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**Levi Alexander Frankin
(married Charlotte Elizabeth Berry)**

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Cover Photo: Levi Alexander Franklin (1844 - 1886)

Cover Photo: The cover photo is from Roberta Cooke Schmidt <tps914@aol.com>. Her research states: “Levi Alexander Franklin was born 3 Feb 1844, most likely in Watauga County, North Carolina. He was the son of Isaac Franklin and Hannah Taylor Franklin, and great grandson of John Franklin and Phoebe Parker, early settlers of Burke County, North Carolina. Census records show Isaac’s family living in Watauga, Mitchell and Burke County. His brothers and sisters were; Ebbin Franklin, born in 1826, died young; George W. Franklin, born in 1828, married first Barbara Caroline Franklin, he married second Katie Ausburn; Cinthia Adaline Franklin, born about 1830, died 2 Feb 1906, married Harrison Henderson Johnson; Samuel Franklin, born in 1832, died 9 Apr 1915, married Nancy Ervin; Dorcas Franklin, born 1836; John E. Franklin, born Jul 1837 and died 19 Apr 1917, married Elizabeth Ramsey; Joseph Valentine Franklin, born 1 Jun 1841 and died 27 Oct 1929, married Mary Ann Cloud; and Elizabeth Franklin, born 1842.”

Levi enlisted as a Confederate soldier in Mitchell County on 16 Jul 1862. He was reported present from January to June 1863. Military records show that he was wounded at Chickamauga, Georgia on 20 Sep 1863. He deserted from camp near Chattanooga, Tennessee on 24 Sep 1863. He enlisted as a private in Company C 13th Regiment Tennessee Calvary (Union), on or about the same day. He was 20 years of age at the time of his enlistment. Levi stayed in the Union Army until September of 1865. Elizabeth applied for a widow’s pension 21 Jan 1886. The North Carolina pension rolls show his widow Elizabeth receiving his pension at Connelly Springs. They state he was in the 15th Calvary and had wounds from a “spent ball in left breast”.

Levi married Charlotte Elizabeth Berry (born 1 Jan 1845) on 11 Aug 1866 in Burke County North Carolina. She was the daughter of Elisha Berry and Margaret England. They had eight children; Ida Ruth, Laura Allison, Alonzo C., Eddie Jones, Susan Ella, Cicero E., Isaac J., and Maggie Lee.”

Letter from the Editor

I'll keep this letter brief. I can include more Franklin information that way!

As I promised in the previous volume, I'm giving you a break from the state-centric census records. I'll be alternating between states and various other records. With this volume I've started a "Slave Narrative" series. This data was gathered as a result of some of the recovery from the Great Depression by the WPA, which resulted in some excellent family history stories, and of course, I'll be listing those who are Franklins.

I've also started a series of Wills which are either of Franklin, or in which Franklins appear prominently. I will try to quote the entire will, and some of the ancillary materials, codicils, etc.

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Descendants of Benjamin Franklin of Ontario, Canada

Submitted by Sandra Horwat <ardnas@sprint.ca> Any help would be appreciated in identifying this family.

- I. Benjamin Franklin, born Dec 1812 in the United States; died 30 Mar 1895 in Ontario, Canada; buried in McPhail Cemetery, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada. He married Julia Ann Cumming, born 1821; died 8 December 1910 in Ontario, Canada; buried in McPhail Cemetery, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada
Children:
 - A. Mary E. Franklin, born 1845 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada. She married 1 Jan 1861 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada to Andrew Bante, born 1831 in Percy Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada.
 - B. William H. Franklin, born 1847 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada; died 10 December 1929 in Ferndale, Whatcom County Washington. He married on 6 May 1868 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada to Adelaide Chatterson, born 1850 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada.
 - C. David J. Franklin, born 1850 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada. He married before 1871 Mary _____.
 - D. Martha Jane Franklin, born 2 Jun 1852 in Ontario, Canada; died 8 September 1932 in Toronto, York County, Ontario, Canada; buried 11 September 1932 in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto, York County, Ontario, Canada. She married in 1870 in Ontario, Canada to John D. Ames, born 2 Feb 1849 in Waupoos Island, North Marysburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada; died 5 Feb 1931 in Toronto, York County, Ontario, Canada; buried 7 Feb 1931 in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto, York County, Ontario, Canada
 - E. Aurilla Franklin, born 1854 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada; died 1 Mar 1943 in Trenton, Hastings County, Ontario, Canada; buried in Saint George's Cemetery, Trenton, Hastings County, Ontario, Canada. She married before 1875 to Jacob Milford Bellyou, born 1846 in Murray Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada; died 10 Jul 1907 in Trenton, Hastings County, Ontario, Canada; buried in

Saint George's Cemetery, Trenton, Hastings County, Ontario, Canada.

- F. Marshall H. Franklin, born 1857 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada; died 2 Mar 1937 in Codrington, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada; buried in McPhail Cemetery, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada. He married 6 Mar 1883 in Baltimore, Hamilton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada to Matilda Hess, born 1862 in Ontario, Canada died 1929 in Ontario, Canada; buried in McPhail Cemetery, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada
- G. Ella Franklin, born 1862 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada. She married on 12 October 1881 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada. to William B. Farrow, born 1849 in Cramahe Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada.

New England Marriages Prior to 1700

By Clarence Alman Torrey; Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc. Baltimore, 1985

Franklin, Benj. [1643-] and Katharine _____; born 1673; Boston, Massachusetts

Franklin, Benj. and Phebe _____; born 1690; Marlboro, Massachusetts

Franklin, Henry / Dorothy Bowne [1669-1690]; 27 May 1689, Flushing, Long Island, New York

Franklin, Henry / Sarah Johnson [1665-] born 1692; Boston, Massachusetts

Franklin, Henry / Sarah Cock [or Cook]; 26 Feb 1697/8; Matinscock, Long Island/Flushing Long Island, New York

Franklin, James and 1 wife _____; born 1682; Dartmouth [?], Massachusetts

Franklin, James / Eliz. Hammond [1673-1760] - Swansea, Massachusetts

Franklin, Jno [-1693] Sarah Smith

Franklin, John / _____? born 1692 / Southhold, Long Island, New York

Franklin, Matthew / and _____? born 1669 Flushing, Long Island, New York

Franklin, Richard / Abigail Stambury 29 Sep 1697, Boston, Massachusetts

Franklin, Wm. [1607-1658] Alice Andrews born 1638; Ipswich/Newbury/ Boston

Franklin, Wm. [-1641] / Joanna [- 1659]

Franklin, Wm. [- 1658] 2nd wife Phebe.

Miscellaneous New York Census Records

Allegany County, New York - 1810

Asabel Franklinpage 004	2 male -10 [1801-1810]	3 female -10
	1 male 10-16 [1794-1800]	1 female 10-16
	1 male 26-45 [1766-1784]	1 female 26-45
Noah Franklinpage 006	1 male 10-16 [1794-1800]	2 female -10
	1 male 16-26 [1785-1794]	1 female 26-45
	1 male 26-45 [1766-1784]	

Allegany County, New York - 1820

Noah	page 007 Ceneadea Twp
David H.	page 012 Ceneadea Twp

Allegany County, New York 1840

A. Franklin	page 054	do	do
William	page 054	do	do
J. H.	page 055	do	do
S.	page 059	do	do
N.	page 061	do	do
Ezra	page 216	Allen Township	
Rufus B.	page 216	do	do
Freeman	page 219	do	do
Peter	page 219	do	do
Elisha	page 230	Ossian Township	

Caneadea, Allegany County, New York 1850

19/19	Rueben C. Franklin	24 born PA [1826] farmer
	Sarah	24 born Mass.
	Maryette	02 born NY
	{lives next door to Lyman Crowell, merchant born NY 1815}	
191-203	Arah Franklin	52 born NY [1798] [probably son of Noah] farmer
	Laura {nee Hammond}	43 born NY
	Maryette	79 born NY [1771]
	Jerome B.	17 born NY [1833]
	Marion F.	15 born NY [1835] student
	Hammond	13 born NY [1837] do
	Prudence	10 born NY [1840] do
	Ashley	07 born NY [1843] do
	Deseny	02 born NY [1848]
192-204	Sylvester Spencer	58 born NY
207-219	Fruman Franklin	26 born NY 1826 Farmer \$2750
	Lucinda	20 born NY 1830
226-238	David H. Franklin	53 born NY [1797] Farmer son of Noah
	Betsy	55 born Mass
	Lucy	27 born NY
	John	23 born NY [1827] farmer
	David	19 born NY [1831]
	Charles	17 born NY [1833]
	Noah	83 born NH [1757]

Allen, Allegany County, New York - 1850

027-027	Fruman Franklin	39 born NY [1811] Farmer \$2000
	Sarah M.	29 born NY [1821]
	Enos E.	07 born NY [1843]
	James B.	03 born NY [1847]
028-028	Silas Dexter	61 born CT Farmer \$2800
091-092	Daniel Franklin	14 born NY [1836] lives w/ Daniel B. Baldwin 66 born CT.
116-117	Peter Franklin	37 born NY [1813]
	Harriet	31 born NY [1819]
	Lydia	10 born NY student

	Amelia M.	08 born NY student
	Walter	05 born NY
	William	05 born NY
	Mary	04 born NY
	Delia	01 born NY
117-118	Lucretia B.	79 born MASS [1771]
	Harriet	44 born NY [1806]
123-124	John Franklin	57 born RI [1793] Farmer, \$1000
	Betsy	53 born NY [1797]
	Spencer	19 born NY [1831] Farmer and Student
	Julia	17 born NY [1823]
	Julius	17 born NY do [farmer and student]
	Gideon	14 born NY [1826] Farmer
	Girtrude	14 born NY [1826] male [farmer and student]
000-125	Martin C. Franklin	21 born NY [1829] farmer \$1000 marr'd w/ yr.
	Julia	23 born NY
124-126	Wm. Franklin	39 born NY [1811] Farmer \$2000
	Laura	37 born NY [1813]
	Adelia	15 born NY [1835]
	Annis	11 born NY [1839]
	Eprety	09 born NY [1841]
125-127	Isaac Tracy	69 born CT [1781] and Hannah 61 born NY [1789]
128-130	Wm. M. Franklin	24 born NY [1826] Farmer
	Sarah Ann	19 born NY [1831] married within the year.
139-141	Benjamin Franklin	53 born NY [1797] Farmer, \$1200
	Cloe	44 born NY [1806]
	Margrett	26 born NY [1824]
	Spencer	22 born NY [1828]
	Mary	19 born NY [1831]
	Ellen	20 born NY [1830]
000-162	Warren Franklin	12 born NY -Student [lives with James Norderhill, 42 born NY farmer]

Cayuga County, New York 1810

Roswell Franklinpage 070	2 male -10 [1801-1810]	3 female -10 [1801-1810]
	1 male 16-26 [1785-1794]	3 female 10 -16 [1795-1800]
	1 male 26-45 [1766-1784]	1 female 26 -45 [1766-1784]
	1 male 45 [born before 1765]	
Stephen Franklinpage 070	1 male -10 [1801=1810]	2 female -10 [1801-1810]
	1 male 16-26 [1785-1794]	1 female 16-26 [1785-1794]
	1 male 26-45 [1766-1784]	1 female 16-45 [1766-1784]
		1 female 45+ [born before 1765]

Cayuga County, New York - 1840

Benjamin Franklin	028	Miles Township
Roswell Franklin	096	Ledyard

Chenango County, New York -1810

Amos A. Franklin	299	1 male -10 [1801-1810] 1 male 16 -26 [1785-1794]	1 female 16 to 26 [1785-1794] 1 female 45+ [born before 1765]
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Chenango County, New York -1820

Wm. Franklin	382	Norwich Township
Elisha "*****"	383	do
Stephen "****"	276	Pharsalia

Chenango County, New York - 1840

Aaron Franklin	053	Preston Twp
Moses "	"	"*****"
Benjamin "	055	"*****"
Amos A. "****"	062	Oxford
Elisha	020	Norwich
Charlotte	022	"*****"
Stephen	014	Pharsalia
William	119	McDonough

Columbia County, New York 1810

George Franklin	100	1 male 10-16 [1795-1800] 1 male 16-26 [1766-1784] 1 male 45+ [born before 1765]	1 female 16 -26 [1766-1784] 2 female 45+ [born before 1765]
Beldad	187	2 male -10 [1800-1809] 1 male 26 -45 [1766-1784]	2 female -10 1 female 26 -45
John Franklin	224	1 male -10 [1800-1809] 1 male 45+ [born bef 1765]	1 female 10 -16 1 female 26 -45 [1766-1784]

Columbia County, New York 1820

George Franklin	274	New Lebanon
George Franklin	274	New Lebanon
John Franklin	052	Claverack
John Franklin	014	Hudson

Columbia County, New York 1840

Benjamin Franklin	235	Hudson 2nd Ward
Maynard "*****"	026	New Lebanon

Delaware County, New York -1810

Amos	433	2 male -10 1 male 10 -16 1 male 26 -45	2 female -10 1 female 10 -16 1 female 26 -45
David	433	1 male -10 1 male 10 -16	2 female -10 2 female 10 -16

		1 male 26 -45	1 female 16 -26
Ebenezer	491	2 male -10	1 female -10
		1 male 10 -16	2 female 10 -16
		1 male 26 -45	1 female 26 -45

Delaware County, New York -1820

Ahiel Franklin	044	Andes
Daniel Franklin	053	Delhi
Daniel Franklin, Jr.	053	“””””

Delaware County, New York -1840

Daniel Frnaklin	410	Delhi
Nathan Franklin	410	“””””””
Daniel Franklin, Jr.	282	Andes
Nathan	340	Stamford

Genesee County, New York -1810

Ishi Franklin	110	1 male -10	1 female -10
		1 male 26 -45	1 female 26 -45
Asa	143	1 male 26 -45	1 female 16 -26
Arroga	144	1 male -10	1 female 16 -26
		1 male 26 -45	1 female 45+
Henry	144	1 male 16 -26	1 female -10
			1 female 16 -26
Ichobod	144	2 male 10 -16	2 female -10
		2 male 16 -26	1 female 10 -16
		1 male 26 -45	1 female 16 -45
		1 male 45+	
James	144	1 male 45+	1 female 10 -16
			1 female 45+
Sylvanious	146	2 male -10	1 female 16 -26
		1 male 16 -26	
		1 male 26 -45	

Genesee County, New York 1820

James Franklin	245	Riga
Daniel Franklin	253	Riga
Daniel Franklin, Jr.	253	“”””
Eber	253	“”””””
Ichabod	253	“”””””
James	253	“””””””
Ishe	146	Le Roy
Rueben	036	Bergen
Wm. F. Franklin	031	Bennington

Genesee County, New York -1840

Wm. T.	054	Bennington
Philo	202	Wethersfield
Asler	419	Le Roy
Wilson	419	Le Roy
Shubael	489	Alabama

Dutchess-1810

Benjamin	220	1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 26-45
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Greene County, New York - 1810

John	183	1 male 10-16 [1794-1800] 3 male 16-26 [1765-94] 2 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 16-26
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Herkimer County, New York - 1810

Daniel	363	2 male born 1800-1810 2 male born 1794-1800 1 male 1784-1794 1 male 1765-1784 [45+]	2 females 1 female 1 female 45+ 2 female 1800-1810
John	379	1 male 16-26 [1784-1794] 1 male 45+ born before 1765	1 female 45+
Samuel	388	1 male 1800-1810	1 female 16-26 1784-1794
Thomas	408	1 male 26-45 1765-1784 1 male -10 1 male 26-45	2 female -10 [1800-1810] 1 female 26-45 [1765-1794]

Jefferson County, New York 1810

Jno.	040	1 male -10 1 male 10-16 1 male 26-45 [1765-94]	1 female -10 [1800-1810] 1 female 10-16 [1794-1800] 1 female 26-45 [1765-1794]
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Kings County, New York 1810

John	091	3 male -10 [1800-1810- 1 male 10-16 [1794-1800] 1 male 16-26 [1784-1794] 1 male 26-45 [born before 1765]	4 female -10 1 female 10-16 2 female 16-26 1 female 26-45 1 female 45+ [born before 1765]
Abraham	092	3 male -10 [1800-1810] 1 male 10-16 [1794-1800] 1 male 16-26 [1784-1794] 1 male 26-45 [born before 1765]	1 female -10 1 female 10-16 1 female 16-26 1 female 26-45 1 female 45+ [born before 1765]

Madison County, New York - 1810

W. Franklin	151	2 male - 10 [1811-1810]	2 female -10
[5 sons; 4 daus]		1 male 10-16 [1794-1800]	1 female 10-16
		1 male 16-26 [1784-1794]	1 female 16-26
		1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 26-45
		1 male 45+ [born before 1765]	

New York, New York

Henry	033	2 male-10 [1800-1810]	
		1 male 10-16 [1794-1800]	1 female 10-16
		1 male 16-26 [1784-1794]	
		2 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 26-45
James	062	all zeroes on record	
James	072	ditto	
Nathan	084	1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 16-26 [1784-1794]
Mary	114	all zeroes	
Matthew	140	1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 26-45
			1 female 45+ [born before 1765]
Margaret	158		2 female 45+ [born before 1765]
Thomas	227	2 male [1800-1810]	1 female 1800-1810
		1 male 1794-1800	
		1 male 1765-1784	2 female 1765-1784
		1 male born before 1765	

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R. Franklin	118	all zeroes	
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L. Franklin	004	ditto	
W. Franklin	048	1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 16-26 [1784-1794]
J. Franklin	101	3 male -10 [1800-1810]	2 female -10
		1 male 10-16 [1794-1800]	2 female 10-16
		1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 26-45

Onondaga County, New York

Nathan	015	1 male[1800-1810]	3 female 1800-1810
		1 male [1794-1800]	1 female
		2 male [1784-1794]	
		1 male born 1765	
John	081	1 male 1800-1810	2 female
		2 male 1794-1800	
		1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 26-45

Ontario County, New York

Wm	206	1 male -10 [1800-1810]	2 female
		1 male 26-45 [1765-1784]	1 female 26-45

Confederate Pension Application of Ambrose N. Franklin - Rejected

The lineage of this Ambrose N. Franklin is mentioned in FFRU Volume 39. Soldier's Application for Pension Under Class "5." Filed May 25-07.

I, Ambrose N. Franklin a native of the State of Tennessee and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at Ostella R.F.D.#1 in the County of Marshall in said State of Tennessee, and who was a soldier from the State of Tennessee, in the War between the United States and the Confederate States, do hereby apply for aid under the Act of the General Assembly of Tennessee, entitled "An Act for the benefit of the indigent and disabled soldiers of the late war between the States, and to fix the fees of attorneys or agents for procuring such pensions, and fixing a penalty for the violation of the same."

And I do solemnly swear that I was a member of Company I 8 Tenn. Reg. in the service of the Confederate States, and that by reason of disability and indigence I am now entitled to receive the benefits of this Act. I further swear that I do not hold any National, State, or County office, nor do I receive aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, and that I am not an inmate of any soldiers' home, and that I am unable to earn a reasonable support for myself and family. I do further solemnly swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

In what County, State, and year were you born?

Answer in Marshall county Tenn in the year 1840

When did you enlist and in what command? Give the names of the regimental and company officers under whom you served.

Answer I Inlisted in October 1862 Capt Jas M. McAfee was my Captain Lasson Moore was my Col. But he was killed at Murfreesboro John N. Anderson was my second Col.

In what battle or battles were you engaged, and, if not wounded, state what disabilities did you receive, if any?

Answer in the Battle of Murfreesboro in December 1862 and January 1863 But Was not wounded Was taken Seriously ill on the Retreat from Murfreesboro to Tulohoma and was sent home

What was the precise nature of your wound or disability, if any?

Answer I had no wounds but had Direah and a bad shpell of Billious fever

Were you incapacitated for service by reason of said wound or disability incurred?

Answer I was

Were you discharged from the army by reason of said wound or disability?

Answer I was not

If discharged from the army, where were you and what did you do until the close of the war?

Answer I was at home in bad health & could do nothing

What was the name of the surgeon who attended you?

Answer Drs Dance & Lester

How did you get out of the army, when and where?

Answer by order of the Regmtal Surgent at Tulohoma Tenn in May 1863

Did you take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government?

Answer I did

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer I do not Remember the exact date but I think it was in the Las of the year 1863 Still Sick & had to keep out of Prison

Are you married, or have you been married?

Answer I am a Widower now

If so, what is the size of your family living together?

Answer I have none

What are the respective ages of your wife and the children living with you?

Answer I have none

To what sex do your children belong?

Answer 3 girls and 2 Boys

Are not some of your children able to support you?

Answer No as they all have familys of there own and all are Renters

In what business are you now engaged, if any, and what do you earn?

Answer When able I work at day Jobs but earned very little

What estate have you in your own right, real and personal, and what is its value?

Answer I have none of Either and therefore Board with those that I work for when able

What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value?

Answer I have no wife and therefore She could have nothing in her Name as She is Dead

How have you derived support for yourself and family for the last five years?

Answer have had no family for 12 years and therefore Just have to live on, what I am able to Work for by the Job

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer No I do not

How long have you been an actual resident of the State of Tennessee?

Answer all my life

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer No I am not able to employ one

Witness my hand, this the 20 day of May 1907

his
Ambrose N X Franklin
mark

Witnesses:

Joel Dodd
George W. X Crabtree
(his mark)

State of Tennessee ()
Marshall County (I, M. G. Nowlin Trustee of said County, certify that Ambrose N. Franklin and his wife dead are assessed with none acres valued at none, and with none of personal property.

Witness my hand, this 28 day of May 1907

M. G. Nowlin Trustee

State of Tennessee ()
Marshall County (Personally appeared before me, John M. Lung Notary Public of said County, the above named Ambrose N. Franklin the applicant with whom I am personally acquainted, and having the application read and fully explained to him, as well as the statements and answers therein made, made oath that the said statements and answers are true.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 28 day of May 1907

John M. Lung Notary Public

State of Tennessee ()
Giles County (Personally appeared before me, W. A. Newton Notary Public of said County, the

above named G. W. Lancaster M.D. one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, and who is a physician of good standing, and being duly sworn says that he has carefully and thoroughly examined Ambrose N. Franklin, the applicant, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities: Muscular Rheumatism. A Sympathetic heart trouble. And impaired vision Chronic Dysentery. And General debility.

S. G. Lancaster M.D.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 21st day of May 1907

W. A. Newton Notary Public

State of Tennessee, (Marshall County (Personally appeared before me, John M. Lung Notary Public of said County, the above named Joel Dodd and George W. Crabtree, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, with whom I am personally acquainted, and known to me to be citizens of veracity and standing in this community, and who make oath that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in this application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and that said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And We further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate army: and that we were all in the Same Reg Co. and mess while he was in the Service and was always willing and Ready to do all duty assigned him and have known him all his life and know that he is and honorable man and a good neighbor.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 20 day of May 1907

John M. Lung Notary Public

State of Tennessee (Marshall County (Personally appeared before me John M. Lung a Notary Public in and for said county D. J. Franklin who makes oath in Due form of Law to the following fact that he is now 70 years old and has known A. N. Franklin an applicant for Pension from Boyhood. And Knew when he got home, from the C.S.A. Camps, he was very Sick and Had leaf of absence from his Dr. and Regimental officers and he further States that his health was very Poore when he got home and was until the close of the war and is until this day to do any Army or even any other Services as to Manual Labor as Would be Required of him as a Hirelang as he is now 67 Years of Age and feble in health up to this date
This the 9th day of October 1907

his

D. J. X Franklin

mark

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this the 9th day of October 1907

John M. Lung

Notary Public

State of Tennessee (Lawrence County (Personally appeared before me J. W. Welch a notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid-Mrs. Mary Matthews who makes oath to the following facts - that she is now fifty three years old and has known A. N. Franklin (the applicant for pension) from childhood and knew quite well when he got home from the Confederate army very sick and remained so for a long time and was not able to go back before the war closed - and for sometime after the close of the war was not able to do anything - - but I cannot remember just how long he was entirely disabled from work - Since that time he has not been a very stout man having chills with his stomach and other troubles but has been able to work most of the time

her

Mary X Matthews

mark

Sworn & Subscribed to before me this Oct 22nd 1907

J. A. Welch NP

State of Tennessee

Lawrence County In the matter of application of A. N. Franklin, for pension came before me - J. A. Welch a notary public in and for said state and county Mary Matthews personally known to me, to be a creditable person, and being duly sworn by me makes the following statement.

My brother, A. N. Franklin, was brought home from the confederate army sick, and was down for a good while, under the treatment of a Doctor, was never able to go back to the army, While he was at home he was arrested by the Federal soldiers, and required to take the oath or go to prison

Sworn and subscribed to before me

her

This June 6th 1911

Mary X Matthews

J. A. Welch NP

mark

To Pension Dept

Nashville Tenn

Delrose Tenn 6/26/1931

Gentlemen:

Mr. Ambrose Franklin or Ambros Newton Franklin, a Confederate soldier Died Sept 1911. He drew one pension check Aug, Sept or Oct 1911. The don't seem to know the month he drew it. They lost his discharge papers. His daughter asked me to write and get a Gov. Headstone for him. He was from Tenn. but they dont know what company he was in. Please have this looked up and let them have the marker. Thanks for your attention to this.

Yours truly, H. L. McLaurine, Agent L. & N R.R. Co.

War Department

The Adjutant General's Office

Washington, Oct. 26, 1907

Respectfully returned to

The President

Tennessee Board of

Pension Examiners,

Nashville.

The records show that A. N. Franklin, private, Company I (also called A), 8th Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A., enlisted November 24, 1862, and that he was left in Tennessee June 26, 1863, on account of sickness. No later record of him has been found.

F. L. Dinsworth

The Adjutant General

William B. Franklin of Knox County, Tennessee

Submitted by Sheila Franklin Parsons <taby43@yahoo.com> or <tabby43@hotmail.com>: "This is my line of Franklins from Knox County, Tennessee, I do have some more information on this line if anyone needs it. If anyone has information on any of these or needs any further information on any of these please contact me."

Descendants of this line are also found in FFRU, Volume 1 [brief article by Marilyn Childress], Volume 4 Knox County, Tennessee Franklins, Volume 8 [several photos and a pedigree chart]. There is a query on this line in *Franklin Fireplace*, page 1437. Where noted, I have added a few facts gleaned from the census, etc. - Ed.

- I. William B. Franklin, born 3 Feb 1812 Virginia; died 24 Oct 1896 Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 14 Jan 1834 Knox County, Tennessee to Elizabeth Flenniken (born 1 Jan 1816 Knox County,

Tennessee; died 7 Jul 1902 Knox County, Tennessee). In 1880, William and Elizabeth were living with their daughter, Lavinia and her husband, Benjamin F. Wilkerson.¹

Found in the 1850 Tennessee Census, Knox County, 15th District, page 149, HH 771/780

Children:

- A. James Harvey Franklin, born 28 Oct 1835 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee; died 27 Apr 1865. Married on 6 Aug 1856 to Nancy J. Rhea

1860 Tennessee Census, Knox County, District 13, page 255, HH 1042/867:

James Franklin age 25, occu overseer, P.P. \$256 born Tennessee.

Nancy Franklin age 25 born Tennessee.

Samuel Franklin age 2 born Tennessee.

Julia Franklin age 5/12 born Tennessee.

The 1880 Census² reflects Nancy's widowed status, with three children.

Children:

1. Samuel W. Franklin, born 1859, Tennessee, 1880 Occupation: "Works Quarry."
 2. Julia F. Franklin, born Feb 1860, Tennessee.
 3. George A. Franklin born 1862, Tennessee.
- B. Sarah Ann Franklin, born 10 Sep 1837 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 17 Sep 1868 to John A. Harmon (born 1843, Tennessee).

Children:

1. James H. Harmon, born 1869, Tennessee.
 2. Louisa Harmon, born 1873, Tennessee.³
- C. William Perry Franklin, born 24 Jan 1839 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee; died 30 May 1920. Married on 16 Jan 1868 to Lucy M. Massey (born 1839, Tennessee).

Children (1880 Census⁴):

1. Cordelia Franklin, born 1869, Tennessee.
 2. James Alexander Franklin, born 9 Aug 1871 in Blount County, Tennessee; died 6 Jun 1942. Married on 27 Dec 1890 in Knox County Tennessee to Rachel A. Henry Married by Abe Maxey, JP
- Children:
- a. William E. Franklin, born 13 May 1892; died 13 May 1892
 - b. Sam Yule Franklin, born 21 Nov 1893; died May 1969. Married Nancy Lavinia "Vina" Pryor
 - c. Mazie Viola Franklin, born 18 Apr 1896; died 30 Jul 1896.
 - d. Elsie Mae Franklin, born 17 Jan 1898; died 30 Jul 1950
 - e. Clemma Magdaline Franklin, born 23 Jul 1900; died 13 Sep 1902.
- D. John Flenniken Franklin, born 5 Dec 1840 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 28 Jan 1869 to Margaret E. May (born 1851, Tennessee)

Children (1880 Census⁵):

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1. Knox County Tennessee, District 13, Page 331A
 2. Knox County Tennessee, District 13, Page 330D
 3. Knox County Tennessee, District 11, Page 364B.
 4. Surname shown as "Frankline" in the index. Knox County Tennessee, District 13, Page 448A

1. Mary E. Franklin, born 1870, Tennessee; died Apr 1958 in Tennessee
Census: 1870 Mary E. 5/12. Married on 3 Nov 1897 in Knox County, Tennessee
to John Richard Lebow.
2. John R. Franklin, born 3 Jan 1871, Tennessee; died 13 May 1954 and was buried
in Mount Olive Cemetery Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 06 Feb
1897 to Margaret Ann Foster.
3. Thomas R. Franklin, born 8 Aug 1875, Tennessee; died May 1967 and was buried
in Mount Olive Cemetery Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 6 Jul
1907 to Laura E. Pate (born 12 Nov 1883).
4. Alvin W. Franklin, born 5 Dec 1879, Tennessee; died 4 Jan 1946 and was buried
in Mount Olive Cemetery Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.
- E. Samuel Wallace Franklin, born 26 Oct 1841 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee; died
11 Aug 1843.
- F. Madison Montgomery Franklin, born 16 Aug 1844 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee;
died 26 Oct 1921 Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 9 Jan 1868 to Catherine Isabella
Josephine Duncan (born 2 Oct 1848 Knox County, Tennessee; died 24 Jan 1927 Knox
County, Tennessee).⁶
Children:
 1. William Perry Franklin, born 28 Oct 1868 Knox County, Tennessee; died 14 Mar
1957. Married on 30 Mar 1895 to Fannie Clark. (12 Nov 1871; died 16 Aug 1957)
 2. Ida Bell Franklin, born 9 Aug 1870 Knox County, Tennessee; died 9 Dec 1962.
Married to Thomas B. Chambers
Children:
 - a. Cecil Chambers, born 1906 in Knox County, Tennessee; died May 1953 in
Knox County, Tennessee
 - b. [Living] Chambers
 - c. [Living] Chambers
 3. Florence F. Franklin, born 26 Feb 1872 Knox County, Tennessee; died 11 October
1901 ans was buried in Mount Olive Cemetery, Knox County, Tennessee. Married
on 19 Apr 1891 to George Donaldson Johnson (born 10 Mar 1869; died 29 Feb
1940).
Children:
 - a. Roy B. Johnson, born 13 Jul 1893.
 - b. Carl Johnson, born 27 Sep 1901; died 27 June 1902 and was buried in
Mount Olive Cemetery Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.
4. Charles Wesley Franklin, born 24 Mar 1873 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee; died 19
Oct 1938 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 13 Mar 1900 to Nancy Alee
Rollins (born 10 Nov 1874 Dumplin, Jefferson County, Tennessee; died 27 Feb 1940
Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee)
Child:
 - a. Claude Wesley Franklin, born 29 Aug 1901 Knoxville, Knox County,
Tennessee; died 28 Aug 1977 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.
Married on 12 Aug 1926 to Olive Sprague (born 4 Oct 1896 New York
City, New York; died 25 May 1984 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee)
Children:
 - 1) Marilyn Franklin, born 2 Jul 1927 Knoxville, Knox County,

5. Knox County Tennessee, District 13, Page Number 328C

6. 1880 Census, Knox County Tennessee, District 13, Page Number 327A

- Tennessee. Married to Jerrell Perry Childress.
- 2) Doras Franklin
 5. Minnie Elizabeth Franklin, born 1 Jun 1874 Knox County, Tennessee; died 5 Apr 1934 Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 26 Sep 1893 to George Ulysses Berry (born 4 Aug 1867 Knox County, Tennessee; died 19 Aug 1939 Knox County, Tennessee).
Children:
 - a. William Trellis Berry, born 9 Sep 1900 Knox County, Tennessee; died 10 Mar 1975 Knox County, Tennessee. Married 17 Aug 1926 Mary Josephine Brown (born 29 Nov 1900 Sevier, Tennessee; died 19 Dec 1969 Knox County, Tennessee).
 - b. Bessie I. Berry, born 8 Jul 1894 in Knox County, Tennessee; died 5 Aug 1894 in Mount Olive Cemetery, Knox County, Tennessee
 - c. James Oliver Berry, born 20 Oct 1895; died 22 Jan 1959 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 9 Aug 1919 in Knoxville, Knox County Tennessee to Eula Faye Atchley (born 1 Mar 1903 Sevier County, Tennessee; died 13 Dec 1965 Knox County, Tennessee).
Child:
 - 1) Fern Estelle Berry, born 11 Jul 1920; died 5 May 1987 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.
 - d. Anna Cornelia Berry, born 5 Nov 1897 Knox County, Tennessee; died 12 Dec 1959 Knox County, Tennessee. Married to James Lyle Bible (born 19 Mar 1896 Grainger, Tennessee; died 12 Jul 1974 Knox County, Tennessee)
 - e. Cora Irene Berry, born 5 Jan 1903 Knox County, Tennessee. Married about 1919 William McKinley Kline (born 16 Apr 1901 Jefferson County, Tennessee; died 18 Aug 1966 Knox County, Tennessee).
Child:
 - 1) James Ulysses Kline, born 14 May 1923 Knox County, Tennessee; died 14 Jul 1924 Knox County, Tennessee.
 - f. John Hubert Berry.
 - g. Millard Eugene Berry.
 6. Fanny K. Franklin, born 5 May 1876 Knox County, Tennessee; died 24 Nov 1959 and was buried in Mount Olive Cemetery Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 28 May 1893 in Knox County, Tennessee to Arthur B. King (2 Sep 1872).
Children:
 - a. Marie King
 - b. Ethel King, born 3 Apr 1894 in Knox County, Tennessee.
 - c. Bud King, born 2 Dec 1899 in Knox County, Tennessee.
 - d. Ruth King, born 29 Jan 1915 in Knox County, Tennessee.
 7. Samuel Houston Franklin, born 7 Jul 1878 Knox County, Tennessee; died 28 Apr 1889.
 8. Mary Louise Franklin, born 19 Aug 1881 Knox County, Tennessee; died 12 May 1930. Married on 7 May 1902 tp James A. Davis (born 29 Oct 1875; died 17 Aug 1932).
 9. John H. Franklin, born Feb 1883 Knox County, Tennessee; died 23 Mar 1917 Jefferson County, Alabama. Married 23 Mar 1912 Ethel Idella Hawkins (born 2 Aug 1892; died 22 Feb 1972 Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama; Buried Forest Hills Cemetery, Jefferson County, Alabama).

Children:

- a. Ernest Murray Franklin, born 19 Aug 1912; died 6 May 1977 Jefferson County, Alabama. Buried Elmwood Cemetery. Married Dorothy M. Tucker.
- b. Earl Wallace Franklin, born about 1915; died 22 Nov 1944 Bainbridge, Maryland, Buried Forest Hills Cemetery, Jefferson County, Alabama. Married Norean (? Stephens? born 7 Jan 1914)

Child:

- 1) Judy Ann Franklin, married Albert Nordberg

Children:

- a) Huntley Nordberg
- b) Hilliary Nordberg
- c) Hayes Nordberg

10. Albie M. Franklin, born 9 Aug 1884 Knox County, Tennessee; died 1968. Married 14 Aug 1904 to Charles H. Robbins (born 15 Sep 1882).

Children (1920 Census⁷):

- a. Clarence Robbins, born 1906
 - a. Carry/Carrie M. Robbins, born 1908
 - b. Charles H. Robbins, Jr. born 14 Aug 1914 in Knox County, Tennessee
11. Katharine L. Franklin, born 24 Oct 1887 Knox County, Tennessee; died 5 Nov 1972. Married to Samual Bruce Rudder (born 28 Mar 1883 in Knox County, Tennessee).
 12. Columbus Dearmond Franklin, born 4 Feb 1889 Knox County, Tennessee; died 9 Nov 1957. Married to Eva Jett.

G. Mary Elizabeth Franklin, born 16 Aug 1844 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee; died 10 Aug 1848. Twin to Madison M. Franklin.

H. Rebecca Jane Franklin, born 1 Aug 1846 (age 3 in 1850) Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 27 Mar 1873 to Isaac T. Sliger.

I. Buenevista Franklin, born 27 Jan 1848 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee. Married on 7 Jan 1875 in Knox County, Tennessee to George N. Sliger (born 1854, Tennessee)

Child (1880⁸):

1. Joseph W. Sliger.

J. Margaret Isabella Franklin, born 17 Jun 1851 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee; died 1 Oct 1937. Married on 10 Aug 1879 to Jerome B. Hendricks (born 11 Jul 1838). Just one year later, in 1880,⁹ Margaret is listed as Head of Household, with two stepsons, William Hendricks age 14 and Thomas P. Hendricks, age 13.

K. Lavinia Adeline Franklin, born 7 Nov 1853 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee; died 18 Feb 1939. Married on 1 Feb 1873 to Benjamin F. Wilkerson (born 1855, Tennessee, occupation: stone cutter).

Children (1880¹⁰):

1. Lewis B. Wilkerson, born 1876, Tennessee.
2. William Wilkerson, born 1877, Tennessee.
3. Walter R. Wilkerson, born 1879, Tennessee.

