

Sept. 1960

married 67 years ago.
Netter

Lon Bailiff, age 90, wife Nettie age 92

Father James Monroe Bailiff Mother Eliza Foster

M.B. born on Caney Fork near 2nd Crk? later they moved to lower end of Possum Hollow, he went to school at Dry Cr.

Grandfather Isaac Bailiff, wife Nancy Bates, they lived near Temperance Hall owned large amount of land.

Grandparents John M. Foster, Betsey? Hale. He was big & fat, their home

was on Caney Fork just above Holmes Creek on other side. Eliza had sister Ellen m. Billy Conger,

sister m. Jacob Atups on Holmes Cr., brothers Joe, Jim, Felix Brundy, went to school Possum Hollow.

Mrs. B. was Nettie Belle Davis, dau. of George Davis and Lucinda Davis. Geo. & Lucinda were cousins, not

1st. Geo's daddy named Solomon lived Hannalee Br., Lucinda's father also Solomon, lived Wilson Co.

close to Watertown. They were some kin to Bill Davis, Mags May. Lucinda's mother was

Saluda Brown, possibly from Va. Lucinda had 4 brothers,

2 m. Robert, Peyton & Willie, 2 sisters. These 2 were only ones she ever saw. Geo. had brother Joe, others.

One of Lucinda's bros died in army.

James Monroe Bailiff was Confederate soldier, was wounded in battle of Chickamauga,

had bullet in side till death.

Bailiff 2

This was told by old aunt Nancy Alexander. Alexander + Braswell houses were only ones in here, surrounded by canebrakes, cattle would run wild in there. Wolves would howl around house when they killed hogs. They had to guard patch of corn (2 or 3 acres) all day to keep squirrels, etc. from eating every ear. Mr. B's father used to kill wild hog, had dog that would catch them. Bailiffs moved in this hollow 53 yrs. ago. Negroes used to live in this hollow - Miles George, they cleared this hollow, gave \$5 an acre. This was part of Beckwith's land. Beckwith's had big long hotel, old Hanny Beckwith said President once stayed there. Beckwiths were start of wild hogs, all these hollows were full of them. Both mothers spun, wove. Women used to carry water in piggins on head. Men had old flint-lock guns with powderpan. Mr. Bailiff likes all kinds of hunting. Said there used to be small black bears in this country. Mr. B. never saw a wild pigeon that he remembers, but his daddy said they were so many they broke limbs off trees. They would fly through low-gaps, men shot, wind carried them 200 - 300 yards. Mr. B. has killed wild turkeys.

Baileff³¹

used to be plenty of them. Has shot at a few deer, not many. Old Grand Doctor Fuson was doctor here on Day Co., son Dr. Bob. Dr. Squires was at Liberty. Mrs. Baileff's father died when she was young, doesn't know where buried, her mother at Snow Hill Meth. Ch. Mrs. B's parents buried at Sn. Hill Baptist. Atwell Schoolhouse was log building, by old Snow Hill school, across road to east. Had plank in wall used for writing table, soldier was once laid on it blood still there, he was buried nearby. This hollow called Bedwirth land, then Nigger Hollow. Negro Niles George from Woodbury. Mr. B's grandfather Foster gave ~~Lucy~~ Eliza a negro gal, kept her till they were freed. Felly Atwell is said to be some of same bunch that gave land for Atwell School. Odd main road to Smithills came up Day Creek to Turner place Lucius Cathcart now brick house, went up there and out ridge to Snow Hill School. Soldiers came up there, had battle near old Atwell school. Turnpike up Snow Hill was probably not built until after Civil War. Never heard much about bushwhackers. Jon once had 50 beehives, one year got 900 lb. honey.

Bailliff⁴

They went to school at Possum Hollow at house where Bob Earl Fuson lives - it's made into their rent house. They had church meeting at the school house, was Baptist Ch. Was store on Dry Cr., Kent Cathcart owned, was where Youngblood post office was. Went to mill at Cripps Mill, made meal & flour both. Daniel Moser ran mill. Jimmy Snow would preach at meeting house, Bro. Lewis also preached there. Mr. Bailliff used to go to dances, log-rollings, work all day, dance all night. Old Uncle Elisha Vandergrift, blind fiddler, very good, John McDowell also. Had to watch Lishy not to get too much whiskey, he would fall out of chair. Much drinking, few drunks, lot of people made wildcat whiskey. Not much shooting and cutting. Where Shade Tramel is building was old Bombs house, were 2 old houses here - that one was owned by Isaac Alexander. Late Mullican house was built by old Uncle Sam Braswell, now owned by Alvie Mullican who uses it for sheep house, mixed logs, wide logs. Mr. Bailliff's daddy's place up hollow to right at Shade Tramel's. Log house near Bailliff's is owned by The Habs, has Elmer's furniture.