



Montgomery's of Dunbar and Shady Grove

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Shortly after the Indian cessation of West Tennessee in 1818, the Montgomery family moved to the southeastern part of West Tennessee. The earliest Montgomery in the area seems to be John Montgomery who is listed in the 1820 census in Perry County, Tennessee. There are no known descendants of John Montgomery so his connection with the Montgomery family is not known. There were no other Montgomery's listed in the 1820 census in Perry, Wayne or Hardin Counties. The earliest Montgomery settlers in the area with known descendants are David Montgomery of the Dunbar area of Perry (now Decatur) County and James Montgomery of the Shady Grove area of Hardin County. They both arrived in the area between 1820 and 1830 and lived within 10 miles of each other in these adjoining counties. James Montgomery and his brother Joseph are listed in the 1830 Hardin Co. census. It is not known if all of these Montgomery's are related, but it is quite possible that they are due to their geographical and chronological proximity.

James Montgomery was born in 1798 in Tennessee or Virginia. He fought with General Andrew Jackson's forces against the Creek Indians in the War of 1812. He was with Col. James Hardin and Solomon Brazelton at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River in Alabama on March 27, 1814. He received the rank of Major as a result of his service. In 1824, Major James Montgomery moved to Hardin Co. TN. He landed his boat near the Lick Ford on White Oak Creek, and settled with his family on a spot one-half mile north-west of Shady Grove Church. Some time during 1824, he built a horse-powered mill on the west side of the river. His brother in law, Jesse W. Holland erected a tan yard near by.

All but one of James Montgomery's siblings moved to Hardin Co. by the 1830's. The 1833 state census lists brothers James, Joseph and Thomas. An 1838 land transaction recorded in Hardin Co. reveals that James and his brothers and sisters probably lived in Sumner Co. TN before moving to Hardin Co. In this transaction, James Montgomery, Joseph Montgomery, Thomas J. Montgomery, Jesse W. Holland and his wife Mary (Polly) Montgomery, Jno. (John) J. Jackson and his wife Emily G. Montgomery signed a deed to sell land in Sumner Co. TN to their brother Stephen Montgomery. Thomas sold his land in Hardin Co. to Guy S. Hale and left for Mississippi about this same time.

In 1840, Major James Montgomery was one of the first school directors of the twelfth district along with Solomon Brazelton, Davidson Alexander, and two others. Major James Montgomery has left a rich legacy in Hardin Co. with his descendants including legislators, doctors, merchants, blacksmiths and farmers in Hardin and Henderson counties.

David's sons, William and Hugh Montgomery are listed in the 1830 Perry County census. In the 1850 census, David was 79 years old indicating that he was born in 1771 in what was then the Tennessee Territory. David died some time after the 1850 census. David is believed to be the progenitor of the many Montgomery's born in Decatur Co. TN.

The descendants of James and David Montgomery have been researched and the first two generations are presented below. Research is continuing to locate their ancestors. This research includes research of written records as well as genealogical DNA testing. More detailed information is available at www.30504.com. Details of the Montgomery surname DNA project may be found at www.posmenat.org.

Document shown at right - land transaction filed in Hardin County, Tennessee.

"Stephen Montgomery his heirs and assigns forever & the said James Montgomery, Joseph Montgomery, Thomas J. Montgomery, Jesse W. Holland & Polly Holland his wife, late Montgomery, Jno. J. Jackson and Emily G. Jackson his wife late Montgomery for themselves, their heirs, Exec. & adm doth convey..."

187 that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars to them in hand paid by the said Stephen Montgomery the receipt whereof hereby we have signed both this day bargained and sold & conveyed by these presents doth bargain sell and convey unto the said Stephen Montgomery all of a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Lawrence and bounded as follows to wit Beginning on the North of N. Lewis Corner on the South by James M. Lovelady on the East by Thomas Harvey and on the North by N. Dice the corners are distances as recited. Containing by Estimation Eighty nine Acres be the same more or less have and to hold the above described tract of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto the said Stephen Montgomery his heirs and assigns forever & the said James Montgomery Joseph Montgomery Thomas J. Montgomery Jesse W. Holland & Polly Holland his wife late Montgomery Jno. J. Jackson and Emily G. Jackson his wife late Montgomery for themselves their heirs Exec. & adm doth convey unto the said Stephen Montgomery all title interest & claim which we have or may have in & to the above described tract of land and cannot warrant the title any further In testimony whereof the party of the first part hath hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals this day & date first at one million

James Montgomery
 Joseph Montgomery
 Thomas J. Montgomery
 Jesse W. Holland
 Polly Holland
 Jno. J. Jackson
 Emily G. Jackson
 Mary Holland

Major James Montgomery of Shady Grove, Hardin Co. TN

1. Major JAMES¹ MONTGOMERY was born about 1798 in Tennessee or Virginia, and died between 1850 - 1860. He married (1) ?. She was born between 1800 - 1810. He married (2) ELIZABETH ? after 1840. She was born about 1819 in Alabama, and died after 1860.

It is not clear which children belong to which wife. I have grouped them based on the children from the 1840 census.

1830 census, Hardin Co. TN

1833 special census, Hardin Co., TN, #817

1840 census, District 12, Hardin Co. TN

1850 census, Dwelling 77-77, District 13, Hardin Co. TN

Occupation: 1850, Blacksmith

1830 Census Hardin Co., Tenn.
3 males 5-10
1 male 15-20
1 male 30-40 - James
1 female 20-30

1833 Special census,
Hardin Co., Tenn.
All males 18 years and older
James Montgomery #817

1850 Census - Hardin Co., Tenn. 13 CD 77-77
December 10, 1850

James Montgomery	52 M	Blacksmith	\$1200	Tenn
Elizabeth Montgomery	37 F			Alabama 12
Alfred Montgomery	23 M	Laborer		Tenn
William Montgomery	22 M	Laborer		Tenn
James A. Montgomery	20 M	Laborer		Tenn
John Montgomery	18 M	Laborer		Tenn 11
Madison Montgomery	14 M	Laborer		Tenn 11
Mary L. Montgomery	12 F			Tenn
Catherine Montgomery	10 F			Tenn
Joseph Montgomery	6 M			Tenn 11
Emily E. Montgomery	3 F			Tenn
Cynthia C. Montgomery	1 F			Tenn
Mary A. Jergan	12 F			Tenn 11
Richard R. Jergan	10 M			Tenn 11
Jiras? Holland	18 F			Tenn
Martha A. Holland	13 F			Tenn 11
Isabella Holland	17 F			Tenn

