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**NEW MEMBERS -**

**Sunday, March 20, 2016** - Board Meeting - 2 pm at Ransom School - all Board members urged to attend.

**SHOW & TELL**

**Monday, March 21, 2016** - Carriage Lane Inn, 337 E. Burton - **Dinner (5:30 pm - \$10 per person) Program (6:30 pm)**. Come for the annual Show & Tell program. Bring something of historic interest to tell us about. Reservations for dinner required: deadline March 15. Send check made to RCHS, P. O. Box 906, Murfreesboro, TN 37133 or call Joyce Johnson at 615-867-7254 or e-mail Gwen Boyd at [gwenboyd2@bellsouth.org](mailto:gwenboyd2@bellsouth.org).

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016 - 2 pm to 4 pm** - Ransom Historic House & School Museum, 717 N. Academy St., Murfreesboro, TN - A "Ladies Tea" in honor of Prof. Virginia Donnell, who has created the apparel and all the "underpinnings" which might have been worn by Miss Eliza Ransom, teacher, circa 1920. The dress will be placed on permanent display in the school room at the Museum. RSVP to Joyce Johnson, 615-867-7254 or Susan Daniel at [sgdaniel@comcast.net](mailto:sgdaniel@comcast.net)

**Monday, April 18, 2016** - 7 pm at Rutherford Co. Archives, 435 Rice Street. Speaker: Prof. Virginia Donnell of MTSU Dept. of Theater and Dance. She has assembled the attire which would have been worn by a circa 1920 school teacher. She will tell us about her research into the fabrics and style used, and show us the completed ensemble which will be placed on permanent display in our Museum's school room.

**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 or [gwenboyd2@bellsouth.org](mailto:gwenboyd2@bellsouth.org)

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Funds have been collected from members to cover the cost of acquiring an APTA [Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities] marker to be placed at the Ransom Historic House & School Museum. APTA has an active chapter here in Murfreesboro. Several RCHS members are also members of APTA. The RCHS activities for March and April are always enjoyable. Show & Tell Dinner always has unique items displayed and someone tell their stories. Bring a friend and enjoy this event. April 6th, brings something new to RCHS Ransom School Museum. A Tea honoring Prof. Virginia Donnell who created a reproduction attire similar to a dress Eliza and Belle Ransom might have worn while living and teaching in the Ransom School. On April 21, 2016, Prof. Donnell will be the speaker for the RCHS General Meeting.

**REQUEST HELP:** Saturday April 2nd or Sunday April 3rd. Need a few RCHS Men to move furniture in preparation for the April 6th Tea at the Ransom School between 2 to 4 p.m. either day. 615-867-7254 or [brujohn@comcast.net](mailto:brujohn@comcast.net).  
 Joyce Johnson, President

### **History of Rutherford Co. Historical Society 1966-1981**

by Ernest King Johns

Rutherford County tried to begin a Historical Society on September 2, 1966 when Dr. Homer Pittard, County Historian, called a meeting at Middle Tennessee State University Arena Theater. Twenty-four persons attended the first meeting, and elected officers and discussed suggested projects. No other meetings were held by this group according to our records. However, the interest was there in our county for a Historical Society.

On December 17, 1970 Dr. Homer Pittard called another meeting in Room 208 at the MTSU Administration building. Eight people attended this meeting and the third Monday of each month was agreed on as a meeting night. Regular meetings, programs, dues and working officers got things rolling. Within a few months Mr. Henry Wray was elected president and by-laws were adopted. Dues were \$4 for charter members and \$5 for other members.

The County Court was asked to appoint an Archivist, and Mr. Henry Wray was chosen for this position. He soon began collecting historical material in a file cabinet and started publishing historical articles in the Daily News Journal, Sunday edition.

At the May 1972 meeting Mr. Wray was asked to act as editor for a publication similar to the one Williamson County was publishing. The first publication was issued in July 1973. Since that time there have been publications issued twice each year - July and January. Mr. Henry Wray continued the job of assembling the publication for four more issues. He then moved to California and Ernest K. Johns was assigned that responsibility.

On May 20, 1973 a field trip was taken to the Blackman community led by Mr. Bob Baskin and Mr. Fred Brigance. Other field trips later were to Kittrell, Readyville, Smyrna, Lascassas, Stones River Battlefield, Murfreesboro, Cannonsburg, Triune and Tennessee State Museum. A school bus was used for the field trips.

In May 1974 the Historical Society published the 1840 Census for Rutherford County. This was the first extra publication issued for sale and not given out as part of the dues. Later in 1977, C. C. Henderson's History of Murfreesboro was reprinted. An Index to the first five publications, by Dottie Matheny was published in 1979. The Carlton Sims History of Rutherford County was reprinted in 1981. These extra publications also include the three volumes of cemetery records published jointly with the Sons of the American Revolution, in 1975. These publications have added considerably to our treasury.

At the December 1974 meeting the first commemorative plate was issued. The first plate featured the county courthouse. W. H. Westbrooks was responsible for this project. The first order was rapidly sold and more plates were ordered. Later, a second plate with a different view of the old courthouse was issued. Then, a plate featuring Tennessee College was ordered. These plate sales contributed a nice addition to our treasury.

In November 1975 Mr. Bruce Plummer offered the Rutherford County Historical Society the right to sell a bank made as a replica of the courthouse. Then, in February 1976, a bicentennial medallion was proposed. The medallions cost 99½¢ and were sold for \$1.00. These medallions sold very well and in June of 1976, another 1,000 were ordered. The second order had on the back the obelisk pictured instead of an eagle and sold for \$2.

In January 1975 a mother was made and passed, that the Society incorporate. A charter was obtained from the State of Tennessee. In April By-laws were adopted by the Rutherford County Historical Society. Also, in June a post office box for the Society was obtained.

An obelisk at the geographical center of Tennessee was taken as a project by the society on October 1975. Mr. Thomas Steagall donated the

rock used in the construction. The obelisk was dedicated on June 26, 1976.

The Historical Society has also been active in recording oral history, microfilming and preserving old wills in the courthouse, purchasing new books and rebinding older historical books in Linebaugh Library, assisting in the Diorama at Cannonsburg, and other historical projects.

The Rutherford County Historical Society met at MTSU Administration building until December 1971. From February 1972 until May 1974 the Council Chambers of the Murfreesboro City Hall were used, and a place provided for the files assembled by the Archivist. Then in July 1974 we moved to the new Murfreesboro Police building. The meetings were held in the courtroom. An office for the files and storage of extra publications was provided. The city police department's need for the office space made it necessary to move to the city garage building in the fall of 1980. The building located on West Main Street has a nice meeting room and office space.

The Rutherford County Historical society was modeled after Williamson County Historical Society when it was organized. The Society has been successful for the first ten years because of some of the following listed reasons:

1. The Society has been financially strong, due to extra publications, plates, medallions and banks.
2. The officers and board members have been active. The officers are asked if they will serve before they are elected.
3. Credit has been given to the ones responsible for their work.
4. The County and City governments have been very cooperative.
5. Members of the Society have not been required to attend meetings, or be qualified in any way. The only requirement for membership has been to pay dues, and these cover the cost of the meeting notices and publications.
6. The Society has been active in publication, preserving and distributing historical material on Rutherford County.
7. The Historical Society has tried to cover all of Rutherford County's history, and not just Murfreesboro or certain families.
8. The Society has held monthly meetings which provide a continued effort on projects, and keep interest aroused.

