

THE EAGLE - Marriage Announcements

The following marriage announcements were taken from a microfilm copy of The Eagle, a newspaper published in Monroe County, Alabama (ca. 1888 - 1914). I purchased the microfilm from the Alabama Department of Archives and History October 2010.

As you search the list, keep a few things in mind: I extracted information as it was printed - typos, misspellings and all. In addition, I have grouped the marriages by year – because many of the announcements have only a month and date.

Also note, I have compiled separate lists for deaths, births and community news.

I took a photo of the marriage notices. If you would like a jpg copy, feel free to contact me. kathy.leverett@gmail.com.

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The Eagle, Edited for many years by A. R. Davison, was a semi-weekly newspaper for Monroe County's Afro-American community. It was first published at Lovan, but later moved to Kempsville and Tunnel Springs. While focusing on church news and local correspondence, The Eagle also carried items of national importance and was a member of the National Negro Press Association. Our last available issue of this paper is dated October 29, 1914. (Kathy's note - Unfortunately, many months and years between 1891 and 1914 are missing.)

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MARRIAGES

1899

McCORVEY, SMITH - Mr. James McCorvey was married Oct 25, 1899, to Miss Callie

Smith, both of Kempsville, Ala. The officiating Clergyman was Rev. T. M. McCorvey.

CHAMBERS, MILLENDER - Mr Jack Chambers of Finchburgh, Ala., married Miss Evelin Millender of Claiborne, Ala., on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November, 1899. And also we can hear some talk of our settlement girls, that some of them expect to marry in short. Hurry up boys! The winter will be another hard one.

McWILLIAMS, POE - Challie McWilliams of Carlisle, Ala., was married Dec 14 to Miss Bell Poe of Axle, Ala., The Eagle wishes them a long and happy life on the matrimonial sea.

1900

PURYEAR, MOSELEY - Mr Jesse Purvear of Monroeville, and Miss Neely Moseley of Rumley., Ala., were married Feb 8th.

NETTLES, LETT - Johnson Nettles of Tincie Ala and Miss Mahala Lett of Kempsville were married Feb 14th.

HAMILTON, DAVIS - (Letter to the Editor) River Ridge, Ala., June 19, 1900, To The Eagle:

Two of our highly esteemed colored citizens of this place were united in the bonds of Wedlock at Mount Arrarat Baptist church of this place on the 10th of June by Rev T. Kinght, of Finchburg, Ala. The marriage took place before the 11 o'clock sermon. The contracting parties were Mr H.H. Hamilton and Miss Rebecca Davis of this place. There was a large concourse of people, sprinkled with white to witness the serimony. Very respectfully Your, H. H. Hamilton

MILLENDER, DAVISON - Mr. Jesse Millender, alias (Balum ?) Millender of Scotland and Miss (A?) Davison, of Carlisle, Ala., were married Monday, November 26, 1900.

MILLENDER, LETT - Richard Millender of Kempsville, Ala., Miss Ella Lett of the same place were married Dec 24th, 1900.

DUNN - Mr. Ba(?)lye Dunn and Mrs Mollie (?) of Kempsville, Ala., were married Dec 27th, 1900.

DAVISON, NETTLES - Mr. Coot Davison and Mrs Lettie Nettles were married Dec 27th, 1900 of the same place.

LESLIE, ROBERSON - Mr. Roy Leslie and Miss Eliza Jane Roberson were married Dec 27th, 1900 Carlisle, Ala.

1901

KOENING, BELL

He Married a Negress

William Koenig, 40 years of age and Frances Bell, a negress, 28 years of age were married Tuesday afternoon at Belleville by Justice of the Peace Benjamin Boneau. They gave St. Louis as their home, but refused to make public their city address. The couple were accompanied by three of the bride's relatives, who testified to their gr(?)fiction over the union. Post Dispatch

The will come when there will be no admiration as to the marriage of a Negro lady and a white man. We do not believe in love; but a man's likes and dislikes cannot be restricted by law, for there are as (fair?) Negro ladies as there are as white ladies. So it is no use for the Post Dispatch to get excited at the marriage of a Negro lady to a white man. The Palladium. (*January Edition*)

KYLES, SNOWDEN - Mr. Dock F. Kyles, of this place married Miss Nancy Snowden of Perdue Hill, Ala., Jan 24, 1901.

