THE CROW CREEK SCENE



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PREFACE

This book is published so that we may have a record of the communities and the people of Crow Creek Valley. It is as complete as we have been able to make it at this time, we hope that this record can be up-dated with more information in the future. Everyone who has contributed to this work has done so gladly and without charge. We realize that this volume is just one part of the many activities being activated for Tennessee Homecoming '86 in this area. And we hope that it will all be a success which will be enjoyed and remembered for years to come.

"Man is an omnibus in which all his ancestors ride."
—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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No one's name was purposely omitted from this Record. If you feel that your name should be included, please write your concerns to the Postmaster, Sherwood, TN, and your name will be entered in its proper place in this or the next Record. Any person's name appearing in this Record of 1986 Homecoming who does not want his or her name to be included in any category of the Record, please write your concerns to the Postmaster, Sherwood, TN, 37376, and your name will be deleted from this pamplet when possible.

Every effort is being made to collect correct information relative to Crow Creek Valley residents in this century, and some of the pursuits they are or have followed. For those names and occupations which may not be listed in this Record because of time and space allotted now, they will be included eventually in this Record or the next up-dated and expanded Record made, providing the information needed is made available to the 1986 Homecoming Committee.

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SHERWOOD HOMECOMING SONG

By: VAN GARNER

CHORUS: It's Sherwood homecoming in Tennessee Welcome one and all to this friendly jubilee Hold out your arms and shake a hand from yesterday It's Sherwood homecoming time in the valley-let's all stay!

> Remember Jake's Bluff high on The mountain to the west And the Biscuit Hole by the corn field Where we learned to swim our best And the memory of Big Spring Just beyond the white house school And who could forget the parties Lord, where we learned to break the rules.

CHORUS: repeat

There's the Saddle on the mountain And the Horseshoe Curve We can see what's left of Gager Lime that employed men of nerve There's Tom-Pack Holler, Sinking Cove. Where the huntin's still good Yes, it's Sherwood homecoming time To recall the things we should.

CHORUS: repeat chorus in key of E and fade

THE HISTORY OF SHERWOOD

By: A. J. ROBINSON

Unfortunately there is very little recorded history of Sherwood prior to 1875. According to an old Tennessee history published in 1886 the first settler to arrive here was one George Gray. He built a cabin near the Big Spring and London Hill area and started farming. According to the story there was an old lady named Lundy who was an invalid living with the family. They were attacked by the Indians and the Grays fled into the nearby mountains leaving the old lady in the cabin. The Indians removed her and her furniture and set fire to the house. After this incident Gray moved his family to Bean's Creek near Winchester. The name London Hill remains until this day. It must have been named for the Mrs. Lundy. Over the years the name must have been changed to London.

At this time Sherwood was known as Ketchin's Station so named by the N.C. & St. L. Railroad that was put through the valley in 1855. There must have been a thriving community here from 1809 through 1875 as there is an old cemetery here with grave stones dating back to the early

In 1875 ex-Governor Sherwood of Wisconsin bought a large tract of land here and established the Sherwood Land and Immigration Co. His purpose being to build a health resort and to establish a fruit growing operation.

During this time there was thirty northern and ten southern families here. There were two general stores, two churches, the Sherwood Academy; and one free school. There was a steam saw mill, planning and shingle mill. Mr. A. J. Smith erected a large hotel at the top of the mountain near a fine mineral spring costing more than \$20,000. Mr. Hersceimer made plans to move his foundry here from the north and was to work sixty men. This plan did not materialize.

Prior to the arrival of Mr. Sherwood the principal industries in the valley were the getting out of chestnut oak bark for the leather tanning industry and saw milling.

The town prospered for a few years but the northern families

gradually went back to their native states.

About 1890 the Gager family moved here from Ohio and established the Gager Lime and Manufacturing Co. This plant was later to become one of the largest operations of this kind in the south. It was one of the first industries in Franklin County. They worked more than a hundred people and the town again prospered. It was often said that the county had to wait until Gager paid their taxes so they could pay the school teachers.

The plant operated until 1949 at which time they ceased operations.

The town was left without any industry so the people were forced to find employment in near-by communities. Many have moved away but

some have stayed on.

Sherwood's claim to fame probably came in 1951 when the British government presented to us the badge, bell and log from HMS Sherwood a destroyer that was given to them during World War II. There were many dignitaries here at this time. The British Consul General from New Orleans, A British naval Captain, Governor Gordon Browning, Sgt. Alvin C. York WWI hero, several congressman and many other prominent people. The badge is temporarily located in the

Post Office awaiting some permanent location.

The town of Anderson was established by John F. Anderson who came there in the early 1820's. The land which was much more suitable for farming soon attracted many settlers and became quite a thriving community having several stores, a slaughter house, a railroad depot, and one saloon. During the Civil War it saw many Confederate and Federal troops that passed through the valley. The leading industries for many more years were farming and timber. In 1934 the Oolitic Mining Co. was started. It later became what is now known as the Cowan Stone Co. The stone that is mined there is of a very high calcium content and goes in the manufacturing of glass, fiber glass, feed and many other products. It is a well known company and over the years has contributed much to the economy of the valley and several neighboring towns.

HISTORY OF SINKING COVE

By: AUSTIN P. STUBBLEFIELD

The Sinking Cove community is located just off of Alabama State Highway 117 about 12 miles north of Stevenson, Alabama and about 6 miles, as the crow flies, west of Sherwood, Tennessee. Although it comprises the 13th Civil District of Franklin County, Tennessee, it is more naturally a part of Alabama since the Cumberland Mountains block direct access to other parts of Tennessee without first taking a loop through north Alabama.

Of course the first known inhabitants of the region were the Indians and there is ample evidence of these former residents in the fields and caves of the area. The Indians were forcefully removed to Oklahoma by

the U.S. Government in 1838.

The first white settlers in the Little Cove Creek-Sinking Cove commmunity are believed to have been a Shavers family around 1810. This family was thought to be descendants of the Melungeon people, possibly of Portugese origin, who also settled much of Hancock County in East Tennessee. Between 1810 and 1825 several other families settled in the area including the Matthews, Gonces, Rices and Stubblefields from Hawkins County, Tennessee, the Wells from Kentucky, Crabtrees from South Carolina, Sells' from Washington County, Virginia, the Willises, Wilkersons, Wests, Jacksons, Elliotts and Holders from various other places. One of the very earliest settlers in Sinking Cove was Peter Sells and his wife, Hannah McDonald Sells of Washington County, Virginia. He built a log house there around 1820 and in recent years this house was removed to Stevenson, Alabama and restored to its original condition. Peter Sells, his wife and at least one son are buried in the Old Baptist Cemetery, south west of Anderson, Tennessee. In recent years my father, Charlie Stubblefield, Sr. and I erected tombstones to mark their graves.

The early settlers often received large grants of land from the Federal Government. One such grant dated December 5, 1824 gave Overton H. West 5,000 acres in Sinking Cove including the head-waters of Little Crow Creek. An abundance of wild game and fertile land made the Sinking Cove area highly desirable for the settlers. Virgin forests provided the early settlers with the timber needed to build their houses and barns, and in the later years sale of timber provided much-needed income. A number of large sawmills were located in the area from about 1900 to 1920 resulting in the production of millions of board feet

of lumber.

About 1840 Jim Tanksley built a large grist mill in the head of Sinking Cove. The mill was powered by an over-shot water wheel with the water coming from the mouth of a cave located several feet above ground level.

The first post office in the area was located on the Charlie Stub-

blefield farm, then owned by the West family. Since the postmaster's name was Hibbard, the post office was officially called "Hibbard, Tennessee." The post office opened about 1890 and was discontinued about 1900. Later John L. Gonce was postmaster of the Gonce, Alabama post office, located at the state line, for some forty years. Beginning about 1932, Jim B. Summers started the first mail route into Sinking Cove and members of his family continue to provide this service today.

