

### The Whitehead Quarterly

# The Descendants Archibald & Nancey Smith Whitehead And Related Families

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With this issue we begin the third year of publication. Where has the time gone? This will mark the ninth Quarterly we have put together and mailed. We continue to add more cousins to the mailing list. We are sending 192 copies of the Quarterly with this mailing. I never dreamed that that many would be interested. Thanks to everyone for your input and kind comments. Patsy and I have run out of pictures to publish. If you don't send them, we can't publish them.....

#### Some Thoughts on The Reunion

The reunion was a big disappointment this year. Less than thirty showed up. The weather played a part, I feel sure, in the small turnout. However, several of our kin made it from several miles away. Most of those who live in the Winfield area didn't even bother to show. I was certain that after the great turnout last year, we would have a big crowd. Alas, it was not to be. Leon, Jean and Barbara spent the time and effort to put the reunion together and only a few were thoughtful enough to come. This had to be hurtful to them. The disappointment was such that those attending decided to forego a reunion next year and try again in two years. It was especially disappointing to this writer, as the main reason for my starting the Quarterly was to generate interest in the reunion as well as the family history. It is hard for me to believe that our family cannot find time once every 365 days to visit for an hour or so and stay acquainted with one another. None of us are getting any younger and some who were present at this reunion may not be around in two years for the next one. What a shame. .... Nough said.....

It was great to see Lou Sullens at the reunion. Lou is the sixth child of Jess and Sallie Whitehead Harper. She will soon celebrate her 93rd birthday. We kid her about being the only 93 year old teenager we have ever seen. She gets around like one. As Isaac would say "A great gal"...Also it was good to see Gary's Myrtie out and about. She's always there. Always with a smile and a big hello...What a gracious lady.....

#### In this issue:

We continue profiling the Whitehead kin. This issue has the children and grandchildren of Joshua Alexander Whitehead. This family is not as familiar to most of us as they lived in Mississippi. An article on Archibald's wanderings is included and an article on a young Whitehead's visit to Jamestown Virginia to an ancestral site. An article about Wiley Hollingsworth, one of Fayette Counties most respected public servants of the past whom many Whiteheads probably did not realize was a cousin, is also included. We begin a new column entitled Reminisces by Fred McCaleb. Fred is not a Whitehead but grew up with many of our kin and his articles on growing up in rural Fayette County should be familiar to most of us. He writes for our sister publication "The Hollingsworth-McCaleb Quarterly." Charlie Daniels once again graces the Quarterly with his patriotic writings and the Country Preacher has a thought or two. An article about Nathan and Sophia Sprinkle should be interesting and a special article about "The Other Woman" is included. An interesting article about 1903 was sent by a McCaleb cousin. The photo section this quarter shows some of the descendants of Joshua Alexander Whitehead. A copy of the infamous suit filed by Nancey against Archibald and his lawyer is included and of course, Uncle Isaac has offered up his musings on everything from church socials to Liz Taylor. Hope you enjoy...lew

#### The Ties That Bind

Nancy A. Whitehead was the first child born to Joshua Alexander Whitehead and Sarah Avery. She was born in 1837. She married William Ashmore and they had the following children: (1) Addie, born 1860, married Allen Reed . (2) William Henry, birth date unknown. (3) Annie Rebecca, born 1865, married Thomas Cockrell. (4) Ethalinda, birth date unknown. (5) Hattie, birth date unknown. (6) Ida, birth date, unknown (7) Ruth, birth date unknown. (8) Sarah, birth date unknown. (9) Tracy, birth date unknown. (10) Virginia, birthdate unknown.

Mary Ellen was the second child born to Joshua and Sarah. She was born 1/7/1838 and married her cousin, William Smith Whitehead. Their children and their spouses were named in the last issue.

Gracie Ann was the third child of this union. She was born in 1841 and married Samuel Rosemond. I have no record of any children born to this couple.

James Avery was the fouth child and first son born to Joshua and Sarah. He was born in 1842. He served in the Confederate army and died on 3/15/1863. He was captured by the enemy and died in a POW camp in Illinois. He is buried in Alton, Illinois.

Sarah Ruffine was the fifth daughter of Joshua and Sarah. She was born 2/16/1844. She married Jonathon Guthrie on 1/22/1883. They had no children.

Samuel Rip was the sixth child born to Joshua and Sarah. He was born on 9/20/1846. He married Martha Jane Palmer on 6/12/1869. They had the following children: (1) Joshua Alexander, born 6/11/1871. He married Laura Elizabeth Arrington on 7/21/1895. (2) Sarah Marceny "Sallie", born 3/28/1873. She died on 5/5/1956. (3) James Huddelston, born 8/19/1876. He married married Bessie Lee Comer in 1908. (4) Etha Lindy Abigal, born 2/18/1880. She married Robert Hill. (5) Mary Adlee, born 6/3/1881. She married D. Thomas Allen. (6) Walter Anderson, born 3/1/1885. He married Annie Beatrice Foster.

Lucinda Catherine was the seventh child born to Joshua and Sarah. She was born in 1848. She married George Washington Palmer and they had the following children: *(1)* Joshua, born 9/15/1873, died 1/20/1874. *(2)* Isom, born 1875, married Martha Lucinda Adelade Arrington. *(3)* John R., born 2/1/1878, married Sara "Sallie" Edwards. *(4)* Samuel Baxter, born 3/9/1881, died 8/28/1957. *(5)* Sarah E., born 5/11/1882, died 3/3/1955.

Etta Lida "Linda" was the eighth child of Joshua and Sarah. She was born in 1853 and died in 1880.

Sarah Avery Whitehead died on 5/9/1871. Joshua then married Sarah Duran on 9/15/1873. She died before 1876 and Joshua married Mary Kemp on 3/11/1876.

