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Sunday, September 14, 2014, BOARD Meeting - 2 pm at Ransom School.

Monday, September 15, 2014, Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Pot Luck Supper at the Rucker-Mason Historic House and Farm (owned by Greg Tucker) in the Porterfield Community. Take Halls Hill Pike (Greenland) and go [approximately 13 miles] thru Porterfield (old store), then **RIGHT** on old (white) school (now a church) onto Northcutt Road and go about 1 mile, then **LEFT** onto Ray Hare Lane which dead-ends at the house gate (about 1 mile). Walking shoes are recommended. **BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC DISH!!!** Greg Tucker will tell us the history of his home and its people .

Monday, October 20, 2014, Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Lisa Meyer will present a program on Civil War Music. She will be presenting selections from her CD of Southern songs and rare gems from the Civil War period.

RANSOM SCHOOL HOUSE IS OPEN ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

The RANSOM SCHOOL HOUSE is now open on Saturdays, 9-12 a.m. If you would like to come and do research using our publications, purchase any of our publications, or just take a tour of the 1920s classroom and the building itself, someone will be there to greet you and assist you. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors. For further information or to sign up, contact: Gwen Boyd - 895-0028

NEW PUBLICATIONS

"Rutherford Ramblings" by Greg Tucker. Here are the latest stories and tales from Rutherford County that our County Historian has collected. Cost: \$24 + \$6 shipping and handling.

"Deaths & Estate Settlements, Vol. 5 (1880 - 1886)" abstracted by Don Detwiler, edited & indexed by Susan G. Daniel (550 pages). Abstracts from the Rutherford Co. courts (including Circuit & Chancery) as well as additional information concerning the recorded account not found in the records, but published elsewhere such as Census, Mortality Schedules, Newspapers, etc. Cost: \$40 + \$6 shipping and handling. Send check made to RCHS, P. O. Box 906, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0906.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Our Society's new year, 2014-2015, begins now in September. Please put the RCHS 3rd Monday meetings on your 2014-2015 Calendars. December is the only month the Society does not meet. Read your Frow Chips for additional events and changes. Contribute information about Rutherford County History to our Editor, Susan Daniel. Check out the Rutherford County TN Historical Society web site WWW.rutherfordtnhistory.org The Society's Facebook site has a very nice collection of pictures posted by our web master, Frank Caperton. PARTICIPATE, CONTRIBUTE, and VOLUNTEER to *Your Society*. Joyce Johnson, President - brujohn@comcast.net

RCHS Slate of Officers for 2014-2015 - This slate of nominees and any other nominees presented will be voted on at the September 15 meeting.

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All meetings are free and open to the public. Membership in the Rutherford County Historical Society is open to all persons. Annual membership dues of \$25 per person/family are to be paid by September 1st of each year. Each annual membership is entitled to 6 issues of "Frow Chips". Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month [except November and December] at 7:00 p.m. (See Daily News Journal "Calendar of Events" for information on each monthly meeting). The November meeting is set aside for the Annual Membership Banquet. There is no meeting in December. Regular meetings will be held at the Rutherford Co. Archive, 435 Rice St.

Web site [includes publication list]:
www.rutherfordtnhistory.org

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 Extra copies of Frow Chips\$4.00
 Past publications, please contact Gwen Boyd (615)895-0028 (gwenboyd2@bellsouth.net) or write the Society at the above address.

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**The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1887
History of Tennessee (in several volumes)**

Westin A. Goodspeed, Nashville publisher, began selling historical books in the early 1880s. He combined state history with local history and biography, and published books by region. The works provide an important snapshot of the lives and the economic situation that existed at that time. The works are viewed as a significant resource for American genealogists because they contain economic data and personal biographies of many prominent citizens.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY

[Editor's Note: Copies of Goodspeed's History of Tennessee counties and in particular, Rutherford County, are located at Linebaugh Library in its "History Room." The following is only a portion of the History of Rutherford County as reported by Mr. Goodspeed. The biographies below are as Mr. Goodspeed published them. However, I believe there are errors in the names as well as the spellings.]

Samuel Wilson, grandfather of Col. [Robert] Jetton, is said to have visited the vicinity of Jefferson as early as 1788-89, and marked out lands. He soon after returned with his family and settled at Wilson Shoals on Stones River. He has the honor of having planted the first corn within the forks of Stones River; also of having killed the last elk in the county, near Murfree Spring. He left a large and respectable family and died in 1827, and was buried with the honors of war near where the United States Cemetery now is. Thomas Nelson, Thomas Howell and William Adkinson settled near Stewart Creek. Col. Robert Weakley and Robert Bedford each owned grants at the confluence of the east and west forks of Stones River. These lands were taken up previous to 1800. It was largely through the influence of these two men that the first seat of justice was located at Jefferson. William Nash, who, with Col. Weakley, surveyed the line separating Rutherford from Davidson, is said to have owned the first store in the county. It was he who administered the oath of office to the justices of the first county court. Nimrod Menifee settled the land now marked by the United States Cemetery. The place is marked by two historic events, one the opening of the second year of the county courts, and the other, fifty-seven years later, within a few days, the opening of the second year of the war and with it one of the bloodiest battles of modern times. Robert Overall settled near Overall Creek, to which his name was given. His family has been prominent in the history of the county since its inception.

Another early settler in that vicinity was Capt. Richard Ransom, who came from North Carolina in 1810 and settled near the head of Overall Creek. Rev. James Bowman was another settler in that vicinity, and was one of the early ministers of the Presbyterian Church. Each of the last was the head of a large family. Charles Ready settled near Readyville, to which his name was given. He settled in the county about 1800, and was one of the seven justices that constituted the first court in Rutherford County; also he was one of the seven commissioners to select a new county seat, appointed by the General Assembly in October, 1811. Of all these he was last to die. Thomas Rucker, another one of the seven justices, lived between Murfreesboro and Jefferson; his place came in one vote of being made the county seat, instead of Murfreesboro. Richard Sanders and family came from North Carolina about 1806, and settled on Stones River, in the neighborhood called "Raleigh." In the same vicinity were the Floyds, Brashears, Wights and Goodloes. Murfreesboro marks the settlement of Capt. William Lytle.

The great natural feature of this county caused more good mills to be erected at an early day than was the case in other places. A few tread-mills were established in the county, but the vast majority of the mills were

propelled by water-power. Thomas Rucker built a mill on his place called the "Cave" Mill in 1799. Louis Anthony's mill was built on Stones River, adjoining Henry Gillam's place, in 1804. Cummings' and Smith mills each existed at the beginning of 1804. John M. Tilford built a grist and saw-mill on the west fork of Stones River, near the Salem Pike, in 1814-15; a distillery was added to this later. Samuel Tilford built a mill on the east fork in 1815. David Dickinson built a mill on the west fork in 1809, and in the same year James Rucker built a cotton-gin, the first in the county. . . The following kept ordinaries previous to 1820: William Mitchell, William Nash, Harvey Pope, Charles O'Flynn, Hugh Good, James Hill, William Hansbrough, W. R. Hearn, Thomas Mayfield, Peter Williams, William Rather and T. Goodrich.

