

## **The Family of Joseph John Bryant (1815-1889)**

Joseph John Bryant, son of John Wellington and Mary Jane Morris Bryant, was born April 24, 1815 in North Carolina.

In the Cherokee Land Lottery, 1832, Murray County, John drew Lot number 311, 27 District, Sec. 3, which he sold in November, 1844. Military records show that, at age 23, he was discharged, First Lieutenant, Captain Pearson's Company, Lindsay's Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Volunteers.

John Bryant came to Murray County sometime after the year 1840. On December 25, 1842, he married Elizabeth Mauldin of Murray County, daughter of Rucker Mauldin, Jr. and Mary Westbrook Mauldin, neighbors of John's sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Drury Wheat. The Mauldins were formerly from South Carolina, and Elizabeth's grandfather, Rucker Mauldin, Sr., served as Methodist Chaplain in the South Carolina militia during the American Revolution.

John and Elizabeth's first home was located near Beaverdale on the Conasauga River, a farm now belonging to John's grandson, Clinton Bryant. They later moved to the area near Eton, which was then called Cohutta Springs, to what is now the Charles Pannell home on the Old Federal Road. To this union were born nine children: