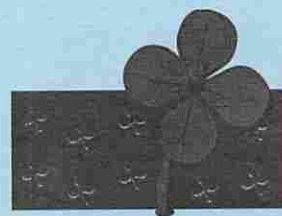


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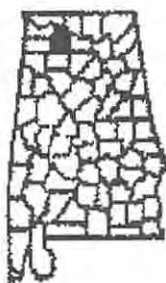
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AT A GLANCE

Abstracted by: Don Campbell

The following permission notes and affidavits were transcribed from original marriage licenses and bonds 1860—1869, located either at the Lawrence County Archives in Moulton or at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), in Montgomery, Alabama. Continued from OLR Volume 12, Number 4, December 1998, page 130



License & Bond

Jacob J. **Southern** to Martha Jane **Boley**

1868

J.H. **McDonald** – Judge of Probate Court

You are hereby authorized to issue license for my daughter Martha J. **Boley** to be married to Jacob J. **Southern**

Oct 20/68

J.E. **Boley**

Bond signed by Jacob J. **Southern** and George W. **Reynolds**. Solemnized 22 Oct 1868 by D.C. **Kinnard**, M.G. C.P.C. Recorded in Marriage License Record Book E, page 115.



Bond

Alexander **Stanfield** to Manurvey **Walker**

1861

The State of Ala } Personally appeared before me Charles **Gibson**, Judge
Laurence County SS } of Probate in & for said County Alexander **Stanfield**
& Anthony **Holt** who swears in due form of law that Manurvey **Walker** who the
said **Standfiel** prays a licens to marry is over eighteen years old to the best of
there knowledge & belief Sworn to and subscribed before me the 9th day of Sept
1861

his
Alexander **X** **Stanfield**
mark

Anthony **Holt**

Bond signed by mark of Alexander **Standfield** and by Anthony **Holt**. Solemnized 30 Oct 1861 at the home of E. **Holms** by W. **Ireland**, J.P. Recorded in Probate Court Marriage License Record Book C, page 29.



License & Bond

James W. **Stovall** to Ofelia **Looney**

1869

(1)

This is to Cetify that I John **Looney** Father of Ofelia **Looney** do Autherise the Judge of Probate Court to isue a marriage licence to James **Stovall** this 2nd August 1869.

Test- Saml. W. **Echols**J. **Looney**Jas. J. **Speake**

(2)

Danville Ala. Aug 2nd /69

Judge **McDonald**, you will grant my son James W. **Stoveall** License to Mary Miss Ophelia **Loony**, as he has my consent to marry.

John ^{his} **✕ Stoveall**
mark

Bond signed by J.W. **Stovall** and S.S. **Stephenson**. Solemnized 10 Aug 1869 by J.A. **Barber**, M.G. Recorded in Marriage License Record Book E, page 175.



License & Bond

David T. **Stover** to Permelia A. **Montgomery**

1868

At Home December 20th A.D. 1868

To the Honorable Probate Judge of Laurence Conty Sir this is to orthrise you to grant David T. **Stover** Marriage Licence To Miss Permelia A. **Montgomery** and Oblige him and her and me also.

Mrs. R.A. **Montgomery**

Bond signed by D.T. **Stover** and R.S.C. **Puckett**. Solemnized 21 Dec 1868 by A.G. **Copeland**, M.G. Recorded in Marriage License Record Book E, page 125.



License & Bond

William C. **Swan** to Luiza **Cummings**

1864

Lrence County Ala July the 23/64

This is to setify I have no objexion to you grantin W.C. **Swan** lisons to maree my daughter Luiza.

J.O.P. **Cummings**

Bond signed by W.C. **Swan** and mark of Jackson **Richardson**. Solemnized 24 Jul 1864 at the residence of J.O.P. **Cummings** by W.W. **Wilhite**, M.G. Recorded in Probate Court Marriage License Record Book C, page 110.



License & Bond

John Taylor to Martha Ann Grissom

1863

State of Ala } I Jefferson Taylor do solemnly swear that Martha Ann
 Laurence County } Grissom is nineteen years old on the __ day of
 October next according to the family record of her Farther which I know from
 hearing it red in said record and also it is generally so understood in the
 neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 9th day of September 1863.

Charles Gibson J.P.C.

Jeferson Taylor

Bond signed by John Taylor and G.M. Powell (Pouel). Solemnized 9 Sep 1863 at the
 residence of Isaiah Roden by E.S. Masterson J.P. Recorded in Probate Court Marriage
 License Record Book C, page 75.



Bond

A.P. Turner to Elizabeth Henderson

1864

Winston County, Feb the 27 1864

To The Probate Judge of Larance County sir I hear by autharise you to ~~To assign~~
ishue Licns for my son A.P. Turner and Elizabeth Henderson as ther is no
 Probate Judge¹ in Winsion County they will have to come to Larance.

Mrs. Kizah Turner

Bond signed by A.P. Turner and Samuel Radford. Solemnized 3 Mar 1864 [*official's
 name not registered*]. Recorded in Probate Court Marriage License Record Book C, page
 98.

¹ From Annals of Northwest Alabama – Winston County by Carl Elliott, p. 109: "On the
 18th of January, 1864, Captain D.H. Whatley with one hundred men had arrested Tom
 Pink Curtis, probate judge and suspected Unionist at Houston, the county seat of
 Winston County. Whatley had forced Curtis' wife to surrender the keys to the jail in
 which was located the salt for indigent families. The cavalrymen took the salt and sold it
 for their personal gain and led Judge Curtis, riding a mule bareback away in the direction
 of Jasper. He was last seen alive near the home of David McCullar in the company of
 five armed men riding towards Clear Creek. Shortly afterwards, McCullar heard two
 shots. Judge Curtis' body was found frozen about a quarter of a mile south of Clear
 Creek five days later. He was in a sitting position supported by the bank of a narrow
 branch near a thirty-foot bluff. He was shot twice—once in the right eye and once just
 above it. Tracks of men and horses were left on the brow of the bluff, as well as the torn
 pieces of Judge Curtis' commission as Probate Judge. His mule, blanket, hat, pocket
 handkerchief, and \$3,000 in money had been taken."

[Information submitted by: Hoyt Cagle.]



License & Bond

Andrew Jackson **Turner** to Frances Elizabeth **Toliver**

1861

The State of Ala } I Andrew J. **Turner** do solemnly swear that Frances
 Laurence County SS } Elizabeth **Toliver** who I have obtained Licens to
 marry from the Judge of Probate of said County is over the age of eighteen years
 given under my hand this 28th day of June 1861.

his
 Andrew Jackson X **Turner**
 mark

Bond signed by Andrew J. **Turner** and D.J. **Turner**. Solemnized 30 Jun 1861 at the residence of A. **Toliver**, Esq. by Willis **Ireland**, J.P. Recorded in Probate Court Marriage License Record Book C, page 17.



Bond

John A. **Turner** to Mary F. **Elliott**

1861

Home July 24th /61Hon^l Charles **Gibson** Esq.

Dear Sir

Mr. John A. **Turner**

will apply to you for License to marry my daughter Mary F. You will please
 grant them as it has my sanction.

Yours Truly,

Samuel **Elliott**

Bond signed by John A. **Turner** and George T. **Rather**. Solemnized 26 Jul 1861 at the home of Samuel **Elliott** by R.G. **Linn**, M.G. Recorded in Probate Court Marriage License Record Book C, page 22.



Bond

Samuel **Turner** to Sarah Matilda **Parker**

1864

The State of Ala. Laurence County personally appeared before me Charles
Gibson Judge of Probate of said County Samuel **Turner** & makes oath in due
 form of law that Sarah Matilda **Parker** who he prays the Court for licens to Marry
 is over 18 years of age, & partys all willing Swon to and subscribed before me on the 3th
 day of October 186_

Test C. **Gibson**

his
 Samuel X **Turner**
 mark

Bond signed by marks of Samuel **Turner** and J.W. **McLamore**. Solemnized 18 Oct 1864 [*official's name not registered*]. Recorded in Marriage License Record Book D, page 75.

Cemeteries of Lawrence County

Shackelford Cemetery

Survey by: Jason **Morgan**

Located in SW¼ of NW¼, Section 20, T4, R6. Enclosed by a chain link fence and well-kept.
On **Shackelford** land. Surveyed: Dec. 1998

- | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Ollie Orr Williams Yates | Oct 9 1967 | Sept 5 1987 |
| 2. Karen F. Shackelford | June 9, 1963 | June 14, 1990 |
| 3. Small funeral home nameplate; no date or name. One flower arrangement mentioned "GRANDMA" (According to information received from Mrs. Louise Goodlow : Frances Fletcher , died ca1991-1992 and was the mother of Karen F. above.) | | |
| 4. Council Shackelford | 5-11-1956 | 6-6-1985 |
| Concrete post from a funeral home | | |
| 5. Lizzie Mae Williams | July 12, 1929 | July 30, 1984 |
| "Jesus is calling" <i>Footstone</i> : "Mom" | | |
| 6. June Shackelford | June 30, 1917 | July 11, 1983 |
| "In God's Care" | | |
| 7. Evernezer Shackelford (female) | Born 1903 | Died 1985 |
| Small funeral home nameplate and large piece of iron. | | |
| 8. Blueford Shackelford | Feb. 15, 1903 | Sept. 11, 1991 |
| Concrete funeral home marker | | |
| 9. Carmilla Mayes Shackelford | Oct. 28, 1905 | Oct. __ 1966 |
| 10. Annie Shackelford | July 28, 1880 | Oct. 26, 1968 |
| (Eastern Star emblem) | | |
| 11. William Shackelford | Aug. 10, 1874 | April 24, 1959 |
| (Masonic emblem) | | |
| 12. William Thomas Shackelford | 10-13-1899 | 9-17-1978 |
| Concrete funeral home marker | | |
| 13. Sandra Simpson | | |
| no date or name on funeral home nameplate | | |
| 14. Fieldstone - no date, name or funeral home marker. (unnamed premature infant of Lizzie Mae Williams)[<i>information from Mrs. Goodlow</i>] | | |
| 15. Walter Shackelford | | |
| Concrete funeral home marker, no date. | | |
| 16. Rosie Owens | 2-3-1886 | 2-24-1989 |
| Concrete funeral home marker | | |
| 17. Silvie Mosley | 8-9-1889 | 4-2-1981 |
| Concrete funeral home marker | | |
| 18. John Shackelford | 9-11-1939 | 10-13-1988 |
| Concrete funeral home marker | | |

Mrs. Frank **Shackelford**, Jr. thinks cemetery was started when William **Shackelford** died in 1959: Evernezer **Shackelford** stone was transcribed as 1935.

Additional information given by Mrs. Frank **Shackelford**, Jr. and Mrs. Louise **Goodlow**, Hillsboro, AL

Cemeteries of Lawrence County

Barclay-Phinizy Graves

Submitted by: Anne S. Lee

Survey by: Jason Morgan

Located in SE¼, Section 19, T4S, R6W on property belonging to Jim and Betty **Tucker** who maintain it at their own expense, this small family plot is well kept. It is on land originally entered by Jonathan **Gray**, assignee of Benjamin **Thomas**. The oldest identified grave, that of Dr. Robert G. **Barclay**, dates to 1876. A necrology, published in The Moulton Advertiser of 23 Nov 1876 states:

"Dr. Robert **Barclay**, about 50 years old, died near Pond Spring on Sunday 19th of malarial fever. He was an excellent physician and a debt paying citizen." Other sites are those of his wife, Emma and two of their offspring, James Turner **Barclay** and Lena H. **Barclay Phinizy**, and the husband of the latter, James Watt **Phinizy** whom she married in Morgan County, AL, on 29 Jun 1895. James W. **Phinizy** was an attorney, son of John T. and Eliza **Phinizy**.

The survey was compiled in December 1998.

Dr. R.G. Barclay	Born July 15, 1832	Died Nov. 19, 1876
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Mrs. Emma C. Barclay	Born June 22, 1842	Died July 11, 1928
"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"		

James Turner Barclay	Jan. 8, 1888	July 2, 1945
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James Watt Phinizy	May 22, 1865	March 16, 1938
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Mrs. Lena B. Phinizy	Born Nov. 24, 1872	Died Aug. 26, 1925
"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."		

There are also two large, rough stones arranged as if for head and foot stones with no visible inscriptions.

Mail or Feemail?

Submitted by: Myra Borden

Source: *The Town Creek Booster & Leighton News*

Thursday, May 18, 1916

Boy Delivered By Parcel Post

On Monday, May 15, little Russell **Slaton**, son of W.P. **Slaton**, of Town Creek, was sent by parcel post to his grandfather, W.Z. **Gray**, who lives out on Route 1. The boy weighs 48 pounds and the postage was 29 cents. Carrier W.B. **Weems** reports the boy landed safe without delay or mishap. We can no longer doubt that we live in a fast age.

Court Records

Circuit Court, 1825 – Case #142

State vs. James H. **McGaughy** and Wm. **McGaughy**, Sr.

Submitted by: Faye J. **Cole**

Source: Original case files

The complete case consists of more than thirty documents, some of which we have summarized or abstracted, for the sake of brevity. The pieces are presented in chronological order and some punctuation has been added to facilitate reading and comprehension. The exact location of the crime scene has not been determined, since we were unable to locate the cited "Plantation of William **Stone**". No original land entries for William **Stone** were found in Lawrence County. Orphans Court Deed Book A, covering this early period of settlement, cannot be located at this time. A large number of persons involved in the case were located in Township 7S, Range 9W, Sections 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, (1½ - 2 miles east from the present location of Mount Hope School) in particular the two **McGaughy** defendants, who entered land in sections 11, 12, 14 and 15. – Ed.

Document #1 – [Coroner's Inquest]

State of Alabama } Inquisition Indented taken at the house of William **Stone** in
Lawrence County } the County aforesaid the fourteenth day June in the year
Eighteen hundred and Twentiffive before me Joel D. **Harris** Coroner for the State and
County aforesaid upon the view of the Body of Constantine **Short** late of the County and
State aforesaid then and there lying dead and upon the oaths of John P. **Masterson**
foreman, Al^{ex} **Harden**, Cyrus A. **McWhorter**, David **Dodd**, Al^{ex} **Bowlin** and Wm.
Stovall, good and lawfull men of the County aforesaid who being sworn and charged to
inquire on the part of s^d State when, where, how and after what maner the s^d Constantine
Short came to his death, do say on their oaths that one James H. **McGaughy**, laborer of
the County aforesaid, not having God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by
the Instigation of the Devil, on the fourteenth day of June in year Eighteen hundred and
Twentiffive afores^d with force and arms at the plantation of Wm. **Stone** in the county
aforesaid in and upon the afores^d Constantine **Short** then and there being in the peace of
God and the s^d **Stone**(?) feloniously voluntarily of his malice aforethought made an
assault and that the afores^d James H. **McGaughy** then and there with his fist and feet the
aforesaid Constantine **Short** on the right side of his Body and the left side of his neck and
head. Then & there feloniously & voluntary & of his malice aforethout struck, beat and
gave to the s^d **Short** then & there with his fists & feet aforesaid in and uppon the
aforesaid right side of the body and left side of the head & neck of the s^d C. **Short** several
mortal bruses of which s^d mortal bruses the aforesaid C. Short then & there Died & so the
s^d James H. **McGaughy** then & there feloniously Kill^d & murdered the s^d C. **Short**
against the peace & dignity of the State & the s^d Jurors further say uppon there oath
aforesaid that one Wm. **McGaughy** Sen^r of the State & County aforesaid ware
feloniously present with a gun maid of Iron to the value of five dollars at the time of the
felony & murder aforesaid in form aforesaid committed that is to say on the fourteenth

day of June in the year aforesaid at the Plantation aforesaid in the County aforesaid then & there comforting, abetting & aiding the s^d James H. **McGaughy** to do & commit the felony & murder aforesaid in manner aforesaid against the peace & dignity of the State. In witnesseth whereof as well the aforesaid coroner, as the Jurors aforesaid have to this inquisition put there Seals on the Day & year aforesaid – and place aforesaid.

J.D. **Harris**, Cor.J.P. **Masterson**, foremanWm. **Stovall**David **Dodd**Cyrus A. **McWhorter**Alexander **Bowling**Alexander **Harden**

Document # 2 – [Depositions of Solomon **Stone**, Jr. and James **Newberry**, witnesses to the fact]

Solomon **Stone** Junior, a witness on one Inquest over the Body of Constantine **Short**, after being sworn, says that on the 14th Inst., about 5 o'clock in the evening that Constantine **Short** and James H. **McGaughy** met near the Plantation of one Wm. **Stone** and got over the fence and commenced fighting when James H. **McGaughy** give him several blows on his side with his wright hand and finally gave him, **Short**, a blow on the side of the neck, when **Short** appeared to fall helpless and the s^d **McGaughy** stopd him on the side of his head and neck and on the Brest after **Short** appeared to be helpless.

The witness further says that some time this Spring that he herd the s^d James H. **McGaughy** sware that he would kill the s^d **Short** and put his hand on his neck and s^d that he would brake his, **Shorts**, neck.

The witness further states that one Wm. **McGaughy** Senr. was there at the fence with a gun made of Iron which he held with Both hands and swore he would kill any Body that touch them. A small boy, the sun of the s^d **Short**, about 9 years of age, struck the s^d James H. **McGaughy** while fighting and the s^d Wm. **McGaughy** Cocked his gun and swore that if they did not take the boy away, he would kill him. When the (boy) was taken away the witness says that he himself requested the s^d Wm. **McGaughy** to lay down his gun and let them be parted but that the s^d **McGaughy** swore again that he would kill any Body that would touch them.

The witness further states that while **Short** was Down and James H. **McGaughy** was stomping him that the s^d Wm. **McGaughy** told him Stomp on the But of his ear, that was the place to kill him and said ("Kill him Dam him!") and further he says not.

Solomon ^{his} X **Stone**
mark

James **Newberry**, a witness, after being sworn, says that on the 14 Inst. About 5 o'clock in the Evening that Constantine **Short** and James H. **McGaughy** met near the Plantation of one Wm. **Stone**, they both got over the fence and commenced fighting. The witness thinks **Short** struck first, **McGaughy** gave **Short** several Blows in the side with his wright hand and finally Struck him on the side of the next and **Short** fell apperantly or Intirely helpless and then the s^d **McGaughy** Stoped **Short** on the head, neck and Brest with his feet and that the s^d **Short** Died Instantly.

And the witness further says that one Wm. **McGaughy** Senr was there and had a gun made of Iron of the value of five Dollars. The witness herd the s^d Wm. **McGaughy** Senr sware he would kill any person that would touch them, he also herd Wm. **McGaughy** tell the s^d James **McGaughy** to turn **Short** over and pull his eyes out. And further the witness sayeth not.

Jas. Newberry

I do hereby surtify that the above Eyedence
was taken and Sworn to before me on the
15th Inst. at &c.
J.D. **Harris**, Coroner
June 15th 1825

Document #2a – [Depositions of Robert **Rodgers** and Jacob L. **Norton**, eyewitnesses]
– (Summary)

Both depositions essentially repeat the versions given by the other eyewitnesses. **Norton** affirms that Constantine **Short** struck the first blow and adds that Wm. **McGaughy** Sr. stood about fifteen or twenty feet from the parties with his gun cocked, preventing a Mr. **Stone** from parting the two. Both depositions are signed by the witnesses.

Documents #3 & #3a – [Coroner's warrant]

#3)

State of Alabama } To any lawfull Constable for s^d County -
Lawrence County } Whereas a Jury of good and lawful men on a view of the
Body of Constantine **Short** lying dead at the house of Wm. **Stone** in s^d County before me
Do say that he was murdered By James H. **McGaughy** and that Wm. **McGaughy** Senr
aided and abeted the s^d James H. **McGaughy** in Doing the murder, thease are therefore to
command you to take the Body of the s^d James H. **McGaughy** and Wm. **McGaughy**
wherever they may be found in your County and them safely convey to the Sheriff of s^d
County to be further Dwelt with according to the Law. Given under my hand and Seal
this 15th June 1825.

J.D. **Harris** Coroner of Lawrence County Ala.

[Endorsements]

Gard: (signed) Thos. **Elkins**, J.W. **Walker**, A. **Bowling**, Wm. **Stovall**, J.D. **Harris**.

Executed and delivered to the Sheriff by me. (signed) J.M. **Farley** Ctb.

Rec^d 15th June 1825 Together with the within named defendants. Wm. **Reneau**, Shff L.C.
by his Deputy, (signed) Wm. L. **Wilson**.

[#3a is a transcribed copy of the same document, with the following endorsement:]

“I William **Reneau** Sheriff of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify
that the above is a True Copy of the Coroners warrant under which the above
named persons are held in custody. 16th June 1825. Wm. **Reneau**, Sheriff”

Documents #4 & #5 – [*Petitions of habeas corpus*]

#4) : To the Honorable Richard **Ellis** presiding Judge of the 4th Judicial District of the State of Alabama your petitioner, James H. **McGaughy** humbly petitioning sheweth unto your honor ~~that~~ that he is now in Custody of the Sheriff of the County of Lawrence and State aforesaid upon a charge of having murdered one Constantine **Short**, as will more fully appear ~~appear~~ by a Coppy of the warrant of Commitment and cause of my detention which will accompany this petition your petitioner therefore prays your honor that you may Grant your writ of Liberty Commonly called a writ of Habeas Corpus for the purpose of having your petitioner brought before your honor together with the cause of Commitment and detention of your petitioner and that your honor may examine into the case and discharge, admit to bail or remand as your honor shall think proper.

June the 16th 1825 (signed) James H. **McGaughy**

Sam^l **McGaughy**

#5) - (*Summary*)

Petition for William **McGaughy**. The wording is identical to the previous document, except for the names and the charge, which in the case of William, reads "...a charge of having been accessory to the Murder of one Constantine **Short**..."

Document #6 - [*Writ of Habeas Corpus*]

The State of Alabama

To the High Sherriff of Lawrence County or his deputies,

Greetings

We comand you that you have before us at Alexander **Sumervilles** Store in Said County at 10 o'clock on the 18 day of June 1825 the boddies of William **McGaughay** and James **McGaughay** being committed and detained in your custody, as is said, together with the cause of the taking and the cause of the detaining, of the said William and James by what ever name the said William & James be called in the Same, to undergo and receive all and singular such judgement as shall then and there be considered of them in that behalf, And that you have then there this Writ. Witness

Richard **Ellis**, Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama.

I Richard **Ellis** Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama, do hereby certify that on the return of the within writ of Habeas Corpus, at the time and place therein appointed, on the examination of sundry witness on the part of the State as on the part of the within named James **McGuaghay** & William **McGuaghay** that it was considered and adjudged that William **McGuaghay** be discharged from custody and that James **McGuaghay** be admitted to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars and William **McGuaghay** & William **Henry** in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars each as his securities for his appearance at the next Term of the Circuit Court to be holden according to law for Lawrence County.

Given from under my hand this 18th day of June 1825.

Richard **Ellis**

Received 18th June 1825 - Wm. **Reneau** Shff L.C. By his deputy H.M. **Warren**.

Executed agreeably to the Command of the within writ this 18th day of June 1825.

Wm. **Reneau** Shff of L.C. By his deputy H.M. **Warren**.

Recorded in Book J pages 351, 352 & 353 & examined. John **Gallagher**, Clerk.

Documents #7 and #8 - [Appearance Bonds by J.H. **McGaughy** and Wm. **McGaughy**, Sr.]

Abstract #7: On the 18th day of June 1825, before Richard **Ellis**, Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit, J.H. **McGaughy** acknowledges himself bound unto Israel **Pickens**, governor of the State of Alabama, for the sum of \$500 conditioned to his appearance in Circuit Court on the 3rd Monday of September, 1825. Signed Richard **Ellis**, Judge, 4th Judicial District.

Abstract #8: On the same date, before same official, William **McGaughy** and William **Henry** acknowledge themselves bound for the sum of \$250 each, conditioned to the appearance of James H. **McGaughy**.

Document #9: [Appearance bond by witnesses for the prosecution.]

Abstract #9: (Document is torn, date incomplete)

"_____ in the year __[one thousand]_ eight hundred and twenty-five" James P. **Newberry**, Robert **Rodgers**, Solomon **Stone**, Jr. and Jacob L. **Norton** are bound in the sum of one hundred dollars each, conditioned to their appearance on the third Monday of September at the session of Circuit Court to be held in the town of Moulton, to give evidence in behalf of the State against James H. and Wm. **McGaughy** for the murder of Constantine **Short**. Signed by the four witnesses and by J.D. **Harris**, Coroner.

Documents #10-12: [Subpœnæs for witnesses]

Abstract #10: 11 Sep 1825 – The Sheriff of Lawrence County is commanded to summon witnesses, in the persons of: James W. **Gosey**, Sr., George **Srigley**, John **Ewing**, Benjamin **Harrison**, James W. **Gosey**, Jr., Zacariah **Burden**, John **Robinson**, William R. **Martin**, David **Dodd**, Briant **Flanigan**, William **McGaughy**, Sr. to appear at the court house in the town of Moulton on the third Monday of September to testify in behalf of the defendant in a "certain matter of controversy now pending in said court, wherein the State is plaintiff & James H. **McGaughy** is defendant." Signed by Jonathan **Burford**, C.C.C.

[Endorsements]: Wm. **Reneau**, Sheriff deputizes Wm. **Henry** to execute the subpœna. – Wm. **Henry** executes and returns 18 Sep 1825 with the note "**Burden** not found by me."

Abstract #11: 19 Sep 1825 - The Sheriff of Lawrence County is commanded to summon witnesses, in the persons of: Tho. **Patten**, W.R. **Martin**, H.M. **Cunningham**, Samuel **Brown**, John **Patten** and T. **Rodgers** to appear at the court house in the town of Moulton on the third Monday of September to testify in behalf of the plaintiff in the case of State vs. James H. **McGaughy**. Signed by Jonathan **Burford**, C.C.C.

[Endorsements]: Received 19 Sep 1825, Wm. **Reneau**, Sheriff, by H.M. **Warren**. List of names checked, with notes: "to attend for Plff 1st day" and "Exd. on **Brown** & **Cunningham**" - Executed 19 Sep 1825 by H.M. **Warren**.

Abstract #12: 19 Sep 1825 - The Sheriff of Lawrence County is commanded to summon witnesses, in the persons of: Thomas **Patton**, W.R. **Martin**, John **Patten** & Teague **Rodgers** to appear at the court house in the town of Moulton on the third Monday of September to testify in behalf of the plaintiff in the case of State vs. James H. **McGaughy**. Signed by Jonathan **Burford**, C.C.C.

[Endorsements]: Received 19 Sep 1825 at 10 o'clock PM (!) H.M. **Warren** Shff. Notes: "Thos. **Patton**, W.R. **Martin**, John **Patton** & T. **Rodgers** to attend the 1st day of Court for the Pltff. – Exd. on W.R. **Martin** & John **Patton**, Thomas **Patton** & T. **Rodgers** not found, 28th Sepr. 1825. H.M. **Warren**, Shff L.C." (to be continued...)

Probate Court Records

County Official Bond Records

1829 – 1850

Abstracted by: Anne S. Lee

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12th May 1835

\$1,000.00

William **Ethredge**, Benjamin **Carpenter**, **Jarrett Brown** and Rigdon **Beaver** bondsmen for William **Ethridge** commissioned Constable in Capt. **Truelove's** Company. Signed 17th August 1835 by Wm. G. **Etheridge**, Benjamin **Carpenter**, **Jarrat Brandon** and Rigdon **Beaver**. Attest: John **Gregg**.

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16th August 1836

\$10,000.00

John W. **Hansell**, Samuel **Henderson** and Crockett **McDonald** bondsmen for John W. **Hansell** elected Treasurer of Lawrence County. Signed by J.W. **Hansell**, Samuel **Henderson** and C. **McDonald**. Signed, sealed, acknowledged and approved 16th August 1835.

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19th October 1836

\$10,000.00

John M. **Jackson**, Jacob G. **Points**, William S. **Parham**, John **Puryear** and John B. **Watson** bondsmen for John M. **Jackson** appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court (Lawrence County) by Judge of 4th Judicial Circuit, to fill vacancy of John **Gallagher** resigned. Signed by John M. **Jackson**, Jacob G. **Points**, Wm. S. **Parham**, John **Puryear** and John B. **Watson**. Acknowledged before and approved by David **Coleman** Judge of 4th Judicial Circuit of the State of Alabama.

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18th August 1835

\$10,000.00

John R. **Wren**, John **Gallagher** and Samuel **Henderson** bondsmen for John R. **Wren** elected Treasurer (Lawrence County) in August election. Signed 19th August 1835 by John R. **Wren**, John **Gallagher** and Samuel **Henderson** before and approved by James B. **Wallace** J C C.

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\$5,000.00

Wiley **Gallaway**, Charles **Gibson**, Willis A. **Reeves**, Levi **Gallaway**, Nathan J. **Gallaway**, Samuel **Baker**, Matthew **Roberts**, Jeremiah W. **Thomas**, Bowling C. **Burnett** and Denton H. **Valliant** bondsmen for Wiley **Gallaway** elected Clerk of the County Court in August election. Signed 2nd September 1835 by Wiley **Gallaway**, Charles **Gibson**, Willis A. **Reeves**, Levi **Gallaway**, N.J. **Gallaway**, Saml. **Baker**, J.W. **Thomas**, Matt. **Roberts** and D.H. **Vallaint** before and approved by James B. **Wallace**, Judge of the County Court.

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11th September 1835

\$1,000.00

John H. **Chilcots**, Hugh M. **Rogers** and Matthew **Roberts** bondsmen for John **Chilcoat** elected Constable to fill vacancy of John W. **Roberts** resigned. Dated 21st September 1835, unsigned.

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13th June 1836

\$1,000.00

Silas M. **McGhee**, Henry A. **McGhee** and Drury **Mays** bondsmen for Silas M. **McGhee** commissioned Constable. Signed 23rd June 1836 by Silas M. **McGhee**, Henry A. **McGhee**, Drury **Mays** by his attorney John **Gallagher**. Attest: Wiley **Gallaway** Clerk.

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16th February 1835

\$1,000.00

Denton H. **Valliant** and Wiley **Gallaway** bondsmen for Denton H. **Valliant** elected Auctioneer for Southern half of County by Judge of the County Court and Commissioners of Roads and Revenue. Signed 21st September 1835 by D.H. **Valliant** and Wiley **Gallaway**.

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17th April 1837

\$1,000.00

William G. **Salmon**, John L. **Salmon** and William A. **Gibson** bondsmen for William G. **Salmon** deputized Constable in Capt. **Gibson's** Company by John **Gault**. Signed 17th April 1837 by William G. **Salmon**, John L. **Salmon** and William A. **Gibson** by his attorney James **Gallagher**, in presence of and approved by James **Gallagher** Judge.

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8th February 1836

\$1,000.00

Aaron **Dutton**, Samuel **Irwin** and Lorenzo D. **Almon** bondsmen for Aaron **Dutton** deputized Constable in Capt. John **Hodges'** Company by Samuel **Irwin** Esq (there being no Constable in Beat) until vacancy can be filled. Signed 8th February 1836 by Aaron **Dutton**, Samuel **Irwin** and Lorenzo D. **Almon**.

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___ 1837

\$1,000.00

Samuel W. **Echols**, George M. **Echols** and Thomas **Simpson** bondsmen for Samuel W. **Echols** commissioned Constable by Governor of the State. Signed 26th February 1837 by Saml W. **Echols** and by Wiley **Gallaway** attorney for George M. **Echols** and Thomas **Simpson** before and approved by James **Gallagher** Judge.

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___ February 1836

\$2,000.00

Denton H. **Valliant**, Samuel **Henderson** and Allen G. **Owen** bondsmen for Denton H. **Valliant**, appointed Coroner at the February Term of the Commissioners Court by said Court. Signed by D.H. **Valliant**, Samuel **Henderson** and Allen G. **Owen**.

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__ February 1836 \$1,000.00

Aaron **Dutton**, Richard **Puckett**, and Wiley **Gallaway** bondsmen for Aaron **Dutton** commissioned Constable in Capt. **Hodge's** Company by the Governor. Signed by Aaron **Dutton**, Rich^d. **Puckett** and Wiley **Gallaway**.

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18th September 1837 \$10,000.00

John M. **Jackson**, William **McKelvy**, William H. **Price**, Samuel **Irwin**, Benjamin **Jones** and Samuel **Baker** bondsmen for John M. **Jackson** elected Clerk of Circuit Court. Signed by John M. **Jackson**, William **McKelvy**, Wm. H. **Price**, Samuel **Irwin**, Benjamin **Jones** and Saml. **Baker**. Attest: as to **Irwin & Baker; Price & McKelvy** by W. **Richardson**. Approved 18th September 1837 by Geo. W. **Lane**. Recorded 25th September 1837 by Wiley **Gallaway**, Clerk.

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August 1835 \$10,000.00

Samuel **McDade**, Ezekiel **Thomas**, Benjamin **Cooper**, James **McDaniel** and Richard **Puckett** bondsmen for Samuel **McDade**, elected Assessor and Tax Collector in the August election. Signed 22nd March 1836 by Saml. **McDade**, Ezekiel **Thomas**, Benjamin **Cooper**, James **McDaniel** and Rich^d. **Puckett**. Attest: Wiley **Gallaway** Clerk.

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__ 1835 \$1,000.00

John **Sevely** and __ bondsmen for John **Sevely** commissioned Constable in Capt. Phillip **Tackett's** Company. Dated __ 1836, unsigned.

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__ 1835 \$1,000.00

Nathaniel **Cocke**, Alexander G. **Austin** and Frederic **Hood** bondsmen for Nathaniel **Cocke** commissioned a Constable in Capt. Leonard P.C. **Burford's** Company. Signed 23rd March 1836 by Nathaniel **Cocke**, Frederic **Hood** and A.G. **Austin**. Attest: Wiley **Gallaway**, Clerk.

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8th April 1835 \$1,000.00

Lewis **Dunlap**, Jonathan **Crow**, James **Rose** and Abner **Bishop** bondsmen for Lewis **Dunlap** commissioned Constable in Capt. **Carpenter's** Company. Signed 18th April 1836 by Lewis **Dunlap**, Jonathan **Crow**, James **Rose**, Abner **Bishop** and Thomas G. **Dobbins**. Attest: _____

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10th December 1836 \$1,000.00

Hannibal **Hamilton**, David C. **Nevills** and Thomas D. **Harris** bondsmen for Hannibal **Hamilton** deputized Constable in Capt. **Tackett's** Company by Crockett **McDonald** Esquire, J P, to fill vacancy of John **Sivilly**, resigned. Signed 10th December 1836 by H. **Hamilton**, Thos. D. **Harris** and D.C. **Nevills** before, acknowledged and approved by James **Gallagher** Judge C C.

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18th December 1836

\$1,000.00

Hannibal **Hamilton**, Elliott **Jones** and James G. **Godbie** bondsmen for Hannibal **Hamilton** commissioned by the Governor of the State Constable in Capt. **Tackett's** Company to fill vacancy of John **Sively** (resigned). Signed 7th January 1837 by H. **Hamilton**, **Elliot Jones** and James G. **Godby**. Signed in presence of and approved by James **Gallagher** Judge 18th December 1836.

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20th January 1837

\$1,000.00

John S. **Sullens**, Lancaster C. **McVay** and Goodrich **Lightfoot** bondsmen for John S. **Sullens** commissioned Constable by the Mayor of the Town of Moulton. Signed 20th January 1835 by John S. **Sullins**, Lancaster C. **McVay** and Goodrich **Lightfoot** before, acknowledged and approved by James **Gallaway** Judge C.C.

Page 88 6th February 1837

\$1,000.00

Sylvanus **Gibson**, Alexander M. **Mays** and Sylvanus **Gibson** bondsmen for Sylvanus **Gibson** deputized Constable in Capt. **Hodges'** Company by James **Keyes** __ Esq, a Justice of the Peace, to fill vacancy of Aaron **Dutton** (resigned). Said **Gibson** was elected 4th February 1837 and will be commissioned by the Governor. Signed 6th February 1837 by Sylvanus **Gibson**, A.M. **Mays** and mark of Sylvanus **Gibson**. Signed before, acknowledged and approved by James **Gallagher** Judge C.C.

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11th February 1837

\$1,000.00

Samuel W. **Echols**, George M. **Echols**, Samuel **McDade** and Thomas **Simpson** bondsmen for Samuel W. **Echols** deputized Constable in Capt. **Echols** Company by John **McBride** a Justice of the Peace. Signed 28th October 1837 by Samuel W. **Echols** and by their attorney, Wiley **Gallaway**: George M. **Echols**, Samuel **McDade** and Thomas **Simpson**. Signed before and approved by James **Gallagher** Judge &^s.

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15th March 1837

\$1,000.00

Elkanah D. **Williams**, James H. **McGaughey** and Joseph G. **Evetts** bondsmen for Elkanah D. **Williams**, commissioned Constable in Capt. **Goodlett's** Company to fill vacancy of Gabliel **Couch** resigned. Signed 17th July 1837 by E.D. **Williams**, Jas. H. **McGaughey** by his attorney Wiley **Gallaway** and Joseph G. **Evetts**. Approved by James **Gallagher** Judge.

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20th March 1837

\$300.00

Stewart Montgomery, Alexander G. **Austin** and Robert **Gibson** bondsmen for **Stewart Montgomery** commissioned Constable in Capt. **Wright's** Company. Signed 24th March 1837 by Stuart **Montgomery**, A.G. **Austin** and Robert **Gibson** before and approved by James **Gallagher**, Judge.

Probate Court Records

Physicians and Midwives of Lawrence County

Source: Register of Deaths: July 6, 1881 - Aug. 26, 1895 Microfilm reel # MM72-1.4

From page 199 of the Register of Deaths:

Names of Physicians of Lawrence County Ala.

Burkett, H.B.	Hillsboro	McMahon, F.S.	Courtland
Bowling, G.W.	Landersville	Masterson, B.O.	Avoca
Crow, C.A.	Moulton	Masterson, J.T.	Moulton
Clark, J.M.	Mt. Hope	Martin, J.R.	Hatton
Carter, P.P.	Red Bank	McMahon, W.J.	Courtland
Dinsmore, D.F.	Landersville	Newsom, H.F.	Courtland
Dinsmore, W.L.	Town Creek	Porter, R.B.	Town Creek
Edwards, J.R.	Courtland	Ponder, A.V.	Mt. Hope
Edwards, John	Town Creek	Robinson, J.A.P.	Leighton
Hodges, J.P.	Oakville	Simms, E.T.	Hillsboro
Houston, J.S.	Courtland	Sykes, A.J.	Courtland
Houston, L.W.	Town Creek	Shegogg, George	Leighton
Jones, T.N.	Mt. Hope	Stephenson, H.W.	Mt. Hope
Irwin, W.B.	Hillsboro	Wert, B.S.	Moulton
Kumpee, G.E.	Leighton	King, B.R.	Leighton
Ligon, C.W.	Moulton		

From inside rear cover, same source:

Midwives of Lawrence County Alabama

Mrs. Armstrong	Moulton	Mrs. Cheatham	(Moulton)
Maria Alexander (col.)	"	Matilda Early	Courtland
Mrs. George Pruitt (col.)	"	G.W. Thrasher	"
Mary Milam (col.)	"		

Watkins Family Correspondence

Submitted by: Rosalie Clark

The following letter from the collection of Mrs. Erline **Hardin** is from Mrs. Sarah **Eppes Watkins** wife of Dr. Thomas A. **Watkins**, formerly of Courtland, Alabama, then living in Mississippi. It is addressed to their oldest daughter, Letitia (Letty), who was then living in Austin, Texas with her husband, William **Walton**. Letty had married William against the wishes of her father. Reconciliation between Dr. Thomas **Watkins** and his son-in-law did not take place until after the Civil War. The reasons for **Watkins'** adamant refusal to accept **Walton** into the family seemed to be that he did not consider the **Walton** family on the same social level. However, every reference to them by others was good. Letty and her mother seem to have suffered greatly from the hard feelings of Dr. Thomas, but Sarah **Watkins** wrote to her son-in-law as well as to her daughter.

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*Sarah E. **Watkins** to daughter Letty **Walton**:*

July 2, 1854

My dear child

I have delayed writing to you longer than I intended. I have been very busy makeing my dresses and Mary's. I can't get a long with them. Miss Fanny and Seggar **Egleston** were to see us last week, they staid two nights and a day with us. They went on to Yalobusha. Miss Fanny sends her love to you and says if you come to Miss you must go to see them. I attended the examination three days this week. Mary done very well. She says I must write you she missed only one word. I dined Friday at Judge **Palmer's** with Mrs. **Binford** and Margaret. Margaret has a fine baby, she looks scrawny. Mrs. **Binford** said she intended taking your Pa aside if he had been there and talk to him and try to get him to forgive you. She said Judge **Towns** of Texas spoke in the highest termes of Mr. **Walton**.

You asked if Mrs. **Kennadey** was the only one who would condecend to talk to him in your behalf. Oh my child there are many that would if they thought it would do any good. I don't believe no one can persuade him to forgive you. I heard him say lately if you had not deceived him and Mr. **Walton** had not written that insulting letter to him, he would be more willing to do more for you although you have acted so badly. You asked when was that letter written. You remember you told me Mr. **Walton** told you he was afraid he had written too severe to your Pa. That is the letter he alluded to.

I expect to start up to Ala. Tuesday. Mary, Ritt and myself will take the stage in Carrollton and go on to Tuscumbia. I will feel very awkward traveling in the stage without any protector. I am willing to go anyway to see my poor Brother. I am afraid he will not be alive when I get there. It seems very hard for me to get there. The cry is as usial when I want to visit my relations money is scarce. I can't help it. I must go to see my Brother that is anxious to see me. Old **Levins'** daughter Winnie had a child. Joe **Ayres** is said to be the father to it. Her brother drove her off. She went to her Brother

in law's. Ritt sends her love to you and says she would write you a long letter if she could. All the negroes would send their love if they knew I was writing. Mary is seting by me singing the song gum tree canoe. Direct your letters to Mountain Home. We will be there until Sept. or Oct. Mary joins me in love to you and Mr. **Walton**. Baby is teasing me to write my son.

Your affectionate Mother

Sarah E. **Watkins**

The following letter written the same day by Mrs. **Watkins'** much younger daughter is apparently the first letter Mary has written since Lettie was married.

Carrollton, July 2, 1854

My Dear Sister,

I received your letter a week ago, & have been so busy preparing for the examination that I have not had time to answer it, until now. Our examination was last Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. There was a concert Thursday and Friday nights & I had to sing & play wout you dance the polka. I did very well at the examination. Good many people were at the examination and concert. Mary **Steadmon** and Lucy **Steadmond** were married last Thursday night. Mary **Steadman** married Mr. **Ward** of Shangola and Lucy married Henry **Eccols**. Lucy's mother was opposed to her marrying Henry **Eccols**. — Tom **Purnell** has come back.

Miss **Whitwell** is going leave Mr. **McWilliams** School. Because she is treated so bad by the teachers & Mrs. **Mc**. Mrs. **Mc** is the meanest woman you ever did see in your life.

Mother received a letter from Aunt Letty last Sunday. Belating that uncle William was not expecting to live. Mother and myself expect to start to Alabama next Monday. Mother will carry Ritt with her. Pa is going some of the way with us. Mother sends her love to you and say she would have written to you before this. But has been so busy she has not had time. When you write to us, direct your letter to Mountain Home. Judge **Palmer** was going to whip John **Palmer** & he drew a pistol to shoot his father. Some of the family prevented him from shooting & he ran out without his hat, took his father's horse and went off and staid two or three days & came back. He bought a hat from a negro. The night of the concert he stood out at the gate and sold whiskey to the negroes. He made about four dollars, so the negroes say. We have got some ripe peaches & apples. I wish you had some of them.

The reason I have not sent any word to brother Bill is because I was ashamed. But you must excuse me & kiss him for both of us. Tell him he must write to me. The negroes want to know if your maid Mary is the girl that was hired to Mr. **Hale**. I write to you ofner but sister I can't sit still long enough to write. This letter is written very bad, but you must excuse it. I want to tell you so much. Good-bye my dear Sister.

Your affectionate Sister

Mary E. **Watkins**

Family Correspondence

Off to the Seminole War:

An 1836 Letter from John B. **Sale** of Lawrence County
to his cousin John W. **Burruss**

Submitted by: Robert S. **Gamble**

The famous story of Lawrence County's ill-fated "Red Rovers," who in the spring of 1836 left Courtland to fight—and die almost to a man—in the Texas war for independence, scarcely needs retelling. But a letter recently discovered among the **Burruss** family papers in the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, sheds light on yet another group of Lawrence County men who, a few weeks *before* the Red Rovers' departure, went off to fight on a different front: this time in Florida's war against the Seminoles. The same letter also reveals that a number of Lawrence County men had apparently volunteered for service in Texas prior to the organization of the Red Rovers.

The writer of the letter was eighteen year-old John Burruss **Sale**. Born in Amherst County, Virginia, in 1818, young **Sale** was only three when his family joined a "colony" of friends and relations who had decided to move southward, to the fertile Tennessee Valley and Lawrence County. The **Sales** settled a short distance west of Courtland where young **Sale's** father, the Reverend Alexander **Sale** of the Methodist Episcopal Church, took up cotton planting. John **Sale's** mother was the sister of another Methodist minister, the Rev. John Crenshaw **Burruss** of Woodville, Mississippi. And it is to his first cousin, John W. **Burruss**, son of the Rev. Mr. **Burruss** of Woodville and at that time a student at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, that John **Sale's** 1836 letter is directed.

Why would young men go off to fight "someone else's war" against native Americans and Mexicans? "Manifest Destiny" is at least part of the answer—the firm conviction among most Anglo-Americans of the time that their country was destined by the Almighty to push back the frontier all the way to the Pacific, and to conquer alien peoples in order to make way for a "higher order" of civilization. On a less idealistic level, the prospect of a spirited fight no doubt appealed to many Lawrence County youths as an exciting break from the monotony of farm work or studies. In John **Sale's** case it was the latter, since he had only the year before enrolled as a student at LaGrange College. Opened in 1830 as what would today be considered basically a prep school for young men, the elegant, brick, white-pillared "college" was located several miles southwest of Courtland, on LaGrange Mountain in what was then Franklin County.

John Burruss **Sale's** letter, transcribed in full below, bears out James **Saunders'** assessment of the writer in his *Early Settlers of Alabama*. **Saunders** was a contemporary, and said of John **Sale** that his "knowledge of the English language, and his use of it, was remarkable." **Saunders** went on to add that "as a letter writer, he was unexcelled."

And now for the letter itself:

Courtland Feb 18th 1836

Dear Cousin John

*I wish I had time to write you a long letter but as I am peculiarly pressed I will only state to you what is really the intention of this letter, viz the change that has taken place in my prospects for the next half year or so. You are aware of the ravages that have been committed by the Seminole and Creek Indians on the Florida frontiers. They have carried their depredations and malicious design to an alarming extent and have ensconced themselves so securely in their savannahs & fastnesses from whence they sally) that it has been deemed necessary to call for assistance from the bordering states in consequence of which the Governor of Ala. has ordered out a certain portion of the militia to proceed immediately to the seat of war. when the express came to Courtland (which had previously sent 40 or 50 men to Texas) the men could not abide a draft and although the requisition was only 30 men there were 50 volunteers or more. Now I, fool as I was, joined my brave self to them and we march tomorrow morning - proceeding via Tuscaloosa & Mobile. Your friend **Parham** is with us and he speechified gloriously yesterday to the assembly of citizens. Mama looks very much dejected. She is no Spartan. Farewell. I may never see or even write you again for you know the Indians are sharp shooters and desperate friends, but others have conquered them before us and we can ditto I reckon.*

Your affectionate cousin,

John B. Sale

Despite *his* gloomy predictions, **Sale** returned safely from the Seminole War and again enrolled at LaGrange, graduating in 1837 "with the highest honors," according to Saunders. Two years later, he moved to Moulton and set up a law practice. In 1840 he was elected judge of the county court. Then, in 1848, he moved to Aberdeen, Mississippi, where he successfully continued to practice law until his death in 1876. (For more on John B. Sale, see **Saunders' Early Settlers**, pages 61-65.)

Military Records - Revolutionary War

Roll of Lawrence County Veterans

Extracted by: Rosalie M. Clark

In an effort to compile a complete list of Revolutionary War soldiers who at one time resided in Lawrence County several sources were referenced, notably Virgil D. White's Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files (four volumes) and Louise M. Julich's Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots in Alabama. We are aware that in spite of our endeavor to the contrary, someone may have been overlooked and we would be grateful for any documented additions to this list of brave men to whom we owe so much. We also acknowledge the contributions of Willard Waters, Virginia Walker, Myra Borden and Hoyt Cagle who have been helpful in completing this project. The next phase should include verification of all burial sites, to ensure that they are properly marked. Any assistance in this direction will be gratefully received.

Soldier	Pension no.	Unit	Date Applied	Age	Notes
Alexander Aston	R286	NC	15 Jul 1833	84	
James Aston	R287	NC	16 Jul 1833	78	
Alexander Austin	R314	NC	2 Mar 1826	75	
Richard Bailey	R387	VA	7 Feb 1843	81	
Thomas Broughton	W897	SC	9 Jun 1843	81	
William Butler	S15024	VA	20 Nov 1832	78	
Jesse Dodd ²	S39453	NC	1834	77	moved to Winston Co.
Abraham Elledge	S10625	SC	16 Jul 1833	73	
Robert Finney	S37926	SC	30 Jan 1828	75	
Thomas Fulton	R3851	VA	10 Sep 1834	77	
Stephen Garrison	S46444	NC	9 Aug 1828	82	
Frederick Goen (Gowen)	R4167	VA	21 Mar 1838	78	
William Goggans ³	at Battle of King's Mt. NC				moved to Carroll, Co, GA
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John Harvey	S16851	NC	25 Sep 1832	74	
John Henderson	R4869	SC	28 Jan 1833	77	
John Henderson	W10100	VA	13 Mar 1845	81	
Hillary Hendrix	S7000	NC	2 Oct 1832	78	
Will Hodges	R5090	SC	4 Aug 1851	?	
Abraham Horton	W7778	NC	2 Jan 1834	74	
Samuel Houston ⁴	W7810	SC	6 May 1833	d. 60	Fayette Co. GA
William Lackey	W1622	NC&SC	1 Oct 1832	78	
John Livingston	R6393	VA	11 Dec 1850	d. 1826,	by son in Blount Co. AL
John McDowell	W7423	MD&NC	22 Oct 1832		
Samuel McGaughy	W9981	NC	15 Jun 1833	78	
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² Only in Julich's Roster of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots in Alabama.

³ Idem.

⁴ Listed both in Julich and White; the latter omits Lawrence County, AL connection.

Andrew White ⁶	S17196	NC	1 Oct 1832	?
David Morrow	S7253	NC	22 Sep 1833	71
John McWhorter	S32400	SC	28 Jun 1833	69
Stephen Penn	W6858	MD	20 Aug 1832	72
Charles Pope	R8325	NC	7 Jan 1824	70
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John Royer	R9059	NC	13 Mar 1826	67
Joseph Saunders	S17073	VA	26 Sep 1832	75
Sylvanus Stokes	S38397	VA	2 Jul 1826	77
Jacob Sutton	W11577	SC	8 Jan 1822	63
David Goodlett ⁷	Militia duty since fall of Charleston, 20 Sep 1786			
George W. Rose ⁸				78
Thomas Kyle ⁹		SC		>85
Samuel Livingston ¹⁰	W8050	NC/VA	22 Nov 1832	75

The following are found only in Julich's Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots in Alabama:

Abraham Haughton ¹¹				81
Mark Littleton		SC		d. in Lawrence Co.
James McDonell				
William Nickol	BLW 80033-160-55 ¹²	NC	2 Apr 1833	69
Joseph Points		PA		d. Courtland
Charles Raley		VA	17 Sept 1833	70 Also in Morgan Co
Matthew Simpson Smith		VA		Colbert Co.
John Stone		VA		1825
Robert Sutton		SC	24 Jan 1824	76
Robert Tiney		SC	26 Apr 1828	81

⁵ Addendum: White's Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files.

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⁷ Documents in Goodlett Family File at Lawrence County Archives.

⁸ Death notice from the newspaper North Alabamian 16 Dec 1836.

⁹ Orphans Court Deed Book C, pp. 93-94: above 85 years old and is supported by charity of his son, James Kyle

¹⁰ Applied for pension in Morgan Co., AL is buried at Enon Cemetery, Lawrence Co., AL

¹¹ Possible variation of "Abraham Horton" given also by White.

¹² Military Land Warrant.

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Would like to contact descendants of John, William and Dewitt C. **Brown**, listed in the 1850 Lawrence County Census, with mother, Nancy and sister, Martha. John 9, Wm. 7 and Dewitt remain with their mother and stepfather, Allen P. **Rainwater** and 3 half-borthers. Martha **Brown** married Joseph R. **Sivley**, 20 January 1857. Reply to: Anne **Sivley Lee** ☐: 5263 County Road 170 ♦ Hillsboro, AL 35643.

Barclay - Phinizy

Would like to contact anyone with knowledge of the **Barclay** and **Phinizy** families buried in the **Barclay** Cemetery, Section 19, T4 S and R6 W in Lawrence County. I understand the relatives came from the Tri-Cities area of North Alabama to visit and care for the graves, many years ago. Reply to: Anne S. **Lee**, volunteer, Lawrence CountyArchives, ☐: P.O. Box 728 ♦ Moulton, AL 35650-0728.

Alexander - Gailey - Cunningham - McWhorter - Higginbotham

In 1900, Frances **Alexander Gailey**, daughter of David C. and Julia Ann (**Cunningham**) **Alexander**, and widow of James B. **Gailey**, had living with her two nieces, Mollie M., age 11 and Lula M., age 6 and one nephew, Landy, age 3, all born in Arkansas. In 1910, Frances' son, Thomas D. **Gailey**, had married Mollie M. and had living with him Lula M. **Alexander**, sister-in-law, and Herbert L. **Alexander**, brother-in-law. Who were the parents of Mollie M. , Lula M. and Herbert Landy **Alexander**? Also need proof of parents of Julia Ann **Cunningham Alexander**. One source lists her parents as James and Jane **McWhorter Cunningham**. Another lists her parents as Samuel and Francis **Higginbotham Cunningham**. Reply to: Molly B. **Barrett** ☐: 4804 Norris Mill Rd ♦ Hartselle, AL 35640.

Alexander

Need proof of the middle name of David C. **Alexander**, born ca 1806, VA. He was the son of James Monroe and Kitty **Alexander**. One source lists his name as David Clay **Alexander**. Reply to: Molly B. **Barrett** ☎: 4804 Norris Mill Rd ♦ Hartselle, AL 35640.

Lawrence County Landmarks

I am attempting to compile a book about historical geography in Lawrence County and desire information/documentation/location of the following: Hurricane Creek (shown on 1819 Alabama map and mentioned in 1830's Commissioners' Court Records); Great Salt Lick Swamp (1866); Ash Log Hollow (1866); **Hyter's** Store (1830's); Maune Town (Indian village, ca 1818); **Wallace** Distillery (near **Sutton's** Gap, 1830's); **Cleere's** Tanyard (1855-1900); **Etheridge** Precinct (1837); Byrd **Linthicum's** place (house and precinct, 1830's); Charles Barker's Stand (1840's); **Bobo's** Inn (ca 1840); **Whitaker** Race Track (1830-1840's); The Old Salt Well Track (ca 1860); **Gray's** Broom Factory (ca 1870's); Hopewell Meeting House (ca 1835); **Burleson's** Turnpike (ca 1820); Union Springs (resort, 1850's); Pine Knot Tavern (1840's); **Moffat's** Shop (1850's-1880's); **McNutt's** Store (voting precinct, 1870's-1880's); **Hammond's** Ford (1830's-1840's); **Hansell's** Corner (Moulton, 1860's); Snake Pond Branch (1911); Cherokee Corner (Moulton, 1870's). Reply to: Hoyt **Cagle** ☎: 1303 County Road 33 ♦ Mount Hope, AL 35651 ✉: Hoyt Cagle@aol.com.

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Boger - Borden - Cantrell - Filyaw - Flanagan - Harris -
Harville - Henderson - Johnson - Landers - Lee - Martin -
McCarver - Moore - Nicholson - Norwood - Parker -
Sandlin - Sheffield - Smith - Stephenson - Taylor - Walker**

I am in the process of compiling a multi-family genealogy for the following families of Lawrence County, AL: Nathaniel Benjamin and Sarah Jane **Armstrong Aldridge**; James Monroe **Alexander** and both his wives: Kitty **Walker** and Elizabeth L. **Sheffield**; Robert **Barrett** and his son, David B. **Barrett**; **Boger**; **Borden**; Matt and Mary Jane **Johnson Cantrell**; **Filyaw**; **Flanagan**; James G. and Kiziah (Tayler?) **Harris**, probably son of Peter **Harris**; Henry J. and Sarah Ann "Sallie" **Smith Harville**; Samuel F. and Josephine "Josie" **Bennett Henderson**; Stephen and Catherine ? **Johnson**; **Landers**; John and Celia ? **McCarver**; **Lee**; William Baker **Martin** (probably son of Thomas) and his wife Kizzah **Harris**; Robert Moore and Jane **Landers Nicholson**; **Norwood**; **Parker**; **Sandlin**; **Stephenson**. I am trying to follow both male and female lines of descent. All submitters of information will be given credit for their work. Reply to: Molly B. **Barrett** ☎: 4808 Norris Mill Road ♦ Hartselle, AL 35640.



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