

Family Group Sheet		Husband's Full Name James Thompson			
		Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
Information Obtained From:		Birth:	12 April 1734	St. Mary's Co., MD	
		Marriage:	ca. 1764	Rowan Co., NC	
John Tompson-Thompson		Death:	29 March 1795	Lee Co., VA	
md 1 st Jane Kelloe in Mary's		Burial:			
Co., MD. Jane & John		Places of Residence:			
Thompson had 2 sons:		Occupation:	Religion:	Military Record:	
John and James Thompson.		Other wives			
John Tompson-Thompson		His Father:	John Tompson-Thompson	His Mother:	Jane Kelloe
md 2 nd Margrate Lyal.		Wife's Full Maiden Name Margaret Cowan			
		Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
Margrate & John Thompson		Birth:	ca. 1740		
had 3 children: Jane, Moses,		Marriage:	ca. 1764		
and Joseph Thompson.		Death:	Abt. 1802	Lee Co., VA	
Compiler:		Burial:			
Audrey J. Lambert		Places of Residence:			
Address: 39721 Timberlane		Occupation:	Religion:	Military Record:	
City: Sterling Heights		Other husbands:			
State: Michigan		Her Father:	Stephen Cowan	Her Mother:	
Date: 10/20/2008					
Sex:	Children's Full Names:	Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
M	1. John Francis Thompson	Birth:	18 May 1765	Rowan Co., NC	Rev'l War soldier
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:			from Hawkins Co.,
	Sarah "Sally"	Death:	16 May 1839	Meigs Co., TN	TN
		Burial:			
M	2. Stephen Thompson	Birth:	ca. 1767		
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:	ca. 1794	Lee Co., VA	
	Elizabeth Breckenridge	Death:			
		Burial:			
M	3. Esquire Moses David Thompson	Birth:	ca. 1769	Rowan Co., NC	Served in the War of 1812.
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:			Married several
		Death:		Rhea Co., TN	times.
		Burial:			
F	4. Margaret N. Thompson	Birth:	ca. 1772	Rowan Co., NC	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:			
		Death:	January 1843	Rhea Co., TN	
		Burial:			
F	5. Jane Thompson	Birth:	ca. 1772	Rowan Co., NC	Abraim "Bryan" Breeding
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:			
	Abraim/Abiram "Bryan" Breeding	Death:	23 May 1834	Spring City, Rhea Co., TN	b. (1772-1832)
		Burial:			"Bryan" "Byran"
F	6. Rachel Thompson	Birth:	ca. 1774	Rowan Co., NC	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:			
	James Owens	Death:		Marion Co., KY	
		Burial:			
M	7. James Thompson Jr.	Birth:	13 July 1776	Rowan Co., NC	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:			
		Death:	Bef. 1850	Rhea Co., TN	
		Burial:			
F	8. Mary Thompson	Birth:	ca. 1778	Rowan Co., NC	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:			
	Robert Walker	Death:			
		Burial:			

CHILDREN CONTINUATION SHEET for FAMILY GROUP No.					
Husband's full name		James Thompson			
Wife's full maiden name		Margaret Cowan			
Sex:	Children's Full Names:	Date of:	Day Month Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
M	9. Thomas Kelloe Thompson	Birth:	5 April 1781	VA	
		Chr'nd			
	Full Name of Spouse: Priscilla Looney	Marriage:	Bef. 29 March 1807		
		Death:	31 October 1857	Spring City, Rhea Co., TN	
		Burial:		Thompson Cemetery, Rhea Co., TN	
F	10 Rebekah Thompson	Birth:	ca. 1783		
		Chr'nd			
	Full Name of Spouse: Archibald Daniel	Marriage:			
		Death:			
		Burial:			
M	11 Joseph Thompson	Birth:	16 January 1788	Lee Co., VA	Mary "Polly" Hopkins
		Chr'nd			d/o Issac Hopkins &
	Full Name of Spouse: Mary "Polly" Hopkins	Marriage:	10 December 1811	Roane Co., TN	Mary Pierce.
		Death:		Meiges, TN	
		Burial:			

Rowan County was formed in 1753 from Anson County, and was named for Matthew Rowan (d. 1760), acting governor at the time the county was formed. The county seat is Salisbury. Initially Rowan included the entire northwestern sector of North Carolina, with no clear western boundary, but its size was reduced as a number of counties were split off. The first big excision was to create [Surry County](#) in 1771. [Burke](#) and [Wilkes](#) Counties were formed from the western parts of Rowan and Surry in 1777 and 1778, respectively, leaving a smaller Rowan County that comprised present-day Rowan, [Iredell](#) (formed 1788), [Davidson](#) (1822), and [Davie](#) (1836). Surry, Burke and Wilkes subsequently fragmented further as well. Depending on where your ancestors lived, you may want to look at records for some of these later counties also. Records of very early land grants in the Rowan County area will be found with [Anson County](#).

Source: First Families of Tennessee – A Register of Early Settlers and Their Present-Day Descendants by the East Tennessee Historical Society – 2000; IBS 0-94119-12-6. Families that were proven to have been in Tennessee by 1796.

Pg. 280: **JAMES THOMPSON**: Born 1734, St. Mary's Co., MD – Died 1795, Lee Co., VA; Married: Margaret Cowan, County Settled: Sullivan, 1784; Proof: Land Grant.

