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JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will meet Sunday, January 30, I:00 p.m., at the historic Stevenson Hotel for LUNCH. To celebrate the JCHA's 30th anniversary, Program Vice-President Jen Stewart and her anniversary committee invite you to lunch catered by Stevenson's gourmet chef, Sarah Gamble. Lunch will be served at 1:00 in the Stevenson Hotel adjacent to the Stevenson Depot Museum on Main Street. The price of the meal is \$10.00. MAKEYOUR RESERVATIONS by calling Jen Stewart (437-3116), email: jstewart306@hotmail.com or Ann Chambless (574-3556), email: abc123@scottsboro.org, by Jan 26 2005. A power-point presentation will showcase Jackson County history and landmarks and serve as a prelude to the program which will honor founders and review our proud heritage.

<u>DUES REMINDER: \$15.00 annual dues may be paid by mail or handed</u> to Treasurer Bob Crossley at the meeting. Dues for Senior Citizens over 65—\$10.00. Life Membership—\$150.00.

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JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION IS THIRTY YEARS OLD by Ann B. Chambless

"You must listen to the music of the past in order to be able to sing in the present and to dance into the future" is an adage worth remembering.

A fine tuned symphony has played the music of Jackson County, Alabama's past for thirty years. The charter orchestra members met in October 1974 and founded the Jackson County Historical Association. The first program meeting was on January 26, 1975, and the speaker was the late James Record (then Chairman of the Madison County, Alabama Commission.)

The 1974-1976 slate of officers included: ANN B. CHAMBLESS, President WALTER B. HAMMER, First Vice-President HAZEL MATTHEWS, Second Vice-President ALICE RUTH PAGE (Mrs. Rex), Secretary JIM EIFORD, Treasurer

In January 1975, Ann B. Chambless issued Newsletter No. One "in an attempt to establish a quarterly communication which will be of value to anyone interested in the history of Jackson County, Alabama." In introducing the newsletter, she stated: "Time and funds are presently limited. Hopefully, experience will assist in making the best use of our available resources in the future." The name of the publication was later changed to THE JACKSON COUNTY CHRONICLES which members in good standing receive quarterly in January, April, July, and October. With each quarterly issue, the newsletter gained new members. The association's membership has grown from 30 charter members to 300 members from Virginia to California.

The late Alice Ruth Page of Woodville served as editor for two years and Mrs. Walter (Billie) Hammer served as editor for one year. Ann B. Chambless has served as editor of THE CHRONICLES for the past 27 years (since October 1977.)

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION IS 30 YEARS OLD (Continued)

To celebrate 30 years of encouraging the study of Jackson County's history, your editor invites you to reflect on excerpts from some CHRONICLES published in the 1970s and 1980s.

JANUARY 20, 1975, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"Knowledge of the past leads to a deeper appreciation of our heritage and to a sense of responsibility to those who come after us. So little of Jackson County's history has been recorded for posterity. No group ever faced a greater challenge."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The JCHA has made great strides in publication and preservation of records. Individual members (including but not limited to) such as Patty Woodall, Eliza Mae Woodall, Walter Hammer, John H. Graham, Dr. Ron Dykes, Dr. David Campbell, Allen W. Haggard, Ralph Mackey, John F. Neely, Wendell Page, Jan Boyd Roberts, Harry Campbell, Joyce Hill Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Carver, Jr., Ellie Smith, Reuben Miller, Nelson Varnell, Evelyn Rochelle, Addie Shaver, Mary Nell Ferguson Haynes, Dorothy Moore Wilson, and Judy Prince have documented slices of life in Jackson County.

JANUARY 12, 1976, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"This is 1976 – The Bicentennial Year for the United States of America. There is an old maxim: Use it up; Wear it out; Make it do; Do without. With a bit of twist, it applies to 1976. As an historical association, let us resolve to 'use up' 1976 making history for the Tricentennial; let us wear out our energies in the pursuit of freedom and happiness; let us enjoy our rich heritage as it is without craving to redo it with costly, unnecessary measures; and last, but not least, let us learn to use what we have to the point of enjoying doing without the things we really never needed anyway. Let us band together and be grateful we are a vital part ofthe preservation of Jackson County's landmarks and history."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This challenge was answered by so many members in myriad ways:
Historical bus tours led by Walter Hammer; historic markers placed in
Bridgeport, Stevenson, Scottsboro, Skyline, and Woodville; preservation of the
Stevenson and Bridgeport railroad depots as museums with the preservation
of the Scottsboro depot still in progress; preservation of Stevenson's Fort
Harker; National Register nominations for historic areas in Bridgeport,
Stevenson, Scottsboro, and Paint Rock Valley; moving and utilizing the 1868
"little court house" also known as Probate Judge Tate's office; and developing
the Scottsboro-Jackson County Heritage Center. The Heritage Center
resulted in a complex composed of vintage log cabins; the Brown-Proctor
House built in 1880; and one of Scottsboro's first brick homes which was the
temporary office of the probate judge from November 1868 until the court
house was completed in 1870 on the Scottsboro public square.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1862 THE CHARLESTON MERCURY

THE EVACUATION OF HUNTVILLE, ALABAMA, VANDALISM OF THE YANKEES (in Jackson County, AL)

We learn from a gentleman, just arrived from North Alabama, that the Yankees evacuated Huntsville between the 1st and 4th of this month (September 1862). General Buell and staff having gone a week or two previous, and General Rosencrans some days after. They left via Stevenson.......Between Huntsville and Stevenson the country is desolated and deserted, Jackson County having been left almost entirely without inhabitants or signs of animal life. The depot at Camden (now town of Paint Rock) is destroyed. The town of Woodville is burned to the ground, and from that place to Bellefonte scarcely a house is left standing. Blackened ruins are all that remain. The bridge over Paint Rock River (probably 200 feet long), was unfortunately burned by our own men (CSA), after the Yankees had passed the road the second time. The depot at Larkinsville was, we fear, carelessly destroyed.

The Federals are said to have declared the independence of Jackson County, admitting that they had sustained more loss and stouter resistance from that county than from any portion of the country elsewhere.

KUDOS to JUDY PRINCE AND OTHER HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS!!!!

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OF JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSION JAMES TIDMORE, DATED OCTOBER 18, 2004:

"The Alabama Historical Commission is pleased to inform you of the Historic Resources of the Paint Rock Valley, 1820-1954, multiple resource submission listing to the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of Interior on September 2, 2004......The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation....."

Communities in Jackson County, Alabama compiled by Ralph Mackey

Location

On Co RD 53 in Big Coon Allison

Altosee Skyline

Arkansas On Co Rd 8, between US 72 & AL 35

Aspel On US 72 West

Asto On AL 71, between Overlook & Higdon on Sand Mtn Baileytown On Co Rd 138, 3.5 mi West of AL 79 on Cumberland Mtn

Bakertown On Co Rd 36, North of Martintown

Barclays Well At 90 o turn S on Madison Co Rd 5, about. 7 mi W of US 72, W of

Woodville

Barnes South of AL 40 & 71 intersection on Sand Mtn

Barnetts Factory On AL 71, SSW of Pisgah on Sand Mtn Bass On AL 117,4 mi South of TN line

Beechboro On East side of AL 65, SW of Swaim in Paint Rock Valley

Beechwood On Co Rd 42, between Hollywood & Carnes

Bell Store On Co Rd 53 in Big Coon

Bellefonte On Co Rd 33, 1.3 miles East of US 72

Bellefonte Station -see Hollywood

Bellview On AL 35, WNW ofDuncan Crossroads

Berrys On Co Rd 102, West of Liberty Cemetery, N of Scottsboro

Big Cave PO -see Bloomington

Big Coon Along Co Rd 53, West of Stevenson Little Coon Along Co Rd 54, W estof Stevenson

Birmingham -see Trenton & Rash

Black Ankle On Co Rd 31 just East of Pikeville

Bloomington/Big Cave PO On Co Rd 53 between Allison & Bell Store in Big Coon

Bolivar(new)/Widows On US 72 between Stevenson & Bridgeport

Bolivar(old)/Doyals Mill NW side of NC&StL RR, NE of Stevenson, in the Edgefield area

Bowmans Crossroads On Co Rd 16, 4 miles East of Dutton on Sand Mtn

Boyds Switch -see Lim Rock

Box Cove Along AL 79, -3 mi North of AL 35, NW of Scottsboro

Bridgeport/Jonesville On US 72 NE

Brisco Store At AL 117 & 171, N of Stevenson

Browns Cove SW of Rash, NNW of Hollywood (1868)

Browns Valley On Co Rd 96, East of Bolivar

Browntown On Co Rd 16, 5 mi East of Dutton on Sand Mtn

Bryant/Jamestown On AL 73 North on Sand Mtn

Bucks Pocket (State Park) Juncture of Jackson, DeKalb & Marshall Cos. Butler Hollow W off Co Rd 8, .5 mi North of Woodville Callahan On Co Rd 123, -2 mi SE of Dutton on Sand Mtn

Camden

-see Paint Rock

Cameronsville On Co Rd 91, East of Widows Creek Steam Plant

Caperton Chapelsee Fabius

Cardin NE of Little Nashville, on Cumberland Mtn

Carns/Womacks Store/Corn At Co Rds 39 & 42, -6.5 mi North of Hollywood

Carpenter Station -see Long Island COMMUNITIES IN JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA compiled by Ralph Mackey (Continued)

Carricks Mill On AL 146 at Mill Creek, .6 mi W of AL 79 on Cumberland Mtn

Cave Spring/Wynn Store On Co Rd 54 in Little Coon

Cedar Grove/Cedar Switch At Co Rds 45 & 155, SW of Stevenson

Central At Co Rds 83 & 88, 3 mi ESE of Pisgah on Sand Mtn

Chaney Cove On Co Rd 40, W off Co Rd 11, N of Aspel Chapin Between US 72 & AL 35, SW of Scottsboro

Chiaha Between Wannville & Stevenson, on NW bank of TN River

Chicken Foot NE. Co Rds 28 & 552, ~ 7 mi N of Scottsboro

Chisenhalls Mills NE of Hodge, between Co Rd 124 & AL 40 on Sand Mtn

Christian Home On Co Rd 14, N of Liberty Hill on Sand Mtn

Clavcross -see Princeton

Cobbtown On Co Rd 21, - 4 mi N of AL 279, N of Scottsboro

Coffees Store -

Coffeetown At edge of (and beneath) backwater, SW ofLangston

Collum On Co Rd 24, W of Hoge on Sand Mtn

Coopers Mill On Co Rd 98, WofBridgeport

Coosada On SE bank of TN River, near Larkins Landing

Copenhagen On US 72, N of Bridgeport

Corn see Carnes

Cowan Springs .5 mi E of Hollywood (almost became county seat in 1868)

Cross Roads On Co Rd 44 SE of Langston, on Sand Mtn

Crow/Crow Town On Crow Creek, .5 mi N of conjunction with TN River

Crow Creek Area NNW of Stevenson along Crow Creek

Cuba PO in Maynards Cove

Culver SSW of Pleasant Grove, on Cumberland Mtn

Cumberland Junction On Co Rd 98, W of Bridgeport

Cumberland Mountain Farms see Skyline

Daugherty N of AL 71, ENE of Section on Sand Mtn Davidsons Store On AL 71, just E of Overlook on Sand Mtn Davistown On Co Rd 337, SW of Section, on Sand Mtn Dodsonville/Pleasant Hill On AL 79 S, 1.5 mi from Marshall Co. line

Dolberry At West side of AL 79, N of Skyline on Cumberland Mtn

Dolberry Cove Along West end of Co Rd 111, NW of Kyles

Dorans Cove At Co Rd 98, .5 mi S of TN line

5 mi S of US 72, W of end of Co Rd 537 into Guffey Hollow

Dry Cove

Dovals Mill

see (old) Bolivar On AL 35, near DeKalb Co line on Sand Mountain **Duncan Crossroads**

On AL 71 on Sand Mountain Dutton At Co Rds 75 &158 N of Stevenson Edgefield On AL 73, N of Floral Crest on Sand Mtn Eliza

On Co Rd 30, NE of Woodville Elliott Spring/Spout Spring

At Co Rds 83 at 288, SW of Central on Sand Mtn Elora East of Co Rd 11, between Aspel & Lim Rock Emmert At Co Rds 9 & 175, N end of Paint Rock Valley Estillfork

NE of Co Rds 324 & 704, East of Overlook on Sand Mtn Eula

North end of Co Rd 147, North of Rash Eureka

At Co Rds 14 & 81, NW of Sulphur Springs on Sand Mtn Fabius/Caperton Chapel On AL 91, northwest of AL Hwy 117, may have also extended Old Fabius

southwest of Hwy 117 At Co Rds 42 & 45, 5.7 mi NE of Hollywood Fackler

COMMUNITIES OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA compiled by Ralph Mackey (Continued)

Location

Fairfield/Johnson Town Off Co Rd 33 west of Hollywood, On Co Rd 32

Fairview At AL 40 & Co Rd 163, near Jackson - DeKalb County line

Fern Cliff On Co Rd 124, WSW of Hodge on Sand Mtn

Flat Rock/Kosh At AL 71 & 117 on Sand Mtn

Flippo Ford SSE of Trenton on Paint Rock River in Paint Rock Valley Floral Crest

At NE end of AL 71, NE of Higdon on Sand Mtn

Flowerville On Co Rd 98, NE of Mt. Carmel

Francisco At North end of AL 65, .3 mi South of TN line at upper end of PRV

Garth/Union City On AL 65 in Paint Rock Valley Georgia Black "suburb" of Stevenson

Georgetown At West end of Co Rd 88 loop, West of Pisgah on Sand Mtn Glenzaida On Co Rd 60, between Rosalie & Pisgah on Sand Mtn Gonce/Gance On Co Rd 56, just S of TN line (NNW of Stevenson)

Goose Pond Colony Just W off lower end of Goose Pond Island Grays On Sand Mtn, overlooking Jones Cove Grays Chapel

