

William Barnes & Sarah Sanderson Timeline

- c1780/1784 [1784] **Edgecombe Co., NC. William Barnes** born to **Joseph Barnes & Selah DeLoach**. Age estimate is based on the fact that William was under age when his father's will was written in Dec. 1794, and William was an adult in the 1805 tax records of Sumner Co., TN.
- 17 Dec 1794 **Sumner Co., TN. Joseph Barnes** made his will.¹ **William Barnes** was under 21 when his father's will was written. He was to have the plantation when he became 21.
- 15 Apr 1795 **Sumner Co., TN. Joseph Barnes's** will was registered with the court.²
- 1800 No Tennessee census survives for Sumner Co.
- 06 Jan 1801 **Sumner Co., TN. Deed Elisha Cleary [Clary] to William Barnes**, in consideration of a bargain with Joseph Barnes, now decd, 100 acres on Turney's Creek where **Selah Barnes** now lives. Wit: John Cleary, **John Barnes**.³ **[Green highlighted paragraphs are land transactions.]**
The disposition of this land is not known.
- 01 Nov 1804 **Sumner Co., TN. Deed Elisha Cleary [Clary], to Jearrette Seatte, \$200, tr of 50 acres, abutting land of William Barnes.** Wit: Butler Noles, Kinchen Barnes."⁴
- 1805 **Sumner Co., TN. William Barnes** is on the tax list.
- 1805 **Sumner Co., TN. William Barnes, Sr.,** is on the tax list. (Identity of the 2nd Wm not known.)
- c1807 **Probably Montgomery Co., TN. William Barnes and Sarah Sanderson** were married. No record found. Date is estimated and could be refined later. Proof of marriage is in the 1812 lawsuit of William Barnes and wife Sarah and her sisters and their husbands against Elizabeth Sanderson, executrix of John Sanderson, deceased. Records are shown below.
- abt 1807 **Probably Montgomery Co., TN. Son Robert⁵** was born. Approximate age is estimated from the birth date of Robert's oldest known son, Joseph M. Barnes, about 1826 in Alabama, from the 1850 federal census for him in Lafayette Co., MS, assuming Robert was 21 when his son was born.⁶

¹ NOTE: Copy of original will shows date made as 17 Dec 1794. From Shirley Wilson, CG, *Sumner County, Tennessee, Will Abstracts, 1987* (no publisher given): (p. 6) Barnes, Joseph, 17 Dec 1791; 15 Apr 1790 - Daughter Molly Clay. Wife Lelah [Selah] to have plantation until son **William Barnes** is 21. Sons John Barnes, Kintchen. Daughters Polly Barnes, Juslan, Lelah (Selah), Milly under age. EX: Barnes, Lelah; Barnes, John. Wit.: DeLoach, John; Cartwright, William; Roberts, John. Will Book 1, p. 28.

² Original records of Edgecombe Co., North Carolina.

³ *Sumner County, Tennessee, Deed Abstracts, 1793-1805*, abstracted by Joyce Martin Murray of Dallas, Texas, printed by Henington Publishing Co. of Wolfe City, TX, 1988, p. 99: Deeds, Page 182 [must be DB 3]. [Her address was 2921 Daniel, Dallas, TX 75205.]

⁴ *Sumner County, Tennessee, Deed Abstracts, 1793-1805*, abstracted by Joyce Martin Murray of Dallas TX, printed by Henington Publishing Co. of Wolfe City, TX, 1988, p. 129: Deeds Page 539 . [Her address was 2921 Daniel, Dallas, TX 75205.]

⁵ Dianne Doyle Stevens, dstevens@comcast.net, a descendant of John S. Barnes's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, had notes from her father (Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., about the names of the siblings of John: William, Bennett, Robert, and Mary. She emailed this information to Cecilie Gaziano at cgaziano1@gmail.com on 06 Sep 2014.

⁶ Ancestry.com. *1850 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]; Roll: M432_375; Page: 276A; Image: 108, Family #706.. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

c1808 **Probably Montgomery Co., TN.** Son Lilburn was born. Date is estimated assuming Lilburn was 21 when his oldest child, Mary Jane, was born in 1829.⁷

27 Jun 1809 **Montgomery Co., TN.** *Richard Whitehead* vs. Jesse Saunderson & **William Barnes** } Trespass, V.A. The Plaintiff in proper person came into Court and dismissed his suit. One of the Defendants Jesse Saunderson assume all costs but the Plaintiffs attorney's.⁸

12 Dec 1809 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Deed of conveyance Haydon Wells to **William Barnes** for \$700 on Hurricane or Hair Creek 158 acres & 112 poles.⁹

1810 No Tennessee census survives for Sumner Co., nor is there one for Alabama.

Jan term 1811 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Deed of conveyance **William Barnes** to **Kinchen Barnes** was acknowledged in open court and ordered to registration for 50 acres of land.¹⁰

23 Jan 1812 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Petition for distribution shares for personal estate of John Sanderson, dec'd. (A summons is ordered for Elizabeth Sanderson to appear at the next court term.¹¹

06 Jul 1812 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Howell Adams, executor of Rebecca Gainer, executrix of the estate of Thomas Raiburne, dec., of Montgomery Co. [deed the same day to John Barnes said Thomas was of Dickson Co.], to **William Barnes** of Montgomery Co. for \$200, 170 acres on the south side of the Cumberland River adj. John Davis. Same witnesses as above.¹²

25 Jul 1812 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Saturday, present Joshua P. Vaughn. **William Barnes** and wife, Barney Duff, and Samuel Gattis and others petition versus Elizabeth Sanderson. Defendant did not appear, so the case is continued.¹³

Oct term 1812 **Montgomery Co., TN.** On Motion Ordered that the order made October term last appointing the Justices to receive the list of taxable property for the year 1812 be Continued so that the said Justices make their return to the next term.

William Barnes & Sarah his wife

William B. Cocke & Jane his wife

& Hartwell Cocke & Elizabeth his wife

vs. Elisabeth Sanderson Administratrix of John Sanderson¹⁴

10 Apr 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Wednesday, **William Barnes** and others vs. Elizabeth Saunderson. Petition. Stephen Cocke and Thomas Batson at selected to be arbitrators and return their

⁷ Information received from Barnes descendants and researchers: Wally Waits, Muskogee, Oklahoma about 2000; and Gene Cole in email of 26 Nov 2000 to Cecilie Gaziano, cgaziano1@gmail.com.

⁸ *Montgomery County, County Court Minute Book 2, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808-1810*, p. 132 (orig. p. 254). Published by Montgomery County Historical Society, 2010, Clarksville, Tennessee, www.mchsociety.org.

⁹ Montgomery County Deed Book 1, p. 72.

¹⁰ Montgomery County, Tennessee, Court Minute Book 3, p. 258.

¹¹ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 4, p. 54.

¹² Montgomery County Deed Book 1, p. 363.

¹³ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 4, p. 56.

¹⁴ Montgomery County, Tennessee, Court Minute Book 4, p. 53.

decision by the next term of the court..Henry H. Bryan, J.P., Benjamin Meckland, Thos. Smith.¹⁵

- Apr term 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN.** On motion ordered that **John Barnes** be appointed the Guardian of Dempsey Kenney [sic] an infant under the age of 21 years and ordered into bond with **William Barnes** his security for this faithful discharge of his duties.¹⁶
- 19 Jul 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN.** **John Barnes** and **William Barnes** are bound to Robert Prince esquire. John Barnes is appointed guardian of Dempsey Kenney [sic].¹⁷
- 23 Jul 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Friday, **William Barnes** and others vs. Elizabeth Sanderson, Administratrix of John Sanderson, deceased. Petition. This day came Stephen Cocke and Thomas Batson abitrators ...(chosen in April term 1813)... to chose a third man whose word shall be final. We Stephen Cocke and Thomas Batson did proceed on the business and chose William Pede(?) as umpire and that we found previously we found in favor of said plaintiff the sum of one hundred and eighty seven dollars thirteen and one-fourth cents. **William Barnes and Sarah his wife**, William Cocke and Jane his wife, Hartwell Cocke and Elizabeth his wife ~ Elizabeth Sanderson administratrix of John Sanderson deceased. Given under our hand this 22 Jul 1813 Stephen Cocke, Tho^s Batson, William Pede(?). Finding is for the plaintiffs.¹⁸
- 19 Oct 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN.** **William Barnes**, Samuel Smith, and Nathaniel Sanderson are bound to the governor because William Barnes is the administrator of the estate of Benjamin Sanderson, deceased.¹⁹
- 19 Oct 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN.** **William Barnes**, Samuel Smith, and Nathaniel Sanderson are bound to the governor because William Barnes is the administrator of the estate of Jesse Sanderson, deceased.²⁰
- 19 Oct 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN.** **William Barnes**, administrator of Benjamin Sanderson, dec'd, inventory: One Negro named George hired to Samuel Lynes.
- William Barnes**, administrator of Jesse Sanderson, dec'd, inventory: 1 Negro named Primus.²¹
- 12 Dec 1813 A William Barnes deserted his unit. He might be the William who was a son of Joseph & Selah. **Barnes, Wm**, Pvt, Col. John K Wynne, Capt Bayless E. Prince, Inf. Deserted 12-12-1813, in *Tennesseans in the War of 1812*, transcribed and indexed by Byron and Samuel Sistler (Nashville, TN: Byron Sistler & Associates, Inc.), 1992, p. 63. {However, he might be the William Barnes who settled in Warren Co. about 1812.

From: <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/military/1812reg.htm> COLONEL JOHN K. WYNN, 1st Regiment West Tennessee Militia, October 1813 - January 1814. MEN MOSTLY

¹⁵ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 4, p. 236.

¹⁶ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 4, p. 252.