#### **Programs and Speakers**

Jan 1971	History of Union University, by Homer Pittard
Feb 1971	Genealogical Research, by Dotty Matheny, Henry Wray & Bob Baskin
Mar 1971	Diary of Saimiel H. Laughlin, by Dr. Joe Nunley
Apr 1971	Rutherford County Archaeology, by Travis Smotherman and Ronnie Bowers
May 1971	Archaeology of Rutherford County with slides, by Travis Smotherman
Jun 1971	History of LaVergne, by Shirley Chaney
Jul 1971	Shiloh Corannunty, Historical Look, by Ben Austin
Aug 1971	Order of Pale Faces, by Mrs. George Watson
Sep 1971	Medallion found near Stones River Battlefield, by Bill Coins
Oct 1971	Dee S. Jobe, by Dr. Homer Pittard
Nov 1971	Panning Historic Activities, by Mary Sneed Jones
Dec 1971	Ku Klux Klan, by Ben Hall McFarlin
Jan 1972	Hoover Collection, by Walter King Hoover
Feb 1972	Show and Tell, by Members
Mar 1972	Nathan Bedford Forrest, by Rep Ed Williams
Apr 1972	Capitol Grounds Monument, by Oren Meredith
May 1972	Research, Try It, You'll Like It, by Mrs. Jean Waggoner & Mrs. Cleo Ha^es
Jun 1972	Hood and Forrest, by Mrs. H. T. Elam

- Jul 1972 Historic Preservation in Local Area, by Mrs. David P. Eberling  
 Aug 1972 Log of Christopher Columbus, by George Pinson  
 Sep 1972 Nomination for National Register of historic sites in Franklin County, by MLss Janet Sknith & MLss Edith Craddock  
 Oct 1972 Development of Style in Cast Iron In NYC, by Vaughn H. Glasgow  
 Nov 1972 Tour of County Records and Offices. by Vaughn Glasgow, Homer Jones, Ben Hall McFarlin, & Mrs. W. H. King  
 Jan 1973 Battle of Stones River at Visitors Center, Supt. John Hunter  
 Feb 1973 Pictorial Resume of Rutherford County Sites, by Mrs, Shirley Chaney  
 Mar 1973 Influence of Rutherford Countians upon State history, by Dr. Bob Corlew  
 Apr 1973 Middle Tennessee Military Maneuvers, by Eugene H. Sloan  
 May 1973 Geology of Rutherford County, by Ernie Johns  
 Sunday, May 20, 1973 Tour of Salem, Windrow and Blackman, by Bob Baskins  
 Jun 1973 Red Cedar Bucket Factory, by Bill Patterson  
 Jul 1973 Woodworking and Carpenter tools, by Forrest Sloan at his shop  
 Aug 1973 Formation of Rutherford County - by Henry Wray  
 Sep 1973 General Griffith Rutherford, by Bob McBride  
 Oct 1973 Plans for New State Museum, by Jean DeVall Kane  
 Sunday, October 21, 1973 Tour of Halls Hill, Readyville and Kittrell, by Miss Mary Hall  
 Nov 1973 Human Element in Battle of Stones River, by Bob Womack  
 Dec 1973 Show and Tell, at home of Mrs. Elvis Rushing  
 Jan 1974 Research in Historical Subject, by Dr. Joe Nunley  
 Feb 1974 History of Williamson County, by T. Vance Little  
 Mar 1974 History of Education in Rutherford County, by Baxter Hobgood  
 Apr 1974 Show and Tell; National Civil War Re-enactment Society, by Members and Ronnie Beane  
 May 1974 A County Pageant in the Making, by Miss Christine Vaughan  
 Jun 1974 Slide Show at Sam Davis Home-"A Day on the Farm", by Mrs. Sarah King  
 Jul 1974 Plans for Historical Tour of Rutherford County, by Mrs. Davis Lynch & Mrs. Ellen Tune  
 Aug 1974 Reconstruction in Fourth Congressional District, by Michael R. Bradley  
 Sep 1974 History of Lascassas, by Linda Brown  
 Oct 1974 Tennesseans and the Western Movement, by Walter Durham  
 Nov 1974 Rutherford County's Gift to the Nation, by Edythe Johns Rucker Whitley  
 Dec 1974 Preservation of Rutherford County Architectural Resources, by Dr. James Huhta  
 Jan 1975 Netherland Inn Archeological and Restoration, by Joe Benthall  
 Feb 1975 Tennesseans In Congress 1871-1883, by Dr. Robert B. Jones  
 Mar 1975 Preserving local Cemeteries, by Mrs. W. B. Wooaley, Jr.  
 Apr 1975 Andrew Jackson against Andrew Erwin, by Paul Crouse  
 May 1975 Bicentennial in Rtttherford County, by Dr Lewright B. Sikes  
 Jun 1975 Walking Tour of Square in Murfreesboro, by Dr. Homer Pittard  
 Jul 1975 Excavations in Nashville's Sevier Park, by Miss Jane Henshaw  
 Aug 1975 Collection and Preservation of Old Doctanants. by Mike Bradley
- Sep 1975 History of Powells Chapel Church, by Dr. Donald R. McRae  
 Oct 1975 Visit to Stones River Battlefield Visitation Center  
 Nov 1975 Continuing Restoration of Oaklands, by Wayne Gray  
 Dec 1975 First Banquet Belmont and AdeUuia Acklen, by Dr. Mack Craig  
 Jan 1976 Henderson King Yoakum, by Dr. Homer Pittard  
 Feb 1976 Bcentennial-Slides program on Rutherford County  
 Mar 1976 First Presbyterian Church, by Dr. Ernest Hooper  
 Apr 1976 James Robertson Trek through Kentucky, by Mrs. Melvln Barnes  
 May 1976 Urban Redevelopment Archaeology, by Joe L. Benthall  
 Jun 1976 Fortress Rosecrans, by Dr. Homer Pittard, Bob Ragland, Dr. Ralph Fullerton  
 Jul 1976 Tour of Cannonsburgh, by Mayor W. H. Westbrooks  
 Aug 1976 Mary Neal King's Civil War Diary, by Naomi M. Hailey  
 Sep 1976 Bicentennial skit on Revolutionary War, by Dr. Mike Bradley  
 Oct 1976 McMahan Archaeology site near Sevierville, by Brian Butler  
 Oct 1976 Field trip to Lascassas Area, by Mrs. Ben Brown  
 Nov 1976 Andrew Jackson, by Dr. Sam Smith  
 Dec 1976 Donelson Voyage to Nashville, by Mrs. Bertha Chrietzberg  
 Jan 1977 Coleman Scouts, by Mrs. Mabel Pittard  
 Feb 1977 Building Tomorrow Today, by Col. Henry J. Hatch  
 Mar 1977 Folklore and Folksongs, by Dr. Ralph Hyde  
 Apr 1977 Historic Murfreesboro, by Bob Ragland  
 May 1977 Early Rutherford Schools, by Gene Sloan  
 Jun 1977 Tour of Stones River Battlefield & Watermelon Cuttting Coffee County, by David Jacobs  
 Jul 1977 The Shiloh Community, by Ben Austin  
 Aug 1977 Excavations at Fortress Rosecrans, by Steven J. Fox  
 Sep 1977 Charles Egbert Craddock, by Dr. Bob Taylor  
 Nov 1977 Banquet Charlie Cassedy - Early Tennessee Writer, by Walter Durham  
 Dec 1977 Sellers Mound Site in Wilson County, by Dr. Carl Kuttruff  
 Jan 1978 The Tennessee State Museum (cancelled), by Dr. James C. Kelly  
 Feb 1978 Guerilla Warfare in Middle Tennessee, by Dr. Joe Nunley  
 Mar 1978 The Tennessee State Maseun, by Dr. James C. Kelly  
 Apr 1978 Five Elderly Homes:  
 Evergreen, by Jimmy Ridley  
 Childress Home, by Mrs. Kelly Ray  
 Jenkins Home, by Aurelia Holden  
 Liberty Hill, by Ernest Johns  
 Gresham House, by Robert Ragland  
 May 1978 Soule College, by Gene Sloan  
 June 1978 Show and Tell  
 Jul 1978 Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid, by Dr. Homer Pittard  
 Aug 1978 Fosterville, by Elvira Brothers  
 Sep 1978 Cannon County Folk Tales, by Dr. Bob Mason  
 Oct 1978 The Use of the Camera in Historical Research, by Dr. Bealer Smotherman  
 Nov 1978 The Tennessee Historical Commission, by Robert Dalton  
 Jan 1979 Goochland, by Virginia Gooch Watson  
 Feb 1979 Famous Education Horse from Bedford County, by Bob Womack  
 Mar 1979 Oral History, by Sam A. Cameron  
 Apr 1979 Trail of Tears, by Harry Williamson  
 May 1979 Early History of Sky Harbor, by Franklin N. Knapp  
 Jun 1979 Origination of Surnames, by Mary S. Corlew  
 Jul 1979 Tennessee College, by Ida Read and Ethel Herron