On Co Rd 175 in upper PRV, 3.5 mi South of TN line Greerton

On Hurricane Creek, 3.8 mi South of TN line, NE of Estillfork Guess Creek

On Co Rd 20, ENE of Trenton in PRV

Hancock Crossroads At Co Rds 43 & 66, North of Macedonia on Sand Mtn Hannah At Co Rds 19 & 48, WSW of Duncan Crossroads on Sand Mtn Hannah PO On Co Rd 16, atNorth side of Browntown on Sand Mtn

Harmonious On West side AL 65, Soouth of Francisco in PRV

Harris On AL 117, NW of Stevenson

Harris Chapel On Co Rd 91 in Hogjaw Valley, 1 mi South of Long Island

Haynes Crossing On Co Rd 96, east of US 72, NE of Stevenson Higdon/Mt. Olive On AL 71, NE of Overlook on Sand Mtn

Hitch Near West end of AL 40, at Bob Jones Bridge site Hodge At Co Rds 62 & 124, North of Section on Sand Mtn Hogjaw Valley Along NE portion of Co Rd 91, ENE of Bridgeport Holland NE of Guess Creek PO in Paint Rock Valley

Hollytree/Queen City On AL 65 in Paint Rock Valley

Hollywood/Bellefonte Station/

On Co Rd 33, .5 mile west of US 72, 5.4 mi North of Scottsboro

Samples

In Dry Cove, W of end of Co Rd 537 into Guffey Hollow On Co Hornet Rouser

Rd 81, South of Sulphur Springs on Sand Mtn Upper Hurricane Creek Valley along Hurricane Creek, NNE of Estillfork

Hymer Rd 45 & US 72, East of Cedar Switch

Hytop On AL 79,5 mi South of TN line on Cumberland Mtn Index

At AL 40 & 71 on Sand Mtn Jack Lane

On upper Hurricane Creek, between Greerton & Wallston, NE

of Estillfork

Jacobs Mill On Co Rd 42, just West of Co Rd 55, East of Carnes Jamestown

See Bryant Jericho

On West side of AL 79, .5 mile S of TN line, Cumberland Mtn Johnson Town

See Fairfield Jonesville See Bridgeport Keel Mountain

West of town of Paint Rock, extends into Madison Co Kennamer Cove

Cove beginning South of Woodville, mostly in Marshall Co

COMMUNITIES IN JACKSON COUNTY, AL compiled by Ralph Mackey (Continued)

LOCATION

Kings Cove Northwest of Bridgeport, cove extends into TN

Kirby Creek At Co RD 19 & AL 35, Southeast of Section, on Sand Mtn

Kosh See Flat Rock

Kyles On Co Rd 32, 8.5 miles North of Scottsboro

Langston At Southeast side of TN River, near Marshall Co line
Larkin On AL Hwy 65, 3 miles North of Swam, Paint Rock Valley

Larkins Fork On AL Hwy 65, North of Swam in Paint Rock Valley

Larkins Landings(s) On both sides of TN River, North of Langston

Larkinsville On Co Rd 30, West of AL Hwy 79 and North of AL Hwy 35

Letcher At Co Rds 8 and 17, on Cumberland Mtn
Liberty Hill At Co Rds 14 and 314, on Sand Mtn

Limrock/Boyds Switch At AL Hwy 35 and Co Rd 11

Long Island/ On Co Rd 93, Northeast of Bridgeport

Carpenter Station

Macedonia At Co Rds 38 and 43, on Sand Mtn

Martintown On US Hwy 72, just Northeast of Hollywood

Maynards Cove At Northeast part of Co Rd 28, NNW of Scottsboro

Maxwell/Maxwells Store On Co Rd 564 in Big Coon

McGuinn
On SE bank of TN River, just down river from Jones Cove
Meadville
West of Woodville on or near Paint Rock River and near

town of Paint Rock

Meekers Crossing Where East end of Madison Co Rd 5 and railroad intersect,

West of Woodville

Milan On Co Rd 140, just North of Estillfork in Paint Rock Valley

Mink Creek On AL 79 South, 1 mile South of New Hope

Montague On Co Rd 98, South of Dorans Cove

Mooney Southeast of Cameronsville

Morris Mill At South side of Biometers Issue

Morris Mill At South side of Pisgah on Jones Creek, on Sand Mtn

Mt. Carmel On Co Rd 75, West of Bridgeport

Mt. Olive see Higdon
Mt. Zion see Section

Mud Creek (1) On Co Rd 111, Northwest of Kyles Mud Creek (2) On Co Rd 213, South of Wannville

Narrows

2.5 miles Northwest of end of Co Rd 53 in Big Coon

Little Nashville
On Co Rd 20, just East of AL Hwy 65 in Paint Rock Valley
Nat
On Co Rd 8. 5 miles N of Woodville, on Cumberland Mtn

Nat
On Co Rd 8, 5 miles N of Woodville, on Cumberland Mtn
New Hope
On AL Hwy 79, between Co Rd 279 & Pleasant Hill
NNW of Kyles and NE of Mud Creek on Cumberland Mtn

Nobles Mill NNE of Pisgah on Sand Mtn

Oak Grove Between Wannville & Stevenson (?vicinity of Oak Grove

Church which faces US Hwy 72)

Oakley West of AL Hwy 65, Northwest of Larkin, in PRV

Olalee South of Cave Springs in Little Coon

Overlook On Al Hwy 71, NNE of Rosalie on Sand Mtn

Padgett
On Co Rd 4, Northwest of Hollytree in Paint Rock Valley
Paint Rock/Camden/Redman
On US Hwy 72 between Woodville and Madison Co line
Paint Rock Valley (PRV)
Valley along AL Hwy 65, North of town of Paint Rock

COMMUNITIES IN JACKSON COUNTY, AL compiled by Ralph Mackey (Continued)

LOCATION

Parks Store On Bob Jones Road near Goose Pond Drive, Scottsboro Pierceton

Just North of Limrock on Cumberland Mtn **Pikeville** Co Rds 21 and 470, 5 miles North of Scottsboro

Pinder Hill On Co Rd 272, Northeast of AL Hwy 117, Stevenson

Pisgah At Co Rds 58 and 61, on Sand Mtn

Pleasant Grove (1) On Co Rd 8, WSW of Letcher on Cumberland Mtn Pleasant Grove (2)

On West side of AL Hwy 117, North of Bass Pleasant Hill see Dodsonville

Press Co Rd 62 (?), NNE of Section on Sand Mtn

Princeton/Claycross/ On AL Hwy 65 in Paint Rock Valley

Birmingham Princeton (2) 1 ½ miles South of Stevenson

Queen City see Hollytree Ragsdell Store At AL Hwy 40 and Co Rd 125, SW of Fairview on Sand Mtn

Rash/Coffeys Store/ At Co Rds 353 and 453, West of Stevenson Birmingham Redman see town of Paint Rock River Hill South of Wannville at TN River

River Ridge near old Bellefonte on TN River **Rock City** At Co Rds 48 & 409, Southeast of Section on Sand Mtn **Rock House** On Co Rd 415, Southeast of Macedonia on Sand Mtn

Rocky Springs On Co Rd 74, just Northwest of Bridgeport

Rorex West of Pisgah on South loop of Co Rd 88, on Sand Mtn Rosalie On AL Hwy 71, on Sand Mtn, between Pisgah & Flat Rock **Roseberry Bottoms** On Old Larkinsville Road, between Scottsboro & Hwy 79

Sage Town See Scottsboro Samples See Hollywood

Sauta* (a) on Goosepond Island (b) in the vicinity of AL Hwy 79 and 279

Sauta Post Office was on Porter Rd, West of North end

of Law Road

Schrader Mill On US Hwy 72 just West of Wannville

Scottsboro/Sage Town At AL: Hwy 35 and 279 Scotts Mill/Scottsville

See Scottsboro

Shaw

Scraper Hill On Co Rd 33, 1.5 miles SSW of Kyles Seab

Between Co Rds 19 & 48, Southeast of Section, Sand Mtn Section/Mt. Zion On AL Hwy 35 at top of grade from Bob Jones Bridge, on

Shakerag Near eastern end of Snodgrass Road , Scottsboro,

near the TN River in area known as Gant community On Co Rd 320 (?) just Southeast of Higdon on Sand Mtn

Shrader On Co Rd 78, Northeast of Rosalie on Sand Mtn Skyline/Alto/

On AL 79, 8.8 miles North of AL Hwy 35, Cumberland Mtn

Cumberland Mountain Farms

Slipoff Hollow Site of Bill G. Sanders' horse racing stables in Big Coon **Smilax**

ENE of Cameronsville, on Sand Mtn

COMMUNITIES IN JACKSON CO, AL compiled by Ralph Mackey

(Continued)

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Smiths Mill Between Flippo Ford and Walkers Mill in PRV

Spout Spring See Elliott Spring

Spring Hill Northeast of Rosalie on Sand Mtn

Stephens Gap On AL Hwy 35, 2 miles West of Limrock

Stevenson On US Hwy 72 and AL Hwy 117

Sulphur Spring On Co Rd 81, Northwest of Flat Rock on Sand Mtn Summer Bluff At West end of Co Rd 189, West of Rocky Springs Sunset On AL Hwy 79, 3 miles N of Hytop, Cumberland Mtn Swaim At Co Rd 27 and AL Hwy 65 in Paint Rock Valley **Tacobet** On AL Hwy 40, at top of grade from Bob Jones

Bridge, on Sand Mtn

Talley On Co Rd 411, Northeast of Macedonia, Sand Mtn Tate South of Wannville, between Coffeys Ferry and

River Hill Post Office

Tip On Co Rd 47, North of Duncan Crossroads, Sand Mtn

Trenton/Birmingham On AL Hwy 65 in Paint Rock Valley

Tupelo At Co Rds 28 and 29, 2.5 miles WNW of Pikeville **Turkey Town** On Southeast side TN River, across from Bellefonte **Union City**

See Garth

Valley On Co Rd 115 (?), South of Macedonia on Sand Mtn Walkers Mills East of Garth on Paint Rock River, Paint Rock Valley Walls of Jericho Near Alabama-Tennessee line on Hurricane and

Turkey Creeks, NNE of Estillfork

Wallston On Hurricane Creek, .7 mile South of TN line,

Northeast of Estillfork

Wannville Just East of US Hwy 72, 5.2 miles NE of Hollywood Welder On Co Rd 316 (?) North of Higdon on Sand Mtn Wells Ford South of Garth on Paint Rock River in PRV

Widows see (new) Bolivar

Wilbourne At East side of AL Hwy 65, SE of Trenton, PRV Wininger At Co Rds 15 and 17, 3.4 miles NNW of Larkinsville,

on Cumberland Mtn

Womacks Store See Carns

Woods Cove 2 miles WSW of Jackson County Hospital,

in western edge of Scottsboro

Woodville On AL Hwy 35, at Co Rd 63

Wynn Store See Cave Springs

Yucca On CO Rd 91, near Sterne Cem., at foot of Sand Mtn

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ralph Mackey is a retired engineer who lives with his wife Jan (Porter) Mackey at 1914 Ruth Street, Scottsboro, Alabama 35769.

ROBERT BYNUM (1800-1869): Early Scottsboro Settler Compiled by Ann B. Chambless from various family and probate court records

Who were the parents of ROBERT BYNUM? Was he born in North Carolina or Kentucky? The 1850 Jackson County, AL census recorded his place of birth as North Carolina; the 1860 census stated Kentucky.

Five members of the JCHA descend from Robert Bynum:
Ms. Jessie Bynum, Mark Scott Skelton, and Gerald Paulk of Scottsboro;
Katye Tipton of Stevenson; and T. J. Bynum of Clarksville, TN.

Robert Bynum purchased 79.995 acres in what became Scottsboro on February 16, 1836, eighteen (18) years before Robert T. Scott moved his family from Bellefonte and founded the town of Scottsboro. Today Robert Bynum's 1836 purchase lies between Kyle Street on the west; Patrick Street on the north; Veterans Drive on the east; and Benham Avenue on the south. Family tradition relates that Robert Bynum's wife, Bathsheba (McElvaney) Bynum, was the first person buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery located at the north end of Bynum Street. Based on Robert Bynum's estate settlement, the Bynum home was within 100 yards of the cemetery (on Bynum Street.)

Robert Bynum was enumerated in the 1830 Jackson County census, but the exact date of his arrival is not known. Census records show that his first child was born in Alabama in 1827.

The children of Robert and Bathsheba (McElvaney) Bynum were:

- 1. NANCY CAROLINE was born ca.1827 and married John Martin on August 23, 1855. She died in 1858 (likely at birth only child, Filmore.)
- 2. MARTHA JANE (MATTIE) was born ca. 1830. On May 1, 1859, she married Benjamin Franklin Bynum (son of Isaac Bynum and Tabitha (Young) Bynum of Maynards Cove). Martha Jane died on March 31, 1881, and was buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery on Bynum Street. ANCESTOR OF T. J. BYNUM of Clarksville, TN.
- 3. ELIZABETH C. was born ca. 1830. In 1859, she married Edmond Young. She is buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery on Bynum Street. ANCESTOR OF GERALD PAULK of Scottsboro, AL.
- 4. MARY FRANCES was born Aug 31, 1832. She married David L. Brown on March 23, 1852. At the time of the 1850 census, Mary was living in the home of Walter and Didema Chisenhall. NFI
- SARAH was born ca. 1833 and never married. She is buried in Jonesboro, Arkansas.
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ROBERT BYNUM (1800-1859): Early Scottsboro Settler (Continued)
6. JOHN POOLE BYNUM was born Nov 10, 1835, and is buried in Cedar Hill
Cemetery (no dates on marker.) He married (1) Serelda Kirby on Oct 11, 1863,
and they were parents of Dr. Hugh Robert Bynum and an infant that died when
Serelda died. Serelda (Kirby) Bynum and her infant are buried in the Bynum
Family Cemetery on Bynum Street.

