

GENEALOGY

OF THE

DAVIDSON FAMILY

OF THE

DUCK RIVER VALLEY

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## INTRODUCTORY.

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To the Clan Davidson:

We, your committee, wish to say that in preparing this report we have used our best efforts to gather facts and items of interest in regard to our forefathers, and in this research have discovered nothing but what reflects credit upon them. We descend from a hardy, bold, and patriotic ancestry, who were prominent in their time, and who were ever ready with trusty rifle or flashing blade to defend their homes, their firesides, and their country from the painted savage or British arms. They were Scotch-Irish. We descend from patriots who played an active part in the Revolutionary War and who won for us a record that we can justly be proud of.

Trusting that the younger generation will take up this work and add an additional page from time to time and teach each connecting link to their children, we are, respectfully,

Your committee,

(MRS.) EDE D. NEIL.  
JOHN Q. DAVIDSON.  
HUGH DAVIDSON.

## THE DAVIDSON FAMILY.

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### JOHN DAVIDSON (The First).

The first Davidson that we have any record of in America is JOHN DAVIDSON (The First), ~~one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence~~; and he is the one from whom we of the "Duck River Clan" descend. His wife was a Mrs. Morrison, who married her first husband in Ireland, against the wishes of her family, and afterwards came to America. Morrison died, leaving her poor, with an infant son. In the course of time she met John Davidson (The First), to whom she was married. This John and a brother, George, came from Pennsylvania to Iredell County, N. C., about 1748, and resided near Center Church. They were Scotch-Irish. John was the father of five sons—William, George, Samuel, Thomas, and "One-eyed" John. There were also three daughters—Rachel, Peggy, and Betty. <sup>4</sup> As before stated, John Davidson was one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and was a Major in a North Carolina regiment commanded by Col. Adam Alexander, in which he rendered faithful service to his country in freeing it from British rule. He certainly was a brave, fearless, and independent patriot, and a leading citizen; and we have just cause to boast of the fact that we descend from patriots that aided in establishing the best Government ever known. A monument has been erected at Charlotte, N. C., upon which his name, with those of the other signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration, appears.

### MAJ. WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

The next in line is MAJ. WILLIAM DAVIDSON, eldest son of John Davidson (The First). His wife was Margaret McConnell. By this union there were nine children—John, Hugh, George, William Mitchell, Samuel, Mary, Betsy, Sallie, and Ruth. William Davidson, like his father, was a patriot in every sense of the word, and was by appointment of the Provincial Congress, April 22, 1776, a Major in the Fourth North Carolina Regiment. He was a member of the Continental Congress from North Carolina from 1818 to 1821, and was also the first Senator in the Legislature of North Carolina from the county of Buncombe. The county of Buncombe was organized at his home, and the first County Court was held there. From an old record we get the following:

“B.”

“North Carolina, Buncombe County, April 16th, A.D. 1792.—Agreeable to a commission to us directed, the County Court of said county was begun, opened, and held at the house of Col. William Davidson, Esq. Present: James Davidson, David Vance, William Whitson, William Davidson, James Alexander, James Brittain, Philip Hoodenpile.”

He was also a member of the Committee of Safety for Rowan County. At a meeting of this committee held on Wednesday, November 8, 1775, we find the following resolution:

“Resolved, That John Brevard, John Dickey, Moses Winsley, and Hugh Brevard, or any three of them, attend at Capt. William Davidson's, on the 20th instant, to see that the company of minute men, whom he has enlisted, are embodied, and able, effective men, and make report to the next committee.”

An old family record shows that William Davidson died May 16, 1814, aged 78 years. His wife, Margaret (McCon-

nell) Davidson, died November 13, 1806, aged 58 years; yet the monument erected by the D. A. R.'s gives the year of his death as 1810. The following is a copy of what appears on his monument:

“ MAJ. WM. DAVIDSON.

1744-1810.

Soldier of the Revolution.

House of Commons, 1790.

Senate, 1792.

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One of the earliest settlers of the French Broad Valley. He was prominent in the organization of Buncombe County.”

On the reverse side:

“ Erected by the  
D. A. R.”

From a paper written by Robert B. Davidson after a visit to Asheville, N. C., in 1870, we copy the following:

“ Our grand uncle, Samuel Davidson, was killed by the Indians about the year 1776. He had worked his horse all day, and turned him out to grass at night. Next morning he walked out to get his horse, and had not been long gone until his wife heard the sound of a rifle shot; and, taking the alarm, she snatched up her infant daughter, Ruth, and, leaving the path, she made her way across the Blue Ridge about twenty miles to a fort on its eastern slope. A negro woman left about the same time, and made her way back to the fort along the path. The alarm was given, and two or three of those living at or near the fort went in search of the body, and found it. The infant, Ruth, grew up and married James Wilson; and some time in the present century they settled in Williamson County, Tenn., where their descendants now live, a highly respected family. About fifteen years ago (in 1855) Mack Gudger, plowing in a field near where Samuel Davidson was

killed by the Indians, found a polished stone on which is rudely cut 'D. S., 1775,' and on the opposite side 'S. D.' These letters are supposed to stand for 'Daniel Smith' and 'Samuel Davidson.' Gudger gave me the stone."

Hugh Davidson is now the possessor of this stone, which he values highly.

Samuel Davidson married Miss — Smith, and Daniel Smith (her brother) married Davidson's sister, Mary. Daniel Smith was a celebrated frontiersman and Indian fighter.

In "King's Mountain and Its Heroes" the following appears:

"A little incident, worthy of relation, occurred while the British troops were encamped at William Davidson's place. A soldier was tempted to kill a chicken and enjoy a savory meal; but he was discovered by Mrs. Davidson, who reported the theft to Ferguson. He had the culprit punished, and gave the good lady a dollar in compensation for the loss. This was certainly creditable to Ferguson's sense of justice; but it was, like an oasis in the desert, a circumstance of very unfrequent occurrence."

This Mrs. Davidson was Margaret McConnell, wife of William Davidson, our ancestor, and must have been a woman of considerable courage, as Ferguson was known as "The Great Wolf of North Carolina," who often showed his bloodthirsty temper.

On another occasion, while the British were on the lookout for "rebels," they went to the home of William Davidson; and young Morrison, her husband's half-brother, attempted to frighten her into revealing the hiding place of her husband by pointing a gun at her in a threatening manner. He failed to get any information.

By way of explanation we will say that some of the "Duck River" branch of Davidsons have been a little confused by the fact that there were two William Davidsons, which can

be easily explained. We descend from William Davidson, son of John Davidson (The First). Gen. William Lee Davidson, who was killed at Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781, while resisting the advance of the British forces, under command of Colonel Hall, was a son of George Davidson, brother of John Davidson (The First). A renegade Tory, Frederick Hager, was Colonel Hall's guide on this occasion; and it was thought by General Davidson's friends that it was Hager who killed him, as he was shot through the body by a bullet from a small-bored gun—the only one in the British command—and was carried by Hager. After the war, it was entirely "too hot" for Hager in North Carolina, and he came to Tennessee and settled near Cascade Falls, in what is now Coffee County. Several years later John Davidson (The Third) and his brother, Hugh Davidson, came to the Duck River country and settled, the latter about four miles east of Normandy. Hager, learning this fact, removed again westward, going into the wilderness of Arkansas, and died near Lone Post, leaving a large family.

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### JOHN DAVIDSON (The Third).

The above JOHN DAVIDSON (The Third) was the oldest son of Maj. William Davidson and his wife, Margaret (McConnell) Davidson. He married his cousin, Martha, daughter of James Davidson, and came to the "Duck River country" with his brother, Hugh Davidson, about 1815, and settled near the head of Knob Creek, Bedford County, Tenn. To them were born five children—Hugh, George, Andrew, James, and Margaret. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisting three times. For the first enlistment Samuel Davidson was his captain. In his second and third enlistments Daniel Smith commanded his company. Joseph McDowell was his Colonel.