1840 census
Hardin Co., Tenn.
1 male under 5
2 males 5-10
2 males 10-15
1 male 40-50 - James
2 females under 5
1 female 30-40

1850
Census
Hardin
County,
Tennessee

Children of JAMES MONTGOMERY and ? are:

2. i. ALFRED² MONTGOMERY, b. about 1827, Tennessee.
3. ii. WILLIAM B. MONTGOMERY, b. December 01, 1828, Tennessee; d. April 06, 1894, Hardin Co. TN.
- iii. JAMES A. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1830, Tennessee; m. ELIZA PICKENS, February 10, 1863, Hardin Co. TN.
4. iv. JOHN ANDERSON MONTGOMERY, b. June 28, 1833, Tennessee; d. September 21, 1900, Hardin Co. TN.
5. v. MADISON MONTGOMERY, b. about 1836, Tennessee.
- vi. MARY L. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1838, Tennessee.
- vii. CATHERINE MONTGOMERY, b. about 1840, Tennessee.

Children of JAMES MONTGOMERY and ELIZABETH ? are:

- viii. JOSEPH² MONTGOMERY, b. about 1844, Tennessee.
- ix. EMILY ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY, b. September 01, 1847, Tennessee; d. September 13, 1872.
- x. CORDELIA CYNTHIA MONTGOMERY, b. about 1849, Tennessee.
6. xi. THOMAS F. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1853, Tennessee.

Generation No. 2

2. ALFRED² MONTGOMERY (*JAMES*¹) was born about 1827 in Tennessee. He married MARY A. ?. She was born about 1837 in Tennessee.
1850 census, Dwelling 77-77, District 13, Hardin Co. TN (see page 17)
1860 census, Dwelling 1439, District 13, Hardin Co. TN
Occupation: 1860, Blacksmith

1860
Census
Hardin
County,
Tennessee

1860 Census - Hardin County, Tenn. 13th CD 1439-1492			
Sept. 28, 1860		Saltillo Post Office	
Alfred Montgomery	38 M Blacksmith	\$400	Tenn
Mary A. Montgomery	23 F		Tenn
Nancy A. Montgomery	4 F		Tenn
Emily E. Montgomery	4 F		Tenn
James W. Montgomery	3 M		Tenn
John M. Montgomery	10m M		Tenn

Children of ALFRED MONTGOMERY and MARY ? are:

- i. NANCY A.³ MONTGOMERY, b. about 1856, Tennessee.
- ii. EMILY E. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1856, Tennessee.
- iii. JAMES W. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1857, Tennessee.
- iv. JOHN M. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1860, Tennessee.

3. WILLIAM B.² MONTGOMERY (*JAMES*¹) was born December 1, 1828 in Tennessee, and died April 6, 1894 in Hardin Co. TN . He married PERNECY WHITE about 1853 in Tennessee. She was born about 1835 in North Carolina, and died September 22, 1886.

...nearer Saltillo, five Montgomery brothers grew up: Houston, Reuben, John, Arthur S., and James Wesley Montgomery, the latter becoming a doctor. It was John Montgomery whose near-fatal surgery was done around 1900 by Dr. Crook of Jackson and our Dr. W. B. Keeton.
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Dr. Crook's surgery on John Montgomery is described in the article "A Surgical Reminiscence of Forty Years Ago" on page 30 of this issue of the *Hardin County Historian*.

Burial: Shady Grove II
Cemetery, Hardin Co. TN

1850 census, Dwelling 77-77
District 13, Hardin Co. TN
(refer to page 16)

1860 Census - Hardin County, Tenn. 13th CD 1440-1493			
Sept. 28, 1860	Saltillo Post Office		
W.B. Montgomery	32 M Laborer	\$1000/\$707	Tenn
Pernecy Montgomery	25 F		N.C.
Elizabeth F. Montgomery	6 F		Tenn 12
James W. Montgomery	4 M	1860	Tenn
Melissa A. Montgomery	3 M	Census	Tenn
Dicy J. Montgomery	2 F	Hardin	Tenn
Wm. C. Montgomery	6m M	County,	Tenn
Catherine Montgomery	21 F	Tennessee	Tenn

1870 Census - Hardin County, Tenn. 13th CD 73-69 August 2, 1870 Savannah PO			
William Montgomery	41 M Farmer	\$1500/\$1000	Tenn
Pernice Montgomery	32 F Keeping House		N.C.
Elizabeth Montgomery	16 F		Tenn 15 (attended school within year)
James Montgomery	14 M Works on farm		Tenn 15 (attended school within year)
Dicy J. Montgomery	11 F		Tenn 15 (attended school within year)
William Montgomery	9 M		Tenn
Margaret Montgomery	7 F		Tenn
John Montgomery	5 M		Tenn
Joseph Montgomery	4 M		Tenn
Arthur Montgomer	2 M		Tenn
			1870 Census
			HardinCounty,
			Tennessee

1880
Census
Hardin
County,
Tenn

1880 Census - Hardin County, Tenn. 13th CD 149-155 June 17, 1880			
W.B. Montgomery	WM 52 Head Farmer		TN TN TN
Pernecy Montgomery	WF 45 Wife Keeping House		NC NC NC
William H. Montgomery	WM 20 Son Farm Laborer		TN TN TN
Margaret A. Montgomery	WF 17 Daug Unemployed		TN TN TN
John A. Montgomery	WM 15 Son Farm Laborer		TN TN TN
Joseph R. Montgomery	WM 13 Son Farm Laborer		TN TN TN
Arthur S. Montomgery	WM 12 Son Farm Laborer		TN TN TN
Charley L. Montgomery	WM 8 Son		TN TN TN
Robert S. Montgomery	WM 7Son		TN TN TN
M. Presley	WF 12 Lives with family House Worker		TN TN TN

Children of WILLIAM MONTGOMERY and PERNECY WHITE are:

- i. ELIZABETH F.³ MONTGOMERY, b. about 1854, Tennessee.
- ii. JAMES WESLEY MONTGOMERY, b. November 2, 1855, Hardin Co. TN; d. June 25, 1914 ; m. TINY ELIZABETH ROSS, October 13, 1878, Hardin Co. TN; b. March 10, 1860, Tennessee; d. July 22, 1928, Lexington, Henderson Co. TN .

