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SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED!!

Many of you have written in the past suggesting that material from the old Mero District be included in this publication. Prior to 1788 this area was Davidson Co. (N.C.). There was much interaction with the later counties of Sumner, Davidson, and Tennessee (forerunner of Robertson and Montgomery, etc.) due to migration and other reasons.

Therefore, beginning with this issue, records of the Mero area will be included along with the Montgomery County records.


The map on the cover in indicates the Mero District, including the present county lines.



Minutes of the Superior Court of North Carolina

Mero District

1788 - 1798

 The western lands had for years been a "problem child" to North Carolina. The settlers found themselves in an area bounded by rugged mountains to the east which cut them off from the seat of government. They were far removed from civilization, with a relatively unknown wilderness on the remaining boundries. This situation caused the establishment of the self-governments of Watauga (1772), Cumberland Compact (1780) and the short-lived State of Franklin (1784).

In 1784 North Carolina passed a law giving these western lands, later to become the State of Tennessee, to the United States government in payment of her Revolutionary War debts.


Congress failed to accept the gift within the two year time period allowed by law.

Again in 1789 North Carolina offered these lands to the government. This time the gift was accepted and the land became known as Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio.

This territory was divided into two Judicial Districts. Washington District in the eastern part of the territory included the counties of Washington, Sullivan, Greene, and Hawkins.

Mero District lay in the area of the Cumberland Settlements and included the then existing counties of Davidson, Tennessee, and Sumner. The district had been named in honor of Don Estevan Miro, the Spanish governor of Louisiana and West Florida, to express the new and apparently friendly policy of Spain.¹

These minutes are from a typed copy of Minute Book 1 in the State Library, Nashville, Tennessee. They were copied from the original records in 1938 as part of the W.P.A. projects. The work was done by Mrs. Josie Smith, Miss Jesse Drake, and Mrs. Mamie Porter.

It is unfortunate that the original book was destroyed or lost at some point after being copied. It was not found when the Davidson County records were inventoried and microfilmed in the 1960s. 

¹William Robertson Garrett and Albert Virgil Goodpasture History of Tennessee, 1900, and Robert H. White, Tennessee Its Growth and Progress, 1936.

MINUTE DOCKET

1788-1798

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AT A SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW AND EQUITY BEGAN AND HELD FOR THE COUNTY OF DAVIDSON AND SUMNER AT THE COURT HOUSE IN NASHVILLE ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER 1788....

Present the Honble John McNary Esquire Judge &c.

Proclamation was made commanding Silence under pain of imprisonment while the Judge proceeded on the Publick Business.

Proclamation was also made that the coronors of the aforesaid counties should make return of the receipts to them directed, that the Justice of the Peace should make return of the several recognozances by them taken and also the Sheriffs to make return of the several receipts and Venire facias to them directed and returnable to this Term.

Ordered that John Macy*** Clerk pro hoc tempore on the law side who***² bond with in the sum of two thousand pounds for the faithful discharge of his duty in office and took the several oaths perscribed by law for the qualification of Publick Offices--

Davidson Venire facias The Sheriff of Davidson county made return of the Venire facias to him directed (viz) Thomas Green, Lardener Clark, John Blackamore, John Walker Sen., Joel Rice, James Meniss, Joseph Martin, Robert Edminston, Wm. Nash, John A. Crutcher, Wm. Stewart, Daniel Williams, Michael Glaze, Isaac Johnston, Rus Porter, William Armstrong, Richard Shaffer, Bradley Gambert, John Buckhanon, John Edminston, James Bryant, Thomas Crutcher, Robert Nelson, Adam Hampton, Daniel James, John Neville, Edwin Hickman, William Gillaspie, Geo. A. Suggs, Jonas Manifee.

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Sumner Venire facias The Sheriff of Sumner County made return of the following Venire facias (Viz) Isaac Walton, William Boin, Samuel Hays, David Beard, John Hardon, William Bowman, Robert Loony, John Wilson, Robert DeShea, Alexander Neely, Adam Lawrence, James Winchester, Peter Loony, Richard Hogan, William Maxwell, and Simon Kyrkendoll.

Grand Jury Appointed The following Persons appointed a Grand Jury for the Superior Court who appeared and qualified (viz) 1. Lardener Clark, foreman (2) William Stuart (3) John Blackamore (4) Jonas Manifee (5) Richard Shaffer (6) Simon Kyrkendol (7) Thomas Green (8) George A. Sugg (9) Isaac Walton (10) Daniel James (11) Robert Nelson (12) Samuel Hays (13) Edwin Hickman (14) Richard Hogan (15) James Miners (16) William Bowman (17) Joseph Martin (18) Peter Loony

² This evidently represents portions that could not be read by the WPA workers.

Constable to attend the Grand Jury Ordered that Justinian Cartwright attend the Grand Jury as constable who came in and qualified accordingly.

W. Boin Ex'd as a Jury Ordered that William Boin be excused from attending as a juror for reasons shown to the Court.

Sam'l Hays fined Nisi *****that Samuel Hays be fined (Nisi) agreeable***** assembly for not attending his Court as a Juror.

Attorney Admitted Josiah Love Esquire produced a License authorizing him to practice as an attorney in this Court Who was qualified and admitted accordingly.

Att. for the State apointed Andrew Jackson Esquire is appointed attorney in behalf of the State for Davidson Superior Court of law for this term.

John Hardon Ex,d as Juror Ordered that Hardon be excused for not attending as a Juror for reasons shown to the Courth Oath.

Andrew Jackson Esq. permitted to Practice No attorney of this Court appearing who would prosecute in behalf of the State Ordered that from the necessity of the case Andrew Jackson Esq. be permitted to practice as an attorney of this Court as well in Court Causes as on the State Matters, until this Court can be fitted with a sufficient number of other attorneys regularly admitted.

p3) Absent Jurors fined (Nisi) Ordered the following persons to be fined (Nisi) agreeable to the act of asembly for not attending as Juror to this term (viz) Adam Lawrence, John Buckhanon, Michael Gleaves, James Wilson, Robert DeShea, James Bryant, John McCutchen, William Maxwell, James Winchester and James Todd and that Scire Facias issue against them accordingly---

The Hon,ble Court adjourned till tomorrow nine o'clock.

Tuesday. The Court met accordingly to adjournment. Present The Hon,ble John McNairy, Esq. Judge &c.

No. 5 ANTHONY HARMON vs RUSSEL GOWERS - Case ---- Gen'l Issue Appeal---

The Plaintiff as well as defendant appearing in Court by their Attorneys and being ready for trial, the Court ordered the sheriff of Davidson to summon a Good and lawful Jury who made return of the following (viz) **** Rice, William Nash, Adam Hampton, Samson Williams, **** Gleaves, Lewis Ford, Isaac Roberts, William ***, Robert Weakley, William Gillespie, Rus Porter, *** Owens (Jurors) who being impanelled and Sworn. The Plaintiff Complains in the words following (viz) Davidson County Anthon Harmon complains of Russel Gowers Def't for that where as, he the s'd Russel Gowers is indebeted for Sundry Goods, wares and merchandize to him sold and delivered, and being so indebeted in consideration there of did assume on himself and to the said Harmon faithfully promised that he would well and truly pay him for the same when there to required, nevertheless the said Russell his promise and assumption so made in no wise regarding the same to the s'd Harmon has not paid nor him in anywise contented to his damage £70, as he saith to which the defendant plead to gen'l issue, and the arguments of the Council for the Plaintiff as also those for the Council for

defendant being heard, the Jurors &c. aforesaid upon their oaths of aforesaid, saith they find for the plaintiff and assess his damage to thirty four pounds 8 shillings and 6 pence Costs---Ordered that the defendant pay twelve and half percent of thirty four pounds eight shillings being Judgement of the Court below from Jan'y the fifth 1787 til this time, to be added to the Judgement and execution issue against Samuel Martin & Wm. Loggins together with the defendant as security on the appeal---

(p. 4) Tuesday. The Hon'ble Court adjourned till tomorrow ten o'clock.

Wednesday. Court met agreeable to adjournment. Present The Hon,ble John McNairy Esq. Judge &c.

No. 9. ELIJAH RUTH Vs JOHN RAINS - Case---Gen. Issue. Appeal---

The parties by their attorneys came into Court and being ready for Trial the Court ordered that a Good and lawful Jury should be summoned who made return of the following Jury (viz) Joel Rice, William Nash, Adam Hampton, Samson Williams, Michael Gleaves, Lewis Ford, Issac Roberts, William Loggans, Robert Weakly, William Gillaspie who being*****impanelled and sworn, the plaintiff by Andrew Jackson Esquire complained in the following words (viz) State of North Carolina, Davidson County November Term 1788. Elijah Routh complains of John Rains in custody S. C. for that whereas the said John Rains by his agreement bearing date the tenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, did agree to let the said Routh**** of the crop of corn and tobacco that he the **** would then make that season, but the said John not adhering to the said agreement, but--fraudulently contriving to cheat the said Routh out of his said right, tho, often required, did refuse and still doth refuse to comply with his said agreement by which the said Routh saith he is damaged in the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds and therefore he brings suit tge Councils as well for the Pla'ff as for the defendant being heard, the Jurors--aforesaid upon their oaths as aforesaid say they find for the plaintiff and assess his damage to eighty eight pounds & ten pence cost--Ordered that the defendant pay twelve and an half per cent on seventy five pounds sixteen shillings being the Judgement of the Court below from July the (blank) 1788 til this time to be added to this judgement-----and that execution issue against Samuel Martin together with the defendant as security on the appeal--

(p.5) Wednesday. Ordered that Justinian Cartwright be excused from attending the remainder of this Term as a constable for reasons shown to the Court on affidavit.

