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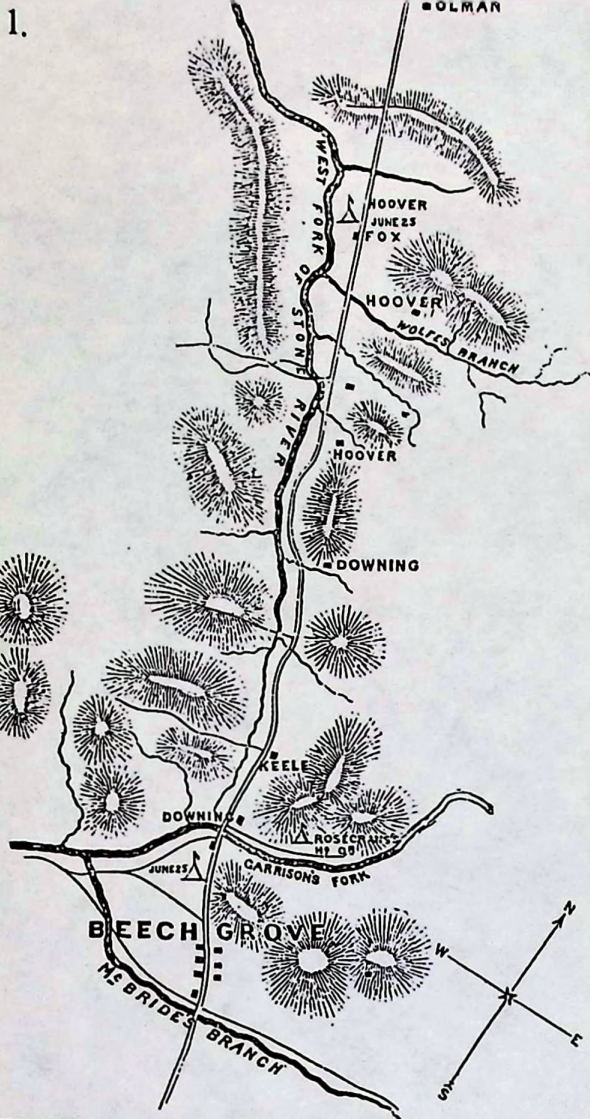
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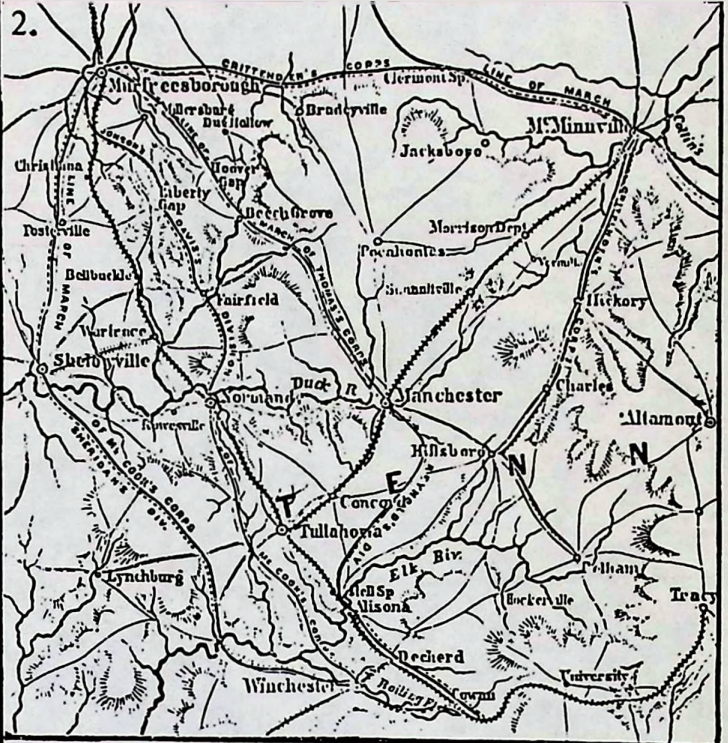


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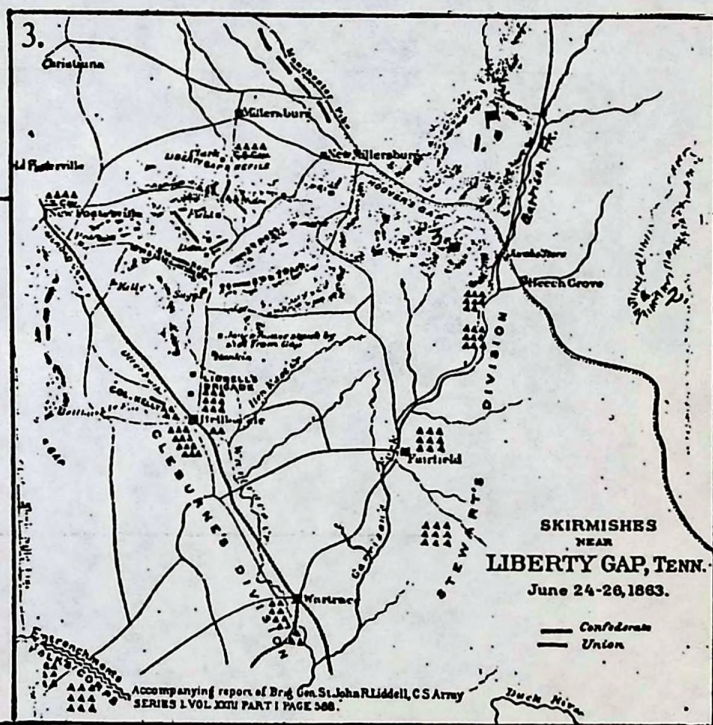
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The Jacobs store, from a tintype owned by David L. Jacobs - about 1865



THE CIVIL WAR - IN
AND AROUND BEECH GROVE



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FOREWORD

I am pleased with what appears to be a growing awareness and increasing involvement in our early history and its effect on the present. There is evidence that this renewed interest is county-wide, and more of us are exploring the past and trying to evaluate its contribution to our local culture. Perhaps this renewed interest in the early development of the Beech Grove community is more significant in that we have a desire to separate fact from fiction by examining authentic records of our early institutions.

Over the past 170 years, many details regarding the early history of our community have been lost, placed out of time period, or have become legend. This author has attempted to define our development from obscure beginnings to the large and prosperous village with the help of those factual documents still available to us. This has always been the aim of the Coffee County Historical Society in its publications, of course.

Several persons have assisted me in gathering information for this publication. I want particularly to acknowledge and thank personally Robert T. Jacobs, Emma Manley, Doris Mason, and Betty A. Bridgewater for their valuable assistance.

These people, now deceased, contributed irreplaceable records and accounts of our early history, and I gladly acknowledge their help: Nora Crowell, Ashley Moore, B. S. Mason, B. L. Sagely, L. C. Jacobs, Wess Ashly, Leighton Ewell, Dave Peay, and Baxter R. Hoover.

David L. Jacobs, President, C. C. H. S. and
Coffee County Historian

Maps and Pictures

The pictures used in this issue are all from the collection of the compiler, David L. Jacobs, while the maps are from the files of the Editor. The map used on the front cover is unusual in that it is so "blank", making it easier to use; I combined parts of two Tennessee Valley Authority quadrangles (for Beech Grove and Noah), as published ca 1936, from the Tennessee State Archives map collection. These were preliminary maps, subject to revision. The back cover map is part of a 1913 edition (reprinted in 1929) of the U. S. Geological Survey Hollow Springs quadrangle, on a scale of 1/62500. The small map section at the left is part of the McMinnville quadrangle published by the War Dept., Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, in 1943 (copy given the Editor by Mrs. Linda Cravens, our Treasurer). Other maps and articles are credited on the page where used. The small sketch of General Rosecrans is from an antique "cigaret card" in a private collection.



Obviously, both Mr. Jacobs and the Editor are aware that the story of Beech Grove, its development, and its people is by no means complete. More material may well appear the day this is distributed! As usual, the Coffee County Historical Society will publish any such things as time and space permit. We also continue to welcome contributions of copies of old diaries, letters, pictures, etc., to add to our knowledge.

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Betty A. Bridgewater, Editor

BEECH GROVE

Its Postmasters

At the confluence of what is now Bedford, Coffee, and Rutherford Counties was established the village of Beech Grove (one of only three by that name in the country in Lippincott's 1858 Atlas). William S. Watterson, who had settled in this area around 1808, originated the name "Beech Grove", which was descriptive of the large beech trees then in abundance throughout the area. (For many of the early years it was spoken or written of as "the Beech Grove", in fact.)

The first Beech Grove post office was authorized by Congress in 1819 and was listed by the Postal Department as being located in Bedford County. The first postmaster was Samuel Sorrells, who was appointed 8 Jan. 1819. Others were appointed, with the date commencing to serve, as follows:

William S. Watterson, 30 Mar. 1827	Fletcher P. Jacobs, 1 July 1881
John J. Patton, 5 Sept. 1851	Andrew G. Warren, 10 Dec. 1894
Benjamin F. Moore, 7 Jan. 1853	Samuel K. Brantley, 21 Nov. 1898
James A. Brantley, 27 Mar. 1866	Allen F. Euleless, 29 Dec. 1900
John Chadwick, 4 Sept. 1866	Eugene B. Shoffner, 30 Oct. 1903
George C. Pirtle, 9 Apr. 1868	William B. Ashley, 29 June 1904
Mary A. Lawrence, 23 Aug. 1869	John W. Lawson, 17 June 1907
Benjamin F. Moore, 2 Mar. 1871	Elgin C. Lowe, 1 Jan. 1941 (acting)
French Rayburn, 14 Apr. 1879	James A. Bryant, 20 Oct. 1941
Charles F. Rayburn, 12 July 1880	Robert T. Jacobs, 31 Oct. 1965

Its Relocation

The Beech Grove settlement and the center of its business began to shift to a location farther north on the Manchester pike to the vicinity of Jacobs Store in the years following the Civil War. This was more or less at the point where the Garrison Fork of Duck River crossed the Manchester pike (and may be seen on the front cover map by noticing the Old Grove Church and its relation to Beech Grove). Soon the post office and the Masonic lodge were also moved to that locality. The only landmark left at the former site is the aforementioned Old Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Having survived the ravages of the Civil War, the village began to grow and to prosper in the new location. In 1890, its population was listed as 250, and 23 different businesses were listed in a business directory for that period [see p. 48].

Beech Grove Telephone Company

Many of the most prosperous homes and businesses had telephone service from Bell Buckle, Wartrace, and Murfreesboro during the years from 1890-1913. On 7 June 1913, a charter was issued by the Secretary of State to a corporation known as the "Beech Grove Telephone Company", which had an authorized capital stock of \$3000.00. A. S. Moore, S. M. Nesbitt, W. B. Ashley, William Jacobs, G. W. Jernigan, W. B. Carroll, and J. C. Jacobs were named as the Board of Directors. W. B. ("Buck") Carroll was elected its first president.

Lines were extended covering its entire franchise: to Hoodoo to the east, to and including Crosslin's Branch on the south, to and including Fox Hollow Road in Rutherford County on the north, and through Fairfield in Bedford County on the

west. The lines ran along the Bell Buckle pike to a point where the old Trickum Road crossed, and up Trickum Road to Walter Norton's home. After thriving for over 20 years, the company went into bankruptcy as the result of an ice storm (and its damages) and the "great depression" of the 1930's.

The monthly rates in 1920 ranged from \$1.50 per month around Beech Grove to \$2.65 per month along the outer edges of the franchise territory.

In the early 1940's the company was purchased by Bill Scotten and lines were rebuilt. Toll-free service was obtained from Southern Bell Telephone Company to Shelbyville, Bell Buckle, Wartrace, Fosterville, and Flat Creek. The new company merged with the Noah Home Telephone Company and lines were extended in that area, including free service with the Manchester Home Telephone Company. Rates were raised to about \$3.00 per month.

The Ben Lomond Rural Telephone Cooperative, with headquarters in McMinnville, purchased the company in the 1950's. New lines and equipment were installed, and free service was extended to Wartrace and Shelbyville. Later, after a petition to Southern Bell Telephone Company by the citizens of Bell Buckle, the toll-free service area included that town. Then in the early 1960's, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce petitioned Southern Bell to extend the service to Manchester. After the Ben Lomond subscribers agreed to raise their rates 50¢ per month the petition was granted. At present the cooperative serves the whole northwestern quadrant of Coffee Co.

Early managers of the original companies were: Tom Trollier, Oscar Roberts, Bennett Fields, and Bill Scotten. Now Ben Lomond Rural Telephone Cooperatives rely on automatic switchboards, and the system is serviced by personnel from McMinnville.

Early Banks

Some time after 1890, the Garrison Valley Bank was opened for business in Beech Grove and was responsible for great financial benefit to the area. Later, it was called the Beech Grove Branch of Citizens Bank & Trust Co. and operated for a time around 1910. Then the bank was known as the Bank of Beech Grove, and so continued until 1925. No copy of a charter could be found in the Secretary of State's office that would furnish us with additional information about these banks. But a few blank checks in the author's possession [see the page opposite -] prove that they did in truth exist at the time stated.

On 24 Feb. 1925, a charter was issued designating the bank as Farmer's Bank & Trust Co. Listed in the charter as directors were: S. F. Shelton, R. L. Howland, Sidney Todd, W. H. Manley, and W. J. ("Bill") Floyd. At an early meeting of the board, S. F. Shelton was elected president.

According to the charter, "said bank is to be located at Beech Grove, Tenn., and said corporation shall have an authorized capital stock of \$7,500.00". At a later date, B. S. Mason, B. L. Sagely, and Herbert Jacobs became directors and also stockholders.

This bank thrived and prospered to the great benefit of business activities of this period, and existed until the depression, when bankruptcy also closed its doors. The failure of this bank sounded a death knell to the worldly possessions of many individuals. Both businesses and wealthy citizens even were forced to file for bankruptcy as a result of this failure and the low economic status of the period. Many citizens not wiped out by this bank's closure were in part ruined by the similar fate suffered by the Bank of Bell Buckle, the Bank of Wartrace, and the First National Bank of Murfreesboro.

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Examples of Beech Grove Paper

S. F. SHELTON, President

CLEVE JACOBS, Vice President

R. L. HOWLAND, Cashier

FARMERS BANK

BEECH GROVE, TENN.

191

Beech Grove, Tenn.

BEECH GROVE BRANCH OF

CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO. 87-558

87-558

\$

Dollars

Beech Grove, Tenn. 11/12 1907

THE BEECH GROVE BANK

Pay to the order of

Self

VERNEY P. CO. FREDERICK, MD.

1925 No.

BEECH GROVE, TENN. 7-1



FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO. 87-647

\$14.50

DOLLARS

James W. Scott Mfg Co
W. B. Lawson

No.

Beech Grove, Tenn.

GARRISON VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO. 191

Pay to bearer

87-321

For

Wartrace and Beech Grove Turnpike

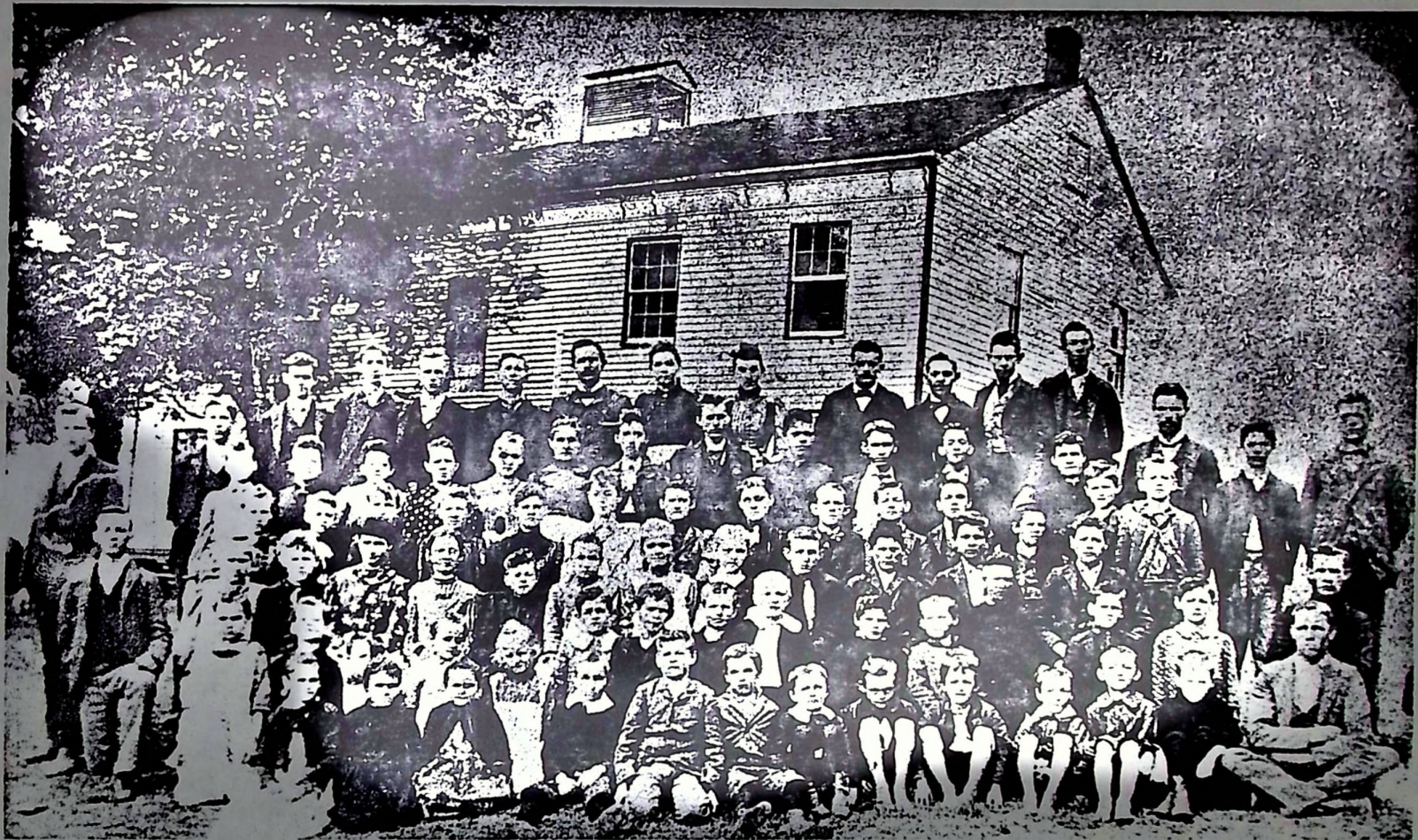
Received of B. J. Gannaway 1/10 1912 \$11.00 in full

for family travel, horseback and buggy, at Gate No. for the balance of the present year. This

receipt does not include hauling, or any kind of stock, or tenants on your premises--only members of your family,

WHO CAN TRAVEL AT WILL, UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

Mrs Charles



This picture shows a group of students and teachers of Beech Grove College; it was probably made about 1890 or so. Those who have been identified are: **Back row**, left to right: 1. Frank Hiles, 2. Otic Mason, 3. Will Ashley, 4. Jim Mason, 5. Jim Ashley, 6. Gannaway Manley, 7. Cleveland Jacobs, 8. Jack Jacobs, 9. Elam Jacobs, 10. _____ Winnett, 11. Barrett Chadwick, 12. Thomas Ashley. **Second row**, kneeling: 13. Thurman Hancock, 14. Johnanna Sagley, 15. Addie Hiles, 16. Lizzie Hancock, 17. Grace Jacobs, 18. Rosa Sagley, 19. Sallie Mason, 20. Sammie Farrar, 21. Edd Ashley, 22. Walter Hiles, 23. Ernest Chadwick, 24. Frank Hancock, 25. Abo Bryant, 26. Wess Ashley, 27. John Euloss, 28. Frank Jacobs. **Third row**: 29. Light Manley, 30. Ida Norton, 31. Lena Euloss, 32. unidentified, 33. _____ Downing, 34. Sally Carlisle, 35. Fannie Ashley, 36. Mattie Marlin, 37. Ewing Jacobs, 38. Cliff Ashley, 39. unidentified. **Fourth row**: 40. Lena Hiles, 41. Mary Lawrence, 42. unidentified, 43. Catherine Jakes, 44. Effie Haynes, 45. Sadie Haynes, 46. Daisy Hiles, 47. Ella Howland, 48. Blake Jacobs, 49. Will Hamilton, 50. John Howland, 51. Johnson Jacobs, 52. Bob Lawrence. **Fifth row**: 53. Maggie Ashley, 54. Lula Ashley, 55. unidentified, 56. Mattie Jacobs, 57. Grace Hiles, 58. Will Alf Jacobs, 59. Sanford Bingham, 60. Erin Warren, 61. Herbert Euloss, 62. Jim Hamilton, 63. George Ashley, 64. Hoyte Teal, 65. Will Chadwick, 66. Fr_____ K. Lawrence, 67. Charlie Marlin. **Bottom row**: 68. _____ Bingham, 69. Bennie Jacobs, 70. _____ Jacobs, 71. Clarence Hamilton, 72. unidentified, 73. Rob. Rayburn, 74. _____ Hamilton, 75. Joe Ashley, 76. unidentified, 77. Luke Jacobs, 78. Herbert Jacobs, 79. Cowan Jacobs, and 80. unidentified.

Early Schools

There are references to the "Old Academy" in deeds written to describe property sold by William B. Watterson before the Civil War. According to early settlers in this area, this was a one-room log building which stood at a point where the old Coal Ridge Road intersected the Manchester pike, on land formerly owned by John Duke. Another deed (written before 1836, on file in the Bedford Co. Register of Deeds' office) refers to the "Mt. Hebron schoolhouse", located where Sutton's Branch road intersected with the Garrison road. Surely other small schools were found here and there; by the late 1880's two such local schools existed on McBride's Branch and Norton's Branch.

The most famous school in the early history of this section was the Beech Grove College, part of whose charter (from Acts ... of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly, 1869-70, pp. 198-99)

CHAPTER XIX

AN ACT to Incorporate Beech Grove Male and Female College, at Beech Grove, Coffee County, Tennessee, and for other purpose.

SEC 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That G. D. Stephenson, James Lawrence, John McGill, B. D. Chadwick, James M. Carlisle, Andrew Maxwell, Jno Ashley, T. D. Wilson, L. P. Fields, John Jakes, William Humes, Arthur Ashley, or a majority of them, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, made and constituted a body corporate and polite, in fact and in name, with a succession for ninety-nine years, under the style and title of the "Trustees of Beech Grove Male and Female College," and by that name shall be, and hereby are made capable in law, to have, hold, receive, purchase, possess and enjoy to themselves and their successors, real estate and personal property, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, necessary to carry into full force and effect all the objects of the above corporation; and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in any court having proper jurisdiction; may make and use a common seal, and perform all other acts pertaining to a corporate body.

SEC 2. Be it further enacted, That the above named Trustees shall have succession as follows: At their first meeting, after the passage of this Act, they shall, by ballot or otherwise, divide themselves into three divisions of four persons each, numbered respectively as follows: Division 1st, Whose first term of office shall continue until May, 1870, and each succeeding term of said division, three years.

Division 2d, Whose first term of office shall continue until May, 1871, and each succeeding term of said division, three years. Division 3d, Whose first term of office shall continue until May, 1872, and each succeeding term of said division, three years; at which several times the Board of Trustees shall have power to fill said vacancies, or others that may occur, and thenceforward from year to year — the several divisions being respectively elected for three years.

SEC 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the said Trustees, when called together, and their successors, annually thereafter, shall organize by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer, out of their own body; and they may adopt such by-laws and regulations as they find necessary; *Provided*, they are not at variance with the Constitution of the State of Tennessee and of the United States, nor with the special objects of this Act, nor the general laws of the State; and provided also, that not less than a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings of the Board.

SEC 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the said Trustees shall have power to elect or dismiss a President, to engage or discharge teachers, and in conjunction with the Faculty, confer degrees; and do all other things necessary to be done for the maintenance and prosperity of a collegiate institution.

SEC 5. *Be it further enacted*, That after said Trustees shall have become organized, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell by retail, any ardent spirits, wine or intoxicating liquors of any kind, within two miles of said institution, while it is in operation.

Passed December 9, 1869

The Academy was housed in a two-story frame building, with the entire upper floor consisting of a large auditorium or recitation room. It was located on a round knoll on Garrison Fork road. The school granted college degrees and taught almost every known academic subject. Most students were from Tennessee, of course, but there were some from at least six other Southern states. Prof. J.A. Scomp, a graduate of Yale University, headed the faculty; when necessary, he was able to teach any of the many courses offered.

In 1873, Governor John C. Brown was responsible for the passage of a new law establishing state-supported public schools. Unpopular at first, the new system gradually spread into each Tennessee county and high schools were more generally accessible. The expansion of the curriculum had a tremendous influence on

educational trends; therefore, the Beech Grove College surrendered to the inevitable fate of all similar institutions and closed about 1900. It is said that John H. Ashley most likely was the last person to receive a college degree from the old academy.

Under the terms of the deed issued to the incorporators in 1869, the land on which the school was located reverted to the estate of Alfred Jacobs. It is now owned by Mrs. Louise Mason of Naples, Florida.

In 1900, William Jacobs deeded about three acres of land to the Coffee County Board of Education and its successors in office for a site on which to construct a new school. This location is on the old Manchester pike about a mile south of Beech Grove. Materials from the old college were used in the construction of a new, modern public school. The Manchester Times reported, on 4 Aug. 1899, that the college was being torn down and a new one erected, and the people were sorry to see it go. A new dirt road was cut on the northwest side of the campus leading into Bedford County and connected with the Bell Buckle-Wartrace pike near the house once owned by Joe Brooks.

At first, grades one through eleven were taught in the new building, and an effort was made for several years to include grade twelve. Eventually, the school was organized to include grades one through ten, and remained as such until 1960, at which time it was reduced to a grammar school with grades one through eight only. In 1963, the school was consolidated with North Coffee elementary and the Coffee County Junior High School.

The first frame building was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1925; the next year, a modern new stucco building was erected and remained in use until consolidation of the schools. For several years this building was used for a community center, but it also burned (suspected arson) in July 1978, just before it was to be sold at auction.

[Ed. 's note: The 1870 Federal Census of Coffee Co. 's Civil District 2, in the area in which other known Beech Grove residents are found, Henry Scomp, 26, and his wife, Maggie Scomp, 30, both teachers born in Kentucky, and in the next household are Thomas Toney, 33, and his wife, Minty Toney, also 33, also both teachers and born in Kentucky.]



A view of the Beech Grove Public School, in the new frame building, in 1901
Those identified are listed on the picture.

GARRISON FORK BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTE BOOK,
1809-1910

Abstracted by a Member*

The Garrison Fork Baptist Church of Beech Grove, Tenn. on Stone River, formed in June 1809. In July 1809, the Wartrace Church gave them Bro. Wm. Keele to be ordained. The Minute Book is actually from 1809-1933, but this abstract ends with 1910. Abbreviations used in addition to standard ones are:

BL - by letter; BE - by experience; BR - by recantation & privilege;
LD - letter of dismissal. All spellings are as found.
NF - nonfellowship

- Aug. 1809 - Rec'd Wm. Keele (BL), Richard Keele, Rhoda Keele, Jemima Keele, John Been, & Betsy Been (BL).
- 23 Sept. 1809 - Mary Keele (BE), Thomas E. Brown (BL), & Black Mary (BE); others mentioned: Philip Smith, Wm. Mankin.
- 22 Oct 1809 - Christiana Tommas (BL)
- 23 Nov. 1809 - Dennie? Kelley (BL), Abigail Green (BL).
- Dec. 1809 - Michael & Salley Waller (BL), Annie Jones (BL).
- 11 Feb. 1810 - Samuel Been (B?)
- 4 Feb. 1810 [as found] - David Dobbs (BR)
- 2 Mar. 1810 - Daniel Green (BR), Esther Green (BL).
- Apr. 1810 - Jane Gater (BE), Polly Brown (BL).
- May 1810 - Delay Gater (BE), Nancy Green (BL)
- 10 June 1810 - Jonathan Kelley (BE), Thos. Sutton (BE)
- 23 June 1810 - John McBride (BE), Elenor Kelley (BE), Elizabeth Kelly (BE)
- July 1810 - Alexander Blanton (BE)
- 4 Aug. 1810 - Church appointed Wm. Keele, Wm. Mankin, & Richard Keele delegates to the Assoc. Rec'd Samuel Hand (L)
- 4 Nov. 1810 - Frederic Brady excluded for telling a lie. Daniel Green excluded for getting drunk. [Ed.'s note: please remember that these exclusions took place frequently for very little reason as judged by today's standards. Life was very strict in these early days, and Christian tolerance was apparently not practiced in the churches of the period. The various "sins" are recorded, since they prove once again that people were human then just as now, and they add much to making our forebears come alive for us today, with no hint of real or implied criticism, of course.]
- 4 Dec. 1810 - Abraham Rushing (BL), Sealy? Rushing (BL), Samuel Hand (BL), Dennis Kelley [Ed.'s note: the handwritten copy is clearly "Kelley" above, but here it could almost be "Keeling" for these two names], Nellie Kelley (LD)
- 4 Feb. 1811 - Robert Patterson (BL), Elizabeth Patterson (BL)
- 4 Mar. 1811 - Charles Kezer? (BL), Daniel Green (restored, BR)
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*The donor of the abstract prefers to remain anonymous. Neither Mr. Jacobs nor Mrs. Bridgewater, the compiler and the editor of this publication, has seen either the original manuscripts nor the microfilm of them, so cannot answer any questions concerning the material presented here. We are very grateful to this member for letting us publish this valuable part of our Coffee County heritage.

- 4 Apr. 1811 - Thomas Patterson (BL), Mary Patterson (BL), Joel Vannoy (BL),
Mary Vannoy (BL)
- 4 May 1811 - Lydia Keele (BL), Jacob Lemmon (BL), Elizabeth Lemmon (BL),
sister N___? Boss (BE), Salley Been (BE)
- 4 July 1811 - Solomon Hoggett (BL), Mary Brumbulow (LD)
- 4 Aug. 1811 - Sister Alcinden? Hodge (BE)
- 4 Sept. 1811 - Robert Patterson appointed to go to Association.
- 4 Oct. 1811 - Anny Jones (BL), Daniel Green excluded - drunk; Bro. & Sister Kelley,
sister Green & sister Nancy Green (LD - all); chose Solomon Hoggett to go to
Wartrace & Ashley to New Hope.
- 4 Nov. 1811 - Wm. Ashley (BE), Reuben Kelley, Jeremiah Burnet & John Lakey' or-
dained Bro. Robert Patterson Deacon; Bro. Thos. B. Brown & Elizabeth Brown,
Michael Wallers & Salley Walker [as found on abstract - remember that these
are very old, faded, hard-to-read records] (LD)
- 11 Dec. 1811 - John Keele (BL), Nancy Keele (BL), Andrew & Elizabeth Patterson
(BL), Bro. Ashley & wife (LD)
- 4 Feb. 1812 - Lydia Hoggett (BL), Susanna Gregory (BL), Isaac Wimberly (BL), Eliz-
abeth Dortry? (BE), Robert Hughes & Edward Hodge (BE); Richard Keele (BE),
Abraham Clark, Lydia Douglas, Timothy Teal, John Rushing, Jacob Hoover,
Elenor Green, Jemmah Hoover - all (BE); Nancy Pool (BR), Eliz. Douglass
(BE), sister Ann Maumer? Gerold (BR).
- 12 Mar. 1812 - Black Buckaby (BE), Avasha? Day (BE) - also Nancy Smith, Stephen
Kenedy & Mary Kenedy & Roda Cooper (BE).
- 4 Apr. 1812 - Joseph Ellerson, Eliz. Ellerson, Nella Keele (BE); Mary Hoover, sis-
ter Daughtry, Tabitha Miller (BE), Patsy Fowler (BE), Sarah Rue (BL), Wm.
Arnold (BE), Wm. Ashley (LD), Bro. Simpson (BL).
- 22 May 1812 - Nancy Hoggett, Wm. Cord, Sarah Rushing, Reuben George, Nanie
George (BE); Matthew Douglass (BL), Sarah Hughes (BE), Edward Hodge, Eliz.
Green, Whitely Herrel (BE), Catherine Osof? [Eoff?] (BE), Wm. & Eliz.
Arnold (BL).
- 4 June 1812 - Jonathan Gregory, Jonathan Weren? (BE)
- 4 July 1812 - A vasha Day (LD)
- 4 Aug. 1812 - Archibald Pool, Amy Haily, John Haily, Rebekah Lord (BE), Chris-
tiana Ross, Jemmima Webb (BE), Charity Clauson (BL); Black Lane?
- 26 Sept. 1812 - Ebenezer Stephens (BE), Anny Jones (LD)
- 1 Oct. 1812 - Jonathan Marchbank, John Ferrel, Daniel Eaton, & Mary Steward (BE)
- 4 Oct. 1812 - Bro. Rice B. Hughes, Mary Sedgely, Milly? Ferrell (BE)
- 4 Nov. 1812 - Mary Stewart "excluded for being found in bed with a man & not being
humbled [?] before or giving the Church satisfaction".
- 23 Jan. 1813 - Richard Keele (LD). Rec'd Lebina Bettby (BL) & Covina Belt (BL)
- 27 Feb. 1813 - Thomas Ashley (BL), Frances Ashley (BL), Michael & Sally Waller
(BL), Eliz. Long (BE). Liberated Bro. Waller to preach anywhere in the bounds
of the Church. Delay & Janes [both as found] Gay (LD)
- 27 Mar. 1813 - Elizabeth McBride & James Stone (BE), David & Frances Dobbs &
Tabitha Miller (LD)
- 24 Apr. 1813 - Rec'd Martha Stone, David Rurase? (BE), Thos. B. Brown (BL) &
Eliz. Brown (BL); Bro. Michael Waller licensed to preach.
- 21 May 1813 - Sister Ceiley Rushing found "faulty & excluded for the act of fornica-
tion." Rec'd Lavina Hall (BE) & Nancy Bates? (BL)
- 25 June 1813 - Mary Jones (BL), Edith Pool (BE)

