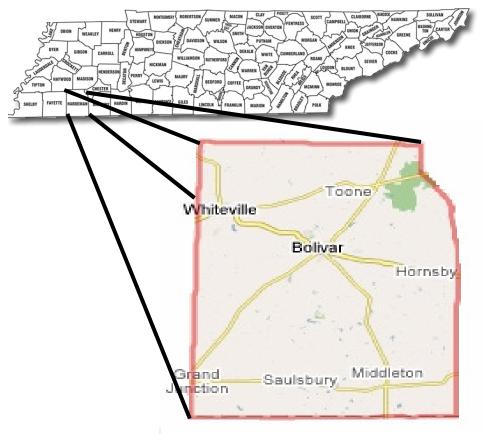
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Hardeman County, Tennessee

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Cover Image: Hardeman County

The treaty which opened West Tennessee for settlement was signed on 19 Oct 1818, by Isaac Shelby and Andrew Jackson for the president of the United States, Mr. Monroe, and the chiefs and head men for the Chickasaw Indians. Hardeman County, Tennessee was formed in 1823 from Hardin County and Indian lands. It was named in honor of Thomas Jones Hardeman (1788-1854) who was the first county clerk and had served with Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. Hardeman later moved to Texas and fought for its independence in 1830.

The first county residents came in 1819 and 1820, followed by rapid settlement, primarily from North and South Carolina, Virginia, north Alabama, and Middle Tennessee.

The first town in the county was established in 1823 on the Big Hatchie River, called "Hatchie Town" or just Hatchie. This was the county seat until on 18 Oct 1825, it was changed to Bolivar. Bolivar was named for General Simón Bolívar, leader of several independence movements throughout South America.

During the Civil War/War Between the States, the Battle of Hatchie's Bridge (AKA Davis Bridge and Matamora) occurred in Hardeman County on 5 Oct 1862. Casualties were estimated at 900 (US 500; CS 400).

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Letter from the Editor

This last volume for 2007 will be a little shorter than normal, in order to conform to the 200 pages/year standard, and because several of this year's issues went a little long. This year FFRU passed several milestones. One milestone was having 3,000 pages online and available for free to anyone to download. Another milestone was that I have finally equalled the number of pages that the first editor, Elaine Giddens, published. She published 1,707 pages (Jan 1992 - Oct 1997: 6 years, 23 volumes, plus supplemental materials ¹). As of Volume 57, the total number of pages that have been published since I became editor is 1,723 (Jan 1999 - May 2007: 7 1/2 years, 28 volumes).

I hope your research has been making progress and that your successes in 2008 will bring you joy.

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^{1.} Supplemental materials produced by Elaine and Johnnye include the Pedigree Volume, Charter Issue, and the Andrea Papers.

PERSI: Franklin Cemetery

Family Findings Published by the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, Volume II, Number 3, July 1970, pages 109.

Franklin Cemetery

Located in Hardeman County, Tennessee, on the Vildo Road on Joe Shearon's farm, Northwest of Bolivar, Tennessee. Copied 29 Mar 1967 by Faye T. Davidson.

Robert B. Franklin
1874-1946
Son of J. B. & M. G.
28 Aug. 1847
William H. Franklin
3 Jan. 1868

21 Feb. 1827
21 Aug. 1853
Eliza W. Franklin
D. 16 July 1835

D. 16 July 1835 W. A. Franklin Age 38 yrs. 18 das. 1850-1895 (b. 1800)

James B. FranklinSarah Ann FranklinSon of W. A. & OpheliaDau. of B. & E. W.1872-187217 Nov. 1833

Dr. Benjamin Franklin
16 Jan. 1788

13 May 1849

Jesse B. Franklin

16 Jan. 1/88 Jesse B. Franklii 16 Mar. 1856 2 May 1825 (Masonic Emblem) 25 Sept. 1873

Mary Eliza Franklin
Dau. of Col. Jesse B. & Son of B. & E. W.
Mary G. 5 Aug. 1852
9 Feb 1860
9 Aug. 1843

PERSI: Will of Benjamin Franklin, Hardeman County, Tennessee

Family Findings Published by the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, Volume II, Number 3, July 1970, pages 109-110.

Transcribed 23 Jan 1970 by Mrs. Robert S. Owens, Bolivar, Tennessee. Recorded Book 5, pages 61-62, Hardeman County, Tennessee. Written 20 Feb 1856. Recorded 7 Apr 1856.

I Benj. Franklin of the county of Hardeman and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other by me at any time made.

Item 1st. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid out of any money of which I may die possessed or what may come in possession of my executors.

2nd. I bequeath to my son Jesse B. Franklin the following lot of negroes viz.: Abram, Maria, Walker, Charles, Lunn, Henson, and to my daughter Mary Jane Pinson the lot composed as follows viz.: Henry

^{2.} In 1870, appears to match Maria Franklin listed in the household of Lunn Franklin, and therefore possibly the mother of Lunn and the other slaves willed to Jesse B. Franklin, with Abram as their father?

^{3.} In 1870, same county, F. Franklin, page 180.

and Ruth⁵ his wife and their children viz. Daniel, Octavia, Cloe, Jana, Dial and infant child unnamed and \$200 in cash to equalize the lots.

3rd I direct that my tract of land be sold at Public or Private sale and on such credit as my executors may think proper reserving one half acre including my family burying ground with right of way thereto.

4th I bequeath to Benj. Franklin⁶ my grandson my gold watch to be delivered into his possession when he arrives at the age of seventeen years.

5th I direct that Jesse B. Franklin pay to Mary Jane Pinson two hundred fifty three dollars to equalize my former distribution between them.

6th I direct that my books, letters and etc be divided equally between my son Jesse B. Franklin and my daughter Mary Jane Pinson as they may agree upon between themselves.

7th. I direct that the sum of Fifty dollars be appropriated for the enclosure, of my family burying ground.

8th. I direct that all my personal and perishable property not herein before specified with the produce of the farm that can be spared from it be sold at public autotion sale on such credit as my executors may think proper bond with security being required of purchasers.

9th. I direct that all money which may be collected on individual bonds in my possession and all money that may arise from the sale of property as directed in Item 1 or from any other source whatever be equally divided between my son Jesse B. Franklin and my daughter Mary Jane Pinson and that settlement of my affairs take place as soon after my decease as shall be consistent with the interest of my estate.

10th. I hereby nominate and appoint my son Jesse B. Franklin and my son-in-law Samuel D. Pinson executors of this my last will and testament with out security being required of them. In witness whereof I Benjamin Franklin the testator have to this my will set my hand and seal this 20th day of Feb. in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

Benj. Franklin (seal)

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of testator and each other.

John Coates

Recorded: 7 April 1856

John A. Wilson R. P. Neely, Clerk

First Generation

1.) Benjamin Franklin was born 16 Jan 1788 in Virginia; died 16 Mar 1856 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee. His tombstone is inscribed "Dr. Benjamin Franklin."

Benjamin's family seems to have spent some time in North Carolina, where their first son, Jesse B. Franklin, was born. From census records, it appears that they moved to Tennessee sometime between 1830 and 1840.