¹⁷ Montgomery County, Tennessee, Will Book B, p. 147.

¹⁸ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 5, pp. 29-30.

¹⁹ Montgomery County Will Book B, p. 93.

²⁰ Montgomery County Will Book B, p. 94. Also Minute Book 5, pp. 54-55.

²¹ Montgomery County Will Book B, p. 96.

from Wilson, Jackson, Robertson, Bedford, Lincoln, Montgomery, Sumner, and White Counties.

c1813 **Alabama Territory** (according to John's 1850 census record). Son, **John S. Barnes**, was born. (Birthplace and date calculated from the 1850 census for John.)²²

14 Apr 1814 **Montgomery Co., TN. William Barnes**, deed 120 acres for \$500 to Lazarus Morris on the south side of the Cumberland River adj. John Trotter, **John Barnes**. Wit.: Thos. Batson, **Kinchen Barnes**. Reg. 8 May 1815.²³

Jan term 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Wednesday, a deed of conveyance from **William Barnes** to Lazarus Morris for 120 acres of land was duly proven in open court and ordered to registration by the oath of Thomas Batson and **Kinchen Barnes** subscribing(?) witness thereto.²⁴

07 Aug 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN. William Barnes to Charnal Corban** 108 acres & 112 poles on Hurricane Creek for \$240, one corner adj. **Kinchen Barnes** and Leech's line. Wit: Kinchen Barnes, Jacob Sanderson. Reg. 8 May 1816.²⁵

15 Oct 1815 **Montgomery Co.** Jacob Sanderson, **William Barnes**, and James Hambleton are securities for Jacob Sanderson, admin. of Thomas Sanderson, dec'd. Letters of administration issued.²⁶

16 Oct 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Letters of administration issued to Jacob Sanderson, admin. of Thomas Sanderson, deceased. Security, **William Barnes** & James Hambleton, \$300.²⁷

16 Oct 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Monday, **William Barnes** administrator of Jesse Sanderson moved to drop Samuel Smith as a bondsman and put **John Barnes** in his place, \$1000. On same page: **William Barnes** administrator of Benjamin Sanderson moved to drop Samuel Smith as a bondsman and put **John Barnes** in his place, \$1000. Court adjourned until the next day, Barney Duff, Thos. Smith, James Hambleton.²⁸

16 Oct 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN. John Barnes and William Barnes** are bound to the governor for \$1,000 for William Barnes as administrator of the estate of Benjamin Sanderson, deceased.²⁹

17 Oct 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Tuesday, deed of conveyance by **William Barnes** to Charnal Corben for 108 acres.³⁰ (Appears to be the same property of 07 Aug 1815)

17 Oct 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Power of attorney from **Patsy Barnes** to **William Barnes** was proven in

²² Ancestry.com. *1850 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]; Roll: *M432_909*; Family 103; Page: 727A; Image: 273. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

²³ Montgomery County Deed Book 1, p. 560.

²⁴ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, p. 56.

²⁵ Montgomery County Deed Book 1, p. 609.

²⁶ Montgomery County Will Book B, p. 302.

²⁷ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, p. 146.

²⁸ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, p. 147.

²⁹ Montgomery County Will Book B, pp. 190-191.

³⁰ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, p. 152.

open court by Elisha Tagert(?) and Thomas M. Smith.³¹

18 Oct 1815 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Wednesday, James Sanderson vs. **William Barnes** admin. of Benj. Sanderson dec.; petition for distribution subpoena, William Barnes to appear in court next term.

Same order to **William Barnes** for Jesse Sanderson deceased, estate.³²

20 Jan 1816 **Montgomery Co., TN.** James Sanderson vs **William Barnes** administrator for Benjamin Sanderson. Petition: Defendant to pay \$35.25 plus costs.

James Sanderson vs **William Barnes** administrator for Jesse Sanderson. Petition: Defendant to pay \$35.25 plus costs.³³

17 Apr 1816 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Wednesday, Jacob Sanderson administrator for Thomas Sanderson deceased petition by **William Barnes**, administrator of Benjamin Sanderson deceased, plaintiff to recover \$48.37½ and costs expended on his behalf.

Jacob Sanderson vs. **William Barnes**, administrator of Benjamin Sanderson deceased, plaintiff to recover \$3.43½ and costs expended on his behalf.

Jacob Sanderson vs. **William Barnes**, administrator of Jesse Sanderson deceased, plaintiff to recover \$3.43½ and costs expended on his behalf.

Jacob Sanderson vs. **William Barnes**, administrator of Jesse Sanderson deceased, plaintiff to recover \$22.08 and costs expended on his behalf.³⁴

16 Jul 1816 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Tuesday, appointment of a crew to lay a road from Clarksville to Dickson Court House at John McAllister's plantation to Thomas Watson's iron works on Yellow Creek: Joseph Dickans, John McAllister, William Weaver, Benjamin Adams, Stephen Handlier(?), John Marky, **William Barnes**, James Baggett, Joseph Harris, James Henry, George West, Phineas Potter, or any five of them.³⁵

17 Jan 1817 **Montgomery Co., TN.** On a motion it is ordered that Sterling Neblett & John McCauley Esquires be appointed a committee to settle with **William Barnes** administrator of the estate of Benjamin Sanderson deceased and make their report to the next term of this court.

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³¹ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, p. 162.

³² Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, pp. 166-167.

³³ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, pp. 258-259.

³⁴ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 7, pp. 38-40.

³⁵ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 7, p. 58.

³⁶ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 6, p. 226.

- 20 Jan 1817 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Monday, **William Barnes**, administrator of Jesse Sanderson, Benjamin Sanderson deceased, on motion ordered that Stephen Cocke & Joshua P. Vaughan be appointed a committee to settle with said administrator and make their return to this court.³⁷
- 21 Jan 1817 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Tuesday, Joshua P. Vaughan and Stephen Cocke esquires appointed to settle with **William Barnes** administrator of Benjamin Sanderson and Jesse Sanderson deceased made their return which was ordered to registration.³⁸
- Jan term 1817 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Settlement with **William Barnes**, admin. of Jesse Sanderson, Benjamin Sanderson, dec'd. J. P. Vaughn, JP; Stephen Cocke, JP.³⁹
- c1815/1820 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Daughter born to William Barnes & Sarah Sanderson. One of their four daughters was named **Mary "Polly"** but it is unknown which this was.⁴⁰
- 22 Feb 1817 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Son, **William Barnes, Jr.**, born to William Barnes & Sarah Sanderson.
- 1818 **Madison Co., Alabama Territory.** **William Barnes**, no township listed, petition list.
- 20 Apr 1819 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Tuesday, present Stephen Thomas, Sterling Neblett, Stephen Cocke, & James Bowers Esquires. Samuel C. Hawkins, assie(?), vs. **William Barnes**. Finding for the plaintiff of \$90 plus \$5 damages. Jury: Septimus Williams, Abraham Baggott, Jesse Bailey, Peter P. Roberts, Richard Brown, Norfleet Carney, William Dicks, John Edmonson, Nathaniel Sanderson, Howell Purdue, Isham Trotter, & William McGowen.⁴¹
- 21 Oct 1819 **Montgomery Co., TN.** State of Tennessee vs. **William Barnes**, indictment for a riot, in sheriff's custody, pleaded not guilty. Jury: Ebenezer Frost, Christopher N. Carney, William Garrett, Harding D. Moore, James Cummins, Vinson Cooper, James H. Sanderson, Harvey Shelby, Alexander Martin, John M. Smith, Abraham McCorkle, & Isaac Shelby. Found him guilty. [Similar indictment followed for Russell Craft.]⁴²
- 21 Oct 1819 **Montgomery Co., TN.** State of Tennessee vs. **William Barnes**, fined \$1,000. Bondsmen John H. Marables, William West, Samuel Craft, \$500 each, for William Barnes to appear at the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in Clarksville, the following day.⁴³
- 22 Oct 1819 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Friday, State of Tennessee vs. **William Barnes**, indictment for a riot & rescous [sic]. He pleaded guilty and was fined 10 plus costs of prosecution.⁴⁴

³⁷ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 7, p. 128.

³⁸ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 7, p. 161.

³⁹ Montgomery County Will Book B, p. 436.

⁴⁰ Dianne Doyle Stevens, distevens@comcast.net, a descendant of John S. Barnes's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, had notes from her father (Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., about the names of the siblings of John: William, Bennett, Robert, and Mary. She emailed this information to Cecilie Gaziano at cgaziano1@gmail.com on 06 Sep 2014.

⁴¹ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 9, p. 119.

⁴² Montgomery County Court Minute Book 9, p. 254.

⁴³ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 9, p. 255.

⁴⁴ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 9, p. 258.

- 22 Oct 1819 **Montgomery Co., TN.** Friday, State of Tennessee vs. **William Barnes**, indictment for an indictment of assault & battery. He pleaded guilty and was fined 10 plus costs of prosecution.⁴⁵
- 22? Oct 1819 **Montgomery Co., TN.** State vs. **Wm Barnes**, riot, fined \$50, imprisoned 15 minutes(?). If costs not paid, to be imprisoned 2 months. Bonded for \$1,000. Samuel Craft, William West, & John H. Marables, bondsmen. William Barnes appealed.⁴⁶
- c1820/1825 **Montgomery Co., TN, or Alabama.** Daughter born to William Barnes & Sarah Sanderson.
- c1824 **Alabama. Bennett C. Barnes** was born, son of William & Sarah. (Birthplace and date are from the 1850 census.⁴⁷
- 12 Jan 1827 **Fayette Co., Tennessee. William Barns } Thomas M. Harper** [Hodges? Hooper?]. This day came the parties by their attorneys and then upon coming?... of good and ... **John R. Buford William Heads Flanders Gen. Lodwick Kidd William Orman Ira Greffen Lemuel Koonce Pleasant Woods Mordecai Reed Jarman Koonce Iredell Redding and William Crump** who being duly elected tryed and swear the truth to speak upon the [word?] do say they find for the plaintiff and assess his damages to the sum of one Hundred Dollars six and a quarter cents. It is therefore continued to the court that the plaintiffs recover of the deposit this aforesaid debt and damages and ... the costs in this behalf expend and from which judgment the defendant prayed and claimed an aff... to this ... Chancery Court aforesaid County of Fayette to be holden at the Courthouse in the town of Somerville on the first Monday in June next to be ... and to bondfor said appeal.⁴⁸
- 12 July 1827 **Fayette Co., Tennessee.** The Court Jury came to count under the c... of their officers and mentioned the following Bill of Indictment viz. State vs **William Barns** endorsed on the back a True Bill. **Jos. Cotton** foreman of the Grand Jury.⁴⁹
- abt 1828 **Alabama or Tennessee.** Son **Lilburn Barnes** married **Mary Waits**, whose family appears to have been in Alabama about this time.
- abt 1825/1830 **Alabama or Fayette Co., TN.** Two daughters born to William Barnes & Sarah Sanderson.
- 1830 **Fayette Co., Tennessee.** Federal census, p. 40: **William Barnes. Lilburn Barnes** was next door.⁵⁰
- 15 Sep 1830 "Dancing Rabbit Creek Treaty" made between Choctaw tribes and the United States ceding land to U.S., part of which was Yalobusha Co. From HS (see list of sources on p. 7 of this summary)

⁴⁵ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 9, p. 259.

⁴⁶ Montgomery County Court Minute Book 9, p. 263.

⁴⁷ Ancestry.com. *1850 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]; *District 8, Hopkins, Texas*; Roll: *M432_911*; Page: *151A*; Image: *307*. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

⁴⁸ Friday. Fayette County, Tennessee, Court Minute Book A, p. ?

⁴⁹ Thursday. Fayette County, Tennessee, Court Minute Book A, p. 179.

⁵⁰ Ancestry.com. *1830 United States Federal Census* [database on-line] Series: *M19*; Roll: *176*; Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Family History Library Film: 0024534.

- 20/22 Oct 1832 Chickasaw Nation ceded land to U.S., part of which formed **Yalobusha County**. Note: Fayette Co., TN, borders Mississippi and is not far north of Yalobusha Co., MS.
- 31 Oct 1833 **Yalobusha Co., MS. William Barnes** bought 80.45 acres.⁵¹ Assignee was **Curtis Terry**.
- 31 Oct 1833 **Yalobusha Co., MS. William Barnes** bought 79.82 acres. Assignee was **Curtis Terry**, although Yalobusha Co. records say that **James B. Finch** was the original purchaser. The description fits the American State Papers entry.
- 23 Dec 1833 Mississippi Territory Legislature act to form new counties from the Choctaw land was approved by Gov. Hiram F. Runnels includes Yalobusha County.
- 21 Feb 1834 or 24 Mar 1834 First election held in Yalobusha Co. Three members of the Board of County Police met at the town of Henderson on Ochockickama (important early town, now gone. Some of our people lived near Henderson. County was divided into districts: (1) center, (2) northeast, (3) northwest, (4) southwest, and (5) southeast.
- Jun 1834 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** Jury to mark road from Henderson to the west boundary line in the direction of the "Three Forks of Tillatoba": **William Barnes**, Balis Nations, John H. McKinney, A. McCaslin, J. Burnson, William Bowles, Henry Fudge, Blank Vinson, James Fergerson, Moses Cavott, Jesse B. Garth, and B. C. Malone. The Three Forks of Tillatoba was 6-8 miles west of Preston in Tallahatchie Co. now.⁵²
- Jul/Aug 1834 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** According to the following account, **William Barnes** was the constable in the center beat. But the history cited in footnote stated William Weaver was chosen constable in April. William Weaver was bonded by William W. Byers, Surless McCreless, William Norman, Thomas B. Ives, William Stone. Either it was incorrect that Weaver was chosen, or else William Barnes somehow succeeded him.⁵³
- 16 Dec 1834 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** The first of four bills of indictment from the Grand Jury was The State vs. **Wm. Barns**, assault and battery. "**Wm Barnes**, the defendant, was or had been, the constable in the center beat; and while in the discharge of his official duty had incurred the displeasure of some of his fellows, which could only be settled by one or the other getting whipped. The affair came off at Hendersonville, and a vacant cow lot - with the crowd of spectators perched on the fence around, constituted the arena. It was a very hot day in July or August, and the combat being fierce and long, lasted until both men fell from sheer exhaustion. Barnes was the first to

⁵¹ Yalobusha Co., MS, Land Patents Book 1, p. 68. Also, *American State Papers*, Vol. VII, Washington (D.C.), Gales and Seaton, 1860, RE: Land office at Chocchuma, Mississippi, p. 425. "Chocchuma - The first town in the county was old Oxberry, called Chocchuma; was on the road from Hendersonville, Plummerville, Chocchuma, was the land office for all the territory, and was rather an important place in its day. It remained the land office of the Choctaws until 1837 when it was moved to Pontotoc." [*Yalobusha Pioneer*, XVI(3), Fall 1992, "More on Yalobusha County from the W.P.A. Historical Project, 1937-1939," section on "Early Towns," p. 4.]

⁵² "Historic Sketches of Yalobusha County," p. 86 (found in WPA Records, written by Col. M. D. L. Stephens in 1876, *Yalobusha Pioneer*, Vol. 22, No. 3, pp. 81-111 (Fall 1997), publication of the Yalobusha County Historical Society, Coffeerville, MS. Note: Yalobusha Co. has two courthouses, one in Water Valley (which burned) and one in Coffeerville. Sometimes they have duplicate records.

⁵³ "Historic Sketches of Yalobusha County," p. 86.

regain his feet, and was considered the victor. So far this is the only conviction; hence the District Attorney's prerequisites on convictions were slim in this county."⁵⁴

- 1834-1835 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** On tax list: **John Barnes, William Barnes, Lilburne Barnes.**
- 28 Feb 1835 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **John S. Barns** married **Martha Cannon.** P. B. Bailey officiating.⁵⁵
- 19 Dec 1835 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **Lilbourn Barnes** purchased 79.70 acres.⁵⁶
- 1836 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **John Barnes**, personal tax rolls, 1 white poll, no blacks. Gene Cole also found **Lilborn Barnes.**
- 1836 **Fayette Co., TN.** Tax list, District 14: **James Barnes** (not known if related to our group).
- 1837 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** Gene Cole found **L. Barns** in 1837 tax record. This probably was Lilburn, although a Loftin Barnes (unrelated) lived in the county.
- Jun 1838 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **Lilburn Barnes** probate, inventory. Administration bond issued to **B. [Brazil] D. Waits** [wife Mary's brother] and **Mary Barnes** [widow].
- 1838 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** Gene Cole found **John Barnes** in 1838 tax record
- 1838 **Lafayette Co., MS.** Tax records: **William Barnes** 1 white poll, 0 black polls.
- 1839 **Lafayette Co., MS.** Tax records: **William Barnes** 1 white poll, 0 black polls.
- 1838/1839 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **John Barnes** sold building improvements to Gabriel B. Ragsdale, location: northeast corner of Yalobusha Co. where Water Valley is /OR/ southwest corner of Lafayette Co. adjoining Yalobusha.⁵⁷

⁵⁴ "Historic Sketches of Yalobusha County," p.99.

⁵⁵ Book A, p. 6, "Mississippi Marriages Prior to 1926 microfilm, Ft. Worth Library, Code #B652, Yalobusha Co., this is correct date, P. B. Bailey officiating. [This may be also in MS archives.] Frances L. Turnage, Yalobusha County, Mississippi Marriage Records 1846-1870 (Water Valley, MS: comp., 1958). Book A has been lost for many years, and only its index remains.

⁵⁶ Land Patents Book 1, p. 69.

⁵⁷ "Ragsdale's stand was on the old stage road just outside the county now included in the corporation of the town of Water Valley. The place was settled by Mr. G. F. [sic, probably G. B.] RAGSDALE, one of the county officers, probably in 182_. In 1834 Ragsdale was living near Henderson." (p. 87, "Historic Sketches of Yalobusha County").

"In the fall of 1834, Mr. Carton [Carter] CANNON put up a cabin on the ground now occupied by the Shaw Foundry and about the same time, John BARNES, a son-in-law of Mr. CANNON, made an improvement where Mr. A. TABOR now resides." (p. 15.) Shaw Foundry was apparently on the county line with Lafayette County, to the north of Yalobusha.]

"In 1838 or 1839, Mr. G. B. Ragsdale moved up from the vicinity of Coffeeville and purchased the improvements made by Mr. Barnes, where Mr. A. TABOR now resides and established what was known for many years as Ragsdale's Stand ("Comments on the Early History of Water Valley," North Mississippi Herald, Author unknown, 04 Aug 1938, Yalobusha Pioneer, Vol. 17, #4, Winter 1992, p. 16).

In 1844 the first post office was established at Ragsdale's Stand, which was just outside of the county line -- "never in Yalobusha County until a few years ago, when the Legislature attached two tiers of sections of the county from the territory of Lafayette." (p. 17)

Chris B. Morgan, Yalobusha Bound: Yalobusha County in 1850, Yalobusha Valley Press, 1991 (Route 1, Box 67, Oakland, TN 38060), p. 225: Gabriel B. Ragsdale settled first in 1834 in Hendersonville, Yalobusha Co., and moved to "Ragsdale's Stand," about 1835, which is now within the corporate limits of Water Valley.

