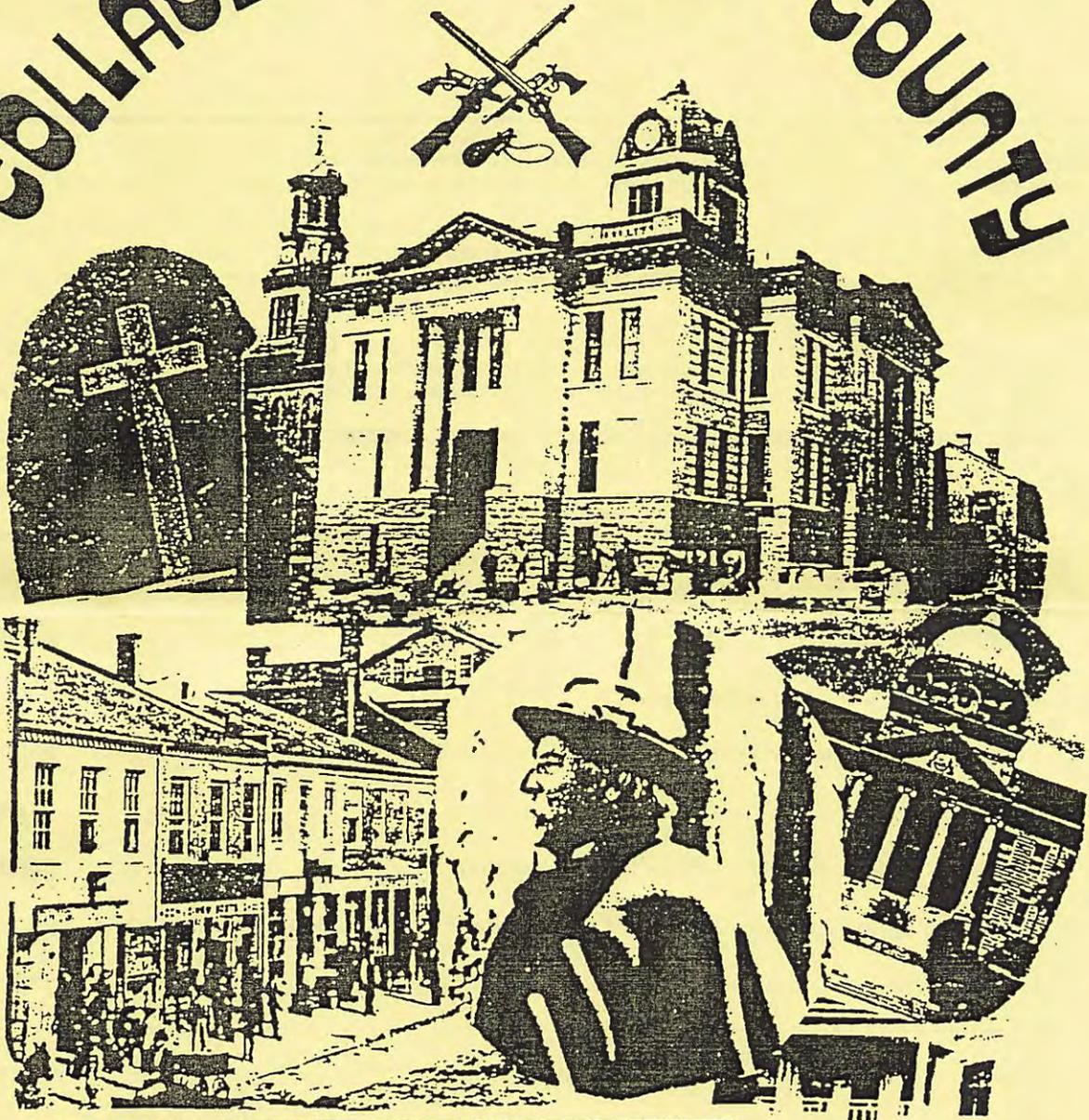


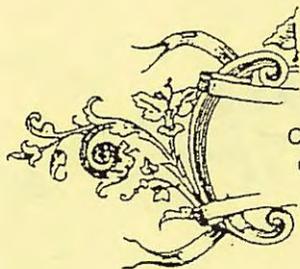
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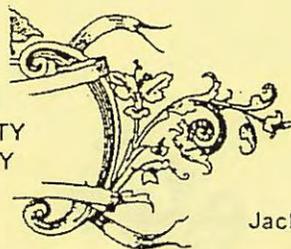
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Item	Amount	Price	Value
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lime	38,000 bbls	1.15	43,000
bacon	300,000 lbs	.07	21,000
lard	50,000 lbs	.07	3,500
hogs, dressed	150,000 lbs	.05	7,500





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Cape Girardeau, Mo. Sept 24th 1888

Mr A. Winton Esq. Mr Collins

BENJ. MILLER,
—SUCCESSOR TO—
C. C. WILSON,
BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,
DEALER IN
SCHOOL AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, PENS, INK, PAPER AND FINE STATIONERY,

From the President

Dear Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society Members,

I hope all of you are in the midst of a happy holiday season. Remember that giving of yourself to others is the best gift you can give!

We have more changes in the wind for the Society. At our November meeting, held at the Red House Interpretive Center, the membership voted to look into moving our library to the County Archive Center. We have several major reasons for considering this move. First, we are about to run out of room in the existing facility at Riverside Regional Library. Anyone who has worked in the room recently knows how cramped it is, with books, microfilm readers, a computer, and tables. Second, we have had a continuing problem, which seems to focus on our most valued books. We are a non-circulating library. However, some people (either ignorant of procedures or just plain thieves) simply take them and walk out the door. The Library cannot afford a security system, so this won't get any better. It is also the reason we have had to lock up some of the most valuable books, and have patrons leave their driver's licenses with the main desk to get a key. Finally, and most importantly, for the first time in our history, we can't find anyone to head the Library Committee. Betty Mills has stepped down from the job due to health reasons, and we have been unable to find anyone else to take on the job since July. This means no one sorting books, logging in books, and keeping the catalog up to date. I wrote a letter to the Archive Center in November, requesting the move. Archive Center Director Jane Jackson is supportive, but the move could not occur without the approval of the County Commission. The Commission approved the move, but with the stipulation that the arrangement be review in one year. Before we decide to move, however, I want to discuss this stipulation at our January meeting. PLEASE try and attend if you can, because I want all opinions to be expressed before we make this decision. I would also like to point out that we have had 30+ years of a very friendly relationship with Riverside Regional Library. This continues, and if we move it will be an amicable parting.

For many years, the Society has done paid research for those who wished to hire a genealogist familiar with local records. We have to suspend this because Betty Mills has also resigned from this activity, and Dawn Detring has less time to work with research than she once did. My efforts to find others to take their places have been unsuccessful, although several people expressed a willingness to do this if they could receive additional training, which we may offer next spring. In the interim, I ask that you let me know if there are surnames with which you have expertise and could share your information with others. I will be emailing our membership to try and assemble such a list, and I will act as the "clearing house" to connect people.

The Society has been asked to take on a project in cooperation with the city of Jackson, involving cemetery inventory. The two public cemeteries in Jackson—Jackson City Cemetery and Russell Height Cemetery—have not been completely computerized. Dawn Detring is working on Jackson City Cemetery, but we need additional help with inventory of Russell Heights. The city has records on owners of plots, but few records of those buried in them. We need people to actually read the stones, and also to go through obituaries to check for people buried in the cemetery who have no gravestones. Contact me (573-335-1507 or E-mail: eddlemanw@sbcglobal.net) if you have an interest in helping out.

Finally, there are at least a couple of new publications on the horizon, one of which will be announced in the next Collage. Hope everyone has a great holiday, and happy searching!

Bill Eddleman



Divorce Case of Mary Welty vs. Daniel Welty
And Mary Welty vs. James C. Wallace Suit for Dower Rights
 (1845, Cape Girardeau Co. Circuit Court Case Bundles, Box 8, File 15)
 (1849, Cape Girardeau Co. Circuit Court Case Bundles, Box 12, File 49)
 Transcribed by Bill Eddleman

To May Term 1845

Mary Welty
 vs. } Petition for Divorce
 Daniel Welty }

Filed March 1st 1845
 Robt. Brown, Clerk

{D. 93.
 May Term 1846}

Copying petition 1050 words -- \$1.05
 Certificate & Seal ----- \$.50
 \$1.55

Executed the within process on the within named Daniel Welty, by delivering to him on the 13th day of March 1845. a copy of the within petition & summons in Cape Girardeau County Mo.

James M. Bennett Shff

Sheriff's Fee \$1.00

By his Deputy.
 Bernard S. McGuire

To the Honorable the Cape Girardeau Circuit Court in the tenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri, exercising Chancery jurisdiction.

The petition of Mary Welty of said County and state makes known that between thirty five and forty years ago She married on Daniel Welty in the state of Kentucky and that in two or three years thereafter she and her said Husband moved to the County of Cape Girardeau in the said state of Missouri where they have continued to reside ever since.

your petitioner further represents that she has borne the said Welty fourteen children, two of whom have departed this life leaving twelve still living the youngest of which a female is now about twelve years of age, all of whom your petitioner has toiled to raise in a becoming and Christian-like manner.

your petitioner also states that during the long period that she has been the wife of the said Daniel Welty She has labored[?] to perform her duties as his wife to the utmost extent of her abilities doing all that she could to conciliate render[?] him happy, But that he unmindful of his duties and obligations as a Husband has for a series of years and on almost innumerable accasions treated her cruelly roughly and barbressly so as to endanger her life and has offered such indignities to the person of your petitioner as to render her life

condilition[?] intolerable.

your Petitioner expressly charges that the said Daniel Welty her said Husband, has neglected and refused to supply your petitioner with clothing, and provisions refusing to permit her to ___[?] the meat and other food in the hous, and rendering her at her peril not to do so.

He the said Welty has at different times used violent threaghts against your petitioner abused her in various ways by calling her a d____ b____, d____ s____ [language omitted] and so on. He has also without any cause or reason, but in _____ oft intimated that your petitioner was guilty of Adultery by charging her with having

had[?] intimate with other men and laying to your petitioner that she was no wife of his, but nothing but a hired woman.

He the said Welty has frequently raised his fist, and upon one accation a stick to threaten your petitioner using at the same time this Language "if you do not behave yourself I will knock your d ____ [language omitted] brains out." Also saying that either he the said Daniel Welty or this petitioner would have to dy or leave and that it would not be him the said Welty, thereby threatening to take the life of your petitioner. All of this coarse[?] and violent conduct on the part of the said Welty, you petitioner alledges was without just cause or provocation on her part.

your petitioner further charges that in the Latter part of the Spring or the

fore part of the summer Eighteen hundred and forty four the said Daniel Welty drew an ax on your petitioner—was advancing to her with angry and threatening words, when he was arrested by the forcable interposition of the son of your petitioner, otherwise in all human[?] probability the life of your petitioner would have been sacraficed.

These and various simalar indignities on the part of the said Welty to your petitioner has compelled her to fly to her children for protection and rendered it impossible longer to live with the said Welty.

your petitioner also charges that the said Welty is a man of some substance, being the owner of Horses cattle and sheep and possessing[?] also to be the owner of real estae on which there is a valuable farm.

In consideration of the facts your petitioner feels constrained to appeal to the Laws and judicial tribunals of her country for justice and protection. She feels satisfied that she cannot longer live with her said Husband without suffering every species of indignity, and having her life endangered.

She therefore prays the introposition of this Honorable Court, and [asks] that the said Daniel Welty may be [made] a Defendant to this proceeding, and compe[lle]d to answer the facts and allegati[ons]

here set forth, that she your petitioner may be Divorced from the Bonds of Matrimoney heretofore contracted with the said Daniel Welty—that he may be compelled to settle upon your petitioner such portions of his estate as may be right and proper and that such order may be taken in relation to the minor children of the parties, as the facts of the case will require, and to grant to your petitioner such other and further relief as the nature of her case may require Etc.

