin or Dee Steele born 25 Apr 1845, Trenton, GA, died 5 Apr 1908, Stevenson, AL. John md Anna Belle Crouch in 1901. Would like to correspond with other Steele descendants.

MARY BRYANT PARK, 2204 WEST FIFTH, STILLWATER, OK 74074-2817, asks: Was James T. Briant/Bryant, b. 5 Jun 1790 in VA the son of John Bryant, b. 5 Nov 1754 VA/Eng and Elizabeth Winfrey, b. ca 1765 in VA? I am told Bryants, Sheltons, & Luttrells migrated together from VA to AL to Lincoln and DeKalb Co, TN. James T. Briant and some Sheltons went on to Marion Co, ILL where some Bryants md Sheltons.

DOROTHY S. STALCUP, P.O. Box 217, WINFIELD, AL 35594, would like to correspond with others researching Graham, Swaim, Alspaugh, Lawing, Reed, and Braddy families.

VIRGINIA GUYTON, 902 BURLESON, SMITHVILLE, TX 78957-1024, seeks whereabouts of the Samuel Richard Corn Bible. Also needs info on James Bishop, born ca 1819, moved to Fayette Co, TX later in life.

NANCY BARCLAY LaBELLE, 1500 RICHMOND RD #90, SANTA PAULA, CA 93060, seeks parents of Joseph Barclay, b. ca 1780 NC, who md Mary Ledbetter on 12 Apr 1810, Rhea Co, TN. They were in Mississippi Territory by 1811 (Madison Co). Joseph lived with oldest son Joel in Marshall Co, AL in 1870.

JAMES S. GIBSON, P.O. BOX 91291, CHATTANOOGA, TN 37412, seeks parents of John Gibson, b. ca 1841, in ??Alabama. In 1860, he was living with wife Catherine, b. 1836 TN, and their first two children, Mary J., b. 1856 TN and Hiram, b. 1858 TN. Was John Gibson per chance the son of B.F. and Permelia (Caperton) Gibson who was killed at Chickamauga Battle in 1863 in Civil War, according to Caperton family history in Woodall's THE STEVENSON STORY?



THE MOODY BRICK  
(HARRIS-MOODY-LEE HOUSE)

edited by Ann B. Chambless

History does repeat itself! When Ron and Diane Lee purchased the Moody Brick in December 1990, not one window remained in the house. For many years the local teenagers taunted their peers with stories of ghosts which roamed the house and cemetery. Identical conditions existed 120 years ago when the Moody brothers purchased the property at an estate auction in 1873 for \$11,700. (Jackson County Deed Book 7, pages 477-478)

In the June 14, 1879, edition of THE CITIZEN, the Fackler correspondent wrote to the editor:

As I have just returned from a general ride over the "Moody Farm," I hope you will allow me space in your valuable paper to speak of what I saw and what I know about it, hoping that other large landowners may be stimulated to follow their example. And let me assure you here that this is not intended for a "puff" but a mere tribute to industry and fair dealing; and I hope Messrs. Moody will pardon the liberty I here assume. The farm contains about 2500 acres, more than 1000 of which are cleared and in a high state of cultivation. Originally it was an excellent body of land, and its owners prized it only for the number of bales of cotton it produced and cultivated it exclusively for that view. It is but reasonable to suppose the soil had become tired and worn. When purchased by Messrs. Moody five or six years ago, it was in woefully dilapidated condition - the fences all down - the land grown up in sedge grass and bushes - the hillsides all washed off - AND THE FINE BRICK BUILDING SO MUCH ABUSED AND NEGLECTED AS TO PRESENT AN INVITING RETREAT FOR GHOSTS AND HOB-GOBLINS GENERALLY. But money and industry can work wonders in the way of improvements.

The fences have been repaired and a great deal of substantial new plank fencing added; the sedge grass and bushes have all disappeared, the red hills have doffed their scarlet robes and donned a coat of living green while the dwelling has been so thoroughly renovated and beautified the most fastidious would be glad to occupy it. These improvements, however, develop themselves most clearly and satisfactorily in the present growing crops.

A large amount of wheat was sown last year, most of which has already been harvested. The stand was not first-rate, but the grain is large and full and of an excellent quality. The oat crop, at one time thought to be worthless, will make a fair yield, and is entirely free from rust. The corn crop is rather late but looks remarkably well; it is now growing rapidly and will make an abundant yield if no calamity befalls it. Cotton promises all the reasonable tenant could desire. In one large clover field I counted more than 20 head of colts and horses and saw quite a number of hogs and cattle, all in fine condition. One improvement I noticed which is more than worthy of mentioning here is the pains they have taken and the expense the owners have been at in providing for the comfort and the convenience of their numerous tenants.

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Nearly all of them are provided with neat cottages with two rooms, brick or stone chimneys, corn cribs, stables, and neatly pailed gardens. All seem to be well satisfied and working like Turks. The object of my visit made it necessary for me to see and converse with all of them, and I can truly say I have never seen a more cheerful and happy class of laborers anywhere. They all seem warmly attached to the Moodys, and how could it be otherwise? And the Moodys have shown their attachment for them by the care and pains they have taken for their comfort and convenience. It is an unusual thing to see tenants running walking cultivators, improved double shovels (plows), all provided by the landlord, yet you may see all this and more too on the Moody farm. If the one horse politicians who so recently tried to stir up strife between the land owners and renters will visit this farm, I am inclined to think they would sneak away and never again renew the effort. But their efforts to improve and build up have not been confined to the farm alone; at a heavy expense they have established on the farm a fine merchant MILL which, unfortunately was consumed by fire a few weeks ago. Although their losses were heavy, they seem to bear it with more fortitude and feel it less than the community around its location. It is a loss to them, but a calamity to the people who were, in a measure, dependent on it for bread. But they are game to the last, for they have built a new furnace and erected a new shed over the ruins of the old site and again we hear the shrill whistle of the engine, and all who wish may get bread or lumber on short notice. I learn they propose building a finer and better mill than the other some time this fall. I also learned they propose building a good church and school house on the place, in order to secure church and school facilities to their tenants. So mote it be. PUBLIUS.

Another newspaper article dated April 25, 1879, told of fire:

The steam, flouring grist and saw mill of M. & J.W. Moody, on Mud Creek, was entirely destroyed by fire, including a large amount of lumber and grain one night last week. The loss is estimated at four or five thousand dollars. The Moody brothers are live business men, and we sympathize with them in their loss.

The Moody brothers were: Miles Norton Moody (1835-1912), James Warren Moody (1839-1912), and John J. Moody who were born in South Carolina but had moved to Langston area where they were enumerated on 1860 census of Jackson County. When the 1870 census was taken, John J. Moody was still in Langston, but Miles N. and James W. Moody had moved to Scottsboro, where they built and operated a store at the corner of present day Mary Hunter Avenue and Houston Street (southeast corner).

When Miles N. and James W. Moody bought the Harris farm circa 1872-73, John J. and his wife, Sally Mullins Moody, moved to this farm and probably lived in the "Brick" itself in the early years. John J. and Sally Moody were the parents of Josephine Moody who married Pleasant Wyatt Sanders. The Sanders and their son, Charles Brantley Sanders, are all buried on the farm.

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Today the Moody Brick represents a mixture of architectural styles. The Greek Revival portico (porch with roof supported by six large columns) was added in 1916. The portico protects a second story balcony added to accommodate the second floor front door located immediately above the Victorian door of the first floor. The house was built with a center hall plan. Both floors have two symmetrical windows on either side of their doors. Old pictures of the house show two-over-two window sashes typical of the Victorian period, with shutters to cover the panes.

The L-shaped house is built of solid brick walls, both exterior and interior. Oral history passed from generation to generation relates the brick were made on site, possibly by slaves, from the red clay on the farm. The house framing (floor joists and ceiling joists) are from sawmill cut lumber, not pit sawed, which was typical in this area for houses built in its time period.

The interior is dominated by Victorian accents detailed down to the baseboards, door trim, and window trim. The mantles include two Federal period, two Italianate, and two Victorian. The two Federal period could be those of the original house.

A fire destroyed the original house in April 1888. THE SCOTTSBORO CITIZEN dated April 26, 1888, reported:

"The handsome country residence of Mr. Miles Moody was recently destroyed by fire near Mud Creek. Mr. Moody's loss is more than \$2000."

On April 13, 1888, THE ALABAMA HERALD had reported:

On last Sunday the residence of Mr. Miles Moody on Mud Creek in this county was destroyed by fire. The house was a large two-story brick. The fire caught in the roof from a spark from the chimney and had got such headway when discovered it was impossible to check the flames. Mr. Moody succeeded, however, in getting out all the house furniture. Nothing lost but the house. The total loss is estimated at \$2000.

The house was rebuilt using the existing brick walls; only the floors, ceilings, and the roof were needed. Today, the windows date to when the house was rebuilt in 1888. Pictures made not long after the house was rebuilt show the Victorian/Carpenter Gothic porch built in 1888. A smokehouse and ground level kitchen were added to the back of the house in 1902, according to Paralee Moody. The original kitchen was in the cellar.

A. H. Moody moved his family to the Moody Brick two weeks before Paralee Moody was born on February 28, 1902. Shortly after Paralee learned to walk (near the latter part of 1903), an Italian artist, Alfonzo LaMonte, handpainted lovely designs of angels, ribbons, and flowers in pastels on ceilings and walls. Paralee could not remember the actual event but had been told many times by her parents that they were concerned she would venture into the artist's paints with her newly acquired ability to walk and explore all by herself. LaMonte (or LaMante) also decorated the first Scottsboro Presbyterian Church building which was located on Willow Street (between present day Jack's Hamburgers and Word Lumber Company.) Oral tradition says this same artist had previously done work in the White House or Capitol in Washington, D.C. before finding his way to Jackson County.

Ron Lee recently shared the following restoration update:

All seven fireplaces and the three chimneys have been completely redone; one chimney had to be taken down and rebuilt to ensure the fireplaces it serves could be used. The brick on the entire house front had to be redone which involved removing all brick below each of the windows and relaying it to remove the hairline

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cracks, broken brick, and loose mortar. The brick on all sides had to be repointed. The bottom floors had to be replaced due to fire and insect damage. The windows dated to 1888, and all had to be replaced. Our architect, Harvie Jones, referred us to a millwork in Florence, Alabama, and they totally rebuilt our windows.

We removed the 90 year old kitchen and smokehouse and replaced it with a kitchen, den, and basement. The entire back and side porches were removed to accommodate bathrooms and closet space to preclude altering the main floor plan.

Our architect, Mr. Harvie Jones of Huntsville, has been invaluable to the project. Harvie Jones is a purist in restoring. He proposes restoring versus remodeling which he states very emphatically. His first advice was to stabilize the house - stop the deterioration. We replaced the roof and windows. We made several mistakes before we engaged Mr. Jones, and he was quick to insist that changes be made. Most of the changes we followed.

Mr. Jones wanted us to stop work on the house once we had it stabilized, since he understood we did not know enough about the period of the house to know what steps were required. He was correct, but we continued our work for some time after that.

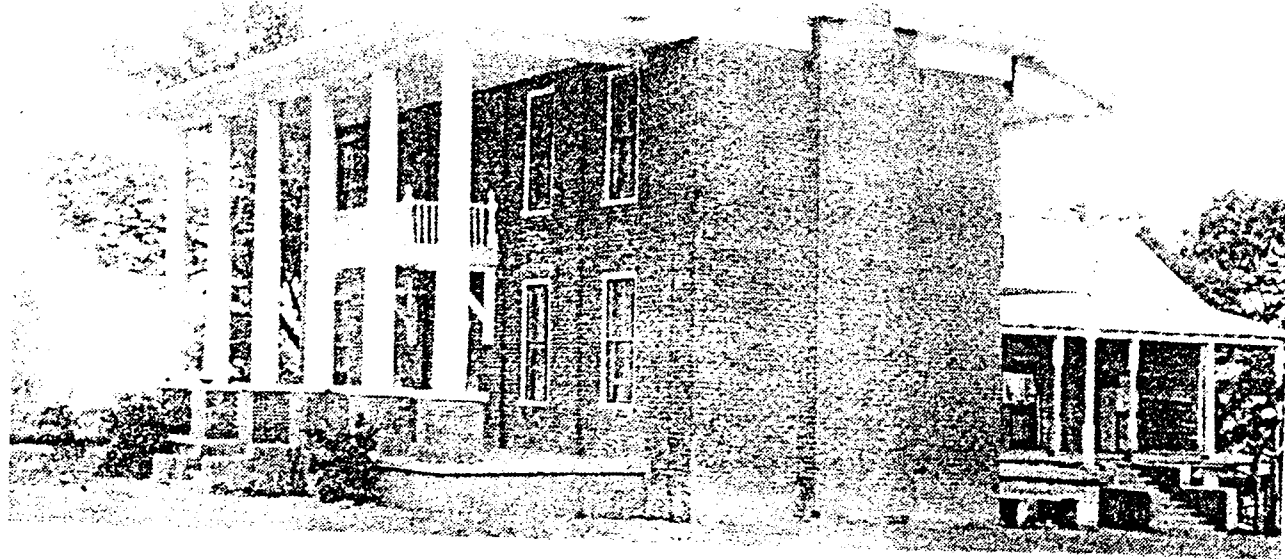
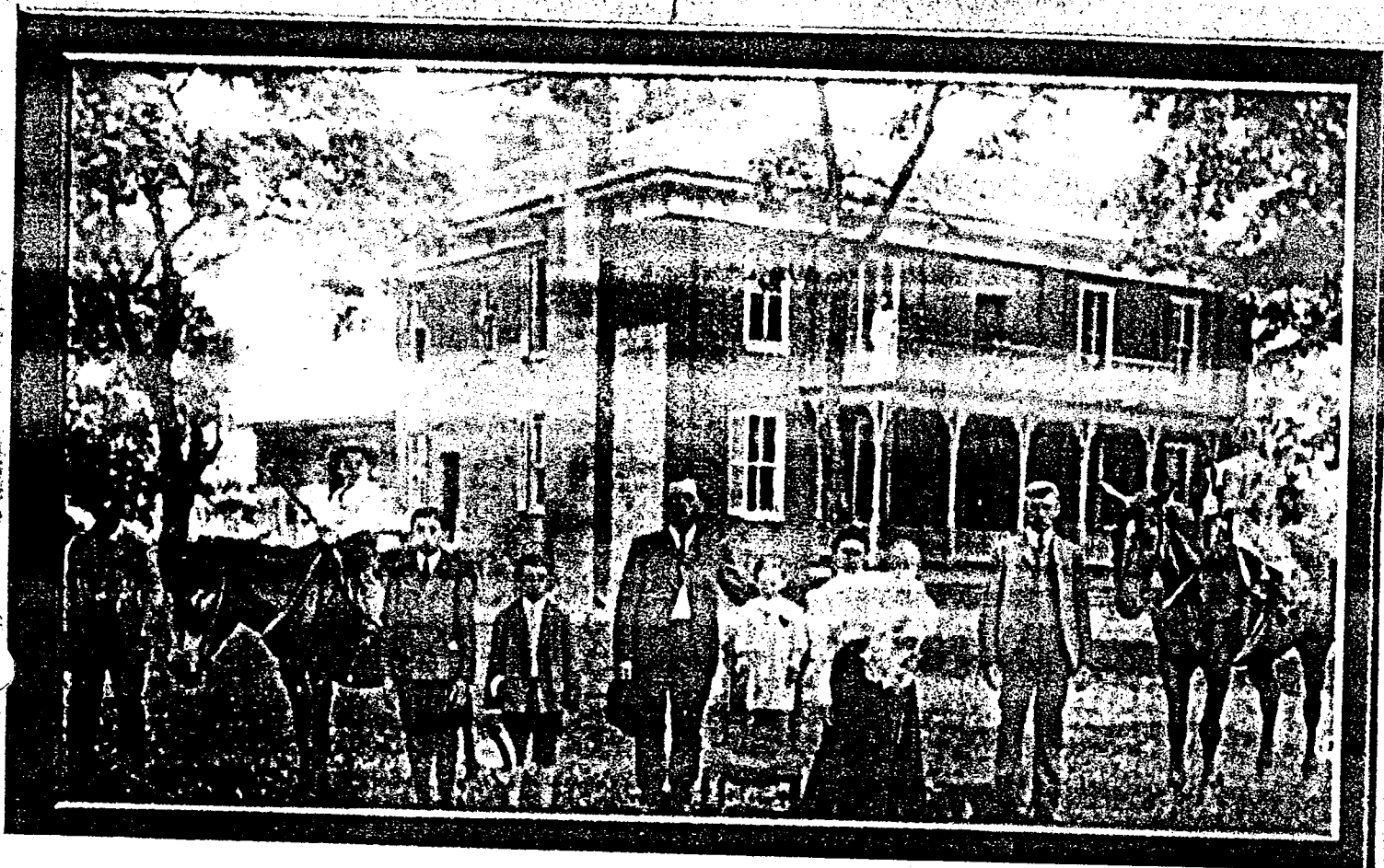
The approach to our restoration has been to preserve the house as it was remodeled in the early part of this century - not to return it to its original state which meant changing the windows from Victorian to Federal, removing the front porch and columns, etc. We did not understand the importance of that decision in terms of work and finances involved; however, four years later and after much reading, I now understand what Harvie Jones meant. Our restoration is far from complete, but a mid-1995 tour will present an opportunity to view the project during a major stage of its restoration.

Who designed and built the original house? None living can say. The home site was first owned by Caleb B. Hudson, born November 22, 1794, in North Carolina. On September 21, 1814, he married Martha C. Ligon in Prince Edward County, Virginia. They were the parents of five children who included Mary Ann Hudson, born in 1817, who married Carter Overton Harris in 1835. Mary Ann Hudson Harris and Carter O. Harris either inherited the land or she and her husband purchased her father's acreage which later became the core of the Moody brothers purchase.

When the 1850 Jackson County census was taken, Carter O. and Mary Ann Harris were enumerated among neighbors known to own land adjoining the house now known as the Moody Brick. In 1850, the value of their real estate was \$6000 which was a great deal larger than the average real estate assessment in Jackson County in 1850. Most likely, they had already built their large two-story brick by 1850 and it and their slaves were included in the \$6000 assessment.

Oral history relates that the same builder also constructed the original John R. Coffey house near Wannville, the Roach house at Carnes, and the William Longacre and the William A. Austin houses at Rash. The legend also exists that the builder and his wife are buried within the stone walls in the cemetery next to the Harris family burial plot.

THE ALBERT HENRY MOODY FAMILY at MOODY BRICK circa 1905  
Left to right: John Jones, Jephtha on mule, John White, Big Jim,  
Albert Henry Moody, Paralee, Jennie Moody holding Alex, her Uncle Sam  
Campbell, Bess on horse  
The cook, Sally Ann, is standing on upper balcony by bannisters.



