

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

excerpt from Update Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center

At the January meeting of the State National Register Review Board, the Talmo Historic District was approved by the Board. The Talmo Historic District covers approximately 40 acres and includes 10 historic resources. The district was significant in the area of agriculture for its role as the historic heart of the "Talmo Cotton District" that produced nationally recognized, high-quality cotton. Talmo was developed in part as a railroad community. Most recently two historic properties in Talmo have taken advantage of federal tax incentive programs for repairs in the rehabilitation.

CALENDAR

Mar 22 - Aug 3 CWL Museum: *Civil War Surgeons and Medical Care*

April 19 CWL Museum: Civil War Drill
and Surgery Re-enactment, 10
AM-4PM, 14th Georgia Field Hospital
and 49th Georgia Regiment.

April 20 JCHS meeting: Ramble in
Maysville, 2:30 PM

July 17 JCHS picnic: History Village,
Hurricane Shoals Park, 6:00 PM

Aug 10 - Dec 5 CWL Museum: The Shield-Ethridge
Heritage Farm

JCHS MEETING

Date: Sunday, April 20, 1997
Time: 2:30 PM
Location: Maysville Public Library, 9247 Gillsville
Road, Maysville
Program: Ramble in Maysville led by Tod Dorsey
Speaker: Richard Chambers

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DUES

The Jackson County Historical Society's Dues Year runs from July to July. Checks should be written to the Jackson County Historical Society and mailed to the address below.

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Life Member	\$100.00

NEWSLETTER

The Jackson County Historical Society News is published quarterly and mailed before the next meeting. Back issues can be obtained for \$1.50 each plus postage. Please send your Jackson County family connections with your dues and they will be published in the next newsletter.

QUERIES

Notice: All JCHS members may submit queries. Each query must concern people who resided in Jackson or surrounding counties. Please mail queries so they will be received by the following cut-off dates:

July issue —June 25

Instructions: No more than 80 words per entry. Please print or type clearly and include all known dates and locations for births, marriages, deaths, & residences. Queries are subject to editing.

BRADLEY

My grandfather was Russell Dilmus BRADLEY, descended from Thomas BRADLEY. Looking for parents and origin of Thomas BRADLEY, b 1792 married Susan OLIVER, b. 1802 (daughter of Elijah from N.C.) Contact Richard Russell Bradley, 1353 Pine Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565, (510)439-8620

WILSON / WRIGHT / KING

My grandmother was Eliza WILSON, daughter of William Alfred WILSON, b. 1820, possibly S.C. Married first, Asenna King, living in Jackson Co. Second marriage to Elizabeth WRIGHT, born 1845, in Monroe Co, GA. Looking for information about Williams parents and siblings. Contact Richard Russell Bradley, 1353 Pine Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565, (510)439-8620

SMITH / HENDRICKS

Looking for information or decendants of Revolutionary soldier, Charles SMITH, from Virginia and moved to Walton Co., GA, formerly Jackson Co., in 1805. Charles died in 1818 in Walton Co., his wife was Elizabeth HENDRICKS and his children were William Thornton Smith, born VA, Allen Smith, born VA, Mary Ann Smith, born VA, John H.H. Smith, born 1790, VA, and Anna Allen Smith, born March 1772, VA. Anna Allen Smith was the third wife of General David Dickson. Their children were Thornton Smith Dickson, born August 21, 1801, Nancy Campbell

Dickson, born December 2, 1802, GA, Charles Allen Dickson, born March 22, 1804, Patsey Ealse(Marcha) Dickson, born, November 30, 1805, John Orr Dickson, born June 1, 1808, and Robert David Dickson, born January 2, 1810. Interested in John Humphry HENDRICKS, brother of Elizabeth Hendricks. contact Deadra Bourke, P.O.Box 273, Fordoche, LA 70732

BAIRD (BEARD) / STEWARD (STEWART)

Seek information on NANCY CAROLINE STEWARD, born circa 1847, GA. Married September 13, 1866, Jackson Co. to JAMES R. BAIRD. Contact Mrs. Jack Bozeman, 48 Forest Avenue, Elberton, GA 30635

ROOKS / SIKES

Seek information on EMOLINE ROOKS, born circa 1839, GA. Married September 23 1864, in Jackson Co., James Sikes. Rooks family appear to be associated with SLAYTON family of Jackson Co. contact Mrs. Jack Bozeman, 48 Forest Ave., Elberton, GA 30635.