Mary Welty Complain-
ant by Watkins

Mary Welty the above petitioner makes oath that the facts in the foregoing bill are true according to the best of her knowledge and that her complaint is not made out of or by collusion from or restraint between her and her said Husband for the purpose of being separated from each other, but in and truth for the causes mentioned in said Bill.

Sworn and subscribed

her

To before me Robert

Mary x Welty

Brown Clerk of the

mark

Cape Girardeau Circuit

Court Missouri this

1st day of March 1845

Robt. Brown Clk

State of Missouri }

County of Cape Girardeau } S.S.

The State of Missouri

To the Sheriff of the County of Cape

Girardeau in Said State, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Daniel Welty, the within named defendant, if he be found in your county, to be and appear before the Circuit Court for the county of Cape Girardeau, tenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri, at the Courthouse within this town of Jackson within and

for said county of Cape Girardeau, on the fourth Monday of May next, then and there to answer unto the said Mary Welty of the within complaint, and have you then there this writ:

Witness Robert Brown, Clerk of said Circuit Court, at Office in Jackson, County & State aforesaid, the first day of March A. D. 1845.

Robt. Brown, Clerk

Daniel Welty	}	In the Circuit Court Exercising
Defendant	}	Chancery jurisdiction for the County
Ats.	}	of Cape Girardeau in the state of
Mary Welty	}	Missouri Term of May eight-
Complainant	}	een hundred and forty five

This defendant saving and reserving to himself now and at all times hereafter all manner of advantage and benifit of exception that may be had and taken to the many untruths uncertainties insufficiencies and imperfections in the said complainants said bill of complaint contained for a full and perfect answer thereunto or to such part thereof as it materially concerns this defendant to make answer thereunto he answereth and saith that between thirty five and forty years ago as charged in complainants bill he was lawfully married to said complainant in the state of Kentucky and that in within two or three years thereafter he and his said wife removed to the county of Cape Girardeau in the now state of Missouri where they have continued to reside ever since

This defendant denies that his said wife has endeavored to perform her duties as his wife or that she endeavored to render his situation happy but on the contrary she has ["about ever since their marriage" marked through] contrived for the last ten or twelve[?] years to be guilty of various acts of which were to the prejudice injury & vexation of this defendant, ["that by her" marked through] and that by her ingovernable temper ["she has" marked through] which she apparently never endeavored to restrain she has rendered the life of [your marked through] this defendant miserable and further that said complainant has at various time excited the children of said complainant & defendant to disobedience, and

encouraged said children to maltreat and abuse the said defendant their father. This defendant denies that ever treated said complainant cruelly harshly and barbarously or that he has offered indignities to her person—but on the contrary thereof has always endeavored to cherish comfort and protect his said wife and treat her as a kind and faithful husband should do, and render her married life an easy ["and" marked through] comfortable and happy one

This defendant denies that he has neglected refused to furnish said complainant his said wife with clothing and provisions or to refuse to furnish her the meat and other food in the house but on the contrary has worked hard during his life to furnish his family with the necessaries ["of life" marked through] and comforts requisite for their condition in life his said family have at all times been well furnished with necessary food & clothing to which said complainant during the time that she lived with said defendant always had free access.

The said defendant denies that he has at different times or at any time used violent threats against your petitioner that he has abused her in various ways or in any way, either by calling her a d____ b____ d____ s____ [language omitted], or in any way whatever.

This defendant denies that he has ever intimated that said complainant was guilty of adultery or any other crime, or that he has ever said she was no wife of his.

This defendant denies that he has ever threatened ["to strike your" marked through] or attempted to strike said complainant with his fist a stick or any thing else or that he was said he would knock her d____ [language omitted] brains out if she did not behave herself or that he

ever said that said complainant his said wife or himself would have to leave there or die, or anything else which could be constued to a meaning of that kind. This defendant denies that in the ["fore part" marked through] latter part of the spring or fore part of the summer eighteen hundred and forty four ["or any other time the said Daniel Welty drew" marked through] or any other time whatever the said defendant drew an axe on said

complainant and advanced upon her with angry and threatening words or that there was ever any occasion [“of their children” marked through] for the interposition of their children.

Said defendant denies that said complainant was compelled to leave [“their” marked through] his house on account of ill treatment made use of by this defendant to said complainant, but expressly charges that it was through the collusion of their children devious[?] other malicious & mischevious persons for the purpose of unjustly depriving him of the

of his life, which is the true cause of this proceeding being instituted against him—and this defendant doth deny all manner of ill treatment of his said wife charged against him in said bill of complaint of Said complainant without that that any other matter or thing in the said complainants said bill of complaint contained material or necessary for this defendant to make answer unto, and not herein or hereby well and sufficiently answered unto confessed or avoided tra__sed or denied is true, all which matters and things this defendant is ready to own maintain and prove as this Honorable court shall want and humbly prays to be hence dismissed

with his reasonable costs and charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained.

Daniel Welty

Welty

Vs

Welty

Replication

Filed Jun 10, 1845

Robt. Brown Clk

Welty }

vs }

May term 1845

Welty }

This Replicant saving and reserving to herself all and all manner of advantage of exception to the manifest[?] insufficiencies of the said answer:

For Replication thereunto saith that she will ever and prove her said Bill to be true certain and sufficient in the Law to be empowered[?] unto, and that the said answer of the said Defendant is uncertain untrue and insufficient to be replied unto by this replicant.

All of which matters replicant is ready and willing to prove and prays as she has by her said Bill already prayed.

Watkins for
Complainant

Mary Welty

vs.

Danl. Welty

Defts. Bill of exeption

Filed Dec. 26, 1845

Robt. Brown Clk

To the Cape Girardeau Circuit Court in the State of Missouri: To the May term in the year Eighteen hundred and forty nine

The petition of Mary Welty of said county and state makes known That her late Husband Daniel Welty departed this life in the Month of February in the year Eighteen hundred and forty eight without will that during his life he was the owner in Fee simple of the following real Estate situated in said County and state to which your Petitioner never relinquished her right of Dower, that is to say, The East half of the south west quarter of Section sixteen (16) in Township thirty three (33) North of Range twelve (12) East containing Eighty (80) acres.

your Petitioner further states that one James C. Wallace (who is prayed to be Made a Defendant to this Petition) is now in the use and occupancy of said real Estate claiming it as his property & refuses to admit the right of your petitioner to Dower therein—altho a demand for Dower has been made on him

your petitioner therefore prays that the Court would order and ____ (?) her Dower in said real Estate agreeable to Law, and

Damages for the detention of the same, as in the language of the statue that the Court render Judgment that your petitioner be seized of her Dower in said real Estate during her natural life and that she may recover Damages for the detention of Said Dower.

