



Rutherford County Historical Society
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Sunday, November 9, 2014, BOARD Meeting - 2 pm at Ransom School.

November 15, 2014 - Membership Banquet - 6:30 p.m. - Cost: \$20 per person

Place: Pinnacle Bank, 5th floor, College St. entrance.

Caterer: Carolyn's Creations

Speaker: Alan Corry, Battle of Franklin Trust, will speak of the The Carter House and Carnton Plantation and their roles in the Battle of Franklin, which took place 150 years ago. Mr. Corry, dressed in his re-enactment uniform, will present a lively and interesting narrative of this epic Battle and its aftermath.

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.

Reservations Required by November 12: Call or e-mail [Teresa Kant \[H\]](mailto:Teresa.Kant@rchs.org) 890-5227 [C] 907-9633 teresawrather@comcast.net

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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

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

Publications for sale:

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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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: It is hard to realize the close of 2014 is close. November and December will bring family and friends together to celebrate holiday traditions. One of the Rutherford County Historical Societies traditions is the November Membership and Awards Banquet. The speaker this year will be Mr. Alan Corry. Dont want to miss his presentation. It will be enjoyable.

To the Officers, Board and Members who have been outstanding in supporting our mission this year. Thank you. I appreciate your time and service to the Society.

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy holiday season.

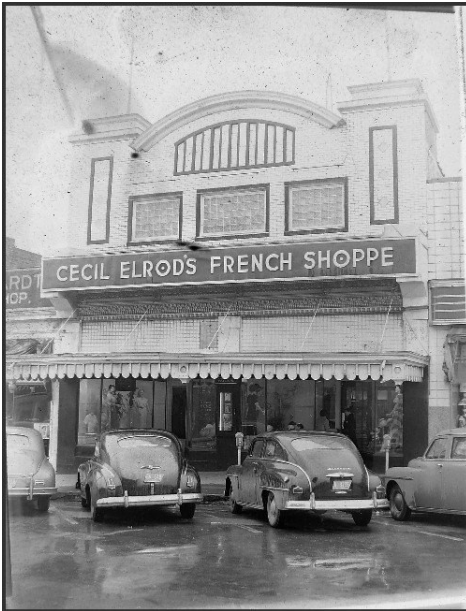
Joyce Johnson, President - brujohn@comcast.net

ADVERTISEMENTS from Daily News Journal - January 1933

Subscription rates: 50¢/month 1 year - \$5

CECIL ELROD'S FRENCH SHOPPE New Spring dresses \$6.75. These dresses are good for what ails you. They'll lift you right out of that mid-season slump and send you strutting through January right into Spring. Plenty of Colorful combinations, and black and white prints, as soft as snow flakes falling on a winter's night. Slip into one—see how nicely they're cut, how they're made to fit, and how each little detail in finishing is absolutely perfect. We'll wager you won't be able to leave the store until two belongs to you.

Special good quality rayon silk bloomers & crepe step-ins
50¢ quality — 34¢ 3 pair for \$1



[Ed. Note: In the autumn of 1925, Cecil Nighman Elrod entered into a lease agreement with Jesse Beesley. Mr. Elrod incorporated Cecil Elrod's French Shoppe and thus began one of Murfreesboro's finest exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear fashion stores. Mr. Elrod's wife, Sarah Elrod, was instrumental in bringing to Murfreesboro new clothing lines which eventually became some of the top lines in ladies' apparel. As early as 1925, the Elrods were selling fashions imported from France. The French Shoppe soon became known for its exclusivity, not only in Murfreesboro, but also in the surrounding areas of Middle Tennessee.]

DR. A. C. TOPMILLER Veterinarian Hospital: 530 W. Main St.
Phone: 87 [Ed. note: Alex C. Topmiller, born 1883 KY, and his wife, Minnie E. Topmiller, born 1886 TN, appear on the 1930 census for Murfreesboro]

JOE HOWELL WOOD Attorney at Law Jordan Building, 124½ N. Maple

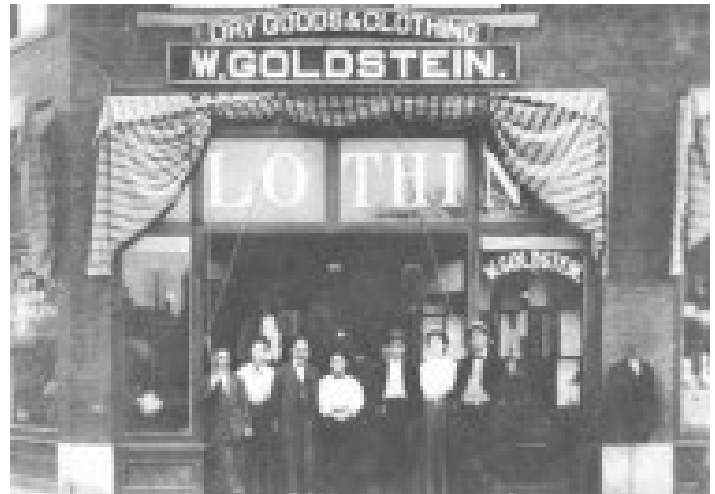
HUDSON & REID General Insurance & Real Estate Murfree-Clark Bldg.

J. J. JEWELL, JR. Attorney at Law Phone: 1148-J
[Ed. Note: John Jewell, born 1896, and wife, Sarah Jewell, born 1898, appear on the 1940 census for Murfreesboro.]

RION BROS. Nothing but paint paper and glass — Murfreesboro's only exclusive paint and paper store. 125 N. Church

GOLDSTEIN'S 3 groups new Spring hats - \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95 Just wait until you see these piquant little hats for this Spring! They're made out of blistered crepes, of crisp taffetas, of closely woven neat straws—and you wear them perched 'way forward over your eyebrows. All give you a new siren-eyed appeal that ought to do wonders for your Spring personality.

[Ed. Note: The Goldstein Papers (1890s - 1970s) pertain to a family of Murfreesboro store owners and businesspeople. The family most prominently owned Goldstein's Department Store on the Public Square, but also owned and operated several other businesses in the area, including Aultman's Jewelers in Murfreesboro and Goldstein's satellite store in Tullahoma. Members of the immediate and extended Goldstein family also owned, wholly or in part, Carolyn's in Shelbyville, Friedberg Jewelers in Detroit, Howard Jewelers in Bowling Green, and Joy's Jewelers in Clarksville. These papers primarily document the Goldstein Family, local businesses in Murfreesboro, business life on the Public Square, and Jewish immigration and family life in Rutherford County. Located at Albert Gore Research Center, Middle TN State University].