Years later the house was renovated to look like this

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Caleb Baker Hudson, the son of John and Lucy (Baker) Hudson, Sr. moved from Virginia to Jackson County, Alabama, with his father and brother, John Hudson, Jr. in 1828 or 1829. Caleb Baker Hudson purchased 360 acres in 1830, and his family was enumerated in the 1830 Jackson County census. His son, John William Hudson born 1818, attended the University of Alabama in 1833, according to University records. The date of Caleb B. Hudson's death is not known, but he does not appear in the 1840 Jackson County census. If he died prior to 1840, he could be buried in an unmarked grave in the cemetery adjacent to the Moody Brick. Paralee Moody remembers playing on a single grave covered with a large horizontal stone when she was a child. There was no inscription on this large flat stone and she agrees this could be the burial site of Caleb B. Hudson. His wife died in 1822 in Virginia, and it is logical to assume Caleb's grave would be a solo.

Carter Overton Harris' grave marker records his birth and death dates as: born July 16, 1800, died November 22, 1860. His oldest daughter, Martha Catherine (Pattie Kate) was born Jan 3, 1841, and died June 3, 1862. When Mary Ann (Hudson) Harris died on Dec 6, 1897, she was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Scottsboro in the Coffey plot. The Harris' second child, Mary Elizabeth Harris (1847-1894) married Weighstill Avery Coffey, and Mrs. Harris lived with the Coffeys after selling the farm to the Moody brothers.

Miles and Rebecca Moody are buried in the Moody family plot at the Moody Brick. The large stone which marks their grave is inscribed:

Miles Moody	July 7, 1835 - July 28, 1912
Rebecca Moody	Jan 24, 1825 - Aug 5, 1899

Miles and Rebecca Moody's son, Albert Henry Moody, bought the farm from his father and uncle, and Albert Henry and his wife, Ursula Jane (Jennie) Campbell Moody raised their family of eight in the Moody Brick. Their children included:

- Jeptha (Jep) Edwards Moody (May 24, 1894 - Apr 18, 1949)
- John White Moody (Dec 27, 1891 - Oct 28, 1911)
- James (Big Jim) Albert Moody (Jun 24, 1899 - Feb 2, 1977)
- Paralee Moody (Feb 28, 1902 - very much alive)
- Alexander (Alex) Moody (May 22, 1905 - Aug 4, 1906)
- Bessie Laura Moody Lipscomb (Sep 9, 1896 - Dec 7, 1962)
- Hattie Irene (Brooks) Moody Stone (July 6, 1907 - Jan 29, 1995)
- Virginia White (Redwing) Moody (July 24, 1912 - Feb 4, 1945)

Albert Henry and Jennie (Campbell) Moody's first child, William Lit, only lived six months; he was born Aug 3, 1890 and died Jan 29, 1891.

The Moody Brick was owned by Moody descendants for almost 120 years. The house has known both sorrow and joy and countless hours of warm Moody family hospitality. It stands as a monument to a long line of productive, civic minded men and women who can trace their roots to that red clay soil which also produced the Moody Brick.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A July 1995 interview with Paralee Moody provided or confirmed much of the Moody family information. Ronald Lee and Sammie Moore Brown also graciously shared their knowledge and research.

## THE MOODY FAMILY TREE

compiled by Paralee Moody and Ann B. Chambless

The earliest known Moody patriarch is JAMES WARREN MOODY, SR., who was born in 1806 in South Carolina. He married Nancy Holden who was the daughter of John Holden who died in 1852 in Pickens County, South Carolina. James W. Moody, Sr. moved his family to the Langston area in Jackson County, Alabama, by 1857.

This marriage and move are verified on page 301 of William C. Stewart's GONE TO GEORGIA as follows:

Joel Moody married Catherine, daughter of John Holden of Pickens County, S.C. (died 1852), and Joel moved to Jackson County, North Carolina. Catherine Holden's sister NANCY married JAMES MOODY and James Holden's daughter Nancy married Abraham Moody, and THE LATTER TWO COUPLES MOVED TO ALABAMA.

A brief outline of their ten children follows, but not in the order of their birth:

### I. JOHN J. MOODY

married Sally Mullins, and their P.O. was Langston in both the 1860 and 1870 censuses. John J. and Sally Moody moved to Kyles shortly after 1872 and managed the farm purchased by his brothers, Miles and James W. Moody, Jr. John J. Moody died in Arkansas while visiting relatives, and is buried in Arkansas. Sally died at Langston and is buried there. Their children were:

- A. Jim Moody
- B. Luther Moody
- C. Ben Moody (never married)
- D. Josephine Moody married Pleasant Sanders Jan 26, 1873
- E. Rebecca Moody married James W. Willmon Jun 14, 1891
- F. Laura Moody married Dan Teasley
- G. Fanny Moody married Joe Head
- H. Kate Moody married and went West

### II. WILLIAM H. MOODY

married Ella Humphries, and their children

- A. Miles Alonzo Moody married Fannie Gibbs
- B. Tallulah Moody
- C. James W. Moody II

### III. JAMES WARREN MOODY, JR., born 1839, died Mar 25, 1912. married Jerusha Josephine King, daughter of Wm and Vina (Edwards) King, on Nov 28, 1869. By 1870, they had moved to Scottsboro where James W. and his brother Miles became merchants. Their children:

- A. Stella Moody, born 1870, died 1927, married John F. Proctor
  1. James Moody Proctor, born Feb 16, 1901, died Jan 20, 1959, married Lucy May. Their children:

- (a) John Franklin Proctor II, md Judy Jones. Children:
  - (1) James Moody Proctor II
  - (2) Laura Proctor
- (b) Patricia Proctor, md Jessup

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- III. B. Annie Moody, married Otto Dodge and lived Ohio. One son:  
1. James King Dodge
- C. Irene Moody, born 1875, died 1955, married John A. Robinson
- IV. MILES NORTON MOODY, born July 7, 1835, died July 28, 1912.  
married (1) Rebecca Susan Edwards, daughter of Jesse Edwards, on Jan 24, 1856
- A. Decatur Moody, born Nov 18, 1856, died Apr 9, 1857
- B. Laura Ann Moody, born Apr 21, 1858, died June 29, 1916.  
married David Larkin Staples. Their children:  
1. Miles Staples  
2. David Albert Staples  
3. Littleton (Lit) Staples  
4. Ollie Staples married Maurice Brown  
5. Lizzie Staples married Parker Walsh  
6. Susan (Lade) Staples (never married)  
7. Hattie Staples married \_\_\_\_\_ Privett
- C. Jessie Walter Moody, born Mar 7, 1860, died Aug 21, 1861
- D. Albert Henry Moody, born Dec 25, 1862, died Aug 6, 1934,  
married Ursula Jane (Jennie) Campbell, daughter of Wm White and  
Paralee (Elledge) Campbell in 1889. Their children:  
1. William Lit Moody, born Aug 3, 1890, died Jan 29, 1891  
2. John White Moody, born Dec 27, 1891, died Oct 28, 1911  
3. Jeptha Edwards Moody, Sr., born May 24, 1894, died Apr 18, 1949,  
married Ruby Skelton on July 14, 1918. Their children:  
a. Sarah Jane Moody md George Japhet, June 27, 1942  
(1) Ronnie Japhet  
b. Ruth Moody md Charles Raymond Bradford, Jul 14, 1943  
(1) Ruby Catherine (Bunny) md Michael L. Smith  
(a) Bradford Smith, born Aug 19, 1975  
(b) Michael Sterling Smith, born May 16, 1978  
(c) Ruth Adair Smith, born Jan 18, 1983  
(d) Charles Butler Smith, born Dec 16, 1987  
(2) Charles R. Bradford III, born Mar 11, 1950, Brad  
married Nancy Hammer, Dec 21, 1973  
(a) Charles Raymond Bradford IV, b. Feb 26, 1977  
(b) Walter Washington Bradford, b. Feb 28, 1980  
(c) Jennings Edwards Bradford, died at birth 1984  
(d) Barret Lowe (Bo) Bradford, b. Jun 2, 1986  
c. Jeptha Edwards Moody, Jr., born June 30, 1926, married (1)  
Jeane Adair Jacobs, June 29, 1953. Children:  
(1) Jane Adair Moody, b. Mar 24, 1954, md James W. Bergman  
(a) James Wilson Bergman, Jr., born June 1, 1979  
(b) Jon Rice Bergman, May 25, 1982  
(c) Jacob Edward Bergman, born Aug 25, 1986  
(2) Jeptha E. Moody III, born July 4, 1956, married Deborah Meeks  
(a) Mary Jeane Moody, born June 23, 1988  
(b) Hannah Jane Moody, born Aug 31, 1989  
(c) Annie Adair Moody, born Mar 31, 1992  
(d) Sarah Grace Moody, born Dec 18, 1993  
(3) Jon Rice Moody, born Aug 30, 1960, married Emily Word  
(1) Jon Rice Moody, Jr., born Jan 31, 1989  
(2) Elizabeth Word Moody, born Oct 5, 1993  
Jeptha Edwards Moody, Jr. married (2) Glenda Whitaker Aug, 1986



