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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A donation was made to the Jackson County Historical Society by the children of the late Harold Jarrett. December would have been Harold and Ann's 50th wedding anniversary. It has been asked that this donation be used to purchase books for the library.

A donation was also made by Ann Jarrett in memory of the late P. J. Roberts.

Memorial gifts can be made in memory or honor of an individual to the Jackson County Historical Society. Bookplates will be placed in donated books.

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JCHS MEETING

Date:	Sunday, January 18, 1998
Time:	2:30 PM
Location:	Commerce Library 1344 Broad Street, Commerce, GA
Program:	Frank Gilbert, Georgia 44th Regiment Living history demonstration. Bring photographs and memorabilia of your Confederate ancestor.

CALENDAR

January 18	JCHS meeting: Commerce Library
Dec. 12-May 31	CWL Museum: Marriage Traditions and Customs Through the Ages
January 18	JCHS meeting: Ramble to Lewis Sail- ors' Rock Barn and Academy Church

DUES

The Jackson County Historical Society's Dues Year runs from July to July. **The 1997-1998 dues are being accepted now.** Newsletters are not mailed to past due accounts. Please let us know if I have made an error. Checks should be written to the Jackson County Historical Society and mailed to the address shown 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:

April issue—March 25

July issue—June 20

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.

CO. H, 43RD GEORGIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

Interested in information and photographs of the soldiers in the 43rd Georgia Infantry. Contact Michael Kimball, 4450 Alex Drive, San Jose, CA 95130.

THURMOND

Interested in information about James Rutherford (J.R.) Thurmond who married Julia Ann Hamilton in 1846 and their children: Joseph Elisha, Mary, Frances, James J., Amanda C. (married L. M. Embrick), Emma, Ella, William and Lafayette. Also, J.R.'s parents, Phillip Thurmond (b. 1797) who married Susan (b. 1803). Contact George E. Thurmond, 120 Cannonade Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004-4096, or by E-mail Marty_Thurmond@pipe.com

STREETMAN

Interested in location of property owned by William Streetman: 1801 Tax Digest for Jackson is in Kellough's District. 1804 Tax Digest for Jackson in Wilson's District. 1805 – sold land to Matthew Knight, originally granted to Thomas Poque. 1807 Land Lottery he is listed in Johnson's Battalion. Contact Carol Watson, 12337 Oakdale Drive East, Orange Park, FL 32073-5908.

COX/HAMPTON

Seek information on Reuben Cox (born 1803 – died 1888) of Franklin Co. who married Joyce Hampton (born 1808 – died 1855) daughter of Judge John Hampton and Joyce Malone Hampton of Jackson Co. November 11, 1825. Sons of Reuben and Joyce: Captain John Forsythe Cox and Private Thomas Cox, grave sites unknown. Contact Mary Jo Mari, 375 Southfield Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. FAX: 719-633-5136.

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OBITUARIES

August 21, 1896—Julius Foster Daniel, the dauntless boy soldier of Company C, Cobb's Legion Calvary, is no more, and his comrades of thirty years ago and more, scattered about the country, are touched with a grief, deep and impressible, in studied phrase, clothed in cold type – still I must, from the depth and warmth of my heart, pay this tribute to his memory. How well do I remember when he joined the detachment at Jackson's Mill, near Harmony Grove, en route for Lee's army in Virginia, with fresh horses. "Coon", as he was called, could always be relied on to stand unmoved by fear of shot and shell and flash of glittering steel, as the advancing foe dashed upon us, and until the command was given to fall back. He fought with a cool courage, which I have never seen surpassed, and seldom equaled, especially by one so young and small of stature...

December 11, 1896—Like as a shock of corn cometh in its season, so did Samuel Smith House come to his grave in a full age, at his home in Jackson Co., GA, Aug. 19, 1896.

He was born June 21, 1819, and was married to Margaret L. England in White Co., GA, Aug. 22, 1841. For fifty-five years these two traveled life's pilgrimage together. To them were born 12 children. The mother and six children yet live to mourn his death.

