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Putnam County, Georgia

Armstrong, Aeneas and Richard - Accounting by Jane Fielder Armstrong,
Mother of Aeneas and Richard. Completed
by Mary Fielder, their Aunt. 11 pp.

Butler, Frances Alice - Family Lines of Frances Alice Butler 1862-1954
compiled by Lucy Hudson Stribling. 10 pp.

Fielder, Mary - Journal - Recollections of Eatonton by Mary C. Fielder
dated Jan. 13, 1882. 39 pp.

Stribling, Warren Dickey - Family Lines of Warren Dickey Stribling
1860-1926, of South Carolina by Mrs. W.D.
Stribling. 14 pp.

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Amos and Richard

^{Amos}
~~Richard and Amos~~ Fielder Armstrong. I take Dick
first although the younger; he was born in Canton
July 1842 and was carried to Macore that year.
Dick's first exploit:-

In 1852 Mr. Armstrong temporarily moved to Dooly.
As the wagon was heavily loaded, they got to a
hill, the mules balked refused to pull up the
hill, after trying in pairs for some time, they were
making arrangements to take out some of the
things, when Dick went up to his father & said
to him Father, why let me curse & I can curse
the mules up the hill, & his father being out of patience
& not knowing what to do, said curse away. He went
up to the driver took the whip out of his hand
commence cursing & whipping the mules, they started
off & was soon at the top of the hill. He gave the whip
to the driver & said Father I told you I could curse
the mules up the hill & I have done it.

Dick Armstrong entered ^{Amherst} ~~Amherst~~ in his
15 year he would have graduated in the summer
but his state seceding he returned home immediately

joined the Confederate Navy went to New Orleans
joined the blockade on the Sumpter, they put on steam
to the highest notch and went it like the devil was
after them. She cruised ^{on the} Sumpter untill they took
possession of the Alabama at the fatal fight
between the Ala & the U. S. S. ship.
I think Sims sent the challenge the Ala. was
sinking. Dick got a plank & took to the water
rather than to surrender, although slightly wounded
in the engagement. He was picked up soon after
by a fisherman in his boat. Insensible, he
had been in the water several hours he was resuscitated
& taken care of untill he was able to take care of
himself. History can furnish the place as I
have forgotten the name. He remained in France
a while then went to London. The first opportunity
he returned to the U. S. ran the blockade at Charleston
joined the troops fought untill Charleston was
evacuated. He then went on to Fort Fisher in N. C.
fought there untill that place was given up.
He then went on to Richmond & got there just as
the Flag of Truce boat came up bringing the sad
news of his brother's death.

Fatal Collision of Steamers Sinking of the "Torpedo".

A most melancholy collision occurred in James river, a short distance from Rocketts, between seven & eight o'clock on Thursday night. As the flag of truce steamer, "William" Allison, was returning to the city, she ran in to the "Torpedo" a one gun boat, engaged in taking torpedoes down the river, sinking her in a few minutes, and causing the death of her commander, Lieut. Armstrong. As soon as the collision occurred, every effort was made by those on board the Allison to save the lives of those on the "Torpedo". Boats were immediately manned and shoved off in the dark; but not until four of her crew were picked up was anything known of her commander, when the remark was heard, "Oh God's sake, captain, let me go, or both of us will be lost; & immediately thereupon another voice was heard, to the effect that, "Well if either is to be drowned, let it be me. Save your self if you can."

Proceeding in the direction of the voices, another, and the fifth, seaman was found, who had hardly been forced drawn in to the boat.

before, about twenty steps distant. the voice of commander
Armstrong was again heard exclaiming "I'm present
for God's sake. Be quick" & thereupon he sank again.
Before his rescuers could reach him, however, he arose once
more, a few yards off, and sank for the last time with
the remark in his lips "It is too late I'm gone".

The boat from the "Allison" poked about the river for some
time afterwards, in hope of recovering the body of Captain
Armstrong; but, finding all efforts fruitless, returned
to the steamer, and came up to Rocketts, which place they
reached about 9 o'clock at night. Commander Armstrong's
body had not been recovered up to a late hour yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was Amos Armstrong, of Georgia, but we
were unable to learn any farther particulars of his connection.
His last words ^{and} actions proved him a gallant and noble
officer, and his death is a loss to the James river
squadron. He was age 30 years & one month.

he perished in Richmond all hope of discovering the body was given up as the river was frozen over that night. Telegraphing the sad news to his Father, then joined Lee & was with him when he surrendered. He returned home as ^{large} Griffen but as Wilson had possession of Macomb he was afraid to return home so he wrote to Wilson to get permission. ~~Wilson~~ ^{He} refused but gave his family permission to visit him. His mother went to Wilson & told him that it was impossible for her to go much less his brothers & sisters that they did not have the means to defray their expenses that her son had been absent from home four years they all wished to see him. Wilson gave his permission for him to come home & remain two weeks, he came a man tho he left as a boy. At the end of two weeks he left his home again, dropping the name of Armstrong and taking the name of Belder. He went to Canada met with Miss Mary Henry from Louisville. Kean. After Wilson left Macomb things were settled he returned home corresponded; ^{with Mary H} in about two years they were married they spend their time in St. Augustine. & in N. Halifax Novascotia they are raising a family of boys & girls to take their place when they have passed away.

Amos Armstrong was born in this Co Dec 26 1841 he went to Macomb when seven years of age. In his fourteenth year he with Bob Alston the same age entered a childhood friend entered as clerks in Mr. Bruncroft

employment he removed to Charleston took the boys with him. Mr. Armstrong of fam
settling a pointment for Aenas at the navy Academy went to Charleston. & lo
Aenas he was perfectly surprised when asked in to their room at its sep
splendor an elegant set of furniture & carpet like two young bloods me
just starting in to life with nothing to back them. Mr. Armstrong
said nothing to them but asked his son to get up his accounts. As
he wished to settle them before he left. Aenas collected them up the most of his
undelivered was for his furniture he returned to Moser & in a few month mar
went back to the Academy at Annapolis. he did not visit his home in vacation him.
but went on a practice ship Preble when he graduated he went. He g
to the Mediterranean & remained 2 years then visited the coast of take
Africa two years, then returned home. When the state seceded he have
gave up his commission & joined the confederacy he first went to of t
Savannah, on his leaving home he requested if he should fall oth
little he did not wish his remains to be brought home rather that meet
should be buried in the sea. At the time of his death he was connected & lo
with the James river squadron. after his death his body lay beneath
the cold waters of the James untill spring when it was recovered near Bermuda far
hundreds he was identified by his clothing some enroute to his in
father about it he replied immediately but received no answer. du
none of the family have visited his resting place no marble marker. up
the spot whether his grave is adorned with flowers we do not wa
know; but every 22 day of April his mother flowers a wreath

of her sweetest & most beautiful flowers to be placed to the family burying ground & Rosehill as a token of affection & love for her first born. His Mother has in her possession several letters from his superior officers particularly one from Captain Murray.

I must not forget Bob Alston Aenas's friend, after after the war he called on his mother & got his picture. He said that he loved him better than any friend he ever had & ever expected to have. He got the picture & in a short time it was returned with a package taken from the original to be given to his friends, & my self have one of them, when I heard of Alston's fate I thought of the untimely end of the two boys one by accident the other by the assassin of a mad man, and of their joyful meeting above, to be united in to the perfect bonds of friendship & love; for they were congenial friends spirits on Earth.

