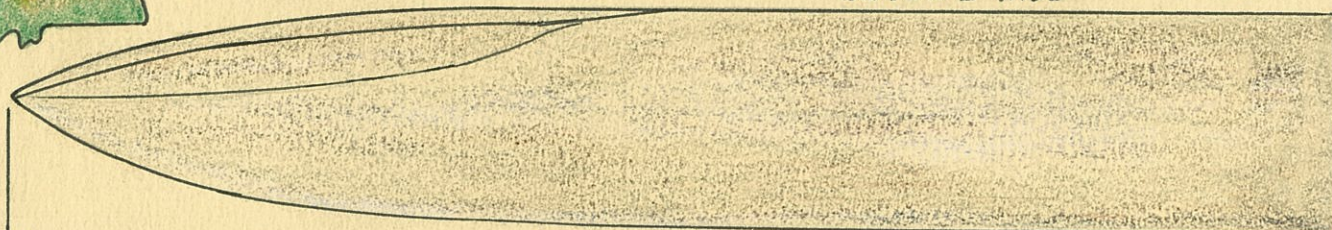




Alabama - Confederate SIDE KNIFE - Hope Hull, Ala.

KNIFE IS ONE OF THREE KNOWN MADE BY LOUIS CRENSHAW OF HOPE HULL, ALA.
BLADE IS 2" WIDE C. 1861



15 3/4" BLADE - 20 3/4" OVERALL — GUARD IS 5 1/4" LONG
KNIFE MADE FOR ONE OF THE SHACKELFORD BROTHERS - HOPE HULL, ALA. CO. F 2^d ALA. CAV.

one of three known knives by Crenshaw carried by the Shackelford brothers - C.S.A.



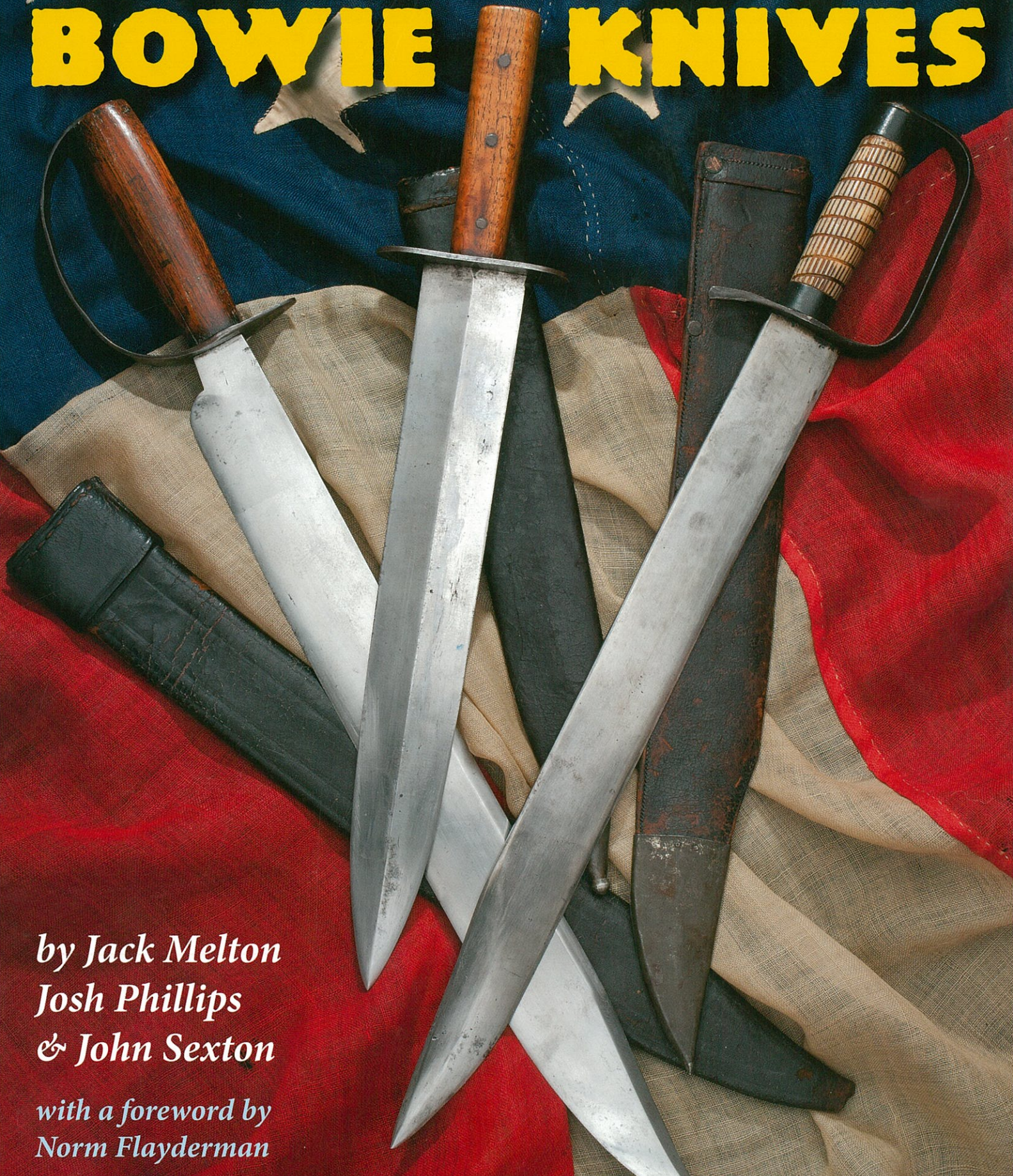
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IRON GUARD - FULL LENGTH TANG
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★ CONFEDERATE BOWIE KNIVES