Montgomery, Dr. John Wesley, was a distant relative of our many early Montgomerys. Born in 1855, he like so many others, was largely self-trained. He married Tiny Roy who was born just as Civil War clouds gathered (1860). His practice was mostly around Shady Grove between Sardis and Saltillo. He made occasional calls to our area. Children who reached maturity were: Clara (Mrs. Lester) Johnson; Hillery (married Minnie Duck); Pearl (Mrs. Columbus-Lum) Jones; Erma (Mrs. Will) Ross; and Homer (married Tinsie Stanfill). Granddaughters living here are: Rhee (Mrs. Floyd) Allen and Maggie (Mrs. Ozro) Millner.

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- iii. DIXIE JOSEPHINE MONTGOMERY, b. February 5, 1859, Hardin Co. TN; d. September 24, 1921, Dyer Co. TN; m. JESSEE ROY, December 3, 1887, Hardin Co. TN; b. about 1857, Tennessee.
- iv. WILLIAM HOUSTON MONTGOMERY, b. May 1, 1860, Tennessee; d. January 29, 1942; m. (1) DORA KENT; b. September 13, 1859; d. July 28, 1899 ; m. (2) JUDIE V. NEWBILL, October 17, 1901; b. August 24, 1871, near McLemoresville, Carroll Co. TN; d. May 3, 1929.
- v. MARGARET P. MONTGOMERY, b. October 06, 1862, Tennessee; d. January 13, 1891.
- vi. JOHN ALFRED MONTGOMERY, b. May 25, 1865, Hardin Co. TN; d. December 20, 1939, Sardis, TN ; m. (1) OLLIE MAE MITCHELL, 1892; b. September 17, 1874; d. January 19, 1927 ; m. (2) MAUDE CARTER.

Montgomery, John (*The Lexington Progress, January 5, 1940*) Goes to His Reward: John Montgomery, aged 74 years, died December 21, 1939, in his home at Sardis. He was born in Hardin County, and there spent his life as an honorable citizen until last May when he moved to Sardis. He was married in 1892 to Miss Ollie Mitchell and of seven children born to this union, six survive: Tom Montgomery, Savannah; Mrs. Maggie Irvin, Bolivar; Mrs. Alma Powers, Selmer; Mrs. Bertie Presley, Sardis; Mrs. Ora May Nolen, Saltillo; and Miss Helen Montgomery of Florida. His first wife died some years ago, and he then married Mrs. Maude Carter of Saltillo. Besides his immediate family, he is survived three brothers, Houston of Henderson, Reuben of Jackson, and Arthur of Lexington. Interment was at Shady Grove Cemetery.

- vii. JOSEPH REUBEN MONTGOMERY, b. August 1866, Tennessee; d. Aft. 1948, Jackson, Madison Co. TN; m. DENIA ?; b. June 1867, Tennessee.
- viii. ARTHUR SEBASTIAN MONTGOMERY, b. April 4, 1868, Tennessee; d. May 2, 1943; m. ALLIE VIRGINIA KENT; b. November 26, 1871, Tennessee; d. September 27, 1949.

Montgomery, Arthur S. (*The Lexington Progress*, May 7, 1943) Dies in Jackson: Arthur S. Montgomery, aged 75 years, died May 2, 1943, at the Fitts-White clinic in Jackson. He was a life-long resident of Henderson County having been reared in the Sardis community where, after leaving the farm, he was in business with his brothers, W. H. and J. R. Montgomery. After retiring from the mercantile business in Sardis, he became cashier of the Sardis Bank, later moving to Lexington where he was connected for a short time with the old Citizens Bank of Lexington. In about 1925 with his son, Lloyd as a partner, he purchased the business of his brother, J. R. Montgomery, and since that time has operated one of Lexington's most successful business establishments.

Mr. Montgomery served Henderson and Madison Counties in the Legislature for two terms (1917-1921). Since a young man he has been active in politics. He was a Democrat and has since living in Lexington showed interest in every state and national campaign. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and when his health would permit was a regular attendant at the services at that church. Reverend Comer Hastings conducted his funeral service at the Methodist Church followed by interment at Lexington Cemetery. Mr. Montgomery is survived by his wife, Mrs. Allie Kent Montgomery, one son, Lloyd, and two grandchildren, Gerald Lloyd and Dorothy Jean Montgomery. A brother, J. R. Montgomery, lives in Jackson.

- ix. CHARLEY L. MONTGOMERY, b. April 11, 1871, Tennessee; d. December 3, 1899 ; m. MAGGY KENT, March 31, 1895, Henderson Co. TN; b. March 24, 1874, Tennessee; d. December 17, 1930 .
 - x. ROBERT S. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1873, Tennessee.
4. JOHN ANDERSON² MONTGOMERY (*JAMES*¹) was born June 28, 1833 in Tennessee, and died September 21, 1900 in Hardin Co. TN. He married SARAH ELIZABETH PARKER January 21, 1866 in Hardin Co. TN, daughter of REDMON PARKER and SARAH PICKENS. She was born December 12, 1845 in Hardin, Co. TN, and died March 12, 1924 in Henderson Co. TN.
- Burial: Shady Grove II Cemetery, Hardin Co. TN
- 1850 census, 13th CD 77-77, Hardin Co. TN (see page 17)
- 1860 census, 13th CD 1436-1489, Hardin Co. TN (see page 22)
- 1870 census, 13h CD 67-67, Henderson Co., Tenn. (see page 22)
- 1880 census, 13th CD 61-63, Henderson Co. TN (see page 22)
- 1900 census, 13th CD 32-32, Henderson Co. TN (see page 22)

1860 Census - Hardin County, Tenn. 13th CD 1436-1489 Sept. 28, 1860

Saltillo Post Office

Elizabeth Montgomery	F	Farming	\$1200/\$600	Ala	13
Mary L. Montgomery	22	F		Tenn	13
Joseph Montgomery	16	M		Tenn	
Emily E. Montgomery	14	F		Tenn	12
Cynthia C. Montgomery	10	F		Tenn	12
Thos F. Montgomery	7	M		Tenn	
Richard Jeargin	20	M	Farmer	Tenn	
John Montgomery	29	M	Farmer \$1000/\$1000	Tenn	
Madison Montgomery	24	M	Farmer /\$300	Tenn	

1860 Census
Hardin County,
Tennessee

1870 Census
Henderson
Co., Tennessee

1870 Census - Henderson County, Tenn. 13th CD 67-67

August 10, 1870 Lexington PO

John Montgomery	35	MW	Farmer	\$1600/\$1500	Tenn
Sarah Montgomery	24	FW			Tenn
James M. Montgomery	3	MW			Tenn
Mary A. Montgomey	1	FW			Tenn

1880
Census
Henderson
County,
Tennessee

1880 Census - Henderson Co., Tenn. 13th CD 61-63 June 8, 1880

John Montgomery	46	WM	Farmer	Tenn	Va	Va
Sarah E. Montgomery	37	WF	Wife	Housekeeper	Tenn	Tenn
James M. Montgomery	13	WM	Son	works on farm	Tenn	Tenn
Mary A. Montgomery	11	WF	Daughter	in house	Tenn	Tenn
Elizabeth Montgomery	8	WF	Daughter		Tenn	Tenn
William J. Montgomery	7	WM	Son		Tenn	Tenn
Sarah I. Jeargin	4	WM	Daughter		Tenn	Tenn
John A. Montgomery	1	WM	Son		Tenn	Tenn

1900 Census Henderson County, Tennessee

1900 Census - Henderson Co., Tenn. 13th CD 32-32 June 4, 1900

John Montgomery	Head	WM	June 1833	66	M	24	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	Farmer
Sarah C. Montgomery	Wife	WF	Dec 1845	54	M	24	9	6	Tenn	Tenn
Ider C. Montgomery	Daug	WF	Jan 1880	21	S				Tenn	Tenn

Children of JOHN MONTGOMERY and SARAH PARKER are:

- i. JAMES M.³ MONTGOMERY, b. about 1867.
- ii. MARY A. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1869.
- iii. ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY, b. about 1872.
- iv. WILLIAM J. MONTGOMERY, b. May 7, 1873, Tennessee; d. March 20, 1951; m. CLEMMIE E. CRAIG, March 14, 1895, Henderson Co. TN; b. December 17, 1876, Tennessee; d. December 21, 1966.
- v. SARAH J. MONTGOMERY, b. September 20, 1875, Henderson Co. TN; d. March 20, 1906, Henderson Co. TN; m. FRANCIS SWAIN HARDIN, November 5, 1893, Henderson Co. TN; b. January 12, 1870, Hardin Co. TN; d. December 8, 1952, Route 7, Jackson, Madison Co. TN.
- vi. JOHN ANDERSON MONTGOMERY, b. November 28, 1878, Tennessee; d. May 04, 1953; m. ARTIE (MISSIE) CLARK, March 19, 1899, Henderson Co., Tennessee; b. November 6, 1878, Tennessee; d. May 18, 1944.
- vii. IDER E. MONTGOMERY, b. 1880, Tennessee.

5. MADISON² MONTGOMERY (*JAMES*¹) was born about 1836 in Tennessee. He married MARY ?. She was born about 1836 in Tennessee.

1850 census, 13th CD 77-77, Hardin Co. TN (see page 17)

1860 census, 13th CD 1436-1489, Hardin Co., TN (see page 22)

1870 census, 13th CD 27-27, Hardin Co. TN

1880 census, 13th CD 214-228, Hardin Co. TN

1870
Census
Decatur
County,
Tennessee

1870 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 1st CD 027-027

Aug. 25, 1870

Madison Montgomery	35 MW	Farmer	\$1000/\$800	Tenn
Mary Montgomery	34 FW	Keeping House		Tenn
Thomas Montgomery	16 MW	Works on farm		Tenn
Tennessee Montgomery	8 FW			Tenn
Jane Montgomery	7 FW			Tenn
Albert Montgomery	4 MW			Tenn

1880 Census - Henderson Co., Tenn. 13th CD 214-228 June , 1880

Madison Montgomery	44 WM	Farmer	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn
Mary Montgomery	44 WF	Wife	Housekeeper	Tenn	Tenn
Tennessee E. Montgomery	18 WF	Daug	Unemployed	Tenn	Tenn
James G. Montgomery	17 WM	Son	Helps on farm	Tenn	Tenn
William A. Montgomery	14 WM	Son	Farm Laborer	Tenn	Tenn
Elizabeth A. Montgomery	9 WF	Daug		Tenn	Tenn
Joseph L. Montgomery	7 WM	Son		Tenn	Tenn
Allis C. Montgomery	3 WF	Daug		Tenn	Tenn

1880
Census
Henderson
County,
Tennessee

Children of MADISON MONTGOMERY and MARY ? are:

- i. TENNESSEE E. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1862, Tennessee.
- ii. JAMES G. MONTGOMERY, b. April 10, 1863, Tennessee; d. December 17, 1907.
- iii. WILLIAM A. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1864, Tennessee.
- iv. ELIZABETH A. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1871, Tennessee.
- v. JOSEPH L. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1873, Tennessee.
- vi. ALLIS C. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1877, Tennessee.

6. THOMAS F.² MONTGOMERY (*JAMES*¹) was born about 1853 in Tennessee. He married SARAH F. ?. She was born about 1856 in Mississippi.

1860 census, 13th CD 1436-1489, Hardin Co. TN (see page 22)

Children of THOMAS MONTGOMERY and SARAH ? are:

- i. ELIZABETH A.³ MONTGOMERY, b. about 1876.
- ii. ELENTE MONTGOMERY, b. about 1878.
- iii. TENNESSEE C. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1880.

David Montgomery of Dunbar, Decatur Co. TN

1. DAVID¹ MONTGOMERY was born 1771 in Tennessee, and died Aft. 1850. He married (1) ?. He married (2) HARRIET ?. She was born about 1802 in South Carolina.

1830 census, Perry Co. TN, page 236

1840 census Perry Co., TN

1850 census, Dwelling 120, District 1, Decatur Co. TN

Occupation: 1850, Laborer

1850 Census - Decatur County, Tennessee, 1st CD 120-120

October 28, 1850

David Montgomery	79 M Laborer \$150	Tennessee	12
Harriet Montgomery	48 F	N. Carolina	12
J.G. Montgomery	20 M Laborer	N. Carolina	
Susan Montgomery	15 F	N. Carolina	
Nancy Montgomery	13 F	Tennessee	
Hannah Montgomery	6 F	Tennessee	

1830 Census, page 236
Perry Co., Tenn.

David Montgomery
00012001-0022001

1 male 15-20
2 males 20-30
1 male 50-60 - David
2 females 10-15
2 females 15-20
1 female 40-50

Children of DAVID MONTGOMERY and ? are:

2. i. WILLIAM W.² MONTGOMERY, b. 1806, South Carolina.
3. ii. HUGH O. MONTGOMERY, b. 1807, Tennessee; d. about 1868.