- 24 July 1813 - Eliz. Stephens, Susanna Arnold, Joanna Wright, all (BE)
- 1 Aug. 1813 - Jonathan Keller excluded "for vain beating the drum, for vain dancing also for wrestling"; since last Assoc. 16 members rec'd BE & 10 BL, 10 LD, one dead & 3 excluded. Total 171.
- 25 Sept. 1813 - Wm. Fowler (BLR), Joel & Mary Vannoy (LD).
- 25 Dec. 1813 - Archibald & Caty Pool & Nancy Pool (LD); Wm. Fowler licensed to preach anywhere.
- 22 Jan. 1814 - Jonathan Marchbanks & Polly Smith (LD)
- 26 Feb. 1814 - Eliz. & Nancy Green (LD), Sister Kelley (LD)
- 26 Mar. 1814 - Rec'd James Trainer (BL)
- 23 Apr. 1814 - Rec'd Abigail Elsnore? [Elmore?] (BL)
- 20 May 1814 - Rec'd Ransome Pruet & Isabel Pruit (BL), Ruthey Trainer (BL), & sister Nalsy? (BE)
- 25 June 1814 - Jack Smith (BE)
- 27 Aug. 1814 - Wm. & John Keele to attend Assoc.
- 23 Sept. 1814 - Ebenezer Stephen (LD), Nancy Hogget (LD), Susanna Arnold (LD), James & Thomas Winn (LD). - 157 members
- 22 Oct. 1814 - Alford Ashley (BL), Wm. & Eliz. Arnold (LD).
- Dec. 1814 - Eliz. Farrel (BL), Absalom Clark (LD)
- 25 Feb. 1815 - Stephen & Rhoda Shelton (BL)
- 26 Mar. 1815 - Wm. Duncan & Ruth Duncan (BL), Wm. Ashley (LD)
- 26 May 1815 - Anny Belt (BE) & Anny Smith
- 21 June 1815 - David Coffman (BE), Polley Belt (BE), Rhoda Coffman (BE)
- 22 June 1815 - Total members - 153
- July 1815 - Thomas Ashley & wife (LD)
- 22 Sept. 1815 - Lydia Keele (BE), Halford Ashley & wife (LD)
- 22 Oct. 1815 - An allegation brought in by Stephen Shelton against Abraham Rushing for marrying a 2nd wife & his first wife still living.
- 26 Nov. 1815 - Samuel Eaton & Eliz. Eaton (BL), Abraham Rushing excluded from Church; Thos. B. & Eliz. Brown (LD)
- 23 Dec. 1815 - Benjamin Bynum (LD)
- 27 Jan. 1816 - Samuel Eaton apptd. Deacon.
- 24 Feb. 1816 - Robert & Eliz. Patterson (LD) - ordained Deacon; John & Betty Bynum & Philip & Sarah Smith (LD).
- 23 Mar. 1816 - Sis. Alesey Sailors (BL), Sister Hoggett (LD)
- 27 Apr. 1816 - Edward Teal alleged Rhoda Cooper for getting drunk; she was excluded; rec'd request from Liberty Meeting House for ministerial help, John Keele sent; New Hope wanted a Deacon.
- 27 July 1816 - A petition from Bethel Church on little W. Fork of Stones River for help on a grievance, sent Wm. Keele, Michael Wallis [this name appears before as "Waller"], Samuel Eaton, Wm. Mankin, Richard Keele, & Stephen Shelton. Also rec'd one from Wartrace on grievances - sent Wm. Keele, John Keele, Rice Hughes, Samuel Eaton, Richard Keele, Wm. Mankin, Michael Wallis, Stephen Shelton, Robert Hughes, & Richard Keele, Jr.
- 29 Sept. 1816 - Wm. Nise (BL), Timothy Teal (LD), Patsy Mankin (BE), John Stone (BE), Barnabas & Sarah Wolket (BL), Peggy Smith (LD). Total, 131.
- 27 Oct. 1816 - Peggy Smith (BL); Anna Stone (BE)
- 23 Nov. 1816 - Jonathan Warren excluded; Bro. & Sister Shelton (LD).
- 21 Dec. 1816 - Nathaniel Vannoy (BL) & Wm. Magbee? (BL)
- 25 Jan. 1817 - Elder Wm. Martin & Hannah Martin (BL)

- 22 Feb. 1817 - Ruth Sommers & Robert & Eliz. Patterson, all (BL)
- 22 Mar. 1817 - Elsa Sailer (LD)
- 26 Apr. 1817 - Sister McBee (BL); Bro. Nise excluded - he moved to Georgia taking fodder from James Trainer. Nathl. Vannoy (LD)
- 23 May 1817 - John & Susan Lowry (LD)
- 21 June 1817 - Sis. Magness? Harris (BL) & Pherriba Tomson (BE)
- 26 July 1817 - Bro. David Coffman made an allegation against himself "stating that he has deviated from the truth in a certain matter saying a certain circumstance was so" - was excluded. A petition from Brawley's Fork, from Bro. Cummins, on the E. fork of Stones R. (Warren Co.) for ministerial aid.
- 23 Aug. 1817 - Polley Wimberly & Malinda Vickery, both (BE); Lydia Shelton & Rhoda Coffman (LD)
- 26 Sept. 1817 - Rebekah Smith (BE); John Keele ordained preacher of gospel; Christeana Ross (LD)
- 25 Oct. 1817 - Wm. & Edith McBee (LD); the Barren Fork Church on Collins River asked for a minister.
- 27 Dec. 1817 - Polley Goodwin (BL); Rebekah Smith excluded "for avowing that she would not live with her husband unless he would do as she pleased & in part practicing the same ... of rebellion"; Sarah Wallis - LD requested. New Hope Church requested Elder Wm. Martin - granted.
- 24 Jan. 1818 - Timothy Teal (BL); Bro. Wallis excluded & his wife too for "being a busy body, or tatter ... & too free with spirituous liquer". Church at Flat Creek requested aid on grievances.
- 21 Feb. 1818 - Wm. Ashley (BL); Wm. Martin & wife (LD)
- 26 Apr. 1818 - Wm. Mankin beat allegation against himself for drinking too much spiritous liquer & was forgiven!
- 22 May 1818 - Halford & Levina Ashley (BL) & John Keele (BL); a grievance brought in by Wm. Lord against Ruth Duncan - she wounded "his feeling in a certain matter"; Richard Keele, Sr., Robert Patterson, & Rice Hughes to cite her next mtg.
- 27 June 1818 - Committee: J. McBride, R. Patterson, S. Eaton, E. Teal, W. Fowler, & R. Keele, Sr., J. Sedgley, J. Jackson, J. Been, J. Smith & W. Keele will investigate Ruth Duncan - excommunicated her. Rec'd Christina Ross (BL)
- 25 July 1818 - Sister Matthis (LD)
- 22 Aug. 1818 - Sister Pott (LD)
- 25 Sept. 1818 - Bro. Kezee against sister Stephens; Ann Beel (LD).
- 21 Nov. 1818 - Rezen Geyther (BL) & Tabitha Gayther (BL); Jonathan Gregory & wife (LD), Peggy Smith (LD)
- 26 Dec. 1818 - Nancy Box (LD); Peggy Smith gave up her letter!
- 23 Jan. 1819 - Lydia Shelton (BL)
- 24 Apr. 1819 - Reuben George said he'd been fighting. Sister Pott (LD)
- 23 May 1819 - John Hail excommunicated "for refusing to tell his grievances & violently rending of promises".
- 24 July 1819 - Rice Hughes & Wm. Duncan declared non-fellowship.
- 21 Aug. 1819 - Wm. Duncan excluded; Benjamin Todd & Peggy Todd (BL)
- 24 Sept. 1819 - John Fried? (BE)
- 27 Nov. 1819 - Nathan Stone & Rebekah Summers (BE)
- 25 Dec. 1819 - Micijah Lewis (LD); Ruth Summers
- 22 Jan. 1820 - John Morgan (BE); [deleted] excluded "for being pregnant with a bastard".
- 26 Feb. 1820 - Joseph & Dicy Eoff (BE)

- 25 Mar. 1820 - Rachel Nations, Robert Jones, Enoch Eaton, Nancy Gregory, Eliz. Brody, & Wm. Daniel - all (BE); Richard Ferrel (BL)
- 22 Apr. 1820 - Nancy Keele, Rebekah Eaton, Wm. Morgan, Wm. Jones, Wm. Smith, John Keele, John Eoff, Eliz. Morgan, & Eliz. Hoover - all (BE)
- 26 May 1820 - James Keele, Robert Gregory, Samuel Jones, Nathan Eaton, Wm. Eoff, Wm. Williams, Deborah Nations, Polly Crosslin, Sarah Todd, Melinda Arnold, & Sarah Burks - all (BE)
- 24 June 1820 - Charlotte Crowder, Kesiah Woods (female), John Keele, Jr., & James Sutton - all (BE)
- 22 July 1820 - Eliz. Morgan, Aaron Tod, Catharine Knox, sister Zubah Knox, Salley Thresher, John Thrasher, Susannah Teal, Nancy Roane - all (BE)
- 26 Aug. 1820 - Thomas Lee, Joseph Newman, Eliz. Bumgard, Richard Keele, David Keele - all (BE); Susannah Gregory (BL); James Trainer & wife, John Fried, & Wm. Daniel - all (LD)
- 22 Sept. 1820 - James Burke & Wm. Crosslin, (BE)
- 25 Nov. 1820 - Nancy Smith (BL), _____ Timothy Teal (NF), Thomas Nations (NF), & John Lowe (LD)
- 27 Jan. 1821 - John Summers (BE)
- 25 Feb. 1821 - Thos. B. Brown (BL), Alexander Blanton (LD), Robert Hughes (LD), Isral Hill (BE)
- 24 Mar. 1821 - Anna Belt, Polly Keele, Edward & Sarah Patterson - (BE), Malinda Vickery (LD)
- 21 Apr. 1821 - Joseph Griffith, Nancy Norman, Levin Summers, Ruth Summers, Rhoda Law, Melinda Summers, Andrew Aliwer [Oliver?] - all (BE); Wm. Stone (LD)
- 23 June 1821 - Sarah Keele (BE); Wm. Morgan, Eliz. Morgan, & Williamson Morgan - all (BL)
- 21 July 1821 - Joseph Griffith & wife (LD)
- 25 Aug. 1821 - Polley Brown & Eliz. Jones (BE); Polly Hoover joined another church. Joseph Jacobs, Lucy Jacobs, Avia? Arnold, John Arnold - (BE); Susannah Teal (LD). Double Spring Church requested John Keele's membership (LD)
- 27 Oct. 1821 - Members living on Barren Fork in Franklin Co. requested privilege to convene there as an arm of Garrison Fork Church. Tom Ray? (BL)
- 24 Nov. 1821 - Richard Ferrel (LD)
- 26 Jan. 1822 - Empson Hill, Wm. Ellison (BL); John Bean, Jr. confessed to drinking too much whiskey - forgiven. Soloman Hoggett (LD); Israel Hill, by request of Mt. Creek Church [LD?]; Wm. Smith & wife (LD) [as found]
- 23 Mar. 1822 - Elizabeth Lee (BE)
- 27 Apr. 1822 - John Lee (BE)
- 24 May 1822 - Israel Hill laid an allegation against himself stating "his present wife had a child before they were nine months married" which he did not deny - he was excluded. Rec'd Patsy Rhoad, Susanna Gregory, Wm. Carr, Wm. Arnold, & Eliz. Arnold - (BL)
- 21 July 1822 - Sister Smathes (BE); Susannah Teal & Eliz. Brady (LD); old Bro. Hodges excluded for drinking too much.
- 21 Sept. 1822 - Ransom Fruit (BL from Overalls Fork); James Allison & wife Sarah (BE), John Lane (BE), Ransom Fruit (LD); Eli Hill excluded for beating his wife.
- 22 Nov. 1822 - Polly Sutton & Lucy Jones (BE); John Lane (LD); Edmond Hodges (BR)
- Dec. 1822 - John Keele (LD)
- 25 Jan. 1823 - Anna Harrold & Wm. Daniel (BL), Jobe Self & wife (BL)

- 22 Feb. 1823 - Chas. Ferrell (BL); sister Cookcey? Honeycutt (BE); sister Pheba Harrald (Howard?) (LD)
- 22 Mar. 1823 - David Borene? excluded for profane language; Ryley Cotheran (BE)
- 26 Apr. 1823 - Polly Goodwin (BL); John Morgan & Robert Miller had troubles on a trade & were excluded.
- 23 May 1823 - John & Levin Summers both excluded; John Keele, Jr. withdrew (LD)
- June 1823 - Richard Keele, John Keele, Sr., & John Gregory apptd. trustees to fix doors & windows in meeting house. /gan (LD)
- 26 July 1823 - Elizabeth Ramsey (BL); Peggy Summers excluded; Williamson Mor-
- 23 Aug. 1823 - Archibald Stewart (BE)
- 26 Sept. 1823 - Empson? Hill & wife (LD); Job Self & wife (LD); Wm. Smith & wife (LD)
- 22 Nov. 1823 - Nancy Keele (LD)
- 24 Jan. 1824 - Eli Hill - excluded for drunkenness & profanity
- 21 Feb. 1824 - Thos. Nations excluded "for joining unlawful company & going by night ... "
- 24 Apr. 1824 - Joseph Ramsey (BL); Bro. Jarnegan admitted using improper conduct toward his family - forgiven. Edward Teal, Halford Ashley, & Thos. Keeling & their wives removed to join Double Spring Church.
- 21 May 1824 - above (LD) refused.
- 24 July 1824 - John Bean excluded; Martin Cotheron cited for non-attendance.
- 21 Aug. 1824 - Susannah Hughes (BE); "An aligation brot by Richard Keele, Sr. against John Keele, Jr., for fighting with his bro. Philmore Keele"; Double Spring Church requested ministerial help.
- 23 Oct. 1824 - Archibald Stewart & Eliz. Ramsey (LD)
- 27 Nov. 1824 - Wm. Keele, Calvin Curlee, & John Keele ordained.
- 25 Dec. 1824 - John Rushing for ministry; Rebecca Eaton (LD)
- 28 Jan. 1825 - Thomas Keele assigned to church repairs along with James Sutton & Thos. B. Brown
- 26 Feb. 1825 - John & Samuel Bean & wives (LD); Wm. Ellerson & sister (LD); Edward Teal & wife (LD);
- 26 Mar. 1825 - _____ Woolket excluded
- 23 Apr. 1825 - Wm. Smith & wife gave up (LD) & remained
- 20 May 1825 - George Robertson (BE)
- 25 June 1825 - Nancy Nations (BL), Louisa Daugherty (BE)
- 27 Aug. 1825 - Eliz. Daniel, Rees Lee (male), Isaac _____uel, Cyrene Gayther, Malinda Keele, Thomas Keele, Rebecca Daniel - (BE); a grievance brought by West Eaton against John Keele, Jr. Voice of Church: Joel Church, Wm. Mayfield, James Sutton, Robert Patterson, Wm. Lord, Thos. B. Brown, Lewis Jarnigan, Jacob Hoover, Jesse Gilly, Joseph Ramsey, Wm. Jones, & John Mayfield. Both John Keele, Jr. & West Eaton excluded for their differences. George Robertson excluded "for marrying a 2nd wife & first wife living & also for running away".
- 23 Sept. 1825 - Susannah Hughes (LD)
- 22 Oct. 1825 - Washington Gibson, Salley Hodges - both (BE)
- 26 Nov. 1825 - John Sutton & Sarah Gibson (BE); Sisters Maglin Harrys?, Nancy Nations, & Polly Goodwin (LD); West Eaton restored to fellowship; Jane Harwood (LD)
- 24 Dec. 1825 - John Low (BL)
- 21 Jan. 1826 - Lewis Herrats? [Herrold perhaps?] (BE)
- 22 Apr. 1826 - Richard R. Keele cited "for getting in a passion & attempting to fight & drinking too much spirituous liquor"; Robert Patterson, Andrew Vannoy, & Rice Hughes sent to visit him.

- 26 May 1826 - Richard R. Keele excluded for above. Richard Keele, Sr. in charge of church tools for graveyard; Rebeckah Eaton
- 24 June 1826 - [deleted] excluded "for being in a family way"
- 26 Aug. 1826 - Polly Sutton (BE); Joseph Ramsey & Rice Hughes (LD)
- 22 Sept. 1826 - Garrison Fork Church had "existing difficulties amongst us as Baptists on account of Doctrine" and had 49 members who agreed to leave the union and become Separate; 14 members consider to stay in union.
- 20 Oct. 1826 - Separate Baptist Church of Christ at Garrison Fork met & chose Wm. Keele, John Rushing, James Sutton, James Keele, Wm. Lord, & Thos. Keele as members to the Constitution.
- 25 Nov. 1826 - Joseph Eoff & wife (LD) / (LD)
- 24 Mar. 1827 - Cary Joss (BL), Jane Lee (BE), Hiram Belt (BE), Martha Pearce
- 25 Mar. 1827 - Wm. P. Wallis (BL)
- 23 June 1827 - Rachael Jacobs (BL); rec'd letters from the arm of Wells Meeting House - 32 members [evid. not listed]; Andrew Vannoy joined at the Fort, also sister Powell.
- 25 Aug. 1827 - John D. Wallis (BL); Bro. John Rushing, Elder made appeal to the Church to know if they would admit himself & wife & Bro. Thomas Keele to become an arm & receive members with other brethern". Church agreed & granted request. Rec'd Rebekah Brown from United Baptists.
- 21 Sept. 1827 - Elizabeth Fox (BE)
- 22 Sept. 1827 - Margaret Hoover, Anna Smith, Anna Hoover, Ephraim Hoover, Jemmima Broyles - (BE); rec'd Eliz. Hoover from United Bapt.; rec'd Barry King (at Fort); Polly Glaze & Riller Belt (BE)
- 12 Oct. 1827 - John Rushing chosen moderator; apptd. to meet at Pisgah, Joel Smith, Wm. Lord, John D. Wallis, & Lewis Harrell, James Sutton, James Keele, Reason Gaither, & John Thrasher. Armelia Morgan (BE), Moses Gess & Lena Gess (BL)
- 27 Oct. 1827 - Pheby Nations, Archibald Stintson, Thomas Brown, Anna Brown, Christopher Hoover, Edward Smith - (BE); Tabitha Gaither (United Bapt.), Bro. Elie Hill (BR); Winniford Deboard (BE)
- 24 Nov. 1827 - Winniford Deboard (LD)
- 22 Dec. 1827 - Peter Morgan, Fanny Keele, Sally Fox, Polly Stone - (BE); Isaac Daniel excluded for fighting & repeating same.
- 26 Jan. 1828 - Deborah & Pheby Nations (LD)
- 23 Feb. 1828 - John Nichols (BE); Rachel Jacobs excluded "for frolicks & dancing & using profane language"; bro. James Keele & James Sutton given license to preach "wherever the spirit of the Lord may direct" (p. 126); the arm at Mt. Pisgah has rec'd 13 (BE) & 3 (BL), Reason Gaither & wife & Cyrena Gaither. Isobel Daughtery (LD)
- 22 Mar. 1828 - Jesse Eaton & Dianey Eaton (BL); Anna Brown (LD)
- 26 Apr. 1828 - "A request from the Baptist Church of Christ at Poplar Creek meeting house in Limestone Co., Alabama, requests help as they have been accused of being in disorder" - Wm. Keele, Joel Smith, & Samuel Eaton sent to see them on next Friday.
- 26 July 1828 - Robert Gregory excluded for fighting; Wm. Keele, Jr. (?); Thomas H. Brown & wife (LD)
- 23 Aug. 1828 - Peter Morgan (LD)
- 27 Sept. 1828 - Peter Morgan (BL)
- 28 Sept. 1828 - Martha McBride (BE), sister Brookshier from United; Richard

Keele & wife (LD); Sally Hodges (LD)
 Nov. 1828 - Polly Glaze (LD)
 Dec. 1828 - Wm. Daniel excluded for fighting.
 24 Jan. 1829 - Viney Bolard (BE), Mary Chasteen (United Bapt.), Sister Powell (LD)
 21 Feb. 1829 - Wm. & Peggy Chasteen (United Bapt.)
 22 Mar. 1829 - John L. Keele & wife (LD); Edward Paterson & wife (LD)
 26 Apr. 1829 - Sarah Rue [Rice?] (LD)
 22 May 1829 - Archibald Stintson (LD); Wm. Chasteen & John D. Wallis allowed to
 preach.
 27 June 1829 - Richard Keele & wife (LD)
 25 July 1829 - Sister Bingham (BE)
 22 Aug. 1829 - Thos. B. Brown & wife, Polly Eaton, James Allison & Sally his wife,
 Joseph Allison & wife Elizabeth, Jacob Lemmons & wife, Susanna Teal & Levisy
 Whitworth - all (LD); Mary Miner (United Bapt.)
 25 Sept. 1829 - Wm. P. Wallis (LD)
 26 Dec. 1829 - Edward Hodge excluded; David Keele (LD)
 27 Dec. 1829 - Wm. Cotheran & wife Polly (BL)
 24 Jan. 1830 - John Thrasher & wife, Polly Stone, Anna Bingham - all (LD)
 27 Feb. 1830 - Tabitha Lord (BL); Samuel Eaton asked for partition for some members
 living in Rutherford Co. on waters of Big Creek, to form an arm at Ben Newman's
 meeting house - granted. Reese Lee & wife (LD)
 Mar. 1830 - Charlotte Crowder, James Allison & wife, Sally Brookshier - all (LD)
 May 1830 - Peter Morgan (LD)
 22 May 1830 - James Nelson, Sarah Nelson - both (BL); Fanny Pee (LD)
 27 June 1830 - John D. Wallis & John Arnold & wife - (LD)
 31 Aug. 1830 - James Ashley (BL); Joel Smith & wife, Ephraim Hoover & wife, Ed-
 ward & Anna Smith, Wm. Smith & wife - all (LD)
 22 Oct. 1830 - Richard Keele, James Stephenson, Wm. Stone - all (BE)
 Nov. 1830 - Wm. Chasteen & wife, James Keele & wife, & Wm. Morgan - all (LD)
 25 Dec. 1830 - sister Theney Jonacan (BE)
 26 Feb. 1831 - John Smith (United Bapt.), Thos. Lord (BE); Samuel Eaton & wife (LD)
 26 Mar. 1831 - bro. Barens (BE)
 20 May 1831 - sister Viney Boland & Mary Chasteen (LD)
 25 June 1831 - Jacob Norton (BE)
 27 Aug. 1831 - Allegation by Lewis Jarnigan against Eli Hill - drunk; Wm. R. Caw-
 thrain & Lewis Harrell apptd. to investigate - excused; Eliz. Ford (BE), Wm.
 Crosslin (BL); 107 members.
 23 Sept. 1831 - Lucy Hall (LD)
 4 Oct. 1831 - Anna Barnes, Soloman Johnston, Nancy Johnston, & Jamima Keele (BE)
 4 Nov. 1831 - Edward Paterson & wife awaiting letter - rec'd it 25 Feb. 1832; Jessee
 Rodgers from United Bapt. (BL)
 24 Dec. 1831 - George O. Dorris (BE)
 21 Jan. 1832 - allegation against Soloman Johnston for leaving his wife & neighborhood
 without a LD - excluded; Bro. Rodgers (LD)
 21 Apr. 1832 - Sister Johnston excluded because she was at fault for her husband
 Solomon's leaving her!
 4 Oct. 1832 - Bro. Nichols excluded for immoral conduct
 4 Jan. 1833 - Aaron Todd - a habitual drunkard, Jesse Eaton & Isaac Eoff to cite
 him; Bethany Jernigan (LD)
 23 Mar. 1833 - J. C. Norton - drinks to excess; Wm. Pea & wife (LD)

- 27 July 1833 - Henry Hais [as found], Joel Hail & Eliz. Hail (BE); Wm. Morgan (BL); Wm. Brookshier, Jane Hais, Rebekah King, Flemings Jones, Wm. Lord, Fanny Lord, Fanny Clemmon, Tabitha Baynes, Thopilus Ford, Pernely Ford, Wm. Arnold, Polly Jackson, Phillip Baynes, Patsy Daugherty, Jeremiah Daugherty, & Juda Carneys - all (BE)
- 23 Aug. 1833 - Allegation by James Nelson against Wm. Pea "for being in an afay previous to his calling for" LD. 122 members
- 21 Spt. 1833 - Wm. Pea cleared; Elie Hill drinking too much spirits.
- 22 Oct. 1833 - Greenberry Jacobs, Polly Keele, Margaret Barnes, Hanah Keele, Thos. Boynkin, & Haty Ralph - all (BE)
- 25 Oct. 1833 - Rachel Jacobs (BR), Nancy Norton & Eliz. Stone (BE), Robert Gregory (BR) & (LD)
- 26 Oct. 1833 - Samuel Daugherty, Wm. B. Norton, & Peter Sadler - (BE); Hetty Ralph (LD)
- 23 Nov. 1833 - Permelia Clemmons from (UB); Sally Uselton & Nancy Thomas (BE), Sister Jackson (LD)
- 4 Feb. 1834 - Elie Hill excluded
- Apr. 1834 - Jonas Bickel (BE), Tabitha Brinkly (BE)
- 4 May 1834 - Nancy Ann Keele & Richard Keele (BL); Sally Brookshier & Polly Brinkly (BE); Thos. & wife Eliz. Carlton (BL)
- 4 July 1834 - John Brinkly (BE)
- 4 Aug. 1834 - Polly Jacobs (BE), Harry Curry (BRL), Mahala Jacobs (BE)
- 4 Oct. 1834 - Hopewell Church request ordination of James Sutton - granted; Wm. Brookshier & wife (LD)
- 4 Nov. 1834 - Simian Ford & David Ralph (BE)
- 27 Dec. 1834 - Eliz. Hoover (BE) / (LD)
- 21 Feb. 1835 - Samuel Bingham & wife Ann (BL); Theophilus Ford & wife Permely
- 21 Mar. 1835 - Jessee Rogers (LD)
- 4 Apr. 1835 - Greenbury Jacobs excluded for drinking.
- May 1835 - Wm. Brookshier & wife (BL)
- 4 June 1835 - Rachel Bickel (BL)
- Oct. 1835 - Ambrose Cobb & wife Susana, Polly James, Mead Hail, John Crosslin, Louanna Martin, Aaron Jackson, Eliz. McKee, Betsy Fox, Sarah Garland, Asa Hamby - all (BE); Polly Hail (UB)
- 4 Nov. 1835 - James Bickel, John Sutton & wife - (LD); Samuel Bingham, Wm. Lord, [illegible], Wm. Hamby, & Joseph Hamby - all (BE)
- 4 Dec. 1835 - Lydia Hogget (BL), Sarah Lambert (BE)
- 4 Jan. 1836 - Samuel Bingham excluded; Rachel Burket (LD)
- 4 Mar. 1836 - Wm. Stone & wife (LD)
- 4 Apr. 1836 - Annas Barnes & Linnny Keele were excluded "for jangling & quarrellings"; Joel Hale & wife & Louanna Martin - (LD)
- 4 June 1836 - Aaron Jackson charged for forging a certificate of White Co. & for other misdemeanors - excluded, & Hannah Jackson, his supposed wife also excluded.
- 4 July 1836 - John Ashley (BL), Polly Jones, Eliz. & Mary Keele (BE)
- 4 Aug. 1836 - Alfred Holman & Betsy Hogget (BE); Betsy Floyd, Jesse Hoggit, Sally Hoggit, Sally Crosslin, Easter Hamby, Susannah Green, & Nancy Hoover - (BE); Archibald & Eliz. Stinson (BL). 167 members
- 4 Sept. 1836 - Sarah Fleming, Hugh Montgomery, & Betty Crosslin (BE)

- 4 Oct. 1836 - Chrisley Hoover excluded for moving without a (LD); James & wife Sarah Nelson (LD)
- 4 Dec. 1836 - Jesse Hoggit & wife (LD)
- 4 Jan. 1837 - Polly Keel (BE), Polly James (LD)
- 4 Feb. 1837 - Abram D. Frizzel & wife Jane (BL)
- 4 Mar. 1837 - Wm. Stephens & wife Eliz. (BL); Alfred Homan (LD), to preach; Matilda Brinkley (BE)
- 4 Apr. 1837 - Wm. Keel gave a piece of land for the church; Emily Herrell (BE); [see p.29 of this book for a copy of the original deed for the cemetery]
- 4 May 1837 - Sister Avia Arnold found guilty of making false statements against Jesse Eaton respecting a sack of cotton; the committee was Ambrose Cobb, Townsen Fuget, Eliga (or Elijah?) Garrett, Richard Arnold, Mead Hail, Jacob Norton, & Thos. Carlton.
- 4 July 1837 - Wm. Morgan & Sarah Garland (LD)
- 4 Aug. 1837 - Charlotte Hill, Peter Keel, Rhoda Keel, Lucinda Hill, Sarah Frizzel, Sarah Barnes, Jamima Hamby - all (BE); Lucy Hale returned her (LD)
- Sept. 1837 - Thos. Carlton & wife & John Sutton & wife, (LD); Nancy Crosslin (BE), Wm. Brookshire & wife, Wm. Stone & wife, (LD); Eliz. Frizzel (BE)
- Nov. 1837 - Any Keele (BL)
- Dec. 1837 - Bro. Stinson & wife (LD), also Alfred Holman.
- 27 Jan. 1838 - Sally A. Cooper & Richard & Nancy Stephens - (BL)
- 24 Feb. 1838 - Robert Jones forgiven for fighting; Deason [Deacon?] Frizzel forgiven for drinking too much; Lucindy Hill excluded ...
- 4 Mar. 1838 - David Ralph excluded for drinking; Cherry Brinkley (BE)
- Apr. 1838 - Polly & Mahala Jacobs requested (LD); Abigal McKee (BL); Eliz. Hays (BE)
- Oct. 1838 - George Stephenson (BE)
- Nov. 1838 - Henry Miller & Nancy Miller (BL); Robert Jones released from bond for drinking & fighting
- 4 Jan. 1839 - Bro. Cary Jonican "went off with a woman unlawfully" - excluded
- 4 Feb. 1839 - James Sutton & wife & Eliz. Jones (LD)
- 4 May 1839 - Jemimah Stafford (BE), Lucrecy Montgomery "by restoration"
- 4 July 1839 - Mary Hamby (BL), Jane Hall (BL); Robert Jones excluded for fighting; Mead Hail (LD); Jane Jones, Elisa Moore, Purmelien Clemmons, Joel Rushing, Jackson Jones, James Cawthorn, Ralph Mankin, Samuel Eoff, John Uselton, Samuel Jones, & Wm. ? Keel - all (BE)
- Aug. 1839 - John Summers (UB-BL). Paton Keel - ? Anna Bigham [as found] excluded for joining the refor[med?] on Monday; Alfred Ashley & wife (U. B. -BL)
- Sept. 1839 - Hardamon Lastor (BE), Sarah Sadler & Alena? Daughtery (BE), Nancy Woodley? (BL)
- Oct. 1839 - Uzzell Jangin [Jernigan] (BL); John Eoff & wife & Suky Eoff (LD)
- Mar. 1840 - Bro. Miller & wife requested (LD)
- Apr. 1840 - Robert Jones excluded. Henry Miller & wife, Joel Rushing, & Mary Jones - (LD)
- May 1840 - Mary Weaton, Robert Jones, Eliz. Jones, Jane Jones, Flemmons Jones, Jackson Jones, Eliza Daugherty & Nancy Thomas - (LD)
- Oct. 1840 - Samuel Jones & wife & Lydia Hogath (LD)
- Nov. 1840 - Deason Frizzel excommunicated; also Jacob Hoover "for marrying a woman contrary to law & gospel". Rebecah King (LD)
- Dec. 1840 - Thomas Lee - once a member, asked for (LD) in care of Cross Creek Church, Livingston Co., Ky.

- May 1841 - Samuel Eoff (LD); Mary Hoover has joined to the Camelites or Christian Church - excluded
- Oct. 1841 - Mrs. Mankins (LD); Mitchell Lord & Miche? Clemmons (BE)
- Nov. 1841 - John Uselton (LD) & for daughter Sary
- Jan. 1842 - Wm. Lord & wife Frances (LD), also Wm. B., Mary, & James Cothorn (LD)
- 4 May 1842 - Eliza Norton (BE)
- 4 July 1842 - Nathaniel Hamby & Mary Teal (BL); Nancy Boyett, Nancy Crosslin, Rachel Keele, James Gibson, Joel Keele, Anderson Jones, Jane Ewel, Makley Hase, Preston Shelton, Elizabeth Barnes?, H. Anderson?, Tolivar, Alfo Wm. Stone, Eliz. Stone, Wm. Morgan, & Lewis Rawlins - (BE) (part is very faint)
- Aug. 1842 - Susanna Daze, Mary Brooks, Wm. Jenkin, Phebey Montgomery, Elizabeth Duncan, James Lord, Jonathan Dunkin - all (BE); Anna Barnes (BR); James Macholy? (UB); Mariah Ewel, Nancy Montgomery, Mary Ann? Montgomery, Jesse Shelton, Mary Clemmons - all (BE); Philip Banes & Tabitha Banes (BL); John Fields, Rachel Keele, Harvey Montgomery, Minervey Montgomery, Emmeline Montgomery - all (BE); W. S. Doctor (UB), Nancy Shelton (UB), Sarah Web, John H. Ashley, Samuel Gray (UB); Rhoda McCholough, Wm. & Katherine [___?], Abraham Gray, Margaret Brown, Mary Robertson - (UB?)
- 4 Sept. 1842 - Stephen Shelton, John Crosslin, Mary McColough, Wm. Eoff, Eliz. Eaton, Rachel Gibson, Louisa George - all (BE); Greenbury Jacobs (BR); Nancy Soap (LD) - 210 members
- Oct. 1842 - John Jones, Eliz. Jones, Rachael Dunken, Mike Dunkin - (BE); Wm. Norton applied for (LD) for his father, mother, & sister. Ephraim Hoover, Mary Mor?, Jemima Hoover, Lucinda Duncan - (BE)
- Nov. 1842 - Lucinda Vandagriff, M. T. Cooper, & Garat Jernagain (BE); Matilda Jernagain [?]
- Dec. 1842 - John Dunkin, Wm. Brown, & Goanner Brown (BE)
- Jan. 1843 - Reuben R. Ashley (BE)
- July 1843 - Sarah Crosslin, Eliza Keele, Matilda Montgomery - (BE); James Keele, Ann Jakes, Matilda Hamby, Joseph Bullock - all (BL); Garat Jernagain & wife, also Dickerson & wife - (LD); Wm. Eoff & John Fields accused of "wild & immoral conduct" - excommunicated Sept. 1843; also Thos. Lord.
- Aug. 1843 - Eliz. Dunkin (BE), Lucinda Keele & Paton Keele (LD), Phillip Banes & wife (LD); Rachel Burgat accused of immoral conduct by HTM; Thomas Lord (same); Mary Deaney (LD)
- Sept. 1843 - Martha Kendel (BL), Charlotte Cofman (BE), Sister Lord (LD), Susannah Pogue (LD) 230 members
- Oct. 1843 - Jane Hickmanbottom (LD); Carey Jernagin, Hugh Montgomery, Reuben R. Ashley, & Wm. Hamby appointed to ministry.
- Nov. 1843 - Sam Dunkin & wife, Greenbury Jacobs & wife - all (LD)
- 4 Feb. 1844 - Joseph Bullock excommunicated
- Apr. 1844 - Catharine Gibson (BL)
- 4 June 1844 - Lewis Rawlings excommunicated; John Crosslin released from bond.
- 4 July 1844 - Samuel Daughtery (LD); Sarah Keel (LD); John Montgomery (BE)
- Aug. 1844 - Smith Burks & Frankey Ann Burks (BE); H. A. Lasiter & wife (LD); Jessee & Sarah Hogett (UB)
- Sept. 1844 - Mary Stephenson (BE)
- Oct. 1844 - John Botaman (BL), Mary Frizel (BE), Malinda Brinkley from Miss.

