

Claiborne County, Mississippi

THE PROMISED LAND

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Raymond Robinson claimed 300 arpents at the juncture of Big Black and Sandy Creek by occupancy by William Demsey, 1804.

Ebenezer Rees received 700 arpents on Bayou Pierre Aug. 17, 1794.

William Smith received 400 arpents on Bayou Pierre 15 miles from the Mississippi River Oct. 27, 1795. William Smith claimed 800 arpents by occupancy since 1792, Dec. 12, 1794.

Thomas Smith received 140 arpents on Bayou Pierre Dec. 29, 1789.

David Smith was on Bayou Pierre with a land grant Feb. 24, 1795.

John Smith claimed 640 arpents by occupancy since 1797.

Ebenezer Smith received 500 arpents on Bayou Pierre on Tabor's branch Dec. 29, 1787.

Ephraim Storey claimed 640 arpents on Bayou Pierre by occupancy since 1796. He claimed 300 arpents Dec. 8, 1789.

Jesse Smith and wife received 240 arpents on the south fork of Bayou Pierre, bordered by land of Abraham Green Aug. 30, 1793.

Lucius Smith received 240 arpents on Bayou Pierre on a branch known as James Run Aug. 14, 1794. The land adjoined that of Patrick Cogan.

John Still Lee (Stilly) owned land on a branch of Big Black in 1797.

John Salvage received a grant on Bayou Pierre on a branch known as James Run Aug. 14, 1794. This land adjoined that of Patrick Cogan.

William Tabor received 300 arpents on Bayou Pierre Apr. 10, 1795. This property was owned by Thomas Arrington in 1800 and later by William Neely. William Tabor received 240 arpents on Tabor's fork of Bayou Pierre adjoining lands of Waterman Crane May 6, 1795.

John Turnbull received 1000 arpents on Big Black June 22, 1791.

Mathew C. Tierney received 400 arpents on the east bank of the Bayou Pierre Mar. 23, 1793.

William Thomas received 600 arpents on Chubby fork of Bayou Pierre Dec. 7, 1797.

Thomas Tyler claimed 1000 arpents on Bayou Pierre Sept. 30, 1789.

Thomas Vause claimed 200 arpents on Chubby Creek by occupancy since 1798 was a grant in 1790.

Joseph White was on Chubby Creek.

Thomas White received 140 arpents, a Spanish grant to Sarah Armstrong.

Soloman Whitley received 400 arpents on Bayou Pierre adjoining lands of John Boothe Apr. 12, 1790.

Melling Wooley received 400 arpents on Bayou Pierre Aug. 2, 1786.

John Rankin Wylie received 400 arpents on the south branch of Bayou Pierre Aug. 30, 1793.³⁹

In 1798 Mississippi became a territory under the government of the United States. From 1799 until 1802 what is at present Claiborne and

Jefferson counties was one county, and was known as Pickering County. Records at that time were kept in two volumes of ledgers, which are now in the Chancery Clerk's record room in Jefferson County.⁴⁰ Scattered among land deeds, registrations of cattle brands, and other transactions are records of marriages performed in what is now Claiborne County during 1800 and 1801. They were these:

Gibson Clark married Mary Mason Sept. 15, 1800, by Wm. Thompson, J. P.

Archibald Irwin married Nancy Mathews Sept. 25, 1800, by Tobias Brashear, J. P.

Noal Blackwell married Elizabeth White Oct. 2, 1800, by Wm. Thompson, J. P.

William Miller married Susannah Toblour Oct. 9, 1800.

John Carnes married (Widow) Jean Cole Mar. 15, 1801.

John Ellison married Sarah Lyman Aug. 15, 1801, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Stephen Terry married Phoebe Smith Aug. 15, 1801, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Abner Wilkinson married Cibel Smith Aug. 15, 1801, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Julius Smith married Elizabeth Armstrong Aug. 15, 1801, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Geo. Hutton married Rachel White Aug. 16, 1801, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Robert White married Phillipina Hamberton Dec. 6, 1801.

Ephraim Storey married Rachel Marchant Feb. 14, 1800, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Samuel Goodwin married Ann White June 25, 1800, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Berriman Watkins married Amelia Lott Apr. 27, 1800, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.

Edward Clark married Charlotte Booth, Aug. 15, 1801, by G. W. Humphreys, J. P.⁴¹

In addition to marriages on permanent record in Claiborne County since 1816, numbers of loose-leaf marriage bonds and marriage records (1805-1819) may be found in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Claiborne

⁴⁰ *Pickering County Records, 1799-1802*, 2 vols. (Jefferson County Chancery Clerk's Record Room, Fayette, Miss.) These records include land grants written in the Spanish language, land transfers, cattle brands, transfer of slaves, and other transactions. Claiborne County marriages were determined from those of Jefferson County by the compiler by identifying the Justice of the Peace, who performed the marriage.

⁴¹ *Pickering County Records*, vol 1.