Aug 1979	Isham Q. Harris, Governor, by Rev. Isham Harris	Nov 1980	Banquet	Josephine Pearson, by Dr. Henry Swint
Se 1979	Five Rutherford County Confederate Generals, by Dr. Homer Pittard	Jan 1981	Show and Tell	
Oct 1979	Historic Preservation, by Dr. James K. Huhta	Feb 1981	Patriotic Envelopes, by Sue Ragland	
Nov 1979	Banquet Tennessee State Museum, by Dr. Ellsworth Brown	Mar 1981	Artillery in Stones River Battle, by Bob RagLand	
Jan 1980	Early Davidson County Records, by Richard C. Fulcher	Sunday, Apr 1981	Tour of Eagleville, Triune and Nolensville—Joint meeting at Triune Methodist Church with Williamson County Society	
Feb 1980	Show and Tell	May 1981	Antique Glass, by R. L. Pinson	
Mar 1980	Polk Papers Project, by Dr. Earl J. Smith	Jun 1981	Aspects of Local History, by Bob Wcniack	
Apr 1980	Main Street U.S.A., by Dr. Jim Huhta	Jul 1981	A Tennessee Sampler, by James A. Hoobler	
May 1980	John Yates Bell - Confederate Hero, by Louise Littleton Davis	Sunday, Aug 1981	Joint meeting with Cannon County at Readyville, by Dr. Robert Mason, Dr. William Jennings, Miss Mary Hall, Ernie Johns and Beecher Bowen	
Jun 1980	The Uncommon Soldier, by Dr. Bob Womack	Sep 1981	Tennessee Pottery, by Dr. Sam D. Smith	
Jul 1980	Politics in Early Rutherford County, by Van West	Oct 1981	My Three Years with Jackson, by Charles F. Bryan, Jr.	
Aug 1980	Governor Frank Clement, by Chris Hagin	Nov 1981	Banquet Cumberland College, by Dr. Ernest L. Stockton	
Sep 1980	General Beauregard, by Dennis Kelly			
Oct 1980	Slides on Brown's Mill & The Hermitage-at MTSU, by Students of MTSU			

### Descendants of Fountain/Fontaine Posey Crockett I

submitted by Gwen Boyd

Fountain/Fontaine Posey Crockett I was born 6 May 1797 in Franklin Co., KY. He was the son of Colonel Anthony Crockett and cousin of the notorious David Crockett of Alamo fame. He married 5 Dec 1820 in Rutherford Co., TN, Julia Granville Smith, daughter of Gen. John Parke Smith I and Virginia "Jane" Carter Ferris. Jane was born 3 May 1805 in Rutherford Co. Both Fontaine and Jane died circa 1837 in Rutherford Co.

The majestic "Springfield" plantation in Rutherford Co. once housed tw of Andrew Jackson's soldiers on the way to the Battle of New Orleans. One late winter's day the two brothers Fontaine Posey and Overton Washington Crockett, came to seek the hospitality of General John Smith. They had come all the way from Frankfort, KY to join General Jackson's forces at a point on the Harpeth River where they would proceed to New Orleans. After supper, Overton found a chair near the general's fourteen-year-old daughter, Evalina Augusta, and romance began to sprout. Of course, Evalina's sister, Julia Granville, was not interested in talks of war or of the soldiers.

After the Battle of New Orleans, the brothers were returning home to Kentucky and stopped again for the hospitality of the Smith family. Meeting the sisters must have left an impression on the Crockett brothers for in the spring of the year they returned to Middle Tennessee, not to stay, but to live. The romance between Overton Crockett and Evalina Smith budded on their first meeting and blossomed into love. They were married on 25 Nov 1815. It was the first wedding that had taken place in General Smith's home and kinsmen came from miles around.

Five years later, on 7 Dec 1820, Julia smith and Fontaine Crockett were married at the same spot. Six children were blessed to the union of Julia and Fontaine. William Madison Crockett, Anne Eliza Crockett, Samuel Overton Crockett, Fontaine Posey Crockett, Jr., Mary Jane Crockett and Sarah Katherine "Kitty" Crockett. Julia died very early in life and her husband, Fontaine, followed her in death in about 1837.

America Carter Smith, sister of Julia Smith Crockett, had married her cousin, William Hunter Smith. As William Hunter Smith was one of the wealthiest men in Rutherford County and he and America were childless, they took into their home the children of Julia and Fontaine Crockett and raised them as their own. In fact, Sarah Katherine "Kitty" was her uncle's favorite. When she finally chose to marry Francis Whiting Washington, a fourth cousin of George Washington, William Hunter Smith wrote an impassioned letter to her along the lines of "Don't marry that man!" In the end, they did wed, at Springfield where her parents were married. William

Hunter Smith gave Kitty and Francis the mansion "Springfield" along with land and slaves to them as a wedding gift.

In 1857, Francis Washington had the place remodeled, adding the portico and tall colonial columns and lengthening the windows to the floors. During the War between the States, the General Smith House stood in the path of the advancing Confederates as they staged their early morning assault on the Union right in the Battle of Stones River. However, the structure did not receive much physical damage of war as it was outside of Stones River National Battlefield's authorized boundary. It is said, however, the Federal officers were once quartered in the west side of the house and on the east side was a carefully concealed wounded confederate soldier, unknown to each other.

By 1942 the beautiful historic home of Springfield was in much decay. It was purchased in 1950 by Mr. & Mrs. Percy H. Jarratt – he was a direct descendant of Gen. John Smith. The Jarratt's began the process of reclaiming and maintaining the house. On the grounds of Springfield are a log smokehouse, one slave dwelling and the remnants of a tree-lined ceremonial drive to one of the county's oldest and most architecturally distinguished houses. Also, located near Springfield is the family burying ground, known as the Washington Cemetery, also called the Springfield Cemetery and the Smith Cemetery. Many of the Smith and Washington families are buried here. "Springfield", located on Manson Pike, still stands today, but is in danger of modern encroachment and progress.

#### Children of Fontaine & Julia Crockett:

1. William Madison Crockett, b. ca 1821, d. before 1860, m. 17 Oct 1855 in Rutherford Co., TN, Sallie C. Hollowell, daughter of Joseph & Louisa (Beesley) Hollowell. Sallie m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 24 Jan 1860, Samuel R. Sanders, Jr.
2. Mary Jane Crockett, b. ca 1823, m. 22 Dec 1836 in Rutherford Co., TN, George Washington Batey.
3. Annie Eliza Crockett, b. ca 1824, d. Mar 1880 in Rutherford Co., m. 30 Jan 1844 in Davidson Co., TN, Dr. James Edward Manson, Sr., b. ca 1823 in Brunswick Co., VA, d. 6 Jan 1888 in Rutherford Co. The Bass-Manson-Batey home is located in the Blackman Community. It was built in 1807 by James Bass, Sr. and his wife, Temperance Jordan Bass, who had recently arrived from Brunswick Co., VA. The home was initially built as a log cabin but was expanded over the years. Dr. Manson, who came to Rutherford Co. in his youth, was one of the owners of this home and practiced medicine in the Blackman community. Manson Pike is named for Dr. Manson.
4. Sarah Catherine "Kitty" Crockett, b. 2 Feb 1831, d. 20 Sep 1901. She

m. 18 Oct 1849 in Rutherford Co., TN, Francis "Frank" Whiting Washington, b. 4 Apr 1828, d. 12 Nov 1908. Their son, John Hall Washington, inherited "Springfield."

