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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This issue will reach our readers after the New Year but let me take this opportunity to wish you each and all a happy and prosperous 2000 complete with many successes in genealogical and historical research. Although technically we do not enter the twenty-first century (nor the third millennium) until the year 2001, the round numbers exercise an attraction as historical reference points and should encourage us to do all we can to preserve and publish genealogical and historical materials relating to Muscogee County.

We are fortunate in this issue to have such important information about the people and records of Columbus and original Muscogee County. Ken Thomas breaks new ground with his research on a hitherto unknown Irish woman who lived in Columbus in the 1850s and with his abstracts of marriages and deaths from one of the earliest surviving Columbus newspapers, *The Democrat*, of 1830-32.

Much remains to be done in publishing and abstracting county records. This work, so valuable to genealogists and local historians, will require many hours of patient volunteer labor at microfilm readers. Fortunately, many of these records are readily available in the microfilm collection at the Bradley Library in Columbus and only require members of the Society to volunteer a few hours a week on this project. Make it one of your resolutions for the Year 2000 to join in this undertaking!

Hugh I. Rodgers, Editor

LUCY DICKSON TORRY (1822-1903),
AN IRISH WOMAN IN COLUMBUS,
GEORGIA: CORRESPONDENCE, 1850-1852

by Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr.

On October 29, 1995, I purchased three letters from a book and manuscripts dealer, L & T Respass Books, of Charlottesville, Virginia, at the antiquarian book sale held at the Gwinnett Civic Center. I bought the letters because they were labeled as being from my hometown, Columbus, Georgia. The letters were written by an Irish-born woman of whom none of the present-day historians and genealogists of Columbus, to my knowledge, had ever heard. The writer, Mrs. Lucy Dickson Torry, was well aware of what was happening in the U. S. Congress, in the South, and in Europe, and appeared to be educated and well-read.

Who was Lucy Torry? The unexpected discovery of antebellum letters from an unknown Columbus woman raised many questions. What became of her? Are there other surviving letters or papers? Are there descendants? How did the son of a professor at Washington and Lee University come by these letters? Who was "Dear Mary" to whom they were written?

Lucy Dickson Torry was born around March, 1822 in Ireland, one source says Dublin, and according to the census, she came to the United States in 1840. She may have come with her parents, George M. Dickson (1783-1857) and Charlotte (1788-1860s), born in Dublin, or with her husband. Until recent discoveries, below, all that was known of this family was that they appeared in Columbus, Georgia in the 1850 Census where there were dozens of other households of Irish-born people, any of whom could have been related to the Dicksons. The Dicksons probably had not been in Columbus but a few years, if that, in 1850. George Dickson's occupation while in Columbus is unknown, for it is not given in the 1850 Census. In his will in 1857 (and in his brief obituary) nothing is mentioned about his occupation. Lucy and her mother are both said to be "painters" in the 1860 Census of Muscogee County. Their house in Columbus was at the corner of McIntosh (5th Ave.) and Bryan (13th St.), between the BellSouth building and the Union Depot. (1)

Lucy's parents had the following known children:

1. Eliza, b. c. 1820, in Ireland, married April 23, 1855 in Columbus, by Rev. Samuel Higgins, minister at the First Presbyterian Church, to James Torry (c.1815-1871), said then to be of Montreal, but a native of Scotland. He is presumed to be a brother of Lucy's husband, George H. Torry. James Torry's occupation varies, in 1860 it is "manufacturing" and "Carter Factory", and in 1870 he is a "Justice of the Peace." Elizabeth died in July, 1857, shortly before her father, without surviving issue. James Torry, called a "Judge" in his obituary, was buried in Linwood Cemetery, perhaps on the lot with the Dicksons. (2)

2. Lucy, b. c. 1822. See below.

3. Jane, b. c. 1826, in England, died in Columbus, unmarried, Sept. 20, 1861.(3)

Relationship unknown:

4. Charlotte, b. c. 1820, in Ireland, m. _____ Taylor before 1850, lived in the Dickson household in 1850, but was not mentioned in George Dickson's will in 1857. May not be a daughter, but another relative or a servant. In 1880 in Columbus, Miss., Lucy Torry has living in her household, Priscilla Taylor, age 71, born in Ireland, a widow, whose occupation is "housekeeper". In her will, written in 1890, Lucy Torry leaves money to Mrs. P. Taylor, "she was my Mother's housekeeper and has been faithful to me." These two ladies could be one and the same. (4)

Lucy Dickson, whose full name was Sarah Lucinda, married at least by 1845 George H. Torry. If James Torry who married her sister was his brother, then he was probably also born in Scotland. George Torry died before 1850, and may not have ever come to Columbus. They had one surviving child, Georgette Amy Louis William Machonchy Torry, born c. 1847 in Georgia, who was christened/baptized, at her grandfather's house, into the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus on December 18, 1853 by the Rev. Charles Barrington King. Lucy had joined the same church on October 2, 1853 by profession of faith. It is not clear if Lucy was a Catholic or a Protestant before that but probably Protestant due to a comment in one of the letters. (5)

Lucy Torry left Columbus, Ga., by 1869, and has been located in the 1870 Census of Lowndes County, Mississippi. (6)

After the Civil War and the deaths of her mother and her known siblings, Lucy and her daughter sold the Columbus house and lot in 1873, having moved by then to Columbus, Lowndes

County, Mississippi. It is unclear why she moved there, or if she had relatives there. Her daughter's husband could have had relatives there, although he was from Tennessee. (7)

Lucy Torry's daughter, Amy, had married by 1873 A. W. McCullough [McCulloch], who was born in Tennessee, and they eventually had at least one child, a son, Torry. Amy Torry McCullough died in 1875 and her husband disappeared shortly thereafter. His resurfacing in 1913, shortly after the death of their only child, caused quite a stir in Columbus, Miss. It appears that he had returned to Tennessee and had lived there, becoming a rural mail carrier. (8)

In both the 1880 and 1900 Censuses for Lowndes County, Mississippi, Lucy is living with her grandson, Torry, who appears not to have ever married. In 1880, her occupation is given as "teacher of painting", and in 1900 no occupation is given. Torry McCullough's occupation in 1900 and 1910 is given as railroad conductor. In the 1910 Census he is living alone, presumably in the house he once shared with his grandmother. His funeral was conducted on Christmas Day, 1912, with no relatives in attendance. (9)

Lucy died on January 18, 1903 in Columbus, Mississippi, and is buried there in Friendship Cemetery, the city cemetery. Torry McCullough, born c. Feb., 1874 in Miss., died December 24, 1912, and was buried beside the grandmother who raised him. (10A)

This concludes a summary of the basic facts discovered about the author of these letters and her family. Where as those of us from Columbus, Ga., had never heard of Lucy Torry, it appears that the people in Columbus, Miss., knew her well. Research in their locally-published materials provided information on her life there as an artist. Thus the following brief biography was found, published in the 1930s:

"ARTISTS--Mrs. Lucy Dickson Torrey [sic]

"Mrs. Torrey, of London, England, and Scotland, was one of the very early outstanding teachers of art in Columbus [Miss.]. On leaving England, she went to Canada to live; then to New York, and from there she drifted South first to Columbus, Georgia; later to Columbus,

Mississippi. Her interesting personality, together with her artistic talent, made her a leader as a teacher of art for many years in the old Columbus [Miss.] Female Institute; then later with her many private pupils - girls from the most prominent families of Columbus [,Miss.]. She painted in oil, and much of the work under her direction remains in the old homes of Columbus [,Miss.] today. Her ancestors formerly owned the home of Sir Walter Scott, Dryeburg Abbey, Scotland. Her reminiscences of her former life in Scotland delighted her art pupils who gathered about her not only for instruction in painting, but for keen intellectual enjoyment as she indulged in personal recollections of her romantic life in the mother country."

[From Pioneer Society Annals, Columbus, Mississippi, Vol. 3, p. 154]

Other information gathered in the 1930s during the WPA indicated in addition to the above biographical sketch, that Lucy Torrey, "On leaving England, she went to Canada to live, married there and moved..."

Many of her paintings were very large ones, for a further comment was found:

"MASTERPIECES-Rare Paintings are in local homes given below:

"Ruth in Boaz' Field" and "The Lions with their Woman Trainer" This [latter] picture was perhaps Mrs. Torrey's masterpiece. The woman holds a lash of many fangs, but it is clearly observed that it is the eye of the woman, not the lash, which is the factor of control in this beautiful picture." (10B)

Obviously more could be learned about Lucy Dickson Torrey and her family, her career, and how many of her paintings still survive. Perhaps the publication of her letters will produce more information. Further searching of manuscript repositories might turn up other letters. Immigration records might indicate when the family arrived in the United States. With the Internet, many more sources are available to search from home, and some of these have been employed in completing this article.

These three letters were previously owned by William D. Hoyt (d.c.1988) whose father taught at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. W. D. Hoyt had lived in

Rockport, Mass. He was a collector of historical materials, and his possession of the letters does not necessarily mean he was related to "Cousin Mary". The dealer purchased the letters from his estate. (11)

The three letters follow. Read the letters and learn something of Lucy Dickson Torry and her times.

Note: I have added punctuation in [], and most of the paragraph breaks, without any markings, and marked with a _____ where words were undecipherable. The letters are transcribed verbatim. If people are not identified with a note, then I was not able to determine who they were. The letters will eventually be donated to the Columbus State University Archives.

Letter no. 1: Columbus, Georgia October 12, 1850 [firm date]

Dearest Mary[:] [12]

Since I last wrote --which is sometime--we have not heard from you until today. Many thanks for the seeds.

Dear Mama has been very ill but I thank God is almost quite recovered. She had a very serious attack of erysplas [sic, erysipelas] in the head about 2 weeks & half since it commenced and she suffered greatly. Providentially good kind Dr. Stewert [sic] [13] had just returned from his tour and was prompt in attendance, otherwise I do not know to whom we could have applied as there was not a physician on whom we could depend in the city [.] All were away at the springs or elsewhere. He says she is greatly debilitated. We have to support her principally on Port wine and isinglass (she has no appetite) and that and a little soup is all she lives on. But I trust she may continue to improve and gain strength. All are otherwise well, I thank God--except Jane [14] who has a cold in her face and swelled in the cheek and throat. We are all very subject to it tho' it does not effect any so badly as Jane.

The travelling party have all returned. Mrs. Shaw [15] left the letter left at Ben's rooms but as it happened--fortunately dear Ben was saved all trouble by being away in the country--tho' he would have seen some of our dear kind friends. They remained only two or three days.

Mr. [or is it Dr.] Lockhart [16] is to be married to a young friend of ours next Wednesday. the girls are invited to the wedding and different parties which are to be given to the Bride and Groom tho' I do not expect they can go-- [why? health? clothes? distance?] Still, it shows they are respected by the many invitations they receive.

Has the leaf of the air plant lived or is it com_____ with you. Did you ever see the night blooming Jesamine [or jasmine] [17] It has the most delightful odour and only comes out at night. The scent of it tonight reminded me to tell you of it.

The South at present is in a very precarious situation regarding the slaves since the last new act has been passed in Congress. Those meddling abolitionists have so stirred up the slaves that an insurrection is greatly feared. Almost all the Blacks in the North have fled to the Canadas and those who remained are armed to the teeth with bowie knife etc. In Canada & the north things are looking very threatening. It would be a second Cuba scene were they to succeed in rousing them to an insurrection here. There was a large band of run away slaves dispersed and returned to their owners a short time since--and they all cursed the abolitionists for inducing them to do so. Twenty of them belonged to a gentleman whom we know and they all regretted having done as they did. If the Northerners only saw how much more happy and comfortable the Blacks are in the South--- clean and well clothed and most of them on Sunday going to church handsomely and often expensively clothed--and allowed all who please to go to the church of the white people--besides having a church of their own with a white preacher and also a Black one--While in the north they are not allowed to enter the white people's church. Neither are they allowed to get into an omnibus or stage. And I have been in the railway cars when the engineer was obliged to stop the cars from the uproar the passengers made of "throw him off, pitch him down, break his neck etc." when they discovered that a black man was on the top of the cars. And there they left

the poor fellow--late in the evening many miles from N.Y. And here they can travel in the public stages--yet they talk of freedom in the north! [18]

I trust dearest Aunt and all your dear circle are well. Please give her and dearest Ben our affecte love and all write with me in affecte love to you and a fond kiss from darling to you all--and believe me as ever surely

your attached _____ [sister?]

Lucy Torry

[she signed her third letter, below, "yours sincerely attached" so she must have used a similar phrase here]

Letter no. 2: Columbus, Georgia November 16, 1851 [19]

Dearest Mary:

I wrote you a short time since and now to fulfill my promise again write fearing that you would be anxious to hear about dear Mama[.] She is now I trust in God getting on well[.] Tho' since I wrote you she was sometimes better and again worse[.] These last two days she has been able to be dressed and sit up in the easy chair for a short time[.] She is much reduced as you may imagine[.] She desires her affectionate love to all your dear circle[.] Our minister has been frequently to see her[.] She expressed herself ready waiting for her Lord's bidding[.] He is truly an unpretending Christian and a comfort to converse with.

Dear Mama's has been a chequered life, but she is blest in having a fond and truly devoted husband [.] If we have had cares [.] we have had blessings too and such blessings as gold could not purchase [.] He who reigneth in the heavens orders all things wisely and may we be humbly thankful for all His mercies towards us.

"For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow.[?]" [20]

"Better is an handfull with quietness than both the hands full with [travail and] vexation of spirit." [21]

And so I thank my God there has ever been unity and harmony among us come what might.

Dear Mama is much reduced and is very thin and feeble [.] We are all [.] thank Providence [.] otherwise well. We have at last been blessed with rain after a season of two months without one drop [.] Provisions have been enormously high in consequence of the want of rain. The river was too low for boats to run and no goods could be received from the bay nor cotton shipped which caused a great stagnation in commerce. All this to you I expect is Greek, but those who feel it so sensibly cannot help imparting it to others [.] Meat was up as high as 16 cents & when we came here first it was only 3 cents pr. lb. [22]

Columbus is rapidly increasing since we came. There is a vast difference in it. The rail road between here & Macon will soon be completed [23] which will be a great addition to our city. The most of our friends have returned from their visit to the "great fair" [24] and a grand tour on the continent. They all express themselves amply repaid for their tossing and tumbling across the mighty deep. I love the sea and would think no more of crossing the ocean than driving in a carriage. The papers speak of holding next year a great fair in New York. [25] It will be a nice chance for tourists across the mighty deep to visit this truly great and enterprising New World.

Please give our affecte love to dearest kindest Aunt with a fond kiss from darling to her yourself and dearest Ben and all your dear circle who would care to receive it. May God bless you all [.] with fondest love to dear Ben.

[This last line continues with a signature which appears actually on top of the introduction to the letter.] Yourself and all ever believe me, yours sincerely attached

Lucy Torry

I trust you are all well and hope soon to hear from you.

Letter no. 3: Columbus, Georgia March 27, 1852 [26]

Dearest Mary:

Yours of date March 2nd has just come to hand [27] and without delay I now answer it. I should have done so as [crossed out] written ere this--but day after day was in expectation of getting your letter which I always like to acknowledge without delay. We were getting very anxious at the length of time since last you wrote.--But knowing the old adage "bad news travels quickly" I _____ content--We rejoice to hear that you are all well--and ever dearest aunt--may she be long spared and all dear to her in her little circle [.] Give her our fondest love and thousands of thanks for her kind kind "remembrance" of us- And oh may we all be journeying onwards to your heaven bright- Where once united here shall be parted [no] more. Lord what is man? How frail and weak--How vain his worldly trust; The proudest effort of his hands--shall crumble in the dust. [28]

Do you remember me telling you some time ago when Dr. Lockhart was married--how that four out of his wife's family were married in one month--two sisters and two brothers-- The Younger sister who was married at the same time with Mrs. Lockhart has a short time since been summoned to her long long home, about 3 weeks after the birth of her little infant [29]--Taken from _____ wealth joy and happiness to journey oer dark jordan's stream. I know not if she was prepared to meet her God. What a beautiful metaphor may we not draw from the old Jewish custom observed at their wedding feasts--of the bride and bridegroom drinking together from the same glass--and then breaking the glass in pieces-- This was intended to teach them that all earthly enjoyments are brittle as glass. Tho' their hearts beat and eyes sparkled with joy--yet the hope of its continuing long was weak as a spider's thread-- There is no security of earthy ties--No lasting joy save in the favor of the Lord-- Yes all should know amid their greatest gains,---How frail a thread their earthy hope sustains.--- Time moves on rapid wings but when shall fly _____ The countless ages of eternity [.] [30]

The account of the little orphans was truly interesting. May the almighty prosper the work going on in their behalf--Surely has he promised to be a "father to the fatherless". I noticed an account that numbers of emigrants had recently returned to Ireland. It did not mention for what reason-- But I would say they were great fools. Here if they will work they might do well [,] where in Ireland they starve. [31]

Dear Mama has not been well lately [,] She has been suffering greatly from something similar to what she had in her head last year--with much inflammation-- But I trust she will soon be restored again to health. Her nerves are terribly shaken. All thank God are otherwise well. Poor Aunt Rickey [32,hard to read] will soon I fear quit this stage of life. What a blessing it is that our ever dearest Aunt continues in good health. On may she long long continue so to enjoy it is the prayer of an unworthy wretch earnest and heartfelt.

Warm weather has steadily set in --now for mosquitoes [sic] and other flying insects have made their appearance. Still summer has its enjoyments but winter's icy breath has none. We have become so inured to the heat now that we find hard to bear the cold. If it was not for the headache's I have in summer, I would not mind the heat so much. My sweet pet [her daughter] is well I thank my God tho' she has a very delicate appearance--very many ask me is she not in delicate health but I bless my God she is not so now. She is remarkably fair, tall and very slight which gives her such an appearance. She can read very correctly and spell well for a child of her age [around 6].

We have peas in small pods now--and I suppose you are only thinking of sowing them. The young peaches, plumbs, etc. are long since formed.

We had a letter from Le Chevelier [sic] the other day. He writes in good spirits and was quite well Tho' his health a short time since was very indifferent. He desires to be particularly remembered to all our dear circle. I do not think [crossed out] know for certain whether he will go home to Italy this summer or not but I rather think he will. He is a dear kind constant and

unchanging friend to us--and even tho' a long long distance is between us and him, still I feel that there is somebody near us who cares for us--and when he leaves for home we feel a blank.

It is strange we have not heard from Robert--what can have caused his long silence. From William we have not since heard. Please give our affecte [sic?] love to dear Ben and many kisses from wee Pet to \\\ all who love her.

It is now quite late and I must een say good night with our united love to all your dear circle and may our God be near you ever to shield you from harm is the earnest prayer of one who is sincerely attached to you.

God bless you all. Lucy Torry

Give our love to poor old "mammy". I like to hear of her. [33]

[the following is a P.S. type note on the front page, above the Dearest Mary]

I send you the seed of the "Calla" or Ethiopian lilly. You must plant it in the "green house". It is of a pale canary color. [34]

NOTES:

1. 1850 Census, Muscogee County, Ga., Household C-216; 1860 Census, Muscogee County, Ga., p. 152; Muscogee Co., Ga., Will Book A, pp. 228-229. (Will of Geo. M. Dickson); Columbus Enquirer Tri-weekly, Aug. 18, 1857 (Obit. of George M. Dickson); 1859-1860 Columbus City Directory. The Dickson-Torry family's arrival in Columbus is dated to the late 1840s because they do not appear in the newspaper before 1850 as having any letters at the post office. Mr. Dickson does not appear in the 1847 Tax Digest of Muscogee County taken as of July 10, 1847. The house and lot, no. 509, was purchased for \$2400 by the three daughters, rather than the father, on March 7, 1851, Muscogee County, Ga., Deed Book E, p. 534. The 1900 Census of Lowndes County, Miss., below, indicates that Lucy Torry had been in this country since 1840 but was not naturalized.

2. Census as cited above, and the 1860 Census, Muscogee County, Ga., p.172, for James Torry, age 47, manufacturing, born in Scotland; and 1870, p. 683, he was unmarried, age 52, a Justice of the Peace, worth \$12,600 in real estate, and a native of Scotland. Columbus Enquirer, May 1, 1855. Her death is recorded in John H. Martin, Columbus, Geo., from its Selection...,II, p. 101, her death falling between July 1 and when her father wrote his will on August 4. Columbus Daily Sun, Aug. 30, 1871, p. 3; and Columbus Enquirer, Sept. 12, 1871, p. 2, for requiem. Linwood Cemetery records indicate James Torry was born in Scotland, died age 56, and was interred on August 30, 1871, in Lot 1215, Sect. A-2. There are no tombstones for the Dicksons and they all died before the Sexton's Records start in 1866.

3. Jane's birthplace is given as Ireland in 1850 and England in the 1860 Census. When compared to the biographical sketch of Lucy Torry from the 1930s, England is consistent with the family's migration. *Columbus Enquirer*, Sept. 30, 1861. Her obituary is very long and poetic but yields little.

4. Charlotte Taylor is only found with the Dicksons in the 1850 Census, listed last in the household. In 1880, Lucy Dickson Torry is living with a Priscilla Taylor in Lowndes County, Miss., see below.

5. Her full name comes from Lucy's father's will, cited above. Her marriage date is approximated from the approximate birth of her child. It is assumed that George H. Torry died before 1850 only from the fact that he does not appear in any known Columbus, Ga., records, and is not mentioned in the letters. The only source even for the name "George H. Torry" is Lucy's entry in the *1859-1860 Columbus City Directory*. The child's full name, date of christening, and her mother's date of joining, all come from Carrie M. Adamson, "A Journal of My Labors in the Gospel Ministry by the Rev. Charles Barrington King", *Ancestoring*, XI, 1986, p. 46, the original manuscript being owned by the Augusta (Ga.) Genealogical Society. No search has been made of the actual records of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ga., because they have recently been donated to the Presbyterian Archives at Montreat, N.C. The family's possible protestant heritage before 1853 is indicated in letter no. 2 in which Lucy says her mother had been visited by "our minister", rather than a priest.

6. In the 1869 Tax Digest of Muscogee County Lucy Torry is listed as a "non-resident", and an agent, Alonzo A. Dozier, returns tax on her property. This, combined with a search of the 1870 Census of Muscogee County, Ga., via an index, appears to indicate that she had left Georgia. I have now located Lucy Torry and daughter, unmarried, in the 1870 Census of Lowndes Co., Miss. Lucy was listed as a teacher.

7. Muscogee Co., Ga., Deed Book P, p. 426.

8. No recorded marriage was located in either Muscogee County, Georgia, or Lowndes County, Miss. McCullough's place of birth, in lieu of finding him in the census, comes from his son, Torry McCullough's reports to the census taker in 1880, 1900, and 1910. Amy McCullough does not have a marked grave in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Miss. per the published record of tombstones, if she is buried there. Her husband returned to live in Mount Juliet, Tennessee and is most likely buried there, *The Columbus [Miss.] Commercial*, January 12, 1913, "Modern Rip Van Winkle Makes Appearance".

9. 1880 Census of Lowndes Co., Miss., E. D. 98, p. 17, where the grandson's firstname is unclear but has to be the same person; 1900 Census of Lowndes Co., Miss., E. D. 59, p.3; 1910 Census of Lowndes Co., Miss., E. D., p. 2A.

10A. Death dates from *Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Mississippi, ... Vol. I* (1979), pp. 24-25. No obituary was found in a search of the *Columbus Commercial* through Feb. 10, 1903. Nor was one found for the grandson, same newspaper, Dec. 22, 1912 through Jan. 12, 1913, but the article on Jan. 12, 1913 about his father's sudden return after 37 years verifies Torry McCullough's death and burial. Lowndes Co., Miss., Will of Lucy Torry, written Jan. 11, 1890, probated Jan. 29, 1903. (Researched by Libba Johnson.)

10B. These biographical notes on Lucy Torry were discovered by Mrs. Libba Johnson, professional genealogist, of Columbus, Miss. The earlier version appeared in the 1930s in a WPA

publication: Works Progress Administration for Mississippi, *Source Material for Mississippi History, Lowndes County Volume XLIV, Part One*, compiled by State-Wide Historical Research Project, Susie V. Powell, State Supervisor, p. 518. In Part Two, pp. 118, 132, is found the information about the specific paintings. Most of this sketch was later reprinted in *Pioneer Society Annals, Columbus, Mississippi, Vol. 3*, p. 154, in the late 1940s. The details of Lucy Torry's life indicate that there must have been an earlier sketch, or an obituary, or someone who recalled her life in great detail.

11. Ms. Tucker Respass to Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., April 8, 1999; William D. Hoyt, *Valley Views* (published 1989), introduction by author.

12. It appears that Mary is Lucy's first cousin on her mother's side because Lucy only discusses her mother Charlotte's health, rather than her father, and refers in the letters to Mary to "Dearest Aunt" in many affectionate terms, always asking about the aunt. Since neither the envelopes nor any return letters from Mary have survived, we do not know where she was living. Since Lucy makes an unflattering comment about Ireland, I would think Mary was not in Ireland. Since she mentions visitors to England and the Great Fair, she doesn't seem to imply that they could have visited Mary, or that Mary was likely to visit the fair. Then in one letter there is a mention of "mammy". It is thus confusing to try to determine where Mary was living. Since the letters were probably purchased in New England, that is another possibility. It is also possible that Mary and family were living in or near Columbus, Miss., and they were the reason Lucy Torry moved there.

13. Dr. Stewart must be Theophilus S. Stewart, age 32, who with his wife Susannah, but no children, was living in Columbus, Ga., in the 1850 Census of Muscogee County, Ga., household no. C-687, with the occupation of physician. The Dickson family was at C-216.

14. Jane is her sister, Jane Dickson, discussed in the introduction.

15. Mrs. Shaw, mentioned as a "dear friend", if a Columbus resident, could be Mrs. Margaret D. Key Shaw, wife of James Shaw, an English-born steamer captain. They appear in the 1850 Census of Muscogee County, Ga., household R-118, in the Wynnton area. Mrs. Shaw later went on to marry second Nolan R. Lewis of Russell Co., Ala, and third my own ancestor Rev. Littleberry K. Willis. She died and is buried in Macon, Ga.

16. Dr. Richard H. Lockhart married Arabella J. Howard on October 23, 1850, Muscogee County, Ga., Marriage Book C, p. 284, with Rev. Lovick Pierce, Methodist, presiding. She was a daughter of John H. Howard, one of the wealthiest men in the city. See Worsley, *Columbus on the Chattahoochee*, pp. 129 and 212. In 1850, Lockhart was 24, single, and a physician, living at household C-300. He appears to have come from the Warren County, Georgia, area with his father. Dr. Lockhart's mother was a Beall and he was kin to other Columbus families on that line. See Autry, *Linwood Cemetery*, pp. 193-194. Dr. Lockhart died in 1859, aged 33.

17. According to James Cothran, a landscape architect who specializes in antebellum Southern plantings, the night blooming Jasmine was an exotic plant which bloomed in the summer, especially at the end of summer. The air plant could refer to a variety of plants whose roots were in the air.

