



## CCHGA BYTES

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### JULY 2002 MINUTES - Mitzie Curtis

The Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association met on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the Cheatham County Public Library. The following 14 members were present: Mitzie Curtis, David Curtis, Brenda Curtis, Gerald Curtis, Betty McCool, Clayton E. McCool, Betty Cannon, Jim Allen, June Nixon, Evelyn Tinsley, Lisa Tinch, R.D. Huffines, Tammy Curtis and Donald E. Curtis.

President R.D. Huffines called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Mitzie Curtis read the May minutes.

Motion by Betty Cannon to correct and accept the minutes as follows: "The Allen County Public Library of Fort Wayne Indiana; which is the second largest Historical Association" to "The Allen County Public Library of Fort Wayne Indiana; which is the second largest Genealogical Association". Seconded by Brenda Curtis and carried by vote.

Betty Cannon read treasury report.

Motion by Brenda Curtis to purchase an advertisement in the VFW Circus publications at a cost of \$75.00. Seconded by James Allen and carried by vote.

Motion by June Nixon to sale tickets for the VFW Circus at the CCHGA office. Seconded by Betty Cannon and carried by vote. Motion by David Curtis for each Chapter to purchase up to five History Books a year at a cost of \$40.00 each, for promotional purposes. Seconded by Clayton McCool and carried by vote.

Motion by James Allen to renew the yearly membership and have the address corrected with the Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Brenda Curtis and carried by vote. Betty Cannon appointed to renew the membership and make the address correction.

A Publication Committee was appointed which includes the following members: James Allen, Lisa Tinch and Mitzie Curtis. The committee is to report at the next regular scheduled meeting with ideas for a CCHGA web page and information package for new and existing members.

The PALS Chapter will be sponsoring the annual Christmas Home Tour on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Motion by Brenda Curtis to purchase additional Photo Album and scrapbook for the office. Seconded by Lisa Tinch and carried by vote.

Motion by Brenda Curtis to remove Gerald Hemmer, Vice President under Article IV, Section 8 of the by laws. Seconded by Gerald Curtis and carried by vote.

Motion by Brenda Curtis to purchase the "Dickson County Cemetery Book". Seconded by Betty McCool and carried by vote.

A Building and Grounds Committee was appointed of the following members: Betty Cannon, Mitzie Curtis, David Curtis, Don Curtis, Tammy Curtis, Brenda Curtis, Gerald Curtis, Betty McCool, Clayton McCool and June Nixon. The committee is to pursue a location for the County Museum and meet on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the home of David Curtis at 7:00. The committee is to report at the next regular scheduled meeting with a proposed location and ideas for the museum.

The Historical Marker for the Neptune Community has been ordered. Motion to adjourn was made at 9:15 by Evelyn Tinsley, seconded by David Curtis and carried by vote.

**Eatherly, William A.** 21 years old; corporal/private; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Cedar Hill, Tennessee; October 7, 1861, absent without leave; released from City USA General Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri; took oath of allegiance; no further dates or information given.

**Etherly, Benjamin** private; enlisted December 4, 1861 at Bowling Green, Kentucky; captured at Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862; sent to prison at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois; exchanged to Vicksburg, Mississippi; served to end of war.

**Etherly, William** private; complexion: dark; hair: black; eyes: hazel; height: 5 ft. 8 in.; enlisted September 12, 1861 at Camp Trousdale; listed at home sick; captured July 3, 1864 near Marietta, Georgia; sent to military prison at Louisville, Kentucky; transferred to Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana; released on taking oath, May 20, 1865.

**Fambrough, John T.** 23 years old; private; enlisted August 7, 1861 at Camp Trousdale; captured February 16, 1862 at Fort Donelson; sent to prison at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois; exchanged to Vicksburg, September 23, 1862; wounded January 5, 1863 at Battle of Stones' River and left in hospital; captured at Atlanta, July 30, 1864; sent to military prison at Louisville, Kentucky; transferred to Camp Chase, Ohio, August 5, 1864; took oath of allegiance, October, 1864; enlisted in United States Army, March 10, 1865.

**Fambrough, N.B.** private; enlisted November 30, 1862 at Murfreesboro; name on register of St. Mary's Hospital, Dalton, Georgia with debilities, June 27, 1863; captured at Bentonville, North Carolina, March 18, 1865; sent to prison at Point Lookout, Maryland; released June 5, 1865.

**Fambrough, Robert** 20 years old; private; complexion: light; eyes: black; hair: black; height: 5 ft. 10 in.; occupation: farmer; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Camp Cheatham; discharged December 21, 1861 from contraction of the tendons of the left hand caused from duty at fortifications at College Hill, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**Felts, T.W.** 19 years old; private/sergeant; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Cedar Hill; absent at home sick; captured at Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862; sent to prison at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois; exchanged to Vicksburg, Mississippi, September 23, 1862; wounded in shoulder at Battle of Stones' River and left in hospital; no further information given.

**Felts, W.H.** 27 years old; private; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Cedar Hill; at one time absent at home sick; re-enlisted August 7, 1861 at Camp Trousdale; in hospital at Marietta, Georgia on November 1, 1862; killed at Battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863.

**Fortune, William** 22 years old; private; enlisted August 7, 1861 at Camp Trousdale; died October 25, 1861; no further information given.

**Foster, Sylvester Boyd** 21 years old; private/musician; place of residence: Davidson County, Tennessee; complexion: light; hair: light; eyes: gray; height: 5 ft. 5 in.; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Camp Cheatham; detailed as a drummer for the regiment; absent as of November 1, 1862; captured at Raleigh, North Carolina, April 17, 1865; prisoner at Alexandria, Virginia, May 1, 1865; oath administered in accordance with letter of Lieutenant General Grant dated May 8, 1865; paroled from prison, May 9, 1865.

**Gallager, Patrick** private; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Cedar Hill; captured at Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862; sent to prison at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois; exchanged to Vicksburg, September 23, 1862; sworn in as cook for the company by Gideon H. Lowe, November 2, 1862; served until end of the war.

**Galloway, Alexander C.** 23 years old; private; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Cedar Hill; captured at Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862; sent to prison at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois; escaped from prison, July 30, 1862; deserted at Murfreesboro in November 1862.

**Green, John G.** corporal/private; enlisted May 29, 1861 at Cedar Hill; captured at Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862; sent to prison at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois; escaped July 30, 1862; deserted from Murfreesboro, January 2, 1863.

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## The Neptune Ferry

*Nashville Tennessean, July 24, 1950. (The editors wish to thank Mrs. Ola Vaughan for the interesting article. Anyone with Cheatham County clippings are invited to submit them to the editors of this newsletter.)*

Neptune, a lively institution, very much a part of western Cheatham County and with a history all its own, is famous Hagewood's ferry, which for more than 100 years has bridged the Cumberland River for traffic on a rural road. Promptly at sunrise each morning, Sundays and holidays excepted, Skipper Herbert Hagewood has the J.J. Nave's deck swept, fresh ice in the pop box, and the big tractor motor all warmed up, ready to go. All day long till sunset, on a first come, first served basis, he shuttles anything or anybody across the river. And not only is there no charge, but he actually thanks you for passing his way!

The boat, in use now for 21 years, was named for the late Cheatham County judge who headed the magistrates when the county first took over the ferry as part of its road (water) system in 1910. Riding daily or once in a lifetime, passengers say they never tire of the safe, pleasant, 10 minute glide across the river.

The first contraption used for the crossing in the 1840s was made of rough-hewn logs tied together and propelled by manpower. The long, oar-like poles were pivoted on corner posts, and a man took several steps to handle the deck end, while the other, flattened, dipped into the water. The ferrriage back then was 5 cents for a pedestrian or animal, 10 cents for a horse and rider, and 50 cents for a wagon, team, and driver.

Later, flatboat type ferries were used till after the turn of the century when the county took over from the private owners. Then the squires paid Jim Sutton (now of Waverly) \$500 for the "S.A. Cherry," placed the ferryman on the county payroll, and made the crossing free to the world. The little wooden boat which had been in use 6 miles below, had one of the first gasoline engines ever seen here and got its name from a Tennessee Central railroad conductor.

The present five-car capacity Nave is a modern steel hull job built in 1929 by the Nashville Bridge Company. With its good-sized paddle wheel, lifeboat, concession stand and all equipment, it cost \$6000.

