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CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

Etowah County Chancery Court Divorces

E.B. "Bowie" BEARD vs Margaret "Maggie" BEARD

Case Number 470

Divorce Petition Filed 2 May 1893 Final Decree 29 Aug 1893, granted

Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, page 276

Final Record Book F, page 211, 212

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Witnesses for Complainant:

J. Frank MAISE, neighbor of couple Thomas DEVINE

Ira Mont. DEVINE

Witnesses for Defendant:

Mary Jane BEARD Henry BEARD Lusin DIVINE

Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K.McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D. DUNLAP, Register

Wm. H. STANDIFER, Complainant's Solicitor A.W.BURNS, Sheriff

T.W.LISTER, Deputy Sheriff H.B.BEARD

Mr. LANKFORD, neighbor of Beard's J.A.BILBRO

L.B.WHATLEY

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ 17 Apr 1890 in Etowah Co., AL by R.H. CASEY, J.P.; Couple lived together until March 1891; Lived about 8-9 miled from Gadsden on the Devine Place; couple had one child, a daughter, Fannie E. BEARD born in Feb 1891

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Green L. ROAN vs Ellen ROAN

Case Number 481

Divorce Petition Filed 24 Jun 1893 Final Decree 28 Feb 1894, granted

Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, page328

Order Book A, page 396

Final Record Book F, page 235

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Witnesses for Complainant:

Jasper ROAN Harriet ROAN Milton M. BALDWIN

Others Mentioned in Case:

B.H. NICHOLSON, Complainant's Solicitor A.W. BURNS, Sheriff

Samuel.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D.DUNLAP, Register

A.V. SOUTHERLIN, Deputy Sheriff C.C.NICHOLSON, Com'snr

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ June 1887 in Etowah Co., AL; Brides maiden name is WHITT; Couple lived together until Feb 1892; Ellen lived at Post Office Avery in Etowah Co., AL; She was 25, he was 33; Had one child.

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## ***Benefield Family Bible Record***

From the family Bible of Newt Caleb and Mary Elizabeth (Bobo) Benefield. This Bible given to my father from his mother, Lula Mae (Benefield) Leath, daughter of N.C. & Mary E. Benefield. My father, Melvin F. Leath has given this old family Bible to me.

Newt C. Benefield and Mary Elizabeth Bobo were married 3 Jan. 1889. Newt was born 8 Dec 1868 and died 24 Feb 1943. He was the son of Needham Solomon and Nancy Caroline Collier Benefield. Mary Elizabeth Bobo was born 8 Apr 1871, GA and died 11 Jan. 1941 in Marshall County, AL. She was the daughter of William Kin and Roxie Ann Elizabeth (Vickery) Bobo. Newt and Mary's children were:

NAME	BORN	DIED
Claud A. Benefield (Son)	3 Dec. 1889	31 Mar. 1959
W. Lee Benefield (Son)	13 Oct. 1891	24 Apr. 1973
Lonnie A. Benefield (Son)	15 Aug. 1894	27 Nov. 1951
Gordon N. Benefield (Son)	24 May 1897	Unknown
Mamie J. Benefield (Daug.)	28 Jul. 1900	1986
Lula Mae Benefield (Daug.)	26 Sept. 1901	27 Mar. 1966
Bertha "Birdie" E. Benefield (Daug.)	30 Sept. 1907	Still Living
E. Olar Benefield (Daug.)	18 Dec. 1912	6 Sept 1992

My grandmother Lula Mae married on 18 Mar. 1923 in Marshall Co., AL to Luther A. Leath, born 11 Jul. 1904, died 25 Sept. 1979, son of William Franklin and Mary "Mollie" (Baker) Leath.

Nelda Leath McAllister  
2300 Rothmore Dr. SW  
Huntsville, AL 35803  
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Gail Brown - Georgia Brackett - Gloria Johnson - Lucinda Evans  
and numerous other volunteers!***

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Ella CROOK vs Monroe CROOK  
Case Number 485

Divorce Petition Filed no date given Final Decree 28 Feb 1894, granted  
Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, page 329 &  
Order Book A, page 397  
Final Record Book F, 296, 297

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Witnesses for Complainant:

Eliza WRIGHT, 1st cousin of Monroe Crook Nancy Collin, daughter

Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D. DUNLAP, Register  
W.H. STANDIFER, Complainant's Solicitor Isaiah COLLINS

Miscellaneous Information:

Ella was about 30 years old in 1894; Couple married about 18 years ago in Calhoun Co., AL; Couple had 5 children; Ella and children live in Smoke-neck, in Etowah Co., AL.

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Lula COLLINS vs M.H.COLLINS  
Case Number 486

Divorce Petition Filed 14 Nov 1893 Final Decree 1 Mar 1894  
Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, p[age 337,  
Final Record Book F, page 298, 300-301

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Witnesses for Complainant:

Frankie BENNETT

Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K.McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D.DUNLAP, Register  
J.C. NOBLE, next friend fo Complainant A.W.BURNS, Sheriff  
S.N.(?) JOHNSTON, Complainant's Solicitor T.W.L , Deputy Sheriff  
(This is T.W. LISTER)

Miscellaneous Information:

Lula m/ 9 Jun 1874 to L.V.BENNETT who d/ 4 Sept 1880; Lula BENNETT m/ M.H. COLLINS 21 Nov 1886; couple lived on 3rd Street in Attalla, AL.; As of 11 Jan 1884 Lula was 34 years old.; Frankie BENNETT, age 16, was daughter of Lula COLLINS.

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Sallie LENNARD vs Aaron LENNARD  
Case Number 484

Divorce Petition Filed 1 Nov 1893 Final Decree 28 Feb 1894, granted  
Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, page 328,  
Order Book A, page 395,  
Final Record Book F, page 283-284

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Witnesses for Complainant:

Peggy LAND, Sallie's mother

Others Mentioned in Case:

Thomas LAND, next friend of Complainant      R.A.D.DUNLAP, Register  
W.H.STANDIFER, Complainant's Solicitor      S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ 25 May 1890 in Etowah Co., AL; Sally was age 22 in 1894; Couple had one child

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Ida TRAMMELL      vs      Andrew Trammell

Case Number 497 1/2

Date Petition Filed 4 Apr 1894      Petition Granted 27 Aug 1894

Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, page 353

Final Record book F, page 324, 325 & 423

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Witnesses for Complainant:

J.M. MILLER, next friend

Other's Mentioned in Case:

S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor      R.A.D. DUNLAP, Register  
L.M. FLEMING, Complainant's Solicitor      W.B. FORD, Commissioner  
S.H. STANDIFOR, Commissioner

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ 25 Dec 1888 in Etowah Co., AL; Ida will be 33 years old 15 Oct 1894; Andrew was  
24 yrs old in 1894.

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W.T. LINDSAY      vs      Julia LINDSAY

Case Number 499

Date Petition Files: 21 May 1894      Last Date 21 Aug 1894

Recorded in Final Record Book F, page 329, 331

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Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor      R.A.D.DUNLAP, Register  
George D. MOTLEY, Solicitor for Complainant Joe GUEST  
William SANDFORD

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ 9 Aug 1893, Gadsden, Etowah Co., AL; Couple lived together until 13 may 1894.  
Julia's maiden name is KEHOE; As of 21 May 1894 Julie is over 18 & under 21 and residing  
in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Sam JONES vs Mary JONES

Case Number 502

Divorce Petition Filed: 6 Jun 1894 No Final Decree

Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, page 368 &

Final Record Book F, page 340. 342

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Witnesses for Complainant:

Sam BEARDEN John H. McCLENDON/McCLELLAN Minerva BROWN

Others Mentioned in Case:

W.F. MURPHREE, Complainant's Solicitor R.A.D. DUNLAP, Register
S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor A.W. BURNS, sheriff
George CROOK, of Attalla Anna BROCK
T.W. LISTER, Deputy Sheriff J.D. JONES, J.P. of Attalla

Miscellaneous information:

Couple m/ Etowah Co., AL; Lived together over 2 years, until Dec 1888; Couple lived in Attalla, AL in her house; Defendant moved to Coalburg, AL (Birmingham) for about 1 year; Mention is made of children; Mention is made of a small grandchild living with defendant.

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John A. USRY vs Sallie USRY

Case Number 502 1/2

Divorce Petition Filed 21 Jun 1894 Final decree 30 Aug 1894, granted

Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book C, page 388,

Final Record Book F, page 362, 364-365

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Witnesses for Complainant:

J.E. SMITH David W. STURKIE

Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D. DUNLAP, Regsiter
James AIKEN, Complainant's Solicitor A.W. BURNS, Sheriff
W.L. FUNDERBURG, M.D. T.W. LISTER, Deputy Sheriff
John CUNNINGHAM, father of Def. J.F. TROTTER, M.G.
B.L. BELLAMY, Commissioner Frank BREEDEN

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ 25 Dec 1894 at resident of bride's father; Sallie's maiden name CUNNINGHAM; Couple lived together until Jun 1893 south of Gadsden at Kolb Post Office, Phillips Beat #2; Couple had 4 children: Clemmie, girl, abt 7 yrs old, Ollie, girl, abt 6 yrs, Flossie, girl, 4 yrs and Forney, boy abt 2 yrs; children lived with father; Sallie moved to Artesia, Mississippi

NOTE: The area in which they lived is present day Southside.

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AMERICAN ...

R.E. NAIL vs Lizzie NAIL

Case Number 505

Divorce Petition Filed 20 Jan 1904 No final Decree

Recorded in Chancery Minutes Book D, page 109

Witnesses for Complainant:

R.B. NAIL, father of Complainant James H. MOORE

Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D. DUNLAP, Register  
Street & Isbell, Complainant's Solicitors O.D. STREET  
W.C. RAYBURN, Commissioner of Guntersville, AL Bill EAVINS  
W.W. WHITESIDE, Chancellor

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ 24 Dec 1898 in Carroll Co., GA; R.E.Nail home was at Crudup; Couple lived together until  
28 Aug 1903

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Leean MILLER vs George MILLER

Case Number 509

Divorce Petition Filed 31 Aug 1894 Final Decree 3 Dec 1894, granted

Recorded in Order Book A, page 407-8 &

Final Record Book F, page 402-3

Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D. DUNLAP, Register  
W.H. STANDIFER, Complainant's Solicitor George COPELAND  
L.M. FLEMING, Complainant's Solicitor

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple was m/ 25 Dec 1880; George resides in Lexington, KY

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Lottie A. COX vs George L. COX

Case Number 510

Divorce Petition Filed 8 Nov 1894 Final Decree not found \*\*

Recorded in Final Record Book F., page 404

Others Mentioned in Case:

S.K. McSPADDEN, Chancellor R.A.D. DUNLAP, Register  
Hubert T. DAVIS, Complainant's Solicitor A.W. BURNS, Sheriff  
S.W. JOHNSTONE, Respondant's Attorney  
Chester C. NICHOLSON, Commissioner

Miscellaneous Information:

Couple m/ 12 Oct 1875; Lived together until March 1894; Lived near Reese's Station, Etowah Co., AL

