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FOREWORD

People, Places, and Events make History.

In wishing to preserve, and make easily accessible many facts concerning the rich heritage of Rutherford County, the Historical Society presents Volume I.

Many hours of research into historical records have been spent in preparation for this volume, in order to compile and organize information concerning outstanding people, the marriage records from 1851-1853, and descriptions of places which have played an important part in the historical background of Rutherford County.

This volume is presented with the hope that it will aid in helping individuals in research, and develop greater appreciation for the historical background and heritage of Rutherford County.

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RUTHERFORD COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS (1851-53)

Prepared by Henry Wray  
1851

Adkinson, F. M. & Susan G. Phillips	June 23
Anderson, Henry C. & Catharine Horton	Jan. 22
Anthony, Casper N. & Mary E. Pitts	Oct. 11
Bates, Aaron & Eliz. Hopkins	June 9
Batey, Jasper N. & Isabel N. Tassy	Nov. 5
Batey, Wm. P. & Eliz. M. Hoskins	Dec. 1
Bell, Hezikiah & Permelea M. Mathis	July 26
Bell, Jos. T. & Hannah H. Mathis	July 8
Bemus, Wm. & Eliz. J. Dill	Dec. 2
Bird, Wm. & Lavina C. Williams	Sept. 17
Blair, Geo. S. & Purlina N. Noe	Dec. 20
Bond, John & Eliz. Luster	Jan. 23
Boring, Sterling B. & Martha S. Edwards	Nov. 25
Bowen, Wm. H. & Margaret A. Dobbins	Sept. 3
Bowman, Bedford C. & Martha Benson	Jan. 20
Bradford, James & Maria Martin	May 30
Brandon, Geo N. & Eliz. McGregory	Nov. 29
Broady, Alexander & Narcissa J. Floyd	Dec. 25
Brooks, Jordan & Rebecca Johnson	Jan. 28
Brown, James & Mary M. Fleming	July 30
Brown, John W. & Eliz. McCracken	Mar. 26
Brown, Benj. & Jane Taylor	June 21
Brown, Thomas P. & Julia F. Gannon	Mar. 7
Bryant, James R. & Nancy E. Hood	Jan. 15
Burnett, Thomas & Rachel Cantrell	Oct. 22
Canon, Abram W. & Mary E. Huggins	Feb. 27
Castleman, Joseph R. & Sarah E. Pugh	Feb. 26
Charlton, George W. & Mary A. Hannah	Mar. 25
Childress, John W. & Mary E. Phillips	Oct. 15
Clopton, John A. & Lucy W. Martin	Sept. 25
Cobb, S. J. & Jane Alba	Aug. 12
Coleman, Jesse A. & Mary J. Newsom	Jan. 2
Colman, Walter E. & Fanny J. Black	Sept. 2
Collier, John A. & Susan F. Brewer	Aug. 21
Cook, Wm. D. & Margaret J. Hunter	Dec. 26
Corder, John & Margaret J. Morton	Nov. 26
Cotton, John H. & Nancy J. McMurry	Nov. 22
Coughanour, David & Eliz. Grimes	Nov. 20
Covington, Larkin M. & Sarah E. Fagan	June 12
Crick, Richard & Martha Mangrum	Sept. 11
Corckett, Allen B. & Louisa Hall	Apr. 17
Cummings, Alfred M. & Lucinda T. Daniel	Jan. 16
Cunningham, George & Melissa Taylor	Dec. 24
Curlee, Calvin D. & Emely Lyon	Apr. 25
Daughtry, Jeremian & Eliza. Belt	May 18
Drenon, Thomas & Raymeth S. Smart	Sept. 27
Drumwright, Alexander J. & Rhoda Ann McDowell	Feb. 25
Duncan, Robert L. & Mary Ann Wyatt	Jan. 23



Dunlap, Jacob H. & Nancy C. Sage	Oct.	15
Dowling, John M. & Mary W. Smith	Oct.	28
Doyle, Wm. H. & Adeline Grogan	June	6
Ellis, Hicks & Sarah Jackson	Jan.	21
Evans, Peter & Phebe F. Smotherman	Sept.	23
Farless, Obediah & Sarah V. Brook	Aug.	20
Farmer, Wm. & Martha Wade	May	29
Fears, Prier & Armenia Covington	Jan.	8
Finch, Adam & Casha R. Jarratt	Jan.	7
Frasier, Wm. & Eliz. Thurman	May	22
Freeman, Joshua & Martha Cherry	Oct.	15
Fugett, Mathew S. & Ann Eliaz Jones	Oct.	24
Fowler, James B. & Melissa Tucker	May	16
Gilbert, Charles & Eliz. Ann Tudor	Nov.	19
Gilchrist, Philip P. & Ellen A. Phillips	Dec.	16
Gooch, J. C. & Martha J. Randolph	June	18
Green, Joseph J. & Mariah E. H. Hyde	May	29
Gullett, Henry & Susan Winfrey	July	31
Gum, Alexander & Martha Wade	Nov.	25
Hall, Alexander & Jane M. Fletcher	Nov.	17
Harrell, Layman & Mary C. Harrell	July	21
Herrod, Right & Hannah Eades	Oct.	17
Hill, Samuel M. & Clementine Bailey	Aug.	21
Hope, James W. & Clementine Burnett	Oct.	28
Hoover, Benf. F. & Susan J. Marlen	Dec.	17
Horton, John N. & Sarah Ann Fowler	Feb.	26
Horton, Wm. J. & Martha A. Smotherman	May	29
Houston, Wm. & Eliz. C. Clark	June	3
Jackson, John F. & Sarah C. Lawrence	Dec.	12
Jackson, Thomas M. & Mary Hendricks	Dec.	11
James, John A. & Oliver F. D. Smith	Nov.	24
Johnson, Granville & Frances M. Foster	Sept.	11
Johnson, S. H. & Sarah A. Gum	Aug.	6
Johnson, Wm. & Nancy J. Posey	Feb.	6
Jones, John & Lucy A. Richardson	Oct.	28
Jordan, James M. & Sarah Petillo	June	5
Kidd, G. W. & Martha A. Brittain	Dec.	15
Kirk, F. G. & Rozetta Norman	July	15
Knight, Lewis W. & Eliza Eagleton	May	20
Knox, James C. & Sarah A. Ryon	Oct.	6
Knox, John & Manervia Waller	Jan.	23
Lane, James & Mary A. McCrea	June	7
Lantern, Henry & Lucretia Collins	Aug.	29
Lee, James M. & Martha A. Blair	Oct.	13
Lewis, Wm. J. & Lutha Ann Glenn	Dec.	10
Livings, Allen G. & Susan C. Waller	May	28
Loughry, J. N. & Miss A. A. Brown	Apr.	17
Malone, Andrew J. & Amanda F. Peyton	Sept.	16
Mangrum, Joshua & Sarah Crick	July	22
Mathis, David C. & Nancy E. Serrell	May	5
Meredeth, Joseph & Rhuah A. Fleming	July	3
Miles, Caswell M. & Nancy W. Gentry	June	11
Miller, Edward S. & Mary Miller	Oct.	27





Moorehead, Wm. & Nancy Smith	Nov. 26
Morgan, Wm. & Louisa Ann Caston	March 1
Moore, James B. & Andromedia Grisham	Dec. 17
Mullins, John & Emeline Crosthwaite	Sept. 23
McBride, Willis M. & Malinda Holden	Sept. 3
McElroy, Wm. E. & Margaret A. Neely	Nov. 23
McFadden, Candor & Sarah L. Stroop	April 24
McMurray, Geo. W. & Margaret J. Clark	May 10
McRea, Wm. B. & Frances E. Threatt	Oct. 29
Newman, John B. & Martha Elliott	March 3
Northcott, John & Eliza McKee	July 4
Odeneal, T. J. & Catharine Martin	Nov. 8
Overall, John W. & Mary McCullough	Nov. 25
Ozment, Henry H. & Mary A. Wrather	Dec. 18
Patterson, John & Julia A. Lytle	July 31
Patton, Joseph C. & Judith C. Edwards	June 23
Peyton, Thomas B. & Mary E. Sanders	Oct. 7
Pinkston, Hugh & Mary McKee	Nov. 29
Pope, Christopher & Tabitha Lamb	Nov. 11
Pryor, James L. & Mary E. Winston	Dec. 22
Pugh, Edmund B. & Hettie A. E. McClendon	Nov. 26
Ransom, Richard P. & Frances Bass	Nov. 17
Rich, Robert & Mary L. Neely	Jan. 27
Richardson, Harry P. & Nancy E. Devault	May 21
Robertson, Green B. & Mary F. Parrish	Dec. 14
Rodgers, Robert & Sally Hooker	Aug. 4
Rodgers, Ranzel H. & Mary C. Bivins	Aug. 7
Rucker, Bennett & Mary Mathis	Oct. 10
Rucker, Samuel & Mary T. Wright	Dec. 16
Ruffner, John F. & Margaret T. L. Hopkins	March 17
Rouse, Isaac & Louisa Wilson (free man of col. & free woman of col.)	Jan. 2
Rouse, Richard & Manervia Wilson (free man of col. & free woman of col.)	Feb. 20
Sanflor, Candor & Sarah J. McCullough	Sept. 11
Scales, Daniel R. & Susan Whigby	Mar. 30
Sclaes, Joseph H. & Mary E. Hickman	Dec. 3
Simmons, Wm. W. & Louisa L. Thornton	Oct. 3
Sivily, Wm. H. & Frances H. Lawing	Oct. 8
Slanter, Spencer S. & Alline Koonce	March 8
Smith, Geo. W. & Eliz. Henderson	May 15
Smith, Henry B. & Sarah E. Finch	June 5
Smith, James & Lavicy Todd	Aug. 5
Smith, James M. & Frances P. Becton	Dec. 16
Smith, Jesse B. & Joicy Cavinder	Sept. 12
Smith, John T. & America Johnson	Jan. 5
Smotherman, Elmore & Mary Smotherman	Aug. 14
Stovall, Jephtha & Harriet Fields	Sept. 8
Summers, Lafayette & Nancy Morgan	Oct. 14
Summers, U. T. & Nancy A. Johnson	Oct. 17
Thomas, Robert G. & Sarah Ann Vaught	Sept. 6
Thomas, Sampson & Suraney Williams	Sept. 30
Towns, Wm. C. & Lucinda Covington	Dec. 19
Vaughan, Edward J. & Mary Ann E. Thornton	Sept. 30



Vaughan, Thomas J. & Priscilla Cooke	Oct.	7
Vernon, Wm. T. & Martha S. Floyd	Dec.	7
Wadley, John W. & Cynthia A. Hollowell	Nov.	30
Wallace, A. M. & Sarah Reed	Dec.	23
Walpole, Chas H. & Catherine J. Walpole	June	9
Warren, James & Sarah J. Cook	Nov.	27
Warren, Wm. & Charloote J. May	Jan.	25
Watkins, Joseph & Margaret H. Linster	Dec.	23
Watkins, W. S. & Adeline W. Wilkinson	Jan.	15
Weatherly, P. W. or W. P. & Julia Bishop	June	18
Webb, Thomas L. & Sarah A. Lee	Dec.	24
Webb, W. S. & Adelpia Wheeler	March	14
Webber, Edward & Jane Green	Oct.	6
Williams, Henry J. & Susan E. Sumner	May	28
Wingo, T. R. & Eliza R. Smith	July	10
Winsett, Robert W. & Mary Crick	Oct.	15
Wood, Johnson & Amanda F. Claud	Sept.	18
Woodruff, John M. & Eliz. J. Todd	June	1
Wood, Lafayette & Mary E. Beasley	Feb.	27
York, Uriah & Mahala P. Batey	Feb.	26
Youree, Wm. F. & Angeline T. Richardson	March	13

