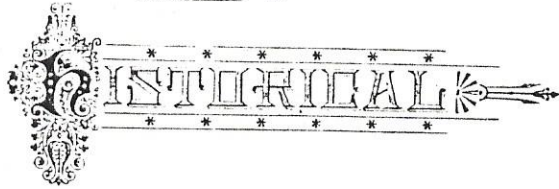


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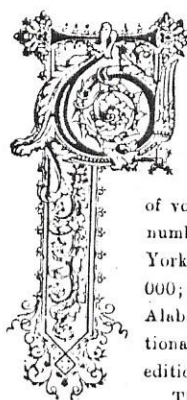
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October, 1890.

THE PUBLISHERS.

in January, one month before the birth of our subject, in his twenty sixth year, and his widow afterward married Mr. Osborn Whitehead, also a native of Alabama, and died since the war. John Jones was a farmer by occupation. The subject of this sketch remained with his mother until August, 1862, when he joined the Twelfth Mississippi Cavalry, Confederate service, in which he served until the close of the war, engaging in many battles and skirmishes. He was in the midst of the fight all the time in the Georgia campaign. He received a flesh wound in the right shoulder in a skirmish at Wyatt, Miss. At the close of the war he came to Arkansas, locating in what was then Hempstead County, now Nevada, where he has resided ever since. When he first started in life his sole capital consisted of a good constitution and a determination to make his way in the world. These he has made of such good use, in connection with industry and good management, that he now owns 340 acres of good land, with 140 acres under cultivation, and is one of the substantial farmers of this section. In 1882-83 he was in Prescott, settling up the estate of Capt. William Norman, of which he was administrator, after which he and Calvin Jones were in partnership in a general merchandise business at Prescott. In connection with his farming operations he has also dealt extensively in stock. January 13, 1870, Miss Alta Mira Norman, daughter of William Norman, of this county, became Mrs. Jones. She was born in Franklin County, Ala., in March, 1853, and by her union with Mr. Jones is the mother of five children, viz: Ida C., Mary A., Minnie E., Annie and Ella. Two died in infancy, viz: John and Albert. Mr. Jones is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, a member of the Alliance, and a Democrat. He is one of the enterprising citizens of Nevada County. When he first settled on his farm it was in the woods, but since then he has cleared it up and made it one of the best farms in the county. He has recently erected a neat and commodious residence, and has good barns, out-buildings, etc.

Andrew J. Jones, a prominent farmer, was born in Ouachita County, Ark., on April 20, 1853, and is a son of James M. and Mary (Mosley) Jones, the father being a native of South Carolina, and a farmer by occupation, the mother also of the same State. They were the parents of thirteen children—five sons and eight daughters—but only four of these children are living at the present time, the subject of this sketch being the fifth son: Susanna C. (Mrs. Andrew R. Riddell), Hilda A. (who married William Cox, who is a prosperous farmer of

Ouachita County), and Lucinda C. (wife of E. H. Frisby). The family moved from Alabama to Arkansas in 1848, settling in Ouachita County, and were consistent members of the Baptist Church. The father departed this life in 1884, and in 1886 the mother breathed her last. The subject of this sketch married Miss Malinda E. Nichols, of Nevada County, on January 14, 1874. She was a daughter of John and Elvira Nichols. Of this union were born five children, of whom Urilla, L. William and Hettie A. are living, and Cordelia and Cleveland are dead. Mr. Jones owns 120 acres of highly cultivated land, and farms most successfully. Politically he is a strong Democrat, and devoted to the interests of his party. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and supporters of all worthy enterprises.

B. F. Lane. A son of J. C. Lane, a prominent farmer of Georgia, and educated in that State, the subject of this sketch began life for himself in the year 1867, and starting in business with only a very limited amount of capital, ranks at this date among the influential and popular citizens of Nevada County. He is engaged in farming and mercantile pursuits, and in 1885 founded the postoffice of Lanesburg. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, and is a faithful Democrat in politics. After the war Mr. Lane married Miss A. C. Hudson, daughter of Wesley Hudson. In 1879 they moved to Arkansas, and entered the mercantile business in 1884, but the stock was burned out in February, 1885, and again in 1889. Yet true genius surmounts all obstacles, and thus Mr. Lane succeeded in spite of misfortune. He enlisted in the Civil War in 1861, under Maj. Kemp, and figured in many of the celebrated battles, experiencing the usual hardships of war, but serving until May, 1865.