PITTMAN

Seek information on PITTMAN PLACE located at 137 Fred Loggins Road, off HWY 334. Arthur Pittman lived there and his father, J.G.H. Pittman gave the house to him. Also information on WHITE SPRINGS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, built circa 1888. Jane White built the church and may have lived in the house. Contact Chris White, 137 Fred Loggins Rd, Commerce, GA 30529. (706)335-5043. Leave message.

LYLE

Seek information on a Lyle family in Dry Pond in the mid 1800's other than the Mulberry Fork line of Maher Lyle. Contact James Hunt, 856 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30245. (770)963-4992

Family Connections: LYLE, HUNT, SIMS, COLQUITT

TOWN OF MAYSVILLE

excerpt from the Forest News, June 15, 1888

Laying the Corner Stone — The Foot Print of Progress

In the year 1873, there was a portal place to wagoners and travelers on the line of Jackson and Banks counties, GA, known as the brick store, the only mercantile house at this point, in which Mr. H. Atkins, our fellow townsman and Ex-Mayor, then sold goods.

The town of Maysville, in the counties of Jackson and Banks, was incorporated by the General assembly of the State of Georgia, September 30th, 1879.

The first councilmen designated in the charter - Hugh Atkins, Geo. E. Deadwyler, Thos. J. Carr, P.P. Casey and Perino Boon.

These gentlemen having some of them moved off and out of the incorporated jurisdiction were never qualified and inducted into office. An act amendatory of the act of Sept 30th 1879, was approved October 13th 1885. The town pursuant to the amended act of October 13th 1885, organized as the town of Maysville, Ga, in the counties of Jackson and Banks on the 5th day of November, 1885.

The first councilmen, qualified and inducted into office were Dr. Manning P. Alexander, Hugh Atkins, George Washington Brown, Wm. Jinkins Comer and Hope Hull Hale.

Churches

The Baptist church was built in the year 1883; the Presbyterian was built in the year 1884; the Methodist church was built in the year 1885.

Sabbath Schools

The Union Sabbath School was organized with Captain Thos. A. E. Evans as superintendent, in the year 1889.

The Baptist Sabbath School was organized with Charles B. Irwin as superintendent in the year 1885.

Physicians

Dr. C. N. Wilson, Dr. Wm J. McCurdy and Dr. M. P. Alexander

Veterinary Surgeons

Dr. R. B. Sims, W. J. Saville and J. H. Miller



Dr. Cheatham in the town of Maysville, Georgia, in the late 1800's

Merchants

Mrs. S. J. Yeargin, millinery and furniture; commenced business here in the year 1883.

Eberhart & Bates, confectioneries, lemonade and shoes. The cash store, commenced business in the year 1888.

J. D. Baugh & Bro., general merchandise, commenced business in the year 1881.

Ira C. Eberhart, general merchandise, commenced business in the year 1884.

Comer & Carr, general merchandise, commenced business in the year 1882.

Thos. K. Boone & Co., millinery and furniture, commenced business in the year 1888.

Ira A. Maddox, general merchandise, commenced business a second time here in the year 1887.

Carr & Bacon, general merchandise, hardware and shoes, commenced business in 1879.

The Maysville Institute

Presided over since the year 1879, first, by Thos. A. E. Evans; second, by prof. J. L. Caldwell, and Prof. J. O. Hicks, the present principal.

REVOLUTIONARY PENSION APPLICATION

PENTICOST, WILLIAM; Revolutionary War Pension Application #S7310. He was born in 1783 and his ap-

plication stated that he had been a resident of Dinwiddle Co, VA until 1801, when he moved to Jackson Co, GA. The application contains the following affidavit, "I do with advice of council, certify that William Penticost, aged 24 years, a private in Buford's detachment appears to have been disabled in such a manner, while in the service of the United States, as to entitle him to the sum of fifteen pounds a year, which allowance is accordingly made him to commence the first day of January 1786. Given under my hand as governor of the Commonwealth of VA at Richmond this 22nd Day of February 1787." Edmund Randolph. Affidavit from Herod Gibbs, 15th VA Regiment, resident of Union District, SC in 1810, stated that, "William Penticost has been deprived of an arm at the Waksaws" William Penticost was married to Mary Bradley, February 29, 1829, Jackson Co., GA by John Pendergrass, minister of the gospel. He died January 27 1839 in Jackson Co., and is buried at Penticost Church, Winder, Barrow Co. GA. He was survived by widow Mary and children: Richard W. Penticost, Celia Wood, Phebe Steed, Elizabeth Flanagan and Matthew Penticost, Richard W. Penticost was referred to as Colonel and as the stepson of Mary. Mary died January 1, 1853 in Troup Co. GA.