Eve Forester Davis	Jeanne Thompson Hurt	John Thompson Schlirf
Leah Jeanne Davis	Lauren Elizabeth Hurt	Laura Adair Schlirf
Lynn Hurt Davis	Mark T. Hurt	Nancy Hurt Schlirf
Victor James Davis	William Alexander Hurt	

Source: History of Rhea County, Tennessee compiled by Bettye J. Broyles – Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society 1991, (pg. 390): **James Thompson** (1734-1795) left Rowan County, North Carolina in 1777 and was on a list of non-jurors in that county; but had appeared on jury lists since the death of his father. Settling initially in Carter Valley, James had moved to Lee County, Virginia, in 1788. **His will of 1795 (Deed Book 1:54)** lists his wife, Margaret, and the following children: John, Stephen, James, Joseph, Moses, Thomas, Jane, Rachel, Rebekah, and Margaret.

Source: 1819 THROUGH 1829 RHEA CO., TN TAX LISTS INTRODUCTION:

The following Tax Lists were transcribed from Xerox copies loaned to me by David Gray. The originals are in the collections at the University of Tennessee Library in Knoxville. Each Captain's list is in alphabetical order (more or less). The spelling is reproduced here exactly as it appeared on the lists; therefore, it would be advisable to check a variety of spellings for each name (i.e. Knight, Night, etc).
Bettie J. Broyles, 3416 Dayton Blvd., Chattanooga, TN 37415.

Abbreviations used in the lists are as follows (in order of the columns);

WP = White Polls
TL = Town Lots
BP = Black Polls
SH = Stud Horses
D = Dollars
C = Cents

PC = Pleasure Carriages

D

C

A few of the later lists contain charges for Turnpikes (TP) or Turnpike Gates (TG), followed by the amount (D C).

PG. 7: TAXABLES IN CAPT. WILLIAM MCCRAYS COMPANY 1819

Moses Paul 230	1
William Thompson .	1
Jesse Thompson 200	1
John Thompson 320
James Thompson 100	1
Thomas Thompson 217	1

PG. 47: TAXABLES IN CAPT. JEREMIAH HOWERTONS COMPANY 1822

Archibald Paul	.	1
Moses Paul	230 Piney R.
Thomas Thompson	210 Muddy Creek	1
John Thompson	200
Jesse Thompson	640 Camp Creek	1
William Thomas	100	1

PG. 55: TAXABLES IN CAPT. HOWERTON'S OLD COMPANY FOR 1823

Archibald D. Paul	.	1
Moses Paul	230 Piney
James Paul	.	1
Jessee Thompson	620 West fork Whites Creek	1
Moses Thompson	155 Muddy Creek	1 . 1
William Thompson	100 Muddy Creek	1
James Thompson	.	1

(1850 census, Marshall Co., Red Hill Beat in Dist. #41, Al: Dwl: 182 - **Isaac N. Thompson**, 39 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: **Joseph Thompson**, 62 yrs. old, TN md to **Mary**, 62 yrs. old, TN and **Stephen Tuttle Thompson**, 18 yrs. old, TN).

(1860 census, Marshall Co., Guntersville post office, AL – Dwl: 185 – **Joseph Thompson** is head of household 72 yrs. old, VA md to **Mary**, 73 yrs. old, TN. Children: **Isaac N. Thompson**, 39 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: **Mary Tuttle**, 96 yrs. old, VA).

(1870 Marshall County census (P.O. Warrenton #3): **Joseph Thompson** 82, retired miller; **Polly** 82, past labor (both born Tennessee). Not in 1880 census).

SOURCE: Rhea County, Tennessee Deed Books A,B,C,D,E, Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society.

PG. 21 (page 72 (B-63) (30 Dec 1809) (Recorded Jan 1810): **Richard G. Waterhouse of Rhea Co. to William Wilson** and Wm. L. Hornbuckle of Rhea Co., 60 acres on waters of Piney River, within the 19,000-acre Grant for \$75; at mouth of a sluice corner to John Bushes 100-acre survey; to a tree on east bank of Town Creek, including improvements where Wilson and Hornbuckle now live; no recourse in case of insufficient title to hold the property. Teste: Hugh Dunlap, John Skidmore, and **Thomas Thompson**.

Note: *See C-32, 26 Aug 1811; Wilson and Horbuckle re-convey this property to Waterhouse.

PG. 27 (page 23 (A-68) (10 Oct 1808) (Recorded Jan Session 1809): **Little Page Sims to James Thompson, both of Rhea Co.**, for \$400, 200 acres on Muddy Creek on waters of Piney River, opposite Longs Spring Branch and down Muddy Creek to mouth of Purdens Spring Branch.

Note: This is part of a tract of 1000 acres conveyed by John Henry to Little Page Sims dated 5 may 1808. William Sherill, a brother-in-law of Sims, also lived on Muddy Creek. A sister of William Sherill (“Bonny” Kate Sherill) married Gov. John Sevier. From the diary of Richard G. Waterhouse, we know that Gov. Sevier on occasion visited Sims and Sherill on Muddy Creek.

PG. 51 (page 206 (C-6) (15 Nov 1811) (Recorded 20 Mar 1813): **Little Page Sims of Rhea Co. to Thomas Thompson** for \$1000, 324 acres, beginning at corner of Sims 1000-acre survey on Muddy Creek, **James Thompsons** corner, Purdens Spring Branch. Teste: John Collins, **James Thompson**, and Joseph Marr.

