



BAPTISM RECORDS, 1867-1922
OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA

(Twelfth Installment - Continued from Vol. 16, No. 3 & 4, Aug & Nov 1996)

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church was dedicated on 30 September 1869. Prior to this, priests from St. Peter's Catholic Church, Memphis, TN, made periodic visits to Tuscumbia to administer sacraments and conduct baptisms. Some of these baptisms were reported in an earlier issue of the *Traveler* (Vol. 11, No. 4, p. 130-131, Nov 1991). Baptisms performed after 1867 are recorded in the books photocopied for us by Ms. **SISSON**. Those for 1867 and later are published in issues of the *Traveler* beginning in August 1994.

Register of Baptisms

| Date | Name of Child | Lawful Child of | Born | Sponsors | Priest |
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| 1898 | | | | | |
| Oct 3 | Johannes | James BOWSER M. WORD (non Catholic) | 15 Sep 1894 | Mr. BOWSER J. BOWSER | P. Leo MAYER O.S.B. |
| do | Jacobus | James BOWSER M. WARD | 16 Oct 1896 | R. MITCHELL L. MITCHELL | P. Leo MAYER O.S.B. |
| do | (married Willie Sue MORRIS Oct 20 th , 1920 Church of St. Peter & Paul, Chattanooga, Tenn) Margaretha | James BOWSER M. WARD | 30 Jun 1898 | Mr. Ed DUNGLARY M. MITCHELL | P. Leo MAYER O.S.B. |
| Oct 28 | Georgius Edwardus Dewey | G. McADAM Mrs. C. HALL | 14 Sep 1898 | Willie CARBELLO Sara Pearl McADAM | P. Leo MAYER O.S.B. |
| 1899 | | | | | |
| Mar 5 | Maria Florentina O'BRIEN (neo conversa) | William O'BRIEN Lady O'BRIEN (non Catholic) | Feb 1888 | Frank ROGGENBUCK Susanna Desprez CLOUD | P. Leo MAYER O.S.B. |
| Apr 18 | Ruth Urban | John HASTINGS Josie ARCHER | 27 Dec 1898 | Robert CLOUD Alice HASTINGS | P. Leo MAYER O.S.B. |
| May 24 | Catharine | (married Robert Harrison JACKSON Jan 17 th 1920) James MORIARTY Ann WEBB | 13 Jun 1896 | Theresia GATTMANN | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |

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| <u>1899</u> | | | | | |
| May 24 | James | James MORIARTY Anna WEBB | 17 Oct 1897 | Theresia GATTMANN | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Jul 16 | Gertrude Mathilda | George N. PROSCH Appolonia SCHMICH | 27 Jun 1899 | Theresia GATTMANN Bernard GATTMANN | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Jul 23 | Elenora | (mother Ema EVERS, Protestant Adopted by Elisabeth & Charles WORD) Charles WORD Elisabeth WORD | 2 Aug 1897 | Christian SCHARNAGLE Christina SCHARNAGLE | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Sep 3 | Maria Rosa | (married to Elton OWEN Oct 3, 1915, St. Mary's Church, Nashville, Tenn) Francisco DIRAGO Reppela DeCUNTO | 13 Aug 1899 | Philippe CAFRECE Maria CAFRECE | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Sep 3 | Martha | James S. WHITTEMORE Frances BROWN | 11 Dec 1890 | Anna E. DIVVER | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| | Elisabeth | James S. WHITTEMORE Frances BROWN | 24 May 1886 | Anna E. DIVVER | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |

CONFIRMATION

On May 21st 1898 His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Edwardus ALLEN D. D. Bishp of Mobile administered the Sacrement of Confirmation to the following persons

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| 1. William Isadore GUSMUS | 5. Georgius Josephus MANUSH | 10. Franciscus Victor SCHWAGER |
| 2. Joannes Alexander GUSMUS | 6. Edwardus Edmundus DAY | 11. Josephus Jacobus ARNDT |
| 3. Louis Edwardus GUSMUS | 7. Josephus Joannes DAY | 12. Chritianus Alexander SCHARNAGLE |
| 4. Franciscus Petrus MANUSH | 8. Clifford Josephus MACKTOLFF | 13. Laffayette Joannes WAGNER |
| | 9. Michael Harry MACKTOLFF | |

+ Edw. P. ALLEN, Ep Mobiliensis

SPONSORS

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Arrie Maria MARTIN | 4. Margareta Bennet KENNEY | 7. Ida Edith MILLER |
| 2. Maria Josephina HASTINGS | 5. Francisca Josephina CLOUD | 8. Rosa Maria MACKTOLFF |
| 3. Maria Anna FUNKE | 6. Anna Elisabetha SHALL | 9. Alicia Col. MARSALL |

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SPONSORS (cont)

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| 10. Francisca Emma MARSHALL | 14. Catharina Maria COOK | 18. Cacia Francisca ROGGENBUCK |
| 11. Maria Ottilia SCHWAGER | 15. Marcella Agnes FOSSICK | 19. Maria Catharina STORY |
| 12. Theresia Catharina SCHWAGER | 16. Anna Maria LEE | 20. Nora Anna CLYDE |
| 13. Anna Catharina ARNDT | 17. Anna Agnes LARGOMASINO | |

First Holy Communion

The following children received first Holy Communion on the 11th of June 1899

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| 1. Louis SCHANT | 1. Francis MARICHAL |
| 2. Robert HYDE | 2. Anna STORK |
| | 3. Tillie WILBERDING |

Rev. P. **DENNIS** O.S.B. Pastor

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| 1900 | | | | | |
| Mar 27 | Edward St. Justin | James WHITTEMORE Francis BROWN | 12 Feb 1900 | Elisabeth WHITTEMORE | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Apr 1 | Pasquale Guiseppo | Antonio DILUCA (N.B. Daughter says the name should be LUCA – that his passport has “ LUCA ” not DILUCA) Tresina (Theresia) PONZIO | 21 Jan 1900 | Frederico FAGO Rapella DIRAGO | |
| May 8 | Elisabeth Juanitta Fossick CRITTENDEN (neo-conversa) | | 5 Mar 1880 | Ida FOSSICK | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
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First Holy Communion

The following children received first Holy Communion on May 20th, 1900

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| 1. Leo GUSMUS | 4. Margaret WILLIAMS |
| 2. Thomas Henry FOSSICK | 5. Mary Francis O'BRIEN |
| 3. Clara Elnora GUSMUS | 6. Anna Mary PROSCH |
| | 7. Mary Catharina MANUSH |

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CONFIRMATION

On May 27th 1900 the Rt. Rev. Edward P. ALLEN D. D. Bishop of Mobile administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to the following persons:

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| 1. Robert John HYDE | 6. Margaret Mary WILLIAMS |
| 2. Thomas Harry FOSSICK | 7. Francis Mary MARICHAL |
| 3. Mary Florentina O'BRIEN | 8. Anna Amelia STORK |
| 4. Anna Mary PROSCH | 9. Elisabeth Mary J. FOSSICK |
| 5. Mary Catharina MANUSH | Neo-conversa |

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| <u>1900</u> | | | | | |
| Jun 17 | John Bernard | Peter Joseph PULVERMACHER Catharina WACHTER | 15 Jun 1900 | John ROGGENBUCH Susanna WACHTER | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Jul 22 | Mary | Alfred ATKINSON Lirra ATKINSON | 15 May 1892 | Bernard HENKE Susan SEVIER | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Jul 22 | Agnes | | | Bernard HENKE Lilly Vaughn CLOUD | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Jul 24 | Ida Catharina | Louis Willoughby DEPREZ Ida WILSON | 22 Apr 1900 | Robert CLOUD Lilly Vaughn CLOUD | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Aug 21 | Edward Nelson | George FOSSICK Elisabeth SAMPSON | 6 Mar 1900 | Emmett CLOUD Florence BLACKMAN | P. LEO O.S.P. |
| Nov 14 | Francis Lancelot | James W. BOWSER Maria WARD | 13 Aug 1900 | Francis Lancelot FOSSICK Elisabeth FOSSICK | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| <u>1901</u> | | | | | |
| Apr 6 | John Marcus L. McNALLY Neo-conversa | | 25 Dec 1863 | Henry MOORMAN Catharine MANUSH | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| Apr 9 | Peter John | John Peter ZEHNDER Margaret SMITH | 25 Feb 1901 | William SEVIER Lilly Vaughn CLOUD | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| May 25 | Martha McNALLY Neo-conversa | | 9 Mar 1870 | Mrs. Frances CLOUD | |
| May 25 | Thomas | John McNALLY Martha McNALLY | 18 Nov 1891 | Catherine MANUSH | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |

(Married to Blanche Agnes WILLY July 9th 1917. Witness Harry & Edith WILLY in St. Barbara Cal. By Rev. O'VILLA S.J.)

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| <u>1901</u> | | | | | |
| May 25 | Catharine | John McNALLY Martha McNALLY | 28 Jan 1894 | Catharine MANUSH | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| May 25 | Joseph | John McNALLY Martha McNALLY | 27 Sep 1896 | Anna PROESCH | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| | (NB Civil marriage performed June 7, 1928 blassa A) | | | | |
| May 25 | Gulielmus William | John McNALLY Martha McNALLY | 26 Sep 1898 | Anna PROESCH | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |
| | (married Helen Adelaid SCHNEIDER June 18, 1944, Divine Savior Church, Los Angeles, Cal. Francis FRUMAN dilgate) | | | | |
| May 25 | Bernard | John McNALLY Martha McNALLY | 25 Dec 1900 | Mrs. Francis CLOUD | P. DENNIS O.S.B. |

First Holy Communion

John Bernard SCHWAGER Mary Augusta SCHWAGER
John Leo FOLEY Ella Catharine VEID

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| <u>1901</u> | | | | | |
| July 17 | Louisa | John DAVIS (a Cath) et Georgina GOODWIN | 30 Apr 1900 | Mrs. Mary GOODWIN (bapt. Donii) | Rev. P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| July 25 | John Robert | John PAYNE et Elisabeth NELSER | 30 Apr 1898 | Mr. Bernard HENKE | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| July 28 | Henry Emet | George MANUSH et Catharina CARLS | 20 Jul 1901 | Mr. Frank and Mrs. Fr ROGGENBUCK | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| Sep 20 | Maria STUDD (adulta 28 ann fila Mr. CONLEY Winston Co. Ala baptizata in arteula mortis. Mortia die 22 Sept) ANUS 1902 | | | | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |

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| <u>1902</u> | | | | | |
| Jan 22 | George Edward (Rockwood) | Lancelot FOSSICK et Nina CRITENDEN | 4 Nov 1901 | James BROWSER et Sarah FOSSICK | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| Feb 23 | Aurelia Constantia | Frank ROGGENBUCK et Pauline GOIKE | 20 Feb | Mr. John ROGGENBUCK et Mrs. C. GOIKE | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| | Was married to William J. THOMPSON Sept 8 th 1919 | | | | |

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PARSHALL HOUSE HOTEL WAS TUSCUMBIA LANDMARK

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The following article appeared on page 5 of the *Tri-Cities Daily* [Florence, AL] for 8 August 1958. A subhead to the article explained that this was one of a series of stories connected with Colbert County's Century of Progress celebration. The article was prepared by Sadie D. SHRADER. Although there seems to be more history than genealogy in the article, we reprint it in the *Traveler* because genealogists must also be historians.

"Formerly known as the 'Franklin House', then known and operated by the RANSOM brothers, Robert and James, the 'Franklin House' was a very fine three story structure made of sun-dried bricks.

"On the first floor of the building which faced north were found a barber shop, a saloon, poolroom, and a room to accommodate 'drummers' who frequently visited the city to sell their wares to the merchants. Nearby was the old livery stable to accommodate patrons of the hotel.

"The hotel was opened to the public in 1837. It included all of the accommodations necessary during that period. Back of the main office, which was on the first floor, was the spacious dining room, well furnished and meticulously kept. There were large tables overspread with snowy white linens to accommodate the regular patrons and small ones for private use. The food was served 'family style' and was prepared by the best Southern cooks to be found anywhere. The rooms were lighted with kerosene lamps until about 1905 when the electric lights were installed.

"In 1878, Mr. Schuyler PARSHALL bought the hotel from Gray McCLELLAN, and the name was changed to 'Parshall House'. The street on which the hotel stood was called 'Railroad Street' because the railroad lines ran through the town in this vicinity. It is the present location of Fuller's Supermarket on the corner of West 5th and Water Streets.

"It was in 1834 that the Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur Railway was completed and made its initial run to Decatur, Alabama. It was from this hotel that the trainmen received their orders for many years until the old freight and passenger depot on west 5th Street was built in 1887. The old passenger depot was abandoned and is now being used for a Community Center. When the passenger station was completed in 1887, telegraph facilities were installed, with Jack LASSITER as the first operator.

"Many human interest stories center around this old hotel, particularly during the period when the first railroad was built. The late James CHALLEN, a pioneer of Colbert County, related many interesting experiences in connection with the hotel, among which was the story of how the porter, donned in a white coat, would come to the front of the hotel to ring a large brass bell, announcing meal service. He would again ring the bell for the train crews and passengers upon scheduled arrival.

"There was a period of rest and social hour as the train stopped in front of the old hotel to accommodate the passengers and crew. The engineer had no time cards to follow, but when he felt the passengers had ample time to eat and relax, would return to his engine and blow the whistle for them to come aboard. No one ever missed the train or was pushed for time.

"Many young brides registered with their husbands to spend their honeymoon in the 'Parshall House'. Many lovely social functions were held at the hotel. In November of 1877 the young men of Tuscumbia gave a beautiful ball in the parlor on the second floor (the ballroom) in honor of Charles A. WOMBLE and his bride. A son, Frank WOMBLE, who now resides with his wife on the corner of West 4th and Water Streets, is one among few who know the history of Tuscumbia in its early days.

