**The President's Corner**

Special thanks to Don Sailors who donated fifteen copies of *Gone To Georgia* for resale and books donated by Edith Griffin: *Randolph-Hawkins and Related Families*, Jo Ann Mari: *The Venturers, The Hampton, Harrison and Earle Families* and Giant in Gray, A Biography of Wade Hampton, and Ruby Hurt: Hogan Family & Kin.

Congratulation to Lori Sauls of Groaning Rock who has been successful in the designation of Highway 334 to be named the Lacoda Trail Memorial Parkway by the General Assembly of Georgia. The Lacoda Trail was used by the Cherokee people and extended from what is now Athens-Clarke County through Commerce to North Georgia. Highway 334 follows what was once part of the Lacoda Trail and passes through a historic community once known as Fort Groaning Rock.

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**Newsletter Editors:** Tina B. Harris, Jean H. Booth, Walton Harris

**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 1998  
**Time:** 2:30 PM  
**Program:** The Historical Society Ramble will begin at Academy church. Members can pick up an informative map and car pool to the Rock Barn. Don Sailors will lead the tour and a discussion of Blacksmithing will be given by Stan Strickland in the blacksmith shop. The group will meet back at Academy Church for a tour of the church and graveyard followed by refreshments. Wear comfortable shoes!

**Calendar**

June 12–Oct 30 Crawford Long Museum  
*Folk Art in Georgia*, featuring the art of Mattie Lou O’Kelley

July 18 Jackson County Historical Society Picnic at Shields–Ethridge Farm

**JCHS Meeting**

Jackson County Historical Society  
28 College Street, Jefferson Georgia 30549  
(706) 367-5307
**NEWSLETTER**

The Jackson County Historical Society News is published quarterly and mailed before the next meeting. Back issues can be obtained for $1.50 each plus postage. Please send your Jackson County family connections with your dues and they will be published in the next newsletter.

**DUES**

The Jackson County Historical Society’s Dues Year runs from July to July. Checks should be written to the Jackson County Historical Society and mailed to the address shown below.

- Individual: $10.00
- Family: $15.00
- Life Member: $100.00

**ACADEMY CHURCH CEMETERY**

Listed below are marked graves discovered in an old section of the Academy cemetery, since the publication of Jackson County, GA Cemetery Records.

Pete (undistinguishable last name)
George W. Shaw 1877–1953
Nicie, wife of W. A. Randolph 1883–1906
William A. Stringer, son of W. F. & Ann Stringer
Infant Daug of W.F. & Anna Stringer
Julia, wife of W. M. Henderson
Jul 18, 1826–Oct 25, 1891
Lillie daug of Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Henderson
Jul 26, 1892–Sep 30, 1895
Minnie L. Daug of Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Henderson
Aug 15, 1894–July 26, 1895
William Henderson Jan 1809–June 10, 1886
Chyle, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Henderson
Nov 22, 1888–Oct 19, 1890
Mattie L. Holder Dec 22, 1895–Mar 7, 1914
Joseph Frank Oliver, son of James C. & Susan Oliver
1873–1892
Susan Pinson Oliver, wife of James Oliver
1834–1915

**QUERIES**

Notice: All JCHS members may submit queries. Each query must concern people who resided in Jackson or surrounding counties. Please mail queries so they will be received by the following cut-off date:

**JULY ISSUE—JUNE 20**

Instructions: No more than 80 words per entry. Please print or type clearly and include all known dates and locations for births, marriages, deaths, & residences. Queries are subject to editing.

**THURMOND**

Interested in information about Emala A. Thurmond, born April 4, 1833, Georgia—died July 28, 1877, Georgia; married January 25, 1855, in Jackson County to Adam Addison Williamson, born January 10, 1823, Georgia—Died October 4, 1913. Need Emala’s mother and father and Emala’s place of burial. Contact: B. Lamar Williamson, 427 Lagoon Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957.

