

Jackson, Limestone, Lauderdale, Marshall, Cullman, Walker, Cherokee, Madison, Etowah, & Calhoun County, AL: 1877-1916

Ancestor Sightings & General News: Revised: March 21, 2003.

(1) Jackson County, AL: 1880-1915

Thomas Newton, of Jackson county, has lost his son—strayed or stolen. Small in size, very talkative and is 16 years old. If you should see young Tom drop his anxious father a card or note at Carpenter, Jackson county, Alabama. (Moulton Advertiser 3 May 1883)

A man was sent to the Scottsboro poor house last week who has one son an eminent Presbyterian divine in Texas, and another son who is a prosperous dentist. (Moulton Advertiser 25 Feb 1886)

D. W. Speak and C. W. Brown have formed a law partnership at Scottsboro. (Moulton Advertiser 21 Jan 1886)

Harry Henderson, brother-in-law of Jas. Armstrong of the Scottsboro Citizen, has been appointed mail agent on the M. & C. R.R. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Apr 1886)

The Jackson county jail contains 17 prisoners, 13 of whom occupy one cell 6 x 18. (Moulton Advertiser 31 Jul 1884)

The four Skelton boys, John, Jim ___ and Tot, who killed Ross at Stephenson in February last, have been indicted by the grand jury of Jackson county for murder in the first degree. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Mar 1894)

Judge John B. Tally has been charged by the grand jury of Jackson county with complicity in the killing of R. _ Ross by the Skelton boys. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Mar 1894)

Dr. Europe Culpepper was stabbed to death by Coley Sparks at Scottsboro. An old grudge was was [sic] the cause of the tragedy. (Moulton Advertiser 29 Sep 1915) (Note: Dr. Culpepper was born 12 Jun 1884, died 23 Sep 1915. Coley Sparks was mentally ill.)

Thos. Duncan was killed by lightning, in the door of his saloon, in Brownsboro, yesterday afternoon. -Scottsboro Herald (Moulton Advertiser 17 Jul 1884)

W. A. B. Carter was foully murdered, near Scottsboro a few days ago, by Sol Waller and W. U. Walker. They made him drunk, then cut and shot him to pieces. The brutes are in jail. (Moulton Advertiser 24 May 1883)

Received 13 May 2002: Mr. Cagle, I searched google.com for my great-grandfather's name and found your web page with news items on Jackson County, AL: 1880-1915. The item on WAB Carter caught my attention. William Alexander Barnett Carter was my g-grandfather and as far as I know, he was the only WAB Carter in Jackson County. He died of natural causes in 1909. I assume this was the full text of the newspaper item, but if you think there could have been more please let me know. These news items are very interesting reading and thank you for providing them. jerry.carter@rdec.redstone.army.mil (Jerry Carter, Paint Rock Valley,

Jackson County)

A Baptist church, at Kirby's Creek, in Jackson county, was burned by incendiaries on the 1st. They entered the pastor's orchard and destroyed his fine fruit trees. (Moulton Advertiser 15 Jan 1885)

Uncle Dicky Wood, aged over 80 years, died in Jackson county one day last week. (Moulton Advertiser 18 Dec 1884)

Benj. Franks, who shot and killed Jasper Jones, Register in Chancery, of Jackson county, in 1878, was captured in Tennessee, two weeks ago, and is now in jail at Scottsboro. (Moulton Advertiser 18 Mar 1880) (Received 20 Mar 2002:"Benjamin Franks my grandfather was released from prison on December 10, 1881 by the Jackson County, Alabama Circuit Court, Record Dock. #1639 page 61 as a free man. The records do not show any information on the proceedings of this trail." -Ben R Franks, California.

Taylor Banks will be hanged in Jackson county the 27th of July, and Frances Wood sent to the penitentiary for life—both convicted of murdering Turner Wood. (Moulton Advertiser 21 Jun 1883)

To-morrow (Friday) is set for the hanging of Taylor Backs, at Scottsboro, who was tried and convicted of murder at the late term of the Jackson county circuit court. (Moulton Advertiser 26 Jul 1883) (Note: App. should be Banks.)