PG. 53 (page 218 (C-30) (20 Dec 1810) (Recorded 8 Ap 1813): **Little Page Sims to Richard G. Waterhouse** for \$200, 150 acres on Muddy Creek including the Barren Spring, corner to **James Thompson**, top of Barren Ridge, along said ridge to William Sherills line, to Richard Philpotts line. Teste: **Thomas Thompson**, William Long, and William Wilson.

PG. 57 (page 246 (C-77) (6 Aug 1811) (Recorded 5 June 1813): **Little Page Sims to Frederick Washington, both of Rhea Co.**, for \$400, 100 acres on south bank of Muddy Creek, line of Sims 1000-acre tract; **Thomas Thompsons** [could be more information on PG. 58!](#)

PG 64 (page 276 (C-143) (25 July 1813) (Recorded 28 Sept 1813): **John Collins to Moses Thompson** for \$300 in trade, 96 ½ acres on waters of Muddy Creek on east side of Piney River. Collins title derives from a conveyance out of 19,000-acre grant No. 278, **beginning on south bank of Muddy Creek on Thos Thompsons line**, line of John Collins 193 ¼ acres, which he claims by deed from Richard G. Waterhouse. Warranty against anyone claiming under the 19,000-acre grant, no other guaranty or recourse. Teste: John Spurlin and Joseph Marr.

PG 64 (page 279 (C-149) (8 Nov 1811) (Recorded 25 Oct 1813): **Little Page Sims to George Starnes** for \$1100, 300 acres out of Grant No. 278 for 19,000 acres to which 300 acres Sims claims by conveyance, on waters of Muddy Creek including the place he lives on, beginning on corner to Sims 100 acres and corner between John Burford and said Starnes; Barren ridge, north bank of Muddy Creek, corner to Frederick Washington. Teste: John Burford and **John Thompson**.

PG 64 (page 280 (C-153) (8 Nov 1811) (Recorded 25 Oct 1813): **Little Page Sims to John Burford Jr.** for \$500, 180 acres being part of 19,000 acres Grant No. 278, a part of which Sims claims by conveyance; on waters of Muddy Creek, corner to Richard Philpots 200-acre tract, the Barren ridge, George Starnes corner, south bank of Muddy Creek, back line of Sims 1000-acre survey. Teste: John Burford and **John Thompson**.

PG 67 (page 299 (C-196) (17 Sept 1813) (Recorded 4 Feb 1814): **John Collins to Richard G. Waterhouse**. Whereas heretofore Waterhouse sold to John Collins 200 acres on Muddy Creek, east side of Piney River 12 Nov 1811, now said Collins for \$150 re-conveys to said Waterhouse 100 acres on east side of Muddy Creek near confluence of a sluice of Piney River; George Starnes corner, **Moses Thompson** corner, Gap in the ridge, including John Owens cabbn (sic). Teste: John Skidmore and Erastus Tippit.

PG 67 & 68 (page 300 (C-198) (2 Feb 1813) (Recorded 7 Feb 1814): **John McElwee to John Thompson, both of Rhea Co.**, for \$500, 200 acres lying on NE side of Piney River near the old Ford. **Note:** John McElwee bought this land from Matthew Neal 29 July 1808 - - *See A-92. No recourse if title is deficient. Teste: John Owens, Hiram Mahaffey, and **Moses Thompson**.

PG. 88 (page 403 (D-134) (20 Oct 1815) (Recorded 2 Nov 1815): **Abner Majors to Robert Walker, both of Rhea Co.**, for \$300, 51 acres on both sides of Camp Creek, being part of 640 acres granted to Annanias McCoy by Grant No. 586. Signed, Abner (x his mark) Majors. Teste: Matthew English, **John Thompson**, and **Jesse Thompson**.

PG. 88 (page 404 (D-136) (20 Oct 1815) (Recorded 2 Nov 1815); **Abner Majors to Robert Walker** for \$600, 79 acres on Camp Creek, being part of Grant No. 223 to Stockley Donelson for 600 acres dated 20 Sept 1787. Teste: Matthew English, **John Thompson**, and **Jesse Thompson**.

PG. 95 (page 22 (E-24) (28 Aug 1815) (Registered 20 July 1816): **Deed of Conveyance, George Starnes to Richard G. Waterhouse** for \$100, 200 acres on both sides of Muddy Creek including one large field on north side of said creek and part of one field on south side. Beginning on south side of creek near foot of big hill or ridge at two oaks claimed by Charles McClung for the beginning of two grants of 400 acres each granted by N C to Stockley Donelson by Patent Nos 215 and 219. **Mentions James Thompsons corner**, Starnes line between him and Waterhouse, corner to Starnes and John Burford, back line of Little Page Sims 1000-acre tract. Witnesses: Daniel Clayton, John Skidmore.

PG. 100 (page 46 (E051) (17 Sept 1816) (Registered 10 Dec 1816): **Deed of Release, Richard G. Waterhouse to Robert Bell**. "...for and in consideration of \$50 paid by Thomas N. Clark, Richard G. Waterhouse doth quit claim unto Robert Bell a certain tract of land containing 50 acres." **Note:** This is same 50 acres as tract No. 2 above and was on north bank of Tennessee River near George Smiths old Ferry landing. Witnesses: D. Rawlings and **Josiah Thompson**.

