

MOVING TOWARD THE 20TH CENTURY: 1890 - 1920

Osher Lifelong Learning
Institute, Vanderbilt
University

Class 2 – Tennessee History, 1870
to the present

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LAST WEEK

- Ex-Confederates returned to political power after 1869 and re-wrote the Constitution – Were they trying to restore the old order of Antebellum Tennessee?
- Democrats dominated politics but they often disagreed which allowed a Republican or third-party candidate to get elected Governor.
- Split over how to pay off the state debt

TODAY

- The Democrats will divide again
- Over-crowding in prisons
- Alcohol

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE
FORMER ENSLAVED PEOPLE
AFTER THE CIVIL WAR?

A CONTRABAND CAMP



WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

By the authority of Circular No. 5, dated ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE KY. AND TENN., Nashville, Feb. 26, 1866, I certify that I have this day united B. B.

Manson and Sarah B. (White), colored, in the bonds of matrimony, they having been living together as man and wife ^{since Oct-29, 1843} for about _____ years past.

and have had, as the result thereof, the following children, viz:

<u>John L. W (White) Manson</u>	Aged about	<u>21</u> years.	and in 14 U.S.C.S
<u>Randy James (bo) Manson</u>		<u>20</u>	
<u>Martin Clark (bo) Manson</u>		<u>18</u>	and in 14 U.S.C.S
<u>Robt Dyer (bo) Manson</u>		<u>17</u>	
<u>Elmer Clepton (bo) Manson</u>		<u>16</u>	
<u>Lallie (bo) Manson</u>		<u>14</u>	
<u>Saul (bo) Manson</u>		<u>12</u>	
<u>William boys (bo) Manson</u>		<u>10</u>	
<u>Patsy Agnes (bo) Manson</u>		<u>6</u>	

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in duplicate at office in Lebanon.

Wilson County, Tennessee, April 19, 1866.

S. B. F. C. BARR, Sup't
Wilson County.

18 John's mother was Sarah White
19 I married her on Saturday in Oct
20 about 1844
21 I had not had any wife before
22 I married Sarah White; if she had
23 not had any husband before she
24 married me.
25 We were married on Dr. L. K. White's
26 farm 5 miles from Lebanon Tenn.
27 Rev. Ben White (col) said the
28 marriage ceremony. The wedding
29 ceremony took place on the porch
30 of the parsonage of Sarah. It was
31 with the knowledge and consent
32 of my master and Sarah's master
33 that we were married.
34

Emancipated Slaves, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

By the authority of Circular No. 6, dated ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE K. & N. TENN., Nashville, Feb. 28, 1866. I certify that I have this day united Joseph Province and Mary Province ^{and 1 child to be with} in the bonds of matrimony, (they having been living together as man and wife for about twenty-two years past, and have had, as the result thereof, the following children, viz):

Stephen Province Aged about 15 years. He was sent off with Genl. Helder's company of U. S. troops in 1862 and was held prisoner at Louisville by some of the Helder's aids to Nashville, probably used by the name of bondservant or Chalhouse.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in duplicate at office in Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee, April 1st, 1866.

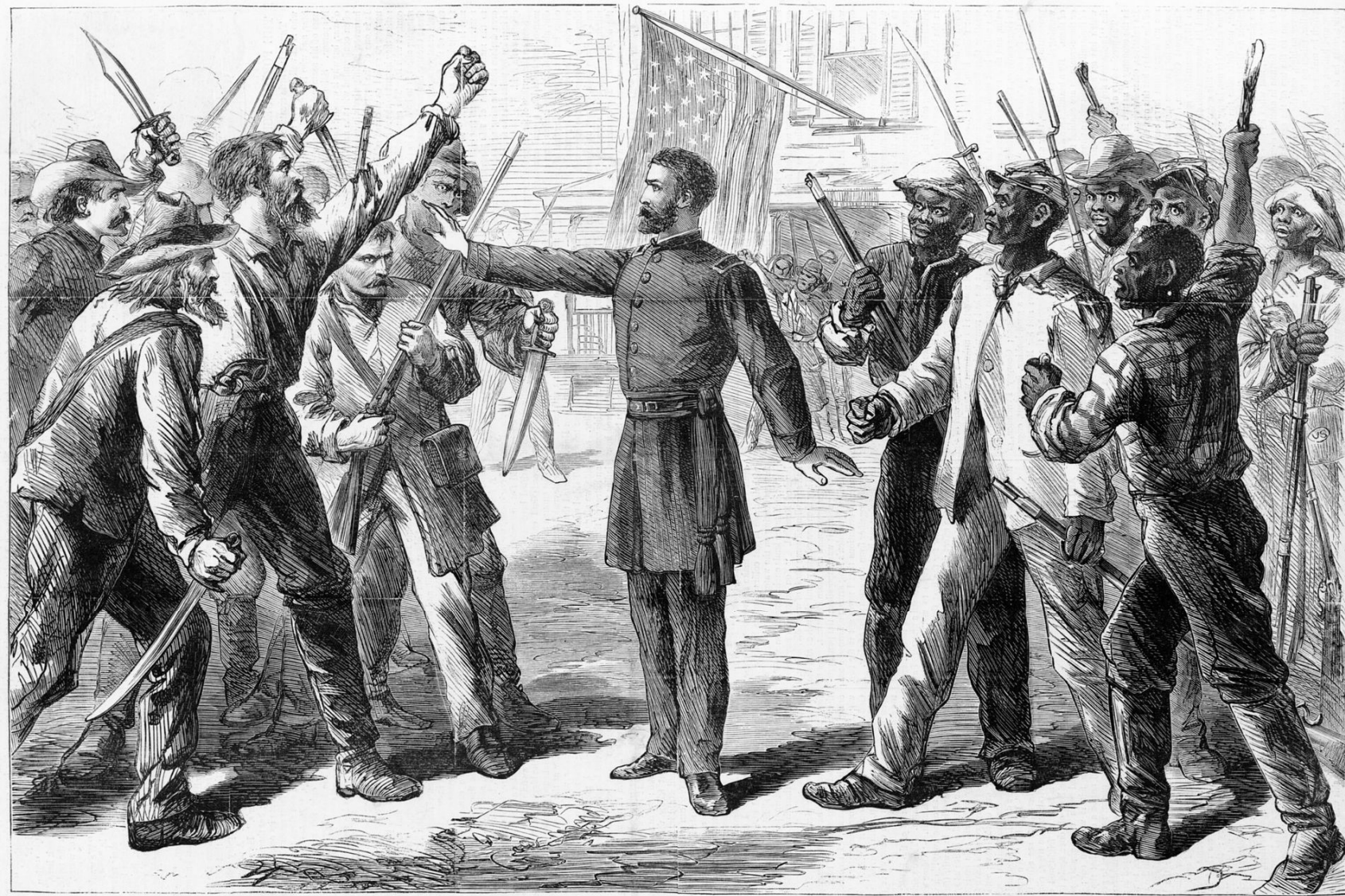
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CERTIFICATE
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Source: <http://www.archives.gov>

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AFTER THE WAR, VIOLENCE
BY WHITES TO BLACKS
INCREASED.



THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.—DRAWN BY A. R. WAUD.—[SEE PAGE 467.]

Source: Harper's
Weekly, 25 July
1868, p. 473

BLACK CODES

Existing Vagrancy & Apprenticeship laws strengthened

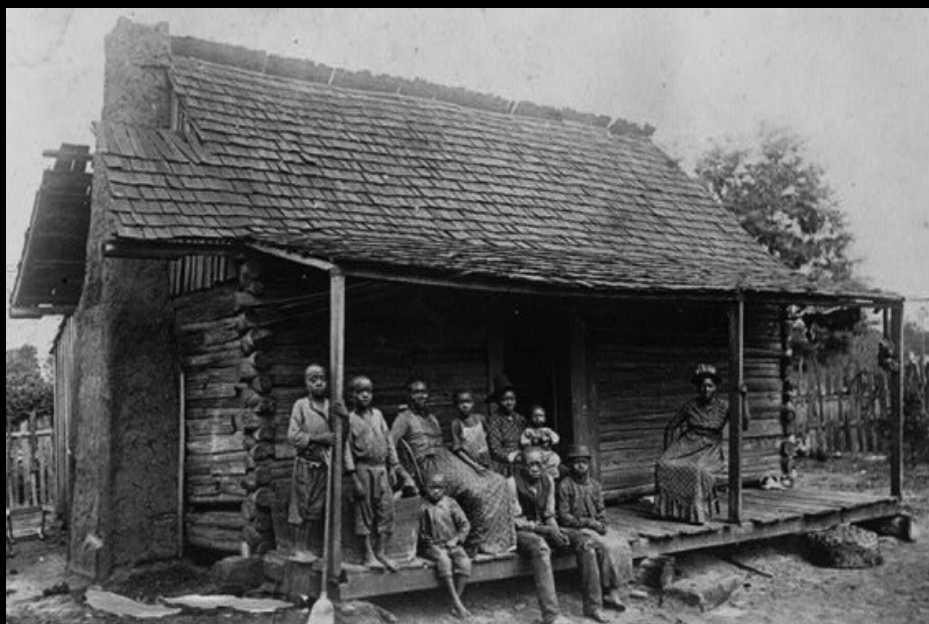
“Punish All Armed Prowlers, Guerilla, Brigands, & Highway Robbers”

Capital punishment for thefts, burglary, and arson

Local officials given “enforcement discretion”

1865-1866 Tennessee Prison Population: Percentage of African-Americans rose from 2% to 33%.

SHARECROPPERS REPLACE ENSLAVED WORKERS



THE PLIGHT OF
THE FARMERS &
COUNTRY
FOLKS



THE PLIGHT OF TENNESSEE FARMERS

Market Prices of Major Crops Grown in Tennessee 1870-1900

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Tobacco	9.70	10.70	13.70	7.30	5.80	9.83	9.12	9.19	8.06	8.50	8.59	8.39	4.59	6.66	5.73	9.15

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Source: United States Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1957: A Statistical Abstract* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1960), 297., 298, 302.

As found in Corlew's *Tennessee: A Short History*.



EARLY STEAM TRACTOR, MURFREESBORO

Source of image of boy with mules: Tennessee State Library & Archives, <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/nineteenth-century-agricultural-re>

Source of image of steam tractor: <https://captainkimo.com/steam-tractor-from-murfreesboro-tennessee/>

GOODLETTSVILLE LAMB & WOOL CLUB, 1877



Source: <https://www.tnhomeandfarm.com/agriculture/tennessee-sheep-flock-stars/>



Marshall County Farmer – Wife Worked Along
Side Husband as Equals
Source: Tennessee State Library & Archives



Farmers Political Rally, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, 1892
Source: Tennessee State Library & Archives

A SOLUTION?

John Price

Buchanan, Tennessee
President of the Farmers Alliance -
Elected Governor, 1890

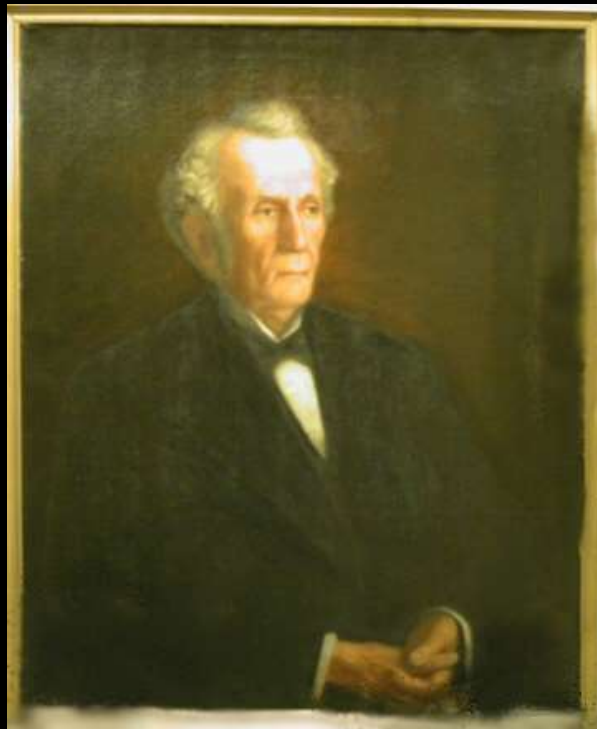


Source: <http://www.tnportraits.org/>

WHY DID THE PRISON POPULATION IN TN DRAMATICALLY RISE AFTER THE EX- CONFEDERATES RETURNED TO POWER?



ARTHUR S. COLYAR, PRESIDENT OF THE TENNESSEE COAL, IRON & RAILROAD COMPANY



Source: www.tnportraits.org



Source: www.oldwesthistorystore.com

Meeting of miners and business leaders at Thistle Switch on 14 July 1891 to plot a course of action to end convict leasing after the Tennessee Coal Mining Company (TCMC) replaced striking miners with convicts at its Tennessee Mine in Briceville. (David R. Thomas in circle)



Five African-American miners with backs to camera (beneficiaries of a "Welsh apprenticeship miner-training program")

Source: Coal Creek Watershed Foundation website:
<http://www.coalcreekaml.com/TNStandards2017.htm>

COAL CREEK, TENNESSEE



Source: Tennessee Blue Book

Chicago Tribune Nov. 3, 1891

TENNESSEE IN A FUROR.

SERIOUS CRISIS IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE.

