

# George Booth Obituary

*Submitted by Charles Booth  
Tremont, Mississippi*

Mr. George W. Booth, 78, father of Mrs. H.E. Stumberg, died rather suddenly at Blink Bonnie, the Stumberg home near Fulton, Monday morning, at about 11 o'clock.

Mr. Booth was seemingly in the best of health on Sunday, when a reunion of his children was had at the Stumberg home, but he evidently suffered a stroke early Monday morning. He was found ill and speechless by his daughter when she went to call him to breakfast. Medical aid was summoned but death resulted a few hours later.

His body was taken to San Antonio and laid to rest in the family lot in City Cemetery No. 2

Mr. Booth was born in Guntown, Miss., August 1, 1854. He had resided in San Antonio for a number of years and up until two years ago was associated with the Snyder Produce Co. He had been residing in Rockport since last summer.

Surviving Mr. Booth are three daughters, Mrs. David Park, Birmingham, Ala, Mrs. Louis Stumberg, Mrs. Henry Stumberg, Mrs. Clifton Adams, San Antonio; Two sons, John F. Booth of Oklahoma City and Wm. M. Booth of San Antonio ... seven grandsons, two grand daughters and one great grandson.

Mr. Booth was a member of Travis Park Methodist Church of San

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

Antonio and was well and favorably known in .....

Note: The above obituary was taken from a 1932 San Antonio, Texas newspaper.

## Itawamba County Obituaries

*Abstracted from the Itawamba County News by Etoyle Comer Grissom. The edition of the newspaper is typed in italics*

*February 14, 1914*

Mr. Dow Summerford departed this life January 27, 1914. He was taken ill of pneumonia which caused his death.

*April 9, 1914*

Mr. Josh Steel died about midnight last Thursday. He had pneumonia. He leaves a wife and several children.

Mrs. Rebecca Turner died January 20, 1914. She was born March 1, 1845. At the age of 16 years she was married to Columbus Dorsey. In about two years, leaving her and one daughter, he was called to the great beyond. She was afterward married to L.W. Turner and in November 1894 the Lord saw fit to call him home.

*July 1, 1914*

On June 27, 1914 the death angel visited the home of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Wood and took their oldest son, Rex.

*August 27, 1914*

On August 19, 1914 the death angel

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

visited the home of Mr. Oscar Buchanan and took from them their loving father. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.

*October 29, 1914*

Sarah Margaret Sheffield was born December 6, 1827 in South Carolina. She died June 11, 1914 age 86. On February 17, 1848 she was married to John Sheffield and to this union 10 children were born. Eld. N.T. Clayton preached her funeral and her body was laid to rest in Walton Cemetery.

*November 26, 1914*

On October 25, 1914 Mr. J.H. Davis (Uncle John) was called home. Bro. C.A. Porter conducted the funeral services after which the WOW took charge of the service.

*February 11, 1915*

On October 10, 1914 Mrs. Janie Horn was visited by the death angel. She was a member of the Methodist Church and was laid to rest in the Union Grove Cemetery. Bro. Yancy conducted the funeral services. She leaves one son and one sister, Mrs. W. McNeece.

*February 18, 1915*

Mrs. Phoebe Burch was born in Chatham County, NC April 8, 1825. Died February 9, 1915 Age 91 years. She married H.J. Burch in August of 1844. She leaves her four children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Robinson and Benson. Her remains were laid to rest in the Burch Cemetery.

*March 4, 1915*

The death angel came January 27, 1915 and took sister Nannie Mitchell. She was the daughter of David and Cynthia Ratliff born at West Fulton on February 21, 1865. Joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Mantachie in 1871. She was married to B.C. Mitchell in 1876 and was the mother of 13 children.

*March 18, 1915*

Mrs. Martha Ann Miles expired March 4, 1915. She leaves a husband and 9 children, an aged mother to mourn their loss. She was laid to rest in the Harden Chapel Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Murff and Senter.

*March 25, 1915*

Uncle John Files was born December 22, 1834 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He came to Itawamba County in 1856 met Miss. Jane Stephens who later became his wife. To this union were born eight children. He died at the home of his son, W.A. Files on February 22, 1915.

*April 8, 1915*

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Tom Fikes and took his wife. She was laid to rest in White Church Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by her beloved pastor, Bro. T.J. Robinson

*April 15, 1915*

On April 2, 1915 Mr. Albert Sample was called to his eternal home. He had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at



Gum Creek. Bro. Harris conducted the last rites.

*June 17, 1915*

Bro. W.W. Johnson answered the call of the Supreme Grand Master to come up higher. Bro. Johnson was 83 years old, and he was a Missionary Baptist. He served Itawamba County as Chancery Clerk for eight years.

*August 12, 1915*

On August 7, 1915 the death angel visited the home of Mr. & Mrs. Morman Elliott and took their son, Shirley Ray.

*March 10, 1921*

Bro. H.C. Rushing was born July 20, 1849 in Prentiss County. Bro. Rushing moved to Ratliff at an early age and was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church. God saw fit to call Bro. Rushing January 13, 1921 to a home where there will be no sickness or disease.

***Get in touch with hundreds of other Itawamba family researchers throughout the nation by sending your research queries to the Itawamba Historical Society for publication in Itawamba Settlers: a free membership service of the Itawamba Historical Society.***



low, tho three of our Regiment died since we left Lynchburg, but no person you are acquainted with, as to my health, it is not very good.

I have not been sick a minute since I left home yet, I need not brag for the next hour, I am be down. I weigh four pounds more than I did when I left Guntown. So you can guess we get plenty to eat, such as it is. We get plenty of beef, bacon and flour, sugar and coffee, so we can not grumble about our diet.

Billy, we are bound like slaves, our liberties are limited. We have all been free men and it hurts to be tied up as we are in such respect. We are all well treated and in other, not so well, though we can stand it our time out, I reckon as to war I can't say much about it for there is but little talk of fighting here. I can say this to you ther eis about fifteen thousand.....them the first time.

If I get the chance to write you and give the news in this old worn country. Stephen Smith ... and sends his love to you... the relations and also to ... friends if any and receive a fortune for yourself. Write to me. Direct your letter to Harper's Ferry in care of Captain J.F. Booth.

Your friend  
Andrew R. Stephenson

Note: the above letter was written to William (Billie) Smith, from Company E, 2nd Mississippi Regiment, which was made up at Guntown in northwestern Itawamba County. Mr. Stephenson lived near Bethany and married a Miss Harwell.

# The Henry Jefferson Owens Family

*Submitted by Mae Harris Owens  
Pontotoc, Mississippi*

The Henry Jefferson Owens family came to Itawamba County in the fall of 1902 from Millport, Alabama. His brother Rance had previously settled in Itawamba County and reported that he had located a 200-acre farm north of Fulton which he could purchase for \$2.00 an acre. Henry Jefferson rode a large black horse from Millport to make contact with Elias Gooch and try to buy the land. The contract was signed and when he returned to Alabama the family began their plans to make the move. Of course, at that early date of development of the country, the only means of transportation to make this crucial move was in a covered wagon with the necessary animals being led.

From the best information which has been researched to this date, the Owens came to America from England and are of Welch and Dutch descent.

Henry Jefferson Owens was born in Lamar County, Alabama on February 18, 1855 and was married twice. His first wife was Melissa Catherine Studdard of South Carolina and to this union five children were born: Margaret who married James Scott and had sons Cleophus, Lloyd and Allie Monroe; James A. who married Effie Griffin and had children Dovie, Randall, Myrtle Catherine and Marcus O.; Samuel Andrew who married

Geneva Clark and had four sons Glen, Orbie, Hoyt and Bernard; Ida who married John Cromeans and had two sons Olynda and Aghra Dale; and Ludie who married David Reagh and had three children, Catherine Lois, David Owens and Lula Faye. The family at that time lived at Carbon Hill, Alabama where the father worked in the coal mines. He died March 30, 1928 and is buried in Itawamba County.

The second wife was Martha Melvina Alexander who was born in Pickens County, Alabama on September 18, 1866. To this union were born seven children: Homer who married Ollie Green and had children Dorothy Oleta, William Dean, Ruby, Hilma Sue, Mary Joyce, Farrie Nell, Edward, Jack and Judy; Tezzie who married Hite Dulaney and had children Corrine and Halovee; George Washington who married Mae Harris and no children; Minnie who married Trannie Stanford and had children Cleston, Lura and Keldon; Dessie Mae who married Olympus M. (Fred) Huling and had children Patricia, Dolores Mae, Glen and Agnes; Carmie Eugene who married Becky Stewart and had children Charles, Nelda June; and Allie Arnold who married Lena Bell Long and had children Bettie Faye, Jerry and Ronnie Mack. She died May 25, 1951 and is buried in Itawamba County.

Henry Jefferson Owens' father was William "Bill" Owens who was born in South Carolina. His mother was Margaret "Peggy" Holcomb who also was born in South Carolina. It has been reported that "Bill" Owens was a gunsmith during the Civil War and

died of measles on his way home.

Martha Melvina Alexander was born in Pickens County, Alabama to Thomas Houston Alexander who came from Kentucky and Caroline Fielder who was born in South Carolina. It has been said that grandfather Alexander fought in the War of 1812 and lived to be 115 years old.

The brothers and sisters of Martha Melvina Alexander Owens were Samantha Wooten, Jane Randolph, "Sis" Short, Drew, John and Bud "Rat" Alexander.

The brothers and sisters of Henry Jefferson Owens were Sara Jane Waddell, Susan Henderson and Rance James Owens.

The family lived on the farm which had Mud Creek running through the land which is a tributary of the Tombigbee River. To feed this large family they had to depend on farm crops, hunting and fishing. However, one of the main objectives of the Owens family was to gain as much education as possible. Even though the schools were in session only four months the home was geared to learning. Of the twelve children, ten of them taught in the county schools at intervals. George was the first to feel the need of an advance education and earned his high school education diploma from the Itawamba Agricultural High School. He then went to what is now the University of Southern Mississippi (Mississippi Normal College) where he graduated. Since that time many of the nieces and nephews have earned bachelor, masters and even doctorate degrees.

## *The George W. Stovall Family*

---

*Note: Biographical information about this family is found in the article "Remembering Old Itawamba County" in this issue.*

George W. Stovall was born on December 28, 1808 in Georgia and died on November 5, 1878. He was buried in the Union Methodist Church Cemetery in Lee County. He married (1) Elizabeth J. McDonnell and (2) on November 21, 1867 to Harriett A. Collins. George W. Stovall was the son of Patrick Henry Stovall (born 1775 probably in Granville County, NC; died October 15, 1848 in Marshall County, MS). Patrick Henry Stovall married Mrs. Ann Dorcas Stovall Tabor (his cousin). They had two children, George W. and Harriett (born 1816).

Patrick Henry Stovall's parents were George Stovall (born 1750 Granville Co., NC, died August 3, 1820 in Franklin County, TN) and Nancy Anne Newton (born 1747, died 1852/53). George Stovall was the son of John Stovall Sr. (born ca. 1700 in Henrico Co., VA, died 1781 in Granville Co., NC). John Stovall Sr. was the son of Bartholomew Stovall (born August 24, 1665 in Albury Parish, Surry Co., England) and Anne Burton (born ca. 1675).

George W. and Elizabeth J. McDonnell Stovall's issue were: Mary C. (born ca. 1832 AL; married January 25, 1851 in Ita. Co. to J.S. McGoughy); Archibald M. (born March 27, 1836; died August 9, 1854; married M.J. Collier); Anastatia L. (born ca. 1838 in TN; married January 11, 1860 to Dr. N.R. McGoughy in Ita. Co.); James K. Polk (born 1840; died 1912); Fanny I. (born ca. 1842 in TN; married February 28, 1860 in Ita. Co. to E.R. Wren); George M.D. (born 1844; died 1918; married Martha "Mattie" Crayton); Elizabeth M. (born 1846 in TN; married Sept. 1, 1869 to W.H. Barnett); Henry B. (born April 23, 1848 in TN; married Mollie Duke); Emily J. (born ca. 1850 in Ita. Co.)

# A HISTORY OF THE Mantachie Post Office

By Mack Riley, Los Angeles, California



A post office by the name of Mantachas, the original spelling of Mantachie, was operating in 1849. However, the name was changed to West Fulton on September 10, 1850. The postmaster at the time was James C. Gilstrap who apparently operated the office in his store at the ferry near what is now Peppertown.

The post office was operated at West Fulton until it was discontinued in 1854. The postmasters after Gilstrap were John W. Jackson and John S. Gryder.

After this office was discontinued, residents of the area were served by the nearby Maysville Post Office until 1860. Others living south of Mantachie obtained mail at Woodlawn until 1867. There was no post office in the immediate vicinity until Lone Star was established in 1874. Its name was changed to Mantachie in 1880. Postmasters at Lone Star were John A. Stephens and W. H. Leigh. Stephens may have used the name of Lone Star for the post office he operated in honor of his experience in Texas where he had moved before returning to live in the Tombigbee community near the Stephens Cemetery.

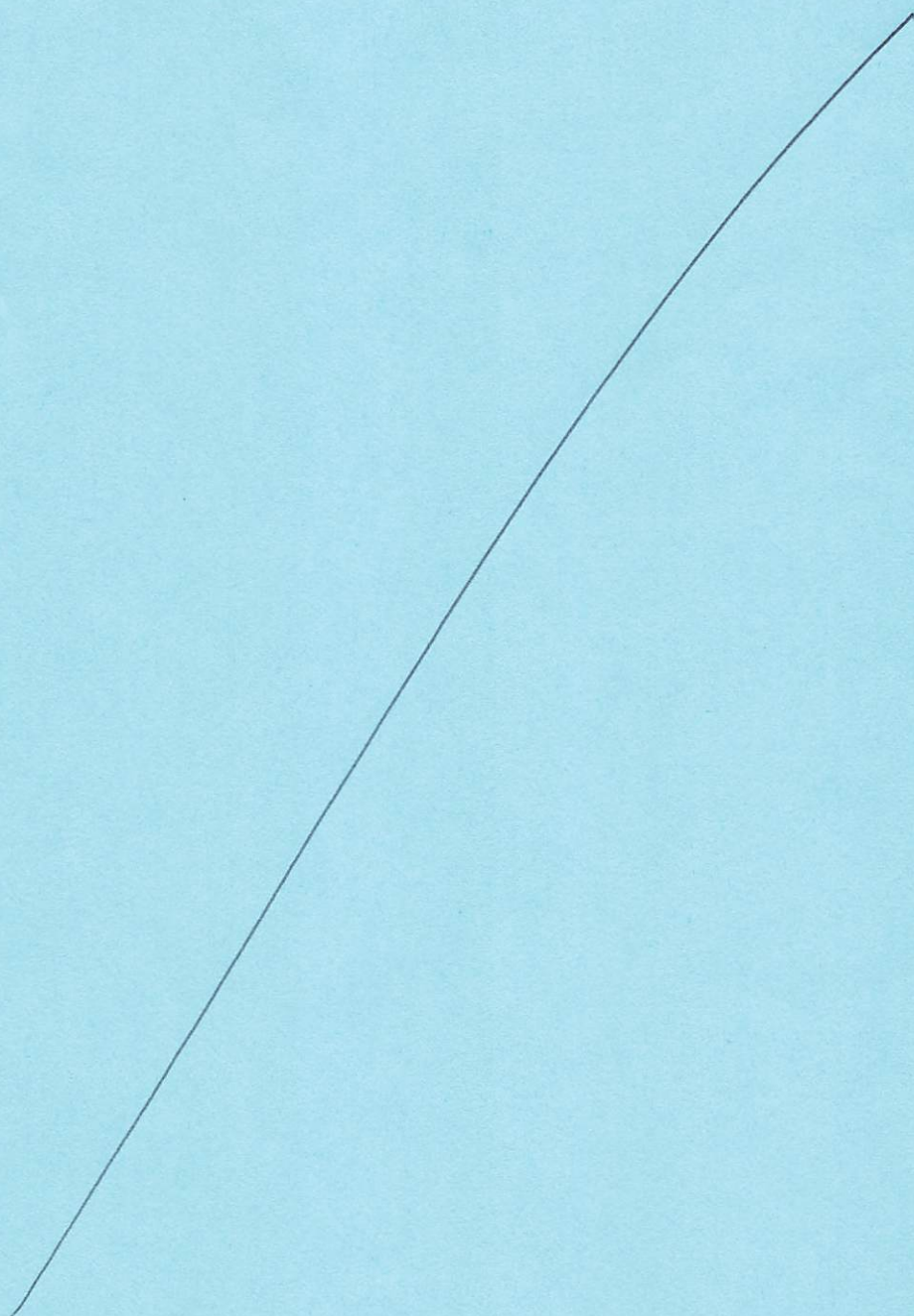
After David W. Carothers took over the post office from Leigh, he changed its name to Mantachie. At Mantachie the postmasters in chronological order were David W. Carothers, S. L. Keown, David W. Carothers again, Timothy W. Pearce, David W. Carothers for a third time, Fred M. Bennett, James A. Bonds and Joseph E. Sims.

Six years after the Lone Star office was changed to Mantachie, Harvey D. Ratliff opened a store and established a post office just three miles northwest of Mantachie. The Ratliff office was open until 1936. The area that had been served by the post office at Mantachie until 1907 was taken over by a Ratliff route. This route was operated by a RFD carrier on horseback until about 1928 when it was replaced by an automobile. As Ratliff declined, the center of activity and commerce for the area was now being developed at Mantachie. The local school was also becoming the center of education as one-and-two room schools were being consolidated with Mantachie. On the same day, February 15, 1936, Ratliff closed and Mantachie opened again as a pick-up office. The former Ratliff route that delivered mail to Mantachie was taken over by Guntown. Another rural route operating out of Dorsey started delivering mail within sight of the post office at Mantachie.

