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## Projected Publication Dates

The projected publication dates for our quarterlies are March (cutoff date to receive material February 1); June (cutoff date to receive material May 1); September (cutoff date to receive material August 1); December (cutoff date to receive material November 1).

The cutoff date for our next issue is August 1, 2019. Please see that all genealogical material you wish to have published reaches us by that date. We especially would like to publish your ancestor charts and your family histories. This is an excellent way to let other researchers know what families you are related to.

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The Carroll County Genealogical Society, Carroll County, Georgia, membership dues are \$25 per person or family, on a calendar basis (January through December). Life memberships are not available. This publication is included at no extra cost in the membership dues, with one copy per family. Membership also entitles you to access the Members Only page on our web site. Former issues of the quarterly journal are available at the prices shown on the back page of this issue. They may be ordered from the Carroll County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 576, Carrollton, GA 30112.

Queries are published free for members. Queries for nonmembers will be published free, based on available space, and the Society reserves the right to edit lengthy queries.

This Society does not assume responsibility for errors in fact or opinion that may appear in articles furnished by its members. We will gladly correct any errors brought to our attention.

## President's Message June 2019

**E**ach of our stories are different as to how we got started in genealogical research. Some just an interest in immediate family while others wanting to learn everything as far back as they can go.

My interest in genealogy began around 2004 quite my accident. I was on the phone with a tech support person and while on hold I Googled my last name. A few different sites came up, but there was one that had Blakemore family history. I opened the site and found some names in my line. I had landed on a "goldmine" with extensive Blakemore research. The site listed family back to King Edward (1500s).

As it turns out, the Blakemore researcher was looking for more information on my direct line. I was able to share information and fill in the blanks. The Blakemore–Crunk family was holding a family reunion at Horton State Park in Tennessee that same year. I had the opportunity to meet the researcher and thank her personally. It was quite an experience to discover other Blakemores and learn more about our common ancestor. I found that my 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather was one of the founders of Fort Nashbrough now called Nashville, Tennessee. He was also one of the 256 signers of the Cumberland Compact.

I enjoy hearing other genealogists share their journey through family history. The victories as they break through walls to discover long lost family members. And learn about how their family fit in the events of history. The sweet love stories and the heartbreak of war, each make up our ancestry.

So as you track family, interview family members, write stories and save newspaper articles, you are building a "goldmine" of information to pass on to your family. And while they may not realize the value of all the stacks of paper and computer files at the moment, they will one day. So keep researching, interviewing and writing the stories, one day they will appreciate all of your efforts and thirst for more.

I would like to thank Boyd McBurnett for arranging a fantastic Spring Workshop and the Quarterly Society meeting. Mr. Larry Thomas of the Cobb County Genealogical Society presented an informative session on Genealogy 101: Getting it Right from the Start. If you would like a copy of the handout, email me at [ccgsga76@gmail.com](mailto:ccgsga76@gmail.com). For our April meeting, Mr. Alan Lee, Clerk of Superior Court shared valuable information at the Society meeting regarding the records available at the courthouse.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Society Picnic: June 27<sup>th</sup> City Pavilion off North Lakeshore Drive

Society Quarterly Meeting: July 25<sup>th</sup>

Fall Workshop: September 28 Macon Library Tour

Please visit our website regularly to stay updated on the events of Carroll County Genealogical Society. [www.ccgsga.org](http://www.ccgsga.org)

Robert Blakemore  
President

**Items of Genealogical Interest**  
**Carroll County Times**  
**January 5, 1877 – January 12, 1877**  
 Abstracted by Ted O. Brooke

*Continued from the Spring 2019 CCGS Quarterly Journal.*

Only items with genealogical value and of local interest are abstracted here. The items are abstracted beginning at the top of column one, to the bottom of column one, then to the top of column two, etc. Only the initial appearances of advertisements and legal notices are abstracted and subsequent notices, if any, are not repeated.

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**Volume VI**

With this number, the Times commences its sixth volume, and it does so under the most favorable auspices. The paper is now on a good footing, and is firmly established as one of the permanent institutions of Carroll County.

The Rev. C. W. Howard, formerly of Bartow County, died on Christmas morning at his mountain home in Walker County. Mr. Howard was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was thoroughly devoted to the interests of Georgia.

**The County Election**

The election on last Tuesday, so far as we have heard, passed off very quietly in every part of the county. The vote, as will be seen from the following table, was a very small one. This was owing to the bad weather, and the general understanding, we suppose, that there would be but little opposition to the nominated ticket: (Districts shown, with itemized vote totals are): Carrollton, Sixth District, Fairplay District, Whitesburg, Fifth, Lowell, Kansas, Villa Rica, Bowdon, Eleventh, Turkey Creek & Ninth.

Recapitulation. From the above table it will be seen that Juhan's whole vote was 1,082; Richards', 392; Griffin's, 1,253; Kelly's, 139; Hewitt's, 1,117; Williamson's, 379; Barnett's, 888; Muse's, 256; Carter's, 297; Hambricks, 1,045; Veal's, 494; Sims, 1,466; Jourdan's, 1,458; Cole's, 1,445.

**New Advertisements**

Medical Card, Dr. William Gaulding. Having located in the city of Carrollton, respectfully tenders his services, in the various branches of physic to the citizens of Carrollton and vicinity. He will make a specialty of diseases of women, chronic diseases of all sexes, and midwifery. Having been regular in practice for more than twenty years, feels

prepared to treat any disease, and give satisfaction, to all who may give him a trial. Can always be found at his office just across the street south from the hotel, in the day time, and at his residence, the Charley White house, near the depot, at night. Charges to suit the times.

References – Drs. J. A. Long, Charlie Ridley and John Baugh, LaGrange Drs. Hudson and Boozer, Hogansville; or Dr. Jennings, Harrisonville, Drs. Peddy & Daniel, Franklin, and a thousand living patients.

Georgia, Carroll County; To all whom it may concern.

M. W. Upshur having in proper form applied to me for permanent letters of administration on the estate of Elisabeth J. Sealy, formerly a resident of said State and county, but afterwards a resident of Green County, State of Arkansas, this is to cite all and singular the creditors and next of kin of Elisabeth J. Sealy, to be and appear at my office within the time allowed by law and show cause, if any they can, why permanent administration should not be granted to M. W. Upshur on Elisabeth J. Sealy's estate, on the first Monday in February next. This January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1877. D. B. Juhan, Ordinary.

**Female School.** Miss Mary C. Thomasson will open her school in the house in which she taught last year, the first Monday in February. (ad placed Jan. 5, '77).

Grow & Adamson; S. E. Grow, W. C. Adamson, Attorneys at Law, Carrollton, Georgia. Office No. 1 up stairs, in the Garrison brick building.

### **Bridge Notice**

The repairing of the bridge over Buck Creek will be let to the lowest bidder on the first Tuesday in February next. The floor is to be laid with plank – 10 new sleepers – 5 at each end – 20 feet long – and new banisters.

Also, The repairing of the bridge over the river at Handley's bridge, 40 new plank – and 25 new sleepers to be furnished – the arch on east end to be moved up five feet, and new banisters. Specifications to be seen at my office. B. D. Thomasson, J.C.C. (ad placed January 3, 1877).

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### **Bowdon Dots**

Mrs. Eason of this community departed this life last Thursday night, the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, just at seven o'clock, after a short but severe illness. She was one of the best women in all my knowledge. She was a good neighbor and one of the best friends to the afflicted. She was the wife of Thomas Eason. She died as she lived, a Christian, and is now realizing the blessings that God prepares for those that love Him.

On last Thursday night the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, Dr. Thomas P. McElwreath, was married to Miss N. M. Little. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. S. B. Little, and was performed by Rev. W. T. Twedell.

### **New Citizens**

Carrollton has received several new citizens lately, among them Dr. Gaulding formerly of Troup County, and Dr. McGarity, formerly of Coweta. Another citizen of Coweta county,

Judge H. W. Camp, has located near here, having bought the G. W. Camp place. We welcome these gentlemen and families to our midst, and hope they may find Old Carroll a pleasant, agreeable and profitable abiding place.

### **Brevities**

Lee Mandeville thinks he was cut out for a sculptor. For a specimen of his work, he refers to the snow woman, near the Court House on the Square.

L. C. Mandeville and W. T. Richards had leaks in their stores Monday, caused by the snow.

Captain McHan, who is one of our best salesmen, made things lively auctioning off dry goods and furniture on Tuesday and Wednesday last.