On Nov 27, 1873, John Poole married Araminta Smith. They were parents of Mary Stella Bynum; Nellie Bynum Street; Eli Smith Bynum; Johnnie L. Bynum; and Minnie Mabel Bynum (died Jan 30, 1903) who married Clabe Tipton. Mabel Bynum Tipton is the great-grandmother of KATYE TIPTON of Stevenson, AL.

- 7. ANGELINE BYNUM was born ca. 1837 and died before the 1860 census.
- 8. EMELINE BYNUM was born ca. 1838 and married Thomas J. Foster on Aug 9, 1863.
- 9. MARGARET BYNUM was born ca. 1842 and married George Washington Hollis on March 15, 1863.
- 10. LUCY E. (EDNA called Aunt Bill) was born ca. 1843. She died ca. 1885 and is buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery on Bynum Street.
- 11. ROBERT HUGH BYNUM, was born Jan 10, 1844, and died Apr 6, 1909. On December 26, 1866, he married Lucy Haywood Scott. They were the parents of Hugh Otis Bynum, Sr. (born Nov 14, 1878, died July 3, 1935.) H.O. Bynum, Sr. married Lora V. Allen, and they were the parents of MS. JESSIE BYNUM. ROBERT HUGH and LUCY (Scott) BYNUM were also the parents of Charlotte (Lottie) Bynum who married Pontiff Skelton. Charlotte Bynum Skelton was the Mother of MARK SCOTT SKELTON.
- 12. LETICIA CATHERINE BYNUM was born Apr 29, 1847, died Sep 10 or 12, 1923, and is buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery on Bynum Street. She married Williams Woods Collins and was the ancestor of Julius Beard and several of the author's Barbee cousins who live in Cleburne, TX. 13. JERUSHA FINETTA (NETTIE) BYNUM was born ca. 1848, married Samuel McElvaney in Feb 1883, and moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas.
- 14. ARAMINTA L. BYNUM was born April 23, 1850, and died Sept 8, 1912. She married James Polk Ivy, Sr. on Jan 19, 1876, and moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas. Their child, Robert Lee Ivy, is buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery.

A letter in the author's file dated Aug 9, 1956, from Emma (Collins) Barbee (Mrs. James L. Barbee) stated she and her husband moved to Texas in December 1900. Emma Collins Barbee was the granddaughter of Robert and Bathsheba Bynum (Emma was daughter of Leticia Bynum.) Her letter tells of several family members who are buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery. She also related story told to her by her Mother and aunts about the Federal soldiers who camped on the Bynum property in Scottsboro during the Civil War. According to Emma Barbee, the soldiers burned the original Robert Bynum home, and the family Bible was destroyed in the house fire. She also stated three Federal soldiers died of smallpox and were buried in the Bynum Family Cemetery but their remains were moved at a later date.

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MISS JESSIE SUE BYNUM

Miss Jessie Sue Bynum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Bynum, of Scottsboro, was recently featured in the current issue of the Huntingdon College yearbook, the "Bells and Pomegranates." Miss Bynum was declared by student polls the "Most Intellectual Student" at Huntingdon. It is noteworthy that Miss Bynum has made the Honor Roll every semester since her entrance three years ago as a Freshman. At one time she received the highest average of any student at Huntingdon.

Miss Bynum has also unusual talent in music. She has appeared on many student recitals and recently was accompanist at the annual May Day festivities. Having been an active member of the International Relations Club, Miss Bynum represented Huntingdon at the Southeastern Conference held in Nashville during the Spring. Miss Bynum will serve as President of the Huntingdon International Relations Club next year. She has been active in the literary life of the campus and will be president of the English Club next year. Miss Bynum recently received a service certificate for her activity record for the past year.

Since God in His Infinite Wisdom | South has closed the book of human life on one of our most beloved members. Mrs. T. E. Morgan, we the Twentieth Century Book club offer the following resolutions:

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First, we shall ever cherish her memory as one who has always been an inspiration to us.

Second, we shall try to emulate her character, her outstanding qualities of cheerfulness and her ready kindness and hospitality, her thoughtfulness and devotion to her home, her church and her friends.

Third, we wish to extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy and with assure each one of them that they and their homes will ever be dear to

Fourth, Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, one printed in one of the county papers, and one recorded in the minutes of our club.

Respectfully Submitted, Mrs. Rena Coffey, Mrs. P. W. Campbell. Mrs. Rayford Hodges, Committee.

Dutton News

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Williams of Birmingnam, and children, Blake and Hugh Chaney spent the week-end with his father, J. G. Williams.

U. C. Ballard of Gadsden is his als uncle, W A. Ballard.

Miss Berta Shiflett, of Stevenson and James Maxwell of Guntersville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Percy White.

Miss Alice Thomas of Scottsboro is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bohanon.

Mrs. Lela Nichols and Mrs. Almon Nichols and Mrs . Madison Nichols of Jacksonville State Teachers college spent the week-end at home. .

Misses Kate White of Dutton and Marie Barclay of Haleyville left Wednesday for a visit in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Nation of Auburn are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nation and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Diibeck.

Martha Ann Bettingfield of Scottsboro is visiting her aunt, Mrs Troy White.

Miss Eliene Bramblett of Auburn has returned home for summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore, of Fort Payne spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Coffey.

H. A. House of Eastaboga, Ala., visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. White.

Miss Alexa Davis of Bessemer is 13

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BOOKS FOR SALE

GROWING UP HARD: MEMORIES OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN THE EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY, published jointly by the author, Dr. Ronald G. Dykes, and the JCHA. The price of the book is \$27.50 by mail or it may be purchased at the Scottsboro Public Library or the Scottsboro-Jackson County Heritage Center for \$25.00. Mail check (\$27.50) payable to JCHA DYKES BOOK ACCOUNT, P. O. Box 1494, Scottsboro, AL 35768-1494.

THE HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, by John R. Kennamer, 1935 edition, republished by the JCHA. The price of the book is \$23.00 by mail or it may be purchased at the Scottsboro-Jackson County Heritage Center for \$20.00. Mail check (\$23.00) payable to HISTORY BOOK, P. O. Box 1494, Scottsboro, AL, 35768-1494.

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Program Vice-President Jen Stewart will introduce Perry Morgan, a retired educator, as program speaker, Mr. Morgan will discuss Alabama Governor John Gayle and his impact on settlers who settled on Sand Mountain after they were run out of choice, valuable land in Madison County, Alabama.. Mr. Morgan will also display and discuss some of his Sand Mountain pottery. The program is being cosponsored by the Scottsboro Public Library. Please enter the building from the back door of the library's meeting room.

If you have not paid your 2005 dues, you may hand your check to JCHA Treasurer Bob Crossley on April 24. Annual membership dues are \$20.00 except for Senior Citizens whose dues are \$15.00. Life Membership as of January 2005 is \$150.00. If PAID 2005 does not appear beside your name on your CHRONICLES mailing label, please renew in April by mail or at the April program meeting. Members in good standing receive THE CHRONICLES quarterly.

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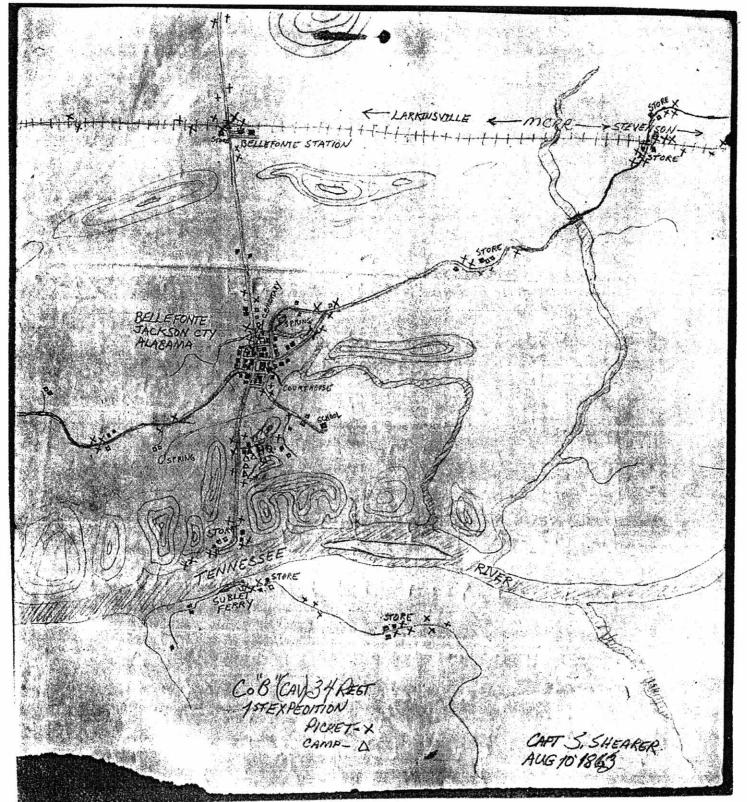
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Civil War Map of Bellefonte

BELLEFONTE, ALABAMA REMEMBERED

by Ann B. Chambless

After the February 27, 1819, Cherokee Treaty with the U.S. Government, Jackson County was created on December 13, 1819, one day before Alabama was admitted to the Union. Under the February 1819 Treaty, Cherokees who chose U.S. citizenship were granted reservations of 640 acres on the land where they resided. James Riley wisely chose his home site a short distance south of the confluence of Mud Creek and the Tennessee River.

On December 18, 1819, an Act of the Alabama Legislature cited Riley's on Mud Creek as one of the three voting places in Jackson County. In 1819, James Riley's area did not have a name, and Mud Creek was the tributary closest to his home. The February 11, 1820 government survey of James Riley's reserve shows his home near a spring in the center of his 640 acres in Township 4, Range 6 East, in Jackson County. (See CHRONICLES, Vol. 14, No. 1, pages 7-8, Patty Woodall article.) On October 3, 1820, James Riley sold his 640-acre reserve to Stephen Carter and George W. Higgins, recently of Tennessee. About the same time, James Riley's brother, Richard Riley, sold his 640-acre reservation (located a small distance above the mouth of Sauta Creek - area now known as Goose Pond Island) to David Larkin and Richard B. Clayton. After selling their land in 1820, Richard Riley and most likely James Riley moved their families to Creek Path, five miles south of Gunter's Landing (now Guntersville) in what was then Cherokee country. (See CHRONICLES, Vol. 14, No. 1, pages 7-12, Patty Woodall article.) James and Richard Riley received two of the eight Fee Simple Reservations granted in Jackson County. This meant they could sell their land, whereas the Cherokees who received Life Reservations owned the land during their lifetime but could not sell. The purchase of the two Riley reservations is VERY significant because public land in Jackson County was not offered for sale until the government surveys of all the townships in Jackson County were completed. The original Jackson County Plat Book records the first public land sales in June 1830 3

According to the entry dated January 4, 1827, in the Alabama Senate Journal, a resolution was read "instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States to endeavor to procure the passage of a law establishing a land office at Bellefonte in Jackson County." A second reading was ordered for the next day. Two years later, U. S. Representative Clement C. Clay of Huntsville, Alabama, took the first step on December 17, 1829, when he made this motion in the U.S. House of Representatives:

"Resolved that the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expedience of establishing a land office in the town of Bellefonte, in Jackson County, Alabama, for the sale of all lands situated in said county."

House of Representatives Bill No. 28 stated: "The Land Office shall continue at the said town of Bellefonte three years, and no longer, from and after the first sale of public lands in said county...." After the three year period, the Bellefonte Register and Receiver was directed to transfer over the to the Register and Receiver of Public Moneys, at the Huntsville Land Office, all the books/records, and thereafter land sold in Jackson County was to be sold in Huntsville.

On December 15, 1821, the Alabama Legislature passed an Act to incorporate the Town of Bellefonte to include 60 acres "agreeably to the plan of said town." This proves two points: Carter and Higgins had their land surveyed and named their new town BELLEFONTE. Although no extant deeds can be found prior to 1828 (an 1828 deed is mentioned in Jackson Co. Chancery Record Book D, p. 239), Carter and Higgins obviously began selling lots after their survey was completed in 1821. Streets were laid out running northwest to southeast and northeast to southwest. The six streets referenced in Jackson County Deed Book D (1830-1835) are: Adams Street, Cross Street, Jackson Street, Russell Street, Main Street, and Spring Street. Spring Street ran from the public square to the spring which gave Bellefonte its water supply and name. Carter and Higgins obviously were aware of Belle Fonte's translation to "beautiful spring." There is a Bellefonte in Augusta and Spotsylvania Counties in Virginia. Charles Lewis, one of the first attorneys to locate in Bellefonte, was originally from Spotsylvania County, Virginia. It is interesting to note that Bellefonte was the name of his great-grandfather John Lewis' home in Virginia. Stephen and Sarah (LEWIS) Carter were also Virginia natives. Did their Virginia roots serve as a catalyst for the naming of Bellefonte, Alabama?

In 1821, there were 917 votes cast in Jackson County, Alabama in the governor's race: 392 for Israel Pickens of Washington County and 625 for Henry Chambers of Madison County. Statewide, Israel Pickens won the race and served as Governor of Alabama from 1821 -1825. By 1821, there were 5 voting places in Jackson County, but the largest per centage of the 917 votes in the governor's race were cast in Bellefonte.

The December 1821 legislative act which incorporated the Town of Bellefonte also specified that five "councilors" were to be elected for one year and the election was to be held in the house of John Hampton in Bellefonte on the first Monday in February 1822. The results of this election were approved by the Alabama Legislature on January 1, 1823, but the names of those elected were not cited in the Alabama Senate Journal.

On December 14, 1822, a Post Office was established in Bellefonte, per postal records furnished by the National Archives.

In 1822, Bellefonte became Jackson County's second temporary seat of justice.

On December 31, 1823, the Alabama Legislature enacted legislation to improve the navigation of the Tennessee River. In Jackson County, subscriptions were to be taken in Bellefonte under the superintendence of George W. Higgins. James Russell, and Robert C. Hawkins.