Watkins atty
Mary Welty petitioner

Mary Welty }
vs }
James C. Wallace } This is a petition for Dower. The clerk will issue a summons agreeable to the Statute(?)

Watkins for
Mary Welty

State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau S.S.

The State of Missouri: To the sheriff of the County of Cape Girardeau in said state Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon James C Wallace, the aforesaid defendant, to be and appear at our Circuit Court, at the Courthouse in the town of Jackson in said County, on the first day of the next term thereof to be held at the Courthouse in the said town of Jackson in said County, On the fourth Monday of May

Next, and there to answer the foregoing complaint of Mary Welty. And have you then there this writ

Witness Henry Sanford Clerk
of the said Circuit Court, at Jackson
in said county and state, the tenth
day of April, One thousand
eight hundred and forty nine
Hy Sanford
Clerk

Mary Welty }
vs }
James C. Wallace } Petition for Dower

The defendant comes & defends the demand of the plaintiff.

Watkins for plff.

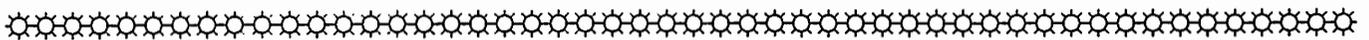
G. W. Davis for Deft.

[Mary Welty apparently won her case, because she conveyed dower rights to James C. Wallace on August 24, 1849 for \$45. Below are abstracts of the pertinent deeds concerning this case]

Deed Book L. Page 481. 24 October 1845. Daniel **WELTY** to Royal **THOMPSON**. For the sum of \$150, 80 acres, being the E 1/2, SW 1/4, Section 16, Township 33, Range 12 E; entered by John **HENDRICKS** and conveyed by him to said **WELTY**. Signed Daniel **WELTY**. Attest Jane T. **SMITH**, Sarah **MATHEWS**. Witness Jonathan A. **MALON** (Justice of the Peace). Recorded 24 October 1845.

Deed Book N. Page 436. 26 June 1847. Royal **THOMPSON** and Jane, his wife, to James C. **WALLACE**. For the sum of \$200, 80 acres, being the E 1/2, SW 1/4, Section 16, Township 33, Range 12 E; entered by John **HENDRICKS**, conveyed by him to Daniel **WELTY**, and by him to said **THOMPSON**. Signed Royal **THOMPSON**, Jane **THOMPSON** (Relinquished Dower). Witness John S. **REED**, David C. **HOPE**, Justice of the Peace. Recorded 3 August 1847.

Deed Book O. Page 96. 24 August 1849. Mary **WELTY** to James C. **WALLACE**. For the sum of \$45, quit claim in right of dower to 80 acres, being the E 1/2, SW 1/4, Section 16, Township 33, Range 12 E; entered by John **HENDRICKS**, conveyed by him to Daniel **WELTY**, now decd, by him to Royal **THOMPSON**, and by him and wife to said **WALLACE**. Mary **WELTY** did not relinquish her right of dower on the transaction from Daniel **WELTY** to said **THOMPSON**, and this deed does so. Signed Mary (x) **WELTY**. Witness Wm. E. **ALEXANDER**, Jacob **TOBLER**, Deputy Clerk. Recorded 24 August 1849.



"Are you English? Are you kin to John and Sinai (Ballew) English?"

John English, son Thomas and Jane (Wicker) English, and Sinai Ballew were married in Louisiana. Six children--Louisa, Thomas B., Albert G., Elizabeth, Myra St. John, and Agness--were named in John's probate as "living in Cape Girardeau County." These children married into the Renfroe, Joyce, McFerron and other Cape Girardeau families. After John's death in Hempstead County, Arkansas in 1821, Sinai married at least twice. Her Nugent children--Benjamin B., Jacob Lewis Jr., John R., Edmund D., and Louisa--were raised by her brother in Franklin Parish, LA. Most of Sinai's Nugent in-laws lived in Red River County, Texas. Some of John's kin also lived there at the same time. When Thomas Ballew died in Ouachita Parish, Sinai's mother, Sarah (?), named 9 heirs and their ages. A daughter married in Cape Girardeau County and a son was probably born there.

This history begins with the migration of the Ballew and English families to Cape Girardeau before 1805 and ends about 1870. It is based on old letters, correspondence with English, Ballew and Nugent descendants, Bible records, microfilmed newspapers and legal documents filed in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

Soft side cover; 132 pages; notes; more than 235 references; suggestions for additional research; appendix; pictures and modified every name index.

A second book on Thomas and Jane (Wicker) English and their other children--Robert who married Mary; Joseph who married Columbia McFerron; William H. who married Nancy Hunter; Thomas Jr. who married Elizabeth Howard; Simeon who married Erina McFerron; Martha who married George Camster and then Woodson Parrott; Talitha who married John Evans; Jane who married Zedediah R. Howard; Hannah who married Edward Joyce; Louisa who married Abner Kinnison; and Charity who married William Mathews--is mostly researched and partly written.