But the Alstons appears to be a doomed family, Robert a boy in his teens was shot in Sparta in 1828 or 29 he was the son of Bob Alston Sr. in a sham duel by a Spanish boy that Willis Alston had picked up and had brought there to educate. Annie Alston was married in 1830 to Mr. Floyd a son of Mr. Floyd of Leander. Co, they had got as far as Daric; and his

May home, when he was killed in a political fight with Powell.
Mr. Flood after a year or so married Mrs. Gilyard of Mo.
He was killed in a camp hunt; was lying in the tent - some of the
were practicing shooting, one of the balls rebounded hit & killed
him immediately they did not know the fatal effect of their
shot until they returned to the tent - found him dead.

The next victim was Willie A. the father of the late
Bob Alston was killed in a fight. Gus Alston in revenge
his brother's death was killed. Reider the husband of
Carrie Alston was killed in revenge Gus's death I do not
know the particulars of the occurrence as they had
removed to Florida.

The next of the family that was killed was Louis
Resnan of Milledgeville, the son of Winusta Alston
he like Bob tried to avoid the difficulty, but it was
forced upon him, and as well as I can recollect
was killed pretty much in the same manner the last was.
The late Bob Alston of Atlanta, The Alstons were a high
spirited family, but high minded and honorable.

I never knew the gentlemen, but knew some of the
Lads intimately, from the time the first Bob Shotton
was killed, ^{1821 for 9} untill the last, was about 50 years
making. Victims in every 6 years. 3 sons of Bob Shoto
3 Son-in-laws, 2 grand children, are the victims

But what heart rending muse it ~~was~~ ^{must have been} to them poor
Stricken wives, one to see the dead body of her
belov'd husband, lying in the cold arms of death
who but a short time before she had parted ^{from} with
with the kiss of love still warm on her lips the last
kiss on earth

The other Stricken wife next saw her husband in
the hands of the officers of the law, to be try'd for his
life for murder: She also witnessed the trial to be
present at the dreadful sentence of the judge:
dooming him to life time imprisonment, to have
him ~~turn~~ ^{tear} from her arms, to be carried away to work in
the collieries a living tomb to him for life
The one she had loved with a woman's purest love

on her lat he had moved his aching head. looking
down into his eyes. with a wife devoted to be separated
from him for life. to make each morning from her
widows bed.

How much more preferable is the lot of Mrs Alston
than that of Mrs Cox.

But cannot ^{Mr} forgive & plead for her husbands
murder; I know it is a hard task to perform but by
the grace of God assisting you you can forgive and
ask ask for his. pardon. then you will have peace
of mind on earth and happiness above. Christ said
on the cross forgive them for they know not what they
do. Your noble husband would say forgive
Christ says forgive forgive.

It is said that revenge is sweet: but it leads to
death: To forgive is Godlike and leads to love peace
joy & happiness forever more

Choose ye between the two. death or life eternal
and blessedness for ever more. By the law of God
he was condemned. by the love of Christ he can be
pardoned. Hell my record is done Jan 12. 1782

That I shall get 60 years, being in 1941, will
take up the thread of peeping events and weave a
wreath of Time with as many blooming and bright flowers
as I have seen. Will good bye to the dear old year of
1881, soon to be numbered, among the past years to
return no more. I too shall soon pass a way to be no
with the passed generations.

Glorious to the Lord on high
That rules both earth & sky
Done by his goodness love
Takes care and provides for us all
Sing Hallelukh to the God of Host
Sing Hallelukh now and forever more

Mary E. Fielder love to all to all
Jan 12th 1882

Family Lines

of

FRANCES ALICE BUTLER 1862-1954
(Stribling)

John Zachary Butler family Bible on microfilm^{Arch}
Warren Dickey Stribling " " " " "

WARREN DICKEY STRIBLING, SR.

Born: Nov. 17, 1860 in Richland S. C. Died Apr. 27, 1926 in Eatonton, Ga.

Son of: Mumford Stokes Stribling and Anna Maria Verner

Married - Putnam Co. Ga. Oct. 12, 1887 to Frances Alice Butler (b. 7/23/1862
d. 12/26/1954) daughter of John Zaccheus Butler and Susan Fielder
Cobb.

Issue

1. Mary Fielder Cobb (Maefiel) b. Seneca S.C. Dec. 3, 1888, died Wrights-
ville, Ga. Sept. 27, 1962 Married: W. M. Shurling 1-2-1911.
- * 2. Frances Elise b. Atlanta Aug. 8, 1893 died June 6, 1943 m. B.J. Holt 2-28-1917
3. Samuel Sloan b. Atlanta, Ga. June 17, 1895 died Eatonton, Ga. July
21, 1906 unmarried
4. Faith Love b. Nov. 22, 1898 in Eatonton, Ga. died Eatonton Ga.
September 4, 1901
5. Warren Dickey, Jr. b. Dec. 12, 1900 Eatonton, Ga. died Eatonton, Ga.
Aug. 8, 1966 m. Lucy Elizabeth Hudson 6-14-1925.

All buried Pine Grove Cemetery, ^{Eatonton, GA.} except Maefiel who is buried in Wrightsville, Ga.

Lucy Hudson Stribling
to
State Dept. Archives & History
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Will

JOHN ZACCHEUS BUTLER

Born: Oct. 13, 1828, Putnam Co. Ga. died Putnam Co. Ga. May 26, 1891. Buried Pine Grove Cemetery.

Son of: ~~Zaccheus Butler and Massey Rice Terrell~~

Married: Putnam Co., Ga. Jan. 19, 1854 to Susan Fielder Cobb (B. Apr 24, 1834, d. May 22, 1918) daughter of: William Beckham Cobb and his wife Eliza Murphy Fielder.

Issue

Beckham b. Nov. 24, 1854 d. Dec. 10, 1922 m. Mrs. Florence Marshall Lightfoot

Mary Lizzie b. Mar. 19, 1857 d. Aug. 18, 1857

Edward Zaccheus b. July 29, 1859 d. Feb. 4, 1881

* Frances Alice b. July 23, 1862 d. Dec. 26, 1954 m. W. D. Stribling Oct. 12, 1887

Mary Fielder (Minnie) b. Jan. 10, 1864 d. Feb. 20, 1896. married Frank Reynolds ^{75c}
Dec. 24, 1891.

Beckham Cobb Butler Buried Macon, Ga. *Rose Hill Cemetery*
Mary Fielder Reynolds Buried Greenwood, S. C.

All others in Pine Grove Cemetery, Eatonton, Ga.

ZACCHEUS BUTLER

Will on record
Putnam Co. Ga.
Probated 3-5-1838

Born: Sept. 11, 1786. Died Putnam Co. Ga. 1838

Son of: Edward Butler and Elizabeth Wingfield

Married: June 24, 1808 Massey Rice Terrell (b. July 23, 1790 d. Sept. 24, 1852) daughter of: Thomas Terrell and Sarah Shelton.

Issue

1. Frances Terrell b. Nov. 20, 1810 in Green Co. Ga. died May 13, 1868 in Putnam Co. Ga. She married in Putnam Co. Ga. Feb. 28, 1833 to Alexander Reid.
2. Elizabeth Wingfield b. 1821 d. *Sumter Co. Ga.?* m. Putnam Co. Ga. 6-22-1839 to John H. Gatewood.
3. Catherine *Mariz* b. *4/17/1816* d. *3/28/1882 Newton Co. Ga.* M. James W. Jackson Feb. 5, 1840, in Green County, Ga. *He was b. They are buried Green Co. Ga. Graves Green Co. 12-19/1809 d. 1/5/1875 - marked.*
- ? 4. Sarah b. d. m. Thomas G. Barker
- ? 5. Mana b. d. m.
- *6. John Zaccheus b. Oct. 13, 1828, died May 26, 1891. Married, Putnam Co. Ga. Jan. 19, 1854 to Susan Fielder Cobb.
7. David b. 1831 died May 19, 1894 in Conyers, Ga. He married Rebecca ?