Like most other communities, Sinking Cove, has been touched by the various wars in which our nation has been involved. During the Civil War units of the Union Army trekked through Sinking Cove, taking what they wanted from the local people as they went. Several from the area served in the Confederate Army including: Jack McCoy, Andy Stewart, John Jackson, Dink Champion, Pete Sells, Bill Rodgers, John Mason Arnold and Nathan Shavers. A number of men also served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict. Although several were wounded in these wars, only one, Claude Ellis Evans died in combat during World War II.

Through the years many of the descendants of the early settlers have moved away and are scattered throughout our country. About a dozen families still live in this beautiful and scenic area of Franklin County enjoying the serenity so highly treasured by our forebearers. It is hoped that many with roots in the Sinking Cove community will take the opportunity to return for a visit during the Homecoming '86 celebration.

WILLIS LEAVES NO STONE UNTURNED

By: FELIX G. MATTHEWS

Jim W. Willis, who died in his upper nineties a few years ago, and who was a Railroad Operator in Sherwood, TN for over a half a century, worked tirelessly for thirteen years, some before he retired and some after he retired, to compile the records of the first eighty families to settle in the Crow Creek Valley and in an area reaching out into the adjoining counties and states. First he wrote down all the information about all the families he ever knew or thought he knew.

Then he made a chart of this information which bore missing links or connections in the families so chartered. From here he determined if he were related to any or all of the people here he knew. To his surprise, before he had finished his mission, which was of course many years later, he found that he was directly related to over six hundred of them, one way or another. Naturally this helped to make his urge to carry on more pronounced and he continued his investigations into the then

unknown of the first families to settle in these parts.

As in the beginning, this work went on year after year until all the information which could possibly be found from any source had been gathered together. It was all a huge stack of names, dates of births and deaths, dates of marriages and travels, memories of old and young people alike. Mr. Willis took nothing for granted but considered every detail large or small, for what it might be worth to his endeavors to learn more about the people he always liked, whether they were his relatives or not. Mr. Willis himself was a man with a blazing and shining personality, and if he ever had any enemies nobody ever knew who they were.

He never believed any person who has passed on and whom he had not personally been acquainted with ever lived, was born, married or died, unless his investigation showed that a statement of these facts was either made by a reliable person (Relative) or it was found on a tombstone, in or out of a cemetery, a Bible Record, and old post-marked letter, Newspaper clipping, a Land Deed, a Petition, Court Record, History Book, or from the County, State, or U. S. Census Bureau. It took at least one of these methods of record and sometimes all of them, to convince Mr. Willis of the facts he worked so hard to obtain about the people who have passed on from this life.

Once he said to me, "You don't realize how little or nothing most people know about their own families and their families' histories. The results you sometimes get or don't get in a personal interview with a person about his family or relatives or of the history of one of his neighbors is in many, many cases, somewhat appalling.

Mr. Willis knew one man's opinion about records was not sufficient proof alone. That is why he spent up his savings traveling from county to county and from state to state to collect information and old records

about the first families to settle in this great area we enjoy today. He paid many Genealogists six dollars an hour to double check the information he gathered to be sure it was correct in every detail. So he would leave no stone unturned, Mr. Willis corresponded with the relatives of the families who first settled in this area in every state in the union and seven foreign countries to verify some questionable detail about family records. Some weeks he would receive a bag of mail to be analyzed and chartered into its proper place, with the other mountains of records he had to contend with. It all had something to do with the people who lived here before or who are living here now, between Sewanee, Tennessee and Bolivar, Alabama. Suffice it to say, if it had not been for Jim W. Willis, his ingenuity, pleasant personality and untiring labor, many of us today would not know the facts we are privileged to know about the ancestors of our relatives and friends, who they are, where they came from, where they went, and what happened to them.

FOOTNOTE

Mr. Willis donated to me copies of the records of the Ake, Anderson and Matthews families, and possibly to some other families as well he gave copies of their records. Mr. Willis told me that he had turned over to the National Archives all the records he gathered of the 80 families he first chartered and completed as best as possible from the facts that he was able to verify. But many of the family records were piece-meal, leaving many questions about some of the people unanswered and uncharted.

EARLY OCCUPATIONS

By FELIX G. MATTHEWS

From the 1900s, and before, agriculture has been in general the principal occupation of the inhabitants of Crow Creek Valley. Beyond this, some other activities practiced by the people were hunting, fishing and trapping. Trapping and hunting were carried on mainly in the winter months while fishing lasted the year around. These concerns brought into the households food from some of the animals and fish, as well as cash for the animal hides. But by 1924 the fish and game had become mostly depleted as prices for hides zeroed, leaving only a small amount of fish to be caught, but plenty of squirrel and raccoon to hunt, with a smattering of fowls like turkey, wild ducks and geese. At the present time deer hunting has become very popular, although all

hunting, fishing and trapping are now regulated by law.

Some of the people in the Valley earned extra income by collecting herbs, such as star root, May apple root, yellow root and ginseng; others worked for the Railroad Company, or cut timber, and operated Saw Mills to make crossties and building material. The chestnut trees cut down were sold for dye wood. In the summer they would pick blackberries and huckleberries to sell or can. In the fall some family members would collect walnuts, hickory nuts and chestnuts to use or sell. For extra income some men would make wood baskets and bottom chairs. A few men worked in the coal mines when coal was beginning to be used in the households for cooking and heat; others made moonshine whiskey in the mountains for their living. However by 1950 these extra pursuits came to almost a stand-still, practically all the merchantable timber was gone, the trees which bore edible nuts were cut down and sold. That left only the berries, baskets and chair bottoms to work at and this too became unprofitable, leaving these workers to seek other employment where ever they could find it. This was a real challenge to deal with.

While the women worked in their homes the year round, they did manage to make some extra cash by sewing, knitting, weaving, and making quilts to sell, as well as for their own families. Some went out to house-clean or do laundry for their neighbors, while there were a very

few who acted as midwives or nurses.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

By FELIX G. MATTHEWS

In the not so distant past, some of the people of Crow Creek Valley were struck with hardships, not seen since the great depression in the 1930s. With the loss of hundreds of jobs up and down the Valley, such as railroad work, timber work, saw mill work, agriculture work, and the demise of Gager Lime Company, brought on extra burdens to everyone involved in these kinds of employment. This being the reality of life, it was faced by most every one with determination and fortitude.

This situation, although it came on gradually over the years, has been overcome by most of the employees who were affected by the loss of regular work. Most of them have found employment in other sections of Franklin County or Jackson County, Alabama, not to mention the Anderson Plant of the Cowan Stone Company, and the employment it affords. While agriculture is still the principal occupation in general in the Valley, it employs less than four percent of the people previously used to work the crops. Besides this, many families moved to other sections of the country to work and live.

Overcoming obstacles and making adjustments as they are faced is a task that no one can avoid. To this end the people of Crow Creek Valley have succeeded in their efforts to carry on life's struggles, be they bad or good, and with this outlook they have braced themselves with the armor of steadfastness and patience, looking to the future with hope and courage.

ANDERSON PLANT, COWAN STONE COMPANY

By FELIX and CHARMIAN MATTHEWS

The Anderson Plant of the Cowan Stone Company was originally named The Oolitic Mining Company. Oolitic is the name given to limestone which comes from this mine. It is composed of the shells of minute sea creatures of long eons past. The Oolitic Mining Company was started and owned by Arthur J. Robinson, Sr., and his son Fred Robinson, in 1934. They sold the mines to J.D. Henley and his brother, George Louis Henley, soon after its beginning. Later on George Louis sold his interest to J.D. and moved to Winchester to take a new job there. Several years later J.D. sold a certain interest in the Company to the Cowan Stone Company of Cowan, Tennessee.

At that time the Anderson Plant's name was changed to The Cowan Stone Company, and has remained so ever since. From its beginning this stone company has been a benefit to the farmers of this valley, as well as to the farmers in the surrounding counties. This limestone is also used as an ingredient in hundreds of other products in the nation. The Anderson Plant is the only industry operating in this end of Crow Creek Valley. It employs a sizable number of workers who contribute to

the welfare of our valley, and to neighboring communities.