7. 1920 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Knox County, Knoxville, ED 102, page 1A
8. 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Tennessee, Knox County, District 158, page 342A
9. 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Tennessee, Knox, District 156, page 329B
10. 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Tennessee, Knox County, District 156, page 331A.

- L. Louis C. Franklin, born 17 Jan 1859 Mount Olive, Knox County, Tennessee; died 10 Jan 1860.

Knox County, Tennessee Cemeteries

Submitted by Sheila Franklin Parsons. She says, "my line of Franklins were mostly in Knox County, Tennessee as far as I have found so far, my grandparents lived in Alabama, but my grandfather was born in Knox County, Tennessee, and was buried there.

"My grandparents were John H. Franklin and Ethel I. Hawkins. My ggrandparents were Catherine Isabella Josephine Duncan and Madison M. Franklin. I would like to share information with anyone from this line.

"All research for the cemeteries in South Knox County, Tennessee was done by Robert McGinnis and can be found in his book, *Gone But Not Forgotten, Volume III: A Record of The Family Cemeteries in South Knox County*. Published in Knoxville, Tennessee. I post this with his permission and hope that it helps someone else who is searching for Franklin family. Most of these I have connected to my Franklin line, but not all of them yet."

Concord Masonic Cemetery

Polly (Franklin) wife of W. H. Taliaferro 1831 -- 1927

George M. Franklin WWII Vet 22 February 1927 - 10 October 1960

Edgewood Cemetery

A. Lonas Franklin 16 October 1890 -- 17 November 1983

Bertis (Cronan) wife of A. Lonas Franklin 01 Mar 1919 -- 20 October 1990

Mount Olive Cemetery

Alex Franklin 10 May 1862-- 31 December 1935

Nannie Franklin 25 December 1867 -- 28 February 1963

Tricie M. Franklin Human 02 May 1916-- 29 October 1983

Minnie E. (Franklin) wife of George Ulie Berry 01 June 1874-- 5 April 1934

George Ulie Berry married 26 September 1893 04 August 1867--19 August 1939

Della (Mowery) Franklin 03 January 1920-- 27 June 1989

Harvey Harrison Franklin 14 February 1914-- 04 Aug. 1982

Maggie F. Franklin 01 Mar. 1878 -- 21 January 1953

Thomas J. Franklin 28 February 1900-- 10 January 1972

Thomas R. Franklin married 06 July 1907 08 August 1875-- 11 May 1967

Laura E. (Pate) wife of Thomas R. Franklin 12 November 1883 -- 01 January 1917

Clarence E. Franklin 17 August 1907-- 08 November 1969

Edna Pearl Franklin 30 October 1909 -- 25 March 1945

John W. Franklin 15 January 1913-- 12 April 1971

J. R. Franklin 03 December 1871 -- 13 May 1956

A. W. Franklin 05 Dec. 1879 -- 04 January 1946

Florence (Franklin) wife of George D. Johnson 26 February 1872-- 11 October 1901

George D. Johnson married 19 April 1891 10 March 1869-- 29 February 1940
 Melinda P. Johnson 22 October 1878 -- 17 March 1934
 Carl Johnson son of G. D. & F. Johnson 27 September 1901 -- 27 June 1902
 S. W. Franklin 30 October 1857 -- 30 January 1903
 Paul J. Franklin 02 July 1982-- 05 Jun. 1902
 Charles Wesley Franklin married 13 March 1900 24 March 1873 -- 19 October 1938
 Nancy (Rollins) wife of Charles Wesley Franklin 10 November 1874 -- 27 February 1940
 Albert Houston Franklin 23 August 1903-- 13 March 1979
 Louvenia Adeline (Franklin) wife of B. F. Wilkerson 07 November 1835-- 18 February 1939
 Margret I. (Franklin) wife of Jerome B. Hendricks 17 June 1851-- 01 October 1937
 Jerome B. Hendricks married 10 August 1879 11 July 1838-- 11 December 1913
 John Franklin 1883 -- 1917¹¹
 Matthew M. Franklin 16 August 1844 -- 25 October 1923
 William P. Franklin married 30th March 1895 28 October 1868-- 14 March 1957
 Fannie W. (Clark) wife of William P. Franklin 12 November 1871-- 16 August 1957
 Albie May (Franklin) wife of Charles H. Robbins 1884 -- 1968¹²
 Charles H. Robbins married 14 August 1904 1883 -- 1948¹³
 Mary L. (Franklin) wife of James A. Davis 19 August 1881 -- 12 May 1930
 James A. Davis married 7 May 1902 29 October 1875 -- 17 August 1932
 Fannie (Franklin) wife of Arthur B. King 05 May 1876--24 November 1959
 Arthur B. King married 28 May 1893 02 Sept. 1872 -- 31 March 1959
 Ben Franklin 01 Jun. 1922-- no death date inscribed
 Nola O. Franklin 31 January 1918 -- 06 Oct. 1961
 Calvin P. Franklin (WWII Vet) 27 July 1911 -- 22 December 1981

Slave Narrative: Leonard Franklin of Bradley County Arkansas

Source: Works Project Administration. Federal Writers Project. Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves. Washington, D.C.: n.p.

Name: Leonard Franklin. Temporary Address: 301 Ridgeway, Little Rock, Arkansas. Age 70. Permanent address: Warren, Bradley County, Arkansas. Interviewer Mrs. Bernice Bowden.

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11. John H. Franklin he was born Feb 1883; died 23 Mar 1917. He was married to Ethel Idella Hawkins on 18 Mar 1912. They had two sons Ernest Murray Franklin and Earl Wallace Franklin both born in Alabama, lived in Jefferson County.
 12. Albie May Franklin was born 09 Aug 1884; died 1968
 13. Charles H. Robbins was born 5 Sep 1882; died 1948

“I don’t know exactly the year I was born. But my father told me I was born since the Civil War. I am seventy years old. They always tell me when my birthday come ’round it will be in January---the eighteenth of January.

“My father’s name was Abe Franklin and my mother’s name was Incy Franklin. I know my father’s mother but I didn’t ever know his father. His mother’s name was Maria Franklin. My mother’s father was Harris Pennington. I never did see her mother and never did see her.

“I was born in Warren, Arkansas. My mother and father were born in Warren. That is on the outer edge of Warren. My mother’s slavery farm was on what they called Big Creek. It is named Franklin Creek. Two or three miles of it ran through Franklin’s Farm.

“My father’s master was Al Franklin. And my mother’s master’s name was Hill Pennington. One of Hill Pennington’s sons was named Fountain Pennington. He lives about five miles from Warren now on the south highway.

“My mother had about three masters before she got free. She was a terrible working woman. Her boss went off deer hunting once for a few weeks. While he was gone, the overseer tried to whip her. She knocked him down and tore his face up so that the doctor had to ’tend to him. When Pennington came back, he noticed his face all patched up and asked him what was the matter with it. The overseer told him that he went down in the field to whip the hands and that he just thought he would hit Lucy a few licks to show the slaves that he was impartial, but she jumped on me and like to tore me up. Old Pennington said to him, ‘Well, if that is the best you could do with her, damned if you won’t just have to take it.’

“Then they sold her to another man named Jim Bernard. Bernard did a lot of big talk to her one morning. He said, ‘Look out there and mind you do what you told around her and step lively. If you don’t, you’ll get that bull whip.’ She said to him, ‘Yes, and we’ll both be gittin’ it.’ He had heard about her; so he sold her to another man named Cleary. He was good to her; so she wasn’t sold no more after that.

“There wasn’t many men could class up with her when it come to working. She could do more work than any two men. There wasn’t no use for no one man to try to do nothin’ with her. No overseer never downed her.

“They didn’t kill niggers then---not in slavery times. Not ’round where my folks were. A nigger was money. Slaves were property. They’d paid money to git ’in and money to keep ’in and they couldn’t ’ford to kill ’em up. When they couldn’t manage them they sold them and got their money out of them.

“The white people started to Texas with the colored folks near the end of the war and got as far as El Dorado. Word come to ’em that freedom had come and they turned back.

“A paterole come in one night before freedom and asked for a drink of water. He said he was thirsty. He had a rubber thing on and drank two or three buckets of water. His rubber bag swelled up and made his head or the thing that looked like his head under the hood grow taller. Instead of gettin’ ’fraid, mother threw a shovelful of hot ashes on him and I’ll tell you he lit out from there and never did come back no more.

“Right after the war my folks went to work on the farm. They hired out by the month. My father didn’t never say how much he got. When they had a settlement at the end of the year, the boss said his wages didn’t amount to nothing because his living took it up. Said he had ate it all up. After that, he took my mother’s advice and took up part of his wages in a cow and so on, and then he’d always have something to show for his work at the end of the year when it come settling up time. It was ten years before he got a start. It was hard to get ahead then because the niggers had just got free and didn’t have nothin’ and didn’t know nothin’. My father had two brothers that just stayed on with the white folks. They stayed on till they got too old to work, then they had to go, Couldn’t do no good then. My father was always treated well by his master.

“I got my schooling at Warren. I went to the tenth grade. Could have gone farther but didn’t want to. I was looking at something I thought was better than education. When I got of age, I come up here and just run about. I was what you might say pretty fine. I was looking so high I couldn’t find nothing to suit me. I went ’round to a number of places and none of them suited me. So I went on back home and been there ever since.

“I married once in my life. My wife is still living. My wife is a good woman. No, if I got rid of this one,

wouldn't do to take another one. I am the father of ten living children. I made a living by doing anything that come up---housework, gardening, anything.

"I don't get no government help. I don't want none yet. God has seen me this far. I think He'll see me to the end. He is good to me; He's given me such a good time I couldn't help but serve Him. Only been sick once in seventy years.

"I belong to the Baptist church. God is my boss now. He has brought me this far and He's able to carry me across."

Slave Narratives: Richard Franklin of Oklahoma

(Franklin, Richard, Interview, 12788, Indian Archives Division, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Vol. 91, R.B. Thomas, Interviewer, 26 Jan 1938, Interview with Richard Franklin, 544 South Fourth Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

I was born in the Creek Nation, March 1, 1856. My mother was named Thamore Franklin, she was one-fourth Creek Indian and was married to a negro slave, Fred Franklin, who was a slave of James Yargee of the Creek Nation. I am one-eighth Creek Indian and seven-eighths negro. My father was born in the Creek Nation and he, with nine other slaves, worked on the farm of Jim Yargee in the Creek Nation until 1867 when the Civil War was over.

My mother was allotted one hundred and sixty acres of land near Canadian and moved on it with me when I was eleven years old. My mother drew Indian money under the Creek Treaty of 1866, when the Government agreed to pay the Creeks for all damage done in the war and also allot them land. I worked with my father until I was twenty years old and applied to the government for an allotment and they gave me one hundred and sixty acres of land in the Creek Nation.

I was married to Fannie Franklin in 1876 and moved on my farm and we had seven children, two are now living, Edd and Jess, who live in Muskogee County; they are farmers.

Father died in 1916, in Muskogee at the age of ninety-nine years. My mother died so long ago I don't remember what year.

I was five years old when the Civil War broke out, and when Lincoln freed the slaves, some went to Kansas, some went to the army and some hid out in the woods and lived in hollow trees. The Government tried to make some go to war and did make some but we moved about one half-mile from Fort Gibson until after the War. We were afraid the soldiers would burn our house and steal everything and the soldiers at Fort Gibson said if we moved there it would be safer, so we did. Lots of negroes left their masters and ran away but a great many stayed with them. My master was good to me and I wanted to stay with him. My mistress was good to me, too. I ran errands, brought in wood and scratched my master's back until I was thirteen years old. I really did not wish to leave but I got married and the Government settled me on one hundred and sixty acres of land in Muskogee County where I lived until 1936, when I came to Muskogee to live with my nephew, Ross Franklin.

When I was fourteen, my master told me to hitch up one ox and plow ground. I broke ground and plowed corn with one ox and then I drove two when I was sixteen years old. We used oxen more than we did horses. We hauled logs with them to build houses. We even rode them to town.

We made hominy out of corn and used lye in it to take the husks off. We made soap out of ashes made into lye.

My mother spun our own clothes and knit them. She was a hard worker and worked in the field also but my master was good to her. We always had plenty to eat and a warm house to live in and I was very happy until the Civil War broke us up and we moved to Fort Gibson, then I had to work hard and endure hardships.