BYRN MOTOR COMPANY Maple Street \$585 and up
Pontiac—the economy straight 8 F.O.B. Pontiac, Michigan

RIDE THE COLONIAL STAGES Lowest fares
Murfreesboro office: Jas. K. Polk Building

R. C. STROUD Who has been connected with Howse & Butler for the past several years, has opened a store on the West side of the Square which will be known as the Stroud Grocery Company. Staple groceries, field seeds and feeds will be featured. All of the stock is new and unusually attractive prices are offered. [Ed. Note: Rural C. Stroud, born 1903; wife: Genola T. Stroud, born 1903; daughter: Joyce H. Stroud, born 1924, on 1930 Murfreesboro census]

EWING SMITH Murfreesboro Bank & Trust Building Farm & City Loans
Reasonable rates Prompt service

R. T. GROOM Nothing but Insurance West Main Phone: 757
[Ed. Note: Robert T. Grooms, born 1895, wife: Daisy L. Grooms, born 1884, daughter: Margaret; son: Robert, Jr.; son: J. Thomas, on 1930 Murfreesboro census]

CLARENCE CUMMINGS Attorney at Law Cannon Building opposite the

Post Office

METCALFE FLOWER SHOP Flowers of all kinds for all occasions — Special attention to orders for funeral occasions. Jas. K. Polk Building Mrs. John Rice, Manager [Ed. Note: Martha T. Rice, born 1875 widowed - proprietor of a Gift Shop, and James F. Metcalfe, born 1907 in KY - florist in a Florist Shop, were boarders in the home of Albert P. and Margaret L. Cranor on the 1930 Murfreesboro census.]

H. G. HILL STORES "It's a fact—you'll always do better at Hill's."
Campbells Tomato soup - 3 cans for 20¢
Hampton's Fresh Soda Crackers - 1 lb box for 10¢
Apples - old fashioned Virginia Winesaps - 5¢ lb
Turnips or Carrots - 5¢ a bunch
Oranges - Florida Sealdsweet - medium size - 1¢ each
Breakfast bacon - Sugar-cured - choice quality - in the piece 10¢ lb
Miller's fresh crispy Cornflakes - 3 for 19¢
Del Monte peaches - Buffet cans - 4 for 25¢
Peanut butter - Justice brand - 2 lb jar for 19¢

HILL'S MARKET Clean Market - Quality Meats
Earl Williams and Joe Fulghum
Country hams - whole, well-trimmed - 20¢ lb
Beef round steak - 15¢ lb
Chuck roast - 9¢ lb

JAMES D. RICHARDSON Attorney at Law Minor Building

G. M. STOCKARD General Auctioneer
"My knowing values in real estate and livestock will aid your sale. Terms reasonable." Telephone: 15-D, Walter Hill Ext.

LASCASSAS BANK & TRUST COMPANY Located Lascassas, TN
at close of business 31 December 1932 Value: \$76,395.12
W. R. Willard, Cashier Directors: Alex Bell, W. R. Elrod, B. F. Jordan

MURFREESBORO BANK & TRUST CO. Located Murfreesboro, TN
at close of business 31 Dec. 1932 Value: \$1,270,417.59 Homer Powell,
Cashier Directors: N. C. Maney, J. W. Fletcher, R. T. Bell, Jr.

BANK OF CHRISTIANA Located Christiana, TN
at close of business 31 December 1932 Value: \$83,856.29
E. B. Miller, Cashier Directors: A. N. Gordon, C. H. Powell, R. T. Bell, Jr.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY
There and back by long distance telephone means a quick, comfortable voice trip, that is next best to being there in person. Economy is one of the features which causes many southern concerns to use long distance telephone service in buying, selling and collecting. Too, the telephone offers an easy way to visit friends and relatives in other cities and the cost is small. Use it yourself, for that is the best way to learn how convenient and inexpensive it is to voice-visit by telephone. Just give the "Long Distance" operator the name and address of the person you want. The cost is small wherever you call.

CASCO Kills colds or your money back. Quick, sure, harmless. Ask for the purple box - 25¢ everywhere

PRINCESS THEATER Now showing
January 9 - "They Call It Sin" with Loretta Young & George Brent
January 11 - "One Way Passage" with William Powell & Kay Francis



1st NATIONAL BANK Located Smyrna, TN
at close of business 31 December 1932 Value: \$150,047.50
J. N. Barnett, Cashier Directors: A. W. Jordan, W. C. Hibbett, O. R. Coleman

MURFREESBORO LAUNDRY CO. - January 11 - Have you taken advantage of our 2 price cleaning service? Choose your dry cleaning the modern way. For your best clothes ask for "Standard Service." For all garments about which you are not so particular, select "Economy Service."
Men's Suits - Standard Service \$1 Economy Service 60¢
Men's Overcoats - Standard Service \$1.25 Economy Service 75¢
Ladies Dresses - Standard Service \$1.25 up Economy Service 75¢ up
Ladies Coats - Standard Service \$1.25 up Economy Service 75¢ up

CHRISTY & HUGGINS COMPANY Phone 31
Whitewell Coal — The Best is the Least Expensive.



BANK OF EAGLEVILLE Located Eagleville, TN
W. T. Lowe, Cashier Directors: Geo. K. Lowe, T. K. Haley, J. T. Graham

HERMITAGE LAUNDRY AND SWISS CLEANERS "The home of Quality and Swiss Cleaners." Clean! And at a new low price. Never before in history have our dry cleaning prices been so low! If you don't believe this read about the new economy service which we inaugurated a few days ago — The quality of our work is unexcelled, skilled employees handling your garments as if they were their own.

Economy Service Price Schedule:

Men's suits - 60¢ Men's Overcoats - 75¢

Ladies Dresses - 75¢ up Ladies Coats - 75¢ up

Wearing apparel all ironed

Family Finish - 17¢ lb Flat Work - 7¢ lb Rough Dry - 8¢ lb

All flat work ironed, wearing apparel starched.

Semi-Finish - 6¢ lb Damp Wash - 3¢ lb

15% off these prices for cash & carry.

MURFREESBORO LAUNDRY CO. - January 12 - Launderers - Dryers - Cleaners - Telephone 67 Compare these new low prices with your present method of laundrying. Give us a trial bundle and you will receive a SANITARY, clean, and odorless bundle of clothes.

Finish Family - Flat work 7¢ lb - Wearing apparel 17¢ lb

Rough Dry - Flat work finished - wearing apparel

Dried and not starched 8¢ lb

Semi-finish - dried and not starched 6¢ lb

Damp wash - washed only, returned damp 3¢ lb

EARTHMAN-WILSON MOTOR CO. Because Fords need so little work and because what little work they do need—costs so little in comparison—it is a popular believe that Fords need no work. But they do, and we should see yours oftener. It will save you money.

J. C. PENNEY CO. Department Store Outstanding Values.

"Nu-Tone" Dress prints 7½¢ yd You'll love their gay variety—newest effects—rich colorings

Turkish towels - 4 for 25¢

Sox, pair 5¢ part wool

Union suits for men 43¢

Shirts for active lads 37¢ A quality he won't wear out in a hurry. Percalé. . . full cut. . . dressy patterns. . . with pockets

Terry wash cloths. . . woven for long wear 3 for 10¢

C. B. LEATHERMAN south side Square

Sheets & Sheeting

Bleached Sheets size 81 X 99 73¢

81 X 90 67¢

63 X 99 63¢

Wearwell Sheets size 81 X 99 89¢

81 X 90 79¢

Druid Sheeting 27¢ per yd - bleached sheeting 10-4

23¢ per yd - bleached sheeting 9-4

23¢ per yd - brown sheeting 10-4

19¢ per yd - brown sheeting 9-4

MCCORD & HARRIS Save with safety at the Rexall Store.

Shop with us and save the difference

Alarm Clocks - 79¢ Electric Alarm Clock - \$1.98

1 lb Opeko Coffee - 33¢ 1 pint grape juice - 19¢

Rook Cards - 59¢ Playing Cards - 39¢

Fountain Specials - Milk shakes 10¢ College Special 5¢

Chocolate sodas 5¢

<p>RUTHERFORD COUNTY CREAMERY ASSOCIATION, Incorporated W. R. CLARK <i>Treasurer and Manager</i> MAGNOLIA BUTTER First Prize Butter, Tennessee State Fair, 1925</p>	
<p><i>It Pleases Us to Serve You</i> We sell, recharge and repair batteries. We are exclusive Exide distributors. Battery Service Station W. Main Street Tel. 322</p>	<p>Elrod-Smith Shoe Company Smart Footwear for College Girls and Boys</p>
<p>Teacher College Students Welcome Ideal Barber Shop N. MAPLE STREET Next Door to Murfreesboro Bank & Trust Company</p>	<p>Compliments Braswell-Mullins Hdw. Co. Everything in Hardware Telephone No. 4</p>
<p>Earthman-Wilson Motor Co LINCOLN-FORD-FORDSON Tel 800-333 (Special Ford Script if You Have It)</p>	<p>Allen Service Station FREE ROAD SERVICE Two Telephones 811</p>



Sloan's Liniment 55¢

1 lb Psyllium Seed 49¢

Twenty Grand cigarettes - 2 for 25¢, tax pd

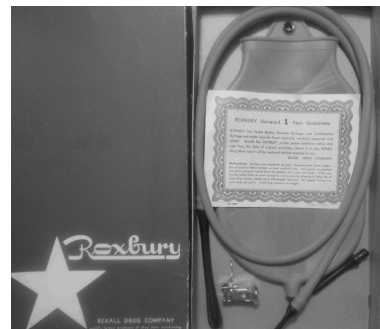
1 pint McKesson's Cod Liver Oil 69¢

Genuine Bayer Aspirin 89¢

Kleenex 19¢ Vaseline Hair Tonic 39¢

Two lots of slightly shop-worn stationery—your choice of any box in

Lot 1 for 10¢ the other Lot for 19¢



Roxbury Fountain Syringe, complete 39¢

10¢ bottle of Menthol relieves head colds sold at **MCCORD & HARRIS**

MILLER-JONES CO. 114 East Side Public Square
 Stock reduction sale
 Women's high arch shoes \$2.95
 Women's pumps, straps & ties \$1.95
 Women's Patent high arch shoes \$1.95
 Children's high boots 99¢ & \$1.49
 Men's dress Oxfords, genuine calfskin \$2.95
 High shoes for boys & youths \$1.49 & \$1.99
 Special run-resist hose, only 25¢

THE HUB DEPARTMENT STORE Rutherford County's biggest selling event—Shovel 'em out Sale starts Friday, January 13 and continues for ten days. P.S. To the first 50 women who enter our store Friday morning, a pair of silk hose will be sold for 1¢.

CRADDOCK HATCHERY 216 W. Main

Baby chicks - We are now hatching checks every week beginning January 24th. There has never been a time in history better than the present to make money with chickens.

from Tennessee the Volunteer State 1769-1923, Volume 1
 S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1923 Chicago, IL

Fall of 1862 to January 3, 1863 A short time before the battle of Perryville, General Forrest, who had rendered valuable service in the Kentucky campaign in harassing Buell's army, was ordered to Tennessee to recruit and organize cavalry in Middle Tennessee. He reached Murfreesboro on October 1st and proceeded to carry out his instructions. There were in existence near Nashville at that time a number of independent companies and battalions, that had been formed under the partisan ranger law which had recently been passed by the Confederate Congress. Without a general commander, but with a concerted agreement some of these companies established camps on the turnpikes leading out from this city and established a veritable blockade. Gen. J. S. Negley was occupying Nashville with a small force. On October 7th, he marched out and attacked a force of 1,700 of these rangers at Lavergne. He had nearly surrounded them when, in panic, they fled from camp with almost no resistance. This precipitate flight became known as the "Lavergne races." At this juncture General Forrest came to the rescue and pursued the Federals back to Nashville. This particular service, coupled with the fact that he was now so well known as a dashing cavalry leader, enabled Forrest to enlist almost all of these rangers and many others, so that by November 1st, he had a force of about 3,500 mounted men, every one of whom was devoted to his leader.

On October 28th, General Breckinridge arrived at Murfreesboro with the advance of Bragg's army. Forrest proceeded to Lavergne, where he was joined by Hanson's brigade of 3,000 men. On November 6th, with Breckinridge's consent Forrest advanced to capture Nashville, but, even while he was preparing to launch his assault, after having driven in the Union pickets, he received orders from General Breckinridge, under peremptory instructions from General Bragg, forbidding the attack.

After the Kentucky campaign Gen. W. S. Rosecrans was placed in command of the Federal Army of the Cumberland, vice General Buell, who had been relieved. Rosecrans concentrated at Nashville and, after long preparation began his advance on December 26, against Bragg's army at Murfreesboro, where the latter had established headquarters on Dec. 2, 1862. General Polk commanded the center at Murfreesboro; General McCown commanded the right at Readyville; and General Hardee the left at Triune and Eagleville. As Forrest had been sent to West Tennessee and Morgan to Kentucky, Gen. Joseph Wheeler was made chief of cavalry and commanded the outpost at Lavergne. Rosecrans advanced with General Crittenden commanding the center, General Thomas the right wing and General McCook the left wing.

The reason why Rosecrans marched out and forced a battle at this time was, no doubt, the fact that Bragg's army had been weakened by the withdrawal from it of a large force. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston comments on this matter in his article entitled "Jefferson Davis and the Mississippi Campaign." He says:

"Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," Vol. III, p. 475.

"The detaching of almost a fourth of Gen. Bragg's army to Mississippi, while of no present value to that department, was disastrous to that of Tennessee, for it caused the battle of Murfreesboro. General Rosecrans was, of course, soon informed of the great reduction of his antagonist's strength, and marched from Nashville to attack him. The battle, that of Stone's River or Murfreesboro, occurred on the 31st of December, 1862, and the 2d of January, 1863, and was one of the most obstinately contested and bloody of the war, in proportion to the numbers engaged. The result of this action compelled the Confederate army to fall back and place itself behind Duck River, at Manchester, Tullahoma, and Shelbyville."

Although most accounts state that the battle began on December 31st and lasted three days, it really began on the afternoon of the 30th, for Colonel Urquhart says: "On Tuesday, December 30, Rosecrans was in our front, a mile and a half away. At twelve o'clock artillery on both sides was engaged. At three o'clock the Federal infantry advanced and attacked our lines." Night, however, soon intervened and quiet prevailed. At daylight on the 31st the conflict was renewed and at night the Confederates were masters of the field, with the Federal right wing routed. During the night, too, Rosecrans withdrew his left wing to a more advantageous position and, on the following morning the Confederates occupied the abandoned ground. Throughout the first of January neither commander deemed it wise to order an attack; and, up to noon on the second, quiet prevailed with the exception of some cannonading. At that time Bragg determined to dislodge the force opposite his right. For this purpose the best troops were carefully selected—Hanson's, Preston's, Gibson's, and Hunt's brigades with Cobb's and Wright's batteries—all placed under the command of General Breckinridge. A gun fired at four o'clock was the signal for the attack. The charge then made, generally spoken of as Breckinridge's Charge, was one of the fiercest and most gallant in the annals of warfare. The ardor of the southern soldiers, indeed, was so intense and their action so impetuous, irrestrainable and, in contact with the Federals, so irresistible that they were carried beyond their objective, the crest of the hill which they were ordered to take, hold and entrench. And their push beyond support proved the ruin of the well planned manoeuvre. The Federal batteries that had been massed now opened upon them and drove the Confederates back with terrible slaughter, nearly 2,000 men, it is estimated, having been killed or wounded in this attack. It was nearly half of the force which made the assault.

The result of this charge which began so brilliantly and ended so disastrously was the determination on the part of Bragg to fall back on Tullahoma. However, he remained at Murfreesboro on the third, on which there was little fighting and effected his evacuation without molestation on that night. Dr. Deering J. Roberts, of Nashville, who was a surgeon in Bragg's army, said recently that, through the kindness of Col. E. W. Cole, president of the Chattanooga Railroad, he was enabled to save a large number of wounded men from being captured by the Federals. Colonel

Cole furnished him cars partly filled with sacks of flour and meal and, on these he (Doctor Roberts), placed the wounded who were quickly carried away to safety.

from **A History of Tennessee and Tennesseans: The Leaders and Representatives in Commerce, Industry & Modern Activities**

by Will T. Hale Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago 1913

JOHN EASTER DROMGOOLE

was born December 28, 1805, in Brunswick County, Virginia, and there grew to man's estate. In 1826 he came to Rutherford county, Tennessee, and having purchased a large tract of land southwest of Murfreesboro engaged in agricultural pursuits, managing his plantation with the assistance of slaves. He became prominent in municipal affairs, serving as mayor of the city during the Civil war, at which time he was imprisoned by the Federals. He was a finely educated man, a lawyer by profession, and a very successful one, William H. Seward saying of his papers that they were the best prepared received at the state department. He was a man of strong personality, broad and liberal in his views, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He died November 21, 1897, aged ninety-two years, at the time of his death being the oldest member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons in the state, havinb been made a Mason in 1831.

The maiden name of his first wife was Lucy K. Blanch, a native of Brunswick county, Virginia. She died a short time after their marriage, and her sister, Rebecca Mildred Blanch, became his second wife. Their father, Ezekiel Alfred Blanch, a life-long resident of Virginia, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, serving as colonel of a regiment, and at the close refused to accept any remuneration, saying that he served as a patriot.

Col. Ezekiel Alfred Blanch married, as his second wife, Mildred Cook, on December 17, 1801. Mildred Cook was a representative of the Commodore Cook family of near Norfolk, Va., a family whose history is a part of the mother state. Rebecca Mildred Blanch, wife of John E. Dromgoole, was the third child of this union.

Captain Richard and Mrs. Maria Louise (Dromgoole) Beard have reared four children, namely: Sallie Dromgoole Beard, William E. Beard, Richard Beard, Jr., deceased, and Marie Beard. Sallie Dromgoole Beard, the oldest child, married E. C. Faircloth, and of this union there were four children: Cameron Faircloth, Richard Beane Faircloth, deceased, Jean Marie Faircloth, and Frederick W. Faircloth. She is now the wife of Frederick A. Smith and they have two children, Angeline Smith and Harvard Payson Smith. William E. Beard married Ada Scott Rice. Richard Beard, Jr., married Lillian Yeargan, and was the father of three children, Richard Beard, Randolph Beard, and William Ewing Beard. Marie Beard, wife of Frank Glenn, has one child, Frank Glenn, Jr.

Captain Beard is a member of the Joel B. Palmer Bivouac, No. 10, Confederate Veterans. He also stands high in Masonry, belonging to Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 18, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; to Pythagoras Chapter, No. 150, Royal Arch Masons; and to Murfreesboro Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar.

GEORGE WASHINGTON RANSOM

was born July 29, 1838, in Rutherford county, Tennessee, and was there reared on the home farm. When through school he settled in Fayetteville, where he was engaged in the grocery business until the breaking out of the war between the states. Enlisting then in General Forrest's company of cavalry, he remained with his command until the cessation of hostilities, taking an active part in numerous marches, campaigns and battles, being ever faithful to the duties devolving upon him as a soldier. He was

afterwards engaged in the grocery business at Murfreesboro for a time, and still later there embarked in the lumber business, at first handling red cedar lumber, only. Subsequently extending his operations, he established a lumber yard at Shelbyville, and was successful in its management until 1910, when he was succeeded by his son, W. S. Ransom, and his son-in-law, J. Burton Frierson. He has since lived retired from active pursuits, devoting his attention entirely to his private affairs.

George Washington Ransom has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Bostick, died in early life, leaving two children, John B. Ransom and George Ransom. He married, second, Margaret Buchanan, who was born in Davidson county, a daughter of John Buchanan. She died at the age of 49 years, leaving eight children, namely: Samuel B. Ransom; Arthur Bowman Ransom; Lizzie Mai Ransom, wife of John B. Frierson, of Shelbyville; Anna Ransom, wife of William Gladstone Wardlaw, of Fort Worth, TX; M. Marvin Ransom; James McEwen Ransom; William Street Ransom; and Margaret Ransom

HON. ANDREW LEE TODD

A man of culture and pronounced ability, Hon. Andrew Lee Todd holds high rank among the leading citizens of Murfreesboro, where his influence and assistance are always sought in behalf of undertakings for the public good and for the advancement of the highest interests of city and county. He is a native of Tennessee, his birth having been in Rutherford county, on the farm of his father, Aaron Todd.