**Hugh Davidson,**

the oldest child of John Davidson (The Third), at one time lived upon his farm on Duck River, several miles above the farm of his uncle, Hugh Davidson. He married Susan McLean. They had several children. He removed, with his family, to Arkansas many years ago, and we regret we are unable to learn anything more of them.

**George Davidson,**

the second son of John Davidson (The Third), was twice married. His first wife was Betsy Chilcot, who was the mother of all his children. His second wife was Mrs. Sophie Caldwell, whose maiden name was Peacock.

**Martha Davidson,**

the oldest daughter of George, married Maj. William Allen. They had one son, Davidson Allen, who enlisted in the Confederate Army, and served throughout that desperate war, making a fine record as a soldier. He resides at Columbus, Ga., where he is actively engaged in business.

**John Davidson,**

son of George, married Mary Lipscomb, daughter of Dr. Thomas Lipscomb, October 22, 1851. His wife died October 14, 1853. About a year later he removed to Austin, Texas. He was a Confederate soldier. He died about 1890.

**William Davidson,**

the second son of George, married Jane Caldwell. They removed to Texas many years ago, where both died.

**Gen. Henry B. Davidson**

was the third son of George. To most of his relatives he was known as "Bucksy." He married Miss — Hammond, daughter of a United States surgeon. Both are dead, leaving one child, Frank Davidson, who resides in California.



Gen. Henry B. Davidson was a graduate of West Point, and was an officer in the United States Army when the War between the States came on. He tendered his resignation, and offered his services to the Confederacy. He was a bold, dashing cavalry officer, and won distinction by his reckless disregard of danger.

**Caroline Davidson**

was the youngest child of George. She married Col. James L. Scudder, a leading lawyer at the Shelbyville bar. He was a Mexican War veteran.

**Louise Scudder,**

their oldest daughter, married Bascomb Myrick, of Americus, Ga., who died several years since, leaving her an only son, Shelby Myrick, now residing at Savannah, Ga., where he is a prominent citizen and leading lawyer. Mrs. Myrick is the editor and publisher of the Americus Times Recorder, one of the best papers in Georgia.

**Philip J. Scudder,**

their oldest son, married Abbie Wardlaw, daughter of Dr. T. D. Wardlaw, a Presbyterian minister. Their first child, Louise, died quite young. Their second child, Philip J. Scudder, Jr., is a bright lad, winning honors in his school at Franklin, Tenn.

**Alberta Scudder,**

the youngest daughter, married William C. Lane, a leading young business man of Shelbyville. No children.

**James B. Scudder,**

their second son, married Margaret Henry, and is in business in Chicago.

Three of their children—**Jennie D., Carrie, and George**—died single.

**Andrew Davidson**

was the third son of John Davidson (The Third). Died single.

**James Davidson**

was the fourth son of John Davidson (The Third). He married Harriet C. Hord. To them was born one child, Mary Catherine.

**Mary Catherine Davidson**

married Col. Lewis Tillman. To them were born the following children :

**Col. James D. Tillman.**

He was a Confederate soldier, and commanded the Forty-first Tennessee Regiment. He is a lawyer by profession, but resides upon a fine farm near Fayetteville, Tenn.

**Lewis Tillman, Jr.,**

is a lawyer, with his residence at Knoxville, Tenn.

**Col. S. E. Tillman,**

United States Army, now a professor at West Point.

**George N. Tillman**

is a lawyer, and resides in Nashville, Tenn., where he takes a leading position in his profession, politically, and in his church.

**Lieut. Edwin H. Tillman**

is a commander in the United States Navy.

**Abram M. Tillman**

is United States attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, and resides at Nashville, Tenn.

### **Harriet Almeda Tillman**

married Capt. W. H. Brannan. She is now a widow, residing at Winchester, Tenn.

There were two sons, **John and John Marshall Tillman**, that died early in life; also a daughter, **Mary Catherine Tillman**.

All the members of this family have been remarkably successful in their chosen professions, occupying positions of honor and trust.

### **Margaret Davidson**

was the youngest child of John Davidson (The Third). She married Frank Smart in 1822. He died in 1843. She then married David Vance McLean in 1844. McLean died in 1870. She then married Ransom Gwyn, of Viola, Tenn. "Uncle Gwyn" died in 1872, and she died in 1878. She had four children by Frank Smart—viz.: Caroline I., who married George Newton Whitson in 1844. Margaret married John Moore, lived a short time, and died without issue. Elizabeth married Robert B. McLean, brother of D. V. McLean. She lived a short while, and died without issue. William Davidson, the only son, lived near McMinnville, Tenn. He married Josephine Savage, sister of Col. John H. Savage. They had four children—Frank, Kate, William, and Boaz Savage.

Mrs. Caroline I. (Callie) Whitson left seven children—viz.: William Vance Whitson, lawyer, of McMinnville, Tenn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Gammon, who died without issue in 1870; Frank Smart Whitson; Mary Priscilla, who married R. T. Brown, of Union City, Tenn.; George D. P. Whitson, of Yorkville, Tenn.; Mrs. Josie Wiley, of Halls, Tenn.; and Mrs. Belle Curtis.

William D. Smart left five children—Frank G. Smart, McMinnville, Tenn.; Kate Smart married \_\_\_\_\_, and died without issue; Boaz Savage Smart died when a young man; William D. Smart, Jr., unmarried, lives in the South; and

Josephine, who married James D. Elkins and lives in McMinnville, Tenn.

George Newton Whitson, the father of William V. Whitson, of McMinnville, died in Gibson County, Tenn., July 1, 1905. He was first cousin of the children of Hugh Davidson and Jane Vance, his mother being a sister of Jane Vance.

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## HUGH DAVIDSON

was the second son of Maj. William Davidson and Margaret (McConnell) Davidson. He was born January 5, 1768; died September 19, 1841; married Jane Vance, August 24, 1796. He came to Tennessee about 1815 and settled on Duck River, two miles east of Normandy, in what was then Coffee County. He owned a large body of rich river land and a number of negroes. These lands were cultivated, and produced bountiful crops of corn, cotton, flax, and hemp. He also owned and operated what was in that day and time a large cotton gin, and perhaps conducted a little store. We guess at the latter statement, as we have a letter written by him, dated at "Davidsonville," to his two sons, H. L. and Robert B. Davidson, while soldiers in the Seminole Indian War. In this letter he instructs them what is the first duty of a soldier—to obey their officers. He also cautions them against the evils and sins that tempt a soldier, and closes his letter by warning them "to be careful of their horses, or they might have to walk home."

By the marriage of HUGH DAVIDSON and Jane Vance the children of two Revolutionary soldiers were united; and hence we descend on two lines from men who faced peril, hardships, privation, and death by fighting for what they thought was right, and aided in establishing this Government.

The children of this union were twelve in number, as follows: William Mitchell, Priscilla, Margaret M., David Vance, Angelina, John, Sarah Eliza, Samuel Leander, Hugh Lawson, Robert Brank, Eliza Jane, and Martha Ann.

(The son John afterwards added the "Q." to his name to distinguish himself from his uncle, John (The Third), and being an admirer of John Quincy Adams.)

HUGH DAVIDSON was a Presbyterian, and would on "preaching day" go with his entire family to the place of worship, which was for many years ten miles from his home. His entire family were members of the church. One of your committee has often listened to his father relate how they used to attend Sunday school in an old rope factory near where Bethsalem Church now stands. All denominations would assemble, and frequently there would be as many as three hundred present—almost like an old-time camp meeting. The Bible and Concordance were all the lesson helps in those days.

His wife, Jane Vance, was a daughter of Capt. David Vance, one of the heroes of "King's Mountain." She was of small stature, but certainly was a woman of much will and energy. The loom and spinning wheel were necessary articles in every thrifty farmer's home, and she was a graduate in their use. In the piecing of quilts she kept busy in her latter days, as many of her grandchildren can testify, who have samples of her skill. Her mother was Priscilla Brank. We copy from "King's Mountain and Its Heroes" an extract in regard to her father:

"David Vance, of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Frederick County, Va., about 1748; early removed to Burke County, N. C., where he taught school, and became surveyor, serving at Ramsour's, Musgrove's Mill, and King's Mountain. He was a member of the House of Commons in 1786 and 1791; then removed to Buncombe County, N. C.; and in 1797 was one of the commissioners for running the boundary line between North Carolina and Tennessee, and became a Colonel in the militia. He died about 1820. Hon. Z. B. and R. B. Vance, of North Carolina, were his grandsons."

The home of her father, David Vance, was on Reems' Creek, about nine miles north of Asheville, and is one of the best farms in Buncombe County. The place of his burial is upon an elevated knoll, and was selected by him "as a beautiful place from which to arise in the day of the resurrection." We understand that a monument has been erected by the D. A. R. over his grave. She was born November 30, 1777; died January 12, 1858, and was buried beside her husband at Union Ridge, about five miles east of Wartrace. Their graves are marked.

**George Davidson**, a brother of Hugh Davidson, married Sallie McWhirter, and resided for many years in Franklin County, Tenn., and afterwards removed to Mississippi.

**William Mitchell Davidson**, another brother, married Elizabeth (Betsy) Vance. They resided for many years on Jonathan's Creek, Haywood County, N. C., where all their children were born. About 1844 they moved to South Carolina, where William Mitchell died. His widow and family returned to North Carolina.

**Samuel Davidson** was married twice. His first wife was Miss — McRee, a daughter of Rev. Dr. McRee, a Presbyterian minister. His second wife was the above-mentioned "Betsy," the widow of his brother, William Mitchell. He lived and died on the old Davidson plantation, on Swannanoa, upon which his father, Maj. William Davidson, died. Both are buried on that plantation.

**Mary Davidson** married Daniel Smith, a celebrated frontiersman and Indian fighter. Their oldest son, James Smith, was the first white child born in North Carolina west of the Blue Ridge. They lived and died in Buncombe County, N. C.

**Betsey Davidson** married Thomas Alexander. They removed in an early day to Williamson County, Tenn., and both died there.

**Sallie Davidson** married Joshua Williams. They removed to Maury County, Tenn., and resided there until their deaths.

**Ruth Davidson** married Gen. Samuel Williams. They removed to and died in Maury County, Tenn.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that Hugh Davidson married Jane Vance, and his brother, William Mitchell Davidson, married her sister, Elizabeth (Betsy) Vance; hence the children of these two families were double first cousins, and a most kindly feeling has ever existed between them. The Asheville branch of the Davidson family descend from the latter couple.

We regret to state that we know very little about the descendants of George, Betsey, Sallie, and Ruth, all of whom came to Tennessee.

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#### **WILLIAM MITCHELL DAVIDSON (The Second)**

was the first child of Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson. He was born August 21, 1797; died March 6, 1877. He married Mary M. Caruthers, of Maury County, Tenn., July 6, 1837. She died March 14, 1883. Only one child was born to this couple, Mary, who died in her early teens. All three are buried at Columbia, Tenn., which place had been his home for many years, where he was a merchant and occupied many positions of trust.

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#### **PRISCILLA DAVIDSON,**

the oldest daughter of Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson, was born July 6, 1799; married William A. Brittain, January 2, 1821; died August 29, 1840. To them were born—

**Robert Newton Brittain**, born October 9, 1821; married Lizzie Hamilton at Chickamauga, Ga., —————; died in Arkansas, October 5, 1876. To them were born the following

children: Jane Priscilla, William Taylor, James Mitchell, Marcus Lafayette, Ann Elizabeth, Martha L., Rachel Abigail, George W., Mary Angelina, and John Leroy. Many years ago he removed to Texas, but later to Arkansas, where he died. His children and grandchildren are scattered over the Western States.

**Mitchell Davidson Brittain** was born December 29, 1822; married Nancy B. Lane, December 15, 1857; died September 26, 1883, at his home near Normandy, Tenn., where his widow still resides. No children.

**Martha Jane Brittain**, born July 27, 1824; died August 26, 1824.

**Leander Vance Brittain**, born September 20, 1825; died in July or August, 1847.

**William Gaston Brittain**, born April 9, 1827; married Mary Ann Long, of Lewisburg, Tenn., February 13, 1855; died at his home, McMinnville, Tenn., July 17, 1904. To them were born four children—Caddie Jane, Samuel Davidson, Mary Priscilla, and Nannie Emily. He was a member of the First Tennessee Regiment in the Mexican War.

**Caddie Jane Brittain**, born October 9, 1855; married Epps Roberts at the home of her parents, in McMinnville, Tenn., June 19, 1878. To them were born the following children: Hubert Gaston, Oscar Lynne, Leila Lewis, Samuel Allen, Nannie Elizabeth, and Mary Priscilla. All reside at home, near Lewisburg, Tenn., except Hubert, who resides at Ponca, Okla. Leila, the eldest daughter, has been engaged in teaching at Adrian, Ga.

**Samuel Davidson Brittain**, born September 7, 1857; married Mollie Black, May 29, 1905. Resides in McMinnville, Tenn. No children. Travels for a large Eastern firm.

**Mary Priscilla Brittain**, born March 15, 1859; married James W. Snodgrass, June 15, 1882. She is now a widow, and resides in Nashville. To them were born three children—James Murray, Fannie Elnora, and George Lewis. The daughter,



Fannie Elnora Snodgrass, married Walter Ferguson in Nashville, Tenn., October 9, 1905.

**Nannie Emily Brittain**, born August 31, 1861. She is a musician of rare talent. Resides with her sister (Mrs. Snodgrass) in Nashville, Tenn.

**Margaret Angelina Brittain**, born September 29, 1829; died June 29, 1837.

**Milton Marvey Brittain**, born November 11, 1831; died July 15, 1840.

**Martha Ann Brittain**, born September 13, 1833; died July 15, 1837.

**Emily Rachel Brittain**, born February 19, 1836; married Daniel Martin Shofner in Coffee County, Tenn., December 15, 1853. She is now a widow, and resides in Nashville, Tenn. To them were born the following children: William Watterson, October 16, 1854; Mitchell Brittain, August 28, 1856; Henry Gaston, October 3, 1858; Fannie Martin, August 17, 1860, and died November 7, 1861; Samuel Davidson, January 20, 1862; Robert Edwin, July 17, 1870, and died October 16, 1884; Martha Amelia, February 8, 1875.

**Martha Amelia Shofner** married John William Wirsching, October 17, 1901. They reside in Nashville, Tenn. All the Shofner brothers are actively engaged in business in that city.

**William Watterson Shofner** married Frances Ellen McGuire, May —, 1883. To them were born the following children: Daniel Martin Shofner, Jr., born February 23, 1885; married Katie McLaffin, May —, 1906. Lewis Dean Shofner, born September 17, 1886; married Maud McGuire, February —, 1906. William Emmett Shofner, born September 19, 1888. Hugh McGuire Shofner, born February 17, 1891. Frederick Martin Shofner, born September —, 1893. Aloysius Wilson Shofner, born March —, 1896. Mary F. Shofner, born November —, 1897; died May —, 1899. Joseph Edwin Shofner, born May —, 1900. Louise Thelma Shofner, born July 3, 1903.

**Hugh Lawson Brittain**, born November 28, 1837; died August 1, 1854.

**MARGARET M. DAVIDSON,**

the second daughter of Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson, was born October 18, 1801; married Ransom Gwyn, November 1, 1832; died April 21, 1868. "Uncle Gwyn," as he was known to the older ones now living, died February 8, 1872. To them were born two sons and two daughters—Martha Jane, Romulus, Remus, and Julia.

**Martha Jane Gwyn**, born December 10, 1834; married David H. Wooton, December 6, 1853; died June 19, 1894. David H. Wooton died May 5, 1900. Both were members of the Christian Church. To them were born three children—Myrtle Elizabeth, Ransom Gwyn, and Annie Amelia.

**Myrtle Elizabeth Wooton**, born December 15, 1854; died July 10, 1863.

**Ransom Gwyn Wooton**, born May 25, 1856; married Lillie Viola Witherspoon, November 12, 1885. To them were born four children—David Roy, born October 2, 1886; Annie Euphena, born January 25, 1888; Jessie Evelina, born December 23, 1889; Hudie Jane, born March 31, 1894. All reside at Viola, Tenn.

**Annie Amelia Wooton**, born January 23, 1859; died September 6, 1861.

**Romulus Gwyn**, born —————; died April 12, 1862.

**Remus Gwyn**, born —————; died —————, 1840.

**Julia Gwyn**, born —————; married Thomas Elliott Mabry, —————. The following are the children of this union:

**Maggie Merrit Mabry** married S. W. Taliaferro. They have seven children—Irene, Julia, Fannie, Rose, Edwin, Anna, and Charles. Reside at McMinnville, Tenn.

**Mary John Mabry** married Capt. J. H. Smith. No children. Reside at Manchester, Tenn.

**William R. Mabry** married Atta McMillian. They have two children, Edith and Susan. Reside at Birmingham, Ala.

**Ransom N. Mabry**. Single. Resides at Birmingham, Ala.

**Martha M. Mabry** married A. G. Brown. Died, leaving two

children, Julia and Henry. Their second child, Charles, died in infancy.

**John D. Mabry** died in childhood.

**Hugh Elliott Mabry** married Walter L. Smith. Died, leaving one child, Mollie.

**Thomas Myrtle Mabry** married S. M. Ramsey. No children. Reside at Viola, Tenn.

**Robert Vance Mabry.** Single. Resides at Birmingham, Ala.

**George Gwyn Mabry.** Single. Resides with his parents, near Viola, Tenn.

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## DAVID VANCE DAVIDSON

was the fourth child born to Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson. He was a native of Buncombe County, N. C.; born November 29, 1803; died November 3, 1869. His wife was Sarah Caroline Hall, a native of Iredell County, N. C., to whom he was married January 22, 1829. She was born June 15, 1805; died August 28, 1888. They both came to Tennessee with their parents when children. Soon after their marriage they settled upon the farm upon which both died. Here they lived a quiet, happy, frugal life, and reared a large family of children. Both early in life united with the Presbyterian Church, and were faithful in the discharge of every duty to their neighbors, their kindred, their God, and their church. They would attend preaching at Bethsalem, riding horseback a distance of at least eight miles—and this, too, long after both had passed the meridian of life.

To them were born the following children: Leander Willson, Abner Alexander, Eliza P., William Milas, Margaret Angelina, George Newton, Mary, Thomas Joy, and Ede Jane.

**Leander Willson Davidson**, born November 25, 1829, and married Elizabeth Norton, April 11, 1851. They resided on their Duck River farm for many years, but now make their

home in Nashville, where their children and grandchildren reside. They were the parents of three children—William Vance, James Mitchell, and Lucy Campbell.

**William Vance Davidson**, born March 2, 1852; was married to Sarah Adelaide Pearson, June 10, 1877. Three children were born to them—Lillian Vance, September 1, 1878; Charles L., September 7, 1880 (died in infancy); and Oscar Mitchell, September 16, 1882. His wife died September 7, 1887. His second wife was Bertha Zuccarello, to whom he was married April 30, 1889. By this union there are two children—Norman N., born February 10, 1890, and Willie Ruth, born February 14, 1892. Lillian Vance, the daughter by his first wife, was married April 28, 1905, to Dr. James Brew, of Nashville. They have a bright little boy. William Vance Davidson, who has been quite successful in the business world, resides in Nashville, where he is actively engaged in business, being a member of the Davidson-Benedict Lumber Company.

**James Mitchell Davidson**, born April 1, 1855; died March 5, 1875.

**Lucy Campbell Davidson**, born March 12, 1859. She married Joseph N. Hicks, November 28, 1878. Their children are: Grace Beall, born November 22, 1879; William Leander, born November 5, 1881; Jessie Montine, born February 10, 1884, and died June 7, —; Leander Davidson, born February 15, 1886, and died November 30, 1888; Lena Davidson, born August 14, 1890; Buford Grady, born July 19, 1893; and Clarence V., born May 26, 1897. They reside in Nashville, Tenn., where Mr. Hicks is largely interested in the lumber business.

**Abner Alexander Davidson** was the second son of David Vance Davidson; born February 16, 1831; died January 23, 1894. He was married three times.

His first wife was Cornelia Elvira Overall, to whom he was married June 6, 1860. She died October 20, 1868. Three children were born to them—Ella Cornelia Jane, born August 13, 1861; Mary Hall, born October 14, 1863, and died September 21, 1865; Mary Hall (the second), born October 21, 1866,

and died August 23, 1867. Ella Cornelia Jane married James Elihu Hutchison, and resides at Crystal Springs, Miss. To them ten children were born.

His second wife was Annie Elizabeth Coulter, to whom he was married October 21, 1869. She died April 18, 1883. To them five children were born: Annie Alexander, born August 17, 1870; married Robert Neal Karnes, and resides at Medina, Tenn.; no children. Sallie Vance, born August 27, 1872; died July 1, 1890. Robert Coulter, born February 23, 1875; resides at Selma, Ala.; never married. Lizzie Leander, born April 1, 1877; married Luther Miles Hamilton, and resides at Hazelhurst, Miss.; they have three children. Maggie Eliza Belle, born March 4, 1882; died August 15, 1884.

His third wife was Katherine Coulter, to whom he was married March 26, 1884. She died May 10, 1895. To them were born three children—Fannie Lura, born December 28, 1884; Abbie, born July 25, 1887; Willie Lee, born February 2, 1890. They reside at Mayfield, Ky.

**Eliza P. Davidson**, eldest daughter of David Vance Davidson, was born April 7, 1831; married Dr. James Ogborne Norton, January 6, 1854; died at Lynchburg, Tenn., August 20, 1884. Dr. Norton died March 4, 1862, at Camp Chase, O. To them were born four children:

**William Alexander Norton**, born January 21, 1855; married Mollie Robertson, of Moore County, Tenn., January 15, 1885; died at Hohenwald, Tenn., September 14, 1889. No heirs.

**Leander Newton Norton**, born December 5, 1856; married Johnnie Reese, of Lynchburg, Tenn., November 18, 1880; died November 12, 1893. To them were born three children—Clara Morgan, October 22, 1881; James Reese, December 24, 1883; and Mary Davidson, February 12, 1886. All are single, and reside with their mother at Winchester, Tenn.

**Sarah Elizabeth Norton**, born June 5, 1859; married James L. Orrill, of Louisville, Ky., at Lynchburg, Tenn., January 6, 1881. No children. Reside at Nashville, Tenn.

**James Ogborne Norton, Jr.**, born October 24, 1861; married Sallie D. Ross, of Coffee County, Tenn., October ———, 1884. To them were born seven children—Eliza Caroline, September 24, 1885; John L., September 22, 1887; William Leander, February 6, 1889; Mary Hall, August 17, 1893; Sarah Vance, May 12, 1903; Jessie Delilah and James Ogborne (third), (twins), May 24, 1906. The eldest child, Eliza Caroline, married Charles P. Longhurst, of Nashville, Tenn., November 15, 1904. They have one son, Charles Norton Longhurst, born November 1, 1905. James O. Norton, Jr., and his entire family reside at Nashville, Tenn.

**William Milas Davidson** was the third son of David Vance Davidson; born July 16, 1833; died July 31, 1878. He was married three times.

His first wife was Nannie S. Warren, to whom he was married October 14, 1860. To them was born one child, Sarah J. Davidson. This daughter was born July 13, 1862; died August 15, 1863. The mother died August 14, 1863.

The second wife of William Milas Davidson was Martha McKee, to whom he was married April 30, 1865. This wife died March 8, 1872. By this union there were two children, Caroline A. Davidson and Albert A. Davidson.

This daughter, **Caroline A. Davidson**, was born April 24, 1866; married James F. Hickerson, of Coffee County, October 1, 1889. They have five interesting children—Charles Vance, Albert Davidson, Mary Edith, James Lee, and Annie Sue Hickerson.

The son by this second marriage, **Albert A. Davidson**, was born August 14, 1867; died May 8, 1893. Never married.

The third wife of William Milas Davidson was Annie E. McGrew, of Giles County, Tenn., to whom he was married July 16, 1873. To them were born two children—Eliza Vance, July 23, 1874, and Samuel Curry Davidson, March 12, 1877. Samuel C. died September 15, 1879. The widow of William Milas Davidson and her daughter, Eliza Vance, reside at Pulaske, Tenn.

**Margaret Angelina Davidson**, the second daughter of David V. Davidson, was born October 3, 1834; died September 25, 1852.

**George Newton Davidson**, the fourth son of David V. Davidson, was born January 11, 1836. He resides near Richmond, Bedford County, Tenn. He has been married twice. His first wife was Nannie J. Newsom, to whom he was married August 10, 1866. This wife died May 6, 1877. By this union there were three children—Annie Belle, William Vance, and Hugh Lawson.

**Annie Belle Davidson**, born April 22, 1870; married J. Henry Hartung, of Nashville, Tenn., September 3, 1890. They reside at New Decatur, Ala. Their first child, Henry Newton, born December 26, 1890; died August 17, 1892. Willie Vance, born May 25, 1893; died October 12, 1893. Ella Ruth, born September 7, 1895. Clarence Lawson, born November 9, 1897; died June 29, 1904. Mabel, born November 29, 1899. A son was born September 19, 1904; died same day. Alma Belle, born January 9, 1906.

**William Vance Davidson** (the first son of George Newton Davidson) was born October 3, 1872; married Sallie E. Adams, November 13, 1894, and resides at New Decatur, Ala. They have three children—Willie Lester, born October 23, 1896; Edward Newton, born May 30, 1898; and Jessie E., born December 8, 1905.

**Hugh Lawson Davidson** (son of George Newton Davidson), born August 29, 1875; married Susie Wilson, May 2, 1900. They reside at New Decatur, Ala., and have two children—Christine Vance, born October 11, 1901, and Thomas Lawson, born July 23, 1906.

**George Newton Davidson** married his second wife, Nannie J. Adams, February 14, 1878. The children of this union are:

**Mattie Jane Davidson**, born December 29, 1878; married Edwin Dixon, January 15, 1905. They reside in Bedford County, and have one child.

**Sallie Caroline Davidson**, born June 16, 1881.

Ethel Telah and Mitchel Ernest (twins), born July 21, 1881. Ethel Telah married James A. Gambell, February 22, 1905. They have one child, Gladys A., born January 12, 1906. They reside at New Decatur, Ala.

**Mitchell E. Davidson**, the twin brother, married Estella Atkinson, December 2, 1907. Reside at New Decatur, Ala.

**Benjamin Newton Davidson**, born May 30, 1883.

**Grover Cleveland Davidson**, born November 10, 1884.

**Nannie Pearl Davidson**, born March 10, 1886.

**Edie Hall Davidson**, born June 20, 1887.

**Jo Harrison Davidson**, born November 8, 1888.

**James Henry Davidson**, born September 20, 1890.

**George Oran Davidson**, born November 4, 1893.

**Mary Davidson**, born July 15, 1837; died November 6 same year.

**Thomas Joy Davidson**, born June 30, 1840; died July 18, same year.

**Ede Jane Davidson**, born January 22, 1847; married James Neil, July 5, 1893. They reside on a fine Duck River farm about two miles above her birthplace. No children.

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## ANGELINA DAVIDSON,

born July 26, 1806. She was twice married. First, to Thomas Jefferson Bryan, December 24, 1824. Four children were born to them—Edwin Leander, Emily Jane, Rufus, and a little girl, whose name we are unable to secure.

**Edwin Leander Bryan** married Martha Shofner in 1848.

**Emily Jane Bryan**, born October 26, 1821; married Dr. James Edwin Hough, December 21, 1848. To them were born the following children: Angelina Jerusha, Thomas Ephraim, Mary Emma, Edwin Sylvester, Rufus Perry, Margaret Gwyn, Annie Morgan, and Sarah Vance Hough.

**Angelina Jerusha Hough**, born February 3, 1850; died June 18, 1852.



**Thomas Ephraim Hough**, born March 31, 1852; died October 18, 1875.

**Mary Emma Hough**, born March 1; 1854; died December 14, 1854.

**Edwin Sylvester Hough**, born February 21, 1856. Single. Resides in Manchester, Tenn., where he conducts a prosperous drug business.

**Rufus Perry Hough**, born January 25, 1859; married Jennie Park Ragsdale; died December 6, 1901, leaving two children, Elizabeth and Lillian, who reside at Knoxville, Tenn.

**Margaret Gwyn Hough**, born April 11, 1861; died December 28, 1862.

**Annie Morgan Hough**, born March 14, 1864; married Edward L. Ragsdale; died May 23, 1897, leaving two children, James Edwin and Bessie Jean. They reside in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Sarah Vance Hough**, born September 22, 1866; died July 21, 1867.

## ANGELINA DAVIDSON BRYAN

married Harwood Morgan, May 9, 1837; died August 16, 1848. By this union there were four children—Ann Amanda, William Harrison, Sarah Elizabeth, and Narcissa Davidson Morgan.

**Ann Amanda Morgan**, born June 29, 1838; married James Weatherford, March 16, 1866. Resides in Chattanooga, Tenn. To this couple were born the following children:

**William Harwood Weatherford**, born October 25, 1867; married Mary Belle Taylor, September —, 1890.

**James Edwin Weatherford**, born April 20, 1869. Single. Resides in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Vance Davidson Weatherford**, born August 26, 1870; married Estelle Duncan, October 21, 1902. Resides in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Mary Angelina Weatherford**, born March 21, 1872; died September 25, 1873.

**Martha Jane Weatherford**, born January 26, 1874; married Samuel Patterson Henry. Resides at Knoxville, Tenn.

**John Q. Weatherford**, born January 26, 1876; married Elsie Wells. Resides in Cincinnati, O.

**Sarah Emily Weatherford**, born November 16, 1877. Single. Resides in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**William Harrison Morgan**, born September 1, 1841; married Edna Jane Scruggs, October 26, 1865; died September 7, 1883. He enlisted in the Seventeenth Tennessee Regiment (Newman's Regiment) at the opening of the War between the States. Capt. James L. Armstrong commanded his company, in which he was second lieutenant. During the last year of the war he was with Gen. N. B. Forrest. He was appointed, after the death of Mr. Thomas C. Steele, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Shelbyville, Tenn., which position he held at the time of his death. To this couple were born the following children: Myrtle, John Harwood, William Harrison, Charles, Edwin Scruggs, and Frank Burton Morgan.