County. These records or returns from the various Justices are written on odd-sizes of paper and have never been permanently recorded by a Clerk. Some of the Judges seem to have been very remiss in making reports, and some marriages may have never been reported. Where the Justices reported a marriage bond, it is very likely that the couple married. If a couple did not marry, the bondsmen forfeited their bond. The following is a list of these unrecorded bonds and marriages:

John Jenkins and Nancy Coffery the 23rd day of Mar., 1807, by Robert Thompson, J. P.
 George Watson and Sarah Stilly the 23rd day of Jan., 1805. Bondsman was John Stilly. (No return)
 William Tabor and Mrs. Nancy Williams the 6th day of Feb., 1805. Bondsman was James McElwee. (No return)
 Jacob Summerling and Polly Hill the 7th day of Feb., 1805. Bondsman was James Harvey. (No return)
 Seth Caston and Rebecca Gibson the 6th day of April, 1805. Bondsman was Green Caston. (No return)
 Josiah Flowers, Jr., and Jane Boyd the 15th of Aug. 1805. Married by P. Bruin, J. P. Bondsman was Josiah Flowers, Sr.
 John Anthony and Mary Daniel. Bondsman was Will P. Elam. (No return)
 John Dearman and Elizabeth Strode. Bondsman was James Elwee. (No return)
 Gideon Gibson and Lydia Callender the 31st day of Jan., 1806. (Alex. Callender, father of the bride). Bondsman was Joseph Ferguson, Jr. (No return)
 Jesse Stephens and Hulda Griffing the 1st day of Feb., 1806. (Hannah Griffing, mother of the bride). Bondsman was Moses Floyd. (No return)
 John Wicks and Mary Anderton the 11th day of Feb., 1806. Bondsman was John Anderton. (No return)
 Lot Mason and Nancy White the 12th day of Feb. 1806. (C. White, father of the bride). Bondsman was Joseph Lark. (No return)
 Stephen Jones and Penelope Smith the 5th day of Apr., 1806. Bondsman was Robert Thompson. (No return)
 John Robinson and Sarah Edward (no date), by Dan Burnet, J. P. Bondsman was Daniel Burnet.
 James Beard and Polly Phillips the 17th day of Aug., 1806. (Jacob Phillips, father of the bride). Bondsman was Thomas Beard. (No return)
 Daniel Lyon and Fanny Price the 28th of Aug., 1806, by Dan. Burnet, J. P. Bondsman was John Patterson.
 John Robertson and Elizabeth Cloyd the 5th day of Sept., 1806, by M. Floyd. Bondsman was Joshua Clarke.
 John Bell and Esther Young the 7th day of Oct., 1806. Bondsman was John Armstrong. (No return)

John Wright and Jane Dearman the 15th day of Dec., 1806. (No return)
 John Mathews and Mary Beard the 28th of Jan., 1809 by M. Turnbull
 J. P. Elijah Clarke and Nancy Robinson the 17th of Feb., 1809 by M. Turnbull, J. P. William Kilcrease and Jane Thomas the 2nd day of Aug., 1809, by Dan. Burnet, J. P.
 George Tell and Elizabeth Beck the 30th day of Oct., 1809. (No return)
 James Cole and Polly Robinson the 2nd day of Nov. 1809. (No return)
 Peter A. Van Dorn and Sophie Caffrie the 18th day of Aug., 1811, by Daniel Burnet. Bondsmen were Charles Hamilton and Peter Van Dorn.
 William Alexander and Mourning Rogers the 6th day of Mar., 1810 by Robert Thompson, J. P. Bondsman was John Patterson.
 James McElwee and Nancy Holliday the 1st day of Mar., 1810
 Bondsman was Simeon Holliday. (No return)
 William Goodwin and Polly Cannon the 13th day of Mar., 1810
 Bondsman was Sam Goodwin. (No return)
 Levi Thompson and Martha White the 18th day of Aug., 1810
 Bondsman was Nathan White. (No return)
 Thomas McDonald and Mary Harmon the 3rd day of Sept., 1810
 Bondsman was Hudson Taber. (No return)
 William Robinson and Fanny Box the 18th day of Sept., 1810. Bondsman was Paul Cameron. (No return)
 Alex Su (See) and Mary Miller the 6th day of June, 1807 by Sam Bridges, J. P.
 Consent and request to John Patterson, Esq., to issue a marriage license to Richard Slaughter (widower) to marry Katherine Green (widow). Request was signed by Rich. Slaughter and Thomas Cocherham (father of the bride). Rich. Slaughter married Katherine Green the 13th of Nov., 1807 by Sam. Cook, J. P.
 E. Clarke married Nancy Robinson the 11th day of Feb., 1809 by Sam Cook, J. P.
 Abraham Youngton and Mary Allison the 19th day of July, 1807, by Sam Cook, J. P.
 William Cale and Betsy Robinson the 20th day of Aug., 1807, by Sam Cook, J. P.
 John Simkins and Eliza James the 1st day of Oct., 1807, by Sam Cook, J. P.
 John G. Jones and Betsy Hyland the 4th day of Jan., 1808, by Sam Cook, J. P.
 Henry Hany and Sarah Lobdell the 8th day of Jan., 1808, by Sam Cook, J. P.
 Nathan Right and Peggy Miller the 3rd day of Oct., 1807, by Sam Cook, J. P.
 Henry Bradford and Elizabeth Causey (daughter of Lewis Causey) the 4th day of Oct., 1807. Bondsman was Joseph Moore. (No return)

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Alex. Lee and Mary Miller the 6th day of July, 1807. Married by Sam Bridges, J. P. Bondsman was Thomas Ritchey.

John Patterson and Jane Burnet the (?) day of Aug., 1807 by Sam John Bridges, J. P.

Robert Moon and Jemima Lym the 9th day of Dec., 1807, by Sam Bridges, J. P.

David Lee and Lucy Brashear the 18th day of Oct., 1810. Bondsman was James Lee. (No return)

Joseph Nicols and Elizabeth Carney the 10th of Nov., 1815, by D. Vertner, J. P.