"The old hotel, like much of life, was not without catastrophes. The roof and third floor were destroyed by the cyclone which hit Tuscumbia in the year of 1874, along with many other buildings and homes which were completely demolished. A memorial window was placed in the Episcopal Church in loving memory of the HODGKINS family who lost their lives in the cyclone. Mr. HODGKINS was owner of the hotel at that time.

"Others who have been connected with the 'Parshall House' were Mr. PHELPS and son Harry; W. R. WOMBLE and Harry HODGE; T. R. JONES and J. C. SPRAGGINS; Jim CROSSWHITE and Jim BOWSER. The hotel was burned to the ground in the year 1912 and was never rebuilt. It was owned at that time by Mr. CROSSWHITE and operated by Jim BOWSER. The cause of the fire was unknown."

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Again we are providing records of limited genealogical value but useful in adding the history for those in search for family history. Whether your ancestor was on the right (defendant) or the left (plaintiff) of the vs symbol should not affect the use of this information for our ancestors were human just as we are and they occasionally were called into court. Colbert County's Judgment and Decrees records are in the probate record room but the cases originate in circuit court. As you will note, the details of a case are not given in the Judgment and Decrees ledgers and your editor has not determined whether the case files still exist. As you will find in another article, some case files from circuit court have been microfilmed but the following cases are not in the microfilm collection of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library's genealogy room.

In the Judgment and Decrees ledger, an entire preprinted page is used for each case with blanks filled in by hand. We aren't interested in publishing repetitive information and have, instead, arranged the information in columns. For all the cases listed here, James H. SIMPSON was the Circuit Court Clerk and John A. STEELE was the Probate Judge. Normally, the judgments were recorded in probate court a few days after they were rendered in circuit court. Only the circuit court date is given here. Attorneys for the plaintiffs were recorded but those for the defendants were not listed in the ledger. The following records are from Judgment and Decrees Book 1. There are 430 pages in Book 1.

| Page No. | Case No. | Plaintiff | Defendant | Date of Judgment | Amount for Damage | Amount for Costs | Attorneys for Plaintiff | Remarks by editor |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | ---- | BETTERMAN Bros. a firm composed of John and William BETTERMAN | L. G. DANIEL | 14 Apr 1887 | 96.93 | 7.75 | Thomas E. ROULAC | Case originated in Hale Co. Volney BOARDMAN was Circuit Clerk |
| 2 | ---- | W.L.B. COOPER | Jesse BAILEY | 20 Mar 1885 | 158.00 | 14.00 | W.L.B. & J.W. COOPER | S.U. STEENSON was Circuit Clerk |
| 3 | ---- | J.H. VALENTINE | J. W. SCRUGGS | 21 Sep 1877 | 666.66 | 78.15 | PHILAN, WHEELER & MOORE | |
| 4 | 2606 | Henry M. HOBBS & William M. TEAGUE doing business as HOBBS & TEAGUE | J. A. & Mary SPELLER doing business as SPELLER & Co. | 11 Aug 1877 | 299.44 | 9.85 | Fleming LAW | Case originated in Bullock Co. D.M. COLLINS, Clerk |
| 5 | ---- | Americus HATCHETT & Thomas C. PARK | B. F. LITTLE | 26 Sep 1885 | 965.92 | 11.40 | James T. KIRK | |
| 6 | 873 | James A. RICHARDSON | John F. PRIDE & Wm. M. PRIDE | 20 Sep 1877 | 897.36 | 14.10 | James JACKSON | |

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| Page No. | Case No. | Plaintiff | Defendant | Date of Judgment | Amount for Damage | Amount for Costs | Attorneys for Plaintiff | Remarks by editor |
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| 7 | 1067 | John W. COOPER | B. F. LITTLE | 2 Dec 1882 | 2581.77 | 20.00 | COOPER & COOPER | |
| 8 | 1503 | A. ENGLEHARD | Clarence W. BEAUMONT | 24 Mar 1888 | 373.57 | 10.90 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 9 | 1549 | ZUBERLIEN & BEHAN | Robert W. JARMAN | 22 Mar 1888 | 130.19 | 16.65 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 10 | 1550 | C. R. RYAN & Co. | Robert B. JARMAN | 22 Mar 1888 | 122.03 | 16.65 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 11 | 1552 | Phillip BURTOFF Mfg Co | Robert C. MALONE | 31 Mar 1888 | 215.50 | 10.65 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 12 | 1553 | TOOG, McGOWAN & Co | O. F. STAIR & William STAIR | 22 Mar 1888 | 213.90 | 11.20 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 13 | 1560 | WILLS Stationary Co. | C. T. MORRIS | 22 Mar 1888 | 190.95 | 10.45 | KIRK & ALMON | Settled in 1889 |
| 14 | 1562 | J. B. BUDDING | Abraham MOOG | 22 Mar 1888 | 157.80 | 10.65 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 15 | 1575 | Scharff BEINHEINER | Robert B. JARMAN | 24 Mar 1888 | 164.77 | 10.65 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 16 | 1589 | R. A. ROBINSON & Co | C. T. MORRIS | 22 Mar 1888 | 74.26 | 10.65 | KIRK & ALMON | Settled in 1889 |
| 17 | 1585 | G. LUEDDEMANN | W. L. MALONE | 21 Sep 1887 | 189.72 | 8.30 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 18 | 1646 | WILSON & Co | Sheffield Furnace Co | 20 Sep 1888 | 1212.75 | 7.55 | KIRK & BULLOCK | |
| 19 | 1385 | LUEDDEMANN & Co | W. L. MALONE | 21 Sep 1887 | 189.72 | 8.30 | KIRK & ALMON | Duplicate of case 1585 above |
| 20 | ---- | J. W. MANIER | J. A. SPELLER & Mary SPELLER | 16 Jan 1889 | 418.14 | 9.25 | BLACKMAN & SMITH | Originated in Dale Co. F. P. |
| 21 | ---- | FOX, BEST & Co | Sheffield Furnace Co | 28 Mar 1889 | 680.47 | 4.15 | William H. RUFFIN | MARTIN, Clerk Settled 8 May '89 for \$690.67 |
| 22 | ---- | Gowther WEIL & Co | W. J. BELSER | 28 Mar 1889 | 484.60 | 6.90 | A. H. CARMICHAEL | |
| 23 | ---- | N. O. NELSON Mfg Co | East Sheffield Brick Co, R. A. SOLOMAN, Walter L. WHITE, B. J. CHITTY & Joseph C. BAYLESTON | 22 Mar 1889 | 505.76 | 48.55 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 24 | 1673 | MONTAQUE & Co | Sheffield Furnace Co | 28 Mar 1889 | 446.00 | 12.03 | JACKSON & SAWTELLE | |
| 25 | 1674 | J. D. STRIET | Sheffield Furnace Co | 28 Mar 1889 | 470.02 | 12.05 | JACKSON & SAWTELLE | |
| 26 | 1742 | J. P. GAYLE & E. A. WARE as admx of estate of J. A. WARE, decd | W. M. PRIDE | 19 Sep 1889 | 1703.33 | 8.60 | FEAGIN & WILKERSON | |

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| Page No. | Case No. | Plaintiff | Defendant | Date of Judgment | Amount for Damage | Amount for Costs | Attorneys for Plaintiff | Remarks by editor |
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| 27 | 1790 | WILSON & Co | Sheffield Mfg Co, J. R. WESTON, W. H. BOOTHE & J. M. CARLIN | 19 Sep 1889 | 293.79 | 6.80 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 28 | 1789 | M. J. POWELL | Sheffield Mg Co, etc as above | 19 Sep 1889 | 247.66 | 6.80 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 29 | 1687 | J. A. AUSTIN & Co | MOOG & Co | 21 Mar 1889 | 277.93 | 11.10 | JACKSON & SAWRELLE | |
| 30 | 1724 | A. K. HOWKS | C. T. MORRIS | 21 Mar 1889 | 118.21 | 7.10 | JACKSON & SAWTELLE | |
| 31 | 1719 | McLEAN, HARDISON & WHITE | R. E. HASLAND | 21 Mar 1889 | 195.63 | 8.60 | JACKSON & SAWTELLE | |
| 32 | ---- | HAWKS, CLARK & HOGG | Charles T. MORRIS | 21 Mar 1889 | 67.09 | 8.40 | JACKSON & SAWTELLE | |
| 33 | 1606 | L. MANSFIELD & Co | Charles T. MORRIS | 26 Mar 1888 | 120.49 | 9.85 | James JACKSON | |
| 34 | 1634 | Goether WEIL & Co | J. C. NEWMAN | 21 Mar 1888 | 1304.19 | 10.05 | ROULHAUS & NATHAN | |
| 35 | 1524 | MORRISON & WOODARD J. H. MOSELAGE & William BARNAMAN | J. H. MOSELAGE & Co | 19 Sep 1888 | 517.36 | 19.00 | KIRK & ALMON | |
| 36 | 1637 | Z. N. ESTES & Co | A. H. COOK | 20 Sep 1888 | 246.78 | 7.55 | C. C. RATHER | |

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CHANCERY COURT RECORDS, 1904-1911

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Phillip BOWLING, Clerk of the Colbert County District Court, provided 33 rolls of microfilmed court records to the Natchez Trace Genealogical Society in lieu of old records that the State Court System required to be burned. These microfilms were then placed in the genealogy room of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. An index of plaintiffs vs defendants was prepared for some of the rolls by the staff in the clerk's office. However, this index did not indicate the nature of the case. Consequently, your editor determined to prepare a brief (three or four words) description of each case. So many of the cases were so fascinating, so full of family history, that your editor spent more time reading the cases than in describing them. As the following abstracts show, the description was changed to an abstract of each case.

Most of the cases were for divorce. The complainant and her/his witnesses did not hesitate to call a spade a spade (well, to call a spouse an adulterer) and to name names. Your editor consulted other members of the Society about how to handle divorce details for records nearly 100 years old. Invariably, the conclusion was that these were public records and genealogists want exact details, not sugarcoated family traditions. In the abstracts that follow, be warned. Some of the details are not the kind that are discussed around children or the family dining table. On the other hand, these are the testimony of the plaintiff and his/her friends, not those of the defendant.

All records reported here were in the Chancery Court of Colbert County, 2nd District, Northern Division. Case numbers on Roll 189 begin with 1029 and end with 1168. For some of the cases, all the papers were missing at the time of microfilming. Your editor has listed the cases as recorded on the microfilm. For missing cases, there are no papers. For cases that are abstracted, the number of pages in the file is listed. Most of the cases include handwritten reports of testimony but there are a few typed reports – using the early models of typewriters. At times, a page or two in a case file is filmed upside down or sideways; there was no attempt to control bleed-through for pages with writing on both sides. Frequently, the pages were not in chronological order. The filming was of good quality but the condition of the case files makes nearly every case difficult to read.

The following abbreviations were used by the court recorder and may be repeated in the abstract: JP = Justice of the Peace; MG = Minister of the Gospel; GM = Gospel Minister; LD = ?????.

CHANCERY COURT RECORDS, ROLL 189

1029: Missing

1030: Charles L. JONES, *ex parte*. Filed 22 Mar 1904. 23 p.

Charles L. JONES married Pearl PARTLOW on 19 Oct 1897 in Colbert County. On 12 June 1903 she filed for divorce, stating her husband had abandoned her more than two years earlier. The divorce was granted on 5 Nov 1903. JONES had never seen the bill of allegations until last week and he now denies the allegations presented by her, her sister, and her mother. The divorce allowed her to marry again but he was prevented from doing the same. He wants permission to remarry. His ex-wife now uses the name Pearl PARTLOW. Included in the file are affidavits in support of Charles JONES; these were given under the guidance of A. J. IVES, Justice of the Peace, by Mrs. E. E. STREET, Mrs. T. O. SMITH, Mrs. A. J. PARTLOW, Mrs. I. M. BROWN, J. W. REYNOLDS, A. SLATER, W. J. BELSER, and Mrs. M. L. COLEMAN. Mrs. A. J. PARTLOW was Pearl's aunt; she thought that Pearl's mother was responsible for the separation. Names of solicitors, if any, are not listed.

[Abstractor's note: Charles L. JONES and Miss Lillie P. PARTLOW were married in Sheffield, AL, on 19 Oct 1897 by O. E. COMSTOCK, MG. Colbert Co Marriage Book D, p. 520.]

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- 1031: Emma **SARGENT** vs Si **SARGENT**. Petition for divorce. Filed ca 14 Sep 1903. 10 p.
The **SARGENT**s were married in Colbert County in December 1900 and lived together until the first of July 1903 when she refused to live with him. He committed adultery with Mary **KING** in June 1902 and lived in Colbert County with Mary until July 1903. He then moved Mary into his house and Emma had to sleep in the barn. He whipped Emma with a buggy whip and mistreated her in other ways. She petitioned for a divorce with W. P. and W. L. **CHITWOOD** as her solicitors. A subpoena was issued on 14 Sep 1903 for Si **SARGENT** to appear in court but the sheriff was not able to find him.

[Abstractor's note: Sie **SARGENT** and Miss Emma **GADD** were married near Cherokee, AL, on 23 Dec 1900, by J. W. **FINNEY**, J. P. Colbert Co Marriage Book E, p. 355.]