Another Mob of Miners Attacks the Oliver Springs Branch Prison, Releases the 155 Convicts Confined There, and Leaves the Buildings and Stockades a Mass of Blazing Ruins—Rewards Offered by the Governor for the Capture of the Convicts and the Mob Leaders.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 2.—[Special.]—The State of Tennessee is today confronted by the most serious situation of any in many years. East Tennessee miners, aided by miners from Kentucky, not only have released the 305 convicts at the Briceville and Coal Creek branch

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Convict leasing reminded us of the British practice of arresting young Welshmen for petty crimes and shipping them to the British prison colony in New South Wales, Australia...

The Chattanooga Times

Nov. 6, 1891

During the meeting of the Welsh Eisteddfod in Chattanooga, a secret meeting was held by the miners present, and the convict question discussed. It now transpires that the action of the Briceville men was endorsed, and Tracy City and Whitwell given to understand that they would receive all necessary assistance. It was decided that as soon as Tennessee was rid of convict miners, Alabama men would be assisted in reducing the stockade and prison at Pratt mines...

GOVERNOR
JOHN PRICE
BUCHANAN
CALLED OUT
THE STATE
MILITIA.



MILITIA HILL OVERLOOKING THE TOWN OF COAL CREEK



Source: <http://www.coalcreekaml.com>



Coal Creek miners lost the final battle, but won the war when newly-elected Gov. Peter Turney convinced the legislature to appropriate money to build Brushy Mountain State Prison in Morgan County with a coal mine and coke ovens operated by convicts, thus eliminating the need for convict leasing by replacing that revenue stream...

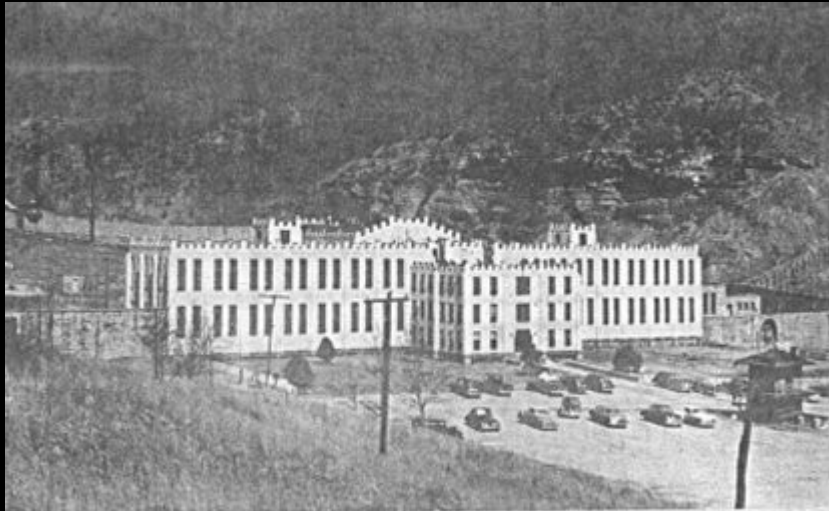
Slavery didn't end in Tennessee with the Civil War, it ended with the Coal Creek War.

The Brushy Mountain Mine continued to yield substantial profits for the state each year until it closed in 1938, when coal reserves were depleted.



Brushy Mountain State Prison in Petros, TN)

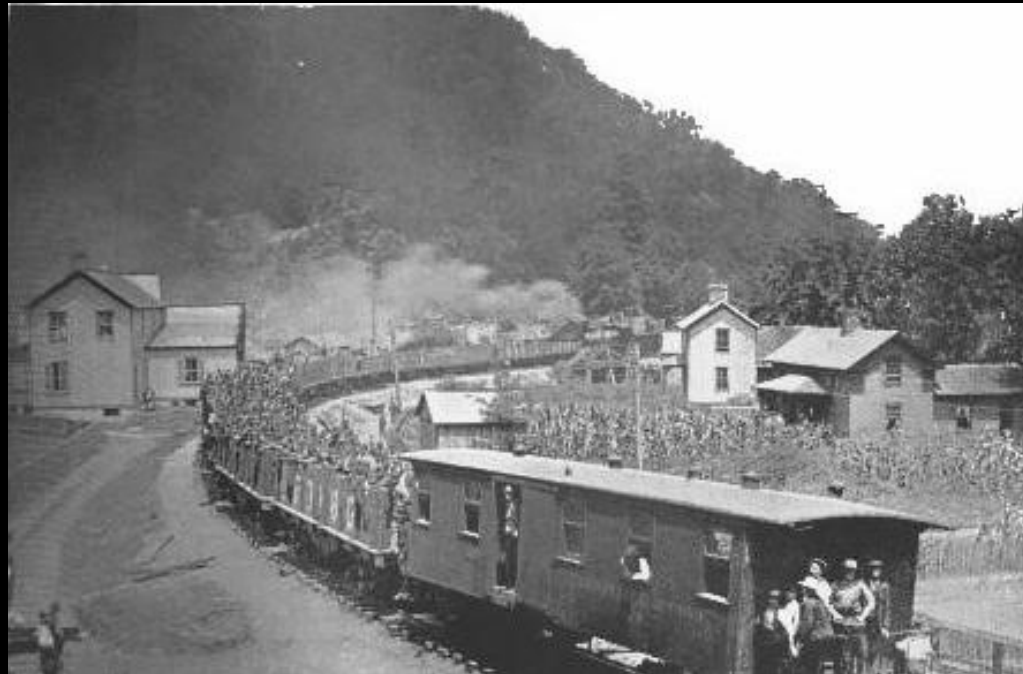
THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN PRISON & TENNESSEE STATE PRISON IN NASHVILLE



Cost of New Prisons?

\$800,000

CONVICTS ON TRAINS LEAVING COAL CREEK VALLEY



Source of Photo: "Tennessee Mining Troubles, *Illustrated American*, vol. 10, #105 (20 February 1892), p. 9

TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS DIVIDE, 1892

**Incumbent Governor
John Buchanan**

Now running as an Independent



<https://tnportraits.org/>

Tennessee Supreme Court Justice

Peter Turney

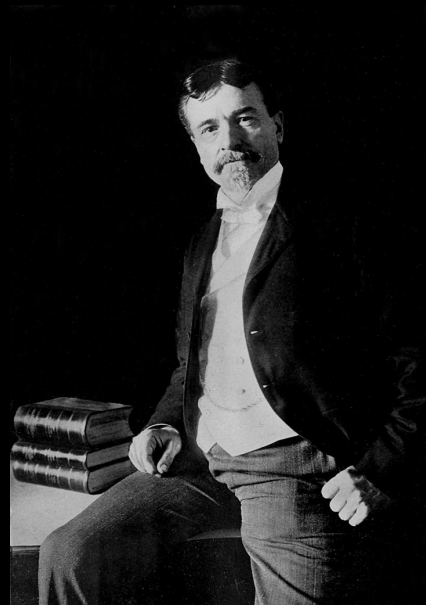
"Put None but the Democrats on Guard"



CANDIDATES FOR TENNESSEE GOVERNOR, 1894



Peter Turney, Democrat



Henry Clay Evans, Republican



Professor A. L. Mims

THE OUTCOME?