Massey R. Butler Will dated September 17, 1852, Probated Oct. 13, 1852.

EDWARD BUTLER Rev. Soldier

Born: Feb. 18, 1748 in Va. - died Dec. 15, 1809 in Georgia, Wilkes Co. ?)

Came to Wilkes Co. GA from Hanover Co. Va in 1796.
Married: July 15, 1770 in Va. to Elizabeth Wingfield (born Aug. 30, 1752 in Va.
and died ? in Ga. She was daughter of John Wingfield and Frances Buck

Issue

1. John Wingfield b. Dec. 4, 1775 in Va. - died 1867 in Columbia County, Ga.
2. Nancy Wingfield - born June 9, 1784
3. David - b. Nov. 19, 1788, died Aug. 11, 1822 married:
Frances Wade Shackelford, Hancock Co. Ga. Jan. 18, 1816.
4. Kittie Garland b. d. 1818 m. Richmond Terrell, Sr.
5. Frances b. May 11, 1782 d. June 1831 m. Joel Higgins Terrell
6. Zaccheus b. 9-11-1786. d. 1838 m. Massey Rice Terrell
7. Lucy b. d. m. William Terrell

The Butlers - Terrells - Wingfields intermarried all down the line.

WILLIAM TERRELL

Born: Feb. 11, 1732. Died Aug. 6, 1812.

Son of: Joel Terrell (b. 1700 d. 1758) and Elizabeth Oxford.

Married: Frances Wingfield (b. Dec. 30, 1738 died June 6, 1802) daughter of John Wingfield and Sarah Garland. Frances Wingfield was sister of John Wingfield, Jr. who married Frances Buck.

Issue

1. Joel b. 3-12-1757 d. Apr. 22-1790
- * 2. Thomas b. Jan 3, 1761 d. July 17, 1822
3. Peter B. b. Oct. 28, 1764
4. William Jr. b. Feb. 11-1767 d. Feb. 11, 1793
5. David b. Apr. 4-1769
6. Richmond b. Apr. 8-1775 d. 1819 married Catherine (Kittie) Garland Butler (born 1780 died 1850) daughter of Edward Butler and Elizabeth Wingfield.

THOMAS TERRELL

Born: Jan. 3-1761 died July 17, 1822

Son of: William Terrell and Frances Wingfield

Married: Sarah Shelton (b. Oct. 10, 1763 d. Oct. 31, 1833) on Oct. 23, 1780.
She was daughter of David and Massey Shelton.

Issue

David Shelton b. Aug. 19-1781 d. Nov. 3-1808

Elizabeth b. Mar. 23, 1785 d.

Frances Wingfield b. Nov. 14-1787 d. Sept. 10-1810 m. Clement Early

William Higgins b. Apr. 12-1783 d. Nov. 17, 1783

* Massey Rice b. July 23-1790 d. Sept. 24-1852 m. Zaccheus Butler

Mary Higgins b. May 7-1793 d. Feb. 11-1819 married: Ware

Thomas Waddy b. Nov. 6-1795 d. Mar. 2-1855.

Absolom b. June 15, 1798 d. Oct. 24-1814

Elihu Lacy b. 9-27-1800 d. Oct. 2, 1885

Rebecca Wingfield b. May 4-1803 d. Sept. 17-1877

Sarah Shelton b. Nov. 5-1806 d. Mar. 15-1874

Kittie Garland b. Feb. 10-1809 d. Feb. 19-1810

Mary Dabey b. Mar. 22-1814 d. Dec. 14-1814

JOHN WINGFIELD

Born: July 20-1723 died Oct. 3-1793

Son of: John Wingfield and his wife Sarah Garland of Hanover Co. Va.

Married: Frances Buck (b. May 22-1726 d. Dec. 16-1774)

Issue

*Elizabeth born Aug. 30-1752 died

married July 15, 1770 to
Edward Butler

(others)

Will on record
Putnam Co. Ga.

RICHARD FIELDER

Born in England Died Eatonton, Ga. 1816

Son of:

Married: Elizabeth Murphy (born Oct. 28-1777, died May 11, 1850) daughter of Wright Murphy, Rev. Soldier - and Amelia ? who married (second) a Burford, Her Will Proven Nov. 6-1815 in Putnam Co. Ga.

Issue

1. Amelia b. Apr. 2-1811 died
- *2. Eliza M. b. 1806 died at age of 73 married William Beckham Cobb on Nov. 2-1826
3. Mary born 1808 died Apr. 11, 1884 unmarried
4. Susan b. July 18-1809 died Feb. 26-1885 married (1) Lewis P. Harwell Feb. 1-1831 and (2nd) Geo. W. Lively
5. Jane born Aug. 8, [?] died married James W. Armstrong on Dec. 19-1833 Putnam County, Ga.

This couple probably buried Rose Hill Cemetery - near Ga

Amelia Murphy Fielder Burford in Will dated April 1, 1814, Proven Nov. 6-1815, mentions and leaves all property in Putnam Co. to daughter Elizabeth Fielder - all property in Liberty County to daughter Susannah Warren. Names Richard Fielder and Elias Warren executors of her Will.

RICHARD FIELDER

Born in England, died in Putnam Co. Ga. 1816. Will.

Married -- Elizabeth Murphy (Murphree), born Oct. 28, 1777 in Liberty Co. died May 11, 1850 Putnam Co. Ga. Will. She was daughter of Wright Murphy, Rev. Sol. -- one of Marions Men - and Amelia ? Amelia married 2nd Burford. Died Putnam Co. Ga. Left Will proven Nov. 6, 1815. Left all property in Putnam to daughter Elizabeth Fielder, all property in Liberty County to daughter Susannah Warren. Named Richard Fielder and Elias Warren, Exrs.

Issue

Eliza Murphy b. 1806 d. m. William Beckham Cobb died 1848

Mary C. b. 1808 d. Apr. 11, 1884 unmarried. Buried Pinegrove. Eatonton, Ga. Will

Susan A. b. July 18, 1809 d. Feb. 26, 1885 m. (1) Lewis Harwell 2-21-1831
(2) Geo. W. Lively

Amelia b. April 2, 1811

Jane b. Aug. 8, 1813 d. m. James W. Armstrong Dec. 18, 1833

Record sent in by Mrs. W.D. Stribling Jr., Eatonton, Ga.,
Whose husband (1900- 1966) was great grand - son of Eliza Murphy
Fielder and William Beckham Cobb.

(Mrs. W.D.) Lucy H. Stribling

Mary Fielder's Journal.

Dr Nisbet.

I have complied, with your request
to write out some of my first recollections of Exeter.
I have done so: but as I let down the bucket into the
deep well of memory: it has been like the rubbing
of Aladdin's lamp. it has brought up persons
incidents of the past: has brought them ^{the vision of} before my
mind. like the seans of a Paranna laid them before
me. like they were of yesterday.
or like the witch of Endor calling up the ghost of
Samuel. it has brought up the ghost of departed
friends. that have long been mouldering in their
mother earth. but their spirits have returned
to the bosom of their God. that gave it
Well my task is done. to you my Friend and Physician
I dedicate these pages.

