

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

³⁹ Ibid.

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 Saml 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)

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 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 Nicoles and Elizabeth Carney the 10th of Nov., 1815, by D. Verner, 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	Daniel Burnet	Stephen Douglas
Alex. Armstrong	Thomas Calvit	R. Dunbar
Moses Armstrong	Duncan Cameron	William Dunbar
Joseph Ballard	Edward Clark	Fergus Duplantier
Elias Barnes	Gibson Clarke	John Dennis
John Bisland	John Clark	Wm. Dunbar
Isaac Bland	Thomas Clark	Abel Eastman
Sam Beard	Elijah Clark	John E. Elane
James Bolls	Elijah L. Clarke	John Ellis
John Booth	Lewis Clark	Isaac Fife
William Brocus, Sr.	Sara Clevelend	Moses Floyd
William Brocus, Jr.	Ann Cobun	Elisha Flowers
Joseph Box	Elizabeth Cobun	Ezekial Flowers
Geo. Brashears	George Cobun	Thomas Fry
Benj. Brashears	Robert Cochran	Gadi Gibson
Sam Bridges	Pat Cogan	John B. Gibson
Peter Bruin	William Cooper	R. Gibson
J. Bullen	Thomas Crabb	Sam'l Gibson
John Burns	Waterman Crane	Marston Green
Stephen Bullock	Jas. Davenport	Abner Green
John Burnett	William Devine	Joseph Green

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.

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 Kiple
 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 Stille
 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

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
Bumbary 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 Woolledge
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 Randle
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 McMellon
John Robinson
Harwood Jones
Isaac Flowers
John Mathews
James Beard
Saml. Ragsdale
Helon McCollister
Archad. Irwin

Early Visitors and Settlers

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.	Charles G. Johnson, Sergt.*
Thomas Berry, Pvt.	Robert Lowry, 1st Lieut.*
Richard Bettis, Jr., Pvt.*	Joseph Moore, Pvt.*
Isaac Bland, Pvt.*	James Robinson, Pvt.*
Nathan Brashears, Pvt.*	John Scott, Pvt.
Preston Bruin, Pvt.	Richard Scott, Pvt.
William Bridges, Pvt.*	Thomas Scott, Pvt.
James M. Bradford, Pvt.	Jones Shaw, Pvt.
Willaim Buck, Dragoon.*	William Smith, Dragoon.*
James Burnet, Pvt.*	John Snodgrass, Dragoon.*
John Burnet, Pvt.*	John H. Truly, Pvt.*
George Downs, Pvt.	Thomas G. Vaughan, Pvt.*
Charles H. Gordon, Pvt.*	James Whittacar, Pvt.*" ⁴³
James Hynum, Pvt.*	

"Captain Foster's Company of Mounted Infantry:

Samuel Brashears, Pvt.*	William Foster, Sergt.
John Dean, Pvt.*	John Eades, Pvt.
Arthur Foster, Captain.	Benjamin Arnold, Pvt." ⁴⁴

"Lieutenant-Colonel Nixon's Regiment:

James Arnold, Pvt.	Jerry Carney, Corporal.
John Barnes, Pvt.*	Lewis Clark, Pvt.*
Samuel Barnes, Pvt.*	John Clarke, Pvt.*
Thomas Barnes, Pvt.*	Thomas Clarke, Pvt.*
William Bridges, Pvt.*	William Clarke, Pvt.*
James Burns, Pvt.*	John Davis, Pvt.
John Burnet, Pvt.*	John Dean, Pvt.*
John Booth, Pvt.*	James Flowers, Pvt.
John Bowie, Pvt.	William Green, Pvt.*
John F. Bowie, Adjutant.	Elisha Greenlee, Pvt.
John Bridges, Pvt.	James Harmon, Pvt.*
Parmenas Briscoe, Captain.*	Joseph Harmon, Pvt.*
William Cade, 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.

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

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

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

Mayfield Crane, Pvt.*
 William Gaines, Pvt.
 John Pearson, Pvt." ⁴⁷

"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.

James Luster, Pvt.*
 John Luster, Pvt.*
 David Mackey, Pvt.
 John Mitchell, Pvt.
 John Moon, Pvt.*
 John Moon, Jr., Pvt.*
 James Moore, Pvt.*
 Jeffries H. Moore, 1st Lieutenant*
 John Moore, Pvt.*
 Joseph Moore, Pvt.*
 W. C. Moore, Sergeant*
 John Minor, Pvt.
 Thomas H. Nesmith, Pvt.
 Josiah Patterson, Pvt.
 Leonard Patterson, Pvt.
 Willis Patterson, Pvt.
 William Rollins, Pvt.
 William Patton, Pvt.
 Willis Person, Pvt.
 John Porter, Pvt.
 John C. Porter, Pvt.
 Benjamin Regan, Pvt.
 John Regan, Pvt.
 William Ragsdale, Pvt.*
 Samuel Rhea, Pvt.
 John Robinson, Pvt.*
 William Robinson, Pvt.

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.
Aquila 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.

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

Eli Reeves, Pvt.
Seth Robinson, Pvt.
Andrew Rhodes, Pvt.
Elijah Ragsdale, Pvt.
Benj. S. Smoot, Major
Lewis Segrest, Pvt.
Saxton Shaw, Pvt.
Chalien F. Stiles, Pvt.*
Joseph Templeton, Pvt.
Benjamin White, Pvt.
Larkin White, Pvt.*" 52

"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.*
 Chilion 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 Burnet ⁵⁸—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 Missis-

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.

issippi, but the response was so great that more than enough companies 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 organized January 12, 1845. The Claiborne Company of Volunteers, with William R. Shivers as Captain, was organized in May of 1846.⁶⁰

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

The *Vicksburg Whig* reported: "If ever a people had reason to be proud of their sons, it is the good people of Claiborne County. They gallantly went forth as a company, solitary and alone as it were, with no call, requisition, or demand from their state, and offered their services to their country. They bore their own expenses. They went to New Orleans and were not received, proceeded to Galveston and offered themselves where they were mustered into service. They were in the Battle of Imlay and behaved most gallantly. The whole state, as well as Claiborne County, has reason to be proud of them." ⁶²

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

"This gallant company of noble-hearted Mississippians from our neighboring town [Port Gibson], we noticed sometime since, in commendable terms. Then, it was our pride to notice the spirit and energy of the corps, its high-toned determination to participate in the 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 privilege to announce the safe return of this gallant band to their homes. They return with the force with which they set out, save for two, both of whom died in the region of the Rio Grande. Although this gallant little company 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.