Rabbit hunting was in order on last Monday morning. Jim Sharp went out and killed five in about an hour's time. Jim, by the by, is the champion hunter of Carrollton. He always brings in meat.

Drs. Fitts & Arnall have moved their office to Rome street – third door below Garrison's brick corner.

Dr. McGarity lately moved to this place, has rented Watt Well's fine residence on Newnan Street.

The new brick building of Mr. John W. Stewart will soon be ready to go into. Mr. Stewart, we understand will occupy one of the rooms and J. F. Pope the other.

Col. S. Owen Smith, with his accustomed enterprise and vim, improvised a sleigh the first of the week, and cavorted around considerably in the same, on Monday and Tuesday. Owen has the honor of introducing the first sleigh riding in Carroll County. He says, "By gov'ners it was perfectly splendid."

Col. Wallace Jones says hunting rabbits in the snow is about the poorest business he has invested in, in some time. It don't pan out!

A. D. Fuller, who has been selling goods and farming at Allen's Mill in this county, had a sale recently and will return soon to Atlanta where he expects to run a wagon yard and family grocery store. He made many friends while in our county, who, we hope, will patronize his new business.

### **Homicide**

On Saturday night, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, a young man by the name of John Craven, son of Wm. Craven of the Eleventh district of this county, was killed at Green Huckaba's in Blue Shin district, upper part of Heard County. It seems that Craven had gone to Huckaba's in company with a young man by the name of Smith, and while there Smith got into a difficulty with one of the young Huckabas, there were two of them, in which Craven and the other Huckaba became involved. The result was that Smith ran out of the fight and left Craven alone, who was stabbed to death by Robert Huckaba – being cut in fourteen different places, seven of which would have proved fatal.

We learn that a coroner's inquest was held over the dead body of Craven, and they returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

### **'Oh! The Snow, the Beautiful Snow'**

On last Sunday night one of the heaviest snows that we have had in years, fell in this vicinity. Its average depth was variously estimated, it being generally put down at about four or five inches deep. At the time we write, the most of it is still on the ground, everything being frozen when it fell and the weather having been very cold since. On Monday before the snow became hard, snow-balling was the order of the day among the boys, and there was many a tussle between them.

### **A Miserable Hermit**

In a small hut in a secluded spot on Turkey Creek about a half a mile below Davenport's mill, and about ten miles west of Carrollton, there has lived, for years, a hermit, in the form, and under the name of Green B. Hammock, a well informed and intelligent old gentleman, notwithstanding his recluse and ascetic habits. No direct reason is known among his neighbors for his seclusion, for in his early life he was always successful in his business undertakings, and soon by his energy and industry, gathered around him plenty of this world's goods to make him comfortable and happy. His disposition to retire from 'the outside world' was about this time observed, and for years, he has lived altogether inside his own enclosure, and on his own land. He has sheltered himself under no roof but his own, made a track on no land to which he had no title; worn no hat, shoe nor coat for more than twenty years. His business transactions, such as giving in and paying taxes, buying or selling, has all been promptly attended to by his wife. He truly has lived to himself and for himself. It is said by those who claim to know, that he and his wife have in their possession, which they purchased long ago, the most finely carved furniture; and gorgeous bed clothing (that is never used) to be found in the most magnificent mansion in Georgia, with dressing for himself and wife (which is never worn) of the most costly goods. It is also reported that they have table furniture (that is never used) such as plates, cups, saucers, knives and forks etc., etc, of the most elegant style and quality, with perhaps a large sum of money, carefully hidden away. In addition to this, they have horses and cattle in common with other people, and strange to say, they live in the poorest, most uncomfortable hut to be found in Turkey Creek district, and on the coarsest diet, and wear the meanest, filthiest clothing of any set of beggarly freedmen in Carroll County.

About five years ago, Mr. Hammock was afflicted with a cancer on his leg and hip, which caused him great pain and suffering, and twelve months ago this January, he was thrown upon his pallet (for he has not slept in a bed for a number of years) where he now lies, the most pitiable object my eyes ever beheld. I visited him last Sunday for the second time in my life, and I have it from his own lips that the sore with which he has suffered for the last five years, the most excruciating pain, has actually eaten the flesh off, till the bone in his leg and hip are perfectly bare, and it has already entered his bowels, where it still goes on with its work of devouring the poor man alive. An odor of the most offensive character, continually permeates every part of the miserable hut, and for some distance around, the air is burdened with the same exhalations that are emitted from his diseased body. Poor man, he is doomed to die – is perhaps now dead. His wife a shriveled up old woman of fifty or sixty, keeps up her nightly vigils all alone,

nobody visits them, except perchance to see if the miserable anchoute [*sic*] has gone to rest. J. A. Roberson, Billow, Ga., January 2, 1877.

### **Hymeneal**

Married on Thursday night the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, by P. H. Chandler Esq. at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. M. P. McEwen of Carroll County, to Miss Lucinda E. Watson of Haralson County.

On the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John McGarity, Mr. G. P. Sewell and Miss Etta McGarity, the Rev. Mr. Roop of Carrollton officiating.

Also on the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, by the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. G. W. Fleming, Miss M. E. Fleming and Mr. V.C. Pentecost – all of Carroll County.

On the evening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. W. Key, and Miss L. O. Banks, Rev. J. M. D. Stallings officiating. All of this county.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., by Rev. J. M. D. Stallings, Mr. Wm. E. Mote and Miss Mary Phillips. All of this county.

On the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo, at the residence of the bride's father, by S. W. Noland Esq., Mr. N. J. Henderson of Sweet Water, Paulding County, to Miss Maggie Leathers of the Sixth district of Carroll.

At the residence of the bride's father on Thursday evening, December 28<sup>th</sup>, by J. M. Muse Esq., Mr. Martin N. Holcombe to Miss Lula M. Steele – all of Carroll County.

The extreme cold weather has delayed the paper this week. We hope our readers will excuse us as we are generally on time.

### **Billow and About**

The Billow Mills have been purchased from Dr. Smith of Grantville by Mr. Lovern of Atlanta, for \$2,000, and Mr. Wilder, our clever mill man has been reinstated as miller, to the gratification of his friends and the public.

Christmas with its frivolities and Alabama swamp whiskey has come and gone, and our people have relapsed into their usual quiet. Some mischief was done by the fun loving boys, such as building fences across the public highways, swapping gates, etc. The last labor saving invention has been instituted in our neighborhood by Mr. W. A. Walker, who proposes to utilize the 'square root' of a hog by shelling his corn in his mortar box, and tolling his hogs therein to make up mortar for him while he builds his chimney.

Mr. J. A. Arthur, living with Uncle Dave Alexander near Bowdon, saw a squirrel up a tree as he was on his way to the field to pick cotton not long ago, and thinking what a good joke it would be to climb up and make him jump out, skinned off his coat and started up the tree, and when about twenty-three feet from the ground, a limb broke with him and



down he came to the ground with a thud, lay there a minute, got up grunted a time or two and then went on to picking cotton.

### **Sale Day**

There were not very many people in town on last Tuesday. The inclemency of the weather, we suppose, kept them from coming out. Property as a general thing went very cheap. The Prothro place, near Villa Rica, sold by T. J. Brooks, executor, brought \$700. This is said to be one of the best lots in the county – unimproved however. The notes and accounts of G. W. Camp, bankrupt, were sold in one lot, and bought by G. W. Merrell Esq., for \$400.

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Georgia, Carroll County. John R. Duke has applied for exemption of personalty and I will pass upon the same at ten o'clock a.m. on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1877 at my office. This December 23, 1876. D. B. Juhan, Ordinary.

The above citation for J. R. Duke's homestead should have been advertised to be passed upon on Saturday the 23 inst., but by oversight it was left out of the paper. D. B. Juhan, Ordinary. E. R. Sharpe, Ed. Times.

### **Carroll County Times, issue of Friday, January 12, 1877, Vol. VI #2**

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### **Distressing Accident**

We have never been called up to chronicle a more painfully distressing accident than one which occurred in our county on Monday of last week, being Christmas day. It consisted in the killing of Willie Whatley by his brother Payson Whatley. The facts as they have been related to us are, that Willie was removing some rails from the straw pen in order to let the cattle into the straw. Payson and Willie Harris, a neighbor friend of the young men, were engaged in a tussle near by, when Payson suddenly freed himself from young Harris and drawing a pistol fired it quickly into the ground, as he thought, hoping to startle young Harris by the suddenness of the report. The pistol, a very small one, was easy on trigger, and it is thought that it may have exploded sooner than was intended, or that the ball may have struck a rock which caused it to glance out of its natural course. Be this as it may, Willie Whatley fell, and it was found that the ball had entered behind his ear and penetrated several inches into his head. When asked what was the matter, he replied that a rail had struck him. We deeply sympathise with the afflicted family of the deceased young man, and especially with the grief stricken brother who has thus been the unwilling cause of his death. And while we would not add one pang to the sorrow that must already overwhelm him, we feel that it is our duty to again protest against the sinful, senseless and criminal practice of carrying deadly weapons about the person. – *Newnan Herald*.