Mary B. Fielder

Jan 13, 1882

This hymn of glory to God. the most high
was written New Years Morn. 1882 I had written
out most of the characters during christmast
as I had intended, as I intended it ^{for} ~~as~~ my
christmas task, I thought it would only take me
a week. but the cold weather prevented me from
from carrying out my design: in denzing on the ~~man~~
of my pen

Jan 1. 1882 a hymn of praise

A happy new year a happy new year to all to all
A glad greeting to the god of host by all by all:
Who by his love and mercy redeemed us ^{all} ~~redemmed~~ ~~in~~ ~~all~~.
From the curse of the law of sin by all by all
who gave, his son of glory to die ^{all for all} ~~for~~ ~~us~~ ~~all~~ for all
On the cursed cross. the cursed cross. for all for all
Sing hallalukha hallalukha. Sing hallalukha by all by all
Mary C. Fieldston to all to all

The 4 different denominations Christians

Chapter 1 a Mr. Holcut was the architect in building the church. and I suppose Mr. Berman preached the dedication sermon.

The Methodist. Christians Presbyterians Baptist

The Union P. S. The Non John C. H. H. H.

The young men's Theopian Society

The Lawyers. Strong Harris Porter (Milton Cooper Gordon

The Dr. Henry and Joel Branham (Honey Park) Sheffield

The Merchants (by) Jerry Clark Harriet Smith Lane

The principal citizens. Mrs John C. Mason John Hudson

Mr. S. Barnes. 2 Bledsoe (Mrs) Perkins P. Rogers John P. Smith

Chapter 2

Alfred Iverson P. Hott Jack McLean (Mark Cooper) John Morgan
Mike Dennis. Col. Nicholson Mirabeau Lamar Dan Hall

Col. James Fanning The young Lady (Moses Ann) Mason

Lora Dent Sarah Gordon Sophia Evans Maria Hazden

Eliza Fielder. Chapter 3

The College boys Wiley (Mason) Turner Tripp

Farther Tripp Mr. Henry Tripp Farther Adams

Wm. B. Johnson. Jerry Cole Nathan C. Munroe

School boys James (Munroe) James Walter Branham

Dan & Kate Harris and Mat Evans

two other strange characters of Catara farm

Harriet Linsmore & Bill Pike

May 1881

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Chapter 4

The boys & babies of Canton famous ones
Thomas Hardman. Dan Clepton Le Harris
Richard Fielder Armstrong Leneas Armstrong
Bob Alston some incidents of the Alston Family
Mrs Alston and Mrs Cox
A good bye to the year 1881
A Mother Song of Prairie

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Eaton Dec 1891 Page 2

The recollections of Eaton & its surroundings 60 years ago. In 1821. My mother & Mrs Cooper removed up. to Eaton to send their children to school that was my first acquaintance with the place. I was then in my 14 years.

At that time three four denominations that occupied the Union Church pulpit ^{the} first Sabbath by the Methodist. Dr Pierce was the minister in that year the first Methodist society was organized, by Mr Flourney as class leader the members were 4 in all. Mr Shivers only & wife Ann & Mrs Miles. Mrs Cooper & my Mother. They were all from the country Church: no members from the village. no new members added that year.

The 2 Sab. by the Christian church Mr Pendleton was then living he was the only resident preacher in the place he lived in the house now occupied by Mrs Leonard. Presbyterians none of its members.

The 3 Sabbath by the Presbyterians Dr Nathan P Beaman was the minister. He lived in Mount Zion. The members were Mr John A. Conkright & family Mr Galtner wife Mrs Gordon & Mr & Mrs Rogers. I believe they were all at that time that I recollect of.

The 4th Sab was occupied by the Baptist Mr Mercer was their Minister he lived either in Green or Wilkes Cos. its principal members were Mr Bily Williams, Jerry Clark, Mr William Flournoy & Mr Hill. they were all that I knew of at that time I recollect of no one being baptized in that year.

At no time since then has the Canton Pulpit been occupied with a Core of as able men as at that time, with the exception of Mr Pennington I know nothing of his career. the others I were men of note.

Dr Percys memory is identified with the Female College in Macon Co Mr Mercers is with the Mercer College in that place & altho did get they still live & their labours have been blessed on the present generation & the generations that are to take the places here after. will be blessed with their labours. Oh how much more good have they done than to have accumulated property to be squandered by their children or to be swept away by the stroke of President Lincons pen as a great deal of their wealth was in negroes

Mr Dr Nathan Beman. was the founder of the high school at Mount Zion. he was a man of high order of talents & education many of the best generation now educated by him among them Charles McDonald. and others of note

The Union Sabbath School 1820

was organized in Eatonton in 1820 by Mr John A Cuthbert. as superintendant. he was the principal mover in its organization & was its superintendant when not in Congress. after he left Mr Lory Clark was principal for many years, untill he removed to Savannah. after he left, others took their place, some times one denomination then the other but finally the Bap-
It has, be the Union P. ever since. Has never been disbanded. as I know of. altho its no has frequently dwindled down to a very few
the same old book case that they have now was used then to keep their books in

The Methodist, withdrawn in 1842. from the N. P. & organized one of their own Mr Duncan was their stationed minister at that time

Mr Cuthbert. was from the low country he ^{lived} at the place where Mr Henry Risd once lived now owned by P. R. Hudson, he got involved in debt and his property was sold for debt. he then removed to Milledgeville but remained but a few years, from there he went to Milledgeville he died in Sep last at the advanced age of 79

Coltist was courteous Christian gentleman
in the fullest sense of the term. In 1821 he
was Cap. of a Volunteer Company, I think the name of
it was the Green Mountain Boys. Their uniform
was a green blouse, white pants & belt
The 4 of July he had his company on parade
William Sherkers was the Orator of the
day. Mr C was small in stature but dignified
& graceful in deportment

The young men in that year formed a society called the Thespian Society. They acted plays. Their first public play was in the Court house: it was, she wrote to conquer by Goldsmith. I was present & thought it fine. I only remember two of its performers Bill Sparks, as he was then called, & Jack Williamson Sparks as Mrs Hardcastle, dropped in a furniture calico drop, & a muslin night cap. ^{as they were} He acted his part finely, Williamson as Tony Lumpkin. He also done well at least I thought so.

Mr B the next time he preached made some very savor remarks, about it, as it did not agree with his New England puritan notions of morality.

The young men had bought an old gin house in the lower part of town & were putting it up as their Theater.

Mr B a short time before had married Mrs C a lady of high spirit: it was a question at the time of the marriage who would rule master: it was not long before reports were a float that there was discord between them.

Some one it was ^{thought} Bill Sparks, as he was generally accused of all devilment, wrote Mr B a letter inviting him to come over & be present at their next performance as they would act the taming of the Shrew for his especial benefit. Mr B's given name was Beth.

It made Mr B outrageously mad. When he came over again: he spoke about the letter he had received.

said no gentleman would write a letter & not put his
 fist to it: & that they might go to the walls of the
 old gin house. I do not recollect the remainder
 of the sentence, but recollect with what force he
 brought his fist down on the pulpit

He lost his dignity that day in a fit of passion

It was sugar to the young man but wormwood
 & gall to Mr B. The letter had the desired effect that
 it was wrote for in wounding Mr B in a vulnerable
 part

I could not see them, nor how why Mr B should have
 taken such grounds against the society. it was
 formed for their improvement & amusement. the play
 that they acted, was by Goldsmith one of the
 poorest chaste of the English literature, written

I now come to the Langyars. at that time judge Strong. Harris Shorter. Mitten Cooper's ~~place~~ Gordon judge Strong lived in the house now occupied by Mrs Winfield. He removed to Macon when it was first settled bought the place where Mrs Gottenberger now lives planted a vineyard & called his place vineyard it is now a place of some extent the branch only ^{ing} drive it from Macon. it has never been cooperated with Macon. as those that live there have no city taxes to pay: it is near enough to transact business in the City & also they have the benefit of the College

Harris Shorter, occupied the same office that judge Lamon now has. Harris died in 22 with the fever. he left a wife & 9 children. She removed to Athens soon after to educate her boys. Harris County was named for him. I think he was proceeding judge at the time of his death judge Shorter removed to Columbus about 32 or 33 he speculated largely in Alabama lands. died in Columbus & it was said that his estate was cheated out of them by his nephew that he had raised. Harris & Shorter married Sisters the Misses Watkins. Harris occupied the house that Mrs Chammon owns. Shorter the one that Gely Adams has

Cooper & Gordon. I think men associated in their law
practice, at one time. Cooper was a man of shining ability
was said to be one of the finest looking men of
the age. but think the scourge of Man kind blighted
all of his shining ability & destroyed the hopes of
his relatives & friends. He removed to Columbus & I think
died in Ala.

