

COOKEVILLE POLITICS
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The following letter is the property of Ms Willene Bryant and was found in the Thompson family Bible. The original letter was unsigned. Since this letter is on the back of a letter that Sarah Arena Jared had written to her brother Winchester Pierce Thompson, the author must be Sarah's husband , Moses Jared.

In order to forestall any suspense this letter might create, please find enclosed the results of the Democratic Primary said letter to. Also find enclosed a listing of County Officers for post-election Putnam in order to end any possible general election speculations. These articles are from the Cookeville Press, 3 March 1898 and 6 October 1898 respectively.

W.P. Thompson and Sarah Arena Thompson Jared were born to Esquire Looney Thompson (1807-1858) and Arena S. Davis (1809-1898). W.P. served only one term as Register of Putnam County 1898-1902) and died on his birthday in 1905 (2 July 1846 – 2 July 1905).

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January 24th, 1898

Cureall, MO

W.P. Thompson and family, I will write you a few lines to let you know I have not forgot you. I understand you and Sid Carr are candidates for Register again. I wish you could beat him this time but as I believe, the Democratic party in Putnam is ruled by the town click. I don't know whether you can make it or not since Sid and Carlen is close akin and Carlen knows how and were to use whiskey to do the most good and their other whiskey men have not heard of any candidates in our county yet. I have no news that would interest you. Corn and oats are worth 35 cents a bushel and I have some of each to sell. Wheat is 75 and I have to buy. Fat hogs are 2.50 per hundred and cattle 1.50 to 2.50 per hundred. Sheep \$2.00, horses and mules not selling for money at any price and let me know how it went. Write when the primary is over.

(unsigned, Moses Jared)

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COOKEVILLE, TENN., THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1898

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

OFFICIAL VOTE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION, SATURDAY, FEB. 26, 1898

Districts.	Sheriff		County Clk.				Circuit Clerk.						Trustee.				Reg'tr. *				
	G. W. Alcorn.	J. A. Countess.	W. H. Carr.	D. C. Gossage.	L. R. McClain.	D. Montgomery.	J. A. Carlen.	P. Y. Jared.	J. W. Welch.	A. A. Reagan.	H. M. Nicholas.	W. W. Smith.	J. N. King.	Wheeler Harp.	W. Montgomery.	H. B. Johnson.	H. T. Leo.	J. L. Lee.	Wm. Henry.	W. P. Thompson.	S. F. Carr.
1	892	110	244	99	150	14	134	55	11	119	55	80	60	170	81	148	53	49	4	327	192
2	63	16	65	12	5	4	10	10	2	25	33	6	1	9	54	4	13	2	47	37	
3	87	52	55	42	6	36	50	5	10	16	13	0	33	8	1	19	1	83	28	43	97
4	80	45	59	55	5	7	11	1	22	55	14	14	14	2	1	89	1	3	88	68	65
5	56	42	28	62	2	8	5	2	78	2	1	1	12	1	9	1	80	60	56	42	
6	42	10	86	13	2	1	3	3	4	12	1	0	21	33	0	8	1	10	1	39	11
7	93	9	17	20		59	9		27	9	9	21	25	24	59	1	7	7	72	31	
*8	58	2		50		5	9	30	8	5	1			4	40	2	8	3	5	50	
9	20	8	9	6	2	6	8	11	1	7				8	8	11		1		3	20
10	83	28	17	93		33	20	56	1	1	8	19	10	02	1	63	2	1	45	65	
11	98	15	28	09	3	13	37	78		1		1		44	27	15	17	12	31	81	
12	08	50	56	43		21	24	75	8	7		5	2	2	71	0	40	1	54	66	
13	29	6	8	25		2	24	8				1	10		14	12			8	82	
14	58	31	50	10	4	17	1	78	9		3	14	27	1	29		12	21	55	37	
15	124	22	122	15	8		17	1	6	10	35	61	10	115	19	4	11		117	80	
17	46	11	8	47		1	5	47	1	2		2	5	30	2	17	2		12	44	
18	62	8	9	47	1	14	35	1	19	1	8	9	2	16		55	1	1	82	39	
	1454	400	811	692	189	240	397	383	200	282	177	233	207	431	418	404	275	229	151	1008	939

*Noted in 16th District

Alcorn's majority for Sheriff, 996; Carlen's majority for Circuit court Clerk, 14; Carr's majority for County Court Clerk, 118; Harp's majority for Trustee, 43; Thompson's majority for Register, 67.

Constables were nominated as follows in the various district: 1st dist., E.M. Judd and G.W. Shipley; 3rd dist, W.H. Cleghorn; 4th dist., A.P. Robinson; 5th dist., Z. Dixon; 6th dist., Cooper; 7th dist., R.O. Polk; 11 dist., James Maddux; 10th dist., Bryant; 12th dist., A.B. Thompson; 14th dist., J.T. Bucker; 15th dist., Stockton.

The constest between the candidates for constable in the 1st district resulted as follow: Judd, 297; Shipley, 230; Williams, 217; Davis, 64; Pinkston, 63; Eller, 4.