Children of DAVID MONTGOMERY and HARRIET ? are:

4. iii. JOSIAH GRANTVIL² MONTGOMERY, b. October 1826, North Carolina; d. Aft. 1900, Decatur Co. TN; Adopted child.
- iv. SUSAN MONTGOMERY, b. about 1835, North Carolina.
- v. NANCY MONTGOMERY, b. about 1837, Tennessee.
- vi. HANNAH MONTGOMERY, b. about 1844, Tennessee.

Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM W.² MONTGOMERY (DAVID¹) was born 1806 in South Carolina. He married (1) ?. She was born Bet. 1800 - 1810, and died Bet. 1840 - 1848. He married (2) SUSAN H. ?. She was born about 1826 in North Carolina.

1830 census, Perry Co. TN, page 236

1840 census, Perry Co. TN

1850 census, 1st CD 073-073, Decatur Co. TN

1860 census, 1st CD 064-064, Decatur Co. TN

1870 census, 1st CD 047-047, Decatur Co. TN *

1880 census, 1st CD 255-307, Decatur Co. TN *

Occupation: 1850, Farmer

* see page 26

1830 Census Perry Co., Tenn.,
page 236

Wm. Montgomery 010211-01001

1 male 5-10 1 female 5-10

2 males 15-20

1 male 20-30 1 female 20-30

1 male 30-40

1850 Census - Decatur County, Tennessee, 1st CD 073-073

October 15, 1850

Wm. W. Montgomery 44 M Farmer \$500

S. Carolina

Susan Montgomery 23 F

N. Carolina 12

Lucy A. Montgomery 20 M

Tennessee 11

Margaret J. Montgomery 15 F

Tennessee

1840 Census Perry Co.,
Tenn. **Wm. Montgomery**
0000001-100001

1 female under 5

1 female 30-40

1 male 40-50

1850 & 1860
Census Records,
Decatur
County,
Tennessee

1860 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 1st CD 064-064

Aug. 13, 1860

W.W. Montgomery 54 M Farmer \$1000/\$3040

S.C.

S. Montgomery 34 F

N.C.

M.J. Montgomery 11 F

Tenn

M.J. Montgomery 8 F

Tenn

P. Montgomery 6 F

Tenn

W.H. Montgomery 3 M

Tenn

J.W. Montgomery 5m M

Tenn

N.A. Montgomery 24 F

Tenn 12

1870 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 1st CD 047-047 August 8, 1870 Decaturville PO
Wm. W. Montgomery 64 M Farmer \$600/\$100 South Carolina
Susan H. Montgomery 48 F Keeping House North Carolina
Almarane Montgomery 5 F At Home Tennessee
Tennessee A. Montgomery 3 F At Home Tennessee

1870
Census
Decatur
County,
Tennessee

1880
Census
Decatur
County,
Tennessee

1880 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 1st CD 255-307

William W. Montgomery	WM 74 Farmer	S.C. S.C. S.C.
Susan Montgomery	WF 54 Keeping House	N.C. Va N.C.
Almarene Montgomery	WF 15 At Home	Tenn S.C. N.C.
Tennessee A. Montgomery	WF 13 At Home	Tenn S.C. N.C.
Joseph W. Montgomery	WM 9 At Home	Tenn S.C. N.C.

Child of WILLIAM MONTGOMERY and ? is:

- i. LUCY ANN³ MONTGOMERY, b. December 20, 1835, Tennessee; d. December 3, 1921;
m. (1) JOHN W. WALKER; b. about 1827, Tennessee; d. about 1867, Decatur Co. TN;
m. (2) BYRD S. NEWMAN; b. September 07, 1833, Virginia; d. November 29, 1919.

John Walker was a school teacher at Dunbar in Decatur County, Tennessee. John married Lucy Montgomery and they had two daughters, Nancy born in 1855 and Martha born in 1859. Nancy married William David Kelley who owned a cotton gin near Dunbar. They later moved to Oklahoma where William David owned cotton gins in Sallisaw and Stillwell. Martha Walker married Robert James Montgomery, son of Josiah Grantvil Montgomery.

NEWMAN, Bird S.; C.S.A. Capt. Co. G 57th Inf. A leader of the Rebel skirmish line at Shiloh. Wounded twice in the same leg and hopped through the battle. He kept the retrieved bullet in his pocket all his life and proudly showed it as long as he lived (I saw it several times). It was his wish, that he carry the second bullet to his grave which he did. Cap' n. Newman was captured in a later battle and carried to a prison at Sandusky, Ohio. He came back home to marry Lucy Ann Montgomery, daughter of the Billy Montgomery's and do farming for many years in the Red Walnut community and in which cemetery they are buried. Among living descendents here now are, Mrs. Birdie (Walt) Johnson (named for him "Birdie") and Birdie and Grady Averett.

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Children of WILLIAM MONTGOMERY and SUSAN ? are:

- ii. MARGARET JANE³ MONTGOMERY, b. November 09, 1849, Tennessee; d. August 18, 1929; m. ISIAH M. PATTERSON; b. September 16, 1844, Tennessee; d. November 25, 1911.
- iii. M. J. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1852, Tennessee.
- iv. P. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1854, Tennessee.
- v. W. H. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1857, Tennessee.
- vi. J. W. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1860, Tennessee.
- vii. ALMARENE MONTGOMERY, b. about 1865, Tennessee.
- viii. TENNESSEE A. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1867, Tennessee.
- ix. JOSEPH W. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1871, Tennessee.

3. HUGH O.² MONTGOMERY (*DAVID*¹) was born 1807 in Tennessee, and died about 1868. He married MARY M. NEWSOM August 08, 1839. She was born October 24, 1821 in South Carolina or Louisiana, and died May 19, 1900.