Coming from honored pioneer stock, Aaron Todd was born and reared in Rutherford county, his birth occurring August 8, 1840. In July 1861, just before attaining his majority, he enlisted in the 23rd TN Volunteer Infantry, went south with the regiment, and took part in many engagements; the first of importance having been the battle of Shiloh. His regiment was subsequently stationed at different places in Mississippi, and later, under command of General Bragg, he came with him into Kentucky and participated in the battle of Perryville. He was afterwards at the front in the battles of Murfreesboro and Chickamauga. He was subsequently transferred with his command to Longstreet's Division, and was present at the siege of Knoxville, and in the charge of Fort Sanders. From Knoxville his command was sent to Virginia, and while en route Mr. Todd was not only taken ill, but was captured by the enemy, and sent to Camp Douglas, Illinois, where he was detained as a prisoner until the close of the war, when, in May, 1865, he was released and started homeward. He had money enough to take him to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and an extra five cents to pay his fare on the ferry across the river to Louisville, where he landed without a penny to his name. Finding shelter under a tree on the river's bank, the young soldier there spent the night. The next morning, tired and hungry, he started in search of the United States marshal, who had his headquarters in the house of a wealthy man, and a Confederate sympathizer, whose family occupied the rear of the house. A guard at the door took him to the marshal, who said to him, "There is a __ rebel family in the back part, who, perhaps, will give you something to eat." Going around to the rear door, Mr. Todd got a square meal and started out on the street.

He soon met a lady, well dressed, who asked him if he was not a rebel, to which he gave an affirmative reply. "We must not stand here and talk," she said. "You wait here until I turn the corner, then follow me and call at a certain number on that street." He did so, and was admitted to the house by the same kind woman, who proved to be the wife of a rebel physician, who was away from home. Accepting an invitation to stay there and recuperate, he was able in a few days to resume his travels, and given money to pay his fare to Murfreesboro. Upon his return to Rutherford county he rented land, and began life anew as a tiller of the soil.

Aaron Todd had attempted to make a start as a farmer previous to enlisting as a soldier, and by going in debt had become the owner of a slave. The Negro was freed, and when he arrived home with empty pockets, he was \$2,000.00 in debt, and the notes out against him, which were then due, had been drawing interest all the while. He rented a tract of hill land and began work in earnest. Successful from the first, he was enabled at the end of five years to free himself from all indebtedness, and for another five years he rented land, during which time he accumulated a considerable sum. He then bought land lying about two miles northwest of Big Spring, and at once took possession of the comfortable long house which stood on the place. From time to time he made similar investments until his real estate holdings amounted to about 900 acres of rich and productive land. In 1910 he moved into the City of Murfreesboro, where he still resides, but in good weather he makes daily visits to his farm, taking as keen an interest in its management as ever.

Mr. Todd married, in October, 1867, Elizabeth Prater, a native of Rutherford county, and of the seven children born of their union, five are now living, namely: Mattie Todd, wife of Robert Newman; Andrew Lee Todd; Ida Todd, wife of Charles Hackworth; Nannie Polk Todd; and Allie Todd. Josie Todd, the first born child, married William Parker, and died at the age of thirty years, leaving one child, Mary Lizzie Parker. George W. Todd, who became a practicing physician, died at the age of 26 years. In 1870 Aaron Todd was elected constable and held the position for eight years. In 1884 he was elected sheriff and in 1888 was elected magistrate for the First District and for 24 consecutive years rendered excellent service in that capacity.

Gleaning his first knowledge of books in the district schools, Andrew Lee Todd subsequently entered Union University at Jackson, Tennessee, and was there graduated. He then taught three years in that institution, after which he continued his studies at the Cumberland University in Lebanon, where he was graduated from the Law Department in 1900. Immediately locating in Murfreesboro, he began the practice of his profession in this city, and met with decided success from the start. In 1900 Mr. Todd was elected county superintendent of schools, and served most acceptably to all concerned. In 1904 he was made chairman of the sub-committee to select text books for the schools for the next five years, and in 1909 was an active member of the State Text Book Committee. Under the administration of Governor Frazier he was appointed a member of the State Board of Education, and reappointed to the same responsible office by Governor Patterson. In 1912 Mr. Todd was the choice of the Democratic party as a representative to the Tennessee Legislature. In the Tennessee Legislature he distinguished himself by introducing and pushing through the Legislature a bill appropriating one-third of the gross revenues of the state for public schools, or, in round numbers, this enactment means \$1,500,000 addition to the income for the public schools of the state. To him is due the credit for a compulsory educational law and numerous other laws improving the public school system of the state. He gained a reputation as the champion of the people's rights and for all movements for building up the state's best interests, etc.

Mr. Todd married July 3, 1895, Minneola Wilson, who was born in Jackson, Tennessee, a daughter of Samuel H. and Alice Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Todd have three children, namely: Evelyn Elizabeth Todd; Aaron Wilson Todd; and Andrew Lee Todd, Jr.

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RUTHERFORD CO. POST OFFICES - Years open for operation

researched by Susan G. Daniel

The following list of post offices and their dates of operation can be helpful to genealogists and historians hoping to identify the location of a particular place name. Be aware the name of the post office is listed in the county in which was located at the time the post office was created. Later changes of the county boundary lines may have affected the home county of that post office. This list is based on records at National Archives listing postmaster appointments from 1832 to 1971. An excellent work compiled by D. R. Frazier and published in 1984 provides the name of each postmaster in each Tennessee town or village, and gives the date of his or her tenure. This book, titled Postoffices and Postmaster Appointments 1789-1984 is available in many libraries.