Col. E. Y. Clarke is engaged in writing a history of Atlanta.

**Carroll County Sheriff Sale**

Will be sold on the first Tuesday in February next, 1877, before the Court House door in the town of Carrollton, Carroll County, Georgia, between the usual hours of sale, the following property, to-wit:

Fifty acres of the south side of lot of land number 2, in the Fifth district of Carroll County, and lot of land number 3, in the aforesaid district, containing 202 ½ acres, more or less, 141 ½ acres, more or less, off the south side of lot of land number 224, in the original Third district of said county, with all the improvements on said land, including the Paper Mills and fixtures. Levied on as the property of the defendant, under and by virtue of a Fieri Facias issued from the Superior court of Coweta County in favor of T. P. Amis, against the Georgia Manufacturing and Paper Mill Company. Property pointed out by plaintiff in Fieri Facias.

Also the west half of lot of land number 122, in the Ninth district of Carroll County. Levied on as the property of the defendant under and by virtue of a Fieri Facias issued from the Superior Court of said county in favor of James B. Martin administrator of F. D. Bowen deceased against A. Y. Blackman. Property pointed out by plaintiff in Fieri Facias. (signed) J. T. Bedingfield, Sheriff, ad placed Jan. 12, 1876 [*sic*].

Georgia, Carroll County. Wm. Chasteen has applied for exemption of personalty and setting apart and valuation of homestead and I will pass upon the same at ten o'clock a.m. on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February next at my office this January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1877.  
D. B. Juhan, Ordinary.

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**New Post Office**

We learn that a new Post Office has just been established at the residence of Mr. J. M. McBurnett's of the Ninth district. This office is on the route of the new mail line lately established, running from Bowdon to Tecumseh, Alabama. The office will be known as Kansas.

**The Weather**

We have had the coldest weather here in the past two weeks, ever seen in the memory of "the oldest inhabitant." This is the universal testimony. The climax was reached on last Tuesday morning, the thermometer going down to six degrees above zero. A good deal of the snow that fell nearly two weeks ago, remains, but it is frozen into ice. At the time we write (Thursday) it is fair and the weather is moderating and we hope the agony is over.

**Hymeneal**

Married at the residence of the bride's father, on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1876, by J. M. Cobb, N.P., Mr. J. M. Davis, of Birmingham, Alabama, to Mrs. A. C. Green, of the Sixth district in this county.

Also, by the same at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Sarah Hudgens, on Saturday, January 4, 1877, Mr. W. L. G. Rogers to Miss Fannie C. Hudgens – all of the sixth district Carroll County.

### **Turkey Creek District Items**

The house of one of the Findley's was burned on Thursday night the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo. Nothing saved except two feather beds. Thought to have been the work of an incendiary.

### **Brevities**

What are the hens up to these hard times? There are no eggs in town. Carroll County expects every hen to do her duty. Bring in your eggs.

Jim Brown has recently been on a visit to West Point, and comes back perfectly delighted with that thriving little town.

We find the following personal in reference to Rev. Dr. Nall, well known in this vicinity, in the *Atlanta Constitution* of a late date: The Rev. Robert Nall, D.D., a well known Evangelist, and father of Rev. R. H. Nall, of the Columbus church, has removed his family from Tuskegee, Alabama, to Florida, where he has a son-in-law residing at Micanopy, in Alachua County. One of his daughters died a few months ago, and another, Miss Surie, has married Mr. A. V. Boatrite, of Columbus. These changes have rendered a removal to Florida desirable, although a wide circle of Christian friends reluctantly part with this faithful and honored preacher.

Dr. T. P. McElwreath has rented the Culpepper place, and has moved his family into it, since his marriage.

### **Journalistic**

'Bridges Smith's Paper' is a new candidate for public favor in journalism, just issued in Atlanta. Bridges Smith, editor and publisher. We have the first copy before us, and it is full of good things. His paper is published every Monday at five cents a copy, or \$1.00 per annum.

The *Central Georgia Weekly* is the title of a new paper published at Barnsville [sic] by A. A. & T. E. Murphy. Through the courtesy of Captain C. H. White, a copy of the *Weekly* has been laid upon our table. It is furnished at the low price of \$1.25 per annum.

The Newnan Fair grounds were sold at Sheriff's sale, last week under a *fifa* in favor of J. B. Wynn. The property was knocked off to Major W. A. Turner, for \$1300. This, the *Herald* says, is but little more than the first cost of the land without improvements. The debts of the Fair Association amounted to about \$2,500 and the grounds were the only assets.

Mr. Jack Lowe of Newnan takes charge of the Jeff Davis House of that city. Prof. Wells is with him.

Clarissa Awtrey, an aged colored woman, was burned to death the other day in West Point.

A negro man named Jim Garlington was found last Saturday frozen to death near Hollingsworth's mills in Rockdale County.

**Personal Mention**

Fitch, they say, is soon to take charge of the *Henry County Weekly*. He will make it lively.

We learn through private sources that Marshal Dent, editor of the *Newnan Herald*, will soon move to the Eastern shore of Maryland, where we believe he was reared. We do not know who is to take charge of the *Herald* now, but we believe it will be a difficult matter to fill Col. Dent's place upon that paper.

Dr. H. L. W. Craig of Atlanta, one of the founders of the *Herald* died last week in that city of consumption.

J. C. Harris, of the *Atlanta Constitution* is 28 years old. He is one of the brightest lights in the journalistic constellation and yet his entire education was obtained within the walls of a printing office. Take courage boys.

Miss Malissa Freeman, of Griffin, was taken suddenly ill soon after supper on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, and died in about thirty minutes.

Mr. Aleck Lowe of Dooly County, was crushed to death in a cotton screw one day last week.

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No items of local or genealogical interest.

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## Robert Roberts 1926–2019

The Society regrets to learn of the passing of long-time member Robert Roberts of Villa Rica, Georgia, on Monday May 6, 2019. Robert, born July 2, 1926, and his wife Pauline were contributing members of the CCGS for many years.

A graduate of Villa Rica High School in 1943, he was later drafted into the Army in 1944 and sent to Trier Germany where he fought in the European Theater of World War II. Robert was honored as a World War II Grand Marshall at the Villa Rica Gold Dust Parade in 2014.

Funeral service was held May 9, 2019, with interment following at Sunrise Memorial Gardens.

## 1906 Mortgage Book Carroll County, Georgia

**T**his Mortgage Book from 1906 was located in Special Collections at Neva Lomason Library just as they were getting ready to close the library for renovations. Since many of Carroll County's farming families depended on cotton as one of their primary crops, it is no surprise that most of these mortgages were secured by their cotton crops.

Mortgages were sometimes included with Land Records, but this book appears to be solely mortgages. For further reading about land records (including an interesting small section about mortgages), see Patricia Law Hatcher's book "*Locating Your Roots: Discover your Ancestors Using Land Records.*"

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S. V. Walker to H. P. Muse, April 24, 1906

By 1<sup>st</sup> day of Dec. 1906, S. V. Walker promises to pay H. P. Muse \$47.50.

Security: One chestnut sorrel mare age about 8 yrs., this second mortgage on mare, one mortgage older than this of \$8.00. Also one buggy known as buggy that W. A. Entekin sold J. W. Phillips.

Signed: S. V. Walker  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
J. E. Kirk, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 1, 1906

W. M. Lockett to W. L. Nix, Feb 17, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1906, Lockett promises to pay W. L. Nix \$25.00.

Security: One red cow about 4 yrs. old and weight about 600 #.

Signed: W. M. Lockett — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
W. J. Aldridge, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 2, 1906

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J. H. Masden to W. L. Nix, February 12, 1906

By 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1906, J. H. Masden promises to pay W. L. Nix \$60.00.

Security: One black mule about 12 yrs old. Weight about 800 #. Said note being for purchase money.