**GARNER**


**PARK / KERBOW**

Researching Frances Virginia Park and Doc Singleton Kerbo. Frances, born October 3, 1826, Jackson County—died October 29, 1903, Red River County, TX. Could father be Russell Parks? Doc Singleton Kerbo born July 3, 1823, Hoschton, GA—died July 3, 1865, Gettysburg, PA. His father Soloman David Kerbo, born 1776 Edgefield, S.C.—died 1848, Jackson County, GA. Contact: Kay Gregory, #3 Hillside Ct., Austin, TX 78746. Editors note: Frances’ father was Baptist Park.
FAMILY CONNECTIONS

CAMP, THURMOND, BAUGH, WRIGHT, CROW, MITCHELL—Bobby Lamar Williamson, 427 Lagoon Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957.

CANADAY, HILL, HOPKINS, POOL, PASS, CRAIN—Mrs. Barbara B. Canaday, 2763 Spring Creek Place, SE, Smyrna, GA 30080-2539, (770) 436-3462.

POSS, POTTS—Kathryn Poss Harris, 640 NW 2nd Ave, Williston, FL 32696-2022, (352) 528-6341.

RAY / WRAY, WILSON—David A. Landers, 1304 Celtic Ash Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75052-6834, (972)264-5485.

MADDUX—Michael Maddux Kimball, 4450 Alex Drive, San Jose, California 95130, (408)378-1342. Email: unreconstructed@worldnet.att.net

Virginia Maddux, 2586 Connally Drive, East Point, Georgia 30344, (404)349-1045. Email: vmad@worldnet.att.net

Dorothy Kimball, 953 St. Charles Ave, Atlanta, GA 30306, (404)872-7248.

MADDOX, COOPER—Harold W. Maddox, 1273 HWY 60, Hoschton, GA 30548


BELL, TREADAWAY, BUFFINGTON—Clarice Cox, 1055 Farmers High Rd, Carrollton, GA 30117, (770)258-3186.

HUDSON / HUTSON—Christine Atwood, 207 Bellwood Ct, Frankfort, KY 40601.

BELL, NIBLACK, MONTGOMERY, WILSON, KINNEY, APPLEBY, HOWARD, PIERCE, MCNEAL, CHEEK, HARDY—William & Bonnie Bell, 438 Deen Rd, Marietta, GA 30066, (770)928-0140

VENABLE, JACKSON—Dr. and Mrs. James W. Venable, 45 Ward Mt. Rd. N.W., Adairsville, GA 30103-5722, (770)773-9904

JOHNSTON, JONES, BROGDON, JACKSON, LIVELY, CHANDLER, NESBIT, LANGLEY—MRS. CHARLIE CANNON, JR., 4779 ADAMS RD., DUNWOODY, GA 30338-5222, (770)396-5246

TAYLOR, KNOTT, LONG, LEE, SWAIN, BORING, DORR, HUMPHEYS—Martha Dobbins, 1270 E. Pike St, Iuka, MS, 38852-7172, (601)423-9500

POTTS, SAILORS—Jane B. Chaffin, 1308 Burbank Dr, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504)568-2336

LYLE, SEYMORE—Larry Adams, 37657 Patricia, Clifton TWP, MI, 48036, (810)465-2388

REVOLUTIONARY PENSION APPLICATION

To the honorable Nathan L. Hutchins, Judge of the Superior Court of the Western Circuit . . . Humbly complaining unto your honor, your Orator Baily Chandler Administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels, lands& tenements, rights & credits of Elizabeth McDaniel late of the county & state aforesaid deceased respectfully showeth that heretofore to wit on about the day of in the year 1852 or 53 your orators intestate the said Elizabeth McDaniel then in life & being at the time the widow of DANIEL MCDANIEL deceased – who was a Revolutionary soldier in the war for American independence did through her agent one James Roberts or some other agent employed by her for that purpose receive from the Federal Government through its proper officers as the widow of said Daniel McDaniel deceased.