PG. 103 (page 59 (E-66) (29 Jan 1817) (Registered 24 Ap 1817): **Deed of Conveyance, James Thompson to Byram Breeding** for \$145, 100 acres on **west side of Muddy Creek including the farm where Breeding now lives**. Beginning on south band of said creek running N 37 W 138 poles to a hollow on Sims 1000-acre survey, etc, also mentioned Pardens Spring Branch. Witnesses: S B Mitchell and James Collins.

PG. 103 (page 60 (E-67) (5 Dec 1814) (Registered 24 Ap 1817): **Deed of Conveyance, Thomas Thompson to James Thompson** for \$200, 100 acres on west side of Muddy Creek, being the same 100 acres as deed above. Witnesses: Byram (x his mark) Breeding, **Moses Thompson**, and Caleb Bales.

PG. 110 (page 99 (E-106) (14 June 1817) (Registered 11 Sept 1817): **Deed of Conveyance, Richard Philpot to William Floyd** for \$600, 117 acres on Camp Creek including place where Floyd now lives. Beginning some distance below the boiling spring on each side of Spring branch which is beginning corner of 600-acre tract granted by NC (No. 223) to Stockley Donelson and dated 20 Sept 1787, etc; corner to James Upton. Teste: **Jesse Thompson** and **Elias Majors**.

PG. 112 (page 106 (E-114) (16 Dec 1815) (Registered 1 Oct 1817): **Bill of Sale, John Thompson, Sally Thompson, and Jesse Thompson to Abner Majors** for \$165, a negro boy named Martain about 5 years old. (Sally signed by X). Witnesses: Jesse Roddye and John Holland.

PG. 117 (page 122 (E-131) (26 Sept 1817) (Registered 16 May 1818): **Deed of Conveyance, Woodson Francis, Sheriff of Rhea Co., to Henry Tuttle** for \$26, Lot No 43 in Town of Washington. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued from the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 4th Monday of Ap 1817, directed to the Sheriff cause to be made the sum of \$19.16 ½ which **Joseph Thompson** recovered against Robert Hopkins. Witnesses: Robert Locke and Robert Hopkins.

PG. 123 (page 151 (E-164) (24 Oct 1818) (Registered 4 Nov 1818): **Power or Letter of Attorney, John Thompson to William Murphree**, “to act and transact by business in full in a sute (sic) know pending in the Circuit Court at Knoxville wherein Richard G. Waterhouse is plaintiff (sic) and John Mcelwee (sic) and myself is defendents, ratifying and confirming all and everything my said Atty may lawfully do as tuchind (sic) the aforesaid sute (sic) as fully and as effectually as if I ware (sic) personally present.” Signed, **John Thompson**. Witnesses: **Moses Thompson** and **Bryram** (X his mark) **Breeding**.

PG. 122 (page 148 (E-160) (18 June 1817) (Registered 21 Sept 1818): **Deed of Conveyance, Matthew Neal to James Upton** for \$500, 160 acres on south side of Camp Creek including the farm where Neal now lives. **Note:** Mentions old Patton line, Walkers corner, whiteoak marked “AO”, Nicholas Neels line. Part of Grant No. 223 issued by NC to Stockley Donelson 20 Sept 1787 for 600 acres. Attest: **Jesse Thompson** and Martin Mahaffy.

PG. 128 (page 179 (E-195) (15 Mar 1819) (Registered 23 Mar 1819): **Deed of Conveyance, Nicholas Starns to Moses Thompson** for \$300, 60 acres on both sides of Muddy Creek. **Note:** Mentions corner to Bremillion Holloway, oak marked “NS&W” corner to Holloway and William Thomas, corner to **Thomas Thompson**. Signed by X. Witnesses: R G Waterhouse and John Rice.

PG. 140 (page 242 (E-257) (1 Aug 1820) (Registered 6 Dec 1820): **Deed of Conveyance, Thomas Thompson to Moses Thompson** for \$80, 13 ¼ acres on Muddy Creek. No witnesses.

PG. 152 (page 296) (E-313) (18 Feb 1821) (Registered 30 Aug 1822): **Deed of Conveyance, William McCray to Irby Holt** for \$1200, 200 acres on west fork of Whites Creek, including the place where Holt now lives, being part of grant from NC to S Donelson for 600 acres. Attest: **Jesse Thompson** and Peter Dannels. Proven in open court 22 July 1822 (John Locke, Clerk).

PG. 158 (page 325 (345) (28 Aug 1815) (Registered 18 July 1823): **Deed of Release: I, George Starnes for and in consideration of \$100 paid to me by Richard G. Waterhouse**, do relinquish and surrender peacable (sic) possession unto Charles McClung or his agent 100 acres of **land on both sides of Muddy Creek** including the place where on I now live (that is) all a lower part thereof bounded on the upper side by a part of said place this day sold and conveyed to R G Waterhouse and on the **NE side by James Thompson**. And the place late the property of Frederick Washington; and on the other side by my original line which is Little Page Sims back line of his 1000-acre tract, and the same to surrender with the improvements, orchards, and buildings not otherwise injured but by the ordinary course of nature unto the said McClung or Agent on the 1st of Mar next or sooner if I see cause. Signed, George Starnes. Attest: Nicholas (X his mark) Starnes and Richard G Waterhouse. **Note:** Nicholas was resident of Alabama on 11 Oct 1822.

