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Hey!!! Some of you have forgotten to send in your membership renewals. We don't want to lose you as members. It's just \$25 a year. Membership dues should be paid on or about September 1st every year. If your address label shows Membership Expiration: 8/31/2015, you have not paid your dues for the current year. We will have to remove you from our rolls, if we do not receive your membership renewal by March 1, 2016.

Sunday, January 17, 2016 - Board Meeting - 2 pm at Ransom School - all Board members urged to attend.

Monday, January 18, 2016 - 7 pm at Rutherford Co. Archives, 435 Rice Street. Speaker: Cannon Loughry will present his research (including pictures, letters, documents, and genealogy) conducted over the past 10 years on the Loughry Family in Tennessee. With primary focus on his great-great-grandfather Joseph Nelson Loughry who moved to Tennessee in 1850.

Monday, February 15, 2016 - 7 pm at Rutherford Co. Archives, 435 Rice Street. Speaker: Dr. Derek W. Frisby, MTSU History Dept. - topic to be announced.

RANSOM SCHOOL HOUSE IS OPEN ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

The RANSOM SCHOOL HOUSE is now open on Saturdays, 9-12 a.m. For further information or to sign up as a greeter, contact: Gwen Boyd - 895-0028

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. 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

Publications for sale:

For past publications, please contact Gwen Boyd (615) 895-0028 or Susan Daniel (615) 849-3823 or write the Society at the above address.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: **Rutherford County Historical Society 2015 review.** Our Society participated in the Stones River Mall's "Market at the Mall" event. Vicki & Russell Norton, Teresa Kant, Sandra Campbell, Greg Tucker, Shirley Jones, Joyce & Bruce Johnson set up tables, books and other RCHS publication for sale. Dr. Becky McIntyre, MTSU History Professor asked members to judge the District History Day Competition. Several volunteered. February the weather was so bad we had no meeting. March was fun with the Show-&-Tell event. April, Dr. Patricia Gaitley presented a program "Snake Handlers in Appalachia." May Bethany Hawkins spoke on Powell's Chapel Baptist Church History. Susan Harber and her brother, Larry Rogers, spoke on "The History of Smyrna." July, Jim Lewis presented the program "Civil War Battlefield Changes of the Stones River Battlefield." August, the speaker was Hugh Berryman PhD. Forensic Anthropologist at MTSU talked about studying and identifying American Soldiers buried during the Mexican-American War from Tennessee. September RCHS elected a new slate of officers. RCHS began planning the November Membership Banquet. At the banquet some members received awards and a memorial service was held for members who had passed away in 2015. December 5th Oaklands Historical House Museum included the Ransom Historic House & School Museum on their 32nd Annual Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes. The Ransom School & Museum was decorated in the style of the 1920's. Many in the community came to see our School & Museum. **2015 was the 45th year of organization for the RUTHERFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY!!!.** The "History of the Rutherford County Historical Society" by Ernie Johns has been updated to 2015 by Gwen Boyd and can be seen at the Rutherford County Archives. Many thanks to the Officers, Board Members, volunteers, and all of our members participating in 2015. Happy New Year.
 Joyce Johnson, President

JOHN NASH READ/REED

Additional information from Frances Victory

John Nash Read/Reed, b. Apr 25, 1763 Charlotte Co., Va. - d. Jan 6, 1826 in Rutherford Co., TN. As a young man of 18, John Nash Read joined the Continental Army of Virginia. He served under General Nathaniel Greene at the battles at Guilford Court House, NC; Cowpens, and other engagements. It is believed he received the rank of Major. He was the son of Clement Read II, who at the age of 21 was an attorney; at 22 an attorney for the Crown; at 25 he was a Justice of the County Court; at 27 he was Lieutenant Colonel of the Militia; he succeeded his father, Clement Read I, in the House of Burgesses for the County at Lunenburg. When in 1765, Charlotte County was formed, Clement Read II, was Burgess for that county through 1768. John Nash Read's brother, Clement Read III, was also a Revolutionary War soldier, He was a Lieutenant in Major John Nelson's Corps of Calvary until his death in 1781. At his death, Warrant 68 for 2666-2/3 acres was issued to John (Nash) Read, eldest brother and heir, December 23, 1783. This information from the "Virginia Soldiers of 1776.

John Nash Read moved to Rutherford County in 1806 from Charlotte County, Virginia. He first settled in the Jefferson community and built the Read House. Rutherford County government matters were conducted at the Read House before the existence of Murfreesboro. John Nash Read served on the first Grand Jury of Rutherford County. He established Templeton Grove Plantation on the West Fork of Stones River. This Plantation, homes, and Enon Church were destroyed during the Civil War. John Nash Read, along with several members of his family, are buried at the historic Templeton Grove Cemetery on Florence Road, Smyrna.

I am listing some corrections to the November/December 2015 "Frow Chips" on John Nash Read. I have also added a few other bits of information:

1. He was the father of 24 children:
2. Wife (1) Elizabeth Julia Spencer (a first cousin to Thomas Jefferson) was the mother of 12 of his children. (Her last child was 6 weeks old when she died)
3. Wife (2) Elizabeth Fisher Nash (his first cousin, once removed). Rutherford Co., TN records have her last name as Knight which is incorrect. Her father was John Nash, Jr. of Templeton Manor, VA. Wife (2) Elizabeth Fisher Nash, mother of 2 children. (She was poisoned by her wet nurse.)
4. Wife (3) Mary Barksdale, mother of 10 children.

Some of the information above is from, Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution Roster, Revolutionary Ancestors, Vol. IV, R-2, Pgs. 1780-1781

Children of John Nash & Elizabeth Julia Spencer Read:

1. Dr. Clement Nash Read (1787-ca 1826), m. Washington, MS, Elizabeth Wittington.
2. Dr. John "Jack" Harris Read (1788-1825), m. 4 Jan 1816 Rutherford Co., TN, Anne Beavers.
3. Polly Harris Read (1789-1790)
4. Major Sion Spencer Read (22 Apr 1791 - 27 Aug 1843 Old McMinnville Cemetery, Warren Co., TN), m. 3 Aug 1819 Rutherford Co., TN, Hardenia Jefferson Spencer.
5. Martin James Read (1792-)
6. Harriet James Read (1783-1795)
7. Mary Harris Read (1795-), 1st wife of Randolph Barksdale (1793-ca 1844)
8. Dr. Thomas Hill Read (1798-1874, Decatur, Macon Co., IL), m. 24

Aug 1836 Rutherford Co., TN, Elizabeth Allen

9. Elizabeth Fanny Ann Read (1799-)
10. Lucia Flourmoy Read (1801-)
11. Harry Ann Read (1802-1825)
12. Julia Elizabeth Read (1804-1887 Decatur, Macon Co., IL), m. 7 Sep 1830 Rutherford Co., TN, David L. Allen.