Below is a list of some past and present employees of the Cowan Stone Company: J.D. Henley, Superintendent; Jim Crownover, Assistant; Eugene Cates, Walter Ake, George Crownover (Lee's son), Dick Crownover, Jesse Guess, Gus Guess, Gus Guess, Jr., Dale Johnson, John Hannah, Matt Matthews, Larry Roberts, Oscar Wells, William Roberts, Bill Sherman, James Louis Henley, Coffey Roberts, Tony Hill, Penny Miller, Bill N. Willis, David Roberts, Jesse Roberts, Walker Crownover, Will Willis, Walter Haney, Bill Johnson, Lear Prince, George Crownover (Bill's son), Steve Collins, Joe Guess, Billy Edd Garner, Luke Hughes, Maxie Johnson, Henry Bradford, Claude Maxwell, Claton Maxwell, Kenny Summers, Buddy Ammonette, Clerk; Joe Arnold, Liaison; Elbert Willis, Willie Crownover, and George Louis Henley.

CROW CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

By FELIX G. MATTHEWS

A group of Crow Creek citizens got together in 1960 or 1961 to plead to the state Conservation Department of Tennessee for a Watershed in Crow Creek Valley. At the same time the same action was taken by the Alabama Watershed Committee of North Jackson County. An election was held in both Districts and the Watershed was voted for by a large majority of the voters. A committee was elected by the voters to follow the guide lines of Public Law 566, and get the Watershed project started. These duties were carried out to the end that the Watershed was completed in the next few years. The original cost was \$460,000.

All owners of low lands along the banks of the creek are required to pay a small tax each year to the County for 20 years to reimburse the state for the money spent for the Watershed. This is a small price to pay when you consider that practically all the crops planted in low lands were destroyed almost every year by flood waters. That was the purpose of the watershed in the first place, to alleviate this costly

condition for farmers.

The Crow Creek Watershed has its beginning at the foot of Sewanee mountain and continues to the Tennessee River about two miles beyond Stevenson, Alabama, with Little Crow Creek included in the project. With the beds and the banks of the creeks deepened and widened and the creek themselves mostly straightened out along the way, there is enough space to carry away almost all water that falls in the valley, without destroying the crops. In this respect, this Watershed is perhaps the greatest improvement in our Valley which could be made for another generation. Original elected committeemen were Felix Matthews, chairman, J.D. Henley, Vice-chairman, James Clardy, Secretary, Charlie Stubblefield, Sr., Treasurer, the other Directors were: John Brown, J.C. Lynch, Carlton Cunningham, Doran Russell, Ed Garner. Felix Matthews resigned and moved to Nashville to work for the state, and then Mr. Charles Stubblefield, Sr. was elected Chairman and and Mrs. Daisy Henley was elected Secretary.

CROW CREEK DISASTER CLUB

By: FELIX and CHARMIAN MATTHEWS

The Crow Creek Valley Disaster Club, located in the basement of the Church of Christ Building at Anderson, began approximately in 1974, and it was organized by Mrs. Nancy Pack Matthews of Anderson, Tenn.

SOME PARTICIPANTS PAST AND PRESENT

Margaret Lloyd Sara Roberts Eva May Roberts Lisa J. Matthews Otha Guess Donna Atwell Hattie Stubblefield Clara Guess Bet Bradford Georgia Willis Josephine Roberts Zelma Payne Betty Garner Reta Stubblefield Nancy Matthews Mabel Gonce **Bonnie Gonce** Nellie Stubblefield Ross Willis Erlene Garner Linnie McBee Clara Morris Martha Crownover Ella Gonce Jo Ann Stubblefield Charmian Matthews Kathleen Hackworth Freda Roberts Velma Henley Francis Stevens Lillian Russell Virgie Hughes

These working women have made and given away over 150 quilts since the club began. Quilts have been given to an Orphans' Home in Manchester, Tennessee, and to burn-out families near Stevenson, Alabama, and Sewanee, Tennessee, to name a few. However, most of the quilts hve been given to the families living in the Crow Creek Valley area who have had burn-outs or other disasters in their families. This quilt-making work, which continues, deserves the highest commendation from all the people of the Valley. This club has received quilting material to work with from Sand Mountain and Stevenson, Al., and from Huntland and Decherd, Tn., although most of the quilting material have come from the quilters themselves.

CHURCH OF CHRIST SEWING ACTIVITY CLUB

By: MRS. EVELYN MILLER

In 1963 and 1964 some of the Sherwood ladies formed a Church of Christ Sewing Activity Club. Included in their work they have made childrens' and infants' gowns and diaper shirts which they gave to the Sewanee Hospital Pediatric Section. Also they made quilts which they gave to Mrs. Etta Smith's Nursing Home at Cowan, and to some elderly sick and confined people living in Sherwood, Tenn. 37376.

The participants in this worthy cause were:

Mrs. Flora Crownover Evelyn Miller Dorothy Phillips Stella Summers Billie Smith Pearl Sparks Josephine Roberts Nancy Ake Louise Cunningham

SHERWOOD DAY

By FELIX and CHARMIAN MATTHEWS

In 1980, Nancy Pack Matthews of Anderson, Jo Ann Bates Stubblefield of Sinking Cove, and Hazel Garner of Sherwood organized "SHERWOOD DAY", to be held on the third Saturday in June each year in the Gymnasium of the Sherwood Elementary School from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. with covered dish lunch being served at noon. All residents of the Valley, past and present, and friends and relatives from far and near are welcome to attend Sherwood Day for a get-together. This is a day to renew old acquaintances, laugh over old times, and perhaps make new friends. Past Sherwood Days have been excellent. Friends and relatives came from many states, including Hawaii, Alaska and at least one foreign country.

By: FELIX G. MATTHEWS

Walter R. Crownover owned the first Automobile, and the first Radio to come to Crow Creek Valley. His Battery Radio had an Antenna over 50 feet long. He could drive his auto only to the Anderson Post Office and back, as all other roads were unfit to drive on.

Walker Jordan of Bass was elected Superintendent of Education in Jackson County, Alabama in 1937. The same Office is now filled by Randolph Gonce, of Little Crow Creek.

James B. Hackworth, raised three miles north of Bass was elected Judge of Probate Court in Jackson County, Alabama, in 1910.

George Hoback, who married Lizzie Phillips of Gourdneck, was elected Commissioner of Roads in North Jackson County, Alabama, in 1953. (Approx. date).

John Hackworth was a famous lawyer in both Franklin County, Tennessee, and in Jackson County, Alabama, during his adult life. He had lived just north of Bass, Al.

Tom W. McBride of Little Crow Creek was appointed High Sheriff of Jackson County, Alabama, by the Governor of that State from 1932-35.

Silas West of Sinking Cove moved to Nashville, Tennessee during World War One and was elected Mayor of Nashville two terms. This is the most reliable information we can learn at present. We hope it is correct.

- A. J. Barnes of Sherwood was a confidant of every Tennessee Governor during his life. He had a road built from Sherwood up the mountain to Sewanee, without getting permission from the property owners to build it. He had two Rail Road Crossings eliminated just north of Sherwood at a cost of \$60,000.
- J. W. Talley built a Presbyterian Church House and a School House in Dry Cove in 1901 for the use of the public. Annie Mae Hackworth, a sister of Jack Hackworth, taught school in Dry Cove for several years. The School House burned down in 1924.

Wimbert H. Hackworth, son of Tom Hackworth, was the last president of the N.C. & St. L. Railroad.

Cyrena Anderson (Willis) daughter of John F. Anderson, was the first passenger to ride through the Tan Tallon Tunnel. She used a rocking chair for a seat, as there were no seats installed in the train coach she rode in.

John Nance Garner, Vice President under Franklin D. Roosevelt was born in Lost Cove, just north of Sherwood. He said that his family moved to Texas when he was a baby from there in Tennessee. He wrote this on the back of a letter which Jim W. Willils wrote to him and which he returned to Mr. Willis.