In July 1824, THE HUNTSVILLE DEMOCRAT carried the obit of Dr. Thomas J. Harris which stated Dr. Harris practiced medicine in Bellefonte prior to his death on July 21, 1824.

On December 24, 1824, the Alabama Legislature passed legislation to establish a permanent seat of justice in Jackson County and named five commissioners who were to meet in the town of Bellefonte on the First Monday in February 1825.

This Act specified that if the seat of justice was fixed upon the land of an individual or individuals, Dr. Lemuel Gilliam, Dr. A. W. Davis, Nathaniel Hudson, Charles L. Roach, and Richard B. Clayton were appointed Commissioners to select the land, lay off a town by surveying and selling lots, and to contract for and cause public buildings for said County to be erected. This act was approved on January 7, 1826.

In February 1825, the U. S. Congress established a post road from Bellefonte via Gunter's Landing to Blountsville.

In 1825, Temple Harris was postmaster in Bellefonte.

In February 1827, the Alabama Legislature directed the commissioners to meet on the fourth Monday of February 1827 and formally proceed with their appointive responsibilities in selecting the permanent county seat of justice. An extant document infers that David Larkin, who founded Larkinsville, was competing with Stephen Carter and George W. Higgins who were lobbying the commissioners to select Bellefonte as the permanent seat of justice.

On December 13, 1827, an Act of the Alabama Legislature extended the Corporate limits of Bellefonte so as to include the 100 acres of land donated to the County by Stephen Carter and George W. Higgins to defray the expenses of public buildings in Jackson County. Obviously this sizable land donation influenced the commissioners to consider Bellefonte for the county seat.

In 1828, Bellefonte was selected as the first permanent seat of justice in Jackson County, a court house was erected in the Bellefonte town square, and the Presbyterians had built a church in Bellefonte, per J. R. Kennamer's HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, originally published in 1935.

On January 18, 1830, The U.S. House of Representatives Bill H.R. 121 (21st Congress, 1st Session) established a Land Office in Bellefonte, Alabama (first sale of public land in Jackson County occurred in June 1830.)

By 1830 there were two inns/taverns in Bellefonte. The Mansion Tavern was operated by James Turk and the Bellefonte Inn was operated by Daniel M. Martin (1830 census records and Jackson Co, AL Deed Book E, pages 299-301 and pages 413-414.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1830, the 55th anniversary of American independence was celebrated at Bellefonte. Among the many attendees, several Revolutionary War patriots participated in the activities. After the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Henry F. Scruggs and the delivery of an oration by the Honorable Samuel B. Moore (Jackson County's Probate Judge 1824-1826, State Representative 1823-1827, State Senator 1828-1830, and Governor of Alabama in 1831),

"a plentiful dinner was served and many patriotic toasts were drunk."
(SOUTHERN ADVOCATE, published July 10, 1830, in Huntsville, AL)
In 1836, THE NORTH ALABAMA STAR was published in Bellefonte,
per the March 1836-1839 Probate Minutes of Marshall County, AL,
pages 17-18, which cover an estate settlement which ordered
publication in THE NORTH ALABAMA STAR of Bellefonte. In 1839, THE
BELLEFONTE COURIER AND JACKSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN was
published in Bellefonte by Sewell and Eaton. Robert T. Scott was the
editor. One edition is archived in the University of Alabama Library in
Tuscaloosa.

At one time there were 24 brick buildings in Bellefonte, per a Bellefonte news item in THE FELLOW CITIZEN on Aug 2, 1878.

By 1835, George W. Higgins had moved to Morgan County, Alabama, where he died in Decatur on September 13, 1835, and where his wife, Nancy (Ramey) Higgins, died on September 20, 1835.

Stephen Carter's wife, Sarah Terrell (Lewis) Carter died in Bellefonte and was buried in a small cemetery one mile due North of Bellefonte. The inscription on her grave marker is STC. In 1840, Stephen Carter lived in the Northwest quarter of the James Riley Reservation. (Deed Book A, p. 534) Carter descendants have said that Stephen Carter died circa 1848 in Marshall Co, Alabama, where his son, Nelson Jefferson Carter, lived in the Red Hill community per 1850 census. Stephen Carter's burial site is not known at this writing.

Between 1828 and 1839, the following merchants and professionals were located in Bellefonte per early Jackson County, Alabama deeds: JAMES TURK operated the Mansion Tavern & Inn from 1828 until his death in Bellefonte in 1835.

(MAJOR) CHARLES LEWIS was an attorney in the decade of the 1820s. BENJAMIN M. BRADFORD operated a store in 1828.

THOMPSON MASON RECTOR AND HENRY F. SCRUGGS were attorneys in 1829 per their advertisement in THE HUNTSVILLE DEMOCRAT.

STEPHEN CARTER AND JOHN LUSK operated a Mercantile in 1831. STEPHEN CARTER owned and operated a cotton gin in the 1830s.

PETER KEENER, LUDWELL RECTOR, & JOHN BRASON operated a store in 1831. Peter Keener died in Bellefonte.

HARRIS AND COMPANY - Mercantile in 1831

ISAAC CLARK was a blacksmith in 1831.

JOHN McREYNOLDS operated a tan yard in 1831.

DENNIS OSBORN owned a blacksmith shop in 1831.

JOHN HAMPTON and JAMES McCARREL were saddlers in 1831.

JOHN COWART operated a store in 1831.

JAMES WHITE AND JAMES L. CARTER operated a store in late 1830s. DANIEL MARTIN operated an inn on Jackson Street on the public square (He purchased Lot 10 on Jackson Street in 1835, Deed Book E p. 396.) This would have been the original Daniel Martin Inn. (The original Daniel Martin Inn was NOT the old house which stood as the last vestige of old Bellefonte until the early days of the 21st century when the Bellefonte town square became a logging yard. Most likely this house was built as a private residence for a Martin family member as date of 1843 was carved in the chimney (SOURCE: the late Mrs. Lee Hancock, a Daniel M. Martin descendant.)

Silas Parsons and Elijah Hansbrough were attorneys 1821-1830s. Parsons' brick office was on Lots 14-16 near Coleman and Scruggs' (law) office. (Jackson Co. Deed Book E, page 98, dated Aug 13, 1834.) WILLIAM L. SNODGRASS was a wagon maker and blacksmith in 1835. On July 24, 1839, George B. & Rhoda Simpson sold property to John Hudson, Jr. Robert T. Scott, Alexander Riddle, and Alva Finley, as *Trustees of Bellefonte Academy* and their successors in office (Jackson Co. Deed Book A, p. 266.)

WILLIAM A. AUSTIN was a merchant in 1839.

KING & (HAMLIN) CALDWELL were merchants in the early 1840s.
JOHN R. COFFEY & ISAAC WILDBAHN were merchants in 1847.
JOHN HIGGINS & ELIJAH HANSBROUGH operated a mercantile in 1847
WILLIAM STEGALL & BRYANT THORNHILL operated a mill in 1840.
ROBERT T. SCOTT was a newspaper editor in 1839 and served in the Alabama House of Representatives 1836-1840.

JOHN BOYD built a frame house on part of Lot 96 on Russell Street which was occupied by Jacob T. Bradford on May 4, 1832 (Deed Book D, p. 266, dated May 4, 1832.)

According to the 1850 census, there were approximately 300 people living in Bellefonte in 1850.

In 1844, there was a fire in the Bellefonte Court House – most likely from a chimney defect. Deeds which had previously been recorded in Jackson County were re-recorded in Madison County, with the deed stating the purpose of the re-recording was due to the original deed being burned at Bellefonte Court House in 1844.

In 1850, Dr. John B. Cook, Dr. George M. Harris, Dr. Robert Moasley, and Dr. John A. Morrison practiced medicine in Bellefonte. James M. Hudgins edited the newspaper, and Robert Gill was his printer. Thomas R. Mattox, William A. Austin, America Mead, Richard McCravey, Hamlin Caldwell, and William J. Green were merchants.

Alexander Sexton, Jefferson Fulcher, and John Patton were grocery-keepers. Daniel McCartney, Joseph Mason, James Hawk, Samuel Vaughn, John Ester (Mulatto), and Willis Wardlaw (Mulatto) were blacksmiths. Robert Brewer and Robert Hodges were tailors. James Gill was a tavern keeper. Solomon Hogue was a saddler. William Abram Liddon was a watchmaker. John Suggs, Thomas Frost, John Austell, and Edward Reeves were mechanics (carpenters.) John Daniel was a stone mason. George Shehorn, Wm C. Miller, Wm McReynolds, Russell B. Miller, and John Hogue were shoemakers.

By 1860, several families found in Bellefonte on the 1850 census had followed Robert T. Scott to his fledgling village of Sage Town which became Scottsboro. Those still in Bellefonte in 1860 included: Leroy H. Brewer, Clerk of the Jackson County Circuit Court; Mary Morrison, widow of Dr. John Morrison, Sr., who operated a private boarding house; Hugh Lawson and Sallie (Larkin) Parks were living with Mrs. Morrison, and Hugh L. Parks' occupation was lawyer; Lawson C. Coulson, Lawyer; J. A. Shelton, Merchant; W. L. Shelton, Merchant and Jailor; James C. Austin, Sheriff; J. H. Austin, Clerk; John Snodgrass, Merchant; Thomas R. Mattox, Merchant; Parks Cunningham, Clerk in Mattox's store; John Patton, Shopkeeper; Joshua Howard, Wagoner; James Hawk, Shopkeeper; Elizabeth J. Eaton, widow of Josephus A. Eaton who died in Bellefonte on March 8, 1853, Milliner; Albert Eaton, her son, Printer; William G. Stuart, Merchant; Tempa Cook (mulatto), Washerwoman; Sarah Willis (mulatto), Washerwoman; William L. Snodgrass, owner of Smith Shop; Berry Baldwin, Shoe Maker; Sarah A. Fulcher, widow of Jefferson Fulcher, Seamstress; Dr. D. B. McCord, Physician; Henry C. Bradford, Lawyer; James L. Danforth, Printer (moved back to Athens, AL by 1870); Hugh Giles, Printer; William Bowers, Stage Driver; Hethena Burton, Seamstress; William C. Armstrong, Mail Carrier; Patrick Ragland, Lawyer; Willis Wardlow (mulatto), Blacksmith; Eliza Rogers, Seamstress; John Underwood, Wagonmaker; Thomas Scruggs, Wagonmaker; John H. Gunnell, Tailor; Nelson Robinson, Lawyer; William H. Robinson, Lawyer; Sophia Norwood, Seamstress; William Norwood, Clerk in store; William L. Shelton, Owned Tannery; James M. Provence, Shoe and Boot Maker; Hyman Drizer (born in Poland), Merchant; Jacob Stegemar (born in Poland), Clerk in Store; Elisha Bryant, Hotel Keeper; Edwin Wallace, Lawyer; Williamson R. W. Cobb, listed as Farmer but represented Jackson County in the U. S. Congress; John Parks, Law Student; Daniel M. Martin, Hotel Keeper; Jasper N. Martin, Hack Driver; William B. Martin, Merchant; A. M. Saxon, Clerk in Martin's Store; John Davidson, Tailor; Thomas Allison, Silversmith; W. S. ?Jobson, born in KY, Lawyer; Milly Taylor, Washerwoman; Dr. James M. Lewis, Physician; Jane Carter, Seamstress, was widow of James L. Carter, son of Stephen and Sarah (Lewis) Carter; Gilbert Bryan, Shoemaker. Living in the vicinity of Bellefonte was Marcus L. Swann, listed as farmer but Swann also wrote shaped note music per the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. M.L. Swann died in 1869. 9

Two major events between 1855 and 1865 sounded the death knell for Bellefonte. Although the Memphis and Charleston Railroad bypassed Bellefonte in 1855, the Civil War did not. Wartime activities surrounded old Bellefonte and struck devastating blows which left the town empty and desolate.

In his REMINISCENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR, Major James P. Lyon described his eyewitness account of his wartime travels through Jackson County and his June 3, 1864, introduction to Bellefonte: "The Adjutant and I rode into Bellefonte last night ahead of the regiment, and such a picture of utter desolation as the place presents I have seldom seen, even in the South. The village is the county seat of Jackson County and was once about half the size of Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Its situation is not unlike that of Elkhorn, being built on level ground around a public square, in the center of which once stood a fine court house. This court house was burned down the day the 18th marched through here last September, and, in consequence of that coincidence, we were charged with burning it; but It was not so, and I indignantly denied the charge and demanded the proof. It has not been produced. At that time (September 1863) there were many citizens here. Now they are all or nearly all gone, and every building is nearly destroyed. This was done by General Sherman's army last winter. The frames and roofs and brick walls are standing, but the siding has been torn off, partitions broken down, floors ripped up, and doors and windows all carried away or destroyed. The fences, too, have disappeared, and the whole site of the place except a narrow track in the center of the street is covered with a rank growth of weeds (in June 1864.) (Editor's Note: The streets were made of native brick.) When we came in, a dead silence brooded over the place. There was no sign of life except two half-starved poorly clad women, slowly making their way through the deserted streets on two lean and hungrylooking donkeys; and a solitary cow was feeding upon the weeds by the roadside. It looked like a fit home for owls, and bats, and serpents, and it was difficult to realize that it was ever the abode of man. Yet riding about the town, we find many evidences of the taste and refinement of the former inhabitants. The ruins of what were once beautiful flower gardens are frequently met with, and blooming among noxious weeds we found roses and other flowers in great profusion, which in variety of coloring and brilliancy of tints excel anything we ever see in the North." 10

In an August 23, 1863, letter to his parents written from Bellefonte, Alabama, Sgt. Major Lyman S. Widney of the 34th Illinois Volunteer Regiment of the Union Army described his regiment's six-day march from Tullahoma, TN, to Bellefonte, AL. Widney also described the Bellefonte court house as "an excellent one for this country... built of brick and 2 stories high ...surrounded by a fine cluster of locust trees." Lyman Widney stated: "Yesterday morning, Headquarters was moved to the Court House, and the Adjutant's Office located in the room formerly occupied by the Clerk of Court. We found all the old records of the county scattered over the floor. The documents are dated as far back as 1820. About 50 large books we reserved while the remaining books and papers were collected in one great heap and burned. There were not less than 3 bushels of marriage licenses and bonds." Based on existing court records, the 50 large books "reserved by the Adjutant" must be the extant deeds and Chancery Court records which pre-date the Civil War period. This letter also explains why there are no extant marriage records and estate settlement books prior to 1851. The Southern Claims Commissions records offer further proof of the devastation in and around Bellefonte as a result of Union troop occupation between 1862 and 1865. The affidavits found in the claims of William L. Shelton; Jane Carter, the daughter-in-law of Stephen Carter; and the W. R. W. Cobb estate are graphic examples of the losses suffered by Bellefonte residents.