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Adcock, Henry W. & Margaret Odel	Nov.	18
Alexander, John D. & Violet L. Baird	Dec.	10
Anderson, Chas. W. & Martha Ann Love	Sept.	10
Andrews, Wm. & Nancy J. S. Nance	Feb.	5
Armstrong, Wm. A. & Sarah A. Wright	July	22
Askew, Aaron O. & Susan C. Read	Dec.	9
Barkley, Samuel Y. & Catharine J. Harrison	Oct.	12
Barkley, Thomas C. & Nancy J. Wilson	July	17
Barnes, Thomas F. & Siota Patterson	July	28
Barnes, Thomas P. & Lavinia F. Coleman	Jan.	19
Batten, Wm. S. & Nancy Ann Winston	April	21
Beasley, James & Sarah C. Anderson	Nov.	9
Bennett, Zachariah & Lucinda Fleming	Nov.	3
Blackman, C. A. & Mickey W. Smith	June	30
Bowman, Francis M. & Mary E. Know	Jan.	19
Bracken, Richard H. & Caroline A. Tucker	Dec.	15
Brewer, Henry J. & Martha Ann Vaulx	Jan.	29
Brothers, Andrew W. & Sarah G. Crockett	July	27
Brown, Felix & Nancy Slinkard	Aug.	22
Brown, Ross O. & Mary A. Smith	Dec.	8
Burk, Thomas & Mary H. Wright	July	21
Burks, Romulus & Eliz. McNabb	Aug.	13
Bush, Jesse W. & Melvinia Whitfield	Jan.	29
Bushley, James & Sarah C. Anderson	Nov.	10
Butler, James & Jane Stevenson	Oct.	10
Campbell, Josiah E. & Martha J. Macgowan	Feb.	13
Castleman, James H. & Mary Castleman	Feb.	21
Cates, John A. & Elizabeth Ann Benson	Aug.	12
Cole, John H. & Sarah C. Floyd	Oct.	20
Coleman, Wm. B. & Angeline E. Caldwell	Nov.	24



Coldwell, Thomas M. & Margaret J. B. Cannon	Sept. 28
Cooke, John H. & Lucinda Noe	June 17
Cooke, Wm. L. & Mary A. E. McClaren	Feb. 25
Cooksey, W. H. & Miss M. A. Hester	April 12
Couch, Isaac M. & Sarah E. Rushing	Nov. 22
Coulter, Hanning & Mary Sifers	July 16
Crocker, Thomas B. & Eliza J. Holden	Aug. 17
Crockett, A. S. & Octavia Miller	Dec. 21
Cromer, Joseph H. & Evelina D. May	Nov. 29
Dalton, Fountain & Mahulda Allen	July 12
Donnell, John W. & Susan Bowman	March 31
Doyle, Patrick & Jane Webb	April 25
Drake, Thomas & Sarah J. Mierhead	April 25
Dunaway, Drury & Caudis F. Patterson	Jan. 30
Duncan, Patrick L. & Judy Ann Hall	Oct. 9
Elder, Wm. K. & Eveline Batey	March 4
Fanning, A. J. & Susan P. Blackman	Aug. 23
Featherston, Prestley & Mary Blessing	March 12
Fleming, Samuel & Jane C. Maxwell	April 14
Freeman, Thomas R. & Margaret R. Bingham	March 31
Fry, John & Neaty C. Moss	Dec. 28
Ferguson, Samuel D. & Margaret T. Thompson	Jan. 17
Galaway, John B. & Rebecca Beasley	Sept. 25
Garner, Thomas C. & Virginia Hughes	March 15
Gibbs, James H. & Cornelia M. Welden	Dec. 25
Gillespie, Daniel J. & Amanda Willeford	June 30
Gilliam, Richard & Emeline Cantrell	Jan. 23
Gosney, Richard C. & Manervia Shields	May 31
Graham, John & Sarah Sandridge	April 22
Gramps, John & Mary S. H. Smith	July 21
Greer, Andrew & Eliz. Brown	July 3
Greer, Thomas & Manervia A. F. Brown	Dec. 15
Grimes, James M. & Balsonia Patterson	Feb. 21
Hall, Thomas & Mary J. Ward	Feb. 13
Hancock, Benf. C. & Sarah N. Revell	Nov. 30
Harpins, Patrick & Rebecca Cotton	Jan. 29
Harris, Elgin & Mary E. Crocker	Nov. 15
Hastings, Giles P. & Rhoda Ann Jarrett	Feb. 24
Hays, Wm. & Martha E. Hays	Feb. 17
Herrod, Rubin & Mary J. Armstrong	Jan. 2
Hill, Wm. & Sarah Butler	Feb. 26
Holden, Goodman & Dorinda S. Smotherman	June 2
Horton, James H. & Amanda Smith	Sept. 9
Howland, Leroy D. & Eliz. C. Waller	Jan. 6
Hughes, Thomas F. & Milly E. Shockler	Nov. 24
Isom, Absalum & Emeline McCaslin	June 24
Jarratt, James A. & Caroline V. Johnson	Dec. 29
Jones, James H. & Hester A. R. May	Dec. 1
Jones, Richard C. & Mary J. McHenry	Jan. 22
Jordan, M. B. & Hardenia Bumpus	Jan. 6
Jordan, Wm. A. & Martha H. Crouse	Sept. 21
Kellough, Samuel & Margaret Williams	Feb. 9
Lasiter, Wm. & Susan M. Rodgers	July 10
Laughlin, Joseph Y. & Mary L. Sneed	Feb. 10



Layne, Alfred J. & Harriett N. McRae	Dec.	1
Loven, James A. & Polita Ann Douglass	June	26
Lyell, Robert B. & Eliz. Crick	June	21
Manire, Philip H. & Homora T. Donnelly	May	11
Mankin, Welcome H. & Tabitha Deason	Dec.	22
Manley, Wm. R. & Malinda R. Welch	Dec.	18
Martin, Wm. C. & Lockey J. Donnell	April	6
Medling, Wm. A. & Eliz. M. Lasiter	Oct.	18
Moore, Peter W. & Margaret L. Dickinson	April	19
Mooney, Jonathan A. & Martha Jane Seay	Oct.	20
Moore, Samuel & Malinda Todd	Nov.	20
McCaslin, Hugh R. & Rebecca Ann Youree	Dec.	16
McCoy, John T. H. & Sarah C. A. Swink	Oct.	28
McFarlin, M. P. & Emila McKinley	Aug.	5
McKissick, Hugh L. W. & Milbra J. McGrigor	Jan.	4
Newman, Anderson & Minerva Insell	Jan.	14
Nisbett, Ephraim & Naoma Swan	Sept.	28
O'Callaghan, W. A. & Frances McDowell	April	28
Owens, James F. & Mary E. Drumwright	Dec.	23
Parker, Alfred K. & Margaret S. Johnson	Dec.	25
Parker, John & Mary Taylor	July	7
Patterson, R. H. & Mary Smith	March	1
Pearson, John M. & Mary Prewett	Aug.	31
Phillips, Richard S. & Margaret C. Turner	Sept.	29
Pinkard, Wm. & Susan Halliburton	March	3
Powell, Robert J. & Susanah B. Bingham	Sept.	27
Prater, Wm. H. & Mary A. Jacobs	Feb.	3
Pyland, ----- & Susan Lassater	July	5
Rather, Wm. & Martha Cawthorn	March	16
Robertson, Higdon J. & Martha A. Waller	Feb.	24
Rogers, Benj. F. & Louisa Lockard	April	23
Rogers, John & Mary J. Lasiter	Aug.	2
Rushing, John C. & Mary Stephenson	April	14
Russell, Newton & Eliz. Hutson	Nov.	3
Ryan, Newton & Sarah J. Foster	Nov.	23
Shelton, Geo. A. & Tabitha Eaton	Sept.	11
Shelton, Wm. & Sarah A. Cates	Dec.	3
Shelton, Wilson & Lucy Moore	Aug.	7
Smart, Gideon & Areanah Freeman	Oct.	18
Smith, Clemons M. & Marg. Dalton	Feb.	12
Smith, Henry P. & Martha A. Waller	March	8
Smith, Sherwood W. & Eliz. Boring	Nov.	30
Sneed, Charles & Ann B. Haines	April	5
Stem, Asa L. & Eliz. M. Birdwell	Feb.	22
Summer, Mathew & Manerva J. Kelby	Jan.	5
Thomas, John A. & Mary Reed	Aug.	19
Thomas, John W. & Eliz. J. Thomas	July	8
Todd, Jackson & Margaret Cox	June	26
Trail, Valentine & Eliz. Ann Russell	Aug.	18
Turner, Wm. G. & Isabelah Nisbett	Dec.	8
Waldron, Charles H. & Ann E. Buchanan	June	28
Wale, George W. F. & Nancy J. Wood	March	7





Ward, Kinchen & Eliz. Barrett	Aug. 17
Warren, Edwin & Eliz. C. Henry	April 1
Watkins, Joseph & Margaret Linster	Dec. 23
Webb, E. J. & Mary E. Daniel	Oct. 4
Wendel, Robert S. & Emma C. James	Nov. 3
White, Charles T. & Mary Elliott	Dec. 30
Wilkerson, B. F. & Mary A. E. Sanders	Sept. 13
Wilson, Joseph & Sarah E. Bishop	Sept. 28
Wilson, Washington & Ann E. Burgess	Nov. 22
Wimberly, Henry & Catherine E. Bowman	Dec. 20
Wright, Emuel & Johannah Smith	May 3
Wood, A. J. & Ann M. Beasley	Feb. 3
Woods, Nathan A. & Mary Jane Brewer	Aug. 28
Young, Wm. & Lucinda J. Mangrum	Sept. 11
Youree, James F. & Harriett E. Lancaster	Jan. 6