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- IV. D. 4. James (Big Jim) Moody, born Jun 24, 1899, died Feb 2, 1977
5. Paralee Moody, born Feb 28, 1902 at Moody Brick, married Hal Bradford Word, June 12, 1937. Divorced Jan 13, 1959. Two stepchildren: Jake Word and Mildred Ann Word
  6. Alexander (Alex) Moody, born May 22, 1905, died Aug 4, 1906
  7. Bessie Laura Moody, born Sep 9, 1896, died Dec 7, 1962, married James Hambrick Lipscomb, Sep 15, 1921. Children:
    - a. Virginia Winifred Lipscomb, born Sep 7, 1923, married James Enloe Pitt II, June 15, 1957. Son:
      - (1) James Enloe Pitt, III, born Dec 31, 1962
    - b. Marie Edna Lipscomb, born Aug 27, 1925, md Charles Baker
      - (1) Jennifer Baker married Hudson Atkins, 1985
        - (a) Hudson Atkins, Jr.
  8. Hattie Irene (Brooks) Moody, born July 6, 1907, died Jan 29, 1995. Married Stephen Lipscomb Stone Oct 28, 1929
    - a. Mary Jane Stone, born Aug 1, 1930, died Aug 9, 1930
    - b. Albert Moody Stone, born Oct 28, 1934, married Virginia Baxter, Sep 14, 1963
      - (1) Stephen Lipscomb Stone II, born Oct 3, 1964, married Leah Hagler June, 1994
      - (2) David Arthur Stone, born Dec 7, 1965
  9. Virginia White (Redwing) Moody, born Jul 24, 1912, died Feb 4, 1945
- IV. E. William Littleton (Lit) Moody, born Feb 24, 1865, died June 6, 1939 Married (1) Hattie Alley. Children:
  1. Clifford Moody, born Feb 13, 1894, died Apr 20, 1916
  2. Clyde Moody, born Feb 12, 1902, Married Mildred \_\_\_\_\_
    - (a) Eugene Moody
    - (b) Donald MoodyWilliam Littleton (Lit) Moody married (2) Louis Shelly
- IV. MILES NORTON MOODY married (2) Margaret (Maggie) Callan, Jan 6, 1901
- F. Ida Frances Moody, born Jan 25, 1902, died Jun 19, 1976, taught second grade for 46 years and never married
- V. THOMAS MOODY operated a store at Langston. He married (1) Elizabeth Vaught on Mar 15, 1865. She and their infant child are buried near Langston. Thomas J. Moody married (2) Rose Shelton, and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Holder. He was killed by a train near Stevenson.
- VI. ALEXANDER MOODY, born Apr 7, 1846, died Feb 14, 1878, married Paralee Edwards, daughter of Jesse Edward and sister of Rebecca Susan Edwards who md Miles Moody. Alexander's son:
  - A. Jesse Edwards Moody
- VII. MARY JANE (POLLY) MOODY (she may have md John L. Carter) lived Langston
- VIII. EMILY C. MOODY, married a Wilborn and lived at Langston
- IX. ???SARAH MOODY (nothing known about this possible daughter)
- X. SAMUEL MOODY (may be Samuel Jasper Moody) moved to Texas at an early date. No further information.

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The Moody family stories are as diverse and entertaining as the large Moody clan. This brief sampling only whets one's appetite for seconds. Who in the Moody family will improve and add to?

Mrs. Moody Stone shared the following which is framed and hangs in the Stone den:

A Scottsboro newspaper clipping dated April 19, 1902, records a Letter to the Editor from S. S. Broadus, Cashier of the Merchants Bank of Florence, Alabama, written on Merchants Bank letterhead. The caption reads: MILES MOODY, ESQUIRE, SCOTTSBORO, CAN'T YOU KNOCK THEM BOTH OUT?

"There is a little controversy going on in the Moody family which their friends hope can be arranged in a way that can prove satisfactory to all the parties concerned. The dispute is between Colonel Miles Moody and his two sons, Albert and Lit. The Colonel, and Albert and Lit, have new babies at their houses, and each one claims that his is the handsomest baby in the county. The point at issue, we hope, can be amicably adjusted.

Your Friend,  
S. S. Broadus

This letter was written when Miles N. Moody's sixth and youngest child, Ida Moody, was born on Jan 25, 1902. Within four weeks, Miles N. Moody's son Lit Moody became the father of Clyde, born Feb 12, 1902, and Miles' son Albert Henry welcomed Paralee Moody into the world on February 28, 1902.

Albert Henry Moody served as Jackson County Probate Judge 1917-1923, and the family moved from the Moody Brick to Scottsboro in December 1916. They lived on Andrews Street immediately in front of the First Baptist Church (the house was located in present day parking lot which adjoins Wimberly House Homes & Interior Design.) Judge A.H. Moody had a little dog whose name was Trouble. The Judge and the dog were constant companions when the Judge took his daily walks around the Square. Judge Moody's friends were fond of saying, "Here comes Judge Moody and 'Trouble' can't be far behind."

While Albert Henry and Jennie Moody were raising their family in the Moody Brick, they employed a Black who began calling Irene Moody "Miss Brooks." His explanation: Irene reminded him of a Miss Brooks for whom he had worked in Chattanooga. The family followed suit and also addressed Hattie Irene as "Miss Brooks." Later the "Miss" was dropped, and Hattie Irene was just "Brooks" for 80 years.

The Albert H. Moody family were known far and wide for their warm hospitality. Paralee Moody relates that her Mother deserved the cook, Sally Ann, as Mrs. Moody never knew how many people would sit at their dinner table each day. The Judge always felt free to bring extended family, old neighbors, business associates, and his numerous friends home to Mrs. Moody's bountiful table.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Moody donated the land for the Kyles Methodist Episcopal Church. Ruth Moody Bradford also remembers that Judge Moody purchased the clock in the Court House dome when the building was remodeled and the County ran short of cash.

MOODY DESCENDANTS, it is now your turn to tell us more!

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J.C.H.A. ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 16, 1995, 6:00 p.m.  
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Reservations for the dinner must be received by OCTOBER 11. Mail your check to John F. Neely, 597 Old Larkinsville Road, Scottsboro, AL 35768, or call John at 259-2943. The cost of the meal to be served by the COA is \$10.00. Program Vice President John H. Graham has planned another one of his interesting and entertaining programs. You will not want to miss the annual dinner, fun, and fellowship! Feel free to invite a guest.

The Jackson County Historical Association is accepting donations for restoration of the historic Scottsboro Freight Depot. Huntsville architect Harvie Jones has submitted the initial plan for primary restoration and negotiations with Southern Railway are ongoing. Your tax deductible check should be made to the J.C.H.A. DEPOT ACCOUNT. There are only two pre-Civil War railway depots still standing in Alabama - and the Scottsboro Freight Depot is one of the two. Huntsville has already restored and continues to use the other. The City of Scottsboro has agreed to allow the J.C.H.A. complete use of the Scottsboro Freight Depot once it is deeded to the City and restored by the Association. Resolve to be an active preservationist and help the Association make the past work for the future!

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ANCESTOR SEARCHING IN JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

JAY VERETT, 6 WYNDEMERE VALE, MONTERREY, CA 93940, seeks info on all Hillin/Hillian/Hillions in Jackson & Marshall Counties. Three Hillian males born in GA circa 1790-1800 arrived in Alabama 1820-1830. Most had left for Rusk Co, TX by 1860-1870. Nathaniel H. md Mary; Absolom H. md Mahala Elliott; and Jesse H. md Jane Burns in TN and then started living with Malinda in Jackson Co, AL (was charged with bigamy.) Would anyone share Hillian family info?

MRS. T.A. STALLWORTH, P.O. BOX 766, CHESTER, SC 29706, seeks info on Henry Bradford (son of Alexander K. Bradford) born May 9, 1854, died May 8, 1924, md Lizzie Holder. Where are they buried? Who are her parents? Would like to correspond with others working Bradford and Holder lines.

MIKE LANDWEHR, 725 39th ST, WEST DES MOINES, IOWA 50265, seeks info on Benjamin & Celia (Hall) Couch. Benjamin born 1815 and may have been son of Lindley Couch. Celia, born 1822 in Jackson Co, was daughter of Thomas and Sarah Mily (Williams) Hall. Benjamin served in Creek Indian War and md Celia Hall on Sep 6, 1839, at Wm Stogsdill home; moved to southern Missouri soon thereafter.

MIKE LANDWEHR, 725 39th ST, WEST DES MOINES, IOWA 50265, wants to correspond with descendants of John and Anna (Shipman) Reed who lived north of Swaim in Paint Rock Valley in 1820s and 1830s.

ELTON M. BRIDGES, 1910 55th ST, LUBBOCK, TX 79412, seeks info on Sarah Jane Guffey (daughter of Ephram Underwood and Lucy Guffey), born 1834, who married Hampton H. Bridges on Nov 12, 1868, Jackson Co. Lived near Larkinsville. Would like date, cause of death, and place of burial for his Bridges ancestors.

PAMELA S. WIGINTON, 1017 ANDERSONWOOD DR, FUQUAY-VARINA, NC 27526, would like to correspond with others working lines of Wm and Malinda (Winger) Bellomy; Wm and Rebecca (Sanders) Cornelison; and Robert Timothy and Laura Frances \_\_\_\_\_ Craig.

DAN NELSON, 14686 HIDDENSRING CIR, CHINO, CA 91709-3414, would like to correspond with anyone descended from William Bartley/Barclay Stevenson, b. 1835, son of David & Joanna Stevenson/Stephenson who appear on 1830/1840/1850 Jackson Co, AL censuses. Wm Bartley Stevenson md (1) Angeline Cunningham (daughter of Samuel & Elizabeth Cunningham) on Nov 22, 1855, and (2) Louisa Catherine Pendergrass (daughter of Joseph & Cynthia Pendergrass) on Dec 27, 1873. They moved to Franklin Co, Arkansas by 1880.

BRIAN BLAKE, 43 PEACH FARM ROAD, OXFORD, CT 06478, would like to correspond with descendants of Thomas Early Blake, born Nov 24, 1776, Chester Co, SC, died May 8, 1855, Sulpher Springs, DeKalb Co, AL. Came to Alabama with his second wife, Lucinda Hunter (1802-1876), ca 1835. He and Lucinda had 12 children and some may have settled Jackson-DeKalb County area. Southern collateral lines include Adkinson, Barker, Brown, Calhoun, Chitty, Crawford, Eckles, Hembree, Henson, Hobbs, Hunter, Hornsby, Lilburn, McBride, McKinney, McMinn, Mitchell, Owen, Pennington, Smith, Smoot, Thompson, Utley, Vaughn, Wright, and York.

