

News From The Past In Shelby County Alabama

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Montevallo Star, July 3, 1866

Obituary. Hardy J. Horton, was born in Kershaw Dist., S.C., April 13, 1784, died at his home near Shelby Iron Works, Shelby county, Ala., May 17, 1866. He was a son of John Horton, a Methodist preacher. His father and mother were pious people. He lived a skeptic until 1823, when he was converted to christianity. He was a moral man previous to his conversion. The circumstances of his conversion are these: His eldest son, M.J. Horton, through the influence of a pious grandmother, had embraced religion, and joined the M.E. Church. He and his father were at a prayer meeting, when he was called on to lead in prayer. He prayed an earnest prayer to God, to convert his father. His prayer was answered. His father was deeply convicted at that meeting, and at a camp meeting, a short time after that, he was powerfully converted. He rose up in the congregation, exhorting sinners to "flee the wrath to come" and continued to warn them, until his strength was perfectly exhausted. He joined the Hanging Rock M.E. Church at once, was appointed Class-leader in a few days, and at the first quarterly meeting on the Circuit, was appointed Circuit Steward and licensed to exhort. He moved to Alabama in the winter of 1834 and located near Columbiana, and served the Columbiana and Good Hope M.E. Churches as in South Carolina for a good many years. He was Superintendent of the Shelby Iron Works Sunday School, and exhorter at the time of his death. He lived a consistent member of the Church. His seat in the house of God was never vacant, unless providentially prevented. He obeyed the holy precept "let your light so shine &c." "Uncle Hardy" is sleeping the sleep of death. He will no longer be heard warning sinners to be religious, or pleading with God in their behalf; for his body is quietly resting in the graveyard by the old Good Hope church, awaiting the ressurection morn. He leaves a pious, devoted wife, and religious children, with numerous friends to mourn his loss. The church has lost one of its best members; society one of its brightest ornaments; and family a devoted husband and father. Our loss is his eternal gain for he is at rest. He lived a christian, and died a christian. His Brother in Christ. The religious papers of Alabama and South Carolina, will please copy.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 5, 1903

Montevallo. John Lolly, a Prominent Farmer, Is Instantly Killed By a Negro. Montevallo, March 3. Special to the Age-Herald – John Lawley, a prominent farmer living near here was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by Larking Johnson, a Negro. It seems that the Negro while out hunting was trespassing on Mr. Lolly's place, and when ordered off became insolent, saying he would not leave until he was ready. This remark so angered Mr. Lolly that he thoughtlessly advanced upon the armed Negro, and when within about ten feet of each other the Negro fired, killing Mr. Lolly almost instantly. The Negro has not yet been caught, but fear for his safety is entertained should he fall into the hands of Mr. Lolly's kinsmen.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 28, 1904

Larkin Johnson Will Hang. The case of Larkin Johnson, colored, who was tried in the last Circuit court at Columbiana, for the murder of one Mr. Lawley, near Montevallo, has been affirmed by the Supreme court, and the Negro will be hung at Columbiana, Friday, September 9th.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 15, 1904

Larkin Johnson Hanged. Sheriff Cox and Deputies Perform Unpleasant Duty Successfully and His Neck is Broken. Larkin Johnson bravely walked upon the gallows to meet his fate in the jail yard at this place at 10 o'clock last Friday. It will be remembered that this Negro was tried and convicted at the last term of Circuit Court for the murder of one Mr. Lawley near Montevallo, and an appeal had been taken to the Supreme Court and that Court affirmed the case and fixed the date of execution on Friday, Sept. 9th. From the time the prisoner had known his fate he had been preparing to meet it, and expressed a desire for the time to come as quickly as possible. His actions with reference to his coming fate proved rather a novelty, and never in the history of this country has there been any one hanged who showed such an abiding faith and confidence in his redemption as did this victim. He was strong and brave up to the moment of the execution, walking upon the gallows without aid by the Sheriff or Deputies. After going upon the gallows he confessed the guilt of his crime, but said he committed the crime while in the heat of passion. He there expressed his unfaltering faith in his forgiveness by his Master and said he would be a shining star in the world beyond. While on the scaffold the doomed prisoner led in singing one or two hymns and in prayer, and after talking at some length and expressing his willingness to go, humbly bowed his head for the deadly noose to be slipped on, which in a moment or two later ushered his soul into endless eternity. Sheriff Cox and his faithful Deputies performed their unpleasant duty well, and the hanging was in every detail a successful one, the neck of the victim being broken by the drop, and there being no evidence of strangulation.

The Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, April 6, 1950

Martin-Sawyer Wedding Solemnized. The wedding of Miss Gladys Martin and Alton Walter Sawyer was impressively solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Martin on Sunday afternoon at six o'clock, the Rev. A.D. Wilson, officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. W.W. Martin. She was beautifully gowned in a white net over satin and wore a short veil of illusion. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and showered with streamers of white flowers. Miss Lillian Busby of Bessemer, was the bride's only attendant and wore a floor length dress of pastel green and carried a nosegay of pink and white carnations. Bill Martin served as best man. A reception followed, after which the bride and groom left for a trip to New Orleans. They will make their future home in Columbiana. Miss Martin is a former "Princess" of Birmingham's Christmas Carnival, from Columbiana and one of the loveliest girls in Shelby county. She is a graduate of S.C.H.S. and for several years has been associated with Billingsley's Beauty Shop. Mr. Sawyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Sawyer of Bessemer and is employed by T.C.I. in Birmingham.

Jane Fowler Carter Buys Interest In Gordon-White. Jane Fowler Carter has bought an interest in the Gordon-White Real Estate Company in Columbiana and will be a member of the official personnel in their down-town office. Mrs. Fay Quick, former employee, has accepted a position in the Judge of Probate's office and Miss Carolyn Evans, former Secretary in Engineer's office, has accepted a secretarial position with the Gordon-White Real Estate and Insurance Company.

Friends of "Uncle Jim" Leonard were delighted to see him cruising around in an automobile Sunday afternoon enjoying the Spring array of loveliness along the way. "Uncle Jim" has been ill for a number of months but is on the road now to "Get Well Again."

The Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, March 16, 1950

Oscar Martin Passes After Long Illness. Funeral rites were held for Oscar Martin, age 45, at the Chapel Church, on Friday afternoon, March 10, at two o'clock, the Rev. Lee Davis, officiating assisted by Rev. J.D.

Pickett, Bro. Barkley and Bro, Ingram. Mr. Martin had been a semi-invalid for a number of years and had a host of friends who will regret to learn of his passing. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Martin and six brothers, Sam, Wilton, Judd, H.I. and Buford Martin. Interment in the family burial ground, Walton in-charge.

Mrs. Luther Lyon Dies Suddenly In Prattville. Funeral services were held for Mrs. Luther Lyon, former resident of Columbiana, who resided in Prattville, from the Bethel Church, Monday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock, the Rev. E.E. Wells, officiating, assisted by Rev. Ramsour. Mrs. Lyon was widely known in Shelby county. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Church and had a host of friends who shared this sorrow with her family. Mrs. Lyon was taken suddenly ill on Saturday evening at the residence in Prattville and died about eleven o'clock following a heart attack. She is survived by her husband, Luther Lyon, two sons, L.M. Lyon and Raymond Lyon, and one daughter, Mrs. Maurine L. Carr, of Gallatin, Tennessee, also three grandchildren. Interment in the family cemetery.

Chelsea Civitan Club Organizes. The Chelsea Civitan Club has been recently organized and will receive the official Charter in April. The Club officials are C.L. Nivens, President; E.L. Parker, Vice President; Eugene Adams, Treasurer and James Page, Secretary. The club members meet each Tuesday evening in the School Lunchroom for dinner and last Tuesday evening the club voted to place markers along the highway leading to this progressive community. They have many worthwhile projects on the agenda for 1950, which when completed will reflect credit not only on Chelsea, but on the whole of Shelby County.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 28, 1898

A new postoffice has been established at the residence of Pickens Miner, on Fourmile, to be known as Redlawn, Ala., with Mr. Miner as postmaster. Quite a convenience for the people of that vicinity.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, June 27, 1963

History Of Churches Compiled By Author. A History of the Shelby Baptist Association from 1852-1962 compiled and written by Dr. Ray Atchison, a former resident of Columbiana, has been completed and a full length book (over 200 pages) containing sketches of individual churches, tributes to and lists of pastors, moderators, clerks, and leaders of all the organizations in the Association is scheduled to be off press September 15, 1963 (based on the availability of funds). Dr Atchison, the author, accepted this assignment by the Shelby County Baptist Association as a "labor of love" – that is without charge, since he was baptized in the Columbiana Baptist Church and grew to young manhood in this county. Copies of this book may be ordered from Oland Smith, Treasurer, Shelby Baptist Association, Wilsonville, Rt. 2, Alabama.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 28, 1898

Rev. Geo. J. Mason Dead. It is with much regret that we chronic the death of Rev. Geo. J. Mason, which occurred last Monday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M.E. Woods, near Talladega Springs. Rev. Mason was born in Caswell county, N.C., near Danville, Va., from which place he moved to Columbiana 71 years ago and engaged in the mercantile business. He was 92 years old at the time of his death and was one of the oldest and best known ministers of the State, and has many friends who will learn of his death with sorrow. The funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning and the remains laid to rest in the Williams cemetery, five miles east of this place, by the side of his wife and son, the late I.D. Mason.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, October 26, 1972

Edward Gandy Funeral Held Wednesday. Edward L. Gandy, 72, of Calera died at a Birmingham hospital on October 23. The funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Calera Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Lena Mae, and four sisters, Mrs. H.G. Herrod, Plantersville; Mrs. J.H. Johnson, Mrs. W.J. Franklin, and Mrs. M.N. Brand, all of Calera.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, May 9, 1974

Confederate Pensioner Dies. For years Shelby County Department of Pensions and Security have listed Mrs. Lisa Bagwell as our only Confederate widow receiving a monthly pension check. Mrs. Bagwell died on April 29 at the age of 105. Previous to her death she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Freeman in Wilton.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, November 30, 1972

Grand Hotel. Spencer House in Columbiana was, for a number of years following 1880, the leading hotel in the area. It was taken over by the White family and, until destroyed by fire several years ago, was known as the White House. Many people from New Orleans and Selma would spend their summers there.

Coal Was Mined In County In 1836. In Shelby County, coal was mined as early as 1836. The first mines were Fancher's Pit and Wood's Pit, both being in the Montevallo vein. Exploitation was well underway until the Civil War brought destruction by Union raiders. In Montevallo, the raiders destroyed a rolling mill, three iron works and five collieries.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, March 27, 1975

Courthouse Added To Historic Register. The 121-Year-old Columbiana City Hall, a two-story brick structure built in the shape of a cross, has been added to the National Register of Historic Places, Rep. Walter Flowers, D-Ala., announced. The building originally served as the Shelby County Courthouse and became Columbiana Hall in 1955. It also has been used at times as a hotel, a boarding house and an apartment building. The structure was built of clapboard in 1854 and covered with brick in 1881.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 7, 1893

Creswell Locals. Mr. Sydney Green, the oldest man in the Beat, died at his home in the western part of the Beat, last Friday after a lingering illness.

Chapman Pitts, of the Birmingham Business College, was down a few days last week to see his friends.

Above us, on the river, near the St. Clair line last Monday, Mr. Hector Cosper struck and instantly killed a Negro, whose name we did not learn. Mr. Cosper was logging for the Elliott & Bliss mill near this place and the Negro was employed by him as a driver. Mr. Cosper reproved him for abusing his team, and the Negro becoming enraged, commenced cursing him and made for him with a knife. Mr. Cosper having an axe in his hand struck him with it killing him almost instantly.

Coalville Cullings. Mr. Bob Seale's wife died not long since. The bereaved ones have our heart-felt sympathy.

Elbert Kendrick is quite sick, neuralgia being the trouble.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 6, 1918

Mrs. Emma Wells Dead. The death angel visited the home of Mr. T.J. Wells on May 1st, and claimed for its victim his beloved wife, Mrs. Emma A. Wells. She was 74 years of age, and a member of the Baptist Church, and a Christian woman. To know her was to love her. She was survived by her husband and three children. The children are: A.R. Wells, H.M. Wells and Mrs. Alma Gunn.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 8, 1905

Rev. J.W. Hamner, of Camp Hill, and Dr. P.O. Hamner, of Five Points, attended the funeral of little William Solon, son of Dr. and Mrs. W.P. Hamner, here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J.F. Stinson and Miss Bertha Keith were married at the residence of Judge A.P. Longshore Sunday afternoon, Judge Longshore performing the ceremony. The groom is a son of Mr. Elijah Stinson, of near this

place, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. Wm. Keith, of Shelby. The Advocate extends congratulations to the happy couple.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 11, 1885

We are requested to announce that Rev. M.W. Jones will preach the funeral of the late Rev. George Naish at Camp Branch church on 4th Sabbath in July. Rev. George Naish was a local preacher of the Methodist church for fifty years or more, and was called Uncle George by a large circle of relatives and friends. He died during March last in Elmore Co., near Wetumpka. It is deemed right and proper by his many friends that this special memorial service should be held and the date above mentioned has been selected as the time. All relatives and friends and all others who revere the memory of a good man, are invited to be present.

The Shelby County Democrat, Thursday, February 2, 1939

Tornado Again Hits Columbiana. Citizens in Columbiana and surrounding territory were vividly reminded of the terrific toll of death and destruction taken on March 21, 1932 on Sunday afternoon January 29, 1939 when another tornado struck Columbiana practically demolishing the High School East wing and damaging the home of Sheriff Claude Fore with much property damage reported in various sections of the town. No lives were lost. School routines will be continued, the High School pupils being housed in the Old Courthouse until repairs can be made on the High School building.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 18, 1915

Bloomington. Quite a number of our young people attended the funeral of Mrs. H.J. Smith at Harpersville last Tuesday.

D.S. Shaw and family attended the concert at Union Friday night.

Horseshoe Bend. We are glad to say that Mr. Aaron Crumpton's baby is improving.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, August 16, 1877

We took a little trip over to Cahaba Valley last week; visited the Pelham and Highland neighborhoods, and also spent a short while at Helena. We found the crops generally as good as one could wish to see. On Mr. Isaac W. Johnson's place we saw both corn and cotton that will compare favorably with the best grown on the canebrake and river bottoms of South Alabama.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, April 2, 1914

Jap Nabors Dies In Tuscaloosa. Jap. D. Nabors, a well known character of this county, died at the Bryce Insane Asylum in Tuscaloosa on March 23, of tuberculosis, where he was carried several months ago from the state penitentiary at Wetumpka. It will be remembered that Nabors was convicted several years ago in this county for killing a man by the name of Payne [see September 2003 Quarterly magazine] at Longview, for which he was given a sentence of 25 years, but was paroled by the governor after he had served ten years of his sentence. Nabors was arrested again in 1911, charged with killing a white man by the name of Jackson near Longview, and was tried and convicted, for which he was given a life sentence. His remains were brought to Longview and interred in the Nabors cemetery last Thursday. He is survived by several relatives.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 26, 1884

Dots from Shelby Iron Works. We are sorry to state that Mrs. Jeff Christian is and has been quite sick for several days. We hope, however, to soon see her again fully restored to health.

Our young friend Fremont Finch, who has been confined to his bed for some days is, we are glad to note, able to get out and circulate among his many friends again.

Shelby County Sentinel, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, August 11, 1887

Married. At the residence of Mr. Melvin Gothards by Rev. M.W. Jones, John Enders to Mira May Murton on Sunday the 7th of August.

Frank Tracy, aged ten months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Finley, died at Calera yesterday. His remains were interred at Montevallo.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 16, 1911

Mrs. Horton Dead. Mrs. Safronia Horton died at her home in the Kingdom community Sunday night of apoplexy, aged 79 years, and was buried in the Williams cemetery Monday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. D.C. McNutt of this place.

Helena Items. Mrs. T.J. Cross spent last Wednesday at Pelham with the family of Ollie Cost.

Frank Davidson, of Birmingham, is at the home of his parents here quite ill. We wish for him an early recovery.

D.W. Sharbutt received a telegram Sunday afternoon announcing that his daughter, Mrs. Hester Crenshaw, was dangerously ill and not expected to live, and he and his children left for Chelsea on the A.B.&A. train.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, November 6, 1930

Westover. Mrs. Julia Moore of Westover was buried at Mt. Tabor church Sunday.

We learn that L.H. Bentley has a grist mill at Westover now.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 1, 1882

According to the census of 1880 the order of these States having over 1,000,000 inhabitants, and beginning with the greatest, is New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Michigan, Iowa, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia (the difference in the population of the last two was less than 200), Virginia, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Alabama, Mississippi and New Jersey.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 21, 1915

In Memory of William I. Miller. Shelby Springs, Jan. 16. – On Sunday, January 10th, when the sun was at her brightest glow the death angel came hovering over a home and claimed for its victim, William Irwing Miller, a father, grand-father and great grand-father. He was 78 years, 3 months and 15 days old. He was born in Lincoln County, Georgia, and moved to Alabama when 11 years old and has been a resident of Shelby County for a number of years. He joined the war when quite young and fought for his country under Gen. Robt. E. Lee, afterwards under Hood and Wheeler. Captured and carried to Rock Island, kept a prisoner the remaining part of the four years, returning home after the surrender. He married Mrs. Mary Martin (nee Jenkins) and to this union 13 children were born, of which 8 and his widow survive him, 20 grand-children and one great grand-child. The children are as follows: Mrs. R.C. Scoggins of Calera, W.J. Miller of Texas, John Miller of Gadsden, Mrs. C.B. Elliott of Columbiana, Mrs. B.J. Coker, Mrs. Susie Leonard and Mrs. Mollie Scott and Albert Miller of this place. God never gave wife or children a more faithful husband father. To his friends and neighbors he was ever ready to help when in need. His death came to all as a surprise. He was only ill 10 days with pneumonia. An immense crowd attended the funeral which was held at his home by Rev. Cantrell of Calera, after which the body was carried to its last resting place to await the day of judgment. A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still, A chair is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled. A Relative.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, September 9, 1982

Ware contribution to county remembered. Horace Ware got started early in life. At the age of seven he began learning the craft of iron making from his father, Johnathan. That was in Brierfield in the early 1820's. Within

20 years, Horace had built the Shelby Iron Works in the Shelby community, and by 1860 had added the state's first large rolling mill to it. When the Shelby County Historical Society did their census of cemeteries in the county, a decorative iron fence was discovered in the Columbiana cemetery. The fence is the only ironwork from Ware's foundry known to exist. And the Society began the effort to preserve it. Last week, several members of the organization, along with descendants of the Ware family, Columbiana Mayor Buck Falkner and two Boy Scouts and their leader, observed the completion of the project. Society President, Dr. Tom Caldwell called attention to the brass plaque placed on the fence by the city, Ware's descendants and the Society. Under the supervision of Scoutmaster Bob Hume, Scouts Todd Nicholson and Brandon Blankenship did the restoration work as part of their Eagle project. Moulds, castings and other materials needed for the work was donated locally by Allied Cast Products and Simsco. Descendants of Ware present for the occasion expressed appreciation to all responsible for the restoration. They included Richard M. Coe, Ware's great grandson from Birmingham, and Society member Ed Roberts who descended from Ware's sister Hannah. Society member Kate Reese was instrumental in locating descendants and also for coordinating donations for the decorative plaque. Caldwell said the project was done to preserve the important of the Ware Family and Shelby County, to Alabama's iron industry. Ware, starting with a reported investment of \$1,000, built in 15 short years a manufacturing center, around the Shelby Iron Works. The community included homes for some 300 people, a saw mill, grist mill, school, church, and cupola and foundry. His daughter, Roxanna, died in 1853 and was buried in the Ware plot. In 1862, his first wife, Martha Ann, died and was also buried there. By that time, ware had sold most of his interest in the Shelby Works. He moved from Shelby County and later developed iron production centers and mills in Anniston, Sheffield and Texas. Until he died in 1890, Ware apparently always remembered his Shelby County roots, In 1881, when checking into the Relay House in a new town known as Birmingham, he listed his home as Columbiana. He died in Birmingham in 1890.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, June 27, 1963

Accident Fatal To Lex Clifford Ozley. Late Monday afternoon, June 24, while a power shovel was being driven out of the Quarry of Southern Cement Company, near Montevallo, there was a fatal accident. The operator of the shovel, Lex C. Ozley, was fatally injured when the shovel toppled over on him. Mr. Ozley had already cleared the incline from the Quarry and the shovel was on a very slight grade at the time of the accident, according to company officials. Mr. Ozley had been an employee of this company for more than 13 years and had a perfect safety record during this entire period. The Quarry has been in operation since 1949 and this is the first fatal accident. Southern Cement Co., which is a division of Martin Marietta Corporation, has an enviable safety record and was recently awarded a 1000-day certificate from Portland Cement Association for operating this length of time without a lost time accident. The company has also been awarded the Sentinel of Safety Trophy from Portland Cement Association as well as a National Safety Council Certificate. Mr. Ozley was a resident of Calera and was 51 years old. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Ozley and one daughter, Mrs. Jane Poole and son-in-law, Flinnis Pool, one granddaughter, Lucinda Jane Poole of Murphreesboro, Tenn. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Calera Baptist Church with Rev. M.E. Blackburn and Rev. Glenn Gring officiating. Burial in Salem Cemetery.

The Shelby Chronicle, Thursday, February 23, 1893

Sterrett Short Stops. Sterrett has the honor of furnishing the logs and poles to build the old time rustic log cabins with stick and dirt chimneys, for the world's fair at Chicago.

The Shelby Chronicle, Thursday, March 2, 1893

W.B. Hubbard lost his dwelling on his plantation near Weaver's Station, one day last week, by fire. Loss about \$1,200; insurance, \$600.

Joseph Verchot is having a large quantity of wood hauled on his place, near the big spring, and will operate a brickyard there, beginning in early summer. He has our earnest hope for success.

James Elliott moved his family last week into the Anchor's residence, one square from Main, on West College street.

John Bridges died Sunday at his home near Shelby Springs, aged about 55 years, of consumption.

Shelby County Reporter, December 28, 1944

Aged Resident Passed Away Last Thursday. Mrs. J.C. Reinhardt, 77, of Columbiana, better known as "Mother Reinhardt" passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E.M. Young, in Columbiana last Thursday night, December 21. Mrs. Reinhardt lived in Wilsonville until several years ago when she came here to make her home. Funeral services were held in the Columbiana Baptist Church, Saturday afternoon with the Rev. J.L. Rowe, pastor, and Rev. Kirk Lucas, Wilsonville, conducting the services. Interment was in the Wilsonville cemetery, Walton in charge. Surviving Mrs. Reinhardt are eight children: Chester J. Reinhardt; Mrs. E.M. Young, Columbiana; Horace W. Reinhardt, Thorsby; Onnie L. Reinhardt, Welch Cove, North Carolina; Seale R. Reinhardt; Mrs. W.T. Smith, Matewan, West Virginia; Tom M. Reinhardt, Wilsonville; and J.C. Reinhardt, Jr., Springfield, Ohio. Sixteen grandchildren: Miss Nina Faye Reinhardt, Miss Billie Jean Young, Miss Tommie Rose Reinhardt, Birmingham; Hubert E. Reinhardt, U.S. Navy; Jones T. Reinhardt, U.S. Army, Seymour, Indiana, Mrs. Charles Cleckler, Mobile; Mrs. Bobbie Minor, Thorsby; Mrs. Franklin Parker, Jimmie Reinhardt, Lee Reinhardt, Wilsonville; Joe Young, Columbiana; Alec and Ann Reinhardt, Springfield, Ohio; Miss Peggy Smith, Athens, Ohio; Jeff and Tom Smith, Matewan, West Virginia. Four great grand children: John Mac and Don Mike Reinhardt, Birmingham; Linda Seale Cleckler, Mobile; Dianne Minor, Thorsby; and one sister, Mrs. W.D. Bearden, Columbiana.