He was a soldier in the late war, and was ever at his post of duty. He was taken prisoner by Sherman's army on its march through Georgia.

March 28, 1907—After being confined to his home with bright's disease for several weeks, Mr. W. A. Pinson departed this life last Monday, and was buried in Woodbine cemetery. Rev. F.L. Ward conducted the burial service. He was 76 years old at the time of death. He was born and reared in this county, and never lived anywhere else except during the four years he served in the Confederate army, where he made one of the most gallant soldiers. While serving as a soldier he was severely wounded in the jaw.

December 1908—Dr. John M. Burns was born in Jackson county, Georgia, at the homestead of his father, General D. M. Burns, about two miles south of Apple Valley, December 12, 1833. He departed this life Nov. 21, 1908, and his remains were interred in the

Thyatira cemetery the following day, in the presence of a large concourse of relative and friends. His entire life was spent in Jackson county except when away attending lectures on term, five years in Banks county, and two years at Buford, Gwinnett County.

Dr. Burns first married Miss Sarah Harriett Long, July 3rd, 1856. From this union there were four children: Lois (Mrs. D. L. Milford), Alice (Mrs. L.N. Turk), William J. of Enterprise, FL and Joseph Brantley, who died when a child. He was married a second time, Jan. 16, 1879, to Miss Julia Caroline Telford. From this union two sons were born: Egbert T. and Alonzo H. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Eveline Potts, of Winder, and Mrs. J. B. S. Davis of Newnan. Dr. Burns attended Medical College at Philadelphia in 1855 and graduated from Augusta Medical College in 1858. He followed his chosen profession until about 15 years ago, since which time he lived quietly on his farm, devoting his time and talents to agriculture.

In February 1864, he enlisted in Co. G., 27th Georgia Regiment serving under Capt. Billingsly. June 18, 1864, in the battle at Petersburg, VA, he was severely wounded in the hip, and rendered unable for further military service. For five years or more he was compelled to use a crutch. He was a private, but was often called to assist the regular surgeons. In earlier life he was a shoemaker and at one time was marshal of Jefferson.

February 23, 1911—Andrew J. Bell's funeral was preached in the Methodist church by Rev. F.S. Hudson and the Confederate veteran put his body beneath the sod.

Judge Bell was 66 years old. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his death, namely, Mrs. A. H. B. of Ellijay, Mrs. Mattie Roberts and Gordon Bell.

He was a man of more than ordinary intellectuality. Few men could wield the pen as did he. He has done more in this section to keep alive the memory of the glorious struggle of the South's valiant sons. Many reunions of those who fought for that lost cause were held in this county. It was Judge Andrew Bell who suggested these reunions.

He held many positions of trust, Deputy Ordinary, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Clerk and Treasurer of the city of Jefferson. For fourteen years he conducted the A. J. Bell Fire Insurance Agency, and it was his motto that when a building was burned on

which he had written a policy, the owner had to be paid in full. In all positions, he showed himself to be efficient and faithful.

May 13, 1915—W. H. Meeks was born in Banks county, Georgia May 28, 1838, and died at Arcade, Ga., Jan. 24, 1915. On August 24, 1861 he enlisted in Co. A, 24th Regiment, Georgia Volunteers Cobb's Brigade. In the battle of Chicamauga, September 24, 1863, he lost his right arm, was honorably discharged from service in 1865.

May 13, 1915—J. J. Pettyjohn was born in Forsyth county, Georgia, June 12, 1845, and departed this life at his home in Jefferson, Georgia, March 18, 1915. He enlisted in 1863, Co. A, 2nd Georgia State Troops, at Acworth, Ga. and was honorably discharged in 1865 in Atlanta. In early life he moved to Jackson county, Cunningham district, and was married to Mrs. Helen Morrison Webb, who survived him only ten days. The three children born to him preceded him to the grave. For several years he was constable in Cunningham district, which position he held in Jefferson district at the time of this death. He had been chief of police of the City of Jefferson and in 1906 he filled the unexpired term of Sheriff W. T. Stevens.