**John Harwood Morgan** married Anna Blanton, November 19, 1895. They have one child, William Blanton Morgan, and reside near Wartrace, Tenn.

**William Harrison Morgan, Jr.**, married Georgie Anna Orr, November 30, 1898. She died April 21, 1900. Resides at Nashville, Tenn.

**Charles Morgan** married Lotta Raney, December 10, 1899. They have one daughter, Georgie Orr Morgan, and reside at Tullahoma, Tenn.

**Edwin Scruggs Morgan** married Mary Lee Napier, of Maury County, Tenn., December 18, 1906. Resides at Nashville, Tenn.

**Myrtle Morgan**, the only daughter of this family, resides with her mother at Fairfield, Tenn.

**Frank Burton Morgan**, the youngest child, is single, and resides with his mother.

**Sarah Elizabeth Morgan**, born October 2, 1843; married Thomas Shanklin Ferrell, August 18, 1864. He died October 23, 1883. Resides at Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Charles Morgan Ferrell**, born July 1, 1865; married Kinzie Ledford, April 28, 1892. Has children. Resides at Tullahoma, Tenn.

**William Marion Ferrell**, born May 25, 1867; died August 1, 1869.

**Ella French Ferrell**, born September 22, 1869; died July 27, 1887.

**Emma Hough Ferrell**, born December 8, 1871; married Wilmot Field, June 3, 1890. Has children. Resides at Tullahoma, Tenn.

**Robert Reyburn Ferrell**, born February 1, 1874; married Nannie Webster, December 28, 1900. One child. Resides at Memphis, Tenn., where he conducts a prosperous drug business.

**Hugh Davidson Ferrell**, born July 12, 1876; married Grace Duncan, April 11, 1901. Is engaged in the hardware business at Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Thomas Shanklin Ferrell, Jr.**, born December 18, 1878. Twice married. First, to May McLarty, February 28, 1898. One child. Married his second wife September 10, 1906. Resides at Sheffield, Ala.

**Rufus Edwin Ferrell**, born June 13, 1881; married Mabel Young, October 16, 1906. Resides at Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Narcissa Davidson Morgan**, born about 1846; died in 1848.

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## JOHN QUINCY DAVIDSON (The First)

was the sixth child of Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson; born June 26, 1808; married Susan S. Hord, December 3, 1833; died October 12, 1879. His wife was born July 10, 1811; died July 27, 1884. By occupation John Q. Davidson was a farmer, and owned a large and productive farm two miles east of Wartrace. He located upon this place soon after his marriage, and here were born all his children.

His home, "Locust Grove," was ever open to friend, neighbor, or relative. It can be truthfully said of them they were "given to hospitality." He was generous to a fault and a most devout Christian. Early in life he and his wife became members of the Presbyterian Church. In 1840 he was chosen an elder in his church, which office he faithfully filled until his death. He was prompt in the discharge of every duty imposed upon him. His wife was one of that class that "to know her was to love her"—kind, generous, hospitable, attentive to all the duties of her home. To this couple were born the following children: Mary Jane, Rufus Edmund, Hugh Albert, Samuel Alexander, William Campbell, Susan Agnes, John Quincy, Jr., James Mitchell, Harriet Elizabeth, Coleman Lawson, and Robert Vance Davidson.

**Mary Jane Davidson**, born November 14, 1834; married William T. Myers, May 5, 1855. William T. Myers died June 1, 1893. His widow resides at "Brookside," the old Myers home, near Bethsalem Church. The children of this union are: Abram, Elizabeth, John Davidson, Susan Agnes, Mary Campbell, Martha Lytle, Hugh Albert, Frances Agnes, and Samuel Thompson. Susan Agnes and Frances Agnes died in infancy.

**Abram Myers**, born October 19, 1856. Single. Resides with his mother at "Brookside," near Wartrace.

**Elizabeth Myers**, born September 30, 1859. Resides at "Brookside."

**John Davidson Myers**, born March 5, 1862. Single. Resides at Fresno, Cal.

**Mary Campbell Myers**, born October 12, 1866; married Joseph Hale Edwards, January 10, 1894. They have one son, Joseph H. Edwards, Jr. Reside in Nashville, Tenn.

**Martha Lytle Myers**, born June 2, 1869; married James Richard McCravey, June 26, 1902. They have one child, Mary Lytle McCravey. Reside in Forest, Miss.

**Hugh Albert Myers**, born November 19, 1871. Single. Resides in Fresno, Cal.

**Samuel Thompson Myers**, born May 5, 1876; married Leta Faulkner Gribble, November 25, 1903. Reside in Nashville, Tenn.

**Rufus Edmund Davidson**, oldest son of John Q. Davidson and Susan S. (Hord) Davidson, was born August 3, 1836; married Susan Dedrick Searcy, September 25, 1862. His wife died April 1, 1893. He is a Presbyterian. He was a Confederate soldier, enlisting in the Twenty-third Tennessee Regiment in 1861, under Col. Matt Martin, and was elected first lieutenant of his company at Stone's River, near Murfreesboro. Owing to the absence of his captain (Captain Paine), he was in command of the company at Shiloh, at which place he was wounded in the right foot on April 6, 1862, by a grape-shot, which necessitated the amputation of his limb below the knee. This rendered him unfit for further army service, and he was soon after discharged, going to Panola, Panola County, Miss., to the home of Dr. James Searcy; and here he married his wife, daughter of Dr. James and Sarah Searcy. He read medicine about the close of the war, and for many years did a large practice. Ten children were born to them—James Searcy, William Albert, John Quincy, Sudie Clay, Mary Elvira, Lucy Campbell, Rufus Clayton, Lena Bedford, Lottie Erwin, and Robert Coleman Grady.

**James Searcy Davidson**, born November 30, 1863; married Ella Sammon, January 6, 1896. Resides in McGregor, Texas.

**William Albert Davidson**, born July 12, 1864; married Maggie Scruggs, January 31, 1894. This wife died October 2, 1895, leaving him one child, which has since died. He then married Flora Hord, April 13, 1897. Resides at 1730 Eighth avenue, Bessemer, Ala.

**John Quincy Davidson** (son of Rufus E.), born February 26, 1867; married Hattie W. Bowyer, March 1, 1904. She died December 20, 1905. Resides at Summitville, Tenn.

**Sudie Clay Davidson**, born March 3, 1872; married Frank A. Powers, December 1, 1892. Resides at Summitville, Tenn.

**Mary Elvira Davidson**, born October 24, 1874; married John

C. Morehead, December 24, 1896. Resides at 2700 South C street, Elwood, Ind.

**Lucy Campbell Davidson**, born February 28, 1877; married Thomas R. Holmes, December 24, 1896. Resides at Summitville, Tenn.

**Rufus Clayton Davidson**, born November 8, 1880; married Birdie Sanders, May 17, 1905. Resides in Orme, Tenn.

**Lena Bedford Davidson**, born December 23, 1883; married Lawrence D. Hord, June 15, 1904. Resides at 1623 Dart avenue, Bessemer, Ala.

**Lottie Erwin Davidson**, born December 23, 1883; married Edmond A. Robinson, July 17, 1902. Resides at 1815 Seventh avenue, Bessemer, Ala.

**Robert Coleman Grady Davidson**, born December 16, 1890. Single. Resides at 1730 Eighth avenue, Bessemer, Ala.

**Hugh Albert Davidson**, born January 8, 1839; married Ella Myers, July 30, 1885. Her birth was September 12, 1856. He was a Confederate soldier, enlisting in Company F, Forty-first Regiment, and was elected lieutenant of his company, and served to the close of the war. He resides upon the farm where he was born, two miles east of Wartrace. To this couple were born two sons, John Vance and Albert Myers. He and his family are Presbyterians.

**John Vance Davidson**, born May 18, 1888.

**Albert Myers Davidson**, born January 2, 1892.

**Samuel Alexander Davidson**, born November 15, 1840; died in infancy.

**William Campbell Davidson**, born August 20, 1842; died June —, 1843.

**Susan Agnes Davidson**, born March 12, 1844; married Thomas James Myers at her father's home, "Locust Grove," near Wartrace, Tenn., November 14, 1866, by Rev. Silas Woodbury. They reside near Gallatin, Tenn. To them were born nine children—Emma, Susan Alexander, Sarah Agnes, Rufus Jonas, Mary Jean, Prudence Ella, Catharine, Thomas James, Jr., and Davidson Vance.

**Emma Myers**, born at "Locust Grove," August 27, 1867. Resides at "The Manor," Asheville, N. C.

**Susan Alexander Myers**, born at "Mount Reserve," May 2, 1869; married William Maltbie Rowland at the Presbyterian Church, Wartrace, Tenn., August 13, 1895, by Rev. L. B. Chaney. To them were born two daughters—Agnes Davidson Rowland, born May 6, 1898, at "The Manor," Athens, Ga., and Anne McKinne Rowland, born March 4, 1902, at 1252 Green street, Augusta, Ga. Resides at Augusta, Ga.

**Sarah Agnes Myers**, born at "Mount Reserve," July 27, 1871; married John Howell Arbuthnot at Wartrace, Tenn., December 7, 1892, by Rev. J. S. Arbuthnot. To them were born two children—Howell Woodside Arbuthnot, born at "Mount Reserve," October 24, 1893; died at "Elmhurst," Davidson County, Tenn., October 26, 1899; buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, near Nashville. Their second child, Catherine Childress Arbuthnot, was born at "Elmhurst," October 6, 1899. They reside at Edgefield, Tenn.

**Rufus Jonas Myers**, born April 5, 1874, at "Mount Reserve;" married Frances Martha Cornelius, December 26, 1901, at Gallatin, Tenn., by Rev. R. S. Burwell. They have one daughter, Frances Myers, born at "Eastland," Nashville, Tenn., September 16, 1905. They reside in Nashville, Tenn.

**Mary Jean Myers**, born at "Mount Reserve," June 5, 1876; married George Turner Searight, December 7, 1898, at "Lonesome Ridge," Sumner County, Tenn., by Rev. L. B. Chaney. They have two daughters—Mary Turner Searight, born December 22, 1899, and Julia Davidson Searight, born March 19, 1903. They reside at Hendersonville, Tenn.

**Prudence Ella Myers**, born at "Mount Reserve," July 19, 1878; married Henry Mathis Cleveland, June 26, 1907, at "Belmont," Gallatin, Tenn., by Rev. C. E. Sullivan. They reside at Gastonia, N. C.

**Catharine Myers**, born at "Mount Reserve," December 4, 1880; married Robert Benjamin Cleveland, June 21, 1905, at

“Belmont,” Sumner County, Tenn., by Rev. C. E. Sullivan. To them was born one child, Caro Virginia Cleveland, May 3, 1906. They reside at Spartanburg, S. C.

**Thomas James Myers, Jr.**, born at “Mount Reserve,” April 24, 1883; died March 6, 1886.

**Davidson Vance Myers**, born at “Mount Reserve,” January 12, 1886. Resides in Nashville, Tenn., where he has a nice position in the American National Bank.

**John Q. Davidson (The Second)**, son of John Q. and Susan S. Davidsop, was born at “Locust Grove,” June 25, 1846; married Elizabeth Newman Booker, of Memphis, Tenn., daughter of Capt. Ed J. Booker, December 22, 1874. On March 10, 1864, at Columbus, Miss., he enlisted in Lieut. Gen. N. B. Forrest’s Escort; and was paroled at Gainesville, Ala., May 10, 1865. In 1869 he went to Memphis, Tenn., and secured employment with one of the leading hardware firms of that place, and soon won for himself a handsome position, remaining with this firm until a few years since, when he became one of the members of the Livermore Iron Store. Early in life he joined the Presbyterian Church, and is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, of Memphis.

**John Q. Davidson (The Third)**, son of the above couple, was born June 22, 1882; died March 25, 1899. He was a bright, promising young man, and was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun while out on a hunting expedition.

**James Mitchell Davidson**, born September 6, 1849; died March 17, 1851.

**Harriet Elizabeth Davidson**, born September 13, 1851; married Joseph Oliver Arnold, at “Locust Grove,” October 3, 1871. They are members of the Baptist Church. At the time of their marriage Mr. Arnold was a member of the firm of Arnold Bros., who were conducting a small general merchandise house at Wartrace, Tenn. By thrift, economy, and practical business methods they built up a large and prosperous business. To them were born eight children—Leola, Perry



Davidson, Joe Martin, Susan Alberta, Nora Belle, Bettie Davidson, Coleman Embree, and Janie.

**Leola Arnold**, born November 14, 1872; married Dr. John Lane Walker, January 5, 1899. Dr. Walker is quite prominent in his profession, and has won a large and lucrative practice. To this couple were born two children—Perry Arnold Walker, born August 1, 1902, and Leola Walker, born August 2, 1905.

**Perry Davidson Arnold**, born December 7, 1874; died September 24, 1878.

**Joe Martin Arnold**, born July 14, 1877; married Nannie Osborne, September 16, 1903. They have one child, Mary Louise Arnold, born August 2, 1904. He resides in Wartrace, Tenn., where he is conducting a prosperous business.

**Susan Alberta Arnold**, born July 20, 1880.

**Nora Belle Arnold**, born July 8, 1883.

**Bettie Davidson Arnold**, born May 3, 1887.

**Coleman Embree Arnold**, born July 1, 1890.

**Janie Arnold**, born November 19, 1892.

**Coleman Lawson Davidson**, born March 25, 1855. Twice married. His first wife was Kate Chilcoat, to whom he was married July 6, 1892. She died August 10, 1894. His second wife was Miriam Crutcher, of Brookhaven, Miss. They have two children:

**Coleman Lawson Davidson, Jr.**, born December 27, 1899.

**Elizabeth Huey Davidson**, born July 7, 1902.

All reside in Wartrace, Tenn., where he is engaged in business. He is a Baptist.

**Robert Vance Davidson**, born March 26, 1858; married Annie Mitchell, October 22, 1884. For several years he was actively engaged in business at Wartrace, Tenn., as merchant, miller, and assistant cashier of the bank at that place. Several years since he retired from the last-named position, and removed to Gadsden, Ala., where he accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank. He is an elder in the

Presbyterian Church. To this couple were born four children:

**Mary Sue Davidson**, born May 30, 1886; died July 13, 1904; buried at Wartrace, Tenn.

**Annie Lee Davidson**, born February 3, 1888.

**Robert Mitchell Davidson**, born March 27, 1893.

**John Quincy Davidson** (son of Robert V.), born November 26, 1900.

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**Sarah Eliza Davidson,**

born April 25, 1810; died December 2, 1810.

*Our line begins here*  
**Samuel Leander Davidson**

was the eighth child of Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson; born April 19, 1812; died December 31, 1870. He was married three times. His first wife was Mary C. Mosely, who died in 1848, and was the mother of three children—one son, Hugh Lawson, and twin daughters, Mary Rebecca and Jennie Vance. Mary Rebecca Davidson died in her teens.