5. Fontaine Posey Crockett, Jr.
6. Samuel Overton Barton Crockett

### **Occupation Mayor: The Honorable J. M. Tompkins**

(reprinted from RCHS Publication No. 2 - by Homer Pittard)

In the Union Volunteer, May 20, 1862, a newspaper published by occupation authorities, this notice was carried: "Some weeks since notice was [part of sentence illegible] of the city of Murfreesboro, elected during a session of the 'reign of terror,' that they must take the oath of allegiance as required by the State Constitution or be removed from office. The Mayor J. E. Dromgole [sic], the Recorder, D. [David] D. Wendel, and Aldermen [Thomas] Robertson and [Samuel R.] Saunders declined to comply with the request. They were accordingly removed and others chosen by the remaining Aldermen to fill the vacancies. The following gentlemen now comprise the city government: Mayor J. [James] M. Tompkins; Recorder R. [Robert] D. Reed ; Aldermen: Alfred Miller, John Todd., E. [Edward] L. Jordan, C. [Camillus] B. Huggins, and William McKnight; Magistrates John Jones and V. C. Carter; and Constable [A. R.] Gannaway."

The length of Tompkins' tenure as the Murfreesboro mayor is not clear. At the time the town was garrisoned by a Union brigade composed of the Ninth Michigan, the Third Minnesota, and some scattered detachments from other regiments. Forrest's raid on July 13 covered a period of some twelve hours, and the prisoners that were carried away with Forrest's withdrawal were replaced by units under General William Nelson. Sometime later, the garrison was abandoned, and early in October, the Army of Tennessee, under General Braxton Bragg, moved into the town and its environs. Following the battle of Stones River, the Confederate army retired to Tullahoma and Shelbyville. Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland became the reoccupation troops. For the remainder of the war, Murfreesboro was in Union hands.

Tompkins states in his "Memoirs" [see below] that he acted as mayor "until all civil and municipal law ceased by the action of the war."

There is no record that even a token form of municipal government was allowed from January 3, 1863 until the close of the war. Tompkins' days as a mayor may have covered a few months, possibly a year. Whatever the time his office may have existed must have been identifiable by controversy. This inference can be drawn from reading his "Memoirs." It can be noted that biographies of two of his sons, Robert and Albert, that appear in Goodspeed's History of Tennessee (1886), make no reference to their father's mayoralship. One may conjecture that their mayor father did not achieve widespread popularity. Both sons were Confederates. Robert served with the forty-fifth Tennessee and Albert with the Eighteenth Tennessee.

Shortly after the war, Mayor Tompkins may have been rewarded for his loyalty. He was appointed clerk and master of the Chancery Court.

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### **Memoirs of James M. Tompkins - "written by himself"**

(reprinted from RCHS Publication No. 2)

James M. Tompkins, son of William and Sarah Tompkins, was born in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, on Adren's Creek, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1807. He remained with his father (who lived in Fluvanna Co., VA, except the years of 1818 and 1819, in which years he resided in Albemarle Co., VA, two miles north of Charlottesville) until the year 1827. His recollection cannot go back when he did not have a firm belief in the truth of the Christian Religion. In October 1826, he made a public profession of Religion, and was baptized by the Rev. Moses Brock, and became a

member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Union Mills Church in the county of Fluvanna. On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1827 he was married by the Rev. John Godd, to Kitty G. Rucker, daughter of Elza and Mary P. Rucker, of Orange Co., VA. In December 1827 he left the County of Fluvanna, and settled in Orange Co., VA, near Caves-Ville, and joined the Orange Church in that neighborhood. He resided in Orange Co. until December 1830, at which time he moved and settled in Albemarle Co., VA, six miles south of Charlottesville, and became a member of the Temple Hill Church. He remained in Albemarle Co., VA until September 1831, at which time he left the State of Virginia and moved to the State of Tennessee, and settled on Overall's Creek in the County of Rutherford, and became a member of the Asberry Church. In March 1836 he was elected a Justice of the Peace for the Sixth District of Rutherford Co. In July 1837 he was elected Surveyor for Rutherford Co. by the County Court of said County. In June 1812 [sic - probably 1842] he petitioned and was accepted and became a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 18, of Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons. He received all the degrees in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. He was elected several times Master of said Lodge, which he esteemed the highest honor ever conferred upon him. In March 1816 [sic - 1846] he was elected by the people of said County Sheriff for Rutherford Co. In March 1818 [sic - 1848] and in March 1850 he was re-elected to the same office. In March 1852 he retired from said office, having served as long as the Constitution of the State would allow, and having discharged the duties of said office with satisfaction as far as he knows and believes to all, except evil doers. In August 1855 he was elected by the people of Rutherford Co. a member of the State Legislature of Tennessee for the Session of 1855 and 1856. This was an office he did not seek nor desire it, never having any desire to engage in political life. In December 1859 he sold out his farm in the country known as Cherry Flat, four miles northwest of Murfreesboro, moved to Murfreesboro and settled in Town, and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) in Murfreesboro, and was appointed one of the stewards of said Church. He having raised and educated the children, being seven in number, one daughter and six sons, to-wit: Sarah Margaret, Benjamin C., William R., Robert T. James E., George T. and Albert G. Tompkins, and becoming old and infirm in health, and being desirous of leading a quiet and peaceable life the balance of his days, and not any more engage in the busy scenes of life, and at peace with all men. But, alas, wicked and designing men, North and South, not having the fear of God before their eyes, and being instigated by evil and selfish designs, determined to brake [break] up and ruin our once happy and beloved country and government, if they could not govern it to suit their own views. They brought on and instigated an uncalled for rebellion and civil war. He was opposed to all tis procedure, and done all in his power to prevent it, believing that it was our duty to seek redress for all our wrongs by law, in the Congress of the United States, and not to go out of the Union and resort to arms for redress, until all other ways and means should fail; he believing and so argued, that if we separated from the Union and went to War, that nothing awaited us but defeat, distress and woe. The State of Tennessee voted to go out of the Union in May 1861, by a large majority of votes. He being a Southern man, born and raised in the South, all his sympathies being with the Southern people, and all he had among them, and although it was like rending soul and body asunder to see the beloved Union of the United States, that had been established and cemented by the blood of his ancestors, torn asunder, and a civil war instituted, he quietly submitted to

the fate of his State and Country, and only acting in doing all the good he could to relieve the wants and distresses of the people among who he lived daily asking God to guide, preserve and protect us. His course and views gave displeasure to some, and caused ill-feelings to be engendered in a few towards him; but his course of conduct and acts was directed by his judgment, and what he conscientiously believe to be right, and therefore, he acted regardless of consequences. He believed that the South had been imposed upon and our rights invaded and denied us, but he never believed in the doctrine of secession or the right of States to secede from the Union at will. In December 1861 he was elected one of the Aldermen of the town of Murfreesboro. In 1862 he was elected by the Aldermen, Mayor of Murfreesboro, and acted as Mayor until all civil and municipal law ceased by the action of the war. In October 1861 he took an active part in restoring Civil Law in our country, and re-establishing and opening the Courts, at which time he appointed his son, Robert T. Tompkins, Deputy Clerk and Master of said Court, which office they still fill at this date (1868). In 1862 owing to some ill-feelings engendeered in the minds of some of the members of his Church (which he had been a member of for upwards of forty years; which Church he loved and revered as a Mother) he withdrew from said Church, and obtained a letter of withdrawal, which letter he kept, hoping, wishing and praying that the cause of his withdrawing might be satisfactorily adjusted, but seeing advances made in that way by the offending parties, and after giving the subject a long, careful and prayerful consideration, and feeling it to be the duty of every Professing Christian to belong to and be a member of a Christian Church, in August 1868, he presented his letter to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro, and became a member of that Church, having full faith in its

being a genuine Christian Church in Orthodoxy, and believing he could serve God acceptably in the same.