Shelby County Reporter, February 14, 1929

J.C. Reinhardt of Wilsonville Died Sunday Night. J.C. Reinhardt, prominent and useful citizen of Wilsonville, died at his home Sunday night after an illness of only a few hours of a heart attack. Mr. Reinhardt was in church Sunday morning and in his capacity as deacon of the church was assisting in the communion service when he was taken ill. He grew worse throughout the afternoon and passed away in the early evening. Funeral services were held Monday, the service being in charge of his pastor, Rev. L.E. Kelly, assisted by Rev. J.W. Dean of Columbiana. Surviving Mr. Reinhardt, besides his wife are two daughters, Mrs. E.M. Young and Mrs. W.T. Smith and seven sons, T.M., Horace W., Seale, Onnie, Chester, Howard, and J.C. Reinhardt, Jr.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, May 12, 1898

Paul Varnon Drowned. A Selma special dated May 8th, to the age-Herald says: Paul Varnon, age 16, and his brother Robert, age 13, left home this evening, telling their mother they were going to a boys' meeting at the Y.M.C.A. Instead, with two other companions, they went up the river looking for berries. Reaching an inviting spot about a mile from town, a proposition was made and accepted to go in swimming. The water was very cold and suddenly Paul Varnon was taken with a cramp and called for help. His companions thought at first he was joking, with his second call showed the awful earnestness of the cry. Mr. John Eskridge, who happened to be sitting on the bank watching the boys, seeing that young Varnon was drowning, hastily threw off his clothes and shoes and swam to his rescue, but he was too late, and before the eyes of his young brother, the lad went down to a watery grave. Robert Varnon, frightened nearly to death, hastened home to his widowed mother and told of the fate of his brother. His mother is frantic with grief. Every effort to find the body by dragging and the use of dynamite proved in vain. Young Varnon is well connected. The many friends of Mrs. Varnon and family in this place, her old home, sympathize with her deeply in this distressing affection. Paul is remembered here as an interesting and manly little fellow giving promise to a useful manhood, and his untimely death is much deplored.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 28, 1899

A young lady arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Albright last Sunday afternoon and will remain there

for the future. To commemorate the event Mr. Albright wore his Sunday go-to-meeting clothing several days this week.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, August 17, 1899

Mrs. Martha Lee was born in Jefferson County, Ala., if not in Tennessee, about the year 1820. The old family record was destroyed by fire several years ago, hence we can not be precise in dates. Her maiden name was Martha Ray. She was married to Edward Lee, generally known among his acquaintances as Ned Lee, in 1833 ... She had been the mother of twelve children, five boys and seven girls, six of whom are now living, two sons and four daughters. She had been a widow about eight years, and had lived a while in Mississippi ... She was the mother of Mrs. Mary A. Strickland, wife of Mr. Andrew Strickland, of Columbiana, from whose home she passed into "that rest which remaineth to the people of God"

Died at her father's residence on Fourmile, July 22, Miss Clarice Spearman, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. David Spearman

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 6, 1899

News has reached here of the murder of Whitewright, Tex., of Jones Reinhart, who formerly lived in this county, where his brother, Jeff Reinhart, now resides.

A two-year-old-baby of Mr. John Porter, of Blocton, was buried here Sunday, having died quite suddenly. Mr. Porter and wife received the sympathy of their many friends here. They spent several days this week in our midst.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 13, 1899

Elder J.H.R. Carden. From the Alabama Baptist. James Henry Reuben Carden, born in Greene county, removed temporarily to St. Clair but was brought up mainly in Shelby by his grandparents, having lost both his parents while a small child, died on Yellow Leaf, Shelby county, June 9th, aged 78. On the 10th I buried him at Bethesda (Four Mile church)

The Shelby News, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, October 20, 1892

The Shelby Springs Hotel burned last Friday night. This is a great loss to Shelby county and the health seeking and pleasure loving people of Alabama, and we earnestly hope that the damage may be repaired in time for the next springs season. There was about \$7000 insurance on the springs property, but we are not informed as to how much insurance was on the hotel property.

The Birmingham News, Friday, July 7, 1893

SHELBY SPRING, ALA. - SEASON 1893. Shelby Springs will open for the reception of guests June 10th. Any one wishing a nice place to spend the heated term, could do no better than to go to Shelby. Furnished cottages for rent, with or without board; hot and cold sulphur baths. For further particulars address, H.H. Baker, M'gr., Shelby Spring, Ala.

The Birmingham News, July 15, 1902

SHELBY SPRINGS. The new dining room at Shelby Springs will be opened on the evening of July 17th with a grand ball. All friends of this famous resort are cordially invited. In the meantime, guests can be nicely accommodated. J.W. M'Mahan, Manager.

The Birmingham News, Tuesday, May 9, 1905

SUMMER RESORTS. The Best Place for a Vacation is the Famous Shelby Springs, Alabama. Among the picturesque hills of Shelby county. Cool nights, no malaria, no mosquitoes, new hotel, splendid garden, poultry yards, dairy and improvements in all departments, Shelby Springs waters are various sulphurs, iron magnesia

and freestone. They cure female troubles, diseases of the stomach, bowels, kidneys and bladder. They are unfailing remedy for rheumatism and blood disorders. Shelby Springs is the place to rest, to build up and get strong. Try it. Telephone to all points. Write for rates and booklet. J.A. MacKnight, Manager.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 17, 1906

Fire At Shelby Springs. Fire destroyed the large hotel at Shelby Springs Tuesday night, together with everything in it. We could not learn how the fire originated, but are informed that insurance was carried on the building in the amount of \$4,000. The pavilion was also burned.

The Chronicle, Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama, Thursday, February 8, 1900

SHELBY. On the 31st day of January the Dannemora House (a.k.a. Shelby Hotel) was entirely destroyed by fire. When discovered the flames were bursting out of the room of the east wing. An alarm was sounded, and a large number of men soon gathered. By earnest efforts a great deal of furniture was saved, though most of it in a damaged condition. Some silver ware, crockery and carpets were lost. Mr. and Mrs. Wade, who was running the hotel, were the largest losers. Soon after was discovered hose was attached to a hydrant and a powerful stream of water turned on the house occupied by Mr. William Crossett, and though it was but a few feet from the burning building it was saved. The post-office building was also saved by a continuous application of water to the roof. A serious accident occurred during the fire, a falling chimney striking Thomas Bierly, one of the Company's engineers, on the head. Dr. Parker dressed the wound, and the patient is expected to recover. The new hotel building will be opened this week by Mr. and Mrs. Wade. (It was reported in the February 22, 1900 issue of The Chronicle that "Mr. Thomas Bierly, who was injured in the recent fire, was out again Saturday.")

Shelby Chronicle, Thursday, May 15, 1884

SHELBY IRON WORKS HOTEL We are informed that at the last meeting of the stockholders of Shelby Iron Works it was decided to build a large addition to the hotel building in order to accommodate the large number of regular boarders there, besides the transient customers. The work has already been commenced and they are going to add room enough to make thirty-five. Mrs. Huyett is to remain in charge until the work is completed, and then it is to be run by a northern man. It will be a complete hotel when finished.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 26, 1884

Dots from Shelby Iron Works. The hotel is being pushed forward toward completion and will, when finished, be second to none in this county. Large and well ventilated, and nicely finished up and furnished, and the table will be supplied with the best the county affords and Calera will no longer be able to boast of having the best hotels in the county.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 7, 1909

The Calera school house, formerly the residence of J.D. Hardy, and one of the best houses in the town was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night Dec. 26. The loss is a severe one as there is no other building in which the school can be held. Only \$1,500 of insurance was carried upon it.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 4, 1909

Calera Items. The new two-story brick school house is nearing completion, and it will be one of the finest public school houses in the county. It has been erected under direction of C.W. Wade. The second floor forms a spacious auditorium.

The Shelby Chronicle, Thursday, February 7, 1884

A New Jail Needed. The Grand Jury have called the attention of the Commissioners to the condition of the jail several times and it is getting about time they give the matter their attention. It has been insecure for a long time and prisoners have very little trouble making their escape. Shelby county is out of debt and also has surplus cash in the treasury, and can easily build a good jail without missing the money. To let the jail remain in its present

insecure condition would be to invite criminals to escape, and would be a hardship on the officers. The deputy-sheriff is compelled by law to hold the prisoners or he does not receive his jailer's fee. Now how can he be expected to keep prisoners in an insecure jail. Let the commissioners give this important matter their immediate attention. It is their duty.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 21, 1914

Fire Sweeps Entire Block. Occupied by H. Gordon & Company and The Judge Co., The Telephone Exchange and Offices of Browne, Leeper & Koenig, W.L. Longshore, J.L. Peters, J.E. Miles and the Shoe Shop were entirely destroyed. Heroic Work Saved The Little Village From Complete Destruction. Fire destroyed the Liles and Johnston buildings early this morning (Wednesday). The fire was discovered about 12 o'clock Tuesday night in the Liles building, and the alarm was soon given. Nearly every citizen in town turned out and done heroic work to save adjoining buildings, which was successful. The stock of goods of H. Gordon & Company, and the Judge Company were partly saved, but both stocks were considerably damaged in moving. The grist mill of the Judge Company was completely destroyed. The second floor of the Liles building was occupied by the law firms of Browne, Leeper & Koenig, J.L. Peters, W.L. Longshore, J.E. Miles and the Southern Bell Telephone Co. There was nothing saved in any of the law offices or in the telephone exchange. The Advocate office, opposite the Liles building, was saved from the burning flames by the heroic work of both white and colored. The residence of L.D. Tatum near by caught on fire several times, but was soon extinguished. The store of Max Lefkovits was slightly damaged by the flames ... The Advocate office and building was considerably damaged by water, with no insurance. The court house was slightly damaged. The barber shop of Emmett McClanahan was also damaged ... The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Shelby Guide, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 5, 1872

Col. M.J. Williams, for many years connected with the Selma press and at the time of his death one of the proprietors of the Montgomery Advertiser, died at Shelby Springs on Thursday last.

The Shelby Guide, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 19, 1872

Fire. We learn by parties from Shelby Springs that a fire occurred there Monday night which destroyed the Saw Mill and Tannery formerly owned by Mr. Phares. The fire is supposed to be the act of an incendiary.

The new telegraph line along the South and North Railroad from Calera to Birmingham was opened yesterday. Our young friend Bob Pope, late telegraph operator at this place, we learn, will have charge of the Birmingham office. By the 1st of October the line will be open to from Montgomery to Decatur.

Miss Mary Bradfield, living at Helena, in this county, died one day last week, from being burned by kerosene oil, under the following circumstances: Some one near the fire place was filling a lamp with kerosene, from an open vessel when it took fire and they threw it out of the door as Miss Bradfield was coming in, covering her with the burning oil.

A difficulty occurred in town last Monday between Elias Weaver and Charles Mason, brothers-in-law, which resulted in the former being shot with a pistol by the latter, in the region of the short ribs. Mason had an examination before justices A.M. Elliott and R.D. Evans, Tuesday, and was discharged from custody on the ground of self-defense. At this writing, Wednesday evening, Weaver is doing well.

Sad Accident. On yesterday evening, our little son, Osce, in endeavoring to get on the train of the Shelby Iron Company, while in motion, either lost his hold or missed the step on the car, was caught by the wheel, which passed diagonally over the ankle joint, crushing and splitting the bone half way up the leg, causing amputation just below the knee necessary. The operation was performed by Dr. DuBose assisted by Drs. Morgan and Hubbard, and we are glad to know that he is doing well. We attach no blame to Mr. Herndon, the engineer, save that he is too indulgent toward the little boys who gather around his train, and we only regret that he did not

exercise the authority he has, to prevent them from getting on his train. We have feared for some time that some bad accident would occur and unless little Osce's sad misfortune should prove a sufficient warning to other little boys, we fear we may soon be called upon to notice the death of some other from the like cause. Our patrons will pardon any shortcomings in this issue and for several others in the future, as our duty will require our almost constant presence with our unfortunate and suffering child.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 23, 1899

In a wreck which occurred on the Saginaw Lumber Co's railway last week Mr. Bill Whitfield was killed, and several other parties seriously injured. The engine was derailed and several of the cars were thrown from the track and considerably shaken up. The wreck occurred near Ganadarque, and a dead tree across the track was the cause. Mr. Whitfield, who was an employee of the company, was a married man and leaves a wife and several children. This is the second death to occur on that road since its establishment.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, February 7, 1889

Last week, Mr. James W. Mason purchased from Mr. Enoch Seale the place belonging to the latter, one and one half miles north of town.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 9, 1909

Brick Yard Changes Hands A deal was consummated Tuesday in which the Columbiana Brick Company was bought by Drs. H.J. and H.I. Williams and W.E. Finley. We understand that more machinery will be installed and that the business will be operated on a large scale.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 21, 1909

Local Brick Works. Up-To-Date Plant In Operation Near Cotton Gin. Good work is being done by the Columbiana Brick Works, which are now owned by Dr. Hart Williams, and operated by Will Finley. One oven to burn 60,000 at a time has been completed, and another of the same capacity is being built. The plant has a capacity for molding about 20,000 smooth brick per day, and is so nearly automatic that only a small force is required to handle it. This enterprise will show Columbiana businessmen what can be done with all sorts of productive industries here.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Ala., Wednesday, May 7, 1890

Buildings at Shelby. Contracts have been signed by the Alabama Coal and Iron Company, and S. Larned for the erection and completion before October 1st, of a 50-room, three-story hotel building, and a two-story brick store and bank building for Shelby. The hotel will be all that a skillful designer can make it, and will be as handsome as any modern town could wish. Large, spacious verandas, parlors, sample rooms, smoking and writing alcove, well finished dining rooms, in fact, as complete a building in its appointments as it can be. The exterior is attractive with its towers and upper stories and roofs of stained shingles. The bank building, being on a corner lot, is well lighted and shows a neat front to both streets. The second story is for offices. While not extravagant, the buildings are attractive, and will do their part to advertise the beauty of the new city. The architects are Messrs. Chisolm & Green.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Ala., Wednesday, July 23, 1890

Heavy Castings From Shelby. Work on the hotel is progressing, and ere long Shelby can boast of a fine large hotel for the accommodation of boomers and the public generally.

The first story of the bank building is about up, and when finished Shelby will have one brick building in the city limits.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Alabama, Thursday, January 18, 1900

BRIDGETON. The new school house and Odd Fellows Hall will add much to our place, when finished.

Died, at the home of his son, Mr. J.W. Farley, on Dec. 27th, Mr. Asbury Farley, aged 86 years. He was one of the oldest citizens in the county. He had made this his home for a number of years, and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves a large number of relatives to mourn his death.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 13, 1924

T.W. Kimble Passes Away. Thomas W. Kimble died at his home two miles west of Columbiana last Thursday afternoon, March 6th, at 1 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks with heart trouble. Mr. Kimble had been a citizen of this community for the past thirty seven years, moving to this place from Tallapoosa County. He was born and reared in Georgia. Mr. Kimble was an upright Christian gentleman, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was a Confederate soldier, and a member of the Baptist Church. He was 80 years old on the 25th of last October. He is survived by his wife; one son, Bosh L. Kimble of Loraine, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. E.L. Fulton of Saginaw; Mrs. E. Wells and Miss Sallie Kimble of near this place, and several grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at Summer Hill Church by Rev. E.S. Barnes of Wilsonville, and Revs. T.K. Roberts, W.A. Mays and John Milner of this place, and interment was made in the Summer Hill cemetery.

Miss Sallie Horton of the Kingdom community, had a stroke of paralysis on her right side one day last week.

LaFayette Joiner. Died at his home four miles northwest of Columbiana on Wednesday of last week, and was buried in the Mose Davis cemetery last Thursday. He was well known in Columbiana.

George Roberson Hung Last Friday. George Roberson was hung in the county jail here last Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock for the murder of William Murphy near here last July. The trap was sprung by Deputy Sheriff L.T. Godwin, and at 9:43 Doctors Joel Chandler, E.G. Givhan, Pugh and Smith pronounced him dead. His neck was broken. Roberson confessed to the large crowd present in front of the jail just before he was hung, that he had killed thirteen persons, including Murphy. In his statement, he said he killed Murphy in self defense. Roberson said in his talk that if he had not killed Murphy, that Levi Verchot of this place was his next man to kill, as he had whipped him. He also said that he had once been offered \$5000 to kill Murphy. He said just before he was hung, that he was willing to go, and had nothing against any one. He said he hoped to meet them all in heaven. After he was pronounced dead his body was turned over to his wife and relatives for burial, which took place Friday afternoon.

Passenger Train Wrecked Friday. Passenger train No. 9 on the Southern was wrecked one and a half miles south of the depot at this place last Friday night about 6 o'clock. The wreck was caused by a broken axle under the tender, so we learn. The track was torn up for some distance. The mail and baggage car turned over, but the first and second class coaches remained upright, and also the engine. There were several passengers on the train, but none were injured, but they were shaken up considerably by the cars bumping over the ties. It is a miracle that none were hurt in the wreck. The mail clerk was badly bruised up, but nothing serious, we learn. The express messenger received only a few bruises about his body. None of the train crew were injured. As soon as the news of the wreck was received in Columbiana, quite a number of our citizens went to the scene to give aid to the passengers. Prof. R.E. Parker and Miss Laura Winters of this place, and Geo. W. Morgan of Montevallo, were among the passengers on the train. The train was in charge of conductor J.W. Little and the engineer Bud Sanders, both of Wilton. A relief train was sent to the scene and the few passengers who remained at the wreck and the train crew were carried to Wilton and other points on the line. The road was cleared for traffic Saturday morning about 9 o'clock.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Ala., Thursday, August 6, 1885

Columbiana steadily improves all the time with six hotels, three schools, five churches, and other institutions too numerous to mention. In the words of Talladega, we are on the bald-head boom and don't you forget it.

Frank Nelson has received the elegant new Chandalier and swinging lamps with electric burners for the Methodist church.

The church committee consisting of Frank Nelson, chairman, A.M. Elliott, I.D. Mason, H.M. Millstead, John W. Johnston, T.P. Roberts, and A.H. Weaver, met at the Clerks office in the court house Saturday night, and received and paid for frescoing the Methodist church, it is certainly a thing of beauty, and reflects much credit on Mess, Abbott and Adams the painters. Columbiana can now boast of the handsomest church in Shelby county.

Frank Nelson Jr. is making extensive improvements in the grocery department of his business, also in his cotton yard, and when completed he will have one of the largest and most handsome business houses in Shelby county.

The Shelby Sentinel, Thursday, August 26, 1880

A Sad Affair. A Young Man and Two Young Ladies Drowned in the Coosa River. On last Sunday evening as a party of ladies and gentlemen, consisting of Mr. Newton Atchison and his daughter, Miss Sue, of Talladega county, Mr. H. Worthy, Mr. Zeb. Johnson and Miss Mary Seale, of Shelby, were crossing the river from the Talladega side, just above old Fort William ferry in a skiff, the frail boat which was old, small and unsafe, was capsized by the waves just before reaching the shore on this side, and all the occupants thrown into the water. All managed to get hold of the boat and held on to it for some time. Two of the gentlemen, Messrs. Worthy and Atchison, could not swim and were consequently unable to render the ladies any assistance. Mr. Johnson was a fine swimmer; and did what he could to rescue the young ladies, and probably would have succeeded had not one of them got hold of him and held him until both were drowned. The wind was blowing almost a gale, and the water had been rendered quite rough thereby, and it was next to impossible to hold on to the upturned skiff. Both of the young ladies, Miss Seale and Miss Atchison, and Mr. Zeb. Johnson, were drowned. Mr. Worthy and Mr. Atchison succeeded in holding to the boat and were saved. Several persons were standing on the bank, among them Mr. Wm. Seale, the father of Miss Seale, but they had no boat and could render no assistance and were forced to see them drown before their eyes, while they were powerless to prevent it. The party had been at or near Fayetteville, attending a singing school exercise, and were returning home, accompanied by Mr. Atchison and his daughter. Some of the party had just crossed over the river, and the skiff had been carried back and was bringing over the remainder when the sad accident occurred. The bodies were recovered a few hours afterwards. It is very rare that so sad an affair as this one happens, and the crushing sorrow that it brings with it is beyond expression the whole community in the vicinity of the accident is sorrowful and depressed, while the neighborhood in which the unfortunate once resided mourn their untimely fate, and sympathize with the families and friends in their great bereavement.

The Shelby Sentinel, Thursday, September 9, 1880

Died. At her home, in this county, July 28, of consumption, Miss Ann Poindexter. She was a member of the Methodist Church. The last month of her life was spent as an invalid, and considering her welfare here, her present peaceful sleep in death can only be considered as a blessed release from pains and sufferings. But her death has left an aching void in the hearts of her family and many friends. But as she died in the full hope of an immortal happiness with the Savior, whom she loved while here, we can only "pass under the rod" of His love, and comfort ourselves with the assurance that it will be our privilege to meet her on the pearly strand, where no tears ever dim the radiant eye; where all is love, joy, peace and rest." Mary Horton.

The Shelby Sentinel, Thursday, November 15, 1888

Murder At Montevallo. Saturday was a bloody day in Montevallo. W.W. Shortridge, a lawyer there, was frightfully cut, and young Bob Nabors, son of Mr. French Nabors, was murdered. The following are the facts as near as can be ascertained: Shortridge and Bob Nabors were both drinking. They went to the rear of Cary's law office, and there got into a fight. No one went in to separate them, and they fought until exhausted. When Nabors came out Shortridge was taken up, and was found to have very serious injuries about the head and neck,

one or two arteries being cut, and his head bruised so he could scarcely be recognized. Bob Nabors walked on up the street, and passing a negro store he grabbed at a negro boy named "Muss" Keenan. The negro stepped back into the store and Nabors caught at him again. The negro then grabbed a gun lying on the counter and dealt him a blow on the head, fracturing the skull just above the temple. The negro then run, and was pursued by several and shot and once, but he managed to escape, and has not been heard from. Nabors was taken to a private house and had immediate and skillful attention, but never regained consciousness, and died in a few hours. He was buried on Sunday evening.

Married. At the residence of Mr. Judge Carter on the 7th inst. By Esqr. J.F. McLane, Mr. M.F. Comer to Miss Laura Keith. The best wishes of a host of friends are that their future may be one of uninterrupted happiness and prosperity.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 6, 1924

Mrs. Mary Curlee. Mrs. Mary Curlee, aged 70, died at the home of Sam Lovett near Shelby last Saturday night after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Curlee was highly esteemed in the Shelby community where she had resided for many years. She was a Christian woman and a member of the Methodist Church. She is survived by several children, among them being O.K. and Newman Curlee of Shelby. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Revs. T.K. Roberts and W.A. Mays and interment was made in the Williams cemetery near Shelby.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, April 12, 1928

W.T. Taylor Dies Following An Operation. W.T. Taylor, prominent and widely known citizen of Wilsonville, died at a hospital in Sylacauga Tuesday morning, following an operation for appendicitis which he had Friday, April 6. He was 68 years old. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. D.Z. Woolley of Enterprise, a former pastor, were held in the Wilsonville Baptist church Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the Wilsonville cemetery. The remains lay in state in the church for several hours and hundreds passed by for a last look at their friend. Included in the number were a large number of colored people. The funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held in this part of the state, and a profusion of beautiful flowers attested the esteem in which Mr. Taylor was held. Mr. Taylor had made his home at Wilsonville for the past twenty years. He was a member of the Baptist church. He was widely known over Alabama as president of the Taylor Construction Company which he organized about 15 years ago. Four of his sons were associated with him in construction work and his company handled some of the largest contracts ever let in the state, including the Birmingham-Montgomery highway through Shelby county. Surviving Mr. Taylor are his wife and six sons, J.C. Taylor of Birmingham; W.A. Taylor of Sylacauga; S.C. Taylor of Birmingham; W.T. Taylor, Jr., clerk of the circuit court of Shelby county, R.S. Taylor of Andalusia and R.H. Taylor of Hickory, N.C. These six sons acted as pall bearers. Honorary pall bearers were: W.E. Riddle, W.A. Brasher, D.R. Spearman, Jas. Evans, J.B. Turner and Judge L.B. Riddle.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, September 21, 1933

Ten Prisoners Escaped From Jail Monday A.M. Believed To Have Had Keys With Which To Open Doors. Ten prisoners, six white and four Negroes escaped from the Shelby County jail sometime between 12 o'clock and 1 o'clock Monday morning. Six others, 2 white and four Negroes with equal opportunity to get out remained in the jail. The names of this escaping with the charges against them are: whites, Taylor Bush, Columbus Carter, W.T. Bratton, distilling; John Randall, carnal knowledge; Pratt Northcutt and Ernest Powell. Northcutt and Powell were serving sentences for burglary and were brought to Columbiana Friday as witnesses in a burglary case to be tried Monday. Negroes, Robt. Williams, Louis Curry, Willie Powell, burglary; Charlie Brown, assault with intent to murder. The men used a key or keys in making their escape and left the doors of the jail open behind them. They passed through four doors that were locked, two on the second floor and two on the first floor. Deputy R.F. Lyon, in charge of the jail, after talking with the prisoners who did not escape, gave

it as his opinion that two keys were used, one by the whites and another by the Negroes. Evidence pointed also to the connection of a young woman, who had been a frequent visitor to one of the prisoners, with the escape.

The Shelby News, Thursday, April 30, 1891

Fire. The court house of Shelby county, caught on fire Tuesday last, and at the time it appeared that the building would burn down. The records was removed, county court being in session at the time the fire was discovered and a large crowd was in attendance. The fire originated from some unknown cause in roof of the building and on the inside of the roof. A colored prisoner, charged with some offense was in the court at the time of the fire awaiting trial, quickly volunteered his services to go up through the scuttle hole, did so, and speedily put out the fire, willing hands promptly furnished him with the necessary water. Had the fire occurred at night, the court house, records and all would have burned down. The prisoner should be discharged for by his prompt action, as inestimable sum of money and other property has been saved to Shelby county. Damage about fifty dollars.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Thursday, November 27, 1884

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. David Adams, in this place on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., Mr. M. Campbell and Miss Felicia Adams, Rev. M.W. Jones officiating. The Sentinel extends congratulations, and wishes the young couple a long life of happiness.

Died, on Nov. 26, at Pratt, Edens & Co., saw-mill, Jas. Florence, formerly of Overton, Texas.

The steam gins in this section seem to be doing a good business just now. Moss's gin at this place, up to this time, has turned out 142 bales, and is still crowded with cotton. Millstead's gin at Columbiana, has turned out about 160 bales, and is also still crowded with cotton. From present indications the cotton crop in this section will not fall short of last year.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Thursday, January 1, 1885

Calera can show more new houses than any town we know of.

Mr. Sam Kennedy, after a pleasant visit of two weeks to East Tennessee, is again at his post in the ticket office. Mrs. Kennedy returned home with him.

The water-power mill of T.R. Wagner, at Siluria, this county, is daily growing in popularity with the people, because nothing but the very best meal is turned out from this mill. Grinding done every day in the week.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Thursday, November 13, 1884

Died. At her home in this place on Monday last, after a protracted illness, Mrs. Biddy Seale, wife of Enoch Seale, Esq., aged about seventy-three years. The deceased was a most excellent lady, and during a busy life was honored, respected and loved by a large circle of friends and relatives. She leaves a devoted husband behind, who has for a long number of years walked beside her, and a number of descendent children and grandchildren. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the aged husband bereaved as he is of the companion of his youthful as well as of his mature years, and also to the stricken relatives. But their loss is her eternal gain. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.W. Jones at the cemetery, in accordance with the request of the deceased, on Sunday morning last, and all that was mortal of a loved wife and mother was laid to rest beneath the sod.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Thursday, November 6, 1884

J.J. Gregg. Our Weldon correspondent gives us the sad news of the death of the gentleman named above. His many friends in all sections of the county will hear of Joe Gregg's death with sorrow. A good man, a good citizen, and a true patriot, has passed away.

The Eutaw [Greene County Alabama] Whig and Observer, Thursday, January 1, 1880

Died, near Harpersville, Shelby county. Ala. Dec. 9th, 1879, Mrs. Louisa Walton Creswell, wife of Sam'l Criswell, Esq., formerly of Eutaw. She was born at St. Stephen's, Ala., February 18, 1823, and was married at Strawberry Hill, Greene county, March 27, 1845. The death of Mrs. Criswell is a sad lose to her household, to society, and to the church of God. To those who knew her, no eulogy is needed. She was universally esteemed and beloved for her virtues and accomplishments. Generally endowed by nature, and refined by a liberal culture and contact with the best society, she was eminently fitted to adorn the sphere in which Providence cast her lot. Possessing an attractive person, fine conversational powers, and winning manners, she was an ornament to society; and her evident sincerely and truthfulness of character, and her frank, open, unpretending bearing won the heart of her friends and made her a general favorite. But it was at home that her virtues shined out brightest. She was the queen and idle of her household. Her excellent judgment, her domestic efficiencies and her firm but loving control commanded the respect and confidence of her husband and children; and her affection and devotion as wife and mother, secured her their individual love. The heart of her husband did safely trust in her; and her children rose up and called her blessed. Mrs. Creswell was a consistent and beloved member of the Presbyterian Church for nearly forty years. Her Christian hope, at time cumbered with doubt in the days of her prosperity, shone out clearer and brighter amidst the shadows of adversity, which in the providence of God, were thrown around her in her later years and the trying hours of death, it was an anchor for her soul, sure and steadfast. The Son of man came suddenly, but she was found ready. Though not in robust health, there was a reasonable prospect that she would be spared yet many years to her beloved family. The attack which ended her precious life was of scarce two days continuance. She regained her consciousness until the last, and passed away with the petitions of a fervent, touching prayer upon her dying lips. She was deeply interested in the prosperity of Zion and valued it sacred ordinances. She had been active in securing the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Harpersville which was consummated but a few weeks before her death, and had the joy of seeing her husband ordained one of its Ruling Elders, a fitting close to her pious life. "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write blessed of the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." May the God of all comfort bind upon the bereaved hearts of husband and children, and give them grace to bow in submission to his holy will. They mourn not as others who have no hope. May they be gathered an unbroken household in the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, April 1, 1897

In Memory. Of little Gertrude Cross, daughter of A.J.E. and Liddy Cross, who departed this life March 23rd, 1897. She has gone to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and is "waiting and watching at the beautiful gate" for those who are left behind. May the parents so live as to meet the precious little one in heaven, where their faces shall no more be pale or sad; no more breaches in friendship, nor parting of friends asunder; no more trouble accompanying their relations, nor voice of lamentations heard in their dwellings. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. N.H. Cross. Highland, March 27, 1897.

Died. At 6 o'clock, p.m., Tuesday last Mrs. Wyatt, wife of Rev. D.Y. Wyatt, of Spring Creek, died after an illness of 10 months. She had lived a long and pious life and has been ready for the departure since early after she was taken ill, being perfectly resigned to the Master's will; and when the messenger came, passed over the river quietly and happily. The deceased leaves an aged and honored husband, sons and daughters and grand children to mourn her departure, but they know she is not lost, that they can, by living as she lived, "meet her on the other shore."

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, April 29, 1897

A Negro tramp calling himself Tony Franklin and hailing from Montgomery was shot in the railroad yards in the northern part of the city on Tuesday night by some unknown party. His wounds are in the side of the head and face, and seem to have been made by shot, and while quite painful may not be very serious.

Three or four Negro boys were arrested by the city authorities yesterday on evidence implicating them in the shooting of the Negro tramp, Tony Franklin, in the railroad yards on Tuesday night. It is probably that other arrests may follow.

In Memoriam. Died suddenly at his home in this city on Thursday the 22d instant, Mr. Joseph Vivian Teague, an old and highly respected citizen. The deceased was a native of England and was born at Redruth, Cornwall, England, on the 9th of June, 1827, hence was in his 70th year. He came to America in 1841, and spent several years of his life in the northern portion of the United States and in Canada. He married Miss Sarah A. Ward, who survives him, at Tunnel Hill, Ga., in the year 1856. He came to this section in 1854, at the time that the South and North Alabama railroad was being built, and engaged in work on grading contract for the road between this place and Montgomery. During this time he purchased a home near South Calera, where he resided for several years and which he owned at the time of his death. In 1880 he moved to this place, where he has resided continually since. For several years past he has been an employee of the Southern railroad, holding his position under the various changes of name and management that the road has undergone. He was during the greater portion of this time in charge of the water tank and coal yard of the Southern at this place. He discharged the duties of this important trust faithfully and conscientiously, and to the full satisfaction of the railroad company. He was a strong and rugged character, possessing many sterling qualities. He was in many respects a typical Englishman, self-reliant, determined and persistent in the performance of duty. Whatever he pretended to do, he did well. It was a rule of his life to attend strictly to his own business and to let the business of others along. Sober and industrious, fair and honorable in his dealings, he made many friends. An honorable, generous, high toned man, a useful citizen, a kind husband and an indulgent parent, he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the people among whom he lived so long and who knew him so well. He will be greatly missed from the quiet walks of life where he has been so long a prominent figure. He was a believer in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church. He leaves a widow, a son, Mr. Joseph N. Teague, of Anniston; a daughter, Mrs. Sallie Dook, of this place; several grand children, and many friends to mourn his decease. The funeral services were held at his late residence on Friday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. C.L. Herring, after which the remains were laid to rest in the City cemetery, a large concourse of relatives and friends attending to pay the last tribute of affection and esteem.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, July 1, 1897

Death of William Ware. On Sunday morning, the 27th ult., the life of one of the most worthy and respectable colored citizens of this community went out when William Ware expired. The end came very suddenly and unexpectedly. On Saturday he was apparently in his usual good health and doubtless had no premonition of the dread summons. He was attacked about midnight with violent pains in the head, and in less than two hours his spirit had winged its flight. Congestion of the brain it is thought was the trouble. He was in charge of the plantation of Rev. J.P. Word at the time of his death and had been a trusted employee of Mr. Word for about seventeen years. During this long period he had ever been true and faithful to the interests of his employer and had won the confidence and esteem of the people among whom he lived. He was honest and faithful and true to the many trusts reposed in him and had conducted himself and became a good and law abiding citizen. He leaves an example worthy of imitation by his people, and demonstrates the appreciation in which honest, industry and true integrity of character is ever held. An humble colored man he was, it is true, but nevertheless it can be said of him that he was a good citizen and a christian gentleman.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, September 1, 1898

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Privett, on yesterday, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Taylor, of this place, on the 21st ult., a son.

Ormond, aged 11 years, the little son of Mr. Davis Green, died on Friday night last at his father's home near this place after an illness of several days.

Killed by Lightning. Vesta Robinson, aged fourteen years, was killed by lightning, on Thursday, the 25th ult., while at work in the cooper shop of the Calera Lime Works at this place. His father was painfully injured in 1886 by the explosion of the boiler of the saw mill of the Calera Land Co., about 200 yards from the place where Vesta met his death, and died from his injuries a few years afterwards. The deceased lived with his grandfather, Mr. Nathan Robinson, near Calera. He was a bright and promising youth, the idol of his grandparents, and his sudden and unexpected death was a sad bereavement. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Salem church on Friday. The sympathy of this entire community goes out to the aged couple in their sore distress.

Death of Oscar Pilgreen. Died, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Zilla Aldridge, in this place on Friday the 26th ult., after an illness of several days. Mr. Oscar Pilgreen, in the 21st year of his age. All that skilled physicians and faithful nursing could do to stay the grim destroyer was done but without avail. The death angel claimed him as his own, and the bright young spirit winged its flight to the God who gave it. He was the eldest son of Mr. Jesse Pilgreen, who was killed by the explosion of the boiler of the steam saw mill of the Calera Land Company in 1886, being the foreman of the mill at the time. He was a young man of excellent promise, was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was steady, reliable and attentive to business. For the past few years he had been in the employ of the railroads at this place and was a faithful and painstaking employee, respected and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. He would have attained his majority December next. A dutiful son, kind and considerate of his mother, she leaned on him with pride and confidence. Cut down in the bloom of young manhood, his death cast a gloom over this whole community, where he was reared and where he was so well known and so highly esteemed. His mother and an only brother, Norman Pilgreen, near his own age, survive him. Many friends sympathize with the bereaved ones in this hour of their sore allocation. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. T.M. Wilson, on last Saturday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery a large concourse of relatives and friends attending to pay the last tribute of love and respect.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, September 8, 1898

Mr. J.A. Macknight, a prominent Journalist of New York, mention of whose visit to this place and vicinity was made last week, has, we are pleased to learn, decided to locate at South Calera. He is, we understand, much pleased with this section of the country, and is especially delighted with our climate. He proposes to engage in agricultural pursuits primarily with the view a little later of starting up the machinery at South Calera which has been lying idle the past few years. He left Tuesday for New York and will return with his family and household goods about the first of October. The Sentinel extends him a cordial welcome to our Sunny Southland.

Died. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Taylor died yesterday at 1 p.m. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all in the loss of their little one.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, December 29, 1898

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Patterson, of Rock Springs, were visitors to the city yesterday. They were accompanied by a merry party of little girls and boys.

Ex-Gov. R.W. Cobb spent several hours in the city Monday.

Died. On Sunday inst., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Fields.

Killed in a Railroad Wreck. Mr. John Milstead, a flagman on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, was killed on Monday morning last in a freight wreck at Tuskaloosa. We have not learned the particulars of the sad event. The deceased was a young man well known in this place and vicinity. He was reared near South Calera, and has many relatives residing in this vicinity. He was a son-in-law of Mr. W.L. Shaw of South Calera. He leaves a

widow and two children, who have the sympathy of all in their said and sudden bereavement. The remains were brought to this place and laid to rest in the city cemetery on Tuesday.

A Tribute – To the Memory of a Friend and Associate. Mr. Jim Sessions, who was killed in an explosion at his father's mill on Nov. 26th, 1898, was a close friend and associate of the writer from infancy until the day of his death. We were rocked in the same cradle, nursed by the same mother, and played under the same shade trees, and since we grew to manhood's estate have been intimately associated. Jim was always fond with the best of associates. On the Sabbath he attended the church of God, mixing and mingling with good people. I have walked with him side by side, so to speak, from infancy and I never knew him to commit a malicious act. I was with him when he led the sweet girl to the altar for the marriage ceremony, who now survives him. Every act of his life showed an appreciation of her sweet efforts to make home happy, cheerful and attractive, and that home now in mourning was the ideal home – one that our community appreciated and one that God loved. "Those that God loves he oftimes chasteneth." Jim was the pet of the family and was loved by all who knew him. He held the church in high esteem and in his efforts and influence he did all he could to build up and promote morality and religion in the community in which he lived. He leaves his aged parents, several brothers and sisters and a sweet wife and little babe to mourn his death. To the bereaved relatives, and especially to the young wife and little one, we tender our deepest sympathy. A Friend and Associate.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, January 26, 1899

Death of Mr. Charles B. West. Mr. Charles B. West died at his home near Montevallo on Monday morning, the 23d, inst., aged about seventy years. He had been in feeble health for some time and his death was not altogether unexpected. He was an excellent citizen and for a long number of years had filled most acceptably the position of Justice of the Peace. Many friends in all sections of the county will hear of his death with regret. The Sentinel joins in sympathy with the bereaved ones.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Ala., Thursday, March 16, 1899

Ed Martin is rejoicing at the arrival of a bright boy baby at his house this week.

Dr. G.A.B. Smith, one of the old residents of the city, died yesterday, the 22nd inst., at 12 o'clock. He has been in declining health for some time, and for the past several months the disease of which he has suffered seems to have made more rapid progress. His interment will take place at 3:30 this afternoon. Wetumpka Herald, 23d. Dr. Smith was, for a number of years, a resident of Montevallo, in this county, and his many friends in this section will read the above notice with regret.

Brierfield Property Sold. The properties of the Alabama Steel and Iron Company, consisting of a blast furnace, and stock of iron at Brierfield, and vast quantities of coal and ore lands near that place, were sold by a decree of the United States Court at Columbiana on the 24th inst. The properties were bought in by a committee of the bondholders, who, it is understood, will undertake to effect a reorganization. The furnace and mines will probably be operated when the reorganization is effected. The amount of the bid was \$55,100.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, January 17, 1901

Mr. Chas. Nolan and Miss Lena McDonald of Wilton Junction, were married last Sunday morning, the ceremony being performed by Mr. W.P. McConaughy.

Mr. M.E. Ham informs The Sentinel that he has sold his lease of the St. George to Mrs. S.L. Harris, of Atlanta, and that the new landlady will take possession on Feb. 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Ham have had charge of the hotel for nearly two years, and in leaving our little town they will carry with them the best wishes of a large circle of Montevallo friends for their future prosperity and happiness. They will return to their old home in Paducah, Ky., where they will again reside. Mr. Ham says he has accepted a position with the Smith & Scott Tobacco Co., of Paducah, and will have an office in Birmingham, and will have charge of the Southern division of traveling

men. This is the oldest and largest tobacco company outside the Trust. Mrs. Harris, the incoming landlady, has a long experience in the hotel business, and The Sentinel extends to her a cordial welcome to Montevallo. Mrs. Harris is the mother of Mrs. J.D. Rhodes, of this place.

The Shotgun Route. On Tuesday of last week, Mr. Jackson Harpool and Miss Warren were married in what is known as the Soap Hill settlement in Bibb county, between Centerville and Randolph. Two days later the groom carried his bride of forty-eight hours back to her mother and returning to the home of his father on the same day blew out his brains with a shotgun. There is no cause assigned for the rash deed, and it is said the young wife is on the verge of insanity through grief.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, October 10, 1901

A Pretty Wedding. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Farrington was the scene of a pretty wedding, last night, at which time Mr. James Wilson Bandy and Miss Erin Mize were united in marriage by Rev. N.S. Jones, pastor of the Baptist church. The large hall in which the ceremony was performed was a veritable bower of flowers, palms, ferns and trailing vines, a beautiful setting for the scene soon to be enacted. Promptly at 8 o'clock the contracting parties, preceded by Mr. A.J. Lee, of Talladega, and Miss Maude Allen, of this place, marched into the hall to the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Mrs. D.L. Wilkinson, Miss Kate Sampey and Mr. Montebarro, and presented themselves before the man of God. As the sweet tones of the "Sweetest Story Ever Told" rippled through the air in soft cadence, the young couple took upon themselves vows which made them husband and wife. Clear and distinct were their responses, and the ring ceremony made the scene still more impressive. After the minister had asked for Divine guidance for the future of those who had just blended their lives Mr. and Mrs. Bandy were showered with congratulations by the friends present. They then retired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Little where they will make their home, and here they were given an informal reception. The bride is the daughter of Rev. G.B. Mize; a handsome brunette, and is possessed of those womanly traits of character that are most loveable, and these traits have drawn to her numerous and lasting friends. She wore a beautiful organdie gown and carried white carnations. The groom is a popular druggist of Montevallo and the youngest son of Mrs. M.J. Bandy, formerly of this city but now of Jemison. Living in Montevallo only about two years yet he has many friends here who admire him because of his straightforward, manly manner. He was attired in conventional black. May joy and happiness attend them ever to the sunset of life.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, December 12, 1901

Mr. George Meredith, of Anniston, came down Saturday to attend the funeral of M.A. Steele. Mr. Meredith and Mrs. Steele are brother and sister.

A Grave Charge. Last Thursday, Shelby Booth and a son, of Boothtown, were arraigned before justice of the peace Jas. Ozley for a murderous attempt upon the life of the senior Booth's sister. In a fight, which is said to have been a family row and in which were a dozen or more men and women. Booth is charged with having struck his sister on the head with a piece of scantling. He was held without bail pending the result of the woman's injuries. Booth claims he did not strike his sister and says he will be able to prove his innocence. He is in the county jail.

Death of Mr. Steele. This community was shocked at the sudden death of Mr. R.A. Steele which occurred about nine o'clock last Friday morning. Some three weeks ago the deceased sold his farm. He moved his family to town and opened a grocery store. He worked hard and quite late for several nights marking up his goods and overtaxed himself. Thursday afternoon, not feeling well, he went home from the store and a little later sent for a physician. He was given some medicine and rested easy until early in the morning when the physician was again sent for. About 7 o'clock his entire system became congested and, although every effort was made in his behalf, he did not rally and death came about two hours later. Mr. Steele was well known and respected by all of our people. He was devoted to his family, exerting every effort for the comfort of his wife and children and in

the great sorrow which come to them deep and sincere sympathy goes out to them from a large circle of friends. A widow and five children, two daughters and three sons, survive him. The funeral, conducted by Dr. Peterson, occurred from the house at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, December 26, 1901

Mrs. Wm. Prestridge, living at West Calera, was stricken with apoplexy at the supper table on Tuesday night of last week, and died about six hours later. The deceased had lived there with her husband for more than a quarter of a century, and her death is sincerely mourned. She leaves a husband and seven children. She had a slight paralytic stroke about a year ago. Mrs. Prestridge was 57 years old.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, January 16, 1902

Mr. A.H. Givhan and his little granddaughter were thrown from a buggy one day last week, near Uniontown and injured. The little girl died in a short time from the injuries she received, and Mr. Givhan was seriously bruised. He is an uncle to Dr. Givhan, of this city.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, January 23, 1902

Dr. J.E. Wilkinson, of Brierfield, had a narrow escape from death last Friday morning. His horse kicked him in the chest with both hind feet. A book in his coat pocket caught the force of the kick and which no doubt saved his life. As it is he will be sore for some time from the effects of the kick.

Lightning struck the big barn of the Shelby Iron Works, at Shelby, last Saturday afternoon during the storm and the entire building, together with about seventy-five tons of hay was burned. All of the mules, after considerable trouble, were saved. The loss amounts to several thousand dollars.

The G.G. Quilter Co. is located in the Masonic Hall building. Those who are in charge come to Montevallo highly recommended as good people. Drop in and see the machines at work.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, May 15, 1902

W.E. Holloway, of Montgomery, president of the new bank recently organized in Montevallo was in town the fore part of this week.

Governor W.D. Jelks was in attendance at the Commencement exercises of the Girls' Industrial School this week. He registered at the Latham Hotel. The Sentinel was favored with a call from the distinguished visitor.

Killing at Longview. Young Claude Royal Instantly Killed in Shooting Scrape. A shooting affray occurred at Longview, in this county, Monday night of this week, between Jack Crim, a white man, and a negro, resulting in the negro being wounded and a bystander, a young white man named Claude Royal, being instantly killed. Mr. Crim is superintendent of the saw and stave mill for Longview Lime Works. Monday he had a crew of hands working on the railroad used for hauling logs to the mill, and the negro with whom he had the trouble, came and commenced interfering with the hands, and causing trouble among them, and Crim ordered him away. The negro replied insolently and left. After quitting work for the day Mr. Crim started to his boarding house, and when near the railroad track the negro stepped from between two cars and attacked Mr. Crim, whereupon the latter promptly pulled a pistol and commenced shooting. His first shot struck the negro on the cheek bone and then glanced, and it is thought by some that this shot probably struck the white man, Royal, in the eye, the bullet coming out just back of the temple and killing him instantly. His last shot struck the negro under the arm and came out at the back of his neck, painfully but not dangerously wounding him. The negro had only one empty cartridge showing that he had shot but one time. From the position in which he was standing it is not improbably, however, that it was his shot that killed Royal. Mr. Crim gave himself up to the authorities and had his preliminary in Calera yesterday. The Sentinel has not learned the results of the hearing.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Ala., Thursday, May 22, 1902

Benton Arrested. Ed Benton, who is charged with assault with attempt to murder a man at Longview, was arrested in Birmingham last Friday and has been brought back to this county for trial.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, August 17, 1882

We are gratified to learn that Capt. H.C. Reynolds, who was shot by a Mr. Cary at Montevallo some days since, is recovering. We sympathize deeply with our old army comrade in his sufferings. No braver or better soldier wore the gray. – *Macon Mail*.

Died near Montevallo, on Sunday last, Mrs. Will Thompson. We sympathize with the bereaved husband.

Mr. S.J. Brasher and family, after a residence of several months in Calhoun county, have returned to Columbiana to live.

Died. – At Ashby, in Bibb county, on Sunday the 6th inst., Miss Laura Jordan, aged about 17 years. Deceased was a step daughter of Mr. D.H. Dunlap, of this county, and leaves many relatives and friends in this section to mourn her early death. We sympathize with the bereaved family.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 29, 1883

Obituary. John Ussery was born in Union District, South Carolina, Sept. 17th, 1801. At the age of 20, he moved to Montgomery county, N.C., where he lived about 17 years. In 1821, he was happily married to Miss Mary Alley, with whom he lived about 52 years. In 1838 he moved to Montgomery county, Ala., where he lived three years. In 1841 he moved to Shelby county, Ala., where he died of heart disease, March 16th, 1883; age 82 years, 6 months and 29 days. In North Carolina, at 21 years of age, he made a public profession of the religion of Christ; and connected himself with the Baptist church, in which communion he lived about 17 years. After he moved to Alabama he joined the Methodist church at Good Hope. In 1854, he moved to an adjoining neighborhood where there was no church of his choice; he secured the organization of a Methodist church, where he held, and his family now hold their membership. Having lost the companion of his youth, in 1874 he was married to Mrs. Jane Webster, who was the mother of several small children by her first husband, in whom he manifested the same interest he did in his own children; with the greatest solicitude guarding their temporal and moral development. They in return gave him reverence, and loved him as a father. He was everyway one of Shelby county's best citizens. The wife with six living children of his own, and the step children, are left to mourn their loss. Death came suddenly. After a hearty supper he seated himself in the accustomed place around the family fireside; smoked his pipe as usual. Death, with no premonitory note of approach, came and carried him into the unseen world. While he left no dying message, we have his life. "By their fruits ye shall know them." He was a devoted husband, affectionate father, generous neighbor, warm friend, a humble and devout Christian. He will be sadly missed at the church where he belonged. Though aged and feeble he was its chief support. Thus passed away one of God's aged servants after a long and useful life. With a large concourse of weeping relatives and friends we laid him away to await the resurrection of the just. Jno. G. Walker.

Died. TALLENT – On Monday morning last, the 26th inst., at this place, of typhoid fever after a protracted illness, John Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Tallent, aged about 13 years. The sympathies of the entire community go out to the stricken parents in their sore affliction. The bright and promising boy in whom they doted, lies cold in death, it is true but his immortal spirit has flown to realms of bliss and is now doubtless basking in the sunlight of that Saviour who died to redeem him.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 30, 1882

Married. In the court house, at this place, by A.M. Elliott, Esq., on the 20th inst., Mr. Henry Steele and Miss Mary Bergin, both of this county.

Married. At the residence of Mrs. Bradberry, in this county, by A.M. Elliott, Esq., on the 26th inst., Mr. J.B. McClinton, and Miss Susie Guy, both of Shelby.

Married. On Nov. 11th, 1882 by the Rev. Joseph W. Hill, at Trinity Church, Broadway, New York city, Mr. Jos. W. Squire, of Helena, Shelby county, Ala., to Miss Jemima Greenwood, daughter of the late Allan Greenwood, musician, of Rochdale, county of Lancashire, England. The gallant groom is a well known citizen of Shelby, a mining engineer by profession, and a most excellent gentleman. His many friends all over the county will be gratified to hear that he has at last succumbed to female charms and is now a happy benedict. The fair bride is an English lady, who in company with her mother, recently arrived in New York, meeting the waiting groom in that city by appointment. Two years ago Mr. Squire, who is himself an Englishman, visited the old country, and during that trip met and wooed and won his bonnie bride. An engagement followed, which was consummated as above. The Sentinel joins with many friends in extending congratulations to the groom and his fair English bride, and wishes them long life and much happiness.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 3, 1992

Obituary. John R. Smith, was born near Camden, in Kershaw District, S.C., Mary 14, 1810, and died at Mt. Lebanon, La., June 24, 1882. Bro. Smith, as well as we can learn, left South Carolina in 1835, and moved to Pike county, Ala., and thence to Shelby, where he united himself with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in 1852, and lived a consistent member until death came and relieved him of his sufferings, for he had, for a number of years, been the victim of rheumatism. In 1865 Bro. Smith moved from Ala. To Mt. Lebanon, La., and for quite a number of years I was intimately acquainted with him, and a more exemplary Christian I never knew. He was a good neighbor, kind hearted, and given to hospitality, and the weary itinerate always found a welcome under his roof, a fact which many can testify to. The community has lost a good citizen, the church a faithful member, the wife a devoted husband and the children an affectionate father. The writer hereof was present at the time of his death, and as we stood by, with his weeping family around his bed, and saw how calm and peacefully he entered the "valley" our attention was called to the last prayer we heard him offer, that he might have "peaceful house in which to die," and he passed away we were satisfied that God had granted his petition. We would say to the heartstricken family, weep not, "for he only sleepeth," and by and by you will meet him on that "beautiful shore" where separations will never take place. J.M. Manley.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 26, 1882

Died. At his home near Shelby Iron Works, in this county, of congestion of the lungs, on Saturday morning, the 12th inst., Mr. Wesley Armstrong, an old and respected citizen. He was a native of Tennessee and was born July 21st, 1812. When he was about four or five years of age his father moved to this State and settled in the neighborhood in this county where he grew to manhood, spent his riper years, died, and was buried. At the date of his death, Mr. Armstrong was aged 69 years and 6 months to the day. He united with the Missionary Baptist church when he was about 45 years of age, and from that time lived a consistent member of that church up to his death. He was always a moral, upright man, a good citizen, a kind husband and an affectionate parent. He was twice married, and leaves a widow, with several sons and daughters, the issue of his first marriage, and a daughter, the issue of his second, and many friends to mourn his death. He was the father of Mr. Levi Armstrong, and the stepfather of Mrs. Jno. W. Johnston and Mrs. H.M. Millstead, of this place, and Mr. Elijah Price, who resided with him. Thus again has another of the old citizens been called to "pass over the river." A man of worth, modest, and retiring in disposition, but earnest and decided in character, his influence was ever on the side of law, order and morality. But he has gone from our midst, and the places that so recently knew him so well will know him no more forever. A few days ago he seemed to be enjoying his usual good health; and his sickness though painful was of short duration. For nearly three score and ten years he filled his allotted place among men, and now with his labor over, his life work accomplished, he has gone to his rest and his reward. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family, but at the same time remind them that while they mourn the loss of their loved one, they must bear in mind that their loved one was indeed a good man, and that their loss is his eternal gain.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, December 22, 1881

Married. Oliver – Walker: At the residence of Col. J. Walker, the bride's father, in Chilton county, on Thursday the 8th inst., by Rev. Dr. Somers, of Nashville, Mr. Walter Oliver, of Calera, and Miss Mollie Walker, of Chilton.

Honor Roll of Columbiana Academy for the week ending Dec. 16th, 1881. Charles Jackson, Frank Jackson, Eddie Parker, William Parker and Mayo Mason. H.K.W. Smith, Principal.

Died. Suddenly at the residence of her son, Mr. Mose Davis, near this place, on Saturday night last, the 17th inst., Mrs. M. Davis, aged seventy-five years. The deceased was apparently in as good health as usual on Saturday, spent the day at a neighbor's and returned home after night. She retired early but her son and a nephew who had been out in the neighborhood returned home about ten or eleven o'clock when she got up. Taking a seat by the fire she joined them in a cup of coffee, as they had not eaten supper, and were eating. After they had eaten, she lit her pipe and smoked, laughed and talked with them for an hour or more before retiring. Next morning as she did not get up as usual some member of the family went to arouse her and found her cold and stiff in death. She had passed away during the night. She was the mother of Messrs. Moses, James and Hiram Davis, of this vicinity. Thus has another one of the mothers in Israel "passed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees."

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 28, 1897

Spring Creek. We have had quite a number of deaths in this section very recently. Mrs. Barns, wife of Uncle Dan Barns, died on the 20th; Mrs. Curtis died on the 17th; and Mrs. Connel, wife of our friend Mack Connel, died on the 23d. We also learn that Mrs. Pearson, mother of Mr. Hosie Pearson, died a few days ago. The families have our sympathy in their bereavement.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, December 24, 1896

Died. At the residence of her son, L.R. Kendrick, on the evening of the 9th inst., Mrs. Elmina C. Kendrick, widow of the late Isham H. Kendrick, aged 73 years. She was buried at Liberty cemetery, Rev. J.H.R. Carden, officiating. The advocate extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Married. On Sunday, December 6, at the residence of J.F. Crane, the bride's father, by P.N. Gilbert, Esq., Mr. Abram Nivens and Miss Carrie Crane, all of this county.

Married. On the 22d at the residence of the bride's father, by W.H. Falkner, Esq., Mr. J.B. Ray and Miss Rentie Baugh, all of Sterrett, Ala.

Died. At his residence in this county, on December 17th, of decrepitude, Dr. N.C. Milam.

Died. Near Wilsonville, December 18th, Mr. John Farr, son of Wylie Farr, deceased, aged about 30 years.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, December 10, 1896

Married. Beavers – Wallace: On Thursday evening, last, at the residence of the bride's father, near Harpersville, by Rev. E.B. Teague, Mr. J.R. Beavers and Miss Sallie V. Wallace. The Advocate joins the many friends of the happy couple in wishing them a long and prosperous life. May their brightest anticipations be realized and their journey through life be always pleasant.

Yellow Leaf. Mr. N. Thomas has moved from his residence in the mountains to Columbiana, to take charge of the county poor house.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 26, 1896

Married. Smith – Johnson: At the residence of the bride's mother, on November 19, Mr. Elbert R. Smith, of Talladega county, to Miss Fannie W. Johnson, of Shelby county; Rev. C.W. O'Hara, officiating.

Married. Steele – Gould: On Sunday last, at the residence of Mr. L.Q. Gould, the bride's father, by Rev. C.W. O'Hara, Mr. Perry F. Steele to Miss E.S. Gould; all of Shelby county, Alabama.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 19, 1896

We are pleased to state that Mr. H.A. Seale has so far recovered from the injuries received from being knocked off of a box car on the Southern railroad a few weeks ago, as to be able to walk a little with crutches. It will be some time yet before he is able for duty.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 5, 1896

Died. At his home near Highland, in this county; on Tuesday evening, Mr. Sam Dunnaway, aged 47. Mr. Dunnaway was stricken with paralysis on Saturday the 24th ult., from which he never recovered. He was a good citizen, and his death will be much regretted. To his wife and family, the Advocate extends sympathy.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 1, 1896

Married. On last Sunday at 11 a.m. the Rev. L.F. Goodwin joined in holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. H.C. Fulton and Miss Florence Ferrell. Mr. Fulton is one of Ganadarque's most conspicuous young men, and has won for himself one of Yellow Leaf's most precious jewels. The marriage took place at the residence of the bride's father. The happy couple will live in the future at Ganadarque. They have the best wishes of a large circle of admiring friends and acquaintances.

Died. Robert E. Lee, son of Thomas Lee, and grand son of uncle Ned Lee, died at his home near Pelham, September 24th, aged about 29 years. He leaves a wife and two children, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 29, 1882

Longview Items. Mr. B.B. Warren's lime kiln is in full blast and is turning out the usual quantity of lime, and the orders for lime are good.

Mr. Warren is occupying his new house, which is bright and neat since the touch of the painter's brush.

Improvements continues in Longview. A Church is being built, 36 by 60 feet, which is nearing completion. We understand that it will be used as a school room.

Prof. Moore, formerly of this place, will open a school here at an early day.

A Sunday School has been organized in this place with Rev. D.S. McGlawn, superintendent.

Miss Mollie Chapman, who has charge of the school at Camp Branch, has resumed her school after a short vacation.

Siluria Dots. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Oates, recently, a girl.

Died, at her home on the 20th instant, Miss Jennie Bishop, after a long spell of typhoid fever. She had gotten up and about and was reported to be convalescent, but she relapsed, which resulted in her early death. We extend out sympathy to her many friends and relatives.

Mrs. Alvah Payne, who has been sick for some time, we are glad to know, is now quite well.

Prof. W.P. McKellar opened his school last Monday.

Mr. L.B. Cross, of this place, is teaching school at Lomax, Chilton county.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 15, 1882

Died, at his home in the Beeswax neighborhood, on Thursday morning last, at 5 o'clock, "Uncle" Thos. Johnston, aged 83 years. Mr. Johnston had been in feeble health for several years past, and the infirmities of age bore heavily upon him. Death was no doubt a happy release to him, from the sufferings of this life. He was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this county, and had been a consistent member of the Methodist Church for half a century or more. One by one the old landmarks are passing away. He leaves a widow and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 8, 1882

Died. On May 28, 1882, near Liberty Church, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Rhoda S. Holcombe, wife of Rev. T.P. Holcombe, in the 83rd year of her age. She was born in Tennessee, and was a daughter of Mrs. Chas. Mundine. The family moved to Alabama in 1816. She was married to Tarten P. Holcombe in 1827. Sister Holcombe first united herself to the Presbyterian Church not long after she came to Alabama, and afterwards joined the Baptist Church, and has been a consistent member of that order for nearly 60 years; and has been a member of Liberty Church every since it was organized, which was about the year 1845. She was a kind mother, a loving companion and a much loved neighbor. It might be well said that she was a helpmeet indeed. Not only was she faithful in her house, but she also stood firm by the side of her much loved husband in his long ministerial work. Brother Holcombe's grand success in the ministry is strong evidence of her co-operation. She did not merely consent to his proclaiming the glad tidings of peace, but was a real shepherd's staff to him, and encouraged him in the great work. Our departed sister's example should be cherished and imitated by all. The sympathies of the entire community are extended to the bereaved husband, children and relatives, but let us comfort ourselves with these words: "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him at his second coming." ... J.D.M.

Death of Miss Alice Varnon. The sad intelligence reached here yesterday noon of the sudden death at Marion of Miss Alice Varnon, who had gone thither only Monday, seemingly in the most perfect health, as the guest of Miss Estelle Hurt. The two young ladies mentioned have been until very recently visiting at Mrs. Co. M.H. Smith's and had gone to Miss Hurt's home with bright anticipation for a season of great pleasure. How tearfully were these anticipations dissipated! Where now all is tears, sorrow and blank despair, only a few days back was the gladness and joy of young hearts. The young lady was a sister of Mr. W.N. Varnon, and has many relatives and friends here to mourn her untimely end. The remains will arrive this morning on the C., S. & M. train.
– *Selma Times.*

Miss Varnon was a daughter of Mr. T. Varnon, of Shelby Springs, and many relatives and friends in this county will mourn her early death. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones. Her remains were buried at Selma on the 2nd inst.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 1, 1882

Died. At this place, on Thursday night, the 25th ult., Mrs. Polly Tucker, aged about 50 years.

Died. In this vicinity, on the 25th ult., Mrs. Mary Saxon, in the 90th year of her age.

Honor Roll of Columbiana Academy. The following comprises the roll of honor of Columbiana Academy for the week ending May 26, 1882: Ellie Butt, Beulah Duran, Belle Huyett, Nora Leeper, Ollie Leeper, Ellie

Milner, Ella Nelson, Frank Caldwell, Robert Duran, Sidney Hand, Charles Leeper, Henry Milner, John Milner, Thomas Nelson, Henry Smith, and Wm. Tinney. K.K.W. Smith, Principal.

Died. At Shelby Iron Works, on the 29th ult., Mrs. James Kifer, aged about 40 years.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, December 17, 1896

The Fire at Montevallo. On last Monday morning about 1 o'clock, the town of Montevallo was fired in several places at the same time. When the fire was discovered, four buildings were on fire. Mrs. McAuley's millinery store, J.M. Reynolds' law office, Wm. Canterbury's building and a residence in the rear of Mrs. McAuley's millinery store. By heroic efforts of the citizens Morgan & Maroney's store house was saved by blowing up the law office of W.S. Cary, but the stock of goods was badly damaged. About the same time the barn of Mr. J.M. Fancher, who lives three-quarters of a mile from the business part of town was fired. Everything in it was consumed. In Mr. Fancher's barn was a pair of fine mules and a fine mare, two hundred bushels of corn, eight or ten tons of hay, a buggy and harness, wagon and other things of value. Mr. Fancher's loss was heavy. We have not been able to get an estimate of the loss. In the rear of Mr. Reynolds' law office was the new material for a newspaper plant just purchased by Mr. N.A. Graham, all of which was burned. The fire was undoubtedly the work of incendiaries, and it is to be hoped that they will be caught.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 3, 1883

Died. Kifer - At Shelby Iron Works, very suddenly, on Friday last, the 27th ult., Mrs. J. M. Kifer. The stricken household have the sympathy of the entire community."

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 22, 1915

James M. Kifer Dies in Birmingham. Mr. James M. Kifer, aged 71 years, died at his home in Birmingham last Sunday night. Mr. Kifer formerly lived at Shelby and was foreman of the wood work department for Shelby Iron Co., for about 40 years. He was well known and highly esteemed by every one. His remains were carried to Harpersville Monday where interment was made.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, August 6, 1896

Summer complaint seems to be prevalent among the children all over the county. We understand that three have been buried at Four Mile recently.

The child of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Albright, which has been dangerously ill with summer complaint, is, we are glad to state, improving.

The Shelby Sentinel, Montevallo, Alabama, Thursday, June 26, 1902

Shelby County Iron Best in America. The Sentinel is informed that the best iron exhibited at the World's Exposition in Chicago, in 1893, was made from ore taken from the hills in Shelby county. It was awarded first place as being the best iron produced in the United States. We wonder how many people in Shelby county know of this? The hills of this county are filled with that kind of ore, and it crops out all around Montevallo. Ore beds were profitably worked in this city for a long time, and they were closed only because the plant was sold to parties who had larger interests elsewhere. Montevallo is richly favored in the mineral which lies all about the town, and its development will some day bring vast fortune, not only to the town, but to those who will invest and "bring to the light of day the riches embedded in the red soil." It is here and plenty of it, and of the very best grade. And we believe the day will come when large furnaces will be in full blast all about us, if not within the corporate limits of the town. But it will take capital and considerable of it to bring this about. Alabama is princely rich in her natural resources, but until recent years the State has been poor in capital with which to develop these resources. Take, for illustration, Birmingham – a place never dreamed of before the war. In 1873 it was but a spot upon the map – a cross roads postoffice, surrounded by waving cornfields. Thirty years later and we find Birmingham a city of 60,000 people – one of the first cities of the South, with millions of dollars

invested in the vast furnaces, coal mines and coke ovens which almost completely hem the city. Capital and implicit faith in the future of the place is what has made Birmingham the great, growing and wealthy city it is. We can never hope to be a second Birmingham, but we do believe that capital will and can be induced to come to Montevallo and open up the great coffers of wealth which lie hidden in the ground under our feet and all about us. Faith and capital are twin sisters, without either the other cannot long exist in earthly affairs and be beneficial. Let us, by some means, get next to some of the capital that is seeking investment. Millions of dollars are lying within the vaults of Northern banks. This vast amount of money is becoming musty and moldy from pure idleness. The owners of it cannot find borrowers at the low rate of three and four per cent. Some good missionary work and effective advertising will start a vast stream of these yankee dollars southward. Convince the owners of this vast wealth that in Alabama there is safe and paying investment, and our word for it capital will come hand over fist and plenty of it. Montevallo can get a share of it, too, if wanted.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, April 19, 1883

Died. At Strasburg, Chilton county, on Wednesday of last week Mr. Jno. T. Wilson, formerly a citizen of this county; aged about 55 years.

Died. At Shelby Iron Works, in this county, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., Maggie Mathis, daughter of Mrs. Thos. Mathis, aged 10 years.

Died. In this county, on the 15th inst., Miss Lou Brown, aged 22 years, also on the 16th inst., Mrs. N. Brown, aged about 68 years. In one short week, mother, daughter and granddaughter have passed away. The bereaved ones have our sympathies.

Mr. Joseph Lindsey, an old and highly respected citizen of Talladega county died in Childersburg on the 11th inst; aged 73 years.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 7, 1909

Ninety-four And Still Chops Wood. James Hope, a wiry backwoodsman now 94 years old, is stopping here just now at the county farm to take care of his aged wife. He says he is out of work, and ready to take a contract where the timber is small, to chop 3 cords of wood a day. Mr. Hope ought to be retired on pension.

The Shelby County Sun, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 2, 1916

Verchot "Not Guilty" Is Verdict Of Jury. "Not Guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the case of Joe Verchot charged with the killing of Claude Farr in Columbiana on the 21st Day of December, 1915. The case was hard fought from beginning to end, and consumed all of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The jury took the case at 10 o'clock Friday night and retired without taking a ballot. Early Saturday morning, we are informed, the first ballot was 11 to 1 for acquittal. Another ballot was taken and resulted in the verdict stated above.

The Sentinel, Montevallo, Alabama, Thursday, June 26, 1902

Fire at Shelby Springs. The dining hall, two cottages and the postoffice were destroyed at Shelby Springs early Sunday morning, and it was only by hard work that the west row of cottages was saved. The fire is supposed to have started from a pine torch thrown down by the side of one of the buildings. The dining hall is to be rebuilt at once.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 23, 1893

A.R. Scott and Miss Cora Hardy, Calera's postmistress, were married last Thursday night, and left on a short bridal tour north. Mr. Scott is a prosperous druggist at Calera.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 14, 1915

Fowler-Seales. On Sunday evening at 2 o'clock Miss Mamie Seale and Mr. Leonard Fowler were quietly married at the home of Mr. John Davis near Shelby by Rev. C.P. Keith.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 26, 1882

Several of the young ladies and gentlemen of this place went down to Shelby Springs last Monday evening to attend a party given by Mr. J.J. Norris Jr. They returned on Tuesday morning, having enjoyed the occasion, very much indeed. Shelby Spring is always a delightful place to visit; and it would be impossible for a party of young people not to enjoy themselves there with such a host and hostess as Col. J.J. Norris and his estimable lady, to say nothing for the young gentlemen, their sons.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 9, 1887

Died. – At the Poor House, near this place, Saturday last, Mr. Val McClinton, aged about 26. He was buried in the cemetery here Sunday afternoon.

A Card. On February 22nd last, J.R. Ridgeway, at that time an employee of the Shelby Iron Company, married my daughter, Liza Adams, and lived with her only two days when he left for parts unknown, and has never written to her since his departure. Since that time he was heard of at Rome, Ga., where he registered at the hotel as being from Kentucky. I also have good reasons to believe that he has another living wife. These facts are given to the public hoping thereby to guard them from deception, and that through this means he may be found and brought to justice. Silas Adams. Exchanges please copy.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 20, 1887

Last Saturday a new mail route was established between this place and Shelby Iron Works. This will undoubtedly prove a great convenience to the citizens of both places, and it is a matter of surprise to us that it has not been in operation long since.

Died. – At her home near Lester's Chapel, eight miles north of this place, on Sunday morning last of typhoid fever, Mrs. Thomas Walton, aged 29 years. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her untimely death.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 1, 1897

Died. On the morning of the 19th, little Eula Elva, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.N. Gilbert, aged six months and twenty days.

Yellow Leaf Dots. Died the 23d, Mrs. Savilla Moore. Her remains were carried to the family grave yard at Mr. Walter Albrights. She was a good christian woman. She leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn her death. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Died. – On Sunday last, infant son of J.E. Bird, aged about six months. Mrs. Bird, the mother of the babe, died in December and the little one has never been well.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 21, 1897

Shelby Springs Items. Mrs. Mollie McClinton was brought here Sunday and buried in the soldier's grave yard. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 7, 1888

Died. – On Thursday morning, May 31st, near Calera, Mr. Wm. Millstead, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He was buried at Ebenezer burying ground on Friday following. Deceased was the father of Mr. H.M. Millstead, of our town.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 8, 1888

Mr. David Whitfield, of Wilsonville, was brought to this place last Friday and examined for insanity. It was decided that he was insane and he will be carried to the Asylum at Tuscaloosa this week.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 19, 1888

Mr. John W. Hardy, of Calera, died of pneumonia on Friday morning, at his summer residence at Shelby Springs. Mr. Hardy had only been sick since last Sunday. He had many warm friends in Shelby county, who are much grieved at this dispensation of Providence. Mr. Hardy did more and was doing more for Calera, perhaps, than any other one man, and none would be more missed. He was buried today at 10 o'clock a.m. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss. – Montgomery Advertiser of January 14.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, December 1, 1887

Married. At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. D.G. Baker, three miles west of Columbiana, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1887, by Rev. C.W. O'Hara, Mr. C.C. Seale and Miss Mattie Baker, both of this county. We extend hearty congratulations.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 13, 1888

Items From Spring Creek. Died. – At her home, of typhoid fever, on the 6th inst., Mrs. Martha Mostellar, wife of Mr. N.N. Mostellar, and the eldest daughter of Rev. J.V. Watkins, formerly a resident of Shelby county, now residing at Anniston, Calhoun county, Ala. On Thursday, the 6th of September, the solemn messenger of death entered her quiet and peaceful home and cut down a devoted wife, a loving mother, a true friend and a consistent member of the Methodist church. The deceased was the mother of five children, all of whom survive her ... The entire community join in extending to them their heartfelt sympathies and tender to her departed spirit this last tribute of praise and respect.

William Lemon, better known as Bill Lemon, a colored man and fireman on the Shelby Iron Co.'s narrow-gauge R.R., dropped dead in the cab while firing the engine, on the 6th inst. Engineer Carter stated that he had just put three or four shovel-fulls of coal into the fire-box and turned around to get his shove full of coal, as was his custom to always leave his shovel full of coal, when he dropped down and died almost without struggle. Dr. H.C. McAdams, proceeded to make a post-mortem examination. The jury arrived at the conclusion that he came to his death from heart disease, as he had been complaining of his heart for several days.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, April 18, 1889

Items From Spring Creek. Died. – In Coosa county on the 2nd inst., of typhoid pneumonia, Mr. Jonathan Harris Hosey. Mr. Hosey was born in Shelby county about the year 1834. He formerly lived in this county and is known by a number of people who will with sadness, learn of his death. He leaves a wife and seven children, a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. Thus, another link has been severed from the family chain and called to pass beyond the valley of the shadow of death.

Born. – To Mr. and Mrs. James Skelton on the 6th inst., a girl.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 18, 1888

Obituary. Died, near Shelby Iron Works, Oct. 13, Mr. Wm. Smith Wright, father of Mr. Basil Wright. He was born in Warren county, Ga., May 20, 1798. He had been a member of the Baptist church 47 years, and lived a faithful and consistent Christian life. We have not known him long, but found him to be an honest and upright man. He was a patient sufferer in his affliction. His son Basil and wife took special care of him in his old age, and watched faithfully by him during his illness and had him buried nicely at Beaver Creek church. Mr. James Parker performed the burial services in an effecting and comforting manner... A Friend of the Family.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 17, 1889

Died. – Near Chapel, Ala., October 9, 1889, John Farr, aged 64 years. He was converted and joined the church in early life, and has so lived as to command the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Likely no man in the county was more universally loved and honored, and he passed away leaving for his family the richest legacy – a good name. His funeral sermon was preached by the writer at the residence to a large concourse of people, after which his remains were, with alliance honors, laid away to sleep till resurrection morn. Jno. L. Ferguson.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 6, 1889

Mrs. Dr. W.B. Cross, of this place, died at Brierfield a few days ago while on a visit to her daughter. Her remains were interred at the Cross graveyard, about a mile north of Pelham on last Friday. The family have the sympathy of her many friends.

Heavy Castings From Shelby. Died. – South-west of Shelby on Thursday night last, May 30th, of pneumonia, Mr. Judge Merrell. A large concourse of friends and relatives followed his remains to Good Hope church on Saturday a.m. last, where quite a number had already collected. Rev. C.W. O'Hara delivered a very impressive funeral sermon, after which the body was turned over to the farmers alliance, who accompanied it to the old Williams grave yard near Good Hope church, where he was interred with alliance honors. Mr. Merrell was well known in this section and was regarded as one of our most quiet unassuming peaceful Christian citizens; and thus another kind father, affectionate husband, warm friend and Christian neighbor has fallen. God, in his providence, hath seen proper to call him out of time into eternity. We extend to the bereaved widow and children of our deceased brother the heartfelt sympathy of our entire community in their affliction.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 25, 1882

Died. - At this place on Wednesday last the 18th inst., Mrs. Medora Roper, wife of Mr. Marshal Roper, after a protracted illness.

Mr. W.M. Nabors, of this place, is, we are sorry to learn, quite sick with typhoid fever. We hope the fever may be stayed, and that he may be restored to health at an early day.

Died. Mrs. Jane R. Atchison, consort of Y.D. Atchison, at her home two miles west of Columbiana, on Friday night the 19th inst., aged 62 years and two months. She had been a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church for about 38 years. She leaves a husband and twelve children, six sons and six daughters, the children all grown, to mourn her loss. Hers is the first death in the family as she never lost a child.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, February 28, 1907

The Varner Hotel. The old Central hotel, under the name of the Varner Hotel, opened yesterday to the patronage of the public. The house has been repapered, repainted and newly furnished throughout and presents a comfortable and satisfying appearance. The Sentinel will have more to say of this house in its next issue.

It is said the county has bought the property where the old court house stands and where the old jail stood which it sold some months ago. It is said that county warrants drawing eight per cent were issued for the purchase price.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 21, 1907

Vanderbilt Burned. The Vanderbilt hotel at Calera burned on Tuesday morning, the guests barely escaping. The fire originated from a defective flue over the cook room, and the building was a total loss with a small insurance.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 21, 1907

The Sentinel is informed that there are nine people in Shelby jail charged with murder. That is not a very good record.

The Shelby Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 28, 1904

The Court House Steal. The people of Shelby county will never forget the attempt by Calera's agents to steal the court house by slyly passing a bill through the legislature locating the county seat at the town of Calera. This dark and sinister fraud perpetrated on the honest yeomanry of Shelby county received, and justly so, the condemnation of all good people - while not a proper matter to come before a constitutional convention assembled for the purpose of framing a fundamental law, yet the fraud was so glaring and unprecedented that the body did not hesitate in declaring it a fraud on Shelby county and therefore void?

The Land Boomers and Their Agents Still Managing. We are informed that the same characters who had much to do in stealing the court house bill through the legislature are now managing the Calera court house campaign. They have their headquarters in Birmingham, where they are now, we are realiably informed, preparing some circulars to send over the county to deceive the voters. These circulars will contain statements that are as false as the court house steal was corrupt and fraudulent. All kinds of reports are going the rounds, and the voters of the county are certainly prepared for seeing almost anything about Sunday or Monday.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 17, 1910

Shelby County Lady Dies At the Age 102 Helena, Ala., Nov. 12. - "Grandma" Little, age 102 years, died Thursday night at her son in law, Mr. John W. Catt's home at Elliottsville in Shelby county. Mrs. Little had been confined to her bed for more than twelve months. She was born the 23rd day of July, 1808. She was the wife of Robert Little. She leaves two children, one son John Little, and a daughter, Mrs. J.W. Catt, and a host of grand and great-grandchildren. - Birmingham News.

Columbiana Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 29, 1906

Hon. A.J. Caldwell Dead. Nashville, November 22. Andrew J. Caldwell, former representative in Congress from this the Sixth district, and a prominent member of the Nashville bar, died here today, as a result of a stroke of paralysis. He was 69 years of age, and served in the Confederate army throughout the war. Very few people in this county who may have read the above telegraphic dispatch, which appeared in the daily papers of last Friday, are aware of the fact that Hon. A.J. Caldwell was a native of Shelby county, and was born in Montevallo. He was a son of Robt. J. Caldwell, a saddler, who lived in Montevallo long years ago, and who removed from that place to Nashville to educate his children. The Sentinel is indebted to Hon. E.S. Lyman, of Montevallo, for the above information.

Accidental Death. Mr. Robt. L. Kendrick, who has been keeping a little store at the Narrows in beat 8, was accidentally killed about 2 o'clock last Monday, by a piece of falling rock from a blast. Parties were blasting rock about four hundred yards from Mr. Kendrick's store, and it appears they had put in an unusually heavy charge. After the explosion it was found that a piece of rock about the size of an ordinary wooden bucket, and which had been thrown from the blast, had fallen through the roof of Mr. Kendrick's store, striking him on the head, killing him almost instantly. The deceased was about 50 years old, and a man of family. The funeral occurred on Tuesday.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, April 5, 1906

You are invited to the corner stone laying of the new court house at Columbiana, on Thursday, April 5th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Eason at Calera on March 23rd, twins, a son and daughter.

Columbiana Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 10, 1907

Benjamin Jonathan Large. The subject of this sketch was born to Jonathan and Mary Large in Montevallo, Ala. June 15th, 1818. He died at Newport, Tenn., September 27th, 1907, and was buried at Montevallo, Sunday, September 29th, as he desired to be, with Masonic ceremonies. Ben Large was a man whom it was the pleasure of many people of Shelby County to know. Full of life and fun, and a peculiar gentleness and kindness, he made friends wherever he moved. He chose in his early manhood a railroad career, serving in several of its departments, though he finally settled down as a conductor. Everybody who lived along the old Selma, Rome and Dalton railroad knew and loved him for the cheerfulness of his disposition and the goodness of his heart. The needy and distressed always found in him a prompt and ready friend, who stopped at nothing short of their relief and comfort, if the attainment was within the range of human possibility. Sympathy for the misfortunes and afflictions of others was his great characteristic, and the sum of his charities can be recorded only in heaven. He early united himself to the Methodist Church, which connection he maintained to the end of life. He was made a Mason at Montevallo, afterwards joining Charity Lodge, at Six Mile, Bibb County, near which place he lived for several years, farming and merchandising. For some years past he has lived in Georgia, following his favorite avocation; but failing health led him recently to Newport, Tenn., where he owned a farm in which he delighted. He married Miss Leeper Bragg of Shelby County. She, with his only brother, Samuel J. Large, of Calera, and his sisters, Mrs. E. Finley and Mrs. W.J. Rhodes, of Montevallo, survive him.

Columbiana Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, April 12, 1906

In Memoriam. Mrs. Leana Gill (nee Cotter) departed this life March 21, 1906, at the age of eighty-five years. She spent her early girlhood days in Jones county, Ga. Being left an orphan when a child she was tenderly cared for by relatives. She was happily married to R.H. Gill, and in 1859 they moved to Shelby county, Ala. Mrs. Gill was the mother of eight children, five of whom are living. She leaves forty-three grandchildren, seventy-six great-grandchildren, and a husband who is eighty-seven years of age. She joined the Methodist church, and lived a consistent member over sixty years, and was a regular attendant upon the services of the church as long as she was able. She rebuked sin in all its forms, and advised young people to live morally. Mrs. Gill possessed those characteristics - honesty, fidelity and a warm, generous heart - that go to make up true womanhood. She was one who made friends and kept them; her sympathy and help was ever extended towards the sick, the sorrowing and those in distress. She was greatly afflicted for ten years. During this time she was cared for by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R.T. White in their home near Harpersville. She bore her sufferings with patience and submission. As she went down into the dark valley, though scarcely able to articulate words, she was heard to lisp the name of the Lord. She lived for her children, never considering any sacrifice too great or any burden too heavy, if there by they could be benefitted. Her earthly pilgrimage is ended; her loving Heavenly Father gathered home to that beautiful city beyond where the work of life is done. May the Lord comfort the bereaved husband and children, and may they so live as to meet her in that home above. A Friend.

Shelby County Reporter, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 14, 1956

Indian Springs School Awards 38 Diplomas. The first four-year class to be graduated from Indian Springs School received their diplomas in graduating exercises held Friday of last week. There are 38 members of the class, every one of whom, it is said, will enter college next fall. Six members of the class will receive scholarships to colleges of their choice. One student from Birmingham was awarded a General Motors scholarship in Harvard University. He is one of 100 winners in a nation-wide competition in which 20,000 high school seniors were entered.

Buck Creek Mills Open New, Modern Recreation Center The people of Siluria gathered Sunday afternoon for the opening of their new Buck Creek Recreation Center. It was a lively event that marked a new day in the life of their community. The new center consists of a beautifully finished club house, the old "community house" done over and made into one of the most attractive club houses to be found in any community, with playgrounds adjoining and a fine swimming pool. As was to be expected, the swimming pool was the chief attraction on opening day as hundreds of young people enjoyed their first swim in it. It is a fine pool, large

enough to accomodate a big crowd without seeming to be crowded. It is filled with fresh pure water, that is kept pure all the time. Trained life guards are on duty while the pool is open. The spacious playgrounds are furnished with swings, slides and other equipment, all new and modern; and there is a wading pool for the very little folks. Young people of all ages, and the older people as well will all find facilities for play. The club house is one of the most attractive features of the whole project. It has spacious lounging rooms, reading rooms, game rooms, lockers and showers; everything for rest, comfort and relaxation. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have great pride in the Recreation Center; both came down for the opening Sunday afternoon. Also assisting in opening day activities were Mr. and Mrs. Hank Spires who used to live in Columbiana. Mr. Spires is serving as superintendent for the Buck Creek Mills.

Power Co. Requests Permission To Build New Steam Plant. Plans for the construction of a huge generating plant on the Coosa River were laid before the Alabama Public Service Commission on Friday, June 8, for that body's approval. The plant, it is estimated will be built at a cost of \$150,000,000. The Southern Electric Generating Company, which will build the plant, proposes to sell two million dollars in stock to its two joint owners, the Alabama Power Company and the Georgia Power Co. The Alabama Power Company is offering to sell 10,000 shares of stock to its parents company, the Southern Company, to raise its share of the two million dollars to be used for initial costs and options for the plant. Wilsonville, in Shelby county, is being considered as a possible site for the location of the new plant.

The Shelby Sentinel, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, October 15, 1885

Died. - In Columbiana, on yesterday, Dr. John W. Jones, an old and highly esteemed citizen of that place. Dr. Jones was born in Kentucky on the first day of this century, and when but a boy came to Moulton, Lawrence county, in this State. From that place he moved to Madison; from thence to Talladega, and from Talladega to this county, locating in Columbiana thirty years ago, in the practice of medicine, and for many years enjoyed an extensive, successful and lucrative practice. He was twice married. His marriage to the estimable and good woman who survives him, was in Marshal county, in 1843. He has been an earnest and faithful minister of the Gospel for sixty-three years, most of this time in the Southern Methodist church, but for the last fifteen or twenty years his connection has been with the Northern Methodist, and during that time until superanuated he devoted himself wholly to the work of the ministry. He preached in the Methodist church in Columbiana, last Sunday, as good a sermon as he ever preached, full of suction and spirit. Dr. Jones was greatly beloved by all who knew him. He was pre-eminently a Godly man, and lived in strict conformity to the laws of love to God and to his fellow man. The entire community mourns his loss.

The Shelby News, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, June 16, 1892

Married. - At the Vanderbilt Hotel in Calera, at 3:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday 13th inst.. Mr. W.E. Brinkerhoff and Miss Ida K. Avery, Rev. Z.A. Dowling officiating.

Married. - At the Cumberland Presbyterian church 13th inst. in Calera at 8:30 o'clock p.m. Mr. Frank W. Gist, Editor of the Calera Journal and Mrs. Minnie J. Hardy of West Calera.

The Shelby News, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, June 23, 1892

The new Drug Store, A.R. Scott proprietor, Calera, Ala., is the best place in Shelby county for pure drugs. This can be profitably demonstrated by calling at this store, under the Masonic Hall. Call and see them.

Died. - At his residence in Calera on June 22, 1892, Mr. Calvin L. Harrell. His remains will be carried to Selma today for burial there. Mr. Harrell was a member in good standing of the Calera Lodge K. of H.

Photographer Russell makes the finest photographs ever made in this country.

The Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 1, 1893

The closing exercises of the Rutherford, a splendid high school at Pelham, which has had flattering success under the skilled tutorage of Prof. J.W. Ellenburg, will begin on Wednesday, June 14th, and will be conducted as follows: Wednesday and Thursday examination days; Thursday night concert by primary and intermediate departments. Friday forenoon annual address by Prof. R.J. Waldrop, of Howard college; at 2 p.m. the cyclopean literary society meets; debate by four young men, and essays and recitations by young ladies of the society. Literary address before the society by prominent men. Friday night grand concert by common high school departments. Every one who can should attend as we can promise them in advance that their time will be pleasantly and profitably spent.

Shelby County Democrat, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 1, 1934

Former Pastor of Columbiana, Dead. Columbiana residents will be grieved to learn of the death of the Rev. C.W. Seale, who formerly served the Methodist Church in Columbiana. Mr. Seale died in Arab, Alabama, where he was serving as pastor of the Methodist Church. His death was due to pneumonia. Mr. Seale is survived by his wife and daughter, Kathleen Seale.

The People's Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, December 23, 1920

J.S. Hartsfield Killed Tuesday. John S. Hartsfield's throat was cut Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock by George Webster, white, at Hartsfield Sawmill at East Saginaw north of Columbiana. Mr. Hartsfield lived only a short time after the cutting. We learn that the killing took place about a small tank that Mr. Hartsfield started to put in a house, when Webster objected to same. Mr. Hartsfield was well known and highly esteemed, and was born and reared in this county. He had been in the sawmill business for several years. He is survived by his wife and several children, most of whom are married, and several brothers. Webster, who committed the crime made his escape and as we go to press has not been captured.

Federal Officers Destroy Stills. In an extensive raid on moonshine stills near Pelham, federal prohibition officers destroyed six large stills within a radius of two miles of that place and arrested one man on a charge of illicit distilling according to report filed Saturday with N.L. Pierce, chief federal prohibition agent for Alabama. The six stills averaged from 150 to 300 gallons capacity, and in addition to them the officers destroyed 5,000 gallons of mash, 300 pounds of sugar and other materials used in making liquor. Bert Brasher, white man, was arrested and is alleged to have been operating one of the stills when the officers approached it. The officers making the raid were John G. Allison, D.B. Bordon, W.E. Eubanks, W.P. Hampton and Jack Horton, all federal prohibition deputies.

The People's Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 13, 1921

Bagged Ten Men For Distilling In One Week. Sheriff J.A. Jackson and Deputies J.O. Moore and J.W. Roy pulled a sensational raid in beat 2 last Thursday, rounding up seven men all at one still, one man making his escape. The still was a 50-gallon complete copper outfit, and was in full operation and about 5 gallons of the famous beat 2 was the amount of the finished product seized by the officers. Dock Jones, Isiah Lovett, Don Barnes, Roy Cardwell, John Ellison, C. Crowson and Baker Horton were placed in jail on a charge of manufacturing liquor. All the above named parties made bond pending action of the grand jury.

Still Captured Near Calera Last Friday. Sheriff Jackson and Deputies Moore and Roy captured a 50 gallon copper still outfit in operation less than one mile northeast of Calera last Friday, placing under arrest C.H. Russell, G.G. Russell, and Howell Harlan on a charge of illicit distilling. Bonds being made in these cases returnable to action of grand jury. [See photograph under "History of Shelby County".]

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 15, 1900

Miss Mary Langley, an inmate of the county poor house, died this week. She has been an inmate of this institution for more than twenty years, and the history of her life is rather a strange one. When she was quite a

young girl she had a lover, who poured into her ears the story that is so very old, and yet ever new, promising at some future day to make her his wife. Time passed on, so the story goes, but the lover proved false to his promise, and the "Sitting Mary," as she was called, made a vow that she would never more, as long as she lived, walk another step. She has kept faithfully this vow, and for nearly a quarter of a century she has been sitting in the county almshouse awaiting the summons, that came a few days ago.

Montevallo will doubtless soon be incorporated. The citizens have agreed upon a charter to be presented to the general assembly. The principal objects are to preserve order and improve the streets.

The People's Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Wednesday, June 7, 1893

Creswell Locals. Charles P. Fleming, formerly a merchant at Vincent in this county, died at Childersburg last Thursday at the home of his mother.

Mr. Sydney Green, the oldest man in the Beat, died at his home in the western part of the Beat, last Friday after a lingering illness.

Mr. Bob Seale's wife died not long since. The bereaved ones have our heart-felt sympathy.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, December 24, 1932

Last Shot Made On Big Narrows Monday. The last shot on the Big Narrows was made Monday, according to W.D. Moore, of Chelsea, who was a visitor to Columbiana Tuesday. As soon as the rock from the last shot has been cleared away, Shelby county's new highway connecting Morgan Bridge and Birmingham will be open to through traffic. The grading of the road has been completed, with the exception of the Big Narrows, for several months and has been in use, travelers making the one detour. The work of cherting the road between Chelsea and the bridge has been in progress and that section of the road is in good condition. The section from Chelsea to Birmingham has not been so well kept up, it is said, but has been open to traffic and with a few days of fair weather could be put into good condition by the machines. When finally completed this new highway will be one of the most traveled roads in Shelby county as well as one of the most useful. [Note: This was the completion of Highway 280.]

Calera Citizen Died After Long Illness Jim Armstrong died at his home in Calera Monday morning after an illness of several months. He was 72 years old. Funeral services were held Tuesday and interment made in Rock Springs cemetery. Mr. Armstrong is survived by his wife, two sons, J.E. Armstrong, Calera; H.F. Armstrong, Birmingham; five daughters, Mrs. Walter Coker, Misses Kate, Mamie, Eleanor and Tonchie Armstrong, Calera.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, August 1, 1929

Findley Found Not Guilty of Murder. "We the gentlemen of the Jury, find the defendant not guilty." Thus ended the trial of Oscar C. Findley, charged with the murder of Allie Brasher. The case went to the jury Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and the verdict was returned about 9 o'clock. Findley was indicted for the murder at the January term of circuit court by the grand jury, and had been held in jail since his arrest soon after the indictment was made, unable to make \$10,000.00 bail. Allie Brasher, a mere lad of 16 years, was found dead in a wooded section near a dairy farm at Simmsville, where he was employed, in May 1923, and the State endeavored to prove that the murder had been committed by Findley as the result of the boys' activities in aiding officers in capturing and destroying whiskey stills in the community. When the jury returned the verdict, only a small portion of the large number who had been in attendance at the trial were present as witnesses and others had been dismissed until 9 o'clock this morning when the above case went to the jury. The case was tried before Circuit Judge E.P. Gay and the defense was represented by Wales Wallace and G.W. Weaver, while A. Hardegree and P.O. Luck represented the state. When court re-convenes this morning, another murder trial is expected to come up. This is the case of C.J. Sims, charged with the murder of Simon Eddings at Straven some time ago.

Shelby County Reporter, Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Leaving a Legacy - By Ashley Vansant, Special Assignments Editor - Shelby County commemorated the 100-year anniversary of its courthouse Saturday in a celebration laden with county history and Masonic ritual. Hundreds of visitors surrounded the northeast corner of the courthouse in downtown Columbiana as a glass time capsule was placed inside the building's cornerstone. Down the street, at the site of the old courthouse and present-day home of the Shelby County Historical Society, lay on display the original contents of the cornerstone, placed in a copper box by Probate Judge A.P. Longshore and members of the Masonic Lodge in 1906. Saturday's ceremony began with speech by Longshore's present-day counterpart, Patricia Fuhrmeister. "One hundred years ago, Shelby County was a much different place," Fuhrmeister said. "We come today to honor Shelby County's past, to recognize its present accomplishments and to lay the groundwork for its future." Fuhrmeister presented a Holy Bible to be laid in the capsule, which was also packed with Masonic documents presented by Grand Treasurer H. Spencer Stewart. Bobby Joe Seales, president of the Shelby County Historical Society, presented a collection of contemporary coins, a George W. Bush bronze medal and a souvenir postcard commemorating the 100-year celebration and cornerstone ceremony. Two editions of the Shelby County Reporter were placed in the capsule including a special edition dated June 24 as well as the June 21 regular edition. Both newspapers were presented for deposit by Tim Prince, editor and publisher of the Reporter. Shelby County Commission chairperson Lindsey Allison presented a copy of the Shelby County Quality of Life Publication along with a commission proclamation. Fuhrmeister pointed to the roles of Allison and herself as evidence of how far Shelby County has come since the cornerstone was originally laid. "One hundred years ago, no one would have predicted that today, the chair of the Shelby County Commission would be a woman, and so would the probate judge." Fuhrmeister said, "What changes must the future hold?" The contents of the original time capsule—including a Bible, Masonic manual, and copies of the Columbiana Sentinel, Birmingham News and Stone Cutters Journal—remain on display at the Shelby County Historical Society. "Our predecessors did more than lay a physical cornerstone 100 years ago," Fuhrmeister said, "In a more profound sense, they laid the symbolic cornerstone for Shelby County's future. It falls to us now, to protect and preserve that cornerstone for generations to come."

Shelby County Reporter, February 28, 1929

Palace Theatre Offers Talking Pictures March 5 The Palace Theatre, Columbiana, offers an opportunity for the people of Columbiana and vicinity to hear and see Talking Pictures, Tuesday night March 5. The program will consist of six all talking vaudeville acts on the screen. A special representative from the factory will come to Columbiana to install the machinery and wire the house for the showing of the Talking Pictures.

J.E. Adams Dies In Auto Wreck Was Former County Official and Prominent Merchant. James E. Adams of Leeds, a former citizen of Shelby county, died Sunday as a result of injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile at a street intersection in Leeds. The young man who was driving the car was released after being questioned, the police holding that the accident was unavoidable. Mr. Adams was born and reared near Chelsea, his family being among the most prominent in that section. For many years he was engaged in the mercantile business in Vincent. He served for a time as a member of the jury commission of Shelby county. The news of Mr. Adams' death was received with genuine sorrow and many tributes to his usefulness as a citizen were paid him by friends. Besides his wife he is survived by one son, John Adams.

Shelby County Reporter, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 3, 1949

Beef Cattlemen's Assoc'n. Met Here. The beef cattlemen of Shelby County met in Columbiana on Wednesday, February 23rd and organized the Shelby County Beef Cattleman's Association. Mr. W.J. Bailey was elected president, Alvin T. Bell, Vincent, vice-president, O.F. Lokey, Wilsonville, Secretary-Treasurer, T.G. Wood, Wilsonville, Director and W.A. Fulton, Siluria, Director. Constitution and by laws were adopted and the name of this Association shall be The Shelby County Beef Cattlemen's Association. The purpose of this Association shall be to develop and encourage production of beef cattle in Shelby County and to advance the interest and welfare of cattlemen in this section in growing, grazing, feeding and marketing of better quality

beef cattle. One of the primary activities of this Association upon payment of annual membership dues as prescribed herein. Associate members shall not have voting privileges nor shall they hold office in the Association.

Shelby County Reporter, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, July 6, 1961

Sheriff Says Clue Still Sought In Double Slaying. Local and state officers from Law Enforcement Department continue their round the clock search for clues in the mysterious slaying of an elderly couple, Isaac W. Cross, 79, and his wife, Roxie Mae Cross, 73, whose bodies were found in their home near Alabaster, Friday, June 30. Sheriff C.P. Walker states there are no new developments, but investigators continue their search surrounding the rural area for clues. The bodies of the death victims were discovered in their living room by George Miller, a 78 year old neighbor who lives a quarter of a mile from the Cross home. Cross had been shot at least five times and Mrs. Cross was hit by at least six 22 caliber rifle bullets. Coroner Bolton stated that they had apparently been killed on the 26 or 27th of June. State investigator Ben Allen is assisting Sheriff C.P. Walker in an attempt to solve the brutal murder.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 4, 1911

Harpersville News. The A.B. & A. railroad has built a temporary depot here and Olin McCall is agent. Come on now with your freight and buy your tickets.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 4, 1911

Chelsea News. Telephone service is getting O.K. now. We hope to have further connection this week.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 4, 1911

Ice Cream and Box Supper. There will be an Ice Cream and Box Supper at the Shelby Springs school building Friday afternoon and night, May 5th. The proceeds will be used to purchase desks. Everybody is invited to attend and help in any way that you can.

Shelby News-Monitor, Montevallo, Alabama, Thursday, November 6, 1975

For Montevallo ... Black Policeman Hired. The first black policeman in Montevallo and Shelby County was recently hired by the Montevallo City Council. After the group met in executive sessions following their last Council meeting on Oct. 27. Cox [Gregory Cox] began his duties with the Montevallo force on Nov. 3, Monday, and according to Chief Troy Kirkland, he went on to a regular shift routine with other officers on the force. Cox was selected by the Council to replace Patrolman Wiley Bibb who resigned the force on Oct. 29 to take a position with the Alabama State Troopers. Bibb will join 40 others from around the state taking training at the State Trooper Academy in Montgomery. After 14 weeks he will be assigned to a particular area of the state. Cox is 24 and married, the father of three children. He currently resides in Montevallo at Scott Village Apartments according to Kirkland. Prior to joining the force, Cox had worked as a carpenter, and attended a trade school in Childersburg. He is a high school graduate, and veteran of service in the armed forces. Within nine months Cox will be required to attend the police academy at the University of Alabama. While there he will complete 240 hours of extensive training as required by Alabama law. Cox is the first regular black policeman on the Montevallo force, and apparently the first full time officer for any city in the county. In the past, the Montevallo Urban league along with other black groups and leaders had asked for a black policeman in the city. The council had assured them that as soon as a qualified black applied, he would be hired.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, November 6, 1879

Calera. All the property of the Shelby Lime Company, including four thousand acres of land on which Calera is situated, was sold to Mr. J.D. Hardy for \$4,000. Mr. Hardy is a fine business man and one who has the talent to make our town a prosperous place - what it should have been long ago. A great many people are now making inquiries with a view to purchasing property and settling in our midst.

We learn that Mr. T.J. Martin, of Harpersville, has had his steam gin, which was recently destroyed by fire, rebuilt, and that it will be ready to resume ginning by next Saturday.

Shelby County Reporter, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 2, 1937

Ezekiel Townsend, a Confederate Veteran, passed away at his home in Westover last Sunday, August 29. He was 96 years old but up to last year was very active. He lived in Alabama 51 years and in Westover since 1924. According to records there is only one Confederate Veteran in the county surviving him, Rob. S. Killough, Montevallo. Mr. Townsend leaves a wife and six children to mourn his passing and to them The Reporter extends sympathy.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 9, 1879

Pelham Locals. W. & A. Oats have bought the large store house recently built here by Mr. Thos. Johnson, and expects to move into it soon.

Shelby County Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, August 25, 1898

Longview Dots. J.B. Adams brought in 30 State convicts Tuesday, and have them at work. He is to get 20 more in the future. He has eight fine bloodhounds and well-finished prison, 25 by 85 feet.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 11, 1951

Columbiana. Graveside rites were spoken Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J.E. Franks for Miss Augusta Thompson, a former resident of Columbiana. Miss Thompson moved to Birmingham in 1918 with her uncle, Mr. N.A. [it should be W.A.] Thompson, for whom the street by that name in our town was named. Being in the employ of Pizitz Company for the past 33 years, Miss Gussie won an enviable record for faithfulness to duty, efficiency, and friendliness. She was a loyal member of the Southside Baptist Church and at the funeral service in Birmingham, Dr. Buchanan paid a beautiful tribute to her loyal, Christian character. Those who knew her best appreciated her most. She is survived by 10 nephews and 12 nieces. Brown-Service in charge of the funeral and burial services.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 16, 1875

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. David Fulton, an old citizen of Shelby county. He died near Elliottsville in this county a few days ago.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, October 18, 1877

Rev. James M. Scott, an aged minister of the Baptist Church, died at his residence, near Harpersville, on Wednesday night last, the 10th inst. He was born in Virginia the 12th of January, 1777, moved to South Carolina in early life, and came from that State to this more than fifty years ago. His mind remained strong and vigorous notwithstanding his advanced age, until within a few months of his death. He leaves numerous descendants and many friends to mourn his loss.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 10, 1906

E.P. Wright, who lived near Shelby Springs, shot and killed himself early Tuesday morning, May 1st, and so far as can be learned there was no cause for the deed. He was about 26 years of age, and leaves a wife and one small child. His remains were laid to rest in the Beaver Creek cemetery near Shelby the following day. Rev. C.C. Heard of this place conducting the funeral services.

The Shelby County Sun, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, March 25, 1915

A "jitney bus" has been started between Columbiana and Vincent. The bus leaves Vincent every morning, returning in the afternoon. The fare is five cents a mile and it will pick you up or put you off anywhere on the road. Quite a convenience for people in that section who have business in Columbiana.

The Peoples Advocate, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, December 24, 1896

Died. At the residence of her son, L.R. Kendrick, on the evening of the 9th inst., Mrs. Elmira C. Kendrick, widow of the late Isham H. Kendrick, aged 73 years. She was buried at Liberty cemetery, Rev. J.H.R. Carden officiating. The Advocate extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Shelby County Sentinel, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, August 23, 1900

Mrs. Martha Fulton, wife of Elijah Fulton, died at her home near Maylene, on Monday afternoon, of typhoid fever. She was a woman beloved by all who knew her and her death is mourned by numerous relatives and a large circle of friends. She was about fifty years old. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended.

Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, September 20, 1888

On September 4th Mr. Jeremiah Miner, aged 84 years, fell dead in his house about twelve miles northwest of this place. He had been feeling badly for some time previous, but was thought to be improving the day he died so suddenly. He was a good man, a devout christian, and his memory will be fondly cherished by his relatives and many friends.

The Shelby News, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, October 20, 1892

The News extends in common with all the people of this community, sympathy to Mr. David Adams in the death of his most excellent wife. Mrs. Adams was about fifty-three years of age, and with her husband and family had resided in Calera for over thirty years, and in her death our town loses one of its most respected women as well as oldest residents. Her remains were buried in the family burying ground five miles west of Calera on Wednesday 19th inst. Peace to her ashes.

The Shelby News, Calera, Alabama, Thursday, October 20, 1892

Died - In Calera on the 18th inst. Mrs. Elizabeth Adams wife of Mr. David Adams.

The Shelby County Guide, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, May 27, 1869

Mr. Bruce Harris is improving the comfort, convenience and beauty of his residence on "silk stocking," by plastering, painting and putting up some new out-buildings. Judge Sterrett is also adding much to the appearance of this same street by substantial improvements. If anybody take exception to the name applied above to our principle street, he must call on the fighting editor, who is always absent.

The Shelby Chronicle, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, June 6, 1889

Died - South-west of Shelby on Thursday night last, May 30th, of pneumonia, Mr. Judge Merrell. A large concourse of friends and relatives followed his remains to Good Hope Church on Saturday last, where quite a number had already collected. Rev. C.W. O'Hara delivered a very impressive funeral sermon, after which the body was turned over to the farmer's alliance, who accompanied it to the old Williams graveyard near Good Hope Church, where he was interred with alliance honors. Mr. Merrell was well known in this section and was regarded as one of our most quiet, unassuming, peaceful Christian citizens; and thus another kind father, affectionate husband, warm friend and Christian neighbor has fallen. God, in his providence, hath seen proper to call him out of time into eternity. We extend to the bereaved widow and children of our deceased brother the heartfelt sympathy of our entire community in their affliction.

Mrs. Dr. W.B. Cross, of this place, died at Brierfield a few days ago while on a visit to her daughter. Her remains were interred at the Cross graveyard, about a mile north of Pelham on last Friday. The family have the sympathy of her many friends.

Our community was very much shocked on last Thursday to learn of the sad death of Willie Echols. It was generally known that he was sick, but every one hoped that it would only prove a slight attack of the measles,

but being troubled with bronchitis it settled on his lungs and thus brought on his death. He was in his 23d year, a member of the M.E. church at this place and one who was universally liked. His many friends sympathize with the family in their bereavement, and can only be consoled with the thought that their loss is his gain. He was buried at Harmony cemetery on last Thursday.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, June 18, 1933

In a letter from a writer at Junction City, Arkansas last week it was stated that Mrs. G.T. Cullins had just died. Mrs. Cullins was the wife of Taylor Cullins who went to the Civil War at the age of 14 years from here. Mr. Cullins goes to every reunion and comes back to see Alabama friends every summer. He married in Texas and his wife was not known to our people.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, May 5, 1938

Columbiana Has Set of Triplets Born May 2. As Callender, Canada is proud of its quintuplets so Columbiana is proud of her triplets, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Walton on Monday May 2. Two girls and one boy named Lena Ray, Luna and Tommie. "Dr. Dafoe", our own Dr. Crawford, says all three are doing fine and mother too.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, October 16, 1933

A.C. Naish, well known citizen of Shelby county, died at his home in the Kingdom community on April 4 at the age of 70 years. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. D.Z. Woolley, were held at Wilsonville and interment in the cemetery there. Mr. Naish had been ill for a long time and bore his sufferings with patience. He was a successful farmer, a good citizen and a good neighbor.

The McMillan home in Columbiana was destroyed by fire that was discovered at about 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The house was not occupied at the time, Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Nelson having but recently moved out. Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Goodwin were planning to move into the home and had already carried in part of their household goods. The origin of the fire is not known.

The Shelby County Sun, Thursday, September 5, 1912

The high school will begin its first session Monday Sept. 16. This school will afford the boys and girls of Shelby County opportunities perhaps superior to any high school in the State. Special and individual attention will be given each boy and girl and the carefully selected faculty will put forth every effort in their power to make this one of the greatest high schools in the State. Great care has been exercised in selecting competent and experienced teachers. Mr. Leftwich, principal, has had fourteen years experience as teacher and comes highly recommended for his faithfulness to duty and for the love he has for the cause of education, and welfare of the boys and girls of this great commonwealth. Miss Carolyn Rowe and Miss Mary Peters, assistants, are young ladies of great ability and well qualified to fill their places in the high school with honor and credit to the cause of education. The building which is nearing completion is one of most beautiful and well arranged in the State [photo of County High School building in The Shelby County Sun, dated Thursday, September 19, 1912]. It is sanitary and modern in every respect. The citizens in Columbiana are hospitable and friendly and stand with open doors to welcome the boys and girls from the different sections of the county to the high school. The opening of the Shelby County High School is the beginning of a new era in the cause of education in this section of the State. The boys of today will soon be the citizens of our county. Then it behooves us to put forth every effort in our power to make educated officers and law abiding citizens. The present age demands men with trained minds as well as trained hands. Give the boys and girls a chance. Many a bright girl and ambitious boy would be able to overcome the many difficulties and unpleasant cares of life if given the advantage of a high school education. Our high school is in its infancy but with the co-operation of the citizens, it will soon be known as the banner high school of the State.

The Shelby County Sun, Thursday, September 12, 1912

New Coal Mine Is Opened At Chelsea. Mr. J.W. Dillard, representing the Mt. Vernon Coal Mine Company,

of Mt. Vernon, Ill., has opened up a new mine at Chelsea, on the A.B.&A. Railroad in this county. They are now working a full force and expect by the first of October to be making regular shipments. Mr. Dillard is a man of much experience in the coal mining business, and the enterprise will, no doubt, be a big success under his supervision.

Shelby County Sentinel, Thursday, July 29, 1909

County Closes Contract to Install Acetylene at Court House. The county officials have just closed a contract to light the courthouse with Acetylene gas. Judge Longshore says the plant will cost about \$500, and that the lights will be in place within a week. It is well known that Acetylene is one of the most economical and satisfactory lights known. Hon. W.F. Aldrich has used it for the illumination of his home at Rajah Lodge for several years, and says it is a perfect success. Though rather late the light will be welcome. But, at the price paid for the court house, an Acetylene plant and all fixtures should have been installed under the original contracts. If the county business had been in the hands of wide awake business men this would have been seen to at that time.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, December 24, 1959

Death Takes Last Civil War Vet. The last survivor of the War Between the States, long called the Civil War, died Saturday December 19, in Houston, Texas. He was Walter Williams, a Confederate soldier, and he lived to be 117 years old. By order of President Eisenhower the United States Flag is being flown at half-mast throughout the nation to honor the last survivor of that historic conflict.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, September 10, 1959

Old Landmark Giving Way To Progress. The first brick home ever built in Columbiana will soon be torn down to make way for a new Standard Oil Company Service Station. We refer to the old Haynes home, more recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Fulton who have moved into their new home. The Hayes home was built many years ago by the late Gordon DuBose, a prominent Shelby County banker. Mr. DuBose moved to Calera where he established the Central State Bank. He sold this residential property to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dyke, who, in turn, sold it to the John Hayes family. It is now awaiting the tearing down squad thereby making room for commercial development of this historic site. [Thursday, October 29, 1959 ... Lewis Walker with a crew of men and a machine is taking down the walls of the first brick home built in Columbiana. It is the old Haynes home, recently the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fulton....]

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, March 30, 1933

S.E. Chandler Building New Home In Columbiana. S.E. Chandler of Birmingham has bought the large lot adjoining the home of J.B. Turner and is already placing material on the ground for the erection of a new home. Mr. Chandler plans to move to Columbiana to make his home in the early fall. His reason for selecting Columbiana is that it is in such convenient distance of Birmingham where his business interests are located.

Long Illness Fatal to W.H. Mitchell William H. Mitchell, widely-known throughout Alabama as a former Talladega County banker and financier died at his home at Talladega Springs early Sunday from a heart attack. He was 78 years old. Mr. Mitchell was former president and owner of the Peoples' Bank, Talladega Springs, and also served in the past as vice president of the First National Bank, Sylacauga. During the past few years he has lived here in semi-retirement due to the lingering illness which finally caused his death. Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 o'clock at Blue Springs Church near here. Burial will be in Blue Springs Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife; two sons, T.C. Mitchell, Talladega Springs, and Dr. William Mitchell, Montevallo, and two daughters, Mrs. Roy Bishop, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Esther Hulse, Merchantsville, N.J. - AGE HERALD. Mr. Mitchell was well known in Shelby county. He had large property interests in both Columbiana and Montevallo. Before her marriage Mrs. Mitchell was Miss Ella Latham of Montevallo.

Dr. Crowe Found Dead In Bed Wednesday Morning. Dr. F.F. Crowe, postmaster at Montevallo, and one of the most widely known as useful citizens of Shelby county, was found dead in his bed Wednesday morning. A more complete account of his death will be given next week.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, April 6, 1933

Dr. F.F. Crowe Had A Long And Useful Life. The late Mr. Frank Crowe, who was familiarly called "Dr. Crowe" as born seventy years ago in Ashville, Alabama and was the son of Frank F. Crowe, an honored Confederate Veteran who died in service in Corinth, Miss. and of Martha Stephens, also of Ashville, who passed away 1893. Dr. Crowe was the only child and was educated as a civil engineer at the Pleasant Hill Academy in Birmingham. He was engaged for years in constructing tunnels and railroads through the mountains of Tennessee near Johnston City and Bristol. He was engaged as an engineer in the construction of the Mississippi levees and was instrumental in building the old railroad from Gurnee Junction to Birmingham. Thirty seven years ago he came to Montevallo bringing his wife, formerly Miss Linnie Pratt of Bibb County and their two children Ione Crowe, now Mrs. Guerard of Marion, and a son A.C. Crowe, now Dr. A.C. Crowe of Ocean City, N.J. He became identified with the Baptist church and since then has been a consistent church member, giving freely of his time and means in the service and was at his death the Senior Deacon. At one time Dr. Crowe owned, in partnership with Dr. D.L. Wilkinson, now residing in Birmingham, a drug store in Montevallo and then became postmaster which position he has held for twenty-six years, broken only during the Administration of President Wilson when Mr. Hoskins held that position. For many years he has been a director of the Merchants & Planters Bank. Dr. Crowe was loved for his generous, kindly qualities by his friends and neighbors of this entire section and we miss him and shall miss him the more when we begin to realize that we have lost him.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, June 8, 1933

The White House Burned Saturday. Landmark of Shelby County Laid In Ruins. The White House, a landmark of Columbiana, Shelby county and this section of Alabama, was burned to the ground Saturday afternoon in a fire on the first floor a little after one o'clock. The volunteer fire department responded promptly to the alarm and in a heroic effort tried to check the flames and save at least a part of the large and imposing structure, but the fire had gained too much headway. The fire raged for an hour and so intense was the heat that several of the firemen were almost overcome by it. Fortunately the adjoining homes escaped without damage, though threatened at times. The two story "annex" standing at some distance caught fire on the roof as did a servant house on the lot of J.L. Davis, still further away. The White House was owned by Mrs. John Miles. It was occupied by herself, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Miles, Miss Myrtle Miles, away at the time, Miss Fay Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Steadman Wood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whitaker and little son, and Dr. E.B. Cooper. Only a small portion of their household goods could be saved. A large number of friends stood by willing, and some of those at work took what seemed desperate chances. The house was so large and the fire spread so rapidly over the entire second story that it was impossible to go inside. The White House was one of the historic places of Columbiana. The work of building of it was started, it is said, something like a hundred years ago. A large part of the timbers were of heart pine taken from the virgin forest, cut and hewn, by slave labor. It was operated as a hotel for many years and in addition to traveling men who made it their regular stopping place, guests used to come from the cities of Alabama, from neighboring states and even from the states further north to spend their summers. The White House was given its name by J.R. White who at one time owned the property and continued to operate it as a hotel. It was Mr. White who moved the "annex" from what is now Dr. Chandler's home to make it a part of the White House in order to meet the heavy demands of the patronage of that day. Mr. White remembers to have planted the beautiful water oaks that stand on the lot today and the boxwood hedge that lines the walk to the front door. In 1908, twenty five years ago, the White House was bought by the late John Miles and it has been the home of his family since. Notwithstanding her advanced years, Mrs. Miles had taken the keenest interest in the grounds, planting new shrubbery and caring tirelessly for that already planted, so that it became one of the most attractive home sites to be found in the whole community. In addition to the loss of household goods there were household and family treasures, that can

never be replaced. Rare paintings and portraits, with a rare collection of curios and antiques gathered from all parts of the world. The loss to Mr. Oliver Miles in this way was little less than a tragedy. He had a collection of notes and manuscripts, diaries, the record of a life full of unusual experiences that would have made a volume of great interest. All these together with his fine collection of books gathered through the years of discriminating reading were a total loss. It is understood the loss of the home and of household goods as well, was only partially covered by insurance.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, September 23, 1948

Machinery Going In New Cotton Mill. The Valley Mills company, having completed the building for their cotton mill in Columbiana is busy installing machinery. Truck load after truck load of the different kinds of machines have been brought in; the machinery has been placed in the different rooms and a crew of experts is lining it up and putting it in place. Another crew of men is installing the heating system while a third crew is painting the interior of the building, both steel and wood work.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, June 30, 1949

"Uncle Tom" Davis, 101, Died Sunday. James Thomas Davis, 101 years of age, died at the home of his son, J.G. Davis, Sunday, on June 26, 1949. "Uncle Tom" or "Preacher Tom" as he was known to many of his friends was one of the oldest citizens in the State. He was born in Georgia in 1847 and moved to Shelby county in 1850. Funeral services were held at Walton's Chapel on June 27, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. Lester Walton, officiating. Mr. Davis is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Campbell of Birmingham; Mrs. J.B. Roper, Mrs. Cleve Brasher and Mrs. Bessie Grimes of Columbiana; six sons, J.Y., A.F., A.B. Davis of Columbiana; J.E. Davis of Sylacauga; V.F. Davis of Birmingham; J.B. Davis, Pensacola, Florida and 78 grandchildren; 100 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren. Interment in Foster Cemetery, Walton in charge.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, June 16, 1949

Television Sets Are In Town. If you are interested in a new Television Set, be sure and visit Horn-Mullins Supply Company and Farm and Home Hardware Company where demonstrations are being held. See these new miracles of the present century. They will amaze and entertain you. Olen Jackson, Columbiana's radio service man, installed the set at the Farm & Home Hardware. He is equipping his shop to service the new television sets.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, December 30, 1948

Streets Named For World War II Heroes. The City Administration authorities have opened up a new avenue and two new streets in Columbiana and have named them for three of Columbiana's World War II veterans who gave their lives for their country. Lauderdale Avenue for Wayne Lauderdale; Collins Street is so called in honor of Jack Collins; Lester Street is a tribute to the memory of Sam Lester. It seems to the writer that these particular parts of town should now be beautified by planting trees and shrubs as a beautiful living memorial to these courageous Americans. A most worthy project for the clubs and churches of the town.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, December 16, 1948

Columbiana Bus Line Begins Today, Dec. 16. The initial run of the Columbiana Bus Line Incorporated, will leave Shelby on Thursday morning at eight o'clock. It will arrive in Columbiana at eight thirty A.M., and passengers will board same at the Dinner Bell Cafe Station. This will give passengers several hours shopping time in the Magic City and is a decided step forward in much needed transportation to and from these points. The bus will be driven by H.E. Hope and will run from Shelby, through Columbiana, Chelsea and on in to Birmingham on the Florida Short Route.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, November 4, 1948

R.G. Amos Killed By Train Saturday. Raymond Guy Amos, 46, of Siluria was killed by a train at Alabaster at

3:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Funeral services were held at the Alabaster Church of God at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Burial was in the Elliotsville cemetery. Rev. Standifer and Rev. Calhoun were in charge of the services; Walton in charge. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lena Amos; two daughters, Catherine and Bettie Lou; one brother, James Amos; his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Amos; one brother, Judson Amos; and four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Kerr, Mrs. Maudie Campbell, Mrs. Jewell Crouch and Mrs. Grace Johnson.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, September 23, 1948

Two More New Homes Being Erected Here. Two more new homes were started in Columbiana this week. J.I. Harrison is beginning to build a nine-room house on his lot facing Sterrett Street that he bought recently from Miss Mary Peters. F.B. Johnston is in charge of the construction. W.W. Elliott began a new five-room house on his lot facing Sterrett street and adjoining the home of R.R. Joiner. C.J. Reinhardt is in charge of the building. Mr. Reinhardt recently completed a new home for Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Walton on the lot adjoining their present residence. L.E. Curlee is completing work on the house he bought recently from W.T. Seale, located on East Main street adjoining the home of Thomas Minor. This home has been completely worked over with two rooms added to make two apartments.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, March 4, 1954

City Limits Extend One And Half Miles The original charter order when the Town of Columbiana was incorporated at the 1894-95 session of the General Assembly of Alabama provided that the corporate limits of Columbiana should embrace an area extending in all direction two and a half miles from the court house. At the 1900-1901 session of the law making body this original charter was amended to provide as follows: That the corporate limits of the Town of Columbiana shall be all that area extending one and one half miles in every direction from the court house. The above information is being published at the request of Mayor W.W. Wallace, Jr. to correct a popular but erroneous understanding that the city limits extend only one mile from the court house.

Shelby County Sentinel, Thursday, July 29, 1909

County Closes Contract to Install Acetylene at Court House The county officials have just closed a contract to light the courthouse with Acetylene gas. Judge Longshore says the plant will cost about \$500, and that the lights will be in place within a week. It is well known that Acetylene is one of the most economical and satisfactory lights known. Hon. W.F. Aldrich has used it for the allumination of his home at Rajah Lodge for several years, and says it is a perfect success. Though rather late the light will be welcome. But, at the price paid for the court house, an Acetylene plant and all fixtures should have been installed under the original contracts. If the county business had been in the hands of wide awake business men this would have been seen to at that time.

The Shelby News, Thursday, April 30, 1891

Fire. The court house of Shelby county, caught on fire Tuesday last, and at the time it appeared that the building would burn down. The records was removed, county court being in session at the time the fire was discovered and a large crowd was in attendance. The fire originated from some unknown cause in roof of the building and on the inside of the roof. A colored prisoner, charged with some offense was in the court at the time the fire awaiting trial, quickly volunteered his services to go up through the scuttle hole, did so, and speedily put out the fire, willing hands promptly furnished him with the necessary water. Had the fire occurred at night, the court house, records and all would have burned down. The prisoner should be discharged for by his prompt action, as inestimable sum of money and other property has been saved to Shelby county. Damage about fifty dollars.

Shelby County Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1894

The fire proof vaults in the court house at Columbiana for the protection of the county records have been

completed and are quite an addition, and will no doubt most satisfactorily fill a long felt and much needed want in the county.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, February 27, 1908

Old Courthouse Sold. Commissioner J.E. Dykes sold the old courthouse Monday [February 24, 1908] at 10 o'clock to the highest bidder and J.W. Blackerby bought it in for \$2,025. This includes the lot the house stands on.

Shelby County Sentinel, Thursday, April 23, 1908

To My Friends. I have moved my boarding house into the large brick building that was formerly the Court House and am prepared to take good care of all my old friends and patrons, and the public generally. J. W. Blackerby, Columbiana, Ala.

Shelby County Reporter, Columbiana, Alabama, Thursday, January 18, 1923 [Vol. 80, No. 1]

A Democratic Newspaper For Shelby County For nearly two years I have been publishing a Shelby county newspaper, The Tri-Cities Reporter, for Montevallo, Calera and Wilton. At the urgent solicitation of a large number of citizens in all parts of the county, I have decided to enlarge and strengthen this paper by consolidating with it, The Talladega Reporter, which was established in 1843, and which is one of the oldest newspapers in Alabama. The new paper bears the name SHELBY COUNTY REPORTER and is published at Columbiana. This is a copy of its first issue. Just as soon as a suitable building can be secured I shall move my entire equipment, including job printing outfit, to Columbiana and at an early date will also come to Columbiana to make my home. The Talladega Reporter and The Tri-Cities Reporter were both democratic newspapers. Naturally the Shelby County Reporter is also a democratic paper and will endeavor to render effective service to the cause of democracy. I believe, however, that in order to serve the Democratic party well, the paper must endeavor first, to serve Shelby county. It is my privilege to have been a citizen of Shelby county for six years, having served for that time as a member of the faculty of the girls' college at Montevallo. During that time I learned to know Shelby county and Shelby county people and I learned to believe that the future holds for Shelby county great possibilities. It is undoubtedly true that in its possibilities, Shelby is one of the very best counties in Alabama, and that it has opportunities and advantages that are possessed by no other county in the state. It is my conviction, and I am not alone in holding it, that Shelby county is about to enter upon and to experience a period of very satisfactory growth and development. People from outside are going to find out about our advantages and resources and we are going to realize more clearly ourselves that we have great opportunities. It is very gratifying to me that so many of my friends in Shelby have asked me to come "back home" and to conduct the newspaper that is to have some part in helping to bring in and carry through this better day. I am deeply grateful for the expressions of confidence that have come to me for the assurance of loyal and enthusiastic support. I wish here and now to pledge myself with every resource at my command to a sincere consecration to this great work of helping to build a better Shelby county. I make an appeal to every citizen of the county, regardless of party, creed, or race to join with me in support of this program of service. Luther Fowler. Editor Shelby County Reporter.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, September 8, 1921

Hotel Property Sold. Mrs. J.G. Adams, of Vincent, bought the Blackerby Hotel Monday from Mrs. J.W. Blackerby, and will take possession on October 1st.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, November 17, 1910

Shelby County Lady Dies At the Age 102 Helena, Ala., Nov. 12. - "Grandma" Little, age 102 years, died Thursday night at her son-in-law, Mr. John W. Catt's home at Elliottsville in Shelby county. Mrs. Little had been confined to her bed for more than twelve months. She was born the 23rd day of July 1808. She was the wife of Robert Little. She leaves two children, one son, John Little, and a daughter, Mrs. J.W. Catt, and a host of grand and great-grandchildren. - Birmingham News.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, August 19, 1943

J.B. King Chosen Wilsonville Principal It is announced that J.B. King of Columbiana has been appointed to serve as principal of the Wilsonville High School during the coming year. Mr. King has been for several years principal of the high school at Dogwood and formerly was principal of the grammar school in Columbiana.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, January 22, 1931

Three Fires In Columbiana Since Our Last Issue. Since the last publication of The Reporter, three fires have occurred in Columbiana, the first one being Thursday morning of last week, when the two story dwelling on College street, owned by L.L. Saxon, was completely destroyed. This fire was discovered about 1 a.m. and being beyond the fire limits, little could be done by the volunteer fire department. This building was occupied by the families of Tom E. Walton, G.W. Walton and Henry Edmondson. According to information given to a representative of The Reporter, practically all household effects of the three families were destroyed. Friday evening about 7:30 fire was discovered in the office of G.W. Weaver in the Mitchell building. This fire did little damage but the stock of the Davis Drug Company, located on the first floor of the building, was water damaged considerably. Saturday morning smoke was discovered escaping from the upper northwest room of the court house about 7:00 o'clock. Quick work on the part of the volunteer fire fighters soon had the blaze, which was in the jury room, under control, with the damages very small.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, February 28, 1901

A DISASTROUS FIRE. A Negro Ninety-Six Years old Burned to a Crisp. As the sun ascended the heavens last Sunday morning, and while our citizens were enjoying the breakfast in the western part of the city, about a mile and a quarter from the court house there was another scene being enacted. About eight o'clock a dense volume of black smoke was observed on the western horizon, which to the minds of those who observed it that behind the smoke was a fierce conflagration. As soon as the alarm was sounded our citizens were on their way to the scenes, soon the sad news was heard that the county Almshouse was being consumed by fire. In a few minutes after news was heard in the city the church bells carried the sad tidings over the city that a fire with a fiery tongue was consuming a building. In a short time a score or more of men were upon the scene using all efforts to stay the leaping fire. The fire started in the quarter allotted to the poor unfortunate negroes of the Almshouse, and just how the fire started no one knows. In the room where the flames was first discovered two old negro men occupied it, and the supposition is that one of them had build a big fire in the fire place and a chunk of wood had rolled out upon the floor which caused the fire. The room on the inside had been almost consumed when the flames were discovered. One of the negro men had only left the room a few minutes before the discovery, and the other, an old negro, Aaron Brice, 96 years old was lying in bed, too feeble to make his escape, was burnt to a crisp. After the fire had died down the charred bones of the old negro were placed in a box and were buried Sunday afternoon in the Almshouse grave yard. All of the inmates of the Almshouse were saved, also nearly all the furniture and bedding and clothes. The three buildings which the paupers occupied were laid in ashes, the main building after a hard fought battle was saved from the fire. The loss will probably reach \$800 with no insurance.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, March 7, 1901

Died at the poor house on February 28th, Malone Freeman, aged seventy-three years.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, April 11, 1901

The new buildings at the poor house are about completed and will be ready for use at an early date. Mr. Johnson, the contractor, has been pushing the work as the houses were needed.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, January 24, 1901

Miss L.A. Harper died on the 12th of January, 1901. She was 56 years and three months old. She was living with her Aunt Mary A. Poindexter at the time of her death. She was buried in the Poindexter grave yard. Rev. Holdridge conducted the funeral services.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, January 3, 1901

Lewis McAdams, the negro who cut Jim Ray several days ago, was captured by Jim Robertson near Sylacauga Monday evening and was carried back to the scenes of his crime. A posse of determined men took Lewis from his captor on Wednesday evening and swung him to a tree near Beeswax bridge three miles north of this place and riddled his body with bullets.

Shelby County Sun, Thursday, November 4, 1915

OUR COURT HOUSE NEEDS REPAIRING. Plastering and Veneering Coming Loose Which Looks Bad. Something will soon have to be done with the inside of our handsome court house, as the inside of the building is in a most deplorable condition. The plastering and marble veneering is all peeling and falling to the floor, making a very ugly appearance for the interior of our temple of justice, and the longer these repairs are put off the worse it will get and the greater the cost for repairs.

Shelby County Sun, Thursday, August 11, 1921

J.C. Hendrick Buried Sunday. The remains of James C. Hendrick, who was killed in France July 26, 1918, reached Montevallo last Sunday and was buried in the cemetery at that place Sunday afternoon with military honors. Mr. Hendrick was a member of Company D 167th regiment, known as the Rainbow division. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lula Hendrick, two brothers and several sisters, among them being Mrs. W.L. Christian of this place.

Shelby County Sentinel, Thursday, May 18, 1876

Died at the Shelby Iron Works, on last Monday, Mr. Warren Harnden. Mr. Harnden was a young man, just in the bloom of life, and leaves many warm friends to mourn his loss. He was buried with Masonic honors at the Shelby Iron Works Cemetery on Tuesday.

Shelby County Sentinel, Thursday, May 18, 1876

Died at the residence of Mr. C.C. Comer, her son-in-law, a few miles from this place, on Tuesday, Mrs. Milly Duran, aged about 70 years. Mrs. Duran was the mother of our townsmen, J.H. and W.F. Duran. She was buried at this place on yesterday evening.

Shelby County Sentinel, Thursday, June 15, 1876

Married at the residence of the bride's mother, in Columbiana, yesterday, by Rev. L.M. Wilson, Miss Fannie Nabors to Mr. Snowden T. Anchors, all of this county.

Shelby County Guide, Thursday, June 18, 1868

A sad accident occurred at the Gin House of Mr. Morris, near Shelby Springs, on Thursday last, which resulted in the death of Mr. Michael Rinehardt, a very estimable citizen of this county. He was thrashing wheat, and was caught on the belt, carried over the wheel between it and a girder, crushing him badly. He died from the injuries received on Sunday last.

Shelby County Guide, Thursday, June 18, 1868

It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. Samuel Brasher, of this place, who died on Friday last, the 12th instant, in the 66th year of his age. He was, perhaps, the oldest citizen in the county, having moved to it in 1817, and merchandized in this place over thirty years. He leaves a family and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

The Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, May 17, 1951

Monument Fund Begun By Legion Posts In County. (Note: On the monument it is indicated that it was erected in 1954. [Click Here](#) for additional information on this marker.) The drive on the part of the American Legion Posts of Shelby County to raise funds for the purpose of erecting a monument on the courthouse

grounds in Columbiana began Monday, May 14th. This drive was begun in 1949 and at that time the policy of the Legion was to accept contributions from Veterans only. \$313.75 was raised at that time. Officials of the Legion Posts of Shelby County desire to complete this program and a decision has been reached to accept contributions from the general public. It is estimated that the project will cost \$1,000.00. Persons who have assisted thus far in the current drive are: Mildred White Wallace ... \$5.00; Horn-Mullins Supply Company ... \$5.00; J. Lee Davis ... \$2.00; J.F. Thompson ... \$2.00; A.A. Holman ... \$1.00; Stinson's Gulf Service Station ... \$5.00; Charlie Hughes ... \$1.00; A.P. Miles ... \$1.00; Magnolia Cafe ... \$1.00; Otis Sparks ... \$1.00; Evelyn's Cafe ... \$1.00; Leon Meyers ... \$1.00; Arthur Wood ... \$1.00; Frank Fulton ... \$1.00; T.G. Wier ... \$1.00; A Friend ... \$1.00 ... TOTAL ... \$30.00. Persons who desire to contribute to this campaign may do so by making their contribution to an official of any of the Legion Posts in the county or to the following individuals who have agreed to assist: Eugene Abercrombie, Sterrett; L.H. Cosper and B.E. Cunningham, Wilsonville; B.B. White and Ross B. Mullins, Columbiana; Jim D. Presley, Calera; J.D. Allen, Marvel, Rt. 1; S.H. Perkins, RFD, Columbiana; R.L. Woolley, Montevallo. Persons who desire to contribute by mail may do so by sending their contribution to Conrad M. Fowler, Treasurer, Legion Memorial Fund, Columbiana, Alabama.

The Shelby County Reporter-Democrat Thursday, November 11, 1954

WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATED BY LEGION NOV. 7. A 11 foot high marker, the Shelby County Legion Memorial to its dead of three wars was dedicated at 3:00pm Sunday afternoon in Columbiana on the courthouse grounds, with Conrad M. Fowler, of the Columbiana Legion Post in charge of the ceremonial presentations. The marker contains the names of 31 Shelby Countians who lost their lives in World War I; 72 in World War II [2 more were added later; H.W. Beane and Edgar Connell, making it a total now of 74]; and 13 in the Korean War [Error; there are only 12 names, no removed name appears on monument]. [Later, 11 names were added on the back-side of the monument for the Vietnam War, 1964-1975.] The memorial program was sponsored by the seven American Legion Posts of Shelby County. Preceding presentation of distinguished guests by Mr. Fowler, the invocation was spoken by the Rev. Hollis Hendon of the Baptist Church. The flag raising ceremony was put on by the Color Guard of the Talladega Post. The Drum and Bugle Corps of the Gen. Gorgas Legion Post in Birmingham presented several musical selections after which C.C. Horton, director of Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs from Montgomery, made the dedicatory address and unveiled the monument. The closing prayer was spoken by the Rev. F.P. Richey, pastor of the Methodist Church. Over 1000 people witnessed the impressive ceremony.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, September 10, 1936

Miss Mary Alice Boyd Dies In Montevallo. By John Orr. The people of Montevallo were deeply grieved, as were friends all over the state, to hear of the death of Miss Mary Alice Boyd, a professor of education at Alabama College and principal of the grammar school. Tributes were paid her by many prominent people of Montevallo, among them Dr. Harman and Dr. Givhan. A child who is now in the High School was heard to murmur upon hearing of her death, "I can hardly believe it. She was one of the most kindly and understanding teachers I ever had." Mention must be made at this time of one of Miss Boyd's chief enjoyments in recent years that is her devoted cat, Cyrus. Cyrus is a beautiful white cat. It is said this cat is going around in a daze and seems to sense that something is wrong. Mrs. Charlotte Peterson will be the acting principal for the coming year.

Shelby County Reporter, June 11, 1931

Veteran Cullins Stops For Visit. Was Returning Home From Recent Reunion. The Reporter was honored Wednesday with a visit from G.T. Cullins, of Caledonia, Ark., a former citizen of Shelby county. Mr. Cullins is a Confederate veteran and he returned home from the reunion at Montgomery. Mr. Cullins is 83 years old, but he was enjoying the best of health and expressed himself as enjoying his visit with old friends. It had been two years since Mr. Cullins' last visit, he having stopped over then on his return home from the reunion. Asked how many of the 41 reunions he had missed, Mr. Cullins said very few, not more than four or five. Since 1926 he has not missed. Mr. Cullins is one of two survivors of his company, the Eighteenth Alabama. The other is Rev. R.A.

Kidd of Vincent, and every visit of Mr. Cullins to his old home means a reunion of these two old comrades of war days. Mr. Kidd is 90 years old. No man takes a keener interest in current affairs than Mr. Cullins and it was easy to get him to talk about the political situation. Mr. Cullins is a life-long Jeffersonian Democrat. He expressed a strong desire that his party might be able to select a strong man for 1932 and without bitter controversy within the ranks wage a successful fight for the presidency. He does not believe such a fight can be waged under the leadership of Al Smith and Mr. Raskob. Arkansas was the hardest hit of all the states in the severe drouth of last year, Mr. Cullins said. His own section of the state made almost a complete crop failure and for three months, the Red Cross fed a large percentage of the people. The people are hard at work this year, however, and with reasonably good prospects for a good crop. Readers of The Reporter will remember that Mr. Cullins use to write an occasional letter for the paper and they will be pleased to read that he promised to take up the practice again. "Whenever I think of something funny," he said. Mr. Cullins was accompanied to Columbiana Wednesday morning by D.G. Kimbrough of Harpersville.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, May 21, 1914

Fire Sweeps Entire Block. Occupied By H. Gordon & Company and The Judge Co. - The Telephone Exchange and Offices Of Browne, Leeper & Koenig, W.L. Longshore, J.L. Peters, J.E. Miles And The Shoe Shop Were Entirely Destroyed. (INSERT BY BOBBY JOE SEALES: *This is the west-side of Main Street from West College Street to the Shelby County Courthouse.*) **Heroic Work Saved The Little Village From Complete Destruction.** Fire destroyed the Liles and Johnston buildings early this morning (Wednesday). The fire was discovered about 12 o'clock Tuesday night in the Liles building, and the alarm was soon given. Nearly every citizen in town turned out and done heroic work to save adjoining buildings, which was successful. The stock of goods of H. Gordon & Company and the Judge Company were partly saved, but both stocks were considerably damaged in moving. The grist mill of the Judge Company was completely destroyed. The second floor of the Liles building was occupied by the law firms of Browne, Leeper & Koenig, J.L. Peters, W.L. Longshore, J.E. Miles and the Southern Bell Telephone Co. There was nothing saved in any of the law offices or in the telephone exchange. The Advocate office, opposite the Liles building, was saved from the burning flames by the heroic work of both white and colored. The residence of L.D. Tatum nearby caught on fire several times, but was soon extinguished. The store of Max Lefkovits was slightly damaged by the flames. The following is the estimated loss: Liles Building \$5,000, insurance \$1,000; H. Hordon & Co. \$13,000, insurance \$10, 000; Judge Company \$5,000, insurance \$2,000; J.W. Johnston Building \$2,500, insurance \$2,000; Browne, Leeper and Koenig \$7,000, no insurance; J.L. Peters \$4,000, insurance \$1,000; J.E. Miles \$800, no insurance; W.L. Longshore \$800, no insurance; Bell Telephone Co. \$3,000, insured; John Mills Shoe Shop, total loss; The Advocate office and building was considerably damaged by water, with no insurance. The courthouse was slightly damaged. The barber shop of Emmett McClanahan was also damaged. The Advocate desires to thank both white and colored for the faithful work done in saving the Advocate office. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, November 4, 1915

Fire Sweeps Business Section of Columbiana Saturday Morning. The East Side of Main Street Was Destroyed As Far Down As The Grocery Store of John S. Pitts, Where The Flames Were Put Under Control. (Insert by Bobby Joe Seales: *This is the east-side of Main Street from East College Street to Mildred Street.*) **ORIGINATED IN J.A. FINLEY'S LIVERY STABLE.** The worst fire in the history of Columbiana, swept the business section of the town last Saturday morning, destroying all the business houses on the east side of Main Street from the Verchot building to the Pitts building. The fire originated in James Finley's livery stable near the corner of Main and East College streets about 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and as soon as the alarm was given, the whole population of the town turned out to fight the flames, which spread rapidly from the livery stable. The fire was first discovered by J.T. Barnett, about middle ways the barn in one of the stalls, and was all over the barn in a few minutes. Mr. Finley succeeded in getting all of his horses and nearly all of his vehicles out of the barn before the fire had made much headway. The barn of A.P. McGhee adjoining the livery stable was also destroyed. The fire spread to the store houses of A.H. Verchot and Sam Erlick and from these stores

the fire swept every building to the Pitts store, including the store houses of Mrs. W.S. Cross, Mrs. Georgia Johnson, the meat market of W.H. Moon, barber shop of Henry Chapman, the Delight Theatre and Masonic Hall. The Verchot and Erlick stores were not occupied, but the stores of Mrs. Cross was occupied by W.P. Thomas' grocery store. Mr. Thomas succeeded in getting nearly all of his stock out of the building. The building of Mrs. Johnson was occupied by Bliss Green's restaurant and John Mills shoe shop, and everything in this building was moved. W.H. Moon's meat market was in the Looney old barber shop and everything was moved from this place. All the furniture and fixtures in Henry Chapman's barber shop, the Delight Theatre, Masonic Hall and McGhee's Bottling Works was moved out before the fire reached these buildings. The stock of groceries of J.S. Pitts and Tom Walton were gotten out, also the stock of drugs of Dr. J.H. Williams, and the law books of Percy Pitts, and the furniture in Dr. Moore's office over the Pitts store was moved. By heroic work of our citizens and the people from adjoining towns and communities, the fire was stopped at the Pitts building. Every store on the opposite side of the street was threatened by the flames, and the stocks of goods of Max Lefkovits, Milner & Co., and the Peoples Cash Store, Leo Friedberger, Manager, were moved out. Only a few things in the Farley Drug store was moved. The Advocate office opposite the Verchot building caught on fire in several places but was extinguished before much damage was done. A light wind was blowing from the Northeast, which fanned the flames south on Main street. It was after 12 o'clock before the fire was under control. The loss in Saturday morning's fire is estimated at about \$50,000 partly covered by insurance. The following is the loss to property and merchandise stocks: A.P. McGhee barn \$600, no insurance; J.A. Finley's livery stable and contents \$2200, insurance \$2,000; A.H. Verchot store \$3,500, insurance \$1,500; Erlick store \$2,000, insurance \$800; Cross building \$3,000, insurance; Mrs. Georgia Johnson's store \$700, insured; A.R. Looney \$400, insurance \$300; Henry Chapman's barber shop \$1,200, insurance \$500; Masonic building \$3,000, insurance \$1,600. All the stocks of goods moved were covered by insurance. The wires of the Light Company were damaged about \$200. J.H. Mason also lost about \$150 worth of goods stored in Thomas's store with no insurance. The residence of J.T. Barnett near the livery stable was considerably damaged, and it took hard work to save the building. L.H. Ellis and Dr. D.S. Lightcap moved their books and furniture from upstairs over the Columbiana Savings Bank and Christian building. Henry McClanahan, colored, was the only person to get hurt during the fire. He was on top of the J.W. Johnston building when someone told him that the McGhee building was going to be dynamited, and he started for the ground down the water pipe, but someone had moved the ladder, and he lost his hold and fell to the ground, breaking his foot and was otherwise injured, but not seriously. The origin of the fire is unknown. Many visitors from adjoining towns were here Sunday viewing the ruins.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, May 8, 1947

SIX DROWNED: BODIES RECOVERED. The bodies of six people who were drowned in Coosa River Tuesday night, April 29, were recovered from the river Sunday afternoon and brought to Walton's Funeral Home in Columbiana. They are Joe Crawford, 25 and E.L. Allen, Calera; Annie Mae Heath, 19, Betty Jo Davis, 14, James Shuler, 24 and Buddy Abbott, 19, of Talladega. All four of the men were veterans of World War II Crawford and Shuler having served in the Army; Allen in the Marines and Abbott in the Navy. The tragedy occurred, it is said, about 9 p.m. near Camp Okimo, when Crawford and Allen took the other four for a ride in a rented boat. Apparently the boat struck an underwater snag and threw the occupants into the river. News of the tragedy did not reach Columbiana until the following day.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, December 5, 1935

Gov. Rufus Willis Cobb ... By John A. Darden, Goodwater, Ala. The life and character of Governor Rufus Willis Cobb, are most interesting and colorful, and they appeal to us as worthy of emulation and example. Governor Cobb, while a state-wide character to say the least of it, but he may justly be claimed by three counties, St. Clair where he was born and educated, Shelby where he lived most of his life and from whence he was called to become Governor of our state, and Jefferson county, where he spent his declining years and died. Governor Cobb was born in Ashville, St. Clair County, Ala., February 25, 1829, and died at Birmingham, Ala., November 26, 1913, age 84 years. He was Alabama's 25th governor. He was educated at Ashville Academy,

and at the University of Tennessee, graduating from the latter in 1850. He read law at Ashville under Hon. John C. Thomaston, and admitted to the Bar of St. Clair county, in 1855. When the Civil War broke out Lawyer Cobb entered the Confederate Army as Captain of Company "C" 10th Alabama Infantry, Forney's Brigade, and went with his regiment to Virginia, remaining there until 1863, when he was transferred to Gen. Joseph Wheeler's Calvary, in all places he served with bravery and distinction. After the war, Mr. Cobb located in Marion, Ala., where he resumed his law practice. In 1867, Mr. Cobb moved to Columbiana, Shelby county, forming a partnership with Hon. B. B. Lewis for the general practice of law, which continued until Mr. Lewis was elected President of the University of Alabama. In 1873 Mr. Cobb moved to Helena, Shelby county, where he was President of the Central Iron Works. Governor Cobb was married twice. The first time at Knoxville, Tenn., where, in 1850, he married Margarette McClung, who died in 1865. To this marriage two children, John and Dora, the latter becoming the wife of Richard Fell. The second marriage occurred at Montevallo, Ala., on December 31, 1866, to Miss Frances Fell, to which marriage two children, also were born. Edith, who married Charles M. Campbell of Birmingham, and a son, Richard, who moved West. His political life began in 1872, when he was elected to the State Senate from Shelby and Bibb county district. In 1876 he was elected State Senator from Shelby, Jefferson and Walker county district, under a new up apportionment, and was elected President of the State Senate during his second term as State Senator. In 1878, Mr. Cobb was nominated and elected Governor by the Democratic party, and reelected in 1880. His administrations were marked by peace in all activities of the state. In 1883, Governor Cobb was prevailed upon to accept the office of Probate Judge of Shelby county, which office he filled with ability, fairness and integrity. This was his last political office. Soon after his term as Probate Judge expired, Governor Cobb moved to Birmingham, where he lived until his death in 1913. His home is located on First Avenue and about 68th Street, Woodlawn. Governor Cobb had the distinction of being the only man who was ever Governor of Alabama and at the same time Grand Master of the Masonic Order of Alabama. It can truthfully be said of Governor Cobb that he was a patriot, statesman, and a Christian citizen, worthy of emulation of the youth of Alabama, and high example of citizenship and statesmanship.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, April 29, 1932

NEW HOTEL MANAGEMENT. We have returned to Columbiana and assumed management of the Hotel Columbiana, formerly known as the Blackerby Hotel. We give a cordial invitation to the public to stop with us when in Columbiana. Both meals and lodging at reasonable rates. Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Curlee. April 7-14-21-28.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, October 27, 1932

JOHN DAVIS APPOINTED MARSHAL OF COLUMBIANA. At a meeting of the council of the town of Columbiana last week, John N. Davis was appointed marshal of the town, and has already assumed his duties. Mr. Davis is well and favorably known throughout this section of the state, having served as marshal of Wilton and acted as deputy sheriff under two administrations. Prior to his appointment as marshal of Columbiana, Mr. Davis was associated with the sheriff's force of Shelby county, where he still holds a commission.

The Peoples Advocate, Thursday, January 31, 1901

Last week a Secret Service Man succeeded in running down the men who were engaged in making counterfeit money in this section of the country. For some time our merchants came across a coin that was no good, as it was counterfeit. C.P. Adams, who lives near Weldon, was arrested last Thursday charged with counterfeiting, and was bound over in the sum of \$500 by United States Commissioner Wilson, of Birmingham, to await the action of the grand jury.

On last Sunday afternoon a gale swept over our city and took another old landmark in shape of a tree which stood near the postoffice.

Died. At his residence at Bridgeton, on the 26th inst., W.T. Cox. He was one of the best citizens of Shelby county. A kind, faithful husband and affectionate father. He was born in August 1857 and was consequently

past 43 years of age. In his death Shelby county losses one of its best citizens. The Advocate extends its sincere sympathy to his family and friends in this their sad bereavement.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, November 24, 1932

Crepe Myrtle. The plan to make Columbiana crepe myrtle conscious will not subside. The vision of this beautiful town ablaze from one end of the valley to the other with this glorious tree will not let us rest. Those who have seen Mobile and its azaleas cannot sleep o' nights without dreaming of Columbiana with its loveliness intensified by the profusion and diffusion of this marvelous flower.

The Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, December 31, 1936

Three Killed Near Shelby Spg. Crossing. Among the twenty-six who were killed in the state during the holidays, three met death near Columbiana at the Shelby Springs crossing on the Southern Railroad. Last Friday afternoon H.C. Cost, and his two children, Dorothy, 14, and Charles, 12, were on their way to spend the holidays with Mr. Cost's mother in Jemison when the coupe in which the three were traveling was demolished beyond recognition of the make of car by a local freight train.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, October 19, 1950

Methodist Enjoying Opening Day. Sunday, October 15, 1950 is a day to be long remembered by the members and friends of the Columbiana Methodist Church. On that day the first services were held in their newly completed church building. The first service was that of the Sunday School, presided over by Wales W. Wallace, Jr., a grandson of the late J.R. White, who was for many years superintendent of the Sunday School and one of the church's greatest leaders. It was fitting that the first prayer in the service should be led by Rev. T.K. Roberts, now eighty years old, who as a lad of eight was converted to Christianity at the altar of this church. Later he served as its pastor and for many years has taught Brothers Tom's Bible class in the Sunday School. As the hour for morning worship the largest congregation, possible in the history of the church, gathered for the opening service. Members of the Baptist Church of Columbiana with many friends and former members of the Methodist church who live in other places joined the regular congregation to take every seat in the enlarged auditorium. The Columbiana Methodist Church has an interesting history, dating back over one hundred years. The first date in the record is November 14, 1853, when Samuel Brasher and his wife, Margaret Brasher gave to Henry Brasher SR., and Hardy Horton, Sr., as trustees of the Methodist E. Church a deed to "the lot in Columbiana whereon the church in said town is located." The exact location of this first church building is not known, It is believed to have been near the present home site of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Owen. On August 29, 1856, Napoleon B. Mardis and his wife, Harriett A. Mardis, gave to Samuel Brasher, Ephraim A. Reinhardt, James L. Moore, Joseph C. Blake and John M. McClanahan, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, a deed to the lot on the north side of Southern Depot Street "on which the new Methodist church is now being erected." This is the lot on which the church building stood from that date, 1856, to January 1950, nearly one hundred years, when it was moved over to face Main Street and became the sanctuary of the present plant. Two families have been connected with the church since it was organized. The Nelson family, represented in the membership today by the family of Mrs. Pauline Bird, and the McGiboney family, represented by the family of John W. McGiboney. There has been a McGiboney on the Board of Stewards practically from the first. The present representative on the Board is Luther F. McGiboney son of John W. McGiboney. On June 23, 1939, in the pastorate of Rev. Thad Farrell, a meeting was held at the church of members and friends of the church to make plans for a "better church building." The first offering, "Given for the Glory of God and the Extension of His Kingdom in Columbiana," was made. Joining in this "First Offering" were 105 men, women, boys and girls, nine of whom has since passed to their reward. Many others of these Charter Givers have moved from the community. This money with additional funds raised during the year was used to buy from Mrs. Myra Chandler the lot on which the church now stands. On the second Sunday of August, 1941, members of the church began making regular monthly offerings to provide a building fund. This practice has been continued, with some interruption, through the years since. By March 1950, total contributions were \$17,544. To date total contributions are \$31,313. Total cost of the building to date is more

than \$40,000. In 1949 in the pastorate of Rev. S.E. Paulk a Building Committee was appointed with instructions to proceed with the building of a church. Members of this committee are, Karl C. Harrison, Mrs. Homer Walton, N.Y. Horn, Wales W. Wallace, Jr., and Judge L.C. Walker. The committee engaged George P. Turner, a Birmingham architect to draw the plans. Late in 1949 a contract was made with F.R. Hoar and Son, Birmingham contractors and work started on Tuesday, December 20th. E. Peters was the foreman in charge of construction. The last service held in the church at its old location was on Sunday, January 8, 1950. From January 15 through October 8, services were held in the courthouse.

The Columbiana Chronicle, Thursday, September 17, 1896

Columbiana to Have Water Works. At a special meeting of the board of commissioners on last Friday the question of how the county buildings could be put in better sanitary condition and thereby prevent injury to the health of the inmates and the town at large, came up for earnest consideration. John A. Edwards, of Childersburg, submitted a carefully prepared plan for a system of water works that would effectually remove this menace to our town, which has been neglected for year to year until it had grown to alarming proportions. His plan was accepted, the amount of his bid being \$3,100. He proposed to bring water from the Weaver springs on the side of the mountain through a 2-inch pipe sunk deep enough in the ground to be beyond the danger of freezing. A rock dam will be built below the springs to impound the water. A large cypress tank, capacity 17,000 gallons, is to be erected on a brick tower 40 feet high between the court house and jail. A sufficient number of closets will be placed in both buildings, fitted with automatic flush tanks, all of which will empty into a 8-inch sewer which will empty into the Verchot branch about 400 or 500 yards below town. The system is to be a very complete once put up in a thoroughly substantial manner, and the date of its successful inauguration will be a day of rejoicing in Columbiana. We all feel that a great burden has been lifted from our shoulders. Mr. Edwards has offered all the material and will begin working once upon its arrival. He says 60 days is all he wants to complete the job. Thanks to the commissioners for this concession.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, November 2, 1950

Amos Bridges Kills Walter Hicks. Amos Bridges, age 37, formerly of Rome, Georgia who came to Shelby County about one year and a half ago, shot and killed Walter Hicks, colored, in Siluria Sunday morning, October 29, about twelve o'clock. Mr. Bridges and the deceased were both employees of a Dairy operated by J.A. Walton. The shooting is reported to have followed an argument which is purported to have taken place following a visit to a bootlegger. The negro died from a buckshot wound. Mr. Bridges is in the Columbiana jail.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, July 14, 1955

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKS AT VINCENT. Twenty-nine cars of the east-bound Central of Georgia Fast freight No. 46, were derailed Monday night, apparently caused by a split switch. Two tank cars containing liquefied petroleum exploded and flames were visible for more than thirty miles. Ten cars loaded with cargo were destroyed by these flames. Vincent's fire department aided by Childersburg's equipment poured steady streams of water on the wreckage keeping flames somewhat under control. Early in the morning Tuesday three other tank cars exploded. Some property was damaged but fortunately no one was hurt.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, July 14, 1955

Teacher Dies. While returning from a vacation with his family to McMinnville, Tenn., Dr. Charles Bryant suffered a heart attack at Pinson Thursday and died before reaching a hospital in Birmingham. Dr. Bryant was a member of the Indians Springs School faculty, having served as Music Director of the school since it was established. Funeral services were held in McMinnville Friday.

Shelby County Reporter-Democrat, Thursday, July 14, 1955

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS CONVENE IN ALABAMA. For the first time since rural mail carriers organized 53 years ago, Alabama members will hold their annual meeting on the API campus. Approximately

200 carriers and their wives are expected to attend this assemblage beginning Thursday and extending through Saturday when new officers will be elected.

Shelby County Reporter, Wednesday, September 24, 1942

SIX FLIERS KILLED IN PLANE CRASH. Six U.S. Army fliers were killed Wednesday afternoon of last week when their plane, a B-26 army medium bomber crashed into Double Oak Mountain a short distance from the Florida Short Route. The crash occurred during a heavy rain. Victims of the crash were identified as: Lt. Frank W. Taylor, Houston, Tex.; Lt. John A. Johnson, Evanston, ILL.; Lt. Bill S. Wade, Long Beach Calif.; Sgt. Wm. J. Towne, Detroit, Mich.; Sgt. Reynold J. Drott, Houma, La.; Sgt. Gorman B. Schlottman, Barrington, Ill.

Shelby Chronicle, June 26, 1884

FIRE AT CALERA. Last Saturday evening about five o'clock the residence of Mr. Charlie Fields was destroyed by fire. All the furniture and everything in the house was saved. His father's residence nearby was saved with great difficulty. The building destroyed was uninsured. Mr. Fields is a young man just started in business and his damage is very serious. The house had only been built two or three months. The citizens of Calera immediately raised one hundred and fifty dollars to help him replace his house.

Shelby Chronicle, Thursday, June 28, 1884

Last Thursday night some boys heard a noise in the jail, and suspecting something was wrong, told Mr. Nelson of it. They examined the cell in which the prisoners were confined and found that they had been trying to make their escape. When the new cage is completed there will be no more trouble of this kind.

Columbiana Sentinel, December 7, 1905

ELIZABETH KING SHORTRIDGE. Born October 17, 1817, at Montevallo, Ala. Died November 22, 1905, at Austin, Texas. The tidings of the passing away of this aged lady, in Texas, brings a sense of loss to the friends of her earlier years in Alabama. The history of her family is closely woven with that of her native town, from its very beginning at Wilson's Hill, Elizabeth King being the first white child born in this town. Her childhood, youth and married life here add richly to that best heritage of any people; the imperishable riches embodied in the memory of noble lives. Her father, the late Edmund King, was one of the founders of the Montevallo Baptist church, which was indebted to him for the lot upon which stood the old brick church. He was one of the most extensive land owners the county ever had, and the frequency of his deeds of gift to churches in this community illumine the records of the county as memorials of his generosity. The records of this church make frequent mention of Mrs. Shortridge's brother, Rev. Shelby King, whose gifts in speaking of Divine things called forth resolutions urging him to consecrate himself wholly to the work of a minister of the gospel. Mrs. Shortridge united with this church in 1863; her husband, the late Judge George D. Shortridge, being also a member of the same. Of a large family reared in this home, in which were welcomed three nephews - Paul, Burwell and George Lewis, prominent Alabamians - not one remains in Montevallo. One son, Colonel W.W. Shortridge, of Ensley, Ala. and two daughters, Mrs. Lou Gaines, wife of the chief justice of the Texas supreme court and Mrs. Lelia Sedberry of Jefferson, Texas, survive the beloved mother. Two sons, Eli and Frank, that whom the annuals of the Confederacy furnished a no more notable example of daring and courage, she gave to the cause of the south. Frank was a member of Colonel John P. West's company, Second Alabama cavalry, and was killed in a skirmish near Atlanta shortly before the fall of that place. Newton Eddings, now in Montevallo, and the late Hon. B.B. Lewis were among those detailed to enter lines of the enemy with a flag of truce, and learn the fate of their comrade. They were told, with many expressions, of admiration by the Yankee caption, how Mr. Shortridge refused to surrender, fought to the death and went down with sublime defiance, a victim to the cruel ethics of war, and led them to the grave where he had been buried with honors by his foes. It is noticeable that Mrs. Shortridge's neighbors, of the old Shelby home, in recalling her life here, make frequent reference to the benevolence of her character. The writer said to one of them: "Tell me some special incident of her kindness to the poor." The light of grateful memory shone in her face, as she answered: "I will tell you of her kindness to me." Then followed the story, so sadly common in our fair southland in the '60s; of the widowed

mother trying to support the family with the needle. There was not sewing enough to keep both the mother and herself, the elder daughter, busy. With the opening of the cotton factory came an opportunity for work, and she obtained a position there. On meeting two of her young friends soon afterwards, one of them spoke as usual, making kind inquiry as to how she liked her work; the other passed with averted look, and without speaking. In a few days Mrs. Shortridge, with a number of her aristocratic friends, visited the factory. Coming to the part of the room where she was at work, the stately lady placed an arm gently about her, stooped and kissed her, and spoke words of hearty approval of the step she had taken. In bringing the story to a close, she said: "I do not know, but I have always believed that this visit to the factory was for me; that Mrs. Shortridge had heard of the slight I had received, and planned the visit to show her friends how she proposed to treat the girl who dared to go out into the world to make a support for herself rather than leave the burden entirely upon her mother. At any rate, mother was reconciled to my position. After this, the girl who had passed me by in silence before, was a kind as others, and no lady in Montevallo refused to speak to me because I worked in the factory." Perhaps this generation of working girls, who may take any suitable place in the industrial world, knowing that they have the respect of the best men and women in so doing, can never fully realize what they owe to those women of the "old south," who surrendered the prejudices of generations, and like Mrs. Shortridge, cheered the fatherless and brotherless girls of the stricken land with genuine Christian sympathy, as they yielded, one after another, the sacred, and hitherto unquestioned rights of the southern women to live, love and work in the shelter of her home. The test of true nobility is sympathy and solicitude for, and an unselfish, helping hand extended to the lowly and needy. These were prominent characteristics of Mrs. Shortridge. She cheered, ministered to and befriended all, and with one accord they now rise up and call her blessed. Let us ever cherish the memory of and try to emulate this true nobility so beautifully exemplified in the life she lived. ... H.L. ... Montevallo, Ala., December 2, 1905.

The People's Advocate, Thursday, September 29, 1892

Mr. Willoughby Seale one of the old land marks of Shelby, died at his home near Shelby on Monday 19th inst., of decrepitude age, 74 years. We extend sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

The Magnet, Shelby, Ala., Friday, September 23, 1892

Mr. Willoby Seals, who resided near this place, died Monday, aged 70 odd years. His remains were interred in the Beaver Creek church cemetery. Rev. C.W. O'Hara, of Columbiana, conducting the funeral services. (During that time Rev. C.W. O'Hara was the Pastor at the Baptist Church in Shelby.)

The Shelby Chronicle, Thursday, February 3, 1887

MRS. N.C. STURDIVANT The subject of this brief stretch gently passed away at her residence at Shelby Iron Works on Saturday morning, January 29th, 1887, aged 70, and was laid to rest in the quiet grove at Beaver Creek Church. Her remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Mrs. N. was the relict of N.C. Sturdivant, Esq., deceased, one of the earlier settlers of Tallapoosa county. Mrs. N. was not reared in the lap of luxury, that breeds indolence. Her father was a bold energetic pioneer, who pushed his way into this country when it was a wilderness, when nothing but the howl of the wolf and the whoop of the red man broke the solemn silence of the illimitable forest. She was the first white child born west of the Coosa river. Her early training no doubt contributed largely to the formation of a character marked for its open candor and generosity, positive kindness, intense patriotism, an unbounded faith in the God of her fathers, coupled with open and avowed hatred for all enemies of her country - the South. Her country she loved with an intense devotion rarely equaled. A noble woman! Grand in her simplicity. She worshipped God in simplicity, and had but little faith in the namby pamby religion of this degenerate day, when the youth of the land are incited to attend Sunday school, not to study the truths of the Bible, but to learn the tenets of some particular denomination by a free distribution of cards, a "May-day picnic" and a few tin horns and French harps on a Christmas tree at the end of the year. No, she worshipped a God who gave her strength through the vicissitudes of youth and grace during the severe trials of old age, which enabled her to bear with unmurmuring

patience a long protracted death by inches from cancer. Her noble, generous soul has winged its flight to a haven of rest. Her trials are ended. May those who know her emulate her example.

The Sentinel, Columbiana, Thursday, October 11, 1877

Died, at Wilsonville, in this county, on Sunday night last, Wilson Gwin, aged about 18 years. He was the youngest son of our esteemed county-man, Col. Wm. Gwin, and was a young man of much promise. He had been out with a sorghum mill and evaporator, making syrup for the public for the past two weeks, and probably had been subjected to some exposure. He was taken sick with pneumonia on Friday morning last, and continued to grow wose until Sunday night, when he died. He is the second son that his grief-stricken parents have buried in the last two months, both young men in the morning of life with bright prospects before them. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family and friends in their great affliction.

The Sentinel, Columbiana, Thursday, October 11, 1877

DIED. In this county of Wednesday 26th of September Mrs. Fammie Usery, wife of Wm. Usery. In this county on Friday 28th September, Callier Usery, son of Wm. Usery. Aged about 30 years. In this county near Highland on Sunday, 7th inst., son of Rufus Acton. Aged about one year.

The Chronicle, Columbiana, Thursday, March 8, 1900

Miss Natalie Walthall, daughter of Capt. J.L. Walthall, was married at the home of her father in this county yesterday to Mr. W.J. Ashton, of Cordova. Miss Walthall is one of the county's brightest daughters, and Mr. Ashton is a prominent young businessman, connected with the Cordova cotton mills.

The Chronicle, Columbiana, Thursday, February 8, 1900

Negro Burned to Death. Amos McElderry, a negro who is said to be 111 years old, was burned to death at McElderry's station, Talladega county. He lived alone in a three-room cottage, and being very feeble his simple wants has been provided for for several years by members of the McElderry family, to which he formerly belonged.

The Birmingham News, Thursday, August 23, 1923

COMPANY SHUTS DOWN - COLUMBIANA, ALA., Aug. 23. - Special. - Shelby Iron Company, one of the oldest iron makers in Alabama, closed down their large furnace at Shelby, in this county, Wednesday. They also closed down all of their operations, charcoal and ore beds. The company started up their furnace about six months ago, with the promise that they would stay in operation for about sixty days, but instead they remained in blast for six months. It is not known just when they will go in operation again, as there is no promise as to this. When this concern shuts down it affects a large territory in this county. Outside of their iron making they have a large wood and charcoal business, which gives employment to a large number of people all over the county.

The Birmingham News, Saturday, May 13, 1933

SCORES ARE KILLED AND INJURED AS STORMS RAKE SOUTH. Storms continue to exact an enormous toil in death and injured and property damage throughout the South. Thursday night and early Friday morning of last week three Alabama counties were laid waste in actions, many of which had suffered a like stroke in last year's tornado. Demopolis, in Marengo County, suffered its heaviest loss in property damage with several persons injured and three deaths during the tornado which struck at midnight, and one to die at a local hospital Friday morning. Moving northeast from Demopolis the twister struck in Bibb County at Centerville, cutting a path a mile wide and eight miles long through the most fertile farming section of that county. Seven persons were killed and more than 40 injured, many seriously; 70 houses were demolished. The tornado lifted in Bibb County to descend with more crushing force on the little town of Helena in Shelby County. Here most of the seven hundred inhabitants were left homelss and the storm took its heaviest human toil. Thirteen persons

were killed with more than 100 injured, scores seriously. The injured were rushed from Helena to Birmingham hospitals.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, February 19, 1948

Vincent Will Get New Phone Exchange Vincent is to have a new telephone exchange, according to Rev. Sam Hall, district right of way agent of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, who was in Columbiana Monday to get information concerning some rights of way for the new service. A new building, of brick, to house the exchange, is to be built. The building is scheduled to be completed by August 1st and service is to begin to be given October 1st.

The Shelby Guide, Thursday, December 24, 1874

Captions of Acts Passed by the General Assembly. We publish only those of a general character, and local for this county ... To authorize James P. Allen, administrator of estate of Blassengame Nabors, deceased, to sell the lands of said estate at public or private sale, without an order of court, approved Dec. 8, 1874 ... To appeal the act to suppress murder, lynching, and assaults and batteries, &c.; approved Dec. 14, 1874 ... To change the name of Baker county to Chilton; approved Dec. 17, 1874.

Our Mountain Home (Talladega, Alabama), Wednesday September 4, 1889

AT MONTEVALLO, ALA. John Lawrence, son-in-law and clerk of S. Latham, merchant, of Montevallo, was shot and killed Friday night, Aug. 30th, by negro burglars while defending the store from their depredations. Lawrence was shot through the heart and died instantly. The murderers were captured Sunday morning and swung to a limb. The negroes came from a railroad camp near Montevallo. One of the negroes was known as "Big Six" and has figured considerably in the criminal courts of Birmingham. Mr. Lawrence, the murdered man, is a nephew of Mr. O.E. Latham, the popular West Side butcher of this city. Justice was swift. Property must be protected!

The Eufaula Daily Times (Eufaula, Alabama), Wednesday, September 4, 1889

The Montevallo Lynching. Montevallo, Sept. 2. - Since my first special to you yesterday, it is learned from the parties who lynched the two negroes last night that both negroes confessed and gave the name of a third party, another negro who also had a hand in the robbery and murder. A large body of armed men left for the railroad camp about eight miles west of here about 12 o'clock that night to capture the other negro. Nothing has been heard from them, but if they find goods in his possession which the two negroes who were hung said he has, it is more than likely another rope will be stretched and the fourth death result from this terrible affair. The negro called "Big Six," who was hung Saturday night, was rightly named. He was about 6 feet high, weighing about 200 pounds, well muscled - in fact, a perfect Hercules and a walking arsenal. Besides his winchester rifle, he carried a sack of cartridges, bullet moulds, lead and powder. His record has been traced up and it is learned that this is the fourth murder he has committed. He killed a negro near Randolph last year, cutting him to pieces with a double-bitted axe. He told his lynchers that he killed Lawrence with his rifle, but that the other negro fired at him with a pistol, too. They were hung on a tree called the "Tree of Paradise," on Main street, both on the same limb. It was aptly said by one of the negroes that the tree would be about as near paradise as they would ever get. Large crowds from the country for miles around thronged the town Saturday, but no excitement existed. I suppose no more quiet and orderly hanging ever took place. There was a private house not far from the tree and not one in the house knew of it till morning. While the affair is deplored by a great many here, no one can be found who does not feel safer, and a feeling of general satisfaction exists in the entire community.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, July 6, 1944

MRS. EMMA TREACIE HARRIS PASSED AWAY FRIDAY. Mrs. Emma Treacie Harris, age 65, of Siluria passed away in a Birmingham infirmary Friday afternoon. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. D.W. Johnson, Dogwood; Mrs. C.C. Carlton, Pratt City; Mrs. J.T. Moore, Gadsden; Miss Lois Harris, Siluria; five sons, Jim and William Harris, Marvel; Walter, C.H. and Cecil Harris, Siluria. Services were held from the

Macedonia Church Saturday afternoon, Rev. W.D. Boling officiating. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Walton in charge.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, December 3, 1964

Old Depot Torn Down. Another old land mark in Columbiana is being torn down this week. This building was known as the L & N Depot and served Columbiana residents for a number of years when we had passenger service from this point.

The Shelby Guide, Thursday, October 22, 1874

A new post office called Longview has been established at Whiting on the South and North Alabama Railroad, in this county and Mr. James M. Reynolds appointed post master.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, April 19, 1928

7-MONTH SCHOOLS CLOSING THIS WEEK. The schools of Shelby county with seven month terms will come to a close Friday of this week. The county superintendent Mr. Letson, states that every school in the county except four will complete this year, a term of seven months. These four are three one-teacher schools and 1 two-teacher school that closed one week early on account of small attendance. Four schools will have terms of eight month. These are: Bamford, Shelby, Dargin, and Camp Branch-Saginaw. Full terms of nine months will be given in the following schools: Montevallo, Siluria, Columbiana, Vincent, Helena, Calera, Newala, Wilton, Wilsonville and Boothton.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, October 16, 1958

Robert Watson of Leeds was high bidder on Vandiver and Sterrett depots. It looks strange to see our depot being torn down. But such is life. Build up and tear down. He intends to use the lumber to build houses, I am told.

The Birmingham News, Friday, August 11, 1899

MRS. G.W. ARMSTRONG DEAD. The Remains Will Be Interred In Shelby County.

At 5:40 o'clock yesterday evening Mrs. Alice Armstrong, wife of Policeman G.W. Armstrong, died at her home on Ninth avenue and Eleventh street. Death resulted from blood poisoning. The deceased was but 28 years of age. She leaves three children, a boy and two girls, the youngest being one week old. The remains will be shipped to Ganadarque, Shelby county, Ala., tomorrow morning, and interment will occur at that place. Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Birmingham police force. He has the sympathy of his co-laborers and friends in his sorrow. (Buried in Elliottsville Cemetery is Alice W. Armstrong, 31 Aug 1871 – 10 Aug 1899, Wife of Geo. W. Armstrong.)

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, October 20, 1932

DEATH OF MRS. S.A. CURRY. Mrs. Addie Hamner Curry, widow of the late S.A. Curry, died at her home near Wilton early Monday morning after a long illness. She had reached the age of 79 years. Funeral services conducted by Dr. F.B. Pearson, Montevallo and Rev. A.B. Canant of Wilson were held Tuesday and interment made in Providence cemetery. Surviving Mrs. Curry are four daughters, Mrs. Cage Head, Mrs. M.N. Fancher, Mrs. H.H. Little, Mrs. Geo. R. Moore and three sons, S.A. Curry, Jr.; B.B. Curry and Rush Curry.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, September 23, 1933

COLORED CITIZEN AGED 101 DIES NEAR HARPERSVILLE. Harpersville - Newt Thweatt, colored, aged 110 years, died near here a few days ago. Newt had so conducted himself during these long years among the white people until he had the confidence and respect of almost everyone who knew him.

Birmingham Iron Age, Wednesday, August 28, 1878

Helena Locals. Died, in Helena, August 22, after an illness of six weeks, Ella, infant daughter of Mayor Williams.

Prof. Jas. H.B. Hall, a graduate of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., has accepted a professorship in the Helena Collegiate Institute, and will reach Helena on the 29th.

The Shelby Sentinel, Thursday, November 23, 1876

Died. Near Harpersville, on the 13^{inst.}, Mrs. P.H. Randolph.

Died. Near Harpersville, on the evening of the 16th inst., after a lingering illness, Mrs. Harriett McGraw, widow of the late James V. McGraw.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, April 21, 1932

The thing that appealed to the crowd of some 400 who gathered at Columbiana Court House Friday night, for the Fiddlers' Convention, said Joe M. Holladay, was the melody running through the airs played by Abe Lowery, 13 year old resident of Siluria community, what was awarded first prize in this unique tournament. "Such melodies as 'The Moon Comes Over the Mountain' and 'Sweet Bunch of Daisies' somehow creep down under a fellow's skin," Mr. Holladay added. But one of the most interesting things about it, he said, was the fact that nobody knew before that K.J. Lipham, of Vincent had a violin that is 232 years old.

Shelby County Reporter, Thursday, August 22, 1935

SILURIA B.Y.P.U. STAGES CONTEST. In order to raise the necessary funds for a new young peoples department, the Siluria B.Y.P.U. is sponsoring a personality contest at the Thompson High School Auditorium Friday, August 23 at 7:30 P.M. It is expected that about forty contestants sponsored by firms doing business in Siluria will compete for the title of "Miss Personality – 1935," and a beautiful loving cup bearing the inscription. Each firm sponsoring a contestant pays into the fund the sum of one dollar, and is then allowed to choose one girl to appear in the contest and compete for the title and loving cup. The following firms have already chosen their contestants: Rock Villa, Ruby Denham; Wagoner Clothing Co., Hazel Maudling; Brackins Jewelry Co., Zola Moore; Service Cleaners, Mildred Heath; M.G. Roy Store, Vera Sims; Sokol Bros., Nell Walton; Mrs. Parris Beauty Shop, Clara Mae Guy; Kilgore Furniture Co., Lexie Lowery; Olin Robinson, Flora Mae Huddleston; Try-Me, Agnes Nix; Siluria Cash Store, Madge Nabors; Buck Creek Cash Store, Margie Reach; Buck Creek Weave Room, Annie Pearl Guy; Life Insurance Co. Va., Margaret Tilley; Service Barber Shop, Geraldine "Jerry" Kelly; Alabaster Cash Store, Gertrude Armstrong; Dixie Service Station, Doris Brandon; J.E. Walker, Billie Hill; W.R. Walker, Irene Walker; Willie Webb Cafe, Bernice Payne ... Other firms expecting to enter a girl are ... The results of the who's who contest that has been in full swing for the past few weeks will also be announced on this night. There will also be other forms of entertainment including the WSGN Kiddie Club. The judges will be unknown to the public until the night of the contest. They will be from out of town and non-partisan. There is expected to be a large crowd attending to see who "Miss Personality – 1935" will be (*see photo on page 116 in the book "Alabaster & Siluria: The Early Years ~ A Pictorial History" published in 2017 by Bobby Joe & Diane Brandenburg Seales*). This title was won last year by Miss Lois Maudling. Willie Thomason will be master of ceremonies and the cup will be presented by Rev. John B. Johnson, pastor Siluria Baptist Church.