The Court adjourned till tomorrow ten o'clock.

Thursday. Court met agreeable to adjournment. Present The Hon'ble John McNairy, Esq. Judge &c.

Thomas Hickman Esq. high sheriff for the County of Davidson came into Court and protested against the sufficiency of the publick goal of said County. Ordered that the same be entered of record---

The Court adjourned till tomorrow eleven o'clock.

Friday. Court met according to adjournment. Present The Hon'ble John McNairy Esq. Judge &c.

The Court adjourned till tomorrow nine o'clock.

Red River Baptist Church Minutes

Contributed by Irene Morrison Griffey

These minutes were copied from a typed copy in the State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee. The original records were loaned to the Tennessee State Library in 1936 by Charles H. Fort. They were copied under WPA project 65-44-2126.

Elias Fort bought with him to Tennessee County (Mero District) the minute book of the Tar River Association (Edgecombe Co., N. C.) Due to the scarcity of paper the minutes of the newly formed church were kept in this book until 1826.

The Red River Baptist Church is the oldest continuing church west of Knoxville. It was formed in 1791 at Port Royal (now Montgomery County) at the mouth of Sulphur Fork Creek of Red River. The congregation met in homes until 1793 when a building was erected on William Prince's land near his spring. This was known as "Prince's Meeting House".

About 1802 the church moved about 1 1/2 miles south west of Adams Station (Robertson County) to the head of Tolleson's Spring. The new church was called Fort's Meeting House. The church later bought three acres "on which Fort's Meeting House now stands" and in 1817 built a church. This church was used until about 1870 when the congregation moved to Adams Station to a new frame church. Three years later in 1873 J. M. Adams sold the lot to the church.

After 1890 a new brick church was built. This building was remodeled in 1929 and is still in use by the congregation.

To avoid confusion in the names and locations of the various churches mentioned in the minutes, the following information is included here:

SPRING CREEK OF RED RIVER was located near present Barren Plains (Robertson Co.) This church was in existence until 1951. Over the years the membership declined. The church building was sold in that year after the death of the last member.

SPRING CREEK OF SULPHUR FORK was located at the head of Sulphur Fork Creek north of the railroad near Kinney Station between Cedar Hill and Springfield (Robertson Co.) This is now known as Fykes Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

SPRING CREEK OF WEST FORK is located near Spring Creek about 5 miles north of Clarksville and near St. Bethlehem. (Montgomery Co.) This church is still active.

WEST FORK was located in S. E. Christian Co., Kentucky, near Big West Fork Creek. This is possibly the forerunner of the present day Zion Church.

LITTLE WEST FORK was on the creek of the same name near the present Ringgold, Tennessee. (Montgomery Co.) This church is still active.

DRAKE'S POND was located about 1 mile east of the present Guthrie, Kentucky, on the Tennessee/Kentucky line. The church was 1/2 in Tennessee and 1/2 in Kentucky. The church was possibly abandoned in the 1880s.

HALF PONE CHURCH was located on the Dry Fork of Half Pone Creek and possibly east of Cheap Hill (now Cheatham County).

MT. GILEAD was located at Allensville, Kentucky

MILLER'S CREEK CHURCH was located above Turnersville on the east side of Miller's Creek. It was started in 1798 and because of its "Freewill" doctrine was deemed "disorderly" by the Red River Baptist Church. According to a letter written in 1808 the church was still in existence at that time.

EDDY GROVE CHURCH was located near the present Princeton, Kentucky. William Prince moved to this point in 1797 and promptly started a new church.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH was located in Christian County, Kentucky. It was formed in 1803.

DRY CREEK CHURCH formed in 1805 is in what is now Trigg County, Kentucky.

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COVENANT

The Church covenant, agreed upon & entered into and signed by the Church of Jesus Christ, constituted at the mouth of the Sulphur Fork of Red River Tennessee County the District of Mero, on the twenty Fifth day of July One thousand seven hundred & ninety one, by brethren, Ambrose Dudley & John Taylor.

The subscribers hereby desiring to be established a distinct Church, hoping it may be for the glory of God, and our edification, do hereby as in the presence of God, solemnly unite as a religious society in fellowship with him, to celebrate his ordianances, to maintain his truths, and to promote his honour in the world, and to this end we engage by divine assistance to profess, stand by and defend the following doctrines, and to observe the rules, of dicipline hereafter named, always to our lives end -- And in general we hereby declare, before the Lord who knoweth our hearts that we do firmly believe all those wholesome principles, contained in the baptist Confession of Faith, adopted by the Association held in Philadelphia in the year 1742, and lately reprinted by order, which we heartily receive, as comprehending the articles of our Faith, esteeming it as the best system of human composition, we are acquainted with, recommending it to the careful perusal of one another, and of our families, and to all our friends, but in a particular manner we profess to believe these following very great, & most important, doctrines as being essentially necessary to Salvation
viz

That the holy scriptures of the old & new Testament are the word of God, and our only certain & infallible rule of faith & obedience, containing every thing needful for us to know, to believe or do in the service of God, and being able to make us wise, unto Salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus, by which we expect to be judged in the last day, and to which our opinions & practices ought at present & always to be conformed, And therefore that all Christians who can read ought to search, them daily, praying to God for the help of his holy spirit without which none can sufficiently understand these divine writings, And that the Lord our God is the one only living & true God, the Almighty perserver, and disposer of all things, visible and invisible, in whom we live move & have our being, and to whom all divine worship & adoration is to be rendered, and ascribed both in time & eternity, both by men and Angels, as being most worthy of it, and will not give his glory to another, nor his praise to idols, having strictly forbidden us, to worship or adore any but himself.

3rdly That there are three persons in the Godhead, The Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost. The same in substance power & eternity and therefore but one God, not to be divided in his essence, though distinguished, by several peculiar properties & personal relations.

4th That our Lord Jesus Christ, the second person in the adorable Trinity, who was eternally begotten of the Father, did in the fullness of time, take upon him a real human nature, in which he fulfilled the Law & died to make an atonement for sin, in the only Saviour of Sinners, the Prophet priest & king of his Church, Appointed heir of all things, and judge of quick & dead, in whom alone we have redemption & deliverance from divine wrath, and eternal misery.

5th. That such as was redeemed by Christ shall at last be saved by his merits- are during this life effectually called by his grace, justified by an application of his blood really renewed by his spirit have the image of God, reinstamped on their souls, are sanctified in a measure, & are kept by the power of God unto salvation-that the elect are not suffered to apostalise or all away to perdition, that such, and such only, shall obtain eternal happiness or enter into the kingdom of heaven, as are thus wrought upon, converted and changed in time as the holy Scriptures plainly declare.

6thly. That Christ will return from heaven, where he now reigns in glory to judge men and Angels at the end of the world, that by his power he will raise the dead, both the just & unjust, that all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, & shall come forth, that he will receive the righteous, & reject the wicked forever.

Secondly, we engage as aforesaid to conform to the following wiles of discipline, as well as all others warranted by Gods word.

1st. Not forsake the assembling of ourselves together but constantly to attend our appointed meetings as far as the Lord shall enable us, whether for the immediate worship of God, or for to order the affairs, or business relating to our church, whether on suitable occasions, and for good reasons given, to the Church at our next meeting.

2. Bear each one his part according to our different abilities, in defraying such expense absolutely necessary for the maintaining the worship of God in decency & order becoming the Christian name seeing he strictly enjoins it on us in his holy word.

3rd. Not to divulge the infirmities of one another or tell them to such as are not of our communion by any means, when it can be lawfully avoided.

4th. Not to remove our residence or abode to any distant part of the world without informing the Church and advising with our brethren.

5th. Not willingly to live in the neglect of any duty to our God, to the common wealth; our neighbors or ourselves, or brethren, but endeavor to walk in all the commandments of the Lord blameless.

6th. To bear reproofs, and to reprove each other in case of visible faults, in Christian Charity & Brotherly love as ordered by Christ in the gospel.

In Conclusion

'Tis unanimously agreed by this Church that if any member or members, shall be found erroneous or disorderly in any of these particulars, they or any of them shall be liable to censure, and in case of obstinate continuance therein entirely excluded from our communion.

Male Members

Richard Thomas
George Neville
William Prince
Isaac Wilcox
Samuel Wilcox

Female Members

Hannah Wilcox
Elizabeth Prince
Rachel Neville
Violette S. Pollock
Sophia Owens
Anne Neville
Sarah Connell

Being constituted immediately preceeded to open a door for the reception of members, accordingly came forward Sarah Lampkins and was rec'd by examination, likewise Hugh Lewis & John Cordery, Henrietta Russell & Obediah Roberts.

The Church agreed the fourth Saturday in every month shall be the day on which our monthly meeting shall be held at brother William Princes old place.

Brother Hugh Lewis appointed to act as clerk to the church. Then dismissed.