CLARKE, WILLIAMS - Mr. Ed Clarke, of Axle, and Miss Amy Williams of the same place were married April 7, 1901.

STANLEY, RABB - Will Stanley of Mexia and Miss Ida Rabb of Claiborne, Ala. (*August Edition*)

REGISTER, THOMPSON - Mr. Sammy Register of Mexia and Miss Artherine Thompson, of Claiborne. (*August Edition*)

FRYE, PACE - Mr Fran Frye of Mexia and Miss Minnie Pace of Claiborne. (*August Edition*)

CUNNINGHAM, BOOKER - Mr. Madison Cunningham and Miss Magie Booker both of Kempsville, Ala. were united in marriage Sept 17, 1901.

JOHNSON, BRADLEY - The following persons called at our sanctum to-wit: Mrs. Luisa Biggs, Nellie Bradley, Mrs. Ella Millender, Miss Z(?)phi Ann and Janie Bell Millender and Mr. Jim Johnson the prospective bride and groom gave us a call waiting for the Justice of the peace, but failed to see him - hence was disappointed to be made man and wife. Later - The above named parties who called for the purpose of marrying met Tuesday and Esquire S. H. Dailey married then in the office of the Eagle, Sept. the 24, 1901. So Mrs Nellie Bradley and Mr Jim Johnson were united as man and wife.

DRIVER, DAVISON - John Driver of Kempsville, Ala., a section hand on the L. & N. R. R. at this place for about two years, married a young girl about 15 years old Miss Pearl Davison, both of this place. They were married by the Justice of the Peace., S. H. Dailey, esq. Mr. Driver is probably about 40 years old. The marriage created quite a sensation among the citizens. (*Oct edition*)

THOMAS, McMILLAN - Mr. Ed Thomas of this place married Mss Carrie McMillan Dec 26.

McMILLAN, THOMAS - James Arthur McMillan married Miss Genia Thomas Dec 26.

ABRAHAM, AUTRY - Mr. Abraham Coalman married Miss Nannie H. Autry Dec 26.

STRONG, FORK - Mr. Alfred Strong about 65 years old married Mrs. Matilda Fork about 70 years old.

SCOTT, MILLENDER - Mr. George Scott of Peterman, Ala., and Miss Georgian Millender of Carlisle, Ala., were married Dec. 26, 1901 by Rev. Richard Marris.

LINDSAY, LAMAR - Mr J L Lindsay returned home Tuesday from Pensacola on Dec 25th were married to Miss Ida Lamar of Perdue Hill at 8 o'clock by Rev J C Williams. The couple was well put together by the elder. The bride groom taken leave Thursday for their future home at the above named place. (*Claiborne, Ala.*)

McCOY, (?)MAS - Miss Cornelia (?)mas were married to Mr Sam McCoy of Mexia, Ala., Dec 26. (*Clairborne, Ala.*)

1902

KIDD, COOK - At 11 o'clock today, I (J Andy Frye) was the guest at a wedding feast. Mr. Willis Kidd was united in wedlock to Miss Tinnie Cook. Mr. Joseph Williamson and Miss Josephine Marshall, waiters; Mr. Kidd wore a black flannel suit and Miss Tinnie wore a blue worsted, attired with rich trimming and a beautiful wreath. Mr. Williamson and Miss Marshall becoming the same. (*This notice appears in the January 1902 edition. It is possible this wedding and the one just below happened in December 1901.*)