William L. Shelton deposed that before the Civil War he owned a tan yard in Bellefonte. (Per the 1860 Jackson County manufacturing census, W. L. Shelton had a capital investment of \$1000 in a tannery and with two employees he produced 3000 pairs of shoes and 600 pairs of boots.) W. L. Shelton stated that in August 1863 General Johnson (from Kentucky) and his troops stationed in Bellefonte took lumber from his tan yard as well as the fence rails on his nearby farm. The lumber was used to build temporary quarters. The soldiers told him the rails were much better for cooking purposes than green wood. He deposed he had 400 acres under fence and a little over a mile of crop fences and that his fences averaged ten rails high. He also deposed that Federal troops took 1000 pounds of his oats, a lot of "killing" hogs, his cattle, his two best horses, hay, corn, and sweet potatoes. W. L. Shelton stated that a horse was taken and corn was taken from his field in the fall of 1864 by General John E. Smith's men. He stated the hay was taken from the old Higgins field near his stable. 11

In Jane (White) Carter's Southern Claims Commission petition dated November 20, 1875, she stated her husband, James Lewis Carter had been dead 30 years (He died in 1845 in Bellefonte.) { Jackson County Deed Book A, page 533, statesJames L. Carter was the surviving partner of White and Carter of Bellefonte. His partner, James White, was deceased by Aug 13, 1840.) Jane (White) Carter's son, John H. Carter died in Bellefonte on November 12, 1862. She further deposed that General Willick's headquarters were in her yard in August 1863, and that in April 1864 Colonel Anderson's headquarters were in her house in Bellefonte.

General Willick's troops took the widow Carter's beef cattle, 25 bushels of corn, 50 cords of wood, 3500 fence rails (fences were 10 rails high), and 1000 pounds of salt pork. Mrs. Carter deposed she had purchased the pork from W.F. Hurt and had paid fifteen cents a pound for it. She had the pork in her smoke house in salt. She also mentioned General Smith's 15th Army Corps butchering her cattle. Williamson R. W. Cobb died in November 1864. On May 6, 1871, his brother, Bryant Cobb, petitioned the Southern Claims Commission on behalf of W. R. W. Cobb's estate. He deposed that in March 1864, his brother suffered property damage in the amount of \$2,149.00. In November 1864, 484 pounds of beef were taken and in 1864 and 1865, 1000 bushels of corn, 500 pounds of bacon, beef cattle, and hogs were taken by Federal troops.

W. R. W. Cobb represented Jackson and Madison County in the U. S. Congress from March 1846 to January 30, 1861. In his Civil War diary. William H. Harding who served in the 3rd Battalion, 5th Ohio Cavalry, wrote on Dec 31, 1863: :Take up quarters near Williamson R. W. Cobb's library." Harding's entry on Jan 1, 1864: :Very cold snow. Still here living on beef soup, potatoes, and crackers and burning Senator Cobb's books to keep warm. The books are congressional Globes." (Editor's Note: The books were reports printed by the U.S. House of Representatives as the Congressional Globe.) Harding's Jan 31 and Feb 1, 1864, diary entries: "Company go scout to find whiskey." "Detachment mostly drunk." March 1 and 3, 1864, diary entries: "Rebs captured in an old house." "Burned the house where Rebs captured yesterday."

The cited events prove why those who could left Bellefonte during its Union occupation and what they faced in the way of personal and property damage when they returned.

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The Jackson Co. Circuit Court Minutes Book for 1864-1869 contains 69 pages of handwritten minutes of the Bellefonte Town Council which began: "Be it remembered that pursuant to the law incorporating the Town of Bellefonte, the Intendant & Councilors, after due qualification, met on the 15th of March 1854 and organized by electing the following officers then being present: N(elson) Robinson, Intendant; G. M. Harris; T(homas) R. Mattox; D(aniel) M. Martin; and W.J. Greene was appointed Clerk pro tem, after which the board proceeded to organize by electing the following officers to wit: Patrick Ragland (an attorney) Clerk; C(hesley) B. Roundtree, Treasurer; and T. C. T. Gill, Marshall. The minutes cover the duties of the town officers and recorded actions taken by the town council such as assigned duties of keeping the streets clean and street patrols appointed on a monthly basis. Another action was cleaning the town spring, the town's main water supply. The Jackson County Court system and other government offices shut down in 1863 after Bellefonte was occupied by Union forces who took over the court house (and other buildings) and then burned the court house as they were leaving the town.

After the Civil War, the County Commissioners met for the first time on August 16, 1865. Members present were James M. Buchanan, William McMahan, Preston Brown, and M. P. Brown. Commissioners Minutes record that: "It was ordered by the Court that M. P. Brown be and is hereby authorized to procure the use of some suitable room in the town of Bellefonte in which the business of the Probate Court can be transacted." The same minutes also state the Bellefonte jail was not secure enough to house prisoners until repaired.

Bellefonte was literally wiped out by Sherman's Army during the Civil War. Private homeowners and the county commissioners did not rebuild in Bellefonte. After a great deal of political haggling, the Jackson County Commissioners chose Scottsboro as the county seat where a new court house was completed in 1870. The county records which survived the Civil War were moved from Bellefonte to Scottsboro in November 1868. The Bellefonte town square was auctioned and Hamlin Caldwell was the successful bidder for the sum of \$275.00. The town cistern and one store remained until circa 1930. In the 1990s one corner stone of the old court house and portions of the original brick streets were still visible. Today even that has been erased by a commercial logging business. The old Bellefonte Cemetery is the only vestige of what once was a bustling, refined Southern town.

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DAVID LARKIN who founded Larkinsville and his Family (Based on census data and records compiled by Larkin descendants)

David Larkin, Jr. (born October 4, 1793, in Hawkins County, TN, died December 31, 1856) was the son of David and Jane (Armstrong) Larkin who moved to Franklin County, TN. On September 7, 1826, David Larkin, Jr. married Elizabeth Rutledge who was born on Nov 16, 1800, in Sullivan Co, TN, and died Oct 16, 1857. David Larkin and his brother-in-law, Richard B. Clayton, purchased Richard Riley's 640 acre (Cherokee) reservation located on Goosepond Island. In 1819, Richard B. Clayton married Sarah Rutledge, She died in 1828 and was buried on the eastern edge of Goosepond Island. When public land was first offered for sale in Jackson County, AL, in June 1830, David Larkin began purchasing plantation size acreage. According to the 1850 Jackson County Farm Census, David Larkin was the largest land owner in Jackson County with 32,000 acres - 12,000 acres of improved land and 20,000 acres of unimproved land. The cash value of his land was \$23,000. Jackson County's next largest landowners were C. L. Roach whose land holdings were valued at \$12,000 and Samuel Mead and Joseph P. Frazier whose land was valued at \$8,000 each. In addition to his land, David Larkin owned farm implements and machinery valued at \$1700 and livestock valued at \$3600. David Larkin was postmaster at Larkinsville, 1835-1855. In 1847. David Larkin erected Jackson County's first cotton mill, located about one mile from Larkinsville at the foot of Cumberland Mountain. It ran 120 spindles and annually turned out about \$3,000.00 worth of thread. (1850 Mfg. Census) David and Elizabeth Rutledge Larkin's children were:

- 1. Sarah Ann Larkin, born June 18, 1828, married Edward Dillard on Sept 1, 1846. Edward Dillard died Dec 30, 1856, and she died on June 17, 1863.
- 2. William Rutledge Larkin, born March 26, 1830, married Frances Elizabeth Higgins on Mar 3, 1859, and he died Feb 5, 1899.
- 3. Annis Larkin, born June 20, 1832, married Edward Cotton on Dec 5, 1850.
- 4. George Washington Rutledge Larkin, born Oct 21, 1833, died Mar 12, 1901, married Mary Ellen Dillard, sister of Edward Dillard. Their parents were Dr. Francis and Elizabeth (Digges) Dillard, early settlers of Woodville, AL.
- 5. David Larkin III, born Apr 11, 1835, died Jan 1, 1855.
- 6. John H. Larkin, born Nov 7, 1836, died Nov 11, 1902.
- 7. PRISCILLA LARKIN, born Feb 20, 1839, married Absalom Stephens on March 6. 1867, and she died in childbirth in February 1868. These are the ancestors of JCHA MEMBER DAVID MALBUFF who owns Priscilla's 1862 diary.
- Elizabeth Mary Larkin, born Dec 9, 1840, married John W. Parks on October
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Later in the week, Priscilla went to another wool picking and called it "quite an amusement for the young." Then she wrote: "I don't enjoy such amusements very much." She qualified her statement by including lines from Wm. Shakespeare which her fellow classmate Rebecca Morris (also of Larkinsville) used to described Priscilla:

"I cannot hide what I am; I must be sad when I have cause, and smile at no man's jests; eat when I have stomach, and wait for no man's leisure; sleep when I am drowsy, and tend on no man's business; laugh when I am merry, and claw no man in his humour."

Priscilla recorded: "Very sincere indeed and altogether true respecting my humble self."

On Sunday, January 26, 1862, Priscilla wrote:

"Gas, what a great improvement from a tallow candle to gas. Tonight is the first time we have had it lighted in our room."

The next day, Monday, began a new session at school, and she entered a remark that two of her fellow boarders expected to go back home. Her friend, Ella Beck, left Huntsville on January 31, and Priscilla wrote: "I feel lost without her presence, specially at night."

On February 7, Priscilla told of receiving a letter from her oldest brother, William Larkin, telling of the desperate condition of the roads in Larkinsville. He advised her he was macadamizing the road leading to their Sister Ann's (Ann Larkin Dillard.) She wrote: "I don't approve of his making fun of the roads in 'Old Jackson' in any such way."

On Sunday, February 9, word was received in Huntsville that the Federals had landed at Florence. Priscilla wrote, "The town is in an uproar - numberless dispatches were received today."

On February 14, she wrote: "Valentine's Day. We all got a Valentine." The next day she wrote: "The ground is perfectly white with snow. Oh! What nice snowballing we will have." On February 20, Priscilla told of new boarders, the Haws family who were refugees from Clarksville, TN. Her observation: "The gent is quite good looking. The lady ordinary looking, however she had on a beautiful diamond ring."

On February 22, her thoughts turned to politics and the war when she wrote: "President (Jefferson) Davis' inauguration. I really believe during these squally times people forget everything else but war and things connected with it. I don't believe there has been a gun fired in Huntsville in honor of that great man's birthday." (former President George Washington)

On March 9, Priscilla wrote: "Was awakened last night by the ringing of the fire bell. It was L(eroy) P(ope) Walker's residence. "Twould have been a great loss for a poor man, but I presume he could afford to lose it." ..."Had the honor of seeing General Breckenridge mount. He is very fine looking.....was riding a grand looking horse. Oh my, how he was applauded when mounting his fine steed. I feel very uneasy about home....haven't heard from there in a month. Playing Euchre has become very fashionable in this establishment."

On March 15, Priscilla wrote: "Distressing news - defeated at New Madrid (Missouri.) Would that our people were all of one sentiment. This glorious sentiment, 'United we stand, divided we fall.' Whether we succeed or fail in securing its acknowledgement in our day, it is still worth living for, laboring for, and even dying for, if need be, so thought and acted our fathers, in the times that try men's soul. I think the love of liberty the noblest and loftiest aspiration that can inspire the human heart. The Federals have taken Columbia. I rejoice that Tennessee is not my native State after acting as she has."

She further stated: "Huntsville is honored by the arrival of that brave and noble Captain John (Hunt) Morgan, whom the Federals were desirous of cutting off here, as they have a perfect horror of him. All the soldiers are leaving for Corinth (MS)."

Editor's Note: The removal of so many Confederate troops to Corinth proved very costly in the long run. It weakened the defense of North Alabama and left Huntsville vulnerable to Federal occupation by astute and aggressive Union commanders. Kentucky born, Cincinnati lawyer and astronomer, General Ormsby M. Mitchell, sensed this. From his command post in Nashville, Gen. Mitchell rapidly moved his force into that portion of North Alabama looped by the Tennessee River. His unexpected Union troops moved into Huntsville on April 11, 1862, seizing locomotives and extending Federal control of the railroads between Huntsville and Bridgeport, Alabama. His position in Alabama permitted the initial recruitment of Union sympathizers into the Federal army.

Later in Priscilla's diary, we will read her thoughts about the Federal occupation of Huntsville and the 76 Jackson County Unionists who were the backbone of the First Alabama-Tennessee Vidette led by Captain Ephraim Latham of Larkinsville.

On April 2, Priscilla received a letter from her family telling her to come home. She wrote: "I can't go this week, so shall be compelled to decline going until I can get a trunk to carry my effects." That same day she wrote about purchasing "two beautiful silks –flounces embossed with velvet" and paying \$60.00 for the two. One was for Priscilla and the other was for her sister Mary.

On April 8, Priscilla received a trunk from home but lamented because she had not received the money she had written for from her family. That day she wrote: "The death of General Sidney Johnson is heart-rendering. He fought, bled, and died for he breathed his last in two minutes after dismounting." "To fight in a Just Cause and for our country's glory is the best office of the best men" was her closing diary statement that day.