In 1864, my father and I started to Fort Gibson after a load of hay to feed the oxen; the Government fur-

nished the Indians hay to feed the stock on. We were driving two oxen to a wagon and just as we reached the hill above Fort Gibson we heard the cannon roaring and saw the tree tops being shot off; we did not know that there were any Yankee soldiers in Fort Gibson but they had slipped in that night and attacked the next morning about dawn. My father turned his oxen around and laid the whip on them. They ran as fast as they could back home and we could hear shots until about 2:30 p.m., when the battle ceased. I was eight years old and I was sure scared. I thought I was going to be shot. I helped my father whip the old oxen and they did some good running. I think my father was scared as bad as I was. We reached home and locked the doors and my mother and the other members of my family were so scared they got under the bed and some got under the quilts and covered up. We were only one-half mile from the battle field and shells were popping all around us, I shall never forget that day. I was afraid to get out of the house until the next day. I went down there and found lead bullets and saw big trees with the tops shot off by cannons. I also saw blood on the ground but did not see any dead men. I went back home for I thought the Yankees would kill me, because my master told me that the Yankees were bad people. After the War, we moved back to the farm about twenty miles west of Muskogee, and I made money raising stock and cotton and corn but I lost my farm under a mortgage in 1936. I am now eighty-two years of age and too old to work.

In 1883, Checote was the Principal Chief of the Creek Nation and had a great many followers but Isparhechar wanted to be Chief and was afterwards Chief but Checote beat him in the War and remained Chief a long time. Isparhechar persuaded a lot of Creek Indians to follow him and he organized them into a big army and I joined him. We were not trained to fight and did not have a leader to train us and when we would find any of Checote's men who were trying to elect him or keep him we would fight them. Sometimes there would be a running battle which would last two days and we fought as far up as the Ponca Reservation. Sometimes Isparhechar's men would shoot there own comrades in the running war when they would get excited, but finally Checote whipped us and we quit fighting. I was sure glad, I wanted to come home and rest for I was tired of war. I don't know why people want to make war and shoot women and children and kill people for nothing.

I have a book on this war. I have been offered \$10.00 for it but there are only two out and I won't sell it, but I will loan it.

Slave Narratives: John Franklin of Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Ex-slave 84 Years Old.

"I is the son of John Franklin and Susan Bobo Franklin. I was born August 10th, 1853 in Spartanburg County. My daddy was a slave on the plantation of Marster Henry Franklin, sometimes called Hill and my mammy was a slave on the plantation of Marster Benjamin Bobo. They was brother-in-law's and lived on a plantation joining each other.

"My white marsters and their mistresses was good to us and to all their slaves. We have plenty to eat and wear, on the Bobo plantation, from the time I can remember up to the time I was 'bout eleven years old. In 1861, my marsters go away with their neighbors, to fight the damn Yankees and the plantation was left in charge of the mistresses and worked by the slaves. The slaves all raised 'bundance of rations, but pretty soon there was a scarcity 'cause they was no coffee at the store and stragglin' Yankees or what they call 'Rebel soldiers' come 'long every few days and take all they can carry.

"That shortage begun in 1862, and it kept on gettin' worse all the time, and when Lincoln set all niggers free, there was such a shortage of food and clothes at our white folks houses, that we decided to move to a Dutch Fork plantation. My daddy go 'long with other niggers to fight for 'Uncle Abe' and we never see him no more. Soon after that me and mammy told our mistress goodbye, and move down to her daddy's place, 'bout ten miles from Chapin. I was ten years old that year and we raise corn, beans, 'taters and chickens for ourselves and to sell, when we could go to Columbia and sell it and buy coffee and other things that we could

not raise at home.

So we do pretty well for a year or two and we keep up our tradin' trips to Columbia, which 'counts for me and Ben Lyles, my cousin 'bout my age, comin' to Columbia on February 16, 1868. We sold out and stayed all night at the home of Ben's uncle. He had us do some tasks 'bout his home on Lincoln Street the next day and it was way in the day befo' we start home. We welk north on what was known then as the Winnsboro road 'til we come to Broad River road, and we take it. There was one or two farm houses north of Elmwood Street on the Winnsboro road at that time and only one house on Broad River road, the farm house of Mr. Coogler, which is still standin'. There was a big woodsland at the forks of the Winnsboro road and Broad River road.

"After we walk 'long the Broad River road, what seem to us for a quarter of a mile, we see four or five old men standin' on the left side of thevt out of sight of the soldiers. But we ain't got far over the top of the hill 'til we come face to face with more men on hosses. One of the men, who seem to be the leader, stop his hoss and ask us boys some questions. We answer as best we can, when he grin at us and pull out some money and give us a nickel a piece.

"We travel on toward Chapin and meet our mammies and many other people, some them white. They all seem scared and my mammy and Ben's mammy and us, turns up the river and camps on the hill, for the night, in the woods. We never sleep much, for it was 'most as light as day, and the small of smoke was terrible. We could see people runnin' in certain parts of Columbia, sometimes. Next mornin' we look over the city from the bluff and only a few houses was standin' and hundreds of tumble-down chimneys and the whole town was still smokin'.

"I dreams yet 'bout that awful time, but I thank God that he has permitted me to live 'long enough to see the city rebuilt and it stretching far over the area where we hid in the trees."

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Slave Narratives: Christopher Columbus Franklin of Bossier Parish, Louisiana

Note: There are two versions of this interview, perhaps two interviews. -Ed.

Version One

Chris Franklin, 82, was born a slave of Judge Robert J. Looney, in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Chris now lives in Beaumont, [Jefferson County] Texas, and supports himself by gardening and yard work. He is thrifty and owns his own home.

"Yes, suh, dis is Chris Franklin. I signs my name C. C. Franklin, dat for Christopher Columbus Franklin. I's born in Bossier Parish, up in Louisiana, jes' twenty-five miles de other side of Shreveport. I's born dere in 1855, on Christmas Day, but I's raise up in Caddo Parish. Old massa move over dere when I 'bout a year old.

"Old massa name Robert J. Looney and he a judge and lawyer. He have a boy name R. J., Jr., but I's talkin' about de old head, de old 'riginal. De missy, her name Lettie Looney. He weren't no farmer, jes' truck farm to raise de livin' for he household and slaves. He didn't have over a half dozen growed up slaves. Course, dey rears a lot of young'uns.

"My pappy's name Solomon Lawson. He 'long to Jedge Lawson, what live near us. When freedom come, he done take de name Sol Franklin, what he say am he pappy's name.

"Jedge Looney have de ord'nary frame house. Dey 'bout six, seven rooms in it, all under one roof. De dinin' room and cook room wasn't built off to deyself, like mos' big houses. It was a raise house, raise up on high pillars and dey could drive a hoss and buggy under it. He live on de Fairview Road.

"Us slaves all live in one big slave cabin, built out of plank. It built sort-a like de 'partment house. Dey four rooms and each fam'ly have one room. Dey have a lamp and a candle for our comfort. It jes' a li'l, ord'nary

brass lamp. Dey used to make 'em out of wax and tallow. Dey raise dere own bees and when dey rob de bee gums dey strain de honey and melt de wax with tallow to make it firmer. Dey tie one end de wick on de stick 'cross de mold and put in de melted wax and tallow.

“Dey have a table and benches, too. But a chair de rare thing in a cabin. Dey make some with de split hick'ry or rawhide bottom. Dey have hay mattress. De tickin' am rice sacks. Us have mud chimney. Dey fix sticks like de ladder and mix mud and moss and grass in what dey calls 'cats'. Dey have rock backs, and, man, us have a sho' 'nough fire in 'em. Put a stick long as me and big as a porch post in dat fireplace. In cold weather dat last all day and all night.

“When de parents workin' in de field, somebody look after de chillen. De mammies come in and nuss dem when time come. De white folks never put on 'striction on de chillen till dey twelve, fourteen years old. Dey all wear de straight-cut slip. Dey give de li'l gale de slip dress and li'l panties. In wintertime dey give de boys de li'l coat and pants and shoes, but no drawers or unnerwear. Dey give dem hard russet shoes in wintertime. Dey have brass toes. Dey plenty dur'ble. In summertime us didn't see no shoe.

“Messa Looney jes' as fine de man as ever make tracks. Christmas time come, he give 'em a few dollars and say go to the store and buy what us want. He give all de li'l nigger chillen gif's, jes' like he own. He git de jug of whiskey and plenty eggs and make de big eggnog for everybody. He treat us cullud folks jes' like he treat he own fam'ly. He never take no liquor 'cept at Christmas. He give us lots to eat at Christmas, too.

“Sometime old missy come out and call all de li'l niggers in de house to play with her chillen. When us eat us have de tin plate and cup. Dey give us plenty milk and butter and 'taters and sich. Us all set on de floor and make 'way with dem rations.

“Dey had a li'l church house for de niggers and preachin' in de afternoon, and on into de night lots of times. Dey have de cullud preacher. He couldn't read. He jes' preach from nat'ral wit and what he larn from white folks. De whole outfit profess to be Baptist'.

“De marryin' business go through by what massa say. De fellow git de massa's consen'. Massa mos'ly say yes without waitin'. 'cause marryin' mean more niggers for him comin' on. He git de jedge or preacher to marry dem. Iffen de man live on one plantation and de gal on 'nother, he have to git de pass to go see her. Dat so de patterrollers not git him.

“De slaves used to have balls and frolics in dey cabins. But iffen dey go to de frolic on 'nother plantation dey git de pass. Dat so dey can cotch runaway niggers. I never heared of stealin' niggers. 'cept dis-a-way. Sometime de runaway nigger git fifty or hundred miles away and show up dere as de stray slave. Dat massa where he show up take care of him so long, den lay claim to him. Dat call harborin' de nigger.

“Dey lots of places where de young massas has heirs by nigger gals. Dey sell dem jes' like other slaves. Dat purty common. It seem like de white women don't mind. Dey didn't 'ject, 'cause dat mean more slaves.

“Sometimes de white folks has de big deer drive. Dem and de niggers go down in de bottoms to drive deers up. Dey rid big, fine hosses and start de deers runnin'. Dey raise dere own dogs. Massa sho' careful 'bout he hounds. He train dem good and treat dem good, too. He have somethin' cook reg'lar for dem. Dey hunts foxes and wolves and plenty dam kinds varmint.

“I seen sojers by de thousands. When 'mancipation come out massa come to de back door with de paper and say, 'Yous free.' He furnish dem with all dey needs and give dem part de crop. He 'vide up de pig litters and such 'mongst dem. He give dem de start. Den after two, three year he commence takin' out for dere food and boots and clothes and sich.

“Denight de pusson dey has de wake and sing and pray all night long. Dey all very 'ligious in dere profession. Dey knock off all work so de slaves can go to de buryin'.

“De white folks 'low dem to have de frolic with de fiddle or banjo or windjammer. Dey dances out on de grass, forty or fifty niggers, and dem big gals nineteen year old git out dere barefoot as de goose. It jes' de habit of de times. 'cause dey all have shoes. Sometimes dey call de jig dance and some of dem sho' dance it, too. De prompter call, 'All git ready.' Den he holler, 'All balance,' and den he sing out. 'Swing you pardner,' and dey does it. Den he say, 'First men head off to de right,' and dere dey goes. Or he say, 'All prom-

enade,' and day goes in de circle. One thing dey calls, 'Bird in de Cage.' Three joins hands round de gal in de middle, and dance round her, and den she git out and her pardner git in de center and dey dance dat way awhile.

"After freedom dey have de log cabin schoolhouse. De first teacher was de cullud women name Mary Chapman. I near wore out dat old blueblack speller tryin' to larn A B C's.

"I leaves Caddo Parish in 1877 for Galveston, and leaves dere on de four mast schooner for Leesburg and up de Calcasieu River. Den I goes to de Cameron Parish and in 1879 I comes to Beaumont. I marries Mandy Watson in 1882 and she died in 1932. Us never have no chillen but 'dopts two. Us marry in de hotel dinin'-room, 'cause I's workin' for de hotel man, J. B. Goodhue. De Rev. Elder Venable, what am de old cullud preacher, marries us. I didn't git marry like in slavery time. I's got a great big marriage certificate hangin' on de wall of my house.

"I 'longs to several lodges, de Knights of Labor and de Knights of Honor and de Pilgrims. I never hold no office. I's jes' de bench member. I's a member of de Live Lake Missionary Baptist Church.

"I's got de big house of my own, on de corner of Roberts Avenue and San Antonio street. After my wife die, I gits de man to come and live dere with me. Dat's all I knows.

Version Two

Chris Franklin, residing at the corner of San Antonio Street and Roberts Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, was formerly the slave of Judge Robert J. Looney, living in Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana. He is rather small with gray hair and mustache. His head is partly bald, and the remaining hair is cut short. He was wearing an old felt hat, his coat was tan, his trousers blue, his shoes in good condition. He is thrifty and owns his own home. He finds ready employment with various local people working their vegetable and flower gardens, raking leaves, and doing other house and yard work.

"Yes, dis is Chris Franklin. I signs my name C. C. Franklin, dat's for Christopher Columbus Franklin. I was born in Bossier Parish up in Louisiana, jes' twenty-five miles de other side of Shreveport. I was born dere in 1855 on Christmas day. But I was raise up in Caddo Parish. Old marster move over dere when I 'bout a year old. Dey say dat he refugee dere.

"My old marster was name Robert J. Looney an' he was a judge an' a lawyer. He had a boy name R. J., Junior. But I's talking 'bout de old head, de old original. De mistus, her name was Lettie V. Looney. Dey had four boy an' one gal. He warden't no farmer. He jes' truck farm to raise a living for de household an' de slaves. He didn't have over half a dozen growed up slaves. Case dey reared up a lot of younguns. He have three families of slaves, my mother, my mother's sister, and another woman.

"Mother's name was Maria Case. Her last name was Looney at dat time but after she get out of slavery de name change.

"My daddy name was Solomon Lawson. He belong to Judge Lawson. He had a big plantation not far from whar Marse Looney live. My daddy de only one I knowed on de Lawson place.

"When freedom come, my daddy took de name of Sol Franklin. Dat where my name come from. My daddy s'pose to know his parents an' dat where de name Franklin come from.

"Judge Looney house was a ordinary frame house. Dey was 'bout six or seven rooms in it, an' dey was all under one roof. De dining room an' cook room warn't built off to dey self. It was a raise house. It raise up on high pillars an' dey can drive a hoss an' buggy under de house. He live 'bout a mile or a mile an' a half out in de country on de Fairview Road. He never own no property in de town.

"De slaves dey live in one big slave cabin. It was built out of plank. It warn't a log house. All three of de families live in dat house. It built sorter like a 'partment house. Dey was four rooms in de house. Each family had one room. Dey jes' had a lamp an' a candle for our comfort. It was jes' a li'l ordinary brass lamp. Dey used to make 'em out of wax and tallow. Dey raise dere own bees. When dey rob de bees' gums dey strain de honey out of de comb. Den dey melt de wax with tallow to make it firmer. Dey had de candle molds. Dey have a string for de wick. Dey tie one end of de wick on a stick 'cross de mold so it won't fall down, den

dey pour de melted wax an' tallow in de mold an dey got de candle.

“Dey had a table an' benches in de cabin, too. A chair in a cabin was a rare thing though. Dem what was dere was jes' home make 'round leg chairs. Dey either had split hickory or white oak, or rawhide bottom. Dey have hay mattress on de beds. I never see no moss mattress til I growed up. Lots of times dey go out an' pull up grass to stuff de mattress. When de hay or de grass in 'em git too old dey throw it way an' go pull up more. De ticking was like rice sacks. Burlap was what dey call it. Dat was de principal ticking for de blacks.

“We had mud chim'ly. Dey fix sticks like a ladder. Dey mix mud, an' moss, an' grass in what dey call 'cats'. Dey have rock backs for 'em. An' man, we had a sho' nuff fire in 'em. Put a stick long as me an' big as dat porch post on de fire place. In cold wedder dat las' all day an' all night.

“De beds was make out of plain lumber, slats an' all. Dey didn't have none of dem built-in beds. Dey could move 'em 'round in de cabin.

“Dat was before I's of age to work. I wasn't old 'nough. De white folks never put no 'strictions on us 'til us git to be twelve or fourteen year old.

“When de parents was working in de field dey have somebody to look after de chilluns, either de older chilluns look after de li'l ones or dey have some old person what ain't working in de field.

Dey never left 'em rambling. De mothers what have li'l babies, dey come in an' nuss 'em when de time come. When it so hot in de summer time dey call 'em in from de field an' give 'em two or three hours 'til it git not so hot.

“Old marster didn't have no speculation raisin' cotton (he didn't raise cotton for income.) Oh, he raise a li'l cotton for dey own clothes. Dey used to pick de seed out by hand. Dey didn see it to de gin. Den dey card it an' spin it an' weave it into cloth.

“Dey didn't wear a thing but a straight cut shirt. Dey give de li'l gals a straight-cut slip dress an' li'l panties. In de winter time dey give de boys li'l coat an' pants an' shoes, but dey didn't have no draws or undershirts. Dey give 'em what dey hard russet shoes in winter time. Dey have brass toes on 'em. was plenty durable 'nough. In de summer time dey didn't see no shoe.

“Marster jes' as fine a man as ever made tracks. Christmas time come he give 'em a few dollars an' let 'em go to de store an' buy what de want. He give all de li'l nigger chilluns gifts jes' like he give he own. Den at Christmas time he git a jug of whiskey an' plenty of eggs an' such an' make a big egg-nog for everybody. He treat de cullud folks jes' like he treat he own family. But he a man what never took no lick no other time of de year, jes' Christmas. He sho' give 'em lots to eat at Christmas. But dey always have plenty to eat every day of de year. He treat his hands good. He never beat 'em either.

“Sometime old mistus come out an' call all de li'l darkies in de house where she an' her chillun is an' make 'em all play together. She sorta watch 'em an' see dey all play nice together.

“Us li'l niggers have a tin plate an' a tin cup. Dey never give us no coffee. Us never git none of dat 'til way after freedom come. But dey give us plenty of milk, an' butter an' taters an' such. Us all set on de floor an' go to eating an make 'way with dem rations.

“On holidays dey celebrate de day. Dey didn't make de niggers work 'cepting de few li'l things dat dey have to do every day like cook, an' feed de stock an' de chickens an such on Saturdays too, dey have a half a day off iffen de work wern't too pushing. Dey didn't put 'em in de field like on other days. Sometime in de fall, dey make de slaves have a general cleaning on Saturday. When de leafs was fallin an' de yard git all kiver, with 'em on Saturday morning dey make de niggers git brush brooms, not de regular house brooms, but dey go out an' cut a bunch of li'l branches off de trees an' tie 'em together an' sweep up all de leaves in de yard an' burn 'em.

“On Sunday dey had de whole day off. Dey never done no field work 't all. Dey didn't even do as much work in de house on Sunday. Mistus, she make 'em cook a good supply when dey cooking breakfast, and dey eat a cold dinner an' supper. She done dat so de cooks could have jes' as much time for demselves as dey

could. My ma was a cook. She do washing an' ironing, too, but she never do no field work.

"Dey had a li'l church house for de darkeys an' dey had preaching an' church in de afternoon. Dey never had no morning church. When dey start preach in de afternoon dey preach on into de night lots of times, an' sing an' pray. Dey was a cullud preacher what preach for 'em but he couldn' read. He jes' preach from natural wit an' what he learn from de white folks. De whole outfit profess to be Baptist. I never heard of no other name in slavery times.

"I tell you 'bout de marriage business in dem days. Dat went through by what de marster say. Iffen de feller want to marry a gal he have to take de matter up to headquarters. But de marster he mostly say 'Yes' 'thout waiting 'cause de marrying mean more niggers for him coming on.

"De white folks always perform some ceremony. Marster he usually git a alderman or a clergyman or a judge to come out an' marry 'em. He stand up an' de man an' woman dey stand up, an' he read de paper an' dat de way dey git marry on old marster place.

"Iffen de man live on one place an' he wife live on another he have to git a pass to see her. Any nigger what want to leave de place have to git a pass 'cause iffen he don't de patter-rollers dey git him. Dey ride 'round de country an' pick up niggers what off dey place. Dey beat 'em iffen dey catch 'em 'cause dey ain't supposed to be away afternigh 'thout de pass.

"De darkies used to have balls an' frolics in dey cabins. But iffen I want to go to a frolic on another plantation I got to git a pass. De reason of dat pass business was to catch runaway niggers. Some of 'em run away 'cause dey been treat bad. Dey catch a nigger at night 'cause he might be a runaway.

"I never hear of 'em stealin' niggers, jes' taking 'em 'way from dere marster, but I hear of 'em stealing like dis' way. Sometime dey was a runaway darkey. Maybe he go fifty or a hundred mile away. He show up dere as a stray slave. Dat marster way off, he take care of de nigger so long, den he lay claim to him. Dat call harborin' a nigger. Dey uster put a gal or a woman on a block an' have a regular auction an' bid 'em off to de highest bidder. Dat was bad 'cause it split up de fam'ly. Sometime dey have a woman an' her daughter an' de sell de daughter first to one man an' de mother she be weeping an' crying 'cause dey sell de daughter to somebody else an' she ain't seen 'em no more maybe.

"Dey was lots of places whar de young marsters have heirs by darkey gals. Dey sell 'em jes' like de other slaves. Dat was pretty common. It seem like de white women didn't mind dat. Dey didn't object 'cause dat mean more slaves.

"De uster go hunting in dem days. Old marster he had a rifle. He buy a old gun what he call a carbine. Den he have some muskets. Dem was old cap an' ball muskets. Dey put in de powder den you put in de wad an' jam it down with a rod, den you put in de ball an' some more wadding. Den dey put a cap on a li'l pipe at de back 'em of de musket. Dey had two kinds of cap, G.D. an' waterproof.

"Sometimes de white folks have a big deer drive. Some of de niggers or some of de whites go down in de bottom to drive de deers up. Dey rid big fine hosses. Dat start de deers running an' dey drive 'em by de stand whar de rest of de white folks was, an' dey shoot 'em. Dey raise dere own dogs. Marster sh' careful 'bout he hounds. Dey was jes' common hounds but he choose 'em careful an' train 'em good. He treat 'em good too. He have something cook regular for 'em. Dey was useful, too, to hunt other thing. Dey was foxes an' wolfs an' plenty of dem kinds of varmints.

"I seen sojers by de thousands. I was jes' a li'l bit of a debble. I used to run up to de fence an' peep through 'em. Dat was befo' de war when dey was gwine to de war, an' at de break up when it was done over. Dey wasn' no fighting anywhere near where I was.

"Old marster, old marster. Dat what dey allus call him. Marster not 'mister'. It was allus 'Old Marster' an' dat was always consider 'propriate.

"When 'mancipation come out an' was declare dat marster must turn all he slaves loose, he come to de back door, an' come down with de paper. He call for all de niggers to come 'round. He call 'em all by name an' say, 'You free. De war is over. You all got no house. You kin stay here an' go on like you was before. De do same thing what you been doing, but I pay you money'.

“Marster he furnish ’em wid everything dey need an’ give ’em part of de crop. Each one take so much. He divide up de litters of pigs ’mongst ’em. Dat de way dey share de crop. At first he didn’t commence taking out for ration. He give ’em a start. Den after two or three year he commence taking out for dere food an’ boots an’ clothes an’ such.

“I never heard of Sunday School but it was a common thing for ’em to have prayer meetings in de cabins. Dat was ’lowed to ’em. Dey could visit de neighbors for a prayer meeting.

“When a cullud person die, little or big, dey always have a man sufficient to make a coffin. It was jes’ made out of common board. De principle shroud was a nice white sheet.

“Dey put nice clothes on de corpse. Dey didn’t put on no shoes on it but dey put de socks on. De white folks give de nice clothes to bury him in an’ dey usually give ’em white gloves. Dey was mighty nice ’bout it. Every coffin was home-made, an’ lined with plain black cloth.

“De night de person die dey have a wake. Dey sing an’ pray all night long. Dey all very ’ligions (religious) in dere profession. De white folks ’lowed ’em to carry on. Dey never come out an’ say dey didn’t want all dat fuss. An’ dat go on all night long. It hardly ever cease.

“Dey knock off all work so all niggers could go to de burying. Dey have a small place set aside for dat. Dey sing an’ pray. Dey always had some old cullud clergyman in de neighborhood an’ dey send an’ fetch him for de funeral.

“De white folks uster ’low ’em to hold frolics like, an’ ball on de plantation. Den dey ’vite other darkies from other places.

Dey was usually somebody ’round wid a violin or a banjo or a win’jammer. You dunno what a win’jammer is? Dat’s a ’corjin (accordian). Sometime they jes’ have one piece. Sometime dey git all together but dat a rare thing. When dey git ’em all together dey say dey got a string band.

“Dey dance out on de grass, forty or fifty darkeys. Dem big gals eighteen an’ nineteen year old git out dere an’ go to dancin’ barefoot as a goose. Dat weren’t ’cause dey didn’t have no shoes but it jes’ de habit of de times.

“Sometime dey call for a jig dance. Den one person or not over two get out dere an’ jig dance. It usually one person done it. An’ I mean some of ’em sho’ dance dat jig dance too.

“When dey dancin’ on de floor dey was from four to eight couple. Sometimes dey was two at de head an’ two at de foot an’ two on each side. Dey all stand ’round dere each with he gal, waiting for de music for to start. Dey have what dey call a ‘prompter’ for to call de figgers. He say, ‘All git ready’. De dey start de music an’ he holler out, ‘All balance’, an’ dey put de feets to de front. Den he sing out, ‘Swing you pardner an’, dey grab dere pardner an’ swing ’round. Sometimes he say ‘Fus’ man head off to de right’, an’ dey go off dat way. When he tell ’em to ‘All promenade’, dey goes ’round in a circle. Iffen he say, ‘Change pardners’, dey do dat an’ keep on changing pardners again. Dere was lots of different members what he call.