Adam Shavers and Will Holder lived to be 100 years old each. Other Crow Creek Valley known residents who lived beyond 95 years are as follows: Tom Hackworth, Lark Willis, Black Lark Garner, Jim W. Willis, Bee Grider, Jefferson (Buck) Matthews, Napoleon Ake, Mrs. Callie Summers, Mrs. Sarah Stephens, Tommy Garner, 96 and still living, Sam Arnold, 96 years old, Etta Champion, 96 years, and Nancy Trowbridge, 95 years, and there are many more Valley citizens who lived beyond 95 years, but the correct information about their ages is not available at this period of time.

Big Crow Creek Valley belonged to Marion County in 1816, but it was reclaimed by Franklin County Tennessee in 1824. There are records in the courthouse to support this fact.

Tom Jackson, the son of J.D. Jackson, formerly of Sherwood, organized the Tenn., Department of Tourism, becoming the head of that body. He now heads the consulting firm of Tom Jackson and Associates in Nashville, Tn.

OCCUPATIONS and THE PEOPLE WHO ARE and HAVE BEEN IN-VOLVED, CROW CREEK VALLEY:

POSTMASTERS, SHERWOOD (THE NAMES AND DATES OF THE SHERWOOD AND ANDERSON POST OFFICES WERE TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS OF THE U.S. POSTMASTER GENERAL.)

John M. Kelley, 1885 Unknown, 1885 to 1925 Raymond Besheres, 1925 Mr. J.L. Henderson, Nov. 1925 to 1942 Alan Wells, 1942 to 1946

Duff Creson, 1946 to 1951 Sidney Maxwell, 1951 to 1963 James M. Besheres, acting Pastmaster 1963 to 1968 Arthur J. Robinson, 1968 to present Sheila Willis, Post Office Clerk

POSTMASTERS, ANDERSON

Larkin Willis, 1854
Jacob Summers, 1858
Lawrence Banks, 1859
Post Office closed;
Reopened April 1, 1873
Benjamin L. Willis,
Postmaster to 1885
John F. Anderson, 1885
Mary A. Willis, 1904

Joe Hackworth, 1908 Lark Willis, 1923 Daisy Willis, 1948 to 1956 Anderson Post Office closed in 1956. Mail passed to Route One Sherwood, Tn. 37376, in conjunction with Route 1, Stevenson, Al 35772.

GONCE, ALABAMA POST OFFICE:

This Post Office opened about 1910, and the mail was carried from there and back to Anderson by horse-back. Gus Sentell was one mail carrier; the other was Charlie Pitman. This Post Office closed in 1956; Lillian Gonce Russell was the last Postmaster of Gonce, Alabama. Her father, John Gonce, was the first postmaster. There was known by many people in the past that a Post Office was located in Sinking Cove, on a hill just beyond where Charlie Stubblefield, Jr., lives now. It is not listed on the Postmaster General's Records. This was during the nineteenth century, before Post Office Records were kept. This was perhaps the first Post Office in this valley. Its location in Sinking Cove was known as "Hibbard," and the Postmaster's name was Mr. Hibbard. This was before Sherwood, Anderson or Gonce, Alabama, had a Post Office.

On Page 222 of THE STEVENSON STORY, By Eliza B. Woodall, we find this quote; "The (Mail) route to serve the area that became Stevenson was established 7 Jul 1938: from Winchester, Tennessee, by Crow Creek, Coon Creek, and Bolivar, to Loving's Willis Valley, Alabama. It is supposed that this route would have passed through Catching's (Sherwood) and Pleasant Grove, on through the future site of Stevenson to Bolivar. In 1845 a route was established from Bolivar by way of Coon Creek and Crow Creek to Winchester. This leaves one to believe that there was little need for service from Bolivar to Willis Valley. Bolivar was the exchange point for mail on the Bellefonte-Ross's Landing Route and the Bolivar Winchester Route."

On Page 225 of THE STEVENSON STORY we have this other information:

"BASS STATION (AND POSTMASTERS:)

William H. Bogart	18 Jul 1870
William H. Bogart	18 Jul 1873
Jacob T. Walker	16 Apr 1884
William T. Walker	11 Feb 1914
Thomas P. Summers	18 Nov 1926
Lyda Walker	27 Oct 1934
Thomas P. Summers	24 Aug 1936
Discontinued 31 Mar 1937: mail passe	ed to Stevenson."

Another Note About The Gonce, Alabama Post Office: Gonce, Alabama Post Office opened Jan 27, 1915: Postmasters: John Gonce, Lillian Gonce Russell.

This Post Office closed Oct. 15, 1946: mail passed to Route One Sherwood, Tn and Route One Stevenson, Alabama. The other date about this Post Office may be disregarded, pelase.

P.S. The mail routes mentioned above were conducted by Horseriders, a kind of Pony Express. The mail was delivered about twice a week, on the different routes.

SCHOOL HOUSES:

Sinking Cove, Elementary
Anderson, Elementary
Pleasant Grove, Al., Elementary
Sherwood, Elementary (Jr. High, 1931)
Garner School, Sherwood, Elementary
Beresford Private School, Sherwood
Sherwood Academy, Sherwood
Talley Cove, Elementary, beyond Bass, Dry Cove: burned in 1924.
Big Oak School House, located where Vernon Jenkins lives now; gone.
(Pleasant Grove High School at Lloyd's. Moved in 1931 to Bennett's Cove, Hwy.
117, Elementary School. More about this school on another page).

OPERATORS OF GRIST MILLS:

Rufe Decker—Anderson George Garner— Sherwood Luke Hughes—Anderson John Gonce—Gonce, Al J.W. Gonce—Anderson, Tn Campbell Ake, Abbotts Chapel Buster Steele—Below Bass Mr. --- Payne, Sinking Cove Louis Rousey, 1912, Sherwood John F. Anderson, Anderson, Tn

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Case Foller Lumber Mill Hollow Flat

SORGHUM MAKERS:

Jake Summers
Newton Prince
Bronson Steele
Bill Crownover
Clarence Hoosier
John A. Matthews
Ernest Prince
Oscar Matthews
Charlie Shetters
Lee Stephens
George Crownover
Luke Hughes
Bill Beene
George Hoosier

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Randall West W.W. Bledsoe & Lynch? Henry Bunn Flossie Bishop Bates & Robinson J.B. Summers Lawrence Robinson Charlie Lappin Jack Barnes A.J. Robinson, Sr. Lowrey Gonce Jo Ann Stubblefield, Sherwood Millard Matthews Paul B. Hughes **Edd Garner Todd Bradford** Carl Gonce Joe Mack Arnold Charlie Arnold J.W. Willis J.D. Crownover Lark Willis Mrs. Zona Miller Jim Crabtree Bobby D. Garner John Gonce, Anderson Doran & Lillian Russell Donald Lee Henley Walter Garner Walter R. Willis Allen Sparks Joe Hackworth John F. Anderson J.W. Gonce Lebrer Wynne John Wisdom Gonce Miller & Robinson George Gasnor Lark Garner Mrs. Jewel Prince Fred Miller George N. Cunningham Bill Cunningham **Barnes Brothers** Cecil Bunn Will Walker, Bass E.S. Gonce, Sr. A.J. Stubblefield John Gonce, Little Crow Creek Pate Summers Dave Briscoe Ray McCallister Charlie Stubblefield, Sr.

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Luke Hughes Walter Crownover **Eugene Shetters** John A. Matthews **Bob Hughes** Elbert Ake **Ernest Prince** George Hoosier J.W. Willis Ben Willis Jimmy Ake James Clardy Johnny Jackson Pate Summers Jim Singleton Gilbert Matthews Lear Prince Bill M. Prince Earl Hoosier Napoleon Ake Vance Matthews Todd Bradford Sammy McCallie George Stephens Turney Crownover John Beene Mose Beene **Bud Austin**

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J.D. Stephens
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Dubie Shavers
Elbert Ake
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Gus Sentell, first carrier

Charlie Pitman, second carrier

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Summers of Sherwood, Tennessee.
Mrs. Jewell Prince and Mrs. Maxine Garner are mail carriers from 1985 to
the present time of Route one, Sherwood, Tennessee 37376 by vehicle.