Signed: J. H. Masden — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
W. J. Aldridge, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 2, 1906

W. J. Henderson to W. L. Nix, November 23, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1906, W. J. Henderson promises to pay W. L. Nix \$89.64.

Security: One large red and white checked no horned milch cow about 9 yrs old; wt. about 800 #.

Signed: W. J. Henderson — X his mark

S. B. Pace, Clerk

W. J. Aldridge, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 2, 1906

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J. P. Warren to Heming & Robinson, April 20, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1906, Warren promises to pay Heming & Robinson \$19.40.

Security: One red cow white back age 7 yrs old. Weight 600 #, with horns.

Signed: J. P. Warren — X his mark

S. B. Pace, Clerk

C. A. Walker

D. A. Power, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 3, 1906

S. W. Crider to Heming & Robinson, April 16, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1906, Crider promises to pay Heming & Robinson \$50.00.

Security: One mare mule about 15 years old weight about 900 #. One horse wagon Chattanooga make.

Signed: G. W. Crider — X his mark

S. B. Pace, Clerk

G. W. Williams

C. A. Walker, Notary P.

Recorded: May 3, 1906

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J. J. Sewell to Heming & Robinson, May 3, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1906, Sewell promises to pay Heming & Robinson \$250.00.

Security: My entire crop of cotton 40 acres now planted and growing in Hulett Dist. Carroll County on land of Dr. J. C. Smith were I now live.

Signed: J. J. Sewell

S. B. Pace, Clerk

C. A. Walker, N.P., C.C.Ga.

Recorded: May 3, 1906

C. P. Baxley to Joseph Hutcheson, July 2, 1906

By 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1906, Baxley promises to pay Joseph Hutcheson \$135.090.

Security: Namely: One black mule Nancy Prince which I recognize as the property of Joseph Hutcheson until this debt is fully paid.

Signed: C. P. Baxley

S. B. Pace, Clerk

J. W. H. Russell, N.P.

Recorded: May 4, 1906

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J. D. Wiles to Joseph Hutcheson, July 2, 1906

By 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1906, Wiles promises to pay Joseph Hutcheson \$151.00.

Security: One large mare mule – bought of Orr & Powell which I herein recognize as the property of Joseph Hutcheson until this note is fully paid.

Signed: J. D. Niles — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
M. D. Watkins, N.P.

Recorded: May 4, 19096

R. J. Harper to Cheves & Talley, 4-27-1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Harper promises to pay Cheves & Talley \$296.20.

Security: One black cow about 5 years old & one grey horse about 10 years old and the title to remain in said Cheves & Talley for purchase money. Also my entire crop of cotton consisting in about 17 acres and about 12 acres of corn planted on what is known as the Hixon place now owned by Mrs. Broughnot also my interest in sons crop on said place. Above amount is for supplies furnished to make crop.

Signed: R. J. Harper — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
G. J. Braswell, N.P. & J.P.

Recorded: May 4, 1906

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J. L. Tucker to J. H. Lipscomb & Son, May 4, 1906

By first of October 1906, Tucker promises to pay J. H. Lipscomb & Son \$55.00.

Security: 1 cow with sawed horns (horns about six inches long) brindle color with white spots and about eight years old namely Lil. 1 bull calf color brindle about six months old. There is no offset against this note and I waive all failure of consideration.

Signed: J. L. Tucker  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
M. D. Watkins, N.P.

Recorded: May 5, 1906

B. F. Roberts to W. L. Nix, May 8, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1906, Roberts promises to pay W. L. Nix \$90.00.

Security: All growing crops grown by me this year which is about 15 acres of cotton and about 8 acres of corn, said crops being on Mrs. Tex Wrights place in this 1163 Dist. G.M.

Signed: B. F. Roberts  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
W. J. Aldridge, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 8, 1906

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Arthur Hearn to O. P. Bennett, May 7, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Hearn promises to pay O. P. Bennett \$75.00

Security: 20 acres of cotton now planted and growing on the lands of L. F. Sewell and cultivated by me and located in Bowdon District G.M. First mortgage. Given to secure acct. for supplies for making said crop, to be furnished to amt. of this note of necessary during spring and summer of 1906 or until the crop is laid by.

Signed: Arthur Hearn — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
H. M. Reid, Jr.  
M. L. Moore, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 8, 1906

Henry Methis to O. P. Bennett, May 7, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Methis promises to pay O. P. Bennett \$90.00

Security: 18 acres of cotton now planted and growing on the lands of L. F. Sewell located in Bowdon District G.M. and cultivated by me. First mortgage. Given to secure account for account for supplies for making said crop and to be furnished during the spring and summer 1906 or before said crop is laid by.

Signed: Henry Methis — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
H. M. Reid, Jr.  
M. L. Moore, C.N.P.

Recorded: May 8, 1906

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Gena Smith to O. P. Bennett, May 7, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Smith promises to pay O. P. Bennett or bearer \$20.00.

Security: ½ interest in six acres planted in cotton this year, said land being on the farm of James Jackson in the 1111 Dis. said Carroll County, the same being in a new ground on road leading from Jackson dwelling through his farm.

Signed: Gena Smith — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
J. A. McDonald, J.P

Recorded: May 8, 1906

W. M. Johnson to Z. D. Noles, May 9, 1906

By 1<sup>st</sup> December 1906, Johnson promised to pay Z. D. Noles \$110.00.

Security: Twenty (20) acres in cotton now planted and growing and being cultivated by me this year on the Jesse Wallace old place in Sand Hill Dist. Carroll County, Ga. This note is given for borrowed money to enable me to make my crop this year.

Signed: W. M. Johnson — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
J. M. (?) Glaston  
S. B. Pace C.C.

Recorded: May 9, 1906



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C. P. Buyers to Parker & Wood, May 8, 1906

By 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1906, Buyers promises to pay Parker & Wood \$300.00

Security: Thirty four acres cotton on lot of land #127. 36 acres cotton on lot of land #128, all in 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Signed: C. P. Buyers  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
A. K. Snead, C. N.P.

Recorded: May 10, 1906

Jonce Williamson to Heming & Robinson, May 5, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Williamson promises to pay Heming & Robinson or order \$165.00.

Security: My entire cotton & corn now planted and growing in Tenth Dist. Carroll County on land bought from W. W. Harris where I now live.

Signed: Jonce Williamson — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
G. W. Williams  
C. A. Walker, N.P. CC Ga.

Recorded: May 11, 1906

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B. M. Sewell to Heming & Robinson, May 5, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Sewell promises to pay Heming & Robinson or order \$150.00.

Security: 20 acres in cotton now planted and growing in Carroll Co. Ga. Fair Play Dist., known as Phil Garce place where I now live.

Signed; B. M. Sewell  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
C. A. Walker, N.P. CC Ga.

Recorded: May 11, 1906

W. S. Hall to Heming & Robinson, May 11, 1906

by 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Hall promises to pay Heming & Robinson or order \$150.00.

Security: My entire crop cotton 20 acres now planted and growing in Ropoville Dist., Carroll Co. Ga. on the George Bonner place where I now live. Also one dark colored cow, 6 years old weight about 750#.

Signed: W. S. Hall — X his mark  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
G. W. Williams  
C. A. Walker, N.P. CC Ga.

Recorded: May 11, 1906

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W. H. Cooke to J. H. Jones, May 11, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1906, Cooke promises to pay J. H. Jones \$35.00.

Security: Six acres in cotton on J. D. Driver's place in 1483 Dist. of said county.

Signed: W. H. Cooke  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
M. R. McWhorter, J.P.

Recorded: May 12, 1906

J. W. Hicks to T. J. Butler or bearer, March 7, 1906

By 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1906, Hicks promises to pay T. J. Butler \$94.50.

Security: And I create a landlords lien for supplies on the following crops to wit: about twenty acres of cotton between T. J. Butler's house and the Tallapoosa River and ten acres of corn the same being west of the house of the said T. J. Butler, all the same being the crop cultivated by me and on the land of said T. J. Butler and the same being all of the crop being made by me the year 1906: and I hereby acknowledge the said T. J. Butler as my landlord and myself as his tenant and this obligation as supplies furnished by the said landlord to me to enable me to make said described crop and to further secure this debt I sell & convey to the said T. J. Butler my utter stock of goods kept to be sold in store house just opposite the residence of one T. J. Butler consisting of dry goods & grocers & hware [sic] in value about \$150.00 and then to be in [blank] mortgage to secure this debt and to give the said T. J. Butler first lien on the said goods.