Burial: Montgomery Cemetery, Decatur Co. TN

1830 census, Perry Co. TN, page 253

1840 census, Perry Co. TN

1850 census, 1st CD 122-122, Decatur Co. TN

1860 census, 1st CD 073-074, Decatur Co. TN

1830 Census Perry Co., Tenn.
H. Montgomery 0221111-01031
2 males 5-10 1 female 5-10
2 males 10-15
1 male 15-20 3 females 15-20
1 male 20-30 1 female 20-30
1 male 30-40

1850 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 1st CD 122-122
October 28, 1850

Hugh Montgomery	43 M Farmer \$800	Tenn
Mary Montgomery	28 F	S.C.
Robt Montgomery	10 M	Lousiana
William Montgomery	8 M	Tennessee
John Montgomery	6 M	Tennessee
Nancy Montgomer	3 F	Tennessee
Marion Montgomery	1m M	Tennessee
Nancy Warman	13 F	Tennessee

1840 Census Perry Co., Tenn.
Hugh Montgomery 100001-0001
1 male under 5
1 male 30-40 1 female 15-20

1850 & 1860
Census records,
Decatur
County, Tennessee

1860 Census - Decatur County, Tennessee, 1st CD 073-074
July 23, 1860 Decaturville PO
H.O. Montgomery 54 MW Farmer \$800/\$905 S.C.
M.S. Montgomery 35 FW Domestic S.C.
R. Montgomery 19 MW Lou.
W. Montgomery 18 MW S.C.
John Montgomery 16 MW S.C.
N.G. Montgomery 13 FW S.C.
M. Montgomery 10 MW S.C.
F. Montgomery 5 W S.C.
Hulda Montgomey 3 FW S.C.

Children of HUGH MONTGOMERY and MARY NEWSOM are:

- i. ROBERT J.³ MONTGOMERY, b. August 22, 1840, Tennessee; d. March 07, 1920 ; m. MARGARET A. ?; b. June 29, 1836, Tennessee; d. April 07, 1884.

Robert Montgomery is listed as "partially blind" in the 1880 census.

1880
Census
Decatur
County,
Tennessee

1880 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 1st CD 152-070
Robert J. Montgomery WM 39 Farmer (partially blind)
Margaret Montgomery WF 43 Keeping House
Bucl J. Montgomery WM 18
Mary A. Montgomery WF 16
Frances M. Montgomery WM 13
Leander L. Montgomery WM 10
Rob? H. Montgomery WM 8
Jan? C. Montgomery WF 5

Montgomery, R. J. (*The Lexington Progress*, March 12, 1920) Montgomery, Frances (The Lexington Progress, March 12, 1920) R. J. Montgomery, aged about 80 years, died Monday morning in the Dunbar, Decatur County community, and his son, Frances, aged about 52, died Tuesday afternoon. Both were at Decaturville court two weeks before their death. Old man Montgomery had been blind for 60 years and was considered a remarkable character.

- ii. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, b. about 1842, Tennessee; m. MARY R. ?;
b. Tennessee.
 - iii. JOHN MONTGOMERY, b. about 1844, Tennessee.
 - iv. NANCY J. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1847, Tennessee; d. 1882 ; m. HENRY J. BRITT, February 01, 1872, Decatur Co. TN; b. 1848, Tennessee; d. 1930 .
 - v. MARIAN MONTGOMERY, b. 1850, Tennessee.
 - vi. HUGH A. F. MONTGOMERY, b. August 11, 1854, Tennessee; d. June 18, 1930.
 - vii. MEARY A. HULDA MONTGOMERY, b. about 1857, Tennessee; d. 1885 ; m. HENRY J. BRITT, November 23, 1882, Decatur Co. TN; b. 1848, Tennessee; d. 1930.
 - viii. SARAH E. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1860, Tennessee; m. W. E. KELLY, March 25, 1880, Decatur Co. TN .
4. JOSIAH GRANTVIL² MONTGOMERY (*DAVID*¹) was born October 1826 in North Carolina, and died Aft. 1900 in Decatur Co. TN. He married PARTHENA E. TEMPLE 1852 (Source: *1900 census*, Decatur Co. TN, District 1, Dwelling 127, "married 48 years."). She was born August 1832 in Tennessee, and died Aft. 1900 in Decatur Co. TN.

Josiah Grantvil Montgomery moved to Decatur Co. TN with his father, David between 1820 and 1830. He is the adopted son of David Montgomery. This has been a family tradition for many years and has been confirmed through genealogical DNA testing.

Josiah Granvil was better known as Grant Montgomery. He married Parthena Temple between 1850 and 1854. Parthena was better known as Thena. She was also an orphan, having one sister, Kissire Temple. In 1850, Parthena was living in the house of E. C. Britt. Kissire was living with Shadric Eason. They are the only Temple's listed in the Decatur Co. TN census in 1850.

Family tradition holds that there were three Temple girls and one boy. The third sister's name was Mary Anne and she married a Williams near Jackson, TN. They had a son named Timothy. The father of the Temple children left the 3 girls with different families while he and his son went west. He was to return for the 3 girls. This was the last that the daughters would see of their father.

Grant served in the Union Army during the Civil War. On his return, it was reported that a man had mistreated his family. Grant immediately rode to the man's house where he was burning a brush pile. Grant shot him and the man fell into the fire.

Grant and Thena had five children with four surviving to adult hood. They lived in the Dunbar community of Decatur Co. TN and both died after 1900.

1850 census, Dwelling 120, District 1, Decatur Co. TN (see page 24 - in David's household)
 1860 census, Dwelling 200-200, District 1, Decatur Co. TN
 1870 census, Dwelling 133-133, District 1, Decatur Co. TN
 1880 census, Dwelling 247-299, District 1, Decatur Co. TN
 1900 census, Dwelling 127-127, District 1, Decatur Co. TN
 Occupation : 1850, Laborer
 Occupation: 1860, Day Laborer

**1860
Census
Decatur
County,
Tennessee**

1860 Census - Decatur County, Tennessee, 1st CD 200-200
 July 26, 1860 Decaturville PO
 J.G.. Montgomery 26 MW Day Laborer \$40 N.C.
 B.C. Montgomery 20 FW Tenn
 J.H. Montgomery 8 MW Tenn
 R. Montgomery 4 MW Tenn
 S.A. Montgomery 3 FW Tenn
 J.S. Montgomery 1 FW Tenn

1870 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 13th CD 133-133
 August 13, 1870 Decaturville PO
 Josiah G. Montgomery 41 MW Farmer \$200 N.C.
 Parthenie E. Montgomery 35 FW Keeping House Tenn
 James H. Montgomery 17 MW Farm Laborer Tenn
 Robt J. Montgomery 15 MW Farm Laborer Tenn
 Nancy A. Montgomery 13 FW At home Tenn
 Lafayette Montgomery 11 MW Farm Laborer Tenn