Children of John Nash & Elizabeth Fisher Nash Read:

13. James Allen Read (1806-1876), m. 8 Jan 1827, Tabitha F. Lannom, daughter of Joseph Lannom (d. 1823).
14. Francis Nash Read (1807-1827)

Children of John Nash & Mary Barksdale Read:

15. Sarah Wimbish Garden Read (1811 - post 1880), m. 7 Apr 1828 Rutherford Co., TN, William Allen.
16. Anne Elizabeth Margaret Read (1812 - post 1880 MS), m. Edward Wilson Norfleet
17. William Harrison Read (1813-1834), unmarried
18. Nathaniel Barksdale Read (1815-1861), m. ca 1843 Rutherford Co., TN, Margaret Jane Bryan(t).
19. Edmund Randolph Read (1816-1843), unmarried
20. Susan Catharine Read (1818-), m. 9 Dec 1851 Rutherford Co., TN, Aaron O. Askew
21. Nancy Garden Read (1820-), m. 12 Feb 1850 Rutherford Co., TN, William H. Wilson.
22. Martha Newel Read (1821-1823).
23. Peter F. A. Read (1823-1852), unmarried
24. Mary Sydnor Read (1825-1826).

ISAAC NEWTON WRIGHT I

Submitted by Gwen Boyd

He was born about 1731 in Surry Co., NC. He died on Oct 18, 1816 in Hall's Hill, Rutherford Co., TN. He married Rebecca "Rebekah" Thompson, daughter of Robert "Roger" Thompson Sr and Ann Ferguson, about 1769 in Near Guilford Courthouse, NC. She was born on Jan 27, 1752 in Pipe Creek Settlement, Carroll Co., MD. She died on Apr 09, 1840 in Hall's Hill, Rutherford Co., TN.

Will of Isaac Wright, Sr.: In the name of God Amen, I Isaac Wright of Rutherford County and State of Tennessee, etc.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebekah Wright, the plantation where I now live below the mill, including all the wood land adjoining the same, on the south side of the River, also half the profits of the grist mill, with four Negroes (namely Elam, Inde, Crice, and Anna). Also all the household furniture except two featherbeds here after _____, all the farming utensils, with two work horses and her choice in stock of four cows and calves - four sows and pigs, all the sheep, and one year's provision for the family, the above named negro girl Inde and one hundred dollars in cash I leave to her own disposal, at her death. Be it understood that the boy Elam is to tend the mill at all times when necessary, the above named one hundred dollars he is to have at my death, for his own use. All of the above named property she is to hold during her natural life then to be equally divided among the legatees as hereafter named.

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Dill (Mary Polly Wright Dill) five hundred acres of land on Big Harpeth being part of George Parks five thousand acre survey.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Statler (Alfred's mother) one half of a tract of land in Davidson County, supposed to contain four hundred acres adjoining Squire Phillip's line.

I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Wright Five Dollars if he attends at the time of division, as I have given him a full share of my Estate in my life time.

I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Wright one negro boy named Allen, also my large still. I give and bequeath to my son Thompson Wright all the land on the north side of River of M. Corkle's line to Bell's line where it crosses the first creek above the mill, thence down the creek to the River, then down the river to M. Corkle's line including the Cotton Machine and all improvements thereon, one feather bed and furniture belonging thereto, two cows and calves also one negro man named Elam after the death of my wife also the place where I now live including all the land adjoining that I have not already made titles to, at my wife's Death. Also, the whole profits of the saw mill and half the profits of the grist mill from the time of my death, he is to keep the grist mill in repair at his own expense and at the death of my wife the mills with the whole of the improvements in the above named tract to be his own and sole property. I consider this a full share therefore I do not wish him to have any share in the division of the residue of my Estate.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Brashear one hundred Dollars in cash, at the settlement of the estate with an equal division of my estate that I have not already willed

I give and bequeath to my Grandsons' Nathan Brashear and Issac Wright Brashear the interest that I have in a bond on Thomas Search for a certain quantity of land now located on Turnips River below the mouth of White Oak Creek, to be equally divided between them .

It is my will that if my negro man named Sam should wish his freedom at my death, he may have it being hired out until he pays one hundred and fifty Dollars but should he not wish his freedom he may continue as he is my wife's property her life time. I also leave to my wife during her natural life my negro woman named Grace.

It is also my will that ____ of my landed property not willed or disposed of should be sold or disposed of or divided _____ after my wife's death, Bonds, Notes and book accounts together with stock of all kinds, not heretofore willed in this my last will and testament, may be divided at my death.

I do also appoint my son Jacob Wright and my son in law Jesse Brashear, my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills be me made - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred twelve. Isaac Wright Witnesses: David Phillips, Isaac Jetton, James Neilly

Page 194 - Isaac Right - Territory of the United States - May 24, 1791 North Carolina No. 1009. By an Act for the relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Line, in consideration of the bravery and zeal of David Pasmore, a private in the said line, granted unto Isaac Right, assignee of said David Pasmore, a tract of land containing 365 acres in Davidson County on the water of Stones River adjoining Benjamin Flood's beginning corner. Surveyed for Isaac Right Mar 2, 1786 by John Buchanan, S. S. in consequence of a Military Warrant No. 417. Located Jan 18, 1786.

May 18, 1789. NC Continental Line, Revolutionary War. Isaac Wright, assignee of Private David Passnore, land grant of 365 acres on the East Fork of Stones River at Hall's Hill in Rutherford Co., TN. Located on Stones River, "on 1st creek" in the cedars above Stones River station. Joins E boundary of Ben Flood's 640 acres survey & runs down creek. Beginning at cedar & black Walnut Benjamin Flood's beginning corner S 320p with Flood's line to red oak, E 18205p to dogwood, W 182p to

beginning. Miliary Warrant No 417. (Davdson Co. DB B 194) Located January 18, 1786. Surveyed Mar 2, 1786. .

NC Revolutionary Land Grants in TN; Joseph Erwin to Isaac Wright of Guilford Co., NC, 423 acres on both sides of East Fork of Stones River. A part of the original survey of 4800 acres to Hance Hamilton. (Davidson Co., DB-F-79, October 12,1803)

Page 94 - Isaac Wright - Aug 1, 1799 This indenture made 14 July 1798 between George Parks of Sumner County, State of Tennessee of the one part and Isaac Wright of Guilford County, State of North Carolina of the other part. George Parks conveyed unto Isaac Wright a Tract of land on the head waters of Big Harpeth River, Metro District adjoining James Currison's corner, and containing 500 acres, it being part of a 5000 acres tract granted by the State of North Carolina to George Parks by patent dated Sept 26, 1795. Wit: James Thompson. July Term 1799 (This was the tract given to Mary Polly Wright Dill.)

FROM THE RESEARCH NOTES OF EMILY DILL FLORIDA ABOUT 1985.

Hall's Hill Mill was founded in the 1780's by Isaac Wright and was located on the south side of Stone's River. The mill was first called Wright's Mill. It stayed in the Wright family all of the nineteenth century. In 1902, a great flood destroyed the mill. Thompson Wright (Isaac's son) rebuilt the mill on the north side of the river. A man named Tilford bought the mill during World War I. He sold the mill during the 1920's to John Northcutt. Northcutt was a school teacher in Hall's Hill so he had the mill operated by Ellis Floyd. In 1929, after the opening of Carnation Milk Plant, Northcutt had a hammer feed mill installed to crush cattle feed. He bought this and had it put in for \$700.00.

Before Northcutt bought the mill, flour, meal, and sawed logs were the only products manufactured. In 1920-1940 the rate of sawed logs was, just sixty cents per 100 feet. Northcutt cemented over the dam which raised the water level. Farmers upstream threatened him with law suits, so he voluntarily destroyed the concrete with a jack-hammer. Northcutt died in 1941, and Ellis Floyd (a Wright descendant), (?) who was operator of the mill, bought it after Northcutt's death. In 1944, he sold the mill to a man named Ezell. Ezell kept it for a few years and sold to Will Hudson. Hudson then sold to Beaty Bowling, whose son owns it now.