“Dey was one t’ing what dey dance call ‘bird in de cage’. Dey be three of ’em join hands ’round a gal in de middle an’ dey dance ’round, den she come out an’ her pardner git in an’ she tek his place in de ring an dey dance dat way awhile.

“Dey got to break up de dance at twelve o’clock. Iffen dey don’t do dat, after twelve o’clock de patter-rollers go huntin’ for ’em.

“De white folks let ’em all enjoy deyself. Dey have plenty for ’em to eat. Sometime dey give ’em chicken, an’ popcorn an’ peanut. Dey give ’em tater, an’ milk, an’ butter, an’ meat, an’ such an’ dey all have a big time an’ ’joy demself lots.

“After freedom turn us loose, dey put us up in a school. De school house was jes’ a log cabin house. Sometime dey teach under a brush arbor. De first teacher I ever had was a cullud lady name Mary Chapman. She got her learning from her white folks in slavery. I ’members I have to study in de old blueback speller. I plum wore it out tryin’ to learn A-B-C’s. I never went to none of dem teachers from de north. De next teacher was name Mr. Griffin. He was a white man. I dunno where he from. ’Nother teacher was a black man name

McClennan. Dem was free school.

“Dey was number of de Ku Klux in Louisiana. I didn’t see ’em to know ’em. Cose I reckon I see ’em an’ pass ’em by long de roads but I didn’t know ’em ’cause dey was jes’ going ’bout dere business like de other folks, an’ dress up in dey everyday clothes. No sir, dey never harass me. Dey never did bother nobody ’round where I was.

“I was raise up on a truck farm an’ I been farming an’ trucking mos’ all my life.

“I left Caddo parish in 1877 an’ went to Galveston. I was dere jes’ a short time, jes’ ’bout 24 hours. I left dere on a four mast schooner an’ went to Leesburg, Louisiana up Culcusho (Calcasieu) River. Den I left dere an’ went to Cameron Parish on de Gulf of Mexico. I stay dere till 1879. I come here to Beaumont den an’ here I been ever since.

“I belong to several lodges. I joined de Knights of Labor, an’ de Knights of Honor an’ de Pilgrims. I never hold no office. I was jes’ a bench member. I’s a member of de Live Lake Missionary Baptist Church.

“I git marry to Manda Watson way back in 1882. She been dead now since Oct. 21, 1932. Us never have no chillun but I raise up two chillun for her. An’ I raise dere offspring of de second generation, too. But me an’ ’Manda, us never did ’cumulate a child.

“When us get marry I was working for Mr. J. B. Goodhue in de Crosby House. Me an’ my wife, we was both of us working dere at de time. I was working in the dining room an’ she was working in de laundry. Us get marry in dining room of de hotel one morning right after breakfast. Dey call in a old cullud preacher, de Rev. Elder Venable, an’ he marry us. He was jes’ as black as a crow. He dead now a long time. De guests an’ owners of de house come in to see us git marry an’ dey help us. Us had a li’l wine to drink an’ den us go on an’ tend to our work. I didn’t get marry like dey did in slavery time. I’s got a great big marriage certificate hanging on de wall of my room at home.

“I’s got a big house of my own. It on de corner of Roberts Avenue an’ San Antonio Street. After my wife die I get a man to come an’ live dere with me. Dey’s jes’ me an’ him dere by usselfs.

Hatcher, Letha K., PW Jasper, District #3 (2-11-41 No)

See 1880 Census, Texas Jefferson County, Beaumont, District 40, page 175B, Ennumerated as a boarder with Matilda Good age 45, black.

See 1920 U.S. Census, Texas, Jefferson County, Beaumont, ED# 95, page 1A, 2110 Robert Street, listed with grandchildren. Wife listed as Amanda A. Franklin.

Will of John Franklin, Sr. of Burke County, North Carolina

Surviving wills of Burke County, North Carolina, “Will of John Franklin (Sr)”, original in North Carolina State Archives, (C.R. 014.801.1), Raleigh, North Carolina. This person and his descendants have claimed to be closely related to the famous statesman. In FFRU Volume 6 there is an analysis of this theory which shows that he is not kin to the statesman. Volume 6 also includes his lineage. This Will has never been published in FFRU, so I present it here now. Copies of this Will have previously appeared in *Franklin Fireplace*, pages 124-125 and in *The Franklin genealogy*, edited by “The Franklin clan” as compiled by Gurney J. Franklin. 2nd ed.; Linville Falls, North Carolina, 1977-1988, Vol 1, page 1.

In the name of God, Amen. - I John Franklin Senior of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina being in perfect health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory (Thanks be to God for His mercies) do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament and do hereby disallow, disannul and revoke all other and former wills and testaments by me made heretofore. After recommending my soul to God through Jesus Christ His Son and my Savior, my will is, and I do hereby direct my body to be buried in a decent orderly and Christian like manner as my Executor hereafter to be named may think proper and fit.

My will is and I do hereby devise and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Phoebe Franklin all my household furniture entire (one feather bed and furniture excepted) my stock of cattle, one sheep, some hogs, one

horse creature to her heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise and bequeath unto my son John Franklin a tract of two hundred acres of land heretofore conveyed to him by deed, this being intended to confirm to him and his heirs forever the said land.

My will is and I do devise unto my son David Franklin one hundred acres of land being the same I purchased of my son John Franklin, let the same be more or less to him my son David and his heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise and bequeath unto my son Moses Franklin one hundred acres of land to be the same I purchased of Tindall Sutherland lying on the lower creek to him and his heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Franklin, a tract of land containing two hundred and twenty one acres being part of two grants originally granted to me from the state and by me conveyed to the said Jonathan on the first day of the present month to be the same more or less this bequest being intended to confirm the said deed of conveyance and everything therefrom the life estate in the said land which was conveyed by the said Jonathan to my wife, Phoebe Franklin and myself on the second day of this present month.

I also devise and bequeath unto my said son Jonathan Franklin all my farming tools and the residue of my estate which may or shall not be willed to him and his heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise and bequeath unto my son Samuel Franklin one hundred acres off the west side of the three hundred and twenty acre tract on which I reside and which was on the first day of this month surveyed and laid off by William W. Erwin. Beginning on a hickory the Southwest corner of the tract and Joining said Erwin's line and running east 108 poles to a white oak on the side of a hill then north 150 poles to two sourwoods close by the roadside going to James Kincaid then west 108 poles to a pine the northwest corner of the old survey thence to the beginning to be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise and bequeath unto my granddaughter Polly Franklin (and daughter of Jonathan Franklin) who now lives with me one feather bed and furniture to be taken out of the furniture of the house willed to my wife Phebe and accepted in the bequest to my said wife, to her heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise and bequeath unto my daughters, Jemima, Phebe, Ann, Lydia, Mary and Rachel two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50), each to be paid to them and each to them and their heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise that my executor pay all my Just debts the expenses of my burial and the legacies which are to be paid in money to the legates and out of any monies that may be upon hand debts due and owing to me and to be made out of my property not willed and further my son Jonathan who I intended to make my sole executor I do direct that he pay the balance of any out of the Chattell estate willed him.

My will is and I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Jonathan Franklin my sole executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this the fourth day of June Anno Domini 1813.

January 1819

John Franklin

Seal Executed.

Will of Phebe Franklin

Quoting from FFRU, Volume 6: "...an old "huzzy-poke" (a pouch or drawstring bag) was found in recent years when an old Franklin log cabin was dismantled in Burke County, North Carolina. Inside was a copy of the will of Phoebe Franklin, John's widow, dated 19 Jul 1820."

Know all men by these presents that, I, Phebe Franklin of the county of Burke for and in consideration of my son, Samuel Franklin, maintaining me during the course of my natural life and held and firmly bound to have delivered immediately before my decease unto the said Samuel Franklin, his heirs and assigns for ever the following property ver, one horse and all the cows belonging unto me the said Phebe Franklin as also all

the hogs and sheep to me at present belonging--as also one half (1/2) of the pewter ware also all the beds and bedding with the exclusion of one bed and bed clothes-and all and every article of household furniture to me as present belongings which has been left to me the said Phebe Franklin at the decease of my husband, John Franklin, and the bed mentioned and the other half of the pewter that I am not bound to give or deliver unto the said Samuel Franklin, is to be delivered to my daughter, Phebe, at my decease.

In witness I have hereunto ascribed my name affixed my seal this 19th day of July 1820.

Witness

James A. Conway

her
Phebe X Franklin
mark

And further my wearing apparel which I have not mentioned is to be delivered to my daughter, Phebe Franklin at my decease.

Witness

James A. Conway

her
Phebe X Franklin
mark

And further do forever the said Samuel Franklin, my said son to procure the note of David Franklin for the sum of ten dollars, money lent by me to him, the said, David Franklin have, and pay also pay that to the said Samuel Franklin.

Phebe Franklin

Samuel Franklin

December 18, 1820

Witness

J. H. Conway

her
Phebe X Franklin
mark

Will of Samuel Franklin

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Franklin in the name of God Amen and this my last will and testament.

I do give and bequeath to my son David Franklin all my goods, chattels, land and tenements to him and his heirs forever - and I request that the said David Franklin will pay all my just debts as well my own debts as also my debts of security for any persons which I am bound to pay. I am induced to give my property to my son David for the good reason that he has to support and take care of his mother and me and has had to do so for som time.

Given under my hand and seal this the 18th day of October 1853. I appoint David Franklin my executor.

his
Samuel Franklin seal
mark

Attest

Wm. B. Avery

One other signature, illegible

Franklins of Greene County, Iowa

Submitted by Diane Blankenbeckler <diane_blankenbeckler@hotmail.com>. "I hope this information may be of some help to a future researcher. The original question was on the Franklin surname board. I wanted to give you some information I have in case there are others looking for this line. The following is from the *Biographical Sketches Greene County Iowa, 1887*"

Francis Marion Franklin is the leading furniture dealer of Jefferson, his business being located on the north-east side of the square. He engaged in his present business 28 Jun 1875, succeeding Henry Bowman. It was the first establishment of the kind in Jefferson. He had both a jobbing and a wholesale trade. Mr. Franklin is a son of one of the pioneers of Greene County. His father, William A. Franklin, settled on Section 123, in what is now Franklin Township in 1855. He was the third settler in the township, which was named in honor of himself. He was a native of North Carolina, and when a boy, removed with his parents to South Carolina, thence to the State of Indiana, where he married Margaret Brown. Soon after his marriage, about 1844, he removed to Muscatine County, this state, where he entered several hundred acres of land, and resided there until he came to Greene County, 28 Apr 1855. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Franklin had eight children, three of whom died young. Mrs. Serilda Robinson died, leaving a family.¹⁴ The surviving children are James B., a farmer of Franklin Township, William L., who resides on the homestead where the mother still lives;¹⁵ Francis M. and Sarah V. The latter is the wife of F. L. Robertson and lives in Oregon. Our subject was born in Muscatine, Iowa 1846. He married Anise Caroline Scott, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Scott, who was born in Indiana, where her father died. Her mother, with two sons and four daughters came to Iowa when Mrs. Franklin was a child. The eldest daughter, Nancey, was killed by the kick of a horse while the family were en route to Iowa. Mrs. Franklin is the only child left in Greene County. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin have two sons- William Isaac and Vincent V. Eddie W. died in infancy (note: William I. is my grandfather, Vincent died at age 21) Mr. Franklin's parents were very highly esteemed in their community, and though the father long since passed away, the remembrance of him still survives. His aged wife is still left, a worthy representative of that grand old pioneer element that is fast passing away.

14. This matches the name "Sarilda age 16" in the 1850 Census. This would mean that she was born in 1834, and probably died before the 1860 census, where it appears that her children, Theodore Robinson and "S." Robinson, were enumerated in the family of her parents. - Ed.
15. See the 1880 Census entry for "Lindsey Franklin" found below.

Some of what is written about William A. Franklin: born in North Carolina, 1 Dec 1808, a son of John E. and Marian (Ashburn) Franklin¹⁶ (note the spellings, this is how it is in all of our family papers, the father being a son of James and Ruth (Lewis) Franklin, of England, and the mother a daughter of Denison Ashburn. Mr. Franklin was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Brown, a native of Tennessee, born in May 1811, a daughter of William L. and Clara (Williams) Brown, her father being a native of Virginia and her mother born in North Carolina, a daughter of William and Margaret (Peterson) Williams. Mr. Franklin came to Greene County, Iowa, in an early day and entered and bought 800 acres of land.

William and Margaret Franklin are interred in the Franklin Township Cemetery. Francis Marion, his sons William I. and Vincent, Anise Franklin and my father William Benjamin Franklin are in the family vault that F. M. had built when Vincent died. It is located in the Jefferson, Iowa Cemetery.

Another son of William A's, William L., went to Pikes Peak in 1860. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry. He was at the battle of Cross-Roads and was taken prisoner at the battle of Al-latoona, Georgia. He was confined for six months then escaped and was wounded in the escape. He made his way to North Carolina and the Union troops. William L. married Consignee T. Roberts of Kentucky, 20 Feb 1853. Her parents were George and Nancy Roberts.