Bapt. ; Martha Gather (BE)

- May 1845 - A site for a permanent meeting house has been chosen, to be on Wm. Keele's lands; H. Montgomery, M. T. Cooper, Acoff H. Ashley, & Wm. Lord apptd. trustees. Wm. Stone was released from bonds. Jesse Eaton & wife (LD); Sarah Crosslin excluded for lose conduct. Daniel Ivy & Nancy Ivey (BL)
- July 1845 - Wm. Morgan, George Burks, Wm. Mankins - (BL), G. Wesley Keele & Thomas Shelton (BE). Mary Jakes, James Jakes, Jane Frizel, Matilda Shelton, Reuben Herod, Eliz. Brooksher, John McCool, Hilary Eaton, Harvey Eaton - all (BE); Thos. Stephens (BL), Louisa Garland (BE)
- Nov. 1845 - Smith Burkes (LD) to new church on Riley Creek.
- Dec. 1845 - Charlotte Smith excluded "for passing to Nashville & back with E. P. Carlock in his wagon & for trying to hide in the wagon"; Nancy Boyd excluded "for base conduct"; Elizabeth Hoover excluded "for use of profane language against her brother".
- Apr. 1846 - Greenbury Jacobs excluded, "drunk again". Bro. McCool (?)
- June 1846 - Mathew Chadwick & John L. Chadwick (BL); Wm. Stone & wife (LD)
- July 1846 - Wm. Pea & Jemima Pea (BL), Thomas Shelton & wife (BE)
- Aug. 1846 - Wm. Stephens, Mary Shelton (BE), Wm. Dunkin & Matilda Dunkin (BL); four of the Brinkley family (LD), also Celia Mankins, Ann Sherrill & dau., & Chambers Cobb - (LD); also Jeremiah Daughters & wife, Peter Sadler & wife, George Birks, Wm. Bath & wife, Wm. Morgan, & Aaron Todd - (LD) 234 mems.
- Sept. 1846 - Arena Bundy (BL), Eliz. Floyed & Mary Floyed (BE); Matilda Crosslin, John Crosslin, Samuel Littleton, Martha Frizzel, Eliz. Robertson, Matthew A. Chadwick, Silas A. Chadwick, Wm. Tolover, Malinda Shelton, Mary Ann Shelton, Wm. Gibson, Calvin Ashley, Richard Keele, Mary Lee, Reuben & Brice Curry, Juda E. Montgomery - all (BE); Mary Littleton, Wm. Pea, Susanna Pea - (BL)
- Oct. 1846 - Lorieann? Robertson (BE)
- 4 Sept. 1847 - Wm. Stone excluded for drinking; Robert Teal & Mary Teal (BL); Jane Floyed, Simson Stephens, John M. Bingham, Henry Hoover, Zumere? Hoover, Wm. Loyd, Albert Herril, Manda Pitts, Mary Hais, Nancy Bingham, Catherine Daniel, Mary Giles, Melinda Daniel, & Morning Bingham - all (BE)
- Oct. 1847 - Malinda Jane Chadwick (BE), Henry Curray (LD) & for his 2 sons; charge by Wm. Norton against Thos. Shelton "for using profane language" - excom.
- Nov. 1847 - Rec'd Mary Robertson who joined at Noah Fork; Jonathan Dunkin, his wife & family & Jane Floyed - all (LD)
- Dec. 1847 - Bro. Mitchell excluded
- Apr. 1848 - Matthias Broyles (BE)
- Aug. 1848 - Green Austin, Philip Boyser [Baynes?] & sister Baynes - all (BL); Eliz. Hoover (BR); Porter Stephenson, Mary Stevens, Parthena Morrow, John Hoover, Matta Jakes, Elias Hase, Wm. Keele, John Calwell, Sarah Ann Stephenson, Bitha A. Lord, Sarah Lord, Louisa Jane Ferguson, Elizabeth Cooper, Eliza Hase, Rily Littleton, & John Eaton - all (BE)
- Sept. 1848 - Rhody Shelton, Jane Stephenson, & John Ashley (BE); Samuel Gray, Halford Ashley & wife, Reuben Ashley & wife - all (LD)
- Nov. 1848 - Elizabeth James (BL)
- Jan. 1849 - Wm. & Drucila Chadwick (BL); Wm. Hale & wife, John Calwell - (LD)
- Apr. 1849 - Green Austin & wife (LD) - 246 members
- Sept. 1849 - Mary Kennerly (LD); Narcissa Eoff & Rebecca Carlisle (BL); James Carlisle, Eli Eaton, Tabitha Eaton, Tabithey G. Robertson, Nacy AB? Hamby, Abel S. Hart, Mary Ann Crosslin, Elisa Ann Ford, James R. Rutter?, Benjamin

Floyd, A. J. Johnson, Susan Eaton, Malisa Ford, Mary Lucinda Hackett, Wm. Frizzell, Tabitha Keel, Mary Ann Crosslin, Tabitha Cord, George Shelton - (BE)
 Oct. 1849 - John Crosslin & wife (LD), Samuel Cottle (or Little?) & mother (LD)
 Dec. 1849 - Robert Keele excluded "for being in disorder"; Philip Baynes excluded for drinking.
 Jan. 1850 - Perry Daugherty & Lewis Herald excluded [no reason given in abst.]
 Apr. 1850 - Andrew Johnson excluded for swearing.
 May 1850 - Wm. Morgan (BL)
 4 July 1856 - H. T. Montgomery & C. Jernigan ordained; Ephraim Hoover excluded & Matthias Broiles "for fiting" - excused. John Eaton & Washington Gibson apptd. to check. John Hoover excluded for swearing.
 Oct. 1850 - Eliz. Cutler, Lisa Carlile, Larkin Ford, Jonathan Carlile, James Carlile (BR), Richard Green Hoover & Henry Hoover (BE); Leveny (female) Bundy, Mary Todd, Eliz. Phloss, & Eliz. Paines - (LD)
 Feb. 1851 - Wm. Morgan excluded by his own request
 Mar. 1851 - Wm. Norton excluded for drunkenness; Rachel Keel (LD)

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May 1851 - Racheel Keel (LD); A. L. J. Womack & Eliz. Womack (BL)
 July 1851 - Polly Lusk, Mahala Haggard, Elias Haggard - (LD) — 250 members
 4 Sept. 1851 - Jacob Cassle?, T. A. Davis, John Brown, B. Nobles, Katherine Shelton, sister Nobles - (BE); Alexander Robertson (BL); Malinda Shelton & T. A. Davis (LD)
 Oct. 1851 - Wm. Pea & wife, Wm. Norton - (LD)
 Dec. 1851 - John Chadwick & wife (LD)
 Jan. 1852 - Nancy Keel (BE); Fanny Pea (BL)
 20 Aug. 1852 - Loyd Price, John W. Hoover, Mathew Keele, Asbury Smith, Dalila Robertson, Manerva P. Gibson, Rebecca Eaton, Lucinda Shelton, Charlotte Rogers, Jane Buckhannon, Jane Robertson, Eliz. Keele - all (BE)
 12 Sept. 1852 - James Ashley (BL), James Tindle (BE)
 23 Oct. 1852 - Mark Cortner?, John M. ? Shelton & sister Bonelesone Shelton (BL), Wm. & Drucilla Chadwick (BL), John S. Brown & Eliz. (LD) & (BL); Chadwick & family including wife, dau. & 2 sons (LD); Lucie Price (LD)
 4 Feb. 1853 - Wm. J. Loyd (BL)
 4 Oct. 1853 - Eliz. Rawling (BR), Parthena Eaton & Frnacis Bowling (BL); John McCool excluded.
 Nov. 1853 - James Ashley (LD); Rosannah Nobals (BL); Henry Hoover excluded for profanity; Benjamin Floid cited for interference - forgiven.
 4 May 1854 - Matthias Keele found guilty of using profane language & for living an immoral life - excluded. John Eaton & wife Mary, W. P. Cherry & wife Lucinda, Bro. H. T. Montgomery & wife Lucrez - all (LD)
 4 July 1854 - Elvira Stevenson (BL)
 Aug. 1854 - Jane Eaton, Matilda M. ? Montgomery, Eliz. Montgomery, Martha Hocket, Henry Gibson, James Katey? - (BE); Elliot Roberson (LD)
 Sept. 1854 - Jeferson? Floyd, Nancy Frizzle (BE)
 Oct. 1854 - Nancy? Jane Gibson, Martha Ann Jakes, George Washington Jakes, Wm. Roberson - all (BE)
 Nov. 1854 - James Barnes (BE), Bro. J. (?) Elliott (LD)
 June 1855 - Jason Ray & Matilda Jackson (LD)
 Aug. 1855 - John Jakes, Thos. Lenour?, Sarah McCussing, Permelia Gibson, Martha Jane Eaton, Eliz. Martin, Mary A. Hackett, Mary A. Carlisle, Mary

- Nipper, Jossie Jakes - all (BE); Nancy Bailing (BL), Alexander Robinson (LD)
- Sept. 1855 - Matthias Hoover, Masten Hoover, James Fagan Stephenson, Jesse J. Shelton, John Rawlings - (BE)
- Mar. 1856 - Green Richard Hoover - trial preacher, OK'd
- Apr. 1856 - Jacob Coffelt alleged L. S. Rawling for drinking; Wm. Tolliver (LD); Eliz. Robinson? (BL). (W. F. Gibson, Clk.)
- Sept. 1856 - Henry Hoover, Mattias Hoover, Juliner? Hoover, James Hoover (BE)
- Nov. 1856 - Green R. Hoover brought allegation against Mathias Hoover, found guilty & excluded; Harrison Stevenson accused of drinking - forgiven.
- May 1857 - Jacob Coffelt alleged Thomas Stevens gambled - excluded
- Aug. 1857 - Martha Ford, Jane Parker, Margaret Hoover, Joseph F. Gibson, & _____, (BE)
- Oct. 1857 - Richard Hoover & wife, Julius ? Hoover, Mary & Sarah Hoover, _____ Hoggett & wife Jemima, _____ Hoggett - all (LD)
- Apr. 1858 - Sister Zizer Black (BL); excluded H. Stephenson for interference.
- May 1858 - Jane Parker accused of lewdness by Jacob Coffelt - excluded; rec'd Phillip Bains (BR) & gave him (LD)
- June 1858 - Green Richard Hoover & wife Anny rec'd (LD); John Eaton accused John Rawlings of profanity & intemperance - excluded.
- July 1858 - James Gibson preferred charges against Riley Butler for loudness, intemperance - excluded.
- Aug. 1858 - Eliz. James, Sarah Jane Stevenson, Lydia M. Hockett, John Risks, Samuel Roberson, James P. K. Eaton, James P. K. Gibson, Newton James, Malissa Jakes, John Jakes - all (BE); Mary E. Jakes & Sarah J. Still (BL)
- Oct. 1858 - Andrew & Thomas Crosslin, Digh?, Farrell, Carlisle, Crosslin, Frank McMahond - (BE) [this part is unclear]
- Nov. 1858 - Richard J. Keele charged for drinking - excluded
- Dec. 1858 - John Rin(? - Key?) charged with fighting - excluded Mar. 1859. Joseph Hamby apptd. to notify him. Cary Jernigan excluded for a difference with Wm. Keel, M. G.
- June 1859 - James Gibson reported that John C. Shelton & James Jakes were in his woods - amnesty granted.
- Aug. 1859 - Liddy Ann Shelton, Sarah Lucinda Thronebury - (BE); Rosanna Nobles & Barney Nobles, (BL)
- Sept. 1859 - ~~Lester Black (BE)~~ [marked out as found]
- Oct. 1859 - John Shelton & wife & Lidda Ann Shelton (LD), Sarah Lucindy (LD); James Gibson charged Jane Frizzell for joining another church - excluded; same for Nancy Frizzell - dismissed; Eve Bullins excluded for lewdness.
- Nov. 1859 - Wm. Ford (LD)
- Jan. 1860 - Joseph Hamby accused sister Jane Ferrell of dancing & fighting - dismissed in 1861.
- Feb. 1860 - Agga Stevenson (BE)
- May 1860 - Letty Crosslin (BE); Eliz. Keel (LD)
- Nov. 1860 - Parlee Rollings, Marie Hoover?, Thos. Turner, & Sarah Nicks - (BE); Rebeker Andleton (LD); Sarah Marcum
- Dec. 1860 - Rec'd a letter from Bro. George Shelton accusing [deleted] of _____ having a bastard; Jacob Keel (BL) / (BL)
- Apr. 1861 - Matthias Hoover dismissed for swearing; Alexander Harp & Sarah Harp
- June 1861 - Hardin Bos se? (BE)
- Aug. 1861 - Syrena Adaline Williams & Eliz. Crosslin (BL); John, Eliz. & Lucitta

- Crosslin, Kezziah Butler, Cynthia & Eliz. & Nathan Carlile - all (LD)
- Nov. 1861 - H. T. Montgomery, M. G. ; John Jakes, Clk.
- Aug. 1862 - Archa Hatchett (BE), Sister Butler (LD); W. P. Cherry, M. G.
- Nov. 1862 - E. L. Nathan Stephenson (BL)
- Aug. 1863 - John Honeycut & James Honeycut (BE)
- Sept. 1863 - Huston Bird, John Downing, Rufus Honeycut, Harriet Ann & Jane Chadwick, Eliza Still - (BE)
- Nov. 1863 - J. ? Harp, Elvira Crosslin, John? Hamforn?, George Crosslin, Polly Crosslin - all (BE)
- Feb. 1864 - Nancy An Shelton & Frances Shelton (BE)
- May 1864 - Pennina Brewer & Margaret Deshields (BE)
- June 1864 - Emily Hatchett & Mary An Pilkinton (BE)
- July 1864 - Eliz. Hatchett (BE)
- Sept. 1864 - Eli Eaton, Thomas Shelton, Martha Emiline Record, Rutha Ann Shelton, Samuel Stevenson, Parthena Jakes, Robert Sutton, John Stevenson, Louisa Pilkinton, Philmore Hoover - all (BE). Licensed Hardee Brewer.
- Oct. 1864 - Nancy Jane Eaton, Louisa Honeycut, Emily J. Shelton, Wiley Hamilton, John T. Bell, Isaac Eaton, E. A. Robinson - all (BE); Mary Robertson (LD)
- Nov. 1864 - Mary Record (BE)
- Feb. 1865 - Parlee Stinet (BE)
- Mar. 1865 - Wm. Stinet (BE)
- May 1865 - July Ann & Rachel Record (BL) 190 members
- Aug. 1865 - John & J. K. P. Robinson, Samuel Robinson, Robert F. Hill, Henry M. Purtle, George Hatchett, Thos. Smith, W. H. Stephenson, John Perry, Adaline McErvin [McEwin?], Catharine Jakes, Sarah E. Jakes, Almeda Stone, Martha J. Barnes, Martha C. Sutton, Luvenia A. Still, Sarah M. Smith - all (BE)
- Sept. 1865 - Nancy ____ day, Dock Harp, ? ____ ? ____, Samuel ? Fle ____ - (BE)
 [Ed.'s note - evidently another minute book has been begun, as the notation "p. 7" appears next, although its beginning was not recorded.]
- Oct. 1865 - Wm. Stone - intemperance, Jane James - lewdness. Rec'd Samuel Martin?, M? Robert Ragsdale, Levi (or David?) Deshields, Eliz. Allen ____, Sarah Nobles, Jane Floid ? - [no category here]
- Nov. 1865 - Thomas Stephenson excluded, by his request - drunkenness.
- Dec. 1865 - A. Harp & Parla Harp, L. A. Harp & J. W. Harp - (LD)
- Jan. 1866 - Wm. Gibson excluded for using profane language.
- Feb. 1866 - Wm. & Margaret Stone & Almeda Stone, Sarah An Downing - (LD)
- Mar. 1866 - John Stephenson excluded
- Apr. 1866 - Susan Jane Shelton (BE)
- July 1866 - Emily Creek (LD)
- Aug. 1866 - John? Mankins, (BE)
- [Sept. 1866] - (very dim) - Wm. ____, B. Chadwick, George Marcum?, Albert Marcum, John ____, Wm. ____, P. K. Perry, Town Scruggs, ____ Wilson, Ed? Sharp, Dock ____, ____ Jacobs, James ____, ____ Cherry, Nancy Ann Shelton, Jane Shelton, Catherine Coffelt, ____ Chadwick - all (BE?)
- Oct. 1866 - Palestine ____, John G. ? Stephenson, Geo. Hill - all (BE)
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- Apr. 1867 - James & Rebecka Carlile, Lucinda Crosslin, Palestin Harlon - (LD)
- May 1867 - J. L. Chadwick (a licensed minister) & wife Melvina, C. E. Chadwick (female) & W. M. Chadwick & Martha Mankins - (BL); Rachel Keel, Syrena Ferguson (LD)

June 1867 - Sister Ferrel (LD)
 Aug. 1867 - W. P. Cherry (BL), Barnet Nobles (LD)
 Sept. 1867 - Eliz. Farmer & Jenigar Butner (BL); J. R. T. Ferril, James Farmer,
 Tabitha & Jane Eaton, Thankful Eaton, Rebecca Eliz. Eaton, Nancy Ann Ken-
 dall, Jones Linch - all (BE)
 Oct. 1867 - John Perry excluded for profane swearing.
 Feb. 1868 - John, Melvina, W.M., & Barnet Chadwick, Eliz. & James Farmer (LD)
 Mar. 1868 - Eveline Stephenson (BL)
 June 1868 - Sister Ferrel (BE); Hardy Brewer ordained - July 1868
 Sept. 1868 - Josiah & Robert Deshields, Eliz. Hamilton, Sarah Robinson - (BE);
 Mary Robinson, Fayett Bell, _____ Hale - (BL)
 Jan. 1869 - Mary Horton (BL), Wm. & Rody Loid (LD)
 Mar. 1869 - Sister C.E. Carothers (LD)
 Sept. 1869 - Jacob Robinson (BE)
 Oct. 1869 - Mary An Swan (BE), Wm. & Jane Crosslin (LD)
 Nov. 1869 - John Jerdin (BE), Wm. Cherry & Harvey Cherry (LD)
 Dec. 1869 - Thomas Shelton excluded for swearing, James Cherry for drinking.
 Feb. 1870 - Booker Coffman & wife, Anie, (LD)
 Sept. 1870 - Bety Stephenson, John Segraves, J.W. Hamby, Eliz. Briles, Nancy
 Briles, Marthyan Chadwick, Bety Jane Stephenson, Suzzan Eaton - all (BE)
 Oct. 1870 - Bro. D. Jarrott excluded for drinking; Stephen & Ann Jacobs (LD)
 Feb. 1871 - David Deshields (LD)
 Apr. 1871 - G. G. Parker (ordained minister) & wife Ann E. Parker (BL)
 Aug. 1871 - Amos M. & Narcissa J. Floyd, Sarah Jane Nobles, W.J. Nobles, Joseph
 Gipson, Betty Frizzell, W.R. Shelton, Betty Powers, Permelia Downing, Sa-
 frona Barnes, Mary F. Gipson, Mary J. Butner, Eliza F. Jakes - all (BE)
 Nov. 1871 - Matilda Shelton (LD)
 Apr. 1872 - Benjamin & wife Ann Yell & dau. Eliz. Yell (BL)
 July 1872 - Albert McCuen requested exclusion
 Sept. 1872 - John C. Meiers, minister (BL)
 Oct. 1872 - Nancy Hale (LD)
 Jan. 1873 - Excluded for "ludeness" - Ann Horton, Jane James, Thankful Eaton,
 & _____ Crosslin; Narcissy A. Stephenson & Mary C. Stephenson (BL)
 Feb. 1873 - Isaac Eaton excluded for "wickedness"; Asbury Smith - accused of steal-
 ing - excluded.
 Mar. 1873 - George Still excluded by his request
 May 1873 - John C. Meyers (LD)
 July 1873 - John Marcum excluded by own request - wickedness.
 Aug. 1873 - Marthy Elen Pilkenton, Manervy Shelton, Mary Frances Walker, John
 T. Shelton, Jessee Shelton, Joseph McMahan, Wesley Robinson, Metty Hatchett,
 John Segraves, Wm. Segraves, Newlon Brown - all (BE); Elder G. G. Parker &
 wife Ann E. & Catharine Moore (LD)
 Sept. 1873 - Sanford Ashley, Eliz. Butner (BE)
 Nov. 1873 - James Robertson excluded for joining Christian Church
 Apr. 1874 - Mary More (BL)
 Aug. 1874 - Mary More (LD); Rev. Drewry Martin (BL)
 Sept. 1874 - Bas Green, Thos. O'Neal, Thos. Butner, James Hatchet, Wm. Hink,
 Sarah Eaton, Almedy Ralph, Lewizy Jane Green - all (BE)
 Nov. 1874 - Jinny Gipson (BE)
 Feb. 1875 - John Thomas Stephenson excluded by own request.

- May 1875 - Sister Barnes, Marthan Bell (BE)
- July 1875 - John Segraves excluded by own request for swearing.
- Aug. 1875 - Samuel Hoover, Thos. Bell, John Segraves, Betty Gipson, Nancy Malinda Butner, Delila Moore, Hase Buck, Mary Jane James, Martha Ann Hoover, Eliz. Ham, _____ Rolings, James Perry - all (BE)
- Sept. 1875 - Marthyan Bell (LD)
- Nov. 1875 - Newton Brown excluded - stealing.
- Mar. 1876 - Joseph Hamby & Nancy Hamby (LD); Adaline Marcum
- June 1876 - [deleted] excluded - living in adultery; George Marcum excluded - drinking & swearing; Mary Prater & Suzy Ann Hoover (LD)
- Sept. 1876 - Wesley Robinson accused of fighting - forgiven; Thos. Hatchet excluded for fighting; rec'd Martha Hits & Mary Jane Kindle (BE)
- Oct. 1876 - K. Ogles & wife Sarah E., D. C. Taylor & Armindy Armstrong - (BE)
- Apr. 1877 - J. M. Hoover & Parthena Hoover & Marthy Ann Hoover (LD)
- Aug. 1877 - Jessee Shelton (BL); Narcissa An Shelton (BE); Josiah Deshields & Almedy Ralph (LD)
- July 1878 - Sarah Keel excluded for joining a different order of People.
- Aug. 1878 - Jinny Gipson & Matty B. Gipson (BE)
- Aug. 1879 - Emeline Keel, Ely Hill, Mary Emeline Broils, Robert Seagraves, Billy Honeycutt, _____ Honeycutt, Sarah Hoover, Callie Fox, Narcissa Nesbit, Mary Bingham, Nancy Ashley, Narcissa Stephenson - all (BE); Robert Ferril & George Crosslin (LD)
- Sept. 1879 - John Chadwick, Elexander Jakes, Leander Jakes, Sarah Jane Anderson, Emer Anderson, Jaby Stephenson - all (BE); Harvy Shelton & Delila Moore (LD)
- Oct. 1879 - Ephraim Broiles (BE); John Honeycutt licensed to preach.
- May 1880 - Rachel Davis (LD)
- June 1880 - Charged with drinking: Stephen Shelton - restored; Dock Taylor - excused; & Town Scruggs - excluded
- Aug. 1880 - Mary Shelton, Martha Shelton, Jacob Pilkinton, John Hoover, Alis Honeycut, Frances Pilkinton, May Oney Pilkinton, Nanie Shelton - all (BE)
- Oct. 1880 - Bro. Green excluded. Brewer & wife (LD)
- Aug. 1881 - James Chadwick, Jane Gipson, Marthy Bell, Barbary Rollings, Suzy Rollings, James Rollings, John Honeycutt, Wm. Ashley, Josa Winnet, Molly Anderson, Aron Baltimore, Mary Baltimore, James Johnican [Jernigan?], George Honeycut, James Honeycut, George Broils, Nanny Broils, Eber Stephenson, Willy Stephenson, Mary Rayborn - all (BE); L. F. Bell & Jane Rayborn (BL). John Honeycutt, M. G.
- Sept. 1881 - Jane Seagroves, Mary Jane Rollins, Betty Shelton - (BE)
- Nov. 1881 - Mathias H. Broils & James Broils (BE)
- Apr. 1882 - James Carter & Hazy Buck excluded for joining another church.
- Oct. 1882 - Elihue Keel (BE); restored Town Scruggs
- Nov. 1882 - Larryan Ogles, Mary Catharine Bell, Josy Gipson - all (BE)
- Aug. 1883 - Lizzy Jakes, Citty Mack, N. C. Gipson, James Eaton, R. L. Honeycutt, Newton Coffel, Henry Coffel, Bell Green, George Bell, Willy Stephenson, Mary Crosslin, Sally Flemings, Sally Gipson - all (BE); Newton James & wife, Cleo (LD).
- Sept. 1883 - Bro. Hoover & wife Marty Hoover (LD)
- Dec. 1883 - Marthyan Stephenson & Bety Warren (LD)
- Jan. 1884 - Thomas Hoover excluded at his request.
- Aug. 1884 - Aleck McMahan, Sally P. Shelton, Sally Hamilton, Mary Ferrill - (BE)

- Sept. 1884 - Perly Eaton, Lilly Eaton, Lizzie Bell Hamilton - (BE); Betty Ann Boid, Helen Shelton, Mary Ann Seagroves, Bob Segroves - (LD)
- Oct. 1884 - Wm. Ashley requested his removal as "he was not worthy to live in Church" - excluded.
- Sept. 1885 - Porter Eaton (BE)
- Oct. 1885 - Maty Downing excluded for joining another church.
- Aug. 1886 - Wesley Robinson charged with drinking & swearing - forgiven; J. L. Eaton, Elen Eaton, J.H. Brinkley, Rebecca Ann Jernigan - all (BE)
- Sept. 1886 - Harvey Shelton, Thomas Edwards (BL); T. N. Gipson, Wm. James, John Arnold, Joseph Adcock, Wm. Coffel, Lizy Ann Bell, Tinnie Adcock, Addie Honeycut, Rodie Shelton, Mary E. Shelton - all (BE); Billie Tommas, Nancy Ann Thornsberry, Jinny Jernigan - (LD)
- Oct. 1886 - John Seagroves (LD)
- Jan. 1887 - Thos. McFarlan (BL)
- May 1887 - excluded Bob Ragsdale by his request.
- July 1887 - Mary Stephenson (BE)
- Aug. 1887 - Mandy Winnett, James Winnett, James Honeycut, Robert Honeycut, Mary Stephenson, Ella Gipson, Susie Mazy, James Coffell, Joseph Ogle - all (BE)
- Sept. 1887 - Minnie A. Stephenson (BE); Martha Barnes, Fronie Gibson, Eliza Bragg (formerly Eliza Ferrel) - all (LD)
- May 1888 - J.R. Shelton, Wm. Stephenson, & Lee Jakes apptd. on new church building committee.
- Sept. 1888 - Ednie C. Shelton & Fannie O. Shelton (BE)
- Oct. 1888 - Nancy C. Ferrell, Nancy Holte (LD)
- May 1889 - Nancy C. Ferrell (BL); excluded Jennie Medows (formerly Jennie Gibson) for joining a church of different order.
- Aug. 1889 - T. S. B. Jakes, J. L. Whitaker, A. D. McMahan, E. E. McMahan, L. C. Frizzell, S. J. Frizzell, J. M. Cathey, E. B. Stephenson, J. T. Hoover, & J. J. Shelton - all (BE)
- Oct. 1889 - Mary Horton (LD); Mary C. Bell
- Nov. 1889 - Wesley Robinson excluded for drinking & swearing; Sallie Ann Stephens (formerly Sallie Ann Gibson) (LD); H. N. Coffelt
- Dec. 1889 - [deleted] and [deleted] had been living in adultery - excluded
- Mar. 1890 - Rev. John Honeycut, Luiza, John, Wm., & Robert Honeycut - (LD)
- Aug. 1890 - George T. Anderson, Samuel F. Shelton, Fannie E. Stephenson, Mary L J. Stephenson, Alis Hamilton, Cordelia F. Keel, Wm. H. Winnett, George A. Ashley, Alex Lee, Bettie R. Lee, Larrall J. Eaton, James T. Stephenson, & Hattie J. Pilkenton - all (BE)
- Oct. 1890 - Excluded John Chadwick for joining a different church.
- Aug. 1891 - Mary F. Bell, Wm. J. Nesbitt, Musie E. Stephenson, Wm. M. Broyles, Ida L. Broyles, James F. Adcock, Jimmie L. Eaton, Martha Addie Stephenson, Rosie A. Coffelt, Geo. W. Coffelt, Samuel H. Winnett, Geo. W. Ogles, Geo. E. Winnett, John G. Winnett - all (BE); Margaret C. Kennedy (BL).
- Oct. 1891 - Susan A. Shelton, Minnie L. Shelton, Geo. W. Shelton, Eldra Bell - (BE)
- Nov. 1891 - John Honeycutt (BL)
- Aug. 1892 - Santafee Bell, Osker N. Ashley, Emila Jakes, Jesse C. Eaton, Mary A. N. Eaton - all (BE)
- Aug. 1893 - Geo. Stephenson, G. W. Mallard, Leander Shelton, Queenie C. Frizzell, Molley Honey, Nancy Cruse, Eliz. C. Jacobs, Jemima Broiles, Sarahan Shelton, Marey E. Pilkenton - all (BE)

- Sept. 1893 - Bell Creek (formerly Bell Greene) (LD)
- Oct. 1893 - T. N. Gibson apptd. Church Clk. (pro tem); Rev. Jo Byrom
- June 1894 - Excluded Geney Hoover for joining Methodist Church.
- Aug. 1894 - W. J. E. Hoover, S. L. Stephenson, J. F. Hamilton, Georgianna Shelton, M. R. Shelton, Netty Pilkton - all (BE); J. F. Honeycutt (LD)
- Oct. 1894 - Excluded James Honeycutt for joining another church without (LD); Molly Shelton (form. Molly Crosslin) (LD); benches of old church donated to church at Chestnut Grove.
- Feb. 1895 - Henry Coffelt (LD)
- Aug. 1895 - A. Downing, Lula Farrar, Ada Hoover, Jennie Ferrill - all (BE)
- Feb. 1896 - Luther Marten (BL) from Miss. Bapt.
- Mar. 1896 - Martha Mankin (LD); Emm Keele excluded.
- Apr. 1896 - excluded Eliza Burks (form. Eliza Jakes) for joining Campbelite Church.
- Aug. 1896 - Excluded Martha Mankins for non fellowship; Wm. Manley (BL); Geo. E. Hamilton, Mallissa J. Stovall (BE)
- Oct. 1896 - Mary Alice Keele (BE); Mary F. Eaton (form. Mary Gibson) excluded for joining another church; George Maclard? excluded for swearing & joining another church.
- Nov. 1896 - George Ogles excluded for drinking & swearing; James Rolling (LD)
- May 1897 - Excluded P. H. Perry, Mary F. Walker, & Aaron Baltimore for joining another church; excluded Barbary Rawlins for her wickedness.
- Aug. 1897 - Clemey B. Nesbit, Betty Frizzell, Ada Butner, Eldora Nobles, May A. Freeman - all (BE)
- Aug. 1898 - B. B. Yell (LD); S. L. Bell, Samuel H. Stovall, Ben T. Kendall, Wm. G. Manley, Edgar Ashley, Lelia Jakes, Mary E. Stephenson, Effie Eaton, Arnie Frizzell, Nannie Bernice Stephenson, Salley Catherine Broiles, Tennessee Broiles, Ida Bell Broiles, Margaret J. Gibson, Ann E. Kendall, Bernice M. Manley, Yenaden Eaton - all (BE); Martha A. Coffelt (BL)
- June 1889 - Excluded for lewdness - Musey Stephenson, Lula Farrer, & Lula Brantley.
- July 1899 - Sarah Farrar (LD)
- Jan. 1890 - S. F. Shelton elected Clerk of Church.
- Sept. 1900 - Freddy Stephenson (BE)
- Jan. 1901 - Excluded D. C. Taylor (NF); sister churches at Noahs Fork, Mt. Pleasant, & Riley Creek.
- Aug. 1901 - Ewin Stephenson, Otie Everett Frizzell, Parthenia Jane Eaton, Lula Belle Jakes, Ruby Jakes, Cora Fanny Gibson, Nervy J. Bell, Marky Frizzell, Lea Hill, Bettie Stephenson, Elma Stephenson, John Bell, Estus Jakes, Andy Gibson, James Eses?, John Johnson, Wm. Martin Broyles, Geo. Dennis Jakes, Eli Lorenzo Eaton, Robert Landers, John Burge Frizzells, Mary Lee Coffman, Wm. Jacob Coffman, John Jackson Baltimore, Purlia Drew Bell, & Addie Ida Martin - all (BE)
- Mar. 1902 - Excluded Martha Stephenson (NF)
- Aug. 1902 - Jessie J. Shelton, Feber E. Baltimore, Jimmie L. Bells, Sarah Lavinia Eaton - all (BE)
- Sept. 1902 - Excluded Alex Lee (NF) & Sister E. Jakes by her request.
- Oct. 1902 - Edna Roberts (LD)
- Aug. 1903 - Lena Leadora Farrar, Mary Benton Farrar, Mary Katherine Shelton - all (BE). (Joe Byrum, M. G.)

Oct. 1903 - James Shelton (BL); Eliza Firtle (LD); Thomas Butner & wife Nancy M. to join church at Tracy City (LD)

Feb. 1904 - Mary Eaton (BL)

Aug. 1904 - Sarah Marguerite Baltimore & Maud Ervin (BE)

Aug. 1905 - Samuel & Maggie Fox, Ethel Robinson, Eunice Farrer, Aredra? Shelton, Anne Bells, Beulah Coffelt - all (BE)

Sept. 1905 - J. T. & Angie Shelton, George, Lee, James, & Sallie Shelton - (LD)

Oct. 1905 - John Crosslin, Weslie Crosslin, Maud Keele, Jessie May Shelton, Gracie Crosslin - (BE); Joe Gibson restored; Sam Belle (LD)

Nov. 1905 - Jane Gibson excluded for joining another church; Joe Gibson (LD) to Bapt. Ch. at Rock Creek, Bedford Co. ; Andrew & wife Cora Gibson (LD) to Bapt. Ch. at Beech Hill, Franklin Co.

Aug. 1906 - Robbie Eaton, Watson Shelton, Edgar Eaton, Murfree McCullough - (BE)

Nov. 1906 - Lula Gibson, Rubie Jakes, Emily Broils, & Ephraim Broils - (LD)

Apr. 1907 - James Hoover's wife having been sick some time, he is needy & Church will help; excluded Emmet Lovell & Tony Jakes - drunk.

June 1907 - Jacob Coffman (LD)

Aug. 1907 - Mary Earls, Bulah Read, Bettie Martin, Emma Brown, Emmet Jakes, & Alice Teal - all (BE)

Aug. 1908 - Jennie Belle Adcock & Myrtle Butner (BE)

Sept. 1908 - J. L. Broils (LD); Nettie Pilkington excluded for joining another church.