THE STORY OF THE BUGLER BOY

On the morning of February 12th, Lee's Legion rode into the plantation of Charles Bruce, an ardent patriot, who welcomed the tired, hungry men. Bruce's plantation was in the area later named Bruce's Crossroads in his honor, and now is the town of Summerfield. Before the hungry men could eat, a farmer, Isaac Wright, rode in with foam dripping from his pony and shouted to Colonel Lee that he had seen a party of British soldiers up the road (toward present day Oak Ridge). Lee immediately detailed Captain James Armstrong and his company to investigate. With conditions as they were, Wright's word was held in doubt, and Lee ordered him to go long as a guide with the searching party. Wright replied that he did not have a horse fast enough to enable him to escape if British soldiers were found in large numbers. At this point fate took a hand in the affairs of an anxious lad on the sidelines. Lee unhorsed his bugler and gave the horse to Wright. As his horse was his only possession except his bugle, Gillies could not stand to see his horse taking off, so he jumped upon the farmer's flea bitten pony and followed the soldiers.

After going two miles in the direction that Wright led them, there was no glimpse of the British and Armstrong halted and accused Wright of being mistaken. Wright said, "I may be mistaken as to the distance, but not

as to the soldiers; if you will send two men with me, I will go on and prove to you that I told the truth." So, Wright and two soldiers rode away and the boy rode with them. They had not gone more than a mile when they came suddenly upon the British Dragoons. The retreat and pursuit began. Wright and the two soldiers had nothing to fear, but the little bugler boy, riding with all his might, found the enemy gaining on him. Gillies was pulled from his pony and literally cut to pieces by the swords of the British. Wright and his two men reached Captain Armstrong and told him what had happened. The party rushed back to the rescue and found the dragoons still grouped around the dying boy. It was too late to save his life. But a fierce fight took place, in which fourteen of the British were killed and the others made prisoner.

The sorrowing Bruce and his friends slipped away to find the pitiful little body of the bugler boy. It was brought back to the Bruce home and buried in the family graveyard. The seven British dragoons, left sprawling after the fight, were thrown with little ceremony into a common grave. The State sign erected on Summerfield Road marks the Bruce family cemetery, and the burial ground of Gillies, the Bugler Boy.

The fate of the bugler boy became one of the best known and immortalized chapters of the American Revolution in Guilford County. In 1898 the Athenian and Philomathean Literary Societies of Oak Ridge Institute placed a monument to his memory in Guilford Battle Ground National Park. It reads,

"GILLIES. Light Horse Harry Lee's Bugler Boy. Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori (Sweet and fitting it is to die for one's country). Erected by the Literary Societies and Alumni of Oak Ridge Institute May 6th, 1898 to the memory of the gallant Gillies who fell under the swords of Tarleton's Dragoons near Oak Ridge, N.C. February 12th 1781, a noble sacrifice to his own generosity and for his country's freedom."

In 1922, the Guilford Battle Chapter of the DAR erected a monument to Charles Bruce and to Gillies the Bugler Boy, which stands by Summerfield Road in front of the present Summerfield Elementary School. The south face reads,

"GILLIES, Lighthorse Harry Lee's heroic bugler boy was killed near here by Tarleton's Dragoons, February 12, 1781."

Sometime after his death, a marker was placed on the spot where Gillies was killed, probably of soap stone, and in 1913 the student body of Oak Ridge Institute moved this marker to a spot in sight of the new macadam road from Oak Ridge to Summerfield. This marker deteriorated and was replaced with a permanent granite monument by Robert Oscar Holt, a native of Oak Ridge, in 1939. The monument is beautifully kept by the owner of the home in whose yard it stands, Frank Miller, Jr. Just across the road, in 1941, the Joseph Kerner Chapter of the D.A.R. from Kernersville, erected a monument on the exact spot of Gillies' demise. It is in a dell on the south side of the road, on the old road bed, and the area is kept cleared and beautified. It read,

"On this spot BUGLER BOY GILLIES, Age 14 lost his life at the hands of British soldiers, February 12, 1781."

Both these monuments can be seen on the Oak Ridge to Summerfield road, on the curve where Summerfield city limits begin. It is doubtful that any one soldier, of any war, has as many memorials to his life as does James Gillies, Lee's Bugler Boy. Monument on south side of Oak Ridge Rd reads: On this spot Bugler Boy Gillies age 14 Lost His Life at the Hands of the British Soldiers February 12, 1781 Placed by Joseph Kerner Chapter, 1941.

Rutherford Co., TN, History & Families, published in 2002. Page 331.

Isaac Wright furnished material aide to the Colonial cause during the

Revolutionary War. By 1789, Wright was furnished material aide to the Colonial cause during the Revolutionary War. By 1789, Wright was making plans to come to Tennessee. Isaac's oldest sons were 14 and 15 years old and would have been able to come with their mother's brothers or their brothers-in-law. It is known that they were from North Carolina because the date and name of that state was carved here on their white limestone smokehouse. The family smokehouse stood in Rutherford County until May 1970, when a storm came up and blew it down. Part of one side was brick.

Notes for Rebecca "Rebekah" Thompson: Wright

In the name of God amen I Rebecca Wright of Rutherford County do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament. In the first place I give to my youngest Daughter Rebecca Goodlow my Negro Woman Mary with her two children and all the children said Mary may have hereafter previous to the happening of my death and further my will that all the balance of my Estate shall be equally divided between my living daughters to wit: Hanny Stattler, Betsy Wood and Rebecca Goodlow and it is my will that four of my grand children namely Sevina Posey, Polly Cole, Harriet Hutcherson and Amanda Dill them four and no more shall have their dead mother's equal part equally divided between so that the grand division of my Estate will in four parts. The last named four legatees shall have one part of said grand division the Negroes names to Rebecca Goodloe not taking, into the four grand divisions of my estate. It is further my will that each of my Granddaughters that bear my Christian name shall receive ten dollars each to get a black Dress.

It is my will that none of my sons or their children shall have any part of my estate nor any other person but those names in this instrument. I do appoint my Grandson Alfred Miller my lawful Executor to Execute this my last will and testament if in case that Alfred Miller refuses to execute this will I then select David M. Garratt to inventory my estate and receive lawful wages for so doing and then my son Jacob Wright I appoint my lawful Executor that on default of Miller refusing to act.

To the above written will I do subscribe my name revoking all other wills by me made. witness my hand and seal this 9th day of September 1835. Rebecca Wright

Witnesses: Lewis Jetton, Julia Jones, Rebecca Jetton

Children of Isaac Newton Wright I and Rebecca "Rebekah" Thompson

1. ESAU WRIGHT was born about 1766 in Guilford Co., NC. He died about 1840 in Montgomery Co., IN.

2.. MARY "POLLY" WRIGHT was born on Nov 17, 1770 in Guilford Co., NC. She died on Jun 07, 1818 in Halls Hill, Rutherford Co., TN. She married Joseph "Al" Dill, son of Joseph "A" Dill and Mary Ann Ross, on Mar 16, 1786 in Guilford Co., NC. He was born about 1762 in MD. He died about 1826 in Rutherford Co., TN.