The first child born to Joshua and Mary was Docia, born 1/9/1877. She married George Thomas Sullivan on 3/17/1895 and they had the following children: (1) Azzielene, born

1/1/1896. She married John Sam Edwards. (2) Eva, birth date unknown. She married Frank Arledge. (3) Pearl, birth date unknown. She married John Ed Smith. (4) Lillie Mae, birth date unknown. She married Woody Kitchens. (5) Mary, birth date unknown. She married Robert Sanders. (6) John Henry Joshua, birthdate unknown. He married Ida Smith. (7) LeRoy, birth date unknown. He married Gladys Osburn.

Joshua Whitehead was the second child born to Joshua and Mary. He was born in 1879. I have no other information on him.

Crumbie was their third child. He was in 1883 and died in 1932.

Charlie was their fourth child. He was born in 1885 and died in 1921.

These are the offspring of Joshua and Sara Avery Whitehead and Joshua and third wife, Mary Kemp.

#### A Trip Back In Time

Recently my granddaughter, Lora, and my sister Carol, visited the Old Glass house in Jamestown, Virginia. This was the first factory ever built in America. It was built by Captain John Smith (of Pocohontas fame) to manufacture glass panes for the windows of the colonists of Jamestown in 1608. Our ancestor, William Broadribb, purchased the land in 1676 and the following is taken from his will. The Lydia mentioned in the will was the second greatgrandmother of Nancey Smith Whitehead....The factory has now (2003) been rebuilt and is open for tourists....

### Will of William Broadribb, made 3 May 1703 and proved 7 June 1703:

Item. I do appoint, Impower & desire my three Loveing friends, Mr. Wm Drumond, Captn George Marable & Mr. Benj. Eggleston, or either two of them, with my Loveing wife, trustees to sell & dispose of my Land & plantacon whereon Emanuell Dees now liveth, & the produce of it I bequeath Equally between my Son Thomas Broadribb & my two daughters to-wit Susan & Lydia, leting the sd Dees Continue his time on it as by Indenture of Lease may appear. (14 WMQ1 36.)

The land referred to in this provision of Broadribb's will was the 24 acres at the Glass House, so named because in 1608 the first factory for producing glass wares was built there across the isthmus from Jamestown Island under the supervision of Capt. John Smith. Were this not enough historic moment to warrant mentioning the will and the land, it was from the Glass House that Nathaniel Bacon laid siege to Jamestown before burning it to the ground on 19 September 1676; and it was on the beach before the Glass House that Capt. William Hartwell was shot in the leg during the efforts to raise the siege. (Letter from Nathaniel Bacon to Capt. William Cookson and Capt. Edward Skewon, 17 September 1676, in "Narrative of Bacon's Rebellion (Winder Papers, Virginia State Library)," 4 VMHB 117, 146.) After the rebellion, it was to the Glass House that Col. James Crews, Capt. William Cookson and Capt. John Digby were taken to be hung by the order of Gov. Sir William Berkeley because of their role in the rebellion and their participation in the siege. (Tyler, The Cradle of the Republic (Richmond 1906), p. 153-157.)

An indenture (agreement) appears in the records of James City Co. bearing dates 6 June 1708 and 6 June 1709 signed and sealed by Major George Marable, Benjamin Eggleston, Lydia (Broadribb) Smith and Christopher Smith, as the trustees of William Broadribb, which seems to confirm a sale of this land to Joseph Chermeson (the father of Elizabeth Chermeson). (4 VCA2 p. 22, Ms. #78.) However, Chermeson died at about this time, and it may be that the sale was never completed. Tyler states that the trustees sold the land to William Broadnax in 1709, citing the Ambler MSS. in the Library of Congress. (The Cradle of the Republic, p. 157.) *lew* 

#### **Uncle Isaac Sez**

Saw in the paper where some guy was at a "church social", got drunk and fell off a balcony and broke his neck and died. I'd hate to answer for that at the next stop...Sounds like they may have graduated from kool aid and cookies to some serious fun......Got me to thinking that maybe churches ought to get out of the entertainment business and get back to what they was created for in the first place, tellin the good news and savin souls...Too many churches have confused themselves with country clubs....See where the guvner is gonna raise taxes to save the schools... The politicians have been tryin to save the schools all my 61 years....When are they gonna understand that throwin more money at a problem is not the answer ... ....Rearming the teachers with the ole pine doctor and a regular application of same to some fannies would be a heck of a lot cheaper and more effective... Maw Minnie allus said that a swift kick to the rear end was the best avenue to an open mind ......It's called an "attitude adjustment" ... Speakin of education, the Professor says the difference between a Yankee fairy tale and a Southern fairy tale is the Yankee fairy tale begins with "Once upon a time" and the Southern fairy tale begins with "Y'all ain't gonna believe this"... ....Saw where Bill Clinton is getting \$12 million for his memoirs. Hillary got \$8 million for hers. That's \$20 million for memories from two people who for eight years repeatedly testified, under oath, that they couldn't remember anything....Is this a great country or what?.....Speakin of memory, as I get older my memory sometimes fails me......For instance, I can't remember where it was Will Rogers or Liz Taylor that said "I never met a man I didn't like"......Saw where Bob Hope passed on......One of the most beloved entertainers of a generation ago ... Probably couldn't make it today cause he didn't need to use vulgar four letter words and such to make millions laugh... Which reminds me that things change and don't always change for the good.....Speakin of entertainment, the Barber says that T.V. allows you to be entertained in your home by people you wouldn't have in your home .....mmmm.....Saw in the paper where a member of the armed forces can spend 20 years in the service of our country and retire with a pension of \$ 1,000. a month. A congressman can spend four years in congress and receive \$ 15,000. a month for life... One lays his life on the line for you, the other lays his hand in your pocket...Clem said he was interviewed by a radio station in Tupelo the other day bout violence in our society, on the T.V., in the movies and such. Clem said he was agin it. Said he was agin violence in any form. Said he'd always been agin violence....Said the man asked him what ought to be done to the perpetrators of all this violence..... Clem said we ought to "KIII EM ALL.".....The barber says you know you're gettin old when you finally get it all together and forget where you put it..... ......Remember, a man who drives like hell, is bound to get there.....Til next time...... Uncle Isaac

#### The Country Preacher

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now. But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough. But I've got loving ones all around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, My faith wore somewhat thin. But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe, about the tough rows I have hoed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, When the way grows steep and rough. I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

When I think of how many people in this world have it worse than I do. I realize just how lucky most of us really are.

We take so much for granted. We are fortunate to live in the greatest country in the world. We are the most blessed people ever. We have available to us the finest of everything we need. We are literally the envy of the world, yet we so often forget from whence all these blessings come. Our Creator has truly favored us.......

#### **Archibald The Wanderer**

Archibald Whitehead was born on April 1, 1783. As has been reported in earlier articles, this was some three years before the constitution was ratified and before George Washington was elected the first President. His family moved to Northeast Georgia in the 1790's. At some point in this time frame, he moved to Franklin County, Georgia. He is listed on the 1805 tax list of Franklin County, Georgia. William Whitehead appears on this list as well as William Smith, Nancey's father. Archibald is listed as having 150 acres of land in Toccoa District. "Franklin County, Georgia Tax Digests, Vol. 1-1798-1807-by Martha Walters Acker, 1980." Archibald, William Whitehead and Joseph Whitehead all appear on the poll list of Franklin County, 1806. It should be noted that William had followed Jacob to Lincoln Co., Tennessee by 1816 as had Archibald as proven by the birth of Archibald's children in Lincoln Co. However, note the following transaction: "Franklin County, Georgia Deed Book HH-pag2 2 lists a deed dated July 27, 1816, Recorded October 5, 1816 from William Whitehead of Lincoln County, Tennessee, to Jeremiah Taylor of Franklin County, Georgia in consideration of \$50.00, conveys 100 acres in Franklin County adjacent to the Indian Boundary Line and said Taylor, granted to said Whitehead by Gov. Brady Mitchell. WITNESSES: James Blair, ARCHIBALD WHITEHEAD -Sworn before Moses Guest, J.P., September, 9, 1816. Archibald had returned to Franklin County at that time. The Federal census records for Georgia for the years 1790. 1800 and 1810, were destroyed when the British burned Washington, D.C. in 1814. There was no Federal Census for Georgia in 1820. These records would be critical for this study, but alas, they are not available. Archibald was in Lauderdale County, Alabama for the 1830 Federal Census.

The record of the above deed, witnessed by Archibald, proves a close relationship between William and Archibald. It is the belief of the writer that they were indeed brothers as was Joseph who had originally settled in the Toccoa area and elected to stay there. Also it is believed that Joseph's wife, Anna Nails Smith, was Nancey Nails Smith Whitehead's Sister.

This writer believes that Archibald was a son of Jacob Whitehead, Jr. Most researchers believe this to be true but have been unable to document same to everyone's satisfaction. I have chosen to make this assumption until it is proven otherwise. \*\* Jacob, Archibald, Joseph, William and Tobias all lived in Franklin County, Georgia at the same time. Jacob moves to Lincoln Co., Tn. where he dies in 1817. Archibald was living in Lincoln Co. at that time as were William and Tobias (the administrator of Jacob's estate). William, Archibald and probably Tobias later move to Lauderdale Co., Alabama. The evidence is that the William Smith family and the Jacob Whitehead family all moved to Lincoln County at about the same time period.

Also, the writer found proof that John "Little River" Smith, Nancey's Grandfather, was known to Jacob, Sr. and probably a friend as they jointly witnessed the will of Joseph Hunt in Anson County, N.C. in 1778. This certainly does not prove the above assumption, but does show a long term relationship between the Jacob Whitehead and William Smith families. They lived in the same areas in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama and there is strong evidence that William Smith, Nancey's Father, lived in Lincoln Co., Tn. at the same time. It is

believed that Archibald's family moved from North Carolina to the Franklin County, Georgia area which would include Elbert and Habersham Counties. This move probably occurred ca. 1800. He married Nancey Smith probably in Franklin County. Later they moved to Lincoln County, Tennessee, about 1810-1812. Some ten years later, he and his family moved to Lauderdale County, Alabama. The community "WHITEHEAD" is named for the family in Lauderdale County. It is not known if he was the first Whitehead to settle there. There is some evidence that James M. Whitehead, Sr., possibly a nephew, (William's Son) was the first. Later he and Nancey moved to Favette County, Alabama, around 1840, where she inherited her father's estate. They lived in Glen Allen, Fayette Co., Alabama until their deaths. Arch was a miller by trade and owned and operated a mill on Stud Horse Creek in Glen Allen.. Three of their daughters and maybe another, remained in Lauderdale County where they married and raised their families. There is some evidence that another son, William, was born to Archibald and Nancey and that this son settled in what is now Hackleburg, Alabama. This has not been proven as of this writing.

When one thinks of the difficulties involved in traveling only a few miles in that day and time, to consider a move of several hundred miles is unbelievable. Archibald and Nancev made such a move at least three times that we know of. The first to Lincoln County, Tennessee, a distance of well over a hundred miles, through wilderness and Indian country with no roads was an almost unthinkable move. Then a few years later from Lincoln County to Lauderdale County, while not as far still a most difficult journey with several small children and everthing they owned. Then some 15-20 years later, the move to Favette County to finally settle on Nancey's farm. I would wager, that given the same set of circumstances and the lack of modern transportation, such moves would be undertaken by only the hardiest among us to say the least. They were certainly tough folks and pioneers to say the least. They were no different than many others who settled this great country of ours. Their legacy lives on when we see the thousands of descendants that make contributions everyday to society and work to make a better place for their children and grandchildren. It gives me a sense of pride when I look back at what must have been almost unbearable hardships that they suffered.....lew

#### Southern Logic

A Southerner, driving by a Wisconsin farm, hit and killed a calf that was crossing the road. The driver went to the owner of the calf and explained what had happened. He then asked what the animal was worth.

"Oh, about \$200 today," said the Yankee farmer. "But in six years it would have been worth \$900. So \$900 is what I'm out."

The motorist sat down, wrote out a check, and handing it to the farmer he said, "Here is the check for \$900. It's post-dated six years from now."

In Hollywood a marriage is a success if it outlasts milk. **Rita Rudner** 

#### **Rufus Wiley Hollingsworth**

**W**iley Hollingsworth was born on 11/05/1905 to William Galloway and Nancy Ann Mills Hollingsworth. He was a great great grandson of Archibald and Nancey Whitehead, a great grandson of John and Zilpha Hollingsworth. and a great grandson of Andrew and Leah Catherine McCaleb. He married Ella Pauline Caddell on 8/20/1927. They had one child, Anna Pauline.

Wiley began his school teaching career at Winfield High School where he taught for one year. His next assignment was at Glen Allen School, where he and the writer's Uncle, Benton Whitehead shared the duties for a time. After his tenure at Glen Allen he began his long association with Hubbertville School. Over the years he was Principal, Basketball Coach and teacher. His job at Hubbertville lasted over 35 years. He built the school into one of the most respected schools in the area. The reputation Hubbertville has today as an outstanding school is one of the legacies of Wiley Hollingsworth.

In 1962, Wiley decided to run for elective office. He chose to try for the Education Superintendent's job in Fayette County. He was elected overwhelmingly. He ran again four years later and again was elected by a landslide. After serving two terms, he retired from the education system in 1970. He had served his community and County well for some 46 years and I am sure he looked forward to retirement. The citizens were not quite through with him, however and he was called on once again. He was elected Mayor of Glen Allen, serving two terms. He finally retired from public office, but continued his interest in his community serving on the boards of various organizations involved in community affairs.

Wiley Hollingsworth had a profound impact on the many young lives he touched in his long and illustrious career. The writer has stated before that no school in this state has produced as many teachers and educators per capita as Hubbertville School. I truly believe that. This is due in no small measure to the example set by Wiley Hollingsworth. It is clear that he loved working with young people and those young people knew it. Many of his former students, who affectionately referred to him as "Prof," all have told me what an outstanding teacher he was as well as person. What a grand legacy he has left.

With all his many accomplishments, his most outstanding one was as a leader in the Berea Church of Christ and as a gospel preacher of no little ability. He served as an elder in the Berea Church for many years. He was called on by churches all over the area to speak on many occasions. He probably preached as many funerals as anyone in the area. He spoke at the funerals of the writers grandparents at New River in the early 1960's. His kind and gentle demeanor on those occasions was special. He was an outstanding student of the bible and could have had an equally outstanding career as a preacher and/or teacher of the bible at any one of several church affiliated colleges. He was influenced in his young days by Hal P. McDonald, an educator and gospel preacher of some prominence. McDonald had been the President of the Berry Bible College which later became Alabama Christian College and today is Faulkner University.

The writer's father, Taft Whitehead, upon hearing of Wiley's death, paid him the highest tribute he knew how. He said simply "Wiley Hollingsworth was the finest man I ever knew." Nothing else need be said ..........lew

#### **America The Beautiful**

Have you ever spent the later afternoon watching the purple shadows deepen in the Arizona desert, or seen a herd of elk plow their way through waist deep snow on a cold Colorado dawn?

Did you ever watch the sun go down in Hawaii or see the stormy waves break over the rock bound coast of Maine, or have you ever seen an eagle fly up out of the mists of Alaska or a big October moon hanging full over the still Dakota badlands?

Have you ever tasted the gumbo in New Orleans, the barbecue in Carolina or the chicken wings in Buffalo? Have you ever had Brunswick stew in Macon or cornbread in Birmingham or brisket slow cooked over hill country mesquite wood?

Did you ever drink water from a gurgling branch in Utah or stand on the mountain above El Paso Del Norte and see the lights twinkling clear over into Mexico?

Did you ever jingle horses in the predawn stillness of a perfect Texas day and watch their shod hooves kicking up sparks on the volcanic rock or tended a trot line on a foggy Carolina morning, or heard the distant song of a lovesick whippoorwill in the pristine Tennessee late night?

Have you seen the faces on Mount Rushmore or stood at the Vietnam monument? Have you ever crossed the mighty Mississippi or been to the Daddy of 'Em All in Cheyenne, Wyoming or seen the mighty Vols run out on the football field on a chilly autumn afternoon?

Did you ever see the Chicago skyline from Lakeshore Drive at night or the New England foliage in the fall or the summer beauty of the Shenandoah valley or Indiana covered with new snow?

Did you ever see a herd of wild horses running free across the empty spaces of Nevada or caught a walleyed pike out of a cold Wisconsin stream, or marveled at the tall ships docked in the harbor at Baltimore?

Did you ever see the early morning dew sparkling on the bluegrass or the wind stir the wheat fields on a hot Kansas afternoon or drove the lonely stretches of old Route 66?

Have you ever heard the church bells peal their call to worship on an early Sunday in some small town in the deep South, or passed through the redwood forests as the sun was going down?

Have you ever been to Boise or Baxley or Beaufort or Billings? Have you ever passed through Sanford or Suffolk or San Angelo? Have you seen the falls at Niagara, the ice palace in St. Paul or the gateway to the west?

This then is America, the land God blesses with everything and no Eiffel Tower, no Taj Mahal, no Alps, nor Andes, no native hut, nor royal palace can rival her awesome beauty, her diverse population, her monolithic majesty. America the free, America the mighty, America the beautiful..........God Bless America

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#### Nathan and Sophia Ann Sprinkle

While neither Nathan or Sophia Ann are descendants of Archibald and Nancey to whom this journal is dedicated, they have many descendants and kin that married either descendants of Archibald and Nancey or married kin of theirs. With this thought in mind, I believe a short study of their history will be in order....

Nathan was the third son of Samuel Sprinkle and Ruth Norman. He was born on 1/31/1822 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. He was the seventh of thirteen children. His mother, Ruth Norman was the daughter of James Norman and Ruth Roberts, both of Culpepper County, Virginia. He was probably named for his mother's uncle, Nathan Roberts. Nathan's maternal grandfather James Norman was a veteran of the Revolutionary war and as a young man was a neighbor of the Daniel Boone family in Wilkes County. He and his brothers accompanied Boone on several of his forays into Tennessee and Kentucky in the mid 1700's. He probably regaled young Nathan with these stories. His paternal Grandfather was Peter Sprenckel who was the son of the german immigrant. Peter Sprenckel. His paternal Grandmother was Stacia Roberts, daughter of revolutionary war veteran, Olive Branch Roberts who had been born in Wales. Olive probably served under General Francis Marion as his sister Jenny was a spy for General Marion. On one occasion she swam the Yadkin River with the enemies war plans concealed in her hair. She was injured on one of these forays and suffered intense pain for the rest of her life. (It is interesting to note that his being a descendant of Olive Branch Roberts made Nathan a cousin to John Roberts Phillips of 1st Alabama Cavalry fame in the civil war. Phillips was from Winston County)

Nathan grew up in Wilkes County, North Carolina. One of his brothers had moved to Floyd County, Georgia. Nathan visited on occasion and it was on one of these visits that he met 17 year old Sophia Ann Dozier. Sophia Ann was the daughter of Peter Dozier of Virginia and his wife Mary Ann. She was the second of ten children and the oldest daughter.

Nathan decided to move to Floyd County. He and Sophia were married on 12/19/1851. Their firstborn was born the next year. They named him after a prominent circuit riding preacher of the day named Jeptha Vinon. Jeptha later married Nancy Elvira Tucker. Over the next five years, two more children were born, Calvin Asbury who married Susan Benton and Mary Ann "Polly" who married Richard "Dick" Sides..

Somewhere about this time they made the decision to move to Fayette Co., Alabama. After this move seven more children were born beginning with Martha Jane "Jenny", who married John Box then Ruth Frances "Fannie", who married Thomas Benton. Then came Nathaniel James "Nathan Jim", who married Frances Pone Box. Next was Rebecca Rosena, who married John Sherman Whitehead. Then came Pleasant, who died as a child. Next was William. William moved to Arkansas and I have not found anything about him. Finally John Henry was born and he married first Emma Louise Willbanks and after her death Delphia Dunnavan.

It is of some note that several of Sophia's brothers moved to this area and the Doziers of Fayette and Walker Counties are descended from this line... *lew* 

#### The Other Woman

After 21 years of marriage, I discovered a new way of keeping alive the spark of love. A little while ago I started to go out with another woman. It was really my wife's idea. "I know that you love her," she said one day, taking me by surprise. "But I love YOU," I protested. "I know, but you also love her." The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who has been a widow for 19 years The demands of my work and my three children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally. That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie. "What's wrong, are you okay?" she asked. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. "I thought that it would be nice to spend some time with you," I responded. "Just the two of us?" She thought about it for a moment, then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our "date". She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's. "I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said, as she got into the car. "They can't wait to hear about our meeting." We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy.

My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Half way through the entrees, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. "It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small," she said. "Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favor," I responded. During the dinner we had an agreeable conversation - nothing extraordinary - but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, "I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you." I agreed. "How was your dinner date?" asked my wife when I got home. "Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined," I answered.

A few days later my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Some time later I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place my mother and I had dined. An attached note read: "Son, I paid this bill in advance. I was almost sure that I couldn't be there but, nevertheless, I paid for two plates - one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you."

With today's fast paced lifestyles and all life's complexities, we often forget the most important things. Sometimes a simple phone call or a card means everything. When they are gone, it's too late.....lew

#### Reminisces

#### Skimming Ridge School (or Boxes Creek School)

From the best info I could obtain from the old timers in the area of this old one teacher school, it was built about 1910-12. It was located on the road between Berea Church of Christ and New River Baptist Church in Northeast Fayette County, Al. It was not built as a church building. Some singings and church events may have been held there in the last years of its duration. Berea probably had a country one teacher school, so did New River Baptist (Killingsworth) church. Clover Hill. Gravel Hill. Philadelphia Church, Glen Allen and other communities around the Hubbertville area. Favette County had many one teacher schools up to around 1930. The schools in the Hubbertville area were consolidated into Hubbertville Junior High School which later became Hubbertville High School. Skimming Ridge School operated from about 1912-1927. Travis Hollingsworth came in possession of the school house at end and dismantled it by hand, piece by piece.

I wondered how this building came to have the name of Skimming Ridge. Skimmings were a byproduct of sorghum molasses making. They could be stored in a barrel, let ferment into alcohol, and then boiled off in a still to obtain whiskey. One of the local entrepreneurs saved some barrels of skimmings, dug holes in the ground for the barrels and camouflaged the location. Some local resident came along and fell into one of the barrels. Thereafter the area was known as Skimming Ridge. Boxes Creek School was named Skimming Ridge after the above event

Some of the earlier students at this school were the Sherrill and Fanny Barnard Killingsworth children: Cecil, Grady, Barnard, Arla and Mae. The younger ones Barbara and Gladys didn't go there. John and Catherine Hollingsworth Nichols' children, Ruby and Jack, attended. Dan and Leona(Mayfield) Swindle's children Mae, Reuben and Talmadge attended. Wallace and Susan Angeline Tucker Roby's children attended. They were Rass, Emma, Louie, Arthur, Mae and Ruth and Willadine. Louie married Verla McCaleb(sister of my dad H.) Ruth Married Arvil Moore. Willadine married a Webster & Mae an Eads. Judge and Maud Killingsworth Hollingsworth's children Sherman and Shelby attended. I can recollect when Shelby got burned to death under a T Model Ford truck that had turned over on him one night. He struck a match to see how to get out and gas caught on fire.

Houston and Kate McCaleb Haney's children Avis, Pauline, Lucille and Wilma attended. Their younger children Jimmie Lou and Borden didn't go there. Huse was a famous Church of Christ Preacher. Billy and Alabama Hocutt's kids Cecil and Sleetia attended. Billy and Alabama Whitehead were students? Floyd Minnie Tucker, Jerry and Evie attended. Parents were Dee & Mandy Tucker. Pollard Wakefield's daughters Carrie and Essie were students, and Essie was later a teacher there. Charlie and Mollie Malone Killingsworth's children, Claudie, Wilburn and Sam attended. Bud and Sara Hollingsworth's children Maud, Artie, Travis, Pate, Ceburn, and Cleburn attended. Dude and Georgia Hollingsworth's children Lillie and Luther and Georgia attended. John R.Hollingsworth's Dodson grand daughter Mabelle and her brother Lawrence went there. Jim and Velma McCollum's kids were Ila, Wiley, Frankie & J.C. Frank and Jinnie Box's kids were Ola, Lola, and Zola.

Tom and Bessie McCollum's kids were Ida and Ada. Sem and Silla Tucker's kids were Sherman, Boss, Pearl and Eurna.- John Roby's kids Roy, Early and Cordie Bell attended. Jim and Mandy Kelly Hollingsworth's children were Ned, Luke, Flonnie, Tom, Alfred, Andy, Bess and Dot. Curley and Bessie Sprinkle's kids were Basil, Polly, Kate, Mildred and Lois. Tim and Sleetie Beauchamp McCaleb's attendees were Roy, Houston, and Alton. Andrew and Julie Dunnovant's child that attended was Marvin.? Rass and Carrie Sprinkle's kids were Tine, Lou Eva, Bethie, and Fletcher.

The ones I recollect the best were the older children of Ector and Ethel Hallmark Killingsworth. They were Ola, Eunice, Mildred and I believe also Vivian. We walked to school together, and had to pass over Boxes Creek on a one bannister footlog. Ola got dizzy and fell off the footlog one day. She barely missed falling into the water and drowning. Her face was injured and bleeding. We got help and she pulled through. The above were cousins.

H and Eza Hallmark McCaleb's son Fred attended this school as his first introduction to the educational world. The teacher Alma Sherrer Kizzire made an example of me and her son Albert. Alma was one of my mother's best girl friends. One of the pupils that went to this school made a lawyer. He was Jim McCollum. His son Hardy McCollum is a Judge in Tuscaloosa, Al. now (2003) You can never tell what a school or individual will produce or become. Jim's dad was Capt.Newman McCollum. Jim's brother Clay also attended.

Virgie and Minnie Hollingsworth and Felix (their brother and husband of Arla Killingsworth) were early students. Could that have been where Arla met Felix? Their oldest son Howard may have attended there a while. Parents were John T. and Orpha Perry Hollingsworth. Some of the Joe Kelly children attended this school. They were Jess, Fannie, and Bill.

The teachers I could find out about were Jim and Pollard Wakefield, Pollard and Bet Wakefield's daughter Essie, Thomas Herren, Myrtle Ervin Herren (wife of Columbus), Alma Sherrer Kizzire (later Cannon,), Murry Duncan, Florence Ezell, Fred Johnson, Fannie Little, Kelly Little and Maybell Baker. The board of education (a paddle or good switch from the woods) resided on the teacher's desk at that time. Obeying was easy.

The classes of old Skimming Ridge School are thinning out now. Only a few of the most hardy that have survived the hardships and temptations of the years are around today. Arla Hollingsworth is about 100. The youngest would be around 75. The house is gone and its pupils are about gone. The bell that called the classes from playing town ball and "Antny Over" still survives on a post at a neighbors' of my Aunt Verla McCaleb Roby Sandlin. I have a VCR recording of the bell. Soon it will be only something to read about. Then the story will not be believed. I felt like I wanted to say something for posterity about my first school. I guess I learned something about reading, writing and arithmetic here and some respect for authority.

The Roby children walked through Sie McCollum's pasture to get to school. Sie's bull would try to run them out of his territory. Sie was a black boy from slave days. He had Bill Ervin make him a coffin many years before he died and kept it under his bed. He said his black (he called them Nigger) kids were too sorry to bury him. All the whites loved Sie. Sie showed my dad and I, how he fit in his coffin one day in the 1930's when we stopped by to talk. Andrew McCaleb just about gave

Sie the first tract of land he acquired and told Sie never to let the white folks beat him out of it. I am not sure, but don't think his estate has been settled yet. There is a nice McCollum Cemetery there where many of his descendants are buried. So many of his descendants must have been better than he thought they would be. None of Sie's kids had the privilege of attending Skimming Ridge.

Ada McCollum had to walk to school with Alton McCaleb. Alton was a big tease and aggravated her very much. I don't recall getting into any fights while attending Skimming Ridge. I was 6-years of age at the time. My cousin Ola Killingsworth was sort of a "mother hen" that looked after her younger sisters and me. I did have fights in other schools later, especially at Shannon, Ms.

School lunches were not packed in a paper bag at that time. One brought his or her lunch in a half gallon lard can. You might have a biscuit with some ham meat or country eggs in it. One might have some butter and syrup or jelly to put on the biscuit. The pickings were not too good. They just depended on what home grown canned or dried food your mother had at home. Fried apple tarts with plenty of grease in the ingredients were a favorite. The apples were sliced, dried and bagged in the summertime. Later sandwiches from bought loaf bread became popular, and the lunch was packed in a paper bag. Then that succumbed to the school lunch program under the present socialism. Still the kids liked junk food instead of the good prepared food, and spent their allowance for junk food and dope. There was no allowance at Skimming Ridge, and face was lost if you got a whipping at school you got another one by your parents at home if they found out. Self esteem was earned by performance instead of teaching it......Fred McCaleb

Some contributors for this write up were Ada McCollum Box, Ruth Roby Moore, Arla Killingsworth Hollingsworth and her family and my cousin Eunice Killingsworth.......Fred McCaleb

#### Memories of a loving grand daughter George Washington Whitehead

George was the oldest child of Archibald, Jr. and Martha "Patsy" Anthony. He was born 7/4/1846. He Served with the 1st Alabama Cavalry (USA). He was, along with his cousin, Joseph Pinkney Whitehead and his Uncle, Drew Whitehead. as well as several relatives, one of "the tories of the hills." He is buried in Littleville Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama.