- 1032: Missing

- 1033: Eula **SPENCER** vs Thomas **SPENCER**. Petition for divorce. Filed 22 Sep 1903. 23 p.
The **SPENCER**s were married in Jackson County, AL, in 1897. They lived together until October or November 1902 and separated because of his cruel treatment to her. He was cruel from the time they were married; he struck her with a broom just before they separated. The plaintiff resides in Tuscumbia, Colbert County, and has lived at the same address for six years. She thinks that the defendant lives in South Pittsburg, TN. One of the solicitors for the complainant (**CARMICHAEL**) advertised for the whereabouts of Thomas **SPENCER** but did not find him. Eula **SPENCER** testified that Thomas would get drunk almost every day and he would then curse her and abuse her. Alice **JONES** testified that she had known the **SPENCER**s since they were married and lived in the same house with them. She saw Thomas **SPENCER** abuse his wife with a broom; he left right after this and they never lived together again. The divorce was granted on 16 Dec 1903. **KIRK**, **CARMICHAEL** and **RATHER** were solicitors for the plaintiff.

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- 1035: Fannie **CARITHERS** vs C. D. **CARITHERS**. Petition for divorce. Filed 17 Dec 1903. 21 p.
The **CARITHERS** were married on 4 Oct 1900 in Colbert County. A copy of the marriage license showed that C. D. **CARITHERS** married Miss F. J. **HANN** at Riverton, AL, on 4 Oct 1900 with W. B. **MOORE**, Justice of the Peace, performing the ceremony. Starting the next day, 5 October, C. D. refused to live with his wife. R. E. **HARLAND** testified that he lived in Tuscumbia but used to live in Riverton. He knew both of the people as they had lived in Riverton all their lives. He also knew that C. D. refused to live with his wife after they were married. Ed **BALTER** testified that he was present at the marriage of Fannie and Charlie **CARITHERS**. Apparently they did not suit each other and Charlie went and lived with his father. A divorce was granted on 20 Nov 1903 because of voluntary abandonment. The defendant was ordered to pay the court costs. W. P. **CHITWOOD** was solicitor for Fannie.

[Abstractor's note: Variations in spelling follow the original documents. C. D. **CARITHERS** married M. [**HANN/HAWN?**] at Riverton, AL, on 7 Oct 1900. W. B. **MOORE**, Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony. Colbert Co Marriage Book E, p. 319.]

- 1036: George **SMITH** vs Lizzie **SMITH**. Petition for divorce. Filed ca 11 Nov 1903. 10 p.
The **SMITH**s were married in Colbert County about three years previous to the filing of this case. They lived together until May 1902 when the defendant voluntarily left for reasons unknown. She has lived in a state of adultery and fornication with divers and sundry parties during the fall of 1902 and spring of 1903. She is now pregnant and lives in Cherokee with Henry A. [**R**—not legible—]. She was subpoenaed on 11 Nov 1903 to appear in court, but did not appear. A divorce was granted on 14 Dec 1903. The solicitors for the plaintiff were W. P. and W. L. **CHITWOOD**.



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[Abstractor's note: George SMITH and Miss Lizzie ROSS were married in the church at Cherokee on 7 Oct 1900 by F. J. BROWNLY, GM. Colbert Co Marriage Book E, p. 526.]

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1039: Isabella KINLEY vs Edie KINLEY. Petition for divorce. Filed ca 11 Nov 1903. 10 p.
The couple were married in Colbert County about 7 or 8 years ago and lived together until some time in 1900. The defendant left voluntarily and his present address is unknown. When he left, he went to Kentucky. She petitioned for a divorce and permission to marry again. The divorce was granted on 25 Jan 1904. W. P. and W. L. CHITWOOD were solicitors for the complainant.

[Abstractor's note: No record of this marriage was found in Colbert Co.]

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1042: Ora L. KOCH vs Chas. D. KOCH. Petition for divorce. Filed 8 Aug 1905. 36 p.

The KOCHs were married on 18 Jun 1895 in Lawrence Co, AL. They lived in that part of Lawrence Co that is now Colbert Co; i.e., in the "cutoff" area. In the summer of 1903 the defendant voluntarily left and moved to Birmingham. At the time he left, they were living with her father and mother because the defendant did not provide her with a home. Mrs. KOCH says that her husband became addicted to habitual drunkenness. Affidavits by W. F. WRIGHT and J. A. LINDSEY repeated the testimony of Mrs. KOCH almost word for word. The defendant filed a demurrer on 9 Feb 1904. On 10 Jul 1905 the court dismissed a part of the complaint. W. P. and W. L. CHITWOOD were solicitors for the plaintiff and H. C. BULLOCK was solicitor for the defendant.

[Abstractor's note: There is no indication in the file that the divorce was granted. C. G. KOCH and Miss Ora E. LINDSEY were married at Leighton, AL, on 18 Jun 1895 by A. P. ODOM, L. D. Colbert Co Marriage Book D, p. 244.]

1043: A. J. IVIE, Assignee of MAYES & LITTLE. Filed 7 Jan 1904. 24 p.
W. H. SADLER, B. B. COHEN, and Robert W. [HENNIGEN?] were ordered to appraise the inventory of property, goods, wares, merchandise, fixtures, notes and accounts of the firm of MAYES and LITTLE and of A. B. MAYES and E. S. LITTLE. Two inventories were made, one showing the cash value of the inventory and the other showing the face value and the appraised value.

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1045: Laura FELTON vs Richard FELTON. Petition for divorce decree *pro confesso*. Filed 19 Jan 1904. 30 p.
The complainant married Richard FELTON on 4 Nov 1902 in Colbert County. She had been previously married to Haywood FORT and they lived happily for many years prior to his death. He left her a little farm and five young children. After her marriage to Richard FELTON, he moved into the home left her by her first husband. She and Richard lived together for only a short time (about two months) before he began to abuse her. He beat her with knotted plow lines until she bled. When she ran into the house, he threw rocks at her and hit her with some of them. He threatened to kill her. He beat her with plow lines, ropes, and a bed slat. She was laid up in bed with bruises and injuries so bad that she could not leave the house. In April 1903 he knocked her to the ground, straddled her and beat her with plow lines. Parthena

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COLE and her boys came down and ran him off. He left her after he treated her so cruelly that he was afraid the neighbors would report him and have him arrested. Depositions by Sam **COLE**, Luke **COLE**, and Parthena **COLE**. Luke **COLE** testified that he lived near Cave Springs and lived near the **FELTON**s in 1902 and 1903. He knew both of them before they were married. He thought that Laura's first husband died about a year before she married Richard **FELTON**. Parthena **COLE**'s report was similar to that of Luke but she added that Richard **FELTON** was now living with his brother, Jim **FELTON**. A decree of divorce, with permission to marry again, was granted on 6 May 1904. Solicitors for the plaintiff were W. P. and W. L. **CHITWOOD**.

[Abstractor's note: Richard **FELTON** and Mrs. Laura **FORT** were married in Cave Spring, AL, on 4 Nov 1902 by W. E. **NORTHCROSS**, MG. Colbert Co Marriage Book F, p. 42. Haywood **FORT** and Laura **KIRK** were married in Tuscumbia, AL, on 22 Feb 1883 by John A. **STEELE**, Probate Judge. Colbert Co Marriage Book B, p. 379.]

1046: Missing

1047: Susie **RAY** vs George **RAY**. Petition for divorce. Filed 9 Feb 1904. 23 p.
The **RAY**s were married on 5 Jan 1901 in Colbert County. The plaintiff said she was 23 years old and had lived in Colbert County all her life. They spent the first night at her mother's house. The next morning after they were married, George said he was going to town and would be back. Nevertheless, he did not return. She heard that he was living in Jasper, AL, but has not seen him since he left her. Isam **RICKS** testified to the same facts that Susie had presented. Sheriff J. [**MOORE** ?] of Walker County reported that he had handed a subpoena to George **RAY** on 13 Feb 1904. There was no reply from George and the court awarded a decree *pro confesso* to Susie on 26 Mar 1904 and decreed that both parties could marry again. **KIRK**, **CARMICHAEL**, and **RATHER** were the attorneys for the plaintiff.

[Abstractor's note: George **RAY** and Miss Susie **DAVIS** were married in Leighton, Colbert Co, on 18 Jan 1901 by B. H. **KING**, MG. Colbert Co Marriage Book E, p. 380.]

1048: Amos L. **MOODY** vs Herman **NIEMAN** *et al.* Petition for a clear title to land. Filed 20 Feb 1904. 39 p.
On 3 Feb 1891 **MOODY** bought a lot in Tuscumbia from Mrs. Christian **NIEMAN**. The lot was known as the **WEBB** place. On 25 Aug 1891, Mrs. **NIEMAN** assigned the note to A.W. **LIGON** and **MOODY** paid the \$200 to **LIGON**. This is shown in the final account of the estate of George T. **NIEMAN**, husband of the said Christian **NIEMAN**. She died intestate on 20 May 1897 without having executed a conveyance of the property. Her estate was never administered because there were no debts. Her heirs were Herman **NIEMAN**, Mary **BRUMBACH** and her husband Jim, Elizabeth **NIEMAN**, George **NIEMAN**, Sophia **NIEMAN**, and Francis **NIEMAN**. Mary **BRUMBACH** and her husband lived in Springfield, MO; Elizabeth **NIEMAN** lived in Pratt City, Jefferson Co, AL; Herman, George, Sophia and Francis resided in Colbert County. By his attorneys, **KIRK**, **CARMICHAEL** and **RATHER**, **MOODY** asked that the defendants deliver a deed to him. On 8 Aug 1904, W. H. **SIMPSON**, Chancellor of the Circuit Court, ordered that a deed of conveyance be issued to Amos L. **MOODY**.

[Abstractor's note: The deed for this case is recorded in Colbert Co Deed Book 6, p. 63-64. The recorded deed reports that there was a Chancery Court case titled Amos L. **MOODY** vs Herman **NIEMAN** *et als.* As a result of the case, title to one quarter of an acre on the west side of Lot 137 in the Town of Tuscumbia was vested in **MOODY**. In addition to the lot description, the deed recites that the **WEBB** Place was divested from Mary **BRUMBACH** and her husband Jim **BRUMBACH**, Herman **NIEMAN**, Elizabeth **NIEMAN**, George **NIEMAN**, Sophia **NIEMAN**, and Francis **NIEMAN** and invested in Amos L. **MOODY** by order of Charles A. **SIMPSON**, Special Register.]

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- 1050: Hattie **BURROW** vs Henry **BURROW**. Petition for divorce, decree *pro confesso*. Filed 18 Apr 1904; 29 p. Although filed in April, a subpoena was issued for Henry **BURROW** on 22 Feb 1904 and the sheriff, W. E. **BEVILL**, served it on 11 March. Those asked to testify were Hattie **BURROW**, Lee **HODGE**, Fred [F or H?] **ENDRIX**, and Samuel **WATKINS**. A. W. **BAILEY**, a Justice of the Peace, was selected to hear their answers to interrogatories. Fred **FENDRIX** testified that the parties were married on 25 May 1901 by Geo. **HINES** at Hillsboro, AL. The groom's name may have been Tom **JONES** instead of Henry **BURROW** as **JONES** was the name he usually used. The couple lived together about 9 or 10 months. Henry was very abusive and contrary. He whipped his wife and they separated in December 1901. The wife was in very bad health for some time afterwards. The defendant lives in Colbert Co and Halton **BURROWS** lives in Courtland. Henry **BURROUGHS** was a very worthless fellow. Hattie **BURROW** testified that she married Henry on 26 April 1901. She now lives in Lawrence Co and Henry lives in Colbert Co. She said that he often struck and abused her. His treatment of her was so violent that she feared for her life and her health got bad. Samuel **WATKINS** testified that the couple was married in Hillsboro on 25 May 1901. Henry was abusive and his wife was in bad health for 2 or 3 months. It has been about 2 years since they lived together. Henry was a worthless fellow and lived under 2 or 3 aliases. He made nothing for a living and interfered when his wife tried to make a living. **ORME** and **BRANCH** were solicitors for the complainant. On 17 Nov 1904, W. H. **SIMPSON**, Chancellor, granted a divorce on the basis of cruel treatment.

[Abstractor's note: Hillsboro is in Lawrence Co, AL.]

- 1051: Ola F. **GRISSOM** vs T. J. **GRISSOM**. Petition for divorce. Filed 26 June 1907; 28 p. W. T. **MOODY** was requested to take the testimony of Ola F. **GRISSOM** and J. Y. **SULLIVAN**. Ola reported that she was 24 years old and had married T. J. **GRISSOM** in Colbert Co on 6 Nov 1895. The couple lived together until the 12th or 15th of August 1901, when her husband abandoned her. She has not heard directly from him since he left. He was in Whitney, NC last October when some of his family heard from him. While married he spent all that he made on whiskey and she had to work to support herself and their three children. The children were Lillian Gladys, born 9 Oct 1896, Mary Kathryn born 5 Jan 1898, and Annie Olive born 8 Aug 1900. The family was living in Tuscumbia when he left. J. Y. **SULLIVAN** testified that he lived in Waterloo and had known the parties in the suit for nearly all their lives. For a long time, they lived in Riverton. They were married at the residence of Dr. George [A.] **McWHORTER**, the complainant's uncle, on 6 Nov 1895. **SULLIVAN** said that they lived together until August 1901. The complainant was a good and industrious woman and worked hard to support herself and the children. She was now the postmistress at Riverton and had been for five years. He reported that the defendant became very dissipated after his marriage. He had heard that the defendant had taken the **KEELEY** treatment in Memphis. This testimony was given on 26 June 1907. **KIRK**, **CARMICHAEL**, and **RATHER**, attorneys for the complainant, amended the original bill to show that she was cruelly treated and that the husband failed to provide for her and the children. On 4 July 1907, Chancellor W. H. **SIMPSON** granted the divorce and stipulated that she could marry again.

[Abstractor's note: Thos. J. **GRISSOM** and Miss Ola Fannie **HOLLINGSWORTH** were married in Riverton, Colbert Co, AL, on 6 Nov 1895 by L. A. **McKEOWN**, MG. Colbert Co Marriage Book D, p. 265.]