Side Note: I hereby extend the maturity of this note to Dec. 25, 1906, the same to draw interest from Oct. 15, 1906 at the rate of 8% till said maturity. T. J. Butler

Signed: J. W. Hicks  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
James Beall  
R. W. Adamson, N.P. Carroll Co. Ga.

Recorded: May 4, 1906

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J. W. Hicks to T. J. Butler or bearer, March 5, 1906

By 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec. 1906, Hicks promises to pay T. J. Butler \$90.00

Security: I hereby acknowledge the entire stock of goods being kept by me for sale consisting of dry goods, groceries & hware [sic] just opposite residence of said T. J. Butler where I now keep goods for sale, to be vested in said T. J. Butler, the same being his for the reason that he has furnished the money to buy said stock of goods.

Signed: J. W. Hicks  
S. B. Pace, Clerk  
James Beall  
A. W. Adamson, N.P. Carroll Co. Ga.

Recorded: May 4, 1906

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## 1856 Tax Digest Carroll County, Georgia

### Georgia Militia 682, District 4

Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
Jacob Addams	1	2		Carroll
F. M. Arrington	1			
William Busby	1	1		Do <sup>1</sup>
J. J. Busby	1	2		
J. W. R. Bayley	1			Do
Robert J. Brown	1	3		Do
James C. Brown	1	3		Do
William E. Bryant	1	2		Do
John Byers				
Richard Benton	1	3		
Thomas Bonner	1			
David Barksdale	1	4		Do
Uriah Baughman	1	3		Do
John P. Barrett	1			
Eli H. Baxter				Do
John J. Carr	1			Do
A. B. Carr Inventor	1	2	on the estate of J. F. Carr, Dec'd	Do
William G. Casper	1			Do
Marshall Coats	1	3		
Maryon Chandler	1	2		Do

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<sup>1</sup>Do.: The abbreviation for "ditto," often found in old county records.

Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
Thomas J. Crawford	1			
J. P. Chandler	1			
Pirce Cosby	1	4		Do
Josiah Carr	1	2		Do
Willy Cape	1	1		
Volintine Crawford	1			
<b>Next page</b>				
James Carter	1			Carroll
Julius Camp	1			
J. P. Cosper	1	1		Do
Martin Crider	1			Do
Robert R. Cook	1	4		
G. W. Cook	1	2		
B. F. Carter	1		Gdn for the heirs of Jessie H. Smith, dec'd.	
Polly Clarke, widow		1		
James A. Crim	1			Do
Joel Culpepper	1			Do
Joel A. Culpepper	1			
Jas. W. Cash	1	1		Do
Wiley J. Cash	1	1		Do
Susan Cavender		5		Do
Obediah Cavender			Adm on the estate of J. J. Cavender, dec'd	
J. H. Cook	1			

Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
John Doris	†	4		Do
Richard Davis	1	3		Do
Peter E. Duncan	1	2		
William Davis	1			Do
John Davis	1	1		Do
Baxter Davis	1			
William Dorris	1			
C. T. Davis	1	4		Do
Enoch Davis	1	3		Union, Carroll
Julius L. Driver	1			Do
William Fortner	1	4		Do
William H. Fowler	1			
Winston Echols	1			Do
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M. W. Green	1	2		Carroll
E. M. Gorham	1			
Thomas Griffin				Do
Do				Cobb, Lumpkin
James Gray	1	5		Carroll, Cherokee
Asa Griffin	1	3		
John W. Gray	1	3		Carroll
David Gray	1	4		Do
Sarah L. George, orphan		1		
Francis M. George, orphan		1		
Miles Garrison	1			Do

Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
James Garrison	1			
S. J. Gray	1			
Eli Gray	1	2	Agt for Francis Gray	Do
William H. Goodin	1			
S. C. Halmark	1	3		
Thomas Howard	1			
H. B. Hinson	1			
William J. Higginbotham				
Thomas L. Henry, orphan		1		
Samuel H. Henry, orphan		1		
Thomas Hanvy	1	2		Carroll
Ludy Holder	1	1		
John J. Holoway	1			Do
G. W. Holoway	1			
James H. Harris	1			
Simeon Harrison	1			
Solomon Holoway	1	3	Gdn. for Lucindy Carter	Do
Silas Sanford Hinson	1			
Elizabeth C. Holsomback, orphan		1		
Silas Hinson	1			
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Seaburn J. Jackson		2	Agt for Samuel Jackson, Mississippi	Polk, Heard

Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
Aaron Johnson	1	3		Carroll
A. C. Knight	1	3		
Carrington Knight			Agt for John J. Knight, Ala	Do Do
Jessee T. Lee	1			
J. P. Lambert	1	1		
Theophulus Lang	1	2		Do
Thomas Leggitt	1	4		Polk, Carroll
Jessee B. Lang	1			Worth
John W. Lands	1			Coweta
Racheal Lands				Carroll
Woodson Lee	1			
J. T. McIntosh	1			
William W. More	1	3		Do
L. D. Musick	1	3		
J. B. Merrill	1			Do
Thomas S. Martin	1	3		Do, Cass
J. W. Musick	1			
Phillip B. Morris	1			Carroll
Sampson McCarty	1	3		Do
George W. Mattox	1			Wilkinson
G. A. More & Morris				
G. A. More	1			Do
James D. More	1	3	Gdn. for William Malone	Coweta
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R. M. Newton	1			Carroll

Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
Thomas E. Newton	1	3		Do
James M. Newton	1			
Burrell Nail	1	5		
Wiley H. Nail	1			
Anderson Niels	1			
Flail (?) Pain				Do
Asa Phillips	1	3		Do
Thomas Phillips	1	3		Do
William M. Pearson	1			Do
Thomas Pate	1			Do
Miles Pate	1			Do
Henry Pate	1			
William Pritchard	1			
Eli Reaves	1	1		
Jas. M. Rooks	1	5		Do
William Rooks		1		Do
William H. Rooks	1			
John W. Rease	1	3		Do
B. W. Reese	1			
George Reese	1			
James H. Rodgers	1			Murry, Paulding, Polk, Do
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R. H. Springer	1		Agt for Clara Barter	Do
R. Sauth (?)	1	2		Do
Hull Sims	4			Do



Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
John R. Sims	1			Do
Do				Aplin [Applying]
A. D. Sims	1			Forsyth, Lumpkin
Daniel Stilwell	1	2		
T. H. Smedley, orphan		1		
W. M. Smith	1	4		Carroll
William Scudder		4		Do
Mathew Sigler	1			Do
Benjamin Skinner	1			
Mark Smallwood	1	2		
William F. Story	1	2		
Henry Summerlin	1	4		Forsyth, Coweta, Daugherty, Butts
Leroy Taylor	1	1		Do
S. T. Tredwell	1			
Blanton F. Thornton	1	1		Do
Allin W. Thomas	1	3	GD for	Do
John T. Thomas	1		GD for Nancy West	Do, Decalb
Lewis H. Thomas	1	2		Do
Z. B. Tredwell	1			
John Thomas	1			
<b>Next page</b>				
J. W. Walker	1			Carroll
John M. Walker	1	2		
John M. Walden	1	3		

Name	Poll	Children between 8 & 16 years	Agent or Trustee	County
William Warren	1	3		
Spencer Wilds	1	2		Do
William G. Williamson	1			
William J. Young	1	2		
H. N. Wiggins	1			
L. B. Whitaker	1	2		Do
George Wilder	1			
James Upchurch	1			Do
Benjamin H. Wright	1			Do
James W. Walker	1			
William T. Willingham	1			Carroll, Paulding
James Wissel	1	3		
Tyre Watson	1	3		Do
Thomas S. Watson	1		Agent for Wm. G. Watson	

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**R**obert Davis of Wallace State, Hanceville, Alabama, just made an interesting statement in his recent news list: He says when everything else has been done in your research, go through the back issues of relevant genealogical journals – you just might find what you are looking for. Another good idea is to become a member of that society and send in your family histories.

Good idea!

All back issues of our quarterly journals are online at our web site [www.ccgsga.org](http://www.ccgsga.org). You can also take advantage of the obituary index, available to all. The obituary images are available to members or short-term subscribers. Check it out.