OBITUARIES

excerpt from the Southern Banner

July 27, 1864—In his harvest field in Jackson County, Georgia on the 25th of June, 1864, JOHN LANCaster, Esq. in the 61st year of his age. His death was very sudden, breathing a few times after he fell. He had occasionally a hurting in his breast for some years past. He was an irreproachable member of the Baptist Church, and for several years a deacon of the church . . . May his children and grandchildren, his numerous relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances, remember his virtues to imitate them that like him, they may be prepared for the final summons. The only ones of the family that witnessed the death of their father, two of his daughters, who were with him in the field, and near to him when he dropped, and never spoke . . .
excerpts from the Jackson Herald

April 12, 1906 — WILLIAM GRIFFETH — Our brother, friend and neighbor was born in Oglethorpe county, Georgia, September 28, 1822; died February 22, 1906; age 83 years, 4 months and 24 days; and his body was laid to rest by his brethren in Oconee cemetery. Our brother happily married three times, the first to Amanda Hitchcock in 1845, the second to Mrs. Julia Moore in 1871, and the third to Lavanie Gilmer in 1886, who now mourns his departure. Our brother raised several children and is survived by only two: Mr. J.W. Griffeth of Miller’s district, and Mrs. Josephine Baily of Cunningham’s district.

March 1927 — At 8:20 Tuesday evening the Death Angel summoned the soul of REV. J. WILKES LORD who passed away at his home on Sycamore Street, near the bridge. Mr. Lord was 87 years of age, and had spent his entire life on Jackson county soil, with the exception of the time he was serving his country in the War between the States. He made a gallant soldier, and was ready to defend the “Lost Cause” even to the day of his death. His friends will always remember him clad in his suit of gray, which he donned on every suitable occasion and wore with great pride.

He was twice married, but both proceeded him to the grave. He is survived by eight children, Mrs. K. S. David of Nicholson, Mr. J. T. Lord of Greenville, S.C., Mrs. J. A. Pool of Baldwin, Mr. D. P. Lord of Thomasville, N.C., Mr. R. E. Lord of Winder, Mrs. Mildred Ogletree of Farmington, and Messrs. J. H. and E. S. Lord of Jefferson. Also two sisters, Mrs. Wallace of Monroe, and Mrs. Lovin of Newnan.

FAMILY REUNIONS

November 4, 1898 — At the homestead of Mr. H. H. Brock on October 26th, there were about twenty-five of his children and grand children present. An artist was present, who took pictures of the entire crowd present, which no doubt will be kept and viewed over and over during this and the next generation.

PRISON LIFE OF A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER
excerpts from the Jackson Herald

—by J.W. Lord, PART TWO

September 9, 1909 — We are now in prison in Louisville, Ky. We landed here last night, Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1864, and Thursday morning Loyd Smith of Madison county took small pox, and they kept us here and vaccinated all of us that day. Think of it, worn out with frost bitten feet and sick. But here we are in this lousy hole - this prison was a small place at the back of a warehouse, enclosed with plank walls, a yard inside of the prison with one door, with two or three barracks; better described as follows; On the inside and enclosed at each end with a kind of cook house; this is where we went to eat. They had a row of tables, or counters, and back of these counters was where they cooked. Behind these counters stood six or eight black, burley negroes, some of them cutting up boiled bacon and loaf bread. Now, this shack had two doors to it on the prison side, about thirty feet apart and we prisoners would pass in door No. 1 and pass right down by the side of the tables, one prisoner close behind the other, and the negroes would grab about a fourth of a loaf of bread and about one-forth bite of boiled bacon, and hand it to us and we would pass right on to door No. 2, and out with a guard at each door to keep us from passing in again to get another meal, as they called it.

So it is now Friday, 3 o’clock. We are ordered to line and they called the roll. We did not know where we were going. They marched us to Main street, and down to the Ohio river, to a ferry, put us upon a ferry boat, and landed in Jeffersonville, Indiana. At that time there was no bridge across the Ohio river, which runs between Louisville, Ky. and Jeffersonville, Indiana, and they had to cross back and forth on a ferry boat. Now we were standing at the wharf awaiting for the boat. It was over at Jeffersonville. But this time it was raining and it was freezing cold. I believe every drop that hit us froze as fast as it fell. Now the boat sails up to the wharf and we were ordered aboard of it, and when all were on board she pulled out for the other shore. So she soon landed in Jeffersonville. Here we stepped off the boat. It is still raining, We had our blankets over our shoulders to keep us dry; so here we stood
from sun-down till 9 o'clock. By this time we were almost froze to death. Strong men would break out to crying, and others would yell to the guard, “Shoot me.” and while they called the roll, and as they came to the names of those who agreed to take the oath at Knoxville, they turned them loose as they were sworn to remain north of the Ohio during the war.

We are now at the railroad, and about 10 o'clock a train backs up and we were ordered aboard into box cars, freight cars, with our blankets froze as stiff as a rawhide, without a stove, I had a dry blanket that I spread down upon the floor of the car, and we sat down in a circle and wrapped the blanket around our feet in order to keep them warm and we leaned against each other like sacks of wheat or corn and slept the best we could.

It is now Friday night, 10 o'clock; without a bite to eat, or a park of fire, with forty prisoners and two guards to the cat. Now they close the door, the engineer gives a keen whistle, and off we go, the train ploughing its way through the snow from one to two feet deep; on we go, somewhere – we know not. Think of it, forty prisoners and two guards packed in one box car without water or a morsel to eat. I never heard a word of complaint. All was still, except a moan from a sick man. Saturday night, sometime in the night, the train stops at some point in Indiana. Here we changed cars. They put us in box cars again with one stove to the car. Nothing to eat yet, no water to drink. But on we go, Sunday two o'clock, we ran into Lafayette, Indiana. Snowbound, here we lay until some time in the night. But as soon as the train stopped the guards threw open the car doors, and the citizens—men, women and boys, crowded about the train to take a look at us Rebels, as they called us; and now, sir, we had not tasted food or water since Friday at 10 o'clock, and we began to beg these good people for something to eat, and in 20 minutes, these good men and women crowded around us with plenty of everything that was good; and clothes, shoes and hats. God bless the people of Lafayette, Indiana. Now, let me tell you something. The guards would not let us put any meat or bread in our haversacks, but they told the people to take these victuals to the baggage car, and that they would give them to us the next day. But ah, ah, that was the last of them.

Right here I will relate a little incident that struck me with some force; An old lady of the grandmother appearance, looked over her spectacles at us prisoners, and exclaimed, “Law, Law, they look just like our men.” Reader, just think, Our Men. I was as hungry as a dog when we stopped here. I feel a little better now. I got about a half meal and some water.

I will tell another story. I was detailed to go about one hundred yards, two of us, with a guard, to get some wood, and at the wood shed we met a citizen and he pulled out a pint bottle full of whiskey and asked the guard to take a drink. The guard took it, held it up, looked at me and said, “Here’s to luck to the Union” The man then asked the guard if he might give us prisoners a drink. He said, “No”, I then begged him to let me take a drink. He looked towards the train, and them handed me the bottle. I drank it without a toast to anybody, and you bet I took a good one, and I then thanked him. Boys, that was the best dram I ever drank. I could feel it in my very toe nails, I thought.

Now, some time during the night they cleared the track of snow and it was awfully cold, and the snow was from one to four feet deep. So on we go, by the way of Michigan City to Joliett, Ill., to Rock Island City, Ill., right on the banks of the Mississippi river, at the west end of Rock Island. Here we got off the train, fell in line, crossed over the lake on a bridge, and marched to the prison.

Now in front of the prison we halted, right under the star and stripes hoisted upon a pole 123 feet high “Boys, watch her wave,” says one “I mean the flag”
March 31, 1893—... it is the rocks, or rather granite, of this county that may prove a blessing instead of being regarded as nuisances. As people are well aware, the rocky ridge stretches across the county from one side to the other. At times it is visible above the surface and at others you cannot see the great granite rocks unless you go deep down into the earth.