On April 11, Priscilla wrote: "Was aroused this morning by Martha Ann pulling me, saying 'Get Up. The town is full of YANKEES'... I do detest the name. They captured the train that was bringing our wounded soldiers from Corinth, but the Ladies of the Humane Society have a written permit from that detestable old Mitchell (Gen. Ormsby M. Mitchell) to visit our wounded soldiers. I suppose he thinks he is conferring a great favor by granting the Ladies that privilege. They have arrested several of our citizens and parade the streets with as much grandeur as if they were Lords of all they surveyed. They are so contemptible. I have a perfect contempt for them. Two of them have gone to the' bourne from whence no traveler returns.' Would to God the last were gone."

On April 18, Priscilla went to visit her Cousin William who told her he had seen a gentleman "uptown" who had walked from Chattanooga and had walked from Larkinsville that day. The next day, Priscilla wrote: "The Yanks came flying back this morning with three of their men feeling the effects of buck shot they received in Jackson (County) for which I say 'three cheers for Old Jackson.' They had gotten within 8 miles of Stevenson and had to stop because three bridges had been burned between Bellefonte and Stevenson." She closed by saying, "God speed, our Southerners."

On April 20, Priscilla recorded that General Mitchell had threatened "to take the College as a hospital because one of the girls was impudent and thoughtless as to shake her fist at their corpse yesterday as they passed." The next day she wrote about hearing unpleasant news from Jackson County which was that Henry Dillard and Frank Cotton had been taken prisoners. She further stated these two were brought to Huntsville where they took the Oath of Allegiance.

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Friday, April 25: "Glorious news. Mr. Shooter has come for Bettie, and he has procured a passport for me also. We leave Sunday morning.......I have really become so attached to Mrs. Bradford and family that I dislike to part with them. Went around to the College to see Mr. Wilson who is out on parole of honor, as the scamps call it. Yet I think they are entirely destitute of honor. Every foot of soil that they tread on is polluted." She further commented, "The Yanks were preparing to bury one of theirs. I feel as if the Southern soil is too pure to have their rascals buried in it. The Yanks made great efforts to entertain us and were very kind and polite, but I couldn't countenance them, didn't deign to speak."

Monday, April 28, 1862. "Reached home about five, very unexpectedly to all. (NOTE: Her trip took over 6 hours to travel no more than 45 miles via M&CRR.) Went up to Sisters Ann's. Miss Lizzie and she had been out to Annis' and I met them in town (Larkinsville) on their way home. Since I came home and found all well, I feel anxious to return to Huntsville, for I can hear more news and feel better contented. Have no communications here, only with the abominable Yanks. Went to Bill's (her oldest brother William's) and from there to George's (her next oldest brother) and then to Sister Annis'." The next day she wrote about practicing the piano and wished she had stayed in Huntsville. "I have had a sick headache and have been very lonely and discontented."

Monday, May 5: "Those dirty degraded scamps have been to Larkinsville today plundering and pilfering. They had a thorough search at Bill's (her brother) and broke open my trunks and damaged me some. Took my breastpin, bracelet, port-money, containing three dollars. Mary sent over in double-quick for me, stating the Yanks had taken Bill, Mr. Murray, (Cary) Staples, Mr. Keeble, and Mr. Bradford to Huntsville as prisoners. Oh what a forlorn appearance Larkinsville wears. I never thought they would stop at a country village. However, they burned Camden (later called Paint Rock.) Our little town will be next."

Friday, May 9: "Can it be possible the Bushwhackers as those imps call them have all returned except Bill (her brother) whom they arrested again and for what we are not able to comprehend. If this is not living in subjugation, I know not what to term it.... Every dog has his day, and I sincerely hope they will be justly rewarded and the day of retribution not far hence."

Tuesday, May 13: "Went to Lizzie's this morning, and she spoke of getting Aunt Betsy Martin to go with her to Huntsville. I feeling very anxious to go down, offered my services, no sooner proposed than accepted."

Thursday, May 15: "How very unexpected Mrs. (Elizabeth) Dillard (in Woodville) seemed to see us roll up this evening." The next day Priscilla

wrote: "I really thought the Yank captain (at Woodville) was going to refuse our passing, but after some chat he gave us a passport to Camden. We then succeeded in getting one to Huntsville. Reached Huntsville at 4 o'clock and succeeded in getting William (her brother) out on parole of honor."

Priscilla spent that weekend in Huntsville and attended church on Sunday. She spent some time with her old friends at Mrs. Bradford's. Mrs. Bradford gave Priscilla some verbena, and she left Huntsville "be twitch 11 and 12 o'clock." She arrived in Woodville at Mrs. Dillard's at dusk "after long weary travel." (Mrs. Dillard was mother-in-law of Ann Larkin Dillard and George W.R. Larkin, Priscilla's siblings.)

Wednesday, May 21: "Have been halted at every house, stopped by every passerby, till we have without a doubt been as long coming from Woodville as we were coming from Huntsville yesterday. Mary seems so much mortified about them taking George last Sunday.......George and Bill have both reached home, look like birds out of a cage, though George says he was on parole of honor all the time." (This Mary was George Larkin's wife.)

On Sunday she wrote about finishing a pair of gloves and stated: "I will try and get some of the sunburn off my hands. Nothing of any consequences has occurred today excepting Mr. Young (probably James H. Young whose men guarded Sauta Cave) returned from Chattanooga with some cheering news. States we are expecting a grand battle at Richmond, also at Corinth, as we have large forces at both places. "Two men came (here) this morning making inquiry of Annis (Larkin Cotton.) I feel confident they were Yankees dressed in citizens' clothes. We had such a nice bait of fish for supper. Annis has made her curtains and hung them up, quite an improvement."

Sunday, June 1: "Tuesday, the Yankees burned Mrs. (Elizabeth) Dillard's and Ledbetter's. The train was shot into just below her house by Kelley troopers, and they accused her of harboring them. It is hard to submit to such as that."

June 5: "This evening finds us at Cousin Cary's (Cary Staples was son of Jane Larkin Staples, Priscilla's father's sister.)" She told about seeing Jim Austin (who had been severely wounded while serving with the Larkinsville Guards, (4th Alabama, CSA) and stated Austin's arms and hands were paralyzed. She learned other sad news: "Mrs. Warren and her four children were murdered by Cato Tipton's Negro man." (Probably Mrs. Thomas N. (Elizabeth) Warren)

Sunday, June 8: "Notwithstanding it being Sabbath, we spent the day at Mr. Keeble's. I used to have conscientious scruples about visiting on this day, but the Yanks have so provoked and harassed me I scarcely know when I am doing right. Tis rumored we have had a great victory at Richmond."

June 11: "I was reading the CINCINATTI ENQUIRER but was disgusted, so much lies, although Yanks accuse it of sympathizing with the South, great sympathy indeed. Had a blackberry pie for dinner. Reported there has been fighting between Stephenson (Stevenson) and Bridgeport. We again have June 19: "Spent the day at Betsy (Staples) Robinson's" (Mrs. A.F. Robinson) June 20: "Annis' birthday....had a birthday supper." (Her sister Annis) June 21: "Two of our Cavalry took supper with us tonight. John Parks and Atkins." NOTE: Lt. John Parks later married her sister, Mary Larkin. Atkins' first name was not recorded.

June 22: "The train was again shot into, aggravated the Yanks very much. Great 'rumpus' among them. 'Tis very disagreeable to live this way. I am perfectly disgusted with Yankeedom."

June 25: "We rode out to George's this evening and there learned the town was full of Yanks. Two Regiments of Helleck's Division camped there tonight, on their way to Chattanooga. I sincerely hope from the depth of my heart they will meet with quite a hearty and warm reception at the point of the bayonet." June 25: "Spent the day at Mrs. Les(ter) Morris' "

June 28: "Spent the day at old Mrs. (Martha) Morris', News the Yanks are going to station a Regiment in our little unpretended village. They were examining the round house (??railroad) and looking for water. They will soon eat Larkinsville out and drink her dry."

June 30: "The 10th Wisconsin Regiment is stationed in our little village. We received intelligence today of a glorious victory at Richmond (Seven Days Battle). Would that I once again could get my claws on a Southern newspaper. Three of the Yanks came to Mary and George's this evening for milk, but they didn't have the pleasure of getting any. They very soon commenced asking for chickens. She told (a servant) to catch one, and they gave orders to catch a rooster and then had the imprudence to ask her if she could change \$25 so they could pay her."

July 2: "This evening 11 came searching. They had been all around in this neighborhood, shot several times at old Mr. Brown but fortunately were not successful. My passions were considerably irritated when they went upstairs to search, though he made so many apologies, rather cooled me down when I saw they were not searching thoroughly. Annis looked as if she could bite a ten-penny nail." (Annis Larkin Cotton, Priscilla's older sister.)

July 5: "The bushwhackers have knocked under seven Yanks." NOTE: The Wisconsin 10th Infantry Regiment history shows "Battle at Larkinsvile on July 4, 1862."

July 7: "There were 40 Yankee imps who called this morning on their way from Ira Brown's."

July 8: "A portion of Buell's army were stationed at Larkinsville a day or two.

Two of them came here and made a more favorable impression than Mitchell's

Division because they conducted themselves better."

July 6: "One great victory at Richmond. We have only seen a little Georgia paper, consequently know not the particulars, though our loss was heavy. 'Tis rumored that five of the Larkinsville Guards were killed, Bob Hodge one of the number, also Mr. Blake. Also 12 wounded, among the number was Capt. (William H.) Robinson whose leg was shot off. A. C. Murry is also slightly wounded. Have been very closely confined at home since the Yankees came." July 18: "How very annoying it is to see Brown, Smith, and Cotton hauling their cotton to the depot for Yank cotton buyers. It is treason and those that sell to them will be dealt with as traitors to their country. There were 100 Alabamians joined the Yanks today. (First Alabama Vidette commanded by Captain Ephraim Latham.) Shame, shame on them."

July 20: "Another lovely Sabbath has flown, and I have spent the greater part of the day in sleeping. Since the Yanks came in, we have been deprived of church services entirely."

July 21: "Today the anniversary of that hard and well won Battle of Manassas where the gallant 4th Alabama conducted themselves honorably and bravely." July 24: "Old Mr. Green came down this morning listening to me play. Finished picking up my dresses, and Annis and myself took it over to Mrs. Hodge this evening. She weighed it and it weighed 3 pounds, will fill 15 yards. I have despaired of it making good looking cloth."

July 26: "The Yanks have hoisted the Stars and Stripes and a red flag again in Larkinsville. I hope they will be taken down for them."

July 27: "The Cavalry have burned (John H.) Birdsong's cotton."

July 28: "Shame, shame on the cotton sellers, pie, milk, and chicken sellers, but tenfold more on her who has been receiving presents from those imps such as pickle pork, candy drops and such like. Shame on such patriotism. If this is patriotism, Good Lord, deliver me from it."

Aug 3: "The poor Negroes have been dodging the Yanks as they are out pressing Negroes to build breastworks at Stephenson. They called this evening to give a receipt of the ones they were taking from here. Oh, how I felt for some of the Negroes. If they had been condemned to be hung, they would not have looked worse."

August 14: "Spent the day at Mr. Young's (probably James H. Young) thinking perhaps I would hear the correct report about Kate's leaving but heard nothing. Consequently I will be off in the morning." (In 1870 census, Kate Larkin was recorded as a 36 year old, female mulatto who had 3 mulatto children, ages 15, 13, and 8 in 1870.)

August 15: "After meeting with some difficulty in leading the horse, we at last reached Bellefonte at 1 o'clock. Found Kate safe, all rumors false about her leaving; brought them all home, and they were exceedingly anxious to come." August 28: "Jonnie Moore (Daughter of Dr. Andrew Moore. She married J. H. Boyd on September 14, 1865.) spent the day with us, notwithstanding Kate was very sick." (Priscilla secured doctor for Kate more than once.)

August 31: "The Yanks are gone again though we are all afraid to rejoice. Oh, the destruction our little village presents."

Sept 7: "Enjoyed the privilege of assembling at church once again. Grubbs' sermons always appear unfinished to me. Keith's prayer was very affecting." Sept 13: "A great many Southern soldiers have passed through on their way to join the Confederate Army. I am glad the Conscript has such good effect. We now have more men in the field than Lincoln has."

Sep 14: "We have recently had several victories in Virginia, one at Manassas."

Sept 20: "Mr. (Absalom) Stephens and Lain Allen called very unexpectedly

today." NOTE: Priscilla Larkin married Absalom Stephens on March 6, 1867.

Sep 21: "Heard a very good doctrinal sermon from Robert Frazier this morning. After services, accompanied Dr. Erskine in his buggy down to George's." NOTE: Dr. A. R. Erskine, born 1822, was on 1860 census.

Sep 23: "Found Mollie (Brown) on the eve of matrimony." NOTE: Mollie was Mary Jane Brown who married Col. John Snodgrass on Oct 13, 1862.

Sep 24: "John Parks came riding up about dinner time. Mary was all smiles with occasionally a blush playing upon her lovely countenance."

Sep 25: "Mr. (John D.) Ogilvie has returned from Virginia on furlough; his arm was broken by a shell in the Manassas fight. (NOTE: John Ogilvie, born 1835, was listed as a teacher on 1860 census.) We have had several victories very recently in Virginia (Second Manassas), one in Maryland said to be the bloodiest of this war (Antietam/Sharpsburg). We have forces now in Maryland & Pennsylvania making them share some of the evils of invaders."

Sep 30: "Mary revealed the anxiously wished for secret which is that she and Mr. (John) Parks are to be united in the holy bonds of wedlock."

Oct 3: "Finished one quilt though that was nothing to quilt. Jerry (?Cotton who would have been Annis' stepson) returned from Huntsville yesterday. Hollenberry wouldn't exchange any music, but sent other copies."

Oct 8: "Jerry (Cotton) with several others left this morning to join Capt.

Gurley. We spent the evening with Beck (Rebecca) Morris." NOTE: Beck lived with her mother, Martha Morris, born 1810, according to 1860 census.

Oct 9: "Col. (John) Spedgrass is now at home. Wouldn't be surprised if he an

Oct 9: "Col. (John) Snodgrass is now at home. Wouldn't be surprised if he and Mollie Jane (Brown) didn't step off. Put up a quilt this morning."

Oct 13: "Mary Jane (Brown) had a very gloomy morn to leave single blessedness for double wretchedness. They will have quite a 'bust-up' at old Mr. Snodgrass' " (Mary Jane was daughter of Jerry and Mary Ann Brown.) Oct 15: "'This is one of the mornings of morning' – so says Mr. Eliot. The crowd begins to gather. Sister Ann, Mary and George, Cousin Bettie Robinson have come. Then Mr. Jerry Brown and lady (Mary Ann). After anxious looking and impatient waiting, we hear the buggies at some distance. Mr. Parks, Parson (Milton P.) Brown, and Ben Snodgrass. Then comes the bride and groom. I never felt as serious in my life, and I made great efforts to refrain

from shedding tears..... No one can imagine how much I miss her."

Oct 26: "How perfectly astonished I was when gazing out the door this morning to see the ground covered with snow. Nothing would do Miss Lizzie (Keeble) but that we go home with her. Mr. George (Keeble) has come home. He has very much the appearance of a soldier."

Oct 27: "I think we acted wisely last evening in staying all night with Miss Lizzie. How delightful that drink of brandy was Miss Lizzie sent in the room this morning." NOTE: Lizzie was daughter of W.B. and Mary Keeble, Sr. Nov 9: "George (Larkin) has returned and reports a skirmish near Nashville, little damage done. John Brown was slightly wounded in the leg." Nov 16: "Went home with Johnnie Moore from church, rode double was so anxious to go."

Nov 20: "Spent the day with Mrs. (J.P.) Ledbetter, then the evening at Cousin Ellen's Mrs. Murry showed me how to piece the Mosaic quilt. Spent the night with Bill, I saw a notice in the CHATTANOOGA REBEL of Rosecrans arrival in Nashville with 3 divisions which makes the fifth. It will be so difficult for our men to take Nashville. I can't imagine why it was not taken at first."

Nov 25: "Just one month til Christmas. I feel so much interested in my new quilt. Think it will be beautiful. Have altered my old silk, makes a respectable looking dress. Have finished the 7th pair of stockings I've been knitting this Fall. Hear of more skirmishing about Nashville, expecting a fight at Fredericksburg, Virginia. See nothing new, only Soldiers. I don't mean soldiers, but men employed by the government to carry on the work at Saltpetre Cave. The Conscript Law has caused a good many to go to the cave for employment. John Brown is home. His wound was more serious than thought to be."

Dec 1 "I commenced BUCKEYE ABROAD. Have become very much interested. I am also engaged at my leisure in picking up scraps left from my quilt to knit soldiers' socks."

Dec 6: "Another big frost though a lovely day. Went to Mrs. Hodge's. I have no idea now when I shall get my dress for she has a piece in the loom. Came home and put my carpet down."

Dec 7: "Have been engaged reading in my snug little room. The carpet is a great advantage. Mr. McCarroll says my shoes will be finished next week." NOTE: J.H. McCarroll enumerated as Larkinsville shoemaker in 1860 census. Dec 10: "Mrs. Gabbett is the topic of conversation. To gratify my own curiosity I intend to call on her at my earliest convenience."

Dec 12: "Paid Mrs. Gabbett quite a fashionable visit. Put on my best attire, went up, sent in my card, and was invited in. Was very happily surprised, not the Lady represented at all, though her manners are different from the country, yet she is a very intelligent, pleasant woman." (Capt. Wm. Gabbett, superintendent of the saltpeter mining operation at Sauta Cave in 1862-63.) Dec 14: "Finished BUCKEYE ABROAD. Very interesting....."

Dec 21: Last entry in her diary with only quotations from Shakespeare. 13



DAVID AND ELIZABETH (Rutledge) LARKIN, JR.
married on September 8, 1826. David Larkin was born
October 4, 1793. and died December 31, 1856. Elizabeth was
born November 16, 1800, and died October 16, 1857.
Both are buried in Blue Spring Cemetery in Larkinsville,
Alabama. Watercolor picture is compliments of their great-great-great-grandson, David Malbuff of Strasburg, Virginia. 14

Ancestor Searching in Jackson County, Alabama

CAROLYN PETERSON, 2627 E. Waterford Avenue, Fresno, CAA 93720-4643 Email: corksterr@sbcglobal.net seeks info on the JAMES FARRIS family who lived near old Bolivar at the time of the 1830 census. **Catherine Farris married William** Troxell. Three sons stayed in **Jackson County:** George Farris probably died in the 1850s. William Farris died ca.1870. David Farris died on Oct 12, 1905. She would like an obit for David Farris and correspond with others who have info on the Farris family.

FERGUSONS & FINCHERS OF JACKSON COUNTY AND BEYOND **Mary Nell Ferguson Haynes** (Scottsboro native) of 5985 Haysville Road, Guston, KY 40142-7097, has published almost 400 pages of family history and genealogy. In addition to Fergusons and Finchers, her book includes: Ambrester, Arnold, Baker, Bradford, Broyles, Fears, Gamble, Gann, Gilbert, Gist, Holder, Jeffery, Kilgore, Maynor, Morrow, Phillips, Roberts, Smith, & Stagner. Book Cost: \$29.95. Mary Nell's phone number is: (270) 547-7816.

Please check out Chris Robertson's website at

www.jacksoncountyal.com, a part of which is devoted to the Jackson County Historical Association and the Heritage Center with lots of great pictures of County landmarks.

BELLEFONTE CEMETERY REPORT

"Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideas."

WILLIAM GLADSTONE

JCHA members and other volunteers worked in the Bellefonte Cemetery on April 2 and May 28. 2005. The initial cleaning was done by E.J. Brown and County inmates who made it possible for more detailed removal of smaller vegetation and locating graves, both marked and unmarked. About thirty per cent of the inscribed markers have now been cleaned. We are making progress filling the sunken graves after Billy Womack moved the chert from roadside to the top of the cemetery. Jimmy Cook donated sand to be placed on top of the chert. Most of the sunken graves do not have markers, and the chert/sand application will be a permanent means of locating these unmarked graves.

It is amazing how fast Mother Nature replenishes her greenery, especially intrusive plants such as poison ivy. Kelly Goodowens sprayed most of the new growth in June. One large area still needs cutting with a weedeater. Betty Budlong has offered to purchase a suitable trash receptacle for the cemetery. Christine Sumner, Don and Ann Moody, and Clay Peacock have made generous donations to the cemetery restoration fund. We have also had two anonymous donations. **Ann Chambless and Ralph Mackey** continue to document those buried in unmarked graves. Please advise if YOU know anyone buried in Bellefonte Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 1

BOOKS FOR SALE

GROWING UP HARD: MEMORIES OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN THE EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY, published jointly by the author, Dr. Ronald G. Dykes, and the JCHA. The price of the book is \$27.50 by mail or it may be purchased at the Scottsboro Public Library or the Scottsboro-Jackson County Heritage Center for \$25.00. Mail check (\$27.50) payable to JCHA DYKES BOOK ACCOUNT, P. O. Box 1494, Scottsboro, AL 35768-1494.

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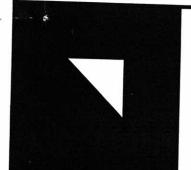
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JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005, 2:00 P.M., Jackson County Court House, Court Room, Scottsboro.

Program Vice President Jen Stewart will introduce Ms. Lenora W. Pate who will discuss Alabama's need for constitutional reform. In 1985, Ms. Pate graduated summa cum laude from the Cumberland School of Law where she was Article Editor of the Cumberland Law Review, 1984-1985. She is a member of the law firm of Sirote I& Permutt, P.C., in Birmingham, AL, Ms. Pate is a former Director, State of Alabama Department of Industrial Relations . She serves as the Governor's Liasion, Health Care Reform Task Forces and is a gubernatorial appointee and Chair of the Alabama Women's Commission.

Ms. Pate is well-versed in the constitutional reform issue which has confronted Alabamians for a number of years. Make your plans to hear Ms. Pate on Oct. 23.

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SCOTTSBORO DEPOT MUSEUM RECEIVES EXTRAORDINARY GIFT

On October 1, 2005, the Scottsboro Freight Depot moved one step closer to housing the railroad history of Scottsboro. The depot was completed in 1861, and the 1961 graduates of Scottsboro High School gifted the Jackson County Historical Association with a town model of early Scottsboro. JCHA Depot Restoration Chairman John Neely accepted. Kelly Goodowens (Class of 1961 and JCHA member) spearheaded the production of this extraordinary gift. The following remarks were made by Kelly Goodowens at the premier showing on October 1, at the Scottsboro-Jackson County Heritage Center: "Two score and five years ago a very special class graduated from Scottsboro High School. A good number of that class are here today. We are here to present to the Scottsboro Depot Restoration Committee a model of the City of Scottsboro as it was in the late 1860s. As you know Scottsboro's freight depot, the oldest standing structure in town, is being brought back to life as a museum honoring Scottsboro in its infancy and the railroad around which it flourished. Since the depot museum is not complete, our thanks go to Judy Weaver and her board members for temporary housing in the Heritage Center. Our thanks also go to the members of the JCHA who provided the information used to make the model as accurate as possible. The JCHA will prepare, frame, and post a legend for the model, listing location data and adding flesh to the details of the model. Our thanks go to Troy Moore of Huntsville, Alabama, for his creativity and hard work in constructing the model. Thomas Carlyle said, 'History is a great dust heap.' I'm not sure exactly what that means, but those of us who were at the last depot work-day (in August) can certainly attest to that fact. The building may look rough now, but soon it will be a showplace for the history of our town and the railroad. Aristotle said, 'If you would understand anything, observe its beginning and its development.' The mission of the depot museum will be to help us understand and visualize the beginnings and development of this town where most of us spent our early years. We have since dispersed to the far corners of the country and the world, but, in our hearts, Scottsboro is still our home. When it became known to our class that the depot was finished and placed in service in 1861, it became obvious that the Class of 1961 should become an integral part of the rebirth of this landmark.

William Least Heat Moon said, 'Historical awareness is a kind of resurrection.' We, as a class, hope this gift will rekindle a resurrection of interest in our past and the paths which led to such a wonderful time and place to be young and grow with all life's possibilities before us.

Hans Georg-Gadamer said, 'History does not belong to us; we belong to it.'
We, as the SHS Class of 1961, belong to this community which nourished us.
This small token of our appreciation is being presented to be soon housed in the depot museum so that generations which follow can enjoy it, learn from it, and say: The Class of 1961 must have been proud of themselves and their home."

The 1923 R. G. Dun Mercantile Agency Reference Book listed merchants, tradesmen, and businesses in 35 towns in Jackson County, Alabama. Some representative trades were: auto supplies, book dealer, department store, dry goods, drugs, flour mills, fruit dealers, furniture, grist mills, groceries, hotels, lumber dealer, machinery and machinists supplies, saw mills, and undertaking.

ASPEL (population: 15)

A. M. Smith & Sons -general store

BASS STATION (population: 31)

J. T. Walker - general store

BRIDGEPORT (population: 2018 and a banking town)

Allen Broom Works

American Sweet Potato Company

Barham & Boles - groceries

Bridgeport Hosiery Mills (branch of United Hosiery Mills Corporation of

Chattnaooga, Tennessee)

Bridgeport Water Company

Bridgeport Woodenware Mfg. Company

Claude F. Brown & Son - groceries

A. B. Cargile - newspaper

Central Store, Inc. - general store

Doran & Company - railroad ties, lumber, and crushed stone

Hall Pharmacy

A. L. Hipp - jewelry

Jacobs Stove Works

J. W. Jones - wholesale lumber

Joyner Brothers - groceries

J. D. King - confections

W. P. Lee - garage

J. E. Loyd - hardware and undertaking

J. R. Loyd & Company - general store

McLellan & Tanner - drugs

J. T. Parton & Son - meat and groceries

Public Light & Power Company (branch, Chattanooga, TN)

C. L. Ridley (near Bridgeport) - groceries

B. F. Simpson - dry goods

S. T. Simpson & Son - general store

Three B's Grocery Company - general store

M. A. Walis - restaurant

White & Hunter - garage and automotive accessories

BRYANT (population: 20) Winter Brothers - lumber

DODSONVILLE (population: 45)

R. F. Gross - groceries

DUTTON (population: 500)

C. C. Bohanan - general store

W. L. Dye - general store

C. C. Foster - general store

J. L. Hale - general store

H. E. Headrick - general store

W. E. McGriff - general store

R. A. Nichols & Son - general store

S. J. Norwood - general store

G. W. White - general store

C. H. Wilson (near Dutton) general store

ELIZA (population: 20 and near Bridgeport) Ike McBryar general store

ESTILLFORK (population: 125)

H. H. Reid - general store

Reid Brothers - general store

FABIUS (population: 34)

J. H. Cameron - general store

G. H. Caperton - general store

A. L. Guess - groceries

F. C. Hawes - groceries

John A. Hawes - general store

T. E. Smith (near Fabius) - general store

FACKLER (population: 200)

J. W. Brandon - general store

C. W. Hayes - groceries

J. W. Jones - saw mill

J. M. McGuffey - general store

Wm. E. McGuffey - general store

W. O. Proctor - general store

George L. Roach - general store

I. E. Sanders - general store and lumber

Sanders McGuffey - general store

Warren-Jones Company - general store

W. J. Williams - general store

C. A. Wilson - general store

FLAT ROCK (population: 20)

J. C. Austin - saw mill

J. H. Austin - general store

A. G. Davidson & Brother - general store

J. D. Hawkins - saw mill

Mrs. C. C> Henegar - groceries

S. E. Weldon - general store

FRANCISCO (population: 25)