James Hood and Charity Coleman the 5th day of Feb., 1813. Bondsmen were James Hood and I. Scott. (No return)

William Dean and Margaret McCraven (McRaven) the 27th day of Mar., 1819, by Philip Auston, J. P.⁴²

In addition to land grants and marriage records, the tax lists and the oldest land maps of Claiborne County indicate that the following people owned land in the District West of Pearl at an early date:

John Anderson
Alex. Armstrong
Moses Armstrong
Joseph Ballard
Elias Barnes
John Bisland
Isaac Bland
Sam Beard
James Bolls
John Booth
William Brocus, Sr.
William Brocus, Jr.
Joseph Box
Geo. Brashears
Benj. Brashears
Sam Bridges
Peter Bruin
J. Bullen
John Burns
Stephen Bullock
John Burnett

Daniel Burnet
Thomas Calvit
Duncan Cameron
Edward Clark
Gibson Clarke
John Clark
Thomas Clark
Elijah Clark
Elijah L. Clarke
Lewis Clark
Sara Cleveland
Ann Cobun
Elizabeth Cobun
George Cobun
Robert Cochran
Pat Cogan
William Cooper
Thomas Crabb
Waterman Crane
Jas. Davenport
William Devine

Stephen Douglas
R. Dunbar
William Dunbar
Fergus Duplantier
John Dennis
Wm. Dunbar
Abel Eastman
John E. Elane
John Ellis
Isaac Fife
Moses Floyd
Elisha Flowers
Ezekial Flowers
Thomas Fry
Gadi Gibson
John B. Gibson
R. Gibson
Sam'l Gibson
Marston Green
Abner Green
Joseph Green

Anthony Glass
B. Goodal
Phoebe Goodwin
Jesse Greenfield
Gabriel Griffins
Wm. Griffins
Jesse Hamilton
H. Harmon
J. Harwood
John Hartley (Heirs)
Thos. H. Harrington
Simeon Holliday
Simpson Hollis
Will Haney
Samuel Hubbard
Meniell Hubbard
G. W. Humphreys
J. Huntley
Will Harvey
Abijah Hunt
R. Hill
Thos. Jordan
Francis Jones
Richard King
Leonard Kipley
Prosper King
S. Lyon
Gideon Lowery
Sam Lum

Wm. McCaleb
Jas. McCaleb
Samuel McCaleb
John McCaleb
Ezra McCall
David McFarland
J. McGill
Jon. Mackey
Daniel Mathews
Wm. McDonald
Ed. Maury
Henry Miller
Daniel Magott
Bill Magott
G. Medlock
William Miller
James Minor
Stephen Minor
Alex. Montgomery
James Moore
Robert Moore
Andrew Mundell
Westley W. Neely
Jesse Nailor
Francis Nailor
Henry Parr
N. Pope
A. Patton
Martin Price

Ralph Price
Pastures Proctor
John Reynolds
Stephen Richards
John Roberson
Seth Rundell
James Smith
William Smith
David Smith
Geo. Sorrell
Richard Spark
Ephraim Storey
Jas. Stanfield
John Smith
John Stilley
Sarah Thompson
Will Taylor
William Tabor
John L. Torrey
William Thompson
M. Tierney
Thompson Vaus
Mark Walters
Demsey White
R. White
Joseph White
Larkin White
Abner Wilkinson⁴³

The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi shows that in 1816, when Mississippi was still a territory, there were about 295 families living in Claiborne County.⁴⁴ Heads of the families are listed as follows:

William Rush
Moses Jones
John Calhoun
Reuben Stilly
Elijah L. Clark
David Davis

Samuel Mason
William Mathews
Samuel Goodwin
Richmond Shuffield
William Goodwin
William Moore

Benj. Hutchens
Demsey White
Alex Armstrong
Ignatius Flowers
Jas. McDonall
John Brock

⁴² *Claiborne County Marriage Records and Marriage Bonds, 1805-1819* (Claiborne County Circuit Clerk's office, Port Gibson, Miss.) These unrecorded, loose-leaf reports of marriages and marriage bonds, as submitted by the various Justices of the Peace, are in an envelope in the Clerk's files and have never been recorded in a record book.

⁴³ *Land Maps of The District West of Pearl* (Claiborne County, Miss., Office of the County Chancery Clerk).

⁴⁴ Dunbar Rowland, ed., *Official and Statistical Register of The State of Mississippi* (Madison, Wis.: Democrat Printing Co., 1917).

Wm. Williams
 Joseph Bullard
 James Hutchins
 Benj. Adair
 Henry Stiner
 Thomas Grubs
 Margaret McHay
 James Dennis
 Spencer Adams
 Lot Mason
 William Briscoe
 Martin Cooper
 James Sims
 John Briscoe
 Darius Hamilton
 John Dennis
 Philip Alston
 Henry G. Johnson
 Larkin White
 Devanport Wiseman
 Walter Leake
 Charles P. Coleman
 Robert W. Coleman
 James Watson
 Elisha Flowers, Jr.
 Elisha Flowers, Sr.
 James Barland
 Ralph Regan
 Joseph Briggs
 Adam Gordon
 Benjamin Shields
 Thomas Going
 John Gibson
 Abel Welson
 Malbourn Cooper
 Moses Shelby
 Reuben White
 Gideon Foster
 Simeon Holliday
 Jas. McHelwee
 Eden Brashears
 Elias Fisher
 David Brazeal
 Martha Willis
 Martha Sea