Nicholas Hagewood was a first settler here and it was his sons, John and Hart, who began the ferry. J.W. Dye Hagewood, 92, John's son, now of Nashville, learned the business as a boy and took over at his father's death to serve for a long time. Herbert Hagewood, the obliging ferryman since 1933, attributes much of his craft's popularity and success to J.M. Smith and George Vanhook, county judge and highway commissioner, respectively, who supervise Cheatham's public ferries.

Neptune is the classic name of this hamlet along the east side of the beautiful waters of Cumberland River. The name may have come from Neptune, the Greek mythology's god of the sea. Postmaster is Mrs. George W. Fambrough and J.J. Hand runs the general store. Franklin Harris has a brand new store ready to open. Only church here is Methodist. Jack Sides of Pleasant View is pastor. There is a one-teacher school. Magistrates are Leonard Hunt and F.Y. Hagewood. The latter who completes 42 years service at the end of the present term, was a member of the court's first ferry commission. F.Y. Hagewood has had the same address all his 70 years, living either on his 250 acre farm on the west side (New Hope) of the river or on his 100 acres on the east (Neptune) side. Now on this side, he crosses several times weekly to see about crops. His land is part of the original holdings of his grandfather, Nicholas Hagewood, who came from North Carolina, by the long river route, the first to settle here. Cheatham Dam is under construction just above his land. Mrs. F.Y. Hagewood is the former Irene Smith. Children are Harwell, a U.S. auditor in Atlanta; Mrs. Ray Johnson, county health office worker in Ashland City; Mrs. Ray Fambrough, wife of a local farmer; and Warren, recent high school graduate who enters a Nashville college in early fall.

The **Kingston Springs Historical Association** is pleased to announce a free event at the Kingston Springs historic depot - Fiddlin' With Memories. Fiddlin' With Memories will feature many residents who will share stories of the past, good country and bluegrass music and free hot-dogs, beverages and ice cream. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Leslie Maxwell at 615/952-3917.

## Hollywood Comes to Ashland City – Greg Poole

Below are some of the big Hollywood "hits" that were showing in Ashland City in 1926 and 1927. Where was the movie theater located? ed.

- "Trimmed in Gold," (1927) Shown in a matinee for the benefit of "the farmers and their wives, who come to town on Saturday. On Saturday afternoon the balcony will be reserved for the colored folk who wish to see the show."
- "Drifting Through," (1927) Starring Harry Carey.
- "Rawhide," (1927) Starring Buffalo Bill Jr.
- "The Pony Express," (1926) Starring Ricardo Cortez, Wallace Berry.
- "The King on Main Street," (1926)
- "The Coming of Amos," (1926)
- "Wild, Wild Susan," (1926) Starring Bebe Daniels. "A Paramount picture. Admission 15 and 25 cents. The picture is clean, so come and bring your family to see it."
- "Lover's in Quarantine," (1926)
- "The Ten Commandments." (1926) "This is one of the best pictures that is being shown anywhere in America and attracts large crowds everywhere at double the usual admission fee tickets usually selling at .75 cents and \$1.00 but for the admission will only be .35 cents for adults and .15 cents for children."
- "The Lucky Devil," (1926) "This is one of the best pictures that has ever been shown here, and in spite of its name is very clean and wholesome."
- "Son of the Sheik," (1927) Starring Rudolph Valentino. "A chicken dinner will be given before the movie."
- "Man of the Forest," (1927) Based on Zane Grey's novel.

## Pleasant View Resident goes to Hollywood (sort of!)

### Monthly CCHGA Meeting

August 22, 2002

7:00 Cheatham County Public Library Community Room



Karen Glenn, Mark Glenn, Erinn and Logan Patton

Come meet **Pleasant View** resident **Karen Glenn** and hear discussion on her experience on the PBS show **Frontier House**. Frontier House documented three families, chosen from 5,000 applicants, who set out to survive a Montana winter living like they were in the late 1800s. A Frontier House Marathon (with all shows back to back) will be shown on August 10, 2002 on Nashville Public Television so be sure to watch!



