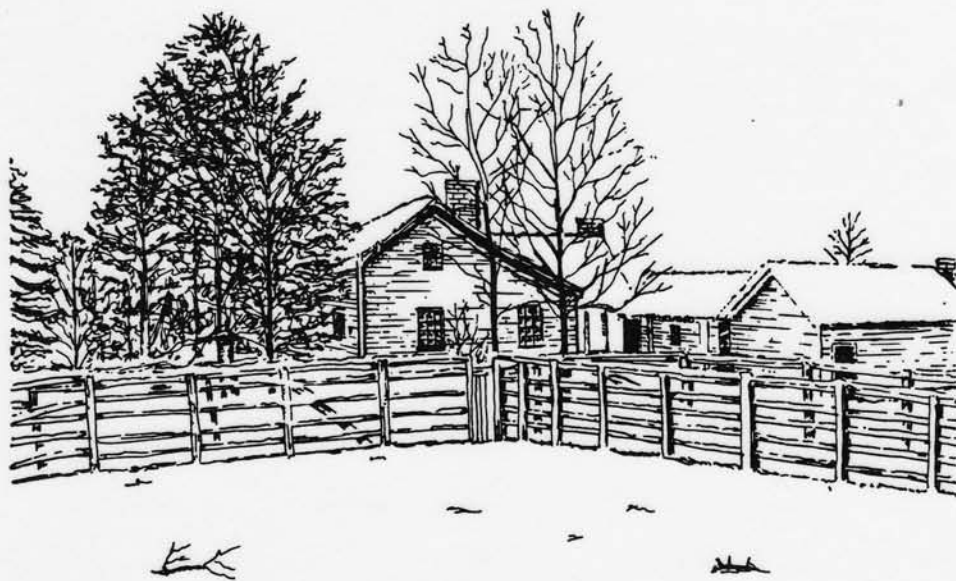


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and all their cousins



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## INTRODUCTION

The idea of a Stubblefield family cookbook came up around reunion time for several years. My mother Becky Stubblefield and my sister-in-law Ellen talked about it regularly, and Carolyn Stubblefield and others agreed it sounded like a good idea. Last summer after the reunion, I volunteered to prepare a book for the 1989 reunion. Since my brother Locksley is a genealogy and family history buff, I asked him to prepare the genealogy for the book. In December 1988 I wrote to the family asking for recipes for "Stubblefield Family Favorites." Your response and encouragement for the project have been even better than I anticipated.

In January 1989 my parents found the diary of James Robert Stubblefield. We had no choice but to include it and change the name of the book. Many of us have been thankful for the heritage we have in the Stubblefield family. The diary shows the values we have received from those who have preceded us: faith in God, love of family, concern for others, and desire for education and lifelong learning.

The earliest part of the diary was actually in the middle of the book in which Great-Grandfather J.R. wrote. I have chosen to put the diary in chronological order. My parents were unable to find out whether the "Saddle Bags" sections were published.

Preparing this book has been a "Tennessee Homecoming" for me. I've remembered people, everyday occurrences, events and places from long ago. A collage of pictures and feelings have come back: going to church in Viola, Sunday dinner with grandparents, uncles to play and read the Sunday comics with, Alice's store, the creek, a cat chasing a black snake, trying to milk a cow, little pigs being born, the July 4th family reunion picnics, a surprise birthday party for my sixth birthday, bumblebees and lightning bugs, haying time, Mr. Etter, standing in line to get a smallpox vaccination to be able to go to school, the sand table in Aunt Lota's classroom, my first pair of glasses, and learning to write. Perhaps my memories of my grandparents, Aunt Ruth and Uncle Royce, and Aunt Lota, of living on the farm and of going back to Viola for visits will bring back memories of your own special times. Although it has been many years since I moved away, there is always a feeling of going home when we go back to Viola. It is the one place that has remained constant during years of moving and living in different cities and states. My dream home is still one with mountains nearby.

## ABOUT THE RECIPE SECTION

Right away you'll notice that this book is arranged like no other cookbook you've seen. The contributors are listed in the order of the genealogy, with all of each person's recipes together. Placement of recipes was determined by space needed and page lay-out, so that each recipe is complete on one page. The index is in two parts. The first, beginning on page 121, lists the recipes by cook. The second section, beginning on page 124, lists the recipes by type of recipe.

Comments in quotation marks under the names and recipes are from the person sending the information and/or recipes.

This is not a beginner's cookbook. The recipes assume that you know how to thicken a liquid with cornstarch or flour, how to mix a cake and other basics. Also, directions for canning (Aunt Lota's squash relish for example) are not complete. Please check another cookbook, such as the **Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook**, for how-to instructions for making bread and cakes, canning and preserving, etc.

I tried to use all the recipes you sent. In some cases several people sent the same or almost identical recipes. I omitted recipes that were identified as previously published in copyrighted sources (magazines and cookbooks).

#### A FAMILY PROJECT

This book is the result of the efforts of several people. I appreciate the help and encouragement I have received from many in the family.

#### THANK YOU

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to my mother Becky Stubblefield for transcribing and typing the diary,  
to Mary Moudy for providing the calligraphy,  
to Mother and Locksley for sending copy I did not have to retype,  
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book without seeing it first,

#### AND SPECIAL THANKS

to my husband Jerry and my son Brett for their patience during this project.