William Rains
 John Robinson
 Benj. Mitchell
 Densel Lyon
 D. P. January
 James Person
 Thomas Clark
 Darby Hany
 Casander Hany
 Polly McKey
 Jeremiah Miller
 William Cox
 Reuben Caesar
 Aaron Cox
 Josiah Flowers
 Lydia Aron
 John Cook
 Mary Thralkill
 Julius Battis
 Jas. O. Pickett
 Wm. Cooper
 Wm. Kilcrease
 David Ellison
 Robert Guy
 John McEhern
 Ann Brashears
 Shadrick Brown
 Joseph Montgomery
 Eli Tharp
 William Sorrels
 Bumbarry Scott
 Alexr. Brunt
 Stephen Miller
 Joshua Saxton
 Wm. B. Minor
 Nancy Mitchell
 Stephen Jones
 G. W. Humphreys
 Henry Oxedine
 Andrew Mundall
 Thomas Barnes
 Peter Lyon
 William Carson
 Nancy Woolredge
 Gibson Clark, Jr.

Amelia Wadkins
 Thompson White
 Saml. Dawsey
 John W. Thompson
 George Jennings
 Jeremiah Watson
 Thomas Farrar
 Joab Thompson
 Frisby Freeland
 Nancy Bryce
 Andy Stephens
 Harmon Blennerhassett
 Elizabeth Cotton
 Mathew Lord
 John Murdock
 David McCaleb
 Jonathan McCaleb
 James McCaleb
 James Gragg
 Elijah Clarke
 Ann Gibson
 Gilbert Fife
 John H. Truly
 Cader Perves
 Jas. Davenport
 William Tanner
 William Thompson
 Lewalen Price
 Thos. W. Cagan
 John Read
 Robert Jordan
 Thomas Mullins
 William Pope
 Elizabeth Wheelis
 Daniel Burnet
 Isaac Bland
 Saml. Gibson
 Joseph Moore
 Joseph Nicolls
 Saml. Cobun
 Willis Brazeal
 Jonathan Conger
 David Smith
 David Christian
 Reuben McGinty

Lydia McGinty
 Isaac Randale
 Cheleon F. Stiles
 Seth Rundell
 David Lee
 Joseph Wilds
 John Calvit
 Wm. Taylor
 Lewis Clarke
 Nahun Chunn
 Stephen Bellinor
 J. G. Clarke
 E. Frazier
 George Arnold
 William Helly
 Michael Seydner
 Elijah Bland
 Hector McNeill
 William Wright
 Daniel Vertner
 Patterick Catterson
 Nelson White
 Levi Thompson
 Tebeka Wood
 Joel Moss
 Ambers Marbell
 Mary Lobdell
 Henry Haney
 Rebeka Jones
 Gibson Clarke
 Saml. Brooks
 Jesse Hudnall
 William Brooks
 Waterman Crane
 James Corbit
 Debraugh Hartley
 Joshua Rundall
 James Foster
 Benja. Beard
 John Gragg
 Jacob Secrease
 Wm. C. Bucky
 Cefab Smith
 Saml. Cox
 Shem Thompson

James Smith
 Wm. Christie
 Lewis Evans
 James Harmon
 John W. Thompson
 William Scott
 Armstead Sharp
 Nancy Fife
 James Sanders
 Robt. W. Caldwell
 Person B. Griffin
 Thomas Shelby
 Richard Wenters
 Richard Gradock
 Thomas Park
 Robert Patton
 Wm. Robinson
 John Michele
 James Patton
 Jas. Davenport
 Phyla Newman
 Parmenas Briscoe
 William Willis
 Harrison Person
 Abner Wilkinson
 Asa German
 William Dunn
 Robert Moore
 Spencer Foster
 Turner B. Brashears
 Charles Patterson
 Levi Norrell
 Sarah Robinson
 Phely Tearnay
 Joel Lyming
 Daniel McCollister
 Catherine McMellan
 John Robinson
 Harwood Jones
 Isaac Flowers
 John Mathews
 James Beard
 Saml. Ragsdale
 Helon McCollister
 Archad. Irwin

William Irwin
 Ann Daniels
 Thomas Morris
 William Wells
 John Patterson
 Jacob Beard
 George Beard
 William Harris
 Jacob Philip
 Benj. Robinson
 Charles Taylor
 Charles Booth
 Abraham Green
 Saml. Lum
 Phillip Thurman
 Francis Patton
 G. Wetherington
 John Booth
 John Sorrels
 Ramon Robinson
 Andrew Hathorne
 Thomas Long
 Abram Barnes
 Mary Bullock
 Ausburn Jeffers
 Esther Barnes
 Etherine Evans
 Ezekiak Evans
 Benj. Baker
 Hezekiah Harmon
 Benj. Smith
 David Hunt
 Samuel Loring
 Est. of J. Archer
 Isaac Ross
 Saml. Carman
 Wm. Harvey
 Phoebe Alford
 Alex. McAlpin
 Joshua Gazy
 Geo. Tanneyhill
 Ira Powell
 John Weeks
 Benj. Carlile
 Peter Van Dorn

William Scott
Patrick Brown
Walter Sorrels

William Simmons
John Ammons
Wm. Bridgers

John Orr
Henry Parr
John Falls

The early settlers to the Natchez District came to the region by several different routes. Some came to New Orleans by boat and came up the Mississippi River. Others came over the Appalachian Mountains, built barges, floated down a stream such as the French Broad to the Tennessee River, traveled the Tennessee River to the Ohio River to the Mississippi River, and floated down the Mississippi River to Natchez. Some came down the Ohio and Mississippi from Pennsylvania. The trip on the Tennessee was very hazardous because of the shoals and because of Indian attacks, especially when the barges had to tie up to the shore at night.