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Adams, John W. & Mary J. Murry	Jan. 25
Ailor, Joseph & Mary Ann D. Summers	Aug. 1
Alexander, Robert M. & Amanda M. F. Dennison	Sept. 15
Allen, Lunsford E. & Martha Hood	Jan. 15
Andrews, Alphonso & Sallie B. Seward	Jan. 20
Armstrong, John J. & Catharine Summers	Sept. 8
Baird, Wm. D. & Catharine O. Ready	June 21
Ball, Thomas W. & Mary Crouse	Jan. 8
Barnes, Wm. & Mary Williams	Oct. 27
Bates, Robert F. & Mary James	July 4
Bearkley, Benj. F. & Emily Hall	May 15
Bennett, James M. & Susanah M. Walden	June 17
Bennett, Joseph M. & Jane K. Hall	Jan. 10
Blackwood, John T. & Mary E. Good	April 12
Boring, Sterlins B. & Martha L. Edwards	Nov. 24
Bounds, George W. & Mary Pope	Nov. 16
Bowen, James A. & Eliz. Kelton	April 6
Bowling, Henry G. & Martha Parker	Jan. 20
Boyd, Nathan A. & Martha A. S. Vaughn	March 19
Bradshaw, Sandiford & Suse E. Smith	Jan. 24
Brown, J. B. T. & Mary J. Pukett	Aug. 6
Brunson, Isaac & Harriet N. Weakley	July 3
Bryant, Emanuel A. & Eliza M. Donnell	Sept. 12
Bryant, Henry W. & Margaret Cole (col.)	Dec. 27
Burchett, Andrew J. & Mary E. Rogers	Sept. 13
Burnett, Brookin J. & Martha S. Perry	Dec. 13
Burnett, George M. & Emily J. Elder	Jan. 12
Burnett, Wm. & Narcissa Beasley	July 25
Burnett, Wm. C. & Mary C. McKee	Sept. 3
Burns, Wm. R. & Mary J. Evins	July 28
Burton, James A. & Stacy Ann Burk	Feb. 14
Cain, Thomas M. & Cornelia A. Mullins	July 27
Carter, John W. & Mary A. Todd	Nov. 4
Charlton, Joseph & Saprionia A. Gregory	March 14
Childress, John & Eliza Greer	Sept. 24
Clay, Theordrick S. & Jane E. Crutcher	Nov. 30
Coleman, John & Lucinda Blair	Feb. 4
Conner, Thomas W. & Palmyra A. Bethel	Jan. 12
Corbin, Christopher C. & Suan D. White	June 30



Cotton, Manaus C. & Martha Carter	Dec.	6
Crenshaw, John W. & Elen L. Campbell	Dec.	8
Curlee, Cullin & Margaret E. Lyon	Feb.	8
Dane, Drury & Mary J. Abbott	Dec.	17
Davis, Young & Queen E. Patterson	March	10
Delbridge, Edward H. H. & Frances Miles	Jan.	3
Dunaway, Daniel J. & Nancy C. Kellow	Sept.	29
Eagleton, Wm. C. & Mary A. Green	July	20
Ellis, Edward N. & Lucy M. McKinney	Nov.	14
Ewing, John A. & Caroline E. Buchanan	July	4
Finch, James A. & Louisa R. Huggins	Feb.	2
Fleming, Wm. & Eliz. A. Johnson	Sept.	29
Floyd, James P. & Martha W. Rion	March	4
Freeman, Marshall & Eliz. J. Hall	Dec.	9
Frost, Natha A. & Caladonia C. Prichett	May	2
Fugett, Benj. & Jane H. Becton	Dec.	1
Garrett, Wm. G. & Phebe Cunningham	Jan.	12
Gilliam, Thomas & Malissa Stone	March	3
Grey, Joel A. & Cary Ann Winsett	Oct.	31
Gwin, Alexander M. & Sarah C. Crichlow	Oct.	26
Hailey, Wm. B. & Nancy E. Webb	Oct.	25
Hale, Joseph P. & Eliz. C. Vaughan	Dec.	14
Hall, John & Mary L. Finch	Dec.	6
Hartman, John & Eliz. Leek	Sept.	1
Hatfield, James & Tinzey Dickerson	Jan.	22
Hayes, Thomas H. & Lucy Ann Clemons	March	12
Haynes, John W. & Margaret A. Batey	Jan.	18
Henry, Washington C. & Amanda C. Elliott	Dec.	8
Hickman, John H. & Milley F. Glymp	April	2
Holden, Benj. H. & Permelia A. Vaughn	Feb.	16
Holden, Granville C. & Manirva Crocker	March	15
Holden, Thomas J. & Hannah V. Nash	Sept.	13
Holmes, J. T. & Miss P. L. Hill	May	2
Hooberry, Finus & Sallina A. Wall	Oct.	22
Hoover, Jasper N. & Sarah M. Dunn	Sept.	8
Huddleston, George M. & Eliz. J. Burk	April	5
Hughes, James & Amanda Douglass	Aug.	20
Hunt, Hustus & Eliz. Winston	Nov.	15
Ivins, Albert P. & Martha Ann Percy	Feb.	21
Jacobs, John W. & Amanda Howland	Jan.	27
January, Joseph A. & Virginia Henry	Feb.	3
Johnson, James P. & Sarah J. Sikes	May	24
Jordan, Joshua & Locky F. Vaughan	June	29
King, Benj. S. & Mary M. Neal	April	11
Knox, Franklin & Nancy B. Leach	Feb.	9
Lamb, David & Almary Westbrooks	May	30
Lannum, Alfred T. & Melvina Mullins	Feb.	20
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## SOJOURN IN MURFREESBORO

By Henry Wray, Rutherford County Archivist

Samuel Hervey McLaughlin came to Murfreesboro in 1815 and began the practice of law. The Biographical Directory (1796-1969), Warren County, highlighting members of the General Assembly, recorded these terse facts about McLaughlin:

"Senate, 23rd, 24th and 25th General Assemblies, 1839-45 representing Warren and Franklin Counties in 23rd and 24th; Warren, Cannon, Coffee, and DeKalb in 25th. Born in Virginia and at 3 years of age to Knox County, Ky. Family back to Virginia in 1810. Clerked in store in McMinnville, 1811-15, reading law meantime. Began practice in Murfreesboro in 1815. Married Mary Clarke Bass. Resided on east fork of Stones River below the mouth of Bradley's Creek. Removed to Nashville in 1832. Appointed Recorder, General Land Office in Washington by President James K. Polk on March 4, 1845. Died in Washington."

The Directory further states that McLaughlin was born on May 1, 1796 and died May 5, 1850.

Events associated with his several years in Murfreesboro were abstracted verbatim from a diary in a private collection and titled: "A Diary of Public Events and a Sketch of My Life." The diary was written in 1845. Henry Wray's abstract follows.

"After reading Law with Maj. McCampbell, hard and diligently, I obtained a license, and in September or October, 1815 removed to and settled in Murfreesboro on advice of Col. Mitchell and other friends.

When I went to reside in Murfreesboro, I found a very different condition in the state of society from which exists there at present. Gen. Robert Purdy, who after being disbanded in the reduction of the army to a peace time establishment, came and settled in the neighborhood on a



farm inherited by his wife, who was a Miss Philips, a sister of the present Judge Joseph Philips. He was a man of most liberal hospitality. His wife was an excellent woman-- a perfect lady--fond of gaiety, fashion and company.

The late Mrs. Nancy Lytle, wife of the late Capt. Wm. Lytle, an old Revolutionary Officer, was and always had been the leader of fashion and patron of all Balls and Parties at Murfreesborough, as she had once been at Nashville in her younger days. She lived in sight of the town where her son Wm. Lytle now lives.

The late Joel Dyer, the old gambler, famous in the old traditions of East Tennessee and Nashville--also rich and whose handsome daughters had married respectably, and afterwards also married respectably, lived in town, having removed there from his farm where John McIver now lives, about the time I went there to live, kept a tavern in town, where Col. Wm. F. Lytle now keeps a tavern. Col. Wm. Mitchell also lived in town and kept a tavern in the old Jetton House, on the East side of the public square, where Col. Robert Smith afterwards lived for many years.

Mr. Joel Childress, a merchant, owned and lived in the framed portion of the tavern house, on the west side of the square, now owned and kept by Capt. Geo. Allen Sublett. Mr. Childress was a highly respectable man and was the father of Mrs. Sarah Polk, the Lady of James K. Polk, now President of the United States.

John M. Tilford, now of Warren Co., Hickory Creek, was a prosperous merchant in Murfreesboro when I went there



to live. He was the son-in-law of Capt. W. and Mrs. Lytle. Nicholas Tilford and James M. Tilford, now both dead, were merchants there at the same time. William Barfield, James D. Caruthers and Joseph D. Smith were also merchants, as was one Jonathan Estill, now all dead. In 1816 and 1817, the late Jonathan Currin and the late David Wendel, came there as merchants. Currin from Franklin in Williamson County and Wendel from East Tennessee. Old Alexander Carmichael and James D. Rawlings, both deceased, were tavern keepers.

Dr. W. B. Butler, Dr. W. T. Henderson, Dr. Elisha B. Clarke and Dr. Henry Homes were all practicing physicians. Maj. Bennett Smith, a remarkable man, still living, had removed to town to enjoy his fortune, about the time I went to the place to live. He pretended, however, now and then, especially when drunk, to engage in the practice of law. The late Gen. Blackman Coleman lived in town and was Clerk of the County Court. My brother, John R. Laughlin, succeeded him in this office.

I cannot enumerate all those who then lived in Murfreesboro, but of those who were then business men there, scarcely any remain, and most of them are dead. Gaming was then a most prevailing and fashionable vice and was carried on almost openly. Cards were played for money by almost everybody and billiard tables were a common resort.

About December, 1815, was the first time I ever saw President Polk. He was then a very young man, a little





older than myself, and was a student at the Bradley Academy, an institution which had been removed from near Col. Rucker's to Murfreesborough. The old Academy House was a spacious log building and stood near where the brick Presbyterian Church now stands. The same Academy House was used on Sabbath days as a place of public worship, until it was afterwards set on fire by a deranged man from Kentucky named Forsyth. The Rev. Jessee Alexander, still a preacher, and other Presbyterian clergymen preached and held sacramental meetings in the House.

At this House, about 25th December 1815, an event happened to me which I shall never forget. Having heard that a Miss Bass, I had not heard her Christian Name, and several other young ladies, were staying at Maj. Bennett Smith's, with his daughter Margaret (afterwards married to Uriah Cummin, and since dead) were attending a sacramental meeting at the place mentioned. I had heard her mentioned by Dr. Clarke, then a physician in Murfreesboro (a Virginian and Cousin of her father), and having heard Daniel Barnes, then a clerk in Estill's store, and Wm. M. Smith, now General Smith speak of her, I had gone to the meeting, not being well at the time, more with a desire to see her than any other person and more from that desire than to hear preaching. During the concluding prayer, Miss Bass was pointed out to me. I was greatly struck by her appearance. Although I had not seen her move, except to turn around and take her seat at the conclusion of the prayer, and had never



heard her speak, and although I withdrew and went home to Mitchell's Tavern without seeing any more of her, I had from that hour a presentiment that she was at sometime to become my wife. From the moment I saw her, I determined to see her again. I knew Dr. Clarke visited at her father's six miles west of Murfreesboro, where he lived on a large farm on the old road from Nashville to Shelbyville.

Three or four days, I think, after the foregoing incident, Dr. Clarke got into one of his occasional fits or sprees of drinking. He was an old bachelor, of great skill in his profession, and was universally esteemed. He had become very friendly to me. His friends on this occasion persuaded him to take a ride into the country for exercise and ride back and he would be over his frolic. He said he would do so if I would go with him. I told him, at once, I would. I never thought, nor did he, of the place we would go to, or how far. We ordered our horses, and Col. Mitchell gave the Doctor, at his earnest entreaty, a glass of toddy to start on. We mounted our horses, the Doctor taking the lead, when we started out of town, down the old Nashville road by Wilson Shoals, which led down on the North and Northwest of Squire David Dickenson's plantation. While riding, he spoke of a friend of his, Mr. Ambrose House, who had lately removed from Virginia to Rutherford County and near his kinsman, Capt. James Bass, and said we would turn back and come home by the house of friend Ambrose after we got as far down the Nashville road as he wished to go.