February 10, 1916—There remains in life since the demise of Mr. Z. W. Hood, only two commissioned officers (besides myself) of the Confederate army from Jackson county; Capt. J. F. Espy, 18th Georgia Regiment and Lieutenant F. M. Bailey, 16th Georgia Regiment.

As a life time friend and comrade of Lieutenant Hood, I lay this feeble tribute upon the bier of the departed, who after a long and useful life in Jackson County, on the 24th day of January, 1916, crossed over the river and now rests with his comrades under the shade of the trees. Aged 83 years.

He was a brave and gallant soldier, for a long time a justice of the peace in the county, and representative from Jackson county in the legislature.

— H.W. Bell

excerpts from the Jackson Herald

July 27, 1883—Reunion of the 18th Georgia Regiment—the following list of the surviving members of Company C, 18th Regiment Georgia Volunteers, Confederate, States Army:

John F. Espy, Captain
 J. B. Silman, Captain
 J. W. Bell, 1st Lieutenant
 J. W. Strickland, Orderly Sergeant
 H. C. Barnett, Sergeant
 J. W. Doster, Corporal
 T. H. Niblack
 J. M. Wilhite
 W. C. Davis
 A. J. Bell
 W. L. Thurmond
 Oscar Adair
 H. C. Gilbert
 A. D. Stapler
 W. A. Watson
 J. N. Orr
 R. P. Potter
 J. A. Weir
 L. I. Hutchins
 Elijah Ervin
 T. L. Harrison
 J. W. Lord
 R. H. Hilton
 F. Hilton
 Ben Franklin
 A. A. DeLaperriere
 Thomas Rogers
 A. W. Potts
 Thomas Moore
 H. P. Davis
 H. J. Randolph, Jr.
 Jones Dailey
 J. M. Storey

July 2, 1885—Company C. 18th Georgia Regiment was organized in May, 1861 and commanded (until he fell in its lead on the plains of Manassas) by Capt. Dilmus L. Jarrett. Its 1st Lieutenant was Levi A. McCulloch, until he lost his life, like Captain J., leading it to battle. Its 2nd Lieutenant was J. B. Silman, who after the deaths of Jarrett and McCulloch, became Captain. Owing, however, to severe wounds

received while Lieutenant, he was never able to assume active command. He being eventually retired, William G. Callahan was its next Captain until his promotion, for gallantry, to the Majority of the regiment. His promotion, however, did not escape him the fatality attending the company's officers, like the others, fell with his face to the foe and a bullet through the heart before the close of the war. John R. Espy was its next Captain and held this position, leading the company gallantly through the end. H. W. Bell was, at first, 2nd Sergeant, but was promoted continuously up to the 1st Lieutenancy, under the Captaincy of Espy.

The company participated, in over twenty pitched battles during the conflict, and lost nearly as many men killed on the field as it carried out under its first organization.

September 1, 1885—Survivor's Association—In obedience to the call issued and published, a few of the old veterans of the Confederate Army met in the Court House in Jefferson for the purpose of organizing a Survivors' Association.

The temporary organization was perfected by electing Capt. T. C. Williams President and W. I. Pike Secretary.

On motion, those present registered their names and commands as follows:

- A. L. Barge, Co. B, 28th Georgia Regiment
- G. J. N. Wilson, Co. E, 34th Georgia Regiment
- W. F. Stark and D. T. Bradley Commissary, 29th Georgia Regiment
- G. W. Mabry, Co. K, 3rd Georgia Regiment
- A. C. Thompson, W. G. Steed, W. J. Archer, G. R. Duke, C. W. Finch, Co. G, 16th Georgia Regiment
- T. C. Williams, T. J. Shackelford and S. B. Weir, Co. C., Cobb's Legion, Calvary
- J. F. Ritch, Co. 11, Cobb's Legion, Calvary
- A. J. Bell, Co. C, 18th Georgia Regiment
- M. P. Wood and J. R. Butler, Co. G, 43rd Georgia Regiment
- Wm. Thurmond, Co. G, John Williamson, Co. E, H. J. Randolph, J. A. Jarrett, 16th Georgia Battalion

On motion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That a committee of five consisting of W. I. Pike, W. C. Howard, A. T. Bennett, G. J. N. Wilson and H. W. Bell be appointed to draft a constitution and by law for the government of this Association.