The resurrected Mantachie Post Office began serving walk-in patrons in a small frame building located in the center of the village. Its postmasters since February 15, 1936, are as follows: William C. Pearce, Albert R. Pearce, Miss Ruby E. Pearce, Gwendola Camp and Jo Ellen Irvin. Sheila Massey is currently in charge.

When the Dorsey Post Office closed in 1971, Mantachie took over part of its patrons and most of route 1 out of Guntown. Thereafter Mantachie began operating two rural routes covering an area as far south as Peppertown and west to the county line. These routes now serve nearly 1,200 rural boxes.







# Deed Book 31

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

MS  
ITA  
1.2

Abstracted by Maxine Roberts Smith, Fulton, Mississippi

169	J. T. COLLIER & M. E. COLLIER	TO OSCAR COPELAND	30 DEC 1899
170	PLEASANT CATES	TO J. W. ROBERTS	10 JAN 1900
171	M. D. CHISM & M. E. CHISM	TO OSCAR COPELAND	29 AUG 1899
172	B . J. BRAMMN	TO E. L. COBB	07 APR 1899
173	W. L. GAITHER & J. M. WALKER	TO J. W. POWELL	01 JAN 1900
174	J. S. DAVIS & WIFE	TO OSCAR COPELAND	15 JAN 1900
175	MRS. M. C. CUMMINGS	TO METHODIST EPISCAL CHURCH	08 JAN 1900
176	DR. M. W. HOWARD	TO METHODIST EPISCAL CHURCH	08 JAN 1900
177	SARAH CUMMINGS	TO J. A. HOOD	29 JAN 1900
178	TRINITY CHURN CO.	TO J. L. BEAN & W. M. GADDY	21 FEB 1899
179	T. WIYGLE	TO MRS. GAITHER & MRS. DEBOW	05 FEB 1900
180	MRS. GAITHER & MRS. DEBOW	TO T. WIYGUL	05 FEB 1900
181	N. HORN & JANE HORN	TO S. Q. HORN	15 JAN 1900
182	J. W. & M. A. REA	TO J. D. HALL	12 SEP 1899
183	F. J. DUNCAN, P. W. & L. L. DUNCAN	TO J. W. REA	12 SEP 1899
184	NATHANEL HALE	TO J. N. HALE	23 OCT 1899
185	SARAH CUMMINGS & J. E. SIMS	TO ISHAM STONE	01 DEC 1898
186	J. W. REEVES	TO J. W. ROBINSON	16 OCT 1897
187	NATHANIEL HALE	TO PARALLEE STOCKTON	12 DEC 1899
188	NATHANIEL HALE	TO THOMAS HOLLEY	04 JAN 1900
189	J. B. STEEL	TO DORA HOLLEY	16 JAN 1900
190	H. W. RAND	TO L. L. CATES	01 FEB 1900
191	J. A. TURNER & MARGARET TURNER	TO S. J. TURNER	29 JAN 1900



192	S. J. TURNER & R. J. TURNER	TO E. J. TURNER	06 FEB 1900
193	W.M. STAFFORD	TO A. Z. STAFFORD	21 DEC 1899
194	W. T. CROMEANS	TO W. H. BULLEN	31 DEC 1896
195	J. T .FRANKS	TO T. N. SPENCER	10 NOV 1899
196	J. B., J. S. & J. M. GILMORE	TO J. M. CLAY	23 DEC 1899
197	J. M. & S. Q. CLAY & J. B. & J. M. GILMORE	TO TRANNIE GILMORE	28 DEC 1899
198	T. E. McMASTER	TO J. B. MATTOX	04 NOV 1899
199	E. A. FRANKS	TO T. N. SPENCER	26 OCT 1899
200	J. S., S.. J., J. N. & E. DAVIS	TO NATHANIEL HALE	14 DEC 1899
201	C. M. SPENCER	TO T. N. SPENCER	09 MAY 1892
202	A. B. BOREN	TO W. A. BOREN	07 DEC 1899
203	J. M. PHILLIPS	TO R. S. LAWSON	10 FEB 1900
204	W. A. COOLEY	TO W. G. ORR	21 FEB 1900
205	H. B .STONE	TO THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT FULTON	21 MAR 1900
206	W. H. EMMERSON	TO J. P. CONWILL	23 OCT 1893
207	S. J. CROMEANS	TO A. O. ROBERTS	29 MAR 1900
208	T. S. MULLINS	TO G. W. MULLINS	01 FEB 1900
209	NATHANIEL HALE	TO W. C. SAMPLE	24 MAR 1900
210	W. C. ELLIOTT	TO L. M. ELLIOTT	02 DEC 1879
211	L. M. ELLIOTT	TO W. C. ELLIOTT	02 DEC 1879
212	G. W. McNIECE	TO SARRIL L. WILEY	22 NOV 1880
213	GEORGE SHUMPERT	TO J. T. SHUMPERT	25 JUL 1899
214	W. A. GREGORY	TO WILLIAM D. BALLARD	13 MAR 1900
215	E. M. CHILCOAT	TO M. W. HOWARD	30 SEP 1899
216	J. A. McDOUGAL	TO M. W. HOWARD	29 SEP 1899
217	ELIZA FORD	TO SALIE FORD	16 APR 1900
218	J. T. WALTON	TO A. C. WALDROP	08 MAY 1900
219	O. W. CHASTAIN	TO CHARLES W. ALVERSON	14 DEC 1899

220	W. S. & C. D. MOORE	TO C. A. WALLACE	24 JAN 1899
221	J. E. SIMS	TO E. M. CHILCOAT	15 SEP 1899
222	H. F. ANDERSON	TO R. D. KIRK	01 MAR 1900
223	SARAH CUMMINGS	TO C. J. DOZIER	07 JUN 1900
224	S. A. MARTIN	TO M. J. LENTZ	12 FEB 1900
225	F. C. GENTRY	TO MARY J. LENTZ	11 MAY 1900
226	L. M. R. STONE	TO TRUSTEES OF STONE SCHOOL	14 JUL 1900
227	WILLIAM D. & D. S. BALLARD	TO T. E. McMASTER	04 FEB 1899
228	DAN PICKLE	TO JOHN LOAGUE	26 JAN 1893
229	J. E. FRANKS	TO J. T. FRANKS	25 AUG 1900
230	W. M. FRANKS	TO J. T. FRANKS	25 AUG 1900
231	J. W. REEVES	TO J. W. WILSON	04 SEP 1900
232	J. T. EVANS	TO THOMAS PRIDDY	21 FEB 1898
233	J. A. FALLS	TO THOMAS PRIDDY	21 FEB 1898
234	G. W. WARREN	TO R. B. WARREN	11 JAN 1898
235	C. B. APPERSON	TO W. J. BEACHUM	08 DEC 1899
236	E. A. ORR	TO N. C. PATTERSON	16 AUG 1900
237	S. H. GRADY	TO G. N. ROBINSON	06 JAN 1899
238	N. C. JOHNSON	TO CHAS CLIFTON	10 SEP 1900
239	A. A. MARTIN	TO J. R. MARTIN	21 SEP 1900
240	A. A. MARTIN	TO M. Q. MARTIN	21 SEP 1900
241	J. B. WATSON	TO SAM HOUSTON	23 AUG 1898
242	J. B. WATSON	TO MRS. ALLIE HESTER	23 AUG 1898
243	J. W. BROWN	TO MISS J. P. BORREN	11 DEC 1897
244	MRS. M. E. DOZHIER	TO J. H. FIKES	10 AUG 1899
245	W. A. WILLIAMS & M. E. WILLIAMS	TO G. W. BALLARD	14 APR 1900
246	J. M. YOUNG	TO W. M. YOUNG	07 MAR 1885
247	J. T. EVANS	TO W. M. YOUNG	23 JAN 1899
248	J. H. FIKES & WIFE	TO W. N. FROST	11 OCT 1900

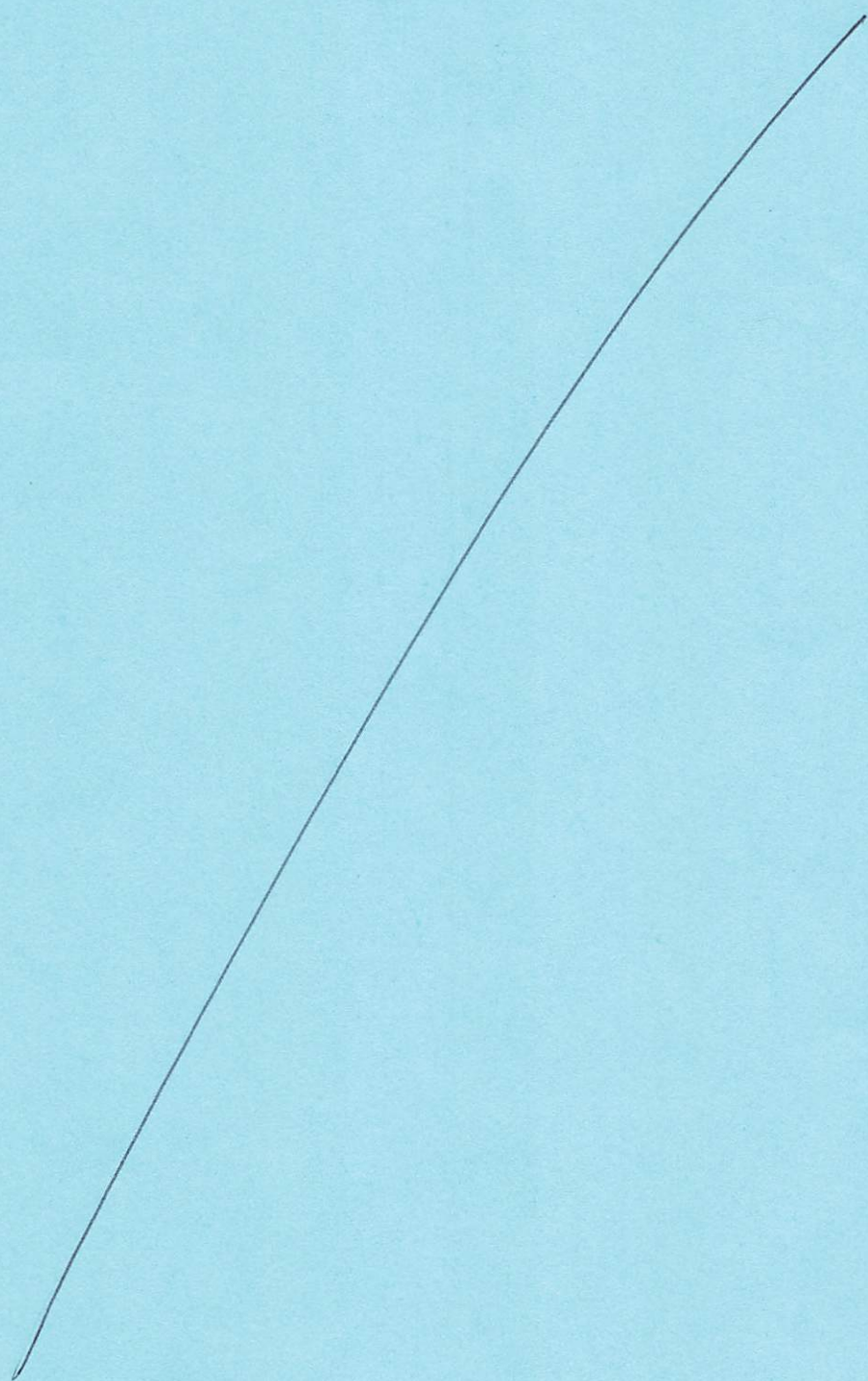


249	J. T. SMITH	TO B. C. KUYKENDALL	22 DEC 1899
250	J. T. EVANS	TO W. B. CANTRELL	20 OCT 1896
251	HIRAM FIKES	TO SAMANTHA SPENCER	22 DEC 1900
252	L. E. ROBERTS	TO JOHN HARE	15 OCT 1900
253	SYLONS MORSE	TO J. H. WALLACE	12 OCT 1900
254	J. H. JOHNSON & WIFE	TO J. G. BROWN	27 OCT 1900
255	DAVID MATTOX	TO M. E. CHURCH SOUTH	30 OCT 1900
256	J. H. STONE	TO A. W. GADDIS	29 OCT 1900
257	THOMAS SHANNON	TO R. G. CHRISTIAN	29 OCT 1900
258	J. A. HARTSELL	TO G. F. HARTSELL	03 NOV 1900
259	J. J. DUNCAN	TO DAVID HOLCOMB	14 NOV 1900
260	S. E. ROBERTS & WIFE	TO JAMES H. FIKES	04 OCT 1900
261	J. W. WILSON & WIFE	TO W. J. GADDY	17 SEP 1900
262	J. A. HARTSELL	TO G. F. HARTSELL	03 NOV 1900
263	DAVID HOLCOMB	TO J. C. GRAY	13 NOV 1900
264	J. T. WHETHERLY	TO DAVID HOLCOMB	02 JUL 1879
265	J. H. WALLACE	TO O. HENDERSON	22 OCT 1900
266	L. J. WILLIS & WIFE	TO J. W. REEVES	03 NOV 1900
267	G. W. GUNTARP	TO JOHN REEVES	05 NOV 1900
268	J. A. ROPER	TO JOHN ROBERTS	12 NOV 1900
269	J. D. WILLIAMS & WIFE	TO R. L. ALVERSON	01 NOV 1900
270	W. H. BEENE	TO J. C. BEENE	14 AUG 1897
271	PLEASANT CATES	TO MATILDA CLIFTON	26 NOV 1900
272	OSCAR COPELAND	TO W. M. WEEKS	22 NOV 1900
273	G. W. ADAMS	TO L. R. ADAMS	16 NOV 1900
274	W. M. GADDY	TO J. L. BEAN	23 JUL 1900
275	L. A. WIYGUL	TO J. L. BEAN	31 JUL 1900
276	W. S., A. E., L. B., & MARY R. FOOTE	TO B. G. MAXCY	18 OCT 1900
277	ANNIE McCLASKY & ARTHUR MORSE	TO W. A. COOLEY	14 JUL 1900

278	J. F. COMER	TO	J. H. McDOUGAL	21 NOV 1900
279	S. M. WILLIAMS	TO	TRANNY SPENCER	03 DEC 1900
280	J. A. FORD & M. J. FORD	TO	A. F. FORD	24 NOV 1900
281	J. M. DULANEY	TO	MARY E. DULANEY	08 MAR 1895
282	J. J. WILLIAMS	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	07 DEC 1900
283	H. T. SAMPLE & S. J. SAMPLE	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	06 DEC 1900
284	J. A. GILBERT & S. J. GILBERT	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	05 DEC 1900
285	L. B. FOOTE & MARY FOOTE	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	24 NOV 1900
286	E. R. GOOGE	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	24 MAY 1900
287	S. E. ROBERTS & WIFE	TO	JAMES H. FIKES	28 NOV 1900
288	E. & N. WADDLE	TO	G. W. TUCKER	12 DEC 1900
289	G. W. TUCKER & WIFE	TO	E. L. WILSON	12 DEC 1900
290	J. L. BEAN	TO	W. M. GADDY	23 JUL 1900
291	J. L. EVANS	TO	A. G. HARMON	07 FEB 1900
292	SAVANA MORSE	TO	W. A. COOLEY	11 AUG 1900
293	NATHANIEL HALE	TO	J. M. PUGH	29 DEC 1898
294	NATHANIEL HALE	TO	R. HOLLEY	05 DEC 1900
295	R. L. NABERS	TO	J. A. CLEVELAND	08 SEP 1900
296	G. M. COLLUM & E. J. COLLUM	TO	G. A. HALL	26 FEB 1900
297	D. A. MATTOX	TO	C. L. BOOKER	13 DEC 1900
298	M. J. BELL & M. P. BELL	TO	J. M. PUGH	08 SEP 1899
299	C. S. GRISSOM	TO	J. C. STANPHILL	11 DEC 1900
300	R. L. WILLIAMS & M. M. WILLIAMS	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	15 DEC 1900
301	J. B. PEARCE	TO	W. A. COOLEY	17 AUG 1900
302	J. F. M. BOWEN & WIFE	TO	A. D. WALLACE	08 DEC 1900
303	JAMES HARMAN	TO	I. L. HARMAN	13 DEC 1900
304	A. D. WALLACE & WIFE	TO	W. T. WALLACE	10 DEC 1900
305	DAVID MATTOX	TO	J. E. MATTOX	30 OCT 1900



306	M. A. WHITE	TO	W. L. SHUMPERT	21 MAY 1900
307	J. R. STEPHENS & FRANCIS STEPHENS	TO	W. A. STEPHENS	03 AUG 1899
309	L. G. HORNE	TO	J. M. SANDERS	15 DEC 1900
310	J. T. NANNEY	TO	J. T. RUSHINE	22 NOV 1900
311	J. H. & C. C. WATSON	TO	MALDEN HARRIS	01 DEC 1900
312	N. J. MARTIN & M. A. MARTIN	TO	J. W. LENTZ	15 DEC 1900
313	A. M. WIYGU.	TO	JOHN P. WIYGUL	26 JAN 1898
314	THOMAS & SHANNON	TO	J. S. SLOAN	19 NOV 1900
315	J. D. WALLIS	TO	T. H. WEEKS	17 AUG 1894
316	L. B. FOOTE & MARY R. FOOTE	TO	W. R. JOHNSON	04 DEC 1900
317	J. F. SMITH	TO	A. T. GALLAWAY	25 SEP 1900
318	M. J. HUDSON	T9	J. E. MATTOX	06 DEC 1900
319	J. J. CHRISTIAN	TO	J. E. MATTOX	29 DEC 1900
320	W. H. EVANS	TO	JOHN E. MATTOX	17 NOV 1900
321	C. S. CHRISTIAN & WIFE	TO	JOHN E. MATTOX	29 OCT 1900
322	MRS. L. E. ROBERTS	TO	T. R. KISOR	24 NOV 1900
323	J. A. BALLARD & SON	TO	C. W. GASAWAY	16 NOV 1900
324	E. L. COBB & NORA COBB	TO	C. M. WALKER	01 DEC 1900
325	W. N. YARBOR & M. S. YARBOR	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	29 DEC 1900
326	H. L. PATE & N. J. PATE	TO	N. V. MAYHALL	18 FEB 1897
327	JOHN SAMPLE & N. J. SAMPLE	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	28 DEC 1900
328	W. V. & M. G. MAYHALL	TO	OSCAR COPELAND	03 JAN 1901
329	W. B. RUSSELL	TO	O. COPELAND	02 JAN 1901
330	J. M. SENTER	TO	A. E. SENTER	25 JAN 1901
331	J. M. SENTER	TO	R. A. SENTER	25 JAN 1901
332	J. M. SENTER	TO	T. A. SENTER	25 JAN 1901
333	HEIRS OF J. A. HARTSELL	TO	G. F. HARTSELL	22 NOV 1900
334	HEIRS OF J. A. HARTSELL	TO	G. F. HARTSELL	02 DEC 1900





# First Land Buyers of Itawamba County

This issue of Itawamba Settlers marks the first, in a series of articles dealing with the first land buyers of Itawamba County. The society is abstracting the range books of Itawamba County, and is producing maps from those abstracted records showing the location of the land purchased by the first land buyers of the county. The first land purchases in the county took place at the Federal Land Office in the town of Pontotoc in nearby Pontotoc County. When the Treaty of Pontotoc was signed by the Chickasaw Nation, members of the nation were given tracks of land. When an Indian name is found on the maps included in this section, that member of the Chickasaw Nation had not yet sold his allotment.

The society felt that by printing the valuable information found in the range books of Itawamba County in a graphic format, such as these maps, the readers of Itawamba Settlers could easily see the location of their ancestors' land purchases. In this first installment are three townships (Partial Township 8, Range 7, which is found on this page; Partial Township 7, Range 8, the smaller map on the next page, and Township 8, Range 8, the larger map on the following two pages). The area covered in this installment includes the northwestern portion of present-day Itawamba County. The date below each name is the date of purchase. In preparing these maps, the society drew some present-day roads, communities and creeks to show the reader where the land was located. The section numbers are found in the upper right corner of each section square. The land was sold in entire sections, half sections and quarter sections. A full section includes 640 acres of land. Members of the society can receive a large fold-out map of present-day Itawamba County by sending a SASE (#10 business envelope) to PO Box 7, Mantachie, MS 38855 (quantities are limited).

D. Clarke 1836	2	Edward Grisham 1839	J. Bowdry 1839
W. Penny 1837		William Melrose 1836	
James Moore 1839	W. Melrose 1836	Innta Tubby 1836	
Duncan Clarke 1836			
C.C. Mills 1836	14	James Moore 1839	Simon Hinds 1841
RATLIFF		Hubbard & Bolton 1836	
Duncan Clarke 1836			
James Betts 1836	A. Barton 1836	Shnook Cha Tubby 1836	
J.W. Matthews 1836		CENTERVILLE	
James Ferguson 1839		James Osborn 1838	Boyce, Wiley & Harner
W.P. Malone 1836	James Betts 1840	Boyce, Wiley & Harner 1836	J.L. Brown 1840
J.H. Miller 1841	Boyce Wiley & Harner 1836	Boyce, Wiley & Harner 1836	John L. Brown 1840
John L. Brown 1840		Elijah Lynch 1839	

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



E. Orne 1836	Jas. Moore 1839	W.S. Blisard 1840	R. Cooper 1836	MASON CUMMINGS 1836 28		John Roberts 1838	Archibald Taylor 1838	B.M. BRADFORD 1841	G. Partin 1840
J.W. Matth- ews 1836	W. 31 Long 1839	J. Moore 1839	S. 32 Hinds 1841	D. 32 Clarke 1839	J.R. 33 Wren 1836	34 Capt. Hayes		35 Archibald Taylor 1838	D. 36 Partin 1839
Loven- good & Nelson 1838	D. Jamison 1836	D. Jami- son 1836	S. Kemp 1839	A. Alexan- der 1841	W.T. Ander- son 1839	RIVER ROAD		J. 35 Patton 1838	J. 36 Hunt 1838
								W. 35 Partin 1839	A. 36 Taylor 1840
								J. 35 Hunt 1838	J.H. Partin 1838

HWY 370	Hubbard 19 & Bolton 1836	David Jamison 1836	J.L. 20 Brown 1836	B.M. Brad- ford 1841	Josh- 21 ua Bowdry 1839	Joshua Bowdry 1839	L.D. 22 Lowry 1839	A. Alexan- der 1841	D. 23 Jami- son 1836	D. 24 Saffar- ans 1836	B.M. 24 Brad- ford 1841
D. Jamison 1836	B.C. Clarke 1839	H. Crayton 1840		J.W. Drake 1841	B. Hill 1840	J. Hodges 1839	P.V. Tyra 1840	J. Hodges 1839	Jonathan Hunt 1841		
NATCHEZ TRACE		KIRKVILLE									
Thomas Crayton 30 1841		Hiram Crayton 29 1840	H.F. Tread- well 1840	H. 28 Crayton 1840	R. Cray- ton 1839	Josh- 27 ua Bowdry 1839	J. Morris 1839	W. 26 Case & Turner 1840	Jonathan Hunt 25 1841		
B.C. Burnett 1841	D. Jamison 1841	C.C. Mills 1836	T. Cray- ton 1841	Daniel Saffarans 1836		David Jamison 1836		J. Hubbard 1839	J. Hodges 1839	L.T. Gann 1839	
Shaf fah tubby 31 1836		C.C. Mills 1836	Thos. 32 Crayton 1840	Thos. Crayton 1840	A. 33 Alexan- der 1841	John R. Wren 34 1836		D. Jamison 1836	Josh- 35 ua Bowdry 1839	James Hodges 1839	G. 36 Houston 1839
		J.E. Sheff- ield 1836	HWY 371		E. Orne 1839	J. Betts 1840	D. Jamison 1836	J.N. Owens 1836	G. Matt- ox & J. Walker 1838	J. Hunt 1839	



A. Alexan- der 1841	B.C. 6 Burnett 1836	Elah pin tubby 1836		Tup pah kah 1836		A. Alexan- der 1844	G.E. 3 Chilcoat 1839	Richard Cooper 1836		A. Watts 1839	Jona- than Hunt 1841
D.H. Bledsoe 1839	S.R. Moore 1838					Hubbard & Bolt- on 1836				S.R. Moore 1839	J. Hunt 1839
David Bledsoc 1839		Un tah oh tubb 1836		Hubbard & Bolt- on 1836		Chin mi a chah 1836		Min ni yea 1836		S.R. Moore 1839	J. Hunt 1841
A. Ruff 1839	J. Boren 1839			D.H. Bledsoe 1839	T. Crayton 1841					J. Randell 1840	
Simon Hinds 1841	J. 18 Ward 1841	David Bledsoe 17 1839		Wm. Cummings 1848 TWENTY-MILE CREEK		Ish to ho pia 15 cha 1836		J. Dulany 1838	E. Allen 1839	J. Hunt 1841	
	J. Walker 1839	J. Hunt 1841	J. Ward 1841			D.H. Bledsoe 1839	J.R. Wren 1836	A. Taylor 1838	P. Hodges 1840	E. Franks 1840	B. Guess 1840
Richard Cooper 1836		J. Hunt 1841	R. 20 Martin 1840	Tah na ish tah 1836		David H. Bledsoe 1839	J. 22 Thomason 1839	Archi- bald Taylor 1839	Jona- than Hunt 1841	Jona- than Hunt 1841	E. Allen 1836
		J. Barnett 1840	W. Walls- worth 1841			A. Taylor 1839			W. Watson 1841		
R.W. Anders- on 1836	H.M. 30 Lusher 1836	S. Hinds 1841	J. 29 Hodges 1839	Mason Cummings 1836		John L. Brown 1839			J. 26 Hunt 1841	B.M. Brad- ford 1841	L. Ingle 1840

# is Azel Clifton Buried?

submitted by Sondra Bookout Pettit

On July 14, 1864, one of the last major battles of the Civil War took place in what is now the city of Tupelo, Mississippi. On that day the Confederates of General Stephen D. Lee and General Nathan Bedford Forrest met the Union Army in what became known as the Battle of Harrisburg.

Among those serving with the Rebels were John and Azel Clifton, brothers of Sarah E. Clifton Lunceford and uncles of Molly Lunceford Bookout.

The firing of the cannon in the battle could be heard all the way to Pleasanton, where the Cliftons lived, a distance of nearly 30 miles. For two days, the families waited anxiously for word of their men who were fighting in the battle.

Finally on July 16, Sarah McFaddin Clifton, wife of Azel Clifton, heard that her husband had been killed. Taking one of their slaves to accompany her, she headed for the battlefield in a wagon to look for her husband.

Arriving on the scene, Sarah was able to find her brother-in-law John Clifton. John told her that he had seen Azel killed during the battle, but later had been unable to find his body. Sarah immediately set out to find her husband.

At this point, there are two versions of what happened to Sarah Clifton, one told by her great nephew Roy Bookout and one by her great nephew Luther Bookout.

According to Roy, Sarah searched all day without success. Just before dark, a Confederate officer told her that there was a mass grave being prepared for some of the dead near the center of the battlefield. At this mass grave, she found her husband's body just as they were about to cover the grave. Because of the extreme July heat and the fact that he had been dead for two days, she was able to recognize him only by the buttons on his coat

which she had made from peach seeds. Because of the condition of the body, Sarah was unable to remove it and Azel was buried on the battlefield where he had died.

According to Luther Bookout's version of the story, Azel had already been buried in a shallow grave by the time Sarah arrived. However, a thundershower on the day after

---

## *She and her slave dug him up and took him home to bury him...*

---

the battle had washed some of the dirt from the grave. Sarah found her husband's homemade cowhide boots sticking out of the grave. She and her slave dug him up and took him home to bury him in the Lunceford Cemetery.

No one knows which of these versions is true and exactly where Azel Clifton is buried. The Confederate Army made no record of who was buried on the battlefield, so he may be buried there. The Lunceford Cemetery is full of family graves, but all have elaborate markers, yet none bear the name of Clifton. If he is buried there, his grave is unmarked.

---

## *Have a Research Problem?*

If you have a problem with your Itawamba County research, write the society for assistance. Local member volunteers will try and help with a particular research problem you may have. Please be sure to send a SASE. Questions are answered on a first received, first answered basis. You may also call the society at (601) 282-7664. Local society members will check the records we have in The Gaither Spradling Library. This assistance is a membership benefit of the Itawamba Historical Society. The local society does not perform general genealogical research, but attempts to answer specific questions about research problems.