PG 168 (page 365) (E-383) (3 May 1824) (Registered 29 Dec 1825): **Deed of Conveyance, Woodson Francis, Sheriff, to Isaac Brazelton** for \$11, 100 acres on Yellow Creek. By virtue of an order from the Circuit Court the Sheriff was directed to make \$232.41 ½ from the goods and chattels, lands and tenaments of William Murphree which Joseph Anderson, Lessee in said Circuit Court of Rhea Co recovered against said Murphree for his damages and costs...levied on 100 acres granted by Tenn including the improvements made by John Hunt and Richard Hudson. At the sale, Isaac Brazelton became the highest bidder. Witnesses: Samuel McDaniel and **Jesse Thompson**.

PG. 176 (page 401 (E-416) (16 Nov 1825) (Registered 21 Ap 1826): **Deed of Conveyance, Richard G Waterhouse and Charles McClung (of Knox Co) to Byram Breeden** for \$480, 80 acres on east side of Muddy Creek. Beginning on east bank on corner to **Thomas Thompson**, with his line of Sims 1000-acre survey, etc. Surveyed 27 Jan 1817 for **Joseph Thompson** by R G Waterhouse; Wm Bales, **Jos Thompson**, **John Thompson Jr**, Byram Breeden CC and markers. Witnesses: John Rice, Wm Smith, and **James Thompson**.

PG. 176 (page 191 (E-477) (17 Dec 1827) (Registered 16 June 1828): **Deed of Conveyance, Samuel Applegate to Asa Glasscock** for \$500, 137 acres on Muddy Creek, waters of Piney River. Beginning on corner to Sims 1000-acre survey, etc. Witnesses: **Jesse Thompson** and Arthur Fulton.

PG. 202 & 203 (page 501 (E-515) (15 Aug 1828) (Registered 17 Sept 1830): **Deed of Conveyance, Peter Majors to Jesse Thompson, James Roddye, and William T. Gillenwaters, Trustees for and in behalf of the subscribers to the Meeting and School House** that is built on the within named half acre for \$5. Beginning near Peter Majors and Peter Daniels lines, S 44 W 8 poles, N 44 W 10 poles, N 44 E 8 poles to bank of Camp Creek, then along Daniels and Majors lines to beginning. Signed by X. Attest: Peter Daniels, Hugh L. Brazeal and Jno A Hooke.

PG. 203 (page 503 (E-517) (not dated) (Registered 5 Oct 1830): **Power of Attorney, James M Fulkerson to Paletiah Clilton**, "...for me and in my name to lease or rent my certain lot and its appertences in Town of Washington (Lot No 25)...Teste: John Locke and **Jesse Thompson**.

PG. 211 (page 533 (E-545) (10 Feb 1831) (Registered 28 June 1831): **Deed of Conveyance, Miles Vernon and Andrew Kincannon to Thomas McCallie** for \$227.87, 160 acres in Hiwassee District, NE ¼ Sec 3, T 1, R 2 W. Witnesses: Gideon B. Thompson and J. P. Long. I, Wm M Rodgers, in consideration of the sum of \$142.40, being part of the \$227.87, the amount of two judgements which Thos McCallie has recovered against me, I do assign transfer and relinquish to him my equity of redemption in the 160 acres as per deed from myself to Miles Vernon and Andrew Kincannon 19 May 1830. Witnesses: **Gideon B. Thompson** and J. P. Long.

PG. 213 (page 542 (E-554) (9 Mar 1831) (Registered 7 July 1831): **Deed of Conveyance, John Parker to Richard and Blackstone Waterhouse (Exrs of R G Waterhouse decd)** Lot No 21 in Town of Washington for \$100. Signed, John Parker. Witnesses: **Gideon B. Thompson** and Cyrus Waterhouse.

Source: Rhea County, Tennessee Deed Book F, December 1831 – July 1838, Abstracted by: Bettye J. Broyles, Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society, 1995.

FOREWORD: In 1987, *Rhea County, Deed Books, A, B, C, and E* (abstracted by David Gray and Bettye J. Broyles) was published by the Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society.

Abstracted information from each deed includes location, streams and other landmarks, neighbors, previous owners or grantor (North Carolina or Tennessee), witnesses, date of certification and date registration in Rhea County.

The original Deed Book F was transcribed in 1914 and 1915 by W. A. Howard (Register of Deeds from 1906 through 1914).

PG. 26 (page 177): **Deed of Conveyance, Moses Paul to Richard Waterhouse**, 120 acres on north side of Piney River at foot of Waldens Ridge for \$500. Dated 15 August 1834. Witnesses: **Jesse Thompson**, James Holloway, and John F. Paul. Deed mentions the "shutin," the Sluice, and an island in Piney. Certified by James Berry, Clerk, on 23rd and 30th August; registered 30 August 1834.

PG. 27 (page 188 and 189): **Deed of Conveyance, Evan Breeding and Bryant Breeding (of Roane County), Baty Breeding, Stephen Breeding, and Cynthia Paul (nee Breeding; wife of Archibald D. Paul)** to Thomas Breeding, each for one seventh part of 80 acres on East side of Muddy Creek for \$55. Dated 1 November 1834. Witnesses: John Pardoe and William (x his mark) Johnson. **Land adjoins Thomas Thompson**, Little page Sims' 1000-acre tract; mentions Burdon's Spring. Certified for registration at 1834 November Sessions of County Court; registered 7 November 1834.

PG. 42 (page 299): **Deed of Conveyance, James A. Paul and Thomas G. Paul to Richard Waterhouse**, 93 acres & 135 poles on Vans Spring Creek for \$250. Dated 4 September 1835. Witnesses: **Gideon B. Thompson**, Lindley M. Johnson, and Joseph H. Inman. Adjoins Robert Beard, Arthur Fulton; same tract that Waterhouse conveyed to John F. and **James A. Paul**. Certified by James Berry, Clerk, 4 September 1835 and by N. G. Frazier, Clerk, 25 June 1836; registered 11 July 1836.

PG. 42 (page 304 and 305): **Deed of Conveyance, Absalom L. Thompson and Susan Thompson (his wife) to John Smith**, 116 acres on Clear Creek for \$300. Dated 22 September 1836. Witnesses: Abraham Miller and Joseph Killough. Adjoins Jeffrey West on NE, John Smith on SE, John R. Barnett on S, and minor heirs of Isaac West decd on W; mentions the Mill Pond. Certified by N. G. Frazier, Clerk, on 22nd (Susan examined separately); registered 23 September 1836.

PGS. 57 & 59 (page 424, 425, 426, and 427): **Commissioners Report to Elizabeth Smart, Dower in estate of R. G. Waterhouse**. Interest to 1 January 1838 amounts to \$11,833.64; the rents, profits, and damages due her from defendants Richard and Blackstone Waterhouse for the detention of her Dower together with interest amounts to \$6,502.44 (total amount, \$18,336.08). Complainants Dower has been laid off and assigned to her. Tract No. 1 contains 714 acres "including the mansion house where Richard G. Waterhouse lived at the time of his death; adjoins 500 acres of Jacob Wassum decd. Tract No. 2 on Piney River contains 700 acres adjoining No. 1. Tract No. 3 contains 1220 acres adjoining Southern Liberties; mentions McClung's line, Wm Johnson's brick house, and Orville Paine's Road. Tract No. 4 contains 778 acres adjoining the Town of Washington; mentions John Locke's line, James Montgomery's line, and Henry Collins Road. Tract No. 5 on waters of Wolf Creek in the Long Hollow, "improved by Spillsbee Dyer." Tract No. 6 contains 50 acres "where Thomas Davis now lives;" mentions Charles Smith's corner. Tract No. 7 on waters of Wolf Creek "including the head of Statons branch where on Miller Lea now lives;" adjoins William Lea. Tract No. 8 contains 50 acres on Big Richland Creek where "Charles Reavly now lives;" mentions John Cozby's line. Tract No. 9 contains 108 acres and includes "**the head of the clear fork of Muddy Creek;**" **adjoins Thomas Thompson**, Edward Wasson, and **Moses Thompson**. Tract No. 10 contains 50 acres on East Fork of Piney adjoining lands of Alexander McCall and **A. D. Paul ("where he now lives")**. Tract No. 11 contains 60 acres on Vans Creek where A. G. Wright now lives; adjoins John Manefee. Tract No. 12 contains 100 acres adjoining the 166 acres where Thomas Godbehere now lives. Tract No. 13 contains 213 acres and 38 poles on Muddy Creek adjoining **James I Cash** and John Howell. Tract No. 14 contains 50 acres adjoining the above 213 acres on Muddy Creek; adjoins Charles Mitchell and Isaac Jaquish. Tract No. 15 is Lot No. 31 in Southern Liberties. Tract No. 16 is a lot containing 3 acres "adjoining

Richard Waterhouse's Tan Yard lot now occupied by Andrew Britten and bounded by the road leading from Washington to Kelly's Ferry . . .” Tract No. 17 is waste land “unfit for cultivation;” number of acres unknown. Dated 8 July 1837; signed by **Jesse Thompson**, George Gillespie, John Cozby, Robert Locke, Thos McCallie, and Thos Haws. Court decrees that all title vested in Richard Waterhouse Jr., **Gideon B. Thompson** and Mira (nee Waterhouse) his wife, Euclid Waterhouse, Ann Waterhouse, Vesta Waterhouse, Cyrus Waterhouse, Darius Waterhouse, and Franklin Waterhouse to be vested in complainant Elizabeth. Registered in Rhea County 27 March 1838.

Source: Marriage Records of Roane County, Tennessee 1801-1855 by Willis Hutcherson & Marilyn McCluen

PG: 21 - **Joseph Thompson to Polly Hopkins**, 10 December 1811: Surety, William Owens Ref: bond (license missing).

PG:130- **William A. Thompson to Elizabeth Gibson, 26 November 1834:** (508) Surety, Ralph E. Smith Ref: bond (license missing).

RHEA COUNTY FACTS

Formed by the general assembly on December 3, 1807, Rhea County came out of a portion of [Roane](#) County. The new county was situated in a valley between the Tennessee River and the Cumberland Plateau. Though enlarged in 1817, parts of the county were lost in the formation of [Hamilton](#) County in 1817 and [Meigs](#) County in 1836.



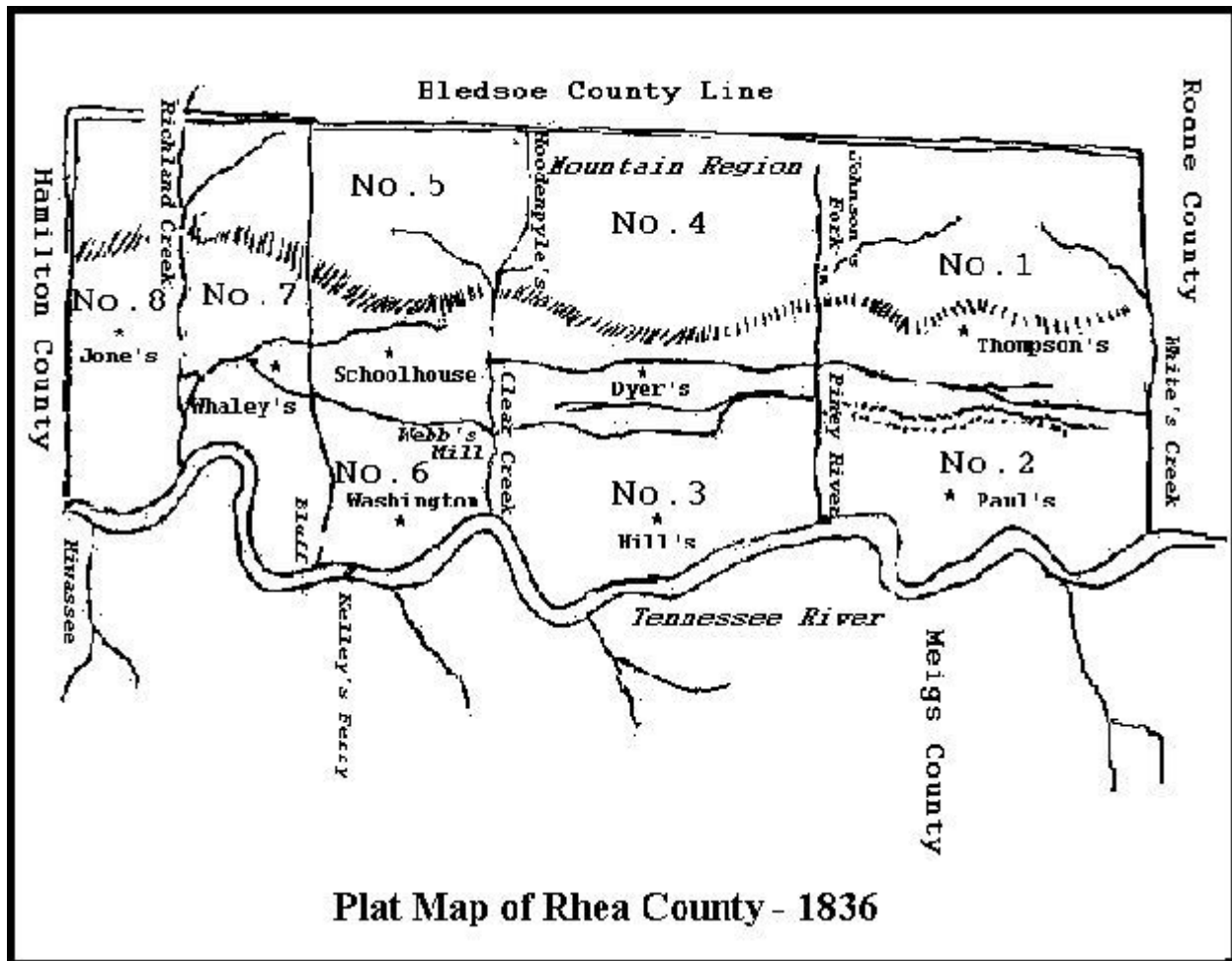
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Settlers began moving into this valley bottomland once Cherokees gave up claim to it in 1805. Thomas Moore, Joseph Brooks, and John Henry were the original commissioners appointed to select a suitable place for holding court. They decided upon the home of William Henry at Big Spring (north of present-day Dayton); the house served as the county courthouse until October 1812.

In 1809 and in 1811 the general assembly appointed a commission to establish the town of Washington as a county seat. After investigating several sites, Washington (now known as Old Washington) was established in 1812 near the head of Spring Creek on land donated by Judge David Campbell and Richard Green Waterhouse. Lots in the new town were surveyed and sold on May 21 and 22, 1812. Contracts to construct the public buildings were awarded to James C. Mitchell (courthouse), John Moore (jail), and Adam W. Caldwell (stocks and pillory). By 1825 a new jail became a necessity, but it was not completed until 1836. A new brick courthouse, designed by craftsman Thomas Crutchfield, was completed in December 1832.

Newspapers were published in Dayton, Rhea Springs and Spring City. Scattered early issues are available from 1885, and a complete run begins in 1941. See [Extended History](#) for More information. **There were fires at the Rhea County courthouse in 1869 and 1927.**

Rhea County is bordered by [Cumberland County](#) (north), [Roane County](#) (northeast), [Meigs County](#) (east), [Hamilton County](#) (south) and [Bledsoe County](#) (west). Cities and Towns include [Dayton](#), [Graysville](#), [Spring City](#). The Official County Website is located at ?



DESCRIPTIONS OF CIVIL DISTRICTS

District One

Beginning at the north corner of Rhea County running from thence with the Roane County line to Whites Creek and down Whites Creek to the upper corner of Thomas McKiddy's land. Thence with his line to the corner. Thence a direct line to the head of Charles Mitchell's Spring. Thence down his Spring branch to Muddy Creek and down Muddy Creek to Piney River. Thence up Piney River to Johnson's fork of the same and up said Johnson's fork to the Bledsoe County line. Thence with said County line to the Beginning. **We appoint the place of holding elections in the first district at Jesse Thompson's.**

District Two

Beginning at Thomas McKiddy's upper corner on Whites Creek. Thence down said Creek to Tennessee River, thence down said River to the mouth of Piney River, thence up Piney River to the mouth of Muddy Creek. Thence up Muddy Creek to the mouth of Charles Mitchell's Spring Branch. Thence to the head thereof. Thence a direct line to the Beginning. We appoint the place of holding elections in the second district at Archibald D. Paul's.

District Three

Beginning at the mouth of Piney River, thence up Piney River to the bridge on the middle road. Thence with the Middle road to where Horsby's ferry road crosses it. Thence a direct line to the nearest summit of the main leading Wolf Creek ridge. Thence with the extreme Height of said ridge to the nearest summit to Clear Creek. Thence a direct line to the mouth of the Cave Spring branch in West's mill pond on Clear Creek. Thence down Clear Creek with the various meanders thereof to its mouth. Thence up Tennessee River to the Beginning. We appoint the place of holding elections in the third District at John Hill's.

District Four

Beginning at Piney Piney bridge on the Middle road. Thence with the Middle road to where Hornsby's ferry road crosses it. Thence a direct line to the nearest summit of the main leading Wolf Creek ridge. Thence with the extreme height of said ridge to its nearest Summit to Clear Creek. Thence a direct line to strike Clear Creek at the mouth of the Cave Spring branch in West's mill pond. Thence up Clear Creek to the head. Thence a direct line to the bridge on Piney River at Beaty's Turnpike road. Thence with said road to David Hoodenplye's on the Bledsoe

County line. Thence with said County line to Johnson's fork of Piney and down Johnson's fork to main Piney River and down Piney River to the Beginning. We appoint the place of holding elections in the fourth district at Spils Be Dyer's.

District Five

Beginning at David Hoodenpyle's on the Bledsoe County line, thence with Beauty's Turnpike road to Piney bridge. Thence a direct line to the head of Clear Creek and down Clear Creek to West's mill. Thence a direct line to the nearest summit of the main Valley ridge. Thence with the extreme height of said ridge to a point bearing S 60 degrees E from Samuel Garwood's, thence a direct line North 60 degrees West intersecting said Garwood's dwelling house, continuing that course to the Bledsoe County line. Thence with said County line to the Beginning. We appoint the place of holding elections in the fifth district at the School house near Jackson Howerton's.

District Six

Beginning at the mouth of Clear Creek and running down Tennessee River to the first large bluff above V. A. Gile's, thence a direct line over the summit of said bluff to Noland's pond near the Washington road. Thence a direct line to the south corner of district No. 5 on the main valley ridge at a point bearing directly S 60 degrees E from Samuel Garwood's dwelling house. Thence with the extreme height of said ridge to the nearest Summit to Clear Creek. Thence directly to West's mill, thence down Clear Creek to the Beginning. We appoint the place of holding elections in the sixth district at the Court House in Washington.

District Seven

Beginning on Tennessee River at the first large bluff above V.A. Gile's, thence a direct line over the summit of said bluff to Noland's pond near the Washington road. Thence a direct line to the corner of districts Nos 4 and 6, thence a direct line N 60 degrees W intersecting Samuel Garwood's house continuing that course to the Bledsoe County line. Thence with the Bledsoe County line to main Richland Creek. Thence down said Creek to Tennessee River. We appoint the place of holding elections in the seventh district at John Whaley's.

District Eight

Beginning on Tennessee River at the mouth of Richland Creek. Thence up main or Big Richland creek to the Bledsoe County line. Thence with said line to the North corner of Hamilton County. Thence with the Hamilton County line to Tennessee River. Thence up Tennessee River to the Beginning. We appoint the place of holding elections in the eighth district at the house of B. F. Jones.

SOURCE:

Rhea County, Tennessee – Land Entry Book (Surveyors Book No. 1) 1824-1889 and 1902-1929

Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society, 1992 - Abstracted/transcribed by: Bettve J. Broyles

FOREWORD: The index to the original book has been included as an Appendix (begins on page 169). It contains an alphabetical listing of the enterers, the page number (original book), entry number, and number of acres. Because there were many other names include in the book, a complete index was also prepared (begins on page 162). Streams and other landmarks also are included in this index.

PG.30: in book: **B. BREEDING**

(pg. 76): State of Tennessee, Rhea County

In pursuance of an entry made by Bryam Breeding of No. 108 dated November 2nd 1829 for one hundred acres of land & by virtue of a deputation to me given by David Shelton, Surveyor for said County, I have Surveyed for the Said Byram Breeding one hundred acres of land on Waldens Ridge of Cumberland Mountain on the waters of Whites Creek on a branch known by Prestons Camp Branch. BEGINNING on a whiteoak & running North eighty five degrees West one hundred and Sixty poles to a Small blackjack tree; then North five degrees East one hundred poles to a blackoak; then South eighty five degrees East one hundred & Sixty poles to a Chestnut, blackgum and hickory; then to the beginning. Surveyed the 2nd day of September 1831.

Jesse Thompson, Deputy Surveyor for Rhea County

Bart L. Stevens and Major Holloway, S.C.C.

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