- 1052: John **SCHMOLKE** vs Becky **SCHMOLKE**. Petition for divorce, decree *pro confesso*. Filed 14 Mar 1904. 23 p. John and Becky were married in October 1897 and lived together until December 1901 when she abandoned the home. She was subpoenaed on 2 May 1904 but did not reply. Testimony was solicited from John **SCHMOLKE**, L. L. **DARBY**, and J. L. **McCORKLE**. **DARBY** reported that he knew both of the people and that they had lived together until about two years ago. **DARBY** reported that he had lived in Colbert Co since he was six years old and that he was now [24?]. J. L. **McCORKLE** said the couple was

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married in Colbert County some six or seven years ago and had lived together until about December 1901. The first that he knew of her leaving was when she came to him and tried to get him to remove her things from her husband. **McCORKLE** refused and she got **Bill BAGGETT** to [remainder of page missing]. He knew of no reason for her to leave her husband. [The deposition by **John SCHMOLKE** is missing.] On 8 Jun 1904 Chancellor **W. H. SIMPSON** granted a divorce as decree *pro confesso*. He stipulated that both parties could marry again. **James JACKSON** was the solicitor for the complainant.

[Abstractor's note: **John SCHMOLKE** and Miss **Rebecca LEWEY** were married in Colbert Co, AL, on 5 Oct 1896 by **T. M. JOHNSON**, MG. Colbert Co Marriage Book D, p. 380.]

- 1053: **Robert RANDOLPH vs Julia RANDOLPH**. Petition for divorce. Filed 21 Mar 1904; 21 p. The two were married in Colbert Co in December 1901 and lived together until April 1902. They then separated. The separation was caused by his wife having a greater regard for the unlawful affection of men other than her husband. She possessed an insane desire to run around after other men and be continually in their company and subjected herself to suspicion and unfavorable comments by the neighbors. The complainant averred that his wife committed acts of adultery with **Bob MEREDITH** during the year 1902 and again in 1903. He averred that she committed adultery with divers other men in Colbert County during 1902 and 1903 but he did not know their names. He wanted a divorce *a vinculo matrimonii*. **Amos L. MOODY**, on 26 July 1904, was directed to take depositions from **George LITTLE**, **Henry THOMPSON** and **Robert RANDOLPH**. **George LITTLE** testified that he had known both parties for all their lives and that both had lived in Colbert County all their lives. **Robert** married **Julia** in December 1901 and they lived together until April 1902. He said that **Robert's** wife was too fond of other men and that **Bob MEREDITH** had kept her and lived in adultery with her in Colbert County in 1902 and also in 1903. **MEREDITH** was continually at her house and was too thick with anybody that wanted to be with her. This was the talk of the county. **George** signed his deposition with an X. **Henry THOMPSON** said they were married in Colbert County in December 1901 and lived together until April 1902. She was too thick with other men and this was the cause of the separation. She ran around with other men and was the talk of the neighborhood. **Bob MEREDITH** kept her and lived in adultery with her in 1902 and 1903. Most anybody could commit adultery with her that wanted to. **Robert RANDOLPH**, the complainant, testified that both were over 21 years of age and both had lived in Colbert County all their lives. After separating in April 1902, they never again lived together. He said the separation was caused by her being too thick with other men and he could no longer live with her. He said that **Bob MEREDITH** lived in adultery with her in both 1902 and 1903; he slept with her whenever he wanted to and other men also were running around after her. These testimonies were taken by **Amos L. MOODY**, Commissioner, and filed on 26 July 1904. **W. P.** and **W. L. CHITWOOD** were solicitors for the complainant. A divorce decree *pro confesso* was granted and filed on 25 July 1904.

[Abstractor's note: **Robert RANDOLPH** and Miss **Julia GUNN** were married in Leighton, Colbert Co, AL, on 28 Dec 1901 by **B. SMITH**, MG. Colbert Co Marriage Book E, p. 509. Another entry shows that a **Robert RANDOLPH** married Miss **Nimanie BATES** at Leighton, AL, on 19 Nov 1899 with **Bolin KING**, MG, performing the ceremony. Colbert Co Marriage Book E p. 196.]

- 1054: Missing
- 1055: **Andrew FORD vs Lucy FORD**. Petition for divorce decree *pro confesso*. Filed 26 May 1904; 23 p. In his bill of complaint, **Andrew** states that they were married in Colbert County some time in 1891 and they lived together but a short time when just before Christmas of 1891 the defendant voluntarily abandoned his bed and board. He did not know why she left. He asks for a divorce decree *pro confesso* and permission to marry again. The court ordered **Amos L. MOODY** to examine **Andrew FORD**, **Jim CROSS** and **John JOHNSON**. In his testimony given on 24 May 1904, **FORD** repeated the same details that were in his bill of complaint. He said they lived together for less than a month and the only reason that

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she gave for leaving was that she did not want to live with him. When she left, she went to live with her mother and father on the **BLOCKER** place. Her mother's name was Charityn [BOULDOUT?]. His wife does not now live with her parents. John [Jim?] **CROSS** testified that he lived in Tuscumbia and that Andrew **FORD** also lived there. He remembers they were married in the spring of 1901 and that Andrew was living on the Jim **HOUSTON** place and her parents were on the **BLOCKER** place. Both Andrew and his wife now live in Tuscumbia, but did not live together. John **JOHNSON** testified that he knew both parties before they were married and has known them since their separation in March 1901 [1902?]. At the time they were married, Andrew lived on the Jim **HOUSTON** place and was farming. Lucy lived on the **BLOCKER** place. About a month after marriage, she went and lived with her parents. The divorce was granted on 21 May 1904 by Amos L. **MOODY**, Register.

[Abstractor's note: Andrew **FORD** married Miss Lucy **BOWLING** at the **BLOCKER** Place on 30 Mar 1893. H. R. **BAKER**, MG, performed the marriage. Colbert Co Marriage Book D, p. 46.]

- 1056: Jennie **MORRIS** vs James **MORRIS**. Petition for divorce. Filed 27 April 1904. 24 p.
The complainant lives in Colbert County but the defendant lives in Memphis, TN. The complaint was filed on 27 May 1904 and she wants a divorce decree *pro confesso*. James **JACKSON**, solicitor for the complainant, filed a request to depose James **MORRIS** on 27 April 1904. A notice to this effect was printed in the *Tuscumbia Dispatch* on 27 April 1904. Depositions by Willie **LUMPKINS** and Jennie **MORRIS** were ordered. Jennie testified that both were over 21 years of age and that she lived in Colbert County. They were married in Colbert County on [21?] March 1900 and lived together until 20 Feb 1902. He then abandoned her without cause. In addition to the divorce, Jennie wanted permission to marry again. W. H. **SIMPSON** granted the divorce and permission to remarry on 6 July 1904.

[Abstractor's note: Henney **MORRIS** married Jennie **MALONE** on 28 March 1901 in Tuscumbia, Colbert Co, AL. Probate Judge Fox **DELONEY** performed the marriage.]

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1. **TOMPKINS**, Little Johnnie — 13 Nov 1883; 1 year 2 months; son of J. L. & L. P. **TOMPKINS**.
2. **TOMPKINS**, William H. — 3 Feb 1835 – 10 Sep 1874.
3. **TOMPKINS**, James H. — 3 Jun 1833 – 12 Jul 1870.
4. **TOMPKINS**, Emmet A. — 3 Jun 1843 – 23 Oct 1867.
5. **TOMPKINS**, William W. — 23 Feb 1805 – 30 Sep 1866.
6. **TOMPKINS**, Harriet — 1 Jan 1810 – 14 Mar 1881.
7. **HYDE**, Cecia — Died 2 Oct 1847, age 60 years.
8. **HYDE**, Henry — Died 1 Sep 1860, age 82 years.
9. **HYDE**, Annie Messenger — 25 Aug 1857 – 29 Jan 1859; dau of William & Martha A. **HYDE**.
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11. **TOMPKINS**, Elizabeth Ann — 22 Feb 1859 – 10 Sep 1842. [Editor: It appears that the birth and death dates are reversed.]

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The following records are from microfilmed copies of court records contributed to the Society by Phillip BOWLING, Clerk of the Colbert County District Court, 2nd District, Northern Division. Most of the cases are for divorce wherein both the complainant and the defendant did not hesitate to tell details. Your editor, after consultation with the NTGS Board of Directors and other knowledgeable individuals, decided to provide many of the details set forth in these public records. Be warned, these are not dinner-table topics nor are they suitable for youth. The cases as microfilmed contain many pages of testimony and official documents that accompany each case. Much of the testimony is repeated and much of it is handwritten. Consequently, your editor has abstracted the records. Complete copies can be obtained from the genealogy room in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Each case is numbered and that number is shown below. Some cases are missing with no explanation why. These cases are on Roll No. 189 of Colbert Chancery Court records.

1057: Armstead WATKINS vs Sallie WATKINS. Petition for divorce. Filed 21 April 1904. 43 pages.

Armstead (also spelled Armistead) WATKINS testified that he had resided in Tuscumbia for 4 years, in Alabama for his entire life, and that he was over 21 years of age. He was married Sallie BROWN on 29 July 1903 in Colbert County by A. F. McCLUSKEY, J.P. The reason that he married Sallie was she had him arrested and put in jail on the charge of being the father of an unborn child. By marrying her, he could get out of jail. He said that he had never had sexual intercourse with her and she had never had a child insofar as he knew. Further he said that after they married Sallie had lived in the same house in Tuscumbia with Simon FLOYD whom he also knew. This was in the months of January, February, and March 1904. He has had nothing to do with her since then. Sallie testified that she and her husband had never lived together and that she had never committed adultery either before or after her marriage. During cross examination he admitted that about four months after marrying he had been caught in bed in the east end of Tuscumbia with a woman who was not his wife. Witness C. W. WARD testified that he had known the complainant for 2 years and that he accidentally entered the room in east Tuscumbia when WATKINS was in bed with a woman not his wife. He signed his testimony with an X. Decatur THOMPSON, Robert CLOUD, A. E. MOODY, and C.F. BROWN all testified that Armstead WATKINS was a respectful colored man of good habits and good character. The defendant testified that her husband had committed adultery with divers other women after marriage but she did not know their names. She proceeded to file a crossbill for a divorce but Armstead WATKINS denied the adultery charges. Sallie said she was a young girl when she met Armstead and he was a single young man who professed his love for her. She believed that he wanted to marry her and yielded to him but he continually put off the date of marriage. Finally she realized her disgrace and the miserable condition in which she was in. She did not want her friends to know about this so had him arrested before anyone could tell that she was pregnant. She required him to marry her in order for her to allow him to be released from jail. On 15 Sep 1904 both parties agreed for their case to be heard by Chancellor W. H. SIMPSON. On 21 Sept 1904 the chancellor stated that living in the same house with Simon FLOYD was not proof of adultery. He therefore dismissed Armstead's case and approved the defendant's crossbill for divorce. He decreed that Sallie could marry again and that Armstead must pay the court costs. James JACKSON was solicitor for the complainant. W. P. & W. L. CHITWOOD were solicitors for the defendant.

[Abstractor's note: Armistead WATKINS married Sallie BROWN on 28 July 1903 in Tuscumbia. A. F. McCLUSKEY, Justice of the Peace, performed the marriage. Bondsman were Armistead WATKINS, Jack CORSTENS and Jas. BROWN. Colbert County Marriage Record "F", p. 174]

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1058: Dick **JOHNSON** trustee vs creditors of **AYCOCK** and **SHERROD**. Assignment of receipts from sales. Filed 18 Jun 1904. 116 pages.

William E. **AYCOCK** and John **SHERROD** had been engaged in the mercantile business in Tuscumbia for five years under the name of **AYCOCK & SHERROD**. On 23 Apr 1904 they executed a deed of general assignment for the benefit of their creditors. They nominated **JOHNSON**, who had been a resident in Colbert County for 21 years, to be the trustee. He filed a copy of the deed with the Register of the Court who appointed appraisers. They appraised the property in excess of \$1000 whereas the petitioner (**JOHNSON**) reported the actual value to be \$5642.82. The petitioner appended a list of all known creditors and asked the court to administer the trust. That is, all property will be filed with the Register and all proceeds from sales also will be filed with him. The Register, then will apply the receipts to the creditors. James **JACKSON** was the solicitor for **JOHNSON**. The petitioner filed the following list of creditors: Following this list are copies of the claims with comments by **JOHNSON** as to whether he thought the claim was valid. [Abstractor's note: In the following list surnames are not recorded in bold and all capital letters.]