Associated Census Records

1850 Federal Census, Iowa, Muscatine County, Sweetland Township, page 457 line 39:

William A. Franklin 43m farmer born NC; Margaret 38f born TN; Sarilda 16f born IN; James B. 14m born IN; William L. 13m born IN; Clara 8f born IL; Francis M. 4m born IA; Margaret 6/12f born IA.

1860 Federal Census of Iowa, Greene County, Washington Township, page 463, line 22:

William A. Franklin 53m farmer born NC; Margaret 50f born TN; W. L. 22m teamster born IN; Francis 13m born IA; W. T. Holler 13m born IN; Theodore Robinson 4m born MO; S. Robinson 3f born IA; Viola Franklin 7f born IA; Susan Wiscup 15f born OH domestic.

1870 Federal census of Greene County, Iowa. Washington Township, page 53, line 28

William T.¹⁷ Franklin 30m w Miller born IN, Conseignee 19f w born TN; Baby 1/12f w born IA.

1870 Federal census of Greene County, Iowa. Washington Township, page 55, line 18, HH 173/173

James B. Franklin 33m w Farmer R.E.\$4000/P.P. \$400 born IN; Leach 34f w born PA; William 11m w born IA; Clara 10f w born IA; Rachel 8f w born IA; Joseph E. 7m w born IA; Margaret 5f w born IA.

16. Enock Franklin married Mariam Ashburn on 06 Aug 1806 in Stokes County, North Carolina. If this is a match, then his name would be John Enoch Franklin. -Ed.

17. His should be William "T.", however this census looks like a "L." to me - Ed.

1880 Census, Iowa, Greene County, Jefferson, Page 281B							
Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birth-place	Occupation
Francis M. Franklin	Self	M	Male	W	35	IA	Furniture Dealer
Anise C. Franklin	Wife	M	Female	W	34	IN	Keeping House
William I. Franklin	Son	S	Male	W	12	IA	At School
Vincin Franklin	Son	S	Male	W	2	IA	
James M. Anderson	Other	S	Male	W	21	IA	School Teacher

1880 Census, Iowa, Greene County, Jefferson, Page 337B							
Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birth-place	Occupation
James Franklin	Self	M	Male	W	43	IN	Farmer
Leah Franklin	Wife	M	Female	W	44	PA	Keeping House
Arthur Franklin	Son		Male	W	21	IA	At School
Clara Franklin	Dau		Female	W	18	IA	No Occupation
Rachael Franklin	Dau		Female	W	17	IA	
Joseph Franklin	Son		Male	W	16	IA	Farm Laborer
Maggie Franklin	Dau		Female	W	14	IA	At School
Minnie Franklin	Dau	S	Female	W	8	IA	
Della Franklin	Dau	S	Female	W	5	IA	
Isaih Franklin	Son	S	Male	W	3	IA	
Rachael Deemer	MotherL	W	Female	W	75	PA	No Occupation

1880 Census, Iowa, Greene County, Franklin, Page 340C							
Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birth-place	Occupation
Lindsey Franklin ^a	Self	M	Male	W	41	IN	Farmer
C. R. Franklin	Wife	M	Female	W	28	KY	Keeping House
Lillie Franklin	Dau	S	Female	W	9	IA	
George Franklin	Son	S	Male	W	4	IA	
Halsey Franklin	Son	S	Male	W	2	IA	
Margaret Franklin	Mother		Female	W	72	TN	
G. C. Roberts	BroL	S	Male	W	21	IA	Farm Laborer
Obed Wisner	Other	S	Male	W	18	NY	Farm Laborer

- a. It appears that this Lindsey in th1880 Census and William L. listed above variously, are the same person. William L. married Consignee Roberts. Note that Margaret Franklin in this family matches William L.'s mother. Also note the the head of household's brother-in-law is named "G. C. Roberts."

Cemetery Records of Greene County, Iowa

This information is from records gathered by the WPA Graves Registration Project. Washington, D.C.:n.p. This section was entitled: "Tomb Stone[sic] Records of Greene County, Iowa"

Name	Birth	Death	Cemetery	Notes
Corrignee T. Franklin	1852	1930	Jefferson	
F. M. Franklin	No Date	No Date	Jefferson	
J. B. Franklin	1837	28 Jan 1920	Franklin twp.	
Leah Franklin	1836	14 Apr 1900	Franklin twp.	
W. L. Franklin	1839	03 May 1912	Jefferson	Co. E 39th Ia. inf.

Greene County, Iowa Marriages

Greene County was formed in 1851 from the unorganized Delaware and Polk counties and from Dallas County. The records from the county in this database cover the years 1854 through 1900.

Original data: Greene County, Iowa Marriages, 1854-1900. County court records located at Jefferson, Iowa or FHL #1034209-1034210 and #1531414.

Husband	Wife	Date
Franklin, James B.	Deemer, Leah	8 Jul 1858
Franklin, Washington	Terpin, Elizabeth	5 Apr 1858
Franklin, Moses	Walton, Mary E.	15 Sep 1864
Franklin, F. M.	Scott, Anice	12 Apr 1866
Franklin, Andrew J.	Taylor, Emily	8 Feb 1867
Roberts, F. L.	Franklin, Sarah Viola	10 Jan 1869

Husband	Wife	Date
Franklin, William L.	Roberts, Consignee F.	19 Sep 1869
Franklin, Noah	Franklin, Elizabeth	16 Jul 1870
Franklin, John	Barthlow, Sarah E.	21 Nov 1874
Crocker, I. W.	Franklin, Clara I.	3 Oct 1883
Vancleave, John Riley	Franklin, Rachell I.	30 Jan 1884
Heater, Thomas W.	Franklin, Maggie R.	29 Nov 1885
Franklin, J. E.	Roberts, Rosa	28 Oct 1886
Thorp, Amasa E.	Franklin, Lillie E.	18 Sep 1889
Lieberknecht, B. F.	Franklin, Della V.	12 Mar 1896

Arkansas Newspaper Abstracts

These abstracts are from a book *Arkansas Newspaper Abstracts 1819-1845* by James Logan Morgan. The actual articles can be found in the Arkansas Gazette microfilm. Unfortunately, he didn't give page and column. If one had the page and col, then the actual articles could be ordered from the History Commission in Little Rock.

Thomas B. Franklin, aged 64; died Sept 14, 1829 at his residence on Bayou Saline, Clark County, Arkansas. *Arkansas Gazette* 3 Nov 1829.

(T. B. Franklin was one of the first settlers in Bradley County, Arkansas. Believe his stone is broken and the date of death inconclusive at Franklin Cemetery. The stone may well be destroyed by now. At the time of his death, Bradley County was a part of Clark County)

Thomas Franklin, 42 yrs, 2 mos; died January 7, 1837 in Union County, Arkansas, *Arkansas Gazette* Feb. 7, 1837.

Thomas Franklin, deceased. Prosper Lavilian (male) and Felicity Franklin (female) appointed administrators 14 Sep 1837 Union County. *Arkansas Gazette* 17 Oct 1837.

Queries

Please note: If I know the snail-mail address, it is listed, otherwise I have listed the Email address of the author of the query. If you want to get in touch with someone and can't, please contact me - Ed.

I am seeking information about Thomas Franklin born about 1770. He married Hannah Sibley. They resided in Allen County, Ohio, where local history says that he came from Tioga County, New York. I have thus far been unable to find him there. Family stories state that he is related to the famous statesman!

Thanks!

Tami Sherrill 6107 - 137th Pl SW, Edmonds, WA 98026-3315 <sherrill50@juno.com>

Editors's Response: This line is mentioned in previous volumes of FFRU: Pedigree, page 174; Vol 11, page 28: an article by Tami). Several other volumes have queries by Tami, also.

India Finnetti Franklin, born 1900, Bedford or Roanoke County, Virginia
William R. Franklin, born 1878, Virginia, married Lydia Ann Loyd

William's father was either William A. Franklin or Joel Franklin. William lived on the Morgan's Mill land on Beaver Dam Creek, Bedford County, Virginia. Need proof of who his father really was. Any help appreciated.

I have a marriage record for William R. Franklin and Lydia Ann Loyd that says that William R's parents were William A. and Jennie Franklin. Then, later, I ran across the census report that you just sent me and I started believing that Joel M. might be his father. So, I am in the process of scaring up rabbits, in hopes of something to substantiate this pops up.

Keep me in mind.

Hope you are well and happy. God bless you, Flo.

Florence Cox <Cox2410@bellsouth.net>

Editor's Response: Here is a possible match in the 1880 Census:

1880 Census, Virginia, Bedford County, Chamblissburgh, Page 43A							
Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birth-place	Occupation
Joel M. Franklin	Self	M	Male	W	42	VA	Farmer
Anna T. Franklin	Wife	M	Female	W	31	VA	Keeping House
William R. Franklin	Son	S	Male	W	2	VA	
Jenetta Franklin	Mother	W	Female	W	60	VA	At Home

Have you checked *Tombstone inscriptions of Bedford, Virginia (both city and county)* written by the DAR in 1941?

Have you found India in the 1910 Census? Ancestry has:
Bedford County, Virginia

India F. Franklin; Age: 09; Color: W; Enumeration District: 3; Birth Place: Virginia Visit: 0115; Relation: Granddaughter; Head of Household James E. Loyd

In looking at the 1900 Census for Chamblissburg, Bedford County, District 2, ED 3, page 27A, there is a William and Mary Franklin with a son named William (born May 1885)

Your William R. is found in District 3, ED3, Page12B. It includes Lillian A., and Ora B.

The William A. and Mary J. with granddaughter Rose B. found on page 17B seems to be a pretty good match for the names found below. Note that they were married for 33 years in 1900, which is a possible match for William R., age 32. Note that she had 4 children, 4 of whom are still alive, which also matches...

I did not find a a good match in the 1880 for this William, although there was a partial match in Dinwiddie County, Virginia.

My father's paternal grandmother is the daughter of Jacob and Jeanzy Franklin. Her name was Cordelia Jane Franklin (born 22 Apr 1865; died 23 Apr 1955). She married Henry Rufus Ratcliff (born 15 Mar 1861; died 29 Oct 1946). My father's maternal grandmother is Adella Franklin and she married Ephriam Esau Bass. Adella and Cordelia are first cousins. I'm not sure which of Jacob's brothers is Adella's father. Any help would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to say that Jacob and Jeanzy are both buried in LaSalle Parish. My dad says where they are buried is called Jake's Field near where his gristmill stood and they are the only two graves there. He said that his Grandpa Jake was a gristman and ground corn into meal for people. When he died they used the stone from the gristmill to mark the graves. The stone was stolen in the early 1980's.

My paternal gggrandfather is Jacob Bates Franklin (1830-1905) and married Virginia "Jeanzy" Baum in 1853. He was the son of Ralph Franklin (1798-1860) and Tabitha Calloway (born 1798). My gggrandparents, Jacob and Jeanzy are buried in LaSalle Parish (was Catahoula Parish until 1910). I am trying to find out any info on his brothers because one of his nieces is also my maternal gggrandmother. Her name is Adella Franklin and she married Ephriam Esau Bass (not sure which of Jacob's sons was her father) and my paternal gggrandmother is Cordelia Jane Franklin who married Henry Rufus Ratcliff. I think Adella's father might have been Daniel but I'm not sure. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

[additional info sent later...]

I have found out their names through other relatives who answered my posted messages. The only side I haven't been able to find is Henry Rufus Ratcliff, but have some leads. Thanks for all your help. I have referred several people to the Franklin book.

I also wanted to let you know that I found out more about Virginia "Jeanzy" Baum. She was born Mar 1837 in Mississippi. She married Jacob Bates Franklin in Catahoula Parish on 20 Aug 1853. She died about 1920.

Her father was William Elisah Lot Baum born about 1814 in Louisiana and died about 1866. His parents were Alexander Baum and Hannah Miller.

Jeanzy's mother was Sarah Dancer. She was born about 1814 in Mississippi. It's thought her parents were Ulrich Dancer and Sally White who were married on 25 Aug 1813 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

William and Sarah were married 17 Jul 1836 in Woodville, Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

Sarah died before April, 1861. We know this because William married a widow, Louisa Achord Sills at that time. Thanks again for all the info you gave me. It has given me ways to find out other information.

Patricia Specht <pspecht@hotmail.com>

Editor's Reponse: Your Adella Franklin (born in 1874 in Louisiana) was the daughter of Daniel Chester Franklin (born May 1828 in Rankin County, Mississippi), and Mary/Lydia _____. Daniel Chester died 1910.

For more on the ancestry of these two lines, see FFRU Volume 23. The entire volume (108 pages) is dedicated to their lineage. The descendency of these people has not been published in FFRU. If you would like to share an article, GEDCOM, or query, I would be happy to include it.

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