Aug. 1909 - Fronia Gordon (BE)

Aug. 1910 - Thomas Gordon, Thurman Coffman, Bertie L. Fox, Endie C. Fox, Annie R. Gibson, Lula Johnson, Fannie J. Jordan, Eulah G. Gordon, & Mary E. Nesbitt - all (BE).

Additional note about Garrison Fork Baptist Church, by David L. Jacobs:

The records of this church are complete and well-preserved up until the present time. In Ewell's Life of William Keele (see page following), the doctrine of the Separate Baptist Church is fully explained, and the reasons given as to why this new Baptist doctrine originated.

The first church was a log structure; it was later replaced with a frame building. The construction of Interstate Highway 24 caused the church to have to be moved, and it was rebuilt farther north, down U. S. Highway 41, on the farm once owned by Johnnie Shelton, in Rutherford County, where the neat brick building now stands. The exact location of the Garrison Fork Baptist Church cemetery (as described in the original deed reproduced on p.29) is not known today for sure; it may be the cemetery known as the Keele cemetery on Jakes Branch.



WILLIAM KEELE

Mrs. Lucille F. Jacobs wrote in her report to the Federal Writers' Project¹, in 1941:

William Keele, a settler near the Garrison, gave a plot of land and in 1809 established a Primitive Baptist Church, the very first of this sect . . . [end of page, rest of it is missing]

In what is perhaps the only book ever published at Noah, we find the following genealogical account of William Keele's life; this material was copied for the Society's files by our member, Mrs. Verna T. Jernigan, from John D. Ewell's biography² of the pioneer preacher:

Arthur Keele was a resident of London, England, and a cabinet-maker by trade. He had three sons, Jacob, James and John. Jacob, the elder, was made an apprentice; and, not having fulfilled his apprenticeship, he was left in London when his father and the rest of the family departed for America. Jacob never came to America, but grew rich in London, and, dying without any offspring, left a large fortune which would have made his kindred rich; but from some cause they have not been allowed to acquire their just and lawful right.

Arthur Keele, and other members of his family, among whom were James (aged fourteen years) and John (aged twelve years), made the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in A. D. 1747. They first landed in Delaware, but afterward removed to Virginia and settled in Wythe County. Here another son was born to Arthur Keele, whose name was Richard. Richard grew up and served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

After the war was over, Richard Keele married in Virginia. A numerous offspring was born to him, the most prominent one of the sons being Rev. William Keele . . . he was born in Virginia . . . after a time, however, he came to East Tennessee with his father, who removed his family there, and settled on the French Broad River.

William Keele's first marriage in 1799 was to Jemima Moreland. All of his children were born of his first wife; they were eleven in number and all lived to be grown except one that died in infancy.

Many of the Keeles moved from East Tennessee and settled in Middle Tennessee, on the head-waters of Duck River and Stone's River. Rev. William Keele settled on the latter, in Rutherford County. Soon after he had settled here he took his license to preach, which he received from the Primitive Baptist Church.

Rev. Keele's first sermon was delivered in the year 1806, in the open air, on a rock which is about six or seven miles southward from Murfreesboro. Fifty years from the date he preached a second sermon from the same rock, with the same text. He preached at Garrison Fork Baptist Church, at Howell Church in Cannon County, possibly others.

He was born January 17, 1781, and died February 17, 1861. He had been a minister for fifty-five years. His second marriage was in 1837, to Aney

¹ In "Coffee County" folder, Box 7, Folder 6, Federal Writers' Project, Tenn., 1941; acc. no. 1776, VI-B-1-5, in Tennessee State Archives, Nashville. B. A. B. ² Ewell, John D., Life of Rev. William Keele, from data furnished by William Keele, Jr. Noah, Tenn., W. J. Stephenson, 1884. (Copy owned by Jerry Jernigan of Manchester, Tenn.)

Epps, who survived him. He lived for a long time previous to his death in the southern part of Rutherford County, near Beech Grove. His house was on the Murfreesboro and Manchester turnpike. He was a Democrat.

Some of the marriages performed by Rev. William Keele included:

Bedford Co., 14 Sept. 1812 - David Keele and Nancy Jacobs; Thos.

Moore, Clk. [Moore is the Clerk for all four of these]

Bedford Co., 26 Nov. 1812 - William Ashley and Polly Weaver,
spinster

Bedford Co., 7 Aug. 1813 - Richard Keele and Sarah Card

Bedford Co., 10 Nov. 1813 - Samuel Pogue and Rebecca Duncan

Mrs. Jernigan noted that some of Rev. Keele's co-workers were: Elder J. C. Haley, Jason Ray, Jesse Jernigan, Jerry Dean, H. T. Montgomery, John Byrom, Andy Cummins, Henry Holt, William Cherry, and Peterson Gilley. Others mentioned were: Deacons William Crosslin, John Eaton, Charles Haley, John Shelton, and Elder W. P. Cherry.

Rev. William Keele is buried in an unmarked grave on Jake's Branch Road, leading into Beech Grove.

In addition, there is a portfolio involving intricate genealogical charts compiled by William Granville Purdy, Col. (USA, Ret.), of Chicago in 1957, which may be consulted at the Manchester branch of the Coffee County Library.

MINUTES

OF THE

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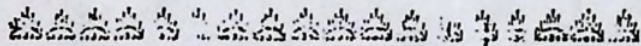
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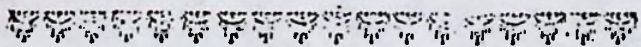
In Bedford County, Tennessee,

ON THE THIRD SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AND MONDAY IN

SEPTEMBER 1817.



Printed by Theo. F. Bradford, Shelbyville, Tenn.



Minutes, &c.

At Brother William Keele preached a Sermon Introductory to business, from Matthew 16th Chapter & 16th Verse "Upon this Rock I will build my Churches, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

At the conference in 1817, Wm. Keel and Wm. Martin attended as ministers, and John Sedgely as a member. They reported that, since the last conference, there had been 5 baptized, 11 received by letter, 14 dismissed by letter, 4 excommunicated, 0 restored, 2 dead, for a total of 127 members.

The program for the conference was found in the Arthur Wier Crouch Collection at the Tennessee State Archives in Nashville, by the editor.

The Editor found this deed in a private collection. It is included since it has William Keele's signature. It has been reduced slightly in order to fit the page better. It was recorded in Coffee County Deed Book J, pp. 83-4, 1 Aug. 1857.

William Keele of the County of Coffee
State of Georgia for and in consideration of
the sum of one hundred dollars to the said
John Eaton his wife and my land and for
such as may hereafter accrue to the said
them, do hereby give grant and convey to
John Eaton William Chapman & Nathl Cooper
Deacons of the Free Will Baptist Church and
Chas S. Johnson in Coffee Co. one acre of ground
bounded as follows beginning on the line between
my land and William Keefe and running north
said line 7 or 8 rods, thence North East North
to the beginning of said line to the said
Francis J. Keefe by them and Nathl Cooper
in space for the purpose of a burying ground
for said church and Nathl Keefe of said
may him to be intended that including
said acre of ground - do hereunto and do
to have the said John Eaton's William Chapman
and Nathl Cooper Deacons as aforesaid
their respective affides for the purpose
of the said deed to be and do agree to
run with them to be and do agree to
defend the right and title in and to said
acre of land of freedom the claim or claims
of said and my heirs assigns and assigns
The Deacons of the Free Will Baptist Church
do hereby give grant and convey to the
said William Keefe of said County of
July 1857

William Keefe

John Eaton
Nathl Cooper
Chas S. Johnson

BEECH GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Beech Grove Church of Christ was formed under the name "Beech Grove Christian Church", some time before 1880. Since there are no early records of this church in existence, only the recollections of the older members can furnish information about this congregation. [Ed. 's note: From a clipping in my files, the obituary of Mrs. Mattie Bowlin (16 Mar. 1859-19 July 1929) states that "she became a member of the Church of Christ at Beech Grove at the age of eighteen." This would have been 1877, and thus helps date the church's beginnings a little bit more closely.]

Dr. John W. Mankin owned the land on which the first building was located. Before the construction of State Highway 64 to Beech Grove, the Jakes Branch Road came in from Bedford County and intersected with the Manchester pike at a point northwest of where the old iron bridge crossed the Garrison Fork of Duck River. It was at this site that Dr. Mankin wrote, "Out of love and affection for my wife, Martha Jane [Ashley], I am building this meeting house." It is said that Dr. Mankin was a very devout member of this church.

At some time after 1920, the name of this congregation became the "Beech Grove Church of Christ". Each fall season in the 1920's and early 1930's, Brother Robert Jernigan would hold a revival meeting in a large tent near the church; it usually continued over a period of two weeks. During this time, the church enjoyed a very large attendance representing not only this community, but the surrounding areas of Bedford and Rutherford Counties.

After the construction of U. S. Highway 41, the building was moved to the present site on the new highway on land donated by Mrs. Litie (Manley) Covington. The building was redecorated and a new parking lot was constructed and paved. In the early 1970's, a new parsonage was built bordering the northwest corner of the lot. [This material has been taken largely from an unpublished sketch of the Beech Grove Church of Christ by Doris Mason and Mrs. Emma Manley (1978).]

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58 [blank]	72 Alex Hinkle	86 D. H. Akin
59 A. H. Elliott	73 [blank]	87 & 88 [blank]
60 A. Brown	74 Thomas J. Kennerly?	89 Naman G. Norton
61 A. S. Norvell	75 B. S. Duggan	90 Saml. C. Austin
62 J. H. Roughton	76 William Arnold	91 Samuel Gullet
63 Rhuben Herrell	77 Reuben George	92 Wm. S. Watterson
64 James McMichel	78 Bealy Gaither	93 John Gannaway
65 Edward Teel	79 John Arnold Sr.	94 [blank]
66 Wm. P. Harris	80 C. Jacobs, Snr.	95 Richard Jacobs
67 [blank]	81 Calvin Jacobs, Jnr.	96 B. S. Hoover
68 B. S. Hubbard	82 J. J. Jacobs	97 J. S. Brown
69 J. J. Sutton	83 [blank]	98 Thomas Winason
70 David Ralph	84 A. Jacobs	99 A. R. Wood
71 N. B. Bates	85 M. M. Duke	100 Wm. Wood

OLD GROVE CHURCH

The second oldest church in the community is the Beech Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, known as the Old Grove Church, which stands in the original location of the village of Beech Grove. Before 1814, this site was a camp meeting place, situated on the land of William S. Watterson. Annually, the old-time camp meetings were held to the great religious benefit of the surrounding countryside. According to old-timers, the preaching of hell-fire and damnation, accompanied by vigorous singing and shouting, ran on to the late hours of the morning. People came on horseback, in wagons, and on foot to attend these services, drawn from miles away in many cases, by their thirst for religious inspiration.

William S. Watterson was the grandfather of Henry Watterson, famous editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal (about whom more will be found on p.60). He was a man of wealth and wielded a strong influence in shaping the early life of the Old Grove community. A deeply religious man and a strong churchman, it was he who in 1814 gave the land and \$1400 to construct one of the first churches of that sections, around which the religious life of the early settlement was largely crystallized.

Unfortunately, no records of this church are available prior to 1870; some names were carried forward by Thomas Wilson, clerk, to the 1870 book as being former members. At that time, on 3 Dec. 1870, the minutes show that there were 95 members, Rev. J. J. Patton was pastor, and Littleton Meadows, William Hume, David Ralph, and Thomas Wilson were Elders.

Names of members carried over from an earlier book (before 1880) were as follows: [N. B., additional information as added by the compiler is found enclosed in brackets, to help today's researcher.]

J. J. Patton	Emaline [Dillard] Patton	Mary Dillard
Mary Walker	Mary Lambert	Mary Brantley
Louisa D. Maxwell	Sam'l O. Woods	Catherine Ashley
Sarah Johnston	James A. Woods	William Hume
Catherine V. Watterson	William Jacobs	Mary Hume
Mary Moore	Elisha McMillon	James Maxwell
Nancy Dillard	Nancy Brantley	R. E. Brantley
Eliza Downing	Caroline Blanton	James Ashley
Eliza Stephens	Catherine Jacobs	D. M. Lawrence
Sophia McMichael	Sarah Shelton	Frances Stephens
Permilla Ratliff	David Ralph	Martha Meadows
Betty Ratliff	Jane Stephens	Clark Blanton
Mary A. Lawrence	Mary Patton	Molly A. Rayburn
Ann E. Stephens	Eliza Thomas	Mary Morris
Janie Norvell	Jane Mason	Sophonra McMichael
L. C. Shanklin	Elizabeth Rayburn	Mary Stephens
Francis Shanklin	Clara J. Tillman	Ella Meadows.
Lydia M. Woods	John Patton	Harret J. Meadows
Elsey Ferrell	John Ashley	W. G. Turner
Sophiah P. Finch	John Mason	Rosana Turner
Martha Shanklin	Charles M. Ralph	Laura Jacobs
Martha Rayburn	Luella Moore	Eliza Farrar
L. F. Dillard	Sarah Dillard	Ann Bell Patton

Alice Wilson
 Robert D. Wilson
 W. T. Wilson
 James Jacobs
 A. W. Parker
 John Ganaway
 Sarah Ganaway
 Sarah E. Brantley
 Ann Bell Farrar
 Adair McGill
 John McGill
 Margaret McGill
 A. C. McMillon
 Stokely Jacobs, Sr.
 James Scruggs
 Robert Johnson
 William Norvell
 Thomas Jones
 W. J. McMillon
 James S. Rayburn
 J. M. Butler
 T. P. Walker
 W. J. Jacobs
 T. J. Summers
 F. C. Tillman
 M. J. Tillman
 M. E. Walker
 M. E. Johnson
 R. D. McMillon
 M. C. McLain
 Mollie Johnson
 Sallie McMillon
 Mollie Rayburn
 Mattie Wilson

J. M. Johnson
 Nannie Hart
 Anna Muse
 Eliza Waterson
 Lee Jacobs
 George Carlisle
 Stokely Jacobs, Jr.
 William Meadows
 David Jarrett
 Mattie B. Thurman
 Eliza Tillman
 J. A. Meadows
 Emma Stephens
 Serena McMillon
 Mattie Muse
 Susan Templeton
 L. Meadows
 W. N. Davidson
 Mrs. A. E. Davidson
 Sallie Rayburn
 Susie Edwards
 Anna Fields
 Tennie Rayburn
 Hattie Patton
 Samuel Norvell
 Dr. J. W. Templeton
 J. T. Stephenson
 George Barnes
 Leona McMillon
 Mrs. [blank] Carson
 Sammie Parker
 Mollie Lowe [Teal]
 Parallee Walker
 Maggie Norvell [Finley]

Belle Frazier
 Belle Tillman [Walker]
 Susie McMillon
 Anna Lane
 Ada Lowe [Crockett]
 Maggie Pearson
 Thomas M. Lane
 Robert Ashley
 William Ashley
 William E. Kendall
 Thomas McMillon
 H. M. Lane
 Lizzie Ashley
 Martha Rayburn
 Adam Rayburn
 Donna Norton [Carlile]
 Prof. Madison Parker
 Mary McMillon
 Bettie Anderson
 Martha B. Bennett
 Charles Reaves?
 Richard C. Anderson
 Nannie Johnson
 Willie Anderson
 John W. Stephens
 Thomas Lowe
 Edward G. Lovett
 John N. Stephens, Sr.
 James G. Rayburn
 Mary Rayburn
 Sallie J. Rayburn
 Blanche Jacobs
 James A. Laghlin
 Mattie Lowe [Chadwick]

This list includes all of the members prior to the 1870 records, apparently. We feel quite confident that the original book (or books) had many names of others who were very early members, including Wattersons, Jacobs, McCroys, Rayburns, and Ashleys. We also know, from a marble insert in the front vestibule of the church, that "Rev. William S. Watterson was the first member of this congregation and the father of this church".

Added to the rolls during the period, 1880-90, were the following:

Mary A. Lean
 Thomas Lean
 Lulie B. Manly
 Pinkie Jacobs
 Robert Carlisle
 Mattie Carlisle [Ashley]
 George P. Ashley

Lucy C. Ashley
 Eva Ashley [Shoffner]
 Bettie Bennett [Barnes]
 Carrie Jacobs
 Donie Jacobs [Lowe]
 Lucy A. Ashley [Moore]
 Mollie Jacobs [Wilson]

J. D. McGill
 Baxter Hoover
 Neely Stephens [Walker]
 John Ashley, Jr.
 Osa Rayburn
 William R. Norton, Jr.
 John Bell

Charlie Ashley
Neely Pearson
Etta Rayburn
Bettie Jolly
James W. Ashley, Jr.
M. L. Chadwick
O. L. Fields
S. E. Alexander
Z. D. Jolly
Minnie Bennett [Darrab]
Sallie Ashley
Julia Norton
O. M. Alexander
_____ Douglass
Catherine Pea
W. T. Shanklin
L. M. Shanklin
Addie J. Templeton
N. A. Ellison
A. S. Johnson?
A. B. Witherspoon
Samuel F. Brantley
Sarah E. Brantley
James R. Brantley
M. C. Brantley [Ashley]
Sam. K. Brantley
W. T. Wilson
Mattie E. Wilson
Florence E. Wilson
Bettie J. Warren
A. J. Warren
W. M. Mason
W. M. Bennett
Martha A. Stephenson
Anna E. Farrer
Mattie Herrick
Mary L. Norton
J. D. Hoover
J. H. Shanklin
Elizabeth Herrick
Julia F. Herrick
Pet Ashley
Wm. G. Rayburn
G. B. Wilson
Della Sherrell
Mollie McMikael [Stephenson]
John W. Stephens
Robert McMillon
Alice McMahan
J. W. Morgan

Jolly Vaughn
Mattie McMicle [Beckman]
Mertle Ally
Frank Euliss
Mattie Euliss
Eula Manly
Emily Pierce
Jane Stephens [Walker]
Lula Norton
Burrel F. Gannaway
Emma Rayburn
Mollie Willson [Gibson]
Mrs. S. Arnold
Joshua Fields
Ana Gibson
Jenie Dillard
Kelie Ashley
Hattie Patton Wilson
Samuel Norvell
Frank Jacobs
Ewin Jacobs
Lydia Wood
Lula Moore
Lena Stephens
Mrs. C. D. Honeycutt
Rowena Meadows
Mrs. Elizabeth Gye
Mrs. Alma Brantley
Stokley Jacobs
Laura Jacobs
Minnie Jacobs [Norton]
Blanche McGill
Grace Jacobs
A. H. Coffm. [as found]
Robert Howland
Watson Templeton
Harvey Templeton
Jones Templeton
Sammie Farrar
Matilda Jernagan
Mary A. Walker
Wm. Ashley
R. L. Howland, Jr.
A. Jacobs, Sr.
B. F. Moore
Sam Arnold
Mattie Chadwick
Virginia Meadows
Mary Norton
Eliza P. Farrar

Tennie Rayburn
Carrie Jacobs
A. H. Coffey
Jenie Dillard
W. J. Dillard
Mrs. Joe Walker
Mrs. Lydia Osbourne
Mrs. Mollie Osbourne
Miss Eddie McAdoo
James A. McAdoo
Miss Mattie Dillard
Miss Mattie Jacobs
Dr. J. W. Templeton
Miss Ollie Ashley
Cleve Jacobs
William Norvell
Annie Norvell
W. B. Walker
John K. Rayburn
Adam Rayburn
J. P. Tillman
J. H. Beavers
David A. Beavers
H. L. Beavers
E. L. Duncan
T. C. Duncan
John W. Elliott
Nannie Virginia Brantley
Ida J. Norton
Arthur Ashley
J. W. Jacobs
Mrs. J. W. Jacobs
Samuel Farrah
Sallie J. Rayburn
Miss Lisa Ashley
Miss F. C. Tillman
Miss Dona Sherrill
John P. Walker
Joseph B. Walker
R. E. McMillan
David A. Norvell
John A. Chadwick
O. D. Mason
A. L. Mason
James Ewin Warren
Willie Rayburn [Gilmore]
Vannah Norvell
Bulah Norvell
William Anderson
Mrs. William Anderson
Oscar Stephenson

[Ed.'s note to the foregoing list: There appears to be considerable duplication in the 1880-90 and the 1870's lists, so if in doubt as to whether these are the same or different people, a check of the original records as to the method of joining the church, by experience or letter, or perhaps a transfer away, would clarify this.]

Register of Infant Baptisms - 1865-1890

Name, Parents' Names, Date, and By whom baptized -

Charles M. Moore, R. F. & Mary Moore,	15 Sept. 1865,	Rev. J. J. Patton
Mary H. Patton, J. J. & Emaline Patton,	"	"
Elizabeth Lawrence, D. M. & M. A. Lawrence	"	"
Louisa D. Lawrence,	" "	" "
Alfred Hume, Wm. & Mary Hume,	June 1867	"
Oscar C. Rayburn, F. & H. A. Rayburn,	"	"
Mary C. Brantley, S. F. & Bettie Brantley,	"	"
James R. Brantley,	" "	" "
Sarah Chandler, H. H. & Mary Chandler,	Sept. 1869	"
Anna L. Lawrence, D. M. & M. A. Lawrence,	"	"
Sam'l K. Brantley, S. F. & Bettie Brantley,	17 Sept. 1870	"
Willie Hume, Wm. & Mary Hume,	4 June 1871	"
Florence E. Wilson, W. T. & M. E. Wilson,	"	"
William H. Meadows, L. & M. Meadows,	17 Sept. 1871	"
Adine R. Meadows,	" "	" "
Vanda L. Meadows,	" "	" "
Ella H. Meadows,	" "	" "
Dora Lee Meadows,	" "	" "
Kitty D. Meadows,	" "	" "
Minnie P. Farrar, Ann Bell Farrar,	"	"
Kellis O. Farrar,	"	"
Blanch Jacobs, L. & Stoke Jacobs,	20 Sept. 1874,	Rev. J. Lovett
Laura Jacobs,	" "	" "
Minnie Jacobs,	" "	" "
Frank Jacobs,	" "	" "
Cleveland Jacobs, William Jacobs,	" "	" "
Maude Brantley, Robt. Brantley,	" "	" "
Mary E. Rayburn, French & Holly Rayburn,	" "	" "
James T. Cass, Thomas & M. Cass	" "	" "
Kittie D. Cass,	" "	" "
Roena A. Meadows, Jas. & Ella Meadows,	" "	" "
French Stephens, Jno. & Mary Stephens,	24 Sept. 1876	"
Luther Meadows, Jas. & Ella Meadows,	" "	" "
Jno. Templeton Cass, Tho. & Martha Cass,	" "	" "
William <u>Abd</u> Lovett, Jas. A. B. & P. Lovett,	"	Rev. F. O. Bates
John Orr Hume, Wm. & Mary Hume,	"	Rev. J. A. B. Lovett
Edd Bradford Hume,	" "	" "
Horace Ashley, John & Kittie Ashley,	14 Oct. 1879,	Rev. A. H. Manly
Minnie Ashley,	" "	" "
Gracy L. Jacobs, Stokley & Laura Jacobs,	26 Sept. 1880	"
Jacobs,	" "	" "
Mattie B. Jacobs, James & Eliza Jacobs,	28 Sept. 1884	"

Brenda B. Jacobs, James & Eliza Jacobs, 28 Sept. 1885, Rev. A. H. Manly
 Benjamin Hoover, Baxter & Ader Hoover, 21 Aug. 1888 "
 Stella Wilson, Dan & Mollie Wilson, "
 Eliza Wilson, "
 Emmet Brantley, Jas. & Alma Brantley, 25 Aug. 1889, Rev. J. C. Templeton
 Carrie Brantley, "
 Addie Norvell, Annie Norvell, "

Clark Blanton was baptized by Rev. William B. Watterson in September 1866.

Register of Marriages
 Rev. J. J. Patton, 1870-

[N. b. , material in brackets was added by the Editor, from the WPA book of Coffee County Marriages, 1870-80.]

<u>Man's Name</u>	<u>Woman's Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thomas [M.] Cass	Martha [Jane] Meadows	[22] Dec. 1870
William Jacobs	Nannie Watterson	27 July 1877
A. J. Warren	Bettie Stephenson	
Joshua Fields	Nannie Johnson	
James Jacobs	Eliza Johnson	
J. D. McGill	Blanch Jacobs	
Sam Arnold	Rebecca Jacobs	[14 Oct. 1875]
L[angston] Teal	Mollie [E.] Lowe	[22 Dec. 1879]
John Chadwick	Hattie Lowe	
Mr. Crockett	Adah Lowe	
G. B. Wilson	Mollie Jacobs	[3 Sept. 1879]
Mr. Taylor	Minnie Ashley	
Charles Ashley	Nealy Brantley	
J. R. Brantley	Alma Ashley	
Mr. Norvell	Annie Ashley	
John Walker	Nealy Stephens	
John W. Stephens	Mollie McMichael	
J. B. Walker	Janie Stephens	

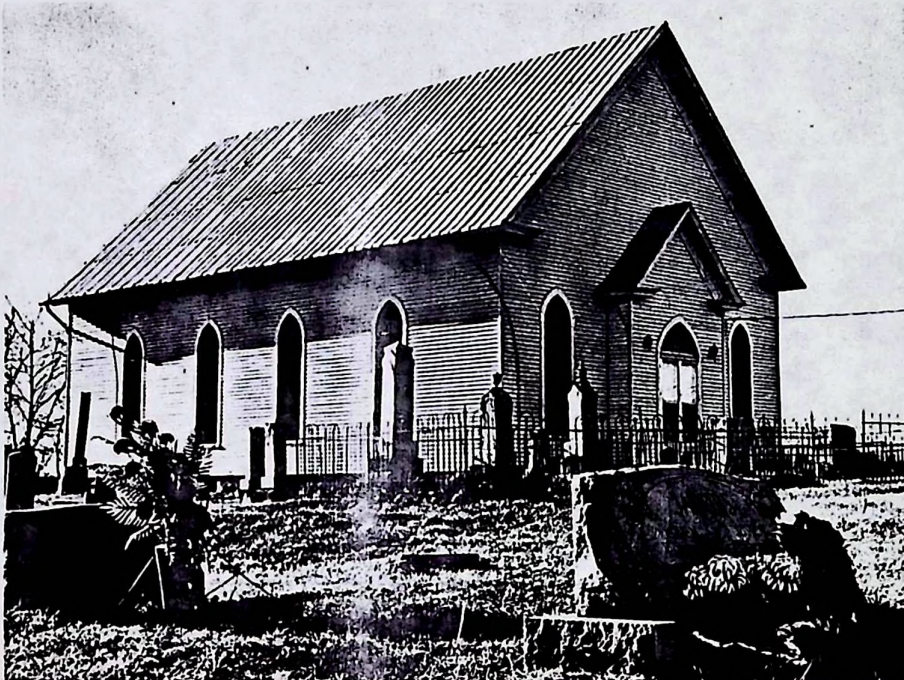
It is said that the Cumberland Presbyterian manse was situated in all three counties - the northwest room was in Rutherford Co., the back porch was in Bedford, and the rest of the house was in Coffee. This way, the minister could perform marriages for people from each of these counties without leaving his home!

Register of Deaths

<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Caroline Blanton	1867	
James Mason	1867	
Ann Stephens	July 1867	
Catherine V. Watterson	July 1867	
John Patton	Feb. 1867	[Ed.'s note: as found, tho' out of sequence]
James Maxwell	17 Feb. 1868	
Rebecca Jacobs	Nov. 1868	
Leonard C. Shanklin	19 Sept. 1869	
Robert McCrary	1869	
Mary Ann Lawrence	19 Sept. 1870	

Mary H. Patton	28 Jan. 1871	
Kitty D. Meadows	13 Sept. 1872	Infant, age 2 yrs.
Lee Meadows	June 1874	Infant daughter
James Rayburn	Aug. 1875	About 19 yrs. old
Harvey Rayburn	Aug. 1875	About 4 yrs. old
Elder David Ralph	1875	Died triumphantly
Nannie Hart	1877	Died triumphantly
Littleton Meadows	11 Aug. 1879	Elder in the congregation
John McGill		Elder
Betie Jordan	Sept. 1886	Formaly Jollie
Carrie Jacobs	17 Dec. 1888	
Mrs. Emeline Patton	26 July 1889	
Mrs. June Stephens	8 Sept. 1889	
Mrs. Elizabeth Gye	21 Sept. 1889	
John Ashley, Sr.	28 Sept. 1889	
Eliza Thomas	July 1890	

In 1888, a new building was constructed under the direction of the building committee appointed 6 Aug. 1887; these were: A. B. Witherspoon, Dr. John Ganaway, and William Rayburn. The new building was erected on the same site as the original one. A note in the Manchester Times for 10 Feb. 1888 said that the church would be dedicated by Dr. Stainback of McMinnville the first Sunday in May. Tradition has it that the first real service in the new building was at the Christmas season. In 1914, the church required redecorating, and again in 1960. Otherwise, the appearance of the church is the same today as it was in 1888.



Old Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church as it is today -
with its adjoining cemetery.

METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, later known as the Beech Grove United Methodist Church, was originally organized around 1830 on the Garrison Road at a point where the Garrison Fork Creek and Sutton's Branch intersect. A building was constructed near where the Mt. Hebron Cemetery is located today, and it was known as the Mt. Hebron Methodist Church. Among the early ministers who filled its pulpit were Rev. John B. McFerrin and Rev. John O. Blanton.

Shortly before 1900, the church's membership began to shift westward, toward the village of Beech Grove. Around 1908, there was a split in the membership of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Beech Grove over the merger with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. The church at Beech Grove lost several members who opted to go with the merger, namely, the Rayburns, Hoovers, Masons, and Ragsdales. This group wanted to organize a Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. at Beech Grove, but their enthusiasm cooled and no building was ever started. At some time in this period the Mt. Hebron congregation decided to move their church to Beech Grove. According to Rev. Cullen T. Carter in his History of Methodist Churches¹, the Beech Grove Methodist Church was organized in 1887, with Rev. David S. Thompson its first pastor. Mr. B. P. Norton donated the lot on which it was built, he said. Some of the deceased members were: Mr. & Mrs. Will Jacobs, Cleve Jacobs, William Green, and Mrs. Mattie Ashley; the only two such early members still living in 1956 were Mrs. Cleve Jacobs and Mrs. William Green.

The splinter group from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in uniting with the Methodist congregation succeeded in forming a very strong, effective church, contributing much to the spiritual growth of the community. The section which begins on the next page will attest to the varied activities and deep devotion of group in the years 1898-1900².

The Methodist Church was the only church at Beech Grove which had both a steeple and a bell. Consistently as a youth, I would hear the bell toll, summoning the faithful to worship each Sabbath morning.

Soon after World War II, the congregation began to diminish, until in 1956, there were only 34 members. It was not long until there were too few to carry on the work of the church, and so it was discontinued. Most of the members who were left came into the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and due to these members and their faithfulness, this church became a full-time church and is now growing in influence in the area.

The Methodist church building was sold to Beech Grove Herman Lodge No. 239, F. & A. M., which group had lost its lodge hall to the right of way for Interstate Highway 24. The lodge remodeled the interior of the building and can now boast of an ideal lodge hall.

¹Carter, Cullen T., ed., History of Methodist Churches and Institutions in Middle Tennessee, 1787-1956 (Nashville, The Parthenon Press, 1956), pp. 295-96.

²Cox, James Reed, ed., "Warm Hearts and Saddle Bags": Journal of the Reverend Jeremiah W. Cullom, 1828-1915 (Nashville, Tennessee Conference, The United Methodist Church, 1968?), pp. 200-210. We are very pleased to be able to include this important segment of our history with the permission of John Abernathy Smith, President of the Commission on Archives and History of the Tennessee Annual Conference and the Rev. James Reed Cox, editor of the Cullom book.

REV. J. W. CULLOM'S DIARIES

The diarist, Jeremiah Walker Cullom, was born in Davidson Co., Tenn., 20 Dec. 1828. At 18, he began to learn the tanner's trade, but his health soon suffered so much, he had to quit. At a revival meeting, he joined the Methodist church 16 June 1848, and afterwards began to "exhort". By the fall of 1851, he was able to serve as a junior preacher, thus beginning his long career of 64 years as a minister. On 13 Oct. 1857, he married Mary B. Isom of Lincoln Co. They ultimately became the parents of three sons and three daughters who lived to be adults (James Alexander, John Charles, Marvin, Mamie [Kimbro], Hattie [Davis], and Nimmie [Jordan]). Rev. Cullom died in Wilson, Ark. on 21 Nov. 1915, and was buried from his old home church at Triune, Tenn. in the presence of over 2000 people. His loving wife Mattie had preceded him in death on 12 Feb. 1915.

In addition to his years in Beech Grove, Rev. Cullom probably came in contact with a number of Coffee Countians when he was the Chaplain of the 24th Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A.

CHAPTER XVIII

Two Years at Beech Grove in Coffee County

FRIDAY NOV. 4. We moved to Noah, Coffee County, where our parsonage is located. We like the parsonage and the village. There are three stores, daily mail, church and school. We got up about midnight last night and began loading our wagons, and started while the stars were still shining. Jim Rutledge and Horace Butler moved us. Our wagons were till dark making the trip. We supped with Bro. McBride and slept among the boxes that held our effects. Our family consists of self, wife and Nimmie.

SUNDAY NOV. 6. Had good congregations at Noah and at Beech Grove. Slept at W. F. Biven's—an excellent family. I like my Circuit.

SUNDAY NOV. 13. Was at Goose Pond, but the rain came down all day and we held an informal service with about a dozen people. We spent two nights very pleasantly with Bro. Adam Duncan. Was called on for a marriage ceremony, but as it was a "run away", I declined.

TUESDAY NOV. 15. A heavy frost and some ice this morning. The weather is clear and beautiful.

THURSDAY NOV. 17. Our first quarterly meeting was held here at Bell Spring. Paid me \$32.60. Paid Dr. Orman \$4.65.

THURSDAY NOV. 24. Preached a Thanksgiving sermon at Goose Pond and dined with Bro. Taylor. A cold day.

SATURDAY 26. Was in Murfreesboro. It turned bitterly cold this morning.

SUNDAY 27. Preached at Olivet, and Beech Grove. The congregations were better than I expected owing to the very cold weather.

MONDAY 28. We were waked by the falling of a heavy sleet, which turned to a very cold rain later in the day.

FRIDAY DEC. 2. Am spending the week in pastoral visiting. The weather is cool and pleasant. Good pork weather.

SUNDAY DEC. 4. It rained last night and has snowed all day. It is bitterly cold tonight. John Jordan, an old citizen, 74, died this evening. No church service today. The blizzard has kept everybody indoors. It has cleared off since sunset.

MONDAY DEC. 5, 1898. Clear, and very cold. We buried Bro. Jordan this evening.

SATURDAY 10th. The weather has been very cold all the week. Last night water froze in our bedroom. We have a good supply of hickory wood, and we enjoy having good fires.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 14. The mercury was down to within 4 degrees of zero last night. In the North, the cold has been intense. At Denver, the temperature was 19 below zero. Snow storms have prevailed in Texas, Miss., and La.—and other Southern states.