I had much rather write about anyone else other than myself. No matter what you say about yourself, good or bad, it never seems to come out sounding quite the way you meant. There is a fine line between “tooting your own horn” and being “mealy-mouthed”. You will most likely only understand that last sentence if you were raised in the South. See, it’s already started, that awkward period between, “Hello”, and “Come on back now y’hear?”

So in order to make this a little easier for me, I'm just going to ramble until I get done and then I'll quit; how's that? I am the ggg granddaughter of Lewis Burrell Dunn and Judith Woodward Mays. L. B. Dunn was from Dinwiddie County, Virginia and came to Tennessee in the early 1800's. He lived on the tract of land that he later sold to Reverend Samuel Kingston on July 27, 1842, that was eventually to be called Kingston Springs.

Well, their granddaughter, Martha Ann Dunn (Mattie), married a Cheatham county boy from Pegram, Offie Fulghum, a masonry worker for the railroad. Mattie gave birth to eleven children while they were in Cheatham County. Almost all the boys worked for the railroad too. Their son, Alex, married one of the Austin girls, Susie Austin, from Burns in Dickson County. They moved to Carroll County where Alex was a machinist for the L& N Railroad.

It was in 1953, that I came to Bruceton to live with Alex and Susie Fulghum. My Nannie and I spent a lot of time in her 1955 Oldsmobile driving around Middle Tennessee. It was because of her that I got to hear all the family stories. I was blessed to get to spend of lot of time with her. As we traveled, I sat in the back seat and held on to the “rope” thingy that stretched across the front seat-back. (Closest thing to a safety device we had in cars in the fifties!) As we rode up and down Highway 70 through the counties, I pretended I was driving a stagecoach with a fine team of horses. To get fresh fish, we had to go from Carroll County to Benton County. Sometimes we'd go to the courthouse square and shop. Every county had a courthouse square and when you're five they all look about alike. I'd always have to ask where we were. Sometimes we'd point the “stagecoach” toward Humphreys county to visit my aunt and cousins, the Webbs. Other times on those LONG return trips from Dickson county I'd have to give up the reins and let her bring the stagecoach in alone, while I caught a little shut-eye.

Life was good then. Annie Oakley was my hero(ine). Cowboys were on every channel, the bad guys wore black and the good guys always won!

When I was seven, we moved to Nashville in Davidson County. That's the place I call home, where I was born actually! That's where practically all the rest of the family lived (on both sides mind you), so that was a glorious time for me. I stayed in Nashville until I was almost grown. It was my mother's remarriage that took me down I-65 to Birmingham, Alabama.

I think that is what's called a turning point in life. Why, if not for that one event, I might not even need a letter of introduction to most of you, because if I were back in Nashville, I'd be at the meetings in Ashland City every third Thursday of the month, for sure. Making noise and joining in! But the road did cross, so let's keep moving....

As for the past 30 years in Birmingham, well I did all the things you are supposed to do when you grow up. I went to college, got a B.S. degree in Business, joined the feminine “revolution”, hit the “glass ceiling”, married, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, divorced, went back to school, and got a master's degree in Education, taught school and got old. I've just had one of those “milestone” birthdays and you'll have to just bear with me.

Having had all the fun that I can possibly have for the time being, I have chosen to retire early and see what, if anything I have missed and get to know my..... (no, not my grandchildren) my ancestors.

My son and I have an agreement that he will save grandchildren for when I am REALLY old, and all I want to do is sit in a rocking chair and rock them.

So now I'm spending a great deal of my time looking for dead people and researching my family surnames: Pilkerton, Fulghum, Dunn, Austin, Hall, Woodward, Bowers, Richardson, Ussery, Frenslley, Carney, Carr, Cheairs, Cunningham, Munn, Williamson, and others.

The Cheatham County ancestor that seems to be holding back on me is Joseph N. Dunn, Mattie's father. He was born 1830 died 1913, had two children, Mattie and Joseph H. and two wives, Minerva Ussery (m.1851) Nancy Jones. Of the five Dunn boys, born to Lewis B and Judith Mays, he must have been "the quiet one".

Leave a candle in the window, cause I'm planning a trip up that way. I'm hoping to be at the upcoming August 22, 2002 meeting. I'm looking so forward to putting some faces with the names I see so often, to meeting Lisa and Jim and all of the CCHGA members. I hope when I get there you'll come over and say "Hello" and when I leave I'll hear a "Y'all come back now, y'hear?"

### Diary of Betty Gleaves – Continued from Last Issue Greg Poole

March 31, 1859 Very busy weaving, get most six yards; plant my sugar cane.

April 2, 1859 Very rainy day; sold 44 hens to the chicken man at 12 1/2 cents a piece. Mr. Gleaves sends his bacon to Mouth for Mr. Hinton to carry to Nashville for him. Almost finished embroidering May's skirt. Mr. G. gone most of the day.

April 3rd Attend Bethel Church. Austin preached.

April 4th Mr. Gleaves goes over to Ashland. Do good many jobs; got 100 young chickens, look very nice. Mr. G. returns bout dark; all well at Mother's but Clara. She is improving some. Lon commences a school at Rosebower next Monday. Mr. G. gets Lizzie and me some new shoes.

April 9th Mr. G. gone most of the day. Have walk made in my garden; plant some cabbage seeds.

April 10th Mr. G. attends church at Mt. Hope. Dr Lowe did not attend though. Dr. Pardue starts today for North Carolina.

April 15th Scald bedstead; clean up; take up carpeting etc. Mr. Gleaves fixing to tobacco prize.

April 16th Diarrhea quite prevalent amongst the Negroes; go to Mouth; Spring went backward; no crops planted.

April 17th No church on this side of Harpeth; Austin preached at Mt. Hope; calls on his way home; Says Mrs. Morris can't get well. Mrs. Simpkins goes over there; they get word that Jimmy is about to die.

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### Pegram and the Works Progress Administration Greg Poole

*(In 1940, the Federal Writers' Project, a division of the Works Progress Administration, attempted to compile an encyclopedia of Tennessee landmarks, towns and history. Due to the war, the book never got beyond the manuscript stage. Below is the entry for Pegram, Tennessee, written by Edwin Sears, the rural mail carrier at Pegram. The original manuscript is in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. ed.)*

"Pegram acquired its name by the reason of the fact that a man named Henry Pegram 'came here' in pioneer days and bought a large tract of land. It was when each state issued its own currency. Pegram came from Virginia and had \$1300 in Virginia money which he made the land purchase of hundreds of acres, including what is now the village of Pegram. Some of the very early settlers here were Woodward and Huttons. Henry Sears settled on Harpeth River below Pegram about 1808. He came from Wilmington, North Carolina. Also the Greer family were early settlers.

In the year 1792 a map was made of 640 acres lying 2 miles south of Pegram on Harpeth River where South Harpeth empties into Big Harpeth. One of the chain men was Jonathan Robertson, the son of James Robertson, founder of Nashville. I have now before me the original map and the grant signed by the Governor of North Carolina. A part of the above fame was later sold to one William Shelton, a private at the Battle of New Orleans. The log house constructed by Shelton about 1825 to 1832 is still standing though very much out of repair. The main large room is the building constructed by Shelton of chestnut logs. The building is located just south of Big Harpeth on a rise near the mouth of South Harpeth. Shelton's grave is nearby.

The post office was established shortly after the Civil War. George W. Pegram was the first postmaster. The Sam's Creek sulphur springs was a well known resort until the day of automobiles. It fell into disuse and grew up in bushes with the coming of autos because the road was not improved and other places were easier reached. The spring is 7 miles north of Pegram. The spring tract contains 10 acres set aside as state property, so I am told, and not to be taxed, on which any citizen can erect a cabin, tent etc. and camp as long as he wishes. I am told that William G. Harding and later his son-in-law, General William H. Jackson (who were owners of the celebrated Belle Meade farm just west of Nashville) and others used the springs as a camp ground when hunting and later had it set aside for the use and benefit of anyone desiring together and drink the water. The place well known up to about the year 1910 has now grown up in bushes. A state Game Preserve containing about 18,000 acres begins about 1 1/2 miles north of Pegram and covers a large portion of the land between this place and Ashland City. Title to the property was acquired in the year 1939 by the state.

Good spring and well water is plentiful in and near Pegram. High hills, heavily wooded are in sight in almost every direction. Harpeth River valley furnishes rich land along its way, but the valley is narrow. Corn and livestock is the chief product. However, the village of Pegram has recently taken a new life, on account of people making their homes here, and working in the city of Nashville, a daily trip of 36 miles round trip.

Yours truly,  
Edwin Sears, Feb. 24, 1940"

The following is a copy of a narrative taken from the Slave Narratives of the 1930's. The interviews were done by writers employed by the Library of Congress during the days of Federal Works Programs. This project conducted some 2000 interviews in several states of former slaves who recounted the uncivilized and often savage treatment that slaves lived under during pre-emancipation period in the south. It is hoped that this narrative will be of some interest to those historians that can appreciate the stories of those who suffered greatly but were much less likely to have an accounting of their experiences conveyed in print. Good Reading, Michael L. Holt

### **Felix Street, Little Rock Arkansas, Age 74**

I was born in Dickson County, Tennessee, fifty miles north of Nashville, in 1864. It was on December twenty-eighth. My father told me when he was living how old I was. He told me all the way along and I remember it.

Nanny, Jeff, Hardy, John Mack, and Felix (that's me) are my father's children by his first wife. Lena, Martha, Esther are his children by his second wife. He had five children by my mother, and four of them lived to be grown, and one died in infancy. My mother was his first wife. Her name was Mary Street. Her name before she married—hold on a minute lemme see—seems like it was Mary – Mary Street.

My father and mother couldn't have lived on the same plantation because she was a May and he was a Street. I don't know how they met.

"My father's master's name was Jick Street. He owned, to my knowing, my father, Bill Street; Henry Street, and Ed Street. He might have owned more but I heard my father say he owned those.

"My father said his white people weren't very wealthy. He and his brother had to go and cut cordwood, both summer and winter. And they was allowed so much work for a task. Their task was nine cords a week for each man. That was equal to a cord and a half a day for each man each day. My father would cut his wood like a man ought to cut it. But he said my uncle wouldn't git at his task. He would drink whiskey all the week.

They'd get after him about bein' behind with his work, but he would say, 'Never mind that; I won't be behind Monday morning.' On Sunday morning at nine o'clock, he would get up and begin to cut on that wood. And on Monday morning at nine o'clock, he would have nine courds cut for his white folks and four or five for himself. It would all be done before nine o'clock Monday morning.

"I recently seen my brother Jeff Davis Street. I haven't seen him before for sixty-one years. He blew in here from Texas with a man named Professor Smuggers. He lives in Malakoff, Texas. It's been sixty-one years since he was where I could see him, but he says he saw me fifty-nine years ago. He came back home and I was 'sleep, he says, and he didn't wake me up. He rambled around a little and stood and looked at me awhile, he says. He was seventeen years old and I was twelve.

My brother had a lot of children. He had four girls with him. He had a boy somewheres. He is older than I am.

I heard my father say that in time of war, they were taking up folks that wouldn't join them and putting them in prison. They picked a white fellow up and had him tied with a rope and carried him down to a creek and were tying him up by this thumbs. He saw my father coming and said: "There's a colored man I know.' My father said he knew him. They let him go when my father said he knew him and that he didn't harbor bushwhackers. Every time he saw my father after that he would say, 'Bill, you sure did save my life.'

"My father and mother lived in a log cabin. They had homemade furniture. They had a bunk up side the wall and a trundle bed. That was the cabin they lived in in slavery time.

My father said once that when the men were gone, the soldiers came in and asked the woman to cook for them. They wouldn't do it; so the soldiers made them bring them a chunk of fire. They threwed the fire on the bed and when it got to burning good, the officer wouldn't let them put it out. But we told them they could get some of the boys to help them carry out their things if the boys were willing to do it. It was the officers who wanted the women to cook for them. It wasn't the slaves they asked; it was the white folks.

I heard my stepmother – I call her my mother – say something onee. She belonged to a white family named Bell. They had a lot of slaves. My stepmother was the house girl; so she could get on to a lot of things the others couldn't. She stayed in the house. That was in slavery times. The speculators who were buying colored folks would put up at that place. Looked like a town but it all belonged to one person. The name of the place was Cloverdale, Tennessee.

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