**1870
Census
Decatur
County,
Tennessee**

**1880
Census
Decatur
County,
Tennessee**

1880 Census - Decatur County, Tenn. 13th CD 247-299 June 23, 1880
 Josiah G. Montgomery WM 53 Farmer NC NC NC
 Parthena E. Montgomery WF 47 Keeping House TN * *
 Adaline E. Montgomery WF 23 Daughter TN NC NC
 Jesse L. Montgomery WM 21 Son Works on farm TN NC NC
 * not known

1900 Census, Decatur County, Tennessee

1900 Census - Decatur Co., Tenn. 1st CD 127-127 June 12, 1900
 Josiah G. Montgomery Head WM Oct 1826 73 M 48 N.C. N.C. N.C. Farmer
 Patherina Montgomery Wife WF Aug 1834 68 M 48 7 5 Tenn Tenn Tenn

Children of JOSIAH MONTGOMERY and PARTHENA TEMPLE are:

- i. JAMES HARVEY³ MONTGOMERY, b. April 08, 1853, Near Red Walnut, Decatur Co. TN; d. May 12, 1915 ; m. FANNIE AUTRY, December 06, 1874, Decatur Co. TN; b. August 31, 1853; d. December 17, 1930 .
- ii. ROBERT JAMES MONTGOMERY, b. September 14, 1854, Tennessee; d. May 01, 1900; m. MARTHA ANN WALKER, February 28, 1878, Decatur Co. TN; b. August 20, 1859, Tennessee; d. November 15, 1931.
- iii. SUSAN ADDIE MONTGOMERY, b. April 1857, Tennessee; d. 1940 ; m. (1) HARRY CODY, November 25, 1878, Decatur Co. TN; b. about 1856, Tennessee; m. (2) WILLIAM JACK TUCKER, January 07, 1881, Decatur Co. TN; b. March 1856, Tennessee; d. 1935 .
- iv. JESSE LAFAYETTE MONTGOMERY, b. about 1859, Tennessee; m. ?.
- v. MARTHA J. MONTGOMERY, b. about 1860; d. 1863, Montgomery Cemetery, Decatur Co. TN.

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- Special credit to Cynthia Myers for locating the 1838 Montgomery deed.

A SURGICAL REMINISCENCE OF FORTY YEARS AGO

by Dr. Jere L. Crook of Jackson [Written in 1941]

This story was read by the late Jere Lawrence Crook, A.M. M.D., F.A.C.S, Jackson, Tenn., at a medical meeting in Corinth, Miss. This was in 1941 and the events described had taken place in 1902.

The story later appeared in The Mississippi Doctor, the professional Mississippi Physicians. The title of Dr. Crook's original story was, A Reminiscence of Forty Years Ago."

In the autumn of 1901 the writer attended the Tri-State Medical Association, comprised of doctors from Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee, and discussed the subject of appendicitis which had been presented by one of the essayists on the program. Dr. W.B. Keaton, of Scott's Hill, Tennessee, was in the audience and heard both the paper and the discussion.

In February, 1902, following that meeting one cold, snowy night I had a long distance call from Doctor Keaton from Scott's Hill in which he stated he had a patient suffering with appendicitis who had been ill nearly a week. He believed the appendix was ruptured. The patient was in a critical condition from peritonitis. He requested that I come out the next morning to Lexington and drive over to Saltillo and operate on the patient. I asked if it would be possible to bring the patient to Jackson but he said it would be absolutely impossible to move him without killing him.

He then directed me to take the early N.C. & St. L. train from Jackson due in Lexington at eight o'clock and there he suggested that I secure a double team and drive through to a point near Saltillo within three miles of the Tennessee River. He said I could get full directions from the livery stable owner in Lexington.

I accepted the call and went down to the Rochelle-Warford Sanatorium, where I did my surgical work, and borrowed the head nurse, a Miss Bernard who agreed to go with me. She and I spent quite a while in assembling instruments, sheets, towels, et cetera, that would be required.

Early the next morning I had my horse and buggy at the door and drove to the Sanatorium and picked up Miss Bernard and two suitcases filled with sheets, towels and dressings and all the instruments which I thought would be needed and which had been carefully sterilized the night before. We left Jackson at seven o'clock and reached Lexington one hour later. I immediately went to the livery stable and engaged a single buggy with two horses. The livery stable proprietor drew a little map on my prescription pad showing the route I should take to reach the patient's home near Saltillo.

The snow was on the ground and was beginning to thaw so that the roads were almost impassable. The buggy would mire up almost to the hubs and it was with great difficulty that we were able to get up the first hill leaving Lexington. In some way I misinterpreted the map and drove ten miles up the road via Scott's Hill. There I was set right and directed to take the road to Reagan and from that point I would be directed for the rest of the journey. It was ten miles from Scott's Hill to Reagan. Halfway between these two points the singletree on the buggy broke in two due to the heavy strain on it from pulling

through the mud. It was necessary for me to unhitch one of the horses and leave the nurse wrapped in the lap robe sitting in the buggy while I rode bareback five miles to Scott's Hill where I secured a new singletree. I brought it back and attached it to the buggy and we continued our journey to Reagan.

When we arrived there it was almost dark and my nurse was almost frozen. I took her into a nice home opposite the one store in Reagan and the lady of the house had the nurse to go to bed, wrapped her up in blankets, gave her a stimulant, and I allowed her to rest for an hour.

I went across the road to the store, a long frame building of one story with a porch in front and steps leading down to the road. In the store I found a red-hot stove and four or five men sitting around it. I introduced myself and stated that I was on my way to Saltillo to operate on Mr. Montgomery and would like to get further directions from them as I had lost my way and had gone by Scott's Hill by mistake. I said, "I encountered some awful roads and had great difficulty in getting through at all." One of the men sitting around the stove, chewing tobacco vigorously, sized me up and emitted a generous mouthful of tobacco juice which struck the stove at a tangent. While the juice was still sizzling, he said, "Young fellow, you ain't seen no roads yit," and I found out later that he was more than right.

Five miles beyond Reagan my weary horses refused to budge any farther, as the buggy was mired up to the hubs in thick, sticky mud. We could not do anything but sit there and hope for someone to come along. We were about two hundred yards from a farmhouse from which light was shining from the windows. In a little while the farmer who lived there came by on horseback. Seeing my plight and learning my mission, he said, "I think I can get you out. I will go back to the house and have a negro come out and unhitch your weary beasts, and I will lend you a fresh team to carry you the rest of your journey." He certainly was a good Samaritan to me, to the nurse, and to the team and to the patient. I do not know his name and I have always wished that I had secured it.