March 20, 1891—We have on our table a copy of the *Athens Banner* of June 12, 1861, containing the master roll of Jackson County Volunteers, which were then on the point of leaving for the scene of battle:

- D. L. Jarrett.....Captain
- L. A. McCulloch1st Lieutenant
- J. B. Silman2nd Lieutenant
- W. G. Callahan.....Ensign
- J. M. Story1st Sergeant
- H. W. Bell.....2nd Sergeant
- E. M. Eustace.....3rd Sergeant
- H. J. Randolph.....4th Sergeant
- A. J. Handy.....1st Corporal
- W. A. Park.....2nd Corporal
- D. M. Morgan.....3rd Corporal
- W. S. Shockley.....4th Corporal

PRIVATES

J. T. Appleby	R. H. Helton	J. A. Palmer
J. M. Addington	Wm. Helton	T. J. Pettyjohn
J. T. Adams	John Howard	E. Rouse
Willis Anglin	W. O. Head	H. F. Rose
W. A. Adair	T. L. Harrison	B. O. W. Rose
J. B. Allen	A. Harwell	J. E. Sanders
W. W. Anglin	L. J. Hutchins	A. D. Stapler
T. C. Bowls	Wm. Hunter	N. C. Strickland
F. M. Bailey	N. M. Jarrett	H. J. Simmons
Wm. L. Barron	J. A. Kenney	Jas. H. Thurmond
M. A. Choen	Jas. Lindsey	A. J. Tolbert
J. H. Callahan	W. H. H. Ledbetter	W. T. Wilhite
L. M. Cheek	W. P. Miller	J. G. Weir
J. W. Doster	J. C. McElhannon	J. H. Williamson
A. A. DeLaperriere	H. W. McElhannon	J. L. Worsham
W. C. Davis	Jas. J. Moore	W. W. Worsham
J. F. Espy	J. R. Mitchell	R. H. Williamson
J. A. Espy	C. W. Mathews	W. O. Wilson
O. N. Estes	R. J. Milligan	I. M. White
M. V. Franklin	T. H. Niblack	W. A. Watson
D. B. Franklin	John R. North	C. C. Williamson
S. A. Freeman	J. H. Oliver	O. M. Wilhite
H. C. Gilbert	J. M. Orr	J. E. Wingfield
E. Helton	R. P. Potter	Q. C. Vandiver

Of this band of 84 brave men who left home and loved ones to fight for the Stars and Bars, 36 returned,

24 died in camp, 19 were killed in battle, and 5 were reported missing.

Those who returned home from the ravages for war were—

J. M. Story	Wm. Hunter
J. B. Silman	C. W. Mathews
H. W. Bell	T. H. Niblack
H. J. Randolph	J. M. Orr
J. B. Allen	R. P. Potter
T. C. Bowles	J. A. Palmer
F. M. Bailey	B. O. W. Ross
W. L. Barron	J. E. Sanders
L. M. Cheek	A. D. Stapler
J. W. Doster	H. Simmons
A. A. DeLaperriere	W. T. Wilhite
W. C. Davis	J. G. Weir
J. F. Espy	W. W. Worsham
D. B. Franklin	W. A. Watson
H. C. Gilbert	C. C. Williamson
R. H. Henton	O. W. Wilhite
Wm. Henton	J. E. Wingfield
T. L. Harrison	
L. J. Hutchins	

Those who died in camp were—

A. J. Hardy	N. M. Jarrett
W. Park	Jas. Lindsey
W. S. Shockley	W. P. Miller
A. J. Adams	R. J. Milligan
W. A. Adair	T. J. Pettyjohn
W. W. Anglin	E. Rouse
M. A. Cohen	H. F. Rose
O. N. Estes	N. C. Strickland
W. V. Franklin	A. J. Tolbert
S. A. Freeman	J. H. Williamson
W. O. Head	J. M. White
A. Harwell	Q. C. Vandiver