DAVIS, COOK - At 11:15 o'clock Mr. J. N. Davis was married to Miss Bettie Cook, with Mr. Andy Davis and Miss Mary A Jones waiters. Mr. Davis wore a dark wool suit, while Miss Cook wore a white nunsveiling dress. All very becoming. Revs Thomas Knight and Jac. C. Williams officiating. After which much congratulation dinner was set before the audience with all the delicious (?)ands that the occasion could afford. This was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook. After dinner was over the young people joined in play with much delight. The last play was fishing Mr Joseph Williamson out of the well 1000 feet, taken out by Miss Corine Knight. This ended the play. J. Andy Frye. (*This notice appears in the January 1902 edition. It is possible this wedding happened in December 1901.*)

DUKE, REAVES - At the residence of deacon D.O. Reaves there was a marriage of Mr. D. Duke and Miss F.A. Reaves on Jan 16 officiated by Rev R. W. Russell.

RICH, BROWN - Mr John Rich and Miss Silvanie Brown were married Feb 25th.

SMITH, FOUNTAIN - Mr. John Smith and Mrs Janie Fountain of Kempsville and Scotland were married Sunday June 15th.

NETTLES, JONES - Mr. Howard Nettles, of Carlisle, Ala., and Miss Georgia Jones of the same place. (June 1902 edition)

SCOTT, BROWN - There was a marriage last Sunday at good Hope church at the close of the 11 o'clock services, of Mr General Scott and Miss N. J. Brown, by Rev Jacob Williams. After the marriage the usual greetings were exchanged by the friends and visitors. (Aug 1902 edition)

ALLEN, BRADLEY - Rev D. V. Allen and Miss Ida Bradley were married in the church by Rev J. Miles Richardson on first Sunday. (Oct 1902 edition)

STANTON, SINQUEFIELD - Mr. Thommie Stanton and Mrs Mary Sinquefield were married on Sunday night Nov 23 by Rev Anderson Bradley at Mrs. Liza McCorvey's house, about 1 o'clock. We learn that they runaway to accomplish their desire.

1903

SNEIDER, WILLIAMS - George Sneider and Miss Julia Williams both of Hixon, Ala., Jan 1903.

McCARTHER, HOWARD - Fed McCarther and Miss Howard both of River Ridge, Ala., Jan 25, 1903 by Rev J. E. Blackman.

FRYE, MILENDER - Mr. Dougless Frye and Miss Mattie Milender of Nachez Ala, March 5, 1903.

MILLENDER, FOUNTAIN - Mr T J Millender and Mrs Bettie Fountain, all of Natchez, Ala., were married March 14, 1903.

WILLIAMS, HIXON - John S. Williams to Miss Mary Hixon Feb 25, 1903, both of Hixon, Ala, by Rev JE Blackman.

PARKER, FRANKLIN - Mr. W. A. .Parker of Monroe, Ala., and Miss Mamie Franklin of Pensacola, Fla., were married March 26, 1903.

McCORVEY, GULLEY - Mr. Alex McCorvey and Miss Albina Gulley were married in the presence of a large congregation on May 3, 1903, by Rev. Thomas McCorvey. The bride and groom looked their best. The friends of each greeted them with the usual greeting.

ROGERS, BRYANT - Miss Luburta Bryant to Mr. Charley Rogers of Whatley. (April 1903 edition)

KNIGHT, CRAWFORD - Mr. James Knight to Miss Martha Crawford of Mobile. Mr. Knight is a son of Deacon and Rev DJ Knight of this place and is a christian gentleman; he has proved it to all that know him. He is an assistant superintendent of the Good Hope

Sunday school and stand among those in the front rank. While Miss Martha is the same lovely charms; she is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawyer Crawford formerly of Finchburg. (April 1903 edition)

SLAUGHTER, DAVISON - Mr. Ed Slaughter of Camden, Ala., to Miss Martha A. Davison of Tunnel Springs, Ala., were married Dec 3, 1903.

LANGHAM, McCLAMMY - Miss Emma McClammy was married to Mr. William Langham Dec 24.

LONGMIRE, LANGHAM - Miss Chanie Langham to Mr DL Longmire Dec 24.

FINKLEA, WILLIAMS - Mr Reuben Finklea of Natchez, Ala., and (?) Williams of River ridge this county were married Dec 31. Rev JC Perkins officiating.

WIGGINS, SNEIDER - Mr Washington Wiggins and Miss Florence Sneider both of Hixon, Ala., were married Dec 24, 1903 by Rev WL Clausell officiating.

BURKE, DEES - Mr WM Burke of Axle, Ala., and Miss Virginia Dees of Perdue Hill this county were married Dec 28, 1903.

BIGGS, HALL - Mr EW Biggs of Peterman and Miss Mary Hall of this place were married Dec 24, 1903. Rev RA Jackson of Pollard officiating.

ALLEN, MARSHALL - Mr George Allen of this place and Miss Charlotte Marshall of Buena Vista, Ala., were married Dec 16, 1903.

1904

RANDALSON, FOUNTAIN - Mr. Will Randalson and Miss Brownie Fountain, both of this place, were married Jan. 7, 1904. Miss Brownie is the granddaughter of the Editor. Rev R Morris officiating.

RICHARDSON, STALLWORTH - Mr. Nelson Richardson and Miss Dora Stallworth both of this place Saturday March 9, 1904.

WILLIAMS, McCREARY - Rev John Williams and Miss Mattie McCreary both of Evergreen, Ala., were married March 2nd 1904.

HAYLES, NETTLES - Mr Ollie Hayles and Miss Fannie Nettles, the daughter of Rev. Harrison Nettles of Scotland, Ala., were married by Rev J.A. Autrey Sunday, June 5th.

MILLENDER, NETTLES - Rev Edmund Millender and Lucy Nettles, both of Natchez, Ala., were married July 9, 1904.

FOUNTAIN, CARTER - Mr Sam Fountain, Jr. of Tunnel Springs, Ala., and Miss Annie

Carter of Buena Vista, Ala., were married August 4th 1904.

CHAMBER, MARSHALL - Mr Henry Knight Chambers was married to Miss Josephine Marshall on the night of the 19th instant at the home of the bride. (Nov 1904 edition)

RICHARDSON, JOHNSON - Mr Jesse Richardson of Beatrice, Ala., married Miss Fannie Johnson of Selma, Ala., Nov 29, 1904.

WEAVER, McCREARY - Mr Robert Weaver of Montgomery to Mrs Dora McCreary of Evergreen, Ala., Dec 25, 1904.

WAYMAN, ALABAMA - Mr Wayman Boon and Miss Jane Alabama Dec 25, 1904.

FLOYD, JACKSON - George Floyd and Miss Alberta Jackson, December 25.

FOUNTAIN - Herbert Fountain - December 25. (Bride not mentioned)

FRANKLIN, ROGERS - Scott Franklin to Miss Jane Rogers, both of Belleville, Ala., November 20, 1904.

EDWARDS, CLAUSELL - Miss Ella Clausell and Mr Elmore Edwards, both of Hixon, Ala., were married Dec 8th 1904, Rev RJ Madison officiating.

HOLT, McCANTS - Mr Sam Holt and Miss Carrie McCants, both of Buena Vista, Ala., were married Dec 18, 1904. Rev J.C. Richardson officiating.

TALBERT, LESLIE - Mr C L Talbert and Miss Flora Leslie were married Dec 22.

BROUGHTON, WIGGINS - Mr Dan Broughton and Miss Jane Wiggins Dec 29.

STALLWORTH, McCANTS - Mr Ed Stallworth to Miss Mary McCants Dec 28

RILEY, BENNETT - Eddy Riley to Miss Mary Frances Bennett Dec 27

HAWKINS, MARSHALL - Dock Hawkins to Miss Mollie Marshall Dec 27.

JOHNSON, HOWARD - Married Mr. Bob Johnson to Mrs Jane Howard, both of Claiborne, Ala., the (mat?) was celebrated by Rev SM Madison of Brewton, Ala. *(This notice appears in a letter to the editor, published in the Jan 1905 edition. However, the letter is dated Dec 1904)*

1905

MARSHALL, BERRY - Mr Thomas Marshall married Miss Carrie Berry *(Jan 1905 edition. Marriage may have occurred Dec 1904.)*

PARKER, MARSHALL - Mr Oscar Parker to Miss Emily J Marshall (*Jan 1905 edition. Marriage may have occurred Dec 1904.*)

EDWARDS, HILL - Mr Pleasant Edwards to Miss Sallie B. Hill (*Jan 1905 edition. Marriage may have occurred Dec 1904.*)

PACKER, RANDALSON - Mr Robert Packer and Miss Peggy Ann Randalson, both of this place, were married January 1, 1905. (ripped) John A Autrey officiating.

FOUNTAIN, REAVES - Mr Major Fountain and Miss Lelar Reaves both of Tunnel Springs, Ala., married at Antioch church Jan 22, 1905. Rev R Morris officiating

MCCORVEY, EAST - Mr Ramond McCorvey and Miss Hattie East were married at the home of her parents January 22, 1905. Rev Thomas McCorvey officiating.

HOLLENGER, BOLAR - Mr Tom Hollenger of Manistee, Ala., married Gabrella Bolar of this place Sunday January the 8th, Rev J.J. Brown officiating. The newly married couple will make Manistee their future home.

JOHNSON, KNIGHT - Mr Handy Johnson married Miss Queen Knight on January 14th, 1905.

BROUGHTON, DEES - Wade Broughton to Miss Lillie Dees, both of Axle, Ala., married January 19th, 1905.

AUTREY, STALLWORTH - Mr William Autrey Jr of Repton, Ala., and Miss Martha Ann Stallworth of this place (ripped?) were married March 23, 1905 by Rev R W Russell of Peterman, Ala.

SCOTT, KING - Letter to the Editor (partial), Mobile, Ala., March 30, 1905
Mr Willy Scott, the son of Mrs George Washington and stepson of the late Rev George Washington, pastor of the (L?) Bap. church of this city, was married to Miss Mary King March 30, 1905. The groom's best man was Mr Griffin, the bride's maid was Mrs Rebecca Crawford. The bride was dressed in a silk (?) cream colored, the bride's maid was dressed in a dotted suit trimmed in (sloven vain?) lace. Refreshments were served by Miss Jossie Crawford and Miss Hattie Scott. The ceremony was performed by Rev O H Crawford. The bride and groom left at midnight for Birmingham, Ala. They will spend a few days at the above named city and return to this city for their future home. Very respectfully yours, Julia Brown.

NETTLES, RICHARDSON - Mr Jesse Nettles and Miss Dora Richardson both of Tunnel Springs, Ala., were married May 7th, 1905 by Rev Nelson W. Richardson.

GRISSETT, DEES - Mr George Grissett and Miss Anneter Dees both of Perdue Hill, this county, were married Aug 24, 1905 by Rev Sammy Thompson.

1906

STALLWORTH, BOOKER - Jim Stallworth and Miss Bamma Booker both of this place were married January 21, 1906, Rev Richard Morris officiating.

STALLWORTH, LYON - Mr Giles Stallworth Jr and Miss Sallie Lyon were married January 28, 1906.

MONTGOMERY, RICHARDSON - Mr Shepherd Montgomery of Beatrice, Ala., married Miss Lula D. Richardson Jan 9, 1906, Rev C. H. Thomas officiating.

NETTLES, COLLEY - Mr Allen Nettles and Miss Lizzie Colley were married Jan 7, 1906 by Rev C. H. Thomas.

ROBERSON, WIGGINS - Miss Emma Jane Wiggins married Feb 7th of this place to Mr Neal Roberson of Evergreen, Ala.

KIDD, HILL - Mr Ike Kidd was married to Miss Cora J Hill (April 1906 edition)

CLAUSELL, HILL - Mr Robert Claussell Jr to Miss Mary Nannie Hill on the 22nd of Feb. Rev (?) Williams officiated.