Gordon with less ability but by study
industry & perseverance rose in his profession & at
the time of his death was getting a large practice
he died with the fever about 36 or 8

The Dr. of that period

Dr. Joel Branham returned from Phila. in that year entered into copartnership with his brother Henry.

The other firm of Dr. ^{was} Hoxey & Park.

Dr. Henry Branham was a man of great talent & influence. He was for many years a member of the Legislature where he wielded his influence in that body. He was one of the leading men in that body of his party. He acquired the name of Tallcrand by his opponents & was known through out the State by that name. He quit politics as a public leader & spent his time between Eaton & Farnsworth. He died in the latter place just before the war. ^{his remains} ~~the remains~~ were brought bac to Eatonton & buried by the side of his wife in the old burying ground.

Dr. Joel Branham got an extensive practice. stood high as a physician. He remained in Eatonton for many years but finally moved away first to Americus then to Macon ~~thence to Atlanta~~ ^{it appears that}. He found no working place. after he left Eatonton he died in Atlanta & five years ago his remains were brought back to Macon & interred in Rose hill cemetery by the side of his wife. Dr. Hoxey brought out Dr. Penick when he stood high as a physician. he removed to Columbus about 32 or 3 & died in that place.

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Dr Park was a rising physician. but in a state of
depression, comitted suicide by shooting himself
in his office down town. his early & sad end, cast a
gloom over the town. He lived in the house now
owned by his daughter Mrs Bell. He was buried
in the garden in that lot.

- These that I recollect. ~~but I expect~~ Mr. Hudson
Jury Clark, Hans Smith & Jas. Whitfield
Mr Hudson occupied the corner store where I shop
now does business. He was a man of many virtues
Amiable & kind in disposition, obliging to all
he was a member of the Legislature stood high in
that body as a man of integrity & honor altho
not as talented as some others. His influence was
felt as the silent dew that falls on the parched
earth. I think he was a member of that body
at the time of his ^{death}. He is buried in the old cemetery
he lived in the house that Mr. Ropes now owns
Mr R has succeeded Mr Hudson both in his home
& place of business. May he occupy the same high
place in community that his predecessor did
Mr Smith removed to Mohel accumulated a large
fortune. died in that place a few years ago.
Mr Whitfield moved to N.Y. was elected Governor
of that State at one time. was still living when
I wrote from West
• Mr Clark occupied the McGlade corner
as I have mentioned him in connection with
this. I. it is useless to say more

The principal citizens of the place that I have not named in the foregoing were Messrs Mason
J Hudson the three farmers. & Bledsoes
May Watkins. Dr Rogers. John J Smith jun Newman
Mr Mason held several important places in
the county. such as Member of the Lyston. Bank
director judge of the inferior court was a
promoter of education & he died in 42 or 3
buried in the old ground

Mr John Hudson was Cassier of the Bank from
its first organization, held the place until
he resigned. Mr J R Adams succeeded him
& remained in that office until the Bank
was broken up by the war

The farmers resided to some of the Western Country

The Bledsoes lived in this place Mr Watkins
died in this place one of his sons Frank has
been Mayor of Columbus. several times

Dr Rogers sold out to Mr Thomas Cooper in 22 or 3
removed to Mount Zion then back to the low
country. John J Smith was clerk of the court
he died during the prevalence of the fever
jun Newman lived beyond the depot the place
was afterwards called the Bledsoe old field
Newman in Coveta Co. was named for him
he removed from Lexington but where to I
do not know

Now come to the young men living in Canton at that time Alfred Iverson, Pulasca Holt, Jack Williamson from Sparks, Mark Cooper, Phera to Lamar & Dan Holt. Alfred Iverson first went to Clinton then to Columbus he was once judge, at the time of secession he was senator in congress, he was opposed to secession he died in Macon a few years ago.

P. Holt practiced law in this place for several years he finally moved to Macon, built a fine residence on one of its hills. he lost all of his children in early life making his home desolate, he has only two grandchildren left to him in his old age.

Jack Williamson studied law removed to Covington when it was first settled, & practiced in that place. Tom Sparks removed to L. A. turned his attention to a sugar plantation, he is a writer of some note, told ^{at a party & party} he is now an old man, alternating ^{between} L. A. & L. A.

he was once a member to the legislature from this Co. Mark A. Cooper was a law student at that time under judge Strong, studied in the office in front of Woodstockfield's gate. he was admitted to the bar in that year. Phera, Miss Elmore, an Amiable & beautiful girl, she only lived a few months & died & is buried in the old burying ground.

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The practiced man in this place was a member of the legislature in 34. He removed to Capron Barton Co. I think was a member of Congress at one time but I think gave up politics and turned his attention to his Iron foundry. He is still living in Barton.

The last time that I saw him was at our first fair in 68. He was then a grayhead fine looking old man. John Morgan comes near Mike Jones Nelson

Murdo Lamar ^{comes below Lamar} was raised in this Co. was identified with Benton. Was a lawyer by profession. He was once cap of a volunteer company in Benton his flag had painted on it a rattlesnake curled on it. With the motto don't tread on me.

It was a time of great excitement, I think when Troop was gov. When he was having the Western part of the State surveyed. The boundary line established the Government objected to the Treaty's boundary line Troop had proclaimed to the people. When these arguments were exhausted to stand to their arms President Adams had ordered Gen Gaines to Georgia to subdue it to mad Gov. to submission. The watch of G. L. was Troop & the treaty. The militia were mustering from Mountain to Baldy Rollenters. Boys were being organized all over the State to stand by Troop & the treaty. And every preparation was made for a bloody conflict. Gaines was ordered to the Indian Springs to take possession of the disputed territory.

I was then residing on the farm on the corner near the road that Gains would have to pass to the Springs. it was thought Gains would pass that road to the Springs. So I kept a lookout for many days to see the Troops March by.