- 10 Jul 1839 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **Mary Barnes** purchased 80.22 acres. May be Lilburn's widow.⁵⁸
- 06 Oct 1839 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **William Barnes (Jr.)** married **Rebecca Waits**, sister of Lilburn's widow, Mary Waits Barnes.⁵⁹
- 09 Oct 1839 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **William Barnes Sr. & James Jones**, 159.50 acres.⁶⁰

The part of Yalobusha County where John S. Barnes [son of William Barnes, Sr.] lived was actually in Lafayette County: "In the fall of 1834, Mr. Carton [Carter] Cannon put up a cabin on the ground now occupied by the Shaw Foundry and about the same time, JOHN BARNES, a son-in-law of Mr. Cannon, made an improvement where Mr. A. TABOR now resides." (p. 15). . . "In 1838 or 1839, Mr. G. B. RAGSDALE moved up from the vicinity of Coffeerville and purchased the improvements made by Mr. BARNES, where Mr. A. TABOR now resides, and established what was known for many years as Ragsdale Stand. . . "We would state here that Ragsdale's Stand was just outside of the county line, was never in Yalobusha County until a few years ago, when the Legislature attached two tiers of sections of the county from the territory of Lafayette."⁶¹ (pp. 16-17)

- bef 1840 **Perhaps MS.** Son, **Robert**, may have died as no records were found for him before the 1850 federal census for his sons in Lafayette Co., MS: Joseph M. Barnes and Robert Jasper Barnes.
- 1840 **Lafayette Co., MS.** Tax records: **William Barnes** 1 white poll, 0 black polls.
- 1840 **Lafayette Co., MS.** Federal Census, **F. A. Barnes.**⁶² We do not know who this is but think he is a son of William Barnes, Sr., and Sarah Sanderson. This needs to be documented.
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| 1 m 30-39 | 1801/1810 | F. A. c. 1810 |
| 1 m 5-9 | 1831/1835 | |
| 1 f 20-29 | 1811/1820 | Mrs. unknown c. 1815 |
| 1 f under 5 | 1836/1840 | |
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- 1840 **Lafayette Co., MS.** An older and a younger William Barnes in the census. The younger one appears to be William Jr., wife Rebecca, and son William Jefferson. The older one has a household composition different from what would be expected on the basis of the 1830 Fayette Co., TN, census. This appears to be William Barnes, Sr., with grandchildren in the home.⁶³
- Wm Barnes jr.** [William Barnes], p. 170, same page as F. A. Barnes.
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| 1 m 20-29 | 1811/1820 | William Jr., b. 1817 TN, married 1839 |
| 1 m under 5 | 1836/1840 | William Jefferson Barnes, b. 1840 MS |
| 1 f 20-29 | 1811/1820 | Rebecca Waits, b. 1817 TN |

NOTE: The two sources above differ slightly on location of Ragsdale/John S. Barnes location. YB places it within Water Valley; the other places it in Lafayette Co., MS, a bit north of Water Valley. Both agree on a northeast location.

⁵⁸ Land Patents Book 1, p. 28.

⁵⁹ Book A, p. 47, "Mississippi Marriages Prior to 1926 microfilm. Exact date from June Rayfield Welch.

⁶⁰ Land Patents Book 1, p. 69.

⁶¹ Yalobusha Co., Mississippi, County Historical Society, *Yalobusha Pioneer*, Vol. 17(4):15-17.

⁶² Ancestry.com. 1840 United States Federal Census [database on-line] Page: 170; Family History Library Film: 0014841. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

⁶³ Ancestry.com. 1840 United States Federal Census [database on-line] Page: 178; Family History Library Film: 0014841. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

1840	Lafayette Co., MS. Wm Barnes jr. , p. 178. (Both 1840 censuses say “Wm Barnes jr.”)
1 m 50-59	1781/1790 William, 1784
1 m 20-29	1811/1820 ? Are these sons or other people?
1 m 20-29	1811/1820 ? Are these sons or other people?
1 m 15-19	1821/1825 Bennett 1824 (m. 1847/1848)
1 m 10-14	1826/1830 Joseph M., b. 1826 *
1 m 10-14	1826/1830 Robert Jasper, b. 1827 *
1 m 10-14	1826/1830 Unknown? *
1 f 50-59	1781/1790 Sarah
1 f 15-19	1821/1825 ? (could have married before 1850)**

* Not in the 1830 Fayette Co., TN, census. The boys 10-14 appear to be grandsons, most likely the children of son Robert who died young.

**One daughter was named Mary “Polly,” but her age is unknown.

aft 1840 **Perhaps Lafayette Co., MS. Sarah (Sanderson) Barnes** died. No further records were found for her after the 1840 census.

1841 **Lafayette Co., MS.** Tax records: **William Barnes** 1 white poll, 0 black polls.

1841 **Lafayette Co., MS.** State Census Index, no township listed., **F. A. Barnes**.⁶⁴ (Possible son of William Barnes, Sr., and Sarah Sanderson.)