For more details, including price, contact: **Patricia Shively Elmore; 200 Maple Lane; Bloomfield, MO 63825; 573-568-3862; E-mail: welmore@dexter.net**


DEATHS FROM RODNEY G. WHITELAW DIARY
 RODNEY WHITELAW CARMACK (MRS. FRED R. JUENEMAN)

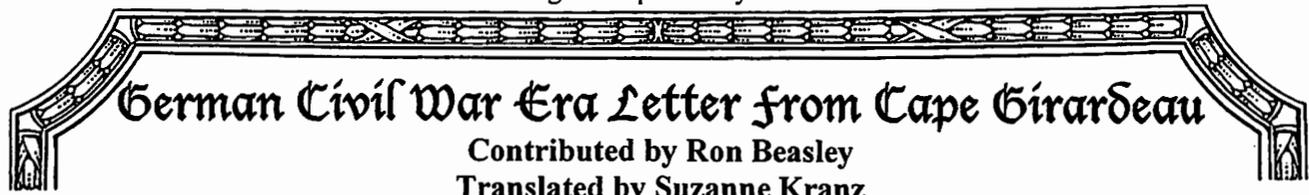
[I have copied Death Notes taken from the diary of my grandfather Rodney G. Whitelaw-1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908 and 2 dates in 1922. I hope this can be of help. Rodney W. Jueneman; 4028 Constitution Ave; . Fairfield CA 94533; ph. 707-434-1730]

Rodney G. Whitelaw d 24 August 1922 - on visit to Denver Colo. He is buried New Lorimier Cemetery Cape Girardeau MO

Katie M Rodney, wife of Rodney G. Whitelaw, d. 2 Dec 1908 - Cape Girardeau Mo – buried besidehusband -New Lorimier Cern.

Deaths recorded in 1903 diary of Rodney G. Whitelaw, mayor of Cape Girardeau, MO. Copied by his granddaughter, Rodney W. Jueneman, August 2001.

1903	2 Feb	Mrs S S Harris died
	24 Mar	Mr Kemper died 4:30 pm Lizzie Wall died 1:30 am
	10 May	Joe Werne died age 65 - born 1837
	8 Jul	Wilson Cramer's wife died in 8t Louis
	29-30 Jul	Presbyterian Pastor S L Alsworth drowned in Mississippi River at 5 am July 29, 1903
	3 Nov	Everett Hicks married [Note: step-son of Rod Whitelaw & son of Katie Rodney by 1 st marriage)
	9 Dec	Frank E Burrough died
1904	12 Jan	John Mason Rodney died
	13 Jan	Mae Shelton married in Jackson
	9 Feb	Paul Garrett disappeared from Virginia City Mont. in Nov 1903 and was found dead in Feb 1904
	15 Feb	Senator Hanna died
	3 Apr	Susan C Johnson died in Louisville KY at sister Werne home
	30 Jun	John H Crowder committed suicide
	7 Aug	Went to Sikeston for funeral of H. Marshall
	22 Aug	3 o'clock am - Richardson shot W. Block [or Black] with shot-gun
	11 Sep	John Broderick died
8 Oct	Dorsay McClean died in theater in St Louis	
19 Dec	Bill Bright died	
1905	8 Oct	Col Robert Sturdivant died at home of niece in Tallapoosa Georgia
	16 Oct	Charles Davis father died
	12 Dec	Samuel Hit died



German Civil War Era Letter from Cape Girardeau

Contributed by Ron Beasley
Translated by Suzanne Kranz

[Editor's Note: This letter, written in German, was found in an old house in Cape Girardeau, and was badly damaged and crumbling. We are not sure who wrote it, but it does describe some of the conditions in Cape Girardeau and vicinity early in the Civil War.]

Cape Girardeau June 13, 1862

Much loved friends and relatives in the old city. Even though I am living here, I think of you, my friends in the old homeland (especially in these days when nobody knows how and when the war will find its end) I don't know whether all of you are alive and healthy

[water damaged, can't read]

I received your letter from June 1, 1862. I have read in that the family is healthy. You are writing that [something with building houses].....

[large water damaged area, can't read]

year.....make a trip.....healthy.....if I don't like it, so.....money.....live.....my girlfriend is.....3 years.....can and have money.....Cape.....and live a.....rebels.....has so long.....rebels.....on the.....from.....also the.....the rebels.....sleep or make[?].....all with the.....hands.....30 inchwith inch.....has somebody.....but everyone is building.....not over for a long time because at Richmond nothing is decided, neither side won the battle that lasted from June 24 to July 1.....brought no victory

60 to 70 thousand men waited and today again nothing happened.....as well as in Virginia bushwhackers robbed and killed family, and others had to flee and leave everything behind, and have to live like you. All the days these refugees move to the freed states, also the hundreds that moved by St. Louis and other cities. It is not like it used to be. Especially here in Missouri rebels are more organized and become more active in bigger numbers. They were here and in Cape Girardeau. They planned to rob the city, but did not because we were there. We immediately activated our Homeguard.

August. Nothing much happened since the last time except a small skirmish with the rebels, which are crowded in the Border States, they become stronger and took some military posts from the union troops, but soon left again. They only come to steal and plunder, and with this they have already lost some, who died or were caught. Some rebel bushwhackers don't exist anymore or were almost caught entirely, They went on a raid at night to Jackson and where in the afternoon, 2 to 4 soldiers were shot, 2 were fatally shot and they caught 10 of them, they are waiting, also the rebel leader was there. It was a hard battle at sea and land near Baton Rouge, which did cost a lot of life but fortunately it did not occur more often.

September 15. Since the last report a lot of things happened, because in all regions the battles seem to end in our favor, namely here in Missouri the guerilla bands made big advances, they got the best spots such as Independence, Springfield, Lexington, Greenfield, Bloomfield, and many other places. They took control and took everything out of the towns or burnt it or destroyed it and left most places in a hurry, all with great damage to the Union, because it did cost some men, cannons, and weapons since many posts were guarded too weakly. It is the same in.....and.....where we had to fight much and hard, because the rebels are fighting for life and death, whereas our general and officers only fight for the money. Most of them are not big people and need something to live and want an end of the war and don't want to hurt the big people in the South. Most of them want the land, and they become stronger, because everywhere people talk about the reputation of the Germans. The Germans, Americans, and French stay back at the moment, here in Cape Girardeau every men between 18 and 45 is a soldier now, without a nation or class difference, because they were all violently picked up and arrested and have to practice every day. I will write again and inform where the troops are and where they lost and what happened.

August 16. Almost the whole food and ammunition carts were lost, almost 1 million supplies of food, clothes, maps, and plans, all the papers and money.....a bond of almost a hundred million dollars. Besides other battles with great losses of humans and ammunition which all happened through disloyalty and carelessness. September 28 the war luck returned to our side.....fights on the mainland that almost lasted a whole week.....the rebels took 20 to 25 people prisoners and plundered more cities.....