It is claimed that William Nash started the first trade-store in the county. This was near Jefferson about 1803. The usual stock in trade consisted of few articles of dry goods, some groceries, a little powder and lead and the inevitable barrel of whisky. Money being scarce a system of exchange was instituted. Large ox hides were rated at about \$4; inferior ones proportionately less; wolf scalps, at \$2.50 each, receivable for taxes; deer skins, 50 cents; deer "saddles," 50 cents per pair; 'coon skins, 25 cents each. These, with other produce, were sent to New Orleans by flat-boat, a journey requiring a month or more to complete. Dollars were frequently cut into halves or quarters and given for change, hence two "bits," four "bits," etc. Food consisted solely of the product of the farm and forest. A little corn was raised, and either eaten as hominy or made into an indifferent meal, and then into bread. Turkey, deer and elk abounded; hogs were allowed to run at large, and when wanted were hunted down and shot; clothing was made of the coarsest homespun.

Articles of household furniture were simple and plain. Gourds and cows' horns were dressed, and, with a handle adjusted, were used for drinking vessels. Stills were as numerous as the mills, and the whisky barrel as common as the meal tub. Instead of the social "glass" of the more refined society, they were simply asked to take a "horn," i.e., a drink; hence the origin of the expression "take a horn." Dr. Thomas Norman was born on the night following the completion of the survey of the county, which had been assigned to William Nash and Col. Robert Weakley, consequently he is the first child born in Rutherford County.

Black Fox Camp Spring was a marked place during the Indian troubles. There is a beautiful tradition of the celebrated Black Fox, who, when he was overpowered by his enemies, rather than fall into their hands, leaped into the spring with his arms and sank from sight. The story would have been incomplete had he not come to light again, and the tradition that buried him brought him out alive at Murfree Spring. About three miles from Murfreesboro is the old Bradley race track, which was a famous resort for sportsmen since 1820. Col. Robert Smith was a prominent figure in those races. Betting, card playing, and the usual accompaniment were common at those races. Near this old race track is the old Indian dance ground, which is a circular track dug out of the earth and rock. Neither history nor tradition tells of its origin.

. . . [In the early records] there were four persons imprisoned for debt. Stocks were also built at Jefferson, where persons were bound hand and foot for lighter offenses. A whipping post was also erected on the corner of the Square for the punishment of graver offenses. Samuel McBride, the sheriff, demanded of the court a suitable jail for prisoners in his possession. A temporary jail was erected at the organization of the court, but he was now accommodated with a better one. On moving the county seat to Murfreesboro a new jail was built by the commissioners of Murfreesboro on College Street, a little north of the present jail. This building was of brick, two stories high and was erected by Mr. Dickson. This building was used as a jail till 1852, when it was sold to William

Spence for \$700. On October 4, 1850, Mr. J. Lidsey, W. H. Helms, B. Clayton, J. E. Dromgoole, N. W. Carter and John Burke were appointed to a committee to investigate the needs of the county in regard to the jail. The committee reported the old jail unfitted for repairs and that a new one was necessary. The contract for the new jail, on the present site, was let to Thomas J. Bulgett September 11, 1852. The total cost of the building was \$7,984, with some unfinished work on the outside.

. . . Previous to the passage of the acts of 1826-27 by the General Assembly, the poor, whom we always have with us, were kept at private houses and allowances were made by the court for their care under the head of a "poor woman" or a "pauper." On November 17, 1828, the board of justices appointed John Fletcher, Rob Miller, James C. Mitchell, Thomas Powell and H. D. Jamison, as commissioners "to select and locate an institution for the poor. The sheriff, U. S. Cummins, was ordered to give notice of such action. February, 1829, they reported that they had decided to purchase 100 acres of land within eight miles of Murfreesboro. . . and to build a brick house, and the commissioners accordingly levied a tax on land and on White and Black polls for that purpose. On August 17, 1829, the commissioners purchased 100 acres of land where "John Alexander (deceased) lived" for \$400, and in their report stated that it would not be necessary to rebuild as \$100 worth of repairs would give ample accommodations. The report of the commissioners was received and met the approval of a majority of the justices. The farm lay on Cripple Creek, within seven miles of Murfreesboro.

. . . The first turnpike in the county was the Nashville, Murfreesboro & Shelbyville Pike. The charter was granted in 1831, and the work was immediately begun. The State gave aid to the amount of one-half, and the remainder was soon furnished by individuals. Commissioners were appointed and the road was surveyed and ready for work in a short time. John and James Holmes, two energetic and somewhat eccentric Irishmen, obtained the contract for ten miles of the road toward Nashville. Ground was broken July 4, 1832. Feasting, toasting and speech making were indulged in on account of the great event. They were "wined and dined" and lauded over their enterprise. Subsequently these contractors completed five miles more of the road toward Shelbyville. The road was completed and gates erected and ready for business in 1842. The report of the pike superintendent for 1885 shows an old balance, gate receipts, etc., to the amount of \$10,315.50, disbursed on repairs and dividend \$8,208.60, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,106.90 and the road in good condition. The Cumberland & Stone's River Pike was chartered by the Legislature in 1836, and work soon after begun. Thomas Buckley contracted for the first three and one-half miles from Murfreesboro for \$1,800, one-half payable in bonds. After many difficulties this road was completed and is now one of the best in the county. The Murfreesboro & Manchester Pike was chartered about the same time as the latter, the State giving aid in each case; the receipts for this road for the last year were \$2,408.50, no report of expenditures of the road are at hand. The Woodbury Pike was chartered in 1851. The receipts for this road for the year ending January, 1886, were \$3,087.70; expenditure, \$3,511.21, being an excess of \$423.51. The Wilkerson Cross Roads Pike show receipts of \$936.90; disbursements of \$1,054.63, being an excess of \$117.73. This road was chartered in 1858 and built by the Wilkerson Turnpike Company. The road is reported in good condition. The Murfreesboro & Salem Road is reported in good condition with receipts at \$1,767, and expenditures the same. The superintendent's report shows the Eaglesville & Salem Road to be in good condition, the receipts for the year being \$1,233.34; disbursements \$1,019.50, leaving a balance of \$213.84. The receipts for the Eagleville, Unionville & Shelbyville Pike were \$1,086.75; expenditures for repairs, \$649.82 with a balance of \$436.93. The Murfreesboro, Liberty

via Lascassas Road receipts were \$1,633.10; the expenditures \$1,809.74, being an excess of \$165.64. The Murfreesboro & Bradyville gave receipts of \$1,793.18, and called for \$1,560.78 expenditures, with a surplus of \$232.50. The receipts of the Jefferson & Lascassas Road were \$1,208.71; expenditure not given. The Murfreesboro & Liberty Road via Hall's Hill, received at its gates \$1,088.40 and disbursed \$900, the remaining surplus still to be used in repairs. From the above it will be seen that the county is well supplied with pikes. It is doubtful if any county in the State can boast of as many and as good pikes or more efficient and accommodating officials.

. . . The market house building, though distinctly a part of the town, is mentioned here as it was used for public purposes. The building stood on the north side of the Square, near the public well. It was built by the first town commissioners in 1815. It was simply a shed 20 x 40 feet, standing on brick pillars and divided into stalls. January 1, 1830, Jonathan Huggins secured the contract for enlarging and improving the building. This was the common place of auction sales by constables, sheriff, etc., of Negroes and other property. The building was destroyed during the war.

. . . At the close of the first quarter session [January 1804] the court adjourned to meet in April at the "forks of Stones River." At this court Bennett H. Henderson was admitted as an attorney, and Parry W. Humphreys was made solicitor for the county. The court continued to meet at the forks of Stones River (Jefferson) till January, 1805, when the first session of that year was held at the house of Simon Miller, situated about five miles north of Murfreesboro. At this court there were present the "Worshipful" Tomas Rucker, John Howell, John Hill and Thomas Thompson. This court appointed Robert T. N. Smith, revenue collector, who reported forty-six bodies of land subject to double taxation from failure to report the same for taxation; these bodies of land varied in size from 100 to 3,000 acres. The July term of court again met at the forks of Stone River in 1805. The court fined C. Dement \$1 for "contemptuous behavior of court," also the first ad quad damnum suit was tried. [Note: Used in tort law. Implies that the reward or penalty ought to correspond to the damage suffered or inflicted.] This suit was brought by Henry Gilliam against Lewis Anthony, who had erected a mill-dam on Stones River, but twelve "good and lawful men" said that Gilliam was entitled to no damage. Pending the erection of the courthouse at Jefferson, which had been selected as a county seat, the court met from this time till April, 1806, at Nimrod Menifee's, near the National Cemetery; while at Menifee's Rucker, Thompson and Ready held court.

. . . [In 1805] the court allowed Joseph Henson the privilege of building a grist-mill on the east fork of Stones River. James Hamilton was fined by this court for beating E. Grady. John H. Bowen was made a solicitor for the year 1808. Abel Russel was fined \$50 for slandering William Hamilton, and Peter Legrand got \$10 for an assault upon Peter Anderson. Thomas Rucker received a \$600-judgment against Col. Edward Bradford for false imprisonment. The case grew out of some supposed misdemeanor on the part of Rucker at a militia drill, in which he incurred the displeasure of Bradford, who ordered Rucker's neck placed between two rails of a fence and he was kept there to await the pleasure of the Colonel. On his release he brought suit against Bradford for false imprisonment with the above judgment. Soon after both became members of the Baptist Church, and as brothers the debt was forgiven. William Bowen was fined \$5 for an assault upon Bird Hurst, and Samuel Rogers \$92 for a like offense against William Collier, and in a counter suit Collier received a judgment of \$275 against Rogers for slander. David Ferguson was assessed 25 cents for slandering J. P. H. Lemon, and the court, that it might not be too severe on Ferguson, divided costs between plaintiff and defendant. Henry Davis was fined 6¼ cents for beating John Thompson "contrary to the form and statutes made

and provided." William Edwards was assessed \$7 for a like assault upon John Barker. In the court at Jefferson, William B. Robinson, Henry Minor and Thomas H. [Hart] Benton were admitted to the bar. The latter is said to have pleaded his first case at Jefferson. He was at this time a resident of Franklin, Williamson County. He represented Rutherford and Williamson in the State Senate in 1809. His record as a statesman and senator from Missouri for thirty years is well known.

In 1807 Felix Grundy was admitted as an attorney. He was a noted criminal lawyer, and was well known in political circles. He was a member of the Legislature while at this place, and was for many years a United States senator from this State. Bennet Smith was made cotton inspector in 1807, and in 1808 he became solicitor for the county, which position he held for a number of years. He is said to have been a man somewhat eccentric in his ways, a man of strong likes and bitter dislikes. He was a lawyer, farmer and financier.

[Murfreesboro] as originally surveyed by Hugh Robinson, contained seventy lots each 150 feet square, being numbered from the northwest corner to the northeast from one to twelve inclusive. The Legislature passed eighteen rules and regulations to govern the town while under the first town board. In 1815 the General Assembly passed an act for the relief of the seven commissioners of Murfreesboro against any claims that might arise against them while they were discharging their official duties. Capt. William Lytle built a mill, blacksmith shop and afterward a cotton-gin near Murfreesboro in 1808. The first house was built within the corporate limits of the town in 1811. A. Carmichael built the first tavern in Murfreesboro near the "Pump Spring." Col. Joel Dyer moved his tavern from Jefferson to Murfreesboro in 1812; this building stood till burned in 1854. Col. Robert Jetton built a tavern on South Main Street of cedar logs, that stood till burned in 1853. J. Renshaw also built a tavern near the southeast corner of the Public Square. Porter & Spence moved their dry goods store from Jefferson to Murfreesboro in 1813. The town was now growing rapidly. A public warehouse was built near the creek on Main Street in 1813. All cotton and tobacco had to be placed in some one of the three houses in the county for inspection before sale. W. A. Sublett and L. Mathews were made inspectors in 1813. The fees for opening and recooperage was about \$1.50 per hogshead for tobacco and cotton in a similar ratio. On November 15, 1817, J. Haskell deeded Lots 71 and 72 to Bradley Academy. . . . Hugh Cabell was made sealer of weights and measures for the town and county. The rates fixed were for a bushel measure 50 cents; pecks, 15 cents; half peck, 12½ cents; gallon, half gallon and two quarts, 25 cents. In 1818 the town well was ordered begun, but was not finished till 1824; owing to a destructive fire all wooden chimneys were ordered pulled down, and brick or Stone substituted instead. Also a fire-watch of twelve men were put on duty. The Subletts were allowed \$98 for printing the town ordinances in 1818. Stumps were ordered removed from the streets. Few buildings at this time were adorned with paint. The first brick house erected in town was built this year by John M. Tilford, west of where the present National Bank now stands.

. . . . In 1831 the Washington Cotton Factory was started by Mr. Lowery; this had a horse head-wheel for motive power. From the success of this a new company was formed, consisting of Messrs. Masterson, Christy, Lowery & Johnson. A large second-hand engine and machinery was placed in position, the whole at a cost of about \$25,000. It was an unfortunate financial investment. It soon passed into the hands of Dr. James Maney, then to --- & Watson, next to Moore & Cox, and then to Field for \$4,000. William Somerhall purchased the entire business for \$1,500. In 1833 a report was made to the city council on the feasibility of establishing a system of water-works. A favorable report was made and the estimated cost was \$1,000. It was proposed to raise the water from the

Sand Spring in large tubs, to be conveyed to the top of Capitol Hill upon a wooden railway; the same to be elevated by horse-power. The water was to be led from Capitol Hill, by cedar tubes, into an air-tight tank in the court-yard square; thence, by hydrants, to the places of business. The work was completed and the Rose Water-Works were set in operation. After a short time they were found to be a failure. The first drug store was started by H. H. Treadaway, on the east side of the square, in 1837; another was soon after started by Avent & Carney, which was afterward sold to J. H. Nelson. The first grocery store was started by Jacob Decker in 1837; a large carriage factory was started the same year by H. Osborn & Co. Other jewelers than those mentioned were F. Garland, James Reed, A. O. H. P. Sehorn, R. D. Reed, William Roulet and J. Lukins. In 1850 a new drug store was started by John McDermott; a hardware and grocery store, by John C. Spence; a book store, by R. D. Reed; a second book store was owned by Craig & Fletcher, which was sold to Fowler & Davis. The livery stables at this time were owned by Todd & Carnahan, Todd & Barkley. A carriage shop was run by R. & S. Smith. The Cedar Bucket Factory was started by J. C. Spence in 1854.

The Rio Mills were erected in 1855 by W. S. Huggins & Co. The building was a large four-story brick, and was run by two twenty-five horse-power engines, and had a capacity of about 200 barrels of flour per day. The whole cost about \$25,000. These mills were sold to William Spence, who, in 1860, added a distillery, and at this place fed many hogs. These mills were used by the armies during the war and were greatly damaged. 1855 was noted for the great fire in this city, in which the City Hotel, as well as many other buildings, was burned. The first gas-works were built in this city in 1857. Mains were laid and the business was started by making gas from resin oil and cotton seed, but, the war interfering, the matter was not fully tested.

The war made Murfreesboro a great military camp. The troops enlisted were usually sent to Camp Trousdale for instruction. The first appearance of Federals in the place was March 7, 1862, and on the 10th Gen. Mitchell took formal possession of the place. July 13, 1862, Nathan Bedford Forrest made his celebrated raid upon the town, capturing a large number of prisoners. This strange coincident occurred during the engagement: In the attack upon Maney Springs 21 Federals were killed and no Confederates; in the attack upon the court house 23 Confederates were killed and no Federals; in the fight at the river 2 on each side were killed. After the battle of Stone River the city was again in the hands of Federals, they having taken possession January 4, 1863. All the churches and the colleges were used as hospitals for the sick and wounded, first by the Confederate, afterward by the Federal Army. In 1866 the Cedar Bucket Factory passed into the hands of the Stones River Utility Works. It was started in the old cotton factory, but has since moved to its present building. April 15, 1869, marks the era of the "great fire," in which a large number of business houses were destroyed.

. . . . The first newspaper ever published in Murfreesboro was The Courier. The initial number of this little sheet made its appearance June 16, 1814. It was issued from the office on the corner of Vine and Lebanon Streets, by G. A. and A. C. Sublett. The Courier was like other papers; at times it gave the news rather than the expression of opinions. The press was one of the Franklin style, not unlike that on which was printed the Declaration of Independence. Mail service was furnished once a week at this time, but to facilitate exchanges private carriers carried papers to Nashville. The Weekly Times was established in Murfreesboro in 1837, and was the organ of the Democratic party. It was edited by Thomas Hegan. The Tennessee Telegraph said: "The union of the Whigs for the sake of the Union." Its motto signified its politics. It was edited by E. J. King. This editor, like the modern editor, saw the salvation of the country

depended upon the support of his paper and his party. The National Vidette was established by G. A. Sublett in Murfreesboro in 1828. It favored the election of Andrew Jackson for President in opposition to John Quincy Adams. It was an "anti-administration" paper. The Murfreesboro News was established in 1859 by A. Watkins, and was edited by G. T. Henderson, as a neutral political paper, but in 1852 it was changed to a Democratic paper. The paper was conducted by Mr. Henderson till it was suspended on account of the war, the type and press having been destroyed by the Federal Army. The Telegraph was the Whig organ of the county and was edited first by T. Taylor and afterward by R. S Northcott. This paper continued till the war. The Murfreesboro News was again started by Mr. Henderson in January, 1866, and was continued till 1878, when it was sold to other parties. The News is now owned and edited by W. C. Frost, a young and vigorous writer, who conducted the paper in a very successful manner. The Free Press showed that the Messrs. Henderson knew how to edit a paper. The Gold Eagle was the organ of the colored people. It was begun in January, 1886, but suspended publication until the middle of February on account of machinery. The paper was a seven column edition and was edited by Dr B. Andrew Franklin. It was issued from the office of Russell & Ransom.

BIOGRAPHIES

[Editor's Note: Each Goodspeed book contained information on counties in a particular section of the state. Most follow a standard format: first, a description and short history of each county is given, followed by a section containing biographical and genealogical data concerning certain "prominent" citizens of the area. The information for these publications was collected by door to door salesmen who peddled these books throughout the regions. Those who purchased a copy of the book for their section in advance had an opportunity to contribute information on their family for the finished volume. Producing this type of "vanity" publication was a common practice. Here are the individuals whose genealogical and biographical histories are listed in the Rutherford County edition. In some cases, I have expanded the genealogical information given, based upon my own research, which may be subject to dispute.]

Adkerson, John H., son of James B. & Priscilla [Jones] Adkerson, m. 1854 Sarah "Sally" Sneed
Alexander, Andrew "Andy" M., son of Andrew M. Sr. & Nancy [Doran] Alexander, m. 1837 Rebecca Wright widow 1 st of Gideon Rucker & widow 2 nd of Robert L. Thompson
Alexander, Mrs. Annie E. [Suttle] (1814-1898) widow of Albert G. Alexander (1810-1862)
Alexander, Benjamin F., son of Madison H. & Catherine [Suttle] Alexander
Allen, James W. of Warren Co., NJ, m. 1860 Sarah E. Lane
Anderson, Maj. Charles W., son of Henderson "Harry" & Adaline [Dickson] Anderson, m. 1852 Martha Ann Love
Anderson, James L., son of George W. & Martha M. [Carter] Anderson, m. 1845 Emily M. Beesley