## Elijah H. Lewis & Harriet M. Veasey Lewis

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Edmond, Oklahoma



Harriet M. Veasey Lewis and Elijah H. Lewis

**I** first became aware that Elijah H. Lewis and Harriet M. Veasey Lewis were my grandparents while my brother Steve was visiting cousin Mary Francis Gray Searcy in Carrollton, Georgia. Mary showed me some old family photos and an old Bible that was a genealogist's dream. In fact, the photo above came from her. The old Bible must have come from our grandmother Harriet Matilda Veasey Lewis, because most of the names recorded were Lewis kinfolk. To say I was excited about this find would be a gross understatement. I think I recall cousin Mary saying she didn't know much about Elijah, but pointed out his name in the Bible and the words jumped off the page before me, "Elijah H. Lewis was shot dead May 12, 1864." I had never heard anything about this from anyone in my family. Now, here it was in the family Bible.

What is your impression when you think of that: "shot dead May 12, 1864"? Mine was that with the Civil War still ongoing (the Battle of Atlanta was yet to come), Elijah must have been a soldier. I seem to recall cousin Mary saying she thought Elijah left the farm to go back north to fight for the Union. The story she told was that Elijah had come home to check on his family and was seen by someone and the Home Guard was called. The Home Guard found Elijah hiding in an apple tree, and shot him out of that tree right in front of his family. As someone born in Carrollton in August of 1937, I wasn't too upbeat at the time about having a Yankee soldier in the family, but it did instill in me the desire to find, as Paul Harvey called it, "the rest of the story." But, where do you start.... I have often wondered why they just shot him.

I started with the United States census, to see if I could pin down where Elijah and Harriet lived. I found them in the 1860 census in Heard County.

19	496	182	Elijah H. Lewis	36	M	Farmer	400	300	NC
20			Harriet M. "	23	F				Ga
21			Benjamin F. "	5	M				"
22			John J. "	3	F				"
23			Henry G. "	1	F				"

Heard County, State of Georgia, Post Office of State Line, 2 July 1860.

That census threw me at first because my grandmother Araminta Lucretia Lewis wasn't listed. It finally dawned on me that she wasn't born until January 28, 1861, and this census was enumerated on July 2, 1860. The other thing I noticed is that this census lists Elijah's birth State as North Carolina! The Confederacy included the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Jefferson Davis was their President. Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri were called Border States. So, Elijah wasn't a northern born Yankee.

I am 81 years old, and I have been chasing Elijah through the Union army for years. I wish I had kept a log of the time I spent searching for Elijah in the Union army. Believe it or not, I did find a couple of Elijah Lewis' but one was too young and the other was killed earlier in the war. How many Elijah H. Lewis' would I find? I didn't find any more, so I didn't find mine either. All I knew was that he was at home when that 1860 census was taken. Online internet searches are improving all the time, but this was akin to what some like to call "a brick wall."

I have been doing searches on FamilySearch and Ancestry for a long time, but never found anything beneficial on Elijah. If you do any searching on the internet, you know how critical search criteria are. I tried a variety of patterns without success. I finally gave up and searched for "Harriet M. Lewis," and that resulted in finding a claim folder in the Southern Claims Commission archives. The claim contains some 30 pages, and Harriet filed it. I had never heard of this Commission. The claim contained a gold mine of things about my Lewis great-grandparents that I would probably have never known.

### **The Southern Claims Commission**

The Southern Claims Commission (SCC) was an organization of the executive branch of the United States government from 1871 to 1880, created under President Ulysses S. Grant. Its purpose was to allow Union sympathizers who had lived in the Southern States during the American Civil War, 1861-1865, to apply for reimbursements for property losses due to U.S. Army confiscations during the war. As it turned out, great grandma Harriet's claim was not for property taken by the Union Army, but the Confederate Army. The property taken was 1 mare, 1 mule, and 20 gallons of whisky. What follows is some of the excerpted testimony given before the Commission for ***The Claim of Harriet M. Lewis of Franklin, Heard County, Georgia, and Claim No. 15820.***

*Note: Cousin Betty Jo Carroll Parsons and I transcribed the following depositions from the original hand written archival records with no corrections.*

***Deposition of Harriet M. Lewis***

The circumstances of his death were as follows: My husband, Elijah H. Lewis, was violently opposed to secession, voted against it, and when the war commenced, he refused to go into the army, and all the time declared that he never would fight for the Confederacy. He often said to me and others that he would die before he would fight against the old Constitution and Flag of the Union; and he managed in various ways to evade the service and remain at home; but in Nov. 1863, the [Rebel] Cavalry arrested him and took him to Camp at Decatur, Ga. After staying six weeks he obtained a furlough & came home.

Being determined not to fight he remained at home, though for several months he could not stay in his house not even at night but slept out in the plantation for the [Rebel] Cavalry was almost constantly on the hunt for him because he was so strong a Union man. At last, on 12 day of May 1864, the Cavalry came to our house and my husband happened to be at the house eating dinner. They hailed a colored man Andrew Jorden and threatened to put a rope round his neck to make him tell where my husband was. I heard them and told my husband that they were after him. He told me to detain them till he could get away. I did so, but they had posted men through the farm, and he ran up among them.

Seeing he was surrounded he told them three times that he would give up, but they said "Slay the d...d rascal and be done with him" and they shot him dead upon the spot. Every Cavalry man left him, but one of our neighbors, who said he was forced to come with them remained and had my husband taken care of. I heard the guns went immediately and found my husband was brutally shot down just because he would not fight against the old Constitution and Country he loved.

Yes, Sir. In 1864, July 20, when Genl. Rosecrans raid was passing my house I fed all the soldiers that stopped at my house as far as I was able and about two weeks after when Genl. McCook's army were trying to escape through this settlement after being routed on the Chattahoochee River, I concealed several of them from the Home Guards and cooked victuals and sent to them by my little children and sent a colored man to pilot them through the settlement. This I did various Union soldiers several days till they all got through.

I had neither son, brother nor nephew in the Confed. army. I never furnished any Confed. soldier with anything; neither did my husband ever do anything for the Rebel cause, in any way whatsoever.

With the Union. My feelings were for the Union and I talked it out boldly. My influence was for the Union. After secession I was still for the Union during the war and ever since. I can most heartily answer in the affirmative every point in that question. I did all I could for the Union and am only sorry that I could not do more.

I am a widow. My husband was killed as before stated, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1864. He was arrested and taken to Camps but was in the Civil Service of the Confederacy. He was

strictly loyal to the Union till the day of his murder. He left four children: Benjamin, 17 yrs. old; Sarah Jane, 18 yrs. old; Mary C., 13 yrs. old; and Araminta, 10 yrs. old. [*Araminta was my grandmother*]. They were not joined with me in the Petition because my Counsel did not think it was necessary. I claim the property specified upon the grounds that my husband owned it at his death, and did not owe anything at that time, and I have exercised absolute control over all the property he left in my possession with no objection from anyone whatsoever.

I was in the house and the horses were taken from the pasture so I did see them taken. My son Franklin saw the whiskey taken. I saw the whiskey taken. The whiskey was taken in this way. My husband, while laying out could not work in the farm and put up a distillery in a secluded place and made whiskey for a support, and when he was killed he had a cask of 20 gals. on hand, it was in the smokehouse and as Gen'l Rosecrans raid was passing, the soldiers took out in their canteens until they got all of it. When the last of them came along, some of them after I told them of my husband's death told me I ought to have told the officers and they would have protected my property or paid me for it. I am sure they got about 20 gals. because there was that much in the cask and they took it all and never paid anything for it. I don't know whether any of them were officers or not. I saw nothing else taken except what victuals they eat which I gave them.

At my present home in Heard County, Ga. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1864 by Gen'l. Rosecrans' Cavalry. A great many soldiers were engaged in taking the property. I can't say how many. They were stopping all the time the army was passing. They were passing nearly all the afternoon. No army camped near. Been no battle near. I knew no officers.

The mule was about 6 years old, large, sound, of good qualities, worth \$130.00 in specie. The mare was about 10 years old, common size, worked well, in good order, worth \$100.00 in gold. The whiskey was good corn whiskey worth then \$2.00 per gal. in specie.

I was present and saw the soldiers take the whiskey out of the cask till they got all of it. There were 20 gals. left in the cask by husband he said before he was killed, and there had but a little taken out by a neighbor who cut my corn. He used it while he was cutting oats a few days. My son told me that he saw them take the mule and mare from the pasture. No horses were left in the place of mine. I never owned one till I bought one after the war.

#### **Deposition of Benjamin F. Lewis (son of Harriet & Elijah)**

My name is Benjamin F. Lewis, my age 17 years, my residence Heard County in the State of Georgia and my occupation is a farmer. I am the son of the Claimant Harriet M. Lewis and as such have a beneficial interest in the claim.