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| Triggs Dobb | Chattanooga, Tenn | \$12.15 |
| Columbia Mill & Electric Co. | Columbia, Tenn | 99.62 |
| General Oil Co. | Memphis, Tenn | 9.45 |
| Fly & Hobson | Memphis, Tenn | 9.90 |
| C. T. Cheeke & Son | Nashville, Tenn | 146.53 |
| Phillip Webb & Co | Nashville, Tenn | 10.50 |
| McCay Reese & Co | Nashville, Tenn | 10.50 |
| F. G. Lowe & Co | Nashville, Tenn | 7.35 |
| Kingon & Co | Memphis, Tenn | 107.41 |
| Argill Bros. & Co | Memphis, Tenn | 9.60 |
| L. L. May & Co | St. Paul, Minn | 19.29 |
| Vermont Machine Co | Bellevue Falls, Vt | 7.50 |
| Robt. Johns | Chicago, Ill | 48.56 |
| Phillip Butloff | Nashville, Tenn | 47.39 |
| Lee Broom Co | Davenport, Iowa | 17.40 |
| B. Lewrystein & Co | Memphis, Tenn | 55.82 |
| Frank Tea & Spice Co | Cincinnati, Ohio | 29.00 |
| Sissill and Ashner | Memphis, Tenn | 52.75 |
| Frank Williams & Co | Cincinnati, Ohio | 11.63 |
| M. E. Carter & Co | Memphis, Tenn | 120.00 |
| Goodbar & Co | Memphis, Tenn | 83.60 |
| Sloan Thawick Tobacco Co | Nashville, Tenn | 31.56 |
| Walters Bros. | Nashville, Tenn | 9.87 |
| Webb Mfg. Co | Nashville, Tenn | 36.93 |
| J. T. Fargason & Co | Memphis, Tenn | 255.20 |
| J. B. Wilson & Co | Sheffield, Ala | 115.18 |
| Red Cross Vinegar Co | St. Louis, Mo | 9.00 |
| Columbia Biscuit Co | St. Louis, Mo | 25.46 |
| Cudahy Packing Co | Sheffield, Ala | 68.76 |
| Newton Hosiery Co | Newton, N.C. | 64.02 |
| J. A. Foote | Sheffield, Ala | 6.65 |
| McAdams & Tate | ----- | 24.65 |
| C. Richard | Sunshine, La | 12.08 |
| H. C. Hatcher | Thompson Station, Tenn | 24.10 |

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| Mercantile Tailoring Co | Chicago, Ill | 33.75 |
| Harrison Bros. | Huntsville, Ala | 25.00 |
| J. E. Howard | Thompson Station, Tenn | 6.20 |
| The Old Woolen Mills | Mayfield, Ky | 139.50 |
| Merrith Plant Co | Mayfield, Ky | 67.50 |
| D. Canally | Memphis, Tenn | 11.44 |
| Phillip Hendon & Co | Birmingham, Ala | 40.75 |
| Harris Davis & Co | Nashville, Tenn | 1534.00 |
| I & S Biny | Cincinnati, Ohio | 1058.52 |
| Montgomery Moore & Co | Nashville, Tenn | 222.50 |
| C. E. Greene & Co | Baltimore, Ma | 100.00 |
| W. J. Brinkly | Sheffield, Ala | 237.67 |
| V. Thomas Mfg Co | Springfield, Ohio | 89.00 |
| Merchants Bank | Tuscumbia, Ala | 1000.00 |
| Merchants Bank O/D | Tuscumbia, Ala | 305.00 |
| W. L. Farr | Tuscumbia, Ala | 200.00 |
| John Farr | La | 260.00 |
| Joseph Hindman | Tuscumbia, Ala | 9.62 |
| Gray and Dudley Hardware Co | Nashville, Tenn | 74.48 |
| Elbert Smith | Tuscumbia, Ala | ---- |
| C. A. Womble | Tuscumbia, Ala | 11.32 |
| W. A. Reed | Tuscumbia, AL | 33.33 |
| Globe Drug Co | Tuscumbia, Ala | ---- |
| W. M. Golden | Tuscumbia, Ala | 10.16 |
| D. O. Mathews | Tuscumbia, Ala | ---- |
| J. W. Carter & Co | Nashville, Tenn | 165.50 |
| Phillips [Wath] & Co | Nashville, Tenn | 272.24 |
| F. D. Ramsey | Tuscumbia, Ala | 65.00 |
| Nola Rowland | Tuscumbia, Ala | 50.00 |
| [Stagauaier] | Chattanooga, Tenn | 30.86 |
| [Irwin] & Thompson | Tuscumbia, Ala | 18.00 |
| [Sasher] Paper Co | Chattanooga, Tenn | 14.52 |
| J. A. Lindsey | Leighton, Ala | 70.00 |

There then follows numerous claims to which **JOHNSON** approved or objected. W. P. & W. L. **CHITWOOD** served as solicitors for Dick **JOHNSON**.

1059: John **BETTS** vs Minnie **BETTS**. Petition for divorce. Filed 19 May 1904. 26 pages.

John **BETTS** testified that he had lived in Colbert County for more than 5 years. He married Minnie some time in 1903. He thought she was pure but soon found out that she was a woman of the world. Soon after the marriage she left him and went to her mother's home in Tuscumbia. He went there and saw men and girls going in and out, including his wife. Joe **BARTON**, who resided in Tuscumbia, testified that he had known **BETTS** for 3 or 4 years. He thought the **BETTS** were married early in 1903, possibly in April. Minnie's name before she was married was Minnie **MINOR**. They lived in Sheffield for a while and then she left and went to her mothers in Tuscumbia. Wash **PREWITT** lived with Minnie during the year 1903. They then went to Mississippi and Tennessee. He saw Minnie and Wash **PREWITT** in a compromising position but he did not see other men in that way. Dinks **MOODY** lived in Tuscumbia and knew John **BETTS** for 3 or 4 years. He said John **BETTS** had lived in Alabama for 5 or 6 years and in Colbert County for about 2 years. He said Minnie was a **MINOR** before her marriage. He understood that

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Minnie's mother and Minnie kept a house where men went to have sexual intercourse with Minnie. He knew that Wash **PREWITT** and Minnie occupied the same room in the mother's house for several months. He did not see them in the same bed because he was afraid he would be shot if he peeped around. John **BETTS** said he and Minnie lived together for about 4 or 5 weeks. He said he was a working man. He saw a number of single men who boarded at Minnie's mother's house. In December 1903 Minnie ran off with Wash **PREWITT** and they left the state. He said she committed acts of adultery with Henry **HOUSTON** and other men in Colbert County. W. P. and W. L. **CHITWOOD** were solicitors for the plaintiff. Deputy sheriff F. W. **McGREGOR** served the divorce papers on Minnie on 19 May 1904 at the request of Amos L. **MOODY**, Register. Based on Minnie's adultery, Chancellor W. H. **SIMPSON** granted a divorce to John **BETTS** on 15 December 1904. Both parties were colored people. W. L. & W. P. **CHITWOOD** were solicitors for the complainant.

[Abstractor's note: John **BETTS** married Miss Minnie **MINOR** in Tuscumbia on 2 April 1903. F. W. **WATKINS**, MG, performed the marriage. Bondsmen were John **BETTS**, James **JOINER** and Wm **GUY**. Colbert County Marriage Record "F", p. 132]

1059A: Mary Emma **PERKINS** vs Nathaniel **PERKINS**. Petition for divorce. Filed 26 April 1904. 18 pages.

The complainant testified that she was over 21 years of age and had lived in Colbert County for more than 3 years. The defendant also was over 21 and resided in Alabama but she did not know where. They were married in Colbert County some time in 1901. Soon after the marriage the defendant abandoned her and has never returned. She was pregnant with his child when he left. Paralee **WILSON** testified that Mary was her daughter. The defendant never lived with Mary and refused to live with her. John **CLARK** testified that he knew both parties and that they were married in 1901 but Nathaniel never lived with his wife. A summons was served on Nathaniel on 11 May 1904 by the President of the Board of Court Inspectors but he never answered the summons. Amos L. **MOODY**, Register, recommended a divorce with a Decree *Pro Confesso*. Chancellor W. H. **SIMPSON** granted the divorce on 10 August 1906. **KIRK, CARMICHAEL & RATHER** were solicitors for the claimant.

[Abstractor's note: Charles **PRRKINS** married Emma **MOORE** on 5 August 1901 in Sheffield. J. P. **MURDOCK**, Justice of the Peace, performed the marriage. Bondsmen were Chas. **PERKINS**, Wm **GUY** and Henry **COOPER**. Colbert County Marriage Record "E", p. 452.]

1060: Luona **HORTON** vs Pink **HORTON**. Petition for divorce. Filed 25 May 1904. 25 pages.

The petitioner reported that Pink **HORTON** was not a resident of Alabama and that she did not know where he was. She testified that she was over the age of 21 and had lived in Alabama all her life. She married Pink **HORTON** in Colbert County in April 1900 and that they lived together as man and wife until August 1900 when her husband abandoned her. She has not seen him since. She thinks he might be living in Indian Territory. Amos L. **MOODY**, Register, ordered that notice of the pending divorce be announced in the *Tuscumbia Dispatch* once a week for 4 weeks. She said she had one son, Isac, born in February 1901. She signed her petition with an X. L. R. **SMITH** said he had known Luana all her life and that he has known Pink **HORTON** for more than 4 years. He also said that the **HORTONS** had not lived together for about 4 years. He also signed his testimony with an X. W. H. **SIMPSON**, chancellor, granted a divorce on 27 July 1904 on the basis of voluntary abandonment and ordered that the child remain in the custody of its mother. James **JACKSON** was solicitor for the complainant.

[Abstractor's note: Pink **HORTON** married Lou **SMITH** on 8 April 1900 in Spring Valley. Fox **DELONEY**, Probate Judge, performed the marriage. The bondsmen were Pink **HORTON**, Jas. L. **SMITH** and Wm. **BROWN**. Colbert County Marriage Record "E", p. 268]

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1062: Joseph N. **THOMPSON**, administrator of the estate of Jane **PARTON**, deceased vs the children of W. T. **BROWN**. W. P. **BROWN**, John Rodgers **BROWN** and Owen Patrick **BROWN**, minor.
Filed 10 June 1904. 32 pages..

THOMPSON stated that Jane **PARTON** died intestate on 2 Sept 1900 in Colbert County. At the time of her death **PARTON** owed \$2000 to Calvin O. **JACKSON** and Josephine **JACKSON**. Charles **GASSOWAY** was then administrator of her estate but he died before the suit was decided. **THOMPSON** was appointed administrator *de bonis non* on 9 April 1902 and the suit was revived, this time against **THOMPSON**. On a judgment dated 7 Oct 1902 the **JACKSONS** were granted \$1000. Subsequent to the **JACKSON** note, on 15 Feb 1898, **PARTON** deeded all the land that she owned, along with residences and surrounding appurtenances, to her grandchildren, Janie Louisa **BROWN**, John Rogers **BROWN** and Owen Patrick **BROWN**. All of the land was located in Colbert County in Sections 2 and 11, Township 4, Range 13 (legal descriptions are given for each parcel of land). The complainant says the deed was voluntary, fraudulent and void, and intended to defraud her creditors. Jane Louisa **BROWN** died about 2 years ago and her heirs were her father, W. P. **BROWN**, and her brothers John Rodger and Owen Patrick **BROWN**. The brothers were minors over the age of 14 and residing in Colbert County with their father. The complainant asks for the deed to be set aside and then come under the administration of the court. He requested that the Register note the decision of the court in the margin of the book wherein the said deed is recorded. Arthur E. **BATES** testified that he knew all the parties and Jane **PARTON** lived about 1½ miles from him in 1898. All that she owned besides real estate was some personal property such as 2 or 3 horses, 2 or 3 cows, some farming tools, and household and kitchen furniture all of which was not worth more than 400 dollars. A. J. **BRYANT** also testified that at Jane's death all she owned was a bit of personal property. The court decreed that \$1000, together with interest and costs, be paid to the plaintiff by the defendants. **KIRK, CARMICHAEL & RATHER** were solicitors for Joseph N. **THOMPSON**.

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1065: Sigger **SHULL** vs Bud **SHULL**. Petition for divorce. Filed 6 July 1904. 26 pages

The complainant testified that they were married in the court house in Tuscumbia by Fox **DELONEY**, Probate Judge.. The complainant and the defendant were married on 17 July 1903. They lived together about 10 days then separated. The petitioner became ill and the defendant left her. After leaving his sick and dependent wife, the defendant abandoned himself to a life of dissipation and lust. He visited bawdy houses and committed acts of adultery with the wretched and dirty women of the town whose names are unknown. He has provided no support and there is no child involved. Eupha **LYDICK** testified that the couple had lived in Sheffield and that she had known Sigger **SHULL** for about 6 years and Bud for about 10 years. She said Sigger was about 19 years old and Bud was 21. She said Bud came to the **LYDICK** house soon after they were married and said they were separated. He didn't know why he had married her and that he could not support her. She said Sigger was a nice, pure girl but Bud was a bad man. He is a drunkard, gambler, and whoremonger. Joseph **LYDICK**'s testimony was similar to that of his wife. Sigger **SHULL** testified that she was 19 years old and that she had lived in Sheffield about 6 years. Sigger's brother told Bud that his wife was dangerously ill and Bud said he hoped to God she would die. Bud lived in Sheffield a long time after they separated but he did not give her any support. Bud's place of residence was not known to the complainant. The *Tuscumbia Dispatch* ran a hearing notice for 30 days starting on 6 Aug 1904. W. H. **SIMPSON** granted a divorce on 15 Sept 1904 based on adultery on a

Decree pro confesso. Each was permitted to marry again and the complainant was required to pay court costs. J. L. **ANDREWS** was solicitor for the complainant.

[Abstractor's note: James **SHULL** married Miss Sigger **FLORA** on 4 August 1903 in Tuscumbia. Fox **DELONEY**, Probate Judge, performed the ceremony. Bondsman were Jas. **SHULL**, Geo. **CARTER** and Wm **GUY**. Colbert County Marriage Record "E", page 178.]

- 1066: John F. **BELUE** *et al* vs David H. **WALKER** & Oliver M. **WALKER**. Division of estate. Filed 28 July 1904. 24 pages.

J. F. **BELUE** resides in Colbert County and is the father of Harris, William, Susie and Lacy **BELUE**, all minors. They are 19, 17, 15, and 14 years old and reside with their father. He reported that he married Emma **WALKER** in 1877 and that she died in 1890. At the time of her death she had a 1/3 undivided interest in the SE4 SW4, Sec 31, T 4, R 10, the W? SW4, Sec 6, T 5, R 10 and 33 1/2 acres in the S2 NW4, Sec 31, T 4, R 10. Joint owners with her were David H. and Oliver M. **WALKER**. John F. and the children are the only heirs of Emma. There were no debts so her estate was not administered. It would be best if the children's and his portion of her estate could be set off in a single parcel. W. H. **SIMPSON**, chancellor, agreed with the cause and appointed commissioners to make the change. Those appointed were John D. **THOMAS**, W. T. **NORM** and J. D. **MITCHELL**. The commission, using a certified survey, set of 24 1/3 acres in a strip plus another strip containing 30 acres. They also provided a detailed description and a map of the exact location of the two strips. The defendants reported they agreed to a division of the land as proposed by the commissioners. W. H. **SIMPSON**, Chancellor, approved the report of the commissioners. **KIRK**, **CARMICHAEL** & **RATHER** were solicitors for the respondents and W. H. **SAWTELLE** was solicitor for the complainant.

