

Maid of Cane Creek Memories – Putnam Co., TN
Memoirs of Margaret Arizona Allison Maddux
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Copied by Lela B. Winfree, 28032 Lorraine, Warren, MI 48093 – October 1991. These are some of the records left by Margaret Arizona Allison. They include records written by S.M. McCaleb. She was a lifelong resident of Putnam County residing on Cane Creek, southeast of Baxter, and 1.25 miles due north of Ditty. Around 1900 she wrote several articles for local papers under the pen name “Maid of Cane Creek”. She married July 3, 1904, Louis Dow Maddux, son of Thomas Jefferson Maddux and Texas Vandorn Lowe. Dow and Margaret are buried in the Gentry Cemetery near where they lived on Cane Creek.

My Recollection – April 6, 1952

The first I have any recollection of, I think, is of mama milking the cow and I was standing by and the cow lunged at me and mama caught me before she touched me and it wasn't long until my baby brother was born dead. I remember seeing him. They had him lying on a pillow in a chair and someone took the cover off for me to see.

I will not attempt to record things just as they came along. Just as I think of them, and I can't tell the dates. I was born December 4, 1883 and when I was a year old we moved from our home at the ford of the creek (Cane) on the Cookeville and Smithville road. A bridge is there now. We came to the old home place where I grew up. My grandfather and grandmother were getting old and were both cripple so we came to take care of them.

I have no connected recollections at least for years. I guess so far as I think now the next thing I remember was pa and mama and me going to Smith Co., to visit uncle, James Jeems as the called him, and aunt Eveline McCaleb I don't remember anything about leaving home or on the road until we got to the Caney Fork river. We were in a wagon and had to ford the river. This was in August before I was three years old, but I remember crossing the river. A man rode in front of us on a horse to show pa how to drive. Mama was scared and so of course, I was too. Don't remember getting there but remember aunt Eveline cooking supper and feeding the little black dog. He stood on his hind feet for his bread. Next day aunt's Negro woman was at the spring washing so aunt asked me to go down there and get the shovel. It was only a little way. She told me to drag it as it was too heavy for me to carry. So the woman had it laid down in the sun and when I took hold of the handle it was “hot” and I dropped it back and said “hot” and started back up the path. The old Negro (Nora) said “here honey I'll fix it”, and she wiped it with her wet hands and said “now it's not hot.”. So I went dragging it up the path. While we were there we visited mama's cousin Wash McCaleb and family, and there I saw the largest trunk I ever saw. Someone picked me up and sat me on it.

My grandfather, McCaleb, taught me to read. I remember in 1888 he had an almanac that had the pictures of the presidents and lot of other government officials and I could read their names and tell each one's salary.

I remember very well when Benjamin Harrison was elected President, and from that time on I took notice to all politics. As early as I can remember things, the election was at our house until we got so disgusted we finally got it moved to Bussell school. But, I believe I was married before they got it done. In summer, if the weather was good they held it on the yard, but in November and in August if it was rainy they held it in the house and you never saw such a mess. Mud, tobacco juice and tickets all stamped up together on the floor, and tickets and whittlings all over the yard. We had two or three days work after each one, besides eating and wasting bushels of apples. And they pulled green as well as ripe, bit into them and throw them down. I remember when I was about grown they were doing so awful that mama had to just about sit on me to keep me from flying into them. She said it would make them mad and I said I didn't care, if they didn't have anymore sense, what difference did it make? And that I was mad and they just as well be mad as me. But she forbid me to, but I have always thought I should have let them know what I thought about them.

I remember going to uncle Barnett Nabors' many times when they lived near Lilly's chapel Church. I remember one time I pushed my way between the garden fence and was stooping down biting the buds out of the cabbage plants. Mollie saw me and hollered at me, and I just screamed. They moved from there to a farm grandpa McCaleb gave to Aunt Adeline, near Baxter. There wasn't any town near there then. I don't think there was even a Post Office, but I am not sure. It seems to me the Post Office was established when the Nashville and Knoxville Railroad came thru there. It was named A.I. and remained so for many years. After the R.R. came and a small village was there they called it Mine Lick, but the P.P. was A.I. I remember we had started either to uncle Barnett's or to uncle Gid Anderson's and when we got to Mine Lick they told us to wait a little while that the train was coming for the first time. So after a while it came in sight and I was so scared they had to hold me. I can just see that train yet and hear the awful whistle when it came up the track.

Uncle Gid Anderson lived on Indian Creek. He married my father's sister Mary Ann. Their children's names were Monroe, Houser, Eliza, Della, Taylor, Rhea and Benton. Aunt Mary Ann died and then uncle Gid. After awhile Houser went to Texas for his health and got better. So Monroe being the oldest, sold the farm and everything and took the children and went to him. He (Monroe) was a fine doctor. Most of them are dead and maybe all, as I have not heard from them in over 20 years. The last I knew most of them alive lived at or near Olney in West Texas.

Pa had another sister, Margaret. She married John Gilliam. She had four children, Luke, Sam, Joe, and Ann. Uncle John died when the children were quite small. Ann married Jim Kuykendall. Aunt Margaret lived with them until her death many years ago. Ann and Jim are both dead. They had children as follows: Margaret who married a Chaffin, Edna who married a Myers, Ruth married but I have forgotten who. Mollie died when about sixteen or seventeen years old. Jim P. married but I have forgotten who. Corinne married Walter Ferrell. Margaret, Ruth and Jim P. live in Florida. Edna in California, and Corinne in Bloomington Springs, TN. (In 1977 Corinne is in Florida).

Pa also had brothers as follows: William the oldest child, then Robert Stuart, that was pa, Byrd who died when a young man. He had T.B. consumption they called it, and went somewhere for his health, I think California. Anyway he went on a ship. He only got worse and was on the way home and died just as the ship docked at New York. Then there was uncle John and uncle Russ, Russell, whom the Braswells killed. Uncle Russ wasn't married, but was engaged to Miss Frankie Barnes who long after married Bird Lindsey. Uncle John was married to Lee Ann Maxwell and they had four children, Mary, who married Albert Ellis; Eliza who married Joe Whitaker. Mandy who married Joe Gentry, called "Little Joe" to distinguish him from Joe that had a store in A.I. And a son named Joe Wilson Allison, always called Joe Wilse. Then there was uncle Julius who married Virginia Ensor, aunt Jennie. He died leaving her with two girls. Dora who married Col. Anderson who died several years ago. Cora who married Linnie Bullington. They have one son John Allison Bullington.

My great grandfather Allison was named William. He married a Stuart, descended from the Stuarts of England, which is not too good, the high brow. I don't know her maiden name, yes it was Martha, she died leaving two boys, Byrd and Dave. He then married Cindy Moore. They had the following children: Eliza; Julius; and Maggie and sold out and went to Texas and had the following children: Mattie; Newt; Birch; Florence; and Bulah. They lived near White Write. Pa first married Mary Lowe, called Polly, a daughter of Quinton Lowe, and a sister of Alfred Lowe. She died leaving the following children: Laura Frances; Eliza Ann; George Alexander; James LaFayette, he was called Fate; Joseph Anderson; and Franklin Pierce Allison. He then married Catherine McCaleb a daughter of Capt. S.M. McCaleb, and had a son William Earl who died when about nine months old, and then me, Margaret Arizona Allison, then a boy who was born dead.

Laura died when 18 years of age. Eliza married Taylor Maxwell and went to Texas and lived there several years when she took T.B. and they came back and she lived 4 or 5 months. They never had any children. Fate died in 1907. He never married. George married Tennie Crawford, Joe married Avannah Mitchell, Pierce married Ura Gentry. I am the only one of the family living now, October 18, 1962. Ura is the only sister in law living. And the brother in laws have been dead several years ago.

Note: I later remember pa had a uncle Byrd Rhea who lived in Nashville. I remember when he was living. He was in business there but I don't know just what, perhaps wholesale something.

One thing I forgot to record when writing about the Rhea family was that Uncle Byrd was the B.S. Rhea that was in business in Nashville many years ago. Pa's uncle. I have an idea that Senator David Rhea is some of uncle Byrd's descendants. I think he is in Giles County, or used to be. I don't know if he is still Senator or not. I forgot uncle Byrd was one of my grandfather's brothers. I have heard Pa speak of him many times. Pa had relatives around Gordonsville. I remember one was Bart James. Also the Gwaltneys but I have forgotten the given names. And I don't know how the kin came in. I don't know if they were cousins or uncles or what. Pa had some kin that married a Moonyham, but I don't know how it came in. Ray Luke or Claud or Rhea might know, I rather risk Rhea knowing. In 1977 Rhea has been dead several years now.

My great-grandfather, McCaleb was John McCaleb and great grandmother was an Allison. Her given name was Catherine. My mother was named for her. They moved to this county from Orange Co., North Carolina when grandpa was eleven years old which would make the date 1824, but Putnam County had not been formed then.

Grandpa's name was Samuel Van Ranslear Asiel Silo Moore McCaleb. He married Eleanor Ray, a daughter of Joseph Ray and Kessiah Hensley. Kessiah was a Hensley but I don't know her father's given name. They had several children besides grandma. I remember uncle Hensley, he married Elizabeth Ditty. They had only one child, a daughter named Jincy. She married Jim Young and some of their children live around Chestnut Mound. Uncle Sam, great uncle, married Nancy West, a daughter of Johnny West. Uncle Sam died before I can recollect. They had a boy named William. He was Burgess Ray's grandfather. On second thought I may be mistaken about Aunt Nancy being a West, because I think William's wife Celia was a West. It might be she was Johnny West's daughter. I will try to find out tho I don't know who to ask. Grandma's sister Rachel married Joe Jared, I remember them both. They had a daughter named Fanny who married Stephen Brown they had several children. Ann and Hixie still living and some of the boys may be living. They went away years ago. They had a daughter Hulda, who married Burl Jernigan and lived at Bloomington Springs years ago. Also a daughter Hixie who married Dr. Bill Robinson who lived at Bloomington Springs. Hixie Brown was named for her. Grandma also had a sister Sally who married Jim White. They had Martha who married Paris Carr. Rachel, who married Pate McBroom. Hubbard who died while a young man and Joe who married Peggy Flatt. Joe and Peggy had several children. Martha married John Billingsley; Mary married Harvey Garrison and I don't know who Edna Bell married, and I don't know who any of the boys married. I remember uncle Jim, he came to our house once that I remember. I never saw Aunt Sally.

To correct the mistake in dates, great-grandfather and great-grandmother emigrated from North Carolina in 1826. My mother thought grandpa was only eleven years old then, but she was evidently mistaken. He was born 22 January 1813, so that would make his 13 at the time or nearly so as they arrived her in December 1826. No, that would be nearly fourteen. She said there was never but one person buried at an old graveyard that is on the farm now owned by Hugh Lee Lawhorn. We, my mother and me, used to go right along the edge of it when we went to the store at what was Ditty Post Office then and she told me that. It was grown up in big trees and brush but you could still see some tombstones. The person grandpa said was buried after they came here was an old man Joe Harris. There is another graveyard that has been worked over for perhaps 150 years or more. That is the field in front of the house now owned by Henry Neely. All between there and Paul Dyers was once a large graveyard. My mother said her mother had heard her grandmother say that she knew it was a graveyard, but it was then worked over I think. To get back to the kinfolks. My mother was named for both her grandmothers, Kissiah for great-grandmother, Ray, Catherine for great-grandmother McCaleb. Her full name Kissiah Catherine Martelia Ann. I don't know who the Martelia Ann was for. Granma's sister, Sally also had a daughter named Emily. She married Tom Presley and they had two boys, Jimmy and Harvey. Martelia Bray Roberts was named for my mother.

Thinking of olden times and old ways of doing things, I remember when I was a child we had to parch the coffee. It was green coffee berries. To parch it we put some in a skillet on top of the stove and some one stood by and stirred it to keep from burning it. When it was done it was ground in a little mill you had in your lap. I think you paid 25 cents for three pounds. After they got to bringing on roasted coffee sometime, they go to bringing it already ground in 1 pound packages. The first I remember was Arbuckles Coffee and it had the Arbuckle signature on the side. By saving them you could get premiums for the signatures.

Great-grandfather, Allison – William, was buried at the Braswell Cemetery just back of one of the buildings on the campus of Baxter Seminary. Wonder if great-grandmother is buried there. Great-grandfather, Joe Allison and grandmother were buried at Rhea Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN. She was a Rhea. Her father's name was William and her mother's name was Mary Ann, and called Polly. She was a Whitson. Great Great Grandfather Allison was named Joe and he and his wife are buried near Gordonsville. His house was still standing some 20 or 25 years ago, this date February 1, 1971.

The James's and the Gwaltney's of that community are related to us. I have heard my father speak of Bart James.

My father, Robert Stuart Allison had an older brother William, he and his family moved to Texas when I was a small child but I remember him coming back on a visit. He had brothers John, Russ, and Pleasant Julius. The Braswell boys killed uncle John and uncle Russ, his name was Russell but was called Russ. Uncle Julius was Dora and Cora's father. Dora married Col. Anderson and Cora married Linnie Bullington. Their mother was Jennie Ensor.

Margaret Arizona Allison – b. 4 December 1883, S. Baxter, TN –
d. 2 April 1979, Cookeville, TN – d/o Robert Stuart Allison & Kessiah Catherine McCaleb
md 3 July 1904, Baxter, TN, Louis Dow Maddux –
b. 25 May 1882, Baxter, TN – d. 10 June 1969
s/o Thomas Jefferson Maddux & Texas Vandorn Lowe – See Chapter 1.

This is a copy of a family record written by my grandfather Capt. S. M. McCaleb. S.M. McCaleb born January 22nd 1813.

Elenor Ray born January 29, 1812. These two married August 12th 1830 and J.M. (James Madison McCaleb) was born June 29, 1831.

Rachael A. (Rachael Adeline McCaleb) born March 6, 1832.

Milly Jane McCaleb born November 26th, 1834 and died October 14th 1836.

William A. (William Addison McCaleb) born December the ___ 1836.

D.L. (David Lindsey) was born December 21st, 1838 and died October 31st, 1887.

Minerva E. (Minerva Eveline) born January 6, 1841.

Samuel J. (Samuel Joseph) was born and was accidentally killed by the dropping of a pistol at White Bluff Station in 1864.

Kessiah C. (This was Mama Catherine) born October 22nd, 1845.

S.J. McCaleb died May 24th 1864).

(Signed) S.M. McCaleb

A record of the births of the family of **Joseph** and **Kessiah Ray**. (She was a Hensley).

William J. born August 2nd, 1801.

James born May 23, 1802.

Elizabeth – February 17, 1806 – (This must have been Aunt Betsy Franklin).

David L. born January 7th, 1808.

Rachael born May 17th, 1810. (married **Joseph “Joe” Jared**).

Elinor born January 29, 1812. (This was my grandma Nellie).
Milly born December 26, 1813. (married John Ditty).
Joseph A. born May 10th 1816.
Samuel H. born February 1st, 1818. (this was Burgers Ray's great grandfather).
Daniel M. born September 16, 1819.
Jashuah H. born January 14th, 1821. (this was uncle Hensley).
Sally born January 26th, 1823. (this was Joe White's mother, Mary Garrison's grandmother).
Joseph Ray the father of this family died on the 21st of September 1840.
Their mother about eight years later. Three of them living this April 10th, 1889.

(Signed) S.M. McCaleb

Elinor died April 12th, 1890.
Rachel died April 24th, 1891.
J.H. died November 29, 1891.
From the birth of the first to the death of the last 90 years, 3 months and 27 days.

*See Chapters 1, 8, 9 & 14 for more information.

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Rachael married Joseph "Joe" Jared and I remember them both. Ann and Hixey Brown's mother was their daughter. Her name was Fanny. She married Stephen Brown a son of Isaac Brown. After great Uncle Samuel II. died his widow, Aunt Nancy who was Williams Ray's mother married Isaac Brown whose wife had been dead some time, I remember them well, especially Aunt Nancy. Their house was just north of where Joe Scott's house now stands on the Smithville Road. (1962)

Copy of grandpa's writing
(I may put in some of my own words but they will be in parenthesis.)

John McCaleb and Catherine Allison were married in 1810 and had children as follows.
James Washington 1st.
Samuel Moore 2nd (that was grandpa Sam McCaleb)
Joseph Donelson 3rd
Margaret Jane 4th. (This was Aunt Peggy Jane Ellis or Aunt Ped as some called her.) (She married Eliza Ellis and had several children. Elvira who married Joe Hira Allison and had several children among them Sam B. & Byrd, and Bill. I don't remember how many more.

Other children of Aunt Ped were Bob, Sam, Joe, Fillmore, Billy and Judy Ann. I remember them very well even Uncle Lige and Aunt Ped, been to their house lots of times.

David Robinson 5th

Sarah Catherine 6th (she married a Campbell I have forgotten his first name)

John Allison 7th. (This was Pony McCaleb's father. There was two girls Martha Ann who married Burt Mitchell and Melvina who married an Askew.) (Martha Ann later married a Wilkerson.)

Parzetta Frances 8th.

The mother died Sept. 21, 1838. The father August 1854.

Three living April 10th 1889

They emigrated from Orange County NC In Dec. 1826. S.M. McCaleb

Elinor McCaleb born Jan. 29th 1826. Was married Aug. 12, 1830 died April 12 at 12 o'clock & 50 min. P.M. in 1890. Aged 78 years 3 months 17 days, 60 Years & 4 months after marriage, buried Sunday evening 13 April 1890. S.M.McCaleb. I was 17 years 7 months and 10 days of age when married, Elinor was 18 years 7 months & 17 days.

copy of S.M. McCaleb's record.

Grandfather Allison married a Donelson in Orange County N.C. and raised 5 boys, John and William who married Stuarts. William was my pa's grandfather and my mother's great uncle. I have heard her tell of him coming to grandpa's to visit and walked with the very walking stick which I still have with a piece of deer's horn on the top. He would play like he had forgot what he had done with it. He called it his "hoss" (meaning horse) so he would say "children I have lost my hoss" and they would run to see which could get Uncle Billy's "hoss" first.) Thomas and James married Scobys. Joseph to a Woods. Also 5 girls Lavina by another woman prior to his marriage. She married John McDade. Hanah to James Gray. Peggy to Robert Lindsey. Katy (Catherine) to John McCaleb and Jenny to Corder Stone. His wife died (grandfather's Allison) and he married Betsy Madden and they moved to Tenn. about 1817 and raised, R.D. (That was pa's great Uncle Don.) (I remember him coming to visit us. I remember he was tall and straight and pa took him some where, probably to the train and they went horse back and he just put his foot in the stirrup and mounted as easily as pa did, which they all thought was wonderful for his age tho I don't remember how old he was then. He married a Tucker.) And Morgan who married a Nicholas, Martha to John H. James. They 1st settled on came creek, Putnam Co., Tenn, then to the mouth of Hickman Creek, Smith Co. Tenn. Where he died in 1826. He and his brother John if no more of his brothers were soldiers in the revolution that gained our freedom and independence and now the freest and greatest nation upon the face of the world that historians ever recorded.

S.M. McCaleb.

(This John he spoke of is the one that is buried at the old Kemp graveyard on the place known as the Roe Gracy place. It is all grown up in trees and brush and is a shame to civilization. Mat Farley, a descendent of his had it all cleaned off put up a tombstone and had a service and decoration about 36 years ago. Mat has been dead for years, other wise I am sure it would not be in such condition.) (this is grandpa Sam's great grandparents, the following is his words as he wrote them)

My great grandparents (Allison) immigrated from Scotland or Ireland, I have forgotten which. They raised 5 sons viz. Jo, Charles, John, James and Hamilton. I think several of them were soldiers of 1776.

They also raised 5 girls. Nancy married Joshuah Bary. Peggy- James Robinson, Jiney- James Ray, Betty Samuel Madden, Mary- Thomas Curtis who was a drummer in 1776 and Grisy never married but was the mother of Gilmon by John Porterfield. The old man died before my recollection, the old lady died at the advanced age of one hundred and 5 or 6 years. I have seen her often and remember Granny Mattie perfectly well, even her features. She was of Irish descent and he was a Scotchman and I think came from Scotland. She was a Hamilton.

(Signed) S. M. McCaleb

When my great grandparents (McCaleb) immigrated to this country they settled in Pennsylvania where they lived and raised their family and died. One of their sons, my grandfather married a woman by the name of Nicholas who had three children by him. He then went into the War of the Revolution and never returned. She then came to Orange County North Carolina and John McCaleb, my father, was bound an apprentice to Andrew McBroom on the 12th of March 1784 aged about six years. She then married a man by the name of Chapman and had a son named Thomas.

He grew up and married. His wife had a daughter named Ammy Jane and died. He and his oldest brother James McCaleb came west. Their sister Jane McCaleb married James Kelly. They moved to this country many years ago and settled in some of these counties below here, perhaps Wilson. My father born in 1778 and died in 1854 aged 76 years. Mother was born in 1786 and died in aged 52 years

(Signed) S. M. McCaleb

(These are my recollections.)

I don't remember any of grandpa McCaleb's brothers or sisters except Aunt Ped as I have explained elsewhere but I have heard mama talk of her Aunt Catherine who married a Campbell. She had a girl named Emily about the age of mama and one younger named Nellie. They moved to Illinois.

When the children were small and they grew up and married and Emily's husband died. I don't know his name but she later married an old man named Champion. She then corresponded with mama for a few years and I suppose died. We never did know. I think her P.O. was Mount Vernon but am not sure. Nellie married a Newcomb. I don't know how many other children Aunt Catherine had, if any. John Allison McCaleb was Pony McCaleb's father, Ina Jared's grandfather. I don't know who he married. His first wife (Ina's mother had 2 girls and 1 boy named Allison. She died and Pony married again but had no children. Her name was Laura but I have forgotten who unless it was Hughes. I remember when Pony was sheriff of this county. My grandfather was one of the first trustees of the first old city school building in Cookeville. Grandma McCaleb's sister Milly married John Ditty. They moved to Missouri and raised some children. I don't know how many but think not many till Uncle John died. Two of the boys visited us here in 1910. Cousin Will stayed with us for several weeks. He lived in Montana at Kalispell. He was at our house when Halley's Comet appeared. We all saw it. It was cloudy most of the time when it was visible. But one morning cousin Will woke us up at day break and it was clear and we saw it. I woke Ralph and showed it to him. He said he saw it, but he wasn't quite 3 years old. He might live to see it next time it appears, which will be 76 years from the time it appeared then. Cousin Abram Ditty came in June or July after that & him and cousin Will both visited us then. Cousin Abram lived in Missouri. Cousin Will had a son named Perry. He corresponded with mama once or twice after cousin Will died. Grandma's brother Joseph A. was the Joe Ray that had a store at Double Springs. He married Lucy Hawes a daughter of old Johnny Hawes. He and Aunt Lucy are buried in Double Springs, and their graves are being plowed over. Bums Tucker Brown told me a few years ago that she still knew exactly where their graves were. Grandma's brother Joshua H. was Uncle Hensley Ray. He married Elizabeth Ditty a daughter of Abram Ditty, who lived at the Farley Place now owned by All Maxwell. I only remember Uncle Hensley one time. He and Aunt Lizzie came to visit but I was small. They lived about Chestnut Mound and in those days that was a long way. After he died Aunt Lizzie visited us many times. They only had one child, a girl, named Jincy, she married Jim Young and they visited us several times. I am not sure I can name all their children. Ova married Ed Cowan, Willie married Wade Cowan. I don't know who Solon married. Sam married Jenny Waller, and Eva married Arthur Cowan. Grandma's sister Sally married Jim White as I have noted elsewhere. I have also noted Aunt Rachel who married Joe Jared elsewhere. Her other brothers and sisters I know nothing about. I suppose they died before I took notice. I remember Uncle Jim had on a nice suit of home made cloth. The thread was all carded and spun and the cloth woven by hand. Then cut out (this was once he visited us, the only time I remember him and sewed by hand for there were no machines those days. I remember his suit was gray and he sure looked nice, to my eyes any way.

I (Margaret Maddux) remember my mother, Catherine McCaleb Allison speaking of her Aunty Franklin. She was Elizabeth Ray, a sister to my Grandma Elinor Ray McCaleb, and married Edward Franklin. They had two children, David Edward I. who married Laura Stewart and Jane who married Chester White. Mama told about Aunt Betsy coming to grandpa's one time, when she was old and stayed a few days or a few weeks and she wanted to help do something and grandma always had knitting on hand so she told her she could knit on a sock, and she said she had to have a knitting quill and they had long since quit using them so mama made her one. I think I still have it. It was made of a piece of brown jeans cloth. I will make a drawing of how it looked. Of course it was a lot larger than this but this is the shape. There was a piece of goose quill sewed in the center and you pinned the cloth to your lap and stuck one needle in the quill. I remember mama taught me to call D.E.L., uncle Edd, and aunt Laura. Laura.

Mama and me used to go to Janes' house occasionally. They (Jane's girls) would card, spin, and weave cloth for mama. I thought it a great treat to go to Uncle Chester's. They all made a great of me. They were very poor people but always had plenty to eat. Uncle Chester always kept plates, cups and saucers of the finest china. Such pretty flowered dishes. Our dishes were all plain white and of common stuff. I

thought was something special, and it was, really. They got some broke, either cups, saucers, or a plate broken and they gave me some pieces to go in my play house and I kept them for years. I remember hearing mama tell about grandma telling about her mother telling about an awful earthquake that shook the houses so that it broke the glass windows, turned over cupboards and broke all the dishes etc. in the houses, and her mother (my great grandmother Ray) also told her about a day that it turned dark and the chickens and geese came running & went to roost, all cackling and squaking and the cows came home hauling like it was night. I don't remember if she said how long it stayed dark but after awhile while it began to come light and the fowl and stock went about their business. I have put 2 and 2 together and made 4 as the saying goes, and I am sure this was when the great earthquake occurred when Reelfoot Lake was formed, or it could have been a total eclipse of the sun.

A list of names composing Company K, First Tennessee, regiment of Mounted Infantry Volunteers.

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| 1. S.M. McCaleb, Capt. | 41. Charles Moore |
| 2. L.N. Payne, 1 st Lt. | 42. W.L. Kerby |
| 3. D.L. McCaleb, 2 nd Lt. | 43. T. J. Anderson |
| 4. William Jared, 1 st Sgt. | 44. John M. Steel |
| 5. Joseph Williams | 45. Hiram Eller |
| 6. William Farley | 46. Henry Drus |
| 7. Henderson Farley | 47. W.H. Sisco |
| 8. Enoch Golden | 48. William Lanter |
| 9. Jackson Copeland | 49. J.M. Carnahan |
| 10. James Watson | 50. J.F. Watson |
| 11. Francis Ivy | 51. John McMahan |
| 12. George Wade | 52. Allen Medlin |
| 13. R.W. Linville | 53. James Robinson |
| 14. John A. Vichas | 54. John Elrod |
| 15. Harmon Robinson | 55. J.M. McCaleb |
| 16. J.W. Goodwin, Sr. | 56. James Anderson |
| 17. S.L. Carroll | 57. John McKie |
| 18. T.W. Harward | 58. W.R. Clouse |
| 19. T.J. Nill | 59. James Dunn |
| 20. Killgrow Dewese | 60. George Davis |
| 21. F.M. Bumbalough | 61. F.S. Robinson |
| 22. Jasper Randloph | 62. E.C. Clouse |
| 23. B.W. Saylor | 63. Archibald Somers |
| 24. Jiles Farley | 64. Charles Phillips |
| 25. Almon Thomas | 65. Marion Jackson |
| 26. W.H. Elrod | 66. J.D. Howard |
| 27. G.A. Parks | 67. Asa M. Denson |
| 28. John Gracy | 68. C.V. Mohondra |
| 29. Logan Mabury | 69. W.R. Mee |
| 30. J.T. Baumbalough | 70. Renarl L. Taylor |
| 31. W.J. Baumbalough | 71. Louis S. Moss |
| 32. W.R. Grayham | 72. William Carolisle |
| 33. E.S. Gay | 73. Noah Deering |
| 34. George Stanley | 74. John Maxwell |
| 35. William Loftis | 75. John Thompson |
| 36. John Prier | 76. W.H. Laurance |
| 37. Maning Long | 77. Henry Randolph |
| 38. Thomas Sisco | 78. Marvy Disman |
| 39. Isaac Sisco | 79. W.K. Wilson |
| 40. S.H. McKie | 80. William Jones |
| 81. Finton Micks | |
| 82. Thomas Forkum | |

83. William Caseday
84. J.C. Ray
85. George Long
86. John Somers
87. Charles Henry
88. Henderson Disman
89. William R. Harris
90. Rasha Jackson

Steam cars to Sparta – October 1st, 1884 –
crossed Carthage Road – May 28th, 1890 (Was this the road through Baxter?)
To Gainsboro Road, June 4th, 1890 (Was this the road through Double Springs, TN?)

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