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## Upcoming Events

UCGA February Meeting.... Megan Atkinson; TTU Archivist  
UCGA March Meeting.... Beth Durham; Story Teller of the Upper Cumberland  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Granville Genealogy Festival.. Speakers;  
    Robert Brown; The Carter Family of Tennessee  
    Carter Harris; The Carter Society  
Theresa White; The Importance of Joining a Society and Beginning Genealogy  
    Prof Carolyn Powell; How to Properly Care for Tombstones  
    Megan Atkinson; How to Archive Yourself at Home

## **The Families We are Researching**

David Starnes: Jackson, Price, Davis, Starnes, Taylor

Jim Loftis: Loftis, Matthews, Bennett, Roark, Savage, Gore, Webb, Stewart, Gibbons

Theresa Dover White: Dover, Stockton, Pryor, Coffman, Sassnett, Hartsaw, Bowman,  
Stewart, Phillips, Barnes, Reed

Lynn Constan: Duryea (NJ & CT), Devaul, Tice (NJ)

If anyone has information on these families or would like info please contact the UCGA and we will forward your contact information to the appropriate person.

### **Lost or Newly Found**

The Overton County Historical Society is seeking information on the location of the first log courthouse and jail built before 1810 at Monroe, Tennessee. This was the seat of our first county government.

The Town of Monroe consisted of 60 acres with a town square in the center consisting of 2 acres. The remainder of the 60 acres was divided into 164 lots. These lots were sold to finance the construction of the two room log courthouse located in the center of the town square, and the log jail was located some distance from the courthouse.

The exact location of the log courthouse and the log jail needs to be established. The Overton County Historical Society is working on a project to place a historical marker on or near these two historical sites.

From the year 1810, two hundred and five years will soon pass into the ages. The birth of our first seat of county government was at Monroe; this fact we know. The exact location of the courthouse and jail needs to be pinpointed by erecting a historical marker sign, for the coming generation of Overton Countians before these historical sites are lost to the ages. This project needs to be accomplished very soon before the word of mouth information goes to the grave with our senior citizens, some of whom possibly have been told where these two sites were located.

If you have knowledge or know someone who may know where the courthouse and jail stood at Monroe, please contact the Overton County Historical Society. Ask that the information be passed to Louise Stover or Dale Keisling.

## **Articles From Local Newspapers**

### **Second Child Dies in the Same House The Cookeville Press, January 25, 1894**

The two-year-old child of Nancy Eldridge, who lives in the 6<sup>th</sup> District, fell in the fire Friday last, while its mother was not near, and set its clothing on fire. When found the child was frightfully burned and died in a few moments. The suffering of the little one is said to have been horrible. This is the second child this woman has had burned to death and it does seem that caution is not known in that household. Nancy Eldridge is a very poor woman and has never been married.

### **Achilles Tendon Deadly? Cookeville Press, September 20, 1894**

Fillmore, the fifteen year old son of George Slagle, got a spider in his eye one day last week. After remaining a short time, the spider burst, which set up inflammation, causing the little fellow to lose his eye.

### **Jackson County's Petrified Man Cookeville Press, May 7, 1896**

Fourteen years ago, Dr. William Davidson of Jackson County died and was buried in the usual way. Last March his wife also died. A grave was prepared by the side of her lamented husband, but it was decided to bury her at another place not far off, which was done.

On last Thursday relatives and friends decided to remove the remains of the doctor to the side of this buried wife. His grave was uncovered, at the bottom of which a large running stream of water was found passing in at the head and through and out at the foot of the grave. The coffin and all other wooden material, which had been used in putting him away, except the bottom plank of the coffin, had decayed and turned to earth again. But to the utter astonishment of everyone present, Dr. Davidson lay before them in full life size perfect in form, except both arms were gone and his mouth a little enlarged. One examination it was found that he was petrified and had become a solid rock instead of flesh and blood.

Preparations to re-inter the body last Saturday had been completed and it was buried. It took nine persons to carry the body and it was estimated by those who carried it that it would weight about five hundred pounds.

How many times have we all said "I wish my grandparents were her to ask them questions about the past." Here are some question you can still ask or write down for your children or grandchildren.