We dashed on until we got to old Mr. Hartwell Marable's, another Virginia friend of his. We stopped and went into the house, he introducing me to the old people. He had gotten nearly sober. He did not ask for anything to drink, but went out and up the road where we had passed a blacksmith shop, where he got some whiskey, and presently he was so much intoxicated again, as to set his tongue to running. He refused when he went back to the house to stay for dinner, pretending he was in a hurry to get home and had to go by Mr. Houses and Capt. Besses. We set off and took the Shelbyville road which turned off at the corner of Mr. Marable's fence to the south, and crossed Stewarts Creek through what was Searcy's, now White's mill dam. We rode on to Mr. House's where I hoped he would stop, as I did not wish to go to Capt. Bass' with him when he was drinking. We found Mr. House and his negroes out clearing new ground. He invited us to stop at his house and stay till next morning. The Doctor refused, saying he must go home and call at Capt. Besses on the way. So off we went again, he still showing the effects of his drink and soon got to Capt. Besses, it being only about a mile.

Here we got down and went in. Capt. Bass was not at home. The Doctor introduced me to Mrs. Bass, to her daughter Temperance Smith, then the wife of Thomas B. Smith, son of Bennett Smith, and to Mary Clarke Bass, her sister, who afterwards in less than a year became my wife.

The Doctor and myself went home that evening, after he



got a glass of toddy from Mrs. Bass, and in a few days he got sober.

In 1829 I moved my parents to Rutherford County. I was living on the East fork of Stones River on an excellent tract of land below the mouth of Bradley's creek, opposite John L. Jettons, bought of James Gordon. In March 1832, I moved to Nashville leaving my parents and my brother Sidney with some negroes on my farm.

My brother, John Randolph, wrote in the Clerk's office in Murfreesborough under Gen. Blackman Coleman, until he resigned the office in 1821 or 1822, when my brother was elected to his place as County Court Clerk, and he held the office until the change of the Constitution in 1834-5 when he went out of office and was not a candidate for re-election. In 1837 my brother John R. being a candidate for the legislature in which he was defeated by the falsehoods and slanders of one Beverley Randolph and Alexander Blair. My brother just before the election, at a public meeting at Pace's, in July (The election was in August) took occasion to cane Blair in company. Just after the election, at a public collection of people at Maj. John Bradley's at the fall races, Blair took an opportunity, having been furnished a knife by one Henderson, his kinsman, insulted my brother so grossly, that he again raised his cane, when Blair ran in under, no one at the moment thinking of a knife, except those that knew his talent, and stabbed my brother in the groin or pelvis, and in other places before he could be





prevented. Of the first mentioned wound, he died in seven or eight days from mortification. I was then at my place called Runnemedede in Cannon County. My brother was buried at the old Ledbetter place, two and a half miles southwest of Murfreesborough.

My Dear Wife Mary Clarke Laughlin, died at our residence at Hickory Hill in Warren County, Nov. 11, 1840 and is buried at Liberty Meeting House near McMinnville.

I'm writing these biographical notes in my office in Washington City, and it is now August 4, 1845.



## RUTHERFORD COUNTY MILITIA COMMISSIONS

Prepared by Henry Wray

From records of Commissions of Officers in the Tennessee Militia, 1796-1811, Volume 1, from a compilation by Mrs. John Trotwood Moore, one time State librarian.

Under the Militia Law of 1803, the general assembly adopted a numerical system of identification, assigning a number to each regiment, in each county, again however these regiments were known locally as the First regiment of the county, etc. The two regiments in Rutherford County were known as 22nd and 45th regiments. The 2nd or 45th was organized in 1811.

This list undertakes to include all the commissions issued to Militia officers during the first three terms of Governor John Sevier. The volume which apparently covered the years 1801-1806 has not been found. Thus the first years of Rutherford County are missing and start with 1807.

### 1807

Armstrong, James L.	Capt. 22nd Regiment	Oct. 16, 1807
Blount, Benjamin	Ensign " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Carr, Benjamin	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Carrol, Stephen	Ensign " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Cooper, Zacheus	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Country, George	Capt. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Country, Isaac	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Denton, Thomas	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Doake, Robert	Capt. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Dyer, Robert Henry	Lieut. regiment of cavalry 5th brigade	July 28, 1807
Ellis, John	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Oct. 16, 1807
Henderson, James	Capt. regiment of cavalry 5th brigade	July 28, 1807
Henderson, James	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Oct. 16, 1807
Higginbotham, William	Ensign " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Houston, John	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807



Laughlin, James	Capt. 22nd Regiment	Oct. 16, 1807
Litton, James	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
McBride, Francis	Ensign " "	Oct. 16, 1807
McBride, Samuel	Second Major " "	July 31, 1807
McEwen, Alexander	Capt. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Moore, Edward	Capt. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Morrow, William	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Morton, James	Capt. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Ramsey, Robert	Ensign " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Ramsey, William	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Searcy, William W.	First Major " "	June 6, 1807
Sharp, James	Capt. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Sharp, Marcus	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Smith, Nathaniel	Ensign " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Ward, Burrel	Ensign " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Wilbourne, James	Lieut. " "	Oct. 16, 1807
Wright, Richard	Capt. " "	Oct. 16, 1807

### 1808

Abbot, David	Capt. 22nd Regiment	April 2, 1808
Barefield, James	Ensign " "	Oct. 21, 1808
Barr, Silas	Capt. " "	Oct. 21, 1808
Blount, Benjamin	Lieut. " "	Oct. 21, 1808
Brown, Joshua	Ensign " "	Oct. 21, 1808
Carty, John	Ensign " "	Oct. 21, 1808
Freeman, James	Ensign " "	Oct. 21, 1808
Gitton, John	Lieut. " "	Oct. 21, 1808
Humphreys, William	Ensign " "	April 2, 1808
Kerr, Benjamin	Capt. " "	Oct. 21, 1808
McBride, Francis	Lieut. " "	Oct. 21, 1808
McMicken, Andrew	Capt. " "	May 7, 1808
Peake, John M.	Lieut. " "	May 7, 1808
Rucker, James	Lieut. " "	April 2, 1808

### 1809

Arnold, William	Capt. 22nd Regiment	May 19, 1809
Banton, Joab	Ensign " "	Sept. 21, 1809
Blair, John	Capt. " "	April 18, 1809
Blair, Samuel	Ensign " "	Nov. 10, 1809
Boatwright, Daniel	Lieut. " "	Sept. 21, 1809
Bowman, William	Capt. 22nd Regiment Rifle Company	April 18, 1809
Canon, Robert	Lieut. " "	Nov. 10, 1809
Chison, Alexander	Lieut. " "	Sept. 21, 1809
Crawford, John	Ensign " "	Sept. 21, 1809
Culbertson, Daniel	Lieut. " "	Sept. 21, 1809
Davis, Willie J.	Lieut. " "	Nov. 10, 1809
Douglass, George	Capt. " "	Nov. 10, 1809
Fullerton, James	Lieut. " "	Sept. 21, 1809
Goodman, Claiborne	Capt. " "	April 18, 1809



Harrison, Vinson	Ensign	22nd Regiment	Nov. 10, 1809
Height, Sion H.	Ensign	" "	April 11, 1809
Hunter, Edwin	Lieut.	" "	Nov. 10, 1809
Hunter, Ephraim	Ensign	" "	Nov. 10, 1809
Johnson, Mathew	Lieut.	" "	April 11, 1809
Johnson, William	Capt.	" "	April 11, 1809
Laughlin, William	Lieut.	" "	April 18, 1809
		Light Infantry	
McClellanahan, Mathew	Capt.	22nd Regiment	April 18, 1809
		Light Infantry	
McCree, James	Ensign	22nd Regiment	April 18, 1809
		Rifle Company	
McRee, Lewis	Ensign	22nd Regiment	Sept. 21, 1809
Martin, William	Lieut.	" "	April 11, 1809
Maxwell, John	Ensign	" "	Sept. 21, 1809
Moore, Robert	Lieut.	" "	Sept. 21, 1809
Nash, George R.	Ensign	" "	April 18, 1809
		Light Infantry	
Nash, John	Ensign	22nd Regiment	May 19, 1809
Puckett, Shiply A.	Ensign	" "	Sept. 21, 1809
Richmond, John	Lieut.	" "	April 18, 1809
		Rifle Company	
Snotherman, John	Ensign	22nd Regiment	Sept. 21, 1809
Wynn, Peter	Capt.	" "	Sept. 21, 1809

1810

Abbott, David	Second Major	22nd Regiment	Dec. 27, 1810
Carnahan, Thomas	Ensign	" "	April 23, 1810
Dyer, Robert H.	Capt.	Regiment of Cavalry	
		5th Brigade	Aug. 29, 1810
Fuller, John	Lieut.	22nd Regiment	April 24, 1810
Gilliam, John	Capt.	" "	April 24, 1810
Gitton, John L.	Capt.	" "	April 24, 1810
Griffin, John	Lieut.	Regiment of Cavalry	
		5th Brigade	Aug. 29, 1810
Hall, James	Lieut.	22nd Regiment	April 24, 1810
Hall, John	Ensign	" "	April 24, 1810
Henderson, James	Lieut. Colonel	Commandant	
		2nd Regiment	
		Rutherford Co.	Aug. 29, 1810
Irvin, Samuel	Ensign	22nd Regiment	April 24, 1810
Laughlin, James	First Major		Aug. 29, 1810
		2nd Regiment	
		Rutherford Co.	
McClanahan, Matthew	First Major		July 23, 1810
		22nd Regiment	
McEwen, Alexander	Second Major		Aug. 29, 1810
		2nd Regiment	
		Rutherford Co.	
McEwen, James	Coronet	Regiment of Cavalry	
		5th Brigade	Aug. 29, 1810
Orr, Alexander	Capt.	22nd Regiment	April 24, 1810
Searcy, William W.	Lieut. Colonel	Commandant of	
		22nd Regiment	July 23, 1810





Seratt, Joseph	Ensign 22nd Regiment	April 24, 1810
Smith, William	Capt. " "	April 24, 1810
Willeford, William	Lieut. " "	April 24, 1810

1811

Allen, James	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	Aug. 22, 1811
	Light Inf. Co.	
Anderson, William	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	July 3, 1811
Bankhead, John	Ensign " " "	Oct. 4, 1811
	Vol. Rifle Co.	
Bankhead, Robert	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	Oct. 4, 1811
	Vol. Rifle Co.	
Barckly, Henry	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	April 17, 1811
Bedford, George	Ensign 22nd Regiment	June 4, 1811
Bishop, Sterling	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	24, 1811
Bobbet, William	Ensign " " "	July 24, 1811
Borton, William	Lieut. " " "	July 3, 1811
Bowman, John	Ensign " " "	July 3, 1811
	Light Infantry	
Bradly, Robert	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	June 4, 1811
Brandon, George	Capt. 2nd (45th) Reg.	Oct. 4, 1811
	Vol. Rifle Co.	
Carson, Robert	Capt. 2nd (45th) Reg.	April 17, 1811
Coldwell, William	Ensign " " "	May 24, 1811
Crawford, John	Capt. 2nd (45th) Reg.	May 24, 1811
Cummins, Richard W.	Capt. 22nd Regiment	Feb. 21, 1811
Curle, Cullin	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	April 17, 1811
Dixon, Don C.	Capt. 22nd Regiment	June 4, 1811
Eastwood, Daniel	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	July 3, 1811
Frederick, Hezekiah	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Aug. 22, 1811
Garner, Obediah	Ensign " " "	Feb. 21, 1811
Gooden, James	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	April 17, 1811
Haily, Elijah	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	Feb. 21, 1811
Hand, Samuel	Capt. 2nd (45th) Reg.	July 24, 1811
Hardgrove, Leroy	Capt. " " "	May 24, 1811
Howell, William	Capt. 22nd Regiment	Aug. 22, 1811
Jeton, Robert	Capt. 2nd (45th) Reg.	July 3, 1811
Johnson, William	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	May 24, 1811
Jones, William	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Aug. 22, 1811
	Light Infantry	
Kindel, William	Capt. 2nd (45th) Reg.	July 3, 1811
Laughlin, William	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	Feb. 21, 1811
Love, Philip S.	Capt. 22nd Regiment	Feb. 21, 1811
McConnel, Moses	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	April 17, 1811
McCoy, Amos A.	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	May 24, 1811
McCoy, Robert	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	May 24, 1811
McEwen, John	Ensign " " "	July 13, 1811
McFerren, James	Capt. " " "	April 17, 1811
McKee, William	Lieut. " " "	May 24, 1811
Matthews, John	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Feb. 21, 1811
Mayberry, John	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	May 24, 1811
Mayfield, Solomon	Ensign " " "	June 10, 1811
Miller, James	Lieut. " " "	July 24, 1811



Nance, Bird	Capt. 22nd Reg.	Feb. 21, 1811
Nash, Travis C.	Capt. 2nd (45th) Reg.	May 24, 1811
Overall, Nace	Lieut. " " "	July 13, 1811
Parker, Daniel	Capt. " " "	July 3, 1811
Ramsey, William	Capt. " " "	July 13, 1811
Renshaw, Isaiah	Capt. " " "	April 17, 1811
Reynolds, John	Capt. " " "	May 24, 1811
Smotherman, John	Lieut. " " "	May 24, 1811
Stephens, Henry	Lieut. 22nd Reg.	June 4, 1811
Tacket, David	Ensign 2nd (45th) Reg.	April 17, 1811
Thomas, Hamilton	Capt. " " "	June 10, 1811
Vaughn, Peter	Lieut. 22nd Reg.	Feb. 21, 1811
Ward, Burrel	Ensign " "	June 4, 1811
Welton, Samuel	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	June 10, 1811
White, Stephen F.	Ensign " " "	July 3, 1811
	Light Infantry	
White, William	Capt. 22nd Reg.	Aug. 22, 1811
	Light Infantry	
Wood, John	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	Apr. 17, 1811
Wright, Jeremiah	Lieut. " " "	July 3, 1811
Yardly, Thomas	Capt. " " "	July 3, 1811
	Light Infantry	



UNION: MURFREESBORO'S OTHER UNIVERSITY

By Dr. Homer Pittard

The Baptists generated a grand plan at their meeting in Nashville, Tennessee on October 13, 1839. By resolution it was decided that a denominational university was needed for educating young ministers for the gospel. Not only was a university essential but, in addition, were several smaller institutions to "feed" the mother school. It was envisioned that the mother campus would serve as a nucleus, or in the nature of a hub, with the sub-schools positioned in a circumference for comfortable and convenient commuting. Although the plan was sparse in details, there was some evidence that the smaller schools would operate at the high school level with the possible addition later of two years of college. The larger campus would offer four years of collegiate study. The prospective minister had his choice of entering at the lower levels and then advancing at his own pace to the "seminary" level.

Minutes of this historic meeting record that the plan was enthusiastically received. Many of those whose voices were loudest in praise of the magnificent scheme probably occupied the impoverished pulpits of the Tennessee and the Alabama hinterlands--but this was religious business and "the Lord would provide."



Since such an educational plan would bring together many diverse elements in Baptist faith and would thereby unify the Tennessee and Alabama denominations, it was decided that the then unborn principal institution should bear the name, "Union University."

To administer the sterner aspects of Union, that of fund raising, B. F. Farnsworth, former president of Georgetown College in Kentucky was employed to initiate and complete a gifts campaign. Farnsworth reasoned that prospective donors would be more receptive to solicitation if the institution, still on paper, had a charter. Therefore, during the next three years, his principal energies were devoted to preaching from many pulpits and to the details of organization as he put it, and to writing and petitioning. In 1842, the elusive charter was captured and granted. Thereby, Farnsworth had possibly made his only contribution to Union. There were scarcely any funds, pledged or cash in hand, to the credit of the school.

Nevertheless, anticipating great things from Brother Farnsworth, optimistic Baptists, and other sympathetic bodies, the Baptist hierarchy, in early 1840, opened a school in Somerville, Tennessee. Although it proudly bore the aegis of "Union University," it offered study only at the primary level and was poorly financed and patronized.

Seeking a more central and receptive location, Union moved to Murfreesboro and opened on May 2, 1841. Its quarters were the grubby old Bradley Academy building. The



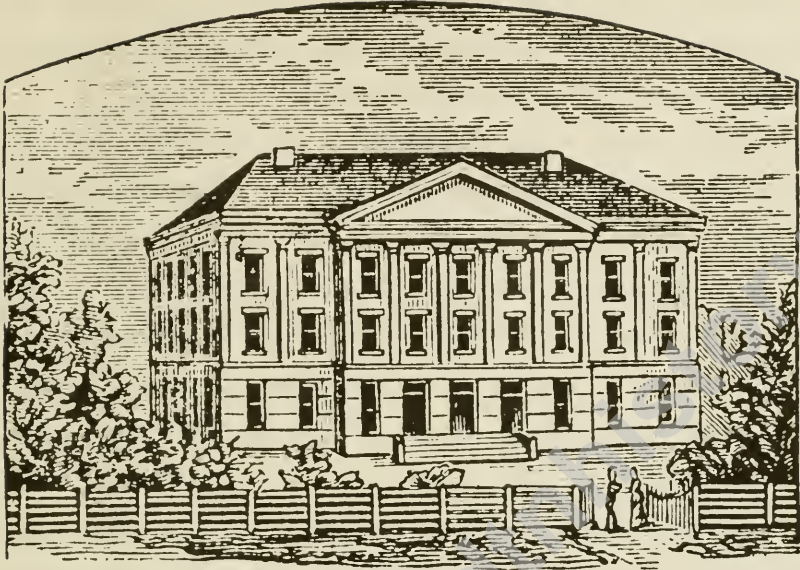


Bradley trustees had long since abandoned the two-story log structure to homeless religious sects in the community and to diverse groups that needed an assembly hall. The structure, gaunt and unprepossessing, rested on a slight eminence near the southeast limits of the town. However, it had had its moment of glory, at least a moderate after-glow from former years. James Knox Polk had attended the institution twenty-seven years before as a young man and had later married Sarah Childress, one of the town's several eligible and attractive belles. Polk had served one term as governor of the state but near the moment that Union moved into Murfreesboro, he had lost his bid for a second term. The memory of the Bradley years, however, assumed added if not renewed significance when, four years later, Polk became the eleventh President of the United States.

The glories of the past campus did little to diminish the grimness of the task ahead for the Baptists as they took their first steps to implement the 1839 plan.

The diminutive faculty corps could hardly bear the burden of the name "university" but, nevertheless, Union opened with the traditionally heavy classical curriculum and began advertising for students. Joseph Haywood Eaton was appointed the president and professor of Latin. The specialist in Greek was D. C. Smith. This constituted the full faculty with the exception of William Williams who





**UNION UNIVERSITY**

Appeared in *The Tennessee Register* (1872) as part of an advertisement.



**JOSEPH HAYWOOD EATON**  
First President of Union University



**JAMES MADISON PENDLETON**  
Controversial President of Union  
University just prior to the  
War Between the States



was listed as a tutor. A spate of additional courses was taught by these men who doubled as janitors and repairmen.

The President (a pretentious title for a most unpretentious venture) was a remarkable man. Born in Berlin, Ohio on September 12, 1812, he was educated at Georgetown College in Kentucky and at Hamilton Academy near Columbus, Ohio. From 1837 until his emergence on the scene in Murfreesboro, he was a journeyman teacher with schools in Nashville and in Fayetteville, Tennessee. In 1843, he became the first pastor of the fledgling First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro as well as that of continuing his presidency of Union. Both institutions were horribly impecunious. Each operated on a salary schedule of a sort but payments were rarely in the stipulated amount which, if paid, usually were in arrears. This situation apparently did not deter Eaton in his dedication to his two awesome challenges. He occupied his own pulpit and supplied many others. He made long, arduous safaris, by houseback, into the hinterlands in search of students and financial support. His energy was unlimited for a time at least until the two flames at each end of his life candle burned closer together.

Unwary students who happened to wander onto the campus during the infant years, found lodging in the town. Tuition was listed in three categories based on costs for each of two sessions: preparatory classes - \$18, academic - \$22 and collegiate classes - \$26. Matriculation was \$2 per



session. Generous trustees established the policy of granting ministerial students free tuition.

The educator-preacher, from his citadel of learning near the town limits, was forever alert. In the November Tennessee Baptist of 1844, he made this appeal: "There have been two young men here within a week past to enter the institution who have the ministry in view, but they are poor in this world's goods, and they have been obliged to return home again. One of them resides in north Alabama and the other in Wilson County. There are now two here and two more desire to come, making six. What shall be done? The brethren have concluded to rent a house, fix it up and put them in it. Will the brethren in Nashville assist? This church (Murfreesboro's First Baptist) is willing to furnish all of the estables, if the other churches will pay the rent and the servants here. It will not only be a shame but a sin if the churches refuse to aid these young men who are panting to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to a perishing world--we leave this with you and your final judge."

The ardent petition for the "panting" young men in educational distress struck a responsive chord for on February 11, 1845, William H. Barksdale, a Nashville friend of Eaton, wrote this soaring panegyric in the Tennessee Baptist: "Need I say that it would be utterly vain were I to attempt to express the grateful, the glowing, the soul-cheering emotions which dwell within our hearts, when we





contemplate the kindness and liberality of our endeared brethren; for where can we find language to express that which is inutterable? We can only adapt the words of Samuel: 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us'."