- Turney, Democrat: 104,356
- Evans:, Republican: 105,104
- A. L. Mims, Populist: 23,088



Democrats Controlled the General Assembly in 1894

The Outcome:
23,000 votes
primarily from
East Tennessee -
are declared illegal
(voter fraud)

Turney returns to
Governor's Office



ROBERT
LOVE
TAYLOR,
AGAIN



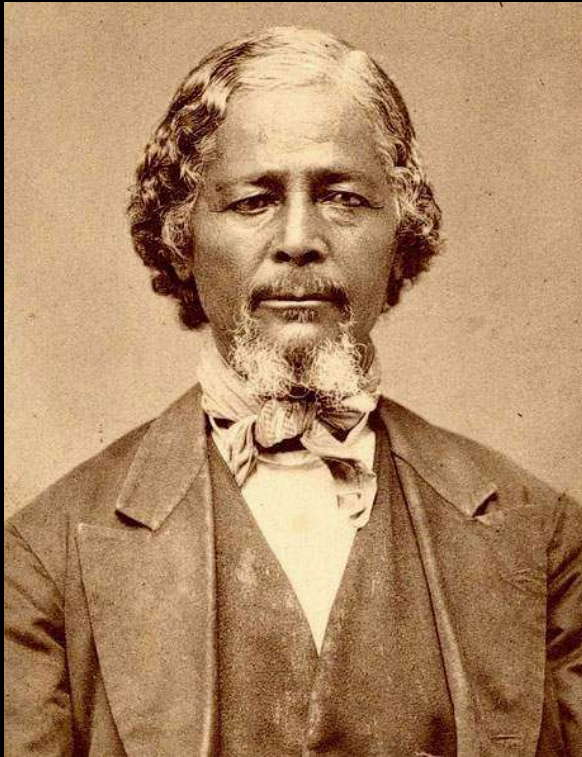


Sharecropping



JIM CROW SEGREGATION COMES TO TENNESSEE

BENJAMIN "PAP" SINGLETON



Ho for Kansas!

Brethren, Friends, & Fellow Citizens:

I feel thankful to inform you that the

REAL ESTATE

AND

Homestead Association,

Will Leave Here the

15th of April, 1878,

In pursuit of Homes in the Southwestern
Lands of America, at Transportation

Rates, cheaper than ever

was known before.

For full information inquire of

**Benj. Singleton, better known as old Pap,
NO. 5 NORTH FRONT STREET.**

*Beware of Speculators and Adventurers, as it is a dangerous thing
to fall in their hands.*

Nashville, Tenn., March 18, 1878.

AllPosters

IDA BELL WELLS



The way to right
wrongs is to turn the
light of truth upon
them.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett

meetville.com



DRIVEN FROM HOME.

The fearless spirit of Ida B. Wells, editor of the *Memphis Free Speech*, has been spoken of in these columns and her bravery commended. Among all civilized people, courage commends itself to brave people, but among barbarians, of the Memphis stripe, her courage was a menace; so these brave chivalrous southern people, made up their minds to drive this plucky little woman out of town. they waited for an opportunity and last week it came.

A RED RECORD.

Tabulated Statistics and Alleged Causes of

Lynchings in the United States,

1892-1893-1894.

Respectfully submitted to the Nineteenth Century civilization in "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

BY
Miss IDA B. WELLS,
128 Clark Street,
CHICAGO.

"Driven from Home."
The Washington Bee (Washington, DC), June 11, 1892

A Red Record. Ida B. Wells (Chicago, 1895).

Source – Library of Congress: Accessed at:
<https://blogs.loc.gov/headlinesandheroes/2020/02/ida-b-wells-and-the-activism-of-investigative-journalism/?loclr=twloc>

FRONT-PAGE NEWS LYNCHINGS

NEGROES LYNCHED BY GEORGIA MOB

ONE HANGED BY HEAVY CHAIN

SECOND HANDCUFFED TO HIM,
SHOT TO DEATH.

Criminal Assault on a 14-Year-Old Girl
the Cause, the Victim Identifying One,
but There Being Much Doubt of Guilt
of the Other.

WAYCROSS, Ga., June 27.—At sun-
down this afternoon two negroes were
lynched on the eastern outskirts of the
city by a mob of at least one thousand
persons. The negroes were Walter Wil-
kins and Albert Baker, who were
brought here this morning from Wayne
County, one of them charged with out-
raging the 14-year-old daughter of
Wiley Wainwright, Thursday evening.
The negroes were lodged in the Ware
County jail during the day, and late
this afternoon were taken out by
Wayne County officers for the purpose
of carrying them to Jesup for safe-
keeping. The negroes were jerked from
the officers and a hundred persons
pounced upon them, others holding the
guards. The negroes were started on
a run across College Hill. For nearly
half a mile the mob dragged them to
the first oak tree in the old Cherokee
nursery. Here an attempt was made
to break the handcuffs which hold the
negroes together, but without avail.
No one had a rope, but a heavy iron
chain, which was locked around one of
the negroes was broken apart and a
loop was soon made around his neck.
Some one mounted the trees and from
the first limb caught the end of the
chain, tying it around the limb, while
others held the alleged rapist up from
the ground. He was then turned loose,
his feet about two feet from the ground.

The other negro, still handcuffed to
the body of the hanging man, stood
with his hands clasped around the tree.
The mob, stepping back about ten
paces, opened fire upon the men, hun-
dreds of shots being fired into the
bodies. Many tried to prevent the kill-
ing of the negro who was clasping the
tree, there being much doubt about his
connection with the outrage.