J. W. Lightsey, the subject of the present sketch, was born in Alabama in 1830, and is a son of Daniel Lightsey, a farmer of Bossier Parish, La., who died in May, 1847. Mr. Lightsey passed his youth in that State, educating himself, and at the age of twenty commenced farming on his own account, remaining in his native place until November, 1856, when he moved to Columbia County, Ark. He bought property here, and added to his estate from time to time, and has, to-day, a very valuable farm, which is excellently well cultivated after the most improved methods. He entered the Civil War in 1863, Company G, Arkansas Infantry, and fought in many of the prominent battles, but without being either wounded or captured at any time. In October, 1860, the subject of this sketch married Miss Mary E. Urrey, daughter of W. G. Urrey, of Louisiana, who died in 1864.

BERLY T.
LANE

Family Group Record

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Husband James C. LANE		
Birth	26 Apr 1818	Madison Co., Ga.
Death	20 Jun 1896	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Burial		
Marriage	27 Dec 1839	Madison Co., Ga.
Father	Laban LANE (b bet 1780 and 1790)	
Mother	LANE	
Wife Nancy WILLIAMS		
Birth	19 May 1818	Danielsville, Madison Co., Ga.
Death	27 Jun 1905	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Burial		
Father	Elijah WILLIAMS (b 1787)	
Mother	Judith ADAIR (b Sep 1790)	
Children		
F	Permelia Elizabeth LANE	
Birth	1 Oct 1840	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death	16 Feb 1920	Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia
Burial		Hollywood Cem., Fulton Co., Georgia
Marriage		
M	Berry Tilman LANE	
Birth	6 Jul 1843	Danielsville, Madison Co., Ga.
Death	13 Aug 1928	Wichita Falls, Texas
Burial		
Spouse	Katherine HUDSON (m 29 Nov 1866)	
M	John W. LANE	
Birth	25 May 1846	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death		
Burial		
Marriage		
F	Sarah Frances LANE	
Birth	27 Dec 1848	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death	26 Aug 1921	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Burial		New Hominy Grove, Church, Mableton, Georgia
Spouse	Abe J. LANDERS (m 16 Nov 1873)	
F	Eliza Frances LANE	
Birth	25 Feb 1850	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death	13 Jun 1933	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Burial		Dallas City Cem., Dallas, Paulding Co., Georgia
Spouse	Lon Davis (m 12 Dec 1875)	
F	Nancy Carrie LANE	
Birth	4 May 1851	McPherson, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death	15 Oct 1940	McPherson, Paulding Co., Ga.
Burial	17 Oct 1940	Mt. Olivet Cem., Paulding Co., Georgia
Spouse	Thomas M. COLLINS (m 26 Dec 1875)	
M	George Washington LANE	
Birth	14 May 1854	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death	31 Dec 1934	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Burial		Pumpkin Vine Cem, Dallas, Paulding Co., Georgia
Spouse	Martha Josephine Hawkins (m 13 Nov 1879)	
F	Judy Emma LANE	
Birth	26 Mar 1859	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death	3 Jan 1942	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Burial		Mt. Olivet Cem., Paulding Co., Georgia
Spouse	Joseph B. HOWELL	
Spouse	J. E. BUTLER (m 29 Jan 1892)	
M	Thomas J. LANE	
Birth	18 Oct 1862	Dallas, Paulding Co., Ga.
Death	18 Apr 1864	Dallas, Paulding Co., Georgia
Burial		Pumpkinvine Cem., Dallas, Paulding Co., Georgia
Marriage		

Lanenburg Ga
Aug. 4th 1877

Mr. J. C. Lane,
Waller Ga.