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- 1069: Mary **WARREN** vs Obb **WARREN**. Petition for divorce. Filed 29 July 1904. 24 pages.

Both Mary and Obb were over 21 and have resided in Colbert County for more than 5 years. Mary reported they were married in Lawrence County [AL?] in December 1894. They lived together until June 1904 when she separated from him. He treated her well until the last 2 or 3 years. In May 1904 he became angry with her and hit her on her breast. In June he assaulted her with his fists so that she was confined to her bed for a week. They have two children, Sabie age 8 and Glesie age 5 (both are girls). Obbie is bad tempered and cruel and should not have custody of the children. She asks for a divorce, custody of the children, and permission to marry again. She testified that she was now 27 years old. She has moved to Sheffield where she has lived for 2 years. She has lived in Colbert County all her life. She repeated again the violence detailed above and added that in June he drew his knife and threatened to cut her throat but Nannie **PRUIT** stopped him. That is when she left him. She has supported the children and herself ever since. She said Obb was now a dissipated man and a drunk. Nannie **PRUIT** testified to the same things as Mary. Although summoned, Obb **WARREN** never appeared in court. A divorce was granted to Mary on 26 Sept 1904. James **JACKSON** was solicitor for the complainant.

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Fr. **CLARENCE**

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| <u>1903</u> | | | | | |
| Aug 16 | Joannes | Henry M. McNALLY Parentis ACACHOLICI | 22 Nov 1896 | John McNATH Mrs. MANUSH | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Aug 16 | Alvinus Lee | Henry M. McNALLY Parentis ACACHOLICI | 14 Feb 1898 | Henry M. McNATH Mrs. MANUSH | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Aug 21 | Maria Assumpta BOWSER [not legible] Mrs. James BOWSER , nee WORD | | ----- | Mrs. Robt CLOUD | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Sep 4 | Alice Wilson (Florence, Ala) | Louis DEPREZ & Ada WILSON | 15 May 1903 | Louis DEPREZ , Jr. & Mrs. Robt. CLOUD | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Sep 8 | Joseph Lancelot (Rockwood, Ala) | J. Lance FOSSICK & Juanita CRITTENDEN | 2 Aug 1903 | George FOSSICK Florence FOSSICK | Fr. CLARENCE |
| <u>1904</u> | | | | | |
| Jan 5 | Ida Eastlack | George FOSSICK & Eliz. SAMPSON | 13 Nov 1903 | Thos. FOSSICK & Florence FOSSICK | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |
| Jan 27 | Johannes Archer (Riverton Junction, Ala) | John HASTINGS & Josie ARCHER | 31 Dec 1903 | Conrad HASTINGS Mary HASTINGS | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Feb 18 | Joseph | Henry REBMAN <i>et</i> Lillie RHODES | 29 Jun 1903 | Mrs. Thomas ALBRIGHT | Fr. CLARENCE |
| | Married Lyda SORRELS at Holy Trinity Church, El Cajon, California on April 3, 1965 – witnesses Bonnie FERRELL & James COSGRAVE | | | | |
| Mar. 17 | Henry McNALLY | adultis bapt in articuls mortis | | | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Apr 21 | Nimfa (Russellville, Ala) | Giaconio SPINELLI & Carmela CATARINICCHIA | 20 Jan 1904 | Pietro CIVELLO & Salvatrice CIVELLO | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |

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| <u>1903</u> | | | | | |
| Mar 5 | Salvatore (Russellville, Ala) | Mariano Di CARLO <i>et</i> Salvatrice MAUSCALEO | 23 Jan 1903 | Angelo <i>et</i> Josepha TRAINO | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Mar 5 | Josephus (Russellville, Ala) | Antonino SMERAGLIA <i>et</i> Martha SPALLINA | 9 Dec 1902 | Josephus CATARINICCHIA & Antonia AMARA | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Mar 5 | Joannes (Russellville, Ala) | Josephus CATARINICCHIA <i>et</i> Antonia AMARA | 6 Nov 1902 | Antonino <i>et</i> Martha SPALLINA | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Mar 5 | Josephus (Russellville, Ala) | Vincentino SORTINO <i>et</i> Calagera SACERA | 27 Dec 1902 | Vincentino SACERA & Lilivia SPALLINA | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Mar 5 | Vita (Russellville, Ala) | Petrus CHEVELLO <i>et</i> Antonia CATALANOETTE | 3 Mar 1903 | Jacobus SPINELLI <i>et</i> Carmela CATARINICCHIA | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |
| Mar 10 | Ludovicus (Died 4 July 1905) | Franciscus Di RAGO <i>et</i> Raphaelia Di CUNTO | 22 Mar 1903 | Vincentino CHIRIACO <i>et</i> Rosa FAGO | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On the 31st day of May 1903 the following received First Holy Communion: 1. Joseph **Di RAGO** 2. William **MANUSH**
 3. Florence **FOSSICK** 4. Katie **MOORE**
 5. Elizabeth **WHITTMORE** Fr. **CLARENCE** O.S.B.

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| <u>1903</u> | | | | | |
| Aug 16 | Nancy Anna | Henry M. McNALLY Parentis ACACHOLICI | 4 Mar 1890 | John McNATH Mrs. MANUSH | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Aug 16 | Henricus Martinus | Henry M. McNALLY | 14 Aug 1892 | John McNATH | |

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BAPTISM RECORDS, 1867-1922
OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA

(Thirteenth Installment – Continued from Vol. 17, No. 1 & 2, Feb & May 2003)

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| <u>1902</u> | | | | | |
| Aug 15 | Franciscus | Mrs. Kath. LENTZ (oidua) | 8 Feb 1895 | Mrs. C. GOIKE | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| Sep 7 | Mary Mytha (Married Ray SULLIVAN 24 April 1956, Sacred Heart Church, Memphis, Tenn) | Michael Anne FOLEY | 13 Aug 1892 | John SLATENHOFER Mrs. SHARNAGEL | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| Dec 3 | Emma Lynne | Charles <i>et</i> Alice RYALS | 7 Aug 1902 | Flavian <i>et</i> Emma MARIICHAL | P. THEODOSIUS O.S.B. |
| <u>1903</u> | | | | | |
| Jan 25 | Josephina Desprez | Sam SEVIER & Mary FOGARTY | 25 Dec 1902 | Guilielmus & Susanna SEVIER | P. CLARENCE O.S.B. |
| Mar 1 | Ida Maria | Joannes T. McNALLY & Martha WHITLOCK | 19 Feb 1903 | A. J. B. HENKE <i>et</i> Cath. MANUSH | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Mar 5 | Philippus (Russellville, Ala) | Angelo TRAINO Josepha GIAMBRONE | 14 Nov 1902 | Mariano Di CARLO <i>et</i> Salvatrice Di CARLO | Fr. CLARENCE |
| Mar 5 | Salvatore (Russellville, Ala) | Mariano Di CARLO <i>et</i> Salvatrice MAUSCALEO | 23 Jan 1903 | Angelo <i>et</i> Josepha TRAINO | Fr. CLARENCE |

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- 1072: Exparte Griffin **RANDOLPH**. Petition to remarry. Filed 25 August 1904. 9 pages.

RANDOLPH testified that his wife, Rodetta, filed for a divorce on 7 April 1902 and that it was granted by W. H. **SIMPSON** on 20 June 1902. After the divorce his wife married again and she was living with her husband. He said he was a hard-working man but believed he could better his life if he married again. He made these statements on 25 Aug 1904 before W. L. **CHITWOOD**, a Notary Public. H. A. **RAND** on the same day and before the same notary public testified that Griffin **RANDOLPH** was a hard-working, industrious man. D. G. **BARTON** also testified before **CHITWOOD** on 16 Aug 1904 that **RANDOLPH** was a hard-working colored man and stood well in his neighborhood. W. H. **SIMPSON**, Chancellor, granted **RANDOLPH** permission to marry again on 26 Aug 1904. No solicitor was named; W. L. **CHITWOOD** prepared all the information supplied to the court.

- 1073: E. J. **DAWKINS** vs Ludy **DAWKINS**. Petition for divorce. Filed 31 Oct 1904. 12 pages.

E. J. **DAWKINS** testified that he had been a resident of Colbert County for more than 6 years and that he was over the age of 21. He said the same applied to Ludy. He testified that he married Ludy **BURTON** in Colbert County in December 1903. He said that at the time of his marriage he was employed as a brakeman by the Southern Railway Company. He returned to his home about 8:00 pm one evening about a week after marriage and found his wife in their bedroom with a young white man. When he found that his wife was not in a proper and respectable position as a colored woman, he left the house and never returned. He made inquiries and found that his wife committed adultery both before and after their marriage. He did not know the names of these parties. He said that in the months of February, March, April and May 1904 she committed adultery with Green **SMITH** in Colbert County. Ludy was summoned to appear before the court but she did not appear. A *Decree Pro Confesso* was granted on 31 Oct 1904 and filed with Amos L. **MOODY**, Register.

[Abstractor's note: Ed **DAWKINS** married Lutie **BURTON** in Tuscumbia on 23 Nov 1903. Fox **DELONEY**, Probate Judge, performed the marriage. No bondsmen were listed for this marriage. Colbert County Marriage Record F, p. 228]

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- 1075: C. W. **WORD** vs Catherine **WORD**. Petition for divorce. Filed 31 Oct 1904. 19 pages.

WORD testified that he married Catherine in Mississippi about 14 years ago and that they had lived together until 21 Sep 1904. He said that she had committed adultery in 1903 and 1904 with a **FREEMAN**, given name unknown. Mat **BASDEN** said almost the same thing as C. W. **WORD**. He also said that Catherine had a fondness for other men and liked them better than she liked her husband. Even before the couple were separated, Catherine would slink around to places where married women went to see other men and she became known as a general whore. He said that one of the men that Catherine was friendly with was Evans **FREEMAN**. He saw Catherine in bed with him. **WORD** applied for a divorce. A summons was served on Catherine on 6 Sept 1904 by the sheriff of Colbert County but she did not appear. Chancellor W. H. **SIMPSON** granted a divorce *Decree pro confesso* on 15 Jan 1905. W. P. and W. L. **CHITWOOD** were solicitors for the complainant.

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| On the 15 th day of May 1904 the following children received their First Holy Communion: | | | | | |
| | | 1. Bernard ROGGENBUCK | | 4. Catharine Lizetta SWAGER | |
| | | 2. Thomas McNALLY | | 5. Mary SCHMIDIKOFER | Fr. CLARENCE |
| | | 3. Charles MANUSH | | | |
| <i>Vidi die 18^o Junii 1904 Edwardus PEpiscopus Mobiliensis</i> | | | | | |
| On the 19 th day of June 1904 His Lordship Edwardus P. ALLEN , D.D., Bishop of Mobile administered the Sacrament of Confirmation on the following: | | | | | |
| | | 1. Bernard Aloysius ROGGENBUCK | | 8. Anna Mary McNALLY | |
| | | 2. Charles James MANUSH | | 9. Elizabeth Mary Josephine HENKE | |
| | | 3. William Joseph MANUSH | | 10. Lizetta Mary Josephine SCHWAGER | |
| | | 4. Emmet Joseph HOLLEHAN | | 11. Catharine Elizabeth MOORE | |
| | | 5. Thomas John McNALLY | | 12. Mary Josephine HOLLEHAN | |
| | | 6. John Francis HOLLEHAN | | 13. Mary Assumpta BOWSER | |
| | | 7. John HOLLEHAN | | | |
| 1904 Aug 7 th | Paulus Franciscus | Francis ROGGENBUCK & Paulina GOIKE | July 31/04 | Paulus SCHMUCK Agnes ROGGENBUCK | P. EDMUND O. S. B. |
| Nov 21 | Vincentius (Russellville) | Guisseppe MANGIARA and Guisseppa AMARO | Oct 10 – 04 | Rosario GAGLIANS et Guisseppa Celia | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |

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| Number | Date or Registry | Names of Voters | Color |
|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 210 | July 1 st , 1867 | WRIGHT, Clark S. | White |
| 211 | July 1 st , 1867 | WILSON, Thomas | Black |
| 212 | July 1 st , 1867 | WHITE, Primus | Black |
| 213 | July 1 st , 1867 | WALKER, Allen | White |
| 214 | July 1 st , 1867 | WALKER, Champ | Black |
| 215 | July 2 ^d , 1867 | WALLACE, Martin | Black |
| 216 | July 2 ^d , 1867 | WADDELL, Willis | Black |
| 217 | July 2 ^d , 1867 | WADDELL, Peyton | Black |
| 218 | July 2 ^d , 1867 | WADDELL, Thomas | Black |
| 219 | July 1 st , 1867 | WALKER, Peter | Black |
| 220 | July 2 ^d , 1867 | WARREN, Wesley D. | Black |
| 221 | July 1 st , 1867 | YANCY, John | Black |
| 222 | July 2 ^d , 1867 | YANCY, Lloyd | Black |

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By the President of the United States.

IN pursuance of law, I James Monroe, President of the U. States do hereby declare and make known, that a public sale will be held at the Land Office in Huntsville on the 4th Monday in March next, for the disposal of the following described LANDS, viz:

Fractional section No. 31, at the mouth of Spring Creek, in Township No. 2, of Range No. 11, West.

Section No. 2—Fractional Section No. 6—North-east and North-west quarters of Section No. 7—and Sections Nos. 12, 17, 19, 20—South-west and North-west quarters of Section No. 24, and Section Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, in Township No. 4, of Range No. 11, West—heretofore reserved for

the Alabama University.

Fractional Section, No. 34, in Township No. 10, of Range No. 1, West.

Fractional Sections Nos. 25, 35, and 36, (on the Coosa boundary line,) in Township No. 9, of Range No. 2, East.

Fractional Section No. 6, (on the Coosa River) in Township No. 13, of Range No. 7, East.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, this 16th day of November, A. D. 1824

JAMES MONROE.

By the President:

GEORGE GRAHAM,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Dec. 21

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| Date | Name of Child | Lawful Child of | Born | Sponsors | Priest | |
| Nov 26 Rockwood | John STONEWALL | Convert | | George FOSSICK and Elizabeth Juanita FOSSICK | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | J. LITTLE | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | Raphael LITTLE | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | Agnes LITTLE | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | William David FLOYD | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | Elizabeth May FLOYD | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | James Hugh LITTLE | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | George Edward LITTLE | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | Margaret LITTLE | " | | " " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| <u>1905</u> | | | | | | |
| Jan 6 | Anna May | Anthony GATTMAN & Ethel GIBSON (protestant) | Oct 16, 1904 | Bernard GATTMAN & Mary MOORE | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. | |
| Jan 6 Rockwood | Anna FLOYD | Convert | | Joseph L. FOSSICK | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | Joseph FLOYD | Convert | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| Jan 7 Rockwood | William FLOYD | " | | George E. FOSSICK | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | Aloysius FLOYD | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |
| " | Henry FLOYD Married to Grace Smith BENTZ | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. | |

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| Jan 10 Rockwood | Agnes W. CRITTENDEN | Convert | | J. Lance FOSSICK | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Joseph Benjamin HOWARD | " | | John LITTLE | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Mary HOWARD | ([ejir] uxor) | " | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Elizabeth HOWARD | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Mary HOWARD | " | | John S. LITTLE | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Robert HOWARD | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| Jan 16 | Alice CROWELL | " | | Elizabeth HOWARD | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | William CROWELL | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Charles CROWELL | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Agnes CROWELL | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| Jan 19 | Elizabeth UNDERWOOD | " | | Joseph L. FOSSICK | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Thomas UNDERWOOD | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Mary Stella UNDERWOOD | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | William UNDERWOOD | " | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |

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| Date | Name of Child | Lawful Child of | Born | Sponsors | Priest |
| Feb 17 | William LOUIS (colored) | | | J. Lance FOSSICK | Fr. OSMUND P.S.B. |
| Feb 18 | Mary CROWELL | | | Agnes CRITTENDEN | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Joseph E. B. GRAY | | | Stonewall J. LITTLE | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Mary Sarah GRAY | | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Mary BARFIELD | | | | |
| Feb 20 | Anna CORBELL | | | | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| | " | | | | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| | " | | | | |
| " | Agnes CORBELL | | | " | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Agatha Carrie KEE (colored) | | | Juanita FOSSICK | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| " | Magdalen KEE (colored) | | | Nellie CRITTENDEN | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| Feb 22 | Agnes LITTLE | | | Mrs. UNDERWOOD | Fr. OSMUND O.S.B. |
| Feb 28 | Edward Osmond CROWELL | privat im | 6 Feb 1905 | | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |
| March 7 | Blasius | Luis MANGINA et Joanna GERAGI | 3 Feb '05 | Pietro CHIVELLO et Joanna CHIVELLO | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |
| | Rosana | Giuseppe CATARENICCHIA et Antonia ANIARA | 1 Feb 1905 | Salvatore L BUE et Maria MONTALTO | Fr. CLARENCE O.S.B. |

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COLORED MARRIAGES — 1906-1963

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Colbert County's marriage records began in 1867. They were recorded by hand in large ledger books measuring 14 by 19 inches and containing usually more than 500 pages. For some reason, not yet investigated by your editor, beginning in 1906 "Colored" marriages were recorded in separate ledgers from the "White" marriages. This segregation continued until 1963. In previous issues of the *Traveler* we have published only the marriages in Marriage Book A, 1867-1874 (see Vol. 1, 2 & 3) In this first volume, as well as those up to 1906 and those after 1963, colored marriages are not segregated. They are recorded inter-mixed with the white marriages. However, the ethnic race was always recorded and this continues to the present day.

Mrs. **RIBBRON** suggested publication of the colored marriages in 1990 and copied page after page of the indices from the ledgers. The indices, unfortunately, provided the names of the bride and groom but not even the year of marriage. Your editor continually put off doing anything with the suggestion because no one was willing to take on the task of transcribing dates of marriage, location of the marriages, and the name of the marriage officials. Finally, he decided he was about to lose a friend if something was not done. So, needing more pages of material for the Colbert section of this *Traveler* he picked the colored marriage records for publication. As it turns out, procrastination paid off. Fifteen years ago he would not have been familiar with most of the names of the parties involved. Even now, there are some errors in trying to read some clerk's handwriting of 100 years ago. For this he apologizes. Had it not been for the indices that Mrs. **RIBBRON** sent, there would be many, many more errors. Unlike deeds, there are only a few handwritten words per marriage record (usually only the bride and groom and that of the person performing the marriage) so that there is little opportunity to check an illegible letter with a similar letter elsewhere when a name seems all but indecipherable. The indices provide at least one more version of each name.

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| Groom | Bride | Date of Marriage | Location | Minister | Page |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------|
| Book G, 1906-1913 | | | | | |
| HILL , George | GRAHAM , Clarissa | 30 Dec 1905 | | Rev. B. KING | 1 |
| SUGG , Will | COLE , Adeline | 31 Dec 1905 | Leighton, AL | James CAMPTON, MG | 1 |
| HALEY , Arthur | MALONE , Sarah | 01 Jan 1906 | Cherokee, AL | Monroe CRAIG | 2 |
| MILLS , Sam | JAMES , Mattie | 03 Jan 1906 | Tuscumbia, AL | Rev. H. R. BAKER | 2 |
| NELMNS , Jourdan | KING , Sallie | 03 Jan 1906 | New Home | John ABERNATHY, MG | 3 |
| KING , James | JENKINS , Ellen | 07 Jan 1906 | Sheffield, AL | Rev. Frank WALLACE | 3 |
| LESLIE , Arthur | BAIN , Docie | 07 Jan 1906 | Spring Valley, AL | C. J. NICHOLS | |
| Bondsman: Archie LESLIE , Wm WILLIS , Wm GUY | | | | | 4 |
| JACOBS , Clinton | POLK , Laura | 06 Jan 1906 | My Residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 4 |
| ADAMS , Israel | QUALLS , Fannie May | 11 Jan 1906 | Leighton, AL | Rev. Silas VINSON | 5 |
| WHITTMORE , Robert | MORRIS , Mattie | 14 Jan 1906 | Tuscumbia | H. R. BAKER, MG | 5 |
| GANT , Wash | SAVAGE , Jennie | 15 Jan 1906 | Sheffield, AL | S. B. SMITH, MG | 6 |
| MOORE , Nick | CROSS , Lula | 24 Dec 1906 [sic] | G. A. LYONS home | G. A. LYONS, MG | 6 |
| WHITESIDES , William | COLEMAN , Dora | 17 Jan 1906 | Sheffield | Rev. A. R. D. SUGG | |
| Bondsman: William WHITESIDES , R. D. SUGG , Wm GUY | | | | | 7 |
| WINFIELD , William | MURPHY , Caroline | 18 Jan 1906 | Tuscumbia | L. S. GREEN, MG | |
| Bondsman: William WINFIELD , Henry KIRK , Wm GUY | | | | | 7 |
| BURNS , Jacob | DOUGLAS , Annie | 18 Jan 1906 | Sherrod Place (Farm) | C. J. NICHOLS, MG | |
| Bondsman: Jacob BURNS , Decatur THOMPSON , Paul BURNS | | | | | 8 |

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| ALEXANDER, John | PHILIPS, Ada | 23 Dec 1905 | Sheffield | Rev. Griffith SHEFFIELD | 8 |
| INGRAM, James | WRIGHT, Ada | 28 Jan 1906 | Their home, Leighton | F. J. BRAWLEY, MG | 9 |
| HOOD, Dave | BERRY, Agnes | 28 Jan 1906 | Sheffield | Frank WALLACE, MG | 9 |
| Bondsman: Dave HOOD, Frank WALLACE, ----- | | | | | 9 |
| SYKES, Jake | GAMBLE, Ada | 27 Jan 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 10 |
| DOUGLAS, Edward | KIMBLE, Maud | 28 Jan 1906 | My Residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 10 |
| WATKINS, Rush | BARNER, Rose | 01 Feb 1906 | Tuscumbia | G. W. WATKINS, MG | 11 |
| DENT, Charlie | ADAMS | 01 Feb 1906 | Tuscumbia | W. E. NORTHCROSS, MG | 11 |
| HAWKINS, Frank | WADE, Bessie | 28 Jan 1906 | Tuscumbia | Rev. J. H. SHIELDS | 12 |
| WEAKLEY, Dorse | PARKER, Mattie May | 02 Feb 1906 | Sheffield | J. P. LEGG, MG | 12 |
| COACHMAN, Henry | WOODRUFF, Zula | 22 Feb 1906 | Riverton, AL | L. M. DUNCAN | 13 |
| Witnesses: Ed CLEMIT, H. BERRY | | | | | 13 |
| WINSTON, Jackson | KING, Lizzie | 01 Feb 1906 | Tuscumbia | Berry WETHERBEE, MG | 13 |
| ROUSE, Will | FELTON, Lula | 15 Feb 1906 | Near Leighton, AL | Bales SMITH, MG | 14 |
| Bondsman: Will ROUSE, Frank RICKS, ----- | | | | | 14 |
| BARTON, Robt | HOUSTON, Siggie | 15 Feb 1906 | Lane Springs near Cherokee | J. F. M. JENKINS, Pastor | 14 |
| MULLINS, John | HOSENDOVE, Samantha | 11 Feb 1906 | My residence | Frank MULLINS, Pastor | 15 |
| SMITH, Robert | BRADEN, Laura | 10 Feb 1906 | home G. RICKS, Spring Valley | George RICKS, MG | 15 |
| Bondsman: Rob't SMITH, W ^m SMITH, Rev. NICHOLS | | | | | 15 |
| ELLIOTT, William | BURNS, Cathrine | 15 Feb 1906 | Aaron WALKER | C. J. NICHOLS, MG | 16 |
| Bondsman: William ELLIOTT, C. J. NICHOLS, ----- | | | | | 16 |
| GARTH, Lawson | GOODWIN, Lou | 17 Feb 1906 | Jessee GOODWIN near Leighton | Peter BATES, MG | 16 |
| BLAKE, Tom | CRAWFORD, Laura | 16 Feb 1906 | Sheffield | Frank WALLACE, MG | 17 |

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| BILLINGS, Daniel | PRIDE, Mary Jane | 18 Feb 1906 | Barton, AL | S. M. GOODLOE, MG | |
| Bondsman: Daniel BILLINGS , Glaseve THOMPSON , ----- | | | | | 17 |
| WEEDEN, Wash | TALY, Mary | 17 Feb 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 18 |
| MULLINS, John | GOODWIN, Adlate | 20 Feb 1906 | Leighton | Rev. Austin KING | 18 |
| HEARN, Will | PRUITT, Elinia | 21 Feb 1906 | New Home Church | George BATES, Jr. | 19 |
| NASH, Theodore | MOON, Blanch | 20 Feb 1906 | Court Houe | O. G. SIMPSON, PJ | 19 |
| WALKER, Aaron | McCRAIG, Amelia | 21 Feb 1906 | Tuscumbia | W. E. NORTHCROSS, MG | 20 |
| SMITH, Henry | THOMPSON, Ruth | 22 Feb 1906 | Pride, AL | S. M. GOODLOE, MG | 20 |
| WHITE, Henry | KING, Debie | 25 Feb 1906 | Leighton, AL | B. A. KING, MG | 21 |
| VINSON, Ed | MULLINS, Lida | 25 Feb 1906 | Leighton, AL | B. A. KING, MG | 21 |
| TROUPE, Aaron, Jr. | DAVIS, Hattie | 26 Feb 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 22 |
| FREEMAN, Frank | MEREDITH, Rose Bell | 28 Feb 1906 | Tuscumbia (St. Paul beat) | Silas VINSON, MG | 22 |
| COLEMAN, Silas | SHELTON, Eliza | 27 Feb 1906 | Tuscumbia | C. J. NICHOLS, MG | 23 |
| WOODICE, Jessee | ABERNATHY, Ida | 11 Mar 1906 | Mt. Pleasant Church, Leighton | F. J. BRAWLEY, MG | |
| Bondsman: Jessee E. WOODICE , Silas DeLONY, Major SHERROD | | | | | 23 |
| SIMPSON, Robert | McDONALD, Judy | 06 Mar 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 24 |
| GOODMAN, Oliver | TOMPSON, Madge | 08 Mar 1906 | Leighton, AL | B. A. KING, MG | 24 |
| DAVIS, Henry | PORTER, Lena | 31 Mar 1906 | C. F. TURNER Store, Cherokee | J. T. SELF, MG | 25 |
| EAGLETON, Napoleon | INGRAM, Nina | 04 Mar 1906 | Capt. HAMPTON , Colbert Co. | John ABERNATHY, MG | 25 |
| SMITH, Will | ORR, Maggie | 04 Mar 1906 | Mrs. WALKER's home, Morgan Co | C. G. MATHER, MG | 26 |
| JOHNSON, Jarmon | JOHNSON, Ida | 18 Mar 1906 | Riverton Junction | W. G. LINLEY, MG | |
| Bondsman: James JOHNSON , Henry COBB , Charles TURNER | | | | | 26 |
| THOMPSON, Bonie | BARNETT, Loucinda | 18 Mar 1906 | SPM at Pride | Rev. M. N. WILLIAMS | |
| Bondsman: Bonie THOMPSON , Paul THOMPSON , Albert OATES | | | | | 27 |