Near Academy church can be seen the rocky ridge bulging out from under the earth. Here can be seen specimens of the granite hid in the earth. From the rocky ridge were quarried the stones to build Jackson County’s jail. We see now that these rocks are being utilized by the people of Jackson county. While in the neighborhood of the Academy last week we saw large piles of stones quarried and cut and seemed that they were going to be put into a building. We received the reply that Clint Roberts and his boys did all that. They had covered the hills with quarried rocks to erect for that young, energetic and successful farmer, J. Luther Lanier, a rock barn. The work will be done this summer, after the crops are laid by, and we are told that the barn will cost very little more than a similar structure of wood.

April 12, 1893—Mr. Clint Roberts and son have begun the walls of Mr. Lanier’s rock barn.

May 19, 1893—Miss Evie Doster, daughter of Mr. Henry Doster, died last Sunday of consumption after lingering a long time. She begged her parents all during her sickness not to bury her. According to her wishes, her father employed W.C. Roberts and son; who made for her a sarcophagus, and they laid her quietly to rest last Tuesday.

August 25, 1893—Mr. W. C. Roberts has completed the great stone barn for Mr. J. L. Lanier, and it is one of the most substantial buildings in Jackson county.

March 5, 1897—The school at Academy is prospering finely under the skillful management of Prof. C. C. Bailey. They are preparing for an entertainment to be given in the near future.

Mr. Clint Roberts is getting out the foundation rock for a beautiful tomb that is to be erected over the grave of Mrs. Pettyjohn at Harmony Church in Hall county.

January 1904—Mr. J. W. Braselton, of Weatherford, Tex taught the school at Academy. Something more than a hundred pupils crowded into that little school building, many of whom were male urchins ranging in age from 12 to 18 years. Some of those who attended, were: J. L. Lanier, Dr. L. P. Lanier of Weatherford, Tex, Garland Lanier, V. A. Niblack of our town, R. K. Kinningham of Tex, J. L. Kinningham of this county, A. N. Oliver, W. A. Oliver, C. N. Oliver, J. C. Oliver, J. T. Oliver, Cicero Oliver, H. P. Waddell, deceased, J. N. Harrison, J. J. Porter, Charlie Stanley, Will Stanley, both of Rome, J. B. Roberts, John W. Waddell, James Waddell, J.R. Waddell and G. E. Waddell, James R. Harrison, who was the strongest young man in school, Crawford Long, Homer Long, and several other Long Boys, attended. Also, O. P. Braselton, Tom Keesee, Julius L. Bailey, Frank Appleby of Douglas, Andy, Bob and Croff Pinson, and we think Frog Bennett and T. J. Bowles. We do not remember whether T. W. Webb attended, but we believe he did.

At the close of the school there was an exhibition, and we have never witnessed a commencement at Martin Institute or at the University of Georgia even, that compared with that one. A stage was built in front of the school and seats were prepared for the audience with pine logs and on these stretching from one to the other were many pine slabs. The exhibition consisted of dialogues, speeches, and the like.

There was a contest for a prize. Frank Appleby was one of the contestants, and spoke the piece “A Time For All Things”. Frank was making a mighty fine speech, until he espied his Uncle William Harrison, who smiled a smile of approval. Frank thought he was making fun of him, so he stopped, put his hands to his face, began to cry, and said “Uncle Will laughed at me”, whereupon he left the stage. Frank came back after the other boys had concluded, and recited his speech well, and everyone applauded.

The boy who won the prize that night was Nat Oliver, whose subject was “The Steam Engine is a Democrat” and the prize was delivered by Mr. Wm. H. Simpkins, an attorney at Jefferson.

Mr. Braselton was one of the best teachers old Academy ever had.
July 19, 1906—Miss Essie Crook has a good school here now. The patrons of the school will meet one night this week to make some arrangements about rebuilding our school house. The board will give us two hundred dollars on the new building.