Overland travelers to the Natchez District used two main routes. Some came from the East by way of the Natchez Trace from Nashville, Tennessee. Settlers from Georgia and the Carolinas came to the District by way of the Three Chopped Way, so called from the method of blazing the trees from Natchez to Georgia. This was also a hazardous journey because of the Indians. To make this trip, Georgians had to get passports from the State of Georgia. They usually traveled in groups for safety. The road or trail led from Georgia to St. Stephens to Natchez.

at that time in Claiborne. For a complete list of Mississippi veterans of the War of 1812 see *Mississippi Territory in the War of 1812* by Mrs. Dunbar Rowland.⁴² Among her list of veterans, thought to be from Claiborne County are these:

"Hinds' Battalion of Cavalry, Mississippi Militia:

John Barnette, Pvt.
Thomas Berry, Pvt.
Richard Bettis, Jr., Pvt.*
Isaac Bland, Pvt.*
Nathan Brashears, Pvt.*
Preston Bruin, Pvt.
William Bridges, Pvt.*
James M. Bradford, Pvt.
Willaim Buck, Dragoon.*
James Burnet, Pvt.*
John Burnet, Pvt.*
George Downs, Pvt.
Charles H. Gordon, Pvt.*
James Hynum, Pvt.*

Charles G. Johnson, Sergt.*
Robert Lowry, 1st Lieut.*
Joseph Moore, Pvt.*
James Robinson, Pvt.*
John Scott, Pvt.
Richard Scott, Pvt.
Thomas Scott, Pvt.
Jones Shaw, Pvt.
William Smith, Dragoon.*
John Snodgrass, Dragoon.*
John H. Truly, Pvt.*
Thomas G. Vaughan, Pvt.*
James Whittacar, Pvt.**⁴³

"Captain Foster's Company of Mounted Infantry:

Samuel Brashears, Pvt.*
John Dean, Pvt.*
Arthur Foster, Captain.

William Foster, Sergt.
John Eades, Pvt.
Benjamin Arnold, Pvt."⁴⁴

"Lieutenant-Colonel Nixon's Regiment:

James Arnold, Pvt.
John Barnes, Pvt.*
Samuel Barnes, Pvt.*
Thomas Barnes, Pvt.*
William Bridges, Pvt.*
James Burns, Pvt.*
John Burnet, Pvt.*
John Booth, Pvt.*
John Bowie, Pvt.
John F. Bowie, Adjutant.
John Bridges, Pvt.
Parmenas Briscoe, Captain.*
William Cade, Pvt.

Jerry Carney, Corporal.
Lewis Clark, Pvt.*
John Clarke, Pvt.*
Thomas Clarke, Pvt.*
William Clarke, Pvt.*
John Davis, Pvt.
John Dean, Pvt.*
James Flowers, Pvt.
William Green, Pvt.*
Elisha Greenlee, Pvt.
James Harmon, Pvt.*
Joseph Harmon, Pvt.*
Joseph Heath, Sergt.

⁴² Mrs. Dunbar Rowland, "Mississippi Soldiers in The War of 1812", in *Publications of The Mississippi Historical Society*, vol. 4, ed. Dunbar Rowland (Jackson, Miss., printed for the Society, 1921), pp. 11-233.

⁴³ Ibid., pp. 157-162.

⁴⁴ Ibid., p. 163.

Moses Higgins, Pvt.*
John Hutchins, Musician
Anthony Hutchins, Pvt.*
Francis Hartley, Pvt.*
John Jenkins, Pvt.
William Johnson, Corporal
John Jordan, Corporal*
Thomas Kelly, Pvt.
Walter Leake, Pvt.*
Erastus Lum, Pvt.*
Alex. Mackey, Quarter-master
Daniel McDougal, Pvt.
Marshall Minor, Pvt.
William Mounger, Pvt.*
James Moore, 1st Pvt.*
James J. Moore, Pvt.*
Joseph Moore, Corporal *
Jefferis Moore, Ensign *
Samuel Moore, Pvt.
Alex Montgomery, Sergeant.*
John Patton, Pvt.*
Henry Parr, Pvt.*
Isaac Phillips, Pvt.*
Lee Marcus Phillips, Pvt.
Ira Powell, Pvt.
Elijah Ragsdale, Pvt.*
William Ragsdale, Pvt.
Isaac Rapalje, Captain
John Reagan, Pvt.*
Eli Reaves, Pvt.
John Reaves, Pvt.

"1st Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers:

James Ashley, Pvt.*
Benjamin Arnold, Pvt.
Benjamin Arnold, Jr., Pvt.
Bridges Arnold, Pvt.
James Bailey, 1st Lieutenant
Mark Barnes, Pvt.

Thomas W. Richmond, Pvt.*
Alex Russell, Pvt.
John Saxton, Pvt.
John Scott, Pvt.
Thomas Scott, Pvt.
Richard Singleton, Pvt.*
Moses Shelby, Pvt.*
David Six, Pvt.
Jesse Sorrell, Pvt.
Benjamin S. Smoot, Major
William Spencer, Captain
Benjamin Syx, Pvt.
James Taylor, Pvt.
Isaac White, Pvt.*
Joseph White, Pvt.*
James White, Pvt.*
Richard White, Corporal
Thompson White, Pvt.*
David Willis, Sergeant*
George Willis, Pvt.*
Daniel Wilson, Pvt.
William Wilson, Pvt.
William Wilson, Sergeant
Samuel Wilson, Pvt.
Argus Wilkinson, Pvt.
Joseph Wilkinson, Pvt.
Daniel Wilson, Pvt.
Samuel Wilson, Pvt.
Ethan W. Woods, Captain
Dennis Wood, Pvt.
Jesse Young, Pvt."⁴⁵

Daniel Beasley, Major*
John Boothe, Sergt.-Major*
Benjamin Bridges, 2nd Lieutenant
Johnson Briggs, Sergeant.
Joseph Berry, Corporal*
Thomas Burnett, Pvt.