We have to best hope that the main war will end soon unlike the guerilla war which can last for another couple of years and which might bring ruin. I need to turn my back to politics now, and talk about other things. My brother and my family.....we are all perfectly healthy and fine and my girl goes to school every day, we wish for a peaceful time. Regarding the harvest, the wheat is alright, corn and hay are good, potatoes as well. Market prices wheat is cheap 60 to 70 cents, corn and oat 32 to 34, potatoes 40 cents, cow meat and pork cheap. Land and houses are for sale. Gold and silver, paper enough is enough. You are writing about J. S. Jaeggels because of his brother. I gave him the letter immediately; he said to me he would answer right away, I don't know if he did it. As far as I know he did. You also send me an address for J. Scholl.....send a letter on July 19, but until no answer.....

Now some questions for you.....

Because you haven't mentioned A.S..Hauslig and H.S. Nachtsa1terer and J.S. Kuessersah [not sure about spelling], so I have to ask you how are they doing.

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1883 Cape Girardeau Fire

(From: *Ste. Genevieve Herald*; *Ste. Genevieve, Mo.*; Saturday, May 26, 1883)



CORRESPONDENCE
Cape Girardeau, Mo.
May 16th, 1883

Editor Herald: On Friday afternoon, may 11th, fire broke out in the Phoenix Foundry, on Spanish Street, and before the flames were quenched, the foundry, KAGE's livery stable, Wm. BURGESS's house (occupied by Anton KETTERER) and the residence of Christ. F. BETTEN were in ruins.

The alarm was sounded as soon as the fire was discovered and the old fire engine and hose cart, manned by willing hands, was promptly on the ground, and got ready for work. Just how the fire originated may never be known. On Friday afternoon, some of the workmen were casting, and it is probable that a spark from the cupola fell upon the roof and, before it was noticed had set the dry wood ablaze and, once started, the place burned like tinder.

In the excitement that followed, the discovery of the fire, H.B. BURDGE was lost sight of by his fellow workmen, but nothing was thought of it until all was over and the greater part of the crowd had returned home. Then inquiry was made, but nobody had seen Mr. BURDGE. Early Saturday morning, Claiburne BRYANT, a colored man, who had been employed by Mr. KAGE to look after and save what corn he could from the ruins of the stable, in looking around through what was left of the foundry, found some burned bones, a heart, liver, lungs and part of the intestines of a human being; the finding of Mr. BURDGE's spectacle case, pocket book jaws, convinced everybody that their worst fears were verified, and that he had lost his life in the building.

The heaviest loss falls on Fuerth & Smith of the Phoenix Foundry. It is impossible to tell just what their stock was worth, as they had hundreds of costly patterns, the accumulation of years. Their place was worth, it is estimated by competent judges, about 10 or \$12,000; they carried \$4,500 insurance.

The livery stable buildings owned by J.M. MORRISON, were uninsured; they were worth about \$1,000. F.A. KAGE lost about \$50 worth of hay, corn and oats. Wm. BURGESS' building was insured for \$700, which will about cover his loss. Christ. F. BETTEN's residence had only been completed about four months, cost about \$1,400 and insured for \$1,000.

SLAVE NARRATIVES: EMILY CAMPSTER GREEN

My mammy wuz Celie Camster en my daddy wuz Jack McGuire. We lived out in Bollinger County an' belonged to Massa George Camster. De white folks had a big house, made o' logs, wid chinkins in 'tween en 'nen dobbed over. We cullud folks had little cabins an' we had good livin' dar. Ole 'Massa an' Missus Patsy wuz mighty good to us. Eatin's? Lawd we had everthin'—not de mess we has to make out wid now.

I fell to young Missie Janie an' wuz her maid an' when Missie Janie married Mista Bradley I went with 'em down to Cha'leston in Mississippi County.

Missie Janie an' her Mista Bradley rode in a buggy an' I sits behind. I member de fust time I seed de big ribber. Dar wuz a boat on it. I ain't nebeer seed a boat befo' an' I says, "Oh! Miss Janie dat house gonna sink." She laf at me an' say dat a boat. Pore Miss Janie—dat Mista Bradley made her believe he had a big plantation an lots o' money an' when we gits dar he warn't nuthin' but a overseer on de Joe Moore place. Pre Missie Janie! She wuz so purty an' she had lotsa beaux—she coulda' married rich but she jes tuk de wrong one.

We had goot times fore we lef' de ole place, fore Ole Massa died. We usta git together in de ebenin's. Dey'd say, "I's gon'a step over to de udder cabin" – en word ud git aroun' an 'for' you knowd it dey'd be a crowd. We allus said "jest step over" no matter how far it wuz. Den some er de women ud put in a quilt an' some ud git to cookin' an' bakin'. Mmm! De lassus cakes we used to have! An' den wen de quilt wuz finished an de eatin' done dey'd clean out de room an' dance. Dem sho wuz good times. But I 'members de las' dance we had. Ole Massa wuz sick. He's habbin' de dance an' Aunt Mary wuz dar. She wuz a spiritualis' woman—you knows whut a spiritualis' is, don' you? Well, everybody wuz dancin' an' habbin' a good time—Aunt Mary say, "Hush! I's gonna ask is Ole Massa gonna git well." Den she say—"If Ole Massa gonna die, rap three times." Den in a minnit comes a loud, Blam! Blam! Blam! Right across de house. Den we all cry an' go home 'cause we knows Ole Massa's gonna die!

Bout dat time my daddy die too an' my mammy marry Levi Wilson. He belong to Nelson Ellis an' when Ole Massa Ellis's daughter married Beverly Parrot dey went to Texas an' tuk my step-daddy along. 'Cose he never 'spected to see my mammy agin an' he married a young woman down dar. Atter de war, dey comes back up dar an' he seed my mammy but she says, "Go way. I libbed wid you sebben year an' nebbber had no chillum by you. Now you got a young woman an' she got chillum. You stay with her. I won't bother you none."