Arnold, Horace N., son of Edwin A. & Harriet [McClanahan] Arnold, m. 1885 Fannie S. Butler
Avent, Frank, Esq., son of Maj. James Monroe & Mary W. [Childress] Avent
Avent, Maj. James Monroe, son of James & Mary Avent of VA, m. 1857 Mary W. Childress
Baird, James S., son of Josiah & Sarah [McKnight] Baird
Boring, Sterling B., son of Amos & Nancy [Etter] Boring, m. 1 st Martha Louisa Edwards (d. 1854); m. 1855 2 nd Elizabeth Edwards
Batey, Benjamin B., son of Benjamin & Tabitha [Searcy] Batey, m. 1866 Catherine "Kittie" O. Miller
Batey, Granville Crockett, son of William G. W. & America [Crockett] Batey, m. 1876 Lucy Haynes
Battle, Francis "Frank" Marion, son of Joel & Adaline [Mosley] Battle, m. 1866 Bettie Howse
Beard, Capt. Richard, Esq., son of Rev. Richard & Cynthia [Castleman] Beard, m. 1870 Maria L. Dromgoole
Beesley, Christopher, son of Christopher, Sr. & Susan [Ridout] Beesley, m. 1876 Bettie O. Pope
Beesley, John T., son of Christopher, Sr. & Susan [Ridout] Beesley, m. 1865 (divorced) 1 st Martha A. Jobe; m. 1883 2 nd Mary Mathews
Beesley, William, son of Christopher, Sr. & Susan [Ridout] Beesley, m. 1866 Alice G. Elliott
Bell, William R., son of Robert F. Bell, m. 1881 Nellie Frost
Black, Dr. Samuel P., son of Dr. Thomas C. & Catherine W. [Morton] Black
Bock, Adam from Germany, m. 1869 Virginia "Jennie" Jordan
Brittain, Columbus Lafayette, son of John & Martha M. [Smith] Brittain, m. 1869 1 st Mary L. Brothers; m. 1873 2 nd Frances M. Batey
Brown, Robert S., son of Solomon & Evaline [Kimmons] Brown, m. 1864 Alice Booker
Butler, Isaac Henson, son of Thomas O. & Permelia [Ware] Butler, m. 1865 Mary Elizabeth Murphey
Byrn, Charley H., son of William B. & Sarah C. [Hunt] Byrn
Campbell, John A., son of Samuel & Elvira [Eagleton] Campbell, m. 1877 Nettie Sumpter
Cannon, Joseph Lafayette, Esq., son of Alanson & Elizabeth [Sharp] Cannon, m. 1860 Margaret A. Beard
Carlton, Thomas F., son of Blake & Mary [Walker] Carlton

Cawthorn, Alfred M., son of James & Nancy [McDowell] Cawthorn, m. 1 st Rhoda V.; m. 2 nd Sallie; m. 3 rd Vienna Manor
Clayton, Dr. Henry H., son of Benjamin, Sr. & Lockey [Quarles] Clayton, m. 1 st Mary Louisa Helm; m. 1874 2 nd Harriet "Hattie" A. Holt, widow of Richard H. Keeble
Clayton, James, son of Benjamin, Sr. & Lockey [Quarles] Clayton, m. 1868 Hadassa Cowan
Coleman, Robert A., son of Edwin C. & Mary E. [Wrather] Coleman, m. 1882 Ida Fly
Collins, Carrol of New York, m. 1884 Lizzie Garrett
Cox, Thomas W., m. 1870 Emma Overall
Crichlow, James H., son of Thomas H. & Helen M. [Wasson] Crichlow, m. 1874 Emma Lane
Crosthwait, Dr. George D., son of Shelton & Elizabeth [Thompson] Crosthwait of Virginia, m. 1836 1 st Frances <u>Eliza</u> Burton; m. 1862 2 nd Caroline Fran Harding
Davis, Dr. James W., son of William H. & Mary [Broughton] Davis, m. 1860 Mrs. Mary J. Weakley
Davis, William Lewis, Jr., son of Charles L. & Elizabeth [Sanders] Davis, m. 1856 Sarah "Sally" E. Searcy
Dickens, Jasper F. (1829-1885), son of Baxter B. & Nancy [Holt] Dickens, m. 1858 Mary J. Prater
Dill, Dr. James Madison, Jr., son of Isaac & Gilley [Cooper] Dill, m. 1857 Justiana P. Kelton
Drumright, William Buckner, son of William & Elizabeth [Rainey] Drumright, m. 1868 Martha Frances Wrather
Dykes, Dr. John Netherlands, m. 1857 1 st Sallie Long; m. 1880 Margaret "Maggie" E. Carlton, widow of Robert M. Smotherman
Earthman, Ira Overton, son of William W. & Elizabeth [Bumpass] Earthman, m. 1885 Anna Rivens
Earthman, William B., son of William W. & Elizabeth [Bumpass] Earthman, m. 1877 Mattie T. Frost
Elam, Daniel Franklin, son of Edward & Rebecca [Wade] Elam, m. 1855 Priscilla Eleanor "Ellen" Crawford
Elam, Dr. Thomas Jefferson, son of Edward & Rebecca [Wade] Elam, m. 1861 Sarah "Sallie" Elizabeth Snell
Ewing, Edwin H., Esq., son of Nathan Ewing, grandson of Andrew Ewing, m. 1832 Rebecca P. Williams
Ewing, Josiah W., son of Edwin H. & Rebecca P. [Williams] Ewing, m. 1855 Ada Byron Hord

Farris, John Wesley, son of Rev. Charles Blackman & May [Ransom] Farris, m. 1866 Mary Anna Elizabeth "Lizzie" Hopkins
Farris, Richard W., m. 1865 1 st Elizabeth Zilpha Jackson; m. 1880 2 nd Mattie L. Mathews
Fletcher, Minos L., son of John D. & Martha [Howlet] Fletcher, m. 1841 Lucretia H. Overall
Fowler, Thomas B., son of Rezin & Hester [Craft] of Cannon Co., TN, m. 1868 Sallie Majors, wid of Dr. William T. Richardson
Fox, William R., son of William & Tennie [Rowden] Fox, m. 1885 Susan "Sue" Smith
Frame, Capt. Thomas born in Ireland, m. 1869 Sarah Graham, widow of Adam Hawthorn
Frost, Walter C., son of William D. & Mattie L. [Brown] Frost
Gilley, John A., son of Peterson & Elizabeth [Carnahan] Gilley, m. 1866 Nancy J. McCrary
Goodwin, John Buchanan, son of George & Jane T. Buchanan, m. 1845 Leodocia Thompson
Hale, Joseph P., son of Ellis H. & Mary E. [Miller] Hale, m. 1853 Elizabeth C. Vaughan
Hall, John W., Esq., son of John & Charlotte [Gambill] Hall, m. 1859 Mary J. Shelton
Hall, Mrs. Julia A. [Gault], daughter of Isaiah & Mary [Rainey] Gault of Bedford Co., TN, widow of John L. Hall
Harris, John Coffee, Jr., son of John Coffee, Sr. & Jane P. [Ragsdale] Harris, m. 1866 1 st Annie M. Green; m. 1884 2 nd Maggie Green
Harris, Dr. Robert B., son of John Coffee, Sr. & Jane P. [Ragsdale] Harris, m. 1 st Susie R. Hill; m. 1883 2 nd Kittie V. Jackson, widow of Alexander Byers
Haynes, William Rufus, son of Ivy J. C. & Elvira [Fletcher] Haynes, m. 1878 Sophia M. Reeves
Henderson, James F., son of Logan & Margaret E. [Johnson] Henderson, m. 1832 Amanda Voorhies
Hill, James W. of Texas, m. 1863 Sarah "Sallie" J. McLean
Hirsch, Moses, son of Henry Hirsch
Hodge, Samuel H., Jr., son of Samuel H., Sr. & Sarah C. [Mitchell] Hodge, m. 1868 Emma Smith
Hollowell, Thomas R., son of Edwin C. & Ann M. [Crockett] Hollowell, m. 1867 Nannie P. Jobe
Huggins, Camillus Brennus Sr., son of Jonathan & Elizabeth W. [Smith] Huggins, m. 1855 Sarah Elizabeth "Sallie" Ridley