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Church of Christ, Sherwood
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Emanuel Church of Christ, Sherwood
Congregational Church, Sherwood
Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Little Crow Creek
Baptist Church, Sherwood
Baptist Church, Sherwood
Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove
Matthews Memorial Church, Bass
Smyrma Baptist Church, Talley Cove
Presbyterian Church, Dry Cove (Talley Cove)

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Napoleon Ake
Vance Matthews
Will Willis
Ben Sutton
Newton Prince
Brue Matthews
Buster Cole
Mose Beene
George Hoosier
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Carl Willis
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Barnes (William Barne's daughter)
Barnes (William Barne's daughter)

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Charlie Stubblefield, Jr.
Billy Goff
Carl Garner
George D. Garner
Col. Herman Perry
Herman Stephens
Donald Lee Henley
Forrest Garner
Daymon Garner

Ralph Garner
Joseph W. Robinson
Millard F. Matthews, Sr.
Clabe S. Sherman
Ralph Miller
Floyd B. Garner, Jr.
David Jackson
Joe W. Robinson
Millard F. Matthews, Jr.
Larkin Garner

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Walter C. Willis, WW II
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Paul Bunn WW I
Ollie Steele, WW II
Millard Stephens, Korean Conflict
Jack Barnes, Vietnam
Fred (Hub) Pack, WW II
James L. (Les) Russell, WW I
H. B. Prince, WW II
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Roosevelt Shetters, Vietnam
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Carl Payne, Jr., Korean Conflict
Claude Evans, WW II

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J.D. Henley

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ARTISTS:

John Terry Frank Hughes Charmian Matthews Ted Haney

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Billy Goff
Gus Guess
Bill N. Willis
Jimmy R. Morris
James Louis Henley

Clyde Bean Lear Prince Bill Johnson Jessie Wilkerson Ted Miller Chester Garner

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J.C. Johnson, Mdse.
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Charles F. Smith, Produce
Matt A. Matthews, Produce
Elmore S. Gonce, Produce
J.D. "Peck" Terrell, Produce

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Albert "Bab" Singleton, Hunter and Trapper Alice Rich, Carder of Cotton John Simmons, Herb Digger David Jackson, University Press Will Holder, Wakins Agent Doug Hughes, Ins. Investigator Clyde Garner, Insurance Paul Bean, Insurance Mrs. Barbara Russell, Census Enumerator Felix Matthews, Census Enumerator Trave Hackworth, Boy Scout Master Vernon Jenkins, TVA Mail Carrier John Jordan, Chair Bottomer George Hoosier, Clock and Gun Repair Wild John Evans, Hermit Robert McCallie, Basket Maker Jim Willard, Grave Digger

Nothing has been emphasized about the Farmer, but anyone knows that you have to have the equivalent of a PhD Degree to be a successful farmer now, in spite of the fact that the soil in this valley which is known as Sequatchie soil, is one of the findest kinds in America.

CROW CREEK VALLEY SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

"Matt" J. M. Matthews A. A. Russell Bill Crownover Lawrence Robinson J. W. Willis Lark Garner
"Matt" A. Matthews
A. J. Barnes
J. D. Jackson, Present Commissioner

SOME SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CROW CREEK VALLEY, PAST AND PRESENT, INCLUDING TALLEY COVE, PLEASANT GROVE, BASS, ALABAMA, ANDERSON, SHERWOOD, AND SINKING COVE, TENNESSEE:

Armes, Mary Barnes, Vivian Bates Bass, Francis Beene, Johnnie (Walker) Beresford, Claude Berryhill, Carries

Carroll, J. G. Carroll, (Miss) Clark, Aaron Clark, Alma

Clifton, Mark (Present Principal)

Counts, Kermit Crabtree, Gladys Creson, Nancy

Crownover, Margaret (Jenkins)

Crownover, Roy Cullins, Eleatha

Cunningham, Lois (present teacher) Darwin, Mattie

Finney, A. C. Finney, Raymond Garner, Anne Pearl Larkin Garner, Donald A. Garner, Helen Duncan

Garner, Marie Garner, Ruby S. (present teacher)

Gonce, Ella Gonce, Helen Gonce, Margaret Gunn, (Mr.)

Hackworth, Annie (Matthews) Hackworth, Annie Mae (Dry Cove)

Hackworth, Electra Haliburton, (Miss)

Henley, Mamie
Henley, Nell
Hinch, Helen
Stubblefield, Ruby
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Matthews, Jasper
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Prince, Shelley Reed, Clinton Robinson, Beth

Robinson, Virginia Duncan I

(Miss)

Sartin, Mark Skidmore,

Stevens, Helen Summers, Myrtle Payne

Swan, Ola Belle Taylor, Georgia Mae Taylor, Mary

Thomson, Bill Wagner, Louise Walker, Lydia Warmbrod, Flora West, Ida K.

Willis, Nanny (Arnold)

Willis, Sheila (present teacher)

Gretchen Gonce Eliza B. Woodall Wilson Gonce Helina Arnold Lizzie Arnold

Some of the Substitute Teachers

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By ELIZA WOODALL

"Pleasant Grove High School opened 3 Oct 1887: the teachers were: Claude Linox (B) 1887 Principal. Lizzie P. Armstrong, Primary Teacher, Albert Dix, J.B. Hackworth, Joe Hackworth. Canna Wynn, 1908; Ben L. Hill and Daisy Beason 1909 and D. K. Pegues, Jr. Helen Gonce 1917, Mary Gonce 1918 and (Walter Jordan;) Lyda Hill (and her Sister) in 1920. Carrie Huston, 1921-22. Ruth Clark. Lois Graham, Eliza Rudder and Cordia Brewister, 1924; Trave Hackworth and Lila Beason, 1925-26; Wilson Gonce and Evelyn Gonce 1931. School discontinued and moved to the mouth of Bennet's Cove Road, Hwy. 117. The Teachers at this location were: David Cargile, Evelyn Gonce and Katherine Thomas 1932, Cleo Gonce and Lon Shelton. Building burned in 1945 and was replaced with a concrete block building. The Teachers were: Mrs. Ella Gonce, Helen Summers, Mildred Sentell, Mrs. Lyda Walker. Mrs. Eliza Mae Woodall and Mary Nell Gonce. This School closed in 1964 and was consolidated with Stevenson Elementary."

There was a Crow Creek Valley School in Bennet's Cove, near the Pate Summer's home. It was evidently consolidated with the Pleasant Grove Elementary School at the mouth of the Cove. The Pleasant Grove High School which moved from what is now Lloyds Place was

changed to Elementary at mouth of Bennet's Cove in 1931.

There was a Pleasant Grove School or it could have had another name before 7 June 1887. But there are no Records to support its presence then. The Pleasant Grove High School which opened 3 Oct 1887 was done so with the Patronage of John W. Gonce.

TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY EXPEDITIONARY You are a soldier of the United States Army. FORCES:

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You have embarked for distant places where the war is being fought.

Upon the outcome depends the freedom of your lives: the freedom of the lives of those you loveyour fellow-citizens-your people.

Never were the enemies of freedom more tyrannical, more arrogant, more brutal.

Yours is a God-fearing, proud, courageous people, which, throughout its history, has put its freedom under God before all other purposes.

We who stay at home have our duties to perform-duties owed in many parts to you. You will be supported by the whole force and power of this Nation. The victory you win will be a victory of all the people—common to them all.