I have written this condensed Memoir as a present to my children, a Memento to my memory—hoping and praying that they may all make good and useful citizens, and do more good than I have done; that they may fill their stations in life with honor, and never disgrace the humble character and name of their father—hoping we may all meet in Heaven.

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1868 JAMES M. TOMPKINS

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James M. Tompkins, b. Fluvanna, VA 13 Oct 1807, d. Murfreesboro, TN 3 June 1870, m. 25 Oct 1827 in Orange Co., VA, Kitty Gaines Rucker, b. Orange Co., VA 20 Feb 1810, d. Murfreesboro, TN 17 Nov 1872. Children (all buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro):

1. Sarah W. Tompkins, b. 10 Feb 1830, d. 15 Oct 1895, m. 11 Dec 1856, Stephen H. Singleton, b. 5 Dec 1827, d. 27 Apr 1899. Divorced 2 Dec 1876.
2. Benjamin "Ben" Coke Tompkins, b. 1 May 1831, d. 4 June 1907, m. 15 Nov 1855, Louisa "Lou" H. Jones, b. 9 May 1833, d. 30 Sep 1917.
2. Robert T. Tompkins (CSA service), b. 3 Jan 1835, d. 29 Aug 1889, m. ca 1869, Mary "Jennie" Clark, b. 29 Dec 1845, d. 17 Nov 1912.
3. James Egbert Tompkins (CSA service), b. 7 Apr 1837, d. 13 Oct 1911, m. 30 Jan 1861, Viola E. Coleman, b. 13 Nov 1839, d. 21 Dec 1915.
4. George Thrift Tompkins. b. 8 May 1839, d. 13 Jan 1919, m. Mary Elizabeth Pruett, b. Feb 1837 Yazoo Co., MS, d. 27 Dec 1919.
5. Albert Gallatin Tompkins (CSA service), b. 31 Dec 1842, d. 29 July 1912, m. 7 Feb 1867, Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" January, b. 26 June 1846, d. 9 Sep 1892.

**Petition Requesting Establishment of Rutherford County**

(from John C. Spence's Annals of Rutherford Co., Vol. One)

**Note:** Rutherford Co. was formed by citizens who were living in Davidson and Williamson Counties. However, it is assumed that there were people living in or near Sumner and Wilson counties, who were affected by a need for establishment of a new county with a centrally located county seat. When Rutherford Co. was formed in 1803 its county line extended to the Alabama border and to the eastern reaches of the Stones River.

1802, the influx of population continued to flow into Davidson [County] from all quarters. Great numbers were settled in the extreme portions of the county, making a long distance from the town of Nashville, for those having county business requiring attention. As yet, no roads much greater width than common cow paths. Many of the settlers haaving to cut their way through cane and grape vines, to these narrow roads. In connection, the inconvenience attending the crossing of water courses. Often when coming to these streams, the water being on the rise, the traveler ignorant of the deepness, caused delays of time, involving great danger in crossing. Many of the extreme southern settlers were fifty miles from the county seat [Nashville or Franklin]. This portion of country was fast filling with inhabitants.

Taking all these things into consideration, there were a disposition among the people to have greater accommodation in the extreme portion of Davidson. Feeling in that quarter, they were sufficiently numerous to justify the establishing a new county. The question became the general topic. The great majority of the settlers were in favor of the move, and suggested the propriety of petitioning the Legislature at the next session, granting the establishing a new county from the southern portion of Davidson.

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PETITION

To the honorable, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

The petition of a number of the citizens of Davidson and Williamson Counties humbly sheweth that the vast extent of said counties renders it inconvenient for your petitioners to attend Courts, General Musters, Elections, etc. at the towns of Nashville and Franklin, and there being a sufficiency of territory agreeable to the Constitution, to form a new county within the bounds hereafter to be described and leaving constitutional quantities within the bound of the old counties. We your petitioners therefore pray that you will consider our situation and grant us a new county with the following boundaries, viz: beginning on the top of the ridge Dividing the waters of Stones River and Mill Creek, in the Williamson County line, and run southwardly with said ridge so as to leave all waters of Mill Creek and Harpeth in Williamson County, until the ridge intersects the now Eastern boundary of said Williamson County; thence continue South with said line of Williamson County to the South boundary of this State; thence with the line of Wilson County North and NorthWestwardly continuing with said county line to an elm and white ash, the corner of said county, which is North East from the mouth of Jurrricane Creek, which is four miles and thirty six poles thence from the mouth of Hurrican Creek South West to the top of the first mentioned ridge; thence with said ridge Southwardly to the beginning. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray. August 10, 1803.

**[Note by Susan G. Daniel:** I have added the name of the wife where known or thought to be. The asterisk [\*] means they were listed on the 1810 census for Rutherford Co. or appeared on the 1809-1813 Rutherford Co. tax rolls]

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* Andrews, David	Frazor, James	Koonce, William
* Andrews, James	Gambil, Bradley	Kyle, Ruben
Andrews, John	* Gambil, John	Lamb, Adam
* Anthony, John, Jr.	Gambil, Jordin	Lambert, Reuben
* Aspey [Espey], Alex	Gambill, Benjamin	Lasley, Elisha
Avery, William Isom	Gambrell, Aron	* Laughlin, William, wife: Polly Edwards
Baldwell, Ruben	* Gammil, Aaron	* Lawrence, John, wife: Jane "Jennie"
* Barfield, Fredk., wife: Susannah Charlotte	* Gammil, J. [John] H.	* LeGrand, Peter
* Barfield, James	Gammil, Milton	Lemmons, Abraham
Barfield, Williams, wife: Harriet Sophronia	* Gammill, William	Linch/Lynch, John
Bayer, Joseph	Gardner, James	* Linsey [Lindsay], James
Bean, Ahab, wife: Isabelle	Gillespie, Francis	Long, Samuel
Bean, Jesse, wife: Polly Kirkendol	* Gillespie, George	* Lytle, Wm., wife: Nancy Taylor
Bean, Robert, wife: Sally Miller	* Gillespie, James, wife: Hannah	McBride, Francis
* Bean, William	Glover, Samuel, Sr.	* McBride, Samuel, wife: Elizabeth
* Bedford, J. [John] R., wife: Matilda Smith	* Gordon, John	* McClure, James, wife: Margaret Gamble
* Bedford, Thomas, wife: * Ann	* Gowan, William, wife: Martha "Patsy" Rains	* McCulloch, Alex, wife: Frances Fisher Lenoir
* Benge, Obediah M.	* Gowen, Joseph, wife: Polly Foster	* McKee, Capt. John
* Brandon, Cornelius, wife: Mary Phoebe	Greenwood, William	* McKinney, Sam
* Brandon, George, wife: Jane	* Griffin, John, wife: Mary	* McKnight, Jam., wife: Susannah
* Buchanan, George, wife: Dinah	Hadley, Joseph	* McKnight, Joseph
Bulla [?Bellah], James, wife: Sally Carlisle	* Handcock, Benjamin, wife, Sarah	* McKnight, William, wife: Isabel
* Campbell, Saml., wife: Nancy	Hankins, Lewis	McNeil, C. G.
Carlisle, James	* Hardeman, Constant [Constantine], wife: Sarah J.	Magness, Jonath.
Carlisle, William	Harper, Edward	Magness, Robt., wife: * Lydia Gamble
Carlisle, Joseph	Harper, William Sr.	Mankin, Thomas
Carroll, Joseph	Harper, William Jr.	Mann, John, wife: Susannah Dupree
Carson, Wm.	Harriss, James	Marable, Amos
* Carter, William	Hawkins, James, wife: Nancy	Marlin, William, wife: * Rachel
Castleman, Joseph, wife: Susan E.	Hayes, Cain	* Martin, Alexander, wife: Mary "Polly"
Cathey, Griphy [Griffith], wife Susannah	Hays, James, wife: Margaret McCarroll	* Mathews, Dudly, wife: Susan
* Clarke, Jesse	* Herdown, Jos., wife: Patsy Coleman	Mathews, Dudly, wife: Alice Wenman
* Clarke, Robert	Hill, Isaac	* Matthews, Robert, wife: Sally
Conger, Isaac	* Hill, James	* Menifey, Nimrod
* Cooper, Ritchard, wife: Elizabeth Miller	* Hope, Wm.	* Middleton, William
Cosbey, John	Howell, Jno, wife: Sarah	* Miller, Jacob
Cothorn [Cothran], James	* Howell, William, wife: Mary "Polly"	* Miller, John, wife: Mildred
Cummin, Jam.	Jackson, John	Miller, Lee
Cummins, John, wife: Elizabeth	* Jackson, William	Miller, Simon, wife: Lucinda Rucker
* Davis, Henry, wife: Rebecca Hampton	James, Daniel	* Mitchell, Mark, wife: Mary
* Davis, James	* Jenkins, Hyram, wife: Deborah Allison	* Mitchell, Thomas
* Dement, Abner, wife: Mary	* Jetton, John L., wife: Elizabeth Jetton	* Mitchell, Wm., wife: Elizabeth "Betsy"
* Dement, Cader	* Jetton, Robert, wife: Nancy Wilson	* More/Moore, Alex, wife: Mary Cloyd
Donaldson, James	Johns, Jesse	* Morrow, John
* Doran, Willm., wife: Mary "Polly"	* Johns, John	Morton, Abner
* Dyer, John	Johns, John H.	* Morton, James, wife: Nancy Newsom
Edwards, Ben	Jones, John M.	Morton, James Sr., wife: * Catherine
* Edwards, Benjamin	Jones, Jos.	Morton, James Jr.
* Edwards, Jno, wife: Sarah Cummins	Jud, C. V.	* Morton, Joseph, wife: Cicely Morton
* Edwards, Owen [Hunt], wife: Judith	* Kelton, Robt., wife: Rachel	* Nance, Bird, wife: Sarah "Sally" Mack
* Edwards, Presly	* Kelton, Wm., wife: Elizabeth	* Nance, Isaac, wife: Jane
Edwards, Presley	* Kelton, Wm., Jr.	* Nance, William
* Edwards, Tho.	Key, Sandy	Nash, Francis
Edwards, Thomas	Key, Thomas	* Nash, Travis C., wife: Johannah Miller
* Edwards, Wm., wife: Nancy	* Kimbro, Azariah, wife: Nancy Ann	* Nash, William, wife: Polly Evans
* Faver [Favour], James, wife: Anna Mebane	* Kimbro, William, wife: Elizabeth Molden	Nelson, George
Ferguson, Daniel	* Kimbro, William	* Nelson, Thomas, wife: Nancy Howell
* Fleming, John	* Kimbro, William C. G., wife: Lucinda	* Nevins, Isaac, wife: Anne Mathews
Foster, Anthony		Nevins, Jno., wife: Dorcas Helburn

- \* Nevons, Joseph
- \* Newman, Joseph
- \* Newsom, Balum [Balaam]
- \* Nichols, Joseph, wife: Elizabeth
- \* Nichols, Joshua
- \* Norman, Jam., wife: Polly
- \* Norman, Jno., wife: Margaret Stockard
- \* Norman, Presley, wife: Lydia
- Norris, Wilm.
- \* Nugent [Newgent], John
- O'Dean [?Oden], Meger
- Oldham, Hugh Rier
- \* Olliphant, James, wife: Polly Compton
- O'Neil, Sim
- \* Ormon [Ormond], Wm.
- Osburn, Luke
- Palin, William
- Pepper, Samuel
- Radford, Edward
- \* Ready, Chas., wife: Mary Palmer
- Reed, Harden
- Reen, Bolen
- Renick, Wm.
- Robins, Samuel
- Robinson/Robertson, Moses, wife: Mary
- \* Robison, Wm., wife: Mary
- \* Rodgers/Rogers, David, wife: Peggy
- \* Rucker, Thomas, wife: Sally
- Sanders/Saunders, Reuben
- \* Sawyers, Thomas
- Scott, Charles
- \* Searcy, Wm. W., wife: Elizabeth T. Harris
- Sherwood, Daniel, wife: Polly Robinson
- \* Sherwood, Hugh, wife: Nancy Ann
- \* Ship, Joseph
- \* Smith, Cunningham, wife: Abigail Rankin
- \* Smith, John, wife: Mary "Polly"
- \* Smith, Robert F. N. [C.]
- \* Smith, William
- Smith, William R.
- \* Smothers, John Sr.
- Smothers, John, Jr.
- Star, Barnes
- Steel, Arbl.
- \* Stockird, John Jr.
- \* Sullins, John
- \* Sullivan, Patrick, wife: Ann
- \* Sutfin/Sutvin, Jeames
- \* Tennison, Joseph, wife: Sibella Brandon
- Thacker, Jeremiah, wife: Mary Ann
- \* Thacker, Larkin, wife: Susannah
- \* Thompson, John, wife: Polly Snell
- \* Thompson, Col. John, wife: Grizella Allison
- \* Thompson, Joseph L,  
wife Mary Lewis Thompson
- \* Thompson, Thomas, wife Margaret Losdge
- Tiler [Tyler], Thomas, wife: Elizabeth Ship
- Titus, James, wife: Nancy Edmondson
- Titus, Robert
- Tucker, Silas
- \* Tucker, William, wife: Susannah
- Walls, Simon
- Watts, Thomas
- \* White, C. [Cam/Caimm] G.
- \* Whitsett, James, wife: Jennie Menees
- Williams, Jos.
- \* Williams, David
- \* Wills, James, wife: Amy W. Shackleford
- \* Wilson, Samuel, wife: Jane Marlin
- Winsett, John, wife: Jenny Jones
- \* Wright, Isaac, wife: Rebecca Thompson
- Wright, Isaac Jr.
- \* Wright, Jacob, wife: Mary McAlhatton
- \* Wright, Lemuel, wife: Charity
- \* Young, John H.
- Young, Peter, wife: Sarah Ross

**Hopewell Presbyterian Church near Milton, Tennessee**

1 April 1816 - 1 April 2016

The Hopewell Presbyterian Church congregation of 38 members was organized 1 April 1816 about one mile north of Milton. This year it will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In 1840, four acres of ground were purchased on a hill at the eastern edge of Milton on the road to Porterfield and a church was built. In 1900, a new church building was constructed on this lot and demolished in 1938. The present brick building was erected in Milton on the site of a Cumberland Presbyterian Church which had burned in 1917.

The first elders elected were: Ezekiel Sharp, William Rea, Zacheus Alexander, Rphraim Farr, Joseph Sharp, and Abner Alexander, Clerk of Session. Rev. Jesse Alexander served the church until April 1917.

Early member records taken from the Church Minutes

[abstracted by Susan G. Daniel]

**Note:** The Presbyterian Church baptizes infants., later confirms them.

- 1817 Aug 10 - Baptized: Abner Alexander
- Sep 5 - Baptized: Samuel Maberry, Joseph Sharp
- Sep 7 - Received: M. Thomas, Eliza McNight, Ellen Andrews, Rachel McNight. By certificate: James Kilpatrick
- Nov 30 - Baptized: Andrew Morrison. Dismissed: Jane F. Peoples
- 1818 Aug 22 - Received: Polly Farr
- Sep 13 - Baptized: Thomas Leach, Ezekial Sharp
- Nov 1 - Died: Alexander Witherspoon
- Nov 27 - Baptized: Alanson Trigg, John Boid
- 1819 Apr 5 - Received: Oswin Alexander & wife, Ann; Samuel Mitchell & wife, Mary
- June 16 - Baptized: [? Thado Rose]
- Aug 5 - Baptized: Alexander Witherspoon. Received: James [?Mclannel]; Ezekiel Alexander
- 1820 Jan 9 - Baptized: Oswin Alexander
- Feb 13 - Baptized: Joseph Sharp, Horatio G. Alexander
- June 4 - Baptized: John Boid
- Sep 1 - By certificate: James S. Witherspoon. Received: James Wilson, Ezekiel Sharp, Zacheus McCorkal, Armelia McCorkal, William Garmanay, Eliza Alexander
- Oct 22 - Baptized: Zachus Alexander, Exekiel Sharp
- 1821 Mar - Baptized: David Morison, Ephraim Farr
- Apr 21 - Baptized: Abner Alexander. Received: Neon Dorn
- May 2 - Died: Mrs. Catherine Sharp
- June 25 - Baptized: Jacob H. Thomas
- July 24 - Received: Ellen Wilson, Lues F. Wilson, McKnight Alexander, John and Polly Rains. Baptized: Jesse Alexander
- Aug 13 - Baptized: Thomas Powel
- 1832 July 16 - Born: Sarah E. McKnight, dau. of William W. McKnight
- Aug 16 - Born: George A. Alexander, son of Jesse Alexander
- Aug 21 - Died: Esther Farr
- Aug 24 - Received: George Peebles, Polemna Smith
- Nov 10 - Received: Jane Knox. Dismissed: David Morrison, and wife, Thezia, and 2 daus., Caroline and Ann.
- 1833 Oct 2 - Received: Ambrose Runnels & wife, Mary, Rebecca M. Alexander, Martha C. Peebles, Mary A. Alexander, Robert T. Barton, James S. Alexander, Polly Black.
- Oct 6 - Received: Aron Armstrong, Samuel B. Harwell, Williamson Castrey, James Pinketon, Mary Dills, Mary Thomas, Joseph A. Knox.
- Nov 9 - Received: Parthenia Donoho, Benjamin Norgan, Rachel Morgan, Caroline (a Black person)
- 1834 Apr 3 - Baptized: 4 children of Ambrose & Mary Reynolds - John A. Reynolds, born 7 Oct 1829; Hannah M. Reynolds, born 7 Feb 1831; William R. Reynolds, born 9 Oct 1832; Mary Jane Reynolds, born 2 Jan 1834.



- July 24 - Born: Jesse Eagleton Alexander, son of Orvel Alexander  
 Sep 11 - Received: David M. McKnight, Wilson Alexander, James McKnight, Enos McKnight, Moses W. McKnight, Jonathan McNeman, Alenia A. Black, Hannah Reynolds, Nancy B. Reynolds, Alexander Doran, Ann Powell  
 Nov - Dismissed: Robert Morison & wife, Edith.
- 1835 Mar - Dismissed: Alexander Doran & wife, Nancy  
 July 30 - Died: Miss Polemna Smith  
 Sep 16 - Received: Elam McKnight, Theresa McKnight, Mary and Marinda Cook. Dismissed: Cynthia Thomas  
 Nov 1 - Received: Ann Morgan, Rachel (a Black woman) and her infant, Tilpa, was baptized.
- 1836 Apr 28 - Born: Gideon B. Alexander, son of Jesse & Eliza Alexander  
 May 29 - By certificate: Nancy Hooper  
 Sep 3 - By certificate: Edward S. Weatherford. Elisha Saunders. Received: Nancy Thays, Porthenia Donoho.  
 Sep 5 - Received: Andrew Barkley, Eleanor J. McDaniel, Jane R. Barkley, Precilla W. Barkley, George Cook.  
 Sep 11 - Received: Martha F. McWhirter  
 Nov 15 - Baptized: Alexander D. McKnight, born 30 Sep 1830; Eagleton A. McKnight, born 28 Feb 1832; Mary E. McKnight, born 17 July 1836 - Children of James & Nancy McKnight.
- 1837 Apr 30 - Baptized: Mary Polemna Baxter, born 26 Nov 1836, dau of John & Elizabeth Baxter  
 May 18 - Born: Alezira Angeline Alexander, dau of Oswin & Ann Alexander  
 Sep 3 - Baptized: James Grier Cummins, son of Robert & Isabella Cummins  
 Sep 4 - Received: Elizy Sarah Moore, Hannah Barkley, Ann Eliza Barkley, Sarah Roberts  
 Sep 10 - Dismissed: Robert & Isabella Cummins  
 Oct 27 - Received: Alexander Morrison, G. Morrison
- 1838 Feb 11 - Dismissed: Thomas, Isabella, and Sarah Powel  
 Apr 8 - By certificate: Wm. White, Sarah White, Jane White, Malinda White.  
 Sep 2 - Received: Mary Morison  
 Dec 20 - Dismissed: Jane White, Malinda White
- 1839 Jan 5 - Dismissed: James Pinckson  
 Feb 4 - Died: Mrs. Mary Doran  
 Mar 1 - Dismissed: Rebecca L. Doran, Raine (woman of colour)  
 Mar 31 - Baptized: Martha Ann Alexander, born 17 Aug 1838, dau of Jesse & Eliza Alexander  
 Apr 9 - Died: Mary Cosbey (formerly Mary Cook)  
 Apr 15 - By certificate: Mrs. Mary R. Alexander. Baptized: Samuel Edgar McKnight, born 21 June 1838, son of James & Nancy McKnight; William B. Alexander, born 7 Nov 1838, son of John & Mary Alexander
- 1840 May 13 - Died: Dr. William McKnight (ruling Elder & Clerk of Session)  
 Sep 14 - Died: Mrs. Eliza Knox (formerly Eliza D. Dill)  
 Oct - Dismissed: Mary A. Alexander (formerly Mary A. Black)
- 1841 June 1 - Received: Martha E. Baxter, Catharine Stroop, William R. Alexander, Elizabeth A. Morgan, Henry M. Morgan  
 June 6 - Baptized: Sarah R. Baxter, born 15 Aug 1840, dau of John N. & E. R. Baxter  
 Sep 28 - Received: James S. McKnight, Nancy E. Alexander, Sarah E. McKnight, William T. McKnight  
 Oct 3 - Received: Samuel S. Alexander, Samuel A. McKnight, Edward Donoho.
- 1842 Feb 6 - Baptized: Nancy C. Alexander, born 25 Sep 1841, dau of Jesse & Eliza Alexander  
 May 25 - Died: Jane Knox  
 July 25 - Received: Mary Cuningham, Mary S. Saunders, Morton Armstrong  
 Sep 22 - Received: Sarah H. Neely, James N. Greer, William Greer, Quincy M. Greer, Sarah M. Armstrong, Ambrose McKee, Abner Knox, Eliza A. Jourdan, Mary A. Jourdan, Jeremiah P. Jourdon, John F. Morgan, Eliza B. Neely, Elener T. Kook [?Cook], Stephen Kook, David N. Baxter, Nathaniel W. Donnel, Samuel P. McKnight, Mary L. Alexander, Thomas E. Shune.  
 Oct 25 - Dismissed: Williamson Cosbey  
 Dec 2 - Died: Jane McKnight. By certificate: Eliza McKnight, Nancy S. Spune, John Q. Spune.
- 1843 Feb 28 - Died: Abner McKnight  
 May 9 - Baptized: James P. (of R.) McKnight, born 1 Sep 1842, son of D. M. & Eliza A. McKnight.  
 May 25 - Received: Mary A. Knox  
 Sep 4 - Received: Isabella C. Donnel  
 Sep 5 - Baptized: John H. Baxter, born 14 May 1843, son of John H. & Elizabeth Baxter  
 Oct 4 - Dismissed: N. W. Daniel, I. R. Jerdon, Mary A. Jerdon, Eliza A. Jerdon
- 1844 Apr 1 - Received: William McFadden & wife, Clementine, James McFadden  
 Aug 4 - Received: John P. Greer  
 Sep 15 - Received: Hunthew A. Baxter. Baptized: son of John Q. & Sarah Spune  
 Sep 16 - Dismissed: William McFadden, & wife Clementine
- 1845 Mar 27 - Died: Rachel (a Black person)  
 May 2 - Died: Simon (a Black person). Purged from rolls: McKnight Alexander, Eliza Farr, John West, Harriet McKnight, Robert Barton, Mary Thomas Jane Kirkpatrick, Elam McKnight, Wilburn Alexander, Jonathan McNamer, George Cook, Alexander Morison, James Alexander, Samuel B. Merel, Elizer A. Black, Martha McWhirter, Sarah Roberts.  
 Aug 3 - Baptized: Children of Morton W. & Mary M. Armstrong - William Alonzo Doren Armstrong, born 3 Aug 1835; Nancy Prunette Armstrong, born 12 May 1837; John Baxter Armstrong, born 22 July 1838; Martha Tennessee Armstrong, born 23 Feb 1840; Martin W. Armstrong, born 16 Dec 1841; Mary Minerva Matilda Armstrong, born 18 May 1844. Also baptized: Mary M. White, dau of William B. & T. White; Eliza Jane Alexander, dau of Jesse & Eliza Alexander  
 Sep 15 - Received: John Turk & wife, Muriel. By certificate: Mary Barkley
- 1846 July 26 - Died: Sarah Brasher [Brashear]  
 Aug 4 - Dismissed: Rachel Greer, Q. M. Greer, Wilburn P. Greer, John Greer
- 1847 Jan 15 - Dismissed: Benjamin Morgan & wife, Rachel (and family, John F., Ann J., Henry V., James), James McFadden & wife, Elizabeth  
 Jan 31 - Died: Sarah Trailer (formerly Nealy)  
 Mar 13 - Died: Sarah A. White  
 Nov 12 - Baptized: Susan E. & Martha R., daus of Stephen & Sarah Cook
- 1848 June 11 - Died: Betsey McKnight  
 July 2 - Died: Hannah Thomas