*Anne*

Anne S. Napier  
Charlotte, North Carolina

July 15, 1989

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"How beautiful are the feet of them  
that preach the gospel of peace,  
and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Romans 10:15





*“Locksley Hall”*  
HOME OF ROBERT LOCKSLEY STUBBLEFIELD  
**BUILT 1863**  
VIOLA, TENNESSEE



Diary of  
James Robert Stubblefield

BORN March 8, 1861 DIED April 2, 1950

I love my mountain home for  
All around were stately trees  
The song of birds and hum of bees,  
The mossy rocks, the flowers and fern,  
That met my eyes at every turn;  
The babbling brooks, the laughing rills,  
And grassy vales and vine clad hills,  
Furnished me then with many a thrill  
And fills my soul with rapture still.





Note: The following is an exact copy of a diary of J. R. Stubblefield, Viola, Tennessee, dated "Newyears, 1983." This diary was found among the papers of Herman P. Stubblefield in January 1989. I have, in some instances, corrected spelling. rws.

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Viola, Jan. 1, 1883

I, (J.R. Stubblefield) was born the 8 of March 1861. Joined the church of Christ in August 1874 at Philadelphia while brother E. G. Sewel was holding a protracted meeting.

Since that time I have never regretted my step toward living a better life. I have tried to make the Bible the most constant of all my studies. When I look back at the past I see that I have left undone many things that would have been pleasing to my master. Also that I have done many things that have displeased Him and I pray that the Lord will forgive all my sins and enable me to be more dutiful in the future than I have been in the past. I have many faults that are an injury to myself more than to anyone else.

I now resolve to rid myself of all faults as soon as I can.

2. To make the Bible my chief study the remainder of my life.
3. To make the greatest portion of my time profitable either by mental or physical labor.
4. To engage more earnestly in prayer to God, and rely on His promises under all circumstances.

By the help of God I hope to be able to teach others the way of Life. I hope to be able soon to adopt the following Rules For Daily Life.

1. Say nothing you would not like God to hear.
2. Do nothing you would not like God to see.
3. Write nothing you would not like God to read.
4. Go to no place where you would not like God to find you.
5. Read no book of which you would not like God to say, "show it me."
6. Never spend your time in such a way you would not like God to say, "What art thou doing."

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Winchester, June 27, 1884

The first term of the Summer Normal closed today. It was a grand success.

I formed many new friendships which I will long remember. I feel that I have been greatly benefitted by attending the institute.

5. I now resolve to strive, as long as I continue teaching, to make it a success--such as I've not done before.
6. I now resolve to be more careful in my dayly conversation than I have been before, that my life may be an example worthy for those with whom I'm associated to follow.

Nov. 17, 1884.

7. Having had experience sufficient to convince me of the unwisdom of such a course, I now resolve to never again engage to teach with teachers of whom I know nothing.

8. I now resolve to make teaching my profession, if not unavoidably hindered.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Dec. 5, 1885.

My school closed today. While it has not been all I desired it to be, I reflect with greater satisfaction upon the term that has just closed than upon any previous term that I have taught.

That which most pleased me was that my mother and brother visited my school. This is the first time any of my folks have ever witnessed any of my school work. My intention now is to better qualify myself for my work and make it a greater success in the future.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
May 15, 1886.

Five months have passed since I left home. I have just returned from Winchester. I have made some advancement, but it seems that it is taking me a long time to complete the course. I will give myself ten months to get through. The past term has been spent in a pleasant way, but I have been troubled somewhat in several ways.

\*I now predict that unless a great change takes place soon, the church at Winchester will go to ruin. I pray that it will be different.

I will read "Hall's Problem of Human Life" during vacation.

\*A great change took place, thank the Lord. Jan. 1887.

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Jan. 7, 1887

1886, with all its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures, hopes and fears has gone forever, and a new year is just ushered in by the never ceasing flight of time.

Since my last note, I have had much occasion for rejoicing and some cause for sorrow.

That which has caused sorrow is the afflictions of my people, which are by no means ended yet.

At this time my sister Lou is lying very low and for her sake I make the greatest sacrifice of my life.

It has been my intention to attend the Winchester Normal this year but I have given out going and will do the best I can under the circumstances to better prepare me for my life work.

I believe my work of 1886 has been more successful than any previous year, notwithstanding the many difficulties in my way.

I have determined to take up a course of reading and try to store my mind with useful knowledge.

I feel stronger in the faith of my Master now than ever before.

I want the year 1887 to be spent in a more profitable way than any previous year of my life. God help me to so spend it.



May 1, 1887.

I am very glad now that I did not leave home, for Sister Lou died on the 14 of April, after a long time of patient suffering. Blessed thought! That she is at rest. May we who are spared spend our time in such a way as to be prepared to meet her in that upper and better world.

It is hard to part with our loved ones but we must meekly bear our troubles, knowing that God our heavenly Father does all things for the best. Then may we ever say "Thy will be done" not mine.



Oct. 7, 1887.

Have just closed a meeting at Beech Grove, in Grundy Co. which began last Saturday.

The result was 8 baptized, and four erring members restored.

This is my second protracted effort.

I held a meeting in Fult's Cove, at Chestnut Grove, beginning on the 3rd Sun. in June and lasting six days. The result of this meeting was 17 baptized and one reclaimed.