⁴⁵ Ibid., pp. 164-174. This regiment was formed in Natchez. J. F. H. Claiborne states that Robert Twilley, John Lowry, Parmenas Briscoe, Samuel Batchelor, and G. Y. Glassburn were Captains of the regiment. The troops were chiefly from Claiborne and Amite counties, and the officers were young men of high character. Col. Nixon greatly distinguished himself during the war and was in the confidence of General Jackson. He was appointed Brigadier-General. He died in Hancock County. (*Claiborne, Mississippi*, p. 320).

William B. Chambliss, Ensign*
 Stephen Crane, Pvt.*
 William Crane, Pvt.*
 Daniel Dean, Pvt.*
 John Dean, Pvt.*
 John Dean, Sr., Pvt.*
 William Ebey, Drummer
 John Elliott, Corporal
 Robert L. Elliott, Pvt.
 Samuel Erwin, Pvt.*
 Elijah Evans, Pvt.*
 John Evans, Pvt.*
 Thomas Evans, Pvt.*
 William Evans, Pvt.*
 Charles Fisher, Pvt.
 Samuel Fisher, Pvt.
 Francis Foster, Pvt.
 George Foster, Pvt.
 James Foster, Pvt.
 William Foster, Pvt.*
 Robert Goodwin, Pvt.
 James Hall, Pvt.
 Mathew Hall, Sergeant
 Samuel Hall, Pvt.
 Mathew Hall, Pvt.
 John Hall, Pvt.*
 Andrew Hamilton, Pvt.
 Thomas Hamilton, Pvt.
 William Hamilton, Pvt.
 Hardy Harrington, Pvt.
 Hudson Harrington, Pvt.
 Thomas Heath, Pvt.
 John Higgins, Pvt.*
 Peter Higgins, Pvt.
 Henry Irby, Pvt.
 James Irby, Pvt.
 Abner James, Pvt.*
 Alamon Jones, Pvt.
 Joseph James, Pvt.
 William Jones, Pvt.*
 Abraham Kelly, Pvt.
 Benjamin C. Kelly, Pvt.
 William Lemon, Pvt.
 George Lilly, Pvt.
 John Lowry, Fifer*

James Meeks, Corporal*
 John Moore, Sergeant*
 Thomas Moore, Pvt.
 John Mitchell, Pvt.
 Reuben Pearson, Pvt.
 John Pearson, Pvt.
 James Patton, Pvt.
 Robert Phillips, Pvt.
 Fred Phillips, Pvt.*
 Abraham Phillips, Pvt.*
 Daniel Phillips, Corporal
 George Phillips, Pvt.
 Iradell Phillips, Pvt.
 Isham B. Phillips, Sergeant
 John Phillips, Pvt.
 Lewis Phillips, Pvt.
 William E. Phillips, Corporal
 John Powell, Pvt.
 Lewis Powell, Pvt.
 Charles Price, Pvt.*
 Edmund Price, Pvt.
 James Price, Pvt.
 John Price, Pvt.*
 Johathan Price, Pvt.
 William Reaves, Pvt.
 David Reynolds, Pvt.*
 James Reynolds, Pvt.
 Reuben Reynolds, Fife-Major*
 Jacob Rhodes, Pvt.
 John Rollins, Pvt.*
 Erwin Russell, Pvt.
 John Russell, Pvt.
 William Russell, Pvt.
 John Saxon, Pvt.
 Charles Saxon, Pvt.
 John Shafer, Pvt.*
 James Shaw, Pvt.
 Zacharias Shaw, Fifer
 William Smith, Pvt.*
 Benjamin S. Smoot, Captain
 Walter Sorrells, Pvt.
 Abraham M. Scott, Pvt.
 James F. Scott, Pvt.
 Thomas Scott, Pvt.
 Abraham Whitaker, Pvt.*

James White, Pvt.*
 James M. White, Pvt.
 John White, Pvt.*
 William White, Pvt.*
 John Wilkinson, Sergeant
 Thomas Wilkinson, Pvt.
 Reason Willis, Pvt.
 James Wilson, Pvt.
 Mathew Wilson, Pvt.

"6th Regiment (1814-1816) of Mississippi:

John Beard, Pvt.
 Samuel Cochran, Pvt.*
 Samuel Coulson, Pvt.*

"7th Regiment (Perkins Battalion) of Mississippi Militia:

William Adair, Pvt.
 John Adair, Pvt.
 Amos Burnet, Pvt.*
 Mordacai Boren, Pvt.
 Peter B. Chambliss,
 1st Lieutenant*
 John Clark, Pvt.*
 James Clark, Pvt.*
 Archibald Clark, Pvt.
 William Coursey, Pvt.*
 John David, Pvt.*
 John J. Davis, Sergeant
 Person B. Griffin, Pvt.
 James Hamilton, Captain
 Robert Hastings, Pvt.*
 John Hicks, Pvt.*
 Benjamin Hines, Pvt.
 James Hughes, Pvt.
 Joseph Hughes, Pvt.
 Lewis Humphrey, Pvt.
 John Irby, Pvt.
 Nathan Jobe, Pvt.
 Alexander Jourdan, Pvt.
 John Jourdan, Pvt.
 Joseph Kelly, Pvt.
 Elisha Lawrence, Pvt.
 Jacob Lawrence, Pvt.

Samuel Wilson, Pvt.
 William Willis, Sergeant
 John Wood, Pvt.
 Stephen Wooley, Pvt.*
 John Wright, Pvt.*
 William H. Wright, Sergeant*
 James Dorsey, Pvt.*
 Edward Downing, Pvt." ⁴⁶
 Mayfield Crane, Pvt.*
 William Gaines, Pvt.
 John Pearson, Pvt." ⁴⁷

⁴⁶ Ibid., pp. 174-188.

⁴⁷ Ibid., pp. 188, 189.

Eli Robinson, 1st Lieutenant
 John Saxon, Pvt.
 Thomas Scott, Pvt.
 William P. Scott, Pvt.
 John Sevier, Pvt.*
 Jonathan Shields, Pvt.*
 Thompson Shaw, Pvt.

Allen Sorrels, Corporal
 Samuel Sorrels, Pvt.*
 George Templeton, Pvt.
 Robert Vaughan, Pvt.*
 Isaac White, Pvt.*
 Abraham White, Pvt.⁴⁸

"16th Regiment (Burrus') of Mississippi:
 John Boren, Pvt.
 Thomas Clark, Sergeant*
 Abner Cotton, Pvt.

John N. Norwood, Pvt.
 John Vaughn, Pvt.⁴⁹

"Carson's Regiment of Mississippi Militia:
 David Cleveland Pvt.*
 William Elliott, Pvt.
 Samuel Elliott, Pvt.
 Thomas Harrington, Pvt.
 John Minor, Pvt.
 Moses McElvin, Pvt.
 John McElvin, Pvt.

Stephen Price, Pvt.
 John Rieves, Pvt.
 Henry Ragland, Pvt.
 Richard Sparks, Pvt.*
 William Spencer, Captain
 William Woldredge, Pvt.
 Reuben Wright, Pvt.⁵⁰

"Colonel Claiborne's Regiment of Mississippi Militia:
 Consider Abby, Sergeant*
 Joseph Berry, Pvt.
 Benjamin Brashears, Pvt.*
 John Booth, Pvt.*
 Mark Burnet, Pvt.
 William Burns, Pvt.
 Peter V. Chambliss,
 . 2nd Lieutenant*
 W. R. Chambliss, Sergeant.*
 John Clark, Pvt.*
 David Cochran, Pvt.
 Heley Cotton, Pvt.
 James Cotton, Pvt.*
 John Elliott, Pvt.
 William Elliott, Pvt.
 Gilbert Fife, Pvt.*
 Isaac Fife, Pvt.*
 John Goodrum, Pvt.
 Thomas Goodrum, Pvt.
 Aquilla Greer, Pvt.

Isaac M. Griffin, Sergeant
 Robert Griffin, Pvt.*
 William Griffin, Pvt.*
 Hardy Harrington, Pvt.
 Jacob Harrington, Pvt.
 Thomas Harrington
 Thomas Heath, Musician
 James Irwin, Pvt.
 William Johnson, Corporal
 Robert Lindsay, Pvt.
 James Marler, Pvt.*
 John Moore, Corporal *
 Francis Patton, Pvt.*
 Benjamin Price, Pvt.
 James Lobdell, Pvt.*
 Charles H. Jourdan, Pvt.
 Raymond Robinson, Major *
 Jacob Rhodes, Pvt.
 Cason Scott, Pvt.
 James F. Scott, Pvt.

Nehemiah Scott, Pvt.
 John W. Scott, Pvt.
 David Shafer, Pvt.
 Thompson Shaw, Pvt.
 Moses Shelby, Pvt.*
 Benjamin Shields, Pvt.*
 Henry White, Pvt.
 Jacob White, Pvt.

Joel White, Pvt.
 Nelson White, Pvt.
 John Thompson, Pvt.
 Reason Willis, Pvt.
 Abel Wilson, Pvt.
 Samuel Wilson, Pvt.
 John Wright, Pvt.
 William H. Wright, Pvt.*⁵¹

"13th Regiment (Nixon's) Mississippi Militia:

David Cleveland, Pvt.*
 William Elliott, Pvt.
 Samuel Elliott, Pvt.
 Thomas Harrington, Pvt.
 John Minor, Pvt.
 Moses McElvin, Pvt.
 John McElvin, Pvt.

"Major Smoot's Battalion of Mississippi Militia:

John Booth, Pvt.*
 Jesse Brashears, Pvt.*
 James Brown, Ensign
 Josiah Evans, 1st Lieutenant
 Alex. Gordon, Pvt.
 John Jones, Pvt.
 William Jones, Pvt.
 Ison Hughes, Pvt.
 Joel Moody, Pvt.*
 John Pearson, Pvt.
 Reuben Pearson, Pvt.

"Lieutenant-Colonel Neilson's Detachment of Mississippi Militia:

Reuben C. Anderson, Sergeant
 William Anderson, Corporal
 Richard Arnold, Pvt.
 Isham Arnold, Pvt.
 John Ashley, Pvt.
 Pittkin Barnes, Sergeant
 John Barnes, Pvt.*
 William Bassett, Sergeant *
 Shelly Boothe, Pvt.*
 Permenas Briscoe, Major *
 John Burns, Sergeant *

Peter C. Chambliss, Ensign *
 John Calhoun, Pvt.*
 Lewis Clarke, Corporal *
 Wilson Clark, Pvt.
 John T. Dean, Pvt.*
 John Fife, Pvt.*
 Young Gaines, Pvt.
 Isham Griffin, Pvt.
 David Gaines, Pvt.
 John Goodwin, Pvt.
 James Hicks, Pvt.