WIGGINS, TALBERT - Mr John Wiggins of this place and Miss Zadie Talbert of Tincie, Ala., were married March the 4th, 1906. Rev T McCorvey officiating.

NETTLES, DEES - Rev Harrison Nettles of Scotland, Ala was married to Miss Minnie Dees of Franklin, Ala., Nov 15, 1906. Rev J E Blackman officiating.

PARKER, WIGGINS - Mr John Parker of Monroe, Ala and Miss Annie Wiggins of Tunnel Springs, Ala were married Dec 8th, 1906. Rev R Morris officiating.

COLLIES, CRAWFORD - Mr Moses Collies and Miss Rebecca Crawford were married Wednesday Nov 14, 1906.

1907

MCCORVEY, MCCORVEY - Mr William McCorvey and Miss C A McCorvey both of this place were married Wednesday Jan 30, 1907 by Rev R Morris

TALBERT, MCCORVEY - Mr Richard Talbert and Miss Susan McCorvey both of Tincie, Ala., were married Feb 3rd, 1907 Rev A D Williams officiating.

WILLIAMS, WARRENCE - There was a marriage took place at the chapel on the six of this month between Mr John Williams and Miss Nancie Warrence. Everything was just fine. The chapel was decorated for the occasion. (Feb 1907 edition)

MILLENDER, BRADLEY - Mr John Millender and Mrs Jane Bradley both of this place were married March 31, 1907 by Rev Elmond Millender officiating.

HOLLENGER, BOWIE - Mr Arthur Hollenger and Mrs Effie Bowie both of Repton, Ala., were married on Nov 5, 1907 by Elder Boyd. The Eagle wish them much success.

1908

HOOKS, FRANKLIN - Mr H W Hooks of Repton, Ala., was married to Miss Lillie A Franklin of this place Jan 15, 1908. Rev R Morris officiating.

RICHARDSON, HALL - Mr Fleshman Richardson of Trincie, Ala., to Miss Mattie Hall of Tunnel Springs. Feb 16, 1908. (This announcement came under the heading TWINS MARRIED. See below reference to Carrie Hall)

FOUNTAIN, HALL - Mr Elisha Fountain Jr to Miss Carrie Hall of Tunnel Springs, Ala., were married as above by Rev W. Russell Feb 16, 1908.

FOUNTAIN, STALLWORTH - Mr Ishmael Fountain of Axle, Ala., and Miss Sarah Stallworth of Tincie, Ala., were married Feb 12, 1908. Rev R W Russell officiating.

FRANKLIN, McCORVEY - Mr Jesse Franklin and Miss Lula McCorvey both of this place were married March 22, 1908. They are the last that has been reported but not the least. Rev R Morris officiating.

RANDALSON, THOMPSON - Mr Johnnie Randalson and Mrs Sarah Thompson both of this place were married April 5, 1908.

MILLENDER, CUNNINGHAM - Mrs Leah Millender and Mr Ben Cunningham both of this place were married Feb 1908.

TALBERT, JOHNSON - Will Talbert and Miss Julia Johnson of Scotland, Ala., were married June 18, 1908.

TALBERT, FOUNTAIN - Mr Fed Talbert and Miss Ella Fountain both of Scotland, Ala., were married May 31, 1908.

HALL, BOOKER - Mr Jeff Hall to Mrs Georgia Booker both of this place were married December 10, 1908. Rev Thomas M McCorvey officiating.

1910

BROWN, McINTIRE - Miss Maggie Brown was married to Mr Willis McIntire on the 11 instant. (Sept edition)

1912

ROBBINS, THOMPSON - Mr Tommie Robbins and Miss Dora Thompson both of this place were married April 12, 1912.

RICHARDSON, ROBBINS - Mr Sammy Richardson and Miss Alice Robbins were married April 14, 1912. Rev N W Richardson officiating.

DAVISON, ANDRESS - Mr F L Davison and Miss Lany Andress both of this place were united in wedlock on April the 14, 1912. Rev N W Richardson officiating.

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