July the 27th. The Baptist Church of Christ, near the mouth of Sulpher Fork of Red River, met at brother Sam'l Wilcox's, being seated proceeded to open a door for the reception of members, in consequence wherefor Falkner Elliott & his wife Rachel was rec'd by letter. Likewise Sister Lettuce Pope. Brother Richard Thomas & brother Sam'l Wilcox chosen Delegates to represent this church in the Elk Horn Association, Kentucky, if admitted.

Brethren George Neville and William Prince chosen Deacons, agreed that Moses Winters and his wife have the opportunity to offer themselves to this church at our next stated meeting. Brethren Roberts & Lewis appointed to request the

friends of the separate orders, who are supposed to have aught against the said Brother & Sister, that they then and there appear & make it known to this church.

Unanimously agreed to and gave our beloved Brother Richard Thomas, a written License to exercise his gift and preach the Gospel.

Then were dismissed.

The Church of Christ at the mouth of the Sulpher Fork being called together on Saturday the 13th of August 1791 proceeded to open a door for the reception of members. Rec'd Charity McIntosh by experience. Brother Thomas's ordination talked of and laid over for further consideration and his license altered.

Saturday August 27th 1791. The Church met. After singing & prayer proceeded Business. Rec'd Bro. Moses & Sister Eliza Winters by examination...

Bro Isaac Wilcox and Sister Lettuce Pope, being at the time of our last meeting, and present at a meeting not of our Faith & order, some of the Members being grieved there at Brethren William Prince & Hugh Lewis were appointed to talk with them & request them to attend our next church meeting in course.

Unanimously Agreed that a contribution be made by the Brethren before our next Church meeting for providing necessities for the House of God.

Agreed that no man speak in the Church sitting, Except the Moderator, Likewise that the minds of the church be made known, by sitting or rising up, or by something significant that expresses the mind clearly: And that silence be not taken for consent, unless the church agree at the time that it may be so.

Dismissed by prayer.

Saturday September 24th 1791. After divine worship the church met chose Brother George Neville Moderator. At the last meeting Brethren Prince and Lewis being sent to talk with Bro. Isaac Wilcox & sister Lettuce Pope for absenting themselves from our meeting & attending at another not of our faith or order, s'd Brethren made information to the church of what they had done; Bro Isaac Wilcox gave the church satisfaction. Sister Pope laid under censure for refusing to conform to the rules of our church.

The church met October the 22nd 1791. After divine service Bro. Mason being present was chosen Moderator. Sis. Popes unconformity talked of & laid over to our next meeting for further consideration. And were dismissed.

SOLDIERS FROM MONTGOMERY CO., TENNESSEE
in the
REVOLUTIONARY WAR and THE WAR OF 1812

From the files of Edythe Rucker Whitley, Nashville, Tennessee.

ALLEN HOWARD - War of 1812

Allen Howard was born 1796 in North Carolina. He enlisted in the War of 1812 at Clarksville, Tennessee. He married August 16/17 1815 at Charlotte, Tenn., Elizabeth Wesley Shropshire, born Virginia 1800, died Walla Walla Co., Washington in 1888. Allen Howard lived in Dickson and Haywood Counties, Tennessee, and in Johnson County, Illinois, where he died January 15, 1840.

Allen Howard had brothers- Stephen, William, James (who moved to California in 1864, and had sons Edward and Warren), and Charles who went to Benton County, Oregon, 1864 (and had sons William and Charles).

Allen Howard had sisters- Betsy Ann who married a Mr. _____ Hill, and Sarah or Sally who married Col. William Henderson, whose son Thomas Jefferson Henderson became a noted soldier and congressman from Illinois.

The children of Allen and Elizabeth Howard were - Albert, Perry, Joel, Thomas Hill, Drucilla, Nancy Batson, and Calvin Batson.

PETER HUBBARD - Revolutionary War

Peter Hubbard applied for a Revolutionary Pension while living in Montgomery Co., Tenn.

He was born in South Carolina and served in the South Carolina line under Capt. Samuel Wise and Capt. John Carraway Smith and Colonel William Thompson. He was in the battle of Sullivan's Island.

He moved to Tennessee after the Revolution and lived several years in Montgomery County. He moved to Bond County, Illinois where he died.



ABNER HARRIS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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ABNER HARRIS, Citizen

Abner Harris, son of Elias Harris of Halifax County, North Carolina, brought his wife, Mary, and his children to Montgomery County, Tennessee about 1798 accompanied by his mother, Silva, and her second husband, Col. John Hargrove, and other relatives. Abner Harris and his uncle, Isaac Harris, executors of Elias Harris' will, sold the residue of the estate in Halifax County, North Carolina, in September 1797. The deed stated that Col. John Hargrove and his wife, Silva, formerly widow of Elias Harris, were preparing to depart for the western county. John Hargrove's son, William, had received a land grant in Davidson County, Tennessee for his service in the Revolution and the family apparently joined him. John Hargrove died, probably late in 1798, since the inventory of his estate was returned at January session, 1799, in Davidson County. Abner Harris and his mother, Silva, purchased items at the estate sale in 1801.

The earliest record found of Abner Harris' life in Montgomery County was the purchase of a negro slave named Chaney from Haydon Wells in April, 1799. The first land ownership was recorded in 1806 when he bought 140 acres on a branch of Hurricane Creek south of the Cumberland River in Montgomery County. Later, in 1808, he bought an additional 220 acres, the plantation where he was then living, adjoining Isham Trotter, on the headwaters of Hurricane Creek.

Little is known of Abner Harris' early life. No birth record has been found, but he was apparently of age in 1788 when he was made co-executor of his father's will. He was given some education, for he could read and write. During his adult life in Montgomery County, he was active in community and family affairs. He was coroner of Montgomery County from 1804 to 1806, and Justice of the Peace from 1807 to 1810. In 1802, John Duke, Josiah G. Duke and Abner Harris made administrator's bond for John Duke, administrator of the estate of Richard Myrick. At July Court, 1803, he was named guardian of the orphans of Richard Blanton, children of his sister, Lucy, Nancy and Sally Blanton. Abner Harris was co-executor with his sister, Francis, of the will of her husband, Joseph McCorkle, which was proved in 1806. In 1807 he was appointed guardian of John Pritchard, which continued for several years. With Sterling Neblett, he was appointed by the court to examine the account of Isham Trotter against the estate of Robert Trotter, deceased. In 1814 he, Stephen Cocke, and Thomas Smith

made \$10,000 bond for Sterling Neblett, administrator of the estate of William B. Whitehead. Abner Harris was apparently a man of some financial means since, in 1815, he again joined in posting \$20,000 administrator's bond for Stephen Cocke, Thomas Smith and Carl Tucker, executors of Carl Tucker.

Abner Harris, in 1818, was appointed to supervise hands to work on the road from "opposite the house of Capt. Richardson's then north along the ridge as it was marked by the jury until it intersects the old road to Benjamin Whitehead's." He was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarksville where he and his wife, Mary, were organizing members in 1822. No record has been found of military service.

Abner Harris made his will 29 July 1824 which was proved at January Court 1826. He named "my loving wife, Mary," daughters Rebeckah Martin, Mary H. Duke, Elizabeth Hust, Susanna Martin, Nancy Harris, and Caty Harris; sons Arthur, Joseph John, Abner, Sampson, and Jessee Read. All the estate not bequeathed to the children was left to wife, Mary, for her support and schooling of the three youngest sons, Abner, Sampson, and Jessee, all under age 21. Daughter Caty was also mentioned as being under age. Alexander M. Rogers, Arthur Harris, Joseph John Harris and William Hust were executors. The will provided that at the death of Mary Harris, the residue of the estate was to be sold and the proceeds divided equally among all the children. While no death date has been found for Mary Harris, she apparently died about 1828 when Arthur Harris was appointed guardian of Jessee R. Harris, a minor. The following persons subsequently sold all their right and title to the real and personal estate of Abner Harris to Arthur Harris for \$50.00:

Elijah Martin 3 January 1829; John Duke of Wayne County, Tennessee 20 September 1828; William Hust 19 June 1829; Joseph John Harris 21 February 1828; Samuel Rogers of Dickson County, Tennessee 7 October 1828; Sampson Harris 26 October 1829; Abner Harris 27 February 1829; Jessee Reed Harris 11 February 1835; William Martin (also signed by Susannah Martin) 17 March 1828; Robert M. Lyal 7 October 1828.

Some Descendents

REBECCA HARRIS was born about 1790 in Halifax County, North Carolina. She married Elijah Martin, son of Jesse and Frances Martin of Halifax County, North Carolina and Montgomery County, Tennessee. Although there may have been others, only three children are known: Elizabeth, born about 1825, Louisa, born about 1828, and Rebecca, born about 1830. Rebeckah Martin died between 1830 and 1840 and Elijah Martin married Elizabeth Powers 16 December 1840. Elijah Martin was living in 1860.

MARY H. HARRIS was born about 1792, also in Halifax County, North Carolina. She married John Duke of Montgomery County, Tennessee. On 6 July 1818 Samuel Duke, Elva Duke, and John Read executed a deed to John Duke for 250 acres on Hurricane Creek. On 20 December 1828 John Duke of Wayne County, Tennessee executed a deed to Arthur Harris

of Montgomery County, witnessed by John (X) Bumpass and Tompkins Bumpass. Known children of John Duke and Mary H. Harris were Mary Ann, John E., Anneley and Elizabeth, all born before 1830.