But from some cause Gains did not come to G. A whether his orders were recalled or not I never learnt. The people stood firm to Troop & the Troop we got the land & the boundary line that was the bone of contention and that was all that we wanted. But we have bit the dust at last the New South sounds like a death knell to my years, reminding me of our subjugation but I shall soon pass away. May G. A. Thine like rise from its degradation & recover its prewar honor & glory. Will they have all been reconstructed except Jeff Davis Bot Towns, & the Old School Presbyterian Church, she was the last to secede, it was said as long as that church remained there was hope of the Union but she seceded, & never has been reconstructed. because she would not come to them as whipped dogs, & say that she was sorry and lick the hands of our oppressors. for contending for our right to the very foundation of the Presbyterian I wonder if they have ever given to us our share of the Book concern, or do they claim. to the victor belong the spoils, but I hope soon to be reconstructed on high and as hill ark says, it may be all for the best

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Well I have made a long digression, from my
subject. To return to Saman the son of Texas
& I expect fought for its independence was its
second President of the Republic and died in
that State. He was a writer of Poetry in his early
manhood, I do not know whether he ever published
any of his pieces there is only one piece that I remember
a parody on there is nothing true but Marvin

The first verse was

This world is not all a fleeting show
For man's illusion given
For he that soothed the widows woe
Or bid the Orphans tear doth know
There's something here of Marvin

Marvin had some talent but was something
of a rascal, he went to Texas, was in Fannin's Command
at the battle at the church. I do not recollect its
name. He and another comrade made their escape
came back to G. H. & reported the death of
Fannin & his company. It is said that

He that fights & runs away

May live to fight another day

Whether I am ever caught a no day or not
I do not know. I know not what became of
him

- I do not think it will be out of place to mention Col. James Fanning. as one of his uncles was one of the first settlers of the Co. & one of the Co. in N. G. - he is named for him. My first acquaintance with him was in 1822. he came to our house on the Occasion to visit his Cousin Miss Fanning now Mrs Fort of Inaeon. He had just returned from West Point I do not think he graduated. he was a man of fine appearance about 20 years old & 6 ft high & well built. florid complexion with light hair a little tinged with red. a piercing blue eye a fine formed nose & mouth. Side whiskers the color of his hair. Penitence was not in vogue at that time. He still continued to visit our family. After his cousin left us. Sincerely for several years. he did not live far from us. on the other side of the river. near the line of Hancock & Green. The latter place Co was his birth place. He went to Texas about 28 or 30. joined Houston to fight for the independance of Texas. it was said at the time of Fanning's death. that Houston was ^{jealous} of his rising popularity. among the Army & sent him on that expedition to get clear of him. It was against Fanning's judgement. that he went but he obeyed orders. History furnishes the fatal results of the expedition. After the surrender of the Church. the men were all massacred.

The officers all shot except Fanning he was badly wounded
in the battle. I think Col. Travis was one of the ^{officers} ~~men~~
that was shot. Several weeks after Fanning was taken
out, placed in a chair & shot by a squad of Mexican
soldiers, by the order of Santa Ana. It was nothing but
a cold blooded murder. During the Mexican war
Santa Ana was taken prisoner by the Americans
The Chief of the Army wanted him shot to revenge
Fanning's death, but he was exchanged as a prisoner
of war.

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The Young Lads that adorned Canton Society at that time were Priests. Ann Mason. Lora Dent. Sarah —
Gordon. Sophia Essans. Maria Hazden & Eliza Fielden
Many of them grand children are in & around Canton
at this time.

The College boys at that time were Wiley Mason.
Turner H. Tripp. & Wiley Mason. Studied law
& remained in Canton for several years he finally
moved to Al. was one of the chief judges of that
State. he died after the war.

Turner Tripp studied law. first went to Newsham^{Co}
thence to capsville. he was judge of that circuit.

He was the oldest son of Father Tripp who died
at his sons, at the advanced age of 96

I cannot pass over his son (Brother) Tripp

he took broad views of Christian fellowship his
house was ever opened to ministers of other churches
I have heard him say that he felt but little
difference between his own church & the Pres. an.

his oldest sister married Dr Church of Athens
he first came to Canton. from the North. was its
first teacher in the Male Academy. he went to
school to him & loved him as a dear brother

at the last District meeting. he had the pastor &
other dignitaries of the church as his guests. but
that did not prevent him. from going out & in setting
all to his hoop table board all were welcome to his
table he had plenty for all. he had the fattest

could killed & he had plenty for all to come & partake
 he was assisted in his labour of love by his estimable
 wife but they have passed away
 who will take their places: at the coming District meeting
 I know of no one that can fill their places
 Well I cannot forget the memory of Father Adams.
 He served in the war of 1812 against the Indians.
 was a God fearing man ^{and} like Smoot of old he passed away
 without tasting death; he retired from the super table
 to his room in his usual manner the next morning
 when the servant went in to his room to light his
 fire, he saw him in his chair apparently asleep
 he tried to arouse him but found that he was dead
 he looked at the bed & saw that it had not been
 occupied, he was sitting by the candle stand with his
 Bible on it his glasses laid a cross of it.
 it was his last devotional exercise on earth
 he has left children grand children & great grand ^{children}
 & I believe great great grand children in this county
 & other places in the state.

- I will now name some characters that once lived in the Co.
 first William B Johnson, genl Colo. Nathan Munroe
 Wm B Johnson, now of Macon was raised in this Co.
 he went to Macon when it was first settled is one of
 the best financiers of Macon has built a fine
 Palace in that place; but his heart has been made
 sore by ^{the death} many of his children, it was only this year
 that I saw in the papers the notice of the death of
 his little son, named for himself, being poisoned by
 eating wild cherries that grew on the lot. that all
 country children eat with impunity. Will the ways
 of God are mysterious, & past finding out
 genl Colo came from the North to Canton about the year
 of 1825 or 6, was engaged in mercantile business. he
 remained in Canton about 2 years. he then went to
 Macon when it was first settled, was one of the most
 enterprising business men that Macon has ever had.
 he was the means of the first RR built in Ga. the
 Macon RR, also the Munroe Bank, in the building ^{now}
 occupied as the City Hall. It is said that he was the
 first starter of ~~the first~~ the Female college in ^{Macon}
 Ga. for young ladies, by the name of the G. A. female
 college. the first institution for young ladies ^{built} in the
 state, he built a fine residence on Colo Hill now
 owned by Sam Coleman

he was a man of limited means but by his influence
 over others he succeeded in accomplishing his undertaking of
 his object. He returned to N.Y. & died in that place
 in a hospital not worth a cent. About three years ago
 his remains were brought back to Macon followed to Rose Hill by
 a few old friends, & interred in that place.
 he had contracted the habit of drink which was the
 cause of his downfall. May others take warning
 by his fate.

Nathan C. Munson, came to this Co. from the North ^{Miner} and
 clerked it for Tom Naper, Senr. He married the old man's
 daughter, removed to Macon with the Naper family
 was engaged in the Banking business. He was a man
 of retired habits fond of reading. He had collected a
 good library of books. Which his children presented
 to the City on condition that it should be the com-
 mencement of a public Library to be called the Munson
 library. It has been a great advantage to the reading
 public of Macon. It has many members & by their
 annual fees & other contributions they are enabled to be
 supplied with all the new publications besides
 all the standard works of the best English and
 American authors.

from come to the oldest copy of 1821, or some of them.
 That is, James & John, James & John, James & John.
 from the fact that he is living in the same place of his
 residence. They located with the Shermans at the time
 he entered college. The first year being in 1892. He died
 in 1892 just 30 years in that place of time. He passed
 through college. I have seen after his graduation with
 in Galatia. Although I have seen him in his profession.
 in 96 he was a company of 1000. Went to the end of the
 the Shermans. I was fortunate to see him. I was so many
 years to the climate, he was always killed by the Indians
 when after he returned from the Gordon and that
 when his brother and I were in the same place.
 I think it was not, that he was elected to company
 he was commissioned by the station nearly for his
 military & attention to his work. He died at that time
 was a mark of his grave. As the Shermans are kept at the
 time. He did not offer for admission on account of being
 compelled to withdraw from his family. He was elected
 part of the circuit. But did not offer again. as his
 service was more necessary to his large family &
 dependent on him for support, and comfort. He was a
 obligation to him. For his connection with the Shermans.
 He kept all his money at the end of the money. It
 is Madison to connect with the J. & A. Co. He wrote
 as they still wanted to know of his money in that place

He saw the advantage of a connection with the central R.R. to Sar. He met with violent opposition, but by his influence he accomplished his object. Some was so opposed to Sar, that they would haul them rather from the lower part of the county to Madison. So that they might still trade with Augusta. His law office was the one judge Lamon now occupies he did in the Spring of 1852. 30 years ago, I think with Præmonia from an over dose of mercury. It was a new medicine then just come into vogue. He was a member of the legislature the year before. Was president of the Senate. The Legislature the next session voted one \$1,000 to erect a monument to his memory. It is in the old cemetery & can be seen there. He has children grand children & great great grandchildren in the county.