18. A major paragraph about slavery and the treatment of slaves. This reveals her acute awareness of what congress was doing and the fear of a slave uprising. She does not condemn slavery, even though she must have been a recent arrival in the south. She takes a pro-slavery stance, for its existence and preservation a decade before the Civil War. In reviewing the *Columbus Enquirer*

for the summer and early fall of 1850, one notices that the newspaper was full everyday of the debates in Congress over what came to be known as the 'Compromise of 1850'. Several key points had finally been made law in Sept., 1850, just before Lucy wrote this letter. The reference to blacks fleeing to Canada is probably a reference to the Underground Railroad, as one article in the *Enquirer*, June 25, 1850, p. 2, c. 4, "Condition of Blacks in Canada", discussed that. I was unable to determine if there was any newspaper notice about the slaves in Columbus/Muscogee running away and then being brought back. The coverage in the newspaper was so extensive, anyone keeping up with events, as Lucy certainly, was would have no doubt been boiling over with opinions and predictions, as she was. This letter also indicates that she must have lived for awhile in New York, which is supported by the recently-discovered thumbnail biography of her life.

19. Lucy's style of writing does not make the dates as clear as they seem, but this one is firm due to a reference within the letter to the "Great Fair" of London (The Crystal Palace) which was held May 1, 1851--October 15, 1851 in London, England.

20. Ecclesiastes, 6:12. (King James Version)

21. Ecclesiastes, 4:6. (King James Version)

22. I have been unable to find any meat prices in the newspaper that would help identify when the price matched the low of 3 cents a pound when they arrived, but I would assume this recall of the price might mean they had not been there too long. It is also unclear whether the price relates to when they arrived in Columbus, or in the United States.

23. Etta B. Worsley, *Columbus on the Chattahoochee*, p. 266 indicates the progress of the railroads. The one that eventually went to Macon, Georgia, was the Muscogee Railroad which did not reach Macon until after 1853.

24. John E. Findling, ed., *Historical Dictionary of World's Fairs and Expositions, 1851-1988* (1990), p. 3.

25. And talk of one "next year" in New York. The one in New York was not held until 1853-1854 although discussion about it started in 1851 after Americans attended the one in London. Findling, op. cit., pp. 12-15.

26. The date, although it is easily read as 1850 by anyone looking at the original letter, is actually 1852, documented through the reference to the death of the sister of Dr. Lockhart's wife, within the letter.

27. Cousin Mary's letter took approximately three weeks to be received, indicating that she was a good distance away. It would appear that she could be overseas except for the comment at the end of this letter about Old Mammy. For a Georgia-born person, that would imply a slave, but for an Irish-born woman, who had lived in England, Scotland, and Canada, what did it mean?

28. These last several lines appear to be a quote or a poem which has not yet been identified.

29. The sister of Mrs. Dr. Lockhart, nee Arabella Howard, was Sarah Vivian Howard, who had married on Nov. 27, 1850, in Columbus, Ga., James W. Warren. Muscogee County, Ga., Marriage Book C, p. 295, the Rev. Lovick Pierce, Methodist, performing the service. She died March 4, 1852, in Columbus, just preceding the writing of this letter. *Columbus Enquirer*, March

23, 1852, p.3. Mrs. Warren, aged only 21, was buried on the Howard Lot at Linwood Cemetery. Arabella and Sarah were daughters of John H. Howard and Caroline Bostwick. Howard, as mentioned above, was one of the most important and influential people in Columbus. The Howard daughters would have been the nieces of Seaborn Jones of St. Elmo, first cousins of Augusta Evans Wilson, the future author, with each of their uncles and aunts having major houses and plantations within the area. For the Dickson-Torry family, a recent immigrant family, to have become friends with them would indicate major social acceptance. If Lucy was already teaching painting to the daughters of planters, that would be one way she would have met the Howards and others of their social status.

30. Another presumed quote or poem that has not been identified.

31. This letter carries only a few political observations, mainly this one about the Irish. Presumably she read the comment in the Columbus newspapers, although it has not been located as of this writing. I would think that by writing this negative comment about Ireland, her birthplace, although perhaps not where her heart lay, to Mary, that Mary was not living in Ireland.

32. The name of this other aunt appears to be "Rickey". She may or may not be living in Columbus, Ga. This is the only reference to her in the three letters.

33. This comment about "Mammy" would seem to indicate that Cousin Mary was living in the South. The *Oxford English Dictionary* (1989 edition) indicates that the term was used by a child for its mother, the second usage being that for a slave in the South who took care of the white children.

34. The *Oxford English Dictionary* (1989 edition) indicated that there was a variety of calla lily known in the 19th century as the "Ethiopian Lily".

MICROFILMED COUNTY RECORDS IN THE GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL
COLLECTION, BRADLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Among the many services performed for genealogists by the late Dolores Autry none was more significant than her work in county records. She published in *Muscogiana*, IV (1993), her "Abstracts of Deed Book A," of Muscogee County. Unpublished, but available for use in the Genealogy Room of the Bradley Library, is an index to microfilm holdings of county records. For the convenience of readers, those parts of the index relating to records included in the area of the original Muscogee County, are reproduced below. A considerable number and variety of county records are thus available for research without a trip to the courthouse or to the Archives in Atlanta.

Hugh I. Rodgers, Editor

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MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND SOME ESTATES
FROM THE COLUMBUS *DEMOCRAT*, 1830-1832

By Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr.

The *Democrat* was a newspaper published in Columbus, Georgia, beginning in October, 1830, as a political alternative to the *Columbus Enquirer* which had begun in 1828. The originals of the *Democrat* exist at the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, Ga., and on microfilm through the University of Georgia. Extant issues exist from volume one, no. 1 of October 16, 1830 through volume two, no. 52, October 6, 1832. It is not known how many more years it was published. Gregory's *American Newspapers, 1821-1936* (1937) did not identify any other locations. The following abstract of material was started by W. Tony Coursey and myself as part of our "Muscogee: The Lost Decade" project.

The editor of the *Democrat* was Cosam Emir Bartlett who died in Wynnton, near Columbus, Ga., in 1850, at age 57, (*Columbus Enquirer*, Oct. 15, 1850). In between ending his editorship/ownership of the *Democrat* and his death, he had moved to Florida and edited a newspaper there. William W. Rogers, *Outposts on the Gulf* (1986), pp. 13, 21, indicates that Bartlett, described as "combative", was brought in to edit the *Apalachicola Gazette* in 1835 and that he moved to Tallahassee in 1840.

These abstracts fill some of the gaps where both the county records of marriages, deeds, and wills were lost in the 1838 Muscogee County Courthouse fire and the loss of the *Columbus Enquirer*, except for a few scattered issues, from 1828 through early 1832. John H. Martin in his 1874 history *Columbus, Geo., From Its Selection...* apparently had access to some no longer extant issues of the *Enquirer*. As you can see from the cross-references to other Georgia newspapers that carried the marriages and deaths, there was a lot of copying of information between newspapers. One of the best sources for missing Columbus newspaper data appears to be the *Macon Telegraph*.

The abstracts below are cross-referenced when possible with other sources, especially if other indexed newspapers carried the notice, or if a marriage was recorded in a specific county's courthouse.

All extant issues of the *Democrat* were searched. There are six missing issues: Dec. 10, 17, and 24, 1831, and Feb. 4, March 24, and Sept. 8, 1832. As one can see, over the two year period there were several marriages found in the newspaper that were not recorded in their respective counties. The number of obituaries published represents only a small fraction of those who died. While the team of Tad Evans and his daughter Elizabeth Evans Kilbourne are abstracting and publishing full abstracts of information in the *Columbus Enquirer*, four volumes to date through 1843, no full abstract has yet been made of the *Democrat*. This material is just a sampling of vital records type information. Readers should remember that each issue was full of advertisements, as well as local events. Because the *Democrat* was not the legal organ for Muscogee County, very few Muscogee estate notices are found. It was the legal organ for other counties, therefore estate notices and sheriff's sales do appear for the following counties: Campbell, Carroll, Coweta, Harris, Heard, Meriwether, Randolph, Stewart, and Talbot.

Even during 1832, a year in which there is a nine-month overlap in the two newspapers, a number of the obituaries in the *Democrat*, are not found in the abstracted issues of the *Enquirer*.

Note on the abstracts: the information is often quoted verbatim, but in some abstracts it has been rearranged for consistency and format. All added information, or clarifications, is in brackets. The following abbreviations are used:

CE refers to extant issues of the *Columbus Enquirer*, abstracted by Buster Wright.

CO refers to the *Charleston Observer*, a Presbyterian newspaper, from which the marriages and deaths have been abstracted by Brent H. Holcomb

FU refers to the *Federal Union*, of Milledgeville.

"Martin" refers to John H. Martin's 1874 history of Columbus where he cites marriages and deaths from issues of the *Enquirer* that are no longer extant.

MT refers to the *Macon Telegraph*.

SR refers to the *Southern Recorder*, of Milledgeville.

"In this place" and "in this county", unless annotated, refer to Columbus and Muscogee County.