Notes for Mary "Polly" Wright:

Joseph Dill put up a dowry of 50 pounds, according to the document also signed by Polly's father, Isaac Wright. The guardianship of the youngest daughter, Amanda, was given to Jacob Wright who must have been a member of Mary Polly's family. Jacob Wright was also an executor of the will along with the oldest son, Isaac Dill. Joseph freed a Negro woman named Patsy "for kindness to me in my affliction." In the TN Census of 1850, Patsy Dill is listed living in a household of her own at the age of 65.

Notes for Joseph "Al" Dill:

According to oral tradition, the Dill family lived in Maryland and supported the King of England. Based on the information in the Charleston public records, and the land on James Island, this is probably true. They did not

want to be involved in the Revolution. Joseph received an original land grant for 41 acres on May 15, 1789 in Rutherford County (this may have been Wilson Co.) granted by the hand of Richard Caswell, Governor and Commander in Chief of North Carolina. After the birth of the last child, Amanda, and before Polly's death in 1818, the Joseph Dill family moved to Rutherford County, TN. Polly's father, Isaac Wright, had received a 375 acre grant in Rutherford County on the east bank of Stones River, (Surveyed March 2, 1786). October 13, 1803, Isaac obtained an additional 423 acres from Joseph Erwin from Robert and William White from Joseph White. A part of an original grant (4800 acres) from Thomas L. Hamilton heir of Surgeon Hance Hamilton, deceased, on both side of East Fork of Stones River. The Wright family, including some of Polly's brothers and sisters, were already established in Rutherford County by the time Joseph and Polly arrived with their family. Their descendents make up a number of families that remain in Rutherford County. Public land records in the Spartanburg Archives indicate that Joseph "Al" Dill purchased land in the area on July 22, 1793. This would have been shortly after the death of his father, Joseph "A". He sold this land on November 2, 1814. They appear in Rutherford County in 1810. Mary Polly died June 7, 1818. Amanda was born in 1815. The site of Joseph Dill's plantation mentioned in his will of 1826 lies on the right of Hwy 96E, Lascassas Pike, immediately after crossing Bushnell (Bushmans) Creek. The Pitts were the family that owned the property in more recent times. A grave house once marked their graves. The old grave yard is at this time covered by a large grove of pine trees and ground cover.

PITTS CEMETERY. (1974) Lascassas Quadrangle. NE on Lascassas Pike (Hwy 96) after road (left) to Oakland High School, cemetery is on right (E) side of road. 1/10 mile N of Bushnell (Bushmans) creek Bridge on Hwy 96 about 250 from road on a wooded knoll. 40 or more unmarked graves. By: Bob Ragland. George Todd and his family have lived on this property for 30 years. An old log house is still standing which was the plantation home of Joseph Dill (1790-1826) and Mary "Polly" Wright (1770-1818) who immigrated here around 1815. They are buried here on a little rise. Their graves were marked by a log enclosure which has become part of the growth and soil accumulation on their graves. There is a small stone which appears to be the top of an old marker over one of the graves. There are probably other Dill family members buried here. Cadar Dement purchased this land for \$1,100 in 1830 after Joseph Dill's death. Deed records indicate this property was transferred to Joseph Dill from William A. Sublett in 1819. It was originally a part of the hunting grounds used, but not occupied, by many surrounding Indian tribes. It was later part of a 640 acre land grant given to the soldiers who fought in the North Carolina Continental Line during the Revolution. The land grant was purchased by Mr. Bushnell. According to another oral tradition: "The Dill's once owned all the land on the right of Lascassas Pike from Bushnell Creek to Lascassas." This is a distance of about ten miles.

3. HANNAH ELIZABETH WRIGHT was born on Jan 16, 1772 in Guilford Co., NC. She died in Nov 1836 in Rutherford Co., TN. She married (1) UNKNOWN GRAHAM. She married (2) JOHN DAVID ALEXANDER MILLER SR on May 14, 1794 in Guilford Co., NC. He was born about 1763 in Surry, England. He died after 1807. She married (3) ABRAHAM STATLER on Dec 18, 1809 in Botetourt Co., VA. He was born about 1780 in VA. He died before 1840 in Rutherford Co., TN.

4. JACOB R WRIGHT I was born on Oct 03, 1774 in Guilford Co., NC. He died on Aug 02, 1867 in Lincoln Co., TN. He married Nancy Agnes McMullin on Apr 16, 1799 in Botetourt Co., VA. She was born about 1778. She died in 1840 in Lincoln Co., TN.

5. ISAAC WRIGHT II was born on Dec 23, 1775 in Guilford Co., NC. He died in Dec 1861 in Randolph Co., NC. He married (1) MARTHA WELBORN on Jun 07, 1800 in Randolph Co., NC. She was born on Mar 21, 1784 in Randolph Co., NC. She died in 1835 in Randolph Co., NC. He married (2) HANNAH HOLDER on Nov 12, 1838. She was born about 1825 in Randolph Co., NC. She died after 1880 in Randolph Co., NC.

6. JACOB WRIGHT was born on Dec 25, 1777 in Guilford Co., NC. He died in Dec 1861 in Randolph Co., NC. He married MARY "POLLY" MCALHATTON. She was born on Sep 29, 1788. She died in 1870.

Notes for Jacob Wright:

Jacob Wright, during his life, time gifted two church lots. One to the Stones River Church containing two acres and twenty poles. Second to the Antioch Church of Christ containing three acres and 108 poles. Chancery Court Decree, July 13, 1886, vested title of these two lots from all parties to the respective churches. Stones River Presbyterian Church and Antioch Church of Christ still stand on this land, Feb 2009.

7. ABRAHAM WRIGHT was born on Oct 12, 1778 in Guilford Co., NC. He died in 1829 in Lower Country on Mississippi River.

8. THOMPSON WRIGHT II was born on Dec 30, 1779 in Randolph Co., NC. He died on Jun 09, 1834 in Wright's Mill, Rutherford Co., TN. He married CLEMENTINE CAROLINE SMITH, daughter of John Smith and Jane (? Unknown), about 1822 in Hall's Hill, Rutherford Co., TN. She was born on Sep 13, 1805 in Rutherford Co., TN (Doctor). She died on Oct 26, 1885 in Rutherford Co., TN.

Notes for Thompson Wright II:

Thompson Wright chose to marry Caroline Clementine Smith who was 26 years younger. Their fruitful union produced seven children and a host of descendants in this county. After Thompson died, she would marry two more times, first to Joshua Johnson (b. 1798, d. 1839). Her third husband was John W. Hall. Seven children were born. Each lived a short time and died in their earliest days. Goodspeed's called this area of Rutherford County where the family lived, Raleigh. After the first husband, Thompson, died, Mr. Hall took over operation of the mill and this area Hall's Hill. John Hall also became a guardian for the minor children from Clementine's first marriage. The detailed will of Isaac Wright reveals much about the industry, ingenuity, and resources of the family. By 1816 when Isaac died, the family had made a dam across Stones River and built a mill. They owned a sawmill and operated a large still.

