(issue of Edward [2.1] and Mary (Smith)(Chambers) Byers)

15.7: James Chamber Byers

Was born on March 27, 1805 in York County, South Carolina. He was reported to have died in Texas. Location unknown.

James C. Byers moved to Coosa County, Alabama and enlisted for service in the Mexican War and later applied for bounty land but was denied it because he was in only two weeks and did not qualify. He joined on May 15, 1846 at Rockford in Capt. Henry W. Cox's Company, 1st Regiment Alabama Vols. under Col. Jones M. Withers and Lt. Col. Philip H. Raiford as a Private for six months and was mustered in at Mobile on June 2, 1846 and mustered out June 16, 1846. After the war he moved to Columbiana, Shelby Co., Alabama. Elizabeth F. (Byers) Ashley, daughter of John McCaw Byers, stated that he went to Texas.

16.8: Elizabeth Byers [113.1]

Was born January 30, 1807 in York Co., South Carolina. On November 24, 1824 in York County she married James Lyle. James was born April 1, 1797 in Pennsylvania. James and Elizabeth had eight children.

James Lyle was an Associate Presbyterian clergyman. He was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, and studied theology under the Rev. John Anderson at the Theological Seminary of the Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania at Service. He was licensed on August 20, 1823, by the Associate Presbytery of Ohio and sent the following December to the South as a missionary.

The Presbytery of the Carolinas ordained James Lyle on May 4, 1825 and installed him as pastor of the united congregations of Bethel at Winnsboro, Little River (Sterling's) in Fairfield district, and Smyrna in Chester district. From 1826 until the fall of 1830 he resided on a 130 acre plantation in Fairfield district. Lyle’s home, which he called “Oakley” stood in a grove of ancient oaks now on a dirt road one-half mile south of where it enters highway 321, three and one-half miles north of White Oak.

Lyle sold his Chester County plantation on February 17, 1834 and resigned his pastoral charge on April 16. The family then moved to Jacksonville, Benton (now Calhoun) County, Alabama.

The Rev. Lyle tried to cooperate with the church in its attempt to “purge itself of the sin of slavery” by selling his slaves “to a person with whom they desired to be, and for a lower price than he might have obtained elsewhere.” Yet he was charged with having “engaged in slave dealing, contrary to the express order of Synod” and “notwithstanding his reputed diligence in preaching at this after period, “he was suspended by the Associate Synod of North America, meeting in Pittsburgh, on June 2, 1837, for “disregarding Presbyterial order and assignments.”

Lyle was the leader of a colony that migrated to the Republic of Texas, he settled near the present town of Marlin, Falls County, Texas. Somewhere on the Brazos River near Waco, he was killed on November 13, 1840 by a Comanche Indian who ambushed him.

Elizabeth and her eight children moved to York County, South Carolina. In 1842 she purchased 54 acres and in 1845 bought 130 acres on Clark’s fork. To supplement the family income Elizabeth taught a school at Hartness’ near Sharon in 1856, and the next year one at Bolin’s near the present village of Smyrna. Elizabeth died on November 20, 1880 in Limestone Springs, South Carolina and buried in the Oakland cemetery.
17.9: Adam Meek Byers [121.1]

Was born May 11, 1809 in York County, South Carolina. In 1840 in St. Clair County, Alabama he married Mary Millard who was born about 1818 in Alabama. James and Mary had three children then Mary died about 1848 in Texas.

Adam married 2nd on March 14, 1849 in Cherokee County, Texas to Mrs. Nancy Kemp who was born about 1815 in Tennessee. There is no record of children. Nancy died about 1861 in Navarro County, Texas.

Adam married 3rd on July 5, 1862 in Navarro County, Texas to Frances E. White who was born about 1843 in Tennessee. They were reported to have had two daughters. Adam M. Byers died about 1867 in Navarro Co., Texas.

Census Record:
1840 St. Clair Co Al Page 244
1850 Navarro Co Tx Page 202
1860 Navarro Co Tx Page 229 Richland Crossing

In 1860 his eldest son, James M. Byers, was living with the family.

18.10 Mary Margaret Byers [126.1]

Was born November 14, 1812 in York County, SC. On March 6, 1834 she wed Joseph Breadnor Clinton who was born May 13, 1808. They had one child. Joseph died September 16, 1836 in York County, SC.

Mary wed 2nd on October 23, 1838 in York County, SC to Samuel Gordon Brown who was born February 7, 1814 in York County, SC. Samuel and Mary Brown had seven children. After the death of Edward Byers, the family bible record was kept by the Brown family.

After the Civil War Samuel Brown was arrested, tried and sentenced to spend five years in the New York State Penitentiary at Albany and to be fined $1,000.00, all for attending one meeting of the Ku Klux Klan.

Samuel died June 7, 1888 and Mary died May 25, 1889. Both died in Blacksburg, SC and are buried in the Berea cemetery.

Mary Margaret Byers Brown Samuel Gordon Brown
14 Nov 1812 - 25 May 1889 7 Feb1814 - 7 Jun 1888
Carte-de-visite photographs by J.R. Schorb, Yorkville, SC
Courtesy of Mrs. Catherine Deal Scott Blacksburg, SC
19.1: Margaret Susan Byers Meek [134.1]

Was born March 30, 1787 in York District, South Carolina. She married John Starr Moore who was born about 1784 in South Carolina. Margaret died June 30, 1839 and John died September 21, 1859. Both died in York County and are buried in Beersheba Cemetery.

20.2 James Meek

Was born in 1789 in York District, South Carolina. In March of 1809 he wed Elizabeth McCaw. Elizabeth was born in York District and was the daughter of John McCaw. Elizabeth died about 1842 and James died about 1844. Both died in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi and are buried in Preston, Mississippi.

21.3: Jane Mitchell Meek [141.1]

Was born October 9, 1794 in York District, South Carolina. On November 14, 1816 she married Samuel Baldwin Byers (a cousin) in York County. Samuel was born February 22, 1787 in York District, SC. Samuel died April 29, 1839 and Jane died September 25, 1850. Both died in York County and are buried in Beersheba Cemetery. Duplicate listing under [9.1].

22.4: Nancy Ann Meek [148.1]

Was born August 18, 1800 in York Dist., SC. She wed Samuel Moore who was born June 6, 1792 in York District. Samuel was the son of Samuel and Mary (Starr) Moore. Nancy died January 26, 1828 in York Co. On August 5, 1830 Samuel wed 2nd, Cynthia Amanda Meek, daughter of James and Susanna (Byers) Meek. Samuel died May 9, 1852 in York County and is buried in Beersheba Cemetery.

23.5: William A. Meek [151.1]

Was born April 19, 1802 in York District, South Carolina. He married Mary Love who was born December 17, 1805. She was the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Mitchell) Love. Mary died March 23, 1848 and William Died July 22, 1847. Both died in York County and are buried in Beersheba Cemetery.

24.1: Elizabeth Byers [160.1]

Was born October 20, 1798 in York District, South Carolina. On August 24, 1815 she married Alexander Barry in York County. Alexander was the son of Samuel Barry (1755-1825) and Mary Barron (1765-1825). Alexander and Elizabeth had three children. Alexander drowned on August 8, 1820 in York County, SC. In 1830 Elizabeth was listed as head of household in the York County census page 381. They were living two houses from her aunt, Susanna (Byers) Meek, widow of Capt. James Meek.

Elizabeth’s daughter, Emeline, was married in 1846 and at that time was living in or near Lafayette County, Mississippi. They were still there in December of 1849. In the 1860 Grimes Co Tx census Elizabeth was living with Emeline and son-in-law, William Parks McWhorter. William was a brother in law of William Walton Byers who married Jane Selena McWhorter. Elizabeth (Byers) Barry died August 13, 1868 in Grimes Co., Texas and is buried in the Bethel Cemetery.
25.2: John Hope Byers
  Was born December 10, 1801 in York District, South Carolina. He never married. On May 7, 1833 he, along with his brother, William W., moved to Lafayette County, Mississippi. On November 22, 1839 they moved to Texas.

   1 Mar 1840 Grimes County, Texas
   Deed Book “B” Page 331
   Elisha Clapp and Elizabeth Clapp, his wife, of the County of Leon, sold to John H. Byers, for $800.00, the east half of a League.

   21 Jun 1850 Grimes County, Texas
   The Will of John Hope Byers, abstracted.
   He gave all monies, real and personal property to Jane Salena Byers, wife of William Walton Byers.
   John R. McWhorter, as witness, gave testimony on 29 June 1850.
   John H. Byers died June 22, 1850 in Grimes County and is buried in the Bethel cemetery.

   Census Record: Grimes Co Tx Page 384 18 November 1850
   John listed with the William W. Byers family.

26.3: Jane Meek Byers
  Was born April 25, 1803 in York County, South Carolina. She married Ephraim Abell Crenshaw who was born in 1804 and died in 1876. Jane died on March 25, 1836 in York County.

27.4: Emeline Byers
  Was born in March of 1805 in York County, South Carolina. On November 17, 1831 she married Eleazor Parker who was born December 12, 1807 and was the son of Isaac and Susannah Parker. Eleazor and Emeline had two children. Emeline died in November of 1835.
  Eleazor married again and died November 30, 1889.

28.5: Lorenna Woods Byers
  Was born April 15, 1808 in York County, South Carolina. On November 17, 1831 in York County she married her cousin, Alemeth L. Byers, son of David and Mary (Gordon) Byers. [See duplicate entry under [64.2] for Alemeth].
  They had five children. Lorenna died February 24, 1866 in Ashville, St. Clair County, Alabama and Alemeth died February 16, 1873 at the same location. Both are buried in the Ashville City cemetery.

29.6: William Walton Byers [I63.1]
  Was born October 22, 1810 in York County, South Carolina. He married Jane Salena McWhorter on April 4, 1833 in York County. Jane was born January 15, 1813 in York County, SC. She was the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth McDowell (Watson) McWhorter. On May 7, 1833 they moved to Lafayette County, Mississippi. William sold his Mississippi land on August 30, 1838 and on November 22, 1839 they started on their journey to Texas.
  Record of 2nd Class Certificates - Original Grantees in Texas.
  This concerns those who went to Texas after 2 Mar 1836 but prior to 1 Oct 1837. William Byers was listed in Johnson County, Texas File #4/3. Quantity of acres, 1127. Land District Robertson File 617.
  Evidently William filed this claim before he moved to Texas.
  27 Dec 1839 William W. Byers made oath before the Board of Land Commissioners in the Republic of Texas.
1842 Andrew McWhorter and William W. Byers left the site of Midway, Texas to settle on North Bedias, near the present site of Old Bethel cemetery.

20 Sep 1842 Montgomery County, Texas Deed Book “K” Page 71.

Zoraster and Martha Robinson sold to William W. Byers 200 acres for $200.00.

1843 The Bethel grave yard is one of the oldest in this area. The first grave made there was for a man named Lewis, a traveling stranger who died of small pox at the home of William W. Byers.

A house was built of posts and clapboards and served for both school and meeting house. The Rev. P.H. Fullenwider taught two or three sessions in this house and here in 1844 organized Bethel Church which he served, all told, about twenty years. The first sessional records are lost but as well as can be ascertained, the charter members were Andrew McWhorter and his wife, Margaret, James H. McWhorter and his wife, Catherine Louisa, William W. Byers and his wife, Jane Selena, Amzie A. McWhorter, a bachelor son of Andrew & Martha C. Quirl, a daughter of Andrew.

William W. Byers, whose wife was a daughter of Andrew McWhorter, was also raised in South Carolina. He was a faithful Elder of Bethel Church for nearly forty years, and was one of the strongest supporters.

In 1849 he moved seven miles away from the church and settled on the Labahia Road, the oldest road in Texas, three miles south of where Madisonville is now located. About 1859 he built a house upon a tract of land, supposed to be half a league, bought by his brother, John Hope Byers, from Elisha and Elizabeth Clapp. A couple of ponies and an old carry-all being the chief consideration. For some years ox-wagons were the only means of transport, and often did he and his whole family travel by such conveyance over that seven miles to attend the church meetings.

Above from “Bethel Presbyterian Church, Madison County, Texas. Sketches and Reminiscences” by Edward Leonidas Byers. Circa 1906.

During the Civil War Col. Oran M. Roberts’ 11th Texas Infantry CSA, marched through Madison County to Navasota in Grimes County on the way to Camp Lubbock, near Houston. In March 1862, William Byers furnished corn for Capt. Jesse Amason’s Company H, and corn and hay for Capt. William H. Christian’s Company D. He sold corn and hay to the quartermaster of Lt. Col. Richard B. Hubbard’s 22nd Texas Infantry, and signed receipts for these provisions, “Wm. Walton Byers.”

30.7: Edward B. Byers
Was born in 1812 in York County, South Carolina.

31.8: Clarina Byers
Was born in 1814 in York County, South Carolina and died on February 16, 1876.
The following poem is written in memory of those who established the Bethel Presbyterian church near Bedias creek in the northern part of Grimes county, in 1844. All whose names are mentioned may not have been Presbyterians, but they were Christians and worshipped here, and I have often heard my father speak of how wonderfully some of them sang.

There is yet living an aged gentleman, Mr. Sam McWhorter, whose parents were members of that church.

He tells of an incident in his childhood that time, from his memory, will never erase. He says he well remembers the first time he ever rode horse-back alone. The family attended service here and his father permitted him to ride a horse, but for his safety, tied the horse to the back of the hack in which the other members of the family rode, this destroying some of the pride that naturally swelled the heart of the small boy.

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Long ago a band of people
Came from other States to dwell
In the then new State of Texas
And of these we now will tell.

They were Christian Men and Women
Presbyterians, if you please,
And we're proud to be descendents
Of such noble ones as these.

When their homes they had established
In the wild and rough
They remembered that labor
Of man's had was not enough.

For they'd been taught that God made them
And His blessings would bestow
On all those who love and trust Him
And are faithful here below.

Faith in God was still abiding
In their hearts so brave and strong.
So they built a house of worship
Ere they'd been here very long.

It was not a stately structure;
Built of costly brick or stone;
Just a modest wooden building,
One that they could call their own.

Here they met their loved pastor
Reverend Fullenwider, who
The long journey made on horse-back
The wild country passing through.

With his saddle for a pillow
He would sleep beside the road,
Knowing that the Lord would keep him
Any place that he abode.

Almost a century has passed
Since they met and worshipped here,
Yet we think we hear them singing
With voice strong and clear:

“My Soul Be on Thy Guard,” they sang
“How firm a Foundation,” too.
“From Greenland’s Icy Mountains,” then
“Rock of Ages” evernew.

These were not all, but just a few
Of the dear old songs they sang
In the church there in the forest
Where the woods with echoes rang.

In that church yard now they’re sleeping,
Long ago they passed away.
Beneath the sod where once they trod,
They await the Judgement Day.

--Poet’s Daughter.
The State of Texas
Madison County

Of John S. Duke, Chief
Justice of said County—do hereby certify
that at an Election held at the several
Election Precincts of said on the first
Monday and 12th day of April 1853 for
the Election of County Officers for said County
of Madison by Authority of an Act of the Legis-
Lature of the State of Texas creating said County
and approved the 27th January 1853 the following
named persons were elected qualified, gave
Bond and whose bonds have been duly recorded
in the County Clerk's office to wit:

James Blake Sheriff Qualified April 20th 1853

James D. Mitchell Dist. Clerk.. 19th 1853

James T. Parks County Clerk.. 18th 1853

John McSorley Auditor Collector.. 22nd 1853

William M. Byers County Treasurer.. 22nd 1853

Robert J. Dayorn County Com. Qualified April 20th 1853

Thomas D. Carson.. 22nd 1853

Simon Mills.. 22nd 1853

Thomas Thompson.. 22nd 1853

L. D. Evans Justice of Peace

Submit my hand and priors
deal for want of a seal to
the County Court

May 17th, 1853

Edw. D. McAdoo, Clerk.
(issue of Lorena (Byers) [5.4] and Capt. Thomas Woods)

32.1: William Byers Woods [172.1]
Was born December 23, 1785 in York District, South Carolina. William married Mary McGee in Dallas County, Alabama. William died January 26, 1842 in Dallas County.
Census Record: 1830 Dallas Co Al Page 66
1840 Dallas Co Al Page 74

33.2: Joseph Woods [178.1]
Was born September 17, 1787 in York District, South Carolina. On October 10, 1809 he married Jane Reed in Dallas County, Alabama. He wed 2nd, Mary McAfee, and on March 25, 1820 he married Amy Davis in Dallas County. Marriage Book 1818-45 Page 27. Joseph died August 29, 1844 in Dallas Co., and on October 8, 1844 Samuel F. Houston and James A. Woods were appointed Administrators of the Joseph Woods estate. Heirs mentioned: Margaret J. (Woods) Houston & Lorena (Woods) Woods.
Census Record: 1830 Dallas Co Al Page 82
1840 Dallas Co Al Page 52

34.3: Cyrus Woods [185.1]
Was born May 26, 1789 in York District, South Carolina. He married Mary who was born in Virginia in 1788. Cyrus and Mary had nine children.
Census Record: 1830 Dallas Co Al Page 70
1840 Dallas Co Al Page 53
1850 Dallas Co Al Page 315
1860 Dallas Co Al Page 854

35.4: Thomas Woods, Jr.
Was born in August of 1791 in York District, South Carolina. On January 17, 1814 he married Abigail Alexander in Dallas Co., Alabama.
Census Record: 1830 Dallas Co Al Page 70
1840 Dallas Co Al Page 52

36.5: Edward Woods [191.1]
Was born August 11, 1795 in York District, South Carolina. On August 11, 1821 he married Catherine Morrison in Dallas Co., Alabama. Catherine was born in 1802. They had three children. Edward died on November 5, 1826 in Dallas County and Joseph Woods and William R. Morrison were the Administrators of his estate. Catherine wed 2nd, Benjamin A. Glass. Catherine died in 1877.

37.6: Andrew Woods [194.1]
Was born December 11, 1797 in York District, South Carolina. On January 14, 1819 he married Mary Lee in Dallas County, Alabama. Mary was born in 1798. Marriage Book 1818-45 Page 5. Mary died in 1873 and Andrew died on July 17, 1876.
Census Record: 1830 Pike Co Al Page 72

38.7: Elizabeth Woods [195.1]
Was born on June 28, 1799 in York District, South Carolina. On March 12, 1821 she married Josiah Reed in Dallas County, Alabama. They had six children before 1850 and Josiah had died before that year.
1850 Dallas Co Al Census Page 315. Elizabeth and children.

39.8: Cynthia Woods
Was born on April 19, 1802 in York District, SC. On November 10, 1825 she married William Carson Lee in Dallas Co., Alabama. William was born in 1801 and died in 1829. Cynthia died on July 26, 1876.
Census Record Dallas Co Al 1830 Page 91 1840 Page 57
(issue of Elizabeth (Byers) [6.5] and Ephraim McLean)

40.1: John McLean [201.1]

Was born February 4, 1791 in Lincoln County, North Carolina and on October 20, 1829 he married Elizabeth M. Baylis in Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky. Elizabeth was the daughter of Capt. William Baylis of Frederick Co., Virginia. The family moved to Union Co., Ky. when Elizabeth was 12 years of age.

On or before the first of August next
I promise to pay to the order of Thomas McLean five hundred and ten dollars for Value
and I do sign my hand and seal this 23rd day of April 1819

Witnessed:

[Signature]

Book BB Union County Court House

On this day, being on the premises, that are John McLean and William Baylis, the parting parties, it is for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, as consideration for the above named William Baylis. The condition of this above obligation is such that if there is no marriage or marriage conducted between the above named persons, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars shall be paid to the above named Thomas McLean.

The issue of this sum to be paid shall be

William Baylis

This day of October 1819

[Signature]
Bloomington, Illinois, April 21, 1981
By Kathy McKinney Pantagraph staff

In late 1830, two men made the long and tiresome journey from Blooming Grove to Vandalia, then the state capital, to lobby for creation of a new county. Speaker of the House William L.D. Ewing asked the men what name they wanted for their new county, and they are reported to have had no firm choice in mind.

Ewing, and several other prominent people in the state did have a name in mind. Ewing, a relative and friend of John McLean, who had died two months earlier “... interested himself actively in influencing our Blooming Grove committee to accord and permit the legislature the privilege of naming the new district in honor of the man we are commemorating today,” wrote Lafayette Funt at the county's centennial celebration.

The name was agreeable to the delegation from Blooming Grove, and the new county was named McLean. And McLean, who died before his 40th birthday in the midst of a bright career in state and national politics, never set foot on the ground which was named in his honor.

McLean fought in the Indian Wars under Gen. Andrew Jackson, a relationship that was to influence his later political career. He studied law, and in 1815 moved to Shawneetown, in far Southern Illinois and was admitted to the bar.

It was an exciting time in the political history of Illinois - the territory would be admitted to the union as a state in 1818, there was continuing controversy over the issue of slavery, and the state was growing in population and commercial development.

A contest between McLean and Daniel P. Cook for representative to Congress was reputed to be one of the most exciting in the state's history, Burnham wrote. “The great Missouri question was then looming (the question of free or slave state status for Missouri), and a far more important local question was beginning to absorb public attention, which was the question of slavery or freedom for the state of Illinois.”

That question was the topic of debates between McLean and Cook until it came to a head six years later in 1824. Cook was opposed to slavery. “But Mr. McLean, being a native of a slave state, was conscientiously and honestly a pro-slavery man.” Burnham wrote. McLean triumphed over
Cook by 14 votes in the 1818 election, and was sent to the House as Illinois' only representative. He was a Democrat and a pro-slavery man, and supported the Missouri Compromise, wrote the late Sen. Florence Fifer Bohrer of Bloomington in 1930, which was the county's centennial. The compromise allowed Missouri to come into the union as a slave state, offset by the admission of Maine as a free state. This brought about his defeat the next election by Cook, a strong anti-slavery man.

McLean returned to practice law in Shawneetown in 1819, but was elected to the state legislature in 1820, and was chosen speaker. During this time the question of a state bank arose in Illinois, and McLean was in the fray. He opposed creation of a state bank, and he “was possessed of a fertility of genius and an overpowering eloquence, of which the bank party was justly afraid.” wrote Illinois Gov. Thomas Ford in his “History of Illinois” published in 1854, after his death.

Because they feared his power, the party refused to go into committee of the whole, which would have allowed McLean to take part in the debate, Ford wrote. “Mr. McLean, indignant at such treatment, resigned his office of speaker, and in a speech remarkable for his ability and eloquence, predicted all the evil consequences which resulted from the bank.” He lost the fight to the majority.

Several accounts of McLean's political career mentioned his speaking ability, as well as the ability of Cook, his primary opponent. Illinois, which had entered the union in 1818 as a free state, remained a free state after an emotional “canvas” in 1824. McLean was on the losing side.

“Notwithstanding the bitterness engendered in the great campaign of 1824, we find Mr. McLean emerged from the strife with almost the universal good will of both parties, which may be taken as an evidence that the public gave him credit for favoring slavery purely from what might be called honestly mistaken views of its expediency.” wrote Burnham.

He was elected that same year to fill out the term of Ninian Edwards, who had resigned as U.S. Senator from Illinois, and served from December 20, 1824 to March 3, 1825. He was chosen by unanimous vote of the legislature in the fall of 1829 for a 6-year term in the U.S. Senate. He served from December 6, 1829 to the close of the session on May 31, 1830. He was a Jacksonian Democrat and served on the agriculture committee.

Overwork apparently had undermined his health. He returned home to Shawneetown, where he died October 14, 1830.

John McLean was under the care of Dr. Alexander Posey for 12 days in July of 1829 and was staying at Woods Tavern. In August he was treated 8 days by Dr. Posey while staying at Major Lewis' place. A notation on the account said a case of Typhus fever.

In October 1830 he was attended night and day by Dr. Dake from the 7th to the 13th with over 30 injections of medicine.

I, Elizabeth McLean, widow of the late John McLean, deceased, do hereby renounce my right of administration to the Estate of my deceased husband and wish John Siddall to be appointed. Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1830. Eliza M. McLean

The Administration papers of John McLean are in file box 64 in the Gallatin County Court House.

Elizabeth (Baylis) Byers wed 2nd, George Lewis in 1834 in Union Co., Ky.
Estate of Honorable Jno McLean

Dr. J T Hefford

For expenses incurred during his Last illness & at the funeral. Viz:
Cash advanced Holly for Forriage when sent to the springs $1.00
“ paid for 5 yds of Flannel for drawers & wrappers for his legs 3.75
“ “ 2 pair of Large socks for his feet .75
“ “ 6 yds shirting cloth for wrappers 1.00
“ “ 1 bottle castor oil 1.00
“ “ 6 1/2 yds cambric muslin .75 per 4.87
“ “ 1 bottle cologne water .25
“ “ 1 black silk handkerchief .87 1/2
“ “ 1 sine .12 1/2

Charge for extra house expenses during his 10 days of sickness including wine. Brandy, gin, soap & brown sugar & to self, friends & servants, consisting during the latter part of his illness of from 8 to 10 persons & for days A total stoppage of business
Cash paid Dennis Blk Boy for 4 days services 2.00
 do Nancy Blk Woman “ 2 “ do 1.00

$116.62 1/2

I do hereby certify that the above account and statement are correct
Shawneetown 3 Augt 1831. Eliza M. McLean

Refer to Doct A. Posey & Doct Dake

Account of Sale of the personal property of Jno McLean,
Sale of Real Estate

By virtue of an order of the Gallatin Circuit Court, made at the late September term thereof, I shall expose to sale at public vendue, at Docker’s Tavern, in Shawneetown. On Saturday, the 10th day of November next between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm of that day, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of John McLean, deceased, to wit:

The south-east quarter of section 29, township 12 N., range 5 E. of the 4th principal meridian. The south-east quarter of section 9, township 12 N., range 7 E. of the 4th principal meridian. The south-east quarter of section 27, township 7 N., range 8 West of the 4th principal meridian and the undivided half of the west half of the south-west fractional quarter of section 8, township 11 S., range 10 East of the 3rd principal meridian, containing 53 acres, for cash in hand.

John Siddall, Admr.
Of John Mclean, deceased.

October 1, 1832.

John McLean also owned lots in McLeansboro, Illinois.

In
Memory of
JOHN McLEAN
Born in N. Carolina Feb 4th 1791
He was raised and educated in
Kentucky
Whence he emigrated to Illinois
In 1815 where he held a conspicuous
stand at the Bar in society
for talents A generous &
amiable nature
A representative & senator
in the Congress of the U S
from Illinois. Be died while in
the latter office Oct 14, 1830
Lamented by all

Death loves a shining mark, a signal glow
A glow which, while it executes, alarms,
and startles thousands with a single fall.
Young

Westwood Cemetery - Shawneetown, Illinois
At the court house go north on Lincoln Ave.
to Galt. Right on 1 1/2 miles to cemetery.
JOHN McLEAN
(1791 - 1830)
Illinois's First U. S. Congressman, 1818
U. S. Senator, 1824-25, and 1829-30
41.2: William Byers McLean [202,1]:

Was born November 21, 1791 in North Carolina. On April 20, 1812 he married Margaret Prather McKinney in Logan County, Kentucky. They had nine children. William died January 3, 1846 in Randolph County, Missouri and Margaret died March 29, 1845 in the same county. Both are buried in the McKinney-Anderson Cemetery three miles southwest of Moberly, Missouri. The cemetery is located in a pasture near the adjoining highway.

Census Record;
1820 Living in White County, Illinois.
1830 Randolph Co Mo Page 321
1840 Randolph Co Mo Page 267

McKinney-Anderson Cemetery
William B. and Margaret P. McLean
Although William’s headstone reads Feb. 3, 1846 he died in January.
Dr. William Byers McLean

Dr. William B. McLean, for whom McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois was named, was born on October 22, 1791 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He was the second of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, born to Ephraim and Elizabeth (Byers) McLean and was named for his maternal grandfather, Capt. William Byers, a Revolutionary War officer of York District, South Carolina.

When he was about four years of age, his parents moved to Logan Co., Kentucky. He grew up on a farm about twelve miles west of Russellville and attended Lebanon Academy at Ewingsville in Christian Co., Kentucky. During the war of 1812 he enrolled as a Private in a company commanded by Capt. Samuel Gordon (formerly of York District, SC) in Lt. Col. Samuel Caldwell's 1st Kentucky Mounted Volunteers, and went on Maj. Gen. Samuel Hopkins’ expedition up the Wabash River against the Illinois Indians from September 18 to Oct. 30, 1812.

On April 20, 1813 he married Margaret Prather McKinney, a daughter of Abraham and Elinor (Prather) McKinney, settled in Christian Co., Kentucky. He engaged in the practice of medicine. His older brother, John McLean, after the Wabash expedition, studied law, was admitted to the bar, and settled at old Shawneetown in Gallatin County, Illinois. When Illinois was admitted to the Union in 1818, John ran against Daniel Pope Cook (for whom Cook Co., Illinois was named) and went to Washington as the new state's first congressman.

It has been reported that William McLean was a hunter and enjoyed the sport. While visiting Congressman McLean at Shawneetown in 1818, he went to the salt works on Saline River and decided to go north on a hunt. He traveled alone and found much game in abundance. On this hunt he selected and entered at the Shawneetown Land Office, on September 9, 1818 the land on which the Hamilton County seat, later to bear his name, now is located.

About a year after he built a cabin on his land, the Illinois legislature appointed three commissioners to mark out a road through the forest from Shawneetown to Vandalia, the Capital. They came upon Dr. McLean and he invited them to pass the night in his cabin. In return for his hospitality, they chose his cabin as a state station. A commission, consisting of Samuel Leach, James Ratcliff, and Joel Pace was selected to name the Hamilton County seat and they decided on the name of McLeansborough in honor of Dr. McLean.

From Toliver G. Rice and his son, Jasper, who once lived in the McLean cabin, we learn that it was located to the east of the original town. It was McLeansborough’s first state station, and Dr. McLean was the first Postmaster. It measured about 16’ x 18’, faced east and was constructed of logs with a clapboard roof, a puncheon floor, a loft, one door and the chimney was constructed of sticks and clay.

Dr. McLean was elected by White and Jefferson Counties a member of the Second Illinois General Assembly. (The House of Representatives) and served from December 4, 1820 to February 15, 1821. Hamilton County was created in 1821 from a part of White County. McLean was a candidate for the General Assembly in 1822 but was defeated by Zadoc Casey. This ended his political ambitions.

Elmer Oris Parker
First: I give to my daughter, Artemesia McKinney, and to the heirs of her body, the northeast quarter of Section 27 and the west half of the northeast quarter of Section Twenty Two, both in Township Fifty Three, Range Fourteen. Also the tract of land containing one hundred and twenty acres known as the Gee place, buggy and harness and two Negro boys, Madison and Harrison, estimated with the property hereafter given her at 2150 dollars.

Second: I give to my son, Ephraim Wal] Byers H(oward) McLean, the Negro boy, Joseph, provided he makes application for him within five years after this Will is admitted to probate. My daughter, Artemesia & son, John, jointly to have the benefit of said boy until application for or until the five years elapse and if not then applied for to be sold by my Executor and proceeds equally divided among any other children.

Third: I give to my son, John, the Negro boy, Washington. Also my medical books, press instruments and medicines on hand, two beds, bedsteads & bedding and silver ladle in addition to what I have heretofore given him, estimated at 2150 dollars in all.

Fourth: I give to my daughter, Sally F. Taylor, and to the heirs of her body after her, if she should have any, the following described tracts of land. Viz: Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 27 running due East to a stone in the center of the northwest quarter of said section on the north line of said section, Township 53, Range 14 West thence south to a stake 40 feet north of the north line of fence of my farm thence west, keeping within forty feet of said line of fence to a stake opposite to the north and south line of fence which divides my farm, thence south with said line of fence to the south line of said Section 27, thence west with said line to the southwest corner of my tract of land thence north to a stone corner which divides my tract of land from F.K. Collins' land, then east with the line dividing my land from F.K. Collins' land one quarter of a mile, thence north to the beginning.

Also all that portion of my tract of land in Section 16 which lies southwest of the center of the main road which runs from F. Patton's to Huntsville. Also my Negro girl, Hectorina. If my said daughter, Sally, should depart this life without heirs of her body and during the lifetime of her husband, Levi Taylor, then the above bequeathed property and the issue of said Negro girl to return to my other lawful heirs. But if the said Levi Taylor should depart this life during her lifetime, then the title of the above property shall be forever vested in my said daughter, estimated with that before given at 2150 dollars.
Fifth: I give to my daughter, Susan Mary, one hundred and twenty five dollars to be expended by my Executor in educating her. Also my Negro boys, Jefferson and Walker, also my Negro girls, Lucy and Missouri, one bureau, two beds, bedsteads & bedding, the choice horse belonging to the farm, saddle and bridle and six hundred dollars in money, estimated at 2150 dollars. If my said daughter should depart this life before she is 21 years old without heirs of her body, then the above Negroes and money to return to my other lawful heirs.

Sixth: I give to my grand daughter, Margaret Ann Taylor, the bureau, beds and bedding which are about the house and which were her mothers. Also my gold watch and my Negro girl, Nancy, and my Negro boy, Dick, and one thousand dollars in money which will be set apart from my notes, accounts, stock, household property or land after my daughter, Susan Mary, has had her portion and my debts paid. The property bequeathed to my grand daughter, Margaret Ann Taylor, will be kept in the hands of my Executor and managed for her benefit. If she should depart this life before she is married or 21 years of age or die without heirs of her body at any time, then the above property and money to return to my other lawful heirs, with the exception of the gold watch which my Executor is requested, - in the event of her death, to give said watch to her father, if living, and in the event of his death, if the father of my said grand daughter will permit her to remain with either of my daughters I wish my Executor to permit the Negro girl and child to stay at the same place.

The residue of my property will be equally divided among my children and grand daughter above named. The notes and accounts will be collected and other property sold at public auction. The lands may be sold by my Executor either publicly or privately as in his judgement may seem best or reserved from sale for a few years if thought best.

I appoint Robert Wilson, Executor, of this my last Will and Testament. I further provide that in the event that either of my daughters to whom land is given should desire it sold, my Executor may sell the said lands or any part thereof and reinvest the proceeds thereof again in lands or Negroes subject to the same restrictions and limitations as in this will provided.

Signed November 1st, 1845
Attest:
G.B. Patton
M.J. Goodfellow

W.B. McLean
State of Missouri  
County of Randolph  

G.B. Patton and M.J. Goodfellow, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of William B. McLean, deceased, being sworn, testify that the said William B. McLean did sign and publish in our presence the foregoing instrument of writing as his last Will and Testament. That he requested us to witness the same. That we signed our names as witnesses in the presence of said William B. McLean. That we believe the said William B. McLean was of sound and disposing mind and capable of making a Will at the time of so doing.

J.B. Patton  
M.J. Goodfellow  

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January 1846.  
Reuben Samuel  
Clerk of the Randolph County Court.

I, William B. McLean, do make this Codicil to my last Will and Testament. Whereas by my said last Will and Testament I gave to my son, Ephraim, a certain Negro boy named Jordon, I again confirm said gift and in addition thereto give my said son one thousand dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executor out of the proceeds of the sales of land and other property by said Will directed to be sold provided the said sum shall not be payable until the same is realized from the sales. I further direct that my Executor, in the event that the Negro, Jefferson, willed to my daughter, Susan Mary, should become ungovernable, that my Executor have power to sell him and loan the money at interest. I give to my son-in-law, McKinney, meat enough off the farm to do him and his family one year. I do hereby ratify and confirm all the other provisions of my said last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have this day set my name and seal this 17th day of December 1845.

Wm. B. McLean  
In presence of: N.B. Christian  
M.J. Goodfellow  
Durett Bruce  

Recorded 7th January 1846  
Reuben Samuel  
Clerk

N.B. Christian and M.J. Goodfellow, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Codicil to the last Will and Testament of William B. McLean, deceased, sign and publish the foregoing instrument of writing as a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in our presence and at his request. We witnessed the same in his presence, that we believe he was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of so doing.  

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January 1846.  
N.B. Christian  
M.J. Goodfellow  

Reuben Samuel  
Clerk of Randolph County Court.
William B. McLean - Administration Bond

Know all men by these presents that we, Robert Wilson, as principal, and L. Collier and A. Beattie, his securities, of Randolph County, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Missouri in the sum of six thousand dollars lawful money for the true payment of which well and truly to be made. We bind ourselves, our heirs and jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 6th day of January 1846. The condition of the above bond is such that if Robert Wilson, Executor, of the last Will and Testament of William B. McLean, deceased, shall faithfully execute the last Will and Testament of said deceased according to law, on the order, sentence or decree of any Court having competent jurisdiction and shall account for and pay over all money or property which shall come to his hands or possession, then the above bond to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

R. Wilson       Seal
Lewis Collier    Seal
Armstrong Beattie Seal

State of Missouri  
County of Randolph

The State of Missouri to all who shall see these presents.

Greetings. Know ye that whereas William B. McLean, late of Randolph County, having by his last Will and Testament appointed Robert Wilson, Executor thereof, and the said Robert Wilson having entered into bond with satisfactory security and complied with the requisitions of the law, therefore, I, Reuben Samuel, Clerk of the Randolph County Court in vacation, do by these presents give and grant to the said Robert Wilson full power and authority to execute the said last Will and Testament of the said William B. McLean, deceased, according to law and the true intent and meaning thereof and certify. I do hereby constitute and appoint the said Robert Wilson, Executor of the last Will and Testament of William B. McLean, deceased. Witness my hand with the seal of said Court affixed at office this 6th day of January 1846.

Reuben Samuel Clerk

The foregoing letters Testamentary recorded on the day of the date thereof and before delivering the same.

Reuben Samuel Clerk

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Monday, January 26th, 1846

Susan Mary McLean, a minor heir of William B. McLean, deceased, over the age of 14 years, came into Court and made choice of Robert Wilson as her Guardian and therefore said Wilson entered into bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars with William Foot and H.L. Rutherford, his securities, which is approved by the Court and ordered to be filed.
2/16 Book C Settlements

Settlement of the estate of William McLean

To and due on last settlement

Audit

By amount paid, Lorn Taylor $30
By de C. L. Naylor $2
By de John McLean's
By de Susan McLean 5
By de E. R. Burchardt 3
By de G. W. Peccitt 10
By de B. Bradley 4
By de Jas. W. Keen 15
By de Ephraim McLean 9
By de J. F. McLeanney 10

Paid John McLean
Susan More
Ephraim McLean

Ordered to be recorded August 25, 1854

John F. W. Campbell

274 Credit

Final settlement of Mr. McLean's estate

Of the estate of

Dr. McLean

Due on last settlement

Interest not before accounted for $1.60
Collections from claims in
Inventory not before accounted for $16.19

By clerk fees $3.35
By 3% per $ for collecting 152th

Sub amount to be paid

Margaret由于 to make her amount equal to

Amount paid for her $79.00

Mar 29, 1855 due to be recorded

John F. W. Campbell
42. 3: Charles McLean [211. 1]

Was born July 17, 1794 in Tryon Co., NC. In 1796 the family moved to Logan Co., Kentucky. In 1818 in Logan County he married Mary P. McKinney, born May 9, 1804. She was the daughter of Abraham McKinney and Elinor Prather. In the early 1820’s they moved to Randolph Co, Missouri and lived near Renick. On 3 Feb 1829 he was appointed a JP in Prairie Township. Sometime later they moved to their farm three miles north of Higbee in Randolph Co. They had ten children. Charles died in September 1845 and Mary died in 1870.

Charles McLean - Last Will and Testament
Randolph County, Missouri Wills and Letters 1843-1848
September 15, 1845 Pages 110-111-112-113-114.

I, Charles McLean, of the County of Randolph and State of Missouri, in order to dispose of my worldly affairs, do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others previously made.

1st. It is my will that all my property, both real and personal, in the County of Macon, be exposed to sale as shortly as possible and upon such terms as may seem most to the interest of my estate. I desire that my Negro man, Jim, and a wagon and Ox team be in like manner exposed to sale as also all the surplus stock not necessary to carry on the farm at my home place. I also wish sold in like manner as above, eighty acres of land in Randolph County which is commonly known as the Grimes place. I have sold to Morris Gee 40 acres of land being on the Sweet Spring Creek, the same purchased of Perrin Cooley for which he has sold to me his present crop of tobacco when his delivering the same and complying with the pre-contract. I direct my Executor to deed him the land, the amount being fifty dollars to be paid out of the crop of tobacco and the balance after paying expense of hauling & to be paid to Gee. The above deed was to be made to F. Patton as Trustee for Mrs. Gee.

2nd. My will and desire is that my sons, William & Thomas, and the descendants of my daughter, Lucritea, have a discretionary power in the event that my wife should determine to emigrate from this state, to sell all or so much of the balance of my property as they may think proper. This power is given to my Executor for the reason that my friend, Thomas F. McKinney, has desired me and my family to emigrate to Texas and in the event he should still desire their removal and my wife shall wish to go then my Executor to have full power and authority to make the sales above mentioned and to do all things necessary to effect the object in all the sales above set forth. My Executor shall have full power to make deeds of conveyance in due form of law within and order of Court.

I further wish that if my son, William, will pay two thirds of the appraised value of my Negro man, Jordon, then he is to have said Negro. This money is to be given to my son, Finis, for which he is to account as so much received out of my Estate. My Estate undisposed of in this Will to remain in the possession of my wife during her life or widowhood and at the expiration of either, my effects to equally be divided, among the balance of my children except the three first named.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife, Executrix, and my friend, Robert Wilson, Executor of this my last Will.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:
Isaac G. Wilson, Joseph Collins and N.B. Christian.

Charles McLean Seal
State of Missouri
County of Randolph

We, F.B. Christian and Isaac Wilson, subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Charles McLean, do swear that the said C. McLean did sign and publish the said instrument of writing as his last Will and Testament and that we signed the same as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of Joseph Collins, the other subscribing witness. That we believe the said Charles McLean was of sound and disposing mind at the time of signing the same.

Sworn and subscribed to this 2nd day of October 1845.
F.B Christian
Isaac G. Wilson
Reuben Samuel Clerk

Know all men by these presents that we, Mary McLean & Robert Wilson, as principal and William B. McLean, F.K Collins & Thomas J. Gorman, his securities, of Randolph County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Missouri in the sum of six thousand dollars lawful money, for the true payment of which well and truly to be made in kind, our selves, our heirs & jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 7th day of October 1845.

The condition of the above bond is that Charles McLean, deceased, by his last Will and Testament appointed Mary McLean, Executrix & Robert Wilson, Executor thereof. Now is the said Mary McLean & Robert Wilson shall fully execute said Will, pay and deliver all money and property and effects belonging to said Estate and the legacies in the said Will mentioned as far as the assets will extend and the law direct and perform all other things touching said Will enjoined by law or the order sentence or decree of any, Court having competent jurisdiction, then to be void.

Mary McLean Seal
Francis K. Collins Seal
Robert Wilson Seal
Thomas J. Gorham Seal
W.B. McLean Seal

State of Missouri
County of Randolph

The State of Missouri. To all who shall see these presents, Greetings. Know ye that whereas Charles McLean, late of Randolph County, having by his last Will and Testament appointed Mary McLean, Executrix Robert Wilson, Executor thereof and the said Mary McLean and Robert Wilson having entered into bond with satisfactory security, and complied with the requisitions of the law therefore I, Reuben Samuel, clerk of the Randolph County Court, do by these presents give and grant to the said Mary McLean and Robert Wilson full power and authority to execute the said last Will and Testament of the said Charles McLean, deceased, according to law and the true intent and meaning thereof and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint the said Mary McLean and Robert Wilson, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Charles McLean, deceased.

Witness my hand with the seal of said Court affixed at office this 8th of October 1845.
Reuben Samuel Clerk

The foregoing letter Testamentary recorded on the day of the date and before delivering the same.
Reuben Samuel Clerk
Charles McLean

Final Settlement of the Estate of Charles McLean died 1848

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Total 1018.61

Executors allowed 1018.61 for expenses

Balance due Executor 35.87

The remaining debts mentioned in the inventory remain uncollected as stated in our settlements

1849 July 24th ordered to be recorded by
John J. Allin Clerk