Hon. Wm. H. Robinson, one of Jackson county's favorite sons, is announced for Congress, in this week's paper. We also publish a card of his, in which he gives a brief statement of his political views. Mr. Robinson is an able lawyer, a fine scholar, and a true Democrat. He was a brave soldier in the war, and lost a leg (we are told) in defense of the South. He is said to be a man of great firmness and energy, and would no doubt, make a useful and attentive Representative. (Moulton Advertiser 3 Apr 1884)

The following card, from Rev. Lee Whitten, dated at Scottsboro, March 2, and was received too late for our last issue: Capt. W. H. Robinson, it is supposed, took his own life this morning at the Harris House. He was found dead in bed, by Capt. J. E. Brown, his law partner, with a large dirk driven through his heart, his right hand clenching it with a terrible grasp. He had written in Florence, yesterday, a letter of withdrawal from the Congressional race. He came home immediately. A pall of sadness drapes our whole town by reason of this awful tragedy. (Moulton Advertiser 10 Apr 1884)

Last week we announced Capt. W. H. Robinson for Congress—this week we announce his death. "In the midst of life we are in death." (Moulton Advertiser 10 Apr 1884)

J. M. Skelton, one of North Alabama's most widely known political campaign managers, committed suicide in his store at Scottsboro. Despondency over ill health was the cause. (Moulton Advertiser 29 Sep 1915)

We regret to learn of Judge G. D. Cambell's [sic] sad afflictions. A cataract is forming over each eye, and he is now entirely blind. The Scottsboro Citizen says he complains not, but submits to the inevitable with Christian resignation. Judge Campbell is nearing his 79th birthday, was once a citizen of this place and many of our older citizens remember him as a perfect gentleman. (Moulton Advertiser 1 May 1902)

Hoy Cox, while hunting in Jackson county, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen, and but little hope is entertained for his recovery. (Moulton Advertiser 1 Mar 1910)

* Mrs. Lizzie Shelton, a lady of high social standing in Scottsboro, while walking across the street last Wednesday, seeing Hugh Bynum at a distance, called him to her side, drew a pistol and shot him through the shoulder. She fired twice again without effect, and then surrendered to the authorities. She claims that Bynum had insulted her. — Decatur News (Moulton Advertiser 4 Jun 1885) (Note: Poss typo for Skelton.)

M. L. Bryant, a prominent citizen of Scottsboro, took his own life. (Moulton Advertiser 1 Mar 1910)

M. L. Bryant, a wealthy farmer, committed suicide by hanging himself in Jackson county. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Feb 1910)

The Scottsboro Citizen says: "Up the railroad a few days since, the express train ran into a flock of wild turkeys, and killed several. The engineer stopped the train and picked up two for home eating." (Moulton Advertiser 13 Dec 1883)

Dr. D.A. Padgett died in Jackson county last week. (Moulton Advertiser 9 Jun 1887)

Mrs. Mary Jones, of Jackson county, celebrated her one hundredth birthday on the 14th of July. Mrs. Jones and the Junior were born on the same day of the month, but the good woman is just 65 years older than we are. The 14th of July is lucky for a person to be born on. People born on that day always live to be over a hundred years old, and generally accumulate a large fortune. (Moulton Advertiser 26 Jul 1883) Note: Whenever the Moulton Advertiser referred to the Junior, it meant Jourd White, younger brother of Dewitt Clinton White, the Senior.

N. H. Snodgrass of Jackson county lost 1400 bushels of corn by fire one day last week. (Moulton Advertiser 8 Apr 1886)

J. H. Gregory, the present circuit clerk of Jackson county, proposes to serve the people again in that capacity. He is a one-armed hero, makes a fine officer and we hope the good people of that county will retain him as Clerk. (Moulton Advertiser 29 Jan 1880)

John Garland, an influential farmer of High Jackson, after spending several weeks near this place, returned to his home on Saturday last. He says old Jackson would give Col. J. B. Moore a rousing majority for congress. Ditto for the District. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Jan 1880)

Frank Lovelady was robbed of \$900.00 by highwaymen in Jackson County. (Moulton Advertiser 27 Jan 1915)

Hon. J. D. French, one of the Representatives in the Legislature from High Jackson, was in Moulton on Saturday last and gave the Advertiser a pleasant call. (Moulton Advertiser 17 Jan 1889)

John D. French reports an enjoyable trip to his old home in Jackson county, and a fine time at the State Farmers' meeting in Birmingham. (Moulton Advertiser 8 Sep 1915)

Mr. Bain, who has been confined in the Jackson co., jail, charged and convicted of murdering a Mr. Johnson, in

Marshall county several years ago, is out on bail. (Moulton Advertiser 20 Mar 1884)

Jackson County Census Data: (MD=Missing Data NA=Not Applicable)