9. ELIZABETH "BETSY" WRIGHT was born on Nov 02, 1781 in NC. She married (1) JESSE BRASHEARS I, son of Asa "Brashear" Brashears and Jemima Nelson, on Sep 16, 1802 in Guilford Co., NC. He was born about 1777 in NC. He died in 1822 in Rutherford Co., TN. She married (2) JOHN WOOD.

Notes for Jesse Brashears I: (by Leffel Brown recorded at the Floria Cemetery cleaning 13 November 2001, Transcribed by Madge Ann Florida Patton and included here by Gwendolyn Hopkins Boyd.)

The Brashears are kin to the Brown's two or three different ways. First, Jesse Brashears came in here and he owned the land where Oakland School is now located. He lived about ten years and died leaving about nine children. He sold that and bought a big track of land off Bevins Hill Road, between Bevins Hill Road and the river. He was a county surveyor between the time it became Murfreesboro from Cannonsburg, between 1812 - 1820. He did all of the surveying for Rutherford County. He made a will in 1818, he wasn't old, but knew he was going to die. He had a son, Jesse W, who was four years old when they probated the will in 1822. He

gave a 1,000 acres to two of his sons on the Cumberland River in Montgomery County. Youngest son, Jesse, and another son Abraham divided his plantation between them. There was a spring on the river property so he ran the dividing line down middle of the spring so both would have water on their property. His wife had a homestead and dowry as long as she lived. Jesse went over on Cranor Road off Woodbury Pike (Highship Road) and brought a track of land. The Brashears Cemetery is on Cranor Road. Son Jesse W is buried in the Brashears Cemetery on Cranor Road. He married Sarah Ann Brown, she was Thomas Brown's daughter. Thomas Brown just had two children, a son and a daughter. His son was named Phillip Jones Brown for Phillip Osborne and a Jones

Osborne from back in Virginia. Phillip Jones married a Reeves. Had a big track of land across the river from Brown's Mill. Reeves lived where old John Thomas's graveyard is located off Compton and Sharpville Road just by side of road.

10. REBECCA WRIGHT was born on Dec 13, 1783 in Rutherford Co., TN. She died on Apr 06, 1852 in Rutherford Co., TN. She married HENRY GOODLOE, son of George Goodloe and Priscilla (?Unknown), in 1803 in NC. He was born on Jan 06, 1777 in Rutherford Co., TN. He died on Jul 22, 1846 in Rutherford Co., TN

Do you remember local news in the local newspaper?

Old Time Country Meal - ca 1909

A few days ago our friend Horace Ward left with us a bag of old time country ground meal that was simply elegant.

Mr. Ward established his mill last fall at the head of Bushnell's Creek, in the 21st district, and is prepared to supply all of those who are old fashioned in their tastes, with the very best meal to be had, we speak from actual knowledge, having tried, as stated above.

War Claims - ca 1910

A Washington dispatch under date of the 9th inst. says Senator Taylor will introduce bills in the near future to appropriate \$6,000 for the relief of Soule College and \$3,500 for the Cumberland Presbyterian church, both at Murfreesboro, Tenn. The bills will specify that the money is due for the "use, occupation and incidental damage" resulting from Federal seizure of the property during the civil war.

In the same connection, Mr. Frd G. Coldren, an attorney of Washington, visited Murfreesboro last week to obtain data and other information to prosecute these claims. Mr. Coldren thinks he will be able to establish a good case.

STEWARTS CREEK

Here I am again, ready to contribute my first letter for the year 1910 to your most valuable paper.

Christmas has come and gone, brining with it some very cold weather, in fact, last week was the coldest of the winter. The thermometer registered at 4 degrees above zero Thursday morning, but we hope to see a change soon.

Mrs. J. M. Gresham and little daughter, Mary visited at Christiana a portion of last week.

Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nellie Charlton, of Antioch, and Miss Amy Blair, of Murfreesboro, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William McLaughlin several days during the holidays.

Miss Maggie Jordan, of Bible School, who spent the holidays with home folks, had as her guest, Miss Bessie Pepper, of Texas, who is also a student of Nashville Bible School.

Dr. and Mrs. Myers have returned fro an extended visit to relatives in Illinois.

Miss Louise Coleman has returned to Murfreesboro after spending Christmas with home folks.

Misses Baker and Bowden and Mr. Baker, of Antioch, were guests of the Misses Baker last week.

The Jordans of Smyrna, visited at A. W. Jordan's last week.

Miss Eva McLaughlin entertained many of her friends on Christmas night, Dec. 25th, with a pound supper, in honor of her guests, Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin, Miss Nellie Charlton, of Antioch, and Miss Amy Blair, of

Murfreesboro. A large crowd was present and all reported a delightful time.

We are glad to state Mrs. D. M. Peebles slowly improving at this writing.

Miss Maggie Jordan delightfully entertained at her beautiful home last Thursday evening, to compliment her guest, Miss Bessie Pepper, of Nashville Bible School. Music was furnished by Miss Morna Peebles for the occasion. Tempting refreshments were served. All reported a delightful time.

School reopened Monday morning with Miss Leila Osborn as our teacher.

Zack Brandon, of Sharpesville, attended the Johnson-Brandon reception here.

Henry Johnson, formerly of this place, but now of Smyrna, and Miss Florence Brandon, of Sharpesville, were united in the holy bonds of Matrimony Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brandon. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left for the groom's parents, where a bountiful repast awaited them. Three courses were served in the beautiful dining room, where a party of young people had gathered to congratulate the new couple. The bride will be remembered as one of Rutherford county's successful teachers, and may I add, a good friend to the writer, while Mr. Johnson is a fine business man of Smyrna. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their future home in Smyrna. We wish for them a long and happy life and that their pathways may be strewn with flowers and intermingled with gold, is the wish of Little Boy Blue.

Saturdays in Murfreesboro

It is a cold Saturday when the city is not crowded with people, horses, mules, buggies and wagons, but last Saturday was one of the "biggest" days Murfreesboro has had in many moons. There was no special attraction, but it seemed to be a kind of an off day for the farmers, and they came to town. True, there was some mule trading going on, and quite a number of mules were on the streets, the majoity or people here seemed to not be concerned in mules. However, wagons, buggies, horses and mules crowded the streets to such an extent that traffic was impeded, and at some points passage was impossible. To relieve conditions on occasions of this kind it seems that it would be well if the city could provide a place - a lot off the square - for the accommodation of country wagons and other vehicles.

A Fourth Mail Carrier for this City to be Appointed

It will be seen from a notice in another column in this paper that a competitive civil service examination will be held in Murfreesboro on February 19 preparatory to the appointment of a fourth free delivery mail

carrier for this city. This action of the postal department is made necessary by the growth of the city and the increase of business. The fact is, the city mail has so increased in volume it is next to impossible for the present force to handle the matter.

AN INTERESTING FAMILY RECORD
A list of the Births and Deaths of the Children of
Jeremiah and Sallie S. Hunt

Mr. Jeremiah M. Hunt, a native of Rutherford county, now a resident of Inez, Texas, sends the News-Banner a record of the births and deaths of the children of his grandparents, Jeremiah and Sallie Spencer Taylor Hunt, who were married January 15, 1829. The former was born November 8, 1803, and died May 6 1885. The latter was born October 11, 1811, and died September 6, 1882. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were born twelve children, fine girls and seven boys all of whom are dead except two – William Joseph and Samuel G. Hunt. The list of births and deaths follows:

BORN: Martha Ann Burgis Hunt, January 28, 1830; John Pinkney Hunt, July 24, 1831; Nancy Goodden Hunt, August 5, 1833; Mary Susan Hunt, November 28, 1835; Eliza Frances Hunt, June 25, 1838; Sarah Elizabeth Hunt, September 17, 1840; Simeon Hunt, December 4, 1842; Samuel Godden Hunt, March 11, 1845; James Watkins Hunt, February 15, 1847; Benjamin Marble Hunt, August 24, 1849; Thomas Jeremiah Hunt, May 1, 1852; William Joseph Hunt, January 26, 1854.

