



ECHOES OF THE PAST

By Mrs Edna Gay

PAINT ROCK VALLEY

Paint Rock Valley is in the western part of Jackson County and extends from the town of Paint Rock to the Tennessee State line. The Paint Rock River is formed by the junction of the Hurricane and Estill's creeks, and a little lower down is Larkin's creek. All these creeks rise in the mountains near the Tennessee-Alabama state line. The river flows in a southerly direction, gradually increasing in size by a number of creeks. Lick Fork Creek flows into Paint Rock River near Princeton, on the west; then Dry Creek also on the west; next is Guess Creek on the east, near Trenton; then Clear Creek on the west near Garth, with a number of big branches or small creeks that flow into this river along the way. The Cumberland Mountain is on the east, and a number of smaller mountains on the west. This river is 65 miles long and empties into the Tennessee River 15 miles below Guntersville, at the Painted Bluff. In its lower stretches it forms the

boundary line between Marshall and Madison counties. It gets its name from the Painted Bluff at its mouth.

The Valley gets its name from the River. The river was named by the Indians for a large painted rock now flooded since Guntersville Dam was built. We shall first describe the Valley and then the people. On either side of the river are a number of Coves, varying in size. Leaving the town of Paint Rock and going up the valley you will find on the east side of the river, first, Hale's Cove; Finley's Cove (small); Guess' Creek Cove (large); Frazier's Cove; William's Cove, just east of Hollytree; Eustice's Cove; Cowan's Hollow; Fowler's Cove (large); Robertson's Cove; Hinshaw's Cove. Then on Hurricane Creek is Bishop's Cove and Langston's Cove.

On the west side of the river, as you go up the valley, are the following Coves; Clear Creek Cove, a large one; Dan Kirk's Cove, near the Houk and Little homes; Bingham's Cove, near Trenton; Davis Cove; Dry Creek Cove (large); Lick Fork Cove, near

Princeton. On Larkin's Fork is Reed's Cove and Kennedy's Cove. Up the Estill's Creek is Holland's Cove, near the post office, and Burkes' Cove.

These Coves nestle in this valley between the river and the mountains, like the parts of a jigsaw puzzle. As the land in the valley and on the sides of the mountains was so rich, it was covered with a very dense forest of large trees of many kinds. If this timber were here now, it would be worth a fortune of more than a million dollars.

When the first settlers came, they made their homes up in the Coves and on the sides of the Mountains. Down near the river, there were so much big timber, vines, canes, ponds, lagoons and lakes, the climate was unhealthful and the land was difficult to clear for cultivation. The land in the coves and on the hillsides was more easily cleared and very rich and loose. It is said that in the spring of the year a man could bend over a dogwood sapling large enough for a good hand spike---a stick used to roll logs--- and pull it up by the roots, because the ground was so rich and loose. The foregoing conditions account for most of the old graveyards being located up on the sides of the mountains.

As the first settlers had small fields or patches of corn in cultivation, some years the

squirrels, coons and bears would eat up nearly all of it. It was the habit of the bear to go into the field at night and gather 40 or 50 ears of corn, pile it up and sit down to eat all he wanted. The women did not need to raise turkeys for there were great flocks of wild turkeys in the woods near. When they wanted a turkey for dinner, the man would go out and shoot one or if the ammunition was scarce, he would build a pen to catch them alive. These pens were built of 10-foot rails, about six or eight rails high, covered with rails so that when the turkeys got in the pen they could not get out. About six or eight feet from one side of the pen, a ditch 18 inches or two feet deep was dug under the bottom rail of the pen and to the center, and covered the ditch two or three feet inside the pen, then scattered shelled corn in the ditch. The turkeys would go in. When they got in and raised up their heads, they never stooped down again to go back out, but put their time in going round the pen trying to get out at a crack.

As a rule there were so much beech mast, acorns, hickory nuts and chestnuts that their hogs got fat enough for meat in the woods with but little or no feed at all.

Birds were so numerous that boys with traps could keep a supply for the table without great effort. Some winters such flocks of wild carrier pigeons came and as their habit was to select certain trees to roost in, so many would get on a limb that they would break it off. These pigeons are now

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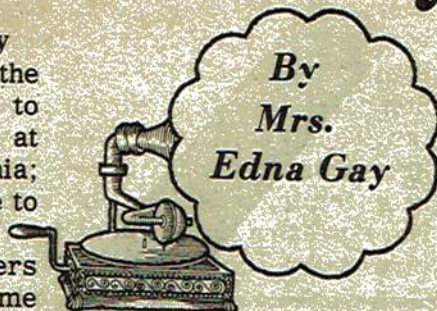
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The Peters Family

One branch of the Peters family came to this country, located at Peterburg, Virginia; another branch came to New England.

Just where the Peters of Jackson County came from, we do not know, or if they are related to either of the Virginia or New England families.

James E. Saunder says in his book, pages 110-111, of the New England Peters, "Mr. Lemuel Peters (the father of the Judge) was born in Kean, New Hampshire, in 1772. His nationality was Welsh and his father's family were Quakers. They were, I understand, a people of great stoutness and resolution. Lemuel Peters said "that his father could lift a weight of a thousand pounds." Lemuel Peters married Sarah Uinott, who was born in Dummerston, Vermont, in 1770. In religion she was a Puritan and Presbyterian, and French and Irish in blood and nationality. The families of Mr. Peters and wife were amongst the earliest settlers of New England. Mr. Peters was an ardent Clay Whig. He came South, after his marriage in 1808, and settled at Clarksville, Tenn., and from that place he moved to Lawrence County, Alabama, in 1820 or 1821, and settled near Leighton where he reared a



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large family of children. Mrs. Peters died here in 1834. Mr. Peters moved to Bowie, Texas, but came back, died at Dr. Gideon Williams' on Town Creek, and was buried by the side of his wife."

Lemuel was not old enough to be the father of John Peters, however, he could have been a brother of John, who came to Hunt's Springs (Huntsville), built a pole cabin, stayed a few months about the time Hunt settled there. There are some characteristics alike in both families---some strong men in each family.

John Peters came to near Maysville, built a log cabin, before any of the family settled Peters Cove.

The early marriage records at Huntsville show that Hanna Peters married J. Tipton Nov. 14, 1816.

I think John Peters and three sons, settled Peters Cove. The sons were Johnny, Henry and Andy. Henry Peters settled east of Stephen's Gap, where Bill Houk lived. He soon emigrated to Texas. Andy Peters settled on the west side

of the Cove, built a log house where Delbert Wright lives.

Andy Peters sold his home place to Charley Stephens, who lived there many years. He and wife gave the place to Henry D. Stephens, a nephew. He sold it to W. M. Houk, who sold to George S. Butler. Andy went to Texas.

John or Johnny Peters b. Sept. 14, 1797, d. Aug. 20, 1888. Married Biddie Murry b. Feb. 15, 1815; d. Oct. 15, 1871. She was a sister of Simeon Houk's wife, Tobitha.

Johnny settled near the center of the Cove, built his home and dug a well. While digging his well, he fell through the bottom into a creek. The source of Yellow Creek is near and runs under the ground and comes out at the old Tank place.

When the railroad was built, it ran through his house and they filled up the well. He had to move his house to the Bunt Peters' site. Children: (I) Uriah Peters. (II) Lunninda Peters, (III) J. M. (Bunt) Peters, (IV) Jack Peters. (V) Bill Peters, who was a lad in time of the Civil War, was killed by Yankee Scouts, the same squad who killed Bradford Houk.

(I) Uriah Peters, (b. 1834; d. 1899) married first a Davidson. They had one child. (I) William (Bill) Peters born 1861.

Uriah married second time Amanda Isbell who died 1902. Children: (2) Sarah E. Peters b. 1874, married Robert Hall (3) J. Walk Peters married Carrie Farr. (4) Toy Peters married Tom Cobb, Jr. (5) Samuel D. Peters married Ida Bulman. (6) John A. Peters married Ora Pierce. (7) Ora O. (Biddie) Peters married Robert L. Jones. (8) J. Wheeler Peters married Norma Woodall. (9) Charles Peters mar-

ried Maggie Whitaker. (10) Henry Peters. (11) Eliza Aner Peters. (12) Harvey Peters.

(II) Lucinda Peters married Bridger J. Tipton. Ed Maples married their daughter, Minnie Tipton. (III) J. M. (Bunt) Peters (1839-1923) married 1st Louisa T. Bowers, 1864, married second A. (Wilhelm) Lemley 1905. Children: (1) Mary Etta Peters married J. Mart Manning. (2) W. H. Peters, deaf and dumb. (3) J. W. Peters, married Nealy Stewart. (4) Andy Peters, deaf and dumb. (5) Kinkle Peters. (6) Jas. Bart Peters, married 1st Bassie Evans, second, Dessa Wallace. (7) Caty Peters married J. M. Stewart (8) Bridger Peters died young.

(IV) Jack Peters married Belle ----- They sold out their property and moved to Mississippi many years ago.

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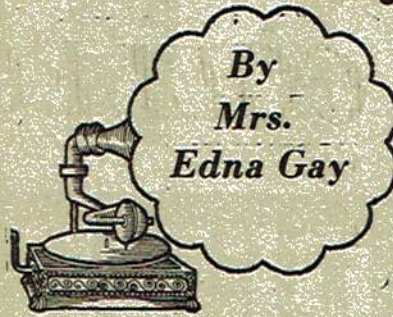
John G. McAllister was born in Scotland, Feb. 29, 1840, reared in Ireland, came to this country in 1860 with his brother, Hill McAllister and family, settled in St. Louis, Mo. His sister married Albert B. Chase in St. Louis.

John joined the Union Army at Denver, Colo., came South, met and married Mary A. Allen at Cleveland, Tenn., in May, 1865. They went back North and lived in East St. Louis, Illinois until 1884, when they came to Jackson County, Ala., settled near the Gordon Coalmines, near Limrock. They reared four sons and two daughters.

The McAllister Sinks or Cove was partly an Indian field, when the white man came. Davis Berry settled it. He sold it to John Isbell, who cleared the remainder of the Sinks with negro slave labor. Mr. Isbell's three daughters inherited it: Mrs. Wm. Gatham, Mrs. W.M. Minnix and Mrs. B. B. Allen. A.E. McAllister purchased the Sinks from these heirs.