My mammy allus stayed wid Ole Missus Patsy. Ole Tom Johnson, de nigger trader, tuk her two brothers an' sent um to New Orleans. He usta libe in dat big house dat wuz war de postoffice is now, an' he usta keep de slaves he buy dar at he's house till he can send um down de ribber on de boat.

One time a slave at a neighbor farm was workin' in de feel' an when he comes in, in de ebenin's he's wife wuz gone an' de cradle wuz emty. He's Massa done sold 'em. De ole man fell down on he's knees an' he begin prayin' and he pray an' he holler, "Oh! Nobody know but Jesus! Nobody know but Jesus!" An' he kep' dat up a prayin' and a hollerin' like dat. His ole Massa hear him, an' it made him feel bad. De ole darky keep on a prayin' an' a hollerin', "Nobody know but Jesus." Ole Massa keep on a hearin' it, till atter awhile, he git right down der on de flo' wid de darky an' he 'fess religion.

After Ole Massa George died, Ole Missus Patsy married Woodson Parrot and went to his place in Scott County. Dey had a nice big home dar an' he were a good man. When he lay yin he wuz sick a long time an' dey wuz allus some loge men roun' him an my mammy wuz skeered of de men. De night he died, Ole Missus Patsy had been up wid him so much she wuz sleepin'—an' he call out, "Oh! Patsy! Oh! Patsy! Oh! Patsy!" three times jes' like dat. Mammy wuz skeered o' dem men an' she wouldn't go in an' wake Ole Missus Patsy. Den ole Massa Parrot say, "Oh! Patsy, I ain't nebbber made a prayer in my life an' here I'se dyin'." Ole Missus Patsy nebbber did forgive my mammy for not wakin' her till de day she died.

Miss Janie allus had to live on rented places. Mista Bradley warn't smart an' he didn't have nuthin' but she stayed with him an' done de bes' she could.

We seed lotsa sojers cum by durin' de war, but dey nebbber bothered us much. De Ku Kluxers cum roun' sometimes but mostly to see dat darkies stay whar dey belong. When de war wuz over I wanted to stay wif Missie Janie, but my mammy cum an' got me. We worked for a German family livin' on Jackson Hill.

I cud a been a spiritualis' woman if I'd had a little education. I allus had visions an' 'ud see things but I nebbber know'd whut dey mean. When I tell my mammy she allus say, "Hush chile, you allus a seein' things."

My mammy's daid now a long time but she offen comes to see me. One night I seed her carryin' a bright light. She allus comes to see me when I'se in trouble but I ain't seen her now for a long time.

---Interview with Emily Camster Green, ex-slave. Lives at S. E. corner of Frederick and Bellevue Streets, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

BETTY BROWN

In de ole' days we live in Arkansas, in Greene County. My mammy wuz Mary Ann Millan, an' we belong to Massa John Nutt, an' Miss Nancy.

Our white folks live in a big double house, wid a open hall between. It wuz build of hewed logs an' had a big po'ch on de wes' side. De house stood on Cash Rivuh, at the crossroads of three roads; one road go tuh Pocahontes, one tuh Jonesburg, an' one tuh Pie-Hatten (Powhatan).

Now whut fo' you wann' know all dem things? Air ye tryin' to raise de daid? Some o' 'em, ah don' wanna see no mo', an some o' 'em ah wants to stay whar dey is. Pore mammy! Ah shore had one sweet muthuh, an' ah wants huh to stay at rest.

De wuz jus' us one family o' cullud folks on de place. You see, Miss Nancy hired us fum her fathuh, Ole Massa Hanover. Jes' mah mammy an' huh chillern. She had five, 'fore de war wuz ovah. Our daddy, he wuz an Irishman, name Millan, an' he had de bigges' still in all Arkansas. Yes'm, he had a white wife, an' five chillern at home, but mah mammy say he like huh an' she like him. You say ah don' look half white? Maybe I's fadin'.

We live in a little ole' log house, it wuz so low a big feller had to stoop to git in. Our folks wuz mighty good tuh us, an' we stayed der wid 'um after we's freed.

Ah don' rightly know how old ah is, but de priest writ' it all down fo' me, when ah's getting' mah pension. Sho' ah's a Catholic. Is they anything else? Fo' fifteen year ah tended de Catholic church, swept an' dusted, an' cleaned, but ah's to ole' fo' dat now, an' ah's po'ly in mah back, cain't git 'roun' like dat no mo'.

We lived de ole' time way of livin', mammy done de cookin' an' we had plenty good things to eat. Mammy made all de clothes, spinnin', an' weavin' an' sewin'. Ah larned to spin when ah wuz too little tuh reach de broach, an' ah could hep her thread de loom. An' mammy wuz a shoe maker, she'd make moccasins for all o' us.

Two o' the Nutt boys made shoes too, heavy big ones dey wuz; but dey kep' our feet warm in winter. An' de had a tan hand. Ah usta wade barefooted in dem pits an' work wid dem hides, but ah wouldn't wanna do it now.

Dey wuz a grove o' post oak timber, 'bout five, or six acres, all cleaned out; an' in der, dey raised bear cubs. Why, dey raised 'em tuh eat. Lawd! Dats good eatin'. Jes' gimme a bear meat an' den let me go tuh sleep! Mmmm!

They wuz fruit trees planted all 'long de road, planted jes' like fence posts for 'bout a mile, an' all de fruit dat fell in de road de hogs got, we'ens could go get any of it, any time, an' travelers, 'long de road, wuz a'ways welcome ter hep dey selves. Massa nevu had planted no shade trees. Iffen trees wuz planted dey had to be fruit trees, 'ceptin de holly bush, he like dat 'cause its green in winter.

They wuz some flowers 'round de house. Snowballs, batchelor buttons, old maids, jes' such old-fashion ones, no roses, ne'er nuthin' like det.

Massa raise some cotton, but Ole Massa Hanover had sech a big cotton patch yuh couldn't look across it. An' dey all kind's fowls yu'd find any wheres, guinies, ducks, an' geese, an' turkeys, an' peafowls, an' lotsa chickens a' 'cose.