DIED: Mary Susan Hunt, December 26, 1841; Sarah Elizabeth Hunt, August 17, 1846; Thomas Jeremiah Hunt, October 6, 1854; Martha A. B. Smith, October 20, 1872; Benjamin M. Hunt, June 26, 1887; John Pinkney Hunt, ____; Nancy Goodden Odell, ____; Simeon Hunt, March 2, 1910; Eliza Frances Nance, December 5, 1910; James Watkins Hunt, January 9, 1911.

[Ed. Note - Rutherford Co., TN marriages: Martha Hunt married 13 Apr 1847, Jackson Smith. John P. Hunt married 30 Dec 1857, Luanna Hall. Eliza Hunt married 15 Feb 1865 Isaac N. Nance. Simeon Hunt married 8 Feb 1868 Mollie Jarratt.]

Reminiscences of an Old Timer from an Impartial Standpoint - ca 1912

The conditions in the south before the war were in some respects far better for the skilled mechanic than they now are. Whatever you may say, the Southern people were not a stingy people. Many would come and buy what they wanted and paid for their purchases without haggling about the price. Coppers, there were none and entirely unknown; even five cent pieces were very rare; the least change was a dime or nothing.

As I stated in a former article in the year 1857 many young mechanics came to town. the majority have passed over the great divide. Among those still living in our midst as far as I can recollect are Jim Allen, Joe Deadrick, Adam Bock, George Walter, Moritz and Fred Crass. The dead are L. H. Burgdorf, Jake Hirshbrunner, William Fox, Professor Cox, Bob Jamison, Robert Burrows. Every one of them were handsome men, tall, intelligent and upright.

Many of the readers of The Home Journal remember Mr. L. H. Burgdorf, the father of the editor of The Home Journal, Mr. Louis Burgdorf. He came from a noble family, and his fore-fathers, like many other Germans dropped the vow [?von] as a useless and senseless distinction like so many other noble objects have, from the high standpoint from which they started (that of protecting the poor) deteriorated into the robber barons of feudal days. Louis Burgdorf was a very handsome young man, six feet high and from him no doubt our present editor of The Home Journal got his good looks. He was always kind and gentle and two good for his own good; he never could refuse any one credit, and many were the dollars he

lost. He was for many years one of the foremost Odd Fellows and his untimely death is regretted even now by his friends. He died in the fullness of useful manhood. He lived not in vain. Louis Burgdorf was one of Nature's noblemen. We all have our faults and very often they are taken advantage of by those who are naturally depraved to excuse their own short comings. To me it gives the greatest pleasure to say something pleasant about others, especially those that have passed over to their final home. Of their faults I speak not; it would be cruel to do so. Old Timer.

[Ed. Note from 1910 census: James E. Allen, age 61, farmer; Joseph Deadrick, age 80, born PA, carriage smith; Adam Bock, age 77, born Germany, dealer in buggies; George Walter, age 72, born Germany, carriage maker; Morris Crass, age 71, born Germany, farmer; Frederick H. Crass, age 75, born Germany, shoemaker

Ed. Note from Cemetery records & 1880 census: L. H. Burgdorf (1835-1883), merchant; Jacob "Jake" Andrew Hirshbrunner (1827-1896), born Switzerland, farmer; William Fox (not identified); Prof. Cox (not identified); R. D. (Robert David) Jamison (1838-1912), teacher; Robert Burrows (not identified).]

WAS ALMOST A CENTENARIAN

Recently Mrs. Emily Foster Hatchett died at the very advanced age of 99 years, 1 month and 24 days at the home of her son, G. W. Hatchett of Carlocksville, in the 24th district of this County. [Ed. Note: She had spent most of her life in Bedford Co., TN according to the census records.]

Mrs. Hatchett was a most remarkable woman in respects. She retained all her faculties up to within a very few weeks of her death. She was as active at 98 years of age as the average woman at 50 or 60 and never really felt the need of glasses until a short time before her death.

Mrs. Hatchett was born June 1, 1812 and was married to Thomas Hatchett December 23, 1832. She was the last surviving mother in Rutherford County of living sons who were Confederate soldiers, she having been survived by three – Messrs. N. [Nathan] C. and Thomas, of Bell Buckle, and Mr. G. W. [George Watts] of Carlocksville. All of these sons made gallant soldiers and are now members of ex-Confederate organizations.

Only a short time before her death Mrs. Hatchett made a trip of about sixty mile in a buggy going from the home of one son to that of another, and did not show more than ordinary fatigue on reaching her destination. She spent the latter part of her life living around with her sons, and always made the changes from place to place by means of a buggy.

It has been suggested that a suitable monument be erected to her memory by the old soldiers, to whom she had ever been an ardent friend. It is even claimed that Mrs. Hatchett fed and ministered to more hungry and afflicted Confederate soldiers during the war than any woman in this entire section.

Some years ago Mrs. Hatchett's name was placed on the News-Banner's complimentary list and was continued there until her death.

A REMARKABLE CIRCUMSTANCE

Early last November [ca 1911 ?] the editor of The News-Banner ordered a lot of silver and glassware to be given as a Christmas present.

The package had not been received as late as January 22, when the company from who we ordered, a Connecticut concern, shipped another barrel of goods. This shipment was received. Later the shippers reported that the tracer that we had but after the first shipment had found that it had been received at the local freight depot.

The matter was investigated both by us and Christy, Huggins & Co., but without results and it seemed that the package was forever lost.

Batey Brothers keep two or three barrels on the sidewalk at their rear

door into which they empty refuse matter. Three barrels sit twelve or fifteen feet from the News-Banner office, toward the square.

Tuesday morning Mr. A. Crass was sitting on a barrel, that had been standing among the others for months, talking to us when we noticed our initials on the head and on further investigation found that it was the barrel of silverware, worth a nice little pile of money, that had been lost and about which there had been no end of trouble and threatened lawsuits. The barrel had sat on the sidewalk for four months, filled with valuable ware, and was never molested, which is a most remarkable circumstance, and which by-the-way goes to show that Murfreesboro people, irrespective of class or conditions, are honest.

FORREST'S RAID

[Ed. Note: Following report from The Home Journal ca 1913]

An interesting fact and a thrilling story in connection with Forrest's famous raid on Murfreesboro has been brought to the attention of The Home Journal by an article on "Confederates Who are Congressmen" by Wm. Harden in the Louisville Courier-Journal. It is generally known that Forrest's chief incentive in attacking Murfreesboro was to prevent the execution of Confederates held as spies, etc., by the Federal Troops here, but few people know that one of those "spies" was none other than William Richardson, the venerable congressman from Alabama, who came near to being another Sam Davis to the Lost Cause at Murfreesboro.