The Parker Family

John T. S. Parker's mother was a Benson, born in Virginia, came to Jackson County, Ala., with her son, John, settled near Aspel. John Parker, born 1831, lived to be 80 years old. He worked for Moses Maples when a young man, met and married Mr. Maples' daughter, Martha. To this union



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three children were born: (1) James S. Parker, married 1st Kate Isom. Children: Walker and Myrtle Parker. James married second, Lou Bulman, child, Fannie Lee Parker.

(2) Silas Parker. (3) Kate Parker married Houston Thomas. Two children: Bessie Thomas married Arthur Black. Kate married, after Houston's death, Ben Brannum. She was his third wife. John T. S. Parker moved to Arkansas before the Civil War, where his wife and son, Silas died. He returned to Woodville, married Mrs. Mary (Maples) Adams, sister of his first wife.

Mary had married James Adams, who had been killed while serving in C. S. Army. Mr. Parker resided in the northern part of Woodville, in the log house now owned by Mrs. Allie Page. He was substantial citizen--good trader, school trustee, Primitive Baptist.

The Phillips Family

Ellison Phillips married Lucinda Butler, eldest daughter of old Bamuel Butler and wife Margaret (Peggy) Lemons. They settled near the Marshall - Jackson County line, at the place

later known as the Billie Boshart place. Ellison Phillips died leaving six small children--four boys and two girls, for the mother to rear.

She was a large woman, when 'old she was hit by a train in Woodville, which hastened her death. She was known as "Old Lady Phillips." Children: (1) Samuel Phillips, married Martha Justice. He was a Methodist minister, lived for years, at the Cross Roads, or near the Jas. T. Hodges shop. Later his home was in Albertville. One of his daughters--Sallie--became the third wife of Dr. C.W. Adkins. (2) Sim Phillips married Martha Jane Bowers, daughter of Lum Bowers. They lived at the Oscar

Thomas place one mile west of Woodville. (3) Sallie Phillips married Dick Irwin, son of Wiley Irwin. (4) James Phillips married Martha (Pattie) Hodges, daughter of Jack Hodges. After James' death she married Tal Whiterd of New Hope, Ala. (5) Margaret Phillips married William R. (or Billie) Boshart. They lived at the old home place. Children: (a) Emma Boshart married Hugh H. Hodges (b) James N. Boshart married Nellie Moore.

(6) Can Phillips married Louisa Hodges, sister of Johnny, Tom and Rufus Hodges. Can died 1877, when his son, Lihu Phillips, was only four years old. She then married a Houk.

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LIQUOR LEGAL IN WOODVILLE

Today, we write about the Perkins family. This account is from the Gleanings of History and Genealogy by John R. Kennamer.

Mr. Kennamer wrote this in July of 1947. Again he appeals to members of families to keep their family tree up to date. Many people are saving this column. We sincerely hope that younger members of families will update their family history.

The Perkins Family

Jabez Perkins came from Kentucky and settled east of Woodville near the Jackson-Marshall County line at an early date. He was a Primitive Baptist preacher as early as 1824. His education was very limited. He married first Rachel Wright, daughter of old Isom Wright. To this union eight children were born --- three sons and five daughters. He settled the place known as the Billie Barclay place. He sold this place to a Mr. Mc-

Cullough, then built and moved to the place now known as the William Perkins Home.

After the death of Rachel, he married Mrs. Justice whose maiden name was a Kirby. Mrs. Justice had three daughters, when she married Mr. Perkins.

Children of Jabez Perkins by first wife, Rachel Wright: (1) Allie Perkins married Zachaeus Kennamer. (2) Nancy Perkins married Joab Wilder. (3) William Perkins married first Lucy Jane Justice, eldest daughter of Mrs. (Kirby) Justice. William married second time Mrs. Christina (Woodall) Stapler. (4) Melvin Perkins married David Derrick. (5) Ike Perkins married Sarah Justice, second daughter of Jabez's second wife, and sister of William's first wife. (6) Amy Perkins married first Abe Kennamer, brother of Zachaeus C. Kennamer. She was Abe's second wife. His first wife was Elizabeth Hodges, eldest daughter of Richard Thompson Hodges. After Abe's death, Amy married a Brown. (7) Zack

Perkins immigrated to Texas, before the Civil War, married, reared a family in Texas. One of his nephews, William I. Perkins, said: "Zack never received any part of his father's estate."

(8) Martha (Patsy) Perkins married Robert J. Hodges. They reared two daughters.

Children of Jabez Perkins by second wife: (9) John W. Perkins married Betty Rollings. They lived in the Tennessee River Valley in Marshall County. John was a prominent man in politics--was warden of the penitentiary and held other offices.

(10) Tim Perkins was selling groceries and liquor in Woodville when the war came. He died in Mississippi.

Mrs. Justice's third and youngest daughter, married Samuel Phillips, the Methodist preacher.

(3) William Perkins and Lucy Jane (Justice) Perkins' children: (a) Jabez Perkins, died in infancy. (b) Sarah E. Perkins (Aunt Dode) b. Dec. 28, 1852, married Silas P. Woodall, Sr. She was his second wife. (c) William

I. Perkins, born 1854 married 1877, Aner Stansell, daughter of W. F. Stansell, a Methodist minister---all went to Arkansas. (d) James Abram Perkins married Mollie Stubblefield, Abe became blind.

(e) Zachariah (Perk) Perkins married Allie Woodall. (f and g) Hugh and Joe Perkins both died when only boys.

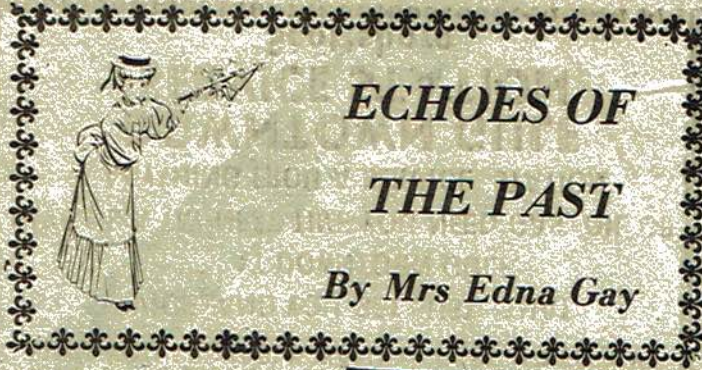
(h) Jennie Perkins married Henry D. Butler. (i) Helen Perkins married Ike Morrison.

After the death of Lucy Jane Perkins, William married the widow of Joseph Stapler, Christina Woodall, daughter of Dr. Presley Woodall and wife Demaris (Busby) Woodall. Christina was a sister

of Silas P., Pleasant and Albert Woodall.

The foregoing information has been gathered from many sources---too numerous to name here.

May some young person take up here and bring the record of this family and other families down to the present time!



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Today, we are again writing about a family from J. R. Kennamer's Gleanings of History and Genealogy. We receive letters and reports every week saying that various people are clipping Echoes of the Past and making a scrapbook. We are glad to hear this because we know that this information is being preserved for posterity. Today, we feature the Brown family.

The Brown Family

The Brown family, like the Jones, the Johnson and other large families, are quite numerous in the state and is therefore difficult to trace the relations, if any, among the various members.

In the early days of our history the office of Justice of Peace was then regarded as of more importance than it is today. The very ablest and best men in the community held the office of Justice of the Peace. The term of this office was usually three years. The records show that George Brown was J. P. in this county 1826, also 1835. John J. Brown, J. P. in 1829; and Smith Brown a J. P. in 1838.

We find among the earliest marriage records preserved---1851 to the present---the names of F. A. Brown,

David L. Brown and Joseph D. Brown, and others who married in this county.

IRA BROWN with his family came from Virginia to Giles County, Tennessee, thence to Jackson County, Alabama in 1858, and settled about five miles south of Limrock, where he reared a large family. Children (1) Will, (2) John, (3) Ira Polk, (4) Dallas, (5) Bascombe, (6) Tennie married Roland Moore, (7) Mollie married a Wood, of Jasper, Tenn. (8) Sarah married William Vann of Jasper, Tenn. Bascombe Brown went to Texas where he lived until death.

Those serving in the State Legislature were: P. Brown 1863-64; Jesse E. Brown 1872-73; Ira Polk Brown 1884-85. In the State Senate, Chas. W. Brown 1911-14.

MILTON P. BROWN, the 14th Probate Judge, served from May 5, 1862 to August 7, 1865. This was during the Civil War (or the War Between the States, as most Southern writers say). He married Mary E. Parks, daughter of

JOHN A. BROWN, eldest son of Jerre, was a man of energy, strong character, rather high temper, would take great risks in business. He married Judith Wisdom, daughter of Thomas Wisdom of Caney Cove. After the war he moved to Woodville, sold goods a few years on the east side of the railroad. He, with his family, were largely the builders of the first Methodist church house in Woodville, 1873.

He moved to Scottsboro, December, 1879, entered business with Col. John Snodgrass, built fine brick dwelling, had to sell all at a loss to pay his debts. He moved to his farm in Peter's Cove near Stepehn's Gap. The foregoing is a brief sketch of the Browns in Jackson County.

W. D. and Lucinda Parks. She died in Scottsboro, leaving eight children, one an infant. Some of the children's names are: William D., Julien, Idella and Maggie, who married W. H. Payne. This was a strong Methodist family.

Jeremiah Brown came from North Carolina to a place on Flint River, now known as Brownsboro in Madison County Alabama. He was married twice. I do not know who his first wife was--- the mother of John A. Brown. His second wife was Mary (Williams) Brown. He moved at an early date to Jackson County and settled in Caney Cove, south of Limrock. Here Jesse Edward Brown and Charles W. Brown were born. Their father died in 1868. He had a sister who married Col. John Snodgrass.

I shall make no to write of Jess Brown, further th say he was one o greatest lawyers i state. He married ginia Elizabeth Wo Charles W. Brow great talents, held positions and ma Sallie Bell C daughter of Gen. R. Coffey.

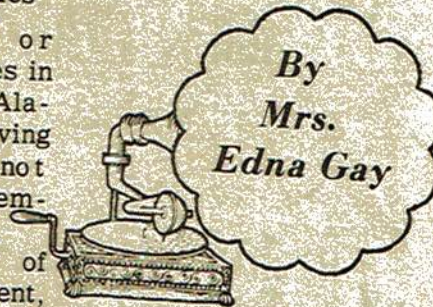
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The Lewis Families

There were two or more Lewis families in Jackson County, Alabama. Two were living near Woodville, not related, as said by members of the family.