Married Eliza W. _____ (born 1800 or 1797, died 16 July 1835 "Age 38 yrs. 18 das." Hardeman County, Tennessee) and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

4. In 1870, same county, Henson Franklin, page 179.

6. Son of Jesse B. Franklin, Benjamin Franklin was born 28 Aug 1847.

^{5.} Biographical information indicates that "Uncle Henry" and "Aunt Ruthie" stayed with Samuel D. Pinson after emancipation. Did not find any matching census records in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, for these first names under any surnames. See entry for Mary Jane Franklin.

Census Records

1840 Tennessee, Hardeman County page 323:

Benjamin Franklin, ⁷ 3m 10/15, 1m 20/30, 1m 50/60. Slaves: 1m -10, 4m 10/24, 1m 24/36; 1f -10, 1f 10/24, 2f 24/36. 8 Agriculture.

1850 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 96, HH 398/398:

Benjamin Frankland/Franklin, ⁸ 62m, farmer, RE\$2,100, born VA; William Frankland/Franklin, 23m, born VA.

Children:

- * 2. i. Jesse B. Franklin was born 2 May 1825 in North Carolina; died 25 Sep 1873 in Hardeman County, Tennessee.
 - 3. ii. William H. Franklin was born 21 Feb 1827 in Virginia; died 21 Aug 1853. Living with his father in 1850.
 - 4. iii. James A. Franklin was born 14 Mar 1829; died 9 Aug 1843 in Hardeman County, Tennessee.
 - 5. iv. Sarah Ann Franklin was born 17 Nov 1833; died 13 May 1849.
- * 6. v. Mary Jane Franklin was born 1840 in Tennessee and died about 1854 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, married Samuel Dobbins Pinson

Second Generation

2. Col. Jesse B. Franklin was born 2 May 1825; died 25 Sep 1873 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

CAVEAT: Care must be exercised when researching the records of this county, because another Jesse Franklin, born in North Carolina, who married a woman named Mary can be found here. This second, unrelated Jesse Franklin is Jesse Hardin Franklin, born 1843 in Surry County, North Carolina, son of Hardin P. Franklin, grandson of Governor Jesse Franklin. From the birth places of their children in the census, it appears that they moved to Hardeman County, Tennessee in about 1861.

He married Mary C. Wilson, on 10 Nov 1845 in Hardeman County, Tennessee. She was born 20 Feb 1828 in Tennessee; died 18 Dec 1905 and was buried in Melrose Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee. Her mother, Mary Wilson, born 1803 in Virginia, was living with the Jesse B.'s family in 1870.

Census Records

1850 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 157, HH 1251/1251:

Jessee B. Franklin, ⁹ 25m, farmer, RE\$1,200, born NC; Mary Franklin, ¹⁰ 22f, born TN; Benjamin Franklin, 2m, born TN; William Franklin, 9/12m, born TN; Mary J. Franklin, ¹¹ 7f, born TN.

1860 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 176A, HH 393/375:

J. B. Franklin, ¹² 35m, farmer, RE\$8,000/PP\$30,000, born NC; Mary C. Franklin, 32f, born TN; Benjamin

- 7. In 1850, appears to match Benjamin Franklin (age 62), same county, page 96.
- 8. In 1840, appears to match Benjamin Franklin, same county, page 323.
- 9. In 1860, J. B. Franklin, age 35, same county, page 176A.
- 10. Jesse B. Franklin married May C. Wilson on 10 Nov 1845 in Hardeman County
- 11. In 1860 Mortality Schedule: Hardeman County, Mary J. Franklin, age 17 years, born TN died April of Consumption.
- 12. In 1850, Jesse B. Franklin, age 25, same county page 157.

Franklin, 12m, born MS; William A. Franklin, 10m, born TN; Rebecca J. Franklin, 3f, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 179 HH 63/63:

J. B. Franklin, 45m, farmer, RE\$13,000/PP\$3,000, born NC; Mary Franklin, 41f, born TN; William Franklin, 20m, born TN; Rebecca Franklin, 14f, born TN, attended school within the year; Jessie Franklin, 9f, born TN; John Franklin, 4m, born TN; Mary Wilson, 13 67f, born VA; Sarah Armor, 60f, servant, born GA [?]; Mary Hull, 18f, black, servant, born TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, page 438B, HH 14/15:

Mary Franklin, head, 50f, widowed, keeping house, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: VA; Jessie Franklin, daughter, 18f, at school, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: TN; Johny Franklin, son, 15m, at school, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: TN; Fanny Maris, boarder, 20f, school teacher, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Emmet Hull, Nephew, 5m, servant, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

1900 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, page 6A, HH 103/106:

William R. Cross, head, 39m, born Mar 1861, married 12 years, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jessie F. Cross wife, 37f, born Jul 1862, married 12 years, 1 child/1 living, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jullian F. Cross, son, 9m, born Jan 1891, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Mary C. Franklin, mother-in-law, 72f, born Feb 1828, widow, 6 children/3 living, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: VA.

There is reference to Jesse B. Franklin's estate in the proceedings of the U.S. Congress:

Forty-fifth Congress. Sess. II Ch. 77. 1878. page 21

April 30, 1878

1864, ch. 240. 13 Stat., 381. Payment of claims allowed by accounting officers of Treasury to persons in... Tennessee

CHAP. 77.—An act for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the several persons in this act named, the several sums mentioned herein, the same being in full for, and the receipt of the same to be taken and accepted in each case as a full and final discharge of, the several claims examined and passed upon by the proper accounting officers, under the provisions of the act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, since January seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, namely:

page 25: William A. Franklin, executor, and Mary C. Franklin, executrix, of the last will and testament of Jesse B. Franklin, deceased, late of Hardeman County, seven hundred and twenty-five dollars. R. F.

Children:

- 7. i. Benjamin Franklin was born 28 Aug 1847; died 3 Jan 1868 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee. He is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Benjamin Franklin, which directs him to receive a gold watch.
- * 8. ii. William Austin Franklin was born in 1850 and died in 1895.
 - 9. iii. Mary Eliza Franklin was born 5 Aug 1852; died 9 Feb 1860. Her cause of death was listed in the 1860 mortality schedule as "congestion of bowels."
- k 10. iv. Rebecca J. Franklin was born 1856 in Tennessee.
 - 11. v. Jessie B. Franklin was born Jul 1862 in Tennessee. She married William

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^{13.} Mother-in-law.

R. Cross.

12. vi. John Franklin was born 1866 in Tennessee.

6. Mary Jane Franklin, born 1830 in Tennessee; died about 1854 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

She married Samuel Dobbins Pinson (born 1827, Tennessee). He was the son of Judge Joel Pinson (born 21 Feb 1786 in Surry County, North Carolina; died 1852 Pontotoc County, Mississippi.) and Elizabeth Dobbins (died 29 Nov 1841 in Mississippi) From the short biography of his son Richard Alexander Pinson in *Tennessee: The Volunteer State 1769--1923, Illustrated*, Vol. III.; copyright 1923: S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago, Nashville; page 461.

From W. P. A. History of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, Chapter VI: Antebellum Days:

Sam Pinson, [Judge Joel Pinson's] oldest son, was deeded a plantation situated about three miles south of Pontotoc on what is now called the Okolona and Pontotoc Road, where he built what was considered in those days a comfortable residence. It was situated in the heart of the wilderness and the fact of its isolation probably accounted for the designation of "Stony Lonesome" as the name. The house was built in 1849, just three years before Judge Pinson died.