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| WATKINS, Esau | PROBY, Bertha | 18 Mar 1906 | Zion Church, Barton, AL | W^m CARTER, MG | 27 | |
| THOMPSON, Bud | WATKINS, Essie | 02 Mar 1906 | Tuscumbia, AL | Rev. J. WATKINS, MG | 28 | |
| CURRY, George Washington | PRIDE, Essie | 24 Mar 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 28 | |
| GUNN, David | CORNIE, Mary | 27 Mar 1906 | Julia CORNIE | | | |
| Bondsman: David GUNN , Richard KING , Johnnie KELLEY | | | | | 29 | |
| POWELL, Henry | McKINNEY, Agnes | 28 Mar 1906 | CME Church, Tuscumbia | Rev. C. J. NICHOLS, MG | 29 | |
| THOMPSON, Sam | CARROLL, Julia | 01 Apr 1906 | Barton, AL | Rev. James COLLIER | | |
| Bondsman: Sam THOMPSON , Albert THOMPSON | | | | | 30 | |
| RICKS, Porter | SMITHY, Heterana | 01 Apr 1906 | Sheffield | Geo. C. SLOSS, MG | | |
| Bondsman: Porter RICKS , Major SHERROD , W ^m WILLIS | | | | | 30 | |
| JONES, Arthur | JONES, Irena | 01 Apr 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 31 | |
| MORRIS, Thomas | KERBY, Lena | 02 Apr 1906 | My office, Tuscumbia | John SHERROD, JP | 31 | |
| TUTT, John | SHORT, Lucy | 09 Apr 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | | |
| Bondsman: John TUTT and Al BERRY | | | | | 32 | |
| SHEPHERD, Eillie | GAY, Kate | 15 Apr 1906 | Leighton, AL | B. A. KING, MG | 32 | |
| BURT, Henry | JONES, Julia | 12 Apr 1906 | Tuscumbia | C. J. NICHOLS, MG | | |
| Bondsman: Henry BURT , Deaton ABERNATHY , Ike SUMMERS | | | | | 33 | |
| COBB, Andrew | COX, Ella Wee | 12 Apr 1906 | Sheffield, AL | Rev. R. D. SUGGS | | |
| Bondsman: Andrew COBB , R. D. SUGGS , Major SHERROD | | | | | 33 | |
| MIDDLETON, Josh | RUTLAND, Mary | 16 Apr 1906 | Bride's home near Cherokee | F. J. BRAWLEY, MG | | |
| Bondsman: John MIDDLETON , Bob MORGAN , Major SHERROD | | | | | 34 | |
| WHITE, Doss | JACKSON, Roxie | 18 Apr 1906 | My Residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 34 | |
| THOMPSON, Henry | AMES, Jennie | License returned not executed, 30 Apr 1906, | | | O. G. SIMPSON, PJ | 35 |
| JORDAN, James | RAGLAND, Joanna | 22 Apr 1906 | Tuscumbia | H. R. BAKER | 35 | |

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| DAVIS, James | JOHNSON, Minerva | 23 Apr 1906 | Court House, Tuscumbia | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 36 |
| BOWLIN, Rufus | KIRKMAN, Emeline | 26 Apr 1906 | Sheffield, AL | Mathias DOUGLAS | 36 |
| TUTWILER, John | SHERROD, Annie Lee | 12 May 1906 | Cave Springs | Rev. L. WARREN | 37 |
| BATTS, John | ABERNATHY, Rose | 14 May 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 37 |
| BERRY, Oscar | KING, Annie | 20 May 1906 | Leighton, AL | Austo KING | 38 |
| MULLINS, Ben | VINSON, Rosa | 21 May 1906 | Tuscumbia | Rev. B. WEATHERLY | 38 |
| MOODY, Willis | PAYNE, Louanna | 27 May 1906 | Margerum, AL | Rev. R. B. ELLIOTT, PC | 39 |
| SQUALLS, Percy | JONES, Nannie | 03 Jun 1906 | Colemans | Rev. Peter BATES | |
| Bondsman: Percy SQUALLS & John F. FENNELL | | | | | 39 |
| WILLIAMS, A. | BOGGUS, Lucy | 06 Jun 1906 | CME Church, Cherokee | J. F. M. JENKINS, Pastor | 40 |
| MITCHELL, Elmo | CAMPBELL, Clara | 10 Jun 1906 | Leighton, AL | Hope SMITH, MG | 40 |
| VINSON, Alex | SMITH, Annie | 25 Jun 1906 | Gallilee Church near Lexington | Rev. Bayless SMITH | 41 |
| LONG, Isaiah [sic] | RICKS, Exzine | 20 Jun 1906 | Home | Geo. RICKS, MG | 41 |
| ALLEN, Gasner | JONES, Inz | 10 Jun 1906 | Tuscumbia | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 42 |
| CRAWFORD, George W. | BROWNS, Jane B. | 12 Jun 1906 | St. Paul AME Church, Tuscumbia | Rev. R. F. FORD | 42 |
| HATCHET, William | HIGGINS, Florida | 14 Jun 1906 | Bride's, Tuscumbia | Riley R. POWERS, Offic | 43 |
| MORRIS, Almon | DELONY, Katie | 17 Jun 1906 | Leighton, AL | George BATES, MG | |
| Bondsman: Almon MORRIS and Mary MORRIS | | | | | 43 |
| PRIDE, Rad | RICKS, Katie | 24 Jun 1906 | MASON place, one mile of Morgan | Moses PRIDE, MG | 44 |
| MALONE, Shep | NEWSOM, Leah | 01 Jul 1906 | Cherokee, AL | F. J. BRAWLEY, MG | 44 |
| DRUMGOOL, William | HARRIS, Frankie | 01 Jul 1906 | Tucumbia | A. CRAWFORD, MG | 45 |
| THOMPSON, Mitchell | FENNELL, Lucy | 04 Jul 1906 | Tuscumbia | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 45 |
| BODDIE, George | THOMPSON, Lucettie | 04 Jul 1906 | Tuscumbia | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 46 |
| WILLIS, Thomas | JONES, Martina | 06 Jul 1906 | my residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 46 |

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| PETERS, John H. | HORTON, Ella | 12 Jul 1906 | Tuscumbia | Rev. G. W. GRIFFITH | 47 |
| HILL, Jim Dick | ROBERSON, Pollie | 22 Jul 1906 | Bainbridge, AL | Ambrose GRIFFIN | 48 |
| ALEXANDER, John | JOHNSON, Lou | 31 Jul 1906 | Tuscumbia | Oscar G. SIMPSON , PJ | 48 |
| McDONALD, Percy | BYNUM, Eva | 02 Aug 1906 | Henry Cal. Place | Rev. S. S. SHERRON | 49 |
| TAYLOR, Roy | LINDSAY, Beckie | 02 Aug 1906 | Tuscumbia | Oscar G. SIMPSON , P. J. | 49 |
| FANT, Robert | DENBERRY, Lucy | 04 Aug 1906 | Margerum, AL | Rev. Henry ALLSBROOK | 50 |
| MARGARHUE, Ike | KING, Rosa | 19 Aug 1906 | Tuscumbia | Rev. W. M. BROWN | |
| Bondsman: Ike MARGARHUE , Louis DAWKINS and Major SHERROD | | | | | 50 |
| MURPHY, Henry | PEARSALL, Annie | 19 Aug 1906 | Mt. Ollie | John ABERNATHY , MG | 51 |
| Duplicate entry Voided | | | | | 51 |
| BRITTAIN, John | BROWN, Sallie | 23 Aug 1906 | Henderson Town (Tuscumbia) | Wilson NORTHCROSS , MG | |
| Bondsman: John BRITTAIN , Guy NESBITT , Major SHERROD | | | | | 52 |
| WORD, Colombus W. | NELSON, Lelia | 26 Aug 1906 | at my residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON , PJ | 52 |
| LENN, John | GARRIT, Emma | 27 Aug 1906 | Cherokee | Willis WILLIAMS | |
| Bondsman: John LENN , George MEAD , Major SHERROD | | | | | 53 |
| SLOSS, John | REED, Frances | 20 Aug 1906 | Tuscumbia | B. WEATHERBEE | 53 |
| HOUSTON, Alfred | GOODLOE, Paralee | 0 Sep 1906 | CME Church, Cherokee | J. H. BAILEY , MG | 54 |
| JONES, Bob | ABERNATHY, Maggie | 02 Sep 1906 | G. D. THOMPSONs | M. DENNIS , MG | 54 |
| Bondsman: Bob JONES , Geo CLODY and Major SHERROD | | | | | |
| KING, John | STENBOCK, Mariah | 01 Sep 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON , PJ | |
| John KING , (Father) KING , Major SHERROD | | | | | 55 |
| THOMPSON, Henry | BEECHER, Margaret Ann | 05 Sep 1906 | Jessee WOODRUFF home | R. B. ELLIOTT , PG | 55 |
| POUNDERS, William M. | HALEY, Celia | 06 Sep 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON , PJ | 56 |

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COLORED MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1906-1963

| Groom | Bride | Date of Marriage | Location | Minister | Page |
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| FLETCHER, Sidney | BROADEN, Lettie | 07 Sep 1906 | At my residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | |
| Bondsman: Sidney FLETCHER, William SHERROD, Ed LITTLE | | | | | 56 |
| BEACHUM, William | BARNET, Tennessee | 02 Sep 1906 | Riverton, AL | J. R. BLANKENSHIP, NP | |
| Bondsman: William BEACHUM, J. R. BLANKENSHIP, Clark MOODY | | | | | 57 |
| BRADLEY, Chas | BROWN, Sarah | 12 Sep 1906 | Tom MOORE's | Rev. H. JOHNSON | |
| Bondsman: Chas BRADLEY, Major SHERROD, W. F. WILLIS | | | | | 57 |
| MURPHY, Thomas | JACKSON, Annie | 12 Sep 1906 | My residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 58 |
| WIMBE, Sam | HOUSTON, Josie | 15 Sep 1906 | Cheokee, AL | Willis WILLIAMS | 58 |
| HAWKINS, George | TONEY, Sallie | 18 Sep 1906 | My residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON | 59 |
| SOFTLY, Thomas | ABERNATHY, Arleen | 20 Sep 1906 | Tuscumbia | H. R. BAKER, MG | |
| ANDERSON, Jessie | CANE, Annie | 20 Sep 1906 | My residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 60 |
| Bondsman: Thomas SOFTLY, Abe SOFTLY, Luke BROWN | | | | | 59 |
| PARKER, Oliver | PRICHET, Carrie | 28 Sep 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 60 |
| BEACHUM, William | ABERNATHY, Ella | 30 Sep 1906 | Railf HOLIDAY's residence | Rev. J. L. REEVES | |
| Bondsman: William BEACHUM, Autry HOLLIS, J. R. BLANKENSHIP | | | | | 61 |
| BANKSTON, Mather | MULLINS, Mattie | 02 Oct 1906 | My residence | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | 61 |
| McCRAI, Harris | DICKSON, Susie | 04 Oct 1906 | Tucumbia | Berry W. WETHERBEE, MG | 62 |
| SIMPSON, Sam | PORTOR, Willie | 10 Oct 1906 | Sheffield | W. M. MOTLEY | |
| Bondsman: Sam SIMPSON, W. M. MOTLEY, Major SHERROD | | | | | 62 |
| WHISENANT, Ross | GIST, Lizzie | 11 Oct 1906 | Court House | Oscar G. SIMPSON, PJ | |
| Bondsman: Ross WHISENANT, Major SHERROD | | | | | 63 |

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The Tuscumbia, Courtland & Decatur Railroad was the first railroad west of the Alleghany Mountains. Its primary purpose was to haul cotton from the Decatur and Courtland areas to the Tennessee River port at Tuscumbia. Here it was loaded onto steam boats and transported to New Orleans. Some of these boats were large enough to carry 6000 bales of cotton. In 1857 the Memphis & Charleston Railroad purchased the Tuscumbia, Courtland & Decatur Road and abandoned the branch that led to Tuscumbia. The documents below were transcribed from original hand-written documents discovered by the contributor in 1999 inside a rare book purchased at an estate sale. These documents are now in Collier Library at the University of North Alabama, Florence.

Sworn & Subscribed to
before me this 8th Augt 1836
Jacob S. **POINTS**, J.P.

I Benjamin **SHERROD** President of the
Tuscumbia, Courtland & Decatur Rail
Road Company do solemnly swear that
I will faithfully perform the duties [---]
on me as such President to the best of [--]
skill and ability, so help me God.

Benj **SHERROD**

Sworn & subscribed
to before me this 8th

Day of August 1836

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Tuscumbia, Courtland & Decatur {blank]

Road Company do Solemnly Swear

that we will faithfully perform

duties as such Directors to the best [---]

our skill & judgment. So help [-----]

August 8th 1836

M. **TARVER** James **FENNEL**

John L. **M^cRAE** John S. **RHEA**

Ben [-----] B. **MERRILL**

David S **GOODLOE** Sr

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Tuscumbia Courtland & Decat
ur Rail Road Company We Solemnly
swear that we will faithfully per
form our duties as such Directors to
the Best of our Skills & judgement
So help us God.

August 14th 1827

M. **TARVER**

J. W. **GARTH**

David S. **GOODLOE** Sr

Berry E. **SHERROD**

R. A. **BAKER**

James **FENNEL**

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