⁴⁸ Ibid., pp. 189-200.

⁴⁹ Ibid., pp. 208-212.

⁵⁰ Ibid., pp. 213, 215.

⁵¹ Ibid., pp. 216-223.

⁵² Ibid., pp. 200-205. Nixon was from Marion County.

James Hubbard, Pvt.
 William Jones, Pvt.
 Alex McAlpin, Pvt.
 Hugh Mackey, Pvt.*
 John Moore, Pvt.*
 James Moore, Pvt.*
 Benjamin Mitchell, Pvt.
 Joel Mitchell, Pvt.
 John Pervis, Pvt.
 John Porter, 1st Lieutenant *
 Benjamin Flowers, Pvt.
 Joseph Price, Pvt.
 Isaac Phillips, Pvt.*
 Elijah Ragsdale, Pvt.

Andrew Rhodes, Pvt.
 Seth Robinson, Pvt.
 Lewis Segrist, Pvt.
 Saxton Shaw, Pvt.*
 John Stark, Pvt.*
 Chileon F. Stiles, Pvt.*
 Joseph Templeton, Pvt.
 Isaac Whittacar, Pvt.*
 Benjamin White, Pvt.
 Larkin White, Pvt.*
 John White, Corporal
 Richard White, Pvt.
 Robert White, Pvt." ⁵³

"Captain Green's Company of Mississippi Militia:

David Beck, Pvt.
 James Burns, Pvt.
 Eli Cotton, Pvt.
 James Coursey, Pvt.
 Hiram Irby, Pvt.
 Israel Lum, Pvt.*
 Thomas McCaleb,
 3rd Lieutenant *
 James Moore, Pvt.*
 Jesse Hutchins, Pvt.

John Jefferies, Pvt.
 William Patterson, Pvt.*
 Joshua Rundell, 3rd Lieutenant
 John Rush, Pvt.
 Walter Sorrells, Pvt.
 Samuel Sparks, Pvt.
 William White, Pvt.
 Jesse White, Pvt.
 Joseph White, Pvt." ⁵⁴

Others who served in the War of 1812 were William Richard Buck, Midshipman on the *Peacock*,⁵⁵ Captain Benjamin Hughes,⁵⁶ Waterman Crane,⁵⁷ Mark Burnet and Daniel Burnet⁵⁸—all of Claiborne County.

Not many years after the War of 1812, the United States went to war against Mexico. When Texas was annexed to the United States in 1845, a dispute arose between the United States and Mexico over the boundary between the two nations, and war soon followed. The President of the United States called for only one regiment of volunteers from Mississ-

⁵³ *Ibid.*, pp. 226-231.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, pp. 232, 233.

⁵⁵ WPA, *Historical Research*, An Interview with Mrs. Marion Briscoe Person, a descendant of William R. Buck.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.* Mrs. Marion Briscoe Person stated, in an interview, that Captain Benjamin Hughes came to Mississippi from Kentucky, where he had served in the War of 1812 under General William Henry Harrison.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.* Waterman Crane volunteered in 1812 and fought with General Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans. He fought with such gallantry that General Jackson presented him with a sword. (Goodspeed, *Biographical and Historical Memoirs*).

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*

sippi, but the response was so great that more than enough comp for two regiments were at once formed.⁵⁹

There were two army units from Claiborne County in the war: Claiborne Guards with Henry T. Ellett as Captain, was orga January 12, 1845. The Claiborne Company of Volunteers, with Wi R. Shivers as Captain, was organized in May of 1846.⁶⁰

The Claiborne Volunteers had as first lieutenant W. H. Jacobs, e of a Port Gibson newspaper. This Company of Volunteers failed accepted by the Mississippi Regiment, went to New Orleans, and of their services. Not being accepted by them, they joined the Texas gers, and thus entered the war.⁶¹ The general esteem in which they held is evidenced by the following extracts from newspapers of n boring counties:

The *Vicksburg Whig* reported: "If ever a people had reason proud of their sons, it is the good people of Claiborne County. gallantly went forth as a company, solitary and alone as it were, with call, requisition, or demand from their state, and offered their servi their country. They bore their own expenses. They went to New Or and were not received, proceeded to Galveston and offered themsel where they were mustered into service. They were in the Battle of I terry and behaved most gallantly. The whole state, as well as Claib County, has reason to be proud of them."⁶²

The *Raymond Gazette* had high praise for the Claiborne County unteers on their return from the war. The sentiments of the ge public were expressed in the following editorial:

"This gallant company of noble-hearted Mississippians from neighboring town [Port Gibson], we noticed sometime since, in mendable terms. Then, it was our pride to notice the spirit and energy of the corps, its high-toned determination to participate in defence of the right of the country on the Rio Grande. It is the company of Mississippians that reached the scene of action.

"It is a source of much gratification to us, that it is now our priv to announce the safe return of this gallant band to their homes. return with the force with which they set out, save for two, both of w died in the region of the Rio Grande. Although this gallant little pany was in the hottest of the fight, and during the whole three da

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*

⁶⁰ WPA, *Historical Research*.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*

⁶² *Vicksburg Whig*, and reprinted in the *Port Gibson Herald*, Nov. 27, 1846.