1841 **Lafayette Co., MS.** State Census Index, no township listed. **William Barnes Jr.**⁶⁵

1841 **Lafayette Co., MS.** State Census Index, no township listed. **William Barnes Jr.**⁶⁶
Listed Twice: Is this 2 men or 1 man?

1841 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barns**, 1 poll, state tax \$.50; county tax, \$.25, p. 3.

11 Dec 1841 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** Mary Barnes & Henry Simons, 162.05 acres.⁶⁷ May be Lilburn’s widow. Henry Simons (Jr.) is said to have been born in Hertford Co., NC, in Telfair Co., GA, in the 1830 census, died before 1870 in Saline Co., AR. He married Anne Hobbs 15 Jan 1821 in Marks Creek, Wake Co., NC, daughter of William B. Hobbs and Chloe Lassiter. Henry was the son of Henry Simons, Sr. (born about 1776 in Hertford Co., NC), and Mary Tilman (born about 1785 in

⁶⁴ Ancestry.com. *Mississippi, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1805-1890* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999. Original data: Jackson, Ron V., Accelerated Indexing Systems, comp.. *Mississippi Census, 1805-1890*. Compiled and digitized by Mr. Jackson and AIS from microfilmed schedules of the U.S. Federal Decennial Census, territorial/state censuses, and/or census substitutes.

⁶⁵ Ancestry.com. *Mississippi, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1805-1890* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999.

⁶⁶ Ancestry.com. *Mississippi, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1805-1890* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999.

⁶⁷ Land Patents Book 1, p. 68.

Granville Co., NC). I have not tried to document these data. Whether or not Henry Simons was related to Mary Barnes or any other member of the Barnes family is unknown.

- 1842 **Lafayette Co., MS.** County tax records: **Wm Barnes** 1 white poll, 0 black polls. Entries are not in alphabetical order.
- 1843 **Lafayette Co., MS.** Tax records: **Wm Barnes** 1 white poll, 0 black polls.
- 1843 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **John Barnes** was taxed on his land that he bought in 1834, pp. 11-12.
- 11 Dec 1843 **Lafayette Co., MS.** **Thomas Jefferson Barnes & William Jefferson Barnes** were minor heirs under 14 (born after 1829) of **William Barnes, Jr., deceased**, and **William Barnes, Sr.**, was guardian. We do not know who these two boys are or who the William Barnes, Jr., was who was deceased. The William Barnes, Jr., who was a son of William Barnes, Sr., and Sarah Sanderson, moved to Texas and did not die until 1861.
- aft 1843 **Perhaps Lafayette Co., MS.** **William Barnes, Sr.**, died. There are no more records for him in Lafayette County.
- 1845 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** **W. B. Barns** was in the state/territorial census, line 33, Roll V229_3 with 4 males and 3 females. This **may or may not** be William Barnes, Sr., or a relative.
- 1846 **Cass Co., Texas.** A **Wm Barnes** was on the poll list, probably William Jr. Also on the list were **Benj. Barnes** (Bennet?), **J. M. Barnes** (unknown, unless this was Joseph M. Barnes, son of Robert), and **John S. Barnes**.⁶⁸
- 1847 **Hopkins Co., Texas.** **William Barnes, Jr.**, and brother **Bennet Barnes** were on tax list; neither with real estate, according to descendant, June Rayfield Welch, now deceased.
- 1847/1848 **Arkansas or Texas.** Son **Bennet C. Barnes** married **Sarah A. Rodgers**.
- 18 Feb 1852 **Cass Co., Texas.** #130 on list, Alpheus C. Thomason, 320 acres, wit.: John H. Bennett & **William Barnes**.⁶⁹ This probably was William Jr. (who was in Hopkins Co. in 1847 and 1850).
- abt 1853/1854 **Cass Co., TX.** **John S. Barnes** died. No more records were found for him after 1853.
- 29 Apr 1861 **Smith Co., Texas.** Son, **William Barnes, Jr.**, died.⁷⁰
- 13 Oct 1862 **Gainesville, Cooke, Texas.** **Bennet C. Barnes** was one of the victims of "The Great Hanging at Gainesville, Texas, 1862."⁷¹

⁶⁸ *Republic of Texas: Poll Lists for 1846*, compiled by Marion Day Mullins (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc.), 1982, p. 9.

⁶⁹ Gifford White, *The First Settlers of Bowie and Cass County* (St. Louis, MO: Ingmire Publications), 1983, p. 45.

⁷⁰ Information received from Barnes descendants and researchers: Wally Waits, Muskogee, Oklahoma about 2000; and Dr. June Rayfield Welch, deceased, formerly of Dallas, Texas.

⁷¹ Sam Hanna Acheson and Julia Ann Hudson O'Connell, eds., *George Washington Diamond's Account of the Great Hanging at Gainesville, 1862* (Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1963). Thomas Barrett, *The Great Hanging at Gainesville* (Gainesville, Texas, 1885; rpt., Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1961).