J. A. Espy, J. C. McElhannon, J. J. Moore, J. H. Oliver, and R. H. Williamson were killed at second Manassas.

L. A. McCulloch, J. T. Appleby, Willis Anglin, H. W. McElhannon and J. A. Thurmond were killed at Gaines Farm.

W. O. Wilson and J. R. Mitchell were killed at Sharpsburg.

D. W. Morgan and J. H. Calahan were killed at Fredericksburg.

J. R. North was killed at Crampton's Gap.

John Howard was killed at Gettysburg.

D. Helton was killed at Spottsylvania.

W. G. Calahan was killed near Appomattox.

E. M. Eustace, J. M. Addington, J. A. Kinney, W. H. H. Ledbetter and J. L. Worsham were reported Missing.

July 1910—The Confederate Monument, that the Jefferson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will soon erect...to honor these men...Listen to this partial list of Jackson county boys whose names are entered upon the rosters among the distinguished dead:

D. J. Anglin	William Daniel
W. J. Archer	Oliver Dobbs
Lt. Green Arnold	John Duncan
J. N. Anglin	Harrison Elrod
David Anglin	Benjamin Finch
G. G. Barnett	Jas. Finch
William Barnett	John F. Finch
Thos. Barnett	C. L. Fleeman
Captain A. T. Bennett	Tom Fleeman
Cicero Bowles	L. C. Fowler
Thos. Booth	Henry Freeman
Green S. Bowman	Mell Freeman
N. S. Brown	Hugh Gilleland
J. M. Burns	Wm. Guffin
Harris Callahan	R. J. Hancock
Bill Callahan	Perry Harrison
Capt. A. A. Camp	Polk Hewitt
John C. Carson	Stark Hewitt
Wash Carter	Aleck Hill
Thos. Casper	Cicero Hill
Wash Catlett	Dock Hill
Parks Chandler	Frank Holliday
John Chapman	Capt. H. R. Howard
Mark Cheeley	W. W. Jackson
Bill Cheeley	Capt. D. L. Jarrett
Thos. Coleman	Nathaniel Jarrett
E. H. Collins	Jerry Johnson
Jasper J. Cook	L. J. Johnson
Martin Cox	Richard Johnson
Cicero Daniel	Philip N. Kinney
Mark A. Daniel	G. Knight

Ansell Lay	Judge Perkins	J. B. Silman	J. C. Whitehead
Jas. Lindsey	David Perkins	Jas. Sims	Chas. Whitehead
John Luke	W. I. Pike	Jerry Spence	S. B. Weir
Capt. W. L. Marler	J. N. Pinson	Robt. T. Spence	G. L. Williamson
Lieutenant McColluck	Wm. Pinson	Calvin Stanley	J. N. Williamson
Kam McElhannon	J. M. Potts	Capt. J. A. Strange	G. J. N. Wilson
Cal McElhannon	Capt. Jas. Ray	G. W. Steed	Thos. Wilson
Tip McElhannon	Capt. Reynolds	John C. Stephens	Wm. O. Wilson
Wm. McElhannon	Drew Roberts	Jesse Strickland	John Willbanks
Lieutenant John Millsaps	Green Roberts	Capt. Joe Storey	Bud Williams
John Mize	Bluford Roberts	Capt. A. C. Thompson	John Williamson
Cris Moon	W. O. Rose	Alfred Thompson	Cicero Wills
John W. Moon	E. J. Rylee	E. M. Thompson	Mattison Wills
Jas Morgan	E. H. Seymour	Jack Wages	Jos. Wills
Vivian V. Patrick	John T. Seymour	Jas. Wages	
J. C. Pentecost	S. H. Sherard	Sanford Wages	
Mark Pentecost	Robt. Sheilds	Wm. Wages	
	Wm. Sheilds	W. A. Watson	

PRISON LIFE OF A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

—by J. W. Lord

September 2, 1909—I was a private in Co. C, 18th Georgia Regiment. Longstreet was ordered from Virginia to Chicamauga, GA, in 1863, to reinforce General Bragg. After the battle, Longstreet held the picket line in front of Chicamauga and about November 1, he was ordered to Knoxville to dislodge General Burnside, who had secured possession on the city.