ELIZABETH HARRIS was born about 1794 and died about 1858. She was married to William Hust before 1809, when William Hust and wife, Betsy, executed a deed in Christian County, Kentucky. He was born 1780-90 and died in 1843. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving as a blacksmith. Children: Catherine married J. O. Hunt in 1841; Emily married Mr. Harris before 1843; William R. born about 1828, married 18 June 1846 Martha Martin; Mary A. E., born about 1831 married C. H. Smith 1850-53; John H. born about 1832; Sarah A. married 1853-58 J. T. Foust; Susan A. born about 1836; Francis O. born about 1841. The children of William Hust and Elizabeth Harris are named in his will and in a court case involving the settlement of Elizabeth Hust's estate. William Hust, Jr. was a minister who established the town of Hustburg in Humphries County, Tennessee.

SUSANNAH HARRIS, born 18 May 1797 died 1850-60 near Mechanicsburg, Yazoo County, Mississippi, married William Martin in September 1818. He was born 15 November 1795, probably in Halifax County, North Carolina, the son of Jesse Martin. Their children were: Edward Spencer born 29 July 1819 died 5 August 1819; James Harris born 1 July 1820 married about 1846 to Lucretia Ann Collum, and died November 1886; WILLIAM PERCHARD born 20 June 1822, died 25 November 1894, married 17 December 1845 to Rebecca Fletcher; Mary F. born 27 January 1824 married Mr. Friley; Benjamin Franklin born 22 December 1825, died 27 March 1828; Nancy Catherine born 20 January 1828, died 14 January 1802, married to Joseph Slater Lumbley; (the next four sons died at the Battle of Vicksburg) Elisha A., born 10 February 1830, Sampson A. born 14 August 1832, Jesse W. born 20 December 1838; Joseph J. b. 23 November 1838; Susan Jane born 23 November 1838 (twins) died 20 April 1829, married a Mr. Hildebrand; Isaac W. born about 1842. The last three children were all born near Mechanicsburg, Yazoo County, Mississippi where William Martin migrated about 1837.

The following is the author's direct line of descent from Abner Harris through his daughter, Susannah who married William Martin.

WILLIAM PERCHARD MARTIN born 20 June 1822 Montgomery County, Tennessee, died 25 November 1894 at Mechanicsburg, Yazoo County, Mississippi. He married Rebecca Fletcher who was born 30 May 1830 in Mississippi and died 15 July 1891 at Mechanicsburg, Yazoo County, Mississippi. Their children were: James Washington, born 11 October 1846 and died 28 June 1922, married (1) 17 January 1868 Sarah Ann Carter (2) Margaret Victoria Lewis; Benjamin Franklin born 13 September 1848 died 29 October 1833, married 11 February 1875 Malinda Farmer; Elizabeth Catherine, born 24 January 1851 died 19 November 1888, married 5 February 1874 to Henry Sibley; Sarah Jane, born 14 February 1853, died 16 July 1891, married Edd Farniquit; William Thomas born 20 June 1855 died 2 January 1935, married (1) 26 February 1891 Mary Perkins (2) Linda Smith (3) Jennie Hildebrand; MARY JOSEPHINE who was born 18 January 1858

and died 10 February 1933 at Kelsey, Upshur County, Texas. She married Robert Franklin Smith 25 February 1880. Julia Ann born 21 October 1860 died 4 February 1839 married 14 February 1883 (1) Sallie Laminda Smith, and married second, Hattie Usher Dilley; Susan Rebecca born 21 May 1865 died 15 October 1873; Edward Spencer born 11 September 1867 married 30 March 1886 (1) Josie Frederick (2) Lenora Hall; Robert Wilson, born 8 October 1870 died 18 June 1930, married 12 December 1897 to Clara Leona Herrin; Andrew Christopher, born 10 September 1873, died 21 July 1929, married 26 January 1893 to Nona Futrell. All of William P. Martin's children were born near Mechanicsburg, Yazoo County, Mississippi.

MARY JOSEPHINE MARTIN, daughter of William P. Martin and Rebecca Fletcher, was born 18 January 1858 and died 10 February 1933 at Kelsey, Upshur County, Texas and is buried in the Kelsey Cemetery. She married Robert Franklin Smith, son of Benjamin W. Smith and Amanda Ann Wiggins. Robert Franklin Smith was born 18 May 1851 in Summerfield, Dallas County, Alabama and died 14 August 1914 at Kelsey, Texas. He was married first to Mary Catherine Jones by whom he had children: Martha Amanda, Lovell Jackson and Maude, all born at Lauderdale Springs, Webster County, Mississippi. There were six children born to his second wife, Mary Josephine Martin; Lucinda Rilla, born 17 December 1880 in Webster County, Mississippi and died there 9 August 1886; Benjamin William (a female), called "Aunt Willie", born 8 July 1882, married Joseph N. Dilley; Alice Bell born 6 November 1883 in Webster County, Mississippi, died 28 February 1885; JOHN B. TAYLOR SMITH who was born 26 June 1886 at Mechanicsburg, Yazoo County, Mississippi and died 14 March 1967 at Gilmer, Upshur County, Texas; Carrie Bell, born 20 August 1892 and died 1 September 1905; Bonnie Idell, born 19 July 1899 and died 17 July 1901.

JOHN B. TAYLOR SMITH, son of Mary Josephine Martin and Robert Franklin Smith was born 26 June 1886 at Mechanicsburg, Yazoo County, Mississippi. He migrated about 1900 to the community of Kelsey in North East Texas, where all his children were born and where many descendents still reside. He married on 13 May 1908 Bessie Alverine Bailey, daughter of Clinton Alexander Bailey and Mary Ellen Nora Hawkins, to whom were born the following children: Lacleon, Joseph Roger, VELDA MELEESE, Barbara, Sherwin Erwyce, Clovis, Estle Darwin, Vertis Dovell.

VELDA MELEESE SMITH, daughter of John B. Taylor Smith and Bessie Alverine Bailey was married to Hyrum Bennion Bowers at Kelsey, Texas. To them were born eight children, the oldest being the author: Oveda, Celbie, Kay, Mayo B., Gale Wayne, Gloria Joan, Neal Rynn and Patrice.

ARTHUR HARRIS, son of Abner Harris and his wife, Mary, was born about 1799 and died about 1854. He was married first to Elizabeth Ramey, daughter of Thomas Ramey, on 3 October 1829; and second to Elvirah W. Walker, daughter of William B. Walker, on 26 December 1842. The children of Arthur Harris and Elizabeth Ramey were: Benjamin F., born

about 1832, married Margaret _____; George R., born about 1834; Mary Ann Malinda, born about 1836; Nancy Jane, born about 1837, married Mr. Anglin; Martha E. (Betty) born about 1838, also married Mr. Anglin; Susan J., born about 1840.

JOSEPH JOHN HARRIS, born about 1800, married to Mary Bullock 27 July 1819 in Maury County, Tennessee. He is shown in the 1840 census of Montgomery County, Tennessee with one male born 1820-25, one female born 1830-35, and one female born 1835-40.

NANCY HARRIS was born 22 February 1802 and was still living in 1868. She married between 1826 and 1828 Samuel Rogers who came from Stokes County, North Carolina about 1824. Samuel Rogers resided in Dickson County, Tennessee in 1828 and Henderson County, Tennessee in 1839. It is believed he died there between 1840 and 1850. Known children of Samuel and Nancy Rogers were: Thomas, born about 1829 and married Eliza _____; Mary, unmarried in 1860; Nancy, born 11 June 1839, married Benjamin R. Ramey, brother to Elizabeth Ramey, first wife of Arthur Harris; there may have been children named William, H. R., and Kelly, but no documentation has been found.

ABNER HARRIS born about 1804, alive in 1831 when he witnessed a deed from Robert M. Lyal to Sampson Harris. Nothing further is known.

SAMPSON HARRIS, born about 1806. In 1830 Sampson Harris of Wayne County, Tennessee made deeds of gift to the children of John Duke: Mary Ann H., John E., Anneley and Elizabeth. He proved the deeds at January Court, 1831 for Wayne County. It is not known if the Sampson C. Harris who later lived in Montgomery County is the son of Abner Harris. Descendants of this Sampson Harris still reside in the community of Southside, Montgomery County.

CATHERINE HARRIS was born about 1807, died before 22 September 1834 and was married to Robert Mickleberry Lyle (Lyals) between 1826-28. He was born in 1805 at Crab Orchard, Tennessee as his parents, Jordan Lyle and Anne Bailey Bumpass came from Halifax County, North Carolina.

JESSEE READ HARRIS, born about 1814, lived in Fayette County, Tennessee from 1838 to 1848. On 5 April 1838, he purchased 42 acres adjoining Burchett Douglas from Nathaniel K. Jones. On 10 January 1848 he sold 96 acres in Fayette County to Franklin Minter. Jesse R. Harris was the youngest son of Abner Harris. He apparently came of age in 1835 when he sold his interest in the Abner Harris estate to his brother, Arthur by deed dated 11 February 1835. He is shown in the 1840 census of Fayette County, Tennessee with one male 20-30, one female 20-30, one male 5-10 and one female 5-10.