C. C. Green & Company - general store

J. C. Pogue - general store

Rutledge & Gattis - general store

GONCE (population: 20)

J. L. Gonce - general store

Stubblefield & West - general store

Tom Summers - general store

HIGDON (population: 20)

J. W. Edwards (near Higdon) - general store

J. G. Tinker - general store

HOLLYTREE (population: 100)

J. P. Cunningham - general stsore

HOLLYWOOD (population: 276)

Judson Barber (near Hollywood) - groceries

Charles K. Bradford (near Hollywood) general store and gin

Brewster Brothers - general store

R. T. Fowler - general store

J. F. Gullatt - general store

Harris Brothers - general store

T. Machen - general store

R. O. Phillips (near Hollywood) - general store

Starkey Brothers - general store

J. L. Taylor - grist and handle mill

S. C. Wynn - general store

HYMER (population: 15)

Ira Thornton - general store

KYLES (population: 8)

M. H. Cook - general store

LANGSTON (population: 500)
W. L. Evans - general store
Fennell Brothers - general store
John L. McCormick - general store
Mrs. Mattie McCormick - Millinery
O. H. Stanfield & Son - general store

LARKINSVILLE (population: 222)
Bean & Robertson - general store
A. H. Cotten - general store
Hall & Selby - general store
J. C. Morris - general store
R. F. Proctor - general store
W. C. Selby - general store

LIMROCK (population: 150)
William Frazier - general store
M. Gentle - general store
S. E. Hasting - groceries
O. L. Higginbotham - groceries
V. R. Hooper - groceries
J. R. Sherrill - groceries

LONG ISLAND (population: 20)

J. O. Beene - general store

W. H. Brown - general store

C. H. Crabtree - groceries

R. C. Glover - general store and milling

I. S. Hembree - general store

A. W. Hogwood - general store

B. F. Howard - general store

F. P. James - general store

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Peeples & Massengale - general store

M. E. Smith - groceries and dry goods

Star Grocery Company - groceries

Aaron Whiataker (near Long Island) - grist mill and groceries

MAXWELL (population: 20)
J. M. Devers - general store

MILAN (population: 150) A. P. Swami - general store

OLALEE (population: 20) J. L. Wynn - general store

PAINT ROCK (population: 332 and a banking town)
M. E. Austin - groceries
Butler & Rousseau - general store
Jacobs Lumbers Co. wholesale lumber
W. L. Jones - groceries
J. E. & J. H. Jones - general store
Jones & Wells -- general store
M. W. Little - general store
J. S. O'Neal - garage/automobiles
Paint Rock Milling Co. - flour and grist mills
Mrs. S. E. Phillips - groceries
Smith Bros. & Latham - general store

PISGAH (population: 300) C. T. Bubo - general store and lumber W. O. Henegar - general store James H. Holland - general store A. B. Lawson (near Pisgah) - general store T. O. Lister/Lester - general store Metcalf & Boggus - general store D. B. Patterson - general store H. S. Rogers - general store Scroggins & Lawson - general store D. H. Shavers - general store G. E. Stogsdill (near Pisgah) - general stosre Roy Tate - groceries J. J. Thomas (near Pisgah) - general store W. D. Thompson - general store M. L. Wann - general store F. E. Whisenant - general store W. F. Wicks - general store

PRINCETON (population: 100)

J. A. Golden - general store R. H. Horton - general store A. G. Walker - general store

M. F. Wilks - general store

RASH (population: 150)
Oscar Allison - general store
E. R. Hurston - general store
Mrs. F. A. Wynn - general store

SCOTTSBORO (population: 1417 and a banking town)

Alabama Overall Co. - manufactory

Mrs. Nannie Bailey - hotel

J. S. Benson - newspaper

E. H. Caldwell - produce and meat

H. A. Campbell & Co. - general store

Coca-Cola Bottling Works -

R. C. Davis - dry goods

J. H. Davis & Co. - general store

Farmers' Supply Co. - feed

Charles S. Freeman and Freeman & Edmons - marble and 2dhand furn.

W. G. Gant (near Scottsboro) - general store

J. J. Gant & Son (near Scottsboro) - general store

J. A. Garland - automobiles

Gay & Padgett Hardware Co. - hardware

W. A. Gold - groceries

A. M. Guffey - (near Scottsboro) - groceries

J. H. Hancock & Son (near Scottsboro) - general store

Sam T. Hollis (near Scottsboro) - groceries

C. E. Howland - general store

J. C. Hunt - general store

J.C. Jacobs Banking Co.

Jackson County Grocery - Wholesale

Jackson County Telephone

J. A. Jones - monuments

Jones Mercantile Co. - general store

J. M. Kelley - bakery and grocery

J. H. Lipscomb Coal & Seed Co.

O. L. Little - groceries

R. Henry McAnelly - furniture and undertaking

R. J. McCamy (near Scottsboro) - general store

McCarthy & Maples - groceries

J. H. McClendon - general store

J. W. Manning (near Scottsboro) - general store

Matthews & Brewster - groceries

Fred Morris - groceries

J. W. Owens - groceries

W. H. Payne (trade name) - drugs

Claude Payne Grocery Co. - groceries

K. A. Philen & Co. - Barn

E. C. Price - Jeweler

T. A. Proctor - general store

Public Light & Power Co. (branch Chattanooga, TN)

Reed & McCullough - groceries

W. B. Rice (near Scottsboro) - general store

SCOTTSBORO (Continued)

W. A. Roach (near Scottsboro) - general store

C. B. Robertson - groceries

Scottsboro Auto Co. - automobiles

Scottsboro Warehouse Co.

Scottsboro Wholesale Co - groceries, grain, feed

W. S. Sisk - groceries

Skelton Bros. - wagons, buggies

Skelton, Clopton & White - Hardware

J. D. Snodgrass & Son - general store

Snodgrass Gin Co. - cotton gin

C. W. Steeley (near Scottsboro) - groceries

G. E. Stogsdill (near Scottsboro) - general store (also Pisgah)

J. V. Stubbs & Co. - cotton dealer

W. B. Sumner - groceries

J. E. Sumner & Son (near Scottsboro) general store

H. D. Underwood & Co. - groceries

A. A. Vann - novelties

Webb-Presley Drug Co. - drugs

W. J. Webb Auto Co. - automobiles

J. A. Williams - mens furnishings

J. S. Winninger & Co. - (near Scottsboro) - general store

E. D. Wood - groceries

Albert Woodall (near Scottsboro) - hay, grain, and feed

W. J. Word - furniture and undertaking

W. J. Word Lumber Co. _ lumber

G. E. Young - groceries, meat, and restaurant

SECTION (population: 300)

J. F. Allen - general store

R. A. Britt - general store

R. E. Bryant - general store

J. D. Culpepper (near Section) - general store

W. L. Fricks (near Section) - general store

J. M. Hale - general store

J. A. Hamilton (near Section) - general store

J. E. Haynes (near Section) - general store

S. A. Johns - general store

M. M. McCord - general store

H. H. Nichols & Sons - groceries

Owens, Vaux & Co. - groceries

A. S. Patterson - groceries

T. B. Phillips - general store

J. B. Powell - groceries

W. B. Riddle & Co. (near Section) - general store

SECTION (Continued)

R. L. Roberts - general store

Roberts & Tripp (near Section) - general store

Section Telephone Co.

Dixie Smith $_$ undertaker, general store, and auto repair

J. N. Williams (near Section) - general store

STEVENSON (population: 640 and a banking town)

Allison, Rudder, Wimberly & Co. - gin and cotton dealers

Allison & Howland - general store

E. H. Bullard - harness

Max R. Block dry goods, clothing, and furniture

Walter R. Bogart - general store

G. W. Bryant - grist mill

W. E. Cline - groceries and restaurant

J. F. Crabtree (near Stevenson) - general store

Ellis & Rudder Co. - undertakers

R. D. Gamble & Son - groceries

A. J. Grider - general store

W. P. Guess - groceries and meat

B. Hackworth - hardware

Hackworth & Allen - furniture and Queensware

L. W. Holder (near Stevenson) - general store

Miss Lizzie Hopkins - millinery

A. B. Jacoway & Co. - drugs

Jones & Shofner - meat and produce

J. H. McMahan - general store

E. O. Mann - hotel

John F. Mitchell and Mitchell Mfg. Co. saw mill and hardwood lumber

W. P. Peacock - groceries

J. R. Penn - groceries and restaurant

Albert R. Prince - drugs

Public Light & Power Co. (branch, Chattanooga, TN)\

W. J. Rorex - groceries and undertaking

I. P. Russell & Son (near Stevenson) - general store

Shofner & Smith Hardware Co. - hardware

H. H. Simpson - garage

C. A. Simpson & Sons - clothing, furnishings

A. J. Snider - general store

M. J. Steele & Son (near Stevenson) - groceries

Stevenson Cotton Mills

Timberlake Brothers - general store

Wimberley Cedar Co. - poles, piling

W. C. Wimberly - groceries

P. H. Woodall & Son - general store

SWAIM (population: 20)

J. R. Butler - grocery and grist mill

G. W. Green - general store

H. L. Hall - general store

R. T. Hall - general store

TRENTON (population: 131)

John B. Cox - groceries

T. T. Kirkpatrick - groceries

W. A. Mashburn - general store

W. H. Smith - general store

H. G. Vandiver - drugs

A. M. Wilbourn general store

J. T. Wilbourn - general store

TUPELO (population: 33)

Mrs. Nancy Bynum & Son - general store

WANNVILLE (population: 26)

Acme Mill & Mfg. Co.

C. A. Wann - general store

WOODVILLE (population: 191)

W. J. Bailey & Son - groceries

W. H. Butler & Co. - general store

Jones Brothers - general store

J. R. Kennamer - general store

W. J. Kennamer - general store

Kennamer-Campbell & Co. - general stosre

J. S. Milliner (near Woodville) - groceries

A. S. Page - general store

J. R. Page (near Woodville) - general store

Page & Hodges (near Woodville) - general store

S. W> Thomas & Co. - general store

YUCCA (population: 20)

H. P. Blancett & Son - groceries

J. L. McCrary - general store

L. C. Sterne - general store

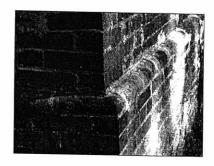
Banks in Jackson County: American National Bank in Bridgeport; Tennessee Valley Bank in Paint Rock and Scottsboro; First National Bank in Scottsboro and Stevenson; and J. C. Jacobs Banking Co. in Scottsboro.

LONGACRE- HELTON- COFFEY HOUSE at Rash, AL By Patty Woodall



In 1830 Thomas Longacre entered a patent for the western half of the SW quarter of Section 10, Township 2 South, Range 7 East. In the early 1840s two brick houses were built about a mile apart. One was for Thomas Longacre, and the other was for Anthony Crockett Austin. It is unknown who the builder was for these two houses, but the brick mason was probably Henry Gillespie from Virginia who lived between the Longacre and Austin families. The bricks for both houses were hand made from clay found in a field between the house sites. The mortar was made from lime and sand.

The house is of Georgian style with two rooms and a central hall downstairs and upstairs with a room behind one of the downstairs rooms giving the house an L-shape. Shortly after the house was built a room was added upstairs over the single back room downstairs. The exterior walls are 18 inches thick or about 6 bricks thick for about two feet up from the ground. At this point the walls are reduced to 5 bricks thick with a rain drip brick being at the top of the six bricks. The rain drip brick was important in that it made the water running down the side of the house splash



away from house rather than soaking the ground at the base of the brick walls. A special mold was used for the rain drip bricks. The interior walls are about 15 inches or 5 bricks thick and go all the way to the ground. The floor joists are made from cedar and oak logs that have only been hand hewed on one side. An insert opening was left in the brick walls to accommodate the joists. The rafters are hand hewed poplar.

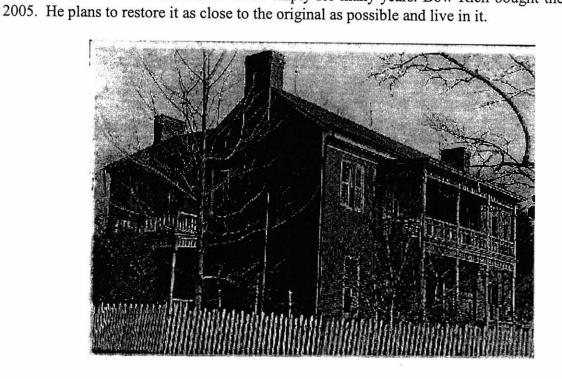
There are three chimneys, one at each end and one behind the back room. Each of the six rooms has a fireplace.



The stairway curves on the second thru fifth steps. It is rather narrow and steep. The walls and ceiling are plaster. The downstairs hall is wainscoted. The front door is capped by an elaborate decorative entablature supported by decorative pilasters being the principal ornamental feature of the Georgian facade. The narrow double front doors consist of rows of small rectangular panes of glass with an arched fanlight above the doors. Dentil molding is under the overhang of a roof made of tin shingles. The front porch upstairs and down has been torn down. Two symmetrical windows flank either side of the front door and balcony door.

In 1859 ? Thomas Longacre sold the house to Dr. Pleasant H. Helton

whereupon the Heltons moved into the house. Dr. Helton only had one child, a daughter, Sallie Helton, who married Rice A. Coffey. Sallie and Rice A. Coffey had among other children, Charles H. Coffey. Dr. Helton died in 1899, and his 3rd wife, Emma Havner Helton married again to William D. Rorex and continued to live in the house. Emma Helton Rorex outlived her step-daughter Sallie Helton Coffey who died in 1930. After Emma Helton Rorex death in 1938, her step-grandson, Charles H. Coffey, moved into the house where he lived until his death in 1946. Charles' widow, Katherine (Parks) Coffey continued to live in the house until a few years before her death in 1969 in Tuscaloosa, AL. The house was rented after that and then was allowed to stand empty for many years. Bow Rich bought the house in



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