Longstreet formed a line of battle south of Knoxville, this line reached from The Tennessee River, on the east side of Knoxville to near the Cumberland Gap on the northwest of Knoxville. Here we lay picket fighting until Sunday morning, November 29th.

Here each of us drew sixty rounds of cartridges, and were ordered to lay on our arms. About ten o'clock Wofford's Brigade was ordered into line on the south side of the railroad, in the woods, facing the fort on the top of the hill on the east side of the railroad. Then we advanced until we were near the railroad. All was quiet. Now the 24th Georgia Regiment and Cobb's Legion charged their picket line and drove them in to the fort, while the 16th and 18th Georgia Regiment and Phillip's Legion supported them. We fell back under the hill to our camp fires to await further orders. Just as we could see the light of day in the east we

were ordered forward. We advance to the railroad and halt and were ordered to fix bayonets and charge, our supports were Anderson's Brigade, which consisted of the 7th, 9th, and 11th Georgia Regiment.

Not a cannon of the enemy had been fired from midnight up to this moment. When the command was given to charge, we rushed across the railroad up the hill, giving the rebel yell. Now the battle is on and up the hill we go, over brush and tree tops – for all the timber had been cut and felled down the hill, amidst shot and shell, grapes and canister. We have now reached the ditch at the foot of the fort. This was five feet deep and six feet wide, and along the edge the enemy had stretched telegraph wires to trip us and throw us in the ditch. We went up to it and saw that it was full of our men and that the enemy were throwing ten-second shells into the ditch killing the men who were in there.

Now the top of this fort was about 15 feet above the bottom of the ditch, and the wall of the fort was covered with a sheet of ice, water having been thrown on it the previous night to freeze, that we might not be able to scale it.

Finding that we were unable to take the fort, for everything was in such great confusion that we would not hear a single command for the roar of musketry and cannon, as the cannons in the fort were belching their contents of death through the port holes, mowing down our men, as we fell back leaving a number of dead and dying on the field. Among the dead was our Colonel S. T. Ruff. Col. Thomas of the 16th Georgia, also lost his life there.

We now fall back to our camp and that night I went out on detail to dig rifle pits in front of the fort. I was now on continuous duty, day and night, until December 4th. Just at midnight of this night, all was lying in a rifle pit about 200 yards from the fort of the enemy, when a corporal of the guard came around and ordered us in a whisper to leave the picket line. We did so by falling back to the railroad and there forming a line of retreat.

We now march in the direction of Strawberry Plains, west of Knoxville.

We had orders on this march not to strip our clothes fording the streams. the weather was severely cold. I forgot to mention the fact that several of our men had no shoes to wear, not to mention other things of necessity. But on we go hungry and cold in the direction of

Cumberland Gap.

About sundown I thought I would forage a little as I was very hungry. I soon found a house and the lady of which was very kind to me and offered to bake me some bread. While she was doing so, and to my surprise, some of Wofford's Cavalry dashed up and took me a prisoner. This was about dark, so they guarded me until morning and took me to General Wofford's headquarters. Here he asked me some pointed questions relative to the strength of Longstreet's Corps. and when he got through quizzing me, he ordered the guard to take me to General Shackelford three miles away. He also asked me about how many men Longstreet had, and what the south thought about the war coming to a close. I told him as near the truth as was expedient for me to do.

General Shackelford now ordered the guard to take me and two other of my fellow-soldiers who had been so unfortunate as to share my fate, back to Knoxville, Tenn. We reached this place Sunday about two o'clock, and were placed in a Knoxville jail. This jail was enclosed with a plank wall 10 or 12 feet high, with a parapet. At the gate of the prison two guards stood with crossed bayonets in the day time, but at night the gates were closed and locked.