Ivie Thomas G. (1837-1872), son of Charles D. & Judith [Wood] Ivie, m. 1870 Sallie Lawing
Jackson, Nathan R., Jr., son of Nathan R., Sr., & Indiana [Windrow] Jackson, m. 1873 Emma Lee Dawson
Jamison, Prof. Robert David, son of Henry D. & Sarah W. [Thomas] Jamison, m. 1860 Camilla Patterson
Jenkins, James F., son of Hiram H., Jr. & Nancy [Puckett] Jenkins, m. 1864 1 st Lizzie Wilson; m. 2 nd Beulah Clement
Jetton, Col. Robert B., Sr., son of Robert & Nancy [Wilson] Jetton, m. 1857 3 rd Esther L. Murfree
Job, Elihu C., son of James & Catherine [Pitt] Job of Maury Co., TN, m. 1833 Mary W. Smith
Johnson, Columbus M., son of John & Jane [Miller] Johnson, m. 1854 Mary Davis
Jones, Mrs. [Elizabeth] "Lizzie" H. [Miller], daughter of Alfred & Narcissa [Bradford] Miller, widow of Amzi Jones (1841-1878)
Jones, William S., son of Albert & Jancy J. [Jones] Jones
Jordan, Edward L., son of Archer & Elizabeth [Walker] Jordan of Williamson Co., TN, m. 1840 1 st Martha Fletcher; m. 2 nd Mrs. Jane Carothers Cook
Jordan, Minos Cannon (1820-1879), son of Johnson & Rachel [Hill] Jordan, m. 1842 Elizabeth W. Jordan
Keyes, Dr. Robert F., son of Henry & Martha [Taylor] Keyes, m. 1867 Josephine Hood
Killough, Capt. William Davis, son of James M., Sr., & Matilda [Martin] Killough, m. 1872 Alice Cunningham
Kimbrow, Mrs. Amanda [Frazier], widow of John <u>Basey</u> Kimbro (1831-1872), son of Azariah & Nancy [Basey] Kimbro
King, Col. James Moore, m. 1821 Martha Batey
King, Charles Hayes, son of James Moore & Martha [Batey] King, m. 1866 Ann Wood
King, John H., son of James Moore & Martha [Batey] King, m. 1852, Ophelia Alexander Rucker
King, William H., son of James Moore & Martha [Batey] King, m. 1871 Olivia M. Jamison
Knox, Dr. Robert N., son of William Franklin & America Eliza [Brown] Knox, m. 1871 Lucy Catherine Fox
Lee, John J., son of Asa S. & Elizabeth [Jacobs] Lee, m. 1866 Amanda M. Jernigan
Lewis, Dr. Nathaniel M., son of John W. & Elizabeth [Miller] Lewis, m. 1883 Estella L. Andrews

Lowe, Leonard K., son of Neri & Elizabeth [Keeling] Lowe of Wilson Co., TN, m. 1860 1 st Mary E. Davis; m. 1870 2 nd Sophia P. Williams
Loyd, James M., son of James & Matilda [Morris] Loyd, m. 1884 Sallie Jarratt
Lynch, Moses S., son of Erasmus C. & Sallie [Swan] Lynch, m. 1858 Drucilla A. Newman
Lytle, Mrs. Julia [Searcy], daughter of Col. William W. & Sarah [Morton] Searcy, widow of Ephraim Foster Lytle, Sr. (1824-1868), son of John T. & Mary Ward [Sills] Lytle
Lytle, Dr. William Henry, son of William F. H. & Violet [Henderson] Lytle, m. 1849 Levinia J. Dashiell
Manire, Dr. Amasa Webb, son of Samuel & Susannah "Susan" [Jackson] Manire, m. 1858 Julia A. White
Mankin, Benton P., son of John & Elizabeth [Hodge] Mankin, m. 1877 1 st Alice F. Hearn; m. 1884 2 nd S. J. Atkinson
Mankin, Welcom, son of John & Elizabeth [Hodge] Mankin, m. 1856 1 st Sarah Lyon; m. 1866 2 nd Mrs. Louisa Harrison
Martin, Rev. John J., son of Jacob & Mary [Wallace] Martin of Wilson Co., TN, m. 1834 1 st Martha Vaughan; m. 1849 2 nd Mrs. Elizabeth Winsepp
Mason, Pleasant Priestly, Esq., son of William N. & Martha J. [Hoover] Mason, m. 1882 Richie Keeble
Mason, William N., son of Reynear H. & Elizabeth [Moss] Mason, m. 1849 1 st Martha J. Hoover; m. 1864 2 nd Frances J. Sanders
McClanahan, John B., son of Matthew & Sarah [Bradley] McClanahan, m. 1844 1 st Hannah Zumbro; m. 1857 2 nd Judy Phelps
McClure, Levi, son of John & Elizabeth [Graham] McClure, m. 1841 Charlotte Moffett
McCord, Dr. William H., son of Allen & Jane [Jordan] McCord, m. 1868 Sarah Williams
McFadden, James S., son of Samuel G., Esq. & Holly [Posey] McFadden, m. 1844 Elizabeth A. Morgan
McKnight, James <u>Lafayette</u> , son of A. D. & Mary [Hare] McKnight, m. 1882 Susie Pitts
McLaughlin, George W., son of William H. & Catherine [Peebles] McLaughlin, m. 1855 Tennessee "Tennie" L. Morton
Miles, Thomas <u>Benton</u> , son of Patterson & Dicey [Moore] Miles, grandson of Thomas & Nancy [Patterson] Miles, m. 1841 Catherine Elizabeth Johns
Miller, I. David, son of Alfred & Narcissa [Bradford] Miller, m. 1883 Mamie Elam