Ancestors

ELIAS HARRIS of Halifax County, North Carolina, was father of Abner Harris and son of Nathan Harris and Catherine Walton. No record has been found of his birth, but it is believed that he was born about 1745 in Brunswick County, Virginia. On 1 June 1769, Nathan Harris of

Brunswick County, Virginia sold to Elias Harris of Halifax County, North Carolina, 250 acres at the head of Elk Marsh adjoining Jesse Brown and Isaac Harris. The deed was witnessed by Isaac Harris, Sampson Munger and Gideon Harris. Nathan Harris sold, on the same day, 250 acres to Isaac Harris. That deed was witnessed by Elias Harris, Gideon Harris, and Sampson Munger.

Elias Harris wrote his will on 16 October 1788, and it was proved at November Court, 1788, naming daughters, Sally Pope, Lucy Blanton, Francis, Catherine, Phebe, and Mary; sons, Asia, Abner, Hugh and Arthur, and wife, Silva. He named as executors his brothers, Isaac and Howell Harris, wife, Silva, and son, Abner. Witnesses were Roe Harris, Wm. Allen, and Henry Southall.

NATHAN HARRIS, father of Elias Harris and son of Edward Harris, made his will in Greensville County, Virginia April 30, 1793 as follows: sons Nathan, Walton, Howell, Isaac; grandchildren Elizabeth Hoard, Harris Coleman, Catherine Coleman, Polly Hargrove and John Coleman; daughters Jane Williams, Elizabeth Allen; daughter Anna and John Patrick; son Hubbard Harris; grandson Thomas Camp Harris; grandsons (orphans of David Harris), Peter and John Harris. Executors named were Howell Harris, Hubbard Harris and Wm. Vaughn, Esp. of Brunswick County, Virginia. Nathan Harris' wife was Catherine Walton, daughter of George Walton.

ISAAC HARRIS, son of Nathan Harris and brother of Elias Harris, made his will in Halifax County, North Carolina 27 May 1807. He named his daughter, Ann Hawkins, her son, William Hawkins, and daughters, Elizabeth Williams, Patsy Williams, Jane Pearson; sons, Burgess, William, Nathan, Isaac, Silas; Kinsmen: James Harris and Benjamin were executors.

GIDEON HARRIS, son of Nathan Harris and brother of Elias Harris, also lived in Halifax County, North Carolina near Elias Harris. Gideon Harris made his will 24 March 1787, naming sons Warren and Benjamin, wife Henrieta; brother-in-laws Benjamin Warren and Henry Hyde, and his brothers, Elias Harris and Howell Harris were named executors. The will was witnessed by Stephen Harris, Asa Harris and Elias Brown.

The following dates were found in the marriage records of Brunswick County, Virginia:

16 July 1770 GIDEON HARRIS, son of Nathan Harris to Rittah Warren, witnessed by Elias Harris.

23 November 1789 HOWELL HARRIS of Greensville County, Virginia to Polly Goodrich.

WALTON HARRIS, son of Nathan Harris, migrated to Wilkes County, Georgia. He made his will 29 May 1809 naming wife, Rebecca; sons, Walton, Jeptha V., Augustin, Buckner, Edwin; daughter, Betsy Cruik; orphans of Sampson Harris, deceased, viz., Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary.

EDWARD HARRIS, father of Nathan Harris and son of Thomas Harris of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, lived in Henrico County, Virginia. His

will is dated 27 April 1733. He bequeathed to sons: Edward, Jacob, Nathan, West, James, Daniel; daughters, Anne Harris and Martha Williamson and wife, Mary Harris. The will was signed by Edward E. H. Harris.

The ancestry of Abner Harris can be traced back to the days of old Jamestown, Virginia, when the wonderful land that is the heritage of his descendants was only a dream in the minds of a small handful of enterprising Englishmen.

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MRS. MARY KILLEBREW

DIED - In this county on the 3rd Inst., Mrs. Mary Killebrew, aged 80 years.

(Clarksville, Tenn. WEEKLY CHRONICLE, Dec. 14, 1872)

The following information was added by Margaret I. P. Ericksen, Memphis, Tenn.:

This is the widow of Dr. Edwin S. Killebrew (1789-1842) and the former Miss Mary Williams, a daughter of Sarah Nixon and Daniel Williams (1751-1831) of Dickson Co., Tenn. Daniel Williams served in the Revolutionary War as Capt. of 7th Company- 6th North Carolina Regt.

Mary Williams Killebrew is buried by her husband in their family cemetery located on Highway 41-A across from Ringgold Baptist Church in District 3 just south of Fort Campbell. (See Cemetery Records of Montgomery Co., Tenn. Vol 1, by Darnell, Jones, Alley & Hogan, 1968 for inscriptions copied from stones in this cemetery. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEATH DATE OF Mary Killebrew SHOULD READ FOR YEAR 1872 AND NOT 1877 as shown in said book, page 20)

MISS CATHERINE L. POSTON

DIED, on Saturday morning, 3rd inst. of consumption, in her 18th year, Miss Catherine L. Poston, dau. of John H. Poston, Esq. of this place.

THE CLARKSVILLE CHRONICLE, Sept. 5, 1843.

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

Minute Book One

Montgomery Co., Tenn

(page 269) Friday October 16th 1807

Present the Worshipfull James Fentress, John Blair, Hugh McClure- Esquires.

On the motion of Alexander Tate, formerly Alexander Joyce (it being proven to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of this motion was published in the Impartial Review six months prior to this day) It is ordered that Joseph Woolfolk, Esq., George Humphris & Abner Harris be appointed commissioners for the purpose of making partition & laying off for the said Alexander Tate one Thousand Two Hundred & Eighty Acres of Land out of the Tract of Three Thousand and Eight Hundred & forty acres in this County which descended to the said Alexander Tate as the heir of Joseph Tate, deceased to which said quantity of land the said Alexander Tate was intituled by bond from the said Adam Tate dated 10 day of October 1799 & that said commissioners make due return thereof to this Court at Next Term....

POWER OF ATTORNEY. Timothy Acoff to Robert Prince to emancipate a Negro man named Richard was proven in open court by the oath of W. G. B. Prince & Thomas Shelby subscribing witnesses thereto.

DANIEL MCKINNEY vs JAMES TRIBBLE & REUBEN GRAYSON - Tresspass

The pantiff in this Case came here into Court and suffered a Non Suit--- Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Defendants recover of the Plaintiff their Costs expended....

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HENRY FUNK assee Jacob Rush vs WILLIAM R. BELL - Debt

Jury (viz) 1. Robert Akins 2. Samuel Lynes 3. David Davis 4. William Ligget 5. George Williams 6. Andrew Tribble 7. James Jones 8. Aaron Fletcher 9. Daniel Anderson 10. William Brigham 11. Samuel Thornton 12. Joseph Onealsay that the defendant has not paid the debt....defendant to pay debt and damages of six dollars and seventy five cents....

Robert Prince, James Fentress, Hugh McClure - Esquires.

JAMES M. REYNOLDS & JOHN R. MCFARLAND vs ISRAEL ROBINSON - Debt.

Jury (viz) 1. Robert Akins 2. James Adams 3. Stephen Handlin 4. Enoch Gaskill 5. David Davis 6. Jessee Wadkins Sen. 7. James Jones 8. Andrew Tribble

9. Daniel Anderson 10. Aaron Fletcher 11. David Andrews 12. Joseph Oneal
...find the defendant has not paid the debt....defendant to pay damages in the
amount of ten dollars & fifty cents....

WILLIAM SULLIVANT assee Montgomery Bell vs BENJAMIN WEAKLEY - Debt

(same Justices and Jury)....find that the defendant has not paid the debt....
Damages to be paid plaintiff--Three dollars & sixty three cents.

John Jones a witness proves two days attendance in this suit.

STEPHEN CANTREL JUN &C vs JOHN BAKER JUNR - Covt

On motion that the original Writ be amended (no more)

(274)

THOMAS WALKER assee JAMES JONES vs ANDREW TRIBBLE & JAMES TRIBBLE - Covenant &
Writ of Equity

Jury - 1. Robert Akins 2. James Adams 3. Enock Gaskill 4. David Davis 5. Richard
Fowler 6. Daniel Anderson 7. Jesse Wadkins 8. Aaron Fletcher 9. Joseph Oneal
10. John Steel 11. David Andrew 12. Sterling Ingram.....say that the plaintiff
hath sustained damages by reason of the defendants non performance of the
assumptions in the declaration mentioned to fifty four dollars & seventy
seven cents. ...Plaintiff to recover damages and costs....

SAMUEL VANCE, WILLIAM KING, & JOHN BRADLEY vs JESSEE WADKINS - Case

Jury (viz) 1. Robert Akins 2. James Adams 3. Enock Gaskill 4. David Davis
5. Richard Fowler 6. Daniel Anderson 7. Wright Bond 8. Aaron Fletcher 9. Joseph
Oneal 10. John Steel 11. David Andrews 12. Sterling Ingram...say plaintiff
hath sustained damages by reason of the defendants non performance of the
assumptions in the declaration mentioned to Eighty four dollars, ninety nine
cents...Plaintiff to recover damages and cost...

(276)

AARON FLETCHER vs WILLIAM R. BELL - Debt

Same jury only Stephen Cocke in place of Aaron Fletcher....say defendant has not
paid the debt....Plaintiff to recover fourteen dollars Twenty five cents...& cost.

Deed of Conveyance Martin Armstrong to Hugh McClure for one out lot No. 43 was
proven in the open court by the oath of Anthony Crutcher & J. E. Davis sub-
scribing witnesses...

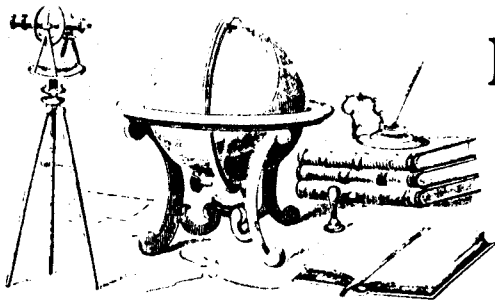
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James Fentress, John Blair & Samuel Gattis, Esqs.

WILLIAM READING vs JOHN ELLSWORTH - Debt

Jury viz- 1. Robert Akins 2. James Adams 3. Enock Gaskell 4. David Davis
5. Richard Fowler 6. Daniel Anderson 7. Wright Bond 8. Stephen Cocke 9. Joseph
Oneal 10. John Steel 11. David Andrews 12 Sterling Ingram...say the defendant
has not paid the debt..to pay twenty dollars & seventy cents damages & costs..
debt - One hundred & thirty eight dollars & 63 1/18 cent

Court adjourned untill tomorrow at 9 o'clock.



KENTUCKY SURVEYS

in Montgomery Co. & Stewart Co., Tenn.

BY MARGARET HARLOW

«» As early as 1779 or 1780 the boundry line between the western lands of Virginia and North Carolina had been in dispute. Later with the formation of the States of Kentucky and Tennessee from these territories, the controversy between Henderson's and Walker's line continued. Tennessee refused to accept Walker's line, favoring Henderson's line which ran about two miles further north.

When the United States obtained the land between the Tennessee River and the Mississippi River from the Chickasaw Indians in 1818, commissioners Andrew Jackson and Isaac Shelby agreed on the 36° 30' latitude which was the original boundry between Virginia and North Carolina as the boundary between Kentucky and Tennessee. This line ran about 16 or 17 miles south of Walker's line.

Tennessee became afraid that Kentucky would claim this line as the boundry east of the Tennessee River instead of Walker's line. So a compromise was reached by the two states. Walker's line would be accepted as the boundary to the Tennessee River and the Munsell Line (36° 30' latitude) would be the accepted line west of the Tennessee River. The unappropriated lands in the disputed area between Walker's line and Munsell's line would be at¹ the disposal of Kentucky. Tennessee was given political control of the area.

This book labeled "Survey Book #6" is found in the Christian County, Kentucky, courthouse. It records the surveys for land granted by Kentucky in western Montgomery County and eastern Stewart County, Tennessee.

Surveys for both of the counties will be included as many of the Stewart County land owners also had land or other connections in Montgomery County. «» «»

¹ J. Milton Henry, The Land Between The Rivers, p. 27

(p.1) Surveyed for Miles P. Reeves 300 acres of land in Stewart County, Tennessee on the waters of the Piney Fork of the West Fork of Red River by virtue of a Kentucky Land Office Warrant No. 21 lying South of Christian County between Walkers line and Latitude 36° 30' North. Beginning at two black oaks and a post Oak N. East corner of Wm Mayes Survey thence East with Elams line 86 poles to a post oak Haywoods corner thence with his line N. 87½ E 170 poles to a small post oak another of his corners thence South 163 poles to two small black oaks hence West 96 poles to a small post oak thence south 46 poles to a small hickory thence West 160 poles to a stake in Mayes' line thence with said line North 202 poles to the beginning. April 19th 1825.

Thos Haskins CC
Edw'd Davis
Wm W. Griffey (marker)

Francis Summers D.S.
for
Edw'd Bradshaw S.C.C.

Surveyed for James Hogan and William Williams 300 acres of land in Stewart County, Tennessee on the waters of the Piney fork of the West fork of Red River. By virtue of a Kentucky land office Warrant No. 1 lying South of Christian County between Walker's line and Latitude 36° 30' North. Beginning at a post oak and a red oak supposed to be at the North- (marked out) S. West corner of Edw'd Yarbroughs 1800 acre tract of land, thence south 160 poles to a Small Post Oak and hickory thence the same corner continued 58½ poles to a stake thence East 220 poles to a large hickory and two small black oaks, thence North passing two Post Oaks Wm Mayes' S. West corner at 20 poles and passing three black oaks at 58½ poles in all 218½ poles to a stake thence West 220 poles to the Beginning. April 19, 1825.

Gardner Mayes CC
Wm Mayes

Francis Summers DS
for
Edw'd Bradshaw DCC

W. Williams Marker

(p. 2) Surveyed for Edward Davis assee of Miles P. Reeves 130 acres of land in Stewart County, Tennessee on the Waters of the Piney fork of the West Fork of Red River by virtue of a Kentucky Land Office Warrant No. 20 lying South of Christian County between Walker's line and Latitude 36° 30' North. Beginning at three Post Oaks William Whitfield's N. West corner thence with his line East 126½ poles to two small black oaks at his N. East corner thence with another of his lines South 16 poles to a small post oak and black oak James Lee's corner thence with his line East 55½ poles to three black oaks two of which grow from one root thence North 126 poles to two small post oaks near a drain thence West 182 poles to four post oaks thence South 110 poles to the beginning. April 19, 1825.

M. P. Reeves CC
Wm W. Griffey
E. Davis (marker)

Francis Summers DS
for
Edw'd Bradshaw DCC

(p. 3) Surveyed for Frederick W. Huling 122½ acres of Land in Stewart and Montgomery Counties on the waters of the Piney fork of the West fork of Red River by virtue of a Kentucky Land Office Warrant No. 86 lying South of Christian County between Walker's line and Lat. 36° 30' Beginning at a White Oak marked H thence East 35 poles to a stake near a Spanish Oak pointer thence with Gilbert's line North 67 poles to three black jacks his corner thence with another of his lines East 92 poles to two White Oaks one of which is marked D Y and a black gum Smith's corner thence with his line N 28 W 113 poles to a black Oak marked I.D.Y. another of Smith's corners thence with another of his lines West 138 poles to a stake thence South 110 poles to a stake standing near a black oak black jack and two post oaks pointers in Thweatt's line thence East with said line 66 poles to three black oaks and a black Jack his corner thence with another of his lines South 58 poles to the Beginning. June 29th 1825.

Wm R. Thweatt
Jesse Gilbert CC

Francis Summers DS
for
Edw'd Bradshaw SCC

Jas Huling (marker)

Surveyed for William R. Thweatt 400 acres of land in Stewart and Montgomery Counties on the Piney fork of the West fork of Red River by virtue of a Kentucky Land Office Warrant No. 99 lying South of Christian County between Walker's line and Lat. 36° 30' Beginning at a post oak N. West corner of said Thweatts 50 acre (p. 4) Survey thence with Chester's line West 21 poles to a post oak and black oak his corner thence with another of his lines South 113 poles to a stake his corner thence ~~with another of his lines~~ (marked out) West with his line 178 poles to a black oak on the bank of a branch his corner in Haywood's line thence South with said line 64 poles to a post oak and Hickory thence East 189 poles to a Small post oak and black oak thence South 25 poles to three small black oaks growing from one root and a small hickory thence East 174 poles to a black gum Sweet gum and hickory on a branch thence South 80 poles to two black oaks thence East 48 poles to a stake near a small post oak pointer in Johnson's line thence with said line North 22 poles to a stake and small post oak pointer thence with another of his lines East 150 poles to two post oaks his corner thence with another of his lines North 107 poles to two black oaks and a post oak thence West 152 poles to a stake in a line of Thweatts 20 acre Survey thence with said line South 27 poles to the S. East corner thereof thence with another of its lines West 64 poles to a post Oak S. West corner thereof thence with another of its lines N. 4 E 64 poles to a hickory N. West corner thereof thence 10 poles to a Small hickory thence North 125 poles to a stake in Huling's line and with his line west 17 poles to a White Oak thence North 58 poles to three black oaks and a black Jack thence West passing his corner at 66 poles in all 119 poles to a large and small black Jack (p. 5) thence South 64 poles to a post oak corner of Thweatt's 50 acre Survey thence with the lines thereof South 70 poles to a stake thence East 118 poles to a Stake thence North 70 poles to two post oaks N. East corner thereof thence West 118 poles to the beginning. June 29th 1825.

Levi Chester
Jesse Gilbert CC

Francis Summers DS
for
Edw'd Bradshaw SCC

Jacob Chester, Marker

Delivered to Young Ewing 22nd Oct 1825 to carry to Frankfort.

(p.5) Surveyed for Thomas D. Beauchamp 290 acres of land in Stewart and Montgomery Counties Tennessee on the waters of Cross Creek by virtue of the whole of two Kentucky Land Office WArrents No 57 and 58 and part of Warrant No. 66 lying South of Christian County between Walker's line and Lat 36° 30' Beginning at a post oak Peter Kendall's S. East corner thence with his line West 204 poles to a Hickory and White Oak thence South 104 poles to a black Jack and black Oak thence East 284 poles to three poplars on the S. East side of a hollow thence North 66 poles to two black Oaks growing from one root thence East 44 poles to a White Oak thence North 118 poles to a black Jack and Post Oak in Lee's line thence with said line West 40 poles to a stake his corner standing about 2 poles N. East of a Drain thence with another of his lines North 64 poles to a stake standing S 25 E 3 poles from a post oak and black oak pointers in Nelson's line and with it west 84 poles to a stake thence South with Kendall's line 144 poles to the Beginning. June 30th 1825.

Wm Varhain &
Elias W. Smith CC.

W. Varhain, marker

Francis Summers DS
for
Edw'd Bradshaw SCC

(p.6) Surveyed for Hugh Stanford 100 acres of land in Montgomery County, Tennessee on the Waters of the Elk fork of the Piny fork of the West fork of Red River by virtue of a Kentucky Land Office Warrant No 98 lying South of Christian County between Walker's line and Lat 36° 30'. Beginning at a black Jack John Wilson's N. West corner thence with his line East 138 poles to two small black Jacks thence North 127 poles to a black oak and black Jack thence West 121 poles to two small black Oaks and a hickory on a Drain in Brodies line thence with said line South 78 poles to two black oaks his corner thence with another of his lines West 17 poles to two small black oaks thence South 49 poles to the beginning. July 6th 1825.

Jno. Wilson
&
Joseph Wilson CC

J. Wilson, marker

Francis Summers DS
for
Edw'd Bradshaw SCC

This Survey was not returned to the Registers office in time and a new Survey was made & recorded on page 32 this book.

E. Bradshaw SCC

Surveyed for Thomas D. Beauchamp 100 acres of Land in Montgomery County, Tennessee on the Waters of North Cross Creek by virtue of a Kentucky Land Office Warrant No. 65 lying South of Christian County between Walker's line and Lat. 30° 30'. Beginning at a White Oak and black Oak supposed to be Minor's(?) and Lee's corner thence West (supposed to be with Lee's line) 136 poles to a small hickory thence South 118 poles to a black Oak and large White Oak standing on the side of a steep hollow thence East 136 poles to a stake thence North 118 poles to the beginning. July 9th 1825.

Jno. Wilson
&
Wm. Smith CC

E. W. Smith, marker

Francis Summers DS
for
Edw'd Bradshaw SCC



Marriage Book 2

Montgomery Co., Tennessee

by Linda Young Carter

(Numbers in Parenthesis indicate original page numbers)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAMES OF PARTIES</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>MINISTER'S RETURN</u>
(188)			
Sept. 27, 1852 #206	J. R. Ragsdale Louvice P. Averitt	H. T. Bogard	none
Sept. 28, 1852 #207	William M. Brown Mary Ann Brown	Edward Hewett	none
Sept. 29, 1852 #208	Henry Harris Matilda Sampson	John W. Hale	Sept. 29, 1852 N. F. Trice JP
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Sept. 19, 1852 #209	Lawson J. Murphy Silvester A. Carney	Thompson Anderson	Sept. 30, 1852 Robert Williams
Oct. 5, 1852 #210	P. C. Hamebaugh Virginia B. Brugess	J. C. Cabiness	none
Oct. 12, 1852 #211	Richard H. Coleman Susan Ann Weatherford	John H. Johnson	Oct. 19, 1852 Wm. Denwiddie MG
July 15, 1852 #212	David Brigham Sarah Mixon	France? M. Dellun?	15 July 1852 James Almon JP
Aug. 18, 1852 #213	Thos. H. Albright Sarah Marshall	Thos. E. Wilcox	August 1852 (no day) Mark Senter MG
Sept. 8, 1852 #214	James M. Gay Mary Kissebech	G. S. Goodman	8 Sept 1852 R. P. Bowling JP
Sept. 30, 1852 #215	John P. Hancock Rebecca E. Tilman	none	30 Sept. 1852 R. P. Bowling JP
Oct. 10, 1852 #216	Wm. B. Whelldron? Mary E. Coffman	James R. Henderson	10th 1852 R. P. Bowling JP
Sept. 29, 185- #217	Thos. E. Fulkerson Siscia B. Hunley	Philip M. Fulkerson	29 Sept. 1852 R. P. Bowling JP
Oct. 3, 1852 #218	Ausburn Rudd Polly Ann Greenfield	William Rudd	13 Oct. 1852 R. P. Bowling JP

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Oct. 19, #219	1852	Green W. Weatherford Martha Caroline Coleman	Morris W. Wilson	19 Oct. 1852 Wm. Denwiddie MG
Oct. 21, #220	1852	John Thomas Tolor Frances Jane Shepherd	Isaiah Tolor	21 Oct. 1852 N. F. Trice JP
Oct. 23, #221	1852	James Manning Eberline Gilbert	Wm M. Searcey	28 Oct. 1852 S. F. Allen JP
Oct. 25, #222	1852	James E. Martin Marian Jones	Noah Ratliff	25 Dec. 1852 John M. Nolen MG
Oct. 25, #223	1852	Benjamin Webb Margaret Davenport	Robert Crank	28 Oct. 1852 James Almon JP
Nov. 3, #224	1852	William Pritchard Mary Susan Morris	Wm. H. Eldridge	3 Nov. 1852 John C. Micke
Nov. 9, #225	1852	Greenberry West Margaret Patterson	T. H. Barton	none
Nov. 9, #226	1852	L. T. Blankenship Virginia Ross	Addison Rust	none
Nov. 9, #227 (94)	1852	L. W. Sampson Margaret Clark	J. G. Ward	Nov. 9, 1852 J. G. Ward MG
Nov. 11, #228	1852	J. T. Hendrick Mary A. Cooke	Bryce Stewart	Nov. 11, 1852 J. F. Edgar
Nov. 22, #229	1852	James B. Peterson Catharine Priestly	J. C. Acre	none
Nov. 22, #230	1852	David D. Buckhannan Lucinda Shepherd	Robert E. Thacker	Nov. 25, 1852 W. B. Walker MG
June 30, #231	1852	Samuel Bradshaw Mary Jane Jeter	Robert Jeter	30 June 1852 J. C. Bryan JP
Oct. 11, #232	1852	Ambrose Manian Nancy E. Ingram	A. T. Howle	11 Oct. 1852 J. C. Bryan JP
Nov. 24, #233	1852	Thomas Ellis Malissa Fips	Benjamin Ferrill	25 Nov. 1852 T. H. Batson JP
Nov. 24, #234	1852	Thomas F. Dailey Susan Chester	John Chester	none
Dec. 1, #235	1852	John W. Wilson Martha W. Wilson	Isaac Peterson	same day N. F. Trice JP
Dec. 2, #236	1852	Edward Apperson Sarah M. Lane	Wm. Chittan	same day N. F. Trice JP

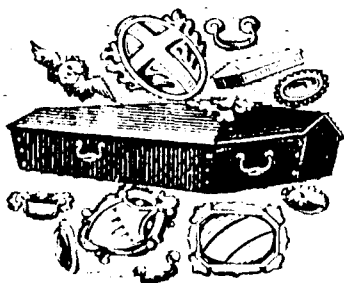
<u>DATE</u> (196)	<u>NAME OF PARTIES</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>MINISTER'S RETURN</u>
Dec. 3, 1852 #237	Benjamin L. Leavell Emma C. Beaumont	J. T. Pendleton	none
June 2, 1852 #238	M. S. Rowland Sarah A. Vaughn	W. G. Davenport	2 June 1852 Willie Smith JP
June 27, 1852 #239	T. L. Bishop M. E. Mills	J. C. Shelton	27 June 1852 Willie Smith JP
Dec. 18, 1852 #240	Jacob Rhinehard Mary Ann Hewitt	John M. Bearden	none
Dec. 7, 1852 #241	G. S. Keesee Mary Ann Bourne	B. R. Neblett	7 Dec. 1852 (no name)
July 20, 1852 #242	James H. Meacham Elizabeth Toler	George G. Shepherd	20 July 1852 Willie Smith JP
Feb. 11, 1852 #243	Joseph Reynolds Martha Callister	F. T. Durham	same day N. F. Trice JP
Sept 24, 1852 #245 (198)	Robert S. Kirby Cynthia Scott	James M. Crabtree	same day N. F. Trice JP
July 21, 1852 #246	James S. Hopson Eliza J. Restner?	James M. Cabness	same day N. F. Trice JP
Dec. 22, 1852 #247	James M. Swift Sarah F. Ussery	Lewis Lowe	23 December 1852 Lewis Lowe MG
Dec. 28, 1852 #248	James H. Pace Sarah Catharine Biggers	T. S Rudolph	none
Dec. 29, 1852 #249	George Graham Sarah Lindly	Chas. Bailey	29 December 1852 G. W. Leigh JP
Dec. 29, 1852 #250	Benjamin C. Felts Sarah R. Allen	Archibald W. Howell	29 December 1852 T. Ramey JP
Dec. 30 1852 251	Wm J. Mart Mary J. Atkinson	Jno?J. Ivey	none

CORRECTION

Marriage Book 2, page 98, #179 in the June 1979 issue should read:

Thomas Davis to Amanda J. Donaldson.

Thanks to Mrs. Ray W. Higgins, 10903 Villa Haven, Dallas, TX 75238, for correcting this error for us. Amanda J. Donaldson was Mr. Higgins great-grand mother. Please correct your copy.