His granddaughter, Nellie Whitehead McGuire, was taken on a trip to the Shilo battlefield. George W. would point out how the battle developed, the marching of the ranks, and could point out where various friends fell during the fighting.

According to Nellie, she remembers her grandfather talking about the Wiley Branch Mill "washing out", but with the gristmill rock remaining in the creek.

Nellie and brother Filo went to live with George W. and Jane after their mother died from childbirth complications. Nellie says the Whitehead home place in the Pebble area was full of great memories. It was a big house with lots of outbuildings. There was every kind of tool that goes with a farm and a tool house for each category of equipment. George W. had a saw mill and a grist mill in addition to farming.

#### Nancey's Lawsuit

In an earlier column, I referred to a lawsuit filed by Nancey against Archibald and an attorney in Tuscaloosa. Several have asked for a copy of the suit, so here it is. This case involved the will of William Smith and his intent to leave his property in Fayette County. William evidently had no confidence in Archibald and sent his son, Jasper, to Tuscaloosa to hire a lawyer to make his wishes legal, declaring that he was leaving his property to Nancey only and excluding Archibald. The attorney evidently saw an opportunity to steal a portion of the property and failed to carry out William's wishes. A case was filed in the lower courts and this court ruled in favor of the attorney. Nancey then appealed to the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama and the lower court ruling was reversed, finally carrying out William's wishes. The following is the official record of the case heard before a special session of the court in what is today Hamilton, Alabama in January, 1851.

## WHITEHEAD, BY NEXT FRIEND, V. BROWN

January Term, 1851.

ERROR to the Chancery Court of Marion. Tried before the Hon. W. W. Mason.

\*1 THE bill in this case was filed by the plaintiff in error, by her next friend, against the defendant in error, to reform a deed, and for an account, & c It alleges that William Smith, the father of the complainant, on the 3d November 1838, executed a deed of gift, by which he conveyed certain lands and a slave "to her, during her natural life, and after her death, to her heirs forever, that at the time of its execution she was the wife of Archibald Whitehead, who was insolvent, and prodigal and wasteful and that in consequence of this, It was the wish and design of the donor, and he so expressed himself before, at the time, and after the execution of the deed, to convey to her a separate estate in the property, free from the control of her said husband and exempt from liability for his debts: that the said donor was so anxious to do this, that he sent one of his sons to Tuscaloosa, a distance of fifty miles, to procure the services of an able and experienced lawyer in drafting said deed, and at the time of its execution, both he and the complainant fully believed that the deed conveyed to her a sole and separate estate, but that since the death of the donor she has been advised, that the attorney employed, either through mistake or want of sufficient skill, did not, in drawing said deed, so draw it as to carry out the intention of the donor; and that Brown, the defendant, with full notice of her rights and claim to the property, has caused an execution, in his favor against her said husband, to be levied on said slave, and the said slave to be sold, at which sale he himself became the purchaser, &c.

With this statement, and the facts stated in the opinion, the case will be fully understood. The chancellor dismissed the bill on the final bearing which is now assigned as error.

#### No counsel for the plaintiff

#### **COGGIN & EARNEST, for the defendant:**

That the Chancery court has the power to reform a deed, so as to carry out the will of the donor, under certain circumstances, is not controverted, But the facts in this case will, and do interpose a barrier to the relief here sought. Here the party permits Whitehead to hold the property to obtain credit on the faith. of that property, and after the property is sold, and the judgment credited, and the sheriffs bill of sale executed and property delivered, they seek to come into this court and by manifest inequity., reform the deed. If the equity of Brown attached.: by his crediting Whitehead on the faith of this .property, the party could only reform the deed by or after paying Brown's debt. His equity is superior to the complainants, and must hold it. Again, has not the acquiescence of the complainant for so many years perfected the title in her husband, and in a bill between complainant and her husband would not the court say that complainant was estopped by her acquiescence? But there can be no question but that she is estopped between herself and Brown, a judgment creditor.

#### PARSONS, J.

2 As the deed was written, it conveyed the property to the complainant, during her natural life, and afterwards to her heirs, without any exclusion of her husband. His marital rights, therefore, attached.

But it is fully and strongly stated in the bill that her father, the grantor, intended to exclude the husband wholly; that he took unusual trouble about the preparation of the deed with that view, and that from the time of its execution, he and the complainant rested satisfied that such was in effect, until after his death, the complainant was disturbed in the enjoyment of her property, and upon inquiry, ascertained that her separate rights were not legally secured by the deed, as it was drawn, The bill has two objects--to reform the deed, and to be relieved against the defendant Brown. As to the first of these objects, and it extends to all the property that was conveyed, it can only be attained when the evidence is clear and satisfactory. The answer in this case merely puts the complainant upon proof of her case, it does not, upon any personal knowledge of the defendant, deny the intentions of' the grantor, or his mistake as to the effect of the deed which he executed. To our minds the deposition of Jasper Smith is conclusive of both. If his deposition be true, the grantor intended to exclude the husband entirely, and took unusual trouble to accomplish that object, and executed the deed under the belief that he was doing so. The witness is not discredited, but is sustained, on the contrary, by all the probabilities of the case. It is alleged by the bill and not denied by the answer, that her husband was a man of prodigal habits and had squandered what her father had previously given her. It is also alleged that she and her father remained satisfied that her rights were secured, and the answer admits neighborhood rumors to the effect that the property was hers. Whence these rumors, unless from what the parties said at and after the tine when the deed was made? The rumors induced Brown, the defendant, to examine the deed, as stated in his answer, by which he meant, we presume, that he examined the books where it was recorded; for It is to be inferred from his answer, and from the omissions of his answer, that in view of his own policy, he forebore to ask the complainant or any friend of hers, any thing about it.