The 4th Sun. in July I baptized three at Beech Grove and one at Beersheba on the 4th Sun. in Sep. 30 baptized and 5 reclaimed up to this date.



Jan. 1, 1888.

The old year has gone. During the year 1887, I have done some work that will result in permanent good, I trust.

My school closed on the 2 of Dec. instead of the 9. Measles broke up my school. Since that time I have taken some recreation.

Today at 3:30 P.M. I leave Morrison for Winchester to attend the Normal. I trust I will so employ my time this year that much good will be done by the work I do.



May 19, 1888.

The Spring term of the Winchester Normal 1888 closed yesterday. The present term has been a very successful one. I have done more than during any pervious term. I intend to go to school five months more at least.

A pleasant trip brought me home to meet the loved ones whom I have not seen since Christmas.

I intend to preach some this Summer. Will go to Beech Grove the 1st Sun. in June. I don't know where I will teach this Fall.

I have had some thoughts of going West to teach.



July 11, 1888.

I have visited several schools since I came home from Winchester, made several pleasant visits to my old friends, and spent one day in a teacher's institute in McMinnville.

I preached on the first Lord's day in June at Beech Grove. Will begin school there Monday, July 16, 1888.

I preached at Chestnut Grove the second Sunday in June and baptized two. I went to Hubbard's Cove on the third Sun. and with Bro. Logue on the fourth. We held the meeting there several days. I baptized two young ladies while there. We hope to build up the cause there in some future time.

Bro. Logue and I began a meeting on the first day of this month, continuing to the ninth. Ten made the good confession and were baptized during the meeting.

I regret that I can not spend more time preaching but will do what I can in that line on Lord's days.

I have baptized 41 persons since I began preaching.

God help me to labor more in his vineyard

Winchester, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1889.

My labors in 1888 have drawn to a close.

I began my school at Beech Grove, Grundy Co. on the 16 of July and closed on the 30 of Nov. 1888. This (the fourth term at the same place) school was in some respects the most satisfactory to my patrons and myself of any that I had taught before.

During the time of my schoolwork I did some work for the cause of Christ around my immediate neighborhood. I had the pleasure of baptizing one of my students before the school closed, and just after the close I baptized two other persons.

I staid a few days at home, then went to Tracy City. While there I conducted a meeting four days. The result was three baptized and I trust much good done. I have baptized 17 persons during the year 1888. During the past two years I have baptized 47.

Yesterday I came to Winchester to attend the Normal for another term hoping to graduate in May. The last year of my life has had its dark clouds as well as its clear skies. I have done some things of which I am ashamed and some things to remember gives me pleasure.

Now a new year has come. May I fill it with useful labor.



Viola, Tenn.  
May 18, 1889.

After an absence of five months I returned to my old home to be with loved ones there for a short time.

I have much for which to be thankful. I have many friends to cheer me in my work. My parents are still living to advise me in my course of life. I have reasonable health and opportunities for doing good.

I started in life for myself in 1882 with the determination to educate myself. I have attended the Winchester Normal 30 months in all. I was honored yesterday with a diploma from that institution.

Today is the first in a new era of my life. I hope to be able to ever press onward and upward in the march of life and accomplish much good in the world. I have worked hard during the last five months. Besides my school work I preached in the country a few times, taught a class in S.S. and taught singing a part of the time. I will preach some during vacation. I will teach again at Beech Grove, Grundy Co. I want to spend life doing good to my fellow mortals.

# Winchester Normal

WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE.

By Authority of Trustees and Faculty

**THIS DIPLOMA IS AWARDED TO**

*J. R. Stubblefield*

For having pursued and completed in a satisfactory manner the Course of Study prescribed in this Institution in the Schools of English and History, Natural Science, Mathematics and Moral Philosophy, and for having sustained satisfactory examinations in the same. His Industry, Scholarship, Attainments and Moral Worth, entitle him to be cordially commended to all who appreciate such culture, as eminently worthy of whatever consideration these attainments are accustomed to receive.

**In Testimony Whereof,**

We have hereunto subscribed our names, this

*17th* day of *May*, A. D., *1889*.

*James W. Ferrill*  
President of Faculty

*T. J. Gaines*  
President Board of Trustees

June 2, 1889.

We had no snow during the winter of 1889. The spring came early but it has been remarkably cool in Apr. and May. There was a considerable frost on the morning of June the 1st.



Viola, Tenn.  
Sat., Jan. 11, 1890.

My school at Beech Grove lasted four months. Upon the whole, it was a very successful term.

After my school was out I preached a great deal of my time until last Tuesday. I have had some joyful meetings lately.

The meeting on the mountain near Pelham was as delightful as any I ever held. Twenty were added to the church there in a very short time.

I was loth to leave the work I began at the Camp Ground in Burris's Cove just before coming home. I aim to go back there some time.

I will begin school Monday at Brown's Academy, one mile from Viola, Eastward.

I will preach all I can this year.

I have a horse and \$260 in money now, more than I ever had before.



Viola, Tenn.  
Jan. 27, 1890.

My school opened with 34 and has now 45 in attendance. The Viola Normal opened with 45 and now has 60.

I think I will have a good school this term. I walk from home. This gives me good exercise.



Viola, Tenn.  
May 30, 1890.

My school closed today. A large crowd was present. My school was a success.

The patrons want me to teach them another school, but they are not able to support the school. I will preach some during the summer. I have an important trip to make to Nashville soon.

Viola, Tenn.  
June 6, 1890

I went to Nashville on the 2 inst. and returned on the 6. While there, I saw many friends and some relatives. I enjoyed my visit to sister Mattie's very much.

On the 5 inst. I visit Miss Sallie Campbell, an old schoolmate and friend of mine, with whom I have corresponded for over five years. During this time I formed quite an intimate acquaintance with her and learned to love her as a true, noble Christian lady.

Finding her the same true lady I thought her to be, I concluded to propose to her. I accordingly did so and she accepted my offer.

On June 5, 1890 we agreed to be life companions.

I came home happy and determined to live worthy of her who promised to be mine.



Viola, Tenn.  
July 5, 1890

I have just returned from McMinnville where I have attended a teachers' institute for a week. I was honored with the Presidency of the institute. There were 70 or more teachers in attendance. The work of the week was very interesting.

I spent the time pleasantly with the family of O. M. Thurman.



Viola, Tenn.  
July 20, 1890

Since my last writing I held a week's meeting at Chestnut Grove, near Viola. There were three additions.

The meeting was well attended and some good interest manifested by the church. I intended to begin school at Beech Grove today, but my mother is too sick to leave her so I will wait a week. I have almost concluded to quit teaching and stay with my parents. They are old and need someone to help them along in the world.



Beech Grove  
July 30, 1890

My mother improved so I could begin school on the 28 inst., so I opened on that day. There was a large enrollment. The school numbers 57.

I have more little ones than I can manage as I want to. I hope to take this a very successful term.



Aug. 11, 1890.

I went to Smyrna yesterday to hear bro. Williams preach. I enjoyed the meeting very much. I gave an invitation and one lady made the good confession. Bro. W. is a good, practical teacher.



Viola, Tenn.  
Nov. 15, 1890

My school which lasted four months, closed yesterday. The term was in most respects a successful one.

I have resigned teaching for awhile. I will stay with the home folks and run the farm. It is quite a cross to give up teaching, which I have followed for eight years, but duties I owe to others dear to me impel me to do so.

It is my intention to visit my loved one next week. I anticipate a nice time.



Viola, Tenn.  
Nov. 22, 1890

I have just returned from Nashville. My aunt went with me. We had a pleasant visit. I found her who is to be my wife as true and faithful as ever. I have a great deal of work to do before Christmas. We are to be married Dec. 31.



Viola, Tenn.  
Jan. 1, 1891

I was married last night at 6:30 o'clock, in Flat Creek church to Miss Sallie Campbell. The ceremony was said by George Gowen, and it was very beautiful and impressive. The house was crowded with spectators.

The good people of the neighborhood gave us a grand reception at bro. Bryant's near the church.

We were received at home today. In addition to the dear ones at home we were welcomed by a few select friends.

I feel that I have really entered into a new relationship and that the new state is attended with new duties and grave responsibilities. God help me to prove worthy of my companion.

Viola, Tenn.  
April 14, 1891.

I have been married two months and a half. I found more pleasure than I anticipated. I have a most worthy companion: industrious, tidy, religious and very affectionate.

I have worked very hard since Christmas. I have sown 60 bu. of oats, six acres in clover, 25 acres in grass, mowed 25 acres of meadow to remove the dead weeds and grass, made a great deal of fence, and done much else besides.

As an experiment I have bought twenty head of cattle. They are doing well.

While I have changed my occupation from teaching to farming, I still preach nearly every Sun. My wife (Sallie) goes with me when it is convenient. She is good company for me and adds much joy to my life.

We have a lesson in the Bible every night and pray together before retiring. I am happy now and hope to remain so a long time here and forever hereafter.



Mango, Fla. 1931.

Saddle Bags

(No. 1)

I first saw the light on Mar. 8th 1861 at Viola, Warren Co. Tenn. on a farm in what has been called the garden spot of Warren Co.

I grew up there with four sisters and two brothers, all of whom are living but two sisters.

My father died on Nov. 20, 1909, at the age of 85. Mother passed on Mar. 5, 1926, being 96 years, two months and five days old.

My advantages were parents that were industrious, honest and truthful, who began to live the Christian life early and continued till death; therefore I was taught from childhood to study the Bible, to aspire to high and noble ideals. I obeyed the Gospel at the age of twelve, and while I have often strayed from the perfect way, I have struggled on in the battles for righteousness, and am now trying harder than ever to reach the goal for which I have been striving all the years now gone.

My educational advantages were very poor on account of the undeveloped school system of the times, till I was grown, then at my own expense, I went to college thirty months, covering a period of six years, teaching in the Fall and attending school in the Spring.

I received a diploma for completing the English course, never having studied any of the other languages.

In order to get an education, I had to practice close economy, work hard and without many things others enjoyed, but the discipline of hard work and strenuous living prepared me for the higher calling into which I entered,--that of preaching the Gospel of Christ.

What I have accomplished for good has been the result of the early training of Godly parents and the privileges accorded me of associating with so many good people.

I began when very young to read the Bible, and resolved to be able to teach it to others which I have tried to do for many years.

My experiences have been varied, many of which might be profitable to others, so, if allowed a little space from time to time, I shall be glad to relate some of them for the good of others.

J. R. Stubblefield  
Jan. 24, 1931.

Mailed to F. L. Rowe  
Jan. 30, 1931

Saddle Bags

No. 2

While I never attended a school where the Bible was taught and training given to young preachers, I had the privilege of hearing many of our greatest preachers, who did so successfully the work of establishing Churches of Christ in all parts of Tennessee and other states, among whom were the Lipscombs, Sewells, Kidwells, Brents, Barnes, Carnes, Floyd, Laramore, Ealam, Sutton, Smith, - others, who have gone to their reward, and many others yet battling for the old paths. (Shrygley, yet. & Wm. Sewell.)

The sacrifices made and their zeal in the work, coupled with their Godly lives encouraged me wonderfully as I tried to imitate their noble example.

Then the devotion of the fathers and mothers in Christ, at whose feet I sat and associated with in the assembly, instilled into me the love of the worship and service of the Church.

I would not be understood to object to schools for teaching the Bible or any other help available, but my observation impresses me that the greatest factors in forming Christian character are the influence of a Christian home and constant contact with Godly men who have proved their worthyness as soldiers of Christ.

After teaching in several counties, in 1885 I began in Northcuts Cove, in Grundy County where I taught for six years. Becoming acquainted with the needs of the mountain people, I decided to do what I could to lead them into the service of the Lord, so on the first Sunday in June 1887, I preached my first sermon at the school house where I was teaching. The result was the confession and baptism of the lamented J. D. Northcut, who died in 1918 after a successful, though short, career as an able proclaimer of the Gospel.

From that as the beginning, I kept up the fight--continually till now, and am doing all I can as opportunity permits.

Mango, Fla.  
Feb. 5, 1931.

[The following on the next page, crossed through. rws]

Saddle Bags.

With a pair of saddlebags in which to carry my Bible, some song books and some clothes in which to baptize, I went into the mountains and coves, carrying the message of salvation to secluded communities and weak churches. Later my field widened to the more unbroken parts of Coffee and Warren Counties.

On Saturday before the 2nd Sun. in June 1887, brother William Sewell asked me to go with him to Burroughs Cove, 15 miles from Viola, to baptize an old lady who had sent for him.

We reached her home by horseback, and with the assistance of some neighbors, brother Sewell baptized her, then the people gathered at the schoolhouse to hear him preach, but he was so hoarse, he asked me to preach, which I did to the best of my ability to a strange people.

We returned to Chestnut Grove schoolhouse where I kept my first school in 1882, 4 miles of my home, at Viola, Tenn. where brother Sewell preached at 11: A.M.

He was to preach at night, but said, "If there was any preaching done brother Stubblefield would have to do it." I told him I would do the best I could and he went home, being so hoarse he could scarcely speak. That night two of my former pupils made the confession, then I was asked to hold a meeting. I said "I will do the best I can."

The interest grew from day to day and by Fri. there were 17 confessions.

So, incidentally, this was my first protracted effort.

The next Sun. I preached where I began and baptized 3.

On the fourth Sun. I went to Antioch, Coffee Co., and baptized one, then began a meeting where I began in Grundy Co., at the schoolhouse. Brother Gilbert, an old Veteran of the Civil War, and a faithful soldier of the Cross, was to hold this meeting, but did not reach us, so incidentally, I held my 2nd protracted meeting which resulted in 8 baptisms, one old man about 90 years of age.

Having put my hands to the plow, I never turned back, but during the time I was in school and teaching I kept up the fight as opportunity permitted.

Having learned to sing by note while young I was the song leader in most all the meetings I held, instructing a class in singing as occasion demanded.

During all the years I have been in the work I have never advertized for a place to preach and have never been out of regular work until I became afflicted with neuritis over 5 years ago. I have preached where I began 43 years.

I am in Mango, Fla. trying to get stronger, but I am not idle. I am taking part in the assembly on Lord's day, helping in Sun. night Bible class, Wed. night Prayer meeting and conducting a class in Bible Stories on Fri. night.

I am ready to do what I can to keep the Truth before the people.

Mango, Fla. Mar. 5, 1931.

Sent to F. L. Row, Mar. 7, 1931

Continue on page 39 [in his diary, which skipped around, having begun in the middle of the book with his diary. rws]

Saddle Bags

No. 4

Fifty years ago there were no autos and very few buggies so the means of going was horseback, in wagons or on foot.

Most of the preachers doing pioneer work went on horseback, with saddle bags in which they carried their Bible and a few clothes.

I had a shoemaker to make me a pair of bags out of calf skin that my father had tanned at his brother's tan yard, so with a borrowed horse, saddle bags and Bible, I began to carry the Gospel over the mountains, coves and hollows, wherever hearers could be found.

Through rain or shine, cold and snow, mud and slush, I went, never missing an appointment on account of the weather.

I preached in school houses, private homes, brush harbors, Saw mill sheds, barn, tent, on maintained or in the open as opportunity offered.

Through prejudice, I have been shut out of meeting houses and schoolhouses, and slandered a few times, but all this strengthened my faith and determination to press on in the good work. While some hardships had to be endured, the joy of service compensated me many times for the sacrifices made.

I learned early by experience to appreciate the promise: "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or wife, or brethren, or parents, or children for the Kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive many-fold more in time, and in the world to come eternal life."