SUNDAY 18. Preached at Beech Grove (Ex. 17-11) to a good congregation. Rained out at Bell Spring. The weather is warm and misty.

TUESDAY 20. 70 today.

THURSDAY 22. Mamie and Hattie came home with me from Murfreesboro. They will stay a few days during the holidays.

SUNDAY DEC. 25, 1898. A bright and very pleasant day. Preached, usefully, I hope, at Olivet. Drove home at night. Last night we had a very fruitful Christmas tree at Beech Grove. We were remembered very kindly by our friends in the way of meat, lard, fruits, etc. We had excellent order. I am at peace with God and Man. By God's gracious mercy, I am willing to live or ready to die.

THURSDAY DEC. 29. For a week or so the weather has been clear and bracing. We had delightful Christmas weather.

SUNDAY JAN. 1, 1899. It snowed and blowed yesterday and last night, but was clear and very cold today, with a good deal of snow on the ground. Preached to about 40 people here at Bell Spring. Did not go to Beech Grove at night because of the cold and an attack of Grip.

FRIDAY JAN. 6. For two days and nights the rain has poured down. "Noah's Fork" is out of bounds. I had to borrow a horse this morning and ford the water to get to my stable, through which the water is running. . . .

MONDAY JAN. 16. Conducted the funeral of Charles McMical, a most excellent young man. Have been in bed most of the time since Thursday, but got up and preached at Bell Spring yesterday afternoon and also the funeral today. Lagrippe has attacked my back. Later. Was in bed three days.

MONDAY JAN. 30. I am well. Have lost no time except one sermon. We were at Murfreesboro and Salem last week. Preached twice and took part in four services at Beech Grove yesterday. It is snowing tonight.

SATURDAY FEB. 4. . . . We have had this week, most unusual weather. Wednesday morning the thermometer was five degrees below zero. Then it turned very warm and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, we had fierce lightning, pealing thunder and down-pour of rain. The waters were very high this morning.

(WEDNESDAY FEB. 1. The thermometer stood five degrees below zero here—at Clarksville, 14 below.)

SUNDAY FEB. 5th. A very bad day. Talked to a dozen folks at Bell Spring at eleven and preached to about forty at Beech Grove at night. We had a precious service at night.

TUESDAY 7. The earth is covered with sleet,—the ground slick as glass, the weather intensely cold. The mercury about ten degrees below zero.

SUNDAY FEB. 12, 1899. Intensely cold. Yesterday I started to my 2nd quarterly meeting to be held at Goose Pond, and after riding three miles, the blizzard of wind and snow, growing worse, I turned back home. I am very glad I did, as one can hardly live in this weather today. There is about 6 inches of snow on the ground and it has been coming down all day, but it is too cold to snow except the fine "hominy snow". There is no doubt much suffering among the poor in some places. The P. E. did not come. The whole of the past week has been spent at home, trying to keep myself and family warm.

(Gordonsville, Smith County, registered 26 below on Feb. 13, 1899. Many other of our towns registered 24.)

MONDAY FEB. 13. Too cold for anything. It is clear this morning. Ink freezes in my pen as I write by a good fire. When I learn what the mercury registers I will insert it. The most common register is 20 degrees below. Several of our county towns registered 22, and 24. Such weather has not before been experienced in this country. There has been very great suffering among the poor in the cities. Many of the churches were kept heated up night and day for the benefit of the poor. In most of our towns, coal and wood ran short, and even well to do people suffered. In Nashville the police had to be called in to guard the coal yards while distribution was being made. Even in South Carolina the employers of the great factories had to spend the nights in the mills, with their families, to keep from freezing. . . .

SATURDAY FEB. 25. It has rained nearly all the week. Is raining today. The farmers have been at a standstill all the winter.

SUNDAY MARCH 5. Preached to a good crowd at Noah, then rode seven miles through a snow storm to Goose Pond and talked to a dozen folks. Then back to Noah in haste and married J. H. Carson to Miss Nannie Woodfin at 5 P.M. A very busy day.

TUESDAY 7th. Married W. D. Anderson to Miss Lena Butler this afternoon at the parsonage. Last night and today have been intensely cold. Water, ink and coal oil froze in our room. The creek was frozen over solidly. Friday and Saturday last, was too warm for comfort. What a change.

SAT. MARCH 18. Our second quarterly meeting at Goose Pond. The rain poured in torrents all day, and the waters were high. Three or four of us got together and held quarterly conference, P. E. not there, Paid P. E. \$9.40. P. C. \$65.85.

SUNDAY MARCH 19. Preached at Goose Pond and Noah and drove over to prayer meeting at Beech Grove. Stayed at that always good home, Pitts Jacobs. There is no sign of spring—not a swelling bud. The trees look like the dead of winter. No farming done, nor gardening. I was expected to conduct the funeral of Ki Lillard, my old neighbor at Salem, at three P.M. today, but the telephone failed to reach me in time. The same thing occurred last week in the funeral of Mrs. Beckie Yeargan Woodfin—in the same community. I am sorry.

TUESDAY MARCH 21. Funeral of Mrs. Mary Nesbitt at Beech Grove.

THURSDAY 23. Visited on "McBride's Branch", Elliott, Wm. Jacobs, Robt. Hill, Miller Hill, Mrs. Sherrill, Cal Jacobs, Pittman, J. Wes. Jacobs, Mrs. Summers, Mr. Swope. A good day.

SAT. 25. Drove down to Olivet and stayed with Bro. J. S. Jackson. Attended Beech Grove Masonic Lodge last night and put in my demit.

SUNDAY MARCH 26. Called this morning at Bob Lowes, Dr. Griggs, and Gov. John P. Buchanans. The Governor's family have been quite sick lately. Preached at Olivet at eleven, drove to Beech Grove and attended Sunday School at three and then drove to Wartrace, nine miles, and preached at night.

MONDAY 27th. By request, opened Prof. Brandon's School and addressed the pupils. It was, I think a pleasant and profitable occasion. 195 pupils.

TUESDAY 28th. After raining nearly all day, it turned very cold and snowed and froze up things this afternoon.

This is a bitter cold night and the wind blowing "great guns" from the north. The forests look as dead as winter.

SATURDAY APRIL 8. Conducted funeral of Miss Majia Farrar at Noah Church. She was 19, a cultured young lady, and died of measles, which is prevailing here. We still have wintry weather. There is no sign of vegetation. Winter commenced in Oct. and has never let up. Did we ever have a longer winter or a later spring? The fruit is killed.

SUNDAY 9th. Preached twice at Beech Grove and at 3 P.M. at Olivet.

SATURDAY APRIL 15. Broke up my garden yesterday. We have had a few fair warm days. No corn planted yet. The buds on the trees are beginning to swell.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19. Planted Irish potatoes and beans—and other things.

THURSDAY 20. Everybody planting corn. The hills are beginning to look green. Rode hard all day. . . .

SUNDAY MAY 7. The Spring is here at last. The weather is very hot and very dry. The hills are green. Had large congregations at Noah, Goose Pond, and again at Noah at night. Dined and supped at Alex Farrars.

MONDAY 8. Worked very hard all day paling the parsonage garden. Hot weather.

SAT. MAY 13. Returned from Dist. Conf. at Shelbyville. Rather alim conference.

SUNDAY 14. Three appointments as usual. A happy, good day. Good rains now and crops are looking well.

SATURDAY MAY 20. Nimmie has been quite sick with bilious fever for a week and more. She is possibly a little better today. I have been cook and nurse all the time, as my wife is at Triune. Dr. John Hoover is attending Nimmie.

SUNDAY MAY 28. Attended the "footwashing" at the Garrison. A huge and unwieldy crowd attended same place at night. Preached at 4 P.M. at Hoover Gap. Was greatly annoyed by some rude behavior by some young men. Slept at Porter Nortons.

FRIDAY JUNE 9. After a very dry spell, we had a copious rain last night.

FRIDAY 16. Spent the week in Murfreesboro attending the Epworth League Conference. . . .

SUNDAY JUNE 25. Preached at Olivet and Beech Grove. Good day. Heavy rain this P. M. Only local, and much of the country is suffering from a severe drouth.

TUESDAY JULY 4. The drouth is becoming serious. Crops are suffering badly. Local rains have fallen in various places, but have not done much good. The "glorious fourth" has not been celebrated in this part of the county. People are busy threshing wheat and plowing.

MONDAY 10. Heard Bishop Galloway twice on Education. Have a felon on my finger. Arm in a sling. Drouth continues.

SUNDAY JULY 16. Preached at Goose Pond and Noah with my arm in a sling. Had a slight shower this afternoon. The dry weather is frightful. The crops are ruined in many places. We have had some local showers here that others have missed. Was very happy in preaching this morning.

FRIDAY 21. A copious rain last night and today. I hope it is general.

SATURDAY JULY 22. A pouring rainy day. Thank God for his mercy.

SUNDAY JULY 30. Began a meeting here at Noah. We had immense crowds morning and night. Bro. Silas Parker preached at night. It rained nearly all of the past week and the waters are up, and the crops are saved. I helped Bro. Mabry in a meeting nearly all the week at Blankenships.

MONDAY 31st. Preached twice to great congregations. We looked for Bro. Mabry, but he did not come.

TUESDAY AUG. 1. Bro. Mabry came and we had a good meeting at eleven.

TUESDAY AUG. 8. Our meeting closed with five conversions. Such crowds of people have never, been seen here, so the neighbors say.

THURSDAY SEPT. 21. The weather is cool and dry and last night we had a light frost. Have held meetings at Olivet, Goose Pond and Beech Grove—a few conversions at each. But results are small.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 27. Married Jas. T. Sanders to Miss Edna Miller. (5.00) It was a very nice occasion. We had a sharp frost this morning but did not do much damage. The late pea crop was scorched a little.

SATURDAY SEPT. 30. An immense frost this morning—a good deal of ice.

(TUESDAY OCT. 31. Baptized little T. E. Hord.)

FRIDAY NOV. 3. The conference at Columbia (Bishop Galloway) is over and I am returned to Beech Grove Circuit. I was sick two weeks and did not attend conference.

The people with great unanimity asked for our return here and I seconded the request. . . .

SUNDAY NOV. 12. Preached with liberty at Beech Grove and Olivet. Heard Dr. Tillitt (C.P.) at night. We had a precious service. The weather has been dry and beautiful all the fall. My wife has been at Triune for two weeks.

TUESDAY NOV. 14. We commenced a cistern this morning for the parsonage. Ben Walter, Colored, is doing the digging at 50 cts per day. It will likely cost me a good deal more than my share. I leave a blank space for results.

(SATURDAY JAN. 7. Finished plastering the cistern. Have paid out for brick. 3300—\$22.42 N.E. Alley did the plastering; I must raise the money. Plasterer 8.00 I give \$10.00 to start with; it will likely cost me much more. 3 barrels, Cement \$5.60 It cost me \$18.00, besides boarding the hands and 2 barrels, Lime 2.00 doing many little jobs for which I did not charge. Hired hands 5.00. Sic \$43.02 (Brother Cullom added up this column to make \$42.02).

(SAT. JAN. 20, 1900. Some of our plastering having fallen off, Mr. Alley and I spent today "patching"—at an expense for cement and other things of about three dollars. The whole cost is about \$45.00)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25, 1899. First Quarterly Meeting at Olivet. Good sermon from A. C. Couey, P.E. Paid P.E. \$7.45, P.C. \$52.05.

SUNDAY 26. Rain all day. No service.

MONDAY 27. Still raining. Brought my wife home who has been gone just a month to Triune. So we are all home.

THURSDAY NOV. 30. Preached from Dan 2-44 a thanksgiving sermon at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Beech Grove—a union service.

FRIDAY DEC 1. Conducted funeral of Mrs. Narcissa Earles.

SUNDAY DEC 3. Good service at Noah at eleven, but soon after the service closed, it blew up a "norther"—wind, rain, and snow.

I started to Goose Pond but turned back. It is growing very cold tonight. Glad I am at home.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 6. Conducted funeral of Lawson Keele, a good member of our church. We grieve for his death.

FRIDAY DEC. 8. At the Cumberland P. Church, conducted funeral of Mrs. Mayfield—a good woman. Three funerals in a week.

SUNDAY DEC. 10. Preached at B. Grove and was rained out in afternoon and night.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 13. Preached funeral of Bro. Elijah A. Ensey at Goose Pond Church. He was 67, a good man.

SUNDAY DEC. 17. Conducted funeral of Mrs. Lizenby at eleven o'clock at Farrar Hill and preached at three at Noah. We are having a great many deaths.

MONDAY DEC. 25. We had a good Christmas tree and excellent behavior.

TUESDAY JAN. 2, 1900. Returned from Nashville where I spent several days with my children and friends. Heard Sam Jones at the Tabernacle preach to six thousand people. He is as wonderful as ever.

THURSDAY JAN. 4. Nimmie has measles and it is all over the community—contracted from two young men who were in the crowded church at the Christmas tree.

FRIDAY JAN. 12. Attended Masonic Lodge.

SATURDAY JAN. 13. Conducted funeral of Mrs. Cooksey.

SUNDAY JAN. 14. A very lovely day and two good congregations at Beech Grove.

SATURDAY JAN. 20. Put the last cement on our new cistern. I have been working on it nearly every day, off and on, for two months. It has been a world of trouble. I hope it will be useful. It has cost over

above my own work on it	\$44.87
Have received on it	12.00

Paid out of my own pocket \$32.87

I hope to raise most of this on the Circuit. It took 3,400 brick, 3½ barrels cement, 2 barrels of lime. The mechanic charged \$8.00 for laying the brick and plastering. Paid out six or eight dollars for other labor.

SUNDAY JAN. 21, 1900. Good day at Goose Pond and Noah. We have had no severe weather so far. The mercury has not been down to zero by 8 or 10 degrees.

SUNDAY JAN. 28. Had a good service at Olivet. Spent yesterday and the day before in pastoral visiting here and called on 21 families. It turned intensely cold and snowed in the afternoon and I rode home.

MONDAY JAN. 29. Conducted funeral of little Clarence Anderson at M. A. Butlers. It was bitterly cold.

WEDNESDAY 31. Funeral of little Lennie Campbell.

SUNDAY FEB. 4. Preached at Noah to a small congregation. Nearly rained out.

TUESDAY FEB. 6. A long muddy ride to see Mrs. Susie Meadows who is very low with consumption.

SUNDAY 11. A good day at B.G. and Olivet.

THURSDAY 15. Spent yesterday and today visiting Goose Pond. Called on 26 families.

FRIDAY FEB. 16. At home all day. Very cold. We began using our cistern a week ago.

SATURDAY 17. Intensely cold,—down to zero. Then fell a light snow last night.

SUNDAY FEB. 25, 1900. Second Quarterly meeting yesterday and today at Noah. Very cold weather with light snow. Paid P.E. 6.90. Paid P.C. 48.35.

SUNDAY MARCH 11. A good day. Preached at Beech Grove at 11. Olivet at 3, and drove 16 miles and preached at Salem at night. Was very happy in preaching at eleven o'clock. Stayed at Mamie's.

...WEDNESDAY 14. Yesterday got a telephone message to come home by next train. Got home last night at eleven and today preached the funeral of Bro. Tom McGuire at ten and Sam Rayborn at 1 P.M. Such is life.

FRIDAY MARCH 16. It snowed all day yesterday and again last night. It is about six inches deep. Water froze in our bedroom last night. . . .

TUESDAY 20. Got home from Murfreesboro. It is still cold weather. We have thick ice and the ground is hard frozen. There is no sign of vegetation. The woods are as bare as mid-winter.

FRIDAY MARCH 30. Was down three or four days this week with grippe. Rode two hours this P.M. in a cold rain. This was the first day out from the grippe. It is everywhere. Many, specially old people, are dying with it. The peach blooms are showing a little. We had a sharp frost this morning.

SUNDAY APRIL 8. Three precious services—Beech Grove and Olivet. The peach trees are in bloom and other trees are beginning to swell their buds. There is good prospect for fruit.

THURSDAY APRIL 12. We have had several cold rainy days. Our cistern has 4½ feet of water. The hills still look wintry.

SATURDAY 28. Funeral of N. P. Norton. Last week conducted funeral of Jas. Carlisle—90 years old.

Am attending our Dist. Conf. at Manchester.

SATURDAY MAY 5. Two days ago we had a sharp frost but it did no damage. The peaches are as big as bullets, and the prospect for fruit is good. . . .

SUNDAY MAY 13. Preached three times with liberty—twice at Beech Grove and once at Olivet.

THURSDAY 24. Brought my wife home from Triune.

FRIDAY JUNE 1. Rained last night and all this morning. I turned the water into my cistern this morning for two or three hours. We have less than three feet of water and I am afraid it will give out. The crops are late but look well.

SATURDAY JUNE 2. We had a down-pour of rain this evening. The creek overflowed my garden and came up into my stables. It was out of the banks.

SUNDAY JUNE 3. Preached funeral of Sister Lizenby at Noah and preached at Goose Pond at three. Came back home. It has rained more or less all day.

MONDAY JUNE 4. Still raining, as it has for nearly a week. Good crop prospects, and the fruit crop is very good indeed.

JUNE 15. FRIDAY. Wife and I spent the week in Nashville attending the League Convention and visiting our children. The rain has continued and the crops are in the grass. My garden has been overflowed. . . .

THURSDAY 21. Plowed and hoed out my garden. Left Mattie at Triune.

WEDNESDAY 26. The rain, the rain. It has rained nearly every day for nearly a month. The crops are lost in the weeds, and the wheat in the shocks is in danger. It is still raining tonight.

SATURDAY JUNE 30. A very heavy rain this afternoon. The wheat shocks are sprouting.

SUNDAY JULY 1. A great congregation attended Children's Day at Noah—my home church. Our church could not seat the people. We had no rains today.

WEDNESDAY 11. No rain since June 30. A shower would help. Wheat threshing is on in earnest.

FRIDAY JULY 13. Good rains last night and today.

SUNDAY 15. Preached at Goose Pond and Noah. Heavy rain in the afternoon.

MONDAY AUG. 13. Last night we closed an excellent meeting here at Noah. There were about 30 conversions and 21 joined the church. We had five conversions at Goose Pond lately. Our 4th quarterly meeting was held at Beech Grove July 29. Paid P.C. 38.50. Paid P.E. 5.50. Bro. G. W. Anderson helped me in a protracted series a few days and took sick. Nothing much done.

SUNDAY AUG. 19. Frightfully hot weather. Preached at Goose Pond and then drove through blazing heat and preached at Noah at three. I am called to conduct the funeral of Sister Ed Hoover tomorrow at 4 P.M. and from thence (D.V.) to a tent meeting near Christiana. We need a good rain. . . .

WEDNESDAY 22. Have attended a Holiness tent meeting for two days. Good. We had a fine rain this afternoon—and a storm which blew down our tent. No one hurt.

TUESDAY 28. In a meeting at Olivet which we "laid over" today till the 5th Sunday in Sept.

WEDNESDAY 29. Good rain last night and also today. The earth is soaked. Mrs. Ortwein, Evangelist, dined with us today.

SATURDAY SEPT. 29. Have held meetings on Antioch Circuit, Rockvale Circuit and Puncheon Camp. Good meetings.

SUNDAY OCT. 14, 1900. Preached at Beech Grove and Olivet—closing sermons for the conference year. Precious service. Joined in three at the Grove. Heard a Campbellite preacher at night—Bro. Cameron. We have had no frost yet nor any cold weather.

WEDNESDAY OCT. 30. Got home last night from conference at

Fraternal Organization.

Knights of Temperance

Prior to the organization of the Masonic lodge in 1855, the only fraternal order in the community was the Beech Grove Division No. 130, Knights of Temperance, probably organized in 1846. The membership list of 1848 had the names of 112 men residing in the vicinity, so it must have been a fairly active group indeed. The objectives of this order were somewhat similar to those of the Masons. From sketchy records, this 1848 list included these:

J. A. Brantly	S. W. Hall	H. W. Norton
W. M. Bruce	B. L. Hubbard	John W. Norton
R. D. Blair	Leman Hail	J. J. Patton
Lafayette Bell	A. M. Hall	James J. Patton
Nathan Bundy	B. G. Hoyett	Alfred Palmer
William Barnes	James Hughes	W. G. Pirtle
Neamon Buckner	G. W. Jernigan	Thomas Patton
H. W. Brantley	A. Jacobs	Samuel Pike
Peter T. Butler	C. Jacobs	A. Powers
Lilborn C. Butler	J. J. Jacobs	David Ralph
J. M. Carlisle	William Jacobs	W. J. Rayburn
W. A. Campbell	J. W. Jacobs	L. M. Robinson
Isac S. Carlisle	H. A. Jones	Wesley K. Rayburn
Moses M. Cass	Samuel Johnson	William D. Robinson
Joseph Crews	William Johnson	D. H. Skeene
B. F. Duggan	W. P. Littleton	W. K. Stevens
M. I. Duke	M. G. C. Keele	George Shaw
A. A. Davidson	Milton Keel	J. M. Stevens, Sr.
Jesse Ewell	Richmond Keel	J. M. Stevens, Jr.
L. B. Ewell	Philmer Keele, Jr.	George C. Smith
Samuel Elliott	John B. Keeling	B. F. Smartt
S. W. Elliott	W. R. McFadden	William Smith
P. D. ["Sol"] Ewell	A. Maxwell	William S. Starnes
Thomas J. Elliott	James McCrary	George Usleton
James Frizzell	Hiram McKoy	George Usleton, Jr.
John E. Farrar	James McKoy	William B. Watterson
W. F. Ferrell	A. B. McDaniel	T. W. Wilson
William H. Farrar	W. B. McDaniel	Young Wilhoit
William Frizzell	James P. McBride	A. J. L. Warmack
Jermiah Gaither	Roderick B. McKoy	B. F. Wilson
Bealy Gaither	W. P. McDaniel	H. W. Brantley
James Gibson	G. W. McMillian	L. M. Wilson
J. R. Gardner	Littleton Meadows	James W. Wilson
LeRoy Gates	P. A. McDonell	T. H. Watterson
John Gannaway	Elisha McMillan	J. S. Webster
Thomas Hawkins	Roderick McDaniel	Joseph Walker
Martin Handcock	John S. Norton	Robert Walker
	James W. Norton	

This order was discontinued about 1853. Many of these men later affiliated with the Masonic lodge when it was formed.

Masonic Lodge

On 16 Mar. 1855, the first meeting of Herman Lodge No. 239, F. & A. M. was held, organized, and received its charter. Quoting briefly from the minutes of that important meeting, we find:

By virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, State of Tennessee, granted to Brothers J. J. Patton, T. H. Watterson, W. G. Pirtle, John Gannaway, J. W. Norton, A. Jacobs, J. B. Hall, and J. W. Jacobs, bearing date, Feb. 12, 1855, A. D. when Brothers J. J. Patton, T. H. Watterson, W. G. Pirtle, John Gannaway, J. W. Norton, A. Jacobs, J. B. Hall and J. W. Jacobs convened and Brother J. J. Patton as W. Master appointed Jno. Gannaway, Sec'y, J. W. Norton, Sen. D., J. B. Hall, Jr. D., J. W. Jacobs, Treas., and A. Jacobs, Tyler ... On motion the By Laws of Harmony Lodge No. 214 located at Manchester, Tenn. was adopted ... until this Lodge shall draft its own.

At this first meeting, G. W. McMillan and Wm. Gipson presented a petition for membership in the Lodge. And, again quoting from the minutes, "On motion the Lodge selected the Friday night before, or of every full moon for the time of holding its regular communication [i. e., meeting]."

Due to the Civil War, the Lodge did not meet from 22 Feb. 1861 until 21 May 1864. The Lodge hall was located in the vicinity of the Old Grove Church then. As stated before, this was a thriving community before the war. The original charter had been surrendered during the suspension of work during the hostilities.

From an examination of extant records, it was apparent that almost all of the members were engaged in the service of the Confederacy. Some of them played an important role in this conflict, including T. H. Watterson, who was Captain of Co. G, 17th Tennessee Infantry, and Dr. John Gannaway, who was Regimental Surgeon of the 44th Tennessee Infantry.

A new charter was not issued until 1868, at which time Bro. J. J. Patton was again elected as first Master. (The Lodge had met without a charter in the interim period of 1864-68.) At the first official meeting held since 1861, the following officers were elected: James Lassiter, W. M., D. Ralph, S. D., C. C. Jacobs, J. W., A. Jacobs, Treas., L. F. Dillard, Sec., J. W. Keel, S. D., Benjamin Hoover, J. D., and M. L. Handcock, Tyler.

Part of the "preamble and Resolution" adopted at this meeting states: "Whereas from the unsettled state of affairs in our country and the lawless violence done to our lodge property, we have been compelled to discontinue our work for a considerable length of time."

At a regular meeting, 18 June 1868, the minutes state that, "This Lodge remit all dues of its members from the date of its ceasing to work until the time of resuming labor." And they also said, "On motion resolved that this lodge receive the currency of the country in payment of all dues and fees."

The growth in membership during this period was very rapid, and numerous petitions for membership were received. Many individuals destined to make an imprint on the future of our county and state were among the petitioners.

The center of population had begun to move toward the Garrison Fork-Manchester pike area (as previously mentioned). The brethren were faced with renovating the old hall or relocating. Some wanted to build a new meeting place at the same location (i. e., over the Cumberland Presbyterian Church), which would have cost about \$1000. A. Jacobs offered a lot near his store for \$50, to build a new hall. At a subsequent

meeting, J. J. Patton "appointed a committee to draw up plans for the hall on the Rayburn farm over the Cumberland Presbyterian Church". Changes in plans continued, and the old lodge room was probably refitted after Dec. 1871.

Finally, in 1874, J. W. Templeton appointed John Gannaway to ask J. P. Stevenson about the cost of a lodge hall, since the latter had recently built a new store in the new Beech Grove location. Stevenson offered in 1865 to rent the upper floor for \$75 per year for a lodge meeting place, and his offer was accepted. The Grand Lodge gave permission for the move, and a committee disposed of the old lodge property. Alfred Jacobs used his wagon and team to move the furniture to the new location. In 1877, under the direction of A. B. Taylor, the store building was purchased from J. P. Stevenson for \$1000. The lodge met in this place until again forced to move by the advent of Interstate 24, at which time they purchased the old Methodist church building for a hall.

The membership list found for 1873 included:

John Ashley	C. C. Jacobs	J. G. Rayburn
Sanford Ashley	Zachariah Jacobs	E. H. Roughton
Simeon Ashley	John Jakes	David Ralph
R. E. Brantley	J. A. Jarrett	F. T. Ralph
G. W. Cherry	Stokely Jacobs	Noel Sparks
J. E. Childress	J. W. Keele	E. T. Scruggs
O. T. Farrar	J. W. Mankins	J. N. Stephens
John Gannaway	William McMichael	J. P. Sherrell
B. F. Hoover	John McGill	J. W. Templeton
M. S. Hancock	L. Meadows	W. B. Walker
B. R. Hoover	T. W. Moore	T. W. Wilson
J. C. Hailey	J. G. Peay	W. T. Wilson
G. B. Harrell	R. T. Powers	W. B. Williams
J. W. Jacobs	L. M. Robertson	J. J. Patton
Alfred Jacobs	French Rayburn	J. D. Jacobs

Other fraternities were organized, met for a short time, and disbanded. Among these were the Grange, I. O. O. F., Woodmen of the World, and the Ku Klux Klan.



Present officers of the Lodge, elected in December 1978, are: Earl McKnight, W. M., Fred W. Elmore, S. W., Maurice B. Jernigan, J. W., David L. Jacobs, S. D., Steve Fults, J. D., Marvin Stepp, Secy., Oscar Crowell, Treas., True Edwards, Chap., and Earl McCullough, Tyler.

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The late Ashley Moore was cashier when the bank closed. Other cashiers were Arthur Kay and R. L. Howland.

The old bank building was later moved over to U. S. Highway 41, where it now houses Elmore's Grocery.

Early Roads As Found in the Acts of the Legislature

Chapter 255, pp. 231-2
18th General Assembly, 1829-30

Hoover's Gap
Turnpike com-
pany.

Sec. 9. *Be it enacted*, That Christopher Shaw, Jacob Hoover, Joel Smith, Joseph Carney, Moses Hart, John Hilton, James Arnold, F. L. D. W. Shaw and William S. Watterson, or any three of them, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, to be known and distinguished by the name of the Hoover's Gap turnpike company, (and shall so continue,) and as such, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, and have a common seal, and may elect one of their own body president of said company, and shall have power, and are hereby authorized to open and establish a turnpike road from Murfreesboro' in the county of Kutherford, by the way of Hoover's Gap, and from thence to Thomas Power's, in the county of Bedford, and may, if they think proper, extend said road to the town of Winchester, in the county of Franklin, or so much of the way last named, as they may think necessary, and may forthwith proceed to mark out the most fit and convenient route for said road.

Sec. 10. *Be it enacted*, That the said company may demand and receive the same tolls, shall have all the powers, rights and privileges, and be subject to the same rules, regulations, restrictions and penalties relative to said road, as is hereby pointed out for the Nashville and Murfreesboro' turnpike company, except as herein after provided for.

Sec. 11. *Be it enacted*, That the Hoovers' Gap turnpike company, shall form said road at least twenty feet wide; they shall pave and make the same on the same plan in every respect, directed by this act for the Nashville and Murfreesboro' turnpike road, and shall (as to distance) arrange the gates thereon in like manner, they shall commence said road by the first of January 1831; and shall in every two years thereafter complete five miles of the same, until extended to Noah's fork of Duck river.

Sec. 12. *Be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for said company to open the remaining part of said road to Winchester, or so much thereof as they may think proper, agreeable to the second section of an act entitled an act to authorize Jesse Lincoln to open and establish a turnpike, passed December 5th 1825, and for every ten miles completed agreeable to the provisions of this section, said company may erect a gate thereon, and demand and receive the same tolls directed by this act; Provided that nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to deprive said company of the full benefits of the 7th section of this act.

January 4, 1830.

Chapter 48, pp. 224-5
36th General Assembly, 1868-69.

Bello Buckle,
Beech Grove
and Dog Hol-
low Turn. Co.]

Sec. 49. *Be it further enacted*, That a Company is hereby created to be called the Bell Buckle, Beech Grove and Dug Hollow Turnpike Company, with a capital of not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five dollars, with power and authority to build a turnpike road from Bell Buckle in Bedford county, by way of Beech Grove, Coffee county, to the foot of Dug Hollow River.

Sec. 50. *Be it further enacted*, That Robt. D. Blair, Robert D. Rankin, William B. Norville, Alfred D. Fugot, Isaac M. Miller, John Thomas, Hillary Moseley, Benjamin Beechwood, James F. Neill, Lilburn P. Fields, J. A. Garrett, Alfred Jacobs, John McGill and Bird Messick, be appointed Commissioners, any three of whom may act, to open books for subscription of stock, at such times and places as they may designate, and when one thousand dollars are subscribed, they may organize by the election of seven of the stockholders Directors, one of whom shall be chosen by said Directors President of said Company, at which election of Directors each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote.

Sec. 51. *Be it further enacted*, That said President and Directors shall locate said road from Bell Buckle, the nearest, cheapest, best and most practicable route by way of Beech Grove to the foot of Dug Hollow River.

Sec. 52. *Be it further enacted*, That said Company shall build their road on the Shelbyville and Fairfield Turnpike Company, and to construct their road and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of said Shelbyville and Fairfield Turnpike Company, and be subject to the same liabilities, restrictions and exemption contained in their charter.

Passed February 15, 1869.



To the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee:

The Petitioners of the undersigned, Merchants and others of

Beech Grove & Coffee County

respectfully represents.

That the interests of Commerce in this State are seriously damaged by the excessive Tax now imposed upon Merchandise. This tax operates with great severity, in the first place, upon the Wholesale and Commission Dealers, and through them upon the Retailers throughout the State.

A Wholesale or Commission Merchant, who sells annually two hundred thousand dollars worth of Goods, and there are some who do, pays to the State a tax of 2000 dollars; and to that enormous sum, are added his county and corporation or city taxes; themselves a heavy burden. If this tax is persisted in, it will destroy the Wholesale business, which it has already seriously crippled. For the Retailers will not buy in a market so burdened, knowing as they do, that this heavy imposition must be added to the cost of the goods and be paid by them.

But this is not all—the same 200,000 dollars worth of goods, on which the Wholesale Dealer has paid the State 2000 dollars, is again saddled with another burden of 2000 dollars in the hands of the Retailer; and thus, this species of property pays a tax of 4000 dollars, when lands, slaves, &c., of the same value, only pay one tenth of that amount. So that, besides the injury done to the commerce of the State by the excessiveness of the tax, its inequality shocks the sense of justice, to say nothing of its manifestly violating the spirit of the Constitution.

Your petitioners are aware, that, in the Constitution, the Legislature are empowered to "tax Merchants in such manner as they may, from time to time, direct;" and therefore, that any additional tax may be imposed upon them, besides what is levied upon Merchandise. But they respectfully urge, that this provision of the Constitution does not contemplate a heavier tax upon Merchandise, considered as property, than is imposed, at the same time, on other property; but only looks to a tax upon the occupation.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the equitable principle of the Constitution, that "no species of property, from which a tax may be collected, shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value,"—be extended to Merchandise as well as to other kinds of property.

They pray also, that the present revenue law may be so amended, as that articles exempt from taxation, when sold by other classes of the community, may be exempted also when sold by the merchants.

They also pray, that when a stock of goods is sold by one merchant to another, the seller may assign his license to the buyer, so that the buyer may sell the goods without any additional tax.

On the reverse of this petition is found the following: No. 38, 31 Oct. 1849 -
Reading dispensed with - Referrd to committee on ways & means - J. Miller

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| 1 McFadden & Moore | 20 B. L. Chadwick | 39 James Rayburn |
| 2 Jno. R. Gardner & Co. | 21 G. S. ^{Snr.} Chadwick | 40 James Johnson |
| 3 Wm. B. Watterson | 22 H. W. Norton | 41 W. H. Hancock |
| 4 J. A. Brantley | 23 John Bishop | 42 Jeramiah Jacobs |
| 5 H. W. Brantley | 24 Thomas H. Watterson | 43 Alfred Parmer |
| 6 Wm. R. Littleton | 25 Richard Keele | 44 W. A. C. Kindle |
| 7 Saml. H. Littleton | 26 Littleton Medows | 45 William Keel |
| 8 R. D. Blair | 27 Washing C. Meek | 46 Wesley Rayburn |
| 9 [blank] | 28 Robert B. Carlisle | 47 S. J. Elliott |
| 10 Simeon Ashly | 29 J. W. Mankin | 48 James Jacobs |
| 11 Samuel G. Uselton | 30 J. M. P. Hickerson | 49 John Arnold |
| 12 George W. Jernigan | 31 J. A. Crawford | 50 G. B. Jacobs |
| 13 T. W. Wilson | 32 S & W Elliott | 51 W. H. McCrary |
| 14 Mathew Chadwick | 33 Alexandrew Robbinson | 52 H. Warnick |
| 15 Geo. C. Smith | 34 Jacob Keele Sen. | 53 James Ashley |
| 16 W. K. Chadwick | 35 James L. Bell | 54 Wm. B. Gibson |
| 17 James E. More | 36 James Baker | 55 [blank] |
| 18 Mathew ^{Snr.} Chadwick | 37 William Wiser | 56 Wm. S. Norton |
| 19 S. T. Chadwick | 38 J. M. Robinett | 57 Uzzel Jerngan |

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PETITION

Beech Grove T
Dec. 20

Paid 5

Col. J. M. Shead
Nashville, Tenn.