We are entirely satisfied from the bill, answers and evidence,

that the parties intended by the deed to settle a life estate upon the complainant, free from the: engagements or control of her husband, and not liable to his creditors, and that, in this respect, It was drawn and executed under a mistake, which was not ascertained, until after Brown disturbed the complainant in the enjoyment of the property.

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In the next place, besides reforming the deed as to all the property, she prays particular relief against Brown. He had executions against her husband, and caused them to be levied on the slave conveyed by the deed, and the slave was sold and he became the purchaser, and has had the possession and services of the slave ever since. The fact that he caused the levy to be made, and purchased with full notice of her claim, is very clear. He admits, as already mentioned, that there were rumors of her separate right to the property. This induced him to examine the record, or the deed, as stated in his answer, but even this he does not prove. Also, that in consequence of the rumors he had to indemnify the sheriff. Besides, there are omissions in his answer which, as settled in this State, have the effect of admissions, as they relate to matters within his knowledge, and which are stated in the bill. She gave express notice of her claim to the property at the sale: and forbade the sale, when he was the purchaser, and this he omits to deny. I have done no more than to state the case, because the case of Stone, Trustee, v. Hale, et al., 17 Ala. 557, shows clearly that the complainant has a right to have the deed reformed and to be relieved against Brown.

\*3 The decree is, therefore, reversed and the cause remanded, to the end that an account may be taken and a decree finally rendered In conformity with this opinion, and if' the personal representatives and heirs of the grantor axe necessary parties—a question which, at this time, is not material, and we do not decide it, as it has not been argued, they can be made parties In the court below.

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As I stated in the earlier article, Nancey was a "women's libber" before it became fashionable. In today's climate, the courtroom would be filled with feminists shouting "You Go Girl". In any event justice was finally served and poor old Archibald was slandered in the process. Of course there is always the possibility that he had "cut a deal" with the crooked lawyer Brown in the first place.

The case was unprecedented for two reasons. (1) It was unheard of for a wife to name her husband in a suit, especially as a co-defendant, as she most likely did in the original suit. (2) If I am not mistaken, this was the first case brought before the Alabama Supreme Court in the State's history by a woman. The damage to the marriage must not have been permanent because Archibald and Nancey lived together until his death fifteen years later.

I am proud of Nancey for her stand. It showed a lot of spunk. I am not certain but that if I had been alive, I might have been in the court room shouting "You Go Girl" too......lew

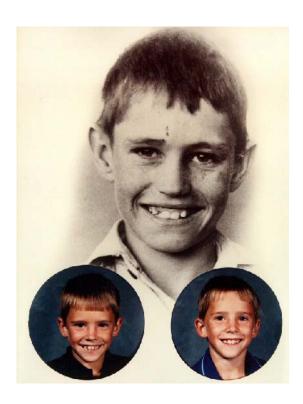
#### 100 Years Ago ....1903

- 1) The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
- 2) Only 14 Percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
- 3) Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- **4)** A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
- 5) There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- **6)** The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- 7) Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st- most populous state in the Union.
- 8) The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- 9) The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.
- **10)** The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- 11) A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- **12)** More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.
- **13)** Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."
- **14)** Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents and Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.
- **15)** Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- **16)** Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.
- 17) The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:
  - I Pneumonia and influenza
  - II. Tuberculosis
  - III Diarrhea
  - IV Heart disease
  - V. Stroke
- **18)** The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.
- **19**) The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30.
- **20)** Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.
- 21) There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- **22)** One in ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.
- 23) Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind and regulates the stomach.
- **24)** 18 percent of households in the U.S. had at least one servant or one domestic.
- **25)** There were only 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

Just think what it will be like in another 100 years. It boggles the mind......Submitted by Martha McCaleb



Bob & Joyce Whitehead McClain



Arris & twin grandsons



Talmage & Lucas Whitehead, Will & Alma Land (Alma is holding Perry), Minnie and Laura Whitehead (Laura is holding Jay Land)



Standing in Back (L-R) Boyce McNEW, Myrtle AARON McNew, George Thomas FLIPPO, Lanita McNEW Flippo holding Minnie Darlene FLIPPO, Front (L-R) Charolett Lanette FLIPPO, Laura Elizabeth ARRINGTON Whitehead, Brenda Kay FLIPPO, and in front of her, Linda Fay FLIPPO.



Esther Whitehead & Minnie Whitehead King



Back: Kimberly Ann Heifner, Lanita McNew Whitley, Brenda Flippo Heifner

Front: Shandry Heifner, Minnie Whitehead King



Talmadge Whitehead Family



Back: Lucas, Walter & Annie, Alma, Talmadge
Front: Joshua Alexander, Laura Elizabeth, Martha (Rip's widow)
Minnie



Arris & Pat's Family



Joyce, Esther, Arris, Maxie 1943



Jim & Judy Martin

#### **Personals**

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All of us owe a debt of gratitude to Leon and Jean Whitehead for the work they have done on the reunion over the years. They have decided to take a rest and Barbara Farris and her family have taken over the job.

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Once more, we appeal for photos to run in the Quarterly. This has been a popular feature and I have been saying for several issues that we were running out of pictures. Please let us know if you have any that you would be willing to share and we will make arrangements to copy them and get them back to you.

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Be sure and check our website. We will be adding some new information in the coming weeks that we believe you will find interesting. The site address is:

#### www.fayette.net/pioneers/index.htm.....

Our e-mail address is....lw3000@bellsouth.net

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Many thanks to cousin Judy Martin of Belton, Texas for allowing us to use her copies of the photos of Joshua Alexanders descendants. She has many more on her wesite and we hope to show more later.

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We recently had the privilege of meeting one of Joseph Whitehead's descendants through Joseph Pinkney Whitehead. She is cousin Carla Bates of Childersburg, Alabama. Carla is working on establishing the Cherokee Indian Link. We wish her luck. A side light to this meeting was in my research I discovered that James Samuel Wood, who married Vernettie Anthony and for a number of years preached at Berea, was Joseph Pinkney's stepson. His mother, Jane, married "Pink" after the death of her first husband, H.H. Wood, in the Civil War.

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