BRAD PEDIGO, 6612 E. JACKSON, MUNCIE, IN 47303-4529, seeks correspondence with descendants of William Shelton (1811-1864) son of John & Catherine (Messer) Shelton, who md Martha Pace. Brad descends from Wm & Martha's son, David Shelton (1838-1923) who md Mary Phillips (daughter of Elijah and Mary Phillips) on Oct 11, 1860. David Shelton's death certificate states he was buried in Gold Grove Cemetery (Tupelo).

STEPHEN KENNAMER, P.O. BOX 5, SCOTTSBORO, AL 35768, seeks parents of Belzora Thompson who married Thomas Rousseau in 1854 in Coosa Co, AL. Were Belzora's Thompsons related to John Thompson of Paint Rock Valley? Thomas and Belzora (Thompson) Rousseau's daughter, Mary Drucilla Rousseau, married Frederick John Robinson and lived in Paint Rock Valley.

## THE ISAAC BYNUM, SR. FAMILY: LEGENDS AND FACTS

by Ann B. Chambless

There is a great deal of risk in an attempt to document the life and times of Isaac Bynum, Sr. There are so many unknowns including his birth-marriage-death dates, place of burial, and even the number and names of all his children. As early as 1916, his great-grandson had difficulty separating legends and facts. In 1983, Robert W. Baird included the highlights of his limited research on Isaac Bynum, Sr. in his BYNUM AND BAYNHAM FAMILIES OF AMERICA 1616-1850. It is a good book; however, it is laced with errors and many admitted outright assumptions.

T.J. Bynum of Clarksville, Tennessee, is now THE foremost authority on the ancestors and descendants of Isaac Bynum, Sr. His extensive research was prompted by his unquenchable desire to know more about all his Bynum ancestors, including his third great-grandfather, the elusive Isaac Bynum, Sr. T. J. Bynum states, "If I or other researchers could ever solve the mystery of Isaac Bynum, Sr. and "WHO" his wives were and the issue of each wife, then the mystery of the Bynums of Jackson County, Alabama could be resolved."

In an effort to reach Bynum descendants scattered from coast to coast, this writer will outline ideas developed from census and court records, the few available Bible records, and the ideas previously suggested by writers such as Jasper E. Bynum, Robert W. Baird, and T.J. Bynum. The records of late Annie Coleman Proctor, Leola Matthews, and Eunice Matthews are invaluable, as they recorded facts as well as legends as early as the 1950s. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS BYNUM FAMILY ESSAY IS TO ISSUE A CALL FOR MORE AND BETTER DOCUMENTATION! Can YOU help?

Presently, the best guess for the birth date of Isaac Bynum, Sr. is circa 1760. The 1840 Jackson County, AL census recorded Isaac as 70-80 or born 1760-1770. His first child was born circa 1780-1781. Therefore, it appears his first marriage occurred circa 1779-1780, most likely when he was 19 to 20 years of age. The first record of land purchased by Isaac Bynum, Sr. is September, 1785, in Chatham Co, NC.

Descendants think Isaac died shortly after 1840, after 80 plus productive years. His place of burial is debatable. It seems logical to assume Isaac was buried in the Bynum Cemetery on property owned by his son at the time of Isaac, Sr.'s death. However, in 1952 William Thomas Bynum of Fackler stated his great-grandfather Isaac Bynum, Sr. was buried at Liberty Cemetery but Isaac's second wife was buried at the Bynum Cemetery.

There is somewhat more certainty about Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s place of birth. North Carolina deeds and census records seem to confirm that Isaac was the son of William and Mary Bynum who owned land in the part of Orange County that became Chatham County in 1770. On September 28, 1785, Isaac purchased 137 acres in Chatham Co, NC described as "the same whereon the said Isaac Bynum now lives" and adjacent to William Bynum's land on Cub Creek. William Bynum (his father) witnessed the deed. Isaac Bynum appeared on the 1790 census of Chatham County, NC near his father.

In the 1790 NC census Isaac Bynum's family was enumerated as one male over 16 (Isaac, Sr.) and two males under 16 (Asa born 1780-81 and John born 1784-85). The two females would have been his wife and daughter Rebecca.

THE ISAAC BYNUM, SR. FAMILY: LEGENDS AND FACTS by Ann B. Chambless (Cont)

In 1791 Isaac's father sold his land in Chatham Co, NC and William and at least two of his other sons moved to Pendleton Co, SC. By 1794, Isaac also moved to Pendleton Co where he purchased 600 acres on Twelve Mile River from John Glenn on August 20, 1794. On November 1, 1794, Isaac sold his 137 acres in North Carolina to Travis Rigsby, as "Isaac Bynum of the County of Pendleton and State of South Carolina." His brother-in-law James Powell and brother Jesse Bynum witnessed the deed.

Later Isaac purchased 202 acres located near what is now the town of Pickens in what is now Pickens Co, SC. At the time of the 1800 Pendleton Co, SC census Isaac, his brothers, and their father were enumerated in Captain Brown's Regiment. Isaac was enumerated as a 26-45 year old male. His family consisted of one male under 10 (?James born circa 1790); two males 10-16 (Asa and John); one female under 10 (Cynthia born circa 1791); one female age 10-16; and one female age 16-26. The Baird book states Rebecca married circa 1798 and her first child was born circa 1799. If this is correct, then Rebecca was most likely enumerated with her husband in their own household in 1800. If so, the oldest female in Isaac's household is a likely candidate for Isaac's young second wife, born 1774-1784. (The 1840 Jackson Co, AL census shows that Isaac's wife was born 1770-1780 and this would certainly mesh with the 1800 census data.)

On January 15, 1807, Isaac Bynum, Sr. sold his 202 acres in Pendleton Co, SC, to Daniel Murphree and evidently headed for Tennessee. He was not enumerated on the 1810 South Carolina census, and he appears on the 1812 Tax List of Warren County, Tennessee. Isaac's brother Benjamin moved to Tennessee a few years earlier, and his brother John is thought to have arrived in Tennessee by 1809. Their brother Jesse's sons, William and John, were born in South Carolina in 1799 and 1805, respectively. Jesse's son, Jesse, Jr., was born in Tennessee in 1818, according to later censuses.

More than one of Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s great-grandsons stated Isaac Bynum, Sr. married first an Easeley/Easley and second a Haney. Dozens of Easley family members followed the same migration pattern as Isaac and his brothers appearing first in Pendleton Co, SC, and then in Tennessee and Alabama census records as neighbors of the Bynum clan. More of the Easleys went to Blount Co, AL with Isaac's oldest children; the Haney's were in Jackson County, AL, with Isaac's second family (youngest children). In the 1830s and 1840s, George, James, William, and Isaac Haney appear in Jackson Co, AL records as close neighbors of Isaac Bynum and his youngest children.

Most of Isaac's first five children married and established their own households before the majority of Isaac's second family were born. All of Isaac's children followed him to Tennessee. It is interesting to note that his first five children and their Easley relatives settled in Blount Co, AL, between 1818 and 1820. If Isaac Bynum, Sr. and his younger children moved further south than Jackson Co, AL is not known. Local tradition places them in Jackson Co, AL by early 1820s. It is evident that the ones in Blount Co soon lost contact with their Jackson Co relatives in reading the family history prepared by Bynums of Blount County nativity.

1820 census records are not extant for Blount or Jackson County, AL. This makes it difficult to track/pinpoint locations. There is an 1826 land entry recorded for an Isaac Bynum in Blount Co, AL. However, it is not proven if this entry was made by Isaac, Sr. or his grandson Isaac, son of Asa, who married in 1824 in Blount Co, AL.



THE ISAAC BYNUM, SR. FAMILY: LEGENDS AND FACTS by Ann B. Chambless (Cont)

The following brief outline of Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s children by his first wife is based on Historical Sketches of the Bynum Family, 1916, by Jasper E. Bynum and Robert W. Baird's BYNUM AND BAYNHAM FAMILIES OF AMERICA 1616-1850 and on census records recently abstracted by this writer. Both Baird and Bynum follow these lines for several generations and their works should be consulted by those seeking additional details.

It appears that Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s oldest child was Asa Bynum, born circa 1780. The 1830 Blount Co, AL census shows his age as 50-60. If born in 1780, he would have been 50 years old in 1830. Asa married Rebecca Murphree, daughter of Solomon Murphree, on Sept 16, 1802, in Pendleton Co, SC. They remained in Pendleton Co, SC until after the 1810 census. Blount County, AL records show that Asa Bynum purchased land in Blount Co in 1818 and 1820. Jasper Bynum wrote that Asa Bynum was a Primitive Baptist preacher and a charter member of Mt. Moriah Church in Blount Co, AL. The records of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church give Asa's date of death as May 6, 1833. Rebecca (Murphree) Bynum died in 1842. Census records suggest that Asa and Rebecca Bynum had 12 children. Jasper Bynum named only 11, and their daughters were named Edith called Edie; Sarah; and Rebecca.

Rebecca Bynum, born circa 1782, is thought to be Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s second child. Jasper Bynum stated Rebecca married George Glover circa 1798 in Pendleton Co, SC. The Glovers appear on both the 1812 Tax List and the 1820 census of Franklin Co, TN, but they had moved to Blount Co, AL by 1830. They had 11 known children. Surely Rebecca named a daughter for her deceased mother. Rebecca and George Glover named their daughters: Sinah, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Lou Cynthia, and Nancy.

Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s third child appears to be John Bynum, born circa 1784, in Chatham Co, NC. He married Rhoda Murphree (also daughter of Solomon Murphree) about 1805 in Pendleton Co, SC. John Bynum died in 1868 in Blount Co, AL, and his widow moved to Ellis Co, TX and lived with their son, Asa, until her death some time between 1875 and 1880. John and Rhoda Bynum named their daughters: Luvisa, Nancy, Mary, and Cynthia Kesiah Bynum.

Isaac Bynum's daughter, Cynthia, was born circa 1791 in Chatham Co, NC, and died about 1875 in Blount Co, AL. She married Moses Cornelius about 1806 in South Carolina, and they followed her family to Blount Co, AL about 1820. Moses and Cynthia (Bynum) Cornelius had 13 known children, and they named their daughters: Sarah, Eliza, Dicy, Celia, and Elizabeth Cornelius.

Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s fifth child by his first wife is strictly a guess or supposition. Jasper Bynum stated the fifth child was named James. Baird chose to place the James Bynum, born 1789 according to his widow's War of 1812 pension application and census records. HOWEVER, this writer presently is not convinced Baird selected the right James. Both the 1790 and 1800 censuses show that this fifth child was born after 1790. For this reason, this writer feels Isaac's son James may be the James Bynum (age 40-50 - born 1790-1800) on the 1830 Blount Co, AL census. This 1830 census enumeration did not list sons for this James Bynum - only daughters. Without sons to carry on his lineage, other Blount County family members probably lost track of this James Bynum. Possibly this is the reason Jasper Bynum had no knowledge of the children of the James Bynum he cited in 1916.

Also, this writer presently feels that the James Bynum (1789-1868) who married Susannah Childers/Childress on Dec 25, 1810, near McMinnville, TN may have been a nephew of Isaac Bynum, Sr. since James and Susannah Bynum followed Jesse Bynum and his children to DeKalb Co, AL shortly after 1850.

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There are even more unanswered questions about Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s second family as compared to his first five children. The 1916 sketches written by Jasper E. Bynum provide substantial family lineage for the older children who settled in Blount Co, AL. However, no single comprehensive record or memoirs were written by the Jackson Co, AL clan. Efforts to locate a family Bible for Isaac Bynum, Sr. have proved fruitless. Such a find would "open doors" and remove the proverbial "brick wall" for a multitude of Bynum descendants.

When did Isaac Bynum, Sr. arrive in Jackson County, Alabama? Oral tradition says 1818. A great-grandson, William Thomas Bynum (1863-1957) stated Isaac Bynum, Sr. came to Jackson County in 1818 and spent his first night under a large tree located near the present-day Hollands Chapel Methodist Church (Tupelo community). He also stated, "There was only one other family in this location when Isaac arrived."

All the early settlers were "land squatters" until 1830. The survey of Jackson County land was completed as of December 17, 1827. The preemption Act of 1830 legalized the vested interest of the squatter. This Act allowed any settler who had cultivated a tract in 1829 to buy up to 160 acres for \$1.25 per acre. The first public sale for Jackson County land was held July 1, 1830, at the Huntsville Land Office. Isaac Bynum, Sr. and Jr. evidently attended that first public sale and both received patents for 160 acres dated August 6, 1830. Isaac, Sr.'s Certificate No. was 2632 and Isaac Bynum, Jr.'s Certificate No. was 2631.

In July 1830, Isaac, Jr. patented the northwest quarter of Section 26, Township 3, Range 5 East (this included the acreage where the Bynum family reportedly spent their first night in Jackson County.) In July 1830, Isaac, Sr. purchased the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3, Range 6 East. Isaac, Sr.'s first purchase joined another early settler whose family also appears on the 1812 Warren Co, TN Tax List - James Campbell. Isaac, Sr. and James Campbell were next door neighbors on the 1830 Jackson Co, AL census. William Tubb, Sr. lived on the other side of Isaac Bynum, Sr., and it is interesting to note that William Tubb also followed the South Carolina to Warren Co, TN to Jackson Co, AL migration pattern.

On December 26, 1831, Isaac Bynum, Sr. and wife Blancy sold their first 160 purchase to Thomas Fondren (Jackson Co Deed Book D, pages 157-158.) This is the first record of given name of Isaac, Sr.'s second wife. It seems unusual that none of Isaac's known daughters or grandchildren were named Blancy. Several WERE named Nancy, and this leads to speculation that her given name COULD have been misspelled by the recording court clerk?

On Feb 5, 1834, Isaac Bynum, Jr. and his first wife, Tabitha Young Bynum, sold their first 160 land purchase to Thomas Wilson for \$500.00. Since their original purchase cost was \$200 (160 acres at \$1.25 per acre), then the profit of \$300 suggests they had built a house on this property during their 3.5 year ownership. Isaac, Sr. only realized a \$50.00 profit, but he and Blancy only held their original purchase about 17 months.

At the time of the 1840 census, Isaac Bynum, Sr. was living near Hiram Wood who had patented the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 3, Range 5 East. This section is due north of Hollands Chapel Methodist Church. Interestingly, James Haney patented the west half of the southwest quarter of this same section in 1830. Isaac, Sr. was at least 80 years of age by 1840, and he may have been renting a small plot of land due to his years.

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On November 19, 1834, Isaac Bynum, Jr. made his first of four land purchases in Section 28 of Township 3, Range 5 East, when he acquired 79.5 acres from William Proctor (Jackson Co Deed Bk E, pages 173-173.) On Jan 2, 1835, Isaac, Jr. acquired the balance of the northwest quarter in Section 28 from George L. Haney (Jackson Co Deed Bk E, pages 390-391.) He acquired the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 28 via original patents dated July 10, 1840, and Sep 15, 1852. This gave him a total of 240 acres in one of Jackson County's most beautiful coves at the foot of the southern end of Cumberland Mountain. He reduced this farm to 200 acres when he sold the 39.75 acres in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter to William Potter on March 16, 1861 (Jackson Co Deed Bk 8, pages 613-614.) EDITOR'S NOTE: This same 200 acre farm was owned by Bynum heirs for approximately 130 years until it was sold to the late Bob Collins by Helen Bynum Brandon and her husband, John H. Brandon.

The Haney family established a cemetery in the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 28 before George Haney sold this land shortly after 1830. Susan Haney was buried there in December 1830! Hers is the earliest inscribed marker, and it reads:

"In sacred memory of Susan Haney born in the state of Virginia \_\_\_\_1776 died Dec 8, 1830."

A double stone crypt was erected over two Haney graves in the 1880s by Joseph J. Wood, son-in-law of Isaac and Susan Haney. Isaac Haney's inscription reads:

"In memory of Isaac Haney born in the state of Virginia \_\_\_\_1771 died July 27, 1839."

It is pure speculation, but more than one researcher feels that Isaac Haney was the brother of Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s second wife and that Isaac and Susan Haney were the parents of George Haney who had bought this land from the original patentee, William Proctor.

Since Isaac Bynum, Jr. purchased the acreage which included the cemetery several years prior to the death of Isaac Bynum, Sr., it presents a plausible theory that the older Isaac was buried here in the 1840s. There is one conceivable reason for Isaac, Sr.'s burial at Liberty Cemetery. Heavy rains made the low, narrow wagon road leading to the Bynum Cemetery almost impassable for other than foot traffic. IF his death occurred when this narrow lane was in flood stage, he possibly was buried at the next best and closest existing cemetery which would have been Liberty Cemetery in McBroom Hollow. This writer takes the liberty to suggest that living descendants should arbitrarily decide to honor Isaac Bynum, Sr. by placing an engraved memorial in Bynum Cemetery. The primary and most important concern is to preserve his identity and lasting contributions to this area!

It is both dangerous and serious business to name a man's children almost 200 years after their birth. In doing so, one opens the door for compounded errors and future criticism. Therefore, the reader must understand that the following suggestions are strictly speculative and a current "best guess" based on extensive research and facts uncovered as of September 1995.

Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s extant census data from 1790 through 1840 has literally been poured over in an attempt to determine his younger children's ages. Then a serious and lengthy effort was made to match family facts with family legends, rule out names by the process of elimination, and come up with a best effort family roll.

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POSSIBLE CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND BLANCY HANEY BYNUM, SR.

1. Female (given name presently unknown) born circa 1801-1803 in SC  
This female married Allen Baggett circa 1822-1823. The Allen Baggetts were enumerated on the 1830 Franklin Co, TN census as:

- 1 male 30-40 (Allen Baggett)
- 1 female under 5
- 1 female 5-10
- 1 female 20-30 (born 1800-1810)

The Allen Baggetts were enumerated in the 1840 Jackson Co, AL census in the Tupelo area. Their enumeration was about halfway between Isaac Bynum, Sr. and Isaac Bynum, Jr. They had aged the proper 10 years and their children were:

- 2 males under 5                      2 males 5-10
- 1 female under 5                    3 females 5 -10                      1 female 15-20

No further census information presently available for the Allen Baggetts.

2. ISAAC BYNUM, JR., born September 14, 1805, in SC, died February 26, 1881, in Jackson County, AL. Buried on family farm in Bynum Cemetery. His Bible was printed in New York, N. Y. by the American Bible Society MDCCCXVI and recorded his immediate family birth, marriage, and death dates as:

- Isaac Bynum was born September 14, 1805
- Tabitha (Young) Bynum as born December 11, 1809
- Rebecca Bynum was born July 20, 1823
- Mary E. Bynum was born March 18, 1831
- James M(artin) Bynum was born January 1, 1833
- Nancy R. Bynum was born December 3, 1834
- William R. Bynum was born January 24, 1837
- Benjamin F(ranklin) Bynum was born October 1, 1839
- Isaac Newton Bynum was born May 25, 1842
- Thomas W. Bynum was born January 19, 1845
- Jasper L. Bynum was born September 8, 1847
- Jesse W. Bynum was born March 20, 1850
- John L. Bynum was born July 30, 1853
- Ewing Stephen Bynum was born March 7, 1856

NOTE: Birth of Aminda Alice Foster who was reared by Isaac Bynum, Jr. and later married Jasper Bynum was recorded as born March 6, 1855

- Isaac Bynum and Tabitha Young married April 20, 1830
- Isaac Bynum and Rebecca Morris married July 29, 1856 (Franklin Co, TN)
- James M. Bynum and Mary Caroline Proctor married Sept 30, 1851
- John C. Tinney and Mary E. Bynum married Jan 22, 1850
- William R. Bynum and Elizabeth Browning married Nov \_\_\_ 1854
- Benjamin F. Bynum and Martha Bynum married May 1, 1859
- Isaac Newton Bynum and Cynthia Potter married Aug 18, 1859
- Jasper L. Bynum and Susan M. Winger married Nov 17, 1867
- Jasper L. Bynum and Aminda A. Foster married Mar 16, 1871
- Ewing Stephen Bynum and Frances Jane Shelton married Nov 23, 1873
- Jesse Wilburn Bynum and Martha Ann Foster married Jan 7, 1874
- John Lewis Bynum and Emily C. Holland married January 17, 1875

- Nancy R. Bynum died August 24, 1854
- Tabitha (Young) Bynum died March 14, 1856
- Thomas W. Bynum died in year 1863 (Civil War)
- Isaac Bynum died February 26, 1881
- Rebecca (Morris) Bynum died June 18, 1910

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3. MARY ISABELLE (BELLE) BYNUM was born circa 1804-1806. She married first \_\_\_\_\_ Evans (son of Tarlton and Susannah (Pace) Bellomy Evans circa 1830 and they had two daughters:

Susan(nah) Evans, born circa 1833, who married Jesse Easley in 1849  
Malinda Evans, born Jan 15, 1835 (after her father's death)  
who married Cyrus Wright on Aug 22, 1852

Mary Isabelle (Belle) Bynum's first husband died in early 1835 and she married John Shelton, Jr. shortly thereafter, and they were parents of:

Catherine Shelton, born 1836, md Thomas Clayton ca. 1866-67

Levi Shelton, born 1837

Isaac Bynum Shelton, born 1839, md Mary Elizabeth (Coffman) Brown ca. 1865

John Allen Shelton, born 1841

Matilda Shelton, born 1843

James Shelton, born 1845

Mary Shelton, born 1849

In 1857, John and Isabelle Shelton, her two married daughters, and some Bynum, Easley, and Runnel families formed a wagon train and moved to Titus Co, TX.

4. SARAH BYNUM was born circa 1808 in Tennessee and married Joseph Sanders circa 1828. Their children from the 1850 Jackson Co, AL census:

Eliza Sanders, born 1829

Walker Sanders, born 1833

George Sanders, born 1838

William Sanders, born 1840

Wesley Sanders, born 1842

Phoebe Sanders, born 1844

5. MALE BORN CIRCA 1810 - Given name unknown at this time. COULD he be the Allen Bynum, age 20-30, on 1840 Jackson Co, AL census? From the ages of Allen Bynum's three daughters in 1840, it appears he married circa 1833. His wife was 20-30. There was another unknown male in their household who was also age 20-30 in 1840. On March 9, 1839, Allen Bynum patented the 40.05 acres in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 3, Range 5 East under Certificate No. 12141. An older William Bynum had patented 40 acres in the southwest of the northwest corner of this Section 11 on Sep 17, 1833.

Could the other unknown male, age 20-30, in Allen Bynum's household in 1840 be another unknown son of Isaac Bynum, Sr.???

6. MARY BYNUM, born circa 1814 in Tennessee, married first Anthony Wayne Foster circa 1831. Mary appears to be the female age 15-20 in Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s household in the 1830 census. Mary (Bynum) and Anthony W. Foster's children from the 1850 Jackson Co, AL census:

Malinda Catherine Foster, born 1832

Lorenzo Dow Foster, born 1834, Martha Ann Bellomy Dec 12, 1860

Nancy Ann Foster, born 1836

Mary Jane Foster, born 1837, md Thomas J. Holland Mar 11, 1852

Susan C. Foster, born 1838, md. Solomon G. Bellomy Nov 22, 1855

Hiram Glass Foster, born 1840, md. Elizabeth Potter Sep 6, 1860

Martha E. Foster, born 1841, md. Robert H. Frame Oct 18, 1860

Ludinda C. Foster, born 1844

Thomas J. Foster, born 1846, md. Emeline Bynum Aug 9, 1863

Isaac Newton Foster, born 1853

Mary (Bynum) Foster married second John Attleberry and moved to White Co, Illinois. They separated and she moved to Texas to live with her son.

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7. ANNA BYNUM, born circa 1815 in Tennessee, married Lewis Evans, son of Tarlton and Susannah (Pace) Bellomy Evans circa 1834. Anna (Bynum) Evans is thought to be the female age 10-15 in Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s household in the 1830 Jackson Co, AL census. Anna died before 1858 and is buried in the Liberty Cemetery in the Evans family plot. She and Lewis Evans were the parents of:

Martha Evans, born 1835, md Samuel Potter Jun 19, 1853

Jessie Evans, born Feb 5, 1836, md (1) Delilah Ann Cawhorn Jan 31, 1856

(2) Mary Jane Cox Oct 25, 1865

(3) Margaret Venable Jul 24, 1872

Elizabeth Evans, born May 22, 1837 md James Mitchell

William B. Evans, born Nov 5, 1839 md Lucinda Jane Potter May 26, 1870

Mary Jane Evans, born 1841, md (1) Joseph Millican Oct 9, 1860

(2) William J. Nance Mar 18, 1869

Isaac Newton Evans, born 1843

Claiborne Evans II, born 1845, md Sarah Elizabeth Presley Jun 5, 1870

Nancy Evans, born 1849, md Lawrence Willman

James Henry Evans, born 1851, md (1) Susan E. Precise Dec 24, 1871

(2) Eliza Jane Precise Feb 4, 1875

Susan Evans, born 1851

8. UNKNOWN MALE, born circa 1815-1820. Was he the unknown male age 20-30 enumerated in Allen Bynum's household in 1840? A David Bynum, age 32 so born 1818, shows up in James Bynum's household in 1850 and 1860 census. Previous researchers have not been able to ascertain David's parents. The only legal document citing a David Bynum of this age is a Franklin County, TN marriage license showing David W. Bynum's marriage to Sarah Morris solemnized on June 27, 1844. This raises two questions (1) was Sarah Morris related to the Rebecca Morris of Franklin Co, TN, who became the second wife of Isaac Bynum, Jr. in 1856? and (2) did Sarah (Morris) Bynum die shortly after her 1844 marriage to David Bynum, thus making him a Bynum "floater" in 1850 and 1860?

9. UNKNOWN MALE, born circa 1820-1825. In the 1840 Jackson Co, AL census there was a male age 15-20 still at home with Isaac and Blancy Bynum, Sr.

Isaac Bynum, Sr. died between 1840 and 1850, and Jackson County Probate records for 1831-1851 are not extant. If he did not own real estate at the time of his death, the family probably quietly divided their legacy without legal assistance.

A tribute to Isaac Bynum, Sr. would not be complete without a discussion of his ancestors. Robert Wm. Baird's BYNUM AND BAYNHAM FAMILIES OF AMERICA 1616-1850 suggests that Isaac was the son of William and Mary Bynum II who purchased land in Edgecombe Co, NC on the south side of Fishing Creek on Dec 30, 1745, with William Bynum I as a witness. This places William II's birth circa 1724. By 1752 "William Bynum of Johnston Co, NC" conveyed to John Marcum 300 acres in Edgecombe he had inherited from Wm. Bynum I. (In 1752 Orange Co was created partly from Johnston Co, NC. On Oct 8, 1761, "William Bynam of Oring County" sold the 300 acre parcel in Edgecombe Co he had purchased in 1745 from Wm. Mearness. On Oct 5, 1765, William Bynum "of Orange County the "son and heir of William Bynum late of Edgecombe County... deceased" sold to Cullen Edward 290 acres which was the remainder of the 595 acre patent "to my father William Bynum" made in 1726.

William Bynum II and his wife Mary sold their entire 634 acre tract to Jacob Flowers on Feb 15, 1775, and do not appear in No. Carolina records again until July 31, 1783, when William purchased 100 acres in Orange Co, NC from John Hightower. Baird speculated that William moved his family to Wilkes Co, GA, during the Revolutionary War years, as his son John Bynum enlisted in the army from Wilkes Co, GA in 1776.

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William Bynum II added 300 acres to his 1783 purchased on Oct 13, 1789. On Dec 16, 1784, William purchased 100 acres on Cub Creek in adjacent Chatham Co (formed in 1770 from a part of Orange.) He bought another 200 acres in Chatham Co from John Morgan on Aug 7, 1786. On Feb 7, 1787, he bought still another 20 acres on the Haw River from John Ricketts. William sold his 100 acres on Cub Creek to John Oldham on Nov 7, 1788 for 2.5 times what William had paid four years earlier.