Abbott's Mills 1830-1845
 Almadale 1879-1905
 Banton's Ferry 1833-1840 "from Lebanon by Banton's Ferry, to Franklin"
 Barefield 1891-1902 "or Barfield, on Barfield Crescent Rd. at Barfield Rd."
 Beverly 1874-1878
 Blackman 1895-1904
 Bloomfield 1854-1855
 Broadton 1884-1885
 Brooksville 1898-1898
 Buchanansville 1837-1842
 Carlocksville 1848-1904 "now called Big Springs on Big Springs Rd. east of Manchester Hwy (Rte 41-S)"
 Catlett 1900-1903
 Cherry Flat 1844-1856
 Christiana 1894 - "at Old Christiana Rd. east of Shelbyville Hwy (Rte 231-S)"

Cobb 1882-Unknown
 Comton 1886-1896 "or Compton at Intersection Compton Rd. & Lascassas Pike"
 Crescent 1881-1902 "on Barfield Crescent Rd. at Crescent Rd. near Midland-Armstrong Valley Rd."
 Cripple Creek 1842-1853
 Dennis 1894-1904
 Dentonville 1895-1904
 Dilton 1887-1906 "on Bradyville Pike (State Rte 99) at Dilton-Makin Rd. & Ghee Rd. intersection"
 Donnels 1895-1904
 Donnels Chapel 1876-1895 "at intersection of Bradyville Pike (State Rte 99), Big Springs Rd. & Cripple Creek Rd."
 Dunaway 1894-1899 "may have been near Valleyview on Holly Grove Rd. & Dunaways Chapel Rd."
 Eagleville 1836 - "In Williamson Co. and now in Rutherford Co."
 Edna 1887-1888
 Elm Hill 1840-1840
 Everglades 1885-1905
 Floraton 1884-1905 "on Floraton Rd. at intersection of Coleman Rd. & Murray-Kittrell Rd."
 Florence 1894-1937 "on Florence Rd. between Old Nashville Hwy & Rt 41"
 Florence Station 1857-1894 "near Florence - a stop on the RR"
 Fosterville 1837 - "East of RR tracks near intersection of Fosterville Rd., Christiana-Fosterville Rd. & Bell Buckle Rd."
 Friendsley 1839-1841
 Gentry 1848-1849
 Gum 1892-1906 "on Gum Rd. east of Manchester Hwy (Rte 41-S)"
 Hall's Hill 1850-1893 "on Halls Hill Pike and Kittrell-Halls Hill Rd."
 Halls Hill 1893-1904
 Hoover 1880-1905 "may have been Hoovers Gap near Christiana-Hoovers"

Gap Rd. & Manchester Pike (Rte. 41-S)"
 Huntersville 1870-1872
 Independent Hill 1854-1877 "is Northwest of Almadale"
 Jefferson 1803-1907 "removed by Corps of Engineers when Percy Priest
 Dam was built - originally oldest town - on E. Jefferson Pike near
 Smyrna were the East & West forks of Stones River meet"
 Jordan Valley 1892-1894
 Jordon's Valley 1840-1892
 Kittrell 1884-1907 "on Old Woodbury Pike near Murray-Kittrell Rd."
 La Vergne 1852 -
 Lamar 1881-1907 "east of LaVergne near Wilson Co. line"
 Las Casas 1832-1842
 Las Cassas 1844-1880
 Lascassas 1881 - "at intersection of Lascassas Pike & E. Jefferson Pike"
 Leanna 1901-1904 "on Sulphur Springs Rd. near I-840"
 Link 1890-1905 "on Link-Mt. Zion Rd. near Panther Creek Rd."
 Lofton 1894-1904 "at intersection of Lascassas Pike & Cainsville Pike
 (State Rte 266)
 Lowe 1885-1906 "may have been on Lowe Rd. north of Big Springs"
 Mabry 1894-1895 "may be near Mabry Cemetery in LaVergne area on
 Jones Mill Rd."
 Manire 1883-1886
 Mayella 1888-1904
 McLean's Mills 1824-1832
 Mechanicsville 1834-1843 "it was the name of Dist. 4 on the 1850 census
 and west of the Rocky Fork community"
 Middleton 1832-1870 "it was the name of Dist. 14 on the 1850 census on
 the Midland Rd. near the Bedford Co. line"
 Midland 1886-1907 "at intersection of Midland Rd. & Midland-Fosterville
 Rd."
 Millersburg 1894-1900 "at Millersburg Rd. & Christiana-Hoovers Gap Rd."
 Millersburgh 1836-1894
 Milton 1824 - "Northeast Rutherford Co. on Rte 96"
 Mona 1896-1903 "off W. Jefferson Pike near I-840"
 Murfreesboro 1813 - "county seat of Rutherford Co."

Overall 1880-1953 "north of Old Salem Rd. and east of Salem Methodist
 Church & Rucker Lane"
 Patterson's 1888-1905 "on Coleman Hill Rd. very near Williamson Co. line"
 Peru 1896-1903
 Pinkard 1887-1893
 Pittstown 1900-1902
 Posey's Store 1854-1854
 Puckett 1894-19064
 Readyville 1811-1886 "now in Cannon Co. on Old Woodbury Rd."
 Rockvale 1879 -
 Rocky Fork 1878-1908 "West of Smyrna near Williamson Co. line"
 Rucker 1882-1944 "on Rucker Rd. east of Shelbyville Hwy (Rte 231-S)
 and north of Christiana"
 Rushing 1896-1896
 Salem Cross Roads 1839-1840 "at Old Salem Rd. & Rucker Lane"
 Sharbersville 1866-1866
 Sharpsville 1889-1904 "at Sharpsville Rd. on Halls Hill Pike"
 Shortcreek 1899-1903
 Shorts 1890-1891
 Smyrna 1851 -
 Snell 1886-1905
 Stewartsboro 1836-1852 "or Stuartsboro is East Southeast of Smyrna"
 Stokely 1830-1836
 Swanvale 1891-1892
 Utopia 1890-1892
 Vaughn Valley 1846-1853
 Versailles 1840-1906 "at intersection of Versailles Rd. & Mt. Pleasant Rd."
 Walter Hill 1860-1895 "near Stones River on Jefferson Pike & Rt 231-N"
 Walterhill 1895-1967
 Wayside 1880-1903
 Wilkinson's Cross Roads 1833-1840 "it was the name of Dist. 7 on the
 1850 census - near Stones River National Battlefield and Manson
 Pike"
 Windrow 1901-1907 "at intersection Patterson Rd., Windrow Rd. & Snail
 Shell Cave Rd."

[Ed. Note: I would be interested in any information about some of these
 places—who lived there—where was it located, etc. Let me hear from you
 folks.]

**BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF THE
 TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY [GA]**

Volume 1 (1796-1861)

Some Politicians Who Represented Rutherford County

researched by Susan G. Daniel

**Ed. Note: The genealogical evidence in this volume is full of errors,
 corrections of which have been inserted, based on information found
 in the Rutherford Co. Court records and elsewhere.**

Samuel Anderson House, 12th & 13th GA; 1817-21. Born in VA 5 Jan 1787;
 son of William Anderson. Described as of limited schooling; studied law;
 licensed to practice 1810. Married in Rutherford Co. 21 Jan 1819 to
 Elizabeth Burrus, native of Amherst Co., VA and daughter of Col. Joseph
 & Sophia [Rucker] Burrus. Came to Murfreesboro from Knox Co., ca 1811;
 practiced law until appointed judge; after retirement from bench, 1851;
 devoted time to farming. Appointed, 1835, Judge of 5th Judicial Circuit;
 reelected and served to 1851. Buried 20 July 1859 in Murfreesboro's Old
 City Cemetery. Brother of William E. Anderson, brother-in-law of William
 C. J. Burrus and of Aaron V. Brown, father-in-law of Radford G. Ellis.