OBITUARIES

excerpts from The Forest News

September 18, 1875 Harriett E. Wigginton was born December 11th, 1836, and died August 22d, 1875, aged 38 years, 8 months and 11 days. She was born near Anderson C. H., SC, and was married to E.G. Wigginton in her twentieth year. She joined the Baptist church, at Pisgah, in August 1857. They removed to Jackson Co., Ga, in 1870, where they lived the remainder of her life.

About two weeks before her death, she was taken with congestive fever, which she bore with unusual Christian fortitude. Conscious from the beginning of her sickness of her early departure, she prayed that the Lord would provide for her husband and children.

Her mortal remains were interred in Thyatira Cemetery in presence of a large concourse of witnesses. Rev. A.J. Kelly officiating in the funeral services. She

leaves a husband and seven children to mourn an irreparable loss.

April 25, 1884 Mr. Jno. B. Jackson, an old citizen of this county, died last Saturday and was buried last Sabbath at the old family resting ground, near the residence of Mr. W.L. Williamson.

April 29, 1887 Petterson T. Marlow, was born in Halifax Co., VA, February 13th 1801, married Frances M. Worsham in Halifax Co, NC., December 19th, 1826 and moved to Georgia, in 1830, where he lived until death claimed him March 25th 1887.

He was buried beside his wife, who preceded him to his grave but a few years, at his old homeplace and family burial ground in the upper portion of Jackson Co. GA.

May 26, 1893 William Seymour was born in Spartanburg District, SC, in the year 1821, August 21st, and departed this life December 10th, 1892, aged seventy years, three months and nineteen days. He was married to Asenith Lyle December 29th, 1842. She preceded him to the grave only a year or two before. They lived to raise seven boys and three girls to manhood and womanhood, then the dread monster, consumption, pervaded his household and tore from his bosom six of his children, then his companion, though he had one happy thought, and that was they all died in that faith that needs no fear. He joined the church at old Dry Pond campground in his eighteenth year and had his membership transferred to Shilo, now Ebenezer, to which he belonged at his death. He received his education in the common schools. He was licensed to preach in 1867. He was ordained a Deacon in 1873. He was a deep thinker and sound reasoner. He was one of the best local preachers in North Georgia.

March 25, 1876 In Jackson County, Ga. March 16th, 1876, age 39 years 10 months and 14 days, Mrs. ELIZABETH ANN REINHARDT, consort of Doctor John H. Reinhardt. The deceased was the daughter of Major Russell Daniel and leave besides her father, her husband, two sons and numerous relatives and friends to mourn her death. A good neighbor a kind and affectionate wife and mother her loss, or rather theirs, is greatly lamented as was evidenced by the very large

concourse of friends and neighbors who assembled at the family cemetery on the day of her burial. . .

July 29, 1876 MINOR LIPSCOMB was born in Spartanburg District, S.C., January 30th, 1800, and died in Jackson county, Ga., of flux on the 19th of July, 1876. In the year 1818, he married Miss Nancy M. Patterson, of Rutherford county, N.C., with whom he lived until death. They raised ten children, seven are still living—three sons and four daughters, all well-to-do in the world: respectable, useful members of society. He had been a quiet, consistent member of the Methodist church for over thirty years. He had suffered for a number of years with a serious cancerous affection. . . M. P. C.

excerpt from The Forest News

July 10, 1875 TRIBUTE OF RESPECT Adopted by Centre church, Mulberry Circuit, in Conference held July 3d, 1875: WHEREAS, the Great Shepherd has removed from the fold militant to the fold triumphant another one of our flock, our beloved brother, Berriman S. Camp, who closed his earthly career June 17th 1875....

RESOLVED, That a page in our Church Journal be inscribed to the memory of the deceased and the publication of these resolutions be requested in the Southern Christian Advocate and Forest News.