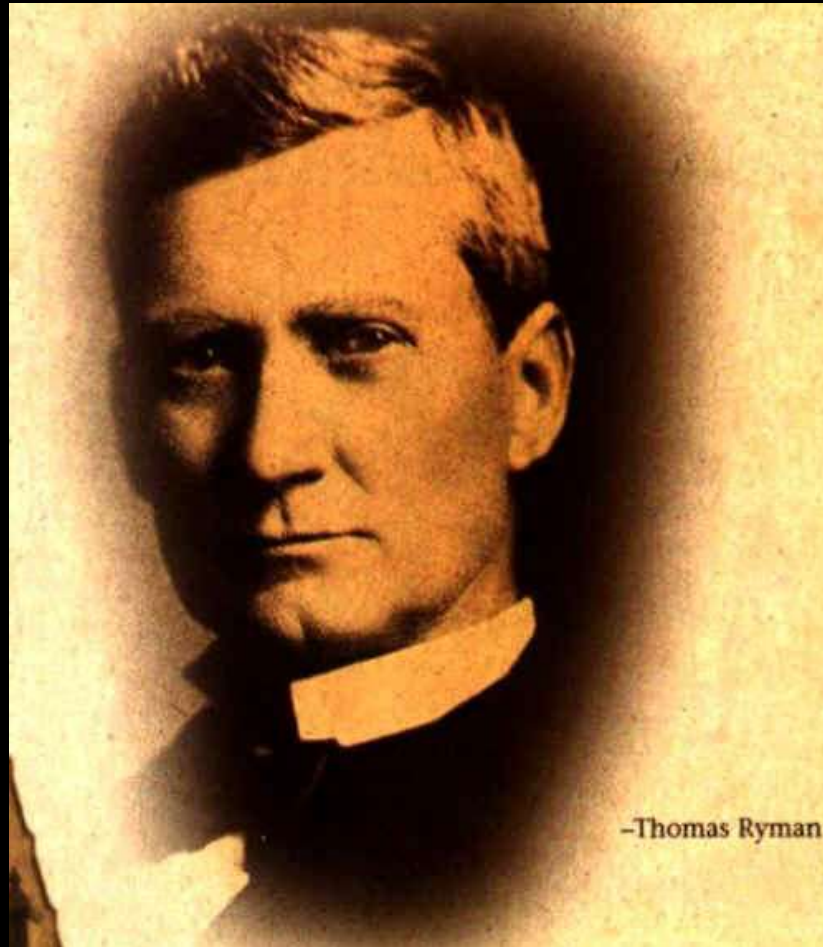
The negro, Albert Baker, was arrest-
ed yesterday morning and carried be-
fore the girl for identification. He
was with several other negroes at the

Nashville American,
28 June 1908, page 1

REVEREND SAM JONES COMES TO NASHVILLE, 1885



CAPTAIN TOM RYMAN



-Thomas Ryman



Captain Tom Ryman

The Union Gospel Tabernacle Completed in 1892.



WHY DID TENNESSEE WANT TO HAVE A WORLD'S FAIR?



CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION



CONFEDERATE VETERANS REUNION, TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION, JUNE 22-24, 1897



TENNESSEE
CENTENNIAL
OPENS MAY 1ST
CONTINUES SIX MONTHS
EXPOSITION
THE NATIONAL EVENT OF
1897
LOWEST ALL FARES
ROADS LEAD TO
NASHVILLE
ISSUED BY
Bureau Promotion and Publicity,
APRIL 1st.
NASHVILLE & BRIDGE CO., NASHVILLE, TENN.

WEEKLY... 10 CENTS

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ALL ROADS LEAD TO NASHVILLE

Defilers of the Last Census Surveying This Way From Far and Near.

INCOMING TRAINS ARE ALL CROWDED

Large Delegations Scheduled to Arrive Within the Next Twenty-Four Hours.

ADM. GEN. MOHRMAN ARRIVES ON THE SCENE

First Provision the State Made for the Veterans Being Made on Their Way Home.

The first signal when the march of the veterans is made... The march is the first signal when the march of the veterans is made...

The veterans are the first signal when the march of the veterans is made... The march is the first signal when the march of the veterans is made...

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ADM. GEN. MOHRMAN

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THE DISTINGUISHED COMMANDER OF THE U. C. V.

Faithfully yours J. B. Gordon

GREAT DAY FOR TEXAS

Flag With the Single Star Flies Over the Capital.

WILL BE A GREAT DAY

That Lightness is Expected to Bring in a Daily This Morning.

COLUMBUS WILL NOT COME

ADM. GEN. MOHRMAN

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JOHNNY REB; HE OWNS THE TOWN

Give the "Good Sheriff" of Houghton From the Remnant of His Army.

CITY'S GATES OPEN; KEYS THROWN AWAY

Thousands of the Old Boys Already Crowded the Busy Thoroughfares.

EVERY TRAIN BRINGS THOUSANDS MORE

Many Delegations Come From All the Neighboring States, With Texas Far in the Lead.

COLUMBUS VISITS AT THE UOON DEPOT

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THREE IMMORTALS—JACKSON, JOHNSTON, LEE.

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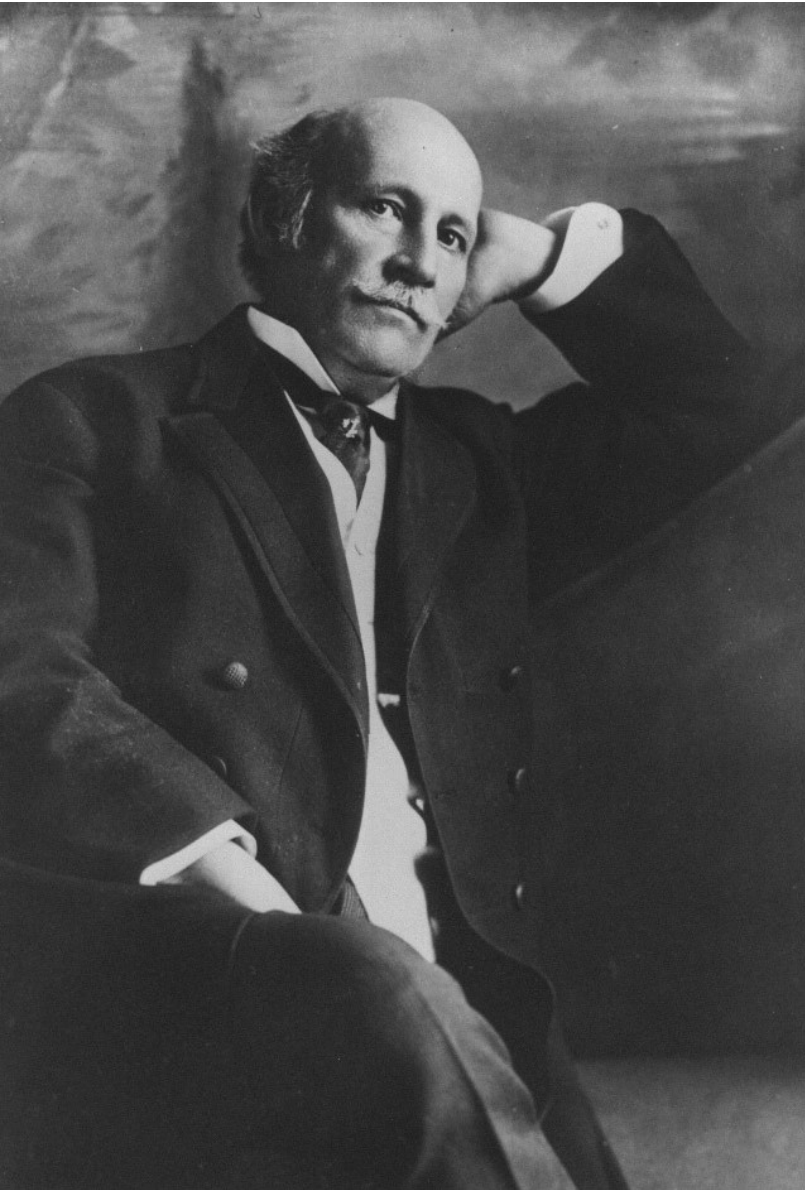
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1897 CONFEDERATE GALLERY