In June it was reported that Andrew Jackson "had been laid in the narrow house in the Hermitage garden where he will rest until the sound of the last trumpet." The trumpet for the Baptists, however, sounded loud and clear that June month. Bradley Kimbrough was employed to promote the cause of Union University by launching a gifts campaign. B. F. Farnsworth, the previous promoter, who had labored with marked deliberation in the vineyard, had now returned to Kentucky. Kimbrough, in addition to his travels among the denominations, bombarded the Tennessee Baptist with urgent pleas. In November, he placed the issue squarely on the line: "Can we do anything without proper schools? And can we have schools without expense? Brethren, friends, we pray you, think of this matter, pray over it, be united throughout the state, and when you are called upon, be ready to act with a liberality worthy of the great interest involved." Kimbrough devised a pledge system whereby payments could be made in four installments. His goal was \$50,000 in endowment. He reported that Murfreesboro would provide \$10,000 for the erection of a building. In a letter to the Tennessee Baptist late in 1845, he wrote: "Not one sister has refused to subscribe." Truly there



were many pledges, some of a generous nature. The problem apparently was not the subscribing of the sisters--and the brethren--but collection of the pledges. Kimbrough had aroused the Baptists to new heights and had served one noble purpose, if no other: Alabama and Tennessee Baptists were at last aware of the existence of the little school in Murfreesboro.

Meanwhile, President Eaton was expending his frenetic energy in keeping alive the educational institution as well as the Baptist church. In addition, he was siring a large family, most of whom did not survive infancy. Esther, his wife, a granddaughter of Thomas Treadwell, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was equally remarkable as her husband. During the intervals when she was not delivering children or mourning the loss of one, she was busy with a school of her own. Utilizing the Fletcher schoolhouse where the Murfreesboro Baptists conducted services, she organized a small faculty and offered courses of study at the upper elementary and high school levels. Later she was instrumental in establishing an institution of collegiate rank in a new building near the northern town limits on land purchased by the Baptists from the Oaklands estate. First designated in 1853 as the Baptist Female Institute, it was renamed Eaton College in 1859. This highly talented woman also found time to launch a monthly magazine, The Aurora. Published at the Murfreesboro Telegraph, it was designed as a 'Monthly magazine for the Mothers and Daughters of the



South and West." It was a kind of an early Ladies Home Journal. Sample articles were: "Be Just to Your Stomach;" "Restored Affections;" and "Letters to Young Wives." Subscription was \$2.00 per year. Devoted spouse Esther was ideally suited for her perambulatory educator-preacher-husband. It was a magnificent instrumentation that she reflected in holding home and fireside together, bearing and rearing children, writing copiously, and nurturing an evolving educational institution of her own.

With the assurance of \$10,000 from the City of Murfreesboro and the treasury some richer from a few scattered pledges in various stages of payment, the Baptists decided to proceed with the erection of a permanent home for the University. The trustees at the time were William Martin, Robert Boyd, R. B. C. Howell, J. H. Marshall, C. C. Trabue, J. H. Shepard, D. W. Dickinson, Burrell Gannaway, Howard Maney, J. J. Whitaker, W. W. Searcy, B. F. Norfleet, Lawrence Reneau, Charles Watkins, and Lee Abernathy. This official body announced in January of 1848 that the institution was "chartered, officered, and ready to begin." An eighteen-acre campus located on the Woodbury Pike, just east of the town limits, had been purchased from Matthias Murfree. Sale price was \$2,121.25. It was described as "beginning at a stake in the center of the stage road leading from Murfreesboro to McMinnville." On April 9, 1849, the trustees "voted to invite the Masons, the Oddfellows, and the Sons of Temperance to assist in laying the cornerstone."



Construction proceeded slowly in a pattern proportionate to the reception of pledge payments. There were resurgent periods when President Eaton returned from reasonably successful financial forays into the denomination's hinterlands. Early in 1850, it was announced that the building was partially "closed in." By Christmas of 1851, construction had progressed to the point to allow occupancy. Union's permanent home was 80 feet by 110 feet. Its three stories of gray brick were decorated by six wooden half columns at its front. Placement of the columns began at the second story. The two recessed wings continued the columned motif with two each. The structure was capped by a hip roof. A small yard was enclosed by a board fence and two privies were hidden from each other at the east and west ends of the building. These two stations were partially and tastefully obscured from the turnpike by cedars planted by the workmen. To the north was a small hitchbarn for use by students who commuted from their homes in the country.

In early January, President Eaton led the one hundred students along with his faculty, now mushroomed to three, to their new home.

Once ensconced in its new home, the University began to attract a large clientele. By 1855, enrollment had climbed to nearly three hundred. At the time, the faculty advertised J. H. Eaton as the teaching President along with faculty members David Bridenthall, S. R. Westbrooks, T. W. Woodson, and G. W. Jarman. The curriculum was generally





implicit in the faculty choices of textbooks which included Ray's Algebra, Dillaway's Cicero, Anthon's Horace, Kendrick's Greek, Bullion's Caesar, Cooper's Vergil, Davies' Surveying and Analytical Geometry, Mitchell's Geography, Weld's English Grammar, and Fowler's Mental Arithmetic. University faculty minutes nor promotional materials made any direct references to works of theology. It can be assumed that these basic course areas provided, in the vernacular of twentieth century pedagogy, the "general education" foundation for both the ministerial student and the disinclined. Doubtless, all of the emotional and academic trappings of a true seminary were found at Union.

An unnamed and unheralded writer, probably a member of the faculty or Eaton himself, made this promotional assessment of the institution: "It is situated in the midst of rural scenery, calculated to inspire the young with the love of nature; sufficiently retired to invite study and reflection and unsurpassed in regard to health by any section of the Union, why may we not invite hither those who are in search of knowledge?" To assure that the "search" would be beneficent, the faculty adopted the policy that no student could enter any class without first being subjected to a rigid examination.

Comfortably situated in a new building, delighted by increasing enrollments, and undergirded with what appeared to be a sound academic policy, Union to the casual observer and to the ardent Baptists, was the emerging institution that



had been anticipated.

But, the bright academic horizon had its detracting clouds. On April 9, 1855, the faculty requested President Eaton to inform the Board of Trustees that "the payment of salaries is needed." Requests of the nature became a recurrent plaintive plea in successive faculty minutes. Eaton, likewise, suffered from the casual salary program of the trustees. What little financial security he had came from sporadic payments from the governing body since he had separated himself from the Baptist Church in 1849. Therefore, it was not a minor miracle that enabled him in 1856 to construct a president's home on the east campus. A two-story brick, it was financed principally from his limited funds, those his wife Esther siphoned from her returns from the Aurora, and from a few cash gifts made by sympathetic Baptists in the area.

In addition to financial problems, the students played their role in partially obscuring the bright theological atmosphere to the east of Murfreesboro. During the spring of 1855, a Union student was killed in a drunken brawl on the public square. In the fall of the same year, a University disciplinary pledge: "We promise during our connection with Union University to obey the rules and regulations" and a forthright enforcement of this, led to a student strike. During the period of the incident, Union boys milled around the public square thereby causing considerable problems for the merchants and, in particular, the saloonkeepers. On



July 4, 1857, an altercation near a cobbler's home resulted in the death of one student and the wounding of another. David Thompson, in a violent disagreement over a shoe repair bill, was shot to death by John Fly, the cobbler's son. Another student, standing nearby, was critically wounded when young Fly began to fire indiscriminately.

Aside from the catalog, the principal publication of the University during its relatively brief life was The Classic Union. Issued semi-monthly, it averaged twenty-eight to thirty-two pages per issue. It was printed at the offices of the Rutherford Telegraph located at the southeast corner of the square. Matthew Hillsman, a faculty member, served as the editor during the publication's two-year existence. Contributions from faculty members and students consisted principally of Baptist doctrinal articles, general interest stories, poems or, as it was expressed in its masthead: "Devoted to Religion, Literature, and General Intelligence." In commenting on a local event, The Classic Union editorialized the coming of the railroad: "The railroad has been completed to this place and we hail the event as one highly auspicious to the commercial interests of our town--and yet there is one deep shade upon the otherwise bright picture of prosperity which the achievement of the work presents--blowing of a train whistle on the Sabbath." The Union continued in a similar vein one issue later: "We deeply and sincerely regret that the management of the affairs of the company has been entrusted to the hands of those who fear not God nor His Holy day." And another:



"Are not the men who are engaged in running the railroad cars for pleasure trips on the Sabbath either Catholic or under Catholic influence?" Successive issues of the magazine carried no further references to the unholy whistle thereby leaving the answer in limbo as to whether the engineers had muted their Sabbath rousers or that Editor Hillsman had ceremonially washed his hands of the affair.

An awesome tragedy struck the campus on January 12, 1859. President Eaton died. Only forty-seven, his cause of death was attributed principally to exhaustion and exposure aggravated by long and difficult hours expended in maintaining some resemblance of solvency in the institution. His full commitment to Union carried him in search of funds and students to the rough hinterlands of Middle Tennessee and North Alabama. Frequently, he travelled by horseback and was thereby exposed to all of the hazards of inclement weather and rigors of extended hours in the saddle. Eaton had literally worked himself to death for Union. Probably in truth, whatever success had been achieved by the bright new theology school and whatever future the institution might have, lay in the casket at the president's home on the east campus.

Possibly the funeral and attending obsequies, a magnificent tribute to Eaton, were the most resplendent in the history of Murfreesboro. After lying in state for two days, the remains of the departed president were placed in the horse-drawn hearse which then moved to the turnpike and west





toward Murfreesboro. On foot immediately to the rear were faculty members who served as pallbearers. These were followed by the family and relatives in carriages, the University trustees on foot, the University students, the members of the Preparatory Department, and citizens of the town. As the long cortege entered the town limits, there still remained many of the citizens who had not fallen into line. The procession turned left at Spring Street, one block from the public square, and moved south two blocks to the Baptist Church at the corner of Sevier Street. After a soaring funeral sermon by James Madison Pendleton, a Union faculty member, the remains were conveyed to the City Cemetery for temporary interment. Two days later, the University students, faculty, and many citizens, still full of the tragic grandeur of the moment, launched a campaign to erect an imposing tomb on the University campus. The funds were collected in a few days and arrangements were made for the construction of the tomb. By June 15 it was completed. It was "reared in the shadow of the University," lying some twelve feet to the southeast of the building. Constructed of native limestone, it contained two compartments, one for the President's remains, and the other reserved for his wife, Esther. Mounted atop the front of the tomb was a three-foot stone figure flanked by two urns. On June 16, the black hearse, accompanied by University students as an honor guard, made its second visit to Eaton's grave. The body was disinterred, placed in the hearse again, and with much ceremony, the procession moved



back to the campus. While the students formed a wide cordon around the new tomb, the undertaker slid the coffin into its new compartment. A flat rectangular slab, previously inscribed, was placed over the opening and sealed. The inscription was a genealogical epitaph with the words:

Sept. 10, 1812      Jan. 12, 1859

JOSEPH H. EATON LLD

"Know Ye Not That There is A  
Prince and Great Man Fallen This  
Day in Israel"

He was the Son of Joseph Eaton  
Who was the Son of David Eaton  
Who was the Son of John Eaton  
Who was the Son of Joseph Eaton  
Who was the Son of John Eaton  
Who Emigrated from Wales  
A.D. 1686.