Baptist Churches	Methodist Churches	Presbyterian Churches	No. Public Schools	Pupils in Public Schools	White Adults Who Cannot Read	Total Slaves	Total Population
1840:MD	MD	MD	19	535	MD	1,816	15,715
1850: 21	10	1	19	453	2,030	2,292	14,088
1860: 14	13	7	MD	MD	MD	3,405	18,283
1870: 10	35	0	MD	2,192	6,479	NA	19,410

(2) Other North AL Counties: 1874-1916

Frank Cocke, the telegraph operator, at Scotts station on the Selma & Greensboro road, was murdered and robbed last Saturday night. (Moulton Advertiser 11 Mar 1886)

M. L. Shannon, a big merchant at Hanceville failed last week. (Moulton Advertiser 25 Feb 1886)

Here is the manner an esteemed exchange speaks of a fellow who slips off without paying the printer: H. C. Spivey, of Jacksonville, has moved away, leaving the Gadsden News in the lurch of \$4.00. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Apr 1886)

Will Rosamond and Jas. O'Rear were slightly wounded in the feet recently at Jasper, by the accidental discharge of the former's gun. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Apr 1886)

W. E. Harraway is reannounced for probate judge in Lauderdale, and W. E. Skeggs has come to the front for the same office in Morgan county. (Moulton Advertiser 11 Feb 1886)

Leonidas Riddle was arrested and put in jail at Gadsden one day last week for forging an order for \$2.40. He was a merchant of that place. (Moulton Advertiser 11 Feb 1886)

Mrs. Nina Courtney, a Music teacher in the Judson, died at Marion one day last week. (Moulton Advertiser 25 Feb 1886)

Bud Fuller was brutally murdered in his field by his son in Walker County. After shooting the old man three times he then beat him to a jelly. (Moulton Advertiser 28 Jul 1915)

An old sow came very near eating up a little child of J. A. Callahan's at Jacksonville a few days ago. (Moulton Advertiser 14 Jan 1886)

Governor O'Neal has issued a parole to Exie Hartley, a 17 year old white girl, who has been convicted in Cherokee county and sentenced to six months for vagrancy. The case presents the most revolting situation in Alabama prison annals. The girl has been sent to Flat Top mines to serve her term with some 600 other convicts, most of whom were negro men, she being the only woman in the mines. The case is a disgrace to the state of Alabama and the legislature should take some steps to prevent a repetition of this in the future. (Moulton Advertiser 5 Aug 1914)

Several big stills, lots of wild cat whiskey and J. H. Ritter, an illicit distiller, were recently captured in Lauderdale county. The same thing is occurring every day all over the country, and this ought to be a warning to those who are violating the law in the mountains south of Moulton. We hope the boys will destroy their worms, and stop the business before they get into trouble up to their eyes. (Moulton Advertiser 20 Feb 1890)

FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAY

Special to The News.

Step, Ala., April 29.—It is reported that Chick Mefford, who lives on the north side of the river at Lamb's Ferry, accused the ferryman, whose name is Ausburn, of stealing two or three kegs of nails. The accusation was resented, and resulted in a duel with pistols between the two men early Tuesday morning at Lamb's Ferry, in which both men were shot in the abdomen. The wounds inflicted were dangerous if not fatal. Both men are said to be dangerous characters.

Later: I have just received news through Rev. Mr. Fulks that Ausburn is dead, and Mefford is not expected to live through the day.

W. M. Gray. (Leighton News 1 May 1903)

John Carter killed in Walker county and J. L. Lindsey in Fayette—both murdered. (Moulton Advertiser 25 Oct 1910)

Mr. John Nichols and Miss Lou Bezley, of Cullman county, ran away from their homes and came to Hartselle last Friday and were united in marriage by Esquire J. W. Jagers in his office. (Alabama Enquirer 14 Feb 1895)

Mad dogs are on the rampage in Madison, Marshall and Limestone counties. The Huntsville Herald states that Mr. Sam Balch and two of his children were badly bitten by a rabid dog, and that a colored man also in Madison county was bitten by one. And one has died in Limestone county from a dog's bite. In Rattlesnake Valley, Marshall county, the boys keep their shooting irons ready. We commend their prudence; mad-dogs and rattle snakes both are a little too much. (Moulton Advertiser 28 Apr 1881)

Last week, in Limestone county, Thos. Bourland shot and killed Mrs. Blakely. It is said that he went to kill her husband, and because she would not tell him where her husband [sic] shot her down. He fled. (Moulton Advertiser 14 Dec 1882)

George James has just been tried for the murder of Enoch Clayburn at Cullman and was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged on September 25. (Moulton Advertiser 12 Aug 1914)

A wild man was captured in a graveyard at Athens the other day, and another one is roaming through the

woods in Lamar County. (Moulton Advertiser 22 May 1890)

Richard Harlow, 15 years old, is in jail at Athens for killing his little sister.
(Moulton Advertiser 19 Jan 1888)

Joe Ellett, a desperado who broke out of the Huntsville jail some months ago, was recently shot and killed in the Indian Territory. (Moulton Advertiser 7 Jun 1883)

Will Blankenship, white boy 18 years old, arrested in Anniston for passing counterfeit money.
(Moulton Advertiser 8 Sep 1892)

LETTER FROM MT. HOPE.

Mt. Hope, Ala., June 12, '83.

Messrs. White—Dear Sirs: Last week we had occasion to go to Rodgersville, partly on business but mostly to visit our old friend, J. R. McGuire, of the firm of R. K. Goodwin & Co., who is famous for being the neatest stock-keeper and the greatest ladies man in the town. He seems to know that "goods well kept are half sold." Thursday morning we were invited to attend a pic nic at the Salt Peter Cave, on the banks of Elk river, four miles south of Rodgersville. We accepted the invitation and the junior of us had the honor of escorting the Belle of Rodgersville—which made the drive seem short. We arrived at the Cave at 11 o'clock sharp, and at 12:30 a dinner was spread before us, the bounty and elegance of which bespoke the splendid taste and hospitality of the ladies of that vicinity. After a luxurious repast we had music in the Cave by the string band and then the amiable, sweet singing Miss Lola Weaver, assisted by the pretty and accomplished Miss Jimmie Nance, sang for us several beautiful ballads. Long may those live who sing so sweetly. About two o'clock candles and lanterns were lighted and we proceeded to explore the Cave. We had proceeded some distance without hindrance to our progress, when, all at once, we met a perfect cloud of bats, whose wings flitted out several lights; we had to stop and screen our faces till they passed after which the candles were re-lighted and we soon came to a perfect mass of young bats that was a sight to behold. Thousands of half grown bats cleaving to the rocks over our heads, in clusters like swarms of settled bees.

We are indebted to the good people of Rodgersville for a pleasant day generally, and if they will come to the Masonic and K. of H. celebration on the 30th inst., we will convince them that we remember their kindness. Don't forget that we expect our county paper to be well represented on this occasion.

J. and W. (Moulton Advertiser 14 Jun 1883)

Newton Copeland killed in Madison county while fleeing from officers. (Moulton Advertiser 8 Sep 1892)

Tude Brown, charged with rape, is in jail at Jaspar. (Moulton Advertiser 22 Sep 1892)

Jake Murphy fell into a well at Anniston and was killed. (Moulton Advertiser 29 Sep 1892)

Oscar Christian is in jail at Anniston for many dark crimes, and yet we are told there is nothing in a name.
(Moulton Advertiser 17 Jan 1912)

Wash Wright was shot and killed by Al Glover at a church Sunday, in Lauderdale county. Both young men, and they fell out about a girl. (Moulton Advertiser 28 Jun 1916)

Kidnapped and Assassinated.

Hon. W.T. Lawler, probate Judge of Madison county, was kidnapped and assassinated, at Huntsville, last Wednesday night.

Judge Lawler lived out some distance from Huntsville on a farm, but was in town on that fatal night attending a Chatauqua with his wife when he was called by wire to the probate office where it is presumed the tragedy occurred. He was knocked senseless, taken to near Whitesburg, shot twice, weighted down with irons and his body thrown into a slough.

Judge Lawler was serving his first term and after a bitter campaign had been nominated to succeed himself which no doubt led up to his assassination.

Three men have been arrested and one of them spirited away to Birmingham for safekeeping. Warrants are out for others implicated in the plot, some of them prominent politicians and excitement runs high throughout Madison county.

Three companies of State troops are in Huntsville on duty and Attorney General Martin is also there in person conducting the investigation. Judge Brickell has convened a special Grand Jury, and horrible developments are expected which will no doubt be shocking in the extreme.

It is an awful state of affairs, but it only shows what greed for fame and riches will lead some people to do. (Moulton Advertiser 21 Jun 1916)

Jos. Smith hanged himself in Lauderdale county but the world moves on just the same. (Moulton Advertiser 29 Sep 1908)

Frank Bennet, who seriously shot two deputy sheriffs and killed 2 blood hounds near Gadsden, is still at large with a \$50 reward hanging over him. (Moulton Advertiser 11 Jul 1889)

Jesse Jones, an old and honorable citizen, died at Fayette C. H., one day last week. (Moulton Advertiser 15 Apr 1886)

Wade Blankenship, a colored man who was nominated for the Legislature in Madison county, has been kicked off of the track. You see the rads don't want the nigs to have anything, not even a small crumb. (Moulton Advertiser 31 Jul 1884)

S. M. Patterson, 75 years old and a Mason in high standing, was killed instantly by a train in Cullman county while driving across the track. (Moulton Advertiser 8 Feb 1910)

Rev. Lee Whitten, of Scottsboro, sends us the following news: Cas Webb shot and killed J. B. and W. S. Wilborne and mortally wounded J. C. Wilborne, Jan. 26th, two miles below Langston, near a "doggery," just over the line in Marshall Co., Ala. He used a navy six, and put two balls through each one of the three brothers. He was shot slightly one time with a No. 12 pistol ball. He mounted his mule and fled. He is 26 years old, and five feet 6 or 7 inches high. A reward of \$300 is offered for his capture by L. D. Wilborne. An old feud and whiskey caused the murders. (Moulton Advertiser 7 Feb 1884)

Grover Lawson was perhaps fatally shot by a negro in Limestone county. (Moulton Advertiser 11 Jan 1910)

Thomas Peters Lamkin, of Jasper, Ala., the son of Col. Griffin Lamkin, paid our town a visit last Thursday and remained until Friday morning. He represents the House of Ferry, Davis & Co., cotton factors and commission merchants, 83 and 85 Water street Cincinnati, Ohio. This young gentleman was born in this State, and is an old friend and companion in arms of our Senior, and no man truer to his duties or more faithful to their discharge can be found in this section of the country. His father was a conspicuous soldier in the war of 1812, and long the Clerk of County Court of Walker county in this State, an office which he filled with the universal acceptance of his people for many years, up to his death. And the son, when quite young, was elected to the office of Circuit Clerk in the same county and discharged his duties for his term with high credit to himself and the general and approving regard of his constituency. We wish him unbounded success, both for himself and his worth [sic] principals.

(Moulton Advertiser 20 Sep 1883)

Mrs. Rosa Hank was attacked by a raving maniac on the streets in Cullman and terribly bunged up before being released from his deadly grip. (Moulton Advertiser 15 Feb 1910)

W. C. Whitfield was killed with an ax by T. M. Tidwell, near Scottsboro, last week. Cause — women and whiskey.

(Moulton Advertiser 5 Mar 1885)

James Trice, 17 years old, was murdered in a store a few miles beyond Athens, one night last week. Wesley Warren, colored, confessed having committed the crime and was hung by a mob. Later—Two more colored men were arrested, goods found in their possession, they confessed and were hung.

(Moulton Advertiser 28 Jun 1883)

The triple lynching of the Trice murders occurred in Limestone county, but was done by Tennesseans. Two out of the five murderers are said to be still at large.—Huntsville Independent.

(Moulton Advertiser 5 Jul 1883)

Mason Morganstein, aged 14 years, was killed by lightning at Cullman, a few days ago, while shutting a door. Four goats were killed and a gin house set on fire by the same stroke. (Moulton Advertiser 12 Jul 1883)

Our sanctum was honored during the week with a visit from Mr. Geo. W. Bain, a live and prosperous young gentleman of Guntersville. (Moulton Advertiser 7 Jan 1886)

We congratulate the citizens of Jasper upon securing Dr. David R. Lindsay as Principal of the high school at that place. The Dr. is a ripe scholar, a classical gentleman and an ornament to any community or society. We regret to lose such men as citizens of our county. We learn that his school will open with one hundred pupils, and that one of his accomplished daughters will assist him in teaching the young idea how to shoot.

(Moulton Advertiser 26 Jul 1883)

A mob of 500 men took a negro out of jail at Huntsville on Monday of last week and hung him in the Court House yard. The negro had brutally assisted in murdering a policeman.