On the inside of the prison, near the gate, stood a barrel with one head knocked out, to receive the water which was brought with a dump cart and mule. We went some whole days without a drop of water and there was a few days that we got no more than a quarter ration. This jail contained more lice than any place I ever saw and I believe it was the filthiest place on earth.

On the following Sunday, a Federal officer came upon the parapet and ordered me to fall in line. He said that he had orders to see how many of us wanted to take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government. Of our number, some 40 or 50 gave their names. We suffered severely with cold and hunger. I paid a Yankee guard \$1.00 for an ear of corn.

On December 16, we were ordered out of that one-horse hell, pardon me. It was the worst place I ever saw. You could scarcely sleep for the body lice.

We were now formed into line in Knoxville, ready to move off some where. They issued us a three-days ration, which consists of a few crackers and coffee, and about a pound of bacon. At the command given by a

Yankee Colonel, we stepped off. Our guard consisted of two regiments of soldiers. One regiment would guard us today, while the other would go ahead and pick out a camp on a branch and put out guards. The regiment that guarded us today would deliver us into the hands of the other regiment tonight and this regiment would march on and prepare a camp to receive us tomorrow night.

We now go by way of Clinton to Jacksboro, Tenn, and thence through the Cumberland Mountains, at Wheeler's Gap. This Gap was so rough that we prisoners had to help push the wagons over the mountains, and it was so cold that we would have to sit up by the fire all night to keep from freezing.

We crossed Cumberland River at Burnside's Point and went to Summerset, Ky., and from thence to Camp Nelson, a military post and here we were locked up in cells. From here we were taken to Camp Dick Robertson another prison and again locked up. From this place we were taken by way of Lexington to Nicholasville, and at this point we were placed on a train and when we landed again we were in Louisville, Ky. It is now December 29.

On this last march our days ration consisted of three crackers, one ear of corn and no meat. Occasionally they would kill beeves at night, and we would get about a pound of fresh beef. We would sometimes get the entrails of a beef and make tripe of them and eat them. Those of us who did not have shoes would take those hides and sew them around our feet for shoes, to keep our feet off the frozen ground. Three or four of our fellow prisoners had died from hunger and cold on their way through the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky. I saw one poor fellow fall dead one evening while we were on this march. I did not know what became of him, as they gave us no time to stop.

We had a long march from Knoxville, Tenn, to Nicholasville, Kentucky, over two hundred miles. We are now in a Louisville, Ky. prison. (to be continued)

May 24, 1901—Battle of King's Tan Yard—General Stoneman was raiding Middle Georgia and met Major General Williams of Kentucky, who defeated him at some point north of Macon. General Stoneman retreated in the direction of Athens, and in passing out of Watkinsville he asked a little girl if there were any soldiers at Athens. She replied "Yes, sir, lots of them"

when the fact of the matter was far different.

Captain Ed Lumpkin, hearing of General Stoneman's approach, with his company had placed his battery of artillery in position at the papermill, so as to cover the road in the direction of Watkinsville. As soon as the head of the column of raiders made its appearance, Captain Lumpkin opened fire upon them, and Stoneman turned his course to the left, and coming into Jackson county, encamped for the night at King's Tan Yard. General Williams pursued, after defeating General Stoneman, and overtaking him at this camp about daylight, completely surprised him, and in the fight which followed, killed a large number of the Federals and took 500 prisoners. The Federals retreated, but kept up a running fight from King's Tan Yard to Price's Bridge, a distance I suppose of five or six miles. Many of them, in their frantic efforts to escape, forced their horses into the Mulberry River, and were killed while vainly endeavoring to urge them up the opposite bank. General Stoneman escaped, and made a beeline for Atlanta.

King's Tan Yard is near the Jackson/Gwinnett line, on the place owned by Mr. Richard Pentecost, and the bullet holes in the walls at the old building are there today. Prices's bridge is about one and a half miles south of Hoschton over the Mulberry. This the only battle in the War between the States which occurred in Jackson county.

Dry Pond School circa 1898. Teachers Blanche Green and Cato Head (in center) with their students.