After the obsequies and the resolutions had run their course; after the inevitable campaign to endow a chair in memory of President Eaton had proved somewhat futile; and after the Female Institute had been renamed Eaton College, a more mundane problem presented itself. The moment came to settle Eaton's estate. This appeared to be a very simple matter since Eaton had no visible estate. However, the University was delinquent in salaries to the late President in the amount of at least \$5,000. Since no funds were available, Esther Eaton was given a lien on the University property. Shortly thereafter, H. G. Scovell, prominent Nashville druggist and University benefactor, assumed the lien by payment of the \$5,000 to Mrs. Eaton. Scovell then transferred his interests with an additional





**PRESIDENT EATON'S HOME**

Subsequently used as a residence, as housing for Linebaugh Public Library, and as classrooms for retarded children.



**EATON TOMB**

Constructed on the Union University Campus in 1859, it was removed to Evergreen Cemetery in 1907.

# Classic Union.

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NO. 1

[For the Classic Union] GENERAL EDUCATION NECESSARY TO THE PROSPERITY OF A REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT

By various  
 Republican Government, when right administered, no doubt the best form of government on earth, is one in which people rule. In their hands is the power, and to them must the ultimate appeal be made on all the great and important questions which will at times arise and affect the vital interests of the nation. It is then of the utmost importance that useful knowledge be diffused among all classes of people.

school houses and educating the children of the poor and destitute, would not only be a matter of saving, but it would be found a valuable investment of our money. For we all know that it is far cheaper to build school houses and sustain good schools than it is to support a prison, jails, and State prison. But after all, gold is but dross when compared with the great worth of knowledge and virtue. The full knowledge, diffused among all classes of people, is our nation's only safeguard, and the only defense that can insure a continuance of our liberties. Let general education be withheld from the people—let the rising generation grow up

of the nation, we will promise to show by the same course of reasoning, that the whole people should be educated, and your argument can never sleep until it awakes from ignorance every and the lowest individual whose voice may be heard in the affairs of the country. A few wise and diligent men can very easily deceive and enslave an ignorant people, and rule over them with a rod of iron. But it is not in the power of many wise and intelligent men to save a people from destruction who possess the power and wealth of States and yet grope in the midnight darkness of ignorance. To this fact will the history of the past and the present

**CLASSIC UNION**

Faculty-Student Publication at the University.



**BAPTIST FEMALE INSTITUTE**

Renamed Eaton College in 1859, it later housed the Normal and Scobey's School, and still later it was a residence before its razing in 1965.



\$5,000 to the Baptist Educational Society. Under the presidency of James Madison Pendleton, the University continued its operation, spasmodically, until the outbreak of the Civil War.

Pendelton, a controversial figure in religious dogma, came to Murfreesboro from Hopkinsville, Kentucky on January 31, 1857. He ascended the pulpit of the First Baptist Church and doubled as a professor of theology at Union University. Religiously, he espoused the cause of the somewhat obscure principle of Landmarkism, a rigid theological interpretation that focused principally on authorized baptism and vigorously opposed the principle of infant baptism. The reaction of townspeople and the University to this position was minimal. However, Pendelton's stand on slavery quickly drew fire from the town and it was darkly hinted that the president-preacher would soon be the principal in a lynching party. Curiously, Pendleton styled himself as an emancipationist rather than an abolitionist. Yet, the housekeeper for the Pendleton house was a Negro girl, a bequest from the will of his father. According to Pendleton, his father on his deathbed had elicited the promise from his son to care for the girl "during her natural life."

Sometime in January, 1861, the University closed its doors. Gathering war clouds had drawn most of the young men to the training camps. During the next four years, the University building was used alternately as a hospital





by Blue and Gray troops. Several students were casualties of the war. A partial list of Confederate dead included William A. Arnold, Henry P. Halbert, Francis W. Middleton, Jesse Sparks, and John M. Pendleton. The latter was the son of the University president and this family schism ending in a battlefield casualty brought Pendleton many hours of anguish. Late in 1861, the president made a hurried exit from Murfreesboro just an hour or so before a mob gathered at his home near Oaklands. His family followed later and he remained as a exile in Hamilton, Ohio during the remainder of the war.

During the four years of conflict, the University building was horribly vandalized by occupying soldiers. General Lovell Rousseau, commander of the garrison, issued at least one order late in the occupation that prohibited the destruction of the property but the damage had already run its course. All of the equipment had been destroyed and books had been crated and sent north. In addition, most of windows, doors, and much of the woodwork were converted to firewood.

For some three years following Appomattox, the building stood bleak and unoccupied in the rubble left by the soldiers. In 1869, after some minimum repairs to the roof and the replacement of most of the windows and doors, classes were resumed. During the five years of spasmodic operation, D. F. Self, George Jarman, and Charles Manley tried brief stints as president. The first postwar commencement class



in the spring of 1870 consisted of two members.

When the Tennessee Baptist Convention met for organization in Murfreesboro in April 10, 1874, there was a ray of hope that Union would be regenerated. The local citizens petitioned the visitors to resume its support of the institution in order that it might regain and continue its antebellum preeminence. However, the arguments against such action by the Baptist were ominous.

The enrollment had been reduced to a trickle; there remained locally a residue of the cholera scare; the country was in financial straits; and free school leaders were mounting their pressures. A highly important argument, according to the Baptist hierarchy, was the need for a more central location to serve the Baptist involved and a site in West Tennessee appeared to be the most logical. Consequently, on October 1, 1875, the University doors were closed and the base of operations was moved to Jackson, Tennessee.

During the next five years, the old building housed in sequence an academy of sorts and a military school. By 1880, its delapidated condition made it unsafe for occupancy and it was abandoned. Until the coming of Tennessee College for Women in 1907, it was the habitat of youthful vandals and the other hazards that are plights of unoccupied buildings.

For twenty-seven years, the building languished in the midst of sedgebrush, weeds, and briars. In 1886, Esther



Eaton died in Louisville at the home of her son, Thomas Treadwell. Her remains were brought to Murfreesboro and interred in the tomb by the side of her husband. When Tennessee College was established on the old Union site in 1907, the tomb was moved to Evergreen Cemetery.

The trustees of Union University were predominantly Rutherford County citizens. In 1875, they were vehemently opposed to the closing of the institution and its subsequent reestablishment in Jackson, Tennessee. Consequently, the old Union site remained in the hands of the majority trustees. In 1915, the federal government finally acted on a claim for damages suffered by Union during the Civil War period. Payment of the settlement in the amount of \$15,000 was made to the Murfreesboro trustees. Subsequently, this sum was transferred to Tennessee College.



SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FIRST COURT HOUSE

IN MURFREESBORO

The notice that follows appeared in The Nashville Whig on Wednesday, November 25, 1812. Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson, of the Williamson County Historical Society, discovered the notice in the Tennessee State Library and Archives and forwarded a copy to Henry Wray, Rutherford County Archivist.

NOTICE

On the 25th day of January next, to be let to the lowest bidder, the building of a COURT-HOUSE, for the county of Rutherford, in the town of MURFREE'S BOROUGH, the dimensions as follows, to wit: 40 feet square; the wall of brick; the first story to be 15 feet in the clear, two feet thick; the upper story to be 12 feet in the clear, 18 inches thick; the foundation to be of stone, sunk two feet under ground, and raised two feet above, the stone above ground to be neatly dressed; the lower floor to be raised and laid with brick edge up; the joists to be 4 by 14 inches, and placed two feet apart from center to center, in a girder through the middle of the house, 14 inches square, all to be of good durable wood; the girder to be supported by two neat-turned walnut posts, and set on stone pillars of sufficient size, not to be seen above the floor; the under-edge of the joists that are over-head to be ceiled with poplar quartered plank, neatly planed and beeded, and joints broken. Three doors on the lower floor, 4 feet wide and 9 feet high, with frontis-pieces and circular sash, in





the same manner of that of Franklin court-house, Williamson county; with pannel shutes well lined; with a sufficient lock to one door, and good bolts to the other two doors; with sufficient hinges to each door; with sills and steps to each door, neatly dressed; ten windows with rock sills, and frames of good poplar of same thickness of the wall, with double architrive facings on both sides; sash of the same wood; the lights to be 10 by 12, & 24 lights to each window; the lower story to be wainscotted neatly as high as the window-sills, and plaistered and whitewashed above to the ceiling. The upper story, 13 windows, done and finished as below; that is 24 lights to each; the floor to be laid with good poplar plank, one & a half inches thick, well tongued and grooved; an entry of ten feet through the middle of the upper story, and partitions, so as to make two rooms on each side of the passage, and a fire place to each room of common size; in such case the partitions to be made of plank one and a half inches thick, to be rabbeted and beeded; with a pannel door to each room; with sufficient locks and hinges; neat chair and wash boards. The upper joists to be 4 by 12, supported by sufficient girders, and ceiled as below; box and cornished with joints and modillion cornish, in proportion. A hip'd or square roof, that is carried up from all sides, with a principal frame to support the same, a cupalo on the top 14 feet high, and floored; a six light window in each square; the remainder to be open, hand railed, and banistered; a bell roof, a steeple of



15 feet long, with an eagle, etc. The roof to be of yellow poplar shingles, 18 inches in length, 4 in breadth, and 3-4 thick, and to be well sheated with at least three-quarter plank; all to be nailed on with good and suitable nails. The staircases to run from the lower floor to the cupalo; the lower stair case to be bracketed and banistered. A neat court-bench, jury-box and bar; all to be done in the same manner as the court-house in Franklin. The whole to be painted in an elegant, durable, fashionable manner. The roof to be painted red; the boxing and cornishing white; and door and window-facings and sash also white. The whole work to be done and executed in a neat workman-like manner. The wainscot, wash-board and ceiling to be neatly painted of fashionable colors, and stars.

H. ROBINSON )  
H. HAMILTON )  
OWEN EDWARDS ) Commissioners  
JOHN THOMPSON )

N. B. Should the lowest bidder fail to give sufficient security on the day of letting, the letting will be continued from day to day until let to such as will comply

H.R.  
H.H.  
O.W.  
J.T.