LEE M. LYLE, Sec. Centre Church.

FAMILY REUNIONS

excerpts from The Forest News

August 5, 1909 At the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. O'Kelley, in Commerce. All their children and grandchildren were gathered together on Saturday, July 31, and a happy and enjoyable reunion it was. They have six children, four girls and two boys, and twenty-two grandchildren. . . . The children were all there, and they are Mrs. J. H. Strickland and family of Lawrenceville, Mrs. H. E. Roddy and family of near Lawrenceville, Mrs. L.R. Sheridan and family and Mrs. P.J. Kesler and family of near Jefferson, Mr. H.A. O'Kelly of Commerce . . . There were 42 present in all.

April 13, 1905 One of the most remarkable gatherings that I have seen in some time took place at Mr. Richard Hancock's last Tuesday, the 11th. Mr. Hancock is brother to our prominent citizen, B.W. Hancock. On Tuesday, Uncle Dick (as he is generally called) was 71 years old, and he invited all his children and grandchildren to spend the day and eat dinner with him and his good wife. He has 9 children—2 boys, Jack and Wesley, and 7 girls; 39 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. We have rarely seen such a gathering. . . . Everyone of them, with one exception, is a farmer; not only farming, but doing good farming. Uncle Dick and his good wife, who was Miss Ann Randolph, are among the very best people that our country affords . . . There were 82 people there . . .

August 28, 1919 The assembling of another family on Friday at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z.T. Butler, at Red Stone, was the occasion of a reunion that brought much joy to the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of this prominent couple. . .

Besides the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, the children present were: Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinson, Mr. and Mrs. Raydo Segars, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardy, Mrs. Camilla Abel of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Lula Dottery of Florida. The grandchildren were: Susie, Lula, Finley, Camilla, Annie, John Tillman, William and Odie Spencer; Hilda, Ralph, Emma, Margaret, Mable, Sam, Edwin and Earl Hardy; Culp, Dottery, Harold, Scott and Ottis T. Butler; and Julius Williamson. The great-grand children were Carter Jones Segars, Marie Pinson and Curtis Spencer.

August 28, 1919 We wish to express our thanks to the members of the Griffeth Family for an invitation to attend their reunion on last Saturday. . . . This prominent family descendants of the late John Griffeth, better known to the early settlers as "Big Footed John Griffeth." meet each year at the old homestead, near Hurricane Shoals. . .

—The founder of the family in this county. He was the father of the late William Griffeth, who was the father of five children, two of whom still survive. These are

Mr. John Griffeth and Mrs. Rafe Bailey. among these are the children of the late Mrs. John Wilhite, Mrs. Bill White and Mrs. Henry Barnett.

MARTIN INSTITUTE 1885-1895

There are no graduates listed for the years 1885 through 1890. Commencement lasted for four days each year with music recitals, compositions and orations. Often the newspaper listed the visitors staying at the Howard House, The Harrison Hotel and private homes.

excerpt from The Forest News

July 8, 1887 A Great Panic at the Institute
Last Wednesday night the largest audience ever seen in this town met at the Institute Chapel. We think there were more than a thousand souls in this Chapel. The exercises had been in progress but a short while when, with a shriek, a child jumped from behind the curtains, and it was discovered that there was an unusual light there. Soon the vast audience was panic stricken and rushed frightfully toward the door and down the steps. It was soon discovered that the fire was not dangerous, but the excited men and women continued to make their exit. Finally, news reached the outer door that all was well, the people began to return to the hall, but the turmoil did not cease. Mothers and children were separated and calling at the tops of their voices, each fearing that the other had been trampled to death.

Mothers in the audience were crying for their children who were behind the curtains, and in that rushing, moving mass it was hard to find the lost ones. For half an hour the band would play and the choir would sing endeavoring to quiet the people .

After it was generally known that nothing was burned but a small portion of the stage paraphernalia and that no one was hurt during the stampede, order was restored and the exercises continued. Between the scenes the amusement was kept up by holding up to gaze the lost and found hats, wraps, slippers, stockings and so on.