Pamie Branham was a son of Dr Henry Branham he volunteered & went with Perryman to Eto. was killed in a skirmish by the Indians. His remains were brought to Canton & were in the old cemetery. Walter ^{his brother} graduated in Athens joined the M. C. has been most of the time a preaching elder in the church. He lives in Oxford.

Made the mark

Now I come to the boys & babe of Estlin that have
Thomas Hardeman was born near this place named
to Macon in baby hood. He was in congress when the
State seceded & opposed the measure. He has been a
prominent man in G. O. ran against Colquhoun for G. O.
may still be G. O. He is connected with the Agricultural
Bureau. The big men of the State are making a great fuss
about the Agricultural College, Bureau; but I reckon they
take good care to get their bread well buttered with the
butter churned from the cream skimmed from the milk
gathered at the Treasury. Wish I could get some of the
scrappings from the pans

Things look gloomy when I see sheriffs prowling about
to pounce upon any thing they can find. No pay for
grano to put on worn out lands to make cotton that will
not pay for the expenses of raising it

Well there will be some way provided to get along altho
the clouds may look dark & gloomy a head.

Mr Mason our old elder in the church called on
me to know how I was getting along in faith

I told him that God had taken care of me for
for 42 years. It was impossible, but he said your faith
for the future world. I told him that I had not
got to the river yet. That when I got there that I
got there that I expected there would be a way provided
for me to cross that God would provide for me in the next
world as he had done in this. That it would be time enough
when I had crossed the river. But I still like my mission
was not accomplished yet

All the next is Dave Clifton left Canton when a child
grew up and studied Law in Macon went to Ala has
been M.C. and judge in that state

In addition to the pale faced So. Slave comes next he is about
40 year old no boy in the streets of Canton had as gloomy
a prospect before him as he appeared to have for he met
only poverty to contend with but other things, altho but
poorly clad. he was always clean and his head combed
But he was of good stock. They say that there is a great ^{deal}
in blood. he learnt his trade in this County with
Mr Turner. After the war I think went to N Orleans
but returned to G. D. went to La. was connected
with the Morning News in that City

during the prevalence of the yellow fever in New
Orleans he went to Philadelphia & spent into the office of the Constitution
he is now returning, I am not only in America but Europe
by the sales of Uncle Remus. So poor boys don't despair
push a head. I see in the late History of Pa. a picture
placed by the side of the great men of the State
I said he was the man of good stock. I was well ^{introduced} acquainted
with two of his mother's aunts Mrs Henry Bramhan
and Mrs Tomlin better women I never knew
Her mother's family I never knew but I have heard it
said that they were the first in Pa.
I thought Joel was named for Dr Joel Bramhan but the
last time I saw his mother she told me he was named
for an uncle. I saw in the papers a year or two ago a
slur on his origin. by some Ed. that could not be
so getting a head of him in his profession.
It is said it is a wise child that knows his own Father.
It reminded me of a pie baking at a meeting
So go a head go you are out of the hearing of the bakers
of the pie little littlest.
I can only think of you as a little boy attending our
Reunion, I, I your mother's friend and yours
W B F

Sam & Perkins Harris.

Sam Harris. Studied law. Was living in Canton 31
moved in Athens removed to that place was elected
to Congress. from that district died in Washington
his remains was brought back to Athens and interred
in that place.

Perkins the younger brother when a boy was con-
sidered to have to have extraordinary mind for a
boy. but he has not come up to the expectations of
his friends. in boy hood I think he is a lawyer and
a local preacher in the Methodist church
he lives or did live in Canton with

~~The two other strong characters of Canton.~~

Mat Evans was a schoolboy in C in 1821 he removed
to Columbus 1831. with his mother brothers & sisters
and Alexander Cooper. the grand son of old Mrs Evans
Mrs Perry afterwards Mrs Treppa bought Mrs Evans
out and removed to Canton kept 7 years

Mat Evans soon after going to Columbus married
Miss Howard. sister to Jack Howard and aunt
to the late Mrs. Williams. She was from
Milledgeville

Miss Augusta, Cairns. Wilson the other of
world wide fame was his daughter ^{3^d} he was proud
of her as well he might be.

Two other stray characters ~~about~~ Catonsville fame
Gilmore it was said owned his origin
to Judge Shorter he was raised at Mrs. Pake's his
grandmother. on some occasion he had offended
the law. the Sheriff Harry Dennis. I think was
sent out to arrest him. Hamp was hoeing cotton
the Sheriff going up to him & laying his hands
on his shoulder said I arrest you Mr. Gilmore
very well Mr. Sheriff I make no resistance
and lay down between the rows of cotton
Oh come along Harry quit your foolishness. Mr.
Sheriff I make no resistance. Hamp weighed about 200
the Sheriff about 100. ^{at} he found he could do nothing
with him so he had to return. to town. and.
summed a posse of men to assist him in bringing
Hamp to town in a wagon. the youngsters hearing
what was to be, joined the procession to bring
him to town. They got to the field lit down the fence
and drove up to Hamp. he was still lying in the
~~in the~~ between the cotton rows

They all took hold of him as many as could
and threw him in to the Dragon like a dead bacon
hog. They drove him to Town. The young stir following
after the dragon hooping, shouting, at the highest
pitch of their voices. Coming to the jail they had
to take him out as they put him in the next morning
a mussel. When they got him to the stair steps
they put with another difficulty the steps being
narrow they had but little room. Some took him by
the head some by the heels, which went before I do.
not know. They got him up however. and he was
lost up in Jacks Monor. His sad end he bought
a ticket to go to Macon got as far as Gordon when
the conductor came around for his ticket he could
not find it. He told the conductor that he had
bought a ticket but had lost it. The conductor
not believing him. Thad him thrown out
He being drunk he fell on the Tracks the freight
train passing soon after ran over him. in the dark
killing him. His friends send the R.R., I do not know
whether they got any thing or not if any thing was
recovered. The lawyers got it. His ticket was found on
the floor of the car the next day. Drunk was the cause of
it was at the conclusion of the war.