### Questions to ask your Grandparents

**What is your full name with maiden name?**

**When and where was you born?**

**Who are/were your parents and where was they born?**

**Who were your grandparents and where was they born?**

**How many brothers and sister do you have?**

**What are their names?**

**What was your favorite game when you was my age?**

**Did you have a pet and if so what was it and its name?**

**Where you in the military? If so what branch?**

**Where did you serve?**

**Do you know who your great grandparents were?**

**Where did you go to school?**

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## Needing Help

My mother's family was from Fentress, Jackson, Scott and surrounding counties. I have figured out a good bit of my family history, but there are a couple of gaps.

Do you know anyone from that area that would help me? I could share my ancestry tree and tell them the folks that I am certain of and the ones that were mere guesses.

The family names are Huckleby, Sharp, Smith, and Smithers. It is interesting that both my grandparents families were from east Tennessee, but did not know each other. My grandparents met in Memphis, Tennessee. My great grandfather's work with the rail road brought him to Memphis, my great grandmother's dream was to get back to Helenwood, Tennessee. She lost a very young son during the Spanish flu epidemic and took his body back home to be buried.

I know that my g g grandfather's name was Starling Huckleby and that he was married to Anne Sharpe, but I cannot pinpoint Anne's family. I know their son, my great grandfather, went to live with his grandfather Sharpe as a bound boy/servant when he was a pre-teen after his parent's died and that he was not treated well by his grandfather's wife so he left home and soon got work with the railroad. He stayed with the railroad until he retired. My great grandmother, was also orphaned very young. Her name was Nancy Jane Smith. Her mother was Lizzie Smithers Smith. Again, I cannot pinpoint Lizzie's family.

If you know of anyone that takes on this kind of work, please let me know.

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The Stockton Family of  
Overton County  
Submitted by Theresa Dover White

I am just listing my direct line here. I have over 600 people in my book on the family there is just not enough room to list everyone. If you would like more information please email me at [theresawhite@hotmail.com](mailto:theresawhite@hotmail.com). I would be happy to share what I have and would be happy to get more information on the family.

John Stockton b. abt 1779 in NC d. aft Sept 1850 because he is listed in the 1850 census but not in 1860. He married Pheby and she was born about 1783.

Albert b. 3 March 1808 NC d. 15 Jan 1893

Morning

Mattie

Cynthia

Gilford

Antha b. 7 June 1818

Eliza b. 5 Dec 1824

Bethel b. 8 May 1826 d. 7 May 1891

Some people have Bethel and a Joseph Stockton listed as half brothers to the rest of of the kids but I have not found proof of this. There is a Joseph Stockton in Alabama in prison for stealing a horse.

Albert Stockton married Sarah "Sallie" Maxwell she was b. 12 June 1818 and died 17 January 1904.

Nancy	b. 30 Oct 1936	d. Jan 1911
Bluford H.	b. 22 June 1838	d. 21 Sept 1919
John Irvin	b. 22 Oct 1840	d. 12 July 1862
James Elzie	b. 8 or 11 Sept 1842	d. 21 July 1893
Mary Jane	b. 10 March 1844	d. 12 Oct 1878
Angelina	b. 16 Sept 1846	d. 3 May 1925
Martha Patsy	b. 1 May 1848	d. 22 Feb 1938
Thomas Jefferson	b. 6 Aug 1851	d. 7 Jan 1828
Noah N.	b. 16 Sept 1853	d. 5 May 1904
William Nichols	b. 25 Dec 1856	d. 27 June 1939

Bluford Harve was in the Civil War. John Irvin was also. He died right after the battle of Shiloh and is buried in a mass grave in Macon Mississippi.



William Nichols married Martha Adeline Barnes daughter of Hickman and Nancy Reed Barnes.

Winburn Scott	b. 12 May 1881	
Bernice	b. 26 Oct 1882	d. 8 Feb 1959
Harvey Bluford	b. 23 May 1887	d. 26 Mar 1973
Lloyd Seymore		
Forrest Hugh	b. 5 Aug 1890	d. 12 Oct 1951
Hillery Beal	b. 20 Jan 1893	d. 6 July 1952
George Bailey	b. 1 Apr 1896	d. 22 Mar 1988
Albert Milton	b. 11 Aug 1898	d. 30 June 1981
Clara Ethel	b. 1 June 1900	d. 27 Oct 1992

