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THE PIONEER TRAILS NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting for November: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 18th** on the fourth floor of the Birmingham Public Library (in the Computer Lab next to the Arrington Auditorium). The Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the same room.

Please join us as for a CPR Class! Why a CPR Class? We will discuss as a group on **How to Revive a Once Vibrant Genealogical Society: The Birmingham Genealogical Society**. Your input will be greatly needed! **Please join us for the November Meeting!**

Research & Genealogical Tips - courtesy of © Michael John Neill,

“Genealogy Tip of the Day.” <http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>, TIPDATE.

It's hard to write a "quick tip" or set of rules for making certain that two records refer to the same person. There are many variables to consider when deciding that two people in different records are the same person. That said, here are some things to think about when trying to determine if two records actually refer to the same person: are the names reasonably similar? Are the ages consistent? Is the occupation and lifestyle consistent? Are you not violating the laws of physics or biology? Are the locations reasonably consistent? Think before you conclude that two people in different sources are the same person. Don't just assume that they are.

When you get all "into" researching a person or family in an area that is unfamiliar to you, do you stop and take the time to find maps of the areas where the people of interest live? It is important to know county, state, and other boundaries and the relative proximity of the places where you think people live. It's even more imperative in a "new" area where the geography may be unknown to you. Don't assume you "know" the geography "good enough" or that the states are small enough that it doesn't matter. Look at maps. Analyze locations. Determine how far apart different residences for your ancestor are. Don't get so caught up in the search that you lose sight of the geography in the process.

Researching the "entire family" can get expensive, particularly if a family is relatively large. However, do you have any female siblings of an ancestor who were military widows and who applied for a pension benefit based upon their husband's service? While the information about the husband may not always be directly related to your research on the wife's family, the paperwork the widow filed may mention her date and place of marriage and even include testimony from those who knew her before her marriage or who were at her marriage. Frequently these people are biological relatives of the wife. And those are people in whom you are interested. It's even possible that your ancestor provided a statement in his or her sister's widow's pension application. So look at those aunts of your ancestor--did any of them apply for a widow's pension?



The past is not dead. It isn't even past. --William Faulkner

Scott A. Martin, BGS Newsletter Editor

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1907 Census of Confederate Soldiers Living in Jefferson County, Alabama

Hueytown Historical Society (www.hueytown.org/historical)

Contributed by: George Wright (gbw01@bellsouth.net)

165 - Joseph Allan Jones

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 28 Apr. 1845 at Calhoun in Calhoun County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private 17 Mar. 1863 at Old Forostville, Tenn in 51st Ala. Cav. Morgans Brigade and continued until surrender discharged 27 Apr. 1865 at Greensboro, N.C.

166 - Ed Jones

Present Post Office Address: Johns, Ala.;

Born 6 Feb. 1837 at Nerthup in Flinthead County North Wales;

First entered the service as a Fireman at River Mereer in Battleship Alabama and continued until the sinking of the ship Alabama then left the ship and landed in France then went to Liverpool, England and stayed there.

167 - Edgar Wiley Jones

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 29 Apr. 1840 at Center in Cherokee County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private on 7 July 1861 at Old Jonesboro, Ala. in 18th Ala. Regt. Co. G and continued until 10 May 1865 surrendered at Meridian, Miss.

168 - Willis Miles Jones

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 26 Dec. 1844 at Elliottsville in Shelby County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private in Dec. 1863 at Newbern in the 7th Ala. Cav. and continued until surrender.

169 - Abaslnm Bly Keith

Present Post Office Address: Woodlawn, Ala.;

Born 18 May 1833 at Punkin Town in Pickens County, S.C.;

First entered the service as a Private in Tallapoosa, Ga. in 1st Ga. Cav. Co. E and continued until spring 1864 then was furloughed and went home and remained there until surrender.

170 - William James Keith

Present Post Office Address: Argo, Ala.;

Born 19 Feb. 1841 at Argo in Jefferson County, Ala.