Mitchell, William, son of Addison & Mary A. [Hodge] Mitchell, m. 1871 Mary E. Howse
Morgan, James A., son of Allen & Sylvia [Barrett] Morgan of Cannon Co., TN, m. 1870 Sarah E. Reed
Murfree, Dr. James Brickell, son of Mathias B. & Mary A. [Roberts] Murfree, m. 1862 Ada Juliette Talley
Naylor, John M., son of Wade H. & Hannah [McMinn or McGill] Naylor of Bedford Co., TN, m. 1876 Josie M. Robinson
Nelson, Joseph G., son of Joseph Watson & Mary [Graves] Nelson
Nelson, Moses A., son of Benjamin A. & Agnes J. [Nelson] Nelson of Bedford Co., TN, m. 1866 Kate R. Melchar
Oslin, James O., son of Lucas & Mary [Arnold] Oslin
Overall, Asbury McKendree, son of James G. & Rachel Webb [Davis] Overall, m. 1878 Hudie M. Lowe
Owen, Nathaniel, son of Thomas & Sallie [Stewart] Owen of Virginia & Rutherford Co., m. 1857 Mary E. McNiel
Owen, Rev. William Branch, son of Thomas & Sallie [Stewart] Owen of Virginia & Rutherford Co., m. Elizabeth "Bettie" Morton, daughter of Josiah Nance
Palmer, Horace Edward, Esq., son of Gen. Joseph B. & Ophelia M. [Burrus] Palmer, m. 1879 Willie T. Mason
Palmer, Joseph Benjamin, Esq., son of William H. & Mildred C. [Johns] Palmer, m. 1854 1 st Ophelia M. Burrus; m. 1869 2 nd Mrs. Margaret J. Mason
Patterson, William Kerr, Esq., son of Hugh K. & Cynthia [Murray] Patterson, m. 1849 Samuel J. Ridley
Paty, Burr F. of Smith Co., TN, m. 1871 1 st Flora A. Lillard; m. 1878 2 nd Mary D. Lillard
Perkins, Daniel Price, son of Peter & Sarah P. [Camp] Perkins, m. 1861 1 st Kate Morgan; m. 1873 2 nd Florence [Ewing] Fletcher, widow of Andrew J. Fletcher
Pierce, Henry Clay, son of Granville S. & Elizabeth V. [Abbott] Pierce
Prater, William P., son of Monroe & Caroline [Knox] Prater, m. 1871 Lethie Pruitt
Randolph, Beverly, Jr., son of Beverly, Sr. & Lucy [Searcy] Randolph, m. 1865 Elizabeth "Bettie" C. Wade
Ransom, George Washington, son of John A. & Elizabeth [Bowman] Ransom, m. 1859 1 st Bettie Bostick; m. 1862 2 nd Margaret "Maggie" Buchanan
Richardson, James Daniel, Sr., Esq., son of John W. & Augusta [Starnes] Richardson, m. 1865 Alabama "Allie" Rebecca Pippen

Richardson, John Ebenezer, Esq., son of John W. & Augusta [Starnes] Richardson, m. 1882 Annie Lou McLemore
Richardson, Dr. John Watkins (1809-1872), son of James & Mary [Watkins] Richardson, m. 1833 Augusta Mary Starnes
Ridley, Granville Summer, Sr., Esq., son of Dr. James Allison & Almira [Russwurm] Ridley, m. Mildred Thomas
Ridout, Thomas (1795-1875), m. 1822 Elizabeth Ann [Butts] Ridout
Roberts, Lunsford Madison, son of James M. & Louisa [Conley] Roberts, m. 1876 Josephine "Josie" Arnold
Robison, Col. William D., son of Dr. Samuel B. & Mary Jane [North] Robison, m. 1869 Fannie Rice
Rogers, L. A. of Jefferson Co., TN, m. 1869 Mattie A. Carter
Rosenfeld, Morris G. of Germany, m. 1873 Minnie Hirsch
Sheafe, Charles A., Esq. of Maine
Shelton, John B., son of John & Sallie A. [Bennett] Shelton, m. 1868 Susan E. Howse
Sikes, William H., son of Jesse & Martha L. [Howse] Sikes, m. 1859 1 st Martha "Mattie" Tate Gooch; m. 1866 2 nd Bettie Thompson
Smith, Dewitt H., son of George W. & Elizabeth [Henderson] Smith, m. 1885 Lulie J. Collier
Smith, Edgar P., Esq., son of Ephraim & Caroline [Miles] Smith, m. 1880 Eloise Childress
Smith, James Madison, son of John Parke & Elizabeth [Sims] Smith, m. 1851 1 st Fannie Becton; m. 1860 2 nd Margaret Hutton
Smith, Joseph P., son of Daniel D. & Lockie [McAdoo] Smith, m. 1865 Lockie W. Weatherly
Smithson, Fount, Esq. of Giles Co., TN, m. 1879 Alma E. Doughty
Smotherman, Joseph P., son of Eldridge M. & Susan "Sue" [May] Smotherman, m. 1873 Miss Gray
Sparks, Jesse Waddington, Sr., Esq., of Texas, m. 1866 Josephine Bivens
Spence, John Cedric, son of John (of Ireland) & Mary [Chism] Spence, m. 1834 Elizabeth Spence
Stockird, James Elliott, son of William & Jane [Elliott] Stockird, m. 1842 1 st Lucy Batte MacGowan; m. 1868 2 nd Mary Leonora Russwurm
Street, William Manford, son of Park & Mary [Smith] Street of Williamson Co., TN, m. 1855 Lizzie C. Johnson
Tobias, Thomas of Poland, m. 1878 Hannah Abrahams
Todd, Aaron Wilson, m. 1866 Elizabeth E. Prater

Todd, Thomas J., son of Jefferson & Mary [Simmons] Todd of Cannon Co., TN, m. 1882 Martha B. Creson
Tompkins, Albert Gallatin, son of James M. & Kitty G. [Rucker] Tompkins, m. 1867 Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" January
Tompkins, Robert T., son of James M. & Kitty G. [Rucker] Tompkins, m. 1868 Mary J. Clark
Tucker, Leonidas "Lee" S., son of Silas & Eleanor "Ellen" M. [Clark] Tucker, m. 1871 Elizabeth "Lizzie" C. Davis
Vanderford, Capt. Charles F. of South Carolina, m. 1858 Florence Anderson
Walter, George of Germany, m. 1883 2 nd Emily E. Parrish
Ward, Charles A., son of Jackson J. & Mary J. [Leath] Ward
Warmuth, Dr. Henry <u>Joseph</u> , son of Joseph & Maria [Munoz] Warmuth, m. 1866 Mary "Mollie" Worsham Peebles
Watkins, Samuel B., son of Thomas S. & Mary Magruder [Nelson] Watkins, m. 1842 Mary Anne Wade
Washington, Francis Whiting, son of Francis Whiting & Elizabeth Mason [Hall] Washington of Kentucky, m. 1 st Sarah; m. 1849 2 nd Catherine Crockett
Watkins, Adaline [Howse], daughter of Ambrose & Mary "Polly" [Hartwell] Howse, widow 1 st of Hubbard S. Wilkinson; wife/widow 2 nd of Wilson L. Watkins (1802-1861)
Wendel, Dr. James Edwy, son of David & Sarah H. [Neilson] Wendel, m. 1 st Susanna; m. 1868 2 nd Jane Caroline Ewing
Wendel, Dr. Robert Searcy, son of David & Sarah H. [Neilson] Wendel, m. 1852 Emma Claiborne James