I will write you a few lines. This
leaves all well except Fanny's wife
she is sick but is not dangerous.
Pa. and Mollie got home Saturday
morning they got here all right and
had no accidents. Tell Grandpa
~~you have no idea how glad~~ Grandpa

I was of my pants. I expect I
will stand up with my wife
with them on. Fannie liked his very
much but he could not fill
them up he is too little my
boy. - Crops are very sorry here
there are some places that they
~~don't~~ had any rain in 8 weeks
you. But Pa was sick when
he got home (financially) & when
I was very glad to see him coming
for I had too big a load to carry
I just had to stay at home all the
time and miss all the parties
we are doing a very good business

Got time to Write much and have
Write a bout all I know. I Wish
you all could Be out here about
the first of September and see me
~~die~~ die the death of all Boys.
Well I will close for the
Present Write soon and tell
me all the news

Yours in Love to All
James G. Lane

" " "

1920
MRS. HERRING, I JUST TALKED TO MRS. RUBY BAKER WHO IS ALICE'S DAUGHTER. SHE IS EIGHTY YEARS OLD AND VERY SHARP. SHE MENTION A 'DOC' LANE FROM A COMMUNITY NAMED YORKTOWN NEAR ATHEN, GA. SHE SAID THAT HE WAS A COUSIN ON THE LANE SIDE. THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW. RUBY TALKED ALOT ABOUT ALICE AND HER GRANDMA ELIZEBETH HOWEVER SHE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ALICE'S FATHER. SAID IT WAS NEVER MENTION AND SHE SEEM TO WANT IT STILL THAT WAY. SHE TOLD ME MANY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THEIR LIVES. SHE IS A RETIRED SCHOOLTEACHER. HER TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 351-1870 IF YOU WANT TO CALL HER.

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CLARENDON, TEXAS, _____ 190__

November 20, 1980

Clarendon Press
Clarendon, Texas

Dear Editor,

It would be appreciated if you would print this letter. My Great Uncle Tilman Lane moved from Paulding County, Georgia to Clarendon in the latter part of 1800. He operated a blacksmith shop and general merchandise business until his death on August 15, 1928.

I would like to hear from some of his descendants or someone who knew Uncle Tilman. I will be grateful if any of your readers can supply information by writing to me.

Enclosed is one of Uncle Tilman's business letterhead that may be of interest to someone.

Sincerely,

Horace A. Lane
1044 Six Flags Drive
Austell, Georgia 30001

*They RAN This IN PAPER -
NO RESPONSE*

McPherson Ga many of
Dear George

I will write
you a few lines this morning
George if it is so I can see
you be fore Friday if it
rains so you cant work I
wish you would come up
where. if I dont go to atlanta
to tom trial he is going
to come clear and I want
you to go if it is so you
can I want to go Friday the
trial comes up next week
Mr Collins is going down
there to swear against me
do not say anything about this
I dont want any body to no I
am going down there I will close
cane come

Laneburgh, Ark.
Aug. 4, 1890.

Mr. J. C. Lane
Dallas, Georgia

Dear Grandpa,

I will write you a few lines. This leaves all well except johny's wife. She is sick but is not dangerous. Pa and Mollie got home saturday Morning. They got here all rite and had no accidents. Well Grandpa you have no idea how proud I was of my pants. I expect I will stand up with my wife with them on. Jonie liked his very much but he could not fill them up. He is too little anyhow. Crops are very sorry here. There are some places that they have not had any rain in 8 weeks. You bet Pa was sick when he got home (fynancially). I mean I was very glad to see him coming for I had too big load to carry. I just had to stay at home all the time and miss all the picnics. We are doing a very good business owing to circumstances. Well I havent got time to write much and have written about all I know. I wish you could be out here about the first of September and see me Die the Death of all Boys.

Well I will close for the present. Write soon and tell me all the news.

Yours in Love to all,

James W. Lane

This was copied from the original letter by Horace Lane
Nov. 26, 1980. I assume that James W. Lane is Tilman Lane's Son.

Horace A. Lane
1044 Six Flags Drive
Austell, Georgia

May 12, 1981

Mrs. Dorothy Herring
6754 Tara Blvd
Jonesboro, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Herring

Enclosed is the information promised to you the other night on the telephone. You expressed interest in Permella Elizabeth. I checked the dates and more than likely you are correct about the Hudson Soldier and the Civil War. I can see how this could happen. Her Daughter was born Feb. 15 1867 and had the name Alice Lane. Alice married Ancel Hudson and had at least eight children. They were: Claudie, Bertha, William, James, Ann Maud, Ruby and Heron. They raised this family just off Hollywood Rd near Bolton, Georgia. Ancel, her Husband, operated the Hudson Contracting Company. They are buried in the Hudson lot in Hollywood cemetery. Alice died Feb. 7 1956 and he died Feb. 19, 1929