(Moulton Advertiser 13 Oct 1883)

Rev. J. W. Potter, of Gadsden, has lost his mind. His friends in this vicinity will regret to hear this. We hope the derangement is only temporary, an that he will soon he restored. (Moulton Advertiser 14 Jun 1883)

"Whiskey brought me to this," said Tim Sharpe as he swung off into eternity Friday at Anniston for killing two policemen in that City some months ago. Poor Tim! For many years he was a fine citizen, one of the best in

Calhoun county, was honored and respected by every, [sic] but liquor tripped him and he fell. Going from bad to worse, as people generally do who in anyway [sic] monkey with booze, he soon reached his rope's end and disappeared [sic] through a trap door. Let our boys take warning, and keep out from under the influence of the demoralizing stuff. It withers and blights all who touch it.
(Moulton Advertiser 30 Jun 1915)

Capt. Ed Rice was shot and killed at Jones' Lane, in Limestone county, last week, by two brothers named Plant. One of the murders [sic] is still at large. (Moulton Advertiser 20 Mar 1874)

Mrs. Miles Lee of Madison county was bitten some time ago by a mad dog, and last week after six days of intense suffering died a most horrible death. (Moulton Advertiser 4 Feb 1886)

Nat Moon was thrown from a plow horse and killed in Madison co., one day last week. His foot was caught in the gear, and his body was bruised almost beyond recognition. (Moulton Advertiser 5 Jul 1877)

Recently at Athens a horse thief, Jim Powers who was in jail at that place, was visited by his wife and infant to tell the husband and father good bye before he was removed to the coal mine. The jailor waited at the door until the parting word was said—the sighing and weeping were heart rending. Soon the woman returned with the child and her face closely veiled. The clanking door closed, and the jailor felt that the agony was over. A few minutes later the little baby was found on the outskirts of town, and its mother claimed it through the jail bars. She had exchanged clothing with her husband to help him out of a close place. (Moulton Advertiser 9 Jan 1890)

"We have before us a copy of the "Weekly Herald," published in Athens, Ala., Feb. 27th 1850—Arch. A. & J. A. Johnson, publishers. The subscription price was \$2.50 in advance, \$3 if not paid in six months, and \$3.50 at the expiration of one year. The first page is free from advertisements, and contains among other interesting articles a red-hot, blistering letter from Solon Robinson to "My Northern Brethren," on the slavery question. The motto of this ancient sheet was "Measures, Not Men," and it hewed to the line. We find many interesting items and advertisements on the inside. There was no Probate Judge in those days and most of the legal business was done through the Clerk, and T. G. Tyne held that office in Limestone county at that time. He held an "Orphans Court" in Athens on the 5th of Feb. 1850, which leads us to believe that even in those early times children were left without parents. Mad dogs prowled around then as they do now, and defenceless [sic] people were afraid to leave their houses. Love Legg was jailed on the charge of forgery, and Judge Lynch perhaps disposed of is case. G. W. Lane and T. A. Walker were opposing candidates in the 5th circuit for judge. Among the lawyers we notice the names of George S. Houston, T. H. Hobbs, & E. J. Jones. Malone & Harris kept a drug store. R. H. Brown had a shoe shop in R. C. Brickell's old law office, and Col. Tom Shipcock had been removed from the command of a military regiment. The Colemans and Townsends figure conspicuously in this paper. A. L. McKinney was Sheriff and has several advertisements in this number. Other names and firms appear, but the most amusing feature about the paper to us is the notices of "Runaway Negroes," and the rewards offered for their apprehension. The Huntsville Democrat (Extra) is dated March 25, 1842. It does not show who was its Editor, and is printed on only one side of the paper. Every word in it was taken from the Florence Gazette of March 24th of the same year, and is a very thrilling account of Mexico's invasion of Texas. We presume that the venerable J. Withers Clay, loved and honored by all good people, was then, as he is now, its chief editor."
(Moulton Advertiser: 3 Mar 1887)

Jim Leonard died suddenly near Jaspar, and his wife has been jailed charged with the diabolical crime.
(Moulton Advertiser 31 May 1910)

L. B. Musgrove has discovered a rich silver mine on his land in Walker county, Ala.

(Moulton Advertiser 19 Mar 1885)

Gov. Houston offers a reward of \$200 for the arrest of John Vaughn who killed G. Duncan in Lauderdale county last Feb. No description is given of Vaughn, and the proclamation reminds us of a little scrap of the Governor's congressional history when he wanted Moss [sic] the inventor of telegraphy, put in the asylum for asking for a small appropriation to consummate what is now a great blessing. (Moulton Advertiser 5 Jul 1877)

The Marion County News, published at Hamilton, has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,000 with no insurance. It was a complete paper plant and we hope Bro. Wilson will soon be on his feet again. (Moulton Advertiser 16 Apr 1913)

P.P. Sanders, of near Marion, lost his house and contents by fire one night last week. (Moulton Advertiser 25 Feb 1886)

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