Abstracts from the *Democrat*

Vol I, no. 1

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Abstracts</u>
Oct. 16, 1830	Elijah Jewett , estate. Executor: John Loomis. County: Muscogee
Dec. 18, 1830	Robert B. Hemphill , estate. Administrator: Frances Gedion. Muscogee Co.
Jan. 29, 1831	[Note: Below is the first obituary to be published.] William Wright , died at Capt. P.W. Flynn's, Sunday, 16th instant [Jan. 16, 1831] formerly of Lancaster District, S.C. [Capt. Flynn was the militia district captain for one of Columbus's downtown districts, so this death should have taken place in downtown.] William Walker , Sr., 66 yrs., died at Columbus, Tues. Jan. 25, resident of Harris Co., formerly of Putnam Co., a Baptist. [SR, Feb. 3, 1831; Martin; CO, Feb. 5, 1831. For more on Walker, his local descendants, and his tombstone, see Louise C. Barfield, <i>History of Harris County</i> , pp. 557-559.]
Feb. 12, 1831	Sarah Wemms McClusky , age 8, died on Friday, 11th inst. [Feb. 11, 1831]
Feb. 19, 1831	John Harman , died in Harris Co., 11 inst. [Feb. 11, 1831], age 63.
Mar. 5, 1831	Married at Rotherwood in Carroll Co., on the 24th, by Rev. Hamel, Thomas S. Martin of Columbus & Miss Ann Springer [This marriage is not recorded in Carroll County, Ga. Mrs. Ann Martin died, see later in this series, see also in <i>Charleston Observer</i> , Apr. 14, 1831 or in CE. Martin remarried on Feb. 16, 1832, see below, to a sister of his first wife. MT, Mar. 12, 1831] Maj. Nathan Brady , shot on the 10th by an Indian on Hitchitie Creek, on road from his residence in Stewart Co., died within 34 hours at home of Benjamin Massey in Muscogee County on 12th inst. [Feb 12, 1831]. [This appears to be the same as Nathan Brady, Jr., whose death is recorded in CO, March 19, 1831, as being "of Stewart Co. "; MT, March

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| | 5, 1831, gives more information, says he is former state representative from Randolph Co. They also published an update on March 26, 1831, that the Indian had been killed, "left wife and infant". <i>The History of Stewart County, Georgia, Vol. II</i> , carries information on the Brady family. There is also an estate notice in the <i>Democrat</i> , by his widow, Lavinia.] |
| April 2, 1831 | Married on 27th ult. [March 27, 1831] by Charles R. Wynn, Thomas J. Stevens & Mrs. Rhoda Floyd [or Lloyd], all of Talbot Co.

[This marriage is recorded in Talbot Co., Ga.; Martin; MT, Apr. 16, 1831.]

George W. M'Coy , in 26th year, died at Apalachicola Bay, Florida, on 20th ult.

[March 20, 1831] a native of Augusta, then Columbus, then Florida. [MT, April 16, 1831.] |
| April 9, 1831 | Married 3rd inst. [April 3, 1831] at Talboton by Rev. Mr. Manley, Samuel C. Leech [Leach] & Miss Eliza Dyer , both of that place.

[This marriage is recorded in Talbot Co., Ga. He died in 1842 and his will is recorded in Talbot Co., Ga., <u>Will Book A</u> , p. 125. MT, Apr. 16, 1831.]

Married on Wednesday last [April 6, 1831] by Rev. Boren, Mr. Daniel D. Radinhour [Ridenhour] & Miss Amelia Bennett , all of this place.

[Martin; MT, April 16, 1831. The name is actually spelled Ridenhour and remained visible in Columbus. Mrs. Amelia Ridenhour died in 1842, and he remarried in 1845. They are buried on the family lot in Linwood Cemetery] |
| At this point, the <i>Democrat</i> , which had published on Saturday, began publishing on Fridays. | |
| April 15, 1831 | Married in Talbot Co. on Thurs. 17 ult. [March 17, 1831] by George M. Duncan. Moses Mote , formerly of S.C., and Miss Ann Canon , of that county. [Not recorded in Talbot Co. records.] |
| April 22, 1831 | Married Thurs. 13 inst. [April 13, 1831] by Rev. Mr. Hunter, G. W. E. Bedell and Miss Emily Brown , dau. of Maj. Brown, all of Harris Co.

[Recorded in Harris Co., GA.; MT, Apr. 30, 1831; Bedell was elected Sheriff of Harris County in 1832.] |

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Abstracts</u>
	Married in this place, Sunday last [April 17, 1831] by Jas. Daniel, Isaiah Johnson and Miss Sarah Wilson , all of this county. [MT, April 30, 1831]
	Died. Mrs. Ann Martin , on 14th inst. [April 14, 1831] dau. of Wm. G. Springer of Carroll Co., age 17, just recently married. [Her marriage to Thomas Martin is recorded above, as well as his remarriage to her sister, below. CO, May 7, 1831; MT, Apr. 30, 1831.]
April 29, 1831	Died. In this town on 22 inst. [April 22, 1831] Mr. James Kempton Jenny , formerly of Fair Haven, Mass. [MT, May 7, 1831.] Died on 22 inst., Mrs. Sarah Pride , consort of John Pride, of this place. [MT, May 7, 1831.]
At this point, the <i>Democrat</i> resumes publishing on Saturdays.	
May 7, 1831	Married at Rock Creek, Wed. 5th inst. [May 5, 1831] by Thos. Davis, Esq., Capt. James Medley and Mrs. Jane O'Connor , both of Muscogee Co. [MT, May 14, 1831.]
May 28, 1831	Married on 16th [May 16, 1831] by Judge Duncan, Dempsey Portwood , aged about 70 & Miss Drucilla Stewart , aged about 30, all of Stewart Co. [This marriage is recorded in Stewart Co., Ga.]
July 23, 1831	Drowned on 18th inst. [July 18, 1831] John G. Prince , in the Chattahoochee River, a merchant, formerly of Massachusetts.
Aug. 27, 1831	Married on Monday, the 15th inst. by Rev. Jesse Boring, Jonathan A. Hudson & Miss Martha Abbercrombie [Abercrombie], all of this place. [MT, Sept. 10, 1831. Her will, probated in 1835, is the earliest surviving recorded one, <i>Will Book A</i> , p. 1. Her sister married Ulysses Lewis, the first mayor (intendant) of Columbus.] Died on Sat. 30 July, Col. John P. Blackmon in Talbot Co., age 46, accidentally shot by gun he was loading. [Blackmon was one of the first officials and settlers of original Muscogee County in 1827 and ended up in Talbot County when the larger county was divided in 1828. CO, Sept. 10, 1831; MT, Sept. 10, 1831.]
Sept. 3, 1831	Married, Tues. 30th inst. [Aug 30, 1831] by Rev. Mr. Martin, Dr. James C. Sullivan of Harris Co. & Miss Josephine O. Grinage , of this place. [Not recorded in Harris Co. marriages. CO, Sept. 10, 1831 which states they were married in Columbus, Ga.; Martin, I, 31, "J. C. Sullivan ".]

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Abstracts</u>
Sept. 10, 1831	Died in Columbus on Wed. Sept. 7th, Georgiana Camp , dau. of J. T. and H. M. Camp, age 1 yr., 10 mos., and 20 days.
Sept. 24, 1831	Died in Muscogee Co. on 19th inst. [Sept. 19, 1831] Mrs. Eleanor Johnson , consort of Robert G. Johnson, formerly of Greene Co. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. [Martin, I, 31.]
Oct. 8, 1831	<p>Died on Thurs. last. [Sept. 15, 1831?] at res. of Mr. Lonas in Knoxville, Mrs. Eliza A. Bullock [Bulloch], of Columbus, Ga., age 38, in Tennessee for her health for four months. Copied from the <i>Knoxville, Tenn., Register</i>.</p> <p>[This obituary also appeared in the <i>Macon Messenger</i>, Oct. 8, 1831, which says she was the widow of Capt. Charles Bullock of Macon; MT, Oct. 8, 1831, which gives the date of death as the 15th ult.; SR, Oct. 6, 1831. She was one of the early Columbus settlers. Mrs. Bullock was born Eliza Agnes Jones, in 1792, and was a sister of Seaborn Jones, of St. Elmo. She first married Fleming Grantland, and then Charles Bulloch. She has many descendants. Source: Augusta Fothergill, <i>Peter Jones and Richard Jones Genealogies</i> (1924), pp. 96-100.]</p> <p>"Died in this place on Sat. last [Oct. 1, 1831] Capt. Edmund Bugg, formerly of Augusta, but for last year or two, a citizen of this place." [The Bugg family were quite prominent in the Augusta area. Martin, who says he was "town clerk"; CO, Oct. 29, 1831. One of them gives his age as 37. Bugg was running for Clerk of Superior Court for Muscogee County as announced in the issue of August 13, 1831.]</p>
Oct 22, 1831	<p>Married on Thurs. 13th inst. by Wm. Everett, Maj. Thos. Pate & Miss Susan Williams, all of Stewart Co.</p> <p>[This marriage is recorded in Stewart Co., Ga.]</p>
Oct. 29. 1831	<p>Died in this place, Thurs. 13th inst. [Oct 13, 1831] Mrs. Clarissa Rockwell, wife of Stoddard Rockwell, age 37, in town residence, a Methodist. She left a husband and two small children.</p> <p>[MT, Oct. 29. 1831. They were married in 1825 in Putnam Co., GA., her maiden name being Carter.]</p> <p>Died, of consumption, on Fri. 21st [Oct. 21, 1831] Mr. David Harrison, age about 65.</p> <p>Administrator's Sale. Zadoc Lewis, estate. Administrator: Hiram Fuller, Muscogee Co. Sale was first announced on Sept. 17, 1831.</p> <p>[Hiram Fuller is in Muscogee Co. in the 1850 Census, and more on him is in the <i>History of Chattahoochee County, Georgia</i>. In the issue of Sept.</p>