January 30, 1908—Academy The school house at this place is about complete, and school will begin next Monday morning. We have a good school house now.

September 29, 1910—The one hundred and eleventh annual session of the Serepta Baptist Association will meet with Academy church on October 4th.

The Academy church is one of the oldest in the Association. It was founded by old Deury Hutchens, father of the late Levi Hutchens, and great grandfather of Rev. Lev. E. Roberts, pastor at Monroe, Ga. It is a country church, but as to her strength and position is one of the best in the Association.

This makes the fifth session to be held with this church and her members are to be congratulated upon having this executive body meet with them. The first time the Association met with the Academy was in the year, 1814. Doster Thornton was moderator, and Isham Goss, clerk. It has met there three times since. In 1828, Reuben Thornton was moderator, Asa Chandler in 1852, and W. B. J. Hardman in 1885, with Wyley C. Howard, clerk.
JACKSON COUNTY DIVORCES


August 1866  Aaron Hayes vs. Rebecca Hayes. August 1867, February 1868 verdict for defendant. August 1869 two concurrent verdicts.

August 1866  Martha Bell vs. Lafayette Bell. February 1867 First for plaintiff, Second and final. Alimony $50. per year and costs.

August 1866  H. N. Rainy vs. Columbia Rainy. August 1867 dismissed. November 1868, Two concurrent verdicts granting a total divorce.

August 1866  Julia S. Boggs vs. Milton A. Boggs. February 1867, Final and property for plaintiff.


February 1868  John J. Johnson vs. Elizabeth Johnson. Two juries award property to plaintiff. Total divorce, authorized to marry again.


August 1868  Tolliver Tuggle vs. Sarah E. Tuggle.


July 1873  L. E. Stark vs. S. M. Stark. Total, defendant to pay costs.

August 1873  R. M. Moon vs. P. E. Moon. Total, Two juries. Defendant be permitted to marry again.

February 1874  S. L. Bowles vs. N. L. Bowles. Defendant not in county. August 1874 Defendant not to be found. August 1875 Total two juries. Plaintiff recovers $1000. permanent alimony for herself and child. She shall have custody of child.

February 1874  Elizabeth Watson vs. William Watson. —Dismissed.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

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Humbly complaining unto your honor your orator Baily Chandler administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels, land & tenements, rights & credits of Elizabeth McDaniel late of the county & state aforesaid deceased respectfully sheweth that here tofore to wit on about the day of in the year 1852 or 53 your orator’s intestate the said Elizabeth McDaniel then in life & being at the time the widow of Daniel McDaniel, deceased— who was a Revolutionary soldier in the war
for American independence did through her agent one
James Roberts as some other agent employed by her
for that purpose receive from the Federal Government
through its proper offices as the widow . . .

August 2, 1923—An interesting event of last week
was the reunion on Thursday of the McDonald fam-
ily a family of our town that is well known, and has
prominent connections all over Georgia. Mr. and Mrs.
E. A. McDonald have resided here during their entire
married life, and have eleven splendid sons and daugh-
ters, who are an honor to their parents and to the little
village in which they were reared. They are: Mrs. J.A.
Wills, Dr. E. M. McDonald, Mr. W. M. McDonald,
of Jefferson; Messrs. H. H. and DeWitt McDonald,
of Winder; Dr. T. J. McDonald, of Daholonega; Mrs.
J. O. Braselton, of Braselton; Mrs. R. D. Medlock,
of Duluth; Mrs. H.L. Verner, of Westminster, S.C.;
Mrs. L.A.A. Richardson, of Commerce; Mr. A. H.
McDonald, of Apple Valley. All were present at the
happy occasion except Mrs. Verner, who was detained
at home on account of the illness of her daughter.

John C. Turner of Jefferson, Mrs. Higginbotham, and
Miss McDonald of Arkansas, made talks. The guests
enjoyed nice music made by the charming grand chil-
dren of the family.