Samuel Lewis of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Halifax County, Va., Feb. 1791, came to Newport, East Tenn., with his father at an early date, married there Susan Layman, of Dutch descent, born 1806; died there 1863. To this union were born twelve children; (1) Asa Perry, (2) Eliza Jane, (3) Martha Ann, (4) John Canada, (5) Daniel Marion, (6) Melvina Elizabeth, (7) Griffie Layman, (8) William Commodore, (9) James Martin, (10) Samuel Jones, (11) Susan Melvina, (12) Anderson Vincent Lewis. The father, Samuel and two sons, Daniel M. and Anderson V. Lewis are buried in Union Cemetery near Woodville. Susan Melvina Lewis married John Swearingin; she is buried at Larkinsville.

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Abe Kennamer and Elizabeth Hodges. Children: (1) Susan E. Lewis, (2) Charles O. Lewis, (3) Arthur G. Lewis, (4) Frances Lewis, (5) Maggie Jane Lewis.

Another family of Lewis was old Henry Lewis, who lived about three miles east of Woodville. He reared his family here and is buried on the homestead.

The census of 1850, Jackson County Alabama show Henry Lewis, age 50 born in Kentucky. Tabitha Allen (Cotten) Lewis age 49 born in Tennessee. They married about 1818. Henry married a daughter of Jaces Cotten, a Revolutionary soldier. Children: (1) Wiley Lewis, no record. (2) Grant Allen Lewis, born in Alabama age 27, in 1850 married Mary Jane Meade, born in Virginia. Children: Martha, Mary, Lemiel and Samuel. Lemiel was a lawyer at Gurley, Ala.

(3) Henry Jefferson Lewis (better known as Jeff Lewis), married Mary Wilder, daughter of Joab Wilder and Nancy Perkins. Mrs. Mary Lewis was a fine woman and was the mother of two beautiful daughters; Julia married James L. Chambless. Tabitha or Tabby married Pretty-maw Puckett. The sons (1) Riley A. Lewis married Delura D. Page.

(2) Henry LaFayette Lewis married Laura F. Page; both sons moved to Texas. (3) Joe, (4) John Lewis, (5) Charley. (4) Martha Cotten Lewis married Moses McKinley Keith, of Franklin County, Tenn.

(5) Nancy Jane Lewis married four times: 1st Willis W. Pruitt. Child-

ren: (1) E.O.D. (or Hane) Pruitt, of Woodville. (2) Jane Pruitt, who married Pleasant Woodall. Willis owned the farm north-east of Woodville later known as the Wannplace. He died about 1854. Nancy married 2nd Minas Dwyer, who died about 1868. The widow married 3rd George Carmical, a preacher, and last she married Jonathan Beason. I think she outlived them all. (6) Tabitha Frances Lewis married 1st Mack Whitworth, 2nd Latham;

Ed Whitworth and Henry Whitworth, sons of Mack both went to Texas Collins County.

(7) Susan Lewis, no record.

The 1830 census for Jackson County, show: Joel Lewis, age between 30-40. Also Daniel Lewis 30-40. Also Susanna Lewis, 20-30. Charles Lewis, 50-60 at the head of large family John Lewis 40-50 years. I am indebted to Robert Martin McBride for part of the information on Henry Lewis' family,

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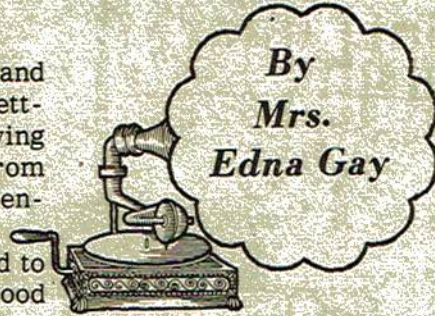
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The Chattin Family

Edward R. Chattin and wife were pioneer settlers of Section, having come to this county from Miags County, Tennessee.

They were attracted to this place by the good school which was run a long term by funds derived from rents from land lying in 16th Section on the Tennessee River. They reared and educated a family. One son, John A. Chattin, went to the Klondike in Alaska, invested in gold mining claims. Robert L. Chattin edited a newspaper in Dallas, Texas. Edward Chattin Jr was a successful nursery man in Tennessee. Burkett Chattin was rural mail carrier. One daughter married J. W. Downey. One daughter married Dr. J. H. McCord. The youngest daughter finished college and taught in the public schools of Jackson County, married John L. McCormick, a prominent merchant and planter, who is now deceased. The widow is living in Marshall County, Alabama.

This family, like many other Sand Mountain families, have made good and of this kind of people is the hope of the nation.



The Cobbs In North Alabama

Two brothers, David and John Cobb, came from North Carolina to

Rhea County East Tennessee, thence to Alabama, 1809.

We quote from a paper by Judge Thomas Jones Taylor published in the summer of 1930, issue of The Alabama Historical Quarterly: "Pioneers began moving south from the neighborhood of Winchester about 1805, across the mountain and about the Big Cove and Cobb's Ford. Old David Cobb, at Cobb's Ford and John Grayson on the present James Grayson place, were the only persons, in 1809, located on land east of the mountain."

It is my understanding, the Cobbs came down the Tennessee River and up Flint River to where David settled.

David Cobb was a Constable in 1810 in Madison County. He and John Cobb were tax payers in Madison County, 1815, and are progenitors of all the Cobbs in the Tennessee Valley area. We know

Congressman Williamson, R.W. Cobb and Bryant Cobb were brothers. They were first cousins of Theophilis (or Off) who was the father of Thomas M. Cobb, of Woodville.

Theophilis had two brothers: Richard (or Dick) Cobb and Lish Cobb, the unsolved question is: Was David or John Cobb the father of W.R. Cobb and Bryant Cobb? Thomas M. Owen's history vol. 3, states that Congressman Williamson R. W. Cobb with his father "settled at Bellefonte, 1809," also the Biographical Director of the American Congress, 1774-1927, states the same thing, but still there is some doubt as to the truth of that statement.

Williamson R. W. Cobb married a Fennel She was most hospitable to friend and foe. Once she kept the teams,

wagons, Negro drivers one night when they were stalled in the mud. These teams belonged to a political rival of her husband. He ever afterwards was a friend.

Once at a barbecue two men saw Congressman Cobb approaching, one man said to the other, "I'll bet you a quart of liquor that he will shake hands with everybody here." The other man said: "I'll take that bet". Mr. Cobb came on shaking hands with everyone until he reached a stump in the center of the crowd and jumping upon the stump,

exclaimed to the crowd, "Everybody consider themselves shaken hands with me." Mr. Cobb was a great campaigner and was very popular with the poor and uneducated people. He beat for Congress the strongest men in this part of the state as: Jeremiah Clemens, Clement C. Clay and William Acklin. When he accidentally lost his life, he

possessed large tracts of land in Jackson, Madison and DeKalb Counties. His brother, Bryant, was the administrator of his estate.

Bryant Cobb lived in Madison County. His sons were old Joe Cobb, who ran Cobbs Mill for years--now known as Butlers Mill. Ira T. Cobb lived in Maynard's Cove. C.C. Cobb also lived in Jackson County.

Thomas M. Cobb married Julia (Green) Cobb, May 18, 1868, lived together 63 years. Mrs. Cobb died Nov. 19, 1927, at the age of 80. They came from Madison County to Woodville, 1872. Children: Hulett C. Cobb, now living in Peters Cove, Thomas Cobb living at Sheffield, Martin Cobb, deceased, and Rosa Cobb, who married William S. Prince. Both are deceased. Huntsville's early marriage records Francis Worley married Charlotte Cobb, Sept. 27, 1811. Stancel Cobb married Nila Read Jan. 20, 1813.

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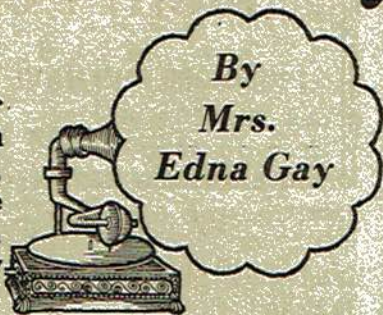
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Memphis. His son LaFayette Lewis married Snow Stephens. They moved to Texas.

James M. Lewis, (b. 1843, d. 1933) married Sarah C. Stephens, sister of Snow and Henry D. Stephens. They resided at Celina, Texas, reared a daughter, Laura Jane, and a son, Lowery LaFayette Lewis, who resides in Collins County, Texas.

Anderson V. Lewis (1851-1886) married Caldonia Kennamer, (1851-1913), daughter of Abe Kennamer and Elizabeth Hodges. Children: (1) Susan E. Lewis, (2) Charles O. Lewis, (3) Arthur G. Lewis, (4) Frances Lewis, (5) Maggie Jane Lewis.

Another family of Lewis were old Henry Lewis, who lived about three miles East of Woodville. He reared his family here and is buried on the homestead.

The census of 1850, Jackson County, Alabama show Henry Lewis, age 50 born in Kentucky. Tabitha Allen (Cotten) Lewis age 49 born in Tennessee. They married about 1818. Henry married a daughter of Jaces Cotten a Revolutionary soldier. Children: (1) Wiley Lewis no record. (2)

Grant Allen Lewis, born in Ala., age 27, in 1850 married Mary Jane Meade, born in Virginia. Children: Martha, Mary, Lemiel and Samuel. Lemiel was a lawyer at Gurley, Ala.

(3) Henry Jefferson Lewis (better known as Jeff Lewis), married Mary Wilder, daughter of Joab Wilder and Nancy Perkins. Mrs. Mary Lewis was a fine woman and was the mother of two beautiful daughters; Julia married James L. Chambless. Tabitha or Tabby married Prettymaw Puckett. The sons (1) Riley A. Lewis married Delura D. Page. (2) Henry LaFayette Lewis married Laura F. Page; both sons moved to Texas. (3) Joe, (4) John Lewis, (5) Charley. (4) Martha Cotten Lewis married Moses McKinley Keith of Franklin County, Tenn.

(5) Nancy Jane Lewis married four times: 1st Willis W. Pruitt. Children: (1) E. O. D. (or Hane) Pruitt, of Woodville. (2) Jane Pruitt, who married Pleasant Woodall. Willis owned the farm north-east of Woodville later known as the Wann place. He died about 1854. Nancy married 2nd Minas Dwyer, who died about 1868. The widow married 3rd George Carmical, a preacher, and last she married Jonathan Beason. I think she outlived them all. (6) Tabitha Frances Lewis married 1st Mack Whitworth, 2nd Latham; Ed Whitworth and Henry Whitworth, sons of Mack

both went to Texas Collins County.

(7) Susan Lewis, no record.