I know you will be interested in the note on the old envelope about A.H. Lane. I wonder if he could be Harrison Lane that you mention as being the brother of James C. Lane. I believe that Elijah Williams, Nancy's father married Judith Adair, Nancy's Mother. Also, Paulding County records show that Elijah Williams married Permella Tolbert March 27 1860. Records indicate that Bozeman Adair had a Daughter named Permella, sister of Judith, that married Allen Tolbert July 24, 1824. Elijah may have married sisters. Permella Tolbert shows up as head of house hold in Paulding in 1840. Also Permella Tolbert shows up on Elijah's Will Probate in 1879.

I am real interested in knowing about Laban and Harrison Lane. Please let me know if you find any thing. Enclosed is a picture of James and Nancy. I have the negative if ever needed.

Sarah Frances's Children were: Mattie, Ida, Jesse, and Nannie.

Eliza J.'s Children were: Leola, George and Lucious.

Nancy Carrie's Children were: Ida, Florence (Sister), and John.

George Washington's Children were: Hattie Cora, Hannah Alene, James Tilman, John Williams, Maudy Beatric, Thomas Theodore, Jesse Andrew and Lillian Irene.

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Judith's Children: Alice, Willie, Lee, Winnie, And Joe by Howell. Florence, and Johnie by Butler. I know at least two of these children are living to-day.

Please let me know if you find out any thing about A. H. Lane.

Yours Very Truly,


Horace Alvin Lane

1044 Six Flags Drive
Austell, Georgia 30001. * 941-9450 Home 329-8161 Office

P.S. I don't know about Uncle Berry Tilman's Children. I am sure he had a son per the enclosed old letter from Laneburg. Of course, John W. did not have any children. I'll stop Now.

Where Stillborn is given as cause of Death, file big certificate. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY, if statement of OCCUPATION is very important, terms, so that it may be properly classified.

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1 PLACE OF DEATH			TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		Reg. Dis. No.		B. O. V. H.	
County <u>Wichita</u>			BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		Registered No. <u>249</u>		F O R M D	
City <u>Wichita Falls</u>			STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		St. _____		Ward _____	
2 FULL NAME <u>B. T. Lane</u>			(a) RESIDENCE. No. <u>1009</u> St. <u>15</u> Th.		(If nonresident give city or town and State)			
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred			yrs. mos. ds.		How long in U. S., if of foreign birth?		yrs. mos. ds.	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL PARTICULARS					
3 SEX <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>widowed</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Aug 13</u> , 192 <u>8</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)					
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>July 6</u> , 192 <u>2</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Aug 8</u> , 192 <u>8</u> , to <u>Aug 13</u> , 192 <u>8</u> , that I last saw him alive on <u>Aug 13</u> , 192 <u>8</u> , and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>10 p.m.</u>					
7 AGE If less than 2 years state if breast fed If less than 1 day <u>86</u> yrs <u>1</u> mos. <u>7</u> ds. Yes No hrs mins.			The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Mysocarditis</u> (duration) yrs. mos. <u>5</u> ds.					
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)			Contributory <u>do not know</u> (Secondary) (duration) yrs. mos. ds.					
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Ga.</u>			13 Where was disease contracted? If not at place of death?					
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>J. C. Lane</u>			Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of _____					
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Texas</u> X			Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>					
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>unknown</u>			What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>Physician</u> (Signed) <u>B. C. Jackson</u> , M. D. <u>Aug 17</u> , 192 <u>8</u> (Address) <u>Wichita Falls, Tex.</u>					
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>"</u>			*State the disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.					
14 THIS ABOVE IS TRUE (Informant) <u>Mrs. H. C. Lane</u> (Address) _____			18 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Rosemont</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>8-14</u> 192 <u>8</u>			
15 Filed <u>9-7</u> 192 <u>8</u> <u>H. D. Williams</u> Registrar.			19 UNDERTAKER <u>O. W. Hines</u>		ADDRESS <u>W. Falls, Tex</u>			

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS AN EXACT PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE FILED IN THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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Jan. 5, 1981

Nevada County Historical Society
% Miss Frances Thrasher
Rual Route #3
Prescott, Arkansas

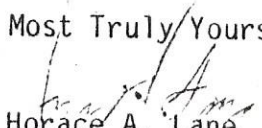
Dear Miss Thrasher,

I sent you a letter dated Nov 26, 1980 and am wondering if you received it. Please find a stamped and addressed envelope for reply.

I would like to know just where Laneburgh is or was located. The name of a church or cemetery near the location may help. You will find a copy of an old letter enclosed. I am trying to find the descendants of Berry Tilman Lane.

I would appreciate it if you could find time to reply or pass this on to someone who might know something about Laneburgh and the Lanes in that day. I have information on their forefathers that I would be happy to share

Most Truly Yours,


Horace A. Lane
1044 Six Flags Drive
Austell, Georgia 30001

Mr. Lane,

This is the only Lane we could find in our Cemetery records.

Harmony Cemetery located 13 Miles South of Prescott
One mile off highway 53, or 1½ Miles East of Sutton,
Ark.

John. W. Lane -Birth 1852 Death 1927

There was also a hotel at Falcon on this same pike that catered to the travelers and teamsters traveling between these points.

John Riley Yocom says his Uncle Bill Yocom attended this same Falcon Academy in 1861, and it had been established some time before he went there. It was from that school that he left to enlist in the War Between the States. He was too young to be drafted, but when the war was on in earnest the school was closed and he enlisted. It was also one of the very first co-educational academies.

Other early teachers were a Mr. Fuller and a Mr. Mack.

LACKLAND SPRINGS

Lackland Springs was in the past a health center as it consists of several mineral waters—sulphur, iron and other minerals. People fifty years ago or longer would go there and camp for various ills. Older residents of Nevada County remember going there as children for "cures."

One of the first cotton gins was located at this point. Lackland Springs is about ten miles southeast of Prescott and at one time a community center. There were two general stores, one run by Anne Benton and another by a Mr. Johnson, a negro.

LANEBURG

One of the earliest settlers of Laneburg, though it was unnamed when he came there and was at that time in Terre Rouge Township of Hempstead County, was Neil Munn who moved there from DeSoto County, Mississippi, with his wife and children, arriving in the vicinity January 23, 1846. He was commissioned a justice of the peace about the year 1848. He operated a cotton gin which ginned and packed cotton with power furnished by horses.

The Lane family operated the first store in the village. It was from this family that Laneburg took its name.

Other early settlers: The Crains were another family who came early to Laneburg. Three other families, the Ganns, the Almonds, and the Hudsons, migrated to Laneburg from Georgia following the Civil War because there were no homes left in Georgia to which they could return.

The Whittens operated a tanning yard where very "substantial" if not "mod" shoes were made. A. A. Murry ran a picture gallery. Munns had a general store and T. P. Callicott who came from Tennessee with his family operated a general store and post office. Mail was first carried by horse, later by buggy or cart. It left Rosston early in the morning and made the trip to Prescott, serving Laneburg enroute, and returned in the afternoon.

The first doctor was a Dr. Sandifer. Serving the needs of the community as doctor after Dr. Sandifer were Drs. Dailey, Hitt and Helms.

Churches: The Cumberland Presbyterian and the Baptist, a two-

story structure with the second floor serving as Woodmen of the World and Masonic Hall, met the religious needs of the people.

LEAKE TOWNSHIP, OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Business

Residents of Leake Township, Nevada County, were owners of business houses as far back as before the 1800's. Records show that Rev. Alex Leake, Julis Leake, and James Stevens owned and operated a sawmill, cotton gin, and a grist mill. In the same community, about 1890, J. A. Zackery came into possession of a grist mill, a cotton gin and a grocery store. Also in business was Mr. Oscar Johnson, who owned and operated a sawmill in the middle 1900's. This operation was in the black community, owned and operated by the blacks.

Community Helpers

In the early 1900's Mr. James Steven was postmaster for the Leake, Troy, Woodlawn and Hatley post offices. Later these post offices were displaced with a rural route from Glenville to McNeil. From 1919 to 1920 Mr. Tobby Green was the Star Route mail carrier. These post offices and rural routes were operated by blacks.

Schools

There had been four or five small schools in and around the Leake Township. Some of the earliest school teachers remembered were Mr. James Stevens and Mr. William Hearon. The enrollment was 194 pupils in the Glenville school. About 1924 the Rosewall school was built in School District No. 9. These schools were owned by the blacks. Others were Pine Grove, Harrison Chapel and New Salem. Later these schools were consolidated and named New Harrison Grove, a large Junior High School. These schools transferred their high school pupils to the Nevada County Training School, now Oak Grove. All of the above named schools were established by blacks with the Oak Grove school still owned and operated by blacks.

Law Enforcement

One of the first blacks to act as Justice of Peace was Mr. B. G. Bryant. Later, around 1800, Mr. James Stevens of Leake Township served for two years. Around 1890 Mr. J. J. Jack and Mr. Tom Moss served. About the 1920's Mr. Oscar Johnson served as deputy sheriff for four years.

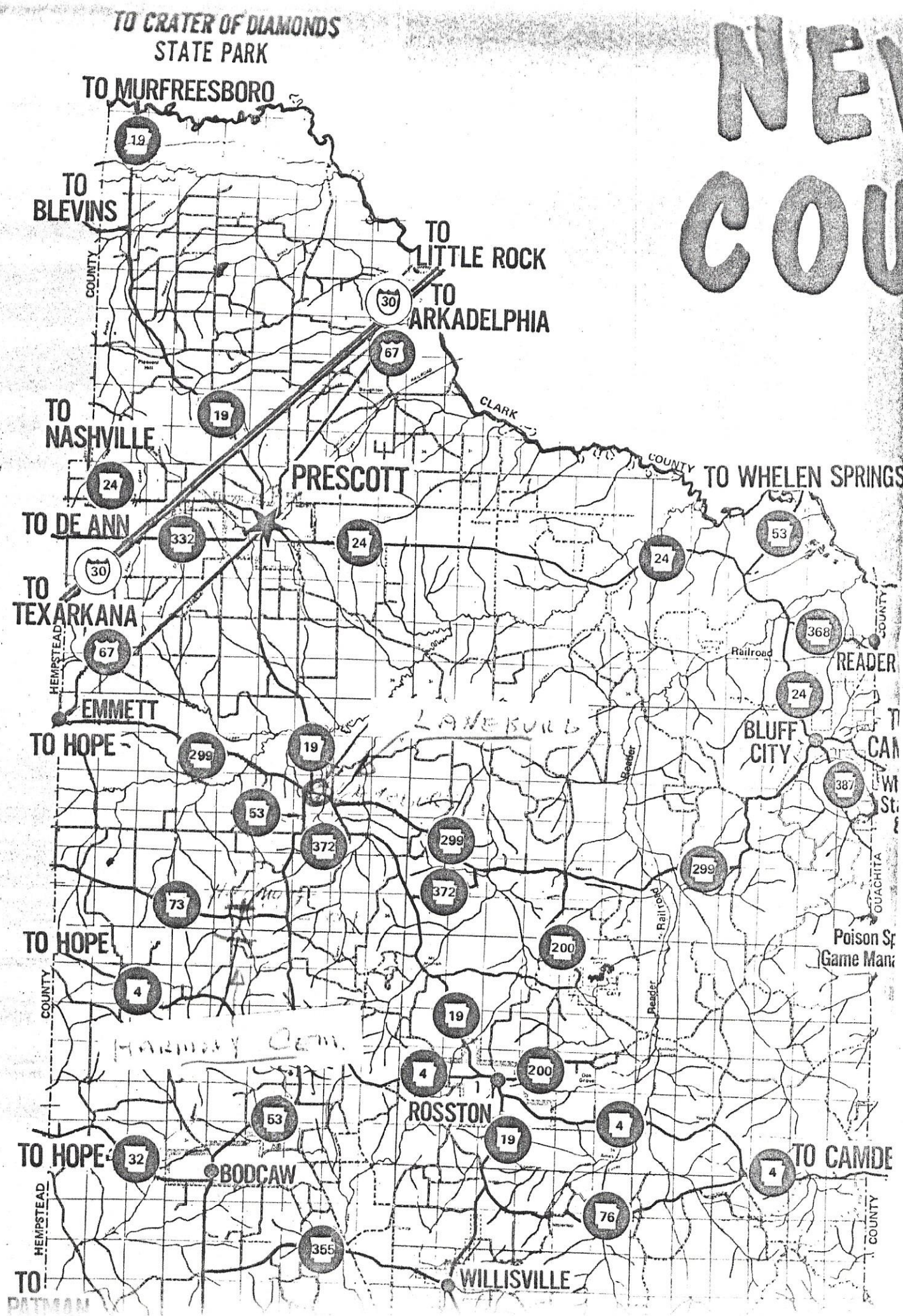
Lillie Burnell was the first black constable in Leake Township and held this position for eight years.

The fact that several negroes in Nevada County own from one to two sections of land reveals that this county has more black land-owners than any county close around.

Religion

The blacks secured deeds early in the 1800's to their churches. Mt. Vernon African Methodist Episcopal Church received its deed of

NEW COUNTY



April 15, 1982

Mrs. Dorothy Herring
6754 Tara Blvd. A-2
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

Dear Mrs. Herring,

If you remember, you were very very kind to send me some information on the Lane Line. This was about a year ago. I am sure that I thanked you at that time, however, I would like to say again how much it was appreciated. I was going through a difficult time and needed something to occupy my mind - that information did just that.

I have spent a little time at the Archives and want to pass on what bits I have found. You expressed interest in the full name of James C. Lane.

Madison County Deeds, Book F, Page 107 - 1831 to 1835.
James Clayton Lane and Harrison Green Berry Lane bought land by William M. Lane, Guardian, from Berry G. Tilman located on Sandy Creek.

You passed on the information that Laban Lane, Simon Lane and Kinchen were on the 1805 Jackson County Lottery. Also, a James Clayton was listed.

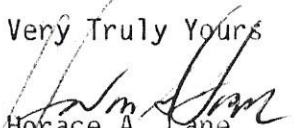
Also, something interesting is that James C. Lane's oldest son was named Berry Tilman Lane. Maybe this is insignificant but I just wonder if James Clayton and Berry G. Tilman figures into the Lanes.

Minerva died in 1856 after her husband, William B. William died in 1853 in Madison County. William M. Lane turns up in Oglethorpe County up to 1880- I think. Also, Harrison was in the same County.

That A.H. Lane that I mentioned, was the son of John D. Lane. He was Archy during the Civil War. You were right, he was a nephew of James.

At least we know Grandpa's full name. Again, thanks.

Very Truly Yours


Horace A. Lane
Route 2
Austell, Georgia 30001

MADISON COUNTY COURT OF THE ORDINARY

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Charles Lane b. 1756 N. C. married 1776 Halifax County, N. C. Elizabeth Mallory. Owned large tracts of land in Franklin and Wilkes - 1 slave in Wilkes. Last known 1807 Franklin County.

Jesse Lane came to Ga. 1787 lived in Franklin, later Clarke where he died 1808 16 children established - Simon, John, Jonathon, Jesse, Joseph, Henry Richard, Charles.

Jonathon and Simon Lane (not those above) were brothers of Charles. Simon moved to Alabama where he was living in Walker County in 1850 with son, James b. 1805 Ga.

Sampson in Franklin in 1792 with wife, Polly. Large land owner, owned town lots around the courthouse in Carnesville. John Lane was also of Franklin with wife Betsy and was in Jackson in 1805.

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Notes:

There should have been an Administration for Labon Lane but it is not on record. In 1833 when William Lane applied for Letters of Guardianship there were two children under the age of 21. James we know was born 1818 so was of age in 1839. Harrison G. did not come of age until 1846, indicating he was born 1825.

I could not find William B. Lane in 1850 Georgia nor Harrison G. Lane in 1850 Georgia. I do not think I have checked Alabama for them or other states.

I have checked all the records of Madison County and the only other place I found Lanes was in 1836 William B. Lane was an appraiser of the estate of James Coile. John Bone was a Bondsman.

Earlier I found Labon Lane in Jackson County before 1812 I think. The article that appeared at James' death does not coincide with what is known about the Lanes. James seems to have been born in Georgia, not S. C. I have not checked the 1880 Paulding Census to see where James' father was born, but am satisfied it was in S. C.

Also this story was passed to me, I do not know whether it came from your father or from one of Carrie's grandchildren. Nancy Williams fell in love with Jimmy Lane but her father would not let her marry him because he was the son of a poor Irishman. So they had to wait until she was 21 and would not need her father's permission. It is a fact they married when they were 21 and Nancy's father was very wealthy.