John Atkinson Senate, 13th GA, 1819-21. Born in Virginia in 1774; exact
 date and place of birth, names of parents, and extent of schooling not
 determined. Married twice, first to Miss Dunn; 7 children by this marriage,
 names not known; 2nd marriage to Nancy McClaren; 4 children by this
 marriage; one son—A. E. Atkinson, names of others not found. Came to TN
 in 1800; lived near Chapel Hill, then in Bedford but later in Marshall Co.
 Though party lines were not formed when he was in legislature, became
 Whig later. In War of 1812; enlisted as private 26 Sep 1814 in regiment
 commanded by Col. William Pillow, and company commanded by Capt. C.
 E. McEwin, Vol. Inf. Died near Chapel Hill in 1829.

Jesse Brashear House, 11th GA, 1815-17. Born at Guilford Courthouse,
 NC; son of Jesse Brashear, extent of schooling not determined. Married,
 [1802 in Guilford Co., NC] to Elizabeth "Betsy" Wright [daughter of Isaac
 Wright, a Rev. War soldier]. Early settler in Rutherford Co.; civil engineer
 [surveyor]; in last years retired to farm at Hall's Hill, near Readyville.
 Appointed by legislature member of committee to locate permanent seat
 for Rutherford, 11 Oct 1811. Died in Rutherford Co., 1824.

William C. J. Burrus House, 25th, 26, & 27th GA, 1843-1849. Senate, 29th

GA 1851-1853; Whig. Born in Rutherford Co. in 1816; son of Joseph & Sophia [Rucker] Burrus. [Never married]. Practiced law and farmed. Died 25 May 1859.

Ed. addition: [November 14, 1867, Chancery Court: W. C. J. Burrus had never been married and at his death his real and personal estate belonged to his brother, James R. Burrus, and to the children of his deceased brothers and sisters. The shares were as follows: James R. Burrus, only surviving brother, one share. W. J. Anderson & Mary E. Anderson Tappan, wife of James C. Tappan, the only children of Elizabeth (Burrus) Anderson (deceased) intestate's sister, jointly took one share. Laura (Brown) Robertson, Aaron V. Brown, Jr., W. O. Brown, and Medora Brown Dortch, wife of W. B. Dortch, the only children of Sarah W. Brown (deceased), intestate sister, jointly took one share. James H. Burrus and Sophia Burrus Powell, wife of George M. Powell, the only children of Philip J. Burrus (deceased), brother of intestate, jointly took one share. W. L. Burrus, L. B. Burrus, Robert A. Burrus, Fletcher R. Burrus, Cassandra A. Burrus, Lafayette Burrus, Elizabeth M. (Burrus) Howse, wife of George W. Howse, and Lucy V. (Burrus) McCulloch, wife of P. D. McCulloch, were the only children of Lafayette Burrus (deceased), brother of intestate, jointly took one share. In all there were five equal shares. Since the death of intestate, Lucy V. (Burrus) McCulloch had died leaving her husband and five small children. The husband was appointed as her administrator by the County Court of Gibson County, Tennessee. At his death the intestate owned two small tracts of land in Rutherford County totaling 59 plus acres which were sold at auction on October 31, 1859 and the proceeds were in possession of the Clerk & Master ready for distribution in accordance with above. He also owned 28 slaves plus 10 received from his father, Joseph Burrus, under terms of his will. Finally, the intestate owned 525 acres, his home place, which he also received from his father under terms of his which was recorded March 1821. Joseph Burrus left surviving him to wit: Sophia Burrus, widow who died about 1835; sons: Philip J. Burrus, DeLafayette Burrus, James R. Burrus, W. C. J. Burrus; and three daughters: Elisabeth (Burrus) Anderson, Sarah W. (Burrus) Brown, and Lucy Burrus who died without issue about 1824.]

Hardy Murfree Burton House, 24th GA, 1841-43; Whig. Born in Rutherford Co. 7 June 1818, son of Frank N. W. & Lavinia B. [Murfree] Burton; extent of schooling not determined. Married 29 May 1849 in Davidson Co. to Mary D. Hoggatt, daughter of James W. & Mary J. Hoggatt. Engaged in business at Murfreesboro; one of incorporators of Murfreesboro Savings Institute, 1850. Appointed 1852, U.S. consul to Isle of St. Thomas in West Indies, where he died 15 December 1852; buried Murfreesboro Old City Cemetery. Brother of John William Burton, brother-in-law of George D. Crosthwaite, sometime members TN GA.

Newton Cannon Senate, 9th GA, 1811-13; 18th GA 1829-31. Born in Guilford Co., NC, 22 May 1781, son of Minos & Letitia (Thompson) Cannon. Family came to Cumberland settlements soon after Revolutionary War, but returned to NC after brief stay; came again in 1790. Limited schooling. Married 1st to Leah Pryor Perkins, daughter of William & Margaret (Perkins) Perkins, of Davidson Co. Leah died 3 years later. He married 2nd 27 August 1818 Williamson Co. to Rachel Starnes Wellborn. Learned saddler's trade but became a clerk, merchant, and surveyor; acquired large landholdings including plantation in Williamson Co. near Allisonia. Elected as Democrat to House of Representatives, 13th Congress, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Felix Grundy and reelected to 14th Congress serving (1814-1817); appointed by President James Monroe, 1819, a commissioner to negotiate treaty with Chickasaw Indians; elected again to lower house of 16th Congress and reelected to

17th Congress (1819-1823); unsuccessful candidate for governor against Sam Houston, 1827; elected governor as a Whig, 1835, and reelected, 1837; defeated for third term, 1839, by James K. Polk; was first Whig governor of TN. Served in Creek War, 1813, as colonel of TN Mtd. Rifles. Died in Nashville, 16 Sep 1841.

Granville Smith Crockett House, 21st GA, 1835-37; designated as a Van Buren Democrat. Born c 1784; son of [Col.] Anthony & Mary (Robertson) Crockett. Married 16 May 1821 in Rutherford Co., Sarah L. "Sally" Sims, [daughter of Dr. Swepson & Jane (Lewis) Sims]. Engaged in farming, near Murfreesboro. Sheriff of Rutherford Co., 1834-36; clerk and master of chancery court, 1841-42. Captain "Murfreesboro Volunteers," a militia company. [He died ca 1838. His wife, married 2nd, Henry Hall.]

George D. Crosthwaite House, 28th GA, 1849-51; Whig. Born in Nelson Co., VA, 4 May 1808, son of Shelton & Elizabeth (Thompson) Crosthwaite. Attended "common schools"; Univ. of VA, Charlottesville; Medical College at Lexington, KY, graduating with honors, 1832. First married 11 Octo 1836 to Eliza T. Burton, daughter of Frank N. W. & Lavinia B. (Murfree) Burton. She died 1860 in Iowa City, IA; second marriage in 1862 to Caroline Harding. Practiced medicine at Murfreesboro until removal to Iowa City ca 1850; returned to Murfreesboro, 1862; at close of Civil War moved to California for three years; returned to Murfreesboro and practiced medicine until retirement in 1882. Clerk and master of chancery court at Murfreesboro, 1844-49; represented Johnson Co., in state senate of Iowa, 1852. Member Missionary Baptist Church.

David William Dickinson House, 19th GA, 1831-33. Born at Franklin, TN, 10 June 1808, son of David & Fannie Noailles (Murfree) Dickinson. After completion of preparatory studies at Franklin, was graduated from Univ. of NC, Chapel Hill; studied law and admitted to bar. First marriage to Eliza J. Grantland of Georgia, who died in 1838; second marriage to Sarah "Sallie" Brickell Murfree, [daughter of Col. Hardy & Sallie (Brickell) Murfree]. Began law practice at Rutherford Co. bar. Elected as a Democrat to U.S. House of Representatives, 23rd Congress and served (1833-1835); elected as a Whig to same house of 28th Congress (1843-1845); was unable to attend last session of that Congress because of failing health; presidential elector, 1840, on Whig ticket of William Henry Harrison and John Tyler. Died near Murfreesboro 27 April 1845.

Joseph Dickson, House, 7th GA, 1807-09; 8th GA, 1809-11; Speaker of House in 8th. Born in Chester Co., PA in April 1745; moved to Rowan Co., NC, and was reared and educated there. Married in 1864 to Margaret McEwen. Engaged in cotton and tobacco planting in NOC; moved to TN 1803; settled in that portion of Davidson Co. including Rutherford Co.; practiced law at Murfreesboro; operated plantation nearby. Distinguished political career before coming to TN included: member of committee of safety for Rowan Co, 1775; clerk of Lincoln Co. court, NC, 1781; delegate from that county to the NC convention of 1789; called to ratify U.S. Constitution; member of NC State Senate, 1788-95; during that time named one of the commissioners to establish Univ. of NC; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 6th Congress (1799-1801). In Revolutionary War, commissioned captain in "Colonial Army," 1775; at Battle of Kings Mountain "as major of the Lincoln County Men"; rendered heroic service; opposed Lord Cornwallis' invasion of the State in 1781, and for brave and efficient conduct was promoted to the rank of colonel, and before the close of the war was made brigadier general"; after war was general of NC militia. Helped to organize Murfreesboro Presbyterian Church in 1812. Died at home in Rutherford Co. 14 April 1825; buried on his plantation.

William R. Doak, House, 33rd GA, 1859-61; Democrat. Born in Rutherford Co. ca 1831; son of Robert & Jane (Wilson) Doak. Was single while in legislature, 1859; was killed in battle less than three years later. Engaged in farming in Millersburg community. Appointed major in 2nd (Robinson's) TN Inf., CSA, 31 Dec 1861; killed at Battle of Shiloh, 6 Apr 1862.

Robert Henry Dyer Senate, 11th GA, 1815-17. Born in NC ca 1774; son of Joel H. & Sophia Dyer; came with parents prior to 1797 to Grainger Co. Married prior to 1801 to Susan Mitchell, daughter of Joab & Mary (Henderson) Mitchell. Moved to Rutherford Co., 1807; engaged in farming, moved again in 1819-20 to Madison Co. to become prominent in organization of that county; moved still agin to Dyer Co., named in his honor in 1823, where he was one of first land owners. Appointed justice of peace for Madison on formation of that county, 1821; member of commission appointed to improve navigation in Western District, 1824; commissioned lieutenant in Rutherford Co. Reg., 5th Brigade, TN militia, 1807; commissioned captain in same regiment, 1810; defeated for major general of state militia, c 1824; in War of 1812; took part in Natchez Expedition, Creek War, and defense of New Orleans; was colonel 1st Reg., TN Vol. Cav., of Mounted Gunmen; was in Florida War of 1817-18. Died in Madison Co., 11 May 1826.

Radford G. Ellis Senate, 31st GA, 1855-57, American or Know-Nothing Party. A native of TN. Attorney. Born ca 1821. First marriage 19 Oct 1843 to Sophia B. Anderson, dau of Samuel Anderson; second marriage 25 Mar 1859 to Mrs. Sarah Agatha (Perkins) Marr of Williamson Co. In 1850 was practicing law in Murfreesboro; later removed to Williamson Co. Unsuccessful candidate for Congress vs. Meredith P. Gentry, 1847; unsuccessful candidate for attorney-general, 1851. Bore title of major but military service not found in Tennessee records.

Alfred P. Gowen House, 19th & 20th GA, 1831-35. Born ca 1795. He was living in Rutherford Co. before 1830, where he married 14 Jan 1829 Elizabeth S. Lowe, daughter of Walter Lowe, Sr. In 1850 they were living in the Big Spring District. [Alfred died ca 1857].

Thomas Greer House, 9th GA, 1811-13. Born 8 Nov 1770, son of Andrew & Mary (Vance) Greer. First married to Miss Bradford; second marriage to Catherine Harmond. Came with brothers to TN to take land granted to father by NC for services in Revolutionary War; built a house in Shelbyville in 1820s which was called the Shelbyville Inn and later known as Evans House. Died in Bedford Co., 16 Oct 1848; buried in Sugar Creek Cemetery. Son of Andrew Greer; grandfather of Thomas Newcome Greer; brother-in-law of George Wilson; uncle of George Alexander Wilson, sometime member of TN GA.

Hance Hamilton House, 10th & 11th GA, 1813-1816. Born in Sept. 1763 at Hillsborough, NC. [Son of Thomas Hamilton, Sr. who had served on the VA line during the Revolution, and died 1829 in Rutherford Co.] Married Mary McNairy, daughter of Francis & Mary (Boyd) McNairy. Appointed, 1811, one of commissioners to select permanent county seat for Rutherford Co. Saw service as private and sergeant with NC troops in American Revolution. Died at Murfreesboro 31 Mar 1816.

Andrew J. Hoover House, 22nd GA; qualified and took seat 2 Oct 1837; attended sessions through Oct 14; died 11 Nov 1837, before end of session. Presidential elector, 1836, on ticket of Hugh Lawson White and John Tyler, called in TN the Anti-Caucus party. [Son of John Sr. & Lydia Hoover and grandson of Mathias Hoover or Huber of Hoovers Gap, he married 4 Sep 1833 in Davidson Co., Martha Shute. He is buried in the Walter Hill Community Cemetery.

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