In giving his experience here the Courier-Journal says:

He was less than twenty years old when he was made a captain in the 26th Alabama Regiment. He enlisted in Company E, from Athens, Ala., with eighty-seven other young men and boys. The command went through many campaigns and young Richardson was desperately wounded at Shiloh and captured. He was sent to an Indiana prison. His wound healed, and after a time he escaped and made his way south to Nashville. The city was then in the control of the Federal forces, and Richardson, though among Southern friends, was unable to get through the Union lines for some time. His friends finally, however, found a man who was going out and who knew all the winding paths by which such a feat could be accomplished. Richardson started with him and the two dressed in citizens clothes and made their way safely to the vicinity of Murfreesboro, where the guides plans went wrong, and the Federal troops captured them. To Richardson's horror, the Union pickets found upon his companion evidence that he was an important spy in the Confederate service, and the circumstance resulted in his also being held as a spy.

The two men were court-martialed, and both were condemned to be hanged. The sentence of death was passed on them July 12. That night a provost marshal came to the jail where the two men were confined and informed them that they were to be hanged at sunrise next day. The opportunity was given young Richardson to take the oath of allegiance, but he refused to do this. A minister who had known him in Athens happened to be in Murfreesboro, and after his efforts to secure the Confederate captain's release had failed, he went to the cell on the night sentence was given and spent part of the night with the two men.

In the meantime word was gotten through to General Forrest and help came just before daylight on the day of their proposed execution.

"I was lying asleep in the cell," says Mr. Richardson "when I was awakened by Paul's tugging at my arm. 'Wake up!' he cried. 'Listen! It's Forrest coming. We are saved.' At first I was too dazed to realize more than that there was a sound like an approaching storm. We jumped up on a box so that we could see through the little grated window, and in a few seconds the noise resolved into distinct hoofbeats. A few minutes more and the advance of Forrest's Cavalry stormed the jail where we were confined. That Rebel yell was the sweetest music our ears had ever

heard. Our boys began to break down the jail from behind, while they kept the Federal guards busy in front. The jailer had gone with the keys, and during the fighting that followed the jail was set on fire. The Confederate cavalymen, led by Forrest himself, had to break their way through all the outer defenses of the jail and into our cell corridor. Even then we were released only after they had pried our cell door up with an iron bar,"

That attack upon Murfreesboro was the turning point in Forrest's career and established his reputation as a commander. He had pushed his men on a long forced march, through a small body of troops into the town, surrounded the jail, and sent the remainder of his force in two bodies against the Michigan and Pennsylvania troops that were on opposite sides of the town. Before the Union forces were awake or armed the Confederate cavalry had ridden them down, killed hundreds, rescued the condemned men, and the Federal troops were forced to surrender.

One of the Old Houses - newspaper ca 1912

The workmen engaged on the reconstruction of the old Joe Duffer residence on North Spring street, a few days ago came across a cedar hand-made shingle which bears the inscription, "Bob January, 1786," which indicates that the house, a log building, weather boarded, was built during the year 1786, and that Robert January, one among the first citizens of Murfreesboro was the party who wrote the inscription on the shingle and used it for a bottom for the first run of weather boarding. The shingle was pinned with a wooden pin to the bottom log in one of the walls, and being protected by the weather-boarding was perfectly preserved.

ON AND OFF THE SQUARE - ca 1933

A colored boy asked about how much it would cost to get his name in this column....Well, well, we may get to pay off the mortgage on the old homestead yet....Noticed a Chrysler that had evidently been visiting Woolworth's, judging from the decorations on its front....In addition to the two headlights, there were two horns, a nude diving girl (metal), a Sparta address plate, an Akron A-A-A tag, an airplane propeller, bumper, and two license plates, '31-'32. and the tire cover was stamped McMinnville....In a trial before Judge Wiseman this morning two negro girls were trying to take a little 3-year-old black boy away from his mother because of "poor home environment"....And the father of the child was called in from the country road to testify against the home environment....Caught in town around 10 o'clock: Broadus Maple, Hoover fan....Four Corner Arnett, restaurant operator....Joe Harris and Burt Read, carpenters, conversing....A load of Christmas trees parked on Main street....Nice day for Christmas trees, too....Henry McCrary, brother of the new sheriff....Hig Arnold, nickel taxi magnate....Charles Graham a local boy back from Texas for a short visit....He is in college out there....Jim Alf Ransom who helps Charlie Perkins hold down those two easiest jobs in town....Richard Jones, automobile vendor....Burr Yearwood, contractor....Pete Howard explaining why the baseball game wasn't played as announced....We scooped him on that Saturday....Hal Avent, colored, says that Sim Christy says that Hall Avent, colored, is the best one-eyed caddy in town....Uncle Albert, the negro Democrat, sketches for the courtyard preachers, one and all, regardless of color or creed....Saturday afternoon he was out there pulling strong for the big man Saturday who claims to have once been the biggest horse thief and crap shooter in the state of Texas....Sorry we had to fill up entirely with men today, but before long we intend to run a 100 percent fair sex column.

Murfreesboro Gas Work Starts Soon

May 21, 1930

Construction of the Murfreesboro unit of the Tennessee Company,

which includes the laying of approximately 15 miles of mains and the building of a modern gas manufacturing plant will begin with the next few days.

This was assured this morning when C. S. Kessler and Maj. A. H. Anderson, vice-present and superintendent of distribution, respectively, practically completed the plans for the first work. The two officials of this company arrived in Murfreesboro yesterday and state that everything is in readiness for the beginning of the work when the pipe lines arrive.

The local plant will be the fifth in Tennessee. The parent company is the Utilities Gas and Electric company of Chicago and plans an expenditure here of \$150,000.

Babies Honor Guests Today At Hospital

May 12, 1930

Nearly 100 babies this afternoon are expected to go back "to the house where they were born."

It's National Hospital Day over the country and the Rutherford hospital is observing it with a homecoming this afternoon of all the babies born in the institution in its three years of operation.

One hundred and thirty eight babies first saw the light of day through the windows of the Rutherford hospital. Although it will be impossible for all of them to be present this afternoon, still a great number will be on hand.

The first child born at the hospital was Mary Alice Robison, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Robison, who will celebrate her third birthday on the twenty-second of this month. The most recent arrival at the hospital was also a young lady - the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones, who arrived May 7.

Although the last named is not expected to have a major part in the afternoon's festivities, the first arrival will no doubt be one of the liveliest members of the homecoming group.

As a special souvenir to the babies, the hospital is presenting a certificate to each. On it is a picture of the hospital and spaces for the name of the baby, the parents, doctor and the weight. Under the picture are these words, "The house where I was born."

In addition to the babies and their mothers a large number of visitors are expected at the hospital today as "open house" is being observed from 2 to 5 p.m.

Murfreesboro Girl Now at Sky Harbor - ca 1930

Miss Minnie Yearwood, of Murfreesboro, has accepted a position with the Interstate Airlines, Inc., as stenographer for Col. W. G. Schauffler, and C. F. Bradley. She has recently been employed in McMinnville.

The position was formerly held by Miss Charlotte Bayer, who resigned several days ago to return to her home at Evansville.

Scouts Will Usher At Local Churches - ca 1930

The Boy Scouts of Troop 105 will usher tomorrow morning at the various churches. The ushers and churches are as follows:

Methodist church: Robert Parsons, Ben Kerr, Webber Earthman, Chip Ransom and James Haynes.