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Alabama Side Knife

Manufacturer: Lewis Crenshaw,
Hope Hull, Alabama, 1861



Overall Length: 20¹³/₁₆ inches
Blade Length: 15³/₄ inches
Blade Thickness: .22 inches
Blade Width at Ricasso: 2¹/₁₆ inches
Maximum Blade Width: 2¹/₈ inches
Scabbard: Not shown

Guard: 5¹/₈-inch decorative iron crossguard

Remarks: This Crenshaw knife has a nicely filed guard; otherwise it displays the same simple elegance of his other products. This example has a badly shrunken leather scabbard with leather belt loop.

Grip: Two wood slabs with
two iron pins
Markings: None
Provenance: N/A
Collection: Jim Blackburn

Alabama Side Knife

Manufacturer: Lewis Crenshaw,
Hope Hull, Alabama

Overall Length: 20³/₄ inches
Blade Length: 15³/₄ inches
Blade Thickness: .26 inches
Blade Width at Ricasso: 1¹⁵/₁₆ inches
Maximum Blade Width: 2 inches

Remarks: There is beauty in the simple lines of this knife. Nothing fancy or extra, but everything was done well with a precise fit. Family history provides that Lewis Crenshaw, a blacksmith from Hope Hull, Alabama, made this knife for G.W. Shackelford of Company F, 2nd Alabama Cavalry. There are three or four known specimens, all thought to have been made by Lewis Crenshaw for other members of the unit, possibly other Shackelford brothers.

A nearly identical knife is pictured in *The Antique Bowie Knife Book* by Adams, Voyles and Moss.

Scabbard: None
Guard: 5¹/₈-inch iron crossguard
Grip: Two wood slabs attached with two iron pins
Markings: None
Provenance: Found in central Alabama
Collection: Roger Ballard





GEORGE WASHINGTON AND AMANDA (DELBRIDGE)
SHACKELFORD

GEORGE WASHINGTON SHACKELFORD
(Table 7b)

Uncle Wash, Grandpa's second child and oldest son, was born Feb. 16, 1827. In his early years he followed the usual course of youths of his day—in school during school terms, doing the usual chores around home, playing, fishing, hunting, etc. In the course of time he married Amanda Caroline Delbridge of Aberfoil, Alabama, the date being Oct. 28, 1848. The young couple lived in the house now occupied by the widow of the late George H. Shackelford, and made a real farm home. Like most men of his age, Uncle Wash enlisted in the Confederate Army, his enlistment occurring March 8, 1862, and being in Co. F., 2nd Ala. Cavalry; but there seems to be no further record of his war service. He died Jan. 12, 1867, leaving Aunt Amanda with eight children, the oldest being 18 years of age.