William Bynum witnessed a deed from James Bell to Isaac Bynum in 1785 when Isaac purchased land near his father. William Bynum's household on the 1790 census included one male over 16, 2 males under 16 and 2 females. His presumed sons, Isaac and Luke, are also found on the 1790 Chatham Co, NC census. Baird wrote that he suspected William had two or three other sons over the age of 16 who could have resided in Orange Co, but the 1790 census has been lost for Orange Co. At that time William still owned 400 acres in Orange and 220 acres in Chatham Co, NC.

In 1791, William Bynum sold all his land in No. Carolina and probably re-located in So. Carolina with his sons. Isaac was in Pendleton Co by 1794, and John Bynum was there by 1795. A William Bynum appears in the 1800 Pendleton census adjacent to Isaac and Jesse Bynum, and his household contained a man and woman both over 45 and a male 16-26. William would have been approximately 76. Since there is no evidence of a son William, then it seems likely that William II witnessed the dawning of the 19th century. There was a Wm. Bynum who witnessed deeds in Pendleton Co in 1802, 1803, and 1804. The final reference to William Bynum in Pendleton Co is a deed dated Jan 20, 1807 from Wm. Bynum to Joseph Glover for the remainder of the Wolf Creek land purchased in 1799.

Did William Bynum II move westward with some of his children who were in Tennessee by 1809-1812? The 1812 Tax List of Franklin Co, TN recorded a John Bynum and a William "Binon." Migration at such an advanced age was certainly not unheard of. The 1830 Blount Co, AL census enumerated a male age 90-100 in the household of John Bynum, Jr. COULD THIS POSSIBLY be William Bynum II? It certainly could if he had been born closer to 1730 than 1724 OR if the family member who informed the 1830 census taker had forgotten exactly how old "Ole Granddad" really was. Another proof of the mobility of one considered elderly: the 1830 Blount Co, AL census also recorded a male age 80-90 in the household of a William Bynum.

A previously cited deed proves that Wm. Bynum II was the son of William Bynum I. William I was born in Virginia circa 1690 and was married by 1723, as his wife, Mary (possibly nee Fort) relinquished her dower rights when William sold 460 acres on the Blackwater River to Edward Grantham. William and Mary Bynum moved just across the Virginia line into the Bertie Precinct of Albermarle Co, NC in late 1723 or early 1724. On Apr 21, 1724, "William Binam of the prcink of bartye in the province of North Carilinah" conveyed to Joseph Franco 100 acres on Flatt Swamp in Isle of Wight which had been "granted by patent to James Bynum decet (deceased)" in 1719. Flatt Swamp was a creek of the Meherrin River in present-day Southampton Co, VA a few miles above the No. Carolina border. James Bynum was born circa 1666, as he first appeared on the Surry Co list of titheables in 1682. James Bynum purchased several parcels of land in Surry Co and died 1719-1724. James is thought to be the son of John Bynum, born circa 1616 who possibly married Rosamond Blow. No proof exists for their marriage, thus presenting the earliest legend in Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s lineage. John Bynum also spelled Baynham in early Virginia records also lived a long life for his era as he was about 75 when he died in 1691.

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There is also a great deal of mystery associated with Isaac Bynum, Sr.'s brother Jesse Bynum's family. There are no known Bible records for Jesse and researchers must depend solely on the 1830 to 1860 Alabama census records and a limited number of land purchases recorded in Jackson County, AL deed books.

Jesse Bynum was born 1770-1780 and it appears that he also had children by two wives. He is first found on the 1800 Pendleton Co, SC census with 1 male 26-45, 2 males under 10 (both born 1790-1800), and 1 female 16-26. In the 1810 Pendleton Co, SC census Jesse was enumerated as 26-45 with two males under 10, a female under 10, 3 females 10-16, and 1 female 26-45.

In 1830 Jesse Bynum's household contained 1 male 15-20, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 50-60, and 1 female 40-50. Jesse does not appear in the censuses taken after 1830, but his apparent widow is found in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of DeKalb Co, AL near and with her children.

It is evident that Jesse Bynum also attended Jackson County's first public land sale in the Huntsville Land Office in July, 1830. He was issued Certificate No. 2353 dated July 3, 1830 covering the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 14, Township 3, Range 5 East (79.43 acres) and Certificate No. 2628 dated Aug 6, 1830 covering the 79.53 acres in the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 3, Range 5 South. No record has been found showing the sale of this 160 acres, but in 1905 Harold Coffey assessed the taxes on this land.

All of the children thought to belong to Jesse Bynum moved from Jackson Co to DeKalb Co, AL and his two oldest sons died in DeKalb County. His oldest son (by first wife) is now thought to be:

1. James Bynum, born circa 1789 SC, md Susanah (Ann) Childress on Dec 25, 1810 near McMinnville, TN, per widow's pension application for James' War of 1812 military service. Their children from census records appear to be:

- (1) John W. Bynum, b. 1811 TN d. 1882 Titus Co, TX md Keziah Stephens
- (2) Female b. circa 1815
- (3) Tucker W. Bynum, b. 1817, md Nancy \_\_\_ ca. 1835
- (4) Jesse Bynum II, b. ca. 1820, md Mary E. \_\_\_ ca. 1837
- (5) Cynthia Bynum, b. 1822 md. \_\_\_ Morton ca. 1848
- (6) Sarah Bynum, b. 1824, md. Wm. Messer ca. 1842
- (7) Isaac Bynum, b. 1827
- (8) Polly A. Bynum, b. 1828, still at home in 1850 census
- (9) Nancy Bynum, b. 1830, md. Wm. Coots ca. 1849

The following children's mother appears to be Sarah, Jesse's second wife:

2. William Bynum, born 1799 SC, md. Celia. William patented 280 acres of land in Jackson Co, AL in 1830 and 1831 but moved to DeKalb Co, AL by 1840. The 1830 Jackson Co, AL census shows 1 male under 5, two males 10-15, 1 female under 5 and 2 females 5-10 with William and Celia Bynum. The names of their sons are not known but 3 daughters were still in William's household in 1850:

- (a) Mary J., b. 1825
- (b) Eliza Ann, b. 1833, md. Stephen L. Patterson in DeKalb Co
- (c) Malinda, b. 1836, md Daniel Jett Feb 13, 1856 in DeKalb Co

3. Keziah Bynum, b. 1800 SC, md. Humphrey Bates Mitchell ca. 1828 Jackson Co. Sarah Bynum lived with the Mitchells in 1850 and 1860 (census records.)

4. John Bynum, born 1805 SC, md. Rachel Campbell, daughter of James Campbell, circa 1839-1840. Their children:

- (a) Elias N. Bynum, b. 1842
- (b) Martha J., b. 1841
- (c) Mary Elizabeth, b. 1849

5. Jesse Bynum, b. 1818 in TN, md. Rebecca. They had 8 children based on the 1850 and 1860 censuses of DeKalb Co, AL.

6. Isabella, b. 1797 in SC, who md. Jesse Poe may have also been a daughter.





JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA'S FIRST UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA GRADUATE???

It now appears that JOHN WILLIAM HUDSON (1818-1868), son of Caleb B. and Martha (Ligon) Hudson, was Jackson County, Alabama's first graduate of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Association received the following letter from Mr. Jerry C. Oldshue, W. Stanley Hoole Special Collection Library, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, dated July 24, 1995:

"I enjoyed your article 'The Moody Brick' in your recent news-letter, and I note that you mentioned John William Hudson having been at the University. I decided to check his records and I find that he entered the University in 1833 from Bellefonte and GRADUATED in 1835. He married one Sarah Netherland at Bellefonte in January 1840. His second wife is unknown to us and when he died he was a teacher in Covington, TN."

The Ligon Family in America by William D. Ligon, Jr. (1947) outlined the family of Caleb B. and Martha (Ligon) Hudson's family including their son John William Hudson. This outline shows that John William Hudson first married December 23, 1839, to Sarah S. Netherland who died without issue. He married second Ann B. Perkinson who died in 1847 in Covington, TN. He married third Eliza Bagley of Covington, TN, on April 11, 1849.

John William Hudson was a teacher and a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Covington, Tennessee. He died in Prairie County, Arkansas, on October 30, 1868.

He had three children by his second marriage: Walter Branch Hudson, Alfred Baker Hudson, and Martha Elizabeth Hudson. His four children by his third wife were: Catherine Bagley Hudson, Virginia Adeline Hudson, Emma Jane Hudson, and William Caleb Hudson.

It is thought that John William Hudson also taught school in Jackson County, Alabama, after graduating from the University and before he moved to Covington, TN.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION for KEEL-WHITAKER BOOK

P. B. Keel has recently advised that the Keel-Whitaker Books announced for sale in the January issue of THE JACKSON COUNTY CHRONICLES may be purchased by mailing your check in the amount of \$55.00 to:

KEEL-WHITAKER BOOK, Hilda Barnette, 1505 15th Avenue, Southeast, DECATUR, ALABAMA 35601.

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DOROTHY WALLING, ROUTE 1, BOX 190, MOORELAND, OK 73852 would like to correspond with others researching the SANDERS & RICHARDSON families. George Woodward Sanders, her great-grandfather, owned land in Jackson CO, AL in the 1830s and married Rhoda (Cope) Waits in 1836. Balium Richardson married Malury Haren and their son Daniel Newton Richardson was born in Jackson Co, AL in the late 1850s.

MARY BRYANT PARK, 2204 WEST FIFTH, STILLWATER, OK 74074, needs proof that her ancestor James T. Briant/Bryant, born 1790, VA (maybe Albermarle Co), was the son of John Bryant, born Nov 5, 1754, VA or England. John Bryant died May 29, 1842, and his wife Judith Elizabeth died Sept 22, 1842, both in Carnes, Jackson Co, AL.