Presbyterian church: Matt Murfree, Buddy McCoy, Douglas McCoy, Del Fuston, Charles Weller and Robert L. Robertson.

Baptist church: Earl Jones, Rufus Buchannan, E. O. Shinn, Tom Cannon and Sam Garner.

Central Christian church: C. B. Arnett, Billy Chrichlow, Robert Murphy, Warner Woodmore, Bill Shacklett and John Farmer.

The Scouts will be in uniform, and the activity is a part of Boy Scout Week.

On And Off The Square - ca 1931

Signs of spring et cetera: Dr. Bruner, college instructor and writer of note, after rating space in Who's Who (the book) for twenty years is pictured on Murfreesboro's celebrity corner this week....The Doctor is the happiest appearing of the Who-Folks occupying that place for some weeks....Cause why? Well, as we were saying, spring is here....The colored citizens are beginning to drape themselves over the big gun on the west side of the courtyard for noonday snoozings....The Red Cross has sent 480 bags of free seed to the county agent to be distributed among the needy farmers....Squire Hicks was a busy man yesterday evening....Three white men and two negroes came up for trial and were dispatched to the county road....drinking and fighting was why....And yesterday afternoon he had the pleasure of uniting those rambling lovers, Helena Bohland and Red LeRoy Stephens....The latter is doing time on the county road for borrowing an automobile for a little trip to Arkansas recently....Fred was brought in from the farm with a new shave and everything, and many guests, including the county sheriff, deputies, and constables were present to wish them well....The couple were given a cell at the jail in which to spend their nuptial night....This morning near five o'clock they were aroused and sent their different ways, Helena to Ohio and Fred back down on the farm to finish his year's sentence....John DeGeorge has a machine that makes a new sort of stuff for your sweet tooth....Vincent John's oldest boy, is expecting a shot at the movies some time. He has already had one film test....Noticed during the morning ramble: W. T. Williams, prominent dairyman from Norene, Wilson county....O. T. Drake, preacher and storekeeper from Big Springs....Charlie Jetton shedding his overcoat to enjoy sunshine....Rev Bob Parsons, the man with the very appropriate name....Ralph Jarrett, Purina vendor....Horace Kennedy, the colored photographer, prognosticates fair weather from now on....So we may begin getting ready to tell all our friends that it's not enough for us for (the rest unreadable).

Lady Dolores - ca 1930

Lady Dolores who is expected to thrill thousands Wednesday afternoon when she hangs upside down from the top of the courthouse and escapes from a straight-jacket. The daring feat will take place at 4:30 o'clock.

Lady Dolores Enters "Glass House" Today

Lady Dolores, world's champion woman endurance driver took up her residence in the window of Mccord's Furniture store at 2 o'clock today before a crowd of eager onlookers that all but blocked traffic on the square. Lady Dolores made her first public appearance in Murfreesboro yesterday at the Princess Theatre.

From now until her spectacular escape from a straight-jacket in mid-air Wednesday, the "glass house" will be her home. She will only leave at certain intervals and will actually cook her meals, eat and sleep in the window.

Tomorrow she will pitch the first ball in the Y.M.C.A.-Manchester baseball game on Kerr field. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday she will appear in public at certain stores, the time and places to be announced Monday.

As a feature of the merchant's Golden Wednesday, Lady Dolores will hang from her feet from the top of the courthouse and release herself from a stright-jacket while suspended in mid-air.

Interest in the visit of Lady Dolores is already at high pitch and undoubtedly thousands of Rutherford countians will see her before she leaves the city. The noted driver and aviatrix comes to Murfreesboro

following the sensational 100-hour endurance drive in Nashville. Already she has many fans throughout this section from whom she has received letters of congratulations.

Walter Hill School Honor Roll is Given - December 3, 1930

The honor roll for the month of October is as follows at Walter Hill school:

- First grade – Bonnie Stockton, Virginia Adkerson.
- Second grade – Dashia Baskin, Eva[?lie] Summars, McKellar Dean and Jul[?]ie Harris.
- Third grade – Erline Phillips, Charlie Cherry, Jane Matthews, Sara Jones and Clara Le Bullock.
- Fourth grade – Mamie Alsup, John Alsup, Lucille Bryant, Vivia Mann, Elizabeth Short, Ruth Robinson, Minr[?] Lee Woods and Richard Seigle, Jr.

- Fifth grade – Aline Brothers, Erline Dean, Minnie Singleton, Alice Lowe and Pauline McCrary.
- Sixth grade – Roxie Ward and Roberta Barret.
- Seventh grade – Margaret Lufkin, Roberta Jones, Mildred Odo, Eura Baltimore and Hermine Short.
- Eighth grade – Mary Adkerson and Margaret Mann.
- Ninth grade – Lillie Mai Patterson, Fannie B. Gannon, Mary N. Gannon, John Summar and Erline Holloway.
- Tenth grade – Elizabeth Phillips, Gracie Mai Lewis, Pauline Alsup, Alice Belle Neeley.
- Eleventh grade – Vistal Tarpley, Mae Edwards, Mildred Vaughter, Opal Tune and Gladys Lester.
- Twelfth grade – Amy Dunnaway, Myrtle Florida, Nora Mae Lester and Lillian Spain.

Undertaking Firm 21 Years Old Today - December 1, 1930

Twenty-one years ago today Woodfin-Moore, Murfreesboro undertakers, started in business in Murfreesboro. The company then occupied the present location of the McCord Furniture Company, opening on December 1, 1909. In 1914 the firm moved to is present location on College street.

John T. Woodfin and H. C. Moore, Jr., are joint owners of the undertaking company.

Auto, 25 Years Old, Comes from Kittrell Here - ca 1931

Chugging its way around the square "hitting on all one," a Cadillac automobile more than 25 years old, visited Murfreesboro today. Maybe it was here in honor of the Civil war veterans who well remember when they were known as "gas buggies" and when folks said it was a sin to drive around at the terrific speed of ten miles per hour. The automobile is the property of Ed Wright of Kittrell and Mr. Wright's son, Frank, came from Kittrell here in a little more than half an hour, a distance of nine miles. The automobile has one cylinder and created quite a bit of excitement as it made its circuit around the square.

Powell's Chapter Church Dedicated - October 6, 1930

The dedication ceremonies of the Powell's Chapel Baptist church were held Sunday with an all day program. About one year ago the old house of worship burned and a beautiful brick veneer building, well equipped, has been built to replace it. Pastor S. P. Devault was master of ceremonies. Church Clerk Luther M. Vaughter read a history of the church which was followed by an able dedicatory sermon by Dr. J. D. Freeman, editor of the Baptist and Reflector. A beautiful basket dinner was spread for the large crowd that attended th exercise. The afternoon program opened with special music by the choir, Superintendent Short spoke in behalf of the Sunday School. Moderator A. J. Brandon represented Concord Baptist Association and emphasized the great importance of an "Every Member Church." Clerk Luther M. Vaughter read letters from Pastors. Rev. P. W. Carney, a former pastor, gave the closing sermon on "Sonship of God." Many visitors from surrounding churches were present. S. A. Maples, director of Layman's work; J. O. Oglesby, director of Sunday school work, and J. P. Anderson, director of B.Y.P.U. activities, members of the moderator's cabinet took part in the exercises.

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