It was to here that Sam Pinson brought the bride, Mary Jane Franklin, of Bolivar, Tennessee. She came to him with money and slaves. A peculiar and interesting facts about the slaves of this family is that when the bride came from Tennessee she brought with her old "Uncle Henry and Aunt Ruthie", who remained at "Stony Lonesome" until the surrender; even then they refused to leave the plantation.

Mrs. Sam Pinson only lived a few years and left a young son, Bernard, and a daughter, Sallie. Mr. Pinson remained in the home after his wife died, and relatives assisted him in the rearing of his motherless children. He enlisted at once when the War between the States broke out but lived through it and for a few years afterward. At his death the two children inherited his property and the daughter, who became Mrs. Ike Bell, fell heir to this part of the estate.

Census Records

1860 Mississippi, Pontotoc County, page 493, HH 65/65:

Samuel D. Pinson, 33m, planter, RE\$8,000/PP\$31,000, born TN; Sally A. Pinson, 7f, born MS; Bernard F. Pinson, 6m, born MS; Frederick W. Goode, 27m, overseer, born AL.

Mary Jane and Samuel moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where Mary Jane died after having two children.

Children:

- 13. i. Sally A. Pinson was born 4 Oct 1852 in Mississippi, died 23 Dec 1925. She married Isaac Bell.
- 14. ii. Bernard Pinson was born 1854 in Mississippi.

Third Generation

8. William Austin Franklin was born in 1850 and died in 1895 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

He married Ophelia Harriss on 30 Mar 1871 in Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee. She was born 6 Apr 1849 and died 25 Aug 1899. She was the daughter of James Blount Harriss (born 19 Jan 1810; died 3 Jan 1877; served as Hardeman County sheriff, county court clerk, etc.) and Mary Ann (Robb) Harriss. For more on the Harriss family, see *Hardeman County, Tennessee: Family History*; Hardeman County Historical Society; copyright 2001: Turner Publishing Company, ISBN 1563117576

They had six children: James Benjamin, Robert Bernard, Jessie Ophelia, William A. Jr., Mary Ellen, and

Charles Douglas.

Census Records

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436B, HH 131/131:

William Franklin, head, 30m, miller and farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Ophelia Franklin, wife, 30f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Robert B. Franklin, son, 6m, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jessey Franklin, daughter, 3f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; William A. Franklin, son, 11/12m, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

Children:

- 15. i. James Benjamin Franklin was born 1872; died 1872 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.
- * 16. ii. Robert Bernard Franklin was born 12 Apr1874 in Tennessee.
 - 17. iii. Jessie Ophelia Franklin was born 1877 in Tennessee.
 - 18. iv. William A. Franklin, Jr. was born 1879 in Tennessee.
 - 19. v. Mary Ellen Franklin
 - 20. vi. Charles Douglas Franklin was born in 1886 in Tennessee.

10. Jessie B. Franklin was born Jul 1862 in Tennessee.

She married William R. Cross 18 Dec 1887 in Hardeman County, Tennessee. He was born in Mar 1861 in Tennessee. Note: In 1910, William R. Cross married 2) Mary J. Franklin born Feb 1873 in Tennessee, daughter of Jesse Hardin Franklin ¹⁴ and Mary L. Franklin. ¹⁵ In 1910, William R. Cross' brother-in-law, William C. Franklin, ¹⁶ is living in this household. This is a completely different Franklin line, from the rest of this article and distinct from William R. Cross' first wife.

Census Records

1900 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, page 6A, HH 103/106:

William R. Cross, head, 39m, born Mar 1861, married 12 years, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jessie F. Cross wife, 37f, born Jul 1862, married 12 years, 1 child/1 living, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jullian F. Cross, son, 9m, born Jan 1891, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Mary C. Franklin, mother-in-law, 72f, born Feb 1828, widow, 6 children/3 living, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: VA; Robert Knight, servant, 49m, born Oct 1850, black, widower, day laborer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

Children:

21. i. Jullian F. Cross [male] was born Jan 1891 in Tennessee.

Fourth Generation

16. Robert Bernard Franklin was born 12 Apr 1874 in Tennessee. On his WWI Draft registration in 1918, he listed his occupation as Rural Mail Carrier. He died in 1946 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

^{14.} Jesse Hardin Franklin was born 10 Mar 1843 in North Carolina; died 5 Feb 1904 in Hardeman County, Tennessee and was buried in the Clinton Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee

^{15.} Mary L. Franklin was born 10 Apr 1850 in Tennessee; died 7 Mar 1905 in Hardeman County, Tennessee, and was buried in the Clinton Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Robert Clinton.

^{16.} Willie C. Franklin was born 10 Jun 1870; died 12 Sep 1922 and was buried in the Melrose Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee.

He married Maude Wood on 29 Sep 1902 in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Census Records

1910 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Civil District 2, page 6A, HH 111/113:

Robert B. Franklin, head, 36m, married one time, married 8 years, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Maud Franklin, wife, 26f, married one time, married 8 years, 2 children/1 living, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Ellis Franklin, daughter, 7f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Charles D. Franklin, brother, 24m, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Address Sycamore Street.

1920 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, ED 31, page 10A, HH 8/8:

Robert B. Franklin, head, 44m, mail carrier RFD, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN; Maud W. Franklin, wife, 37f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN; Willie E. Franklin, daughter, 16f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN; Bernice E. Franklin, daughter, 5f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN. Address: Maple Street.

1930 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, ED 31, page 10A, HH 8/8:

Robert B. Franklin, head, 56m, first married at age 28, mail carrier - government, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Maud W. Franklin, wife, 47f, first married at age 19, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Elizabeth Franklin, daughter, 16f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN. Address: Second Street.

Children:

- 22. i. Willie Ellis Franklin [female] was born in 1903 in Tennessee.
- 23. ii. Bernice Elizabeth Franklin was born in 1915 in Tennessee.

African-Americans in the Will of Benjamin Franklin of Hardeman County, Tennessee

It is possible that these former slaves assumed the surname of their former masters, however, remember that this volume of FFRU only follows the one of the lineages of Franklins in Hardeman County. There is also the distinct line of Franklins from Surry County, North Carolina who also settled in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Listed in Benjamin Franklin's Will

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 179 HH 64/64:

Henson Franklin, ¹⁷ 39m, black, farmer, PP\$300, born NC; Nelly Franklin, 34f, black, born TN; Sarah Franklin, 17f, black, born TN; Mariah Franklin, 15f, black, born TN; Benjam[sic]/Benjamin Franklin, 14m, black, born TN; Dicey Franklin, 13f, black, born TN; Mary Franklin, 10f, black, born TN; Henson Franklin, 8m, black, born TN; Orange Franklin, ¹⁸ 6m, black, born TN; Petson Franklin, ¹⁹ 4m, black, born TN; Jessee Franklin, 2m, black, born TN; Jane Franklin, 1f, black, born TN; Tatam Wilson, 30m, black, born TN; John Wilson, 20m, black, born TN; Elisabeth Wilson, 76f, black, born KY.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 65/65:

F. Franklin, ²⁰ 41m, black, farmer, born NC; Narcissus Franklin, 34f, black, born TN; Mary Franklin, 13f, black, born TN; William Franklin, 8m, black, born TN; Thomas Franklin, 6m, black, born TN; Pleasant Franklin, 6m, black, born TN; Araminta Franklin, ²¹ 1f, black, born TN; Maria Franklin, ²² 60f, black, born VA.

^{17.}In 1880, listed as Hendson Franklin, age 51, same county, page 436A. Listed as "Henson" in the Will of Benjamin Franklin, willed to Jesse B. Franklin.

^{18.}In 1880, listed as "Orreng Franklin"

^{19.}In 1880, looks like "Pitser Franklin"

^{20.}In 1880, the head of this household is "Lunn Franklin", age 52, same county, page 436A.

^{21.}In 1880, appears to match "Bell Franklin", age 11.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436A, HH 121/121:

Hendson Franklin, head, 51m, black, farmer born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Nelly Franklin, wife, 45f, black, keeping house, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Mary Franklin, daughter, 17f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Lindy Franklin, daughter, 15f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Orreng [Orange] Franklin, son, 13m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Pitser Franklin, son, 13m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Jessy Franklin, son, 12m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Emitt Franklin, son, 9m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Lun Franklin, son, 8m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Johny Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Dorar Franklin, daughter, 2f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436A, HH 119/119:

Lunn Franklin, head, 52m, black, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Narcis Franklin, wife, 45f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Pleasant Franklin, daughter, 16f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Tom Franklin, son, 16m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Bell Franklin, daughter, 11f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Anner L. Franklin, daughter, 4f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA.

Other Franklins

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 68/68:

Bartell Franklin, ²³ 49m, mulatto, farmer, born NC; Malinda Franklin, 45f, mulatto, born TN; Wilson Franklin, 22m, mulatto, laborer, born MS; Orange Franklin, ²⁴ 20m, mulatto, laborer, born TN; Petter Franklin, ²⁵ 18m, mulatto, laborer, born TN; Olive Franklin, 12m, mulatto, born TN; Martha Franklin, 10f, mulatto, born TN; Elisabeth Franklin, 7f, mulatto, born TN; William Franklin, 4m, mulatto, born TN; John Franklin, 1m, mulatto, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 76/76:

Green Franklin, 24m, black, born MS; Clara Franklin, 20f, black, born GA; Petser[sic]/Peter Franklin, 1m, black, born TN; John Miller, 40m, black, farm labor, born TN; Jane Miller, 17f, black, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 77/77:

George Franklin, 30m, mulatto, farmer, PP\$325, born TN; Frances Franklin, 7f, mulatto, born TN; Cornelia Franklin, 7f, mulatto, born TN; Araminta Franklin, 4f, mulatto, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 181 HH 84/84:

Joseph Wicks, 63m, farmer, RE\$3,000/PP\$2,000, born TN, household... Jane Wicks, 47f, keeping house, born TN; Bell Jane Wicks, 21f, born TN; B. P. M. Wicks, 20m, born TN; Emily Wicks, 16f, born TN; Alice Wicks, 12f, born TN; Mittie May, 4f, born TN; George Franklin, 31m, farm laborer, born TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 1, page 370B, HH/106:

Benjamin Franklin, head, 40m, black, farming, born MO, Fa: MO, Mo: MO; Jane Franklin, wife, 50f, black, keeping house, born VA, Fa: VA, Mo: VA; Harison Franklin, son, 12m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA; Washington Franklin, son, 7m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA; Willie Franklin, son, 4m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA; Letha Franklin, daughter, 5f, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 4, page 450A, HH 181/181:

Benjamin Franklin, ²⁶ head, 27, black, farmer, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Clarissa Franklin, wife, 46f, black, keeping house, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Cordelia Franklin, daughter, 17f, black, at home, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Cornelia Franklin, daughter, 15f, black, at home, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Collins Franklin, son, 11m, black, laborer, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Haywood Franklin, son, 9m, black, born TN, Fa:

25.In 1880, possible match is "Pitsir Franklin," age 23.

^{22.} Possibly the same Maria mentioned after Abram in the Will of Benjamin Franklin, willed to Jesse B. Franklin, indicating that perhaps Abram is his father, and the Abram had passed away before 1870.

^{23.}In 1880, Mallinda Franklin (age 60) is head of this household, same county, page 435C.

^{24.}In 1880, listed as "Orrinng Franklin," age 27.

^{26.}Note that this person is listed at age 27 (clearly written) to be head of household, with a wife, aged 46, and a daughter aged 17. I assume that Benjamin Franklin was 47 years old.

NC, Mo: TN; William Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Thomas Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Milton Franklin, son, 5m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Nazaree Franklin, son, 11/12m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Anna Grissum, boarder, 24f, laborer born MS, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Charles Grissum, boarder, 6/12m, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 11, page 498D, HH 35/35:

C. Franklin, head, 45m, mulatto, born AL, Fa: AL, Mo: AL; Ellen Franklin, [blank], 46f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Albert Franklin, [blank], mulatto, 12m, born TN, Fa: AL, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 7 And 9, page 473C, HH 16/16:

George Franklin, head, 42m, mulatto, farmer, born VA, Fa: VA, Mo: VA; Niecie Franklin, wife, 32f, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Cornelia Franklin, daughter, 17f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Francis Franklin, daughter, 17f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Martha Franklin, daughter, 14f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Sharlett Franklin, daughter, 4f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Elizabeth Franklin, daughter, 2f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Thomas Franklin, step-son, 14m, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Shote Cheshier, servant, 23m, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 435C, HH 108/109:

Green Franklin, head, 31m, mulatto, farmer, born MS, Fa: NC, Mo: KY; Clarrow Franklin, wife, 25f, black, farm hand, born GA, Fa: GA, Mo: GA; Eddy Franklin, son, 11m, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: GA; Sarror Franklin, daughter, 9f, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Grant Franklin, son, 7m, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Mattie J. Franklin, daughter, 10/12f, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Coror E. Franklin, daughter, 3f, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Charly Dorsey, servant, 17m, black, farm hand, born GA, Fa: GA, Mo: ---; Willis Jones, [blank], 50m, black, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436B, HH 134/133:

Wilson/William Franklin, head, 29m, mulatto, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Mandy I. Franklin, wife, 27f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Manervia Franklin, daughter, 8f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Ophelia Franklin, daughter, 6f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Ben Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Clarror Franklin, daughter, 5f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Henry I. Franklin, son, 3m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; William N. Franklin, son, 10/12m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Frank Coe, servant, 17m, black, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, E.D. 63, District 15, page 549D, HH 208/210:

Doc. Franklin, head, 28m, black, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Millie Franklin, wife, 25f, black, keeping house, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jane Franklin, daughter, 7f, black, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: ---; Mary Franklin, daughter, 5f, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 1, page 378B, HH /229:

M. Franklin, head, 23f, widowed, black, at home, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: GA; Willie Franklin, son, 3m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: GA.