My mamma could hunt good ez any man. Us'tuh be a coup'la pedluh men com 'round with they packs. My mammy'd a'ways have a pile o' hides tuh trade with 'em fer calico prints an' trinkets, an' sech-like, but mos'ly fo' calico prints. She'd have 'coon hides an' deer an' mink, an' beavers, lawd! I kin still hear dem beavers slashin' 'round dat dam. Dis time 'er marnin' dey's a'ways shore busy. An' folks in cities goes tuh pawks now to see sech animals. Hun, Ah seen all 'em things ah wants tuh see.

Good Lawd! We didden' know whut church wuz n'er school nuther, an' the whites nevu had nuthur. Dey wuz a couple o' men us'ta come by, an' hole a camp meetin'. Dey'd build a big arbu, with branches o' leaves over de top, an' build benches; dey'd come aftuh crops wuz laid by, an' preach 'til cotton wuz openin'. Ah never knowd whut sect dey belong to, n'er whar dey go, n'er what dey come fum 'nuther.

Yes'm, we seed sojers, an' we seed lots o' 'em. Dah wuz de blue coats; some o' de folks call 'em "Bluebelly Yanks," dey had fine blue coats an' the brass buttons all ovuh the front o' 'em shinin' like stahs. Dey call us little cullud folks, "cubs", an' dey burn down Jonesburg. Yes'm we seed Jonesburg down in ashes. Dem Bluecoats wuz devils, but de graycoats wuz wusser. Dey turn over our bee gums an' dey kill our steers, an' carry off our provisions, an' whut dey couldn't carry off dey ruint. Den dey go 'roun' killin' all de cullud men an' bayanettin' de chillern.

No, dat wuzzen' de graycoats doin' de killin', data wuz bushwakers an' Ku Kluz'ers, dey sho' wuz bad. Dey shot my little sistuh in back o' her neck an' dey shot me in de laig. See dat scar, dat whar dey shoot me. An' dey kill my gran'fathuh—dey sho' did.

Gran'fathuh's name wuz Jim Hanover. Ole Massa Hanover, he wuz a lawyer, an' he educated mah gran'fathuh tuh be a overseah. He lived wid' Massa Hanover for long time. He wuz a good man, mah gran'fathuh wuz, an' he wuz smart, too, an' when de war surrenduh, dey make him Mayer of Pie-hatten, an' he made a good mayer, too; people all said so, an' dey wuz gonna 'lect him fo' foe mo' year, an' de Ku Klux'ers said dey wuzzen' gonna have no "nigguh" majer. So dey tuk him out an' killed him. Dey wuz awful times. Now you know dat wuzzen right an' who's de curse fo' such things gonna rest on?

Ah diamembuh jes' when we come tuh Missouri, but it wuz when Hayes an' Wheeler wuz 'lected President. Down in Arkansas dey say dey gonna make us all vote Democrat. My step-daddy say he die 'fore he vote Democrat.

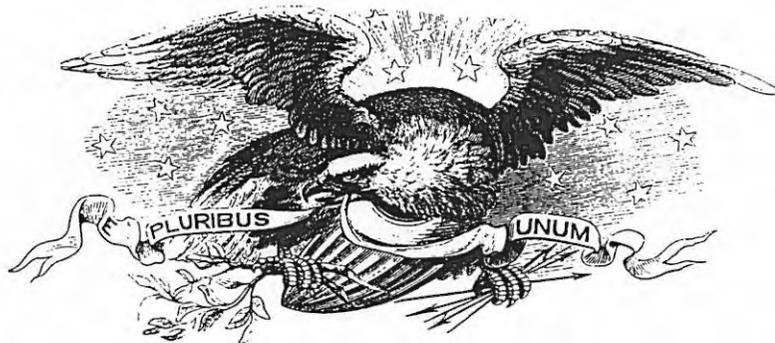
Der wuz two white men say dey'd get us to Cape Girdea. Dey had two covered wagons, an' dey wuz forty eight o' us cullud folks. We put our belongin's in de wagon. Dey wuz a coupla ole' grammas rode in de wagons, an' some little fellers, but de rest of us walk ever' step o' de way. An' it rained on us ever' step o' de way. At night we'd lay down to sleep unduh de wagon so tired we nevuh even know'd it wuz rainin'.

When we got to St. Francis Rivuh dey ferried us across on a big flat, an' had a rope tied across de rivuh to pull us ovuh. But we had to ford Whitewatuh, and Castuh rivuh, an' Niggerwool Swamp. When we'd come to de rivuh de white men 'ud say, "Ack like sojers." De hosses 'ud swim across, pullin' de wagon, some o' de big folks 'ud grab hol' de feed box an' de rest 'ud each grab 'roun' de one in front an' dat way we fords de rivuhs, wid strings o' folks hangin' out behin' de wagons.

"Hoo-doo," ghosts or signs? No mam, Ah don' believe in none of dat. Now you is tryin' to cal up de devil. But wait, Ah kin tell you one sign dat ah knows is true. If de dog jes' lays outside de do' sleepin' an' has his haid inside de do', you's gonna git a new member in de family befo' de year is out. An' jes' de othuh way roun'. Ef de dog lays sleepin' inside de do' an' has his haid hangin' out, you's gwine a lose a membuh o' yuh family fo' de end o' de yeah.

Dey wuz sumpin' funny happen when ma little girl die sometime ago. She wuz a sweet chile. She wuz stayin' wuth Miss' English on Henderson Avenue, an' she lost her mind. Ah don' know whut's a matter wuth her, but ah brung her home to take keer o' her, but she don' get no bettuh. One day she's standin', lookin' out de front do' an' she holler, "Heah dey's comin' aftuh me." Ah don't know whut she see, but she run to de back room an' stan' right dere.

Her daddy an' me look at huh an' der wuz a big ball o' fire hangin' ovuh her haid. We picked huh up, an' put huh to bed. We sent fo' de doctah an' fo' de priest, an' we got de nurse 'at we had when she fust took sick. I nevuh knowed whut wuz de mattuh with her. De priest wouldn't tell me, de doctuh wouldn't tell me, an' ah guess de nurse wuz as green about it ez ah wuz. Some folks tell me she wuz conjured. Mah po' little girl.



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