Aunt Amanda was a woman of many virtues, not the least of which was her popularity with the family "in-laws." She was also a good mother, and she must have been a good manager to hold that large family of young children together

on a farm, as she did, in the hard days of reconstruction. But it was a hard struggle, and in the early 70's she turned over the farm to Cousin George and moved, with her younger children, to Atlanta, Ga., the rest going to Birmingham, Alabama. The Delbridges, like most of the other families who formed marital relations with the Shackelfords, were of Virginia extraction, and they proved worthy of their ancestry.

The children of this union were George, James Delbridge, Francis, Florence May, Charles Ball, Minerva Lenora, Annette Palmetto, Virginia Bonham, Washington. All of these except Virginia Bonham lived to maturity, and all of the others except Francis and Charles Ball became heads of families. George married, 1st, Sallie C. McPherson, of Union Springs; 2nd, Mary Jane Gilchrist of Hope Hull, and 3rd, Lula Crawford Harrison, Columbus, Ga. He died in Birmingham in 1896, leaving three children by his 2nd wife. One by Lula Harrison died in infancy. James Delbridge became a merchant in Birmingham, married Mary Wilhelmina Enslin there, and died in 1918, leaving three children, all living. Francis became partially deaf and dumb from an illness in childhood, never married, and died in 1882, at the age of 28. Florence May married, 1st, Thomas O. Hart, of Opelika; 2nd, Jesse H. Lockhart, of Atlanta, Ga., where she died in 1932, leaving no children. Charles Ball became a hunch-back from the effects of disease; but he lived to the age of 51 years, dying in Atlanta in 1908. Minerva Lenora married William C. McLeod, had three children, and died at Atlanta in 1935. Annette Palmetto married George M. Downs, in Atlanta and died there in 1927, leaving a family of six. Washington married Genevieve Prickett, of Montgomery, had three children by her, was drowned at Miami, Florida, in 1904, leaving his young children to the care of their grandmother and their aunts. Genevieve had preceded him to the grave, while their children were quite young.

Truly this family had more than its share of mis-fortunes and sorrows.

home set a high standard for the community, and aided largely in giving Pintlala a splendid reputation abroad.

After the old family homestead became Uncle Frank's home, he and my father were within call of each other. They were constantly together—going almost daily to their farms together, often fishing and hunting together, and very few days passed without a visit to the one home or the other. They were brothers in fact as well as in name, and after my father died, Uncle Frank would go to the corner of his front porch, look down to Pa's old home, and burst into tears. It is thought that Pa's death hastened Uncle Frank's, which occurred five weeks later. Their passing carried to the "Great Beyond" a large part of the heart of the community and left a vacancy which time will scarcely be able to fill.

The children of Francis Shackelford and "Jennie" Watts were, in order, Mattie Key, William Lee, Emma Linton, John Walker, George Henry, an infant son, Jennie, Francis, and Tandy Watts. All of these except Mattie Key, George Henry, Francis, and Tandy Watts died either in infancy or in very early childhood. Mattie Key married A. B. Colquitt, a native of Bullock County, Ala., settled in the home community, and reared a family of seven. George Henry, first married Claudia M. Davis, a neighborhood girl, settled at the old Wash Shackelford place, became a farmer and reared three boys and one girl. After Claudia's death, he married Hermione Huckabee of Pineapple, who is still living, a widow, in the home where George died in 1935. Both George and Cousin Mattie are buried in the family cemetery. Francis married Fannie Garrett of Mt. Willing, became a practicing physician, and he and Fannie are both living in a new home, within a stone's throw of the old family home, in which they lived until the new one was built in 1937. By the way, he is the only lineal descendant of our generation now living in Pintlala. He and Fannie have no children of their own, though they reared several nephews and nieces. Tandy Watts married Lydia George, an Illinois girl, made his home

for a while on Oklahoma City, and is now in the insurance business in Montgomery. They have two children, a son and a daughter.



WM. L. ALLEN AND MARY (SHACKELFORD) ALLEN

MARY ALLEN
(Table 7e)

Mary, the fifth child and third daughter of the family, after the usual girlhood life common to families in circumstances similar to hers, married William Lafayette Allen Nov. 30, 1854. The chief facts about Uncle Bill Allen are that he was born in Macon County, Alabama (probably at Tuskegee) on Aug. 13, 1824; that he married Aunt Mary on Nov. 30, 1854, the day before she was expected to marry another man; that he was a commanding personality in every group of which he was a member; that he was interested in a livery stable in Selma; that he was Captain of Co. F, Second Regiment of Alabama Cavalry, C. S. A.; that he died in Atlanta, Ga., on June 13, 1864; and that he was buried in the Shackelford family cemetery at Pintlala.

In remarkable contrast to the loud and aggressive disposition of Uncle Bill, Aunt Mary was very quiet and retiring and was one of the most patient, even tempered women I

ever knew. In truth, everybody who knew her loved her, and her influence for good extended far beyond the confines of her own home.

After Uncle Bill's death, Uncle Joe Shackelford became Aunt Mary's business advisor, and in order to be near him she moved to Ft. Deposit, Alabama, where he was then living. After a few years, Uncle Joe moved to Montgomery and she bought the old Bonham place and returned to Pintlala, where she spent the remainder of her life. She died on Feb. 11, 1907, and is buried beside her husband in the family cemetery.

Three children were born to this couple—Willie Joseph (known to us as "Cousin Willie"), Egbert Johnson, and James Madison. Cousin Willie married Charles E. Crenshaw, a prosperous young farmer of Lowndes County, and soon afterwards the young couple moved into the Bonham home of Aunt Mary and lived with her until her death. Mr. Crenshaw continued to farm, but he also operated successfully a store in the old Bonham storehouse at the cross roads. The Crenshaws reared a fine family of five boys and two girls, all of whom are still living except Edward, the oldest. Both Cousin Willie and Mr. Crenshaw are dead and are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Montgomery.

Egbert Johnson Allen died in Tuskegee at the age of three years, and is buried at Pintlala.

James Madison Allen, after graduating at Auburn in 1885, taught school for a few years at Mt. Meigs, Ala., moved to Birmingham, went into the mercantile business, married Miss Dona May in 1888, and reared four children—three boys and one girl. The wife and children are all still living in Birmingham. James died in 1928 and is buried at Pintlala.

JAMES SHACKELFORD

This, the sixth child of George Shackelford and Annette Jeter, died Dec. 20, 1834, at the age of three months. Hence, there is nothing more that can be said about him.



JOSEPH SHACKELFORD AND MARY (TANNER-SALES)
SHACKELFORD

JOSEPH SHACKELFORD

(Table 7f)

The seventh child and fourth son in this family was Joseph, born Sept. 27, 1835. Like the rest of his brothers and sisters, he got his early education in the community schools. He afterwards studied law under Judge Stone and was formally admitted to the bar on June 1, 1860, his license to practice being signed by Chief Justice Abram J. Walker and George D. Phelan, Clerk; but so far as we know he never actually practiced. The war came on within a few months after he was licensed and interrupted all civil processes; and naturally he did as nearly all young men of his time did. He enlisted in the army, and was commissioned by Governor Shorter as a First Lieutenant of Co. F., 2nd Regt. of Alabama Cavalry. His daughter, Mrs. Eva S. Brown, says that he also served as a Captain under Gen. Forrest; but she gave no further details.

For several years after the war Uncle Joe owned and operated a drug store in Ft. Deposit, Alabama, and it was during that period that he married Miss Mary Tanner-Sales, a well-

known and popular young lady of the community, the marriage occurring on Oct. 1, 1872.

About 1880 the family moved to Montgomery, where Uncle Joe became a partner in the mercantile firm of Walker and Shackelford. After several years, he withdrew from this firm and became manager for Marks and Gayle's warehouse, in Montgomery. It was while traveling in the interest of this warehouse that his health failed, and he was compelled to retire from active business.

During most of the time he was working in Montgomery, Uncle Joe's family resided at Coosada; but when his health failed he moved to Pintlala, and died at my father's home Jan. 1, 1902. Aunt Mollie had preceded him to the grave in 1899.

Six children were born into this family—Ava, Mary, Joseph, Eva, Verna, and Josie. The first three were born at Ft. Deposit, and each died at about the age of two years. Eva was born in Montgomery, and Verna and Josie in Coosada. As stated, the first three of these children died young, and they and their parents are buried in the family cemetery at Pintlala. In 1905, Eva married James R. Brown, a young railroad clerk of Montgomery, and they reared one son, James R. Brown, Jr. She is now a widow, was in the government service, and now lives in Washington. Verna married Clyde M. Howard, an Autauga County boy and now Prof. of Mathematics in North Texas Agricultural College. They are living in Arlington, Texas. Josie married Mr. Thomas C. Acker, a world war veteran, and is in Washington, serving the government. Neither Verna nor Josie has any children.



MADISON SHACKELFORD AND SOPHRONIA (LEDBETTER) SHACKELFORD

MADISON SHACKELFORD
(Table 7g)

Madison, (my father) the fifth and youngest son of George Shackelford and Annette Jeter, was born in the family home at Pintlala on Feb. 8, 1838. He received such education as was provided by the common rural schools of that day. He said he ate more books than he digested. Nothing out of the ordinary marked his life during his youth and young manhood. In due course, he was married on Dec. 12, 1860, to Sophronia Jane Ledbetter, daughter of David Egbert Ledbetter and Pally Harrison Smith, both ex-Virgianians, then living in Lowndes County about four miles to the west of Pintlala. My mother had about the same educational opportunities as my father had; but she made better use of them and became a more accurate scholar. She is reported to have been a beautiful and attractive young woman. I know that she had a mild, equable disposition, which served as an excellent balance for the nervous and impulsive temperament of my father.

These two began life together in a modest little home located on a hill near the center of the plot of land set

aside in Grandpa's will for my father. Their first residence consisted of one large hewn log room stripped on the inside with planks and daubed with clay between the logs on the outside. On the rear of this two small frame rooms were built, and in this building they resided until 1867, when they moved into a new frame building situated on the Montgomery-Mobile highway just across from, and in front of, Old Bethel Church. This residence is still standing, though it has been remodeled by its present owner, Mr. J. P. Henry.

Scarcely had they begun life in their little home on the hill before the War of Secession broke out, and Pa immediately enlisted to fight for the Confederacy. He entered the service as a 3rd Lieutenant of Co. F, 2nd Reg., Ala. Cavalry, and at the close of the war he was Purchasing Officer for the brigade quartermaster's department. He returned home to find his young family, his farm, and a remnant of equipment with which to start life anew. Both father and mother being energetic and economical, they soon had the farm producing well again despite the handicaps of Reconstruction; and, while they did not get rich, they lived comfortably, cared for their growing family, and practically doubled their holdings of real property before most of their children married and began homes of their own.

Bearing and sacrificing for eleven children undermined my mother's health and she went to an untimely grave on March 1, 1895, at the age of 51. On Oct. 31, 1897, Pa married Miss Roxana Gabriella Woodruff of Mt. Willing, Alabama, and they lived in his home until his death on Dec. 12, 1905. After a short while "Aunt Rock", as she was familiarly called, made her home with my sister Annie at Letohatchie, but died at Brewton, Jan. 18, 1921, and was buried in the Shackelford cemetery.

The children of Madison Shackelford and Sophronia Ledbetter were Emma, Edward Madison, Annie Lee, Joseph, an infant son, Samuel Harrison, Lillian, Lela, David Egbert, Annette and an infant daughter. As stated, two died in infancy. Emma, Joseph, Lillian, and Annette died in early

childhood. The rest grew to maturity, and all of them except Samuel, who died in 1893, are still living. Edward became a teacher, married Rosa Lee Brantley of Troy, reared five children by her, after her death married Mrs. Julia Jernigan Darby and they are living in Troy. Annie Lee married E. L. Rogers of Letohatchie, reared five children, and is now a widow, living in the home where her children were born. Sam married Mary Emma Darby of Troy, but both died soon afterwards, leaving one daughter. Lela married Franklin M. Moseley, a neighborhood boy, moved to Montgomery, reared six children, and she is living in the home they built soon after settling there. Frank died June 2, 1940, just a few weeks before this was written. David practiced dentistry in Montgomery for a few years, then became a farmer in Oklahoma, and married Miss Edith Kneen there. She died soon afterward, leaving no children, and David returned to Alabama, and is now living with our sister Annie, at Letohatchie.

Besides their own children, my parents, at different times, cared for the following nephews and nieces who had been orphaned: John M. Rives, Angus Shackelford, Verna and Josie Shackelford; and after Grandpa Ledbetter's death in 1870, they provided a home for Grandma Ledbetter until she died in 1888.

Walter Family (Table 10y)

Tristram Bethea Walter (See Table 9kk), b. Nov. 1, 1911, Snowdown; m. June 30, 1938, Montgomery, Frances Davis, daughter of William Hiram Davis and Julia Whatley.

Address: Montgomery, Ala.

George Yancey Shackelford Family (Table 10z)

George Yancey Shackelford (See Table 9mm), b. Oct. 11, 1911, Brewton; m. Oct. 17, 1936, Birmingham, Eleanor Ruth Stuckey, daughter of Grover Cleveland Stuckey and Ruth Aileen McBride, b. Nov. 20, 1911, Greenville.

Children: 1. George Yancey Shackelford, b. March 27, 1939, Birmingham.

Address: Birmingham, 765 S. 82nd Street, or Care of American Life Insurance Co.

McC Campbell Family (Table 10aa)

S Perry McC Campbell, son of William P. McC Campbell of West Palm Beach, Fla., b. ; m. Aug. 7, 1935, West Palm Beach, 1st Methodist Church, Ruby Hayes Shackelford (See Table 9nn), b. June 3, 1914, Brewton.

Children: 1. Brenda, b. Nov. 25, 1939, West Palm Beach.

Address: West Palm Beach, Fla., Care of McC Campbell Furniture Stores, Inc.

Cox Family (Table 10bb)

William Alpha Cox, son of William Alpha Cox and Kate Cameron, b. April 29, 1911, Louisville, Ala.; m. Nov. 1, 1937, Montgomery, Dorothy Shackelford (See Table 9nn), b. March 5, 1918, Birmingham.

Children: 1. Wm. Shackelford Cox, b. Feb. 11, 1940, Montgomery.

Address: Montgomery, Ala., 29 Burton Avenue.

James Alvie Thompson Family (Table 10cc)

James Alvie Thompson, son of William Young Thompson and Elizabeth Peggy Bryce Stewart of French Camp, Miss., b. April 19, 1906, Weir, Miss.; m. March 18, 1930, Andalusia, Carolyn Crenshaw (See Table 9qq), b. June 20, 1910, Andalusia.

Children: 1. James Allen Thompson, b. Oct. 15, 1933, Andalusia.

Julius Parrish Bond Family (Table 10dd)

Julius Parrish Bond, m. Nov., 1927, Birmingham, Mary Katherine Leake (See Table 9vv), b. Sept. 25, 1908, Birmingham.

Children: 1. Frances Fredonia, b. June 23, 1928, Birmingham; 2. Mary Jean, b. Aug. 12, 1934, Houston, Texas.

Address: Houston Texas, 511 West Bell Street (1935).

Solomon Family (Table 10ee)

Edward Kirven Solomon (See Table 9aaa), b. March 3, 1910, Troy; m. April 6, 1935, Atlanta, Marian Johnson, daughter of Thomas Marion Johnson and Annie Leo Hannah, b. June 12, 1914, Atlanta.

Children: 1. Mary Anne, b. May 16, 1939, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Address: Winston-Salem, N. C., Box 343, or Care of Westinghouse Company.

Solomon Family (Table 10ff)

John Wesley Solomon (See Table 9aaa), b. Feb. 11, 1912, Troy; m. Feb. 11, 1937, Sylacauga, Maggie Mae Howard, daughter of Jesse Sims Howard and Annie Lula Smith, b. Oct. 23, 1909, Stonewall, Miss.

Children: 1. John Wesley Solomon, b. Dec. 16, 1938, Sylacauga; 2. Sylvia, b. Oct. 20, 1940, Sylacauga.

Address: Sylacauga, Ala., Care of Avondale Mills.