COFFIN BOOK

of Thomas J. Farley

by Anita Whitefield Darnell

Peacher Joseph	Sept the 27 1868	do to Coffin	Pade	\$25.00
James Osbon	Oct the 23 1871	do to Coffin		\$25.00
Quinters (Quintus?) Shepherd	Due on Setelment	do to qt whiskey		1.00
Charls ransdale	do to shugar .50	do to coffee 35		
	do to matches 5	do to cauffee 50	July the 4 pade	
	do to Mackrel 50	do to molases 60		
	do to mackrel 50 pade			
	do to shugar and caufee 1.50	do to matches 15		
	do to molases 5	do to caufee 65		
	do to shugar 25	do to candles 25		
	do to shugar and coffee 4.00	do to shugar 50		
	do to candles 25	do to pound soda 15		
	do to shugar 50	do to half galon molases 60		
	do to mackrel 50	do to bushel and half corn 1.20		
	do to candles Pade.			
Gorg Riggins	Sept the 7 1868	do to coffin for child		7.00
Paul Right	to coffin for child	pade		12.00
Samuel Scuder	do to coffin for wife	<u>pade in fool</u>		30.00
The estate of James Smith	February the 20 1870	do to coffin		\$25.00
The estate of James Smith		do to coffin for child		\$11.00
Moses Saley	Feb. 1868	coffin for wife	pade	\$25.00
M. P. Riggins	November the 14 1871	do to coffin	pade	25.00
James Spears	May 16 1868	do to coffin	pade	25.00
George P. Smith	September 18 1868	do to walnut coffin	pade	10.00
James Smith		to coffin pade		15.00
Punch Smith	March the 1 1869	do to coffin for father Rec'd		25.00
James Smith		do to coffin for child	pade	15.00
Charles Ransdale		to 21 pounds of bacon at 20 cents pr pound		4.10
	July 21	to 17 pounds bacon		3.40
		five bushels of oats		3.75
Earvin Shelby	December the 20 1870	do to coffin for wife		\$30.00

Sam Scuder	June 1869	one hundred and sixteen and half pounds bacon at twenty cents per pound		\$23.30
W. D. Sea	Oct the 3 1870	do to coffin for child	pade	25.00
Spot Leavel	Oct the 20 1868	do to coffin	pade	25.00
Mrs. Mary Thomas	Nov. the 25 1869	do to coffin	pade	40.00
Bud Riggins	Apriel the 12 1871	do to coffin for child		10.00
Joseph Sea	September the 2(blurred) 1871	do to coffin for child		10.00
Washington Street	Oct the 26 1871	do to coffin	pade	35.00
Vaulintine	groceries			
William Vaun	August 16 1869	do to coffin	pade	25.00
Williams	do to repairing chares	3.00		
	pound beeswax	37½		
	bushel potatoes	1.00		
	reparing chares	5.00		
	bale of snuff	.20		
Posted up to January 1868				
Morris Willson	Aug the 11 1871	to coffin for wife		\$35.00
Ash Worters	Feb. 20 1868	coffin	pade	25.00
Thomas Worters	Feb. 25 1868	coffin		10.00
Elanander Wood	reparing chars		pade	1.00
James Wall	May 3, 1869	coffin for wife		25.00
Polly Wood	Sept the 26 1868	Coffin	pade	25.00
A. S. Wood	Oct. the 20 1870	Mahaley Sams wife	pade	25.00
Jefferson Wooten	Oct the 1868	coffin for mother	pade	25.00
Henry Whelas	June 23 1870	to coffin with glass	pade	40.00
Estate of James Wall	Sept 23 1870	coffin		25.00
Legrant Whitfield	December the 29 1870	for negro man	pade	7.00
John White	Feb 1 1871	coffin for child	pade	10.00
Wyats	March the 22 1870	to coffin		25.00
C. A?. filope	January the 16 1872		pade	30.00
Sam Mackilels	January the 4 1873	to coffin	pade	15.00
H. H. Mason	Jan the 8 1873	to coffin	pade	25.00
negro	January the 12 1873	do to coffin	pade	20.00
The Widow Kates	January the 14 1873	do to coffin	pade	30.00
Mrs. Mary Killebrew	January the 5 1873	do to coffin	pade	35.00
Estate of S. L. Garrard	January the 24 74	do to coffin	pade	40.00
Hugh Ivins	January the 24 1874	do to coffin	pade	40.00
W. H. Mason	February the 3 1872	do to coffin	pade	12.00

Nathaniel Hester	February the 5	1872	do to coffin	pade	\$25.00
Mr. Blankinship	February the 7	1872	do to coffin for child		30.00
Estate of William Bulark	February the 15	1872	do to coffin	pade	40.00
William Malerry	February the 23	1872	do to coffin	pade	40.00
W. H. Leigh	February the 20	1875	coffin for Sam Words wife	pade	14.00
James Dyer	February the 22	1875	Rec'd by note coffin for child		20.00
John Merritt by J. K. Merritt	February the 22	1875	do to coffin for Mrs. Wilson		20.00
Estate of C. R. Felops	March 11,	1872	do to coffin for child	pade	10.00
Dock Smith	March the 5	1873	do to coffin	pade	25.00
John Johnson	March the 11	1873	do to coffin for mother	pade	35.00
William Ivins	March the 20	1874	do to coffin	pade	40.00
Estate of Mrs Mary Thomas	Apriel the 7	1872	do to coffin		35.00
Estate of parson Dinwoda	Apriel the 4	1872	do to coffin		40.00
Nat Trice	April	1872	do coffin for child	pade	15.00
William Welker	Apriel the 13	1873	do to coffin	pade 20	25.00
William edmanson	Apriel the 15	1873	do to coffin	pade 7 dollars	10.00
W. D. Taylor	Apriel the 23	1873	coffin for negro	pade	10.00
W. I(J?) Shelby	Apriel the 13	1874	do to coffin	pade	25.00
E. P. Manson	Apriel the 23	1874	do to coffin		5.00
Luther Shepheard	do to			pade	20.00
Estate of Willkerson Ivens	May the 4	1872	do to coffin	pade	40.00
Widow Marible	May the 5	1873	do to coffin for child		15.00
Biron Ferrell	May the 18	73	do to coffin	Rec. 20	30.00
Robert Darnel	May the 30	1873	coffin for child	pade	12.00
R. S.(L?) Trice - G. B. Riggins	June the 5	1873	coffin for isom nots wife	pade	25.00
W. D. Taylor-N. S. Sawyer	June the 15		do to coffin	pade	12.00
Squr eldridg	June the 12	1873	do to coffin		45.00
John edwards	June the 24	1873	do to coffin	pade	20.00
Hugh Ivins	July the 12		do to coffin	pade	20.00
Non noflet	July the 25	1872	do to coffin	pade	25.00
W. D. Taylor	July the 5	1873	do to coffin for child	pade	8.00
Doctor Wilson	July 16	1873	do to coffin for Sarah(blurr)		40.00
A. S. Wood	July the 31	1873	coffin for brother	pade	25.00
John Pruit	Aug 14	1872	coffin for child		8.00
Washington leaval	Aug 5	1873	coffin for child	pade	5.00
Andrew fletcher	Aug 20	1873	coffin for Mrs. Smith	pade	35.00



Queries



BRUCE, SMITH, WILLIAMS, FERRELL: Need information on William Bruce m. Nancy Smith, Rutherford Co., Tn. 1853; He was in Civil War - lived Pope Co., Ill. 1891. Son Benjamin m. Hattie Mae Boyd Williams. Moved to Montgomery Co., Tn., ca 1895. William died in Clarksville 1897. Nancy died in Nashville 1906. Other children were: John; Partheny; and Letha m. Charles Ferrell 1896, Clarksville.

Mrs. Eileen Bruce Baggett, 1494 Golf Club Ln., Clarksville, TN
37040

BOWERS: Would like to correspond with any descendent of James Bowers. Intermarriages may be WALL, SWIFT, FLETCHER, McMURTREY, WILLIAMSON. Will exchange information. Return Postage.

Mrs. Denzil E. Gates, 3607 Bella Vista Drive, Midwest City, OK
73110

GIBBS, HARRIS, MOORE, ADAMS: Need information of Gibbs Family. Stephen married Malinda Duncan Harris on 15 Jan. 1840. A daughter, Mary Ann, married John Reuben Moore. A son, Mark Patterson, married Mary C. Adams.

BARBEE, HORN: Looking for any relative of Ella Barbee born 1 January 1850; died 16 October 1936 in Stewart Co. Married 18 Jan. 1871, Cornelius David Horn.

Mrs. John Horn, 4989 Bryndale, Memphis, Tenn. 38118

ABNEY, DUNN, CALHOUN, WILSON, McGHEE: Need information on Martha Abney m. James Dunn; Elizabeth Abney m. Needham Calhoun; and Sarah Abney. Girls born in 1840s. Sisters of Nathaniel Abney m. Sarah Wilson. They were children of John Abney who had died by 1850. John's wife, Alsey McGhee, remarried 1855 to Noah Smith, Stewart Co., Tenn. John Abney was a son of Nathaniel Abney of Montgomery and Stewart Cos., Tn.

Margaret G. Harlow, 21 Welch St., Clarksville, TN 37040

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