Bill White was found on the gate/foot of a ladder
very early morning, 1842. He was in a black & white
up in a piece of a blanket. It was a cold early morning
it was. Went to him as a young man & he had no
children. The lady did not fancy the prospect so she
went to town, and a servant told her to find the mother
quickly & black & white & shining on the door found
the mother & mother of a young girl & a man (Anger)
they found the blanket and the child was taken
The girl was on the farm as the mother had done
Several years ago. In the winter she was caught in a storm
very near being burnt up. I find it is the most interesting and
dom to our lives of the things a good man does. He was able to
much work. He said to me that many of the men & women
Bill White again for evening for the same or partly from
found up by evening. I asked him how he did it all day
he got on the top of the burning. I was surprised & asked
toward the Negro and that the work, and it is that
not been for his evening. I do believe every thing he has
would have been burnt up and the town with it
So I thought that a man that could put a fire by evening
ought not to be sent to one of the most one of the town. With the
he had. He was good & quiet. His heart may have been with. and good alone
can hardly be. He died about 10 years ago

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When he returned home to Liberty Co., then called
St Johns Parish my mother & another little girl was playing
in the yard. he was in a Horse company the first that had
been in the County. from the commencement of the war
mother was born. in Dec 1777. he left her an infant in
the cradle. so he joined the Liberty troops the first Com
that went out. he rode up to the fence & said to the man
that is my child I know ^{she is my} ~~her~~ no he wasent my father is
a rebel and you are a Tory. they all had a hearty laugh at
the reception the father mit with from his child after the
space of about 6 years. My mother had light hair &
fair complexion. with large gray eyes. she was called dogwood
blossom. by the young men. altho she was a great favorite
with them. this is what my mother told me as one of her
- nursery stories. Well I have made a long digression. but as my
grandfather fought under the sig flag. My mother & myself
so I joined the sigs. to fight under her banner for Clay.
My sister Mrs Cobb. had just returned from Al Chambers Co.
traveled in the stage with John C Calhoun. then were no R.R.
then. besides Dr Calhoun had boarded with her ^{when} ~~as~~ she lived
in Newnan & was her friend & physician. in the year of 39.5
so she joined the Democrats. so then was war in the house
hold. My sister Mrs Hamill. her husband being whig joined
her husband as a good man ^{should do}. they were living in the County. had no children, no
stint of any thing. so when she comenced making cake hi
waging her on by buying all the eggs & butter. he could buy in
the neighbourhood. so she made cake enough for a large
party. More than is made now. for that purpose

So we made our cake concluded to stack it and
adorn it with flags. Sister Susan would have hers
the highest. with the cake and flag it was over 7 ft high mine
was not so high. She had hers painted with some device on it
on the opposite side was Clay and Breckinridge

I selected Alexander H. Stephens. I thought it would be such
a good chance to set my hooks out to catch him. I had just ^{my} fish
for small fry and made up my mind if I could not get
one of the big men of the Nation I would have none my
flag was a blue satten with white ribbon quilled around it
I had no painting on it, but a quotation from N P Hall's
I got Mr. Donistany to write it for me as he was a good scribe.

Half the day came. the table was set the Democrat Lodge
looking Dispers at us. the table was set in the lot now owned
by Mrs. Hatersham. the table was set in the North side of
the lot. the speakers stand in the hollow below
Marshall Johnson spoke for the Democrats. Sumner
and Thackeray for the Free. It was the first and last time
I ever saw Sumner the only thing I remember of ~~it was~~
his speech was his story of Nancy on the Fair. I suppose
all of you have heard it. well after the dinner was over
Sister Susan ^{and myself} walked up to the table and got our flags
on returning to the stand we met Sumner & Thackeray
she gave hers to Sumner & I presented mine to Stephens
she gave me a polite bow & a smile. I thought certainly
he would call on me or send me a note of thanks
for my beautiful flag

What I wrote on my beautiful Flag
What is

What is its earthly victory? Prep on!
For it hath lemp'd angels. Get press on
For it shall make you mighty among men
And from the eyes of your eagle thought
Ye shall look down on monarchs. Oh! prep on
For the high ones and powerfull shall come
To do you reverence, and the beautiful
Shall know the power language of your brow
And read it like a talisman of love
Prep on! for it is godlike to unlove
The spirit, and forget yourself in thought
Bending a pinion for the deeper sky
And in the very fetters of your flesh
Mating with the pure essence of heaven;
Prep on! - for in the grave there is no work.
And no desire! Prep on! while yet you may.

On the opposite was

Clay & Frelinghuysen

Mr. Demetery was brought from Greece when a boy
at the time of ~~Greece~~^{the} Greek rebellion against the ~~Atat~~
Turks. He was educated in Athens by the Pro Church.
He came to this country's ~~highest~~ School then to California
& studied & practiced law. When Polk was Pro he got the
council ship to Greece. He went over & stayed 2 years.
He came back & stayed some time & returned. He found
some of his relations ^{in Greece}. I think he joined the Greek Church
and was a priest in that church. He had connected
himself with the Pro. Church in this place.

He was a man of some talent, courteous & polite.
I suspect he had been a little wild in serving his
wild cats in Athens.

STORIES OF OLD PUTNAM

Julia Adams

The place, the great port of Liverpool, England. The time, the olden days before Hitler's screaming bombs were dreamed of. A young man, like the king of a still older time, was in the counting-house counting out his money. He figured a bit, he counted his gold, and appeared satisfied. "I'll do it! I'll go" he said at last to himself for no one else was present.

A few short weeks later, Richard Fielder might have been seen aboard a vessel bound for America, Georgia in fact, to try his fortune in the Land of Columbus. His gold had been exchanged for a huge mass of rice and a number of slaves. Both cargoes were aboard with their owner. Rice-farming in Georgia promised much so young Fielder thought. Alas for plans! A mighty storm arose and wrecked the vessel. The sea completely swallowed the poor, terror-stricken slaves, and the whole cargo of rice, but Richard Fielders escaped with his life and landed safely. He had lost much but surely more was left him than had been lost. Faith, hope, and courage must have been spared for, quickly rearranging plans he was soon growing crops on his fertile acres along the Oconee River in Old Putnam. Not alone, either, for Elizabeth had become his wife and true helpmeet.

One by one, seven little daughters joined their parents and for the education of these bright little girls Richard and Elizabeth made arrangements to move their home to Eatonton which was already known for its good schools. However, the father died; and, so it was as a widow that Elizabeth Fielder moved into her new house.

There are those to-day who remember the old Fielder House which was torn down to give place to the present post-office building. In its youth, the dwelling had been handsome with its brave colonnades "top and bottom" as it has been described. It looked proudly on passers-by and across at the good, though smaller, house put up by the Fielders where Mrs. W. D. Stribling's service station now stands. All this property in fact, came to Mrs. Stribling and her sister through inheritance; finally, to Mrs. Stribling alone.

In the "Big House" there was reserved a choice room as "Prophet's Chamber." It was here that the Reverend Doctor Frank R. Goulding worked upon that delightful story of adventure "Young Marooner's;" and, also, during his stay in Eatonton, that this same minister of the Gospel made a sewing machine for the use of his wife. This was before Howe's invention.

was the first woman to lift her voice in prayer publicly in this community.

In an old record book of the Presbyterian Church on one of the first pages there occurs the statement that Miss Mary Fielder, Mrs. Susan Harwell, and Mrs. Eliza Cobb, with others, had been received into the communion of this church.

It is from Mrs. W. D. Stribling, Sr. a descendant of Eliza Fielder Cobb that this information has come. "Uncle" Jack Montgomery has kindly promised to give to the public his recollections of the churches, both white and colored, in the early days. Readers of this column will look forward eagerly to this contribution from "Uncle" Jack.

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Who can measure the good influence resulting from such close association with so many Men of God! Certain it is that at least one of the children of this home grew up known for her rare Christian courage.

Two of the sisters died. Susan married Lewis P. Harwell and lived at the R. B. Nisbet place, now Mrs. Taliaferro's. Her second marriage was to George Lively of Macon. Another sister married James W. Armstrong, educator. Their home was the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Folds. Eliza Fielder married into an Athens family. She and her husband (William B. Cobb), were the first owners of the house now belonging to Frank Leverette and often called the Rich Reid place. After her mother's death, Mary Fielder lived in Mrs. Cobb's home. She spent much time thinking and planning how to advance the cause of her Master and from these dreams, says tradition, there came the first Sunday School organized here. It was held in the building used later for Methodist Church Meetings and was on the site of the Henry Williams' home.

It is said, too, that "Miss Mary"

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