You bear with you the hope, the confidence,

the gratitude and the prayers of your family, your fellow-citizens, and your President-

Finaklin & Rowerelt

SOME VETERANS OF CROW CREEK VALLEY WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICES DURING AND AFTER WW I. INCLUDING TALLEY COVE, BASS, GONCE, ALABAMA, SINKING COVE, ANDERSON AND SHERWOOD, TENNESSEE:

Ake, Borah Ake, Felix Ake, Walter Ake, Willie Arnold, Bunn Austin, Raymond Barnes, Carlton Barnes, Ernest Barnes, Jack Barnes, James H. Barnes, Mabry Barnes, Walter Palmer Beene, Bill Beene, Buster Beene, John Beene, Mose Bohannon, David Bohannon, Paul Wayne Bradford, Todd Bunn, Paul Byrd, Billy J. Byrd, Gillian Clardy, Charles Clardy, James Cloud, Jim Coffelt, Herchell Crabtree, Cam Crownover, George Crownover, Morris Crownover, Richard Crownover, Willie Cunningham, Carlton Epperson. (K., WW I) Epperson, "Buddy" Epperson, George Epperson, Richard Evans, Bill Evans, Claude Evans, Earl Evans, Erskins Fitch, Holbert Jr. Garner, Bobby Garner, Cardell Garner, Chester Garner, Clyde Garner, Daymon Garner, David Garner, Donald A. Garner, Earl

Garner, Edward Garner, Forrest Garner, George A. Garner, Joe (Blind) Garner, J.B. Garner, Kim Garner, Paul Garner, Ralph Garner, Steve Garner, Van Dee Garner, Willie Glenn, Roy G. Goff, Billy Gonce, Albert A., Jr. Gonce, Ed A. Gonce, Elmore S., Sr. Gonce, E.S., Jr. Gonce, John Wisdom Grider, "Nigh" Grider, Paul Guess, Leon Haney, Mitch Hannah, Jimmy Harding, James Henderson, Jack Henley, David Henley, Donald Lee Hoback, George Holt, Clifton Hoosier, Billy Hoosier, Jesse Hughes, Frank Hughes, Kenneth Jackson, Scotty Jenkins, Vernon Johnson, Ralph Keith, Frank Kelley, Claude Kelley, James C. King, Vernon Lappin, George Lynch, Nash Matthews, Brue P. Matthews, Felix Matthews, Godfrey Matthews, James O., Jr. Matthews, Lent E. Matthews, Matt A. Matthews, Millard F.

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Stephens, J.D. Stephens, Joe Stephens, Orlin Stevens, Jackie Stevens, Luke Stevens, Oscar Stevens, Robert Stevens, Woodrow Stewart, Harvey Stewart, Willie Stubblefield, Bill Stubblefield, Charlie, Jr. Summers, Cam Summers, Claude Summers, George Sutton, John Talley, John Temples, George Temples, John D. Thomson, "Buddy" Walker, Lydia (WAAC) Wells, Bill Wells, Charlie, Jr. Wells, Guerry Willis, Ben (Will's son) Willis, Bill N. Willis, Walter C. Wise, George Wise, J.D. Wynne, L.L. Wynne, "Plas" Walker, Jordan Phil Bates William J. Roberts Cecil Bunn Frank Morris **Howard Morris Elbert Morris** Trave Hackworth

OTHERS ADDED:
Cyrus Willis, Jr.
Ben Willis, (J.W.'s son)
Jerry Johnson
Raymond Austin
Jerry Russell
R.D. Prince
Thomas Tompson
George Rackle
C.W. Crownover
Frank Crownover
Bryant Bean
Kelley Crownover
John Terry

John Hannah Floyd B. Garner, Jr. David Jackson Charles "Sonny" Matthews Millard F. Matthews, Jr. John Henry Barnes William Martin Barnes Raymond Garner Leo Garner J.W. Garner Buster Reed Leon Maxwell Clyde Prince Roy Garner Ned Garner Andrew Garner James Earl Holt

John Holt **Bruce Crownover** Jimmy Crownover Lawrence Smith Charles Smith **Roy Summers** William Barnes Robert Barnes Elbert Garner George Allen Garner J.B. Ğarner Charles Barnes Tommie Leon Stevens Joe Bill Crownover Max Crownover Tommy Dock Preston Holt

SOME OF THE CROW CREEK VALLEY SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICES AND SOME OF THE ENLISTED MEN WHO HAVE RECEIVED AWARDS:

Herman Perry, Colonel, Air Force Palmer Barnes, Colonel, Air Force, Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Millard F. Matthews, Sr. Major, AGD & Infantry (Reserve Lt. Colonel) Roy G. Glenn, Captain, Quartermaster.
Trave Hackworth, First Lieutenant, Quartermaster.
Albert A. Gonce, Jr., First Lieutenant, Chaplain.
Ed A. Gonce, First Lieutenant, Navy and Marine Air Plane Pilot.
Charles Clardy, Captain, Air Force.
Howard Prince, Lieutenant, Air Force.
Joe W. Robinson, Lieutenant Commander, Navy.
Millard F. Matthes, Jr., Captain, Marines.

ENLISTED MEN:

Vernon Jenkins, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific-Theater Philippines Liberation Ribbon. Woodrow Stevens, Purple Heart.

Coffey Roberts, Purple Heart, Croix de Guerre, highest award given

by the nation of France.

Felix G. Matthews, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Five Bronze Battle Stars with The European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Presidential Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Ribbon, Letter of Achievement.

Matt A. Matthews, PrePearl Harbor Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Certificate signed by President Harry S. Truman, Four Bronze Battle Stars with The European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Sharpshooter Badge for Pistol and Rifle.

Clabe S. Sherman, Awarded The Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest award given by the United States.

Bill N. Willis, Good Conduct Medal.

Ralph Miller, Air Medal.

Forrest Garner, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal with seven Awards.

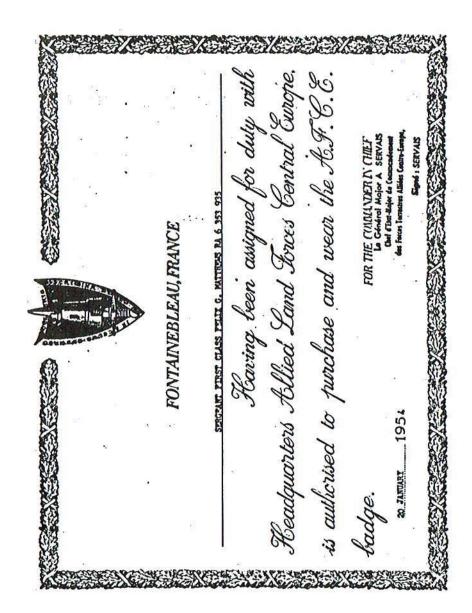
Walter C. Willis, was awarded the Purple Heart Posthumously, along with many other Decorations, all of which are on display in the Old Jail

Museum.
Arthur J. Robinson, Jr., Air Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Three Bronze Battle Stars with The European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, American Defense Blue and White Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, WW II Victory Medal.

Charlie Stubblefield, Jr., Bronze Star Medal, Korean Service Medal, Two Bronze Battle Stars with Ribbons, United Nation Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with four Stars, Meritorious Service Medal, Good Con-

duct Medal with four Awards.

Walter Ake, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, two Bronze Stars with European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with two Awards, American Defense Ribbon, POW in Germany nine months.



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DEDICATION TO

VERNON F. JENKINS 1951-1985

FOR 35 YEARS DEDICATED THE DIVISION OF AND PUBLIC SAFETY

FROM THE OFFICERS WIDOWS CREEK FOSSIL PLANT **NOVEMBER 2, 1985**



CEMETERIES IN CROW CREEK VALLEY, INCLUDING SHERWOOD, ANDERSON, LITTLE CROW CREEK, SINKING COVE, BASS, TALLEY COVES AND SMYRNA:

Old Sherwood Cemetery Mountain View Cemetery **VFW Cemetery** Lynch Cemetery Glory Hill Cemetery, formerly known as the Binkly or Anderson Cemetery Church of Christ Cemetery Anderson Cemetery Baptist Church Cemetery, near Holder's Spring Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery Garner Cemetery Pressley Cemetery, Round Cove Hoosier-Crabtree Cemetery Little Crow Creek Cemetery Gourdneck Cemetery Smyrna Church Cemetery Talley Cove Cemetery, (Dry Cove) Sinking Cove Cemetery Turney Crownover Cemetery Lost Cove Cemeteries (2) Marlowe Cemetery Evans Cemetery, Near Tung Spring, Little Creek

CAVES IN THE CROW CREEK VALLEY, INCLUDING SHERWOOD, ANDERSON AND SINKING COVE AREAS:

Lost Cove Cave, near middle of Sherwood Mountain road Buggy Top Cave, Sewanee Road turn around Blowing Cave, near Jene Cates' residence Gourdneck Caves (two large caves), near Billy Goff's home Wilson Willis Cave, Gourdneck, near cemetery Salter Peter Cave, near Walter Crownover's home place Jackson Caves, Sinking Cove, several other Caves in Singing Cove Ice Box Cave at old Matthew's home in Alabama Many other caves in the mountains, generally small, too numerous to list.