First entered the service as A Private on 9 Sept. 1861 at Ruhama (near Birmingham, Ala.) in Co.C. 20th Ala. Regt. and continued until 18 May 1865 wounded at Bakers Creek remained in service until war closed.

171 - William Berry Kelley

Present Post Office Address: Adamsville, Ala.;

Born 3 Apr. 1836 at Greenville in Butler County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private in July 1861 in Whites Battalion Capt. Earls Co. and continued until surrender at Greensboro, N.C.

172 - Alexander Wellington Key

Present Post Office Address: Pratt City.;

Born 10 Nov. 1842 near Shelbyville in Bedford County, Tenn.;

First entered the service as a Private on 23 May 1861 at Murphreesboro, Tenn. in 18th Tenn. Regt. Co. F and continued until 10 May 1865.

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174 - Leroy Kilfore

Present Post Office Address: Bessemer, Ala. R.F.D. # #4;
Born 1846 at Greenville in Merriweather County, Ga.;
First entered the service as a Private in 1861 at Columbus, Ga. in Co. A. 31st Ga. Regt. and continued about one year on acct. sore leg. Returned in about one year and continued until close of war.

175 - Lewis Henry Kirk

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;
Born 23 Aug. 1843 at Columbus in Lowndes County, Miss.;
First entered the service as a Private in 1861 at Corinth, Miss. in the 14th Miss. Regt. Co. K and continued until surrender.

176 - Robert Franklin Lacey

Present Post Office Address: Powderly, Ala.;
Born 12 Sept. 1839 at Birmingham in Jefferson County, Ala.;
First entered the service as a Private on 9 Sept. 1861 at Powderly in Co. C. 20th Ala. Regt. and continued until 20 Mar. 1865 was wounded at Bentonville, N.C. and continued until surrender.

177 - Andrew Nelson Lacey

Present Post Office Address: East Lake, Ala.;
Born Mar. 1833 near Huntsville in Madison County, Ala.;
First entered the service as a Private 4th Sergeant in summer of 1862 at Jasper, Ala. in Hewletts Battalion Cav. and continued until summer of 63 when transferred to 56th Ala. an continued until surrender.

178 - Lorenzo Monroe Lacey

Present Post Office Address: Pratt City, Ala.;
Born 7 June 1841 near Barnesville in Pike County, Ga.;
First entered the service as a Private on 2 May 1861 at Crawford, Ala. in the 6th Ala. Co. F and continued until captured at Gettysburg 4 July 1863.

179 - William Joshua Lacey

Present Post Office Address: East Lake, Ala.;
Born 10 June 1847 at Elyton in Jefferson County, Ala.;
First entered the service as a Private on 8 Mar. 1863 at Selma, Ala. in 2nd Ala. reserves Co. H and continued until surrender.

180 - Sumter Lea

Present Post Office Address: East Lake, Ala.;
Born 16 Feb. 1835 at Marion in Perry County, Ala.;
First entered the service as Adjutant of 28th Ala. Regt. and continued until the Battle of Murphreesboro, Tenn. Brigadier Aide Camp. Then lost eye sight , reported to war department on special service until surrender.

181 - Jarred J. Lee

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;
Born 23 Nov. 1829 at Newberry in Newberry County, S.C.;
First entered the service as a Private in July 1862 at Cahaba, Ala. in Co. A Lewis Battalion Armstead Brig. and continued until April 1865 paroled.

182 - Thomas A. Lee

Present Post Office Address: Morris, Ala. R.F.D. # 1;
Born 27 Dec. 1839 at Helena in Shelby County, Ala.;
First entered the service as a Private in Apr. 1861 at Montgomery, Ala. in the 10th Ala. Regt. Co. C and continued until surrender at Appomattox.

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183 - James Benjamin Lentz

Present Post Office Address: Avondale, Ala.;

Born 14 Jan. 1837 at Athens in Limestone County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private in 1863 at Huntsville, Ala. in J.J. Ward Co. Artillery and continued until surrender.

184 - Meriweter Porter Lewis

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 26 July 1842 near Huntsville in Madison County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private in May 1862 near Chattanooga, Tenn. in 1st La. Cav. Co. I and continued until May 1865 surrendered at Gainesville, Ala.

185 - Joseph Henry Lewis

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 13 Dec. 1847 at Columbus in Russell County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private in Nov. 1864 at Macon, Ga. in Waddells Artillery Battery B and continued until surrender at Columbus, Ga.

186 - Walter Reynolds Lowery

Present Post Office Address: Pratt City, Ala.;

Born 18 May 1847 near Marietta in Cobb County, Ga.;

First entered the service as a Private in spring 1864 at Warsaw, Ga. in Major Graham Battalion Co. B and continued until paroled at Kingston, Ga. 12 May 1865.

187 - John Scott Mahan

Present Post Office Address: McCall, Ala.;

Born 11 Oct. 1842 at McMath in Jefferson County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private on 8 Nov. 1862 at Calhoun, Ga. in 24th Ala. Co. H. and continued until surrender May 1865. Transferred to Co. D. 2nd Ga. Battalion Apr. 1863.

188 - Joseph Stephen Marcum

Present Post Office Address: Adamsville, Ala.

Born 9 Dec. 1841 at Tuscaloosa in Tuscaloosa County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private on 1 Jan. 1862 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. in Fowlers Battery and continued until surrender.

189 - Christopher Columbus Marsh

Present Post Office Address: Pinson, Ala. R.F.D. #2;

Born 5 Apr. 1836 at Village Springs in Blount County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private on 19 Aug. 1861 at Shelby Springs, Ala. in 28th Ala. Inf. Co. C and continued until Missionary Ridge. Battalion captured and taken to Rock Island and remained there until 17 June 1865.

190 - James Bonaparte Marshall

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 21 July 1845 at Gaston in Sumter County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private on 15 Aug. at Pontotoc in 56th Ala. Regt. Co. B and continued until end of war.

191 - Charles James Martin

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 6 May 1845 at Tuscaloosa in Tuscaloosa County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private on 15 Apr. 1862 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. in 2nd Regt. Ala. Cav. Co. D.

192 - Charles Simon Massey

Present Post Office Address: Pratt City, Ala.

Born 16 Oct. 1847, eight miles north of Cumming in Forsyth County, Ga.;

First entered the service as a Private on 10 Jan. 1864 at Atlanta, Ga. in 4th Ga. Regt. Co. G and continued until surrender.

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193 - Joshua Massey

Present Post Office Address: Birmingham, Ala.;

Born 8 June 1831 at Elyton in Jefferson County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private in May 1862 at Shelby Springs, Ala. in the 30th Ala. Co. K and continued until surrender.

194 - J.W. May

Present Post Office Address: Woodlawn, Ala.;

Born 29 Mar. 1847 at Moss Creek in Houston County, Ga.;

First entered the service as a Private in 1864 at Butler, Ga. in 1st Ga. Battalion Scouts and continued until surrender. Captured at Macon Ga. by Wilson and paroled.

195 - John Harrison Meeks

Present Post Office Address: Bessemer, Ala.;

Born 24 Nov. 1841 at Moundville, Ga.;

First entered the service as a Private on 18 Aug. 1861 at Auburn, Ala. in the 18th Ala. Regt. Inf. Co. G and continued until captured at Cassville, Ga. then was taken as prisoner to Rock Island, remained there 11 mos. 20 days which was 1 Mar. 1865 then went home.

196 - Noah Smith Meeks

Present Post Office Address: Bessemer, Ala.;

Born 9 July 1844 in Merriwether County, Ga.;

First entered the service as a Private in 1862 at Corinth, Miss. in Co. G. 18th Ala. Regt. and continued until surrender.

197 - Neely Meigs

Present Post Office Address: Bessemer, Ala.;

Born 17 Sept. 1835 at Campbellton in Campbell County, Ga.;

First entered the service as a Private on 2 Feb. 1861 at Old Jonesboro, Ala. in the 28th Ala. Regt. Co. H and continued until surrender.

198 - William Daniel Miles

Present Post Office Address: Pinson, Ala. R.F.D. #1;

Born 12 Aug. 1835 at Anderson Dist. S.C.;

First entered the service as a Private on 5 Aug. 1862 at Village Springs in Walthall Battalion and continued until 19 Dec. 1864, transferred to 19th Ala. Co. C, was soon transferred to Major Barbers Regt. and continued until surrender.

199 - William Jackson Miller

Present Post Office Address: Warrior, Ala.;

Born 8 Mar. 1841 at Locust Grove in Henry County, Ga.;

First entered the service as a Private on 9 Sept. 1861 at Roanoke, Ala. in the 17th Ala. Co. E and continued until the Battle of Franklin, Tenn. was captured and carried to Camp Douglass, paroled and came home in 1865.

200 - Dr. John Canedy Miller

Present Post Office Address: Ensley, Ala.;

Born 24 Mar. 1844 in Buncombe County, N.C.;

First entered the service as a Private in Jan. 1863 at Loudon, Tenn. in the 65th Ga. Regt. Inf. Co. B and continued until captured near Calhoun, Ga., taken to Chattanooga then to Nashville then took Oath of Allegiance to U.S. in 1864.

201 - William Oliver Cole Miller

Present Post Office Address: Pratt City, Ala.;

Born 14 June 1845 in Chambers County, Ala.;

First entered the service as a Private on 28 Feb. 1862 near Elyton, Ala. in 28th Ala. Co. G and continued until wounded at Murphreesboro, Tenn.

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The Birmingham Age-Herald, 3 July 1905

Fire, which started at 2 o'clock in the four-story building occupied by the Birmingham Paper Company at 2105 and 2107 Morris Avenue, destroyed that building and at the hour of going to press the Collins & Company's wholesale grocery adjoining at the corner of Twenty-first street and Morris Avenue was virtually destroyed. Fireman Gip B. Spruell was killed by a falling wall at 3 o'clock and Fireman Hoffman and Fireman Hodges were seriously injured.

The origin of the fire is not known, but by the time the department had reached the scene the entire Paper Company building was wrapped in flames and the fire was spreading to the buildings on either side, the Tyler Grocery Company on the east side and the Collins Building on the corner. The fire loss will probably reach \$175,000.00.

Before 2:30 o'clock the floors of the Birmingham Paper Company had commenced falling in. Fireman Stanfield was caught under one of the walls and his left foot was badly bruised. His injuries are not serious. He was taken to fire department headquarters where medical attention was given him. Chief Mullin received a severe cut in the shoulder from falling glass, but paid no attention to the wound. Other firemen received lesser injuries.

At 2:40 o'clock the fourth floor of the front wall fell, About a dozen fireman were standing under the wall, but all escaped except Huffman, who is the department electrician and Spruell, who has only been in the department a short while. The held a line of hose from one of the steamers. They were buried under the falling brick and it was some minutes before they were discovered as they were so completely covered by the debris. As soon as they were found willing hands revoked the debris and dragged them to one side. Physicians were summoned, but by the time they arrived Spruell was dead. His head and chest were badly bruised by the brick. He died as he was being taken to an ambulance at First Avenue and Twenty-First Street. Former City Physician Whelan attended him. He leaves a wife and two or three children. He was about 45 years old.

Hoffman was carried to Hillman Hospital. He had a severe wound in the head and several deep gashes about his face. As usual the fire department was entirely too small to cope with the fire. Chief Mullin stated at one time, when there was a chance to save the Collins Building, with proper equipment: "See. I have not enough men to do this work. We are hampered by lack of men."

The fire had gained such a head way at 2:15 o'clock that the aerial truck was useless, as it could not be raised on account of the heat. Later it was used on the Collins Building. AT 4:15 Collins and Company's Store was still burning and there seems no chance of saving any part of it. It was a four-story structure. The fire started at the top and worked its way downward.

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