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I WAS PRINCIPAL OF DANCYVILLE SCHOOL IN 1929-30, TEACHING 7TH & 8TH GRADES. LORRAINE COOK TAUGHT 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH. OLIVIA POWELL TAUGHT 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.

I WAS ONLY 20 YEARS OLD WHEN I WENT TO DANCYVILLE AND I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND I HAD FALLEN INTO A NEST OF KIN FOLK. I DID NOT REALLY LEARN ABOUT THE JONES FAMILY UNTIL MANY YEARS LATER WHEN I BEGAN TO RESEARCH MY FAMILY HISTORY. MY RECORD OF THE TEN GENERATIONS OF THE JONES FAMILY BEGINS WITH ROGER AND EVAN JONES, TWO SONS OF COL. ROGER JONES WHO CAME FROM WALES TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1710. IN 1711, ROGER JONES WAS DECAPITATED DURING AN INDIAN MASSACRE.

MY PARENTS WERE HOWELL ARTHUR AND EL VIRGINIA MAUD KELSO NAYLOR. MY MOTHER WAS FROM THE DO ME GOOD CHURCH COMMUNITY AND TAUGHT AT THE DEZERN SCHOOL NEAR BROWNSVILLE. THE DO ME GOOD CHURCH WAS SO CALLED BECAUSE AN ELDERLY GENTLEMAN HAD SAID, "THIS CHURCH DO ME GOOD." THE OFFICIAL NAME WAS MT. PLEASANT AND WAS LOCATED PERHAPS AT HILLVILLE, NOT FAR FROM EUREKATON.

WILLIAM JAMES NAYLOR, JR., MY FATHER'S OLDEST BROTHER, WAS THE PASTOR OF THE DANCYVILLE METHODIST CHURCH FROM 1898 TO 1900.

I OBTAINED THE RECORDS OF HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH FROM ALVIS STUART AND HAD THEM COPIED FOR THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY. THEY SHOULD BE PUBLISHED BECAUSE THEY READ LIKE A NOVEL. THEY TOLD OF MONTHLY MEETINGS OF A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DISCIPLINE MEMBERS FOR BEATING THEIR WIVES, DRINKING OR LACK OF ATTENDANCE.

MY GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM JAMES NAYLOR, SR., WAS EXPELLED FROM HARMONY BAPTIST FOR LACK OF ATTENDANCE. HIS CRIMES WERE; HE MOVED ACROSS THE RIVER, MARRIED A METHODIST AND GAVE LAND*1 FROM HIS FARM FOR MARVIN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH. MR. TURNER, THE MAN WHO SPONSORED HIM FOR MEMBERSHIP, YEARS LATER SCRIBBLED BETWEEN THE LINES, THAT MY GRANDFATHER WAS GIVEN A LETTER WHICH EXONERATED HIM FROM ALL GUILT.

I PUBLISHED A BOOK, "KELSO KIN AND ALLIED FAMILIES" IN 1979. THE ALLIED FAMILIES ARE: COLLINS, HINES, JONES, CARNEY, NAYLOR, MOORE AND LINK. A COPY IS IN THE BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY. THE BOOK HAS A CHAPTER ON EACH ALLIED FAMILY INCLUDING THE JONES FAMILY. WILLIAM STEPHEN KELSO MARRIED ELIZABETH ANN JONES, MY GRANDMOTHER, THE DAUGHTER OF JAMES THOMPSON JONES. WHILE STILL IN NORTH CAROLINA, AS A 6 YEAR OLD, ELIZABETH HAD MARCHED IN A CIRCUS PARADE WITH TOM THUMB. ALTHOUGH TOM THUMB WAS 28 YEARS OLD THEY WERE THE SAME SIZE. WHEN THE FAMILY RETURNED TO TENNESSEE AND BEFORE SHE WAS MARRIED, ELIZABETH LIVED WITH HER SISTER ABIGAL. DURING THIS PERIOD SHE ATTENDED THE SOMERVILLE GIRLS' SEMINARY.

JAMES BOUGHT 640 ACRES OF LAND IN MEMPHIS (IF WE STILL OWNED THAT LAND CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE WORTH?) HE RODE DOWN ON HORSEBACK TO LOOK AFTER IT AND DIED FROM HIS CLOTHES BEING FROZEN TO HIS BODY, WHEN HE WAS RIDING HOME. HE WAS THE FIRST BURIAL IN THE JONES FAMILY CEMETERY, ON THE JONES FARM, SOUTH OF

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Minutes of meetings and financial statements for this Hamilton County organization.

Mf. 529 -- North Fork Baptist Church Records. Henry County, 1827-1976. 11 vols. TSLA. 2 reels. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Records of North Fork Church, consisting mainly of membership rolls and minutes of business meetings. Later volumes contain the church covenant, statement of principles, rules of order, and some statistical data.

Mf. 530 -- Fisk University Masters' Theses, 1972-1974. 5 vols. TSLA. 1 reel. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Masters' theses dealing with political and social issues in Tennessee directly related to Black history including Black Reconstruction, the Ku Klux Klan, civil rights, and the Presidential election of 1948. Unpublished listing of authors and titles is available.

Mf. 531 -- Warwick Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Records. Union County, 1869-1976. 8 vols. TSLA. 1 reel. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Records of Warwick Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, consisting of minutes, membership rolls, church covenant, rules of decorum, and church deed.

Mf. 532 -- Sparta Methodist Episcopal Church Records. White County, 1825-1964. 26 vols. TSLA. 2 reels. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Records of Sparta Methodist Episcopal Church, consisting of registers of pastors, infant baptisms, marriages, and members; Sunday School roll books, 1884-1929; and quarterly conference records, 1902-10, including membership roll and minutes of meetings.

Mf. 533 -- Harmony Baptist Church Records. Haywood County, 1837-1973. 9 vols. TSLA. 1 reel. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Records of Harmony Baptist Church, consisting of minutes of meetings and membership rolls, including a list of charter members, for this church which was organized in 1837.

Mf. 534 -- Fykes Grove Primitive Baptist Church Records. Robertson County, 1813-1976. 5 vols. TSLA. 1 reel. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Records of Fykes Grove Church, consisting of minutes 1813-1976, and articles of faith, rules of decorum, and membership roll. Also included are minutes, 1838-1930, for the Red River Association of Primitive Baptist churches.

Mf. 535 -- G. B. and J. M. Dalton Account Books, 1851-1852, 1875-1881. 2 vols. TSLA. 1 reel. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Account book of the G. B. Dalton general merchandise store in Huntingdon, Carroll County, which lists names of customers, items purchased, and amounts due or paid; and an account book of J. M. Dalton, a cotton factor in Huntingdon, which lists sales of cotton and cotton seed.

Mf. 536 -- Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church Records. Cincinnati, Ohio, 1866-1910. 4 vols. TSLA. 1 reel. 35 mm. Microfilm Only Collection.

Organizational records consisting of deeds, 1866-1928, for Negro schools throughout the South; annuity records, 1898-1910; reports, 1907-1909, of the inspector of schools in the South containing comments on equipment, faculty, enrollment, financial status, and other general conditions; and charter and minutes, 1866-91, of the Board of Trustees of Central Tennessee Methodist Episcopal College, Nashville. This society was established in 1866 to educate Negroes in cooperation with the church's missionary work in the South.

Mf. 537 -- Emma Bloom Schindler Diaries, 1890-1916. 14 vols. TSLA. 1 reel. 35 mm.

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