The 1830 census for Jackson County, show: Joel Lewis, age between 30-40. Also Daniel Lewis, age 30-40. Also Susanna Lewis, 20-30. Charles Lewis, 50-60 at the head of large family. John Lewis 40-50 years. I am indebted to Robert Martin McBride for part of the information on Henry Lewis' family.

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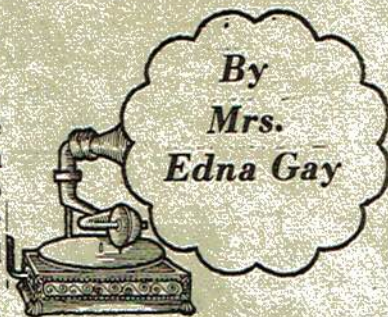
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From J.R. Kennamer's Gleanings of History and Genealogy

Family Tree of Scottsboro Physicians.

Willis Hodges the youngest son of John Hodges, with two brothers settled near Woodville, 1835, married first Sarah Riggins; carried second time Nancy Coulson. He sold land to his brother, Pleasant Hodges, as recorded in Huntsville as follows: Willis Hodges and Sally Hodges sold to Pleasant Hodges for \$290.00, 1-6 part of SE1/4, Sec. 7, T. 3, R.1, East, lying joining the part formerly belonging to John Hodges deceased, being 26 2-3 acres more or less, and also 1-3 part of the 1-6 part said quarter section formerly belonging to John Hodges deceased, containing 8 acres and 88 34-100 of an acre. Signed: Willis Hodges and Sally Hodges. (Both signed by mark). William Rountree, J. P. and Friely Jones, J. P. March 5, 1833. Willis settled at the place known as the Billie Boshart place, now owned by Willie O. Butler. After his wife's death, he sold the place to Ellison Phillips.

Willis was the father of ten children--five by his first wife, Sarah Riggins, and five by his second wife, Nancy Coulson. He died at the home of Marion Bowers, who had married his eldest daughter. They lived on the "Laddie Buck" Cameron place between the Willis L. Kennamer farm and Paint Rock. At the time of his death, he owned only 40 acres of land situated on Cumberland



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Mountain, known as the Ben Tribble place. Willis had lived there a while.

Children: (1) James Hodges married Sarah Butler, daughter of old Samuel Butler. James Hodges was one of the greatest and most successful fishermen ever to live in this part of the state. He was also a great hunter. He lived in Madison County near Poplar Ridge. Children (1) Sallie Hodges married George Maples. (2) John Hodges married first Mary Moon, second Mollie Woody.

(3) James P. Hodges married first Jane Jones 2nd, Laurga (Wood) Precise. (4) Margaret Hodges married Andrew Esslinger. She was his second wife. (5) George Hodges married Sallie Walters. (6) Alfred Hodges married Maggie Whiterd, daughter of Big A. Whiterd.

(II) Nancy Jane Hodges married Narion Bowers, youngest son of William Bowers. See Bowers record.

(III) Pleasant Hodges married Mary Jane Barclay. He lived after marriage near Mount Olivet, where Dea Wright lives, until his son Willis was eight years old. He then moved and lived one year at the place then owned by M.M. Tidwell,

afterwards known as the Johnie Hodges place near "Sheepneck." He then moved to the Old Jim Lee place in Marshall County. Children: (1) William (Billie) Hodges married Mary Webster. They reared a large family near New Hope, Madison County. (2) Willis Hodges married Alice Wann. She died Feb. 19, 1947 at 78 years old. She was twin

sister of Fannie (Wann) Butler and half sister of Elder Andrew J. Wann. They lived one mile of Butler's Mill, reared six daughters and four sons: (a) Lou Hodges married Frank Thomason. (b) Mary Hodges married Joe Adair. (c) Myrtle Hodges married Flemon H. Elkins. (d) Vida Hodges married Henry Thomas. (e) Maude Hodges married Howard Anderson. (f) Estelle Hodges married Green Boshart. (g) Delbert Hodges married Vada Smith. (h) Leslie Hodges married Annie Lee Grice. (j) Twins--Wayland Hodges married 1st Annie Mashburn; 2nd Janie Womack. Maylon Hodges married Laura Scroggin.

(3) Sallie Hodges, died unmarried. (4) Mary Hodges married James Robert Page, youngest son of James T. Page, and first wife, Rachel Kennamer. Mary was six years old when her parents moved in December, 1874, to the Old Lee place. Children: (a) Arty Sylvester Page married Ida Elizabeth Childress. (b) Cora Manilla Page married

James Wiley Hodges. (5) Martha Jane Hodges married William Nathan Elkins. (6) Lizzie Hodges married William Julian Hodges. Children: (a) Allie Maude Hodges married Samuel H. Kennamer. (b) Vera Hodges married Arthur Collins son Dr. Arthur Carl Collins Doctor in Marines married 7-20-1947 Miss Elizabeth Catherine Covey of Dubloin, Va. (c) Orville D. Hodges married Amanda Mae Kennamer. (d) Dr. Julian Hodges married Ruby Hill.

(7) James Tom Hodges married Dora G. Elkins. Children: (a) Elgie Estelle Hodges married Jesse Andrew Wilson. (b) Eddie Clifton Hodges married Vesta Elkins. (c) Leona Hodges married Dewey Lavoy Kennamer. (d) Marion Ray Hodges died single. (8) Rosa Hodges married J. Calvin Vernon--son Okeland Vernon married Beanice Page. (9) Effie Hodges married Fred Hodges. Children (a) Verbon Hodges married Viola Shepard. (b) Marvin Hodges married Myrtle Fairbanks. (c) Cecil Hodges married Margaret Meeks. (d) Veda Hodges married Lee Brewer. (e) Telford Hodges--single. (f) Howard Hodges married Opal Butler (g) Clara M. Hodges married Melvin Shepard.

(IV) John Hodges married Lydia Houk, eldest daughter of Lacy Houk. He had the measles during the Civil War, got ice and ate it and got well. They went to Texas, reared a family.

(V) Harrie Hodges married Tol Cameron. Children of Willis Hodges and second wife Nancy Coulson:

(VI) Ferby Louisa Hodges married E. O. (Hane) Pruitt. They lived in Woodville where Will Chandler now lives. Hane Pruitt was the only

son of Willis W. Pruitt and Nancy Jane Lewis, daughter of Henry Lewis. Hane ran a shop where he shod horses, and for a while cut hair and shaved people. His wife died--leaving eight children. Their names were John, George, Joe, Mary, Mattie, Dora, Rhoda and Julia Pruitt.

(VII) Nutè Hodges was a member of Capt. Frank Cotten's Confederate Scouts, was captured, died in prison at Camp Chase, Ohio.

(VIII) Dock Hodges was

also lost in the war. He went to the Confederate Army with George R. Hodges.

(IX) Elizabeth Hodges married John Young. They emigrated to Tex.

(X) Joe Hodges died young.

I have made no effort to trace the Hodges family down to the present time. I hope some member of the clan, who is energetic, enterprising and loves work and doing good more than money will do that.

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The Bulman Family

The census records seem to show that the Bulmans came from Georgia to Madison County, Alabama.

There were two Primitive Baptist preachers in this family: George F. Bulman, grandfather of George W. Bulman. The latter lived near Woodville, was a timber man, and went to the State Legislature 1900-01, was the author of the Bulman Road-law. Elder J. R. Johnson of Bridgeport was in the Legislature at the same time. The old Bulman family Bible records show the following:

Elizabeth Bulman born Jan. 30, 1797; Robert Bulman born March 24, 1799; Sarah Bulman born Nov. 5, 1802; George F. Bulman born Dec. 4, 1804, preacher, buried at Bethel cemetery, Madison County; Nancy Bulman born Oct. 26, 1806; Martha and Lucinda (twins) born April 21, 1809; Lurony Bulman born Dec. 21, 1811; Matilda Bulman born Dec 18, 1814; Jane Bulman born Feb. 17, 1817.

The 1860 Madison County, Ala., census shows: Geo. F. Bulman and wife, Lucinda, were born in Georgia though their children were born in Alabama.

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The same census shows James W. Bulman was born in Alabama, also his wife, Elizabeth (Bishop) Bulman was born in Alabama. Children: (1) George W. Bulman, the preacher who married Martha Woodall, daughter of Jas. R. and Sarah (Hodges) Woodall, (2) Will L. Bulman, whose widow, Lucy Ann (Page) Bulman Elkins is now living at the ripe old age of 91 years. (3) John N. Bulman married Rebecca G. (Kennamer) Bulman, sister of the writer. They moved many times, but finally settled at Mill Creek, Okla., where their children now reside.

(4) Elizabeth M. Bulman married George J. (Crocket) Hodges, the grandparents of the Hodges who are running Hodges Drug Store. (5) Henry L. Bulman married Polina Miller. Henry was Tax Collector from 1917-21. Their children live in Jackson and Madison Counties.

(6) Joseph F. Bulman married Clara Thomas, daughter of David A. and Edith (Maples) Thomas. Joe was elected commissioner in 1932.

(7) Sidney Bulman married daughter of Joseph Thomas. They went to Texas many years ago. All the

Bulmans named are now dead.

The Busby Family

This family is a large one, scattered over the South and West.

I am greatly indebted to Willard C. Kennamer 42 Albermarle Place, Yonkers, N.Y. Historian of the Kennamer family, for census records and other information.

Mark Busby one of the earliest members of this family, was living in Fairfield County, South Carolina, 1790, near Hans Kennamer. He had

a large family at that time as shown by the first census. After coming to Alabama there were six Busby women and one man, who married Kennamers.

In the 1830 Jackson County Alabama census listed near Hans Kennamer, we have Newt Busby, age 60-70 and John Busby age 30-40 listed. Dave and Dan Busby settled on Gunter's Mountain at a very early date--even

before Alabama was made a state. Will Busby son of Dave, married Elizabeth Kennamer and went West many years ago.

My grandfather, Jacob Kennamer married, 1819 Kizziah Busby.

We find Alexander Busby married Nancy Beadle 1852 in this county; also James Busby married Rebecca Knight. Martin Busby ran a jewelry store in Scottsboro 1876.

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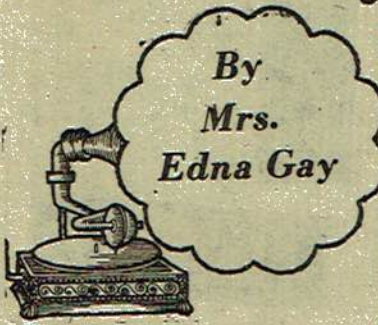
The McGehee Family

The McGehee family settled in a cove in Tennessee near the Alabama line, which bears their name. Here the family lived a few years before coming to Jackson County, Ala. It is not made clear in what part of Jackson County, Ala. It is sided, but one of the clan said "the family lived on a mountain near the headwaters of Paint Rock River."

We next hear of them in Island Creek Cove on the south side of the Tennessee River not far from Hogjaw Valley, where Eli McGehee was born in 1859. He said "his grandfather, Sam McGehee died here." Sam McGehee was the father of eight sons and three daughters. We have the names of only four of these sons: Azariah, William, Pal and Sam P. or "Perk" McGehee and one girl, Mickey.

During the War between the States, "Perk" McGehee ran a water mill on Sand Mountain on Dry Creek. This place was about 12 miles from Trenton, Ga., which was the trading place for this territory at that time.

Next we hear of them near Buck Snort on Gunter's Mountain, in Marshall County, Ala. Azariah McGehee sold 80 acres of land to S.P. (Perk) McGehee. Here the latter lived a while before he moved to Kennamer Cove, on land owned by Jacob L. Kennamer. This place was



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known as the Phillips place near the Williams Perkins farm. The house was near the home where Talmadge Kennamer lives. Thomas Sims said: "The McGehee and Wallace families came from East Tennessee to Georgia to upper Sand Mountain thence to Kennamer Cove.

There were eight sons of Sam McGehee who moved to different places in the South and West. In southwest Arkansas is a city named "McGehee."

S. P. (or Perk) McGehee married Cynthia Wallace, sister of Francis Marion Wallace a preacher. Mr. McGehee and wife were members of the Church of Christ and had a good name wherever they lived. Children: 1. John Henry McGehee, who lived on Gunter's Mountain where Grant is now, married Rebecca Craig. Children: 1. Leonard A. (or Buck) McGehee. He married Sallie Perkins. They reared a large family. I do not think I ever knew a better man or a more faithful Christian than L. A. McGehee. 2. Cynthia McGehee married Bryant C. Jones. 3. Will McGehee married in Mississippi and moved

to Texas. 4. James McGehee moved to Texas, married and is now living at Denison.

II Eli McGehee married Catherine Craig. They reared a large family, moved to Texas.

III Jerry McGehee went to Texas.

IV Will McGehee married Julia Bulman, daughter of George W. Bulman. Children: 1. Julia McGehee married James M. Wilbourn. 2. Roy McGehee married Willie Wilbourn. 3. Sidney McGehee married Donnie Cobb.

V Virgil McGehee is now living on Gunter's Mountain, and is the only son of Perk McGehee living.

There are many other McGehees, but I do not have a record of them.

Howard McGehee is a Missionary Baptist preacher.

The Craig Family

Mickey McGehee, daughter of Sam McGehee and sister of Perk McGehee, married Andy Craig. They lived

in Humpton in Marshall County. Andy Craig had a brother, John who never married.

Andy raised a great many hogs on the mountains between his home and Kennamer Cove. He made it a practice to hunt and feed his hogs on Sunday. He was the greatest hog caller I ever heard. When the wind was just right, he could be heard one-half mile (some said he could be heard a mile).

In 1885 many of this family were stricken down with a new disease to Dr. L. Derrick, their family physician. He

seemed not to know how to treat it. Some called it the red-tongue fever. It evidently was typhoid fever with pneumonia.

Seven members of this family died. All are buried in the Ashburn cemetery in the Sinks.

Andy Craig the father died, three sons, Will, Fate and Jerry; three daughters, Betty Jane Craig, wife of Bent Derrick, Samantha Craig, wife of Sam Whitaker, and Miss Maggie Craig; leaving the mother and youngest son, Sack Craig, who is now living near Huntsville at 73 years of age.

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We have the records of several families from J. R. Kennamer's "Gleanings of History and Genealogy". We will be printing these from time to time. Mr. Kennamer, in his writings, expressed the desire for members of these families to continue his work and bring the family records up to date. We hope that each family as they read of their ancestors will record their births, deaths, occupations and descendants.

The Whitakers In North Alabama

There are now and have been many Whitakers living in Madison, Marshall and Jackson counties. They came to North Alabama at an early date. There seems to be about three branches of this family, though all are related.

Thomas Sims (1835-1928) said: "Jack Whitaker was the oldest one I knew. He thought Jack was the father of Whorry Whitaker." He also said: "Rolling Whitaker's father was another old man, who also lived in the Sinks." That Whorry was a cousin of old Billie and Elijah Whitaker who lived in Madison County near Nebo."

Seaborn Keel (1841-1935) who lived at Nebo, said: "Whorry Whitaker was born on Tar River, in N. C., and when a lad came to Paint Rock Valley with Jesse Keel and family and was his half uncle."

Mrs. Annie (Thurman) Fletcher said: "There was a large family of whitakers first settled near New Market, Ala. That Whorry, Billie and Elijah Whitaker were in this group."

Mrs. Helen (Jones) Fletcher said: "Whorry Whitaker married Luaney Paseur."

He lived to be 95 years old, and was no doubt, one of the greatest hunters who ever lived in this part of the state. He learned from the Indians how to stalk deer and other game. He kept a fine pack of dogs and was an expert shot, having killed as many foxes (300) as Samson caught and used in burning the grain fields of the Philistines. (See Judges 15:4). Children: (1) Frank Whitaker married Elizabeth Mead, daughter of

Samuel Mead. They lived where Frank Jones now lives. (2) Dave Whitaker. (3) One son went to Missouri. (4) Margaret Whitaker married Bent Fletcher, son of Capt. James Fletcher. Their

only son, Jas. W. Fletcher, married Annie Thurman. Another daughter called "Sis" Whitaker married Rollings Whitaker, who came to Alabama, settled in Marshall County, on the north side of the Tennessee River in the Sinks. Rollings was Tax Collector in Marshall County, beginning 1871. He later moved to Jackson County just north of Woodville. He owned and lived at the place where Joe Livingston now owns. He then moved to the Spout Spring. Children: Samantha Whitaker married Tea Stewart. They resided in Marshall County. Joseph S. Whitaker born 1856, married Miram Craig, daughter of Andy Craig. They lived in Peter's Cove at the Spout Spring. Children: (1) Arthur Whitaker married Maud Farr. (2) Filey Whitaker married Silas P. Woodall. (3) Maggie Whitaker married Charlie Peters. (4) Wiley Whitaker married Mollie Bulman. (5) Rosa Whitaker married Lee Phillips. (6) Pearl Whitaker married Albert Maples.

There were a host of Whitakers who lived in Madison County, near Nebo; namely Billie, Elijah, Nat and Simon Whitaker, all brothers.

Temple Whitaker, a sister, married a Guffey, the father of John H. Guffey. Nancy Whitaker married a Craig who lived in Marshall County, in Brindlee Mr. Tom Anderson's mother was a Whitaker. Billie Whitaker was the eldest; his daughter married James Clay who was the father of Will D. Clay. The latter lived to be 90 years old. Sons of Billie Whitaker were James, who married Amanda Fletcher, Nathan, Bob, White Dave and Lige Whitaker. Eason McKinney married a twin sister of White Dave Whitaker.

Mahalia Whitaker, daughter of Billie, married William Fletcher. Nat Whitaker lived a while east of Woodville, up in the mountains above Thomas Cove.

What I have written on the Whitakers and others may be of some benefit to any future historian.

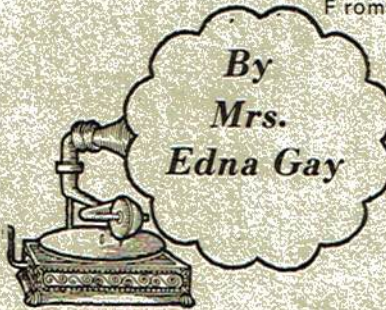
The late Will Jasper Whitaker, son of Bob Whitaker, was a dear friend and schoolmate, both at Nat and Scottsboro, of the writer.

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The Bennet Family

Moses Bennett came from Maryland, settled at the head of Mud Creek among the Indians. He had a son named Moses, who was born in Jackson County, Ala. This son married in this county, reared a family--went to Illincis before the Civil War. Moses had a son named Gifford Bennett, who was born in Alabama, as a boy went with his father to Illinois. He returned to



Madison County when 18 years old, lived with his aunt, Miss Ustasia Bennett. She married a McGhee.

Gifford Bennett married a Culp. Children: William T. Bennett,

George, Frank and others. All lived to be real old men. William T. Bennett, of Gurley, died only a few years ago at 96 years or more.

When I visited Mr. Bennett in May, 1932, at Gurley, he had two large kettles 8 feet across the top. He said, 'I went to Selma, Ala. for the Confederates and got 17 kettles for use at Salt Petre Cave. They were of various sizes.' After the War was over he got two of these kettles.

He said, 'My grandfather, Moses Bennett, and sons with a party, came from Illinois to Ala. in a wagon to hunt deer, bears, etc. They killed a wagon-load and hauled the meat back with them.' He said, 'I

served in the Civil War in Capt. John Drake's Company of New Hope, Ala. (then Vienna). In this Co. was Tom Drake Lient. Ty Drake and Jim Drake, all brothers. Others in this company were Tom M. Cobb, Frank Cotton, Henry Dillard. We were under Major M.E. Johnson. We had a skirmish near Barclay's Mill, captured Cranford and one other. We lost one young man, who was shot but died a little later.' Mr. Bennett told me the story of President Jefferson Davis' visit to Mrs. Clay when released from prison in 1867.

I may write that visit in a separate article, if newsprint paper does not give out and the Editor will permit.

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The McAllister Family

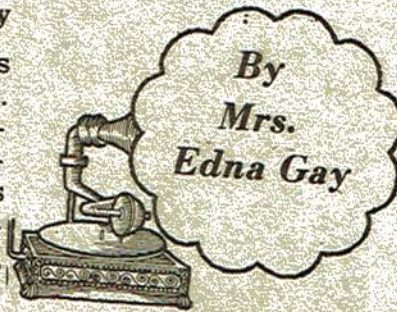
John G. McAllister was born in Scotland, Feb. 29, 1840, reared in Ireland, came to this country in 1860 with his brother, Hill McAllister and family, settled in St. Louis, Mo. His sister married Albert B. Chase in St. Louis.

John joined the Union Army at Denver, Colo., came South, met and married Mary A. Allen at Cleveland, Tenn., in May, 1865. They went back North and lived in East St. Louis, Illinois until 1884, when they came to Jackson County, Ala., settled near the Gordon Coalmines, near Limrock. They reared four sons and two daughters.