Harvey Bluford married Myrtle Bowman daughter of Albert and Katherine Hartsaw

Shirley Ray	b. 24 Aug 1907	d. 22 June 1989
Joe Bluford	b. 6 Oct 1910	d. 29 June 1942
Cleo	b. 30 Dec 1912	d. 1 July 2005
Willie D	b. 3 Jan 1915	d. 23 Dec 1992
Cecil Dow	b. 2 Mar 1917	d. 8 Feb 1989
George Kenneth	b. 17 Mar 1931	

Willie (Will) married Hazel Pauline Pryor daughter of James Sidney (Sid) and Beulah Coffman Pryor

Clara Judy	b. 11 Jan 1942	d. 1 Mar 1990
Larry Joe	b. 3 Mar 1945	
James Michael	b. 2 Sept 1949	
Patricia Ann	b. 17 Mar 1954	
Lisa Willene	b. 6 Feb 1958	

Clara Judy married L.B. Dover (Alabama) son of Coston Young and Lena B. Slaten Dover

Theresa Dover White	b. 18 Jan 1968	
Timothy Michael	b. 26 May 1969	
Tracey Wayne	b. 19 June 1971	

I am researching several other lines that branch off the Stockton family would like to insight to any info anyone has to share. That to me is what it is about sharing and

adding and building a tree to pass down to the next generation to add to. This is history it is the history of us, our families. These people are part of us and live on from one generation to the next.

### **Will of John Parham, Sr.**

This document was found in the 1850 Tennessee State Supreme Court case- Loyd Selby and wife, Rebecca Selby, et al. v. John Parham, exe. of John Parham, dec. etal. The original document is located at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Submitted by Michael W. Boniol**

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I John Parham do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. 1<sup>st</sup> ..I devise that my funeral expences and all my detts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may have at my death or may come at the hands of my executor. 2<sup>nd</sup> ..I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Parham my Black woman Adar, and my black boy George, one yoke of steers, one cart one horse and two milk cows, and all of my stock of hogs, household and Kitchen furniture, and my present crop of corn, during her lifetime and at her death, the black woman Adar, to live with my children whom she may chose, and the Black boy George and what property may be left at my said wifes death to be equally divided amongst my children. 3<sup>rd</sup> ..I give to my daughter Rebecca Selby two negro girls valued at six hundred dollars. 4<sup>th</sup>.. I give and bequeath to my son Johnson Parham in his lifetime one negro woman named Syntha and a negro child named Betsy valued at six hundred dollars, and my son Johnson Parham had bought and paid for my son Allen Parhams part of my estate by my consent, he Johnson Parham has received one negro boy named Sampson of my son Allen Parham share of my estate valued at three hundred dollars and is entitled to the rest of my son Allen Parhams share and my son Johnson Parham has bought my son Shamwell Parhams share by my consent of my estate, and has received nothing. I therefore give Shamwells share to Johnson P. heirs, - 5<sup>th</sup>.. I give to my daughter Elva Parham one negro boy named King, her lifetime if she will come here to live, and at her death the said negro to be divided equally amongst my other children or their heirs, - 6<sup>th</sup>.. I give to my daughter Ann Hinch one negro girl named Rose and one Boy child named William valued at six hundred and fifty dollars, - 7<sup>th</sup>.. I give to my grand son John Parham, a son of my son Johnson, One negro boy named Gilbert also one negro girl named Jane, to be valued to him at my death by three

freeholders and the valuation all over his share he is to pay over to the rest of his brothers and sisters, as they come of age without interest. 8<sup>th</sup>.. I give to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Rector, One negro girl named Alsey to be valued to her by these freeholders at my death and what said negro is valued over her lawful share is to be paid to her sisters and brothers when they become of age without interest. 9<sup>th</sup>.. I give to my grandson, one negro Boy, my grand son William Parham that is named Henry to be valued to him by three freeholders at my death, and what he is valued over his lawful part he is to pay over to his brothers and sisters as they come of age without interest – Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John Parham Jr. my executor. In witness whereof I do to this my last will and testament, set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1846. John Parhams ( s ) Witness William Nail & Simeon Selby.

It should be noted this will was penned by William Nail. One reason the will was contested is due to the fact Mary, John Parham's wife and Elva, his daughter, died before him.

The following individuals gave depositions to the lower court in Bledsoe County: William Nail, Lucy Morris, Simeon Selby, John D. Morris, James Ormes, Mary Ormes, Wiliam D. Brown. John Tollett, Anderson M. Crofford, Cravens Sherrill, and T.G. Schoolfield. Their testimony is included in this fifty page document. An inventory was also given in this document. It should be noted the area where the Parham family lived was Bledsoe County during 1850 but the area became Cumberland County when it was formed in 1856.