November 14



RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICES AND OFFICERS

(1804 - 1973)

(Prepared by the Rutherford County  
Court Clerk's Office)

COUNTY JUDGES or CHAIRMEN

James Threet	1957-
Shelton Edwards	1950-1957
Hoyte T. Stewart	1945-1950
Harold Earthman	1942-1945
John D. Wiseman	1932-1942
C. N. Haynes	1926-1932
Knox Ridley	1924-1926
T. R. Whitus	1922-1924
W. H. Robinson	1920-1922
A. L. Carnahan	1918-1920
W. A. Miles	1916-1918
J. C. Ransom	1913-1916
I. M. Floyd	1911-1913
James H. Spence	1911-1911
Edgar Smith	1910-1911
B. M. Rucker	1909-1910
T. E. Hord	1903-1908
A. F. Summers	1902-1903
Richard Ransom	1895-1902
William N. Mason	1888-1895
John Woods	1867-1888
Joseph Lindsey	1850-1867
James F. Fletcher	1845-1850
William Vinson	1836-1844
John Fletcher	1830-1836
Logan Henderson	1828-1830
A. L. Carnahan	1826-1828
John Smith	1824-1826
Frederick Barfield	1820-1824
Thomas Stuart	1812-1820
William Nash	1804-1812

COUNTY COURT CLERKS

Ben Hall McFarlin	1962-
Fount Pitts	1950-1962
J. P. Leathers	1918-1950



Al D. McKnight	1914-1918
W. T. Smotherman	1910-1914
G. H. Wilkinson	1898-1910
Frank White	1890-1898
W. D. Robinson	1878-1890
James O. Oslin	1870-1878
John D. Wilson	1866-1870
John Jones	1856-1866
John Woods	1848-1856
Robert S. Morris	1836-1847
John K. Laughlin	1824-1836
Blackman Coleman	1810-1824
Joseph Herndon	1804-1810

SHERIFFS

Robert Goodwin	1970-
Hall McNabb	1968-1970
W. H. Wilson	1964-1968
George Sharpe	1962-1964
W. H. Wilson	1956-1962
George Sharpe	1950-1956
Earl McKnight	1946-1950
J. R. Jones	1942-1946
G. W. Thompson	1938-1942
W. F. McCrary	1932-1938
W. B. Bragg	1928-1932
N. W. Powers	1922-1928
C. W. Lenoir	1920-1921
O. N. Mann	1915-1920
J. R. Rhodes	1912-1914
J. T. McKnight	1908-1912
J. W. Primm	1904-1908
W. R. Bragg	1898-1904
J. J. Lee	1896-1898
W. T. Smotherman	1890-1896
R. D. Dejarnatt	1886-1890
Ben Batey	1882-1886
Aaron Todd	
Richard Ransom	1880-1882
Ed Arnold	1876-1880
Richard Ranson	1873-1876
Ed Arnold	1870-1873
Isaac P. Webb	1868-1870
Albert Jones	1866-1868
George W. Gannaway	1865-1866
William H. Blanch	
James C. Taylor	1861-1865
W. N. Mason	1855-1861
A. M. McKnight	1852-1854





James M. Tompkins	1846-1852
William B. Lillard	1842-1845
Wilson L. Watkins	1836-1842
William B. Lillard	1835-1836
Granville S. Crockett	1832-1835
Uriah S. Cummins	1824-1832
Matthew McClanahan	1817-1824
Richard M. Cummins	1816-1817
Matthew McClanahan	1812-1816
John Griffin	1808-1812
O. M. Benge	1806-1808
Samuel McBride	1804-1806

ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY

Haynes Baltimore	1968-
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TAX ASSESSORS

R. B. McBride	1964-1968
Temple Williams	1956-1964
M. L. Tolbert	1946-1956
Mrs. J. L. Dillion	1937-1946
Josh Dillion	1932-1937
H. R. Smotherman	1920-
C. C. McCrary	1911-
C. T. Lowe	1907-
J. S. Landrum	1905-1907
W. M. Rucker	1888-1889
Charles R. Holmes	1876-1877
John B. Jones	1873-1874
W. F. Holmes	1872-1873
W. D. Robinson	1869-1872
J. E. Butler	1855-1869
Stephen A. Hill	1850-1855
Albert Jones	1849-1850
Leonard Sims	1848-1849
William P. Lillard	1842-1848
W. P. Watkins	1836-1842
G. W. Crockett	1834-1836
Uriah S. Cummins	1824-1832
Matthew McClanahan	1812-1824
John Griffin	1808-1812
O. M. Benge	1806-1808
Samuel McBride	1804-1806



TRUSTEES

Allen Stockard	1970-
Mrs. Clay Jackson	1958-1970
Aubra McCrary	1955-1958
Frank Hayes	1944-1950
Aubrey Cook	1940-1944
J. A. Givens	1936-1940
J. W. Winfrey	1933-1936
G. C. Williamson	1930-1933
Mrs. Almar Youree	1929-1930
Almar Youree	1924-1928
Joe F. Fox	1920-1924
T. M. Vaughan	1916-1920
Cullom Alexander	1913-1916
Paul Kerr	1909-1913
S. M. Crick	1905-1908
J. A. Carlton	1902-1904
J. W. Dejarnatt	1900-1902
Thomas R. Hollowell	1879-1883
I. M. Miller	1877-1879
J. M. Adams	1875-1877
William D. Robertson	1868-1875
William D. Robertson	1866-1868
J. P. Abernathy	1865-1866
J. J. Clemons	1854-1856
Swinfield Barton	1852-1854
M. L. Climons	1850-1852
Swinfield Barton	1849-1850
James A. Harrison	1846-1849
Robert S. Donnell	1844-1846
Randolph B. Hall	1842-1844
Samuel Anderson	1836-
Joseph Soape	1832-
Samuel Jones	1824-
Augustus H. White	1822-1824
Abner Johns	1813-1816
Alexander McCulloch	1804-1813

REGISTERS

Homer Jones	1966-
Everett Waller	1958-1966
Mrs. W. L. Foutch	1843-1957
Miss Myrtle R. Foutch	1947-1958
W. L. Foutch	1942-1943



J. D. Roberts	1834-1942
H. O. Todd	1915-1922
Logan J. Nelson	1914-1915
Logan J. Nelson	1907-
Richard Holden	1901-1904
Frank Vaughan	1887-
Robert B. Jetton	1821-1887
Hardy Murfree	1881-1885
R. B. Jetton	1879-1881
Hardy Murfree	1870-1879
John H. Barbom	1868-1870
George S. Cook	1864-1868
A. T. Reeves	1850-1854
John Woods	1840-1850
Moses G. Reeves	1824-1836
H. O. Todd	
John Dickson	1812
John Spence	1806-1812
William Mitchell	1804-1806

CORONERS

Dr. Matt Murfree	1969-
Charles L. Briley	1960-1969
Alvis Huddleston	1955-1960
J. R. Jones	1949-1952
John T. Woodfin, Sr.	1926-1937
J. H. Singleton	1910-1926
L. R. Jacobs	1900-1910
John Bumpus	1898-1900
B. G. Cloves	1896-1898
S. H. Singleton	1892-1896
R. L. Seward	1890-1892
J. L. Anderson	1888-1889
T. H. Wood	1887-1888
James Sharp	1886-1887
John T. McKinley	1885-1886
	1884-1885
E. J. Covington	1879-1884
W. H. Blanch	1873-1879
J. N. Clark	1867-1872
John W. Quarles	1865-1867



E. J. Covington	1856-1862
Robert S. Northcott	1855-1856
Green Clay	1847-1855
E. A. Cochran	1844-1847

John Chappell	1840-1841
Edward Fisher	1836-1840
John Bruce	1833-1836
Robert P. Shapard	1832-1833

Thomas G. Watkins	1826-1831
William C. Emmitt	1824-1826

Samuel Wilson	1812-
James Sharpe	1804-1812

#### SURVEYORS

Eugene Hargis	1961-
John D. Kerr	1950-1961
	1945-1950
J. J. Doster	1937-1945

J. R. Jackson	1917-1919
Paul Campbell	1914-1917
W. T. Henderson	1913-1914
J. R. McKnight	1905-1909
R. D. Jamison	1901-1905
J. R. McKnight	1897-1901
James H. Bowling	1893-1897

W. R. Jones	1885-1889
E. S. Sims	1881-1885
John D. Kerr	1880-1881
W. R. Jones	1877-1880
John J. Neely	1873-1877
J. R. Burtwell	1869-1873
John Gum	1868-1869
W. R. Jones	1866-1868
William C. Blanch	1861-1866
W. R. Jones	1856-1861
Robert L. Sims	1853-1856
P. M. Alexander	1841-1853
James M. Tompkins	-1841

#### RANGERS

Henry Murfree	1907-1909
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J. D. Nelson	1902-1904
J. W. Clark	1896-1901
M. M. Henry	1894-1896
M. N. Hay	1883-1893
John N. Clark	1873-1883
R. K. Henderson	1871-1873
R. L. Clark	1870-1871
James Oslin	1866-1868
H. C. Carter	1859
Hiram Carter	1853-1857
Wilson Thomas	1844-1846
Burrell Gannaway	1813-1824

SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS

Clifford P. Brothers, Jr.	1970-
M. B. Brandon	1961-1970
Ira Daniel	1950-1961
Bealer Smotherman	1945-1950
W. S. Donnell (acting)	1942-1945
(regular term)	1935-1942
J. E. Brandon	1927-1935
Miss Jeanette M. King	1923-1927
W. N. Elrod	1917-1923
J. Dallas Jacobs	1907-1916
Andrew L. Todd	1903-1907
Miss Nettie King	1897-1901
N. D. Overall	1891-1897
James D. Nelson	1887-1891
Reese K. Henderson	1883-1887
G. H. Baskette	1880-1882
A. J. Brandon	1876-1880
George Q. Jarmen	1873-1875
W. H. Wallace	1869-1873

ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS

W. H. Wilson	1968-
Edwin Todd	1951-1968
Butler Smotherman	1949-1951
L. C. Smith	1933-1949
N. W. Powers	1932-1933
J. H. Dyer	1925-1932
C. L. Holden	1908-1920



WORKHOUSE SUPERINTENDENTS

H. D. Thompson	1937-1942
H. A. Lane	1935-1937
G. A. Youree	1934-1935
N. W. Powers	1932-1933
J. H. Dyer	1925-1932
C. L. Holden	1908-1920

HEALTH OFFICERS AND PHYSICIANS

Dr. Robert S. Sanders	1969-
Dr. R. D. Hollowell	1947-1969
Dr. John T. Mason	1947-1947
Dr. Price H. Duff	1946-1947
Dr. J. C. Weeks	1946-1946
Dr. J. B. Black	1929-1926
Dr. H. S. Mustard	1924-1929
Dr. S. B. Smith	1920-1924
Dr. J. C. Kelton	1914-1920
Dr. A. E. Goodloe	1912-1914
Dr. George Todd	1906-1908
Dr. S. C. Grigg	1902-1906

JAIL PHYSICIANS

Dr. J. B. Murfree, Jr.	1898-1902
Dr. W. C. Bilbro	1890-1898
Dr. J. F. Byrn	1889-1890
Dr. R. S. Wendel	1886-1889
Dr. J. B. Murfree	1885-
Dr. R. S. Wendel	1884-1885
Dr. H. H. Clayton	1880-1884
Dr. J. F. Byrn	1878-1880
Dr. H. H. Clayton	1878-1879

PUBLIC GUARDIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS

J. P. Hale (G)	1888-1892
Charles R. Holmes (A)	1883-1891
P. P. Mason (G)	1884-1888



C. R. Holmes (A)	1883-1887
J. S. Webb (G)	1881-1883
H. H. Norman (G)	1879-1882
Frank White (A)	
C. R. Holmes (A)	1879-1883
R. D. Jamison (A)	1875-1879
G. W. McLaughlin (A)	1872-1875
E. L. Turner (A)	1871-1872

ATTORNEYS

William Sellers	1957-
John D. Wiseman	1926-1932
W. B. Knott	1920-1926
E. L. Whitaker	1918-1920
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	1884-1886
Beverly Randolph	1880-1884
Thomas B. Fowler	1871-1880
M. L. Fletcher	1861-1864



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	1850-1860
D. D. Wendle	1841-1850
John Woods	1845-1849
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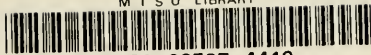


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