CROW CREEK VALLEY SPRINGS, INCLUDING SHERWOOD, ANDERSON, LITTLE CROW CREEK, SINKING COVE; ALSO DOZENS OF SPRINGS ON THE SIDES AND TOP OF THE MOUNTAINS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST:

Tongue Spring
A.A. Gonce Spring
Sherwood Spring
Sinking Hole Spring
A.J. Barnes Spring

Mose Garner Spring Tom Pack Hollow Spring Blue Hole Spring Haney Hollow Spring Fred Miller Spring

No Business Road Spring **Newton Prince Spring** Crosses Creek Spring **Edd Garner Spring** Lee Stephens Spring Ike Gonce Spring Round Cove Spring **Buckrow Spring** A.A. Russell Spring Gourdneck Spring Turkey Spring **Jackson Springs** Alfred Willis Spring Talley Cove Spring McBride Spring Billy Allison Spring Cumberland Presbyterian Spring Charlie Stubblefield Spring John West Spring Gus Sentell Spring Will Holder Spring John Holder Spring Lawrence Arnold Spring Colonel Champion Spring Jay Stubblefield Spring, head of Sinking Cove Tom Sparks Spring Forest Sherman Spring John Gonce Spring Sinking Cove Spring Oscar Matthews Spring Mack Wells Spring Bob Stevens Spring Sam Armes Spring Pitt Willis Spring Elbow Spring John Thomas Spring George Tucker Spring Bill Crownover Spring Charlie Arnold Spring Ike Hackworth Spring Luke Hughes Spring Summers Spring Posey Spring Lafayette Crabtree Spring, near Helen Stevens' home Forest King Spring Abbott's Chapel Spring Three Waters Springs, Mountain top Shirely Hollow Spring Wallace Ake Spring Maud Spring Summers Spring

Evans Spring

Shinny Rock Spring Shoemake Hollow Spring Carter's Point Spring N. Hackworth Spring Pool Spring Tanyard Spring R.R. Spring, Anderson Napoleon Ake Spring W.W. Wynne Spring

HEADQUARTERS 319TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (FIELD ARMY) Fort Hood, Texas 76544

2 December 1964

SUBJECT:

Letter of Commendation

THRU:

Commanding General 1st Armored Division ATTN: AKDFA-GB Fort Hood, Texas 76545

TO:

Sergeant Charlie Stubblefield RA 14298264

Hq Co, 1st Ba, 46th Infantry, 1st AD

Fort Hood, Texas 76545

- 1. It is with greatest pleasure that I commend you on your outstanding performance as an instructor for the Ground Surveillance Radar periods of both the Officers and Noncommissioned Officers Combat Intelligence Courses conducted by this battalion for all post units.
- 2. It is seldom that a noncommissioned officer of your grade possesses the unerring ability, knowledge, and exemplary technique to pass on to both junior and senior personnel, the intricate and complex capabilities of the Ground Surveillance Radar sets. Your vast knowledge and understanding of the radar's capabilities, limitations, and combat employment, instilled an unshakeable confidence in you as a highly qualified soldier and instructor and in radar as one of the finest elements of the security plan.
- 3. Your outstanding military bearing, conduct, knowledge and devotion to duty convinces me that you are capable of fulfilling, in an outstanding manner, both a higher position of trust and a higher grade. Your assistance in conducting these intelligence courses was definitely one of the major factors contributing to the course's great success.

PAUL M. WIMERT, JR. Lt. Col., AIS Commanding By: ELIZABETH SMITH

This week we feature Eliza Mae Woodall, who wrote The Stevenson

Story, a book about the history of Stevenson.

Mrs. Woodall said, "I was born in a log house, on the 110th anniversary of Abe Lincoln's birthday, and I'm still waiting to become president." She was born and raised about three miles up the valley near old Bass Station. Her parents were David and Alice (Crabtree) Briscoe. Mr. Briscoe was the Bass Station telegraph operator. Eliza had two sisters, one died very young and the other lives in DeKalb County, Georgia.

Eliza married Wallace Woodall, a native of Stevenson, and they had two children, Patty and David. Patty works in the Data Processing Department of the Opryland Complex in Nashville, Tenn., and David is a Civil Engineer with the U. S. Forest Service, and lives with his wife and

three children in Winnfield, LA.

Mrs. Woodall graduated from Stevenson High School in 1935, then earned a B. S. Degree in Elementary Education from Florence State Teachers College and eventually a M. A. from George Peabody College. Post MA work includes 45 + credits from the University of Tennessee, George Washington University, D.C., University of Kentucky, U. S. International University, San Diego, Calif., and Tennessee State University.

She said she has spent 56 years of her life in the field of education, either going to school or teaching. She taught 13 years in Jackson County Schools, including Long Island, Bryant, Edgefield, Pleasant Grove and Stevenson before moving to Nashville, Tenn., where she taught four years before being asked to serve as an elementary

principal, a position she held for 25 years.

She said her school work was very exciting, intriguing and inspiring—not necessarily in that order. She said it was pure joy working with children. That children have changed since the 1930's because of the effect of TV and the changes in the family environment, with so many working mothers and one parent families, but she added that children learn to adjust and cope exceedingly well, often times better than their parents. Children have not lost their desire to learn, their hopes to have friends and their needs to be accepted and loved.

Mrs. Woodall said she loved her school work right up to the very last day, but has to admit that she was looking forward to retirement when she would have time for her many hobbies which include: genealogy, history, crafts, refinishing furniture, doll-house making, flowers, sewing and crochet, reading and tole painting. She has collected scraps to make a log cabin quilt and just this past Saturday, finished hanging wall.

paper in her bathroom. She said she likes to cook, especially party foods, and have friends in to eat them since she is a diabetic and cannot.

She said travel is an obsession. She likes seeing new places and revisiting old ones. Just being there where it happened, savoring regional foods and living new experiences. She has traveled 38 states, Canada, the Bahamas, England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Lichtenstein, Switzerland, and France. She

prefers to travel on her own rather than a tour.

She said many honors have come her way through the years; it would be impossible to choose the one most meaningful. Being asked to write the history of Stevenson and the many kinds of rewards that have come her way because of her efforts would rate high, as well as doing a Guest Editorial for the "Nashville Tennessean", a daily newspaper. Memberships in various educational and historical associations are important, too. These include life membership in NEA, in Franklin County, TN, Historical Association, in PTA and recently in Jackson County Historical Association. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for women teachers, the National Association of Elementary School Principals and of the Jackson County-Stevenson Chamber of Commerce and also a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

She said another honor that she cherishes is the success experienced by her former students, she feels that maybe she had a small part in that success. Some of her former pupils have gone on to be teachers, lawyers, physicians, bank presidents, company presidents, ministers, secretaries, entrepreneurs, county and state officials, computer experts, dentists, engineers, research scientists, store owners, department manager, artists, pharmacists, farmers, cross-country truck drivers, home-makers, automobile dealers, bank officials, actresses, etc. If any have become criminals or even been in jail, she

hasn't heard about it.

Mrs. Woodall bought the old Briscoe farm and homeplace because she feels close to the land, the area, and the people who make up the greater Stevenson area. She wanted to come home when she retired in 1985 and the experience has been just as fulfilling as she expected. She said "Nowhere that I have been have I seen a more beautiful sight than Crow Creek Valley. Anywhere in the valley and through every window of my house, I can 'look unto the hills from whence cometh my help', and be renewed."