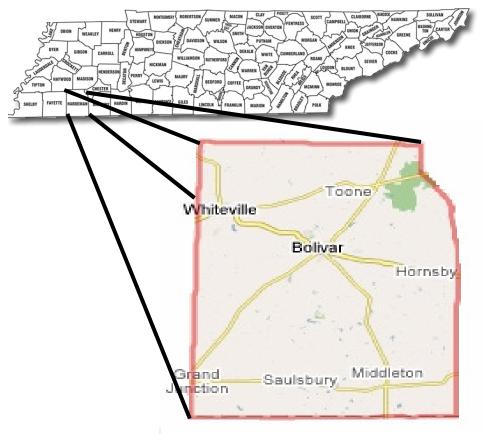
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Hardeman County, Tennessee

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Cover Image: Hardeman County

The treaty which opened West Tennessee for settlement was signed on 19 Oct 1818, by Isaac Shelby and Andrew Jackson for the president of the United States, Mr. Monroe, and the chiefs and head men for the Chickasaw Indians. Hardeman County, Tennessee was formed in 1823 from Hardin County and Indian lands. It was named in honor of Thomas Jones Hardeman (1788-1854) who was the first county clerk and had served with Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. Hardeman later moved to Texas and fought for its independence in 1830.

The first county residents came in 1819 and 1820, followed by rapid settlement, primarily from North and South Carolina, Virginia, north Alabama, and Middle Tennessee.

The first town in the county was established in 1823 on the Big Hatchie River, called "Hatchie Town" or just Hatchie. This was the county seat until on 18 Oct 1825, it was changed to Bolivar. Bolivar was named for General Simón Bolívar, leader of several independence movements throughout South America.

During the Civil War/War Between the States, the Battle of Hatchie's Bridge (AKA Davis Bridge and Matamora) occurred in Hardeman County on 5 Oct 1862. Casualties were estimated at 900 (US 500; CS 400).

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Letter from the Editor

This last volume for 2007 will be a little shorter than normal, in order to conform to the 200 pages/year standard, and because several of this year's issues went a little long. This year FFRU passed several milestones. One milestone was having 3,000 pages online and available for free to anyone to download. Another milestone was that I have finally equalled the number of pages that the first editor, Elaine Giddens, published. She published 1,707 pages (Jan 1992 - Oct 1997: 6 years, 23 volumes, plus supplemental materials ¹). As of Volume 57, the total number of pages that have been published since I became editor is 1,723 (Jan 1999 - May 2007: 7 1/2 years, 28 volumes).

I hope your research has been making progress and that your successes in 2008 will bring you joy.

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^{1.} Supplemental materials produced by Elaine and Johnnye include the Pedigree Volume, Charter Issue, and the Andrea Papers.

PERSI: Franklin Cemetery

Family Findings Published by the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, Volume II, Number 3, July 1970, pages 109.

Franklin Cemetery

Located in Hardeman County, Tennessee, on the Vildo Road on Joe Shearon's farm, Northwest of Bolivar, Tennessee. Copied 29 Mar 1967 by Faye T. Davidson.

Robert B. Franklin
1874-1946
Son of J. B. & M. G.
28 Aug. 1847
William H. Franklin
3 Jan. 1868

21 Feb. 1827
21 Aug. 1853
Eliza W. Franklin
D. 16 July 1835

D. 16 July 1835 W. A. Franklin Age 38 yrs. 18 das. 1850-1895 (b. 1800)

James B. FranklinSarah Ann FranklinSon of W. A. & OpheliaDau. of B. & E. W.1872-187217 Nov. 1833

Dr. Benjamin Franklin
16 Jan. 1788

13 May 1849

Jesse B. Franklin

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Mary Eliza Franklin
Dau. of Col. Jesse B. & Son of B. & E. W.
Mary G. 5 Aug. 1852
9 Feb 1860
9 Aug. 1843

PERSI: Will of Benjamin Franklin, Hardeman County, Tennessee

Family Findings Published by the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, Volume II, Number 3, July 1970, pages 109-110.

Transcribed 23 Jan 1970 by Mrs. Robert S. Owens, Bolivar, Tennessee. Recorded Book 5, pages 61-62, Hardeman County, Tennessee. Written 20 Feb 1856. Recorded 7 Apr 1856.

I Benj. Franklin of the county of Hardeman and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other by me at any time made.

Item 1st. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid out of any money of which I may die possessed or what may come in possession of my executors.

2nd. I bequeath to my son Jesse B. Franklin the following lot of negroes viz.: Abram, Maria, Walker, Charles, Lunn, Henson, and to my daughter Mary Jane Pinson the lot composed as follows viz.: Henry

^{2.} In 1870, appears to match Maria Franklin listed in the household of Lunn Franklin, and therefore possibly the mother of Lunn and the other slaves willed to Jesse B. Franklin, with Abram as their father?

^{3.} In 1870, same county, F. Franklin, page 180.

and Ruth⁵ his wife and their children viz. Daniel, Octavia, Cloe, Jana, Dial and infant child unnamed and \$200 in cash to equalize the lots.

3rd I direct that my tract of land be sold at Public or Private sale and on such credit as my executors may think proper reserving one half acre including my family burying ground with right of way thereto.

4th I bequeath to Benj. Franklin⁶ my grandson my gold watch to be delivered into his possession when he arrives at the age of seventeen years.

5th I direct that Jesse B. Franklin pay to Mary Jane Pinson two hundred fifty three dollars to equalize my former distribution between them.

6th I direct that my books, letters and etc be divided equally between my son Jesse B. Franklin and my daughter Mary Jane Pinson as they may agree upon between themselves.

7th. I direct that the sum of Fifty dollars be appropriated for the enclosure, of my family burying ground.

8th. I direct that all my personal and perishable property not herein before specified with the produce of the farm that can be spared from it be sold at public autotion sale on such credit as my executors may think proper bond with security being required of purchasers.

9th. I direct that all money which may be collected on individual bonds in my possession and all money that may arise from the sale of property as directed in Item 1 or from any other source whatever be equally divided between my son Jesse B. Franklin and my daughter Mary Jane Pinson and that settlement of my affairs take place as soon after my decease as shall be consistent with the interest of my estate.

10th. I hereby nominate and appoint my son Jesse B. Franklin and my son-in-law Samuel D. Pinson executors of this my last will and testament with out security being required of them. In witness whereof I Benjamin Franklin the testator have to this my will set my hand and seal this 20th day of Feb. in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

Benj. Franklin (seal)

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of testator and each other.

John Coates

Recorded: 7 April 1856

John A. Wilson R. P. Neely, Clerk

First Generation

1.) Benjamin Franklin was born 16 Jan 1788 in Virginia; died 16 Mar 1856 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee. His tombstone is inscribed "Dr. Benjamin Franklin."

Benjamin's family seems to have spent some time in North Carolina, where their first son, Jesse B. Franklin, was born. From census records, it appears that they moved to Tennessee sometime between 1830 and 1840.

Married Eliza W. _____ (born 1800 or 1797, died 16 July 1835 "Age 38 yrs. 18 das." Hardeman County, Tennessee) and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

^{4.} In 1870, same county, Henson Franklin, page 179.

^{5.} Biographical information indicates that "Uncle Henry" and "Aunt Ruthie" stayed with Samuel D. Pinson after emancipation. Did not find any matching census records in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, for these first names under any surnames. See entry for Mary Jane Franklin.

^{6.} Son of Jesse B. Franklin, Benjamin Franklin was born 28 Aug 1847.

Census Records

1840 Tennessee, Hardeman County page 323:

Benjamin Franklin, ⁷ 3m 10/15, 1m 20/30, 1m 50/60. Slaves: 1m -10, 4m 10/24, 1m 24/36; 1f -10, 1f 10/24, 2f 24/36. 8 Agriculture.

1850 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 96, HH 398/398:

Benjamin Frankland/Franklin, ⁸ 62m, farmer, RE\$2,100, born VA; William Frankland/Franklin, 23m, born VA.

Children:

- * 2. i. Jesse B. Franklin was born 2 May 1825 in North Carolina; died 25 Sep 1873 in Hardeman County, Tennessee.
 - 3. ii. William H. Franklin was born 21 Feb 1827 in Virginia; died 21 Aug 1853. Living with his father in 1850.
 - 4. iii. James A. Franklin was born 14 Mar 1829; died 9 Aug 1843 in Hardeman County, Tennessee.
 - 5. iv. Sarah Ann Franklin was born 17 Nov 1833; died 13 May 1849.
- * 6. v. Mary Jane Franklin was born 1840 in Tennessee and died about 1854 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, married Samuel Dobbins Pinson

Second Generation

2. Col. Jesse B. Franklin was born 2 May 1825; died 25 Sep 1873 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

CAVEAT: Care must be exercised when researching the records of this county, because another Jesse Franklin, born in North Carolina, who married a woman named Mary can be found here. This second, unrelated Jesse Franklin is Jesse Hardin Franklin, born 1843 in Surry County, North Carolina, son of Hardin P. Franklin, grandson of Governor Jesse Franklin. From the birth places of their children in the census, it appears that they moved to Hardeman County, Tennessee in about 1861.

He married Mary C. Wilson, on 10 Nov 1845 in Hardeman County, Tennessee. She was born 20 Feb 1828 in Tennessee; died 18 Dec 1905 and was buried in Melrose Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee. Her mother, Mary Wilson, born 1803 in Virginia, was living with the Jesse B.'s family in 1870.

Census Records

1850 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 157, HH 1251/1251:

Jessee B. Franklin, ⁹ 25m, farmer, RE\$1,200, born NC; Mary Franklin, ¹⁰ 22f, born TN; Benjamin Franklin, 2m, born TN; William Franklin, 9/12m, born TN; Mary J. Franklin, ¹¹ 7f, born TN.

1860 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 176A, HH 393/375:

J. B. Franklin, ¹² 35m, farmer, RE\$8,000/PP\$30,000, born NC; Mary C. Franklin, 32f, born TN; Benjamin

- 7. In 1850, appears to match Benjamin Franklin (age 62), same county, page 96.
- 8. In 1840, appears to match Benjamin Franklin, same county, page 323.
- 9. In 1860, J. B. Franklin, age 35, same county, page 176A.
- 10. Jesse B. Franklin married May C. Wilson on 10 Nov 1845 in Hardeman County
- 11. In 1860 Mortality Schedule: Hardeman County, Mary J. Franklin, age 17 years, born TN died April of Consumption.
- 12. In 1850, Jesse B. Franklin, age 25, same county page 157.

Franklin, 12m, born MS; William A. Franklin, 10m, born TN; Rebecca J. Franklin, 3f, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 179 HH 63/63:

J. B. Franklin, 45m, farmer, RE\$13,000/PP\$3,000, born NC; Mary Franklin, 41f, born TN; William Franklin, 20m, born TN; Rebecca Franklin, 14f, born TN, attended school within the year; Jessie Franklin, 9f, born TN; John Franklin, 4m, born TN; Mary Wilson, 13 67f, born VA; Sarah Armor, 60f, servant, born GA [?]; Mary Hull, 18f, black, servant, born TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, page 438B, HH 14/15:

Mary Franklin, head, 50f, widowed, keeping house, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: VA; Jessie Franklin, daughter, 18f, at school, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: TN; Johny Franklin, son, 15m, at school, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: TN; Fanny Maris, boarder, 20f, school teacher, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Emmet Hull, Nephew, 5m, servant, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

1900 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, page 6A, HH 103/106:

William R. Cross, head, 39m, born Mar 1861, married 12 years, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jessie F. Cross wife, 37f, born Jul 1862, married 12 years, 1 child/1 living, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jullian F. Cross, son, 9m, born Jan 1891, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Mary C. Franklin, mother-in-law, 72f, born Feb 1828, widow, 6 children/3 living, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: VA.

There is reference to Jesse B. Franklin's estate in the proceedings of the U.S. Congress:

Forty-fifth Congress. Sess. II Ch. 77. 1878. page 21

April 30, 1878

1864, ch. 240. 13 Stat., 381. Payment of claims allowed by accounting officers of Treasury to persons in... Tennessee

CHAP. 77.—An act for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the several persons in this act named, the several sums mentioned herein, the same being in full for, and the receipt of the same to be taken and accepted in each case as a full and final discharge of, the several claims examined and passed upon by the proper accounting officers, under the provisions of the act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, since January seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, namely:

page 25: William A. Franklin, executor, and Mary C. Franklin, executrix, of the last will and testament of Jesse B. Franklin, deceased, late of Hardeman County, seven hundred and twenty-five dollars. R. F.

Children:

- 7. i. Benjamin Franklin was born 28 Aug 1847; died 3 Jan 1868 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee. He is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Benjamin Franklin, which directs him to receive a gold watch.
- * 8. ii. William Austin Franklin was born in 1850 and died in 1895.
 - 9. iii. Mary Eliza Franklin was born 5 Aug 1852; died 9 Feb 1860. Her cause of death was listed in the 1860 mortality schedule as "congestion of bowels."
- k 10. iv. Rebecca J. Franklin was born 1856 in Tennessee.
 - 11. v. Jessie B. Franklin was born Jul 1862 in Tennessee. She married William

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^{13.} Mother-in-law.

R. Cross.

12. vi. John Franklin was born 1866 in Tennessee.

6. Mary Jane Franklin, born 1830 in Tennessee; died about 1854 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

She married Samuel Dobbins Pinson (born 1827, Tennessee). He was the son of Judge Joel Pinson (born 21 Feb 1786 in Surry County, North Carolina; died 1852 Pontotoc County, Mississippi.) and Elizabeth Dobbins (died 29 Nov 1841 in Mississippi) From the short biography of his son Richard Alexander Pinson in *Tennessee: The Volunteer State 1769--1923, Illustrated*, Vol. III.; copyright 1923: S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago, Nashville; page 461.

From W. P. A. History of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, Chapter VI: Antebellum Days:

Sam Pinson, [Judge Joel Pinson's] oldest son, was deeded a plantation situated about three miles south of Pontotoc on what is now called the Okolona and Pontotoc Road, where he built what was considered in those days a comfortable residence. It was situated in the heart of the wilderness and the fact of its isolation probably accounted for the designation of "Stony Lonesome" as the name. The house was built in 1849, just three years before Judge Pinson died.

It was to here that Sam Pinson brought the bride, Mary Jane Franklin, of Bolivar, Tennessee. She came to him with money and slaves. A peculiar and interesting facts about the slaves of this family is that when the bride came from Tennessee she brought with her old "Uncle Henry and Aunt Ruthie", who remained at "Stony Lonesome" until the surrender; even then they refused to leave the plantation.

Mrs. Sam Pinson only lived a few years and left a young son, Bernard, and a daughter, Sallie. Mr. Pinson remained in the home after his wife died, and relatives assisted him in the rearing of his motherless children. He enlisted at once when the War between the States broke out but lived through it and for a few years afterward. At his death the two children inherited his property and the daughter, who became Mrs. Ike Bell, fell heir to this part of the estate.

Census Records

1860 Mississippi, Pontotoc County, page 493, HH 65/65:

Samuel D. Pinson, 33m, planter, RE\$8,000/PP\$31,000, born TN; Sally A. Pinson, 7f, born MS; Bernard F. Pinson, 6m, born MS; Frederick W. Goode, 27m, overseer, born AL.

Mary Jane and Samuel moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where Mary Jane died after having two children.

Children:

- 13. i. Sally A. Pinson was born 4 Oct 1852 in Mississippi, died 23 Dec 1925. She married Isaac Bell.
- 14. ii. Bernard Pinson was born 1854 in Mississippi.

Third Generation

8. William Austin Franklin was born in 1850 and died in 1895 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

He married Ophelia Harriss on 30 Mar 1871 in Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee. She was born 6 Apr 1849 and died 25 Aug 1899. She was the daughter of James Blount Harriss (born 19 Jan 1810; died 3 Jan 1877; served as Hardeman County sheriff, county court clerk, etc.) and Mary Ann (Robb) Harriss. For more on the Harriss family, see *Hardeman County, Tennessee: Family History*; Hardeman County Historical Society; copyright 2001: Turner Publishing Company, ISBN 1563117576

They had six children: James Benjamin, Robert Bernard, Jessie Ophelia, William A. Jr., Mary Ellen, and

Charles Douglas.

Census Records

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436B, HH 131/131:

William Franklin, head, 30m, miller and farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Ophelia Franklin, wife, 30f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Robert B. Franklin, son, 6m, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jessey Franklin, daughter, 3f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; William A. Franklin, son, 11/12m, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

Children:

- 15. i. James Benjamin Franklin was born 1872; died 1872 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.
- * 16. ii. Robert Bernard Franklin was born 12 Apr1874 in Tennessee.
 - 17. iii. Jessie Ophelia Franklin was born 1877 in Tennessee.
 - 18. iv. William A. Franklin, Jr. was born 1879 in Tennessee.
 - 19. v. Mary Ellen Franklin
 - 20. vi. Charles Douglas Franklin was born in 1886 in Tennessee.

10. Jessie B. Franklin was born Jul 1862 in Tennessee.

She married William R. Cross 18 Dec 1887 in Hardeman County, Tennessee. He was born in Mar 1861 in Tennessee. Note: In 1910, William R. Cross married 2) Mary J. Franklin born Feb 1873 in Tennessee, daughter of Jesse Hardin Franklin ¹⁴ and Mary L. Franklin. ¹⁵ In 1910, William R. Cross' brother-in-law, William C. Franklin, ¹⁶ is living in this household. This is a completely different Franklin line, from the rest of this article and distinct from William R. Cross' first wife.

Census Records

1900 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, page 6A, HH 103/106:

William R. Cross, head, 39m, born Mar 1861, married 12 years, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jessie F. Cross wife, 37f, born Jul 1862, married 12 years, 1 child/1 living, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jullian F. Cross, son, 9m, born Jan 1891, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Mary C. Franklin, mother-in-law, 72f, born Feb 1828, widow, 6 children/3 living, born TN, Fa: KY, Mo: VA; Robert Knight, servant, 49m, born Oct 1850, black, widower, day laborer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

Children:

21. i. Jullian F. Cross [male] was born Jan 1891 in Tennessee.

Fourth Generation

16. Robert Bernard Franklin was born 12 Apr 1874 in Tennessee. On his WWI Draft registration in 1918, he listed his occupation as Rural Mail Carrier. He died in 1946 and was buried in the Franklin Cemetery Hardeman County, Tennessee.

^{14.} Jesse Hardin Franklin was born 10 Mar 1843 in North Carolina; died 5 Feb 1904 in Hardeman County, Tennessee and was buried in the Clinton Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee

^{15.} Mary L. Franklin was born 10 Apr 1850 in Tennessee; died 7 Mar 1905 in Hardeman County, Tennessee, and was buried in the Clinton Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Robert Clinton.

^{16.} Willie C. Franklin was born 10 Jun 1870; died 12 Sep 1922 and was buried in the Melrose Cemetery, Hardeman County, Tennessee.

He married Maude Wood on 29 Sep 1902 in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Census Records

1910 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Civil District 2, page 6A, HH 111/113:

Robert B. Franklin, head, 36m, married one time, married 8 years, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Maud Franklin, wife, 26f, married one time, married 8 years, 2 children/1 living, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Ellis Franklin, daughter, 7f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Charles D. Franklin, brother, 24m, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Address Sycamore Street.

1920 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, ED 31, page 10A, HH 8/8:

Robert B. Franklin, head, 44m, mail carrier RFD, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN; Maud W. Franklin, wife, 37f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN; Willie E. Franklin, daughter, 16f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN; Bernice E. Franklin, daughter, 5f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo TN. Address: Maple Street.

1930 Tennessee, Hardeman County, Whiteville, ED 31, page 10A, HH 8/8:

Robert B. Franklin, head, 56m, first married at age 28, mail carrier - government, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Maud W. Franklin, wife, 47f, first married at age 19, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Elizabeth Franklin, daughter, 16f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN. Address: Second Street.

Children:

- 22. i. Willie Ellis Franklin [female] was born in 1903 in Tennessee.
- 23. ii. Bernice Elizabeth Franklin was born in 1915 in Tennessee.

African-Americans in the Will of Benjamin Franklin of Hardeman County, Tennessee

It is possible that these former slaves assumed the surname of their former masters, however, remember that this volume of FFRU only follows the one of the lineages of Franklins in Hardeman County. There is also the distinct line of Franklins from Surry County, North Carolina who also settled in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Listed in Benjamin Franklin's Will

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 179 HH 64/64:

Henson Franklin, ¹⁷ 39m, black, farmer, PP\$300, born NC; Nelly Franklin, 34f, black, born TN; Sarah Franklin, 17f, black, born TN; Mariah Franklin, 15f, black, born TN; Benjam[sic]/Benjamin Franklin, 14m, black, born TN; Dicey Franklin, 13f, black, born TN; Mary Franklin, 10f, black, born TN; Henson Franklin, 8m, black, born TN; Orange Franklin, ¹⁸ 6m, black, born TN; Petson Franklin, ¹⁹ 4m, black, born TN; Jessee Franklin, 2m, black, born TN; Jane Franklin, 1f, black, born TN; Tatam Wilson, 30m, black, born TN; John Wilson, 20m, black, born TN; Elisabeth Wilson, 76f, black, born KY.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 65/65:

F. Franklin, ²⁰ 41m, black, farmer, born NC; Narcissus Franklin, 34f, black, born TN; Mary Franklin, 13f, black, born TN; William Franklin, 8m, black, born TN; Thomas Franklin, 6m, black, born TN; Pleasant Franklin, 6m, black, born TN; Araminta Franklin, ²¹ 1f, black, born TN; Maria Franklin, ²² 60f, black, born VA.

^{17.}In 1880, listed as Hendson Franklin, age 51, same county, page 436A. Listed as "Henson" in the Will of Benjamin Franklin, willed to Jesse B. Franklin.

^{18.}In 1880, listed as "Orreng Franklin"

^{19.}In 1880, looks like "Pitser Franklin"

^{20.}In 1880, the head of this household is "Lunn Franklin", age 52, same county, page 436A.

^{21.}In 1880, appears to match "Bell Franklin", age 11.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436A, HH 121/121:

Hendson Franklin, head, 51m, black, farmer born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Nelly Franklin, wife, 45f, black, keeping house, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Mary Franklin, daughter, 17f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Lindy Franklin, daughter, 15f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Orreng [Orange] Franklin, son, 13m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Pitser Franklin, son, 13m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Jessy Franklin, son, 12m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Emitt Franklin, son, 9m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Lun Franklin, son, 8m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Johny Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Dorar Franklin, daughter, 2f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436A, HH 119/119:

Lunn Franklin, head, 52m, black, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Narcis Franklin, wife, 45f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Pleasant Franklin, daughter, 16f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Tom Franklin, son, 16m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Bell Franklin, daughter, 11f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA; Anner L. Franklin, daughter, 4f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: VA.

Other Franklins

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 68/68:

Bartell Franklin, ²³ 49m, mulatto, farmer, born NC; Malinda Franklin, 45f, mulatto, born TN; Wilson Franklin, 22m, mulatto, laborer, born MS; Orange Franklin, ²⁴ 20m, mulatto, laborer, born TN; Petter Franklin, ²⁵ 18m, mulatto, laborer, born TN; Olive Franklin, 12m, mulatto, born TN; Martha Franklin, 10f, mulatto, born TN; Elisabeth Franklin, 7f, mulatto, born TN; William Franklin, 4m, mulatto, born TN; John Franklin, 1m, mulatto, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 76/76:

Green Franklin, 24m, black, born MS; Clara Franklin, 20f, black, born GA; Petser[sic]/Peter Franklin, 1m, black, born TN; John Miller, 40m, black, farm labor, born TN; Jane Miller, 17f, black, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 180 HH 77/77:

George Franklin, 30m, mulatto, farmer, PP\$325, born TN; Frances Franklin, 7f, mulatto, born TN; Cornelia Franklin, 7f, mulatto, born TN; Araminta Franklin, 4f, mulatto, born TN.

1870 Tennessee, Hardeman County, page 181 HH 84/84:

Joseph Wicks, 63m, farmer, RE\$3,000/PP\$2,000, born TN, household... Jane Wicks, 47f, keeping house, born TN; Bell Jane Wicks, 21f, born TN; B. P. M. Wicks, 20m, born TN; Emily Wicks, 16f, born TN; Alice Wicks, 12f, born TN; Mittie May, 4f, born TN; George Franklin, 31m, farm laborer, born TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 1, page 370B, HH/106:

Benjamin Franklin, head, 40m, black, farming, born MO, Fa: MO, Mo: MO; Jane Franklin, wife, 50f, black, keeping house, born VA, Fa: VA, Mo: VA; Harison Franklin, son, 12m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA; Washington Franklin, son, 7m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA; Willie Franklin, son, 4m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA; Letha Franklin, daughter, 5f, black, at home, born TN, Fa: MO, Mo: VA.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 4, page 450A, HH 181/181:

Benjamin Franklin, ²⁶ head, 27, black, farmer, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Clarissa Franklin, wife, 46f, black, keeping house, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Cordelia Franklin, daughter, 17f, black, at home, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Cornelia Franklin, daughter, 15f, black, at home, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Collins Franklin, son, 11m, black, laborer, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Haywood Franklin, son, 9m, black, born TN, Fa:

25.In 1880, possible match is "Pitsir Franklin," age 23.

^{22.} Possibly the same Maria mentioned after Abram in the Will of Benjamin Franklin, willed to Jesse B. Franklin, indicating that perhaps Abram is his father, and the Abram had passed away before 1870.

^{23.}In 1880, Mallinda Franklin (age 60) is head of this household, same county, page 435C.

^{24.}In 1880, listed as "Orrinng Franklin," age 27.

^{26.}Note that this person is listed at age 27 (clearly written) to be head of household, with a wife, aged 46, and a daughter aged 17. I assume that Benjamin Franklin was 47 years old.

NC, Mo: TN; William Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Thomas Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Milton Franklin, son, 5m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Nazaree Franklin, son, 11/12m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: TN; Anna Grissum, boarder, 24f, laborer born MS, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Charles Grissum, boarder, 6/12m, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 11, page 498D, HH 35/35:

C. Franklin, head, 45m, mulatto, born AL, Fa: AL, Mo: AL; Ellen Franklin, [blank], 46f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Albert Franklin, [blank], mulatto, 12m, born TN, Fa: AL, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 7 And 9, page 473C, HH 16/16:

George Franklin, head, 42m, mulatto, farmer, born VA, Fa: VA, Mo: VA; Niecie Franklin, wife, 32f, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Cornelia Franklin, daughter, 17f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Francis Franklin, daughter, 17f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Martha Franklin, daughter, 14f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Sharlett Franklin, daughter, 4f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Elizabeth Franklin, daughter, 2f, mulatto, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Thomas Franklin, step-son, 14m, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---; Shote Cheshier, servant, 23m, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 435C, HH 108/109:

Green Franklin, head, 31m, mulatto, farmer, born MS, Fa: NC, Mo: KY; Clarrow Franklin, wife, 25f, black, farm hand, born GA, Fa: GA, Mo: GA; Eddy Franklin, son, 11m, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: GA; Sarror Franklin, daughter, 9f, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Grant Franklin, son, 7m, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Mattie J. Franklin, daughter, 10/12f, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Coror E. Franklin, daughter, 3f, black, born TN, Fa: MS, Mo: ---; Charly Dorsey, servant, 17m, black, farm hand, born GA, Fa: GA, Mo: ---; Willis Jones, [blank], 50m, black, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 5, page 436B, HH 134/133:

Wilson/William Franklin, head, 29m, mulatto, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Mandy I. Franklin, wife, 27f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Manervia Franklin, daughter, 8f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Ophelia Franklin, daughter, 6f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Ben Franklin, son, 6m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Clarror Franklin, daughter, 5f, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Henry I. Franklin, son, 3m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; William N. Franklin, son, 10/12m, black, born TN, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Frank Coe, servant, 17m, black, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, E.D. 63, District 15, page 549D, HH 208/210:

Doc. Franklin, head, 28m, black, farmer, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Millie Franklin, wife, 25f, black, keeping house, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN; Jane Franklin, daughter, 7f, black, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: ---; Mary Franklin, daughter, 5f, black, born TN, Fa: ---, Mo: ---.

1880 Tennessee, Hardeman County, District 1, page 378B, HH /229:

M. Franklin, head, 23f, widowed, black, at home, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: GA; Willie Franklin, son, 3m, black, at home, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: GA.

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