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JACKSON COUNTY DIVORCES

- February 1865 R. M. Moore vs. E. Moore. February 1866—dismissed.
- February 1866 E. H. F. Martin vs Malachi Martin Settled February 1867
- August 1866 Aaron Hayes vs Rebecca Hayes August 1867, February 1868 verdict for defendant. August 1869 two concurrent verdicts.
- August 1866 Martha Bell vs Lafayette Bell—February 1867 First for plaintiff, Second and final. Alimony \$50. per year and costs.
- August 1866 H.N. Rainy vs Columbia Rainy—August 1867 dismissed. November 1868, Two concurrent verdicts granting a total divorce.
- August 1866 Julia S. Boggs vs Milton A. Boggs—February 1867, Final and property for plaintiff.
- August 1867 William A. Ellison vs Elisabeth C. Ellison February 1868 continued November 1868 dismissed. February 1869 dismissed. August 1869 dismissed.
- February 1868 Rachal Garner vs J.M. Garner
- February 1868 John J. Johnson vs Elizabeth Johnson. Two juries award property to plaintiff. Total divorce, authorized to marry again.
- August 1868 Nancy L. Mitchell vs Hyde N. Mitchell. August 1869—Two concurrent verdicts of two juries.
- August 1868 Tolliver Tuggle vs Sarah E. Tuggle.

February 1873 dismissed.

- February 1869 Nathan M. Stanford vs Sarah J. S. Stanford February 1871 Two concurrent verdicts of Two juries. February 1871 verdict for the plaintiff. Total 2/3 of property to plaintiff.
- February 1870 W.A. Dunson vs Nancy E. Dunson August 1870 Nancy E. (Hood) Dunson vs W. A. Dunson. Defendant to pay fees. February 1871 dismissed.
- July 1873 L. E. Stark vs S. M. Stark. Total, defendant to pay costs.
- August 1873 R.M. Moon vs P.E. Moon. Total, Two juries. Defendant be permitted to marry again.
- February 1874 S. L. Bowles vs N. L. Bowles. Defendant not in county. August 1874 Defendant not to be found. August 1875 Total two juries. Plaintiff recovers \$1000. permanent alimony for herself and child. She shall have sustody of child.
- February 1874 Elizabeth Watson vs William Watson—Dismissed.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

Jackson County, Georgia—To the honorable Nathan L. Hutchins, Judge of the Superior Court of the Western Circuit exercising jurisdiction in chancery &c.

Humbly complaining unto your honor your orator Baily Chandler administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels, land & tenements, rights & credits of Elizabeth McDaniel late of the county & state afore-said deceased respectfully showeth that here tofore to wit on about the day of in the year 1852 or 53 your orator's intestate the said Elizabeth McDaniel then in life & being at the time the widow of Daniel McDaniel, deceased— who was a Revolutionary soldier in the war

for American independence did through her agent one James Roberts as some other agent employed by her for that purpose receive from the Federal Government through its proper offices as the widow...

August 2, 1923—An interesting event of last week was the reunion on Thursday of the McDonald family a family of our town that is well known, and has prominent connections all over Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McDonald have resided here during their entire married life, and have eleven splendid sons and daughters, who are an honor to their parents and to the little village in which they were reared. They are: Mrs. J.A. Wills, Dr. E. M. McDonald, Mr. W. M. McDonald, of Jefferson; Messrs. H. H. and DeWitt McDonald, of Winder; Dr. T. J. McDonald, of Daholonega; Mrs. J. O. Braselton, of Braselton; Mrs. R. D. Medlock, of Duluth; Mrs. H.L. Verner, of Westminster, S.C.; Mrs. L. A. A. Richardson, of Commerce; Mr. A. H. McDonald, of Apple Valley. All were present at the happy occasion except Mrs. Verner, who was detained at home on account of the illness of her daughter.

Rev. J.H. Wood of Rome, Rev. J. T. Eakes and Col. John C. Turner of Jefferson, Mrs. Higginbotham, and Miss McDonald of Arkansas, made talks. The guests enjoyed nice music made by the charming grand children of the family.