The McAllister Sinks or Cove was partly an Indian field, when the white man came. David Berry settled it. He sold it to John Isbell, who cleared the remainder of the Sinks with Negro slave labor. Mr. Isbell's three daughters inherited it: Mrs. Wm. Gatham, Mrs. W. M. Minnix, and Mrs. B. B. Allen. A. E. McAllister purchased the Sinks from these heirs.

Parker Family

John T. S. Parker's mother was a Benson, born in Virginia, came to Jackson County, Ala., with her son, John, settled near Aspel. John Parker, born 1831, lived to be 80 years old. He worked for Moses Maples when a young man,



met and married Mr. Maples' daughter, Martha. To this union three children were born: (1) James S. Parker, married 1st Kate Isom. Children: Walker and Myrtle Parker. James married second, Lou Bulman, child, Fannie Lee Parker.

(2) Silas Parker, (3) Kate Parker married Houston Thomas. Two children: Bessie Thomas, married Arthur Black. Kate married, after Houston's death, Ben Brannum. She was his third wife. John T. S. Parker moved to Arkansas before the Civil War, where his wife and son, Silas died. He returned to Woodville, married Mrs. Mary (Maples) Adams, sister of his first wife.

Mary had married James Adams, who had been killed while serving in C.S. Army. Mr. Parker resided in the northern part of Woodville, in the log house now owned by Mrs. Allie Page. He was substantial citizen--good trader, school trustee, Primitive Baptist.

The Phillips Family

Ellison Phillips married Lucinda Butler, eldest daughter of old

Bamuel Butler and wife Margaret (Peggy) Lemons. They settled near the Marshall-Jackson County line, at the place later known as the Billie Boshart place. Ellison Phillips died leaving six small children--four boys and two girls, for the mother to rear.

She was a large woman when 'old' she was hit by a train in Woodville, which hastened her death. She was known as "Old Lady Phillips". Children: (1) Samuel Phillips, married Martha Justice. He was a Methodist minister, lived for years, at the Cross Roads, or near the Jas. T. Hodges shop. Later his home was in Albertville. One of his daughters--Sallie--became the third wife of Dr. C.W. Adkins. (2) Sim Phillips married Martha Jane Bowers, daughter of Lum Bowers. They lived at the Oscar Thomas place one mile west of Woodville. (3) Sallie Phillips married Dick Irwin, son of Wiley Irwin. (4) James Phillips married Martha (Pattie) Hodges, daughter of Jack Hodges. After James' death she married Tal Whiterd of New Hope, Ala. (5) Margaret Phillips married William R. (or Billie) Boshart. They lived at the old home place. Children: (a) Emma Boshart married Hugh H. Hodges (b) James N. Boshart married Nellie Moore.

(6) Can Phillips married Louisa Hodges, sister of Johnny, Tom and

Rufus Hodges. Can died 1877, when his son Lihu Phillips was only four years old. She then married a Houk.

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The Farr Family

David Farr owned land now a part of the city of Atlanta, Georgia, sold it and emigrated to Alabama, about the year 1856 or 1866. He lived one or two years at the place known as the Lee place, or Pleas Hodges home in Marshall County.

Rufus H. Jones had lived here a while during the War, but had just moved to where D. G. Kennamer later built a dwelling in Kennamer Cove.

Farr with his family next moved to Dr. L. Derrick place where he lived several years. This place is just across the creek from the S.H. Kennamer home. Coly Page built a home near the Farr home. He then moved to Gunter's Mountain near Swearingin where they resided until death. Children (1) Robert B. Farr married first Maggie Stephens, second, Martha E. Chambless.

(2) James Farr married Sallie Stephens, sister of Robert's first wife.

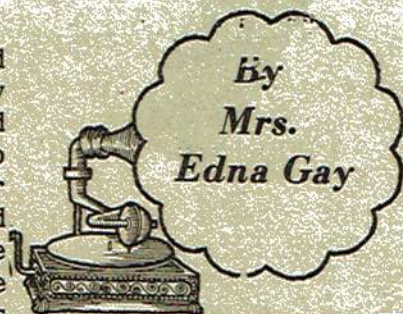
(3) Tom Farr went west.

(4) Jane Farr married Sol Helms.

(5) Emiline Farr unmarried.

(6) Mollie Farr married Charley Mathis.

Robert Farr lived in the Chambless Hollow in Marshall County--east of Woodville.



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James Farr bought the place in Peters Cove from Houk after the Civil War. I saw him drop dead of heart failure in Woodville and was the first person to reach him. The Farr boys and my older brothers were good friends and with the Page brothers associated with each other quite a bit in their young manhood days.

The Flippo Family

John William Flippo said: "I was born in Maynard's Cove," His father, Henry Flippo, came from South Carolina to Maynard's Cove before the Civil War,

with his wife, (Nippers) and two children. He soon moved to Guess' Creek. Here he lived 11 years near Little Nashville on land of John Williams, brother of J. P. Williams. Those living on Guess' Creek were the Cardens, Lathams, Skeltons and Hunters. The Fowlers lived in Fowler's Cove, which is up the river on the east side of the river. Dick, Bob, Ace and Jones Fowler. One sister, Fannie married

Andy Harper in Bore's Cove. Those who enlisted in Eph. Latham's Union Company were the Skelton, Sanders, Andrew Jackson Flippo and Francis Marion Flippo, brothers of John W. Andrew brothers of John W. Andrew was killed near Princeton. Nute Flippo carried the mail from Nat to Woodville.

Low Talkington's mother was a sister of the Flippos.

The Turpin Family

Henry Turpin lived up Paint Rock Valley on the East side of the river in the Hinshaw Cove. He married Mary Catherine Brewton, who lived about six miles from Shelbyville, Tenn. Her father, Charley Brewton was a stocktrader, who was killed and robbed in Georgia. They had one son, Joe Turpin, when Henry died and was buried in the Hinshaw cemetery. The widow then married Thomas Morgan. They moved to near Woodville where they lived until death.

Joe Turpin now lives one and a half miles West of Woodville at a ripe old age, 81 years. He married Polly Butler, sister of Dan Butler. They reared three daughters:

(1) Essie C. Turpin married Bentley A. Hill. To this union two sons were born: Howard Glyon, and James Bentley Hill.

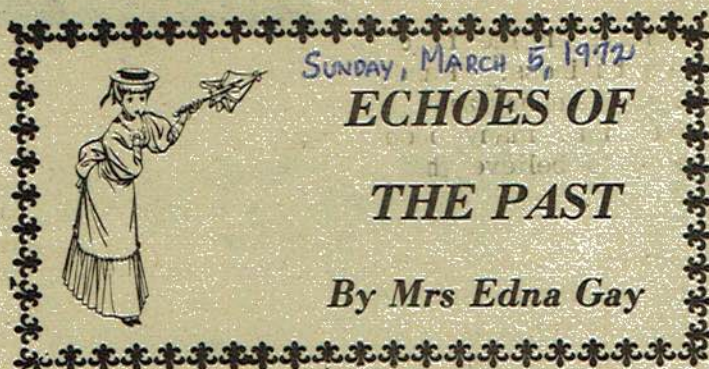
(2) Bessie Turpin married Monroe Thomas,

youngest son of James N. Thomas.

(3) Avis Turpin, unmarried.

Joe's grandmother was a Wilhoit. William Dwyer who once sold goods in Old Woodville married a Wilhoit.

- SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1972



In our column two weeks ago, we asked for assistance in locating a store at Larkin's Fork in Paint Rock Valley. Luke Machen of Hollywood has in his possession the day ledger from the store covering the year 1854.

We have had a number of inquiries. A gentleman from Virginia called Mr. Machen but he was unable to understand his name. We would appreciate this gentleman writing us. He referred us to Ike Hill in Beech Grove, Tenn., who is about 95 years old and familiar with the history of this past era and may have information on Larkin's Fork. We are forwarding Mr. Hill past copies of

Bouldin is a former resident of Jackson County. We appreciate this letter very much.

The Old Ledger

There can be no doubt in my mind of where Mr. Machen's old ledger came from.

About 1850 John Bouldin came over from Warren County, Tennessee, to Larkins Creek to teach school. He soon became a financial partner to Henry Taylor in a little store and married his sister, Martha Naomi Taylor, Feb. 9, 1862.

Among those mentioned in the ledger is A. W. Collins. This was Archibald Collins, known as Buck-Snort, who lived at the location known as

Collins. This man was the great-grandfather of your Lord Mayor, also perhaps a great-great-uncle of your good sheriff. He got his nickname perhaps while deer hunting with Tom Foster's father. (Editor's note: This is Harold Foster's father.)

That first old store building stood on the east side of the old wagon road that followed the hills, outside the fields, up Larkin's Creek. It was about one hundred yards from the all weather spring that boiled up in a little cove at the foot of the mountain. It was at the fork of the road that went across the creek to the west. A school building was built across the road from it. After Mr. Taylor's widow, Aunt Lydia, moved the goods and her home up the road about 100 yards, the old store building was used to hold elections in. It had a high front porch, used for unloading goods, facing the road. I ate a watermelon on that porch when I was in school in the new

the Advertiser.

We are publishing a letter today from a former citizen, Mr. T. Bun Bouldin who resides in Ft. Myers, Fla. Mr.

Buck-Snort for many years. He was married three times and reared 16 children, which included John Bouldin's second wife, Mary Ann

schoolhouse across the road from it.

It was still there in '96 when Bryan first ran for president on a Free Coinage of Silver ticket

and Virgil Bouldin was elected to the Alabama Legislature on a Gold Standard ticket. No, he was not "crucified on a Cross of Gold" but strung up by too much free silver. He signed my passport, however, when I went abroad to peddle our factory products to keep our men working.

I went to a summer school, taught by Billie Reid, who used one of the rooms that the Taylors lived in that joined the store on the east side, in the summer of '93. I can never forget that awful year 1893.

I took a basket of eggs, on old Molly, over to the widow Taylor's store and when she counted the eggs and found that at the price per dozen of four cents that the chicken and egg peddler, Mr. Mason, had left for that week, they did not add up to enough to cover the list that my mother had put in the basket --- ie. coal oil, soda, sugar, starch, etc. Mrs. Taylor went into a huddle, as a big sign on the door said

"Cash Only". But among her clients that were enjoying the heat from the old round wood stove was Sam Trice, her brother, Sam Reid, and others, that came to my rescue saying in unison "let him have them". This Mr. Mason would blow his Conch Shell as he drove his covered wagon up and down the valley so that the good farmers' wives would have all their butter by the roadside when he got to their home.

This Sam Trice rode the mail to the railroad at Huntland for many years.

I went to the store for our mail as soon as I could ride a horse alone. Sometimes Aunt Lydia would pin a registered letter in my pocket with money in it. Bank checks were not common, there, in those days.

John Bouldin's post office was at Larkin's Fork and Larkin for some 50 years.

I just love the names and ways of those dear old citizens. I hope you get much joy out of these memoirs.

Sincerely,
Mr. T. Bun Bouldin
Bradford Hotel
Fort Myers, Fla. 33902

(Editor's note: Mr. Bouldin refers to Sheriff Bob Collins and the Lord Mayor is John T. Reid.)



Echoes of the Past

From J.R. Kennamer's Gleanings of History and Genealogy

William Dodson

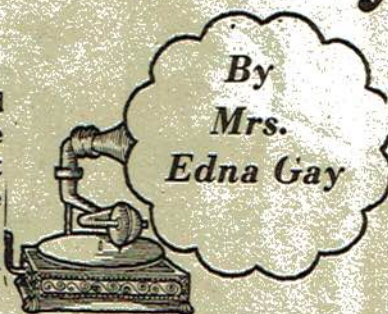
William Dodson and Mary, his wife, came here from East Tennessee before the county was created, settled at Dodsonville in 1818, which bears his name. He was Postmaster a short time and served as Justice of Peace.

He and his wife were large people, each weighing about 300 lbs.

They prospered in life and accumulated quite a lot of land and other property. Mr. Dodson died suddenly at Dodsonville, May 12, 1872, age 70 years.

His wife died in October the same year near Boyd Switch (Limrock).

Their daughter, Eliza Dodson, married Luna Bowers. To this union seven daughters and three sons were born, lived to be grown and all married. (See Bowers record). The sons of William Dodson: (1) Jas. P. Dodson, (2) Samuel, (3) Riley, (4) John and (5) James Dodson. A son of Riley Dodson, Pete said: "That Jas. Pres Dodson had borrowed large sum of money from Mr. Larkin. The debt ran out of date but Mr. Dodson made Larkin a deed to \$10,000 farm in



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payment of the debt, though out of date."

Jas. P. Dodson owned a large tract of land in Boxes Cove, where Mr. Walter Bynum now resides, sold it in 1872 and came to the place between Limrock and Stephens Gap. Here he resided as a farmer until death. After the death of his wife he soon married Miss Saphronia Sherrell.

The Elkins Family

"Three brothers came to America. Their names were: (1) Nacy, (2) Asa, (3) Shalum. Shalum went to Ohio, lived there until death. Asa lived in Middle Tennessee, between Tullahoma and Shelbyville.

Nacy Elkins also lived in Middle Tennessee and is buried in Rossville, Tenn.

His son, Eli Elkins, came to Alabama about the year 1835, settled one mile of Butler's Mill, reared a large family.

Following the three first Elkins to America, came 7 other Elkins at a later date. From these 10 Elkins all that bear that name in America are descendants." --By Jas. D. Elkins.

The biographer Whitney said, that Daniel Elkins, an itinerant preacher delivered a funeral discourse at the grave of Nancy (Hanks) Lincoln mother of the president.

Eli Ellkins, as the name was spelled then, was born May 27, 1786, married 1814, Nancy Riggins, born October 16 1797. Children: (1) Deletha Elkins married Joel Barkley. (2) William Elkins married a Bennett. (3) Mary Ann Elkins. (4) Asa W. Elkins married a Huff. They lived in Middle Tennessee -- had three sons: (a) Robert, (b) George T. Elkins married in Jackson Co., lived on Mud Creek, (c) John Elkins lived in Tennessee. (5) Sarah L. Elkins married Joel Wilder, whose daughter,

Mrs. Verna Denham at the age of 88, is living at Williamsburg, Ky.

(6) Matilda Elkins, (7) K. Elkins married Elizabeth Kennamer, youngest daughter of Sam Kennamer, Sr. (8) James R. Elkins married Matilda Butler. Their only living son, Elder James Daniel Elkins, age 85, of near Dyersburg, Tenn. (9) Richard L. Elkins married Nancy Alabama Kennamer. They lived near Hollywood, Ala. (10) Eli Mastin Elkins married Sarah F. Kennamer. They reared a large family near Butler's Mill in Marshall Co.

After the death of Eli Elkins, Sr., his widow, Nancy, became the third wife of Lewis Page. (See Jackson County Sentinel Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 1937 for the Page history).

The Elkins family have borne a good name throughout the years as law-abiding, honorable, people. May that good name never be tarnished.

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(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent in by Mrs. Ola Johnson concerning the Lewis family.

Dear Mrs. Gay:

In your column "Echoes of the Past", Sunday, July 9, 1972, you mentioned the Lewis families.

There was also another Lewis family in Jackson County, Alabama in the early 1800's.

I am a descendant of Amos Lewis who appeared in the 1816 Special Census of Mississippi Territory.

Amos Lewis married Susan Roberson or Roberson. Amos Lewis was deceased by 1829. His wife and children shared in his unmarried brothers estate in Jefferson Co. Tenn. in 1829.

Amos and Susan Roberson-Lewis had the following children:

1. Abraham Lewis born CA 1805. Abraham Lewis wed (1) Elizabeth Davis Jan. 19, 1826 in Madison Co. Ala. (2) Eliza Roberts in 1860. Abraham Lewis served in the Black Hawk War. He died Aug. 29, 1869 in Schuyler County, Ill.

2. George W. (Washington?) Lewis born CA 1807 who wed Luticia Keel (my ancestor).

3. Aaron Lewis born 26 March 1810 wed (1) Mary (Polly) Turner in Madison County, Ala.; (2) Elizabeth David or Davis 9 July 1863. Aaron Lewis died in Hancock County Illinois 15 June 1878.

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4. Malinda Lewis born CA 1811 wed William (called Bill) Keel brother of Luticia Keel who wed George W. Lewis.

5. Rachael Lewis born CA 1812 wed Washington (called Wash) Renfro.

6. John Roberson or Robinson Lewis (probably named for his mother) born May 11, 1820 wed (1) Martha Ann or Elizabeth Maynard; (2) Mrs. Martha Ann Kennedy Brown Sept. 22, 1864. John R. Lewis died April 13, 1901 Schuyler County, Ill.

7. Susan Lewis born CA 1822 wed Thomas Troup. Susan Lewis Troup was living in Shelbyville, Tenn. about 1910. Her son visited my Great Grandmother, Nancy Lewis McCulley in Paint Rock and talked of his mother who was living at that time.

8. Joseph Lewis born CA 1826 wed Margaret Winkle.

9. Mahalie Lewis born CA 1828 wed David Renfro, brother of Wash

Renfro who wed Rachael Lewis.

George W. and Luticia Keel had the following children:

1. Nancy born Feb. 16, 1835 who wed Richard McCulley (son of Wm and Ailsey Wilhelm McCullock - McCulley) Dec. 17, 1850. Nancy Lewis McCulley died Dec. 5, 1930 in Morgan County Alabama. Nancy Lewis McCulley is buried at Johnsons Chapel Cemetery in Morgan County, Ala., and her husband who died Feb. 2, 1872 is buried on Keel's Mountain.

2. Matilda Lewis born CA 1837 who wed Jack Whitecotton. The Whitecottons moved from Jackson County, Ala., to Oklahoma and probably later to Texas.

3. Hardy Lewis born CA 1845. He wed Martha Kirkpatrick.

4. Cynthia Lewis (called Babe) born CA 1848. Cynthia died unmarried near Brownsboro, Ala. 1879-1881.

5. Henry Lewis born CA 1850. I have no further record on Henry Lewis.

6. Jessie Lewis born March 14, 1852 who wed Betty Stewart, daughter of Dave and Martha Esslinger Stewart (widow) Stewart in 1879. Jessie Lewis died in Jackson County, Ala., May 13, 1935.

7. Samuel Joseph Lewis born April 11, 1854 wed Ada Fulgen. He went West about the time the Whitecottons did. He died in Idabel, Okla. Jan 27, 1934.

Samuel Joseph Lewis (called Tip) visited my Great Grandmother, Nancy Lewis McCulley, at my parents home in 1925. They had not seen each other in 40 years at the time he visited here. I correspond with and have visited his son, Earl Lewis, who now lives in Idabel, Okla.

Descendants of these families are invited to attend the Keel-Whitaker reunion Sept. 24, on Keel's Mountain in Jackson County, Ala.

Our ancestors Jesse Keel, George and Luticia Keel Lewis and Richard McCulley are buried there. To them we owe much. They paved the way for our way of life today.

It takes a special breed to be interested in and pursue family history- are you one of them? Whether they are saints, sinners, martyrs or scallawags they are ours and we are theirs. I want to find out all I can about them and above all find them.

If you have any Bible records, old pictures, legends or anything of interest on these families, please share it with us.

Come to the reunion and let's all get acquainted.

Sincerely,
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303 Lindsey Lane
Hartselle, Ala.

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The Houk Family

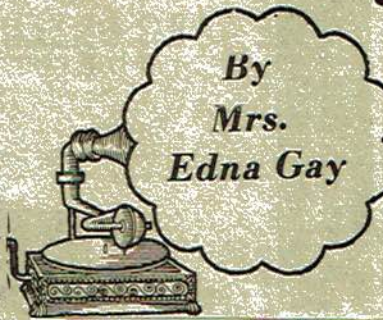
With the aid of the research work of W.C. Kennamer of Yonkers, N.Y., we are able to state that the Houks and Kennamers came to this country on the same ship; that 13 years later they were living in the same community in York County, Penn. The Kennamers drifted south to Fairfield, South Carolina. The Houks to East Tennessee, and to Alabama, Jackson County.

Jacob Houk came over here with Stephen Kennamer, age 60, and Jacob Kennamer, age 16, in the Ship Mary, which sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1732.

There are other records of the Houks in Pennsylvania. There are no census records for Tennessee before 1820. The 1800 and the 1810 census records were destroyed by fire in the 1812-14 war. The census of 1820 for Wilson County, Tenn., show Matthias Houck (Houk) with wife and two children.

In Sullivan County, Tenn., we find that Jacob Houk, was placed on the pension roll, Feb. 20, 1833. His application dated back to March 4, 1831. He was 76 years old. Served in the Virginia Line.

We find that Leonidas Campbell Houk, born, June 8, 1836, near Boyd's Creek, Sevier Co., Tenn., son of John Houk. His mother was a Gibson.