153 - Jan. 5, 1850 - read and referd to Judiciary committee, J. Miller
Jan. 12, 1850 - Com. recommend rejection report concurrd in, J. Miller

State of Tennessee, Coffee County

To the General Assbly of the State of Tennessee now in session, The under-
signed being a citizen of the County would most respectfully represent to your
honorable body that some time last year he had the misfortune to have his leg bro-
ken by a fall from his horse and being old and somewhat infirm the wound was a
long time healing, so mutch so that with the assistance of several skilful physicisians,
he came very near dying, and tho he has somwhat recovered yet he fears he will
[n]ever be able to procure a living by manuel labor and having a family to provide
for he would pray your honorable [body] for relief by grantting him the privilage of
howling and pedling with-out licence any where in the State and as in duty bound will
ever pray &c. Nov. 30th 1849.

Alexander Jernigan

We the undersigned citizens of Coffee County being acquainted with the circum-
stance attending our neighbor Mr. Alex Jernigan would also respectfully join in the
petition for his relief by asking your honorable body to pass a law for his benift al-
lowing him to Hawke and peddle without licence Nov. 30th 1849 ---

Dr. J. E. Wendel	Briant Douglass	Dolison Parker
Dr. John Ganaway	Wm. Athey	Wm. Zumbrow
Dr. Dabney Ewell	Js. McCalough	A. T. Hart
B. F. More	J. T. Thompson	Wm. Low
L. E. Shankin	M. L. McElroy	J. Cook
H. W. Norton	E. N. Thompson	J. M. Newman
G. W. Jernigan	Jesse Thompson	Charles Jones
T. W. Wilson	L. H. Carney	B. Lusk
R. D. Blair	R. Carter	Wm. B. Darnel
Wm. Farroar	A. Carter	Uzzell Jernigan
T. W. Masor	J. Yearwood	Zadock Pierce,
Washing ^{'s} Gibson	Wm. Yearwood	Davy Herial
Géo. Smith	Jacob Yearwood	James Jones
J. R. Butler	James Yearwood	N. Jernigan
G. Messick	J. A. Brantley	Dawson Sheen

[Ed. 's note: this entire petition, including all signatures, was written by only
one person, the identity of whom is unknown, of course.]

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BEECH GROVE IN EARLY BUSINESS DIRECTORIES

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The Beech Grove sections reproduced here were taken from the following business directories found at the Tennessee State Library in Nashville:

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2. Tennessee State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1876-7 (Nashville, R. L. Polk & Co., 1876): 58.
3. Tennessee State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1881-2 (Nashville, Norwood & Kline, [1881]): 86-7.
4. Tennessee State Gazetteer and Business Directory 5 (Nashville, R. L. Polk & Co., 1887): 99.
5. Tennessee State Gazetteer and Business Directory 6 (Memphis, R. L. Polk & Co., 1890): 76.
6. Young & Co.'s Business and Professional Directory of the Cities and Towns of Tennessee (Atlanta, Young & Co., [1906]): 13.

1873-1874

BEECH GROVE,

In Coffee County, 9 miles from Wartrace, on the Chattanooga division of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad. Shlp to Wartrace.

List of Business Persons.

Burger, S N, attorney
 Card & Walker, blacksmiths
 Davis, Jarrett, blacksmith
 Gannaway & Templeton, physicians
 McEntire, G, tailor
MOORE, B. F., general store
 Norville, A S, physician
 Ralph, David, cabinet maker
 Rayburn & McMillen, stock dealers
 Rutherford, E, cabinet maker
 Stephenson, J P, general store
 Thurman, G C & Co., general store
 Walker, Geo W, dentist

1876-1877

BEECH GROVE.

Originally located, about 65 years ago, to accommodate the trade of a thickly settled and productive section, is a prosperous village of about 100 people, in the northwestern part of Coffee county, 12 miles from Manchester and 50 from Nashville. Wartrace, on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, 9 miles distant, is the shipping point. There are Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Christian churches, a high school and several stores. Principal exports, corn, hogs, cattle, horses and mules. Mail tri-weekly. B. F. Moore, postmaster.

Business Directory.

Burger & Teal, general store.
 Card & Walker, blacksmiths.
 Gannaway & Templeton, physicians.
 Jacobs, William, general store.
 Lovett, Rev. J. A. B., (Presbyterian).
 Mankin, I. W., physician.
Moore, B. F., General Store.

Norville, A. S., physician.
 Obst, Andrew, painter.
 Rayburn, S. E. & Co., general store.
 Rayburn & Weatherby, blacksmiths.
Thomas, Hugh, Dentist.
 Walker, George W., dentist.

1881-1882

BEECH GROVE.

Coffee County.

Located in the extreme northwestern portion of the county, with about 100 inhabitants; 13 miles from Manchester, the seat of justice, 8 from Bell Buckle—N., C. & St. L. Ry—its nearest railroad station and express point, *via* which it is 59 from Nashville. Garrison Fork of Duck river supplies power for operating a grist mill. The place has Baptist, Methodist, Christian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches, a steam mill, and a male and female school, called Beech Grove College. Grain is exported. Mail from Wartrace tri-weekly by hack. C. F. Rayburn, P. M.

Bivens H. W., farmer
 Brown E. T., grist mill
 Byrom J. Rev., Baptist
 Chadwick J. M., physician
 Cheatham B. F., farmer
 Darien Fountain Rev., Christian
 Gannaway John, physician
 Gossage & Co., steam-mill
 Jacobs A., farmer
Jacobs Brothers (Wm. and Stokely),
 - general store

WILLIAM JACOBS. STOKELY JACOBS.

JACOBS BROTHERS,

Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware,

And ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE.

Jacobs Lee, school teacher
 Jacobs W. P. & J. C., general store

Jakes John, farmer
 McFerrin B. L., farmer
 McGill John, farmer
 Mankin J. W., physician
 Manley A. H. Rev., Cumb. Presbyterian
 Matthews A. Rev., Methodist
 Moore B. F., general store
 Patton J. J. Rev.
 Rayburn C. F., general store
 Stephenson G. D., farmer
 Stephenson J. P., general store
 Templeton J. W., physician

1887

Beech Grove.

Coffee County.

Located 18 miles north of Manchester, the seat of justice. Population, 175. Mail stage daily from Wartrace, the shipping point, fare 50 cents. C. F. Rayburn, postmaster.

Bell James, physician.
 Bennett W M, drummer.
 Blanton W A & Bro, broom mnfrs.
 Bowen & Hamilton, blacksmiths.
 Chadwick J M, physician.
 Darrah Prof, propr Beech Grove Academy.
 Dinwiddie Mrs Mary Bond, music teacher.
 Gannaway John, physician.
 Honeycutt Rev John (Baptist).
 Jacobs A, hotel and general store.
 Jacobs Bros & Douglas, general store.
 Jacobs C C, justice of peace.
Jacobs F P, General Store.
 Jacobs J C & Co, grain, live stock and general store.
 Jacobs Sr, live stock.
 Jacobs W B & Wm, live stock.
 Jolly James, shoemaker.
 Laurence W T, deputy sheriff.
 Majors G W & Sons, blacksmiths.
 Manley Rev A H (O P).
 Mankin J W, physician.
 McGill & Raybin, general store.
 McMillen E, live stock.
 Norton N P, hotel.
 Stephenson J P & Co, undertakers and general store.
 Templeton J W, physician.
 Thompson Rev D S (Methodist).

Warren A J, meat market.
Wetherspoon A B, justice of peace.

**BEECH GROVE
COLLEGE.**

It is the aim of this school to be thorough and practical.

TERMIN for five months from \$5 to \$20.

BOARD for five months from \$40 to \$60.

Pupils may board themselves in clubs at much cheaper rates.

For further particulars address
J. A. LAUGHLIN,
Sec'y of the Faculty,
Beech Grove, Tenn.

Age-44

From: Manchester Guardian,
4 Oct. 1878.

1890-1891
BEECH GROVE.

Coffee County.

Located 18 miles north of Manchester,
the seat of justice. Population, 250. Mail

stage daily from Wartrace, the shipping
point; fare, 50 cents. F. P. Jacobs, post-
master.

Beech Grove Academy, Prof J B Miller
supt.
Bell James, physician.
Blanton W A & Bro, Broom Mfrs.
Byron Rev (Baptist).
Chadwick J M, physician.
Cullom Rev J W (Methodist).
Gannaway John, physician.
Hamilton T P, hotel.
Hamilton & Journigan, blacksmiths.
Hancock M B, blacksmith.
Jacobs A, general store.
Jacobs D P & Co, gen store and live stock.
Jacobs J O & Co, gen store, grain and live
stock.
Jacobs W B & Wm, live stock.
**Jacobs & McGill, General Store and
Live Stock.**
Jolly James, shoemaker.
Lead L, justice of peace.
McMillan E, live stock.
Mankin J W, physician.
Smith Miss Ida L, music teacher.

Templeton Rev J O (O Presbyterian).
Warren A J, undertaker.
Wetherspoon A B, justice of peace.

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Cathey J N, genl mdse
Chadwick Geo, undertaker
Chadwick J M, physician
Howland R L & Co, genl mdse
Mason Bros, genl mdse
Mason J L, physician
Norvell J K L, physician
Sagsley & Ashley, genl mdse
Blinfiner & Ashley, genl mdse
Todd & Sagsley, genl mdse



A picture of William Hume's store, from a tintype made perhaps about 1870. Most of its accompanying list of people shown has been lost, unfortunately. The two known are the man sitting at left, Foster Stephenson, and the man standing next to him, Sam Farrar. One wonders if William Hume is the man on the right in the doorway? Another question arises - what kind of potable is being poured from the large jug?

BEECH GROVE in 1880

from Coffee County's Federal Census, 1880

Schedule 1 - Inhabitants in Beech Grove, in the County of Coffee, State of Tennessee, enumerated by me on the 9th and 10th day of June, 1880. W. T. Wilson, Enumerator

Column headings in brief are: 1. Household number, 2. Name of head of family or household on 1 June 1880, 3. Color, 4. Sex, 5. Age, 6. Relationship to head of family, 7. Single, 8. Married, 9. Widowed (W) or Divorced (D), 10. Profession, 11. Place of birth of this person, 12. Place of birth of this person's father, and 13. Place of birth of this person's mother. [In this listing, standard abbreviations are used, plus the letters "k. h." for the occupation "keeping house". Betty A. Bridgewater, transcriber.]

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1. More, Benjamin	W	M	50		M	Merchant	Ala.	Va.	Va.
Mary	W	F	54	Wife	M	K. h.	Tenn.	S. C.	Tenn.
Ella	W	F	26	Daughter	S	--	Tenn.	Ala.	Tenn.
Charles	W	M	19	Son	S	Clerk in store	"	"	"
Ashley, Edney	B	F	17	Servant	S		"	N. C.	N. C.
2. Jacobs, William	W	M	50			W Merchant	"	"	"
Cleave	W	M	7	Son	S		"	Tenn.	Tenn.
Hickerson, Ann	B	F	28	Servant	S		"	"	"
Teal, Harry	B	M	7	"	S		"	"	"
Giliam, Wm.	W	M	20	Boarder	S	Laborer	"	"	"
3. Teal, Lankston	W	M	28		M	Clerk in store	"	"	"
Mollie	W	F	20	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
4. Jacobs, Willis	W	M	33		M	Merchant	"	"	"
Doratha	W	F	32	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
William	W	M	12	Son	S		"	"	"
James	W	M	10	"	S		"	"	"
Arthur	W	M	7	"	S		"	"	"
Joseph	W	M	5	"	S		"	"	"
Mary	W	F	2	Daughter	S		"	"	"
Cortner, Sallie	B	F	30	Servant		W	"	"	"
Carrie	B	F	2		S		"	"	"
Emma	B	F	5/12 (b. in Dec.)		S		"	"	"
Jacobs, John	W	M	25	Brother	S	Merchant	"	"	"
[Since the preceding was the only shared household in this listing, the extra set of numbers was dropped to facilitate typing. Evidently Lankston Teal and his wife lived in the store and/or house with the Jacobs']									
5. Rayburn, Chas.	W	M	49		M	Shoe & boot maker	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Jane	W	F	38	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
Dink	W	F	12	Dau.	S		"	"	"
Robt.	W	M	1	Son	S		"	"	"
6. Baily, George	W	M	49		M	Blacksmith	Ky.	Va.	Ky.
Sarah	W	F	48	Wife	M	K. h.	Tenn.	Va.	Va.
Leander	W	M	15	Son	S	Works in blacksmith shop	"	Ky.	Tenn.
Ann	W	F	10	Daughter	S		"	"	"
Isla?	W	F	7	"	S		"	"	"
7. Rayburn, French	W	M	45		M	Merchant	"	Va.	Va.
Holly	W	F	42	Wife	M	K. h.	"	S. C.	Tenn.
Charles	W	M	21	Son	S	Clerk in store	"	Tenn.	"
Thomas	W	M	20	"	S	Working on farm	"	"	"
Oscar	W	M	13	"	S		"	"	"
Ella	W	F	11	Daughter	S		"	"	"
Mary	W	F	6	"	S		"	"	"
8. Rayburn, Robt.	W	M	50		M	Farmer	"	Va.	Va.
Almedia	W	F	39	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
Parker, Sammie	W	F	17	Step-dau.	S		"	"	"
9. Neal, James	B	M	28		M	Laborer	"	"	"
Emily	B	F	25	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
Lilla	B	F	5	Dau.	S		"	"	"
10. Bennett, Walker	W	M	40		M	Clerk in store	"	unk.	unk.
Martha	W	F	36	Wife	M	K. h.	"	Tenn.	Tenn.
Richard	W	M	22	Son	S	Working on farm	"	"	"
Bettie	W	F	11	Dau.	S		"	"	"
Minnie	W	F	10	"	S		"	"	"
p. 30	Alberta	W	F	5/12 (b. in Dec.)	S		"	"	"

11. Jacobs, Alfred	W	M	62		M	Farmer	Tenn.	N. C.	N. C.
Catherine	W	F	58	Wife	M	K. h.	"	Tenn.	Tenn.
James	W	M	23	Son	S	Working on farm	"	"	"
Lee	W	M	18	"	S	School teaching	"	"	"
Baugg, Sallie	W	F	25	Servant	S		"	"	"
12. Jacobs, James	B	M	33		M	Farm laborer	"	"	"
June	B	F	35	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
Paralee	B	F	23	Dau.	S		"	"	"
Leila	B	F	21	"	S		"	"	"
George	B	M	17	Son	S		"	"	"
Henry	B	M	17	"	S		"	"	"
Edward	B	M	5	"	S		"	"	"
Samuel	B	M	4	"	S		"	"	"
Calvin	B	M	3	"	S		"	"	"
Grant	B	M	2	"	S		"	"	"
13. Lyons, Greenville	B	M	35		M	Blacksmith	"	"	"
Bettie	B	F	23	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
Martha	B	F	6	Dau.	S		"	"	"
William	B	M	5	Son	S		"	"	"
Polk	B	M	18	"	S	Laborer	"	"	"
Samuel	B	M	18	"	S	"	"	"	"
Steven	B	M	17	"	S	"	"	"	"
Henry	B	M	12	"	S		"	"	"
14. Bird, Robt.	W	M	21		M	Farm laborer	"	"	"
Mary	W	F	22	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
Prudence	W	F	1	Dau.	S		"	"	"
15. Norville, Ladd	W	M	27		M	M. D.	"	"	"
America	W	F	24	Wife	M	K. h.	"	Ind.	"
Wallace	W	M	3	Son	S		"	"	"
Katie	W	F	1	Dau.	S		"	"	"
16. Templeton, John	W	M	42		M	M. D.	"	N. C.	N. C.
Susan	W	F	38	Wife	M	K. h.	Miss.	Ga.	Ga.
Adie	W	F	9	Dau.	S		Tenn.	Tenn.	Miss.
Walter	W	M	8	Son	S		"	"	"
Jonas	W	M	6	"	S		"	"	"
Harvey	W	M	4	"	S		"	"	"
Josie	W	M	2	"	S		"	"	"
Carson, Jane	W	F	60	Mother		W	Ga.	Unk.	Unk.
17. Farrar, Samuel	W	M	42		M	Farmer	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Eliza	W	F	36	Wife	M	K. h.	"	N. C.	"
Keele, Harriett	B	F	16	Servant	S		"	Tenn.	"
18. Hickerson, Joe	B	M	21		M	Laborer	"	"	"
Bettie	B	F	20	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
19. Jolly, Lewis	W	M	33		M	Farm laborer	"	"	"
Mary	W	F	23	Wife	M	K. h.	"	"	"
David	W	M	13	Son	S		"	"	"
Nannie	W	F	11	Dau.	S		"	"	"
James	W	M	8	Son	S		"	"	"
p. 31— Berry	W	M	7	"	S		"	"	"
Lillie	W	F	3	Dau.	S		"	"	"
Laura	W	F	10/12	" (b. Aug.)	S		"	"	"
Williams, Sirena	W	F	53	Mother		W	"	"	"

Here ends the Village of Beech Grove in Coffee County, Tennessee.

W. T. Wilson, Enumerator

Ed. 's note: The primary reason for printing this portion of the 1880 Federal Census (rather than than for another year) is that this was the first census taken which delineated small towns and villages as such. Unfortunately, there is not a map of the period showing the physical outlines of the village, nor has any such map been found mentioned in any of the literature.



Sketches

of

BEECH GROVE PEOPLE FOUND IN VARIOUS PLACES

To round out this issue of the Quarterly, the Editor has gone through her scrapbooks and files to find as many people as possible who were from Beech Grove and its area in the past century. Some of these sketches are reproduced in facsimile, while some are abstracted. But all offer historical and genealogical material of value; the source is indicated in each instance. As you know, Bedford County's records are largely destroyed from a courthouse fire, so no official, pre-1836 facts could be included from there unfortunately. This selection of people does not imply that these were the most important citizens of the area by any means - these were simply the ones about which extra material was located. Probably many fine, prosperous people never had a word appear in print about them. Also, this does not include recent books or pamphlets of a strictly genealogical nature. Betty A. Bridgewater, compiler.

ASHLEY - Two biographical sketches were located about James Henry Ashley; the one which follows is from: Hale, Will T. and Merritt, Dixon L., A History of Tennessee and Tennesseans, Vol. 8, (Chicago, The Lewis Publishing Co., 1913), pp. 2355-56. The other was a brief one (with a picture) in the Southern Standard, Illustrated Magazine Edition, (McMinnville, Tenn., 4 Oct. 1902) p. 21. It added the detail that James took first honors at Beech Grove College and he taught the next year there as co-principal. He won a competitive scholarship then to the Univ. of Nashville, and spent two and a half years there.

JAMES HENRY ASHLEY. Owner and editor of the Manchester Times. Mr. Ashley is one of the successful newspaper men of the state. To journalism he has brought the talents which enable him to succeed first as a farmer and stock raiser, and still later as a lawyer. Mr. Ashley is a man of varied talents and accomplishments, and is only less well known as a lawyer and farmer at the present time than as editor of the Times.

James Henry Ashley was born at Beech Grove in Coffee county, March 4, 1873, and the Ashley family have lived in this section of Tennessee for a century or more. His grandfather James Ashley came from North Carolina about the beginning of the last century, and found a home in the cane-brakes, which at that time covered all the country now comprised in Coffee county. He took up land, became a farmer, and in developing a good homestead, also provided well for his family. He married Lucy McCrary after arriving in Tennessee, and they were the parents of eight children. He supported the Democratic party during the early half of the century, and his church was the Presbyterian.

The father of the Manchester editor is George Ashley, regarded as one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of Coffee county. George Ashley was born in this county in 1837, being the fourth son of his parents, grew up to manhood on his father's plantation, and had a country school education. He followed in the footsteps of his father as a farmer and stock raiser, and in later years has given more than local reputation to his place as a farm for the breeding of short-horn and other high grade stock. He owns four hundred acres of blue-grass land at Beech Grove, and the most creditable feature of his prosperity is the fact that he has made practically all he possesses through his individual enterprise and persistent industry. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in the Seventeenth Tennessee Infantry, a regiment which was later consolidated with the Twenty-third Tennessee, and served as first lieutenant of his company. He refused a promotion which was on account of his valorous conduct as a soldier, preferring to remain with his company and his old comrades. He was twice wounded, once in the battle at Chickamauga. Mr. George Ashley is president of the Beech Grove Springs, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his entire community. He is an elder in the Union church, the Cumberland Presbyterian at Beech Grove.

George Ashley in 1867 married Catherine Norman, who was born in Rutherford county, this state in 1849 and who died in 1882. They were the parents of eight children, of whom James Henry is the third and the oldest son. Six of the children are still living.

James H. Ashley, reared in one of the most comfortable and prosperous homes of Coffee county was given the best of educational advantages, attending the Beech Grove College where he was graduated in 1892 with the degree of A. B. and later graduating from Peabody University in 1897. After his graduation from Beech Grove College, he was retained as one of the instructors in that institution, and following his course at Peabody he taught two years at Ozark, Alabama, two years at Dawson, Georgia, and one year in Holbrook University in McMinnville, Tennessee. His prominent ambition was for the law, and following his career as teacher, he entered the Cumberland University law school, where he was graduated in 1903 LL. B. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and spent the first year in active practice at Manchester. At the end of that time he bought an interest in the Manchester Times, and since 1910 has been sole owner of this influential and thriving journal. His mechanical equipment includes cylinder presses, gas engine power, and the typographical department is equipped with all the material necessary for the publication of the regular issues of the paper and also for a large job printing business. The Times has a weekly issue, and is Democratic in its politics. The circulation is fourteen hundred copies, and its advertising pages are probably more liberally patronized than any paper of its size in this part of Tennessee. Mr. Ashley devotes most of his time to his newspaper, but he is also the owner of three farms comprising three hundred acres in Coffee county, and has made a reputation as a stock raiser, chiefly in the raising of Hampshire hogs. He deals in stocks to a considerable extent.

Mr. Ashley was married in 1905 to Miss Lilly Wolfe, daughter of L. Wolfe of Coffee county, a farmer and owner of considerable water power in this county. Their three children are named Muriel Vicory, Elizabeth Catherine and James H. Jr. Mr. Ashley is an influential Democrat in Coffee county. He served as the first city recorder of Manchester, and has always been public spirited and liberal in using his paper and his personal efforts to promote everything of advantage to his home city and county. He is an elder in the Manchester Cumberland Presbyterian church, and is affiliated with the following fraternal orders: Joel A. Battle Lodge No. 84, Knights of Pythias at Nashville; Dale Lodge, I. O. O. F. at Ozark, Alabama; Camp No. 12784, M. W. A. at Manchester; and with Beech Grove Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The Manchester Times, 2 Apr. 1897, ran the following obituary of the Hon. Simeon Ashley:

On Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Hon. Simeon Ashley died at his home in this place [Manchester]. He had been in poor health for a couple of years, and his death was not a surprise... The remains were interred at Beech Grove, the old home of Mr. Ashley, under the auspices of the Masons and Odd Fellows, both of which orders Mr. Ashley was for many years an honored member. A short and appropriate talk was made at the grave by Rev. J. W. Simmons. Simeon Ashley was a good citizen, and his death is regretted by all who knew him.

Mr. Ashley was born March 8, 1830, near Beech Grove. He was the son of Wm. and Mary Ashley. At

the Beech Grove Academy he received an early education, and for about eight years he taught school and farmed. In 1856 he established a general store with W. T. Moore at Bradyville. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate service, Company E, Eighteenth Tennessee Infantry. His varied experience may be seen from the following engagements: Fort Donelson, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, etc. After his long military life he returned and cared for his father until the latter's death. From 1878 he was in public service as county court clerk two terms and circuit clerk one term. He was elected a member of the Legislature in 1892, serving one term. For a time he was also identified with ... the milling firm of Stoddard & Ashley. He was married August 6, 1866, to Ellender J. Roughton, daughter of Elisha H. Roughton, of this county, who, with four children, Messrs. W. H., Simeon, and Freeman, and Miss Lizzie, survive him.

CALHOUN - Prof. John William Calhoun (1871-1947) was listed by the Times and by Ewell as one of the most prominent men from Beech Grove, and was also a graduate of Beech Grove Academy. His grandfather, also John William, married Patsy Redden; they had a son George Washington Calhoun who mar. on 27 Dec. 1868 Fannie Glasgow, dau. of John & Betty (Woodfin) Glasgow. Their children included: Mary Emma, mar. Ira Wood of McMinnville & lived in Beech Grove 1947-66; the above John W. who served as Prof. of Mathematics, then as Comptroller, and Acting President (for 2 yrs.) of the Univ. of Texas; James I.; Dr. Thomas; Ida, mar. A. C. Boynton; Tennie, mar. Arthur Stepp; & Nannie, mar. Mark Davis of Manchester. (From material sent by a former member, Mrs. Allen Wood of Corpus Christi, Tex., in 1971.)

EWELL - The Ewell family settled early in the Beech Grove area, and they have achieved prominence throughout the years up to and including the present. Several biographical sketches have appeared about one-time State Senator Joseph Leighton Ewell; the best of these follows, from the Hale & Merritt work previously mentioned, Vol. 6, pp. 1766-77.

JOSEPH LEIGHTON EWELL. The bar of every state, county or small community, has its acknowledged and accepted leaders, the men whose ability is respected and admired, and feared among their associates, and whose presence on one side of the case gives the litigants particular confidence in the outcome of the trial. In the Coffee county bar, such a leader at the present time is Joseph Leighton Ewell, who has been in the practice of his profession for the past twenty-four years, during which time he has enjoyed a distinctive place among the lawyers of Coffee and adjoining counties.

Joseph Leighton Ewell was born in Cannon county, Tennessee, on a farm, November 6, 1864. His grandfather, Dabney Ewell, came from Virginia to Tennessee, about 1820, locating near Beech Grove, in what was then Bedford, but now in Coffee county. He attained a large tract of land on what is known as the Garrison Fork of Duck river, and was a larger planter in his time. He owned a number of slaves, using them to operate his plantation. By profession he was a physician, having been educated in his native state of Virginia, and after coming to Tennessee was one of the early pioneer physicians of Bedford, Coffee and other contiguous counties. He was noted for his skill as a doctor and his kindly services as a professional friend, and had a host of admirers and patrons throughout his career in this locality. Dr. Dab-

ney Ewell married Dovic Davidson, of Rutherford county, Tennessee, and they were the parents of five children.

Leighton Ewell, the father, and the oldest of the five children, was born in Coffee county, in 1826, and died in 1891. He grew up to man's estate in his own county, had a common school education, and was always a deep student and an eager reader. For many years he followed the vocation of school teacher in Coffee county, and also farmed on the lands which his father had settled. Financially he acquired a generous property and lived and died with the respect and esteem of his community.

In politics he was conservative, and was a member of the Christian church. He married in Cannon county, in 1862, Miss Millie Williams, who was born in Cannon county in 1834, and who died in 1864. Their one child was Joseph Leighton Ewell.

Mr. Ewell by reason of home association and a moderate liberality on the part of his father in directing his education, and also as a result of his individual effort and ambition for advancement in the world has never lacked for those advantages which schools and study imply. He was graduated from Bell Spring Academy, Beech Grove, Tennessee, and began the study of law in the offices of Jones & Houston, at Woodbury, Tennessee; he was admitted to the bar in 1888, and entered upon the practice of his profession at Woodbury.

In 1894, he located at Manchester, and has practiced law there since that date.

Mr. Ewell has been the leading counsel in two of the most celebrated law cases of Coffee county—W. E. Hickerson vs. Mrs. Fannie D. Hickerson, a damage suit; and the will case of Mrs. J. F. Ashley, et al., vs. Mrs. Wattie Smartt, et al. He won both of these cases for his clients. He prosecuted in the case of State vs. George Duke, a noted murder case, and this was his first criminal case in Coffee county, and gave him his reputation as a trial lawyer and counsellor, since which time he rapidly acquired a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Ewell is prominent in politics and has always taken an active part in public affairs, being especially interested in the advancement of the cause of education. In 1896 he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature, and at the present time is a member of the Democratic executive committee of Coffee county. At one time he served as special judge in the seventh judicial circuit, and has also frequently acted as attorney general pro tem with marked ability.

In August, 1894, Judge Ewell married Miss Annie Hall Green, daughter of W. M. and Sarah E. Green, of Manchester. Their three children are Leighton, Pauline and Justin, all at home. Leighton and Pauline are graduates with the class of 1913, from the Coffee county high school.

The Times reported on 27 Apr. 1894, that Joe L. Ewell, "formerly at Gossburg, has hung his shingle out here." And on 21 Aug. 1896, the Times editor noted that "the Legislature will not only have Rep. Joe L. Ewell (the smallest man there probably) and Sen. Parker, but Rep. John L. Brandon of Bedford & J. K. P. Carroll of Franklin are both natives of Coffee."

J. L. Ewell died in Manchester 15 Jan. 1937, and his widow died here 2 Aug. 1940.

GREEN - The father of Mrs. J. L. Ewell (who was before her marriage Annie Hall Green) was William Martin Green (12 Dec. 1829-31 May. 1910), who was also a resident of the Beech Grove area for some time. He served as 1st Lt. of Co. A, 44th Tenn. Infantry, C. S. A., and was descended from a Revolutionary War veteran, Elijah Green of Orange Co., N. C.

Wm. M. Green married in Coffee Co. on 27 Dec. 1868, Sarah E. Turner; her maiden name was Casey, the eldest daughter of Robert Wilce & Jane (Daniel) Casey. She was married to W. G. Turner in Coffee Co. 3 Jan. 1861; he was prob. killed in the Civil War. Their children included: Elizabeth (m. Deeds), Florence (m. Parker), Estill (m. Bittick),

Rena (m. Purdom), William, and Leighton. Sallie was born 8 May 1840 and died 21 Aug. 1915.

Made a Mason at Beech Grove, he was a charter member of Libanus Lodge No. 308, in Bedford Co. He was also once a member of Stone Fort chapter at Manchester.

FRIZZELL - Another early family to settle in the Beech Grove area was the Frizzell group. One of the more well-known members was Judge John Frizzell, about whom an excellent sketch was included in: Speer, William S., ed., Sketches of Prominent Tennesseans (Nashville, Albert B. Taylor, 1888), pp. 170-72.

JUDGE JOHN FRIZZELL is of Scotch origin.

The original family emigrated to Ireland and thence to America, settling in Virginia. His grandfather, Abram Frizzell, and his brothers were tobacco planters in Maryland and Virginia, and from these descended all the Frizzells in the United States, who spell their names in that way. Abram Frizzell's wife was a Miss Williams. She died at the age of forty-five, he at the age of about ninety. Judge Frizzell's father, Nathan Frizzell, was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, September 3, 1808, and moved with his father's family to Bedford county, Tennessee, in 1823, where his father lived a few years, returned to Virginia, married again, and died in 1839 or 1840. Judge Frizzell's father married, November 27, 1827, Miss Mary Jones, daughter of Hugh Jones, living near Beech Grove, then in Bedford, now Coffee county, Tennessee. The Joneses were from Buncombe county, North Carolina. Hugh Jones, though at the time over age, was a volunteer under Gen. Jackson, at New Orleans. He was a great lover of his rifle and passionately fond of hunting. He died between eighty-five and ninety years of age. Judge Frizzell's maternal grandmother, Jones, was of a North Carolina family, and, with her husband, settled in Coffee county. Hugh Frizzell, Judge Frizzell's brother, was elected, in 1870, clerk of the criminal court of Davidson county, and died in office, after two years' service.

Judge Frizzell's father started out in life a poor man. He worked on a farm, as a day laborer, until, becoming corpulent, he taught school for several years in Bedford and Rutherford counties. His teaching did not extend beyond reading, writing and arithmetic. He had the reputation, among other attainments, of being an exceptionally correct speller, a very rare accomplishment even among scholars. He received his education in Virginia. In 1841, he removed to Winchester and sold goods for a time. Shortly after going to Winchester, he was elected magistrate, and served as chairman of the county court. In March, 1844, he was elected clerk of the circuit court, and was re-elected four times successively, holding the office for twenty years without interruption. When the courts were reopened after the war he declined a reappointment to the clerkship tendered him by Judge Hickerson, then presiding. He was an honest man, faithful to every trust, benevolent and just. He was a moral, temperate man, and, in politics, was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He died September 21, 1871.

Judge Frizzell's mother was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and died in May, 1832, at the age of seventy-four, leaving four children surviving her, eight having died before her.

Judge Frizzell's experience in boyhood was somewhat unusual, and it is hardly too much to say that the effects of that experience are still seen in the striking domestic virtues which characterize the man. He was raised in the homestead and trained to do all manner of household work, in assistance of his mother. He had thus but little advantage of farm labor or of school privileges, except as an irregular attendant at his father's school, when he could be spared from home. At the age of about eighteen, however, his father sent him to the county academy one term, which was all the regular schooling he obtained. At the age of fourteen he had begun writing in the office of the circuit court clerk, and, in his fifteenth year, became deputy clerk. For the

next ten years, with the exception of the brief period at the academy, he was mainly engaged as deputy in his father's office and in the other clerks' offices of the county. It was this early clerical training, no doubt, that laid the basis of that high business character which he now enjoys. In 1819 he was elected register of the land office at Nashville, by the Legislature, the member from Franklin county, Col. Hayden March, presenting his name in his absence and without his knowledge. He took charge of the office in December of that year, and, for three years, gave his personal attention to its duties. Leaving the office, then, in charge of a deputy, he returned to Winchester, and, for about one year was in charge of a mercantile establishment, meanwhile assisting his father in his office.

Judge Frizzell was born, as should have been earlier stated, in Bedford (now Coffee) county, September 8, 1820, on the Garrison fork of Duck river. Excepting while in Nashville, filling the office of land register, as before related, he lived in Winchester from 1841 to 1868, when he removed to Nashville, and has lived there ever since.

In February, 1854, Judge Frizzell was licensed to practice law by Chancellor B. L. Ridley and Judge Nathaniel Maxtor, and practiced at Winchester, except during the war, till his final removal to Nashville.

Upon the first serious threatenings of civil war, Judge Frizzell was in favor of resorting to all honorable means for the avoidance of bloodshed. But when it became apparent that war was inevitable, he promptly took a decided southern position. He volunteered as a private in Col. Turney's regiment, but before he reached the command, he was intercepted by a telegram calling him to Atlanta, where he was placed on post duty. Shortly afterwards, he was commissioned as captain and placed in charge of transportation and the auditing of railroad accounts. He remained in that department of the Confederate service, mainly engaged in auditing accounts, till the close of the war. The rank of major was given him just before the war ended. During his term of service, he disbursed over seven millions of dollars, and had his accounts audited and passed "O K" up to January 1, 1865, a record that few disbursing officers of the Confederacy can present.