- Sep 14 - Died: \_\_\_\_\_ Watt (name omitted)
- 1849 Apr 1 - Dismissed: Malvina Watson, Ann Witherspoon  
 June 3 - Received: Alesmond B. Witherspoon & wife, Jane  
 Aug 3 - Received: Henry Barkley, Mary McKnight, Elizabeth Cook,  
 A. D. Peebles, R. F. Baxter, S. A. Barkely, J. E. R. Alexander,  
 A. A. Alexander. Baptized: John M. Mabry, Polemna M.  
 McKnight, William T. Hooper, Julia Stroop  
 Aug 25 - Dismissed: John Q. Spain & Sarah  
 Oct 9 - Died: William R. Alexander, Elder  
 Dec 3 - Received: Nelson (a Black man belonging to John S.  
 Woolridge)  
 Dec - Dismissed: Dr. M. Armstrong & wife, Minerva. Baptized:  
 Children of D. Haywood & wife, P. W. (Martha J., Hannah R.,  
 William R., Henry B., James P. Ann E.). Baptized: Children  
 of J. M. Knox & wife, Mary (John H., Joseph B., James S.).  
 Baptized: Children of John Mabry & wife, Marinda (Margarey  
 E., Mary A., Charles C., Sarah E.).
- 1850 Apr 14 - Baptized: Mary Margaret Witherspoon, dau of A. B. & Jane  
 Witherspoon. Received: Linda (a Black woman of J.  
 Alexander)  
 May 5 - Received: Lewis B. Creson  
 Sep 22 - Received: Manny A. Cook, Martha Jane Hogwood  
 Sep 24 - Baptized: Children of Lewis & Jane Creson (Mary Ann,  
 Prissilla Rebecca, Dennison Hogwood, James Thomas, John  
 Bell Creson)
- 1851 Mar 10 - Died: Tanissa McKnight, consort of Elurn McKnight  
 May 27 - Baptized: Nancy Neomia Hannah Cook, dau of Stephen  
 & Sarah Cook; Sarah Elizabeth Knox, dau of Samuel W. &  
 Mary Knox; Andrew Barklay Creson, son of Lewis B. & Jane  
 R. Creson; Dennison Doren Hogwood, son of Dennison &  
 Prescilla W. Hogwood.
- Aug 18 - Received: Robert D. Donoho, John H. White, Armstrong  
 E. McKnight, Sarah R. Baxter, Charlott Cook, Mathew A.  
 Alexander, George A. Alexander, Gideon B. Alexander,  
 Hannah K. Hogwood, James F. Black, Sarah McKnight, Mary  
 M. McKnight, Mary E. Barkley, Lucy A. F. Black, Nart N.  
 Oebsekk.  
 Nov 2 - Baptized: Dariah Jane White, dau of William B. & M. C.  
 White. Children of Thomas B. & Mary A. (?Cranen) (Moses  
 Jesse Alexander Cranen, Sarah Eliza Cranen, Rebecka  
 Elvina Cranen, William Rea Childress Cranen)  
 Dec 28 - Dismissed: J. E. R. Alexander
- 1852 Sep 1 - Died: Jane Barkley, consort of Henry Barkley  
 Sep 29 - Received: M. E. Mabry, Mary P. Baxter, William M.  
 Bradley, M. J. R. Bradley, John T. Barkley, W. Alexander.  
 Baptized: Dennison Hogwood Bradley (son) & S. A. W.  
 Bradley (dau), children of William M. & M. J. R. Bradley  
 Nov 15 - Dismissed: Sarah M. McKnight & Mary M. McKnight  
 Dec 4 - Received: Thomas C. Barkley, Nancy J. Barkley
- 1853 Feb 4 - Born: E. M. M. Cook, daughter of Stephen & S. Cook  
 Mar 6 - Born: William B. Henry Creson, son of L. B. & Jane K.  
 Creson  
 July 12 - Born: Mary J. Hogwood, dau of D. & P. W. Hogwood  
 July 17 - Born: Ann E. Barkley, dau of John T. & G. J. Barkley  
 Sep 1 - Died: A. D. Peoples [Peebles]  
 Sep 14 - Dismissed: T. C. Barkley & N. J. Barkley  
 Sep 22 - Received: David C. Witherspoon, Jacob C. Herndon, Mary  
 F. Knox, Elminah Hoskins, Samuel T. L. Witherspoon, Mary S.  
 Hooper, Mary E. Witherspoon, Mary A. Mabry, Virginia Cook. John  
 C. Sloan, Hugh L. White, Nancy C. Alexander, Elizabeth White,  
 Virginia Donoho, Matilda Elder, James G. Elder, Elizabeth M.  
 Elder. **[TO BE CONTINUED]**

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