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BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, AS OF DECEMBER 2000

Contributed by Jacquelyn Otts

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Bibb Co. Rd. 16, go 3 miles and turn right on Ward School Road/Little Hope Road.
Go about 2 1/2 miles.

DUNCAN, E. Jimmie, Feb. 14, 1927 - Dec. 21, 1981
KANE, Gerald Robert, Mar. 17, 1912 - July 17, 1978
PARKER, Martha Ellen (Blake), May 24, 1871 - May 2, 1949
NELSON, Robert Lee, July 4, 1866 - Oct 14, 1945
NELSON, Frances Elizabeth, Sept 13, 1863 - June 21, 1935
MARTIN, Kenneth V., Sept. 13, 1920 - Inscription: Kenny and Estelle
MARTIN, B.E.E., Aug. 8, 1921 -
DANIEL, Myles E. Sr., Dec. 12, 1925 - June 15, 1995
1 funeral home marker, unreadable
BASS, Infant sons of R. D. and Irene N., 1928 - 1931
DEASON, Spencer Floyd, Apr. 11, 1929 - Apr. 15, 1929
DEASON, Eugene Lloyd, Apr. 11, 1929 - Apr. 27, 1929
DEASON, N. Durana, July 16, 1888 - May 18, 1973
DEASON, Jacob S., Sept. 7, 1885 - Sept 28, 1983
BRACKNELL, Willie, Oct. 23, 1905 - Mar. 13, 1999
BRACKNELL, Effie Lou, Jan. 1, 1910 -
BRACKNELL, Gene, son of Will and Effie L., July 3, 1937 - Dec. 29, 1937
1 unmarked grave
FILGO, Marion Curtis, May 26, 1940 - Feb. 9, 1985
FILGO, Willie, Sept. 25, 1904 - Mar. 5, 1977
FILGO, Pearl, Apr. 30, 1911 - June 4, 1990
FILGO, Willie Mae, July 12, 1935 - Nov. 14, 1939
COLBURN, John W., Jan 6, 1866 - Jan. 25, 1932
COLBURN, Ella, Jan. 1, 1874 - Mar. 8, 1947
BRACKNELL, John T., Jan. 11, 1881 - Sept. 2, 1956
BRACKNELL, Florence [Boyd], Aug. 22, 1896 - Nov. 5, 1993
BRACKNELL, Sarah M., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Bracknell, Aug. 12, 1936 - Oct. 19, 1944
BRACKNELL, Phyllis Dianne, daughter of Claude and Hazel, born and died July 26, 1963
DUNCAN, Leonard S., June 28, 1919 - Mar. 14, 1980
FILGO, Marion E., Jan. 9, 1879 - June 29, 1970
FILGO, Julia L., Nov. 14, 1876 - May 5, 1960
FILGO, Arie Cammila, Mar. 6, 1914 - Sept. 19, 1917
One unmarked grave

McKENNEY, Minnie, Nov. 8, 1882 - Oct. 9, 1936
BRACKNELL, Arthur, July 19, 1931 - Oct. 4, 1951, Ala. CPL. 7 Inf. 3 Inf. Div. Korea
SHEPPARD, Alvin J., Capt. U.S. Air Force, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Feb. 25, 1925 - May 16, 1990
BRACKNELL, Spencer, June 20, 1897 - July 11, 1973
BRACKNELL, Bessie, Aug. 16, 1901 - Nov. 3, 1979
GIBSON, Infant of Woodrow and Onita
ELAM, Mary B., May 1, 1904 - April 19, 1995
ELAM, George Maynard, July 31, 1906 - June 28, 1985
ELAM, Grover Cleveland, May 5, 1889 - Dec. 24, 1951, Alabama PVT 114 Inf. 29 Div. WWI
ELAM, Sarah M., Dec. 12, 1852 - Apr. 12, 1935
ELAM, H. H., Dec. 17, 1854 - Apr. 27, 1938
ELAM, H. Edgar, son of O. H. and Rumie Elam, Sept. 25, 1903 - Sept. 3, 1941
ELAM, Rumie M., Dec. 7, 1882 - Mar. 4, 1958
ELAM, Houston, Aug. 10, 1882 - Mar. 30, 1968
McKINNEY, Infant of Minnie
McKINNEY, Fred L., 1922 - 1959
PARKER, Rebekah, 1848 - 1886
BRACKNELL, Mary McKenzie, born 1861
BRACKNELL, William, born 1851
3 unmarked graves
BRACKNELL, Lillian McBride, Apr. 25, 1899 - Oct. 26, 1921
BRACKNELL, Minnie H., Dec. 17, 1882 - June 6, 1914
5 unmarked graves
3 unmarked graves
BRACKNELL, Archibald B., Mar. 1, 1847 - Dec. 11, 1917 CSA, Co. B, 44 Regt., Ala. Infantry
1 unmarked grave
FILGO, Infant of Mary
BOYD, Infant son of Sam and Camile, 1903
BOYD, Infant son of Sam and Camile, 1909
BOYD, Camile Filgo, 1884 - 1910
HILGO, J. T., Sept. 28, 1856 - Jan. 15, 1938 [NOTE: Error on tombstone. Name is FILGO.]
FILGO, Millie P., wife of J. T., Mar. 1, 1859 - Aug. 2, 1925
OWENS, Mary, May 17, 1882 - Sept. 4, 1962
DEASON, Infant daughter of J. C. and Gertha, born and died Feb. 18, 1933
DEASON, J. C., Dec. 25, 1910 - Feb. 11, 1992
DEASON, Gertha M., Jan. 9, 1915 - Oct. 26, 1975
DEASON, Infant of J. F. and Mable
DEASON, Wiley Ezra, Mar. 9, 1879 - Sept. 24, 1962
DEASON, Sovella Elam, Sept. 9, 1884 - Nov. 19, 1968
DEASON, Grover C., Jan. 27, 1888 - Mar. 25, 1956
DEASON, Dorothy A., Jan. 5, 1877 - Nov. 11, 1968

DEASON, Marion H., Sept. 22, 1821 - Aug. 3, 1911 [Date is incorrect. Should be Aug. 8, 1911.]
DEASON, James Andrew, May 17, 1867 - June 23, 1931
KINARD, Velma Deason, Nov. 15, 1880 - Nov. 25, 1951
DEASON, Robert Edmond, July 19, 1874 - Mar. 5, 1909
DEASON, L. C., wife of J. C. Deason, Feb. 17, 1844 - Feb. 19, 1929
DEASON, J. C., Jan. 3, 1836 - Apr. 7, 1899
CHAMPION, Mrs. S. J., July 25, 1869 - July 26, 1909
CHAMPION, Infant of J. C. and Bell
CHAMPION, Infant of J. C. and Bell
CHAMPION, Daniel Coley, Jan. 27, 1909 - Aug. 14, 1909
BRACKNELL, William H., May 17, 1890 - Dec. 22, 1948
BRACKNELL, Lora, Nov. 22, 1880 - July 9, 1963
BRACKNELL, Edie Caroline, Sept. 27, 1876 - Oct. 21, 1968
BRACKNELL, Huey Macy, Feb. 5, 1873 - May 5, 1946
BRACKNELL, Henry J., Sept. 27, 1849 - May 23, 1911
BRACKNELL, Sarah M., Dec. 31, 1847 - May 1, 1914
BRACKNELL, William Ancy, Feb. 7, 1887 - June 25,
RAGLAND, H. M., July 2, 1857 - July 8, 1927
RAGLAND, Evan T., Co. I 51 Ala. Cav. Partisan Raiders, CSA, 1832 - 1864, Buried at a Brick House near Knoxville, TN
RAGLAND, Margaret Ann, Nov. 25, 1862 - Aug. 18, 1933
RAGLAND, Rachel, daughter of [unreadable]
RAGLAND, V. , [unreadable]
RAGLAND, Bessie, July 4, 1924 - Oct. 11, 192_?
RAGLAND, Richard Y., Dec. 26, 1882 - Feb. 5, 1953
RAGLAND, Ivin Leon, son of H. G. and Vashti, June 17, 1935 - Aug. 1, 1937
RAGLAND, Julius, Sept. 4, 1926 - Dec. 13, 1960, Alabama PFC 1 FTR GP AAF, WWII
RAGLAND, Grady, Nov. 30, 1890 - Mar. 8, 1973
RAGLAND, Vashti Y., Jun. 18, 1911 - May 5, 1993
DEASON, Vela M., Oct. 31, 1884 - Apr. 10, 1966
DEASON, J. Coley, Jan 29, 1877 - June 18, 1950
YANCY, Infant sons of C. H. and Essie - no dates
YANCY, Essie Deason, June 29, 1907 - Jan. 16, 1980
YANCY, Claude Harvey, July 5, 1914 - Dec. 27, 1979
WRIGHT, Edna E., Jan. 4, 1883 - Sept. 10, 1964
WRIGHT, William G., June 29, 1882 - Aug. 16, 1959
RAGLAND, Nancy Jane, Aug. 29, 1880 - Oct. 29, 1943
SMITH, Samuel D., Apr. 30, 1860 - Jan. 18, 1937
SMITH, Mary E., wife of S. D. Smith and daughter of A. L. and S. J. Elam, Feb. 2, 1870 - July 10, 1898
SMITH, David Esra, 1890 - 1892

QUERIES

From: Will **CARR** E-mail: ccqps@cland.net

3706 Pleasant Valley Drive
Nixa-Fremont Hills, MO. 65714

"I request your assistance in locating genealogy information. A letter written in 1955, suggest Col. William T. **CARPENTER** had extensive information about my **KERR/CARR** family line.

I will appreciate an assistance you might provide as follows: 1) Is Col. **CARPENTER** alive or deceased? 2) Do you know the location of his files? 3) Can you provide identification and addresses of his children?"

(See Brenda Thomas for copy of 1955 letter.)

From: Kaira **STURDIVANT ROUDA**

2285 Yorkshire Road
Columbus, Ohio 43221

"I write to request your assistance in documenting the life of my ancestor during his time spent as one of the first settlers of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

Randolph **STURDIVANT** was born circa 1810 in Jackson County, TN. All Jackson County records were burned, but I know his parents Randolph **STURDIVANT**, Jr. and Mourning **LAMBERT**. The first printed record of Randolph's life appears in the Tuscaloosa County Alabama Orphans Court Records, book 1, page 5, and I am seeking a copy of that record. He then received land from his sister's husband - apparently a **SUDDUTH** - and it was recorded in Tuscaloosa County Deed Book Q, page 73. I have read references to both of these documents, but do not have copies of them.

In 1835, Randolph married Mary Jane **WARD** in Tuscaloosa. She was born in Tuscaloosa in 1820, and according to legend, her mother was full-blooded Choctaw. I do not have record of that, though. And, I'm seeking a copy of the marriage listing, perhaps in some compiled marriages of Tuscaloosa County transcription.

Randolph died circa 1858 in Choctaw County, Mississippi. Mary Jane remarried there, died in 1881 in Brown County, Texas. Together, the couple had 10 children. They appear in Choctaw County Tax List beginning in 1835. Therefore, they departed Tuscaloosa County by 1835. I descend from their son, Wyatt Lambert **STURDIVANT**, who served on Co. K of the Mississippi Infantry during the Civil War.

I would be glad to pay for research time and any copies that are found."

QUERIES NEEDED

Queries to this publication are needed. There is no charge for queries to members of the organization. Queries also will be included at no charge if there is a connection to someone who has resided in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Please send your queries to: Brenda Thomas, P.O. Box 020802, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-0802 or stripeustus@aol.com.