"I DOUBT IF THE WORLD WILL EVER SEE ANOTHER CIVILIZATION AS BRILLIANT AS THAT WHICH PERISHED IN THE SOUTH A THIRD OF A CENTURY AGO. ITS WHITE-COLUMNED MANSIONS UNDER COOL SPREADING GROVES... AND ITS COTTON FIELDS STRETCHING AWAY TO THE HORIZON, ALIVE WITH TOILING SLAVES...; ITS POMP AND PRIDE AND REVELRY; ITS SPLENDID MANHOOD AND THE DAZZLING BEAUTY OF ITS WOMEN, PLACED IT AS THE HIGH TIDE OF EARTHLY GLORY."

GOVERNOR ROBERT LOVE TAYLOR



THE BLACK
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1904

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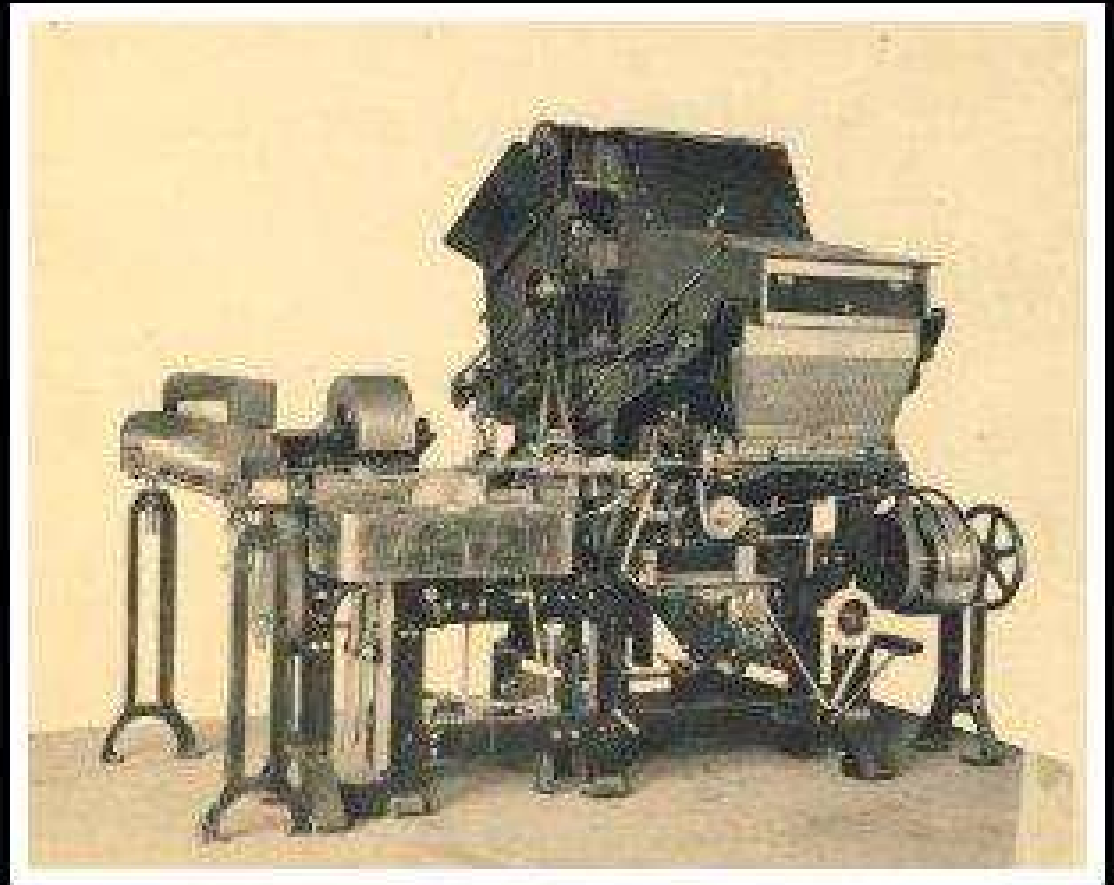
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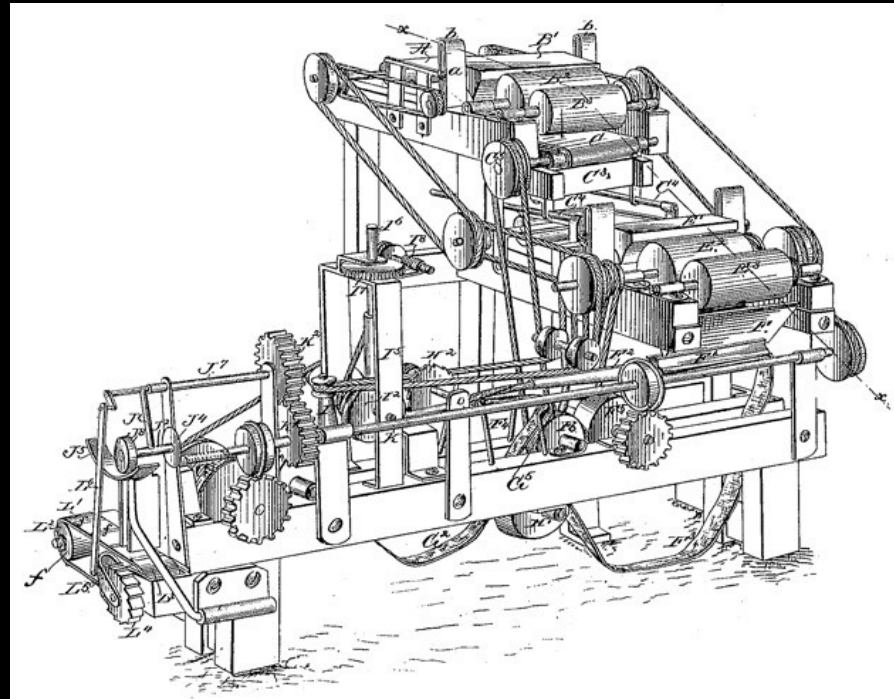
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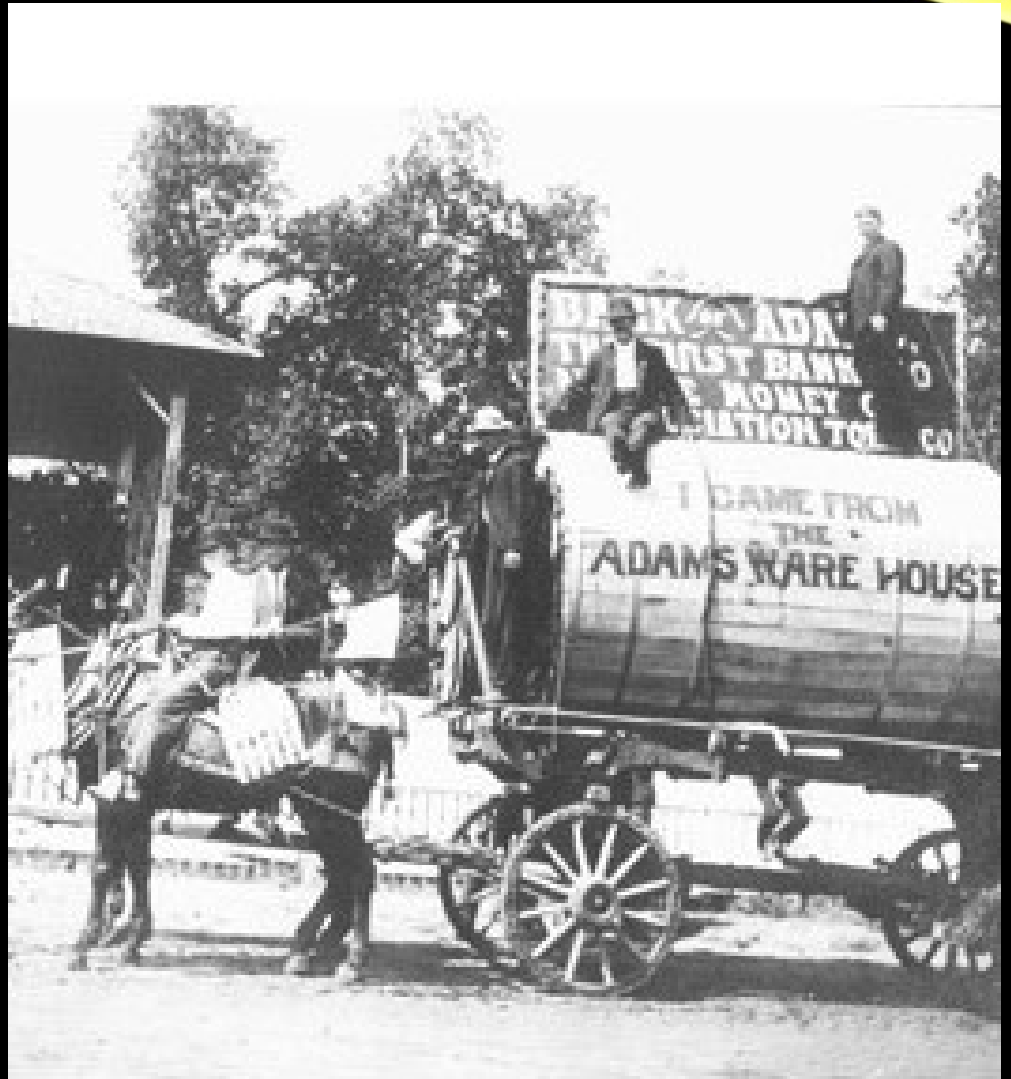
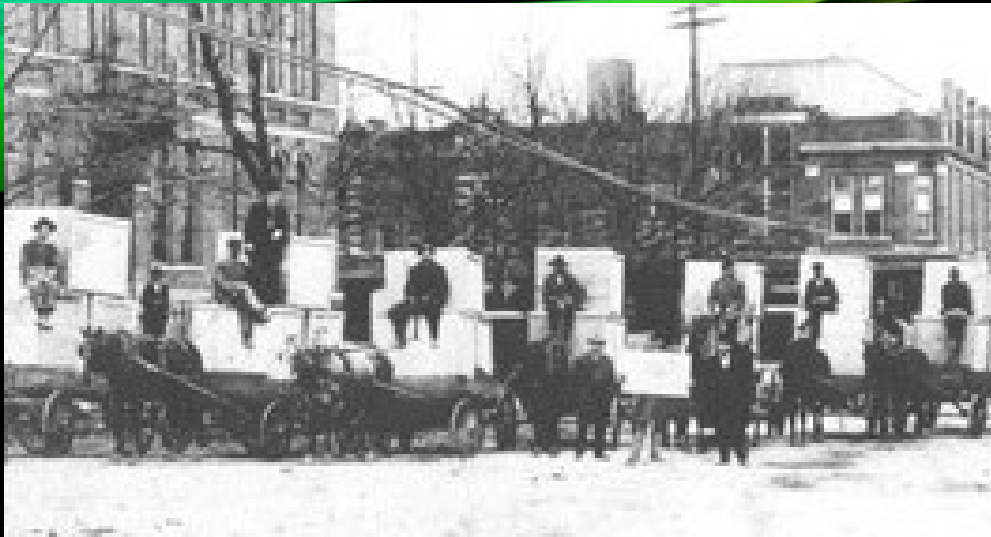


JAMES BUCHANAN DUKE



BLACK PATCH WAR

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- **Their Goal?**
- **Raise prices of tobacco**
- **Robertson County –
Possum Hunters - 1905**



NIGHT RIDERS OUT AGAIN.

Cut Telephone Wires Near Clarksville,
Tenn.—Sawmill Burned.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., July 29.—Night riders, or so it is presumed, were out again last night for the first time in several months. They cut the telephone wires of the Cumberland Company at Half Pond Creek.

Obe Clifton's sawmill a short distance away was destroyed by fire.

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A NIGHT OF HORROR

In Red Glare of Burning Buildings Human Devils Gloat Over Their Wanton Power in the Destruction of Property and Terrorizing of Good Citizens

Shot and Perhaps Fatally Wounded Trooper While Bravely Discharging His Duties and Bravely Assailed Lindsay Mitchell With Bullets of Gas.

THREE LARGE TOBACCO HOUSES IN BURNS

The night of horror which has befallen Louisville is a scene of unparalleled destruction. The city is a mass of flames and smoke, and the air is filled with the sound of the fire engines and the wailing of the sirens. The people are fleeing in all directions, and the streets are filled with the sight of the fire engines and the wailing of the sirens. The night is a scene of unparalleled destruction. The city is a mass of flames and smoke, and the air is filled with the sound of the fire engines and the wailing of the sirens. The people are fleeing in all directions, and the streets are filled with the sight of the fire engines and the wailing of the sirens.