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TENNESSEE HOMECOMING 86 SUPPLEMENT TO THE CROW CREEK SCENE

MERCHANTS: P-21
Jack Lynch
Mart Pack
G. B. Garner
Maxwell's Store
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS: P-22
Ed Garner
Billy Ed Garner
John B. Thomas
Lura B. Goff
Carolyn Stubblefield

MAIL CARRIERS AL. END: P-22 J. T. Carroll Robert Curtis Sanders Bryant John Cook W. R. Thomas 1920 to'62 MECHANICS, ELECT., PLUMBERS. MACHINISTS WELDERS P-23 John Armes Steve Garner Luke Stevens Arthur Posey Godfrey L. Matthews. Billy Jenkins Robert Stevens Jerry Summers PREACHERS . P-23 Ben McBee J. D. Jackson

J. D. Jackson
Sidney Maxwell
Sister Lucy Shetters
Alfred Willis
BEE KEEPERS: P-24
Donald McCallister
Merrill Garner
Cam W. Ake

BANK EMPLOYEES: P-27 Morris Crownover Susan Glenn Guess

SHERIFFS:P-25 Big Tom Willis Tally Willis

MEDICAL DOCTORS & SURGEONS: P-25 E. A. Browder James Summers Robert NURSES: P-25 Linda Payne-Jane Brown Sue Cates Smelley Chrissie Robinson Claudia Hughes Zona Prince RAILROAD RETIREES: P-26 Jack J. Hill. Track Willie Hill, Track Ed Hunsiker, Eng. PERSONS RETIRED FROM THE MILITARY SERVICE: P-261 Elbert Willis, Navy, Chief Petty Officer, Sidney Maxwell, Major, Army, awarded Asiatic-Pacific-Theater Philippines Liberation Ribbon. TED MILLER, PUT., ARMY,

Master Sergeant.

Master Sergéant.

Robert Guess, Ret Army,

This page follows page 44 in THE CROW CREEK SCENE.

2nd par page 19 change 7 Jul 1938 to 7 Jul 1838

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Add Kernon Cates and George Adam Shavers to Crow Creek Valley Veteran's List, P-33.

The areathat is now Stevenson, Alabama, was called CROWTOWN by the Indians. So that is where Crow Creek got its name. The Crow Creek Water Shed District is approx. 30 miles long.p-14.

VALLEY RESIDENTS WHO HAVELIVED BEYOND 95YEARS: P-18
Bill Champion lived 100 years
Mrs Alice Simmons lived 100 years
Ed Hunziker lived 100 years
Andy Guess lived 99 years
Nannie Morris lived 98 years
Chrissie Robinson lived 105 years
Cam Matthews lived 96 years
Bill Rogers lived 100 years
Ollie Money lived 107 years

Ida Bell Stephens is 97 years old and still living Joe Phillips lived 97 years Dora Phillips lived 95 years Walter Rich lived 104 years

Some errors need to be changed in the CROW CREEK SCENE;
On page 19 delete the word "pelase"; on page 25 change
the name "Merian" to Marion; on page 27 change the word
"Vietnam" to Korea, following Roosevelt Shetters'; on page
30 change "Annie Mae" to Nellie Mae Hackworth (Dry Cove);
on page 35 change "Matthes" to Matthews; on page 40 change
the word "Tung" to Tongue (Spring little Crow Creek); On
page 24 change the word "Beseres" to Bersheres; on page
40 change the word "Jene" to Gene. On page 26 change the
word "Bersheres" to Besheres; on page 17 change "Annie
Mae" to Nellie Mae-Hackworth. P-23 change "Honeycutt" to Huney.
SEAMSTRESSES; P-28

COAL Miners; P-21

Nancy Pack Matthews Charmian Matthews Nancy Lee Hughes Reta Matthews Templeton Linnie McBee

NEW CATAGORY COMPUTER OPERATORS: Patty Woodall Gary L. Matthews Lori GarnerChampion Clint Ake Cam Crabtree SORGHUM MAKERS:P-20 Walter R. Crownover Mart Pack Bill M. Prince Gus Sentell PHARMACISTS:AL. John W. Wilkerson John W. Thompson George Guess

Jeffrey Matthews George Guess 'John H. Shetters was killed in Vietnam Wart P-27.

Willie Prince was a retired Railroad Conductor; P-26. Hubert Stephens Retired from U. S. Army.

Delete Elijah Shetters, Jr., on this page. (He never died in the wars).

RETIREES ANDERSON PLANT
COWAN STONE CO. P-27
Charles "Dick"Pitman, Jr.
George Crownover, (Bill's son)

SERVICE PERSONS WHO DIED IN THE WARS: P-27: E11 jah Shetters, Jr.

David Haney
Lonnie Hughes
Jimmy Ray Morris(Pod)
SECURITY OFFICERS:P-28
Donald A. Garner, St.
Andrews, School,
Vernon Jenkins TVA
COOKS: P-28
Melinda Wells
Dorothy Garner

COMMERCIAL TRUCKERS: P-29
Orville Hoosier(Chick). Produce.

SCHOOL TEACHERS: P-30

Easter Fasick

Mabel Gonce
Joe Guess Howard Connors: P-28.

Huston Garner

Joe Hawk

Gary Matthews
Albert A. Conce. Jr.P-28.

BEAUTY OPERATORS: P-22

Enma Ross Hughes

BARBERS: P-24 '
Russell Shetters
J. W. Willis
Frank 'Summers

Kay Garner

SOME VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE US UNIFORMED SERVICES DURING AND AFTER WW I:P-33 Roddy Epperson Kenny Steel Bennie Haney Jack Haney James C. Fuller Wilburn Summers David Summers David Haney Max Summers Elbert Willis ' Clarence Kirk Billy Johnson George C. Rackley Joe B. McBee Ginger Wise Robert Garner Dave Willard Elijah Shetters Woodrow Thompson

Kenny Johnson Herman Perry(Not Col.) Ray Eslick Eddie Arnold

Eddie Arnold
Paul B. Hughes
Robert A. Pack
Clinton Payne
Clyde Crownover.awarded

Purple Heart George Wise Cecil Bunn II Robert Guess George B. Garner George Garner Paul Garner

Paul Garner Carl Carner CARPENTERS: P-21 Jimmy Ray Morris(Pod).

Jerry Summers

Matthews Memorial Church at Bass is a Baptist Church; P-24

The largest acreage owned and farmed in the Valley is by George Henry and Jackie Lloyd, P-11.

Ted Haney was a Sheriff:P-25.

George Crownover (Bill's son) was a Sheriff: P-25.

SOME PAST AND PRESENT

COWAN STONE COMPANY, ANDERSON PLANT, EMPLOYEES P-13

Larry Roberts William Johnson Jessie Roberts Maxie Johnson John W. Haney Edwin Purdy James D. Jackson George Guess William J. Roberts Charles Pendergrass Roy L. Pack : Steve Roberts Jessie Wilkerson Carl D. Wynne Warney Guess Joe Hannah John Guess Harvey Pack, Jr. ... Tony Summers Bobby Summers

Terry Holt Jimmy R. Davis Ralph Phillips Kenny Summers Daniel Roberts Rickey Williams J. W. Phillips Jack Haney James McCallister Charles Pitman, Jr. Jimmy Ray Morris (Pod) Dale Johnson David Haney John Hannah Coffey Roberts Buddy Ammonette. Clerk Paul Boyd Hughes, Sr. Fred Robinson, oig., owner Arthur J. Robinson, Sr., orig owner.

There are over 200 Crow Creek Veterans, both Officers and Enlisted men, who received various kinds of awards and decorations for outstanding Service in the United States Uniformed Services during and after WW I, but that detailed information has not been made available for this printing.P-36.

The number one activity of Crow Creek Farmers is raising meat animals, including hogs and cattle. Dairy Farming and Poultry Breeding once practiced has been phased out. Cash field crops now raised are Soy Beans, Wheat, Corn, Hay and some Milo Maize. In the early part of this centur Cotton was the primary field Cash Crop. P-11.

SOME PAST AND PRESENT HORSE AND MULE RAISERS AND BREEDERS: Jake Summers, horses; John Brown, horses; John A. Matthews, horses; Marion Gonce, mules; Ike Hackworth, mules; Sam Armes, mules; W. R. Willis, mules; Ike Gonce, horses. P-11.

One of the largest Caves in the valley is in Bennett's Cove P-40.

Jackson D. Barnes was killied in Vietnam War . P-27.