As to the taking of the property the deponent says in answer to questioning:

Yes, Sir. I saw the mule and mare taken and saw some whiskey taken. A colored man and me was hoeing in a field adjoining the pasture when we heard the soldiers coming. We went into the pasture and they came in and caught the mare and mule and rode the mare and led the mule. I then went to the house and saw a great many soldiers take whiskey out of the cask and put it into their canteens. There were 20 gals put into the

cask. I helped my father measure it into the cask. If any had ever been taken out I never knew it. They never left any in the cask. They never paid for any of it that I know of.

At my mother's house in Heard County, Ga. in 1864 in July. I think we were "laying by" our corn. I don't remember the name of Officers in command.

### **Deposition of Aaron J. O'Neal**

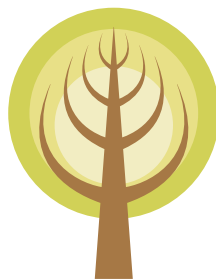
My name is Aaron J. O'Neal, my age 36 years, my residence Heard County in the State of Georgia, and my occupation a farmer. I am not related to the Claimant Harriet Lewis and have no beneficial interest in the Claim.

As to the loyalty of the Claimant the deponent says:

I became acquainted with Claimant about 11 years ago and with her husband Elijah H. Lewis about 13 years ago. Have known Claimant well up to the time of his death. Was well acquainted with them both during the War with him till he was killed. I saw them frequently and heard them both speak of the War and how they opposed the whole thing. In very strong terms he said he was not willing to go to war. I have heard him say time and again that if he was forced to go to war he would go to the other side and fight with the Union. I have heard the Claimant say often that she wishes the leaders of the rebellion had to do all the fighting.

I was a Union man. Both Claimant and her husband both knew me and talked to me about such. All my neighbors knew Claimant and her husband to be adherents to the Union. 🍷

*Editor's Note: This story will be continued in a future issue. Rod is a direct descendant of the Moses Carroll, a hatmaker by trade, who came to Carroll County about 1840 and resided in the Sand Hill area. Moses and his wife Elizabeth Workman were parents of twelve children – Thomas Marion Carroll being one of them. Thomas Marion Carroll married Isabella Anne McAllister and they had six children, including Roderick Carroll (Rod's ancestor) and James Moses Blackburn Carroll (Betty Jo's ancestor) – hence the reference to "Cousin Betty Jo."*



## 1884 Merchant's Ledger

Abstracted by Betty Jo Parsons

*Continued from the CCGS Spring 2019 Quarterly Journal.*

<b>Carrollton, Ga, April 8<sup>th</sup> 1884 Page 230</b>	
John L. Hardin	½ bu potatoes, 1 pr traces, 12 ½ plows, 1 pr lds shoes, 6 yd PK, 12 yd muslin, 316 # meat [cost 39.54], 4 # tobacco, 12 # coffee
James Wise	1 trunk
W. W. Wiggins	1 hoe, 1 pr traces, 50 # flour, 12 # coffee, 1 pr lds shoes, 1 pr C shoes, 12 yds C checks, 5 # tobacco
W. T. M. Buckhannon	Balan [balance ?] ½ Bu potatoes, 4 han hoes, 12 # coffee
W. M. Ward	1 vise, 3 ½ rope, 1 fur hat, 1 oil stone
J. R. Philips	24 yds prints, 3 spool thd, 6 yd jeans, 2 doz buttons, 6 yd bleach
W. E. Drake for W. L. Burnett	1 boy hat, 100 lbs flour, 1 lb soda, 5 gal syrup
<b>Carrollton, April the 7-1884 Page 231</b>	
W. E. Drake per W. L. Burnett	20 lbs sugar, 5 bars soap, 3 heel boalts, 5 gal. syrup
Mrs. J. W. Stewart	10 # lbs meat
D. P. Powers	49 yds sheeting
W. J. Stewart	3 lbs nails
Mrs. J. W. Stewart	8 yds sheeting, 13 yds lawn, 12 yds prints, 5 <sup>2</sup> C. checks, 8 yds furniture goods, 13 yds prints
Allie Stewart	10 yds prints
E. P. Warren	1 mattock, 3 scooter plows, 1 horse collar, 2 scoval hoes, 9 lbs sugar
F. E. Smith	by 11 doz eggs 1.10
Mrs. J. W. Stewart	2 paper stands
A. G. Williams for Hilliard Lee, col.	21 ¾ lbs meat. Side note: Returned



J. M. Hewitt per Traylor	Bal. on bed ticking 1.00
W. J. Perdue	cash .90, soap
<b>Carrollton, Ga. Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1884 Page 232</b>	
J. T. Jordan	5 ½ lbs coffee
Wylie Nixon	1 fine hat
T. W. McLendon	10 yds worstard, 4 yds cambric, 1 doz buttons, 1 spool thread, 1 pr gloves, 1 pr shoes, 6 yds H shirting, 5 yds linen, 1 pr suspenders, 1 pr shoes
G. M. L. Spence	2 paper seed, 5 ½ lbs coffee
Page Nixon	1 gal syrup
J. A. Bass per son	10 lbs sugar
J. P. Reid	1 set teas
J. K. P. Byron	1 pr shoe pegs
Frank Garrett for Mrs. W. L. Morris	1 lbs soda, 12 yds prints, 1 doz buttons, 1 spool thread, 92 lbs meat
D. S. Cornett	1 dipper, 1 wash pan
L. S. Echols	4 ½ lbs meat, coffee
<b>Carrollton, Ga. Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1884 Page 233</b>	
Joe Gay, col.	1 pr shoes, 1 pr hose, 1 yd elastic, 2 buck bands, 8 box matches
H. T. Crawford	1 horse brush
L. S. Echols for J. T. Jones	1 pr shoes, 3 1/4 yds cottades, 6 yds checks, 1 coat & vest, 1 hat
C. B. Williams for Tom Church, col.	6 yds cottades, 6 yds duck, 89 yds checks, 2 spool thrd
W. J. Johnson	10 lbs sugar, 5 ½ coffee, 14 yds cottades, 144 lbs meat, 2 pr shoes, 1 pk envelops, 2 lbs soda, 1 comb, 4 lbs tobacco, 6 gal syrup
W. D. & Thom R. Jones for C. B. Arrington	1 suit clothing, 1 hat, 1 pr shoes, 1 hat
J. A. Walden	1 suit clothing, 1 coat, 2 shirts, 1 yd flannel

<b>Carrollton, Ga. Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Page 234</b>	
W. P. Gosdin	50 yds sheeting, 4 lbs tobacco, 11 lbs coffee, 200 lbs flour, 5 gal. syrup, 1 pr shoes, 1 set tumblers
W. J. Daniel per W. P. Gosdin	1 pick
J. R. McCain, Dave H.	1 plow, 100 lbs flour, 3 balls potash
W. W. Driver	21 yds prints, 1 spool thread, 3 ½ yds kerseys
John Bonner	5 ½ lbs nails
J. M. Ogletree	2 gals. syrup
J. T. Brock	Door latch
W. J. Stewart	10 lbs nails
Mrs. M. F. Sprewell	1 horse collar
Mrs. M. F. Sprewell for Sam Miles	2 fishing lines
B. F. Bass	3 doz eggs, cash
W. T. M. Buchanon	15 ½ yds sheeting
<b>Carrollton, Ga. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Page 235</b>	
G. W. Brown	13 ¾ lbs coffee, 5 lbs sugar, 1 pr boots, 4 lbs tobacco
Charlie Hammonds by B. Brown	3 lbs soda
J. G. Dean	1 pr M shoes, 2 lbs tobacco, 8 ½ lbs flour, 102 lbs meat
Alen Bonner	1 plow line
James A. Bonner	2 ¾ lbs coffee
C. M. Sprewell	1 pocket knife
T. W. J. Beall	10 ½ lbs flour, 4 ½ lbs sugar
J. Beall	10 ¼ lbs plows
S. V. Cole	18 yds cloth, 4 ½ lbs sugar, 6 yds jeans
James A. Bonner	1 pr L slippers
Sims & Walker	3 bolts
E. P. Warren	2 ½ yds prints, 2 spools thread, 2 ½ lbs starch, 1 box Lily white, 2 paper seeds

<b>Carrollton, Ga. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Page 236</b>	
E. P. Warren	3 yds checks, 2 Hank., 5 writing pens, ½ quire paper, 5 ½ lbs coffee
J. T. Warren	10 lbs. coffee
S. A. Acres	½ doz awl fits, 1 awl haft, 1 shoe pegs
D. P. Powers	5 ½ lbs coffee
R. H. Williams	1 file
P. A. Strong	2 yds calico, 12 lbs meat
J. T. Norman	10 lbs sugar
S. A. Acres	2 ½ lbs starch
Mrs. Naomie Stamps by Rob Stamps	2 hame strings, ½ lb tobacco
W. C. D. Oneil for R. B. Cook	200 lbs flour, 12 yds prints, 1 spool thread, 1 pair suspenders, ½ pk potatoes
B. F. Bass	by cash
<b>Carrollton, Ga. Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Page 237</b>	
Perry Nixon	1 doz buttons, 2 yds cloth
H. F. Philips	1 pr M shoes
B. F. & H. M. Earnest	29 <sup>2</sup> yds sheeting, 4 spools thread
W. J. Crawford	4 ¾ yds jeans, 1 lb tobacco, 3 spools thread, 7 ½ lbs flour
M. B. Jordan	21 yds checks
E. P. Warren	17 ½ lbs meat
J. T. Warren	25 <sup>2</sup> lbs meat
Sim & Walker	5 lbs sugar, 1 lb soda, 2 ¾ lbs coffee
J. M. Johnson Ala.	1 pr M shoes, 3 lbs soda, 1 pocket knife, 4 yds checks, 4 yds cloth, 1 M hat, 2 lbs tobacco, 12 yds prints, 1 spool thread, 2 yds cassimere, ½ doz buttons, 1 pr B shoes, 1 guamo horn
J. T. Bedingfield	1 plug tobaco

<b>Carrollton, Ga. Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Page 238</b>	
J. M. Hewitt for Louis Benson	1 lb soda, 1 lb tobacco
W. S. H. Alexander	4 papers seed, 1 handkerchief, 1 spool thread
Dun Wells	1 spool thread, cloth
N. Beall	4 yds cloth, 6 yds cloth, 4 balls thread
H. M. & B. F. Earnest	yds sheeting
Mrs. Mary Childs for Dixon, col.	3 lbs tobacco, 3 boxes matches, 1 pr M suspenders, 1 box blacking
J. W. Horsley	1 syrup stand
Ahaz McPherson	1 collar button, 1 set cuff
Nat Baxter for J. M. Morgan	1 lb tobacco, 6 yds checks, 8 yds prints
W. M. Harris per Gausdin	10 yds bleaching, 6 lbs tobacco, ½ lb powder, 1 box cap
J. B. Perdue	43 lbs meat
<b>Carrollton, Ga. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Page 239</b>	
W. B. Gosdin	11 lbs coffee, 200 lbs flour, 9 ½ gal syrup, 12 lbs tobacco, 1 pr shoes, 2 pr shoes, ½ lb powder, 1 box cap, 3 lbs shot, 2 hats, 1 set tumblers, 1 pr shoes
D. T. Johnson per W. J. Johnson	50 yds sheeting, 1 doz balls thread, 11 lbs coffee
F. L. Dyer	Linen collars
J. M. Vines	86 ½ lbs tire [?], 8 wagon cuffs [?]
J. P. Moore per D. F. New	45 lbs iron 1x1 inch
J. W. Boatright	67 lbs meat
W. C. D. Oneal per Cook	11 yds prints
R. T. Cook	12 ½ yds prints, 6 yds janes, 2 yds prints, 2 spools thread
G. T. Cheney	1 hat, 1 paper seed

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## Ledger Kept by Z. L. Levans Center Point Store, 1909 and 1910

*Continued from the CCGS Winter 2018 Quarterly Journal.*

Many of the customer's names were followed by "sf" which we assume to mean "self."

<b>Page 54, June 1, 1909</b>	
R. W. West	96 lb flour, cash 1.50, 1 can cooking oil
W. A. Almon	cash .60
W. T. McCain by E.	2 ½ yd table cloth, lard, pins, buttons, 1 whip, salmonds
J. H. Tacket	lard
M. E. V. Spence	beef, soda
Will Cazy	8 lb lard, salmonds, fish, collar, soap
W. F. Cruse	5 lb meat, salmonds
Ambers Reese	10 lb lard, salmonds, butter
Will Cazy	oil
A. H. Daniel	1 # tob.
F. E. Sullivan	1 lb tob, coffee, syrup
<b>Page 55, June 3, 1909</b>	
Ed Butler	liver powder
Will Cazy	soap, snuff, bluing
Ambers Reese	rob, salmonds
Grady Almon	slip supporters
J. D. Wester	salmonds
B. F. Crofford	1 lb tob, baby liver medicine
J. G. Parrish	tob
Ed Butler	3 lb meat, 1 lb tob
B. F. Tillman	10 yd sheeting, liver powders
J. M. Cook	1 lb tob

H. H. Cook by father	1 lb tob
J. O. Sharp	bal. on bucket .05
A. H. Daniel	eggs, 4 yds suiting
W. T. McCain	bal on mds.
Will Cazy	salmonds
<b>Page 56, June 5, 1909</b>	
J. M. Pitts sf	48 lb flour, sugar, coffee, snuff
J. H. Tacket sf	cash 3.30
W. G. Henderson sf	by chickens .40
Will Cazy by wife	10 yd sheeting, 12 yd checks, 9 yd shirting, 32 yd calico, thread, 6 yd calico, 4 yd lawn, candy
R. W. West by Gilbert	1 bushel meal
M. C. Criswell sf	8 lb meat, 1 lb tob, matches, salt, snuff, 1 par shoes, 1 pan, buttons
B. F. Crofford sf	96 lb flour, 2 bushel meal, 21 1/4 lb meat, sugar, coffee, 1 pan
George Cook sf	48 lb flour, 1 bushel meal, 3 par shoes, potash, snuff, hose, sugar
<b>Page 57, June 7, 1909</b>	
W. G. Henderson sf	1 bushel meal
Andrew Roberson sf	salmonds, liver powders, sugar
J. H. Tacket sf	by cash 1.00
B. F. Crofford sf	2 lb tob, fish
E. E. Nixon sf	48 lb flour, fish, snuff
J. G. Parrish	by eggs
F. M. Arnold sf	1 par shoes
W. E. Tacket sf	1 lb tob
W. W. Drew sf	96 lb flour, sugar, coffee, snuff, soap, 1 par shoes, hose, 7 yd checks, peper, scrapes
Wess Phillips sf	oil
J. R. Muse sf	by cash 7.00

<b>Page 58, June 9, 1909</b>	
Will Cazy by son	hose, soap, 1 bushel mean
Walter Rowe sf	2 ½ bushel
Ed Butler by son	castor oil
Ted Pollard sf	1 pan overalls, 3 shirts
George Cook by son	oil, lard, salmonds
A. H. Threadgill sf	oil
J. D. Wester sf	48 lb flour
Wess Phillips sf	sugar
Ambers Reese sf	butter, 2 doz eggs, pepper
J. R. Muse by son	1 par hose
J. M. Cook sf	fish, salmonds
Will Cazy by son	1 collar, buttons
Ed Butler sf	tob
J. H. Tacket sf	5 bushel corn
<b>Page 59, June 10, 1909</b>	
J. G. Parrish sf	tob
G. G. Goolsby sf	suspenders
M. E. V. Spence by Cecil	gold dust
J. H. Threadgill sf	sugar, soda
Oscar Parrish by Threadgill	tob
F. M. Arnold sf	difference on shoes .30
John Phillips sf	9 lb meat, 48 lb flour
Will Cazy sf	48 lb flour, 15 ½ lb meat, sugar, soda, 1 lb tob
Jack Gray by son	5 lb meat
J. D. Wester by Ralph	oysters, crackers
G. G. Goolsby	tob
Wess Phillips by son	10 lb lard
Ambers Reese	tob

J. D. Wester	tob
<b>Page 60, June 12, 1909</b>	
B. F. Tillman sf	6 ½ lb meat, 1 lb tob
J. G. Parrish sf	tob
John Bell by son	1 tub
Lewis McClung	bal. on hat .10
Wess Phillips sf	48 lb flour
J. G. Parrish	ropeing
B. W. West sf	oysters
J. W. Daniel sf	tob
L. A. Stevans sf	buttons, suspenders, 1 pr hose, 1 par shoes, 12 yd calico, thread
G. G. Goolsby sf	telephone message .75
Marvin Parrish sf	tob
W. T. McCain by Ec.	8 lb meat, sugar, baking powders, soda, 5 lb lard, candy
J. O. Sharp	bal. on snuff .04

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