OF INTEREST FROM

Samford University

The Alabama Genealogical Society will have it's all day spring seminar May 5, 2001. The seminar will be presented by Christine Rose. Deadline for registration is April 27, 2001.

Cost is \$20. For information:

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Sara Lindsey

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<http://www.samford.edu/school/ighr/ighr.html> or call Renae Owen at (205) 752-2846.

British Study Tour, June 29 - July 21, 2001. Write or E-mail for additional information:

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102 S. Harrison Street

Davenport, IA. 52801

Cottondale Nature Gardens Cemetery

CSA Marker Dedication, May 19, 2001, at 10:00 AM. Contact: Melba Clark at: melba.clark@gte.net or call (256) 355-1481.

The marker has recently been placed at the grave of Norris Pritchett. Norris (born about 1830) married Alice Smith (daughter of Foster Clayton Smith and ? McElroy) in Bibb County, AL, on 2 Dec. 1855 (names on marriage record are William N. And Millisa A.) He joined the 44th AL. His injury at the battle of Chickamauga is mentioned in one of Capt. Joab Goodson's letters to his niece. Norris and Alice moved to Tuscaloosa County, where he died 13 Jan 1897. All descendants of Norris and Alice are invited to attend. A meeting later in the day to get acquainted and exchange family information is being planned.

LOOSE PAPER PROJECT

We are now at the forming stages of an exciting project. All of us doing genealogical research have come to dead ends where records have been destroyed by different means, such as, fire, tornado, or other disasters. Now is a great time for us to do our part to make sure that those to follow us down this road of facts and forms do not run onto the same dead ends. As much as we would like to think that nothing could ever happen to any records, in actuality, we all know that the more copies in more places makes it more secure for the future.

Please join us in this project. We will have training from the professionals and the more people we have involved the faster the work will go. We plan to make this convenient and a fun experience for everyone involved.

If you are interested in helping with the 'Loose Paper Project' please fill out and give the following form to or mail to: Brenda Thomas, P. O. Box 70072. Tuscaloosa, AL. 35407. This project is ready to move forward we are just waiting for you and ANY help you can offer.

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ FAX () _____

DAY(S) OF WEEK BEST FOR YOU _____

HOURS OF DAY BEST FOR YOU _____

I WOULD INTERESTED IN LEADING GROUP _____ WORKING WITH GROUP _____

PROGRAMS

We are making the final arrangements now for our **"ANCESTORS 2"** series. Elizabeth Shawn Mills was involved in the making of this series and has graciously offered to share this great learning experience with us. We plan to have a thirty-minute video and then have a panel discussion on each video. We hope to start this twice a month series as soon as we get all the arrangements finalized with the library. We plan to keep our regular meeting night and time each month, as well as, adding another night each month for a second meeting as there are thirteen episodes.

There are thirteen new episodes featuring a new host with a new focus.

The titles are:

Records At Risk
Family Records
Compiled Records
Genealogy And Technology
Vital Records
Religious Records
Cemetery Records
Census Records
Military Records
Newspapers As Records
Probate Records
Immigration Records
Writing A Family History.

WEB SITES

Alabama Department of Archives and History

<http://www.Archives.state.al.us>

Book and Software Information

www.genealogybookstore.com

Genealogy Resources on the Internet

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/%7Ecgaunt/gen-int1.html>

Helm's Genealogy Toolbox

<http://ux1.cso.unuc.edu/~al-helm/genealogy.html>

National Genealogical Society

www.ngsgenealogy.org

National Genealogical Society - Home Page

<http://genealogy.org/NGS/>

The Carolina Herald and Newsletter

www.scgen.org

TREASURE MAPS - The "How-to" Genealogy Site

<http://www.firstct.com/fv/tmaps.html>

Yahoo's Genealogy Page

<http://www.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/Genealogy/>

Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List

www.cyndislist.com

Origins Network

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