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There are other Houk records in Tennessee. The first Houk to come to Jackson County, Ala., was Mikel (Michael). The census records for Jackson Co., Ala., 1850, Mikel Houk, age 56, born in Tenn. Lydia Houk age 54, born in Tenn. Mikel Houk, age 17 born in Ala. Elmira Houk, age 12 born in Ala.

The 1870 census Jackson County, Ala. Simeon Houk, age 51, born in Tenn. Tobitha Houk, age 50, born in Alabama. Children: Sarah E., Malvina, John and Milly. Also, Salathiel (Lacy) Houk age 47, born in Ala., Elizabeth Houk, age 46, born in Alabama with 10 children: Moses P., Mary M., Martha J., John N., Oritha, James P., Frank G., Thomas F., Esray L. and Sidney I. Houk.

Jack Houk, the eldest son of Lacy Houk is not included in this census.

From the foregoing and other known facts, we can definitely state, that Michael Houk and wife Lydia (Lemons) Houk were born in Tennessee; that Simeon was born in Tenn., and that his

brother Lac (Salathiel) Houk was born in Ala. That Michael came to Jackson Co., sometime between 1819 and 1823.

The deed records show that Michael and wife Lydia sold land East of Scottsboro in 1830.

That year they came to Shiffman's Cove, where they lived until death. (I shall tell more about Lydia, in my article on the Lemons family.) Children: (1) Simeon Perry Houk, b. May 15, 1818; d. Jan. 4, 1870. one said 1880. Married Tobitha Murray b. Dec. 24, 1818; d. July 1, 1912. Simeon Houk was a well known Primitive Baptist preacher. Children: (a) George Washington Houk married Vina Nelson. George was the father of Andrew and Harvey Houk--two Primitive Baptist preachers and school teachers. (b) Lydia Ann Houk married Rubin Rousseau. (c) James J. Houk married Sarah Taylor. (d) William (Bill) Houk married Henryetta Bowers, daughter of Wilt Bowers. (e) Martha Caldonia Houk married James M. Rooks. (f) Bradford Houk--killed near the close of Civil War by John Sparks' Scouts. One said his name was Tom Sparks. (g) Sarah Elizabeth Houk married William Smith. (h) Melvina married first James Manning, second Mat Stewart. (i) John Mike Houk married first Mary Eliza Manning, second Mrs. Lee. (j) Millie Houk married J. M. (Dock) Stewart. They reared eight boys and three girls. (a) Mat Stewart married Emma Ledbetter. (b) Brad

Stewart married Lucy Crabtree. (c) Nealy Stewart married J. Wiley Peters. (d) Joe Stewart married Sally Stuart. (e) Dea Stewart married Viola Johnson. (f) Lewis Stewart married Ida Keller. (g) Charley Stewart married Tony Bulman. (h) W. Jordan Stewart married Cheatie Bulman. (i) Fred Stewart married Malla Johnson. (j) Mittie Stewart married Raymond Bulman. (k) Minnie Stewart married Alva Lewis.

(2) Minerva Houk married Adams who settled in Cotten Cove.

(3) Lacy (Salathiel) Houk, b. in Alabama 1823 married Elizabeth Maples, daughter of

Moses Maples and Catherine Manning. He was a peddler of watches, clocks and other things, a good singer and musician. His musical talent probably came from his mother. Children (a) Jackson (or Jack) Houk married first Nelson, second Mrs. Clark. (b) Lydia Houk married John Hodges, son of Willis Hodges, Sr. (c) Mike Houk married first in Texas, second Louisa Phillips. (d) Moses P. Houk went to Texas single. (e) Mary M. Houk married Bud Nelson. They went west. (f) Martha J. Houk married Henry Willis. (g) John N. Houk married in Texas. (h) Arabelle (or Oritha) Houk married John Bowers, son of Luna Bowers. (i) James P. Houk married

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G. Houk went to Texas.
(k) Thomas F. Houk went
to Texas. (l) Esray L.
Houk went to Texas. (m)
Sidney I. Houk went to
Texas.

(4) Margaret Houk
married Bud Austin. She
was a good musician.

Michael Houk, Sr., and
Lacy Houk are buried in
Union Cemetery.

Simeon Houk is buried
in Peters Cove
cemetery. (5) Eliza Houk

b. about 1825, daughter of
Michael married first
John Woodall. Children:

(a) Salathiel Woodall, b.
Nov. 27, 1845, died in
Texas Aug. 18, 1915. (b)

Presley Woodall, died
young. Eliza married
Joseph Jordan Sublett,

son of John B. Sublett.
(6) Preston Houk b. 1832,
is thought to be the son

of Michael Houk, Sr.

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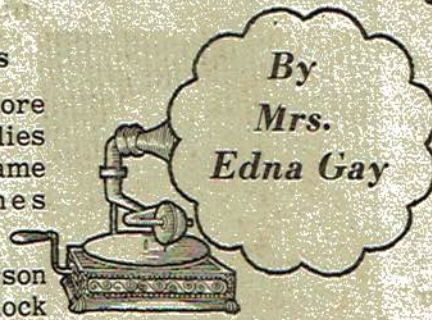
The Smith Families

There are four or more different Smith families in this county. The same is true of the Jones families.

The late Anderson Smith of Paint Rock said: "I was born in DeKalb County, Ala., where Collinsville now is in 1843, served in the Confederate Army--enlisting in Davenport's Company at Valley Head. I have been married four times. My father, J. W. L. Smith, was born 1800, within one and a quarter miles of Tennessee state line, near Beech Grove on Larkin's Fork, Paint Rock Valley. He moved to DeKalb County, in 1856. My grandfather, James Smith came from Georgia, settled in upper Paint Rock Valley. He was a great hunter, made his gun powder of charcoal, sulphur and salt peter, exchanged it with the Indians for lead. The Smiths came originally from North Carolina.

"The Indians had a settlement on the land known as the Bryant Jones place near the mouth of Hayle's Cove. Lead had been found in the branch in the big hollow just below the forks of the hollow. Where this Indian lead mine was, was not known by the white man, for the Indians would not permit the white man to see where they got it."

"The Smiths are of a mechanical turn of mind. Grandfather Smith built a water-mill to



grind the Indian's corn. My father when a lad ran the mill. The Indians would bring their corn and camp at the mill, till it was ground. They would not allow you to toll their corn, but would do that themselves --and when the crops were good, would be quite liberal. This water mill in upper Paint Rock Valley was located where the water from a spring came over a bluff. He had an overshot waterwheel." Anderson Smith died at Paint Rock at a ripe old age.

Another Smith Family

J. Anderson Smith, of Pisgah, Ala., in 1933 said: "I was born on Sand Mountain in Marshall County, near Lathamville, some eight miles from Guntersville Sept. 10, 1853, I moved to near Pisgah in 1890, where I have lived ever after. My father was Nelson Smith who came from North Carolina to Georgia, and hence to Alabama about 1847." He carried the mail a while from Pisgah to Scottsboro, while Ernest Parks was postmaster at the latter place.

One December day while crossing the Tennessee River on a ferry boat, a storm came up

and blew the mail off of his horse and it was lost in the river.

The present generation knows very little of poverty and want that beset those of the Civil War period.

Mr. Smith said: "I could not get anything to eat for three days and three nights, I got so hungry, when I got a little dark meal it tasted good."

The Smith Family of Aspel

Brooks Smith came to America from Ireland, first settled in Virginia, and then to Alabama territory before the state and Jackson County were created. He located at the old Smith place at Aspel before the land was surveyed. Smith married a sister of old Buchanan Wright. After her death he married the widow Henry, mother of Pat Henry. He lived in the county sixty years, dying at Larkinsville July 27, 1877, at a ripe old age, honored, respected by a host of friends. This family has produced more physicians than any other unless it be the Boyd family. He served in the first Legislature 1821-22. Children: (1) Gabe Smith, who had a daughter. She married a Mason. (2) Dr. Barton Brooks Smith Sr. He had two sons: Albert and Henry Barton Smith. (3) Preston Smith, Sr., had two sons: Alfred and Henry B. Smith, the latter is the father of Harvey Smith.

(4) Capt. Henry Smith. He served with distinction in the Confederate Army and was in the State Legislature in 1865-66. He married a woman in South Alabama.

The foregoing Smith families claim no relation to Moses Smith of Woodville community.

Moses Smith came from North Carolina to Kentucky and thence to Maysville, Madison County, Ala., 1814, when his eldest son, John P. Smith was four years old. They came to Jackson County and settled at the place known as the John Chastain place or where Dr. Rayford Hodges was reared. Moses Smith and Jabez Perkins were about the same age and came here about the same time. Moses was a justice of peace in 1847. He had sons as follows: (1) John P. Smith, (2) Arthur Frazier (3) William (4) Thomas (5) one son who became a preacher in Mississippi, and his son, Hamilton Smith, was a physician at Corinth, Miss.

William and Thomas emigrated to Texas. Moses Smith's wife's people came from South Carolina. Who they were I do not know.

There were five physicians in this Smith family.

(1) John P. Smith born Nov. 17, 1810; died Jan. 10, 1903, buried in the Haden cemetery, Madison County. He married Alvatine Rountree, born

May 12, 1816; died August 5, 1895. She was a daughter of Seaborn I. Rountree. She taught school in her own home. Thomas Sims said: "I went to school to her, it was my first school. Seaborn Smith, her own son, went to this school. Seaborn stuck a pin in Sims and Sims knocked Seaborn down and both got a whipping."

John P. Smith was Justice of Peace 1838-1850-1853. He solemnized the marriage of my father and mother, Nov. 1851. When the Railroad was built in 1853-54, Smith graded a section west of Woodville. His father, Moses Smith and a man got into a fight one of the Peters tried to separate them. It was told John P. that his father and Peters were in a fight, without stopping to find out the truth, struck Peters and nearly killed him. This cost Jno. P. Smith \$600 to settle it. He made only \$700 on the job. (The writer when a young man spent one night in his home near Walnut Grove).

(2) Arthur Frazier Smith reared six boys and two girls. He was a carpenter and built the house for the widow of Samuel Evans, before the Civil War, which is northeast of Woodville. He emigrated to Arkansas in 1860.

His son, John James Smith, was six years old when they moved West. The son made a noted physician, came back here in 1936. He had visited many foreign countries in Europe and South America, also Canada and Australia in his study of medicine. He lived at Paris, Ark. He married an Illinois woman. They had no children.

Much more could be said of the many Smiths but I shall now stop.