White, Dr. Bartley N., son of Burrell G. & Mary [Donelly] White, m. 1867 Susan "Sue" Ransom
White, Frank, son of Burrell G. & Mary [Donelly] White, m. 1866 Johannah "Jo" E. Miller
White, John V., son of Peyton H. & Sarah [Lee] White of Mississippi, m. 1882 Bettie Jarratt
White, Levi B., son of Henry & Elizabeth [Ward] White, m. 1 st Eliza J. Hall; m. 1867 2 nd Kate [Hall] Mays, widow of Samuel Mays, sister of 1 st wife
White, William B. of Sumner Co., TN, m. 1836 1 st Sarah E. Wilson; m. 1850 2 nd Martha C. Peebles
Whitson, Dr. William, son of George & Mary [Deth] Whitson, m. 1844 1 st Mernira Newman; m. 1850 2 nd Maria Elizabeth Phillips
Williams, Chesley, son of James & Sallie [Allison] Williams, m. 1830 Elizabeth Jordan
Williams, James C., son of Chesley & Elizabeth [Jordan] Williams, m. 1868 Mary T. McLean
Williamson, John A., son of Thomas & Jane [Jordan] Williamson, m. 1865 Lizzie Farris
Wilson, Joseph T. B. of Pennsylvania
Wood, Thomas H., son of Hughes & Sarah [Kelly] Wood, m. 1858 Lucy McKnight
Woods, Maj. John, son of Thomas & Susan [Baldrige] Woods, m. 1833 1 st Mary F. Jarratt; m. 1885 2 nd Nancy [Boring] Jetton, widow of Rufus B. Jetton
Young, Robert H., son of Joseph & Nancy [Alford] Young, m. 1872 Sarah "Sallie" F. [Davis] Gannaway, widow of Richard B. Gannaway

ONE SIDE OF THE COIN

Matters & Things in Tenn. *The Louisville Daily Journal*, Jan 19, 1864

What a delightful city this must have been to dwell in in days gone by. How nature lavished her wealth in making it a sort of paradise. Beautifully situated in the heart of a country rich in all the agricultural resources of the most favored of regions, was it to be wondered that it attracted the attention of those who well know the value of natural advantages? Before the commencement of this rebellion, Murfreesboro' was the sumptuous and aristocratic centre and resort of the first families of Middle Tennessee. There were churches, and seminaries, and schoolhouses, and printing office, which are a combination of all three. The Presbyterians and the Baptists had two temples devoted to the worship of secessionism, I presume, and the Methodists and the Campbellites, each one also devoted to the same laudable purpose. The seminaries, three in number, were well attended; two for your ladies and one for young gentlemen, which were supported principally by the youth of the State. It had the honor of supporting two weekly papers, which had the honor of dying on the approach of the contending armies. In those days the population of

Murfreesboro' numbered from 4,000 to 5,000; now it numbers about half that number and half of this number are contrabands. The seminaries and churches are used for hospitals, and the printing offices turned into dramatic temples, where darkie tragediana play the role of dying contrabands. Everything is changed in and about Murfreesboro except the inveterate hatred of Southern women toward "the Yankee invaders." And here let me say that since the hour the Federal troops entered th vicinity of this city, and while dwelling here, not a violation of any moral or military law can these same rabid secesh women point to as being perpetrated by our army. Why it is that these women are so intensely better seems strange, since the great majority of them have to be supported by Federal charity—a charity they receive bounteously and take thanklessly.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

General Rosecrans At home Feb 4th 1863
 I write this begging to be protected by you, also what little property we have. Soldiers are here every day, that is those coming out foraging and the pickets threatening to burst open doors and burning our house. Five pickets were here this morning and behaved most shamefully, they called

for breakfast which we soon had for them, after eating they tried to burst open doors which we prevented and told them to show an order or their authority and we would open them. At that they became so enraged struck one of my children, drew the gun on me, and swore that our house should be in ashes before another day. So we are in constant dread of being burnt up or shot by some of them. If there is not something done by you or someone else for the protecting of citizens I cannot tell what will become of them. We are powerless you know. While yo have the power to grant my request which I hope and pray you will be so kind to do, some say you will give a protecting bill by applying. How can I apply when the pickets will not pass me through as I have tried time after time, so I resort to this the only way left to me. So please lend a kindly ear to request and I assure of my and my children's lasting gratitude. Respectfully, Mary Rooker

AN INTERCEPTED LETTER FROM MATTIE READY MORGAN TO HER FATHER, CHARLES READY, JR. *The Boston Herald, Aug 24, 1863*

Mrs. General John Morgan is a very bewitching woman. she used to be quite a belle in Washington when the South ruled the nation. At that time she would have refused an introduction to John *indignantly*. she belonged to the "blood stock" of the South. Her father, Hon. Charles Ready, a Cassius like man, resided—and still remains there—in Murfreesboro', where he ranked with leading lawyers. His dwelling was occupied by the Provost Marshal General of the Department of the Cumberland, jointly with himself, wife, and two of their "niggers" until the army moved "up South"—to use General McCook's language describing that country. He was considered a snake—not a Copperhead—and our detectives watched his operations, but they never could convict him of conveying information to is son-in-law. Nevertheless, he received letters from him.

But it was not of him whom we intended to discourse. His daughter, now Mrs. Gen. John Morgan, was fascinated by John's rank and reputation, and consented to marry him. Last November she ran the blockage into Nashville and provided herself with an elegant wedding trousseau—aided by her elegant and beautiful sister, Mrs. Chatham of

Nashville—who is now imprisoned at Altoa, Illinois, for disloyalty. Endeavoring to go back under a flag of truce, she was unfortunately captured in suspicious company, one of the party being charged with smuggling goods to the enemy under a flag of truce. The timid creature was sadly frightened, but was finally permitted to proceed with her own wearing apparel. She was married soon after, in great state, at the Court house, the walls of which were decorated with evergreen wreaths encircling inscriptions in evergreens of towns which John had captured.

All the Generals, Lieut-Generals, Major-Generals, Brigadiers, Colonels, etc, in *Bragg's* army gave *eclat* to the occasion, and Mrs. Morgan, true Southern woman as she is, was supremely happy—Southern women loving *eclat* as well as other women do. When Brag was driven from Murfreesboro' Mrs. Morgan fled too, and after a while, as we know from her own pen, she joined her husband at Tullahoma, where there was a great ball, and she "was the belle," in her "beautiful green silk dress, which my (her) dear husband brought to me (Mrs. Morgan) from Kentucky—and it is the favorite dress of my dear husband."

And she had a "bewitching bonnet, which my noble husband brought me when he came back from his last raid. My dear sis, I do assure you the bandit and his bride are very happy"—and so the honeymooned bride proceeded in a very captivating style. But she was almost out of shoes. She couldn't get more until her "noble husband went *on another* raid." Wouldn't her "dear sis send her some No. 4 gaiters and some No. 21 stays, and some blue velvet to trim her exquisite riding dress," and some other wear which we can't mention. Then she went off again into rhapsody about her "sweet promenades with her bandit husband," etc.

An then her "dear sir" wrote a very ambiguous reply, suggesting it was very likely that the "bandit's bride" was very much enamored of her lord, but she "wouldn't make fun of her just now"—the ladies have such a mischievous way of insinuating things, you know, that we men folks can't help but think they mean to be malicious. That's the last we heard of Mrs. General John Morgan. But we never heard anything of her, excepting that she was a rebel, after marrying John she couldn't help that.

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