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REELFOOT LAKE, 1908



NIGHT RIDER POSSE, LAKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE



The man seated between the two women is Judge Harris, Tiptonville, Tennessee, principal owner of the West Tennessee Land Company, which owns the major portion of Reelfoot Lake

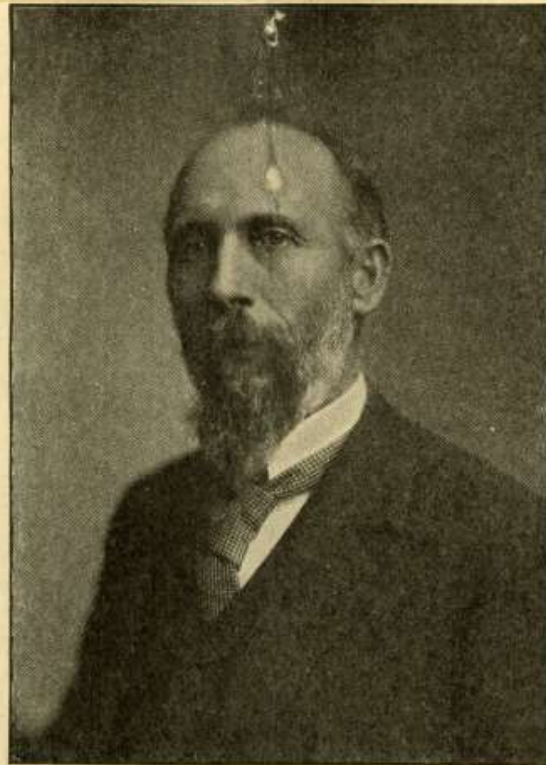


A Masked Nightrider

REELFOOT LAKE NIGHT RIDERS



Captain Quentin Rankin, who was hanged by Tennessee night riders, the night of October 19. Captain Rankin was a veteran of the Spanish War. He was a gallant officer and a highly respected citizen



Colonel R. Z. Taylor, called from his bed by Tennessee night riders and who escaped by resorting to a ruse learned while campaigning with Forrest during the Civil War. He is seventy years old

Pastille and Vicinity
Partly cloudy to-night
and Thursday; con-
tinued warm.

Nashville



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NASHVILLE BANNER, WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21, 1908.

R. Z. TAYLOR ESCAPES DEATH AT HANDS OF NIGHT RIDERS

Reaches Tiptonville This Morning After
Thrilling and Remarkable Expe-
rience, and Tells Story.

JUMPED INTO BAYOU AND
SWAM TO OPPOSITE SIDE

With Body Submerged He Hid Near Log While
Fusillade of Shots Was Fired—Mis-
creants Thought Him Dead.

GOVERNOR AND SOLDIERS ON SCENE

GRAVE CHARGES
MADE BY WORLD

SAYS SHELDON AND OTHER
LEADERS WERE IMPLICATED
WITH MORSE.

Special to the Banner.
Tiptonville, Tenn., October 21.—Mr. R.
Z. Taylor, who escaped from the Night
Riders Monday night, arrived here at 11
o'clock to-day unharmed from his terrible
experience except being weak and ex-
hausted from the hardships through which
he passed.
Mr. Taylor is telling his story, said:
"Monday night Capt. Rankin and I went

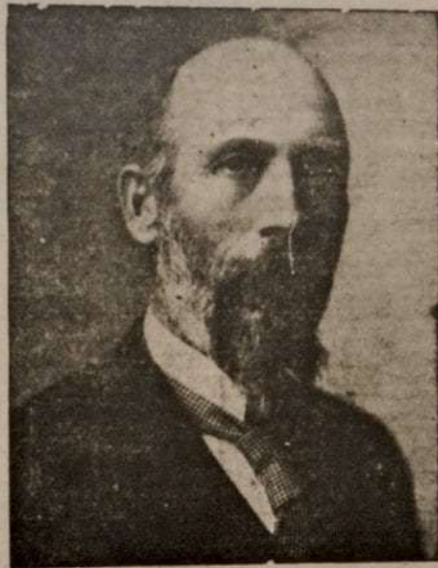
attention was directed, Col. Taylor broke
for freedom. Dashing a few yards to the
bank of a shallow lake of Reelfoot Lake,
he plunged in. A fusillade of bullets fol-
lowed the fugitive whose figure was dimly
discernible in the growing day of ap-
proaching daylight. Wading and swim-
ming, the aged attorney pushed forward.
Bullets and small shot fell on every side,
but none struck true.

Near the bank opposite the Spring
Night Riders Judge Taylor threw up his
hands and pitched forward heavily over
a log, and lay inert. Hundreds of shots
were fired into the log by the Night
Riders to make assurance doubly sure,
but not one penetrated far enough to
injure Col. Taylor. Realized that their
victim had met death and fearing that
the repeated sounds of shots would
arouse too many residents of the neigh-
borhood the Night Riders did not attempt
to cross the slough to examine the body
but left after over 300 shots had been
fired. Col. Taylor, however, lay for
hours in the water, fearing some one had
been left to work. At dawn cautiously
looking up and seeing that his ruse had
been successful Col. Taylor arose and
plunged in the underbrush, to fight his
way to a friendly community.

Avoiding paths which might lead to
some unfriendly clearing, Col. Taylor
pushed his way slowly through the dense
woods, stopping only to take a few min-
utes' rest or to refresh himself from
some clear stream.
For hours he traveled in this manner,
the sun his only guide. When night came
Col. Taylor, still afraid to approach a
house, made his couch on a bed of leaves
and slept until early morning. With the
first rays of the sun he was up and push-
ing onward.

About 8 o'clock Wednesday morning
Col. Taylor, deciding that it would then
be safe for him to make inquiry at a
farm house, followed a path which shortly
led into a rough road.

Within a few minutes the Spring man
came upon the home of Luther Rankin,
overseer for the extensive Harris in-
terests in that section, in what is known
as No. 3 Bottom. Rankin, who is not re-
lated to Col. Taylor's murdered partner,
identified the alighted exhausted man and
after giving him breakfast and dressing
the wounds made by rough break in the
battle through the woods went to the
nearest telephone and sent a message to
Tiptonville with the news that Col. Taylor



MR. R. Z. TAYLOR OF TRENTON,
Who Reached Tiptonville This Morning After His Remarkable Escape
From Night Riders Monday Night—A Confederate Soldier Under Fer-
rest. Photo by Trust.



TENNESSEE MILITIA MOVING THREE OF THE PRISONERS TO UNION CITY



DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING
EXTRA TO ADD FROM YOUR
FAMILY HISTORY ABOUT
THESE STORIES?

Do you have any questions?
If so, please let us hear from you.

PROHIBITION BECAME A NATIONAL ISSUE AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY? WHY?



**IMMIGRATION,
Yes. BUT....**



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

If you have questions or comments, let me hear from you.

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