In politics, Judge Frizzell followed his father, and has always been a Democrat. He has several times been a delegate to political conventions, but has never held any political office. In 1853 he made an experiment for the Legislature as a candidate in Franklin county, and was defeated by one hundred and seventy votes. This was the first canvass made by any candidate in the county on the principle of local option. Since then the county has sent two or three temperance men to the Legislature.

Under the act of 1853, authorizing the judges of the Supreme court to appoint referees for the three divisions of the State, Judge Frizzell was appointed, in connection with Judges John L. T. Sneed and S. J. Kirkpatrick, as one of the referees for East Tennessee. He has earned the reputation of being a clear-headed, painstaking, upright judge.

Judge Frizzell married, in Rutherford county, July 23, 1854, Miss Matilda Winford, a native of Winchester, daughter of William and Sophia Winford, both natives of Tennessee. Her father died in the Texas revolution, in 1837. Mrs. Winford (her mother) died in 1832. She supported herself and family by teaching school, and was a lady of fine mind and high culture. Mrs. Frizzell is a graduate of Mary Sharpe College, Winchester, and has been of great benefit to her husband in his literary labors. She possesses all the traits of a perfect wife and mother, gentleness of disposition and firmness of purpose being her chief characteristics. She is, as also her husband, a consistent and earnest member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. In regard to the husband, it should have been stated that he joined the church in 1843, and has been an elder for the last thirty years. He was stated clerk of the General Assembly for eleven years, and in 1884, was elected Moderator—the first layman to fill that position in any Presbyterian General Assembly in the United States. He was on the committee that revised the Confession of Faith and Government of the Church, and prepared for that

committed the present constitution and regulations of the church. In June, 1841, the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Cumberland University, at Lebanon, Tennessee.

Judge Frizzell and wife have had five children: four living, Sophie, John R., Mauda and Charles F.; and one dead, Sallie.

In the narrative of the life of Judge Frizzell, we have sufficiently indicated his character as a man and lawyer. If anything more is lacking to convey to the reader a just idea of the man, his own frank utterances will supply the complement. In response to an inquiry concerning his life, he said: "I started on nothing. I assisted my father in raising his family. Whatever success I have attained in life, I owe to the faith I have had in the providence of God. That God will take care of and prosper those who trust in Him, I honestly believe. In business, my father taught me that whatever is worth doing at all, is worth being well done. Under my father's training, I have given great attention to details, and this is the secret of success." This being the cardinal idea of Judge Frizzell's life, it is easy to see how he came to the front as a business lawyer. He is yet in the vigor of manly strength, and the State has still much to hope from him.

To add another dimension to this issue and to the Frizzell story, the Editor accompanied Mrs. Verena Jernigan to see Mrs. Estill L. Frizzell of Gossburg, who allowed me to copy her Frizzell-Jernigan Bible record, which follows:

The front pages are missing entirely, but the sub-title page for the New Testament has this imprint: "The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Philadelphia, McCarty & Davis, 1830" - The writing in the family pages is in different hands and different colored inks.

FAMILY RECORD

Marriages

Cary Jernigan & Sary Pierce was married February the 5th Day 1829

Samuel Cathey & Elisabeth Jernigan was married February 12, 1852

John C. Ogles & Arrena Jernigan was joined together in the holy state of matrimony October 5th, 1854 -

Kinchin Frizzell and Edy Jernigan was married October 11th 1866

William Jacobs and Mary Ann Jernigan was married January 3rd A. D. 1867

James Frizzell and Cellor Robinson was married December the 13, 1894

James Frizzell & Drucillar Robinson m. 12-13-1892 or 4

Births

Cary Jernigan was born Oct. 3 day in the year of our Lord 1804.

Sary Jernigan was born Jun the 7 day of our Lord 1807.

Arrena Jernigan was born December the 22 day 1829.

Elizabeth Jernigan was born March the 14 day 1831

Zadak Jernigan was born December the 24th day 1832.

Maryan Jernigan was born July the 25 day 1835.

Nancy Jane Jernigan was born May the 26th day of 1837.

Partheney Jernigan was born February the 27th day 1839.

Elisha Jernigan was born Oct. 5th day 1840.

Edy Jernigan was born December 26th 1842.

Fireaba Jernigan was born Oct. 31, 1845.

Sarah G. Jernigan was born March the 13th 1848.

James J. Frizzell was born April the 11, 1869.

Drew Ciller Robinson was born January 13, 1875.

Sarah Martha Jane Frizzell was born November the 13, 1895.

Susan Edy Frizzell was born January the 22, 1897.

John J. Frizzell was born March the 6 1898.

James Richard Frizzell was born June the 30th 1906.

Estil Frizzell was born August 28, 1912.

Deaths

Cary Jernigan Departed this life August the 27, 1872.

Sary Jernigan Departed this life August the 26, 1896.

Elizabeth Jernigan deceased December 1903.

Zadoc Jernigan departed this life on the 12th day of January 1851.

Mary Jacobs departed this life August the 25th 1889.

Nancy Jane Jernigan died June the 26, 1901.

Partheney Jernigan deceased December the 5th, 1839. [All copied in order found, some additions had been made later, obviously.]

Elisha Jernigan Deceased December the 25th 1887.

Mary Jacobs Deceased August the 25th 1889 [dupl.]

Eliza [?] Frizzell departed life July the 27, 1908.

Feriba Jernagin departed this life August 2, 1879.

Susan Robinson deceased September the 30, 1902.

Richard Robinson died September the 23, 1907.

Susan Cely Frizzell deceased July the 7, 1897.

The End

We decided that the Bible had probably belonged originally to Cary Jernigan, but there is no proof.

HUME - In the aforementioned lists of illustrious people of Beech Grove, the Humes appear, namely the father William, "a prominent merchant", and his two sons, Alfred and Leland. We do not know William Hume's identity for sure unfortunately. Very important in Nashville's early history was the Scottish-born teacher Rev. Dr. Wm. Hume, who died in 1833. In 1853, Hume school was completed and named for Alfred Hume, Esq., long an eminent teacher (Hugh Doak erroneously credited Beech Grove's Wm. Hume with this honor); this school later merged and became Hume-Fogg. The only Wm. Hume of an appropriate age found in Sister's 1850 Census appears in the household of G. B. & Julia Hume of Shelby Co. (he is 13); there is no proof that this is the correct Wm., however, a possible positive note is that there is a sibling named "Willis" in the 1850 family, and Wm. later named a daughter this. Nor do we know where or when he married Mary Leland (and this may not have been her full name either). In 1870, in C. D. 2, Coffee Co.'s Federal Census, household #79, we find: William Hume 32, merchant, b. in Tenn.

wife Mary 27, b. in Ala., son Leland 7, b. in Ala., son Alfred 3, b. in Tenn., and dau. Willis 1, b. in Tenn. The family may have moved to Nashville by 1875; they don't appear in the 1880 Coffee census.

It is possible that Leland was born while his mother was a refugee from the War. Many families of Confederate soldiers went to Ala. or Miss. especially, staying with relatives or friends, to get away from life in Yankee-occupied territory. I found the following account in a scrapbook of clippings at the Tennessee State Archives. It was unidentified as to source, but was most likely from a Nashville newspaper in the early 1900's.

Closing Days of the Confederate War

MRS. MARY LELAND HUME.

It was midnight. The bells tolled mournfully; full of misery to those whose loved ones, these same bells were calling. To arms! No matter what form of public trouble, the ringing of bells gave warning. As erst, through Scotin's stormy sky, the Fire-Cross roused to battle deeds, with wondrous power, the bells would swell, sounds tremble and thrill; for every tone is like a moan, dismal, dreary and worn. The approach of the enemy roused all; some to meet the foe, others to sustain the aged, the weak and the sick.

The song is hushed; the hearth fire out;

Silent, the children's merry shout;

Wild Terror hovers o'er the scene

Where lately all was so serene.

We had a faithful negro boy, who went out scouting and soon returned, with eyes just wide as moons. "Lord, mistis, dem blue devils is got us! Dey done took Mast Lieutenant, horse, close and all!"

So we knew it was all over with us. Our pickets driven in, General Croxton, of Kentucky, and his raiders had captured the town. They took possession of all they could find. The opposing forces, of course, were small. The old Druid city was an improvised army post, where an ordnance depot had been established and a few soldiers who had served in the first years of the campaign had been sent for duty and recuperation.

Dr. Garland of University of Alabama, and his cadets joined us to assist the Confederates.

We lived near the Catholic cathedral, and the priest, Rev. Father McDonough, of Scotland, was of our friends - a good man, full of power and wisdom.

We had put away a few valuables in a load of coal and arranged that if the Yankees entered, we would go, under Father McDonough's guidance, out in the suburbs to the home of a dear friend. Our faithful body servant (still living and in our family service) carried a trunk of necessary articles; the good priest carried the precious baby.

We could hear shooting and shouting; also saw the beginnings of conflagrations. Occasionally

met troopers, who passed us, without stopping. Arriving at the place of refuge, we met a cordial welcome. The dear old lady said that she and George (the faithful boy) would care for the little one, and I started to see my husband, who was a prisoner. Father McDonough had heard that Croxton's brigade was composed of many Roman Catholics and said he would accompany me to the headquarters of the brigade. As we journeyed through the streets the soldiers made obeisance to us, as if Father McDonough was the commanding general and I, a Sister of Charity. I was closely veiled in a dark blue serge veil. We came to the Warrior river and as the bridge was burned, we took a boat, a conveyance of which I had always feared to venture in, but as I was advancing to the enemy and they had my husband, it gave me no alarm. The general and his staff officers met us with much courtesy.

One of the staff officers was a Mason, and had discovered that Lieutenant Hume was his brother. One of the prisoners was Mr. Joe Conn Guild, nephew to the distinguished judge, J. C. Guild, of Nashville; being a civilian and past the age to fight, he was paroled; thereupon, he gave my husband a gold-piece, which he had carried in his mouth; he said my husband might suffer in a northern prison, which thought caused the tears to come to my aid, whilst requesting a parole for my lieutenant.

Well, the parole was given and accepted. This was in April. In May we heard the shout of peace.

In the above, Mary speaks of William as "Lt." and the only Wm. Hume found in Tennesseans in the Civil War, Part 2 (Nashville, Civil War Centennial Commission, 1965), p. 216, is a 2nd Lt. in Stewart's (Maj. A. P.) Heavy Artillery Battalion, organized in Shelby Co. Ewell in his History of Coffee County called him "Major", and he is listed as "Major, on Gen. R. C. Foster's staff, in Gen. A. P. Stewart's Artillery Regt." in: United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee Division, Confederate Patriot Index, 1894-1924, Vol. 1 (Columbia, Tenn. 1976), p. 209, which adds that he died 24 Sept. 1913, in Williamson Co. The U. D. C. chapter at Spring Hill was named "Mary Leland Hume Chapter", and more can probably be learned from them.

Leland Hume, the oldest son, was listed as Secretary of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co. in its mortgage agreement, dated 1 Jan. 1898, with The Washington Trust Co. of the City of New York, for \$1,000,000, for purposes of incorporation. Its assets listed in Ky., Tenn., Ill., Ind., & Miss. included toll stations in Coffee Co.: Beech Grove, Hickerson, Manchester, and Summitville. Biographical sketches of Leland and Alfred Hume follow, from: Who's Who in the South (Washington, D. C., The Mayflower Publishing Co., Inc., 1927), pp. 376-77.

Dr. Alfred Hume is said to have remarked many times that he entered college (Beech Grove College) younger than any other person, always adding with a smile, that he entered at the age of six. (Please turn the page for the sketches.)

HUME, Alfred. University chancellor. Born at Beech Grove, Tenn., Dec. 1, 1856. Son of William and Mary (Leland) Hume. *Ed:* Vanderbilt Univ. (B.E., 1887; C.E., 1888; D.Sc., 1890); Miss. Coll. (L.L.D.). *Auth:* Edul. and mathematical articles for papers and journals. Fellow, Asst. in C. E., Vanderbilt Univ., 1889-90; Prof. of Math., 1890-1926. Acting Prof., C.E., 1900-02, Dean, Coll. of Liberal Arts, 1905-20. Acting Chancellor, Prof. Math. and Astronomy, 1906-07; Vice-Chancellor, 1906-24, Chancellor, 1924—. U. of Miss.; Prof. of Math., Summer Sch. of So., Knoxville, Tenn., 1903. *Mem:* Fellow, A. A. A. S.; Soc. for Promotion of Engrg., Educ.; Engrg. Assn. of So. (Pres., 1914); Beta Theta Pi; Phi Beta Kappa. *Democrat. Church:* Presbyterian, U. S. Married Mary Hill Ritchey, McMinnville, Tenn., Dec. 23, 1891. *Children:* Ben Hill (decd.); Annie Fulton Hume Bryau (decd.); Leland; Myra Hume Jones; Mary Ritchey Hume Kotton; Ritchey; Brauham; William. *Home:* University, Miss.

HUME, Leland. Executive. Born at Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mar. 16, 1864. Son of William and Mary (Leland) Hume. *Ed:* Nashville pub. schs; Vanderbilt Univ. With Orr Bros., wholesale grocers, 1881-85; Vice-Pres., Dir., Cumberland and So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., 1885—; Dir., Fourth and First Natl. Bank, First Industrial Bank, Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., Inter-Mountain Tel. Co. (Bristol, Va.); mem., Nashville Bd. of Educ. *Mem:* Dir., Chamber of Commerce. *Clubs:* Hermitage; Kiwanis; Engineers. *Democrat. Church:* Presbyterian. Married Marie Louise Trenholm (decd.), Charleston, S. C. *Children:* William; Alfred; Georgia Trenholm Hume Lord. *Office:* Telephone Bldg. *Home:* Wedderburn, Nashville, Tenn.

JACOBS - Another sketch found in Who's Who in the South, on p. 387, is the following:

JACOBS, William Alfred. Lawyer. Born at Beech Grove, Tenn., Mar. 22, 1883. Son of Lee and Lightie (Hoover) Jacobs. *Genealogy:* Related to late Henry Watterson; father was author of four-mile law, Tenn., 1889. *Ed:* Webb Sch., Bellbuckle, Tenn., grad., 1902; Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, Tenn., 1906 (A.B.); Columbia Univ. Law Sch., 1911 (LL.B.). Taught at Webb Sch., 1906-08; tutored and traveled, 1912; practiced law, 1912—. *Mem:* Ala. State Bar Assn.; Birmingham Bar Assn.; A. F. & A. M.; Delta Kappa Epsilon. *Clubs:* Woodward Golf; Cosmopolitan Luncheon. *Church:* Presbyterian. Married Florence M. Bartel of Richmond, Ind., Sept. 9, 1920. One daughter, Martha Carolyn (5). *Office:* 906 First Natl. Bank Bldg. *Home:* 3208 Norwood Blvd., Birmingham, Ala.

From the Biographical Directory, Tennessee General Assembly, 1796-1969 (Preliminary, No. 15, Coffee County, [&] Grundy County (Nashville, Tennessee State Library and Archives, 1970), p. 11-2, we find a sketch of Lee Jacobs, who was born here 30 July 1861, the son of Alfred & Catherine (Dillard) Jacobs. He graduated from Beech Grove College, then taught school & at one time was head of the College. Married Lightie Hoover, dau. of Dr. Wm. & Mattie E. Hoover of Rutherford Co. & they had (at least) these children: Mrs. Bruce Cline, Mrs. J. V. Donaldson, Mrs. J. E. Wisner, Wm. A., & John T. After serving in the Legislature 1889-93, he moved to Rutherford Co. to farm near Hoover's Gap, where he died 4 Feb. 1941. A member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and Masons, a school in Rutherford Co. was named after him.

McBRIDE - Found on pp. 66-7 of Speer's Sketches (see Frizzell), is this account of Dr. Pleasant Harvey McBride. He died 8 Dec. 1902.

DR. P. H. McBRIDE, Noah, Tennessee, was born December 27, 1825, at Beech Grove, Coffee county, Tennessee. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and in attending the county schools of that place. He early manifested a desire to study medicine, but not having the means to do so, apprenticed himself to a blacksmith, and at the end of two years, having

mastered his trade, began business for himself. In 1846 he enlisted in Capt. J. D. Newman's company for the Mexican war, and was elected second sergeant. He served twelve months, the term of his enlistment, and, on account of sickness, was honorably discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana, in May, 1847. After returning home he finished his education in the winter of 1847-48, at Manchester Academy, Manchester, Tennessee. From 1849 to 1851 he was a farmer and blacksmith, dividing his time between the two occupations. From 1851 to 1861 he added to his tasks the study of medicine, making it a rule to read until twelve o'clock at night, and catching a preceptor whenever he could. When the war between the States broke out he volunteered in Col. John H. Savage's Sixteenth Tennessee regiment, and served for twelve months as color-bearer of that gallant command. In 1862 he was commissioned by Hon. Judah P. Benjamin, Secretary of War for the Confederate States, to enlist a company of mounted men, to be selected from the Sixteenth Tennessee. Mounting and equipping his men, he attached his command to Col. Starvo's regiment at Chattanooga, in 1862. His command was then made the advance guard of Gen. E. Kirby Smith's army in the Kentucky campaign, and participated with credit in the sanguinary battle of Richmond, Kentucky. After returning from this campaign, he was attached to Gen. Forrest's command until October, 1864, during which period he was in all the numerous battles, skirmishes and raids of Forrest's cavalry. His company was considered one of the very best in the Confederacy, and was among the last to surrender. Owing to great exposure and the awful fatigue of the campaigns through which he passed, Dr. McBride's health again broke down, and in October, 1864, he was ordered to the hospital indefinitely, being unfit for duty. In the November following, being able to travel, he returned home, where he remained the rest of the war.

After the war, his property all gone, he again took to his trade, at which he continued until 1868, when he moved to Noah Fork on Duck river, where he now lives, and where he began the practice of medicine. Quite a number of old and successful practitioners live in his neighborhood, but by closely applying himself, Dr. McBride has gained a good practice, and has, especially, the treatment of nearly all the chronic cases around him. More than this, he has built up a good name, as an honorable, straightforward man, correct in all his dealings, and is a citizen of first-class standing and great popularity.

As a politician Dr. McBride is known as a Democrat, staunch and true. In 1870 he was a candidate for the State Senate, having as his competitor Hon. George McKnight and Col. J. H. Hughes. Dr. McBride received a large majority in his county and every vote in his civil district. In 1882 he made a short canvass for representative, but as there were so many candidates in the field, he withdrew before the election, so as not to defeat the party ticket. Again, in 1884, he was a candidate for the Senate from his district, and was elected by a handsome majority, the full Democratic vote. He served with ability and influence in the Tennessee Legislature of 1885, and made many additional friends by his firm and unflinching stand on all vital questions.

His faith has always been in the Methodist church, of which organization he has been a member for forty years. His family is also of the same faith, except one son. He has always been a careful, prudent, economical man, though of a liberal and hospitable nature. He forms his plans with deliberation and caution, and then concentrates his whole mind to accomplish them.

Dr. McBride married, August 17, 1848, Miss Elizabeth S. Emerson, daughter of Gen. Hiram S. Emerson. She is a woman of many good traits, religious in her nature, and a model wife and mother. Five children have been born to them, four sons and one daughter: (1) William H. McBride, born at Manchester, Tennessee; now merchandising at Noah, Tennessee; married Miss Ella Farrar, who died in January, 1884,

leaving two children, Eugene and Arthur. (2) Thomas M. McBride, born May 9, 1850; now farming at Noah. (3) P. H. McBride, born January 21, 1835; now a merchant at Harrison Station, Warren county, Tennessee; married, March 4, 1838, Miss Mary Jane Keel, daughter of J. W. Keel. (4) H. H. McBride, born in 1833; now a farmer at Noah. (5) Mary C. McBride, born July 2, 1862.

The McBride family are of Scotch-Irish descent. Dr. McBride's great-grandfather was Dr. Daniel McBride, of Dublin, Ireland. His son, John McBride, came from Ireland, lived a while in Virginia, and then emigrated to Tennessee, and was one of the first settlers of Bedford county. His son, William McBride, father of Dr. P. H. McBride, was born December 29, 1791, at Lynchburg, Virginia. William McBride was a farmer of good property, and for many years was a magistrate and chairman of the county court of Bedford county. From 1851 to 1855 he was revenue collector of Coffee county. He was married, in Bedford county, to Miss Millie Conwell, daughter of John Conwell, who served the whole of the Revolutionary war as a private.

McGILL - On 14 Nov. 1814, John McGill was born in Tenn., to parents who were both born in Ireland. He served as 1st Lt. of Co. F, 44th Tenn. Infantry CSA, was in the Legislature from 1871-73, and was a J. P. in Coffee Co. for 18 yrs. A member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and the Masons, he was never in a saloon and never tasted tobacco either. He married Margaret _____, perhaps in Rutherford Co., before 1839; they were still there in 1850. Their children included at least: Robert A. (1839-), mar. Nancy McCrary 10 Sept. 1865; Mary (1840-1903), mar. James G. Rayburn 8 Sept. 1857; Eridicia (1847-1859); Adah (1855-1909), mar. Baxter Ragsdale Hoover 25 Sept. 1879; John D. (1864-), m. Blanche Jacobs 17 Dec. 1886.

John McGill was a farmer, but his son Robert & his son-in-law James G. Rayburn operated a general store in Beech Grove. Margaret McGill died 6 Mar. 1885, aged 66, followed by her husband 23 Aug. 1885. A touching tribute of respect was put in the Times by the colored citizens, signed by Chas. Maxwell; McGill had given them land on which to build a church of their own.

MOORE & NORTON - The most fascinating period of American history for the majority of history buffs is acknowledged to be the Civil War era, and accounts of ante-bellum life in the South provide an important adjunct to its study. This abstract is important for this reason as well as for its Beech Gr. participants. It involves a relatively trivial (by today's standards) case found in the Supreme Court records at the Tenn. State Archives. Filed on 15 Dec. 1859, the need for it would be eliminated in just a few years by the emancipation. Moore won the case in Coffee Co., the Sup. Ct. reviewed it and sent it back to the county for another hearing, the outcome of which is unknown (& unimportant) today.

Briefly, the case resulted from a suit brought by Henry W. Norton against Benjamin F. Moore on 3 May 1858 in Coffee Co. Circuit Court, Calvin C. Brewer Clerk, J. Hardin Sheriff, on a plea of trespass, for \$2000 damages.

On 21 Aug. 1856, Moore sold Norton a 25-30 yr. - old mulatto slave, Caroline, for \$925, and her two children, Clarissa, about 6 for \$450, and Rufus, about 2 for \$300. Caroline had since died, and the question was as to her condition at the time of the sale and as to the mental state of Clarissa then.

Caroline was a house servant, a good cook who also did the laundry. Clarissa was described by Norton as feeble-minded, although others said she had played nicely with Moore's children, brought bread to the table, kept flies off the table, rocked the cradle & saw to the Baby, & generally followed instructions as well as most.

Moore kept a store in Beech Grove then & lived behind it with his wife & 2 ch., a clerk or 2, a little negro or 2, and plus 4 hands in the family and an occasional boarder. (In the 1850 census, Benj. Moore & wife Mary had a small dau., Arabella & a 14-yr. -old boy Charles - a nephew probably; & a young Henry W. Norton, wife Rachel, & 5 ch. were not far away.)

The case records first testimony of witnesses in Chickasaw Co., Miss. where Norton had moved after purchasing the slaves: Mrs. Sarah Hitchcock, age 59, said that she was called in to care for Caroline as a physician (she was a mid-wife of 26 yrs. experience still actively engaged as such). The woman told Mrs. H. that "when her present master, Col. Norton, was lying sick in Tenn. her then master, Benj. F. Moore, was giving her medicine and said he wanted to get her doctored up and sell her to Col. Norton and buy a stout house woman". Mrs. H. did not think Caroline could have been sound two yrs. earlier at the time of the sale.

Washington Hitchcock, age 33, (no relationship given), stated that he first saw Caroline in the fall of 1856 shortly after she was brought from Tenn. She was ill, but was well-treated by Norton.

M. N. Culpper, age 30, & William West, age 42, testified similarly, before the mayor of Hustin, Miss., as did Washington Wood, age 38, who did not see Clarissa until July or Aug. 1857.

Dr. John H. Whitmore, age 30, a practicing physician & a graduate of Maryland Univ., attended Caroline from 1 Mar. 1859 until her death 3 July 1859. She had evidently suffered from an enlargement of the heart for several yrs.; she had received constant attention from the family for months. [One is continually struck by the care & treatment given - surely, it was just as good as that given a member of the family!] William Davis, age 32, assisted Dr. Whitmore in performing the post mortem on Caroline; she had dropsy. Mississippi part ends -

Testimony given in Coffee Co. -

Mrs. Polly Crosslin [she was 58, the wife of Wm. Crosslin in the 1850 Census; evid. a widow, age 71 in household with Joseph & Nancy Hamby in 1870] - She said she had been called in by Ben Moore to examine the woman for a supposed female problem. Polly told Moore she "would cure her for that 20-yr. piece of calico you have in the store". In all, she made 2 bottles of medicine for her. Caroline's little boy was born "in the Spring of the year because the Esch Mottes were little things just come up". She had probably attended Caroline at the birth of all her children, as she [Polly] had "been a mid-wife & have had a large Practice for 34 years".

Mrs. Mary A. Norton, the wife of Dr. James Norton testified that they were keeping a hotel in Shelbyville at the time Norton went to Miss. His party had stayed there several days en route. Caroline had walked part of the way from Beech Grove to

Shelbyville, & her feet swelled badly. She told me that Dr. Norvill & Dr. Ganaway had waited on her. She had walked up the hill from the place "where there were so many peaches". While at the hotel, she had helped with the cooking.

Dr. Alex S. Norville was called in to see Caroline 2 or 3 times in Mar. 1854 & again in Oct. that year.

Dr. John Ganaway, also a practicing physician, was called in after Norville went out of town. He visited the patient while they were in Shelbyville from 29 Oct. - 3 Nov. 1854.

Dr. E. S. Miller, a practicing physician 12-14 yrs. He gave his opinion based on others' testimony.

Dr. T. A. Anderson [of Tullahoma], a practicing physician many yrs. also was called in to give his opinion of the medical testimony.

Hiram McCoy said that in 1854 he was building a home for Moore. He went there first in March, & then boarded there most of the time from 1 Apr. to 1 Dec. that yr. & saw Caroline every day. By the time of the court case, he had moved to Johnson Co. [no state given] & came here without a subpoena at Moore's request, to testify. [N. b., in 1870 McCoy was back in Coffee Co., then age 69, with his wife Margaret; he was still a carpenter.]

George W. McMillan said he boarded with Moore a year, in 1854-55, as well as another boarder or two at the same time. Caroline cooked & another negro girl 14 or 15 yrs. old helped her. Moore's father had owned her before.

Wm. P. Ford said he lived at Moore's from 5 Nov. 1855 until late Dec. 1856 while clerking at the store.

Samuel Wood said he was living at Moore's when the slaves were sold to Norton.

Wm. R. McFadden, a bro.-in-law of Moore's, was often at the house & saw Caroline regularly.

John E. Scruggs, also a bro.-in-law of Moore's, knew Caroline since 1852. He was an admnir. of Ben's father's estate. [The will of Charles Moore (age 74 in 1850) is in Coffee Co. Will Bk. 0, pp. 109-10, written on 31 Dec. 1850, recorded 8 June 1852. In it, he named his wife Mary, dau. Sarah F. Shanklin (who recd. slave Rachel), other sons & daus. who recd. slaves by draw, Wm., Benjamin, Sophia Finch (widow of Henry), Jane Scruggs (wife of John E. testifying), Susan Hoover, Eliza Thomas, and the 2 ch. of his decd. son Robert, and Martha A. Muse, the dau. of decd. dau. Martha Muse. John E. Scruggs & Benj. Moore, execs. Wits., G. G. Osborne & A. Maxwell.]

Mrs. S. P. Finch, Moore's sister, had known Caroline all her life; she had waited on her father in his long illness (he died 6 or 7 yrs. ago). Mrs. Moore (her mother) told Norton Caroline was being sold for being disobedient, that he was to keep her in the house & to take good care of her & clothe her well in good, warm clothing, that she had "been raised like her own daughter". Norton replied that he was buying her for a cook, that she was "not to go to the quarter".

Mrs. Dr. Hamer said she lives between 1/2 & 3/4 mile from Ben Moore's. Norton stayed at her house a week or so before he bought the 3 slaves. She saw him later in Shelbyville & he seemed pleased with

his purchase. He told her Caroline walked from Scruggs' place to Shelbyville as his horse wasn't strong enough to pull them all; said she would have to walk to Mississippi for that reason.

Dr. J. K. Norton, a cousin of plaintiff, said he lived in & kept a Tavern in Shelbyville in 1856. H. W. Norton had only a one-horse carriage, so Caroline had walked until she crossed the bridge over Duck River; "that bridge is about 200 yds. from my Tavern house". She got in the carriage there, she told him. When they left for Miss., Dr. Norton rode out with them 4 or 5 miles & they were all in the carriage then (this was the Shelbyville & Farmington road, the route being generally rough & tolerably hilly or broken - it was considered a pike, but perhaps was not finished then).

Other witnesses called were: S. C. Shanklin, Jane Norvell, & Samuel A. Wood.

Another Supreme Court case was found involving Henry W. Norton & his father Wm. S. Norton, who was a miller. It seems that in 1849 Henry was in embarrassed circumstances & his father went security for him, taking a 9-10 yr. old slave, Charlotte, for \$300 credit. In 1854, Henry wanted her back but his father wouldn't give her up. Naaman G. Norton testified that in 1849 he lived only 1/4 to 1/2 mi. away from his father's, & a mile away in 1854, while his brother Henry lived not less than 4 nor more than 8 mi. away from their father in 1849 and he moved within a mile in 1852, but in 1854 was between 6 & 8 mi. away. The father owned the girl's mother at the time of Charlotte's birth & had given her to Henry originally. Another brother, N. P. Norton, had bought her from the father but later sold her back to him. A bro. William was also mentioned.

Among the other witnesses were: Rufus J. Norton, another bro.; Wm. Wood, a bro. of Henry's wife, Rachel, who said that Wm. S. Norton had planned to deed the girl to Henry's eldest son, Wm. Lamar, & also mentioned Wm. S.'s son Porter [this may be the same as N. P. Norton]; Absolam Wood, another bro. to Rachel; Henry Warrick, A. S. Norville, Charles Hickerson, Wm. Arnold, George D. Stephenson, Benj. F. Moore, & J. H. Fraysheur. Constable then for C. D. 2 was Winn Thomas, under Coffee Co. sheriff F. M. Boyd.

RAYBURN - PARKER - Mrs. Almedia Rayburn (28 Oct. 1840-20 Feb. 1923) was married in her native Mississippi (according to her obituary in the Times) to Samuel Parker, prior to the Civil War. [In the 1880 Census - see p. - she stated that she was born in Tenn.] They had three children before he was killed (for details see the letters which follow). She later moved to Beech Grove, and one has to assume that either she or her late husband or both of them had relatives here, where on 24 Dec. 1879, she married Robert D. Rayburn of Beech Grove. They had one son, Robert, Jr., before she again lost a husband, on 9 Oct. 1882. In 1909, she moved to Manchester, where she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Steve M. Winton. Her obituary also said that she "yet retained a freshness and

sweetness of spirit and an interest in all the affairs of life unusual for one of her age."

Civil War Letters ---

[These letters were given to the Editor recently by Mrs. Jean Brown; they were found in a house which was being torn down. We are indeed grateful for this addition to our story of Beech Grove. , As always, they are copied exactly as found.]

Sept. 14, 1864

Camp near Lovejoy Station

M. L. Blanton, Dear Sir:

It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of Mr. Samuel Parker who fell in defence of his country Aug. 3d 1864 he was a man always at his post beloved by both Officers & Men of his company, who Sympathise with his relatives & friends, but believe their loss is his eternal gain. He continued to live a pious Christian during his connection with this company & he has ever been since my acquaintance with him. Inform his wife that I turned over his effects to his Bro. James, which was one pocket book 5 or 10 dol. I don't remember which, one Shell ring, one heart that he had made for his little girl. I had him buried as decently as I could under the circumstances. He & myself were on picket together, had just relieved the old picket, when he was struck just below the Left Shoulder, passing through the heart. He only spoke twice - he called to me for help taking hold of my hand, I asked him what I could do for him, he merely replied, I am gone, expired in a moment without a struggle [The rest of the letter, including the signature, is gone, as is the envelope.]

Second letter ---

Direct - Care - S. K. Johnson
Augusta, Ga.

Augusta, Ga. Oct. 2/64

My Dear Sister Media,

May God help you to bear with Christian courage the painful news I have to tell. That is the Death of your husband poor Sam - He fell on out post picket duty near Atlanta August 3rd 1864, shot through the heart and died in the arms of Nat Wheeler, who was by his side, he never spoke but two words, and that was (I am gone). Wheeler wrote me that he was decently buried and that his papers and effects had been handed over to his brother James Parker. My Dear Sister, this is a Sad Shock to you, and one not

easily borne, but you must comfort yourself that your loss is his eternal gain. He died as he had lived, a truly pious Christian. That is a great consolation to you - to know that you can meet him in that world where there is no wars and where parting will be no more. This is the hardest task of my life - and would to God it was not my duty to record the sad fact, but it is the will of high Heaven and we must submit uncomplainingly - though it may cause our heart strings to almost burst - Would that I could see and comfort you when you see this, but God has willed it otherwise and I leave myself to my fate without a murmur though I have a great deal to bear - but know that my suffering is nothing compared to yours. My Dear Sister, put your trust in him who has said I will be with you in the Seventh trouble and the Seventh - I will not forsake you. I have written to Jim and when I hear from him I will write you all the particulars. I have no more room left, would that I could write more. It is very strange that I never hear from you. I write very often but have never received but one letter from you. My best love to all the family and accept yourself the best wishes and the best love a Brother can bestow. My own health is very bad, though still on duty. I have rheumatism and suffer a great deal in my mind and also my body. I have all I can bear. I so much desire to see you all especially my Father. If I could see him I would be satisfied. (Write often)

Your Brother,
Mitch Blanton

TEAL - The following account is abstracted from the pension papers filed for Edward Teal at the National Archives in Washington, D. C.

Edward Teal, a long-time resident of the Beech Grove area, was granted a government pension (No. 11847) on 1 Feb. 1872, for his services in the War of 1812. He stated that he was married to Susan Lemons in Tennessee [no county given] in 1815 [no further date given]; she has since died. He served as a private in Capt. James Neill's company, Col. Hart's regiment, Tennessee militia. [In 1836, Col. Neil was head of the militia company in C. D. 1 of Bedford Co.; this is the nearest Bedford Co. civil district to Coffee Co. 's C. D. 2 & Beech Grove.] He enlisted at Fayetteville in 1811, and was honorably discharged at Fort Decatur on or about 26 Jan. 1812, having served the full period of 60 days in the

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A. Jacobs

Reg. No.	Clk. No.	Account	Provided
1	2	Beer Soda	2.50
1	2	Coffee	2.00
1	2	Tea	2.50
1	2	Butter	3.50
1	2	Meal	2.05
			20.50

Infantry service of the United States in the war of 1812. Edward Teal, Jr. & R. E. Lasater witnessed this application. [The foregoing is copied as found on two documents in his file; the following, however, seems more plausible, and is on yet another form.]

"The Third Auditor reports that Edward Teal served in Capt. James Neil's Co. Tennessee Militia from Sept. 2, 1814 to April 10, 1815. Length of service, 221 days." He was granted a pension of \$8 per month.

In Jan. 1882, both R. D. Rayburn, as Acting J. P. for C. D. 2, and R. M. Vannoy, as Teal's attorney, petitioned for release of his pension to him, even though "the old man, now 92 years old" had lost his voucher. Jonathan Brixey reported that Edward Teal died some time soon after Sept. 1882, & said that Stokely Jacobs, of East Nashville, could give the exact date of his death as he was his administrator. [In 1850, Edward Teal is 53, born in S. C., his wife Susan is 50, b. in Tenn., & his ch. are: Jacob 22, Asa 21, Edward 19, Barbary 15, Bartley 14, & Susan 12, all b. in Tenn. Also in Coffee Co. in 1850 were two men possibly his brothers, to wit, Elias 53, and Albert 50, both b. in S. C.]

WATTERSON - William Shanklin Watterson was born on Bradshaw's Ck., a branch of the North Fork of Roanoke River in Va., in either Botetourt or Montgomery Co., the son of Wm. & Nancy Woods (Shanklin) Watterson. His wife was Nancy Bates, and their children were: Mary Ann, Harvey Magee, Henry, Hugh, Thomas H., Elizabeth Louise, and William Bates. Wm. S. Watterson was the youngest child in a large family & lost his father when only 9 mos. old; the mother remarried; young Wm. S. came to Tenn. in 1804, to live with an aunt & uncle in what became Bedford Co., John & Elizabeth Sinclair (Shanklin) Rayburn. He later became a cotton planter, operated threshing machines, was very active in bringing railroads into the area, and in general amassed great wealth including huge tracts of land most of which were in what became Coffee Co. Said to have served on Jackson's staff in the War of 1812, but this has not been proved. A Presbyterian, he died after 1 June 1850, perhaps in Bedford Co. [The above is largely taken from: McBride, Robert M. & Robison, Dan M., Biographical Directory of The Tennessee General Assembly I, Robert M. McBride, ed. (Nashville, Tennessee State Library & Archives, 1975), p. 768.]

Harvey Magee Watterson, journalist, was born in Beech Grove, then in Bedford Co., 23 Nov. 1811, a son of the above Wm. S. & Nancy Watterson. He was educated at Cumberland College, Princeton, Ky., studied law & was admitted to the bar. His wife was Talitha Black, dau. of James Black of Maury Co. He began his law practice in Shelbyville where he established a newspaper in late 1831. The Western Freeman continued to 1833. He was elected to the Legislature in 1835, served in Congress in 1839-43, having been chosen as a Democrat. He declined re-election in 1843 & was sent by Pres. Tyler on a diplomatic mission to Buenos Aires. On his return in 1845, he was elected to the state senate & was chosen its president. He was owner and

editor of the Nashville Daily Union 1847-51; was connected with the editorial department of the Washington Union in 1853-54. He was active politically until 1861. He practiced law in Washington for 14 yrs. after the war, having been against secession. In 1878, he became a member of the editorial staff of the Louisville Courier-Journal, signing his articles "An Old Foggy". He died in Louisville 1 Oct. 1891, where he was buried in Cave Hill cemetery. [From: Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography 6, ed. by James Grant Wilson & John Fiske (New York, D. Appleton and Co., 1889), p. 394; & Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly . . . p. 767.]

Henry Watterson, journalist, the only child of the above Harvey M. & Talitha Watterson, was born in Washington 16 Feb. 1840. Because of his defective eyesight, he was educated chiefly by private tutors. He began professional work in Washington in 1858, & returned to Tenn. in 1861, editing the Republican Banner in Nashville. He served on the Confederate side in the war in various capacities, being a staff officer in 1861-63, and chief of scouts in Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army in 1864.

After the war he revived the Banner, but soon afterward he moved to Louisville to live, & in 1867 succeeded George D. Prentice as editor of the Journal. The next year he united the Courier & the Times with it, & it became the Courier-Journal. He was a Congressman almost a year (chosen to fill a vacancy), & active in Ky. politics. On the national scene, he was a personal friend & follower of Saml. J. Tilden. He supported Bryan in 1896, bitterly attacked Theodore Roosevelt. He supported Wilson, but opposed entrance into the League of Nations. He vigorously advocated the Allied cause in World War I. He served as editor of the C-J from 1868 to 1918, & was considered one of the great editors of the U. S. He was awarded the Pulitzer prize for journalism in 1917 for his editorials welcoming U. S. declaration of war against the Central Powers. His short publications were numerous, & his books include: Oddities of Southern Life and Character, 1882; The Compromises of Life, 1903; and his 2-vol. autobiography, "Marse Henry", 1919. He died in 1921. [Henry Watterson is included on Ewell's list of prominent Beech Grove people, but I can find no proof that he himself lived there, although he probably visited relatives there.] [Sources are, Appleton's, p. 394, and Webster's Biographical Dictionary, First Ed., (Springfield, Mass., G. & C. Merriam Co., 1943), p. 1550.]



Henry Watterson

WILSON - William Thomas Wilson was born 10 Feb. 1842, at Beech Grove, the son of Thomas Watkins & Nancy (McBride) Wilson. He was educated in the "common schools". At 19, he enlisted in the 17th Tenn. Infantry, C. S. A., the latter part of his service being with the Army of Northern Virginia. He retained a vivid interest in matters pertaining to

the Confederacy & his surviving comrades at arms. At Tullahoma he was an active member of the Confederate Veterans Bivouac and he attended the reunions as long as his health permitted. As Secretary of the Manchester bivouac, he spearheaded the effort to gather information about all possible Coffee Co. men who had served & their status at that time which resulted in the large book found in the Register of Deeds office.

After the war, young Wilson entered the mercantile business at Murfreesboro, where he married Margaret Cunningham. Soon afterward, he returned to Beech Grove & was elected circuit court clerk of Coffee Co., after which he moved to Manchester. He served several terms in this office, then as co. trustee, after which he took up the study of law & practiced successfully at Tullahoma, where he also had previously conducted a mercantile business. He served two terms in the Legislature, 1903-07. His health gave way many years ago, necessitating his retirement from practice.

He was a devout Christian & church worker, & served churches in Tullahoma & Hendersonville as ruling elder, transferring his membership to First Presbyterian Church in Nashville after moving to that city. Six years later, he died at home in Nashville 19 Apr. 1928, age 86. He was survived by his wife, four sons (James W., Thomas H., Burney A., & Stokes R., one dau., Miss Florence, & 3 gr. ch. [From: Confederate Veteran Magazine 36 (Nashville, S. A. Cunningham), p. 267.]

In addition to the above sketches, biographies of several Beech Grove people can be found in Good-speed; in the Coffee Co. volume, these include: Simeon Ashley, John H. Ashley, Capt. A. Jacobs, Stokely Jacobs, W. T. Lawrence, P. H. McBride, & Wm. L. Norton; in the Bedford Co. volume are two: Dr. John A. Gannaway and James Hoover.

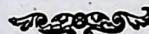
Also to be consulted at a library is Lucile Frizzell Jacobs' Duck River Valley in Tennessee and Its Pioneers, published in 1968 [in Manchester?], although compiled 30 years before. Now out of print, this is a readable, interesting combination of folklore, fact, and genealogy. Several Beech Grove families appear in some degree of length, including Ashley, Baker, Dilliard, Frizzell, Hume, Jacobs, McCrary, Norvell, Sutton, Templeton, Watterson, and others; quite a few others are mentioned briefly as well. May we also remind the reader that Beech Grove people appear from time to time in the Coffee County Historical Quarterly, as well as purely historical items regarding the area. So do consult these nine volumes.

Obviously, the sketches in the preceding pages are not intended to be comprehensive biographies. Surely, much could be added to them if time permitted; however, the purpose is to offer interesting and factual accounts of some of the early residents. Should you want to pursue any of them further, this should greatly facilitate your research.



Lest the reader think that the earlier generations did not have any fun, the following account is very revealing. It appeared in the Manchester Times on 18 Dec. 1885, and is reproduced in entirety:

The first public party of the season was organized at Mr. M. S. Hancock's last Friday night. About one hundred members were assembled. M. S. Hancock, president, Mrs. J. W. Templeton, vice-president, and J. D. McGill, secretary. Following is a list of the members. J. D. McGill and Miss Ida Baugh, Wm. Jacobs, Miss Josie Edriston, A. H. Coffey, Miss Addie Templeton, E. B. Blackman, Miss Mollie Stephenson, P. H. Gattis, Miss Mattie Carlisle, R. M. Howlin, Miss Bettie Bennett, A. Lyons, Miss Minnie Bennett, J. H. McCrary, Miss Lucie Ashley, J. P. Tillman, Miss Evie Ashley, Col. Adam Rayburn and Miss Norton. The above members still maintain the dread of matrimony. Next in order were the married folks, whom we heartily admitted into the organization: Dr. J. W. Templeton and lady; Joseph Jacobs and lady; Lee Jacobs and lady; G. A. Carlisle and lady; and M. B. Norton and lady, and the gallant insurance man was guarded by Miss Sallie Messick. Birmingham, Alabama, was represented by Dr. G. W. Morgan. The programme ended by enunciation of "Panting Martha", after which supper was announced and as usual, the people of Beech Grove and vicinity know how to do these things in style. After supper all seemed to enjoy themselves hugely in singing and conversation. We compliment Mrs. Hancock and the committee of arrangements for the beautiful table, as well as the bountiful supply of choice edibles upon it. It was very inviting.



BEECH GROVE Mentioned in Other Places

ESTRAY - Coffee County

Taken up by Norman Norton, on the Garrison Fork of Duck River, in District No. 1, four miles north of Beech Grove, one Dark sorrel Horse, supposed to be about 15 hands high, 5 years old past [ink smear here], a small star in his forehead, his right hind leg has been broken, which causes him to limp when trotting. Appraised to \$30, 16th May 1838. Sam. Murray, Ranger -

[From: McMinnville Central Gazette, 22 June 1838]

COFFEE COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

Beech Grove, Tennessee
August, That's all I know

Editor New Era; - . . . The New Era dates back to twenty years, according to Mr. Henry Watterson's statement, who is one of the ablest editors connected with the editorial press. [Ed. 's note: This paper was begun about the end of the Civil War, by a Union man, D. F. Wallace, editor. The author of

this column is unknown, but his writing style is delightful, witty, erudite, & most unusual. This has had to be cut quite a bit in the interests of space, but if you are at the Tennessee State Library you may read it on microfilm for yourself.] Away down here in Coffee the Era will soon have a dozen subscribers. This week I will order three more, and before the autumn frosts will fall and nip the turnip tops or turn the persimmons yaller, I will see them three and raise it ten better. Some of these warm, sultry days when the heated atmosphere is quivering between a clear sky and a parched earth, when all around me is quiet save the crying of six little vegetarians, the yelps of half a dozen bench leg fice, I will write the Era such a glorious description of Beech Grove, its surroundings, its college and schools, that every body in Warren will sell out and plant themselves amongst us. . . . Sunday, the 16th, we had a fine rain, accompanied with wind and hail. Considerable corn was blown down, trees uprooted and blown down that had never been blown down before. Our crops needed rain. Corn had begun to twist up like a plaited whip . . . Walter Summers, a young man 15 years old, living four miles south of this place, was drowned a few days since while bathing in a mill pond. He was washed in among the mill wheels which caught his foot and jerked him under the water. He was drowned immediately. His foot and knee were also badly mangled by the mill wheel. He was a bright, lively young man, whose unfortunate death is mourned by his numerous friends. We have just enjoyed, at the Methodist church, near this place, quite an interesting revival and protracted meeting, conducted by Dr. J. W. Haner and Rev. D. H. Merriman. They also enjoyed the skillful labors of Rev. J. A. B. Lovett, the pastor of the C. P. church at Beech Grove, who is a warm preacher, a noble and earnest pastor. The meeting continued about fourteen days, which resulted in great good, warming up the old members and converting about 30 souls. We have a very excellent school in progress at our college, at present conducted by Prof. Parker, his wife, and Rev. J. A. B. Lovett. Their school numbers about 100. Connected with the school they also have quite an interesting music class, conducted by one of Warren's fairest daughters - Miss Josie Stone, of McMinnville, who is in every way competent to teach, and is giving entire satisfaction to all. I understand that she is highly pleased with her situation and the country generally, and I am persuaded that she will be still better pleased when she sees and forms my acquaintance.

The store house of Mr. B. F. Moore, our P. M. at this place, was robbed on Sunday night last. The door was prized off its hinges and about \$40 worth of goods taken out. No money lost. No clue to the robber yet. The big, long, wild and noisy protracted meeting that broke out among the cullud people and black folks soon after the late war is still in swift progress and nothing short of the passage of the civil rights bill will check its speed; and even now while I write I can hear them howling and chattering like a thousand wild monkeys up a cocconut tree in the wilds of Africa. By excusing the drift of

my letter and giving my love to all the gals, I remain, with the highest consideration, your friend.

RATTLER

[From: McMinnville New Era, 27 Aug. 1874] - In it, in the midst of a part omitted, he tells the reader to furnish the local editor of a paper with all the community news, including "schools, churches, protracted meetings, sugar cane patches, sorghum furnaces, neighborhood goose pickings, parties, picnics, candy stews, quiltings, courtships, marriages and matrimonial jars".]

"Rattler" also sent a long message to the Editor of the New Era, published on 22 Oct. 1874, about marriage, including a perfectly hilarious description of his supposed affianced young lady, "Hannah Jane". A search of subsequent issues failed to reveal any more of his letters; however, many issues are missing, of course. He may well have moved away from the Beech Grove area meantime.

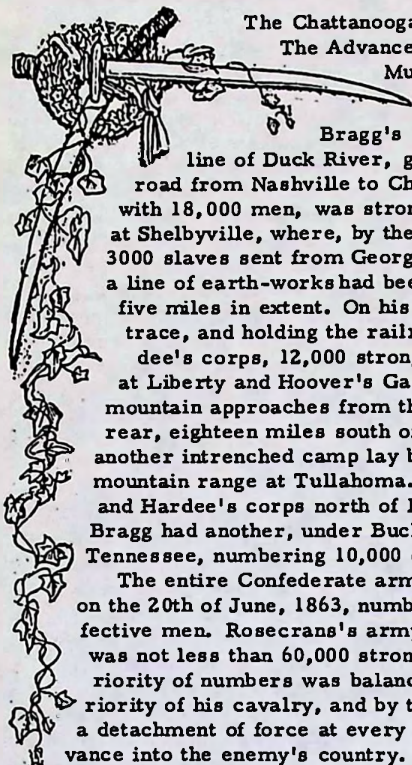


Other Well-Known Beech Grove Men

Several times the two lists of famous men from Beech Grove have been mentioned (one from Ewell's History, the other from the Times). Others included thereon who do not appear in the foregoing brief sketches, plus the list (or lists) on which found, etc. are: W. H. Ashley, both lists - president of First National Bank, Manchester; Dr. Grady Ashley, Times', a specialist in Mayfield hospital, Knoxville; John Ashley, Times', sheriff for 8 yrs.; Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham, both, Confederate officer, Nashville postmaster - he & his 2 sons (who follow) are more identified with the Noah area; Brig. Gen. B. F. Cheatham, Jr., U. S. Army, both; Rear Adm. Joe Johnston Cheatham, both, U. S. Navy; Dr. John Ganaway, Times', physician, will be included in a later issue of the Quarterly, with other doctors; Foster Hume, Ewell's, another son of Wm. Hume, genl. man. Southern Bell; _____ Jacobs, Times', head of stove works at Bridgeport, Ala., one of largest in U. S.; Capt. A. Jacobs, Calvin Jacobs, & Stokeley Jacobs, Ewell's; W. T. Lawrence, both, a Coffee Co. trustee; Dick Messick, Times', legislator, Noah; George Nobles, Times', former C&M & register; Will Norton, Times', pres. Plano, Tex. bank; Sam Rayburn, both, poet & philosopher; Dr. J. B. Templeton, both, past grand master Tenn. Masons; W. G. Templeton, Ewell's, genl. manager, NC&St. L Rwy.; George Thurman, Times', bookkeeper of Louisville derby; James E. Warren, both, elected pres. of Southern Bell in Aug. 1935 [Manchester Times, 22 Aug. 1935, p. 1], born & reared at Beech Grove, the elder son of Johnson Warren & grandson of Porter Stephenson, had moved to Nashville with his parents as a boy, & rose up thru ranks of old Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co.; Miss Florence Wilson, Ewell's, a writer for Nashville Banner, dau. of W. T. Wilson [q. v.]

WAR CAME TO BEECH GROVE IN 1863

The battle (or, more correctly, skirmish) involving Hoover's Gap, Beech Grove, and Liberty Gap has been written about at some length in Glenn W. Sunderland's Lightning at Hoover's Gap (New York, Thomas Yoseloff, 1969), and in Sunderland's article, "The Battle of Hoover's Gap, in Civil War Times Illustrated VI (Gettysburg, Pa., 1967), and you may consult these; most recently, it was mentioned in a feature article by Hugh Walker in the Sunday Tennessean (13 Aug. 1978). Leighton Ewell also included (on his pp. 68-70) W. T. Wilson's version, to which we also refer you. Rather than any of these, we, the compiler and the editor, choose to reprint a lucid and relatively unbiased account of the engagement to which you may not have access so easily. It follows, as well as maps 1. and 2. of the frontispiece, from Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War (New York, The Fairfax Press, 1886), pp. 529-31):



The Chattanooga Campaign -- The Advance from Murfreesborough

Bragg's army held the line of Duck River, guarding the railroad from Nashville to Chattanooga. Polk, with 18,000 men, was strongly entrenched at Shelbyville, where, by the forced labor of 3000 slaves sent from Georgia and Alabama, a line of earth-works had been constructed five miles in extent. On his right, at Wartrace, and holding the railroad, was Hardee's corps, 12,000 strong, with outposts at Liberty and Hoover's Gaps, guarding the mountain approaches from the north. In the rear, eighteen miles south of Duck River, another entrenched camp lay behind a difficult mountain range at Tullahoma. Besides Polk's and Hardee's corps north of Duck River, Bragg had another, under Buckner, in East Tennessee, numbering 10,000 effective men.

The entire Confederate army of Tennessee on the 20th of June, 1863, numbered 46,000 effective men. Rosecrans's army at that time was not less than 60,000 strong, but this superiority of numbers was balanced by the inferiority of his cavalry, and by the necessity of a detachment of force at every stage of his advance into the enemy's country. It was, therefore, the obvious policy of the Federal commander to compel Bragg to fight a battle in Tennessee. It was with this idea that Rosecrans planned his summer campaign, waiting only the assurance that the retreat of Bragg's army, which must be reckoned among the things possible, would not seriously affect the Vicksburg campaign.

The Confederate General John Morgan having been sent, with a large detachment of cavalry, northward for an excursion into Kentucky, it seemed an opportune season for an advance against the enemy, orders for which were issued on the 23rd of June. The movement began the next day. The direct road to Shelbyville was the easiest approach, while those farther eastward led through difficult mountain passes, strongly guarded by the enemy. An advance by the former would have terminated in a battle with the enemy in his well-intrenched and chosen position - a battle which, if successful, would be gained at great sacrifice, and leave Bragg an open door for retreat. The mountain roads led to Bragg's right and rear. A strong demonstration on the Shelbyville road would compel that general to uncover

the difficult approaches on his right, and once beyond these, Rosecrans, by a very rapid movement to Manchester or Winchester, would cut off retreat, and force the enemy to a battle, the conditions of which would be equal as to the field of conflict, and as to numbers much in his favor. With Morgan's command out of the way, his cavalry was able to cope with Bragg's, while he was superior in infantry by at least 20,000 men.

McCook's corps began its march early on the morning of the 24th. Phil Sheridan's division took the direct road to Shelbyville, preceded by five companies of mounted infantry. The other two divisions, under Generals Jeff C. Davis and R. W. Johnson, followed for six miles, and then turned to the left into the road to Liberty Gap. Thomas' corps, starting at the same time, moved directly on Manchester by way of Hoover's Gap. Crittenden's corps, the last to move, made a long detour to McMinnville, about forty miles southeast from Murfreesborough. Granger, commanding a reserve corps, supported McCook and Thomas. The cavalry was divided - Turchin, with one brigade, going with Crittenden, while the rest, under Stanley, were thrown out on the right flank.

For several days the weather had been clear and promising, but on the very morning of the advance from Murfreesborough it began to rain. For seventeen successive days the rain continued, swelling streams, and so badly cutting up the roads, that rapid progress, the most essential element entering into the campaign, was impossible. One division occupied three days in marching twenty-one miles. Such a season at this period of the year had not been known in Tennessee for a score of years.

Both Liberty and Hoover's Gaps, about ten miles from Murfreesborough, were carried by McCook and Thomas on the 24th. The works at the entrance of Hoover's Gap, the eastern pass, were unoccupied by the enemy when Wilder's mounted infantry approached them, so sudden and unexpected was the advance, and a train of nine wagons was captured on its way to camp, with a drove of beef cattle and some prisoners. At the southern extremity of the Gap, in the vicinity of the enemy's camp at Beech Grove, there was some resistance. A miniature battle was fought between a few regiments of Wilder's brigade and a superior Confederate force, in which the Federal detachment was almost overpowered before Reynolds's division could come to its aid. The loss in Wilder's command, after two hours of fighting, was 63 killed and wounded; deserters and prisoners estimated the enemy's loss at over 500. The Confederate force defending the Gap was a part of

General Pat Cleburne's division.

Another portion of Cleburne's command guarded Liberty Gap, which had in the meantime been carried by Willich's brigade of Johnson's division. Willich charged with his men, and, turning the enemy's flanks, drove him from the position, capturing his tents, baggage, and supplies. The other end of the Gap was carried with equal gallantry by Baldwin's brigade. The next day Johnson held the Gap, to keep up the delusion as to a direct advance upon Bragg's intrenchments. In the afternoon an attempt was made by the enemy to regain his lost position, and the attack was sufficiently serious to compel Johnson to send in Carlin's brigade of Davis's division. Davis was ill, but, hearing the noise of the battle, left his couch, and reached the front in time to witness the charge of Carlin's brigade and the defeat of the enemy.

Rosecrans now pushed his army on to Manchester, flanking Bragg, who immediately abandoned his useless intrenchments. These were occupied by Granger and Stanley on the 27th. Stanley, with his cavalry, had joined Granger at Christiana. Advancing on Guy's Gap, covering Shelbyville, that position was carried after a little brief skirmish. The enemy was already in retreat, and Shelbyville was captured that evening, with three guns, 500 prisoners, 3000 sacks of corn, and other supplies. The main body of Wheeler's cavalry, which had covered the retreat, escaped by swimming Duck River.



By this time all of McCook's and Thomas' corps were at Manchester. Wilder's command was ordered to Decherd to destroy the bridge over Elk River, but this was found too strongly guarded. In the race for Elk River, Bragg had come out ahead, securing his military road, which he had constructed five miles east of the railroad. Covered again by Wheeler's cavalry, he had left Tullahoma on the 30th of June, to escape the blow which Rosecrans was prepared to strike on his right flank, and succeeded in crossing the Elk at Estelle Springs without a battle. Negley's and Sheridan's divisions, with Turchin's cavalry, came up with the enemy's rear-guard, under Wheeler, July 25. Skirmishing followed, but the resistance was so stubborn that Bragg did not lose a gun. When the river, then swollen by the rains of the last nine days, was crossed by Rosecrans on the 3d, the enemy had vanished. Crittendon's corps, brought down from McMinnville, had taken possession of the road leading from Decherd by way of Tracy City to Chattanooga, thus compelling Bragg to retreat through the mountains westward. McCook had also advanced so as to keep him to the west of Winchester. But Bragg had a fair start, and these movements proved of little consequence. The Confederate army retreated across the Cumberland Mountains to Chattanooga, destroying the railroad in its rear, and crossing the Tennessee at Bridgeport.

Rosecrans was disappointed. He had hoped to fight a battle in Tennessee. He had scarcely counted upon

the rapid backward movement made by Bragg. Something had been gained. He had recovered Middle Tennessee at a cost of less than 600 men, and had, besides causing the enemy an equal loss in killed and wounded, captured over 1600 prisoners. But Bragg had escaped. The thing which had been accomplished was not the thing which had been planned.

The worst feature of the situation in which Rosecrans found himself, after Bragg's retreat, was the impossibility of pursuit. His army occupied a line extending from McMinnville to Winchester; but his cavalry posts had followed the enemy to the Tennessee, and outposts were established from Stevenson on the right to Pelham on the left. In this position Rosecrans was brought to a halt, in order to establish his line of communication with Murfreesborough. The Middle Tennessee campaign had been concluded. The movements made by Rosecrans in this campaign were brilliant; but he had made a great mistake in too readily assuming that the enemy would fight instead of retreating. If, in place of waiting at Manchester for Crittenden, he had moved directly on Estelle Springs, Bragg must either have fought or have fallen back with an utterly demoralized army, and with great loss of artillery. If Crittenden was necessary, then he ought not, in the first instance, to have been sent so far out of the way. That which, more than any thing else, disarranged Rosecrans's plans, was the never-ceasing rain; a circumstance for which he, of course, was not accountable, and one upon which he could not have counted. Fair weather would have been the ruin of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. As it was, Rosecrans was farther than ever from his military base, and, looking forward to the next stage of his campaign, could not expect to fight a battle with the enemy under conditions as favorable as those which had just been offered him.

But Bragg's army lost by retreating. His effective force after reaching Chattanooga was only about 40,000 men, or 6000 short of his strength at Shelbyville. Two thirds of this loss is to be accounted for by straggling and desertion. His retreat, occurring at the same time with the surrender of Vicksburg and the defeat at Gettysburg, contributed much to the general despondency in the South which followed those disasters to the Confederate cause.

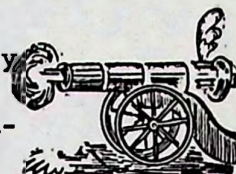
[N. b. : Please refer to the frontispiece for maps and a picture relative to the engagement.]

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McMinnville. Bishop Gallaway presided and L. R. Arnis was secretary. It was a most pleasant session—not a jar. I go back into Clarksville Dist.—to Bethlehem and Sango. This is part of the old Asbury Circuit that I travelled two terms—8 years. So history repeats itself. And now if God will give me health and strength and his blessing on the work, we shall prosper. I pray that it may be so. The conference appointed me to preach a Semi-Centennial sermon at its next session.

SATURDAY NOV. 3. We will finish boxing up our household goods today and on Monday will take our leave of our neighbors. Bro. Nackles is here and will preach tomorrow. The weather continues mild. We have had no sign of frost yet.

BEECH GROVE CONFEDERATE PARK



What has been said to have been the first Confederate cemetery in the South was established in 1866. William Hume [q.v.] wrote W. T. Wilson, then of Tullahoma, probably in response to a query from Wilson, who in his capacity as secretary of the Confederate Veterans bivouac was actively collecting data on Confederates in the area. Ewell

included a copy in his History (pp. 67-8), which he said Leland Hume had sent to him. Since the Society does not usually reprint material from easily available works (such as Ewell or Goodspeed), the Editor searched the Manchester Times for the copy printed there on 25 Mar. 1904. It differs in a few minor points only, but is important to the Beech Grove story, and it follows:

Dear Friend and Comrade:

As you are aware, nearly every man able to bear arms in the First, Second and Third Districts of Coffee County, and in the adjoining districts of Rutherford and Bedford Counties, was in the Confederate Army, and made the best of soldiers.

In the spring of 1866 quite a number assembled at Beech Grove, and reports were made that many Confederate soldiers had been hastily buried in the fields and pastures nearby, and in some instances the graves were so shallow that portions of the remains were showing. These men all having lately returned to their homes - with fences and stock to a great extent destroyed or stolen and the country devastated - at once agreed to have all these bodies of Confederate soldiers taken up and given a suitable resting place. They selected the top of the hill in the old grave yard on the Manchester Pike, near the Rutherford County line, and in full view of the pike, on the land then owned by David Lawrence, had a nice walnut coffin made for each and re-interred there, putting head-boards on each grave, but being unable to put any name, as all were unknown. They also put a nice paling fence around the graves.

This was done by the people there at their own expense, never having called on any other section for help, and was the first Confederate Soldiers' graveyard in the South that I have any knowledge of.

The majority of these veterans and their fathers who did this work are dead. Possibly Stokley Jacobs, Bud Jacobs and Henry Bivins could give you some information in regard to this.

I think it is due your county to have this honor, as it was done at a time when the Confederate soldier did not occupy the position in the State of Tennessee and the United States that he does today, and was entirely the work of love for fallen comrades.

Yours,

Wm. Hume

Almost a hundred years later, in 1954, with the help of citizens of the Beech Grove area and the Tennessee Historical Commission, the old cemetery was restored, and it is now a state park. Those persons serving on the first park board were: Hugh Doak, David W. Shields, Jr., B. S. Mason, Fred Gilliam, Rufus Peay, David L. Jacobs, Lucy M. Lowe, and Oscar Roberts. Present board members are: David L. Jacobs, Robert T. Jacobs, James J. Mason, and Elizabeth Greene.

Previous Park Superintendents have been: Oscar Roberts, Dudley Parker, and Marlin Fletcher. Hoyt Brandon presently serves in that capacity.

It is hoped that it will be possible to have a small museum built on the grounds of the park at some time in the future. This could house various artifacts found in the vicinity, with a panorama perhaps of the action.

Meantime, the quiet rows of simple white markers offer a serene setting for an afternoon's visit. Some 50 unknown Confederate soldiers and a few civilians (from both before and after the war) sleep peacefully on the hillside today.



NOTES

Reference should be made to the frontispiece in order to study the Hoover's Gap engagement better. Included there are: a view of Jacobs' store, and three maps, No. 1 of which shows the area including names of some residents; No. 2, which shows middle Tennessee as a whole at that time, and No. 3, on which the Editor has marked sites noted by David L. Jacobs from local knowledge - (1.) the side used first by the Confederate and later by Union forces, (2) the position of a cannon from which Baxter R. Hoover said they (the Confederates) fired pieces of log chains after exhausting their ammunition, and (3) the site of at least one Federal cannon.

Plans to reprint here the reports made by Generals Rosecrans and Bates (at least) to give the opposing generals' viewpoints had to be abandoned, due to space considerations. However, these and many other reports and letters relative to the "Middle Tennessee campaign" are fascinating reading, and we recommend these to you. They are found in: The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Volume XXIII, Series I, Parts I and II. The sections of most interest to readers of this "Beech Grove" issue of the Quarterly are found on pp. 399-627 of Part I, "Reports", and on pp. 456-88, 773, and 882-900 of Part II, "Correspondence". You may find, though, that you want to read the entire volumes, as they are far from dull and dry reading!

We continue to have people inquire as to why in recent years there has developed such a great surge of interest in local history and genealogy. Only this past week, e. g., one set of figures about hobbies was rather surprising; it had gardening at the top (with 36.5 million families participating), followed by: 2nd, CB radio (20 million operators); 3rd, stamps (16 million collectors); 4th, a three-way tie - genealogy (10 million researchers), bridge and chess (each with 10 million regular players); 5th, photography (3 million hobbyists); and 6th, coins (1 million collectors). In my preparations for this issue, an undated clipping came to light from an issue of The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine (Nashville, ca 1909-10) which helps explain the interest even today, and, as such, is worthy of quotation here:

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The index includes all pertinent proper names (other than those cited in references or in footnotes, etc.), churches, businesses, and such, as well as names found in the illustrations. When the spelling of a name varies, the preferred form is indexed, with the variant letter (or the entire name) in parentheses; occasional cross references to other forms of the name are used. Due to the typically poor spelling exhibited by the early church and lodge records, a wide variety of names appears here. Many nicknames are used, and probably the same person is listed in several different ways by different clerks; there is no way for us today to make a correct judgment as to which of these forms is correct. For instance, the names Hoggett and Hackett are found, and they most likely refer to the same family, as do the names Gibson and Gipson, etc. In other cases, such as the many forms of Jernigan, enough research has been done already (by our member, Verna T. Jernigan) to establish that these were all part of the same family; also, the names Herrell and Gaither are grouped with their variants. Still other confusion may arise from the capital letters L and S, which were frequently made in the same way - probably M. L. and M. S. Hancock should be one, not two, men, and other similar situations occur. So, please look under all possible spellings, phonetically as well, in order to make the greatest use of this index with its over 2800 entries. It should be remembered that it is quite likely that many of these people actually lived in Bedford, Rutherford, or even Cannon Co. Also, a name may frequently be found more than once on a page. Maiden names are indexed when known.

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As the civilization of any nation increases, there is a natural tendency toward over-refinement, effeteness, love of luxury, absolute lasciviousness in tastes and deeds, and it is healthful amid such environments to read again of the old days of uncouth, but eminently sane men, of rough but strengthening pastimes, or careless but decent thoughts. In the words of Henry Watterson, "They flourished years ago in the good old times of muster days and quarter racing, before the camp meeting and the barbecue had lost their power and their charm; when men led simple, homely lives, doing their love-making and their law-making, as they did their fighting and their plowing, in a straight furrow."

It is odd to realize that the first sections to be settled in what is now Coffee County were roughly at the far eastern and western extremities of the area. Pond Spring (later to become Hillsboro, as we know) preceded Beech Grove as a settlement by only a short time. The large central part of the county, with its vast stands of cane brakes, oak forests, and numerous springs and streams, was settled several years later, judging from the pattern of land granted. True, the name "the Barrens" soon came into being, indicating the awareness that the land was not all good. But even in that area, there was good land to be found. Nor can we explain the pattern with the excuse of road lay-out, as the beginning settlements preceded the road. One wonders if the mountains were the lure for these early pioneers, even as they are to many of us today who truly believe that verse of Scripture, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help." Surely, it is hard even to imagine a more beautiful site - today, in 1978 - than Lusk cove or some of the unnamed hills and hollows around Beech Grove.

We who live here in this lovely section of Middle Tennessee hope many of you who have not been back to the land of your forebears may find it possible to visit here and in effect try to retrace their steps, as you drink in the visual delights of our homeland.

B. A. B.

With this issue of the Quarterly, we conclude Volume IX. Plans are well under way for Volume X, which will begin with the Newsletter, to be out in November 1978. It will include queries (which of necessity have been omitted from this special issue), in addition to a report on the election of officers, and other items of interest.

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