**Hugh Lawson Davidson** was born about 1846; married Rebecca Deason in 1870; died about 1882. His wife died Christmas Eve, 1879. They had four daughters—Lizzie Guy, born in 1872; Mary Lavinia, born in 1874; Hugh Lawson, born in 1876; and Alice Mosely, born in 1878. The oldest daughter, Lizzie Guy, married A. W. Dumas in 1890; died in 1901, leaving four children—Guy, Hugh, Gladys, and Don. The youngest daughter, Alice Mosely, married Maj. V. H. Holmes, April 23, 1907. All reside at Trenton, Tenn.

**Jennie Vance Davidson**, born August 27, 1848; married Robert Marshall, November 19, 1867. They removed to

Texas in 1870, and reside at Chicota, Texas. They have ten children, as follows:

Mary Rebecca Marshall, born September 30, 1868; married E. L. Mann, November 14, 1894. Have one daughter, Gladys. Reside in Wise County, Texas.

Alexander D. Marshall, born March 27, 1870; married Ida Beason, March 10, 1892. Has three children—Roy, Ruby S., and Jennie V.

Jane J. Marshall, born April 4, 1872; married J. C. Chambliss; November 22, 1891. Have two children, Myrtle and Etta. Reside in Lamar County, Texas.

Samuel L. Marshall, born August 11, 1874; married Doshia Armstrong, December 16, 1902. No children. Reside in the Indian Territory.

Ralf E. Marshall, born December 5, 1876; married ————. No children. Resides in the Indian Territory.

Lillie M. Marshall, born March 19, 1879; married J. C. Young, September 13, 1897. Has two children, Jennie V. and Alice. Resides in the Indian Territory.

Aldrion B. Marshall, born April 10, 1881; married Lewis A. Tillman in 1900. Have two children, Elizabeth F. and Sarah Attie. Reside in Hunt County, Texas.

Hugh L. Marshall, born October 3, 1885. Not married.

Katie E. Marshall, born May 11, 1888; married George Coldwell, July 18, 1906.

Sallie Vance Marshall, born September 3, 1892.

The second wife of Samuel L. Davidson was Rebecca Mosely, sister of his first wife. Two children were born to this couple, Samuel L. and Henrietta. Rebecca (Mosely) Davidson died September 29, 1865.

**Samuel L. Davidson, Jr.**, was born December 1, 1855. His wife, Belle Donaldson, to whom he was married December 23, 1880, was born May 4, 1854. They reside at Weatherford, Texas. The following children were born to this couple:

Willie Lee, born October 16, 1881; died January 18, 1882.

Maggie Etta May, born December 25, 1884; died September 12, 1887.

Sarah Rebecca, born January 12, 1887.

Baby, born June 3, 1890; died June 28, 1890. Not named.

**Henrietta Davidson** resides in Nashville. She was adopted, when a small child, by her mother's cousin, Mrs. Sarah Gifford, and by this act of adoption is now Henrietta Davidson Gifford.

Samuel L. Davidson's third wife was Mrs. — Norton, widow of Dr. James Norton. After this marriage he resided in or near Tullahoma, Tenn., and is buried there.

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## HUGH LAWSON DAVIDSON

was born April 17, 1814; died at Rogersville, East Tennessee, April 30, 1889. Early in life he developed a taste for the very best literature. He was attending school at Columbia, Tenn., when the call for volunteers for the Seminole Indian War was issued, and enlisted in Captain Frierson's Company of Mounted Infantry, and served in that campaign. When his term of enlistment expired, he returned to Columbia and continued his course in school. After this he spent several years upon his father's farm. Then he read law, and soon won a prominent place at the bar.

Prior to the Civil War he was in politics a decided Whig, and was often urged to become a candidate for the Legislature; but this he steadily refused to do. In 1844, however, he was elected by the Legislature Attorney-general for the circuit composed of the counties of Bedford, Rutherford, Wilson, and Cannon, and for six years served efficiently in that position. In 1852 the Legislature elected him Circuit Judge for the circuit above mentioned by a majority of one vote over Hon. Abram Caruthers, one of the ablest lawyers in Tennessee. Serving eight years as judge, he was reelected to that

position in 1860 by a vote of the people of the circuit, and was requalified; but the Civil War coming on about that time, Judge Davidson went South; and Andrew Johnson, Military Governor, declared the office vacant and appointed Hon. Henry Cooper to succeed him. After this Judge Davidson held no official station, except that he was often appointed special judge to try cases in which the regular judge was incompetent. He became a Democrat on the election of Mr. Lincoln to the presidency.

He was twice married. His first wife was Ede Harris Harrison, daughter of Capt. Robert P. Harrison, to whom he was married April 24, 1838. She died March 15, 1858.

**Robert H. Davidson** was the only child of the above couple; born July 7, 1839; died June 21, 1863. On November 27, 1860, he was married to Sarah A. Brame, who died October 6, 1903.

**Robert H. Davidson, Jr.**, was the fruit of this union; born October 14, 1861; died October 6, 1904. Never married.

The second wife of Judge Hugh Lawson Davidson was Mrs. Elizabeth Russell Nice, to whom he was married in Colorado County, Texas, October 28, 1861. She was a native of Virginia, and is a lady of most attractive manner. She resides with her son, W. G. Nice, at Rogersville, East Tennessee.

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## ROBERT BRANK DAVIDSON

was the youngest son of Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson. He was born March 12, 1817; died at his home in Shelbyville, Tenn., October 3, 1900.

He was twice married. His first wife was Narcissa S. Harrison, daughter of Capt. Robert P. Harrison, to whom he was married August 21, 1843, and from whom he was separated by death May 8, 1867. She was the mother of his two children, Bettie Harrison Davidson and Hugh Davidson.

He was brought up on the farm of his father as boys were in that time. Between crops he attended school. When the call for volunteers for the Seminole Indian War was issued, he and his older brother, Hugh Lawson Davidson, who were then attending school at Columbia, Tenn., and assisting their eldest brother, William Mitchell Davidson, in his store, enlisted in Captain Frierson's Company of Mounted Infantry and served in the Florida War. About two years after his return from this campaign he went to Western Texas and engaged in surveying. After two or three years of this life, he returned to Tennessee. At that time Capt. Robert P. Harrison was Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Shelbyville, and he secured employment there as his deputy, and commenced to read law, and in the course of time received his license to practice law, in which profession he won considerable reputation as a successful chancery lawyer.

On September 27, 1850, he was appointed Consul of the United States for the port of Rio Grande, South America. After arriving at New York en route to South America, he was advised by an old sea captain not to accept the position, as his health at that time was critical. He tendered his resignation and returned to Tennessee.

Early in life he became a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was for many years a ruling elder and clerk of the session of the church at Shelbyville.

On March 16, 1871, he was married to Mrs. Virginia S. Buchanan. His widow resides at Shelbyville, Tenn.

**Bettie H. Davidson**, his eldest child, was born March 14, 1849; died February 14, 1889. She was of small stature, but wonderful intellect. She read the best literature, and possessed a rare faculty of memory. She was a devout Christian; a genial, kind, and affectionate person, carrying sunshine wherever she went.

**Hugh Davidson**, his son, was born June 18, 1852; married Mollie Hortense Thompson, January 3, 1893. Is a merchant at Shelbyville, Tenn. No children.

**Eliza Jane Davidson,**

born June 3, 1819; died September 18, 1822.

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**Martha Ann Davidson,**

the last child of Hugh Davidson and Jane (Vance) Davidson, was born December 16, 1821; married Rev. William B. Watterson, December 24, 1840; died May 3, 1857. One son, William D. Watterson, was their only child. He was a Confederate soldier, and was severely wounded, but recovered. Soon after the war he was admitted to the bar at Winchester, Tenn., and also became editor of the Winchester Home Journal. He there married Miss Olivia Brazelton. He died about 1870, leaving no children. He was a cousin of Hon. Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

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When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.