With the fresh team we drove the remaining distance of about six miles and reached the patient's home at eight o'clock, just twelve hours from the time we left Lexington. The snow had begun again en route and it was snowing when we arrived. The patient's home was a two-room log house with a lean-to for the kitchen. The room in which he lay had only one window which fortunately opened toward the east. I soon learned that the patient had been sick eight days. I found on examination that he apparently had a localized abscess; otherwise he would have been dead. There was great tenderness over the abdomen but the patient's general condition was fairly good. We, therefore, decided to wait for daylight to do the operation as the house was only supplied with coal oil lamps.

I was assigned to sleep in a nearby house about one-fourth of a mile away through the woods. I awoke at daylight the next morning and went out on the stoop and washed my face in a tin pan with water dipped from the bucket on which there was a comparatively thick layer of ice. When I reached the patient's home after breakfast I found about fifty of his neighbors and friends assembled.

No arrangements had been made for an operating table or any other equipment for the operation. Doctor Keaton had been with the patient all day and remained during the night before the operation to help me the next morning. I took several of the friends of the patient out to the barnyard and we found some planks under the corn crib covered with snow, dust and dirt. I asked the gentleman to select three planks to make a barn door. I asked some of them to do this work and other friends to scald and wash off the door after it was completed. It was simply three planks nailed together with three cross pieces, sawed off for a six-foot length. Doctor Keaton and I then got the meal barrel and the kitchen table and we placed the newly-made barn door on these supports. The patient's wife furnished me several quilts for padding on which I placed the red oilcloth that I had taken from the kitchen table. This, of course, could not be sterilized but was thoroughly cleansed with hot water and soap. On this improvised table my nurse placed the sterilized sheets which we had brought with us and she very efficiently prepared the room as well as she could for the operation.

Doctor Keaton had never assisted in an operation, but said he would watch the patient's condition while the nurse and I did the operation. A young man who had taken one year of a medical course was present and consented to give the anesthetic which was ether. Due perhaps to inexperience he gave a little too much of the anesthetic and the patient ceased breathing. His condition became so alarming that I was forced to remove my sterile gloves and use artificial respiration and make every effort possible to keep the patient from dying on the table. After his breathing became normal I then put on my gloves again to start the operation. The same thing occurred a second time while I was in the midst of the operation and the same measures were repeated to prevent the patient's death. After the second episode I was able to continue my operation and removed a sloughing, partially gangrenous appendix which was lying in a pool of pus found in a localized abscessed area which I was careful not to break down. The operation was completed, a large drainage tubes inserted and the patient was turned over to the nurse for further treatment. She had meanwhile consented to remain with the patient until his condition was safe for her to leave.

When I emerged from the room with the appendix grasped by hemostatic forceps in my hand I found the adjoining room crowded with the patient's friends who had overflowed out into the yard. It was a sense of great satisfaction to me to be able to show the foul, sloughing appendix as a trophy of the operation so that in the eyes of the patient's death no one could question the necessity for the operation.

Doctor Keaton and I then retired to the kitchen for a conference as to the fee. He said the patient and his two brothers owned their own store and a fine farm and were able to pay a fair fee. I asked him if \$250 for the operation and my detentions from home would be exorbitant, and he said it would be reasonable. I then added \$5 for the hire of the team and we called in the two brothers of the patient for a conference. They said they did not have any money available at the time to pay for the operation. I then said, "Will you sign a note or due bill until you can arrange to get the money?" They agreed to do this and I took out one of my prescription blanks and wrote out the following due bill: "Ten days after date we promise to pay to the order of Dr. Jere L. Crook the sum of \$255 for surgical operation and expenses for our brother." I presented this and one of the men signed it "Montgomery Brothers" which, of course, made all of them responsible for it.

There was a primitive stagecoach which made a trip daily from Saltillo to Lexington that passed by the front of the patient's home. Doctor Keaton had arranged for me to take passage in this rig for my return trip. I was the only occupant at first and I sat by the driver, a big, husky, outdoor man. As we started off from the house he asked me about the condition of the patient and I told him it was satisfactory and it looked like he had a good chance to get well. Then looking me straight in the face he said: "It is a powerful good thing he is going to get well." I replied: "Yes, I agree with you." He said, "You don't ketch my pint. He is one of the best citizens we got in this part of the country and I mean it's a powerful good thing for you that you did not kill him on the operating table." To this I made no reply but thanked my lucky stars that the chances of survival for the patient were fairly good, at least until I could get out of the country.

The third day after this eventful trip a long distance call came in from Saltillo. At that time there was only an iron or steel wire for the long distance connection and the voice coming over this wire was very difficult to distinguish or to understand; however I was able to hear the voice at the other end of the line say, "Is that you, Doctor Crook?" I said, "Yes." He replied, "Well, Doctor Crook, you will have to come back here and do your job over again on my brother. His bowels are busted open and coming through his belly. You will have to come out here and sew him up." I assured him that the condition was no more than I had expected due to the delay in operating on the patient; that the bowel near the appendix had become soft and also had sloughed, and I believed if he would keep the nurse and have the patient cared for by her every day the patient would get well and the hole in the bowel would heal up without further surgery. After I had told him this he said, "Well, you charged too much for that job. We think \$150 is a plenty to pay you." To this statement I reacted somewhat differently and in place of assuming an apologetic note I said to him, "You are too late in your demand. I have already deposited your due bill in the First National Bank and have already collected the \$255. I also learned from the bank at Jackson that Montgomery Brothers credit is good for \$5000 or more at the bank in Lexington. I do not think you can get out of paying your note to your own bank."

This settled him and I heard no more from the patient until the nurse returned at the end of ten days, and she had a great many experiences to relate regarding her stay in the backwoods. She left the patient convalescent with the fecal fistula closed and no further trouble marring his convalescence.

Thirty-five years later I met Mr. Montgomery on the street in Jackson as we were waiting for a street-car. I simply asked his name and when he said "Montgomery" I asked him if he ever knew Mr. Montgomery who lived near Saltillo and told him my name. He said, "Doctor Crook, I am the Montgomery you operated on thirty-five years ago and I have been in perfect health ever since." Needless to say this was one of the most gratifying experiences I have ever had in my professional life.

Source:

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