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	17, they indicate the sale would be at the residence of "Zadock Lewis". Lewis appears to have been in Columbia Co., Ga., prior to coming to Muscogee.]
Nov. 12, 1831	Married in Crawford County, 8th inst., Capt. Wiggins Whitaker , and Miss Mary Kirkpatrick . [Recorded in Crawford Co., Ga.]
Nov. 19, 1831	Deaths since June 1, 1831, were said to be Whites : adults, 20, children 20. Black: adults, 8, children, 9. Of these, 40 died with fever, 3 in childbirth, and two of intemperance. [When comparing this to the number of obituaries reported in the same time frame, only six are reported, which is a very small percentage of the white deaths.]
Dec. 31, 1831	Admin. Sale. Patrick Fitzpatrick , estate. Administrator: Thomas M'Carty Muscogee Co. [Announced first as of November 26. In a later sale announced in January, 1832, they were selling millstone, blacksmith bellows, and building stone.] (In regular news column) "Shocking occurrence, on 29th, within a few ____, Muscogee citizen Alexander M'Cants attacked by Negroe." [He died in this attack, since his estate was announced in the January 14, 1832 issue, below.] (Page 3) [?November] "At Santa Rosa in Pensacola, West Florida, William Morton , 38, native of Orange Co., Va., represented that county in the legislature before moving to Florida."
Jan. 14, 1832	Admin. Sale. Alex. K. M'Cants , estate. Administrator: George R. McCants , Administratrix: Eliz. McCants County: Muscogee Date first published was January 14. [See murder above.]
Feb. 25, 1832	Married : At Rotherwood, Carroll County, by the Rev. J. Y. Alexander, Thomas S. Martin , Esq., of Columbus, to Miss Mary, daughter of Wm. G. Springer , Esq., of the former place. [Date not given in the notice, courthouse records in Carroll County do not show the marriage. The editor commented that a piece of wedding cake accompanied the notice. He indicated that similar wedding treats would insure accurate reporting in the future. Note that this groom had married his bride's sister, above, in Feb., 1831, and she had since died. CE, Feb. 25, 1832, indicates marriage was on Feb. 16.; MT, March 3, 1832.]

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March 3, 1832	<p>Married: At Fort Gaines on Thursday the 23d inst. [Feb. 23, 1832] by the Rev. Samuel Johnson, W. P. Ford, Esq., of Talbot County, to Miss Ann A. Bailey, of the former place. [meaning she was from Fort Gaines.]</p> <p>[Not recorded in Talbot Co. or Early Co. CE, March 3, 1832, as "Maj. William P. Ford."]</p>
March 10, 1832	<p>Married: On Thursday evening last [March 8, 1832?], at Ellerslie, Harris County, by the Rev. Barkly Martin, Mr. Henry Moffit of Muscogee County, to Miss Dorinda M., daughter of Gen. C. Phillips, of the former place [Harris County]. [Not recorded in Harris County, nor in the CE; MT, March 17, 1832. This couple are the ancestors of a number of local residents, including the C. Dexter Jordan family, and the Flournoy family. Henry Moffett (1817-1866) later lived in Russell Co., Ala. He and his wife are featured in <i>The History of Russell County, Alabama</i> (1982), F-237 and F-238, including their portraits.]</p>
March 31, 1832	<p>James G. Godfrey, married "on Thursday evening last" [March 29, 1832] Miss Laura M. Pride, dau. of John Pride, Esq., performed by Rev. S. K. Hodges.</p> <p>[The editor reported here that he had received no evidence, that is cake, etc., from the wedding. Assume to have taken place in Columbus. CE, March 31, 1832.]</p>
April 14, 1832	<p>Married: On Sunday evening the 8th inst. [April 8, 1832] by the Rev. John G. Willingham, Mr. John Victory, of this county, to Miss Charlotte A. Coleman, of Columbia county. [Not in CE.]</p>
June 2, 1832	<p>Married: On Sunday evening 27th ult. [May 27, 1832] by James N. Vatton, Esq., Mr. Allen M. Buckhalter, to Miss Alecy Walker, all of Harris County. [Not recorded in Harris Co., not in CE.]</p>
June 9, 1832	<p>Married in Talbot County on Tuesday the 8th May, by the Rev. Mr. Powell, Mr. Benjamin White to Miss Rebecca Findley. [Not recorded in Talbot Co., not in CE. MT, June 20, 1832.]</p> <p>Married on Sunday evening May 27, by James L. Burks [Bucks], Esq., Mr. Jarad Teal to Miss Darcas Daniel, all of Talbot County.</p> <p>[Recorded in Talbot Co., as Jarrett Teal. Not in CE; MT, June 20, 1832.]</p>
June 30, 1832	<p>Died: In this Town on Sunday evening last, after a short illness, Mary Flewelen, daughter of the Rev. John Buker of this place, aged two years, eleven months and eight days.</p> <p>[This must be the Rev. John Baker, first pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus.]</p>

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July 21, 1832	<p>Married: At Clinton, Jones County, on Wednesday morning, 18 inst. [July 18, 1832] by the Rev. Thomas Thweatt, Mr. Geo. W. Dillingham, to Nancy Elizabeth Tickner, daughter of the late Dr. Orray Tickner of Jones County.</p> <p>[CE, July 21, 1832. Recorded in Jones Co., Ga, her name was actually "Lucy Elizabeth Ticknor". The Dillingham family were very active in Columbus. The family Bible is of record. The Ticknors were the family of the poet, Francis Orray Ticknor. MT, July 25, 1832.]</p>
July 28, 1832	<p>Married: In this county on Thursday evening last [July 26, 1832], by N. Scott, Esq., Mr. Theophilus Sapp to Miss Narcissa F. Clark, all of this county. [Muscogee]</p> <p>[Not in CE. The Sapp family are extensively written up in Rogers' <i>The History of Chattahoochee County, Georgia</i> (1933), and have many local descendants today.]</p>
August 4, 1832	<p>Died: On Sunday Morning last [July 29, 1832] at 3 o'clock, Caroline Clark, youngest daughter of Col. Burton Hepburn, age 11 months and 18 days.</p> <p>[CE, Aug. 4, 1832; MT, Aug. 8, 1832.]</p>
August 18, 1832	<p>Married: On Friday morning last [Aug. 17, 1832], by Esquire Dawson, Capt. Michael N. Clark, to Miss Pamela Hale, all of this place [Columbus].</p> <p>[CE, Aug. 25, 1832. Clark was British-born, but became the Columbus city clerk, and was quite prominent in the early city. His early letters back to his parents in England were published in <i>Richmond County History</i>, II (1) Winter, 1979, pp. 11-19. This Augusta association did not know at the time of publication that he had moved on to Columbus.]</p>
Sept. 15, 1832	<p>Died: "In Heard County in May last, Mrs. Amy Cox, wife of David Cox, of that place, after a short illness of five days...She had been in full communion with the Methodist Church 23 years; as a wife and a mother, her memory will be long revered." [Not in CE.]</p>

The two volumes of the *Democrat* cover the first two years of publication. With the last issue of Volume 2, October 6, 1832, the bound volumes on microfilm end. As mentioned, no other issues of this newspaper have as yet been located.

Additional Obituary: The same reel of microfilm that holds the *Democrat*, also contains the *Macon Advertiser* for Macon, Ga., for c. 1831-1832. One Columbus-related obituary was noted in passing, and there could be many others:

Friday, April 29, 1831 Married: On Thursday, the 7th inst. [April 7, 1831] at the Sand Hills near Augusta, by the Rev. Samuel K. Talmage, Alfred **Iverson**, Esq., of Columbus, Ga., to Miss Julia **Forsyth**, eldest daughter of the Hon. John Forsyth.

[Iverson later was U. S. Senator, Forsyth was or had been Governor of Georgia and U.S. Secretary of State.] [Recorded in Richmond County, Ga. Martin, I, 31; CO, May 7, 1831; MT, April 23, 1831.]

INVENTORY OF GRAVES IN THE WEST SECTION
OF LINWOOD CEMETERY,
KNOWN AS THE JEWISH SECTION
Prepared by Members of Temple Israel
Columbus, Georgia

Editor's Note: Tombstone inscriptions of Linwood Cemetery were published in this journal by June Hanna in eight installments beginning in 1989. June Hanna transcribed this information from microfilm copies of records prepared by the Latter Day Saints Church for its archives. About a dozen burials in the Jewish Section were overlooked in this collection and others had typographical errors. Most of the omissions were remedied by Dolores Autry in her *Linwood Cemetery* (1994), pp. 161-164, and she included valuable reference notes to published funeral notices. Now we are pleased to print the legible tombstone inscriptions of this section of historic Linwood Cemetery in their entirety.

Nearly all the burials recorded here took place before 1900 after which time Jewish burial occurred in Riverdale Cemetery. As the inscriptions indicate, the overwhelming majority of the people interred here were born in one of the German states of central Europe. (The German Empire was not created until 1871.) These states had only begun to modernize their legal, social and economic forms in the earlier nineteenth century and it not until after 1870 that old restrictions on Jewish life were fully removed. Even in the liberal states economic difficulties encouraged emigration out of central Europe especially in the 1840s and 1850s with the United States being a favored destination.

By the time of the 1860 Census, Muscogee County's white population of 8,966 included 652 foreign born inhabitants. Of these, 141 were citizens of German origin, most of them Jewish in religion. In the same census, nine people gave Poland as their place of birth (although Poland did not then exist as a separate country, its provinces being divided among the Russian Empire, the Kingdom of Prussia, and the Austrian Empire), seven claimed Switzerland, and five came from the Austrian Empire (which included Hungary and Bohemia-Moravia).

The inscriptions in the West Section indicate 18 were born in the Kingdom of Prussia (the largest of the German states, stretching from the Rhine to the Polish provinces of Russia), 17 were born in the Kingdom of Bavaria, the second largest German state, which included the Rhineland Palatinate, four originated in Bohemia/Moravia where, despite the Czech revival, German was still the language of government and commerce, and seven were born in various other German states. Even where a place of birth was not chiseled on the tombstone, the German form of the names indicates a central European origin. The German Jewish contribution to nineteenth century Columbus was thus considerable.

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WEST SECTION TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION

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| <p>1. Here Rest
HANNAH
Beloved wife of
Charles Frank
October 10, 1839
June 29, 1892</p> | <p>8. Sacred
to the memory of
CECILIA J.
wife of
JONAS MARCUSE
born in
Filchan, Prussia
August 15, 1834
married in
Philadelphia
January 26, 1858
died in
Columbus, Ga.
November 7, 1858</p> |
| <p>2. LEON J. STRAUS
November 6, 1872
December 21, 1891
He was a kind and loving son
and affectionate brother.</p> | <p>9. ROSA HAIMAN
daughter of
HIRSCH & ROSA HAIMAN
and wife of
JOHN KELLER
Born at Kolmar, Prussia
February 15, 5591
died at Columbus, Ga.
November 9, 1858</p> |
| <p>3. NATHAN BACHER
died
October 14, 1852
A native of
Dernbach, Germany</p> | <p>10. LEWIS DAVIS
Quincy, R. A. C. No. 7</p> |
| <p>4. HENRY HAIMAN
born in
Kolmar, Prussia
March 1836
died in
Talbotton, Ga.
April 22, 1854</p> | <p>11. HIRSCH HAIMAN
born in
Schneidrmuchl, Prussia
January 1800
died
August 22, 1860</p> |
| <p>5. HENRY STERN
born at
Bettelhausen, Prussia
March 5, 1812
died at
Columbus, Ga.
January 12, 1856</p> | <p>12. Sacred
to the memory of
BERTHA HAIMAN
consort of
N. Crown
born May 1834
died May 25, 1868</p> |
| <p>6. Small marker could
not read inscription.</p> | <p>13. THERESA HAIMAN
born in
Province Posen, Prussia
died
Columbus, Ga.
March 9, 1870</p> |
| <p>7. MORRIS HAIMAN
born in
Kolmar, Prussia
May 5605
died in
Columbus, Ga.
November 25, 5619 (1859)</p> | |

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14. LOUIS HAIMAN
consort of
ROSALIE HAIMAN
born in
Kolmar, Prussia
10 Mar 1828
died in
Columbus, Ga.
10 November 1871
15. ROSALIE L. HAIMAN
consort of
LOUIS HAIMAN
born 1843
died
Tampa, Florida
July 30, 1930
16. ELKAN WAITZFELDER (?)
born
April 23, 1836
died
June 11, 1860
17. SARAH FRANK
was born in
Steppach, Bavaria
died May 8, 1862
Aged 63 y'rs
18. HEINRICH FISCHACHER
born in
Lchenhausen, Bavaria
April 12, 1812
died in
Columbus, Ga.
April 15, 1865
19. HENRY
son of
I. H. NAIN_ER
born August 5, 1853
died Sept. 30, 1865
aged 12 yrs. 1 mo.
20. HANNAH SCHWARZ
consort of
HEINRICH FISCHACHER
born in Floss, Bavaria
November 20, 1823
died in Columbus, Ga.
February 14, 1866
21. Erected to the memory of
JULIUS GREENWOOD
Born at Wilkowo
Prussia
March 15, 1842
died in
Columbus, Ga.
November 13, 1866
22. Our Father
JACOB KURNIKER
born in
Posen, Prussia
March 3, 1837
died in
Columbus, Ga.
February 23, 1915
23. REBECCA
consort of
JACOB KURNIKER
born
March 6, 1839
at Mur Goslin, Prussia
died
October 4, 1869
24. ROSA DORN
died
March 20, 1870
25. In
Memory of
My beloved husband
JACOB HECHT
born in
Tachau, Bohemia
December 9, 1839
died in Columbus, Ga.
July 16, 1896

26. In
Memory of
LORIE HECHT
Beloved wife of
JACOB HECHT
born
February 21, 1856
Lichenstuell, Bohemia
died
July 19, 1914
Lake Harbor, Michigan
27. Cement slab; no inscription.
28. BERNHARD G. STERN
born
August 28, 1819
in Bettelhausen, Prussia
died
September 23, 1871
at
Columbus, Georgia
29. Cement slab; no inscription.
30. MOSES H. DESSAU
Born in Hamburg, Germany
April 23, 1810
Died in Columbus, Ga.
September 26, 1881
- END ROW ONE (1)
31. JACOB KAUFMAN
November 26, 1820
died
April 19, 1894
32. BELLA ALSBERG
Daughter of Chas. & Hannah
KAUFMAN
Born in Columbus, Ga.
July 3, 1871
died
October 24, 1893
33. HELENA ELSON
February 20, 1856
died at
Columbus, Ga.
January 11, 1893
34. ADELHEID BERNHARD
Born in Neusull, Hessen
Died at Columbus, Ga.
January 14, 1893
Aged 76 years
35. JULIUS KAUFMAN
born at
Luhicuell Baden, Germany
November 30, 1822
died at
Columbus, Ga.
December 2, 1892
36. EDWARD KURNIKER
May 10, 1838
died
September 12, 1892
37. SIMON
son of
JACOB & BABET KURNIKER
Born at Hutsboro, Ala.
March 27, 1877
died
July 30, 1892
38. Here Rest
BABET
consort of
JACOB KURNIKER
born in
Hammelburg Kindgdom
of Bavaria
February 11, 1839
died at
Columbus, Ga.
September 10, 1897

39. Sacred
to the memory of
EMMA
the beloved wife of
HENRY STRAUS
born at Obenbach, Bavaria
May 29, 1840
died at Columbus, Ga.
November 1, 1891
40. In memory of
MINA
daughter of
SIMON & RACHEL
SCHUBINSKY
born in New York City
December 15, 1855
died in Columbus
July 12, 1873
41. Sacred
to the memory of
LENA
daughter of
JACOB & JOHANNAH
HEIDEUMAN
born in Luduikowo, Prussia
January 21, 1855
died in Columbus, Ga.
September 28, 1874
42. Sacred
to the memory of my husband
BERNHARD HIRSCH
born in Hammelburg, Bavaria
March 31, 1844
died in Seale, Ala.
November 11, 1874
43. LENA FISCHACHER
consort of
MORRIS BARNETTE
born in Lchenhausen, Bavaria
December 1, 1854
died in Columbus, Ga.
May 9, 1875
44. In memory of
JACOB
son of
LOUIS & HENRIETTA BANNER
born
New Haven, Conn.
March 12, 1860
died
Columbus, Ga.
July 6, 1875
45. Sacred
to the memory of Our dear mother
AMALIA STERN
born in
Siegen, Westphalen
November 1, 1830
died in Columbus, Ga.
July 11, 1875
46. LOUIS BANNER
Born 1835
died 1914
47. In memory of
EMANUEL KERN
born
Essinger, Bavaria
January 11, 1829
died
Columbus, Ga.
June 1, 1879
48. JACOB KURNIKER
born in
Posen, Prussia
August 22, 1863
died
October 18, 1879
49. ANTONIA KOHN
born in
Konigswart, Bohemia
March 13, 1836
died in
Columbus, Ga.
August 1, 1880

50. Sacred
to the memory of
MARKUS LOWENTHAL
born at
Kaltenholzhausen
in Nassau, Germany
died at Columbus, Ga.
November 28, 1880
51. In memory of
HENRIETTA
wife of
LOUIS BANNER
born in
Geuibitz, Prussia
March 31, 1835
died in
Columbus, Ga.
April 29, 1881
52. Sacred
to the memory of
JACOB STRAUS
born in Otterburg,
Bavaria
January 12, 1843
died in this city
December 24, 1882
53. Sacred
to the memory of
SOLOMAN SIMONS
born in
Hanover, Germany
May 7, 1817
died in Columbus, Ga.
July 16, 1883
54. Sacred
to the memory of
our mother
BABETTE HECHT
born in
Kuttenplan, Bohemia
August 11, 1808
died in
Columbus, Ga.
November 7, 1883
55. FERDINAND
son of
MOSES & BABBETTE LOEB
born in
Treinsheim, Palatinate,
Bavaria
March 4, 1867
died in
Columbus, Ga.
March 21, 1884
56. Sacred
to the memory of
MOSES MOSES
born in
Colmar, in Posen
1808
died at
Oxford, Ala.
November 15, 1884
57. Sacred
to the memory of
SARAH
beloved wife of
SOLOMAN COHEN
born at
Odenbach, Bavaria
January 19, 1844
died at
Columbus, Ga.
February 22, 1885
58. EDWARD KOHN
1868-1886
59. Sacred
to the memory of
MEYER GREENTREE
born
February 17, 1858
departed this life
November 24, 1886
60. Here lies interred
ANNIE E. KURNIKER
born
May 8, 1855
departed this life
June 1, 1887

LINWOOD CEMETERY

61. Here rest
AMANDA
daughter of
MOSES & BABBETTA
LOEB
born
November 30, 1877
died
June 24, 1888
62. Here slumbers
JOSEPH
son of MOSES & BABBETTA
LOEB
born in Treinsheim
Rhine Palatinsheim [Palatinate]
Bavaria
December 8, 1864
died in
Columbus, Ga.
December 31, 1877
63. Here rests
in hallowed peace
the remains of
Mrs. NANA HIRSCH
born
February 5, 1816
departed this life
January 24, 1888
64. Sacred
to the memory of
JACOB HOFFLIN
born at
Ottenberg, Bavaria
June 29, 1845
died in
Columbus, Ga
November 30, 1888
65. Here rest
JACOB KAUFMAN
born at
Odenbach, Bavaria
died at
Columbus, Ga.
December 14, 1888
aged 79 years
66. Here rest
the mortal frame of
CHAS. HEYMAN
died
February 7, 1889
aged 50 years
67. Sacred
to the memory of
BERNARD I. MEYER
born at
Columbus, Ga.
April 1, 1878
died at
Montgomery, Ala.
February 18, 1901
68. ISAAC ISAIAH
MOSES
son of
ISIAH & REBECCA MOSES
born in
Charleston, S. C.
July 15, 1822
died at
Arbor Villa
December 12, 1890
69. MARY ALICE MOSES
wife of
ISAAC I. MOSES
born in
Oakland
near Beauford, S.C.
April 4, 1841
died at
Arbor Villa
Girard, Ala.
March 7, 1920
70. JACOB GREENWOOD
born in Prussia
March 10, 1837
died in
Columbus, Ga.
September 12, 1894

END ROW TWO (2)

71. SOPHIE
beloved wife of
NATHAN ROTHSCHILD
born at
Burg Breback, Bavaria
May 11, 1827
died in
Columbus, Ga.
June 16, 1895
72. Hebrew Inscription Only.
73. HERMAN KAUFMAN
SON OF
CHAS. & HANNAH KAUFMAN
born
August 16, 1859
died
February 18, 1898
74. HERMAN
son of
MAX & ROSALIA
JULIUS
born in
Hurtsboro, Ala.
September 13, 1871
died in
Columbus, Ga.
December 11, 1899
75. ISIDOR BLASCOER
born
Mor Goslin, Posen,
Prussia
January 29, 1829
died
Columbus, Ga.
May 1, 1900
76. SUSAN BLASCOER
born
Posen, Prussia
March 7, 1828
died
Columbus, Ga.
March 15, 1905
77. Sacred
to the memory of
JOHANNAH
beloved wife of
CHARLES KAUFMAN
born at
Odenbach, Bavaria
November 30, 1837
died at
Ft. Gaines, Ga.
January 19, 1902
78. CHARLES KAUFMAN
born in
Lichtenau, Bavaria,
Germany
June 11, 1829
died at
Fort Gaines, Ga.
December 28, 1903
79. FANNIE
wife of
JACOB KAUFMAN
born at
Ottenberg, Bavaria
September 19, 1839
died in
Atlanta, Ga.
August 14, 1903
80. MATILDA STRAUS
KAUFMAN
October 22, 1840
February 29, 1928
81. HENRIETTA WALLERSTEIN
beloved wife of
A. M. WALLERSTEIN
born in
Geneva, Ga.
December 24, 1861
died at
Ft. Gaines, Ga.
May 4, 1904
82. BELLA FISCHAKER
1854 - 1934

LINWOOD CEMETERY

83. ROSCHELLE
beloved daughter of
SAMUEL & LENA KAUL
born at
Greenville, Ga.
April 14, 1885
died at
Columbus, Ga.
January 18, 1906
84. In memory of
HARRY
son of MAX & JENNIE
SIMMONS
born
January 19, 1895
died
March 10, 1895
85. ALEXANDER
son of MAX & ROSA
SABEL
born
June 6, 1895
died
November 6, 1895
86. Our darling
ALMA Y. LOEWENHERZ
born
July 24, 1894
died
November 7, 1895
87. REGINA S. KURNIKER
born
January 29, 1878
died
April 11, 1908
88. SELINA
wife of
MORRIS ASHER
born
September 18, 1876
died
July 3, 1903
89. SAMMIE
son of
J. & A. GREENWOOD
born
February 13, 1879
died
January 12, 1885
90. SYDNEY
son of SAM & LENA
KAUL
born
November 15, 1883
died
April 19, 1885
91. Our darling
ANTHONY
son of JOSEPH & ADELE
HECHT
born
July 3, 1882
died
October 3, 1885
aged 3 yrs. & 3 mos.
92. No incscription
93. Here rest in eternal peace
MEYER
infant child of MEYER & MOLLIE
GREENTREE
born
July 24, 1887
died
January 20, 1888
94. Could not read inscription.
95. Sacred to the memory of
CLARICE
daughter of W. & A.
EMRICH
born
February 26, 1890
died
October 2, 1893

END ROW THREE (3)

96. Sacred to the memory of
CARRIE
daughter of M. & B.
LOEB
born
January 1, 1882
died
November 11, 1893
97. LITTLE BLANCHE
daughter of ALBERT & BERTHA
EMRICH
born
February 1, 1900
died
August 23, 1900
- END ROW FOUR (4)
98. LENA
infant daughter of
JACOB & ERNESTINE
KELLER
born
May 6, 1892
died
January 1, 1893
99. In memory of
LOUIS KAUFFMAN
who was born
September 15, 1862
and died
August 11, 1863
100. In memory of
ELIAS ROTHSCHILD
who was born in
Columbus, Ga.
January 25
and died
July 21, 1863
101. LITTLE PERCY
aged 11 months
102. ABRAHAM
son of H. R. & S. R.
BARNETTE
May 20, 1865
died
July 23, 1867
103. ABRAHAM HAIMAN
born
May 3, 1865
died May 30, 1871
in Columbus, Ga.
104. In memory of
ROSA
daughter of J. & E. KELLER
born
March 16, 1868
died
July 13, 1868
105. LENA CROWN
born
July 10, 1866
died
May 30, 1869
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November 5, 1869
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107. No inscription
108. ADOPH THEODORE
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109. No incription
110. M. D. B.

111. BENNY
 son of
 JACOB & BABETTE
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 born
 March 27, 1877
 died
 March 28, 1879
 2 years & 6 hrs. old

112. LULA
 daughter of
 J. & A. GREENWOOD
 born
 July 12, 1876
 died
 March 8, 1881

IN MEMORIAM

The Muscogee County Genealogical Society lost two valuable members over the last few months. We remember with gratitude their many contributions to this Society and to the cause of Muscogee County history and genealogy.

Elizabeth Mizell Akers

Elizabeth Mizell Akers was born 11 November 1903 in Columbus, the daughter of Charles William and Lucy McCrary Mizell. The widow of William David Akers, she died in Columbus 29 August 1999. As one of the organizers of the Muscogee County Genealogical Society, she opened her home to its first meeting. She was tireless in her efforts to establish the Genealogical Room at the Bradley Library and for her accomplishment of this goal was named the outstanding Woman of the Year in 1977. She was a member of the George Walton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Columbus Chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists, the Georgia Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America and other hereditary societies. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Frank Laslie Kimbrough

A former President of the Muscogee Genealogical Society, Frank ("Pete") Kimbrough, who was born 19 February 1922 in Montgomery, AL, died 7 July 1999 in Columbus. A retired US Air Force colonel, he had been commander of the Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany and the recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Asiatic/Pacific Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. After leaving the Air Force he became a senior vice president of the American Family Life Insurance Company. In his retirement years, "Pete" Kimbrough cheerfully helped others with their genealogical research. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, the Coweta Falls Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and had been Genealogist of the Georgia Society, SAR. He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

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