Up to this writing we have not seen Col. J.B. Silman

since his unorthodox descent of the Institute steps during the panic Wednesday night. We hope his injuries are not severe. The last we heard of him he lay prostrate upon the floor with Queen Carithers, a colored sister of 240 pounds, across his body, while shoes and slippers passed rapidly over his genial brow. We took no note of the extempore speech, made by the Col. under these pressing circumstances, but have been told that his utterances alternated between piteous petitions to Heaven and heart rending ejaculations of another nature. Col. Silman is a man of refinement and we know the mortification he has suffered on account of this rushing indignity.

June 26, 1891 Graduates were Grace Gilliam, Kingston; Pauline Howard, Jefferson; Myra Thompson, Jefferson; Beulah Williamson; and Mattie Holder

July 1, 1892 Brilliant closing of the Spring Term with four graduates: Misses Mozelle Whitehead, Rosetta Rivers, May Askew, Mamie Thompson.

June 1893 Graduates were May Hancock, Lillian Martin, Kate Randolph, May McGarity, valedictorian.

1894 Graduates were Mattie Bell, Mary Lou Appleby, Selma Niblack, Montin Martin, Benta McGarity, Julia Bell, Mamie Webb, valedictorian.

1895 Graduates were Miss Susie Thompson, Messrs W.L. and C.C. Baily (first young men graduates)

[*editor's note:* It appears that bright young men were not staying at Martin Institute to graduate, but were going to the University to continue their studies. The graduates received equivalent of junior college educations.]

JACKSON COUNTY ORPHANS IN 1802-1804

Information found in the 1805 Land Lottery type-script, transcribed from the original in the Judge of Probate Office.

Frary Elrod gives the List of Eligibles for this

Lottery on page 211 of Historical Notes on Jackson County, but does not include the orphans.

Land distributed in this lottery was 202 1/2 acre lots in Baldwin and Wilkinson Counties and 490 acre lots in Wayne County. Those eligible to draw were:

- Single white men 21 or older, inhabitants of Georgia, May 11, 1802 entitled to 1 draw
- Married men with wife and/or legitimate child or children - 2 draws
- Widow with child or children under 21 - 2 draws
- Every family of orphans, under age of 21 years and having both parents dead or the father dead and the mother remarried was entitled to 1 draw

Sary Durbin for the orphans of Luke Durgin, father dead

Sary Durbin for the orphans of John Shuffield, deac'd

David Dickson for the orphans of Chandler Awbrey, deac'd

Elrey Fulcher (widow) for the orphans of William Fulcher, deac'd

Elizabeth Gabel (widow) for the orphans of John Gabel, deac'd

Samuel Glaze for the orphans of John Dedrick

Walton Harris for the orphans of Robert Billups, both parents dead

Redmon Hutchens for the orphans of William Hutchens

Elizabeth Hollace(widow) for the orphans of Moses Hollace, deac'd

George Haney for the orphans of Jeremiah Holliday

Mary Jones (widow) for the orphans of James Jones, deac'd

Mary Jones (widow of Thos. Jones) for the orphans of Thos. Jones, deac'd

Rody Jones (widow) for the orphans of A. Jones, deac'd

Elizabeth Kirkland (widow) for the orphans of William

Kirkland, deac'd

John Lovejoy for the orphans of Thomas Ward, deac'd

Sary McKie, for the orphans of Charles Mitchell, deac'd

James McDonald (Red Head) for the orphans of Robert Campbell deac'd

James McDonald (Red Head) for the orphans of James McDonald, deac'd

Elizabeth Marrible (widow) for the orphans of Christ Marrible, deac'd

Susannah Rook (widow) for the orphans of William Rook, deac'd

Johnston Smith for the orphans of S. McCord, deac'd

Elizabeth Toney for the orphans of Charles Toney, deac'd

William Vickers for the orphans of Siona Smith

Edward Williams, Senr. for the orphans of Daniel Williams, both parents dead

James Whitehead for the orphans of L. Jordan, deac'd

Also of interest and not included on page 211 is the occupation of John Skinner (Tanner) and perhaps John Venable, Senr's nickname (Snap).

There were some names missing that were on the transcript as follows:

Merit Chandler, Elizabeth Croll, John Crocet, Fredrick Davis, William H. Dickson, Early Damrel, Thomas Hanson Jr and Simeon Turner.



Hancock reunion, seated left to right-Jane Hancock Whitehead, Hugh H.Hancock, John Boring Hancock, Gennie Hancock Stanton, Emma Hancock Bush. Rebecca Lyle Hancock seated in front

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