## Benedict School Attendance Register, 1925-26 Cumberland County, Tennessee

Submitted by Michael Boniol e-mail: mwboniol@gmail.com

The following information was taken from the Benedict School attendance register grades 1-8 in 1925-26. The teacher at that time was Cora Tucker. The addresses of the teacher and all students were listed as Clifty.

STUDENT	BIRTH YR.	PARENT OR GUARDIAN	OCCUPATION
Black, Neil	1919	Ella Black	
Burgess, Richard		Marion Burgess	Miner
Cope, Eston	1919	Fred Cope	Miner
Cope, Jack	1919	Fred Cope	Miner
Davis, Leon	1918	Munroe Davis	Miner
Frasier, Clay	1919	Sam Frazier	Lumbering
Geer, Powell	1916	Grover Geer	Lumbering
Geer, Joshepine	1918	Grover Geer	Lumbering
Morgan, Genevia	1920	Alfred Morgan	Lumbering
Hudgens, Amelia	1915	T.L. Hudgens	Lumbering
Keathley, Lucretia	1915	Bryant Keathley	Lumbering
Kidwell, Ruby	1919	Chas. Kidwell	Miner
Thompson, Lorel	1919	Albert Thompson	Miner
Walling, Reva Mae	1918	W. Walling	Lumbering
Brock, Harry	1917	John Brock	Lumbering
Hughes, Jack	1918	Olliver Hughes	Lumbering
Walling, Hollis Lee	1916	W. Walling	Lumbering
Black, Genevia	1917	Ella Black	Lumbering
Burgess, Mary Lee	1915	Marion Burgess	Miner
Frazier, Mary Lou	1914	John Frazier	Farmer
Lewis, Gladys	1916	Fate Lewis	Farmer
Poteet, Gusta	1917	Willis Poteet	Lumbering
Parham, Paul	1915	Parham	Lumbering
Clark, Dixie Nell	1916	Richard Clark	Engineer
Cope, Mary	1916	Fred Cope	Miner
Frazier, Edith	1916	Sam Frazier	Lumbering
Frazier, Nina	1916	Sam Frazier	Lumbering
STUDENT	BIRTH YR.	PRENT OR GUARDIAN	OCCUPATION
Morgan, Claud	1911	L.L. Morgan	
Walling, H.B.	1914	W. Walling	

Clark, Marie	1917	Richard Clark	Engineer
Hudgens, Louise	1914	L.L. Hudgens	Lumbering
Hughes, Maude	1913	Oliver Hughes	Lumbering
Poteet, Edna	1913	Willis Poteet	Lumbering
Mosley, Carrol	1915	Jim Mosley	Lumbering
Neal, Frank	1913	Rusha Neal	
Parham, Claude	1910	Parham	Lumbering
Burgess, Lillie	1910	Marion Burgess	Miner
Franklin, Pearl	1913	Jim Franklin	Lumbering
Frazier, Maude	1911	John Frazier	Farmer
Hudgens, Frances Ola	1911	L.L. Hudgens	Lumbering
Kidwell, Lillie M.	1915	Chas. Kidwell	Miner
Slatton, Kathrine	1912	Ed Slatton	Lumbering
Cope, Eugene	1915	Fred Cope	Miner
Hudgens, Woody	1909	L.L. Hudgens	Lumbering
Fraziers, Waymon	1908	Sam Frazier	Lumbering
Morgan, Cecil	1909	L.L. Morgan	Lumbering
Scarbrough, Willie	1910	G.G. Scarbrough	Farmer
Slatton, Joe	1911	Ed Slatton	Lumbering
Cope, Ollie	1912	Joe Cope	Lumbering
Neal, Margret	1911	Rusld Neal	
Walker, Ora	1911	Jim Walker	Merchant
Scarbrough, Frank	1909	G.G. Scarbrough	Farmer
Bowdlin, Lavenia	1910	Rob Bowdlin	Miner
Morgan, Florence	1906	L.L. Morgan	Lumbering
Walker, May		Walker	Miner
Driver, Chas.	1918		

This school register can be found at the Cumberland County Archives and Family Heritage Center in Crossville. Currently the archive has around 6400 school attendance registers from the Cumberland County School System.

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