Truly, I have had many mothers and fathers in Israel, and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

I found a welcome in every home and enjoyed especially the unselfish hospitality of the plain mountain people, who seemed glad to entertain me in their homes.

I owe much to the elderly brethren and sisters who gave me so much wholesome advise as to my associates and the encouraging letters from so many who were interested in me.

After my first meeting of 17 confessions, brother Ealam wrote me not to be discouraged if some of my future meetings should not result so favorably.

This suggestion was timely, and I have always been thankful for the wise counsel I received from, not only brother Ealam, but from others of mature years.

Whether my audiences were large or small, I have tried to do my best, and some of my best meetings have been where there was little promise of success.

J.R. Stubblefield    Mango, Fla.

Mar. 141, 1931

Sent to F. L. Rowe    Mar. 17th 1931.

Saddle Bags.

No. 5

In Nov. 1890 I gave up school teaching and began work on the old farm. I had been teaching eight years and preaching three years.

My two brothers having gone to themselves, father asked me to run the farm, which I did for one half the proceeds after paying all overhead and taxes.

Father died in 1909, then 85 years old. I continued on the same terms with mother till she passed on Mar. 5, 1926, at the age of 96.

On the 31st of Dec. 1890 I was married to Miss Sarah Campbell at Flat Creek, Bedford County, Tenn.

She was indeed a great woman, a devoted wife and mother, a keeper of the home.

She lived to see four sons and one daughter grown, educated, and all members of the family of God, then on the 1st of Feb. 1925, she went away to be with the redeemed in the home that knows no suffering.

What little success I have attained is due largely to her un-tiring devotion to duty.

She often went with me on my preaching trips and visitations to the sick until she became burdened with the care of children.

We began Bible reading and prayer just after marriage and kept it up until she went away. We tried, my precept and example, to impress on our children the high ideals of true manhood and womanhood.

Being a farmer preacher I was handicapped, but I used every opportunity for preaching at places in riding distance of home, and made a few visits by train to more distant regions.

A radius of 25 miles would reach the limit of the greater part of my work in preaching the good tidings of salvation.

Never did I stop preaching on Sunday and often on Saturday and Sunday night, coming home Sat. afternoon and returning Sun. night, ready to go to work on the farm on Monday morning.

Thus I sowed the seed of the Kingdom, gathering some precious sheaves at my regular appointments and between the planting and harvesting of the crops, I held meetings in which many obeyed the Gospel.

I was instrumental in causing good men to labor in the field of my ministry, who harvested many souls, the result of my sowing.

Eight church houses with working congregations stand as a monument to my mission work.

From marriage, my responsibilities increased and burdens grew heavier. A growing family to support and the care of aged parents kept me busy.

Saddle Bags No. 5, con't.

I am thankful I was able, under the strenuous conditions, to be on the firing line in the war against evil and give comfort to others; especially am I glad I had the pleasure of looking after father and mother till they entered into the rest that awaits the faithful.

So far I have given a general survey of my work up to this time. I have shown the advantages of early training in the study of the Bible and the influence of godly parents over their children, and the importance of older brethren encouraging the young.

Also, that a young man deprived of means, can begin at the age of 21 and educate himself. This I did, though I was about 30 years of age when I finished.

Then I have shown that one can do much in building up the church, mainly at his own expenses, under very adverse conditions.

I will endeavor later to tell of some of my actual experiences that may interest some.

Mango, Fla. Mar. 29, 1931

Sent to F. L. Row, on Apr. 3, 1931



Saddle Bags

No. 6

One of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings I was ever in was in the latter part of Dec. 1889, on a small spur of Cumberland Mountain that separated Burn's Cove from the open country near Hillsboro and Pelham, Tenn., 14 miles from Viola, my home. This was in the 3rd year of my ministry.

Brother Pauf, a poor tenant who had lived near me some time before, was living in the community; and, with the help of brother Sherrell, a saddler and shoemaker and a few others who had obeyed the Gospel in a meeting held by the lamented Jesse Sewell at a place near the mountain, were meeting at a schoolhouse on the ridge about half way from the base, on either side. (R. C.L. Taylor, then a lad, was in the number.)

The mountain was so steep and the roads so rocky that travel by buggy and wagon was all but impossible, so most of the people walked. A few rode mules, young men sometimes bringing the girls behind them.

T. P. Bonner, one of my best friends from childhood, who had to use crutches, went with me in buggy to brother William Ramsey's near Pelham, with whom we attended services on Sun. morning on our way to the mountain, then we wended our way up to the schoolhouse where we found about all the people of the community assembled.

Brother Pauf who had invited me to come was all I knew, but brother Ramsey, who had known me from early childhood, gave me a brief introduction, commending me for the work.

From the beginning the interest grew in spite of the mud and slush through which the people had to go, a 1 inch snow coming the last of the week.

With brother Bonner assisting in the prayers and Lee, as we called brother Taylor, helping in the singing, with a splendid band of young people, we assailed the enemy and were rewarded with the capture of 10 noble souls who rendered obedience to the Gospel and entered heartily into the work of the church.

We closed at the water on Sat., baptizing an old lady 70 and a girl 16.

By request, I went back and held forth through Christmas and the result was 10 more added to the saved.

During the 2nd meeting I visited the home of brother Woodlee, (uncle Billie) who had been confused by Russelism and had not enjoyed the fellowship of the church for some time.

A short time after I entered his home he asked me about the preaching to the spirits in prison. I analyzed the scripture to his satisfaction, then he asked about the Gospel being preached to them that are dead. I explained that, then he said, "I have been troubled over these verses for 15 years and you are the only one who has explained them to me."

Saddle Bags No. 6 con't.

When the last invitation was given, he with several others came forward and he renewed his pledge to be faithful and became a good help in the worship, finishing a life of service in the Lord.

After the baptizing at a little mill on the mountain the crowd went down the mountain into the cove to the Camp Ground meeting house where a large crowd were waiting. We sang "The kingdom is spreading," I preached, a young lady made the confession and after baptizing her I rode home to begin school on Mon., regretting that I could not carry on the work left behind.

The credit of these meetings is due largely to brother Pauf, a poor, obscure man, for it would not have been done had he not invited me.

As the panorama of my life unrolls and the pictures of memory pass, I pause at this scene with its rugged sifting, and rejoice that I was allowed in the providence of God to be a factor in setting in motion the spiritual influence fraught with such vast and far reaching possibilities.

That little mountain home of a faithful friend, who carried on for a time, is now as a deserted village, but the influence of that work, like leaven, is being continually multiplied through the lives of others.

Mailed to F. L. Row, Apr. 10, 1931

Saddle Bags  
No. 7

After giving up teaching and getting married, I continued to preach at Northcut and held their annual meetings for a number of years, then John E. Dunn, R. W. Jernigan, and Commodore Holt, former pupils and schoolmates of mine, followed.

Others, among whom were, Tumerlin, Mansfield, F. B. Shrygly, O. C. Tallman, Thompson, Birch, Rucker, Hoover, J. D. Northcut, Billingsley, Willis and Mosely, held meetings, adding many recruits (?) that filled the vacancies made by death and removal. Tumerlin, Shrygly, and Mansfield held successful debates with the Mormon elders who were preying upon the simple mountain people and leading some astray by their false doctrine.

I continued to visit Northcut regularly for 37 years, then occasionally ever since.

This church met for several years in a log schoolhouse 18x 24 with extension added for my school the second term, 1886.

Later the brethren bought a nice lot close to a large, flowing from under a bluff near by, and built a splendid roomy house.

Previous to my work there, through the influence of sister L. H. Northcut, the only member of the Church of Christ in the cove, who came from Smyrna church near McMinnville, Jesse L. Sewell, John Harris, W. Y. Kuykendol and W.A. Sewell preached and gathered in a few that was the foundation upon which I had the pleasure of building. To sister Northcut (Aunt Mollie, as all called her) belongs the credit of this work, although I became a factor in raising the people to a higher plain, intellectually, morally and spiritually.

Northcut, no doubt, is the oldest church of the name in Grundy County, being not less than 60 years old, and though in a narrow cove, isolated from the outside world, it stands as a monument to the sacrifices of faithful men and women who have labored there.

Not a member of the original congregation is left, but the children and grand children and others who have moved in, are contending "earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints."

My pupils nearly all obeyed the Gospel and many of them became leaders in the worship. J.D. Northcut, the first I baptized, made a preacher of no mean ability.

T. A. Northcut, his brother, is now an efficient elder and teacher in the church at Mango, Fla. V. L. Northcut with Jesse Garner and Vance Campbell, his brothers-in-law, are pillars in the Northcut church. Many others are leaders in the church in other parts of the country.

Truly the Kingdom of heaven is like leaven, as illustrated by the influence of one young woman whose consecrated young life was put into this mountain community and influenced for good the lives of all with whom she came in contact. Though she has gone from the stage in which she performed so well her part in the drama of life, her influence is being multiplied in the lives of others, and eternity alone will reveal its wonderful results.

I count myself happy that my lot was cast in Northcut's Cove where I could spend the early days of my ministry. I loved my mountain home where I could steal away up the rocky steep and in some secluded nook sit and read His word, meditate and pray that I might be prepared to lead the lost to Christ.

Then I would stroll into some deep gorge and in the solemn stillness commune with nature and Nature's God. As I beheld the walls of the precipice built by the Master mason and Architect of the universe, like David I would exclaim, "They declare the glory of Jehovah and shows His handy work."

I love my mountain home for  
All around were stately trees  
The song of birds and hum of bees,  
The mossy rocks, the flowers and fern,  
That met my eyes at every turn;  
The babbling brooks, the laughing rills,  
And grassy vales and vine clad hills,  
Furnished me then with many a thrill  
And fills my soul with rapture still.

J.R. Stubblefield Rt. 6, Morrison, Tenn. Apr. 28, 1931.  
Mailed to F.L. Row, Apr. 28

Saddle Bags

No. 8

Forty-four years ago, next June, during the first meeting I held near home, at the last service there were 7 confessions, a bright girl about 15 among the number, who failed to come to be baptized next morning. She was of a family above the average intelligence but not religious, except her mother, a Baptist, and her oldest sister, a Methodist, with whom I had gone to school.

Being anxious to know why Maud was not at the water, I went to her home. Miss Annie, her sister, received me kindly and told me that her brother, Sam, sent and told his sister that he would kill her if she went to be baptized.

I asked to see Maud but she asked to be excused, as she was so sorely grieved and humiliated by her brother's threat which was the result of his intense hatred of the man who owned the place where we were baptizing. Miss Annie assured me that no further objections to her sister's baptism would be offered and invited me to come back the next Saturday.

At the appointed time and Maud seemed glad to see me, so, in the presence of her mother and sister, I asked her if she desired to complete her obedience to the Gospel and she replied, "I certainly do." I suggested that they select the place and set the time for the baptizing and let me know. On the following Fri. I received a note from Miss Annie asking me to come on Sun. morning and they would be ready to go, so with my brother's horse and buggy, I went, and to my surprised, almost all the family and some lady friends were ready to go. Taking Miss Annie and Maud in buggy, the rest following on horseback, we went about six miles to Antioch church, and after services, attended to the baptism. One of the elders invited us to dinner, after which I took the sisters home, rejoicing because that precious girl had obeyed her Savior and consecrated her young life to his service.

This incident tried my courage and called for all the tact at my command, but that experience was worth much to me and a source of inspiration on account of its wonderful and far-reaching results.

The younger sister and one brother obeyed the Gospel soon, and later Miss Annie married a good Christian and was baptized into Christ. Though left a widow, she is the grandmother of 4 excellent girls, all Christians.

Maud married a good Christian, who was killed in a wreck. She is the happy mother of a splendid Christian daughter and two noble boys.

Sam apologized to me for his rashness, but never obeyed the Lord. Late in his life I had the pleasure of baptizing the father of this remarkable family.

J. R. Stubblefield  
Rt. 6, Morrison, Tenn.  
Mailed to F. L. Rowe, May 1, 1931

Saddle Bags

No. 9

Northcut's Cove leads N. out of Grundy county into Collins River Valley, which lies mostly in Warren County and extends from McMinnville S.E. for 25 miles into Grundy County, ending in a region of peaks and gulfs of scenic beauty characteristic of the mountains of Tenn.

Before the Civil War George Stubblefield, my great uncle, a Primitive Baptist preacher, with others of that faith, did much preaching in their valley and established a church far up the river, known as Old Philadelphia and one at Armstrong about 5 miles from Northcut, the center of my mountain mission work.

When I was but a boy I witnessed a foot washing at Armstrong while visiting Aunt Fannie Rogers, who was a Baptist.

In 1892 a mission Sunday School with a noted brandy maker and a Presbyterian as the main teachers, was using the house and some members of the Church of Christ were taking part.

Brother Myers from Northcut and a young sister Etter invited me to preach for them, so I made my first monthly visit in May and held a meeting in October, beginning on Sun. and closing on Fri. night. The interest was fine day and night and resulted in 27 additions to the one body and a worshipping congregation. J. S. Dunn was teaching at Northcut and came at night, helping in singing, prayer and timely exhortations. I continued to visit this church and held their meetings for several years, then Granville Lipscomb and W. H. Sutton, grand heroes of Christ, held meetings with good results.

Later, on account of deaths and moving away, the number decreased, and at my suggestion, they united with a small band that had been meeting in a schoolhouse not far away and built White Chapel in a better location where they have met ever since.

In addition to my labors with them, meetings have been conducted by a brother Baker, Price Billingsley, Reese Rogers, O. H. Tallman, Charles Holder and others.

Aunt Fannie Rogers invited me to preach in her home, which I did, but she never gave up her church.

I baptized some of her grandchildren and son-in-law, and her youngest son and 11 of his 12 children became members of the Church of Christ. Two of his boys made preachers. Abner is gone to his reward but Reese, who educated himself after he was grown, has been on the firing line for nearly 20 years.

Two Myers brother, pupils of mine of the long ago, and their families are among the main leaders at White Chapel.

"He that goeth forth and soweth, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him."

J. R. Stubblefield  
Rt. 6, Morrison, Tenn.  
May 8, 1931  
Mailed to F. L. Rowe on May 9, 1931.

Saddle Bags

No. 10

Through the influence of Jim and Francis Stepp, twins, and pupils of mine who had married and gone to Tracy City to work in the coal mines, I visited the church there soon after I began to preach. I taught singing, held a few short meetings and later visited them monthly for a while.

Previous to my labor there, the lamented J. D. Floyd and W. P. Sims, now 85, with others who held meetings, kept the work going, but I found the church torn up by dissension, yet a few were struggling on the best they could. I did what I could to restore order, and, with the help of brother J. D. Northcut, who taught their school and preached for them, and a goodly number of my pupils who came to work in the mines, a strong congregation was built up.

Brother Northcut was so successful as preacher that a prejudice grew among those of a different faith, so the board agreed to give him the principalship of the school on condition that he give up preaching. Being a man of faith like Moses, he counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the more lucrative position offered him, so he resigned and gave full time to preaching.

We need more men like him, now as never before.

On the 12th of Feb. 1898 I rode horseback a distance of 25 miles across the mountain to fill one of my monthly appointments at Tracy City. The most of the way was through a densely wooded, unsettled region. The road was a a dim trail, used very little, and the snow fell all the way, making it difficult to keep the direction, but near the close of the day I reached the end of my journey and was soon comfortably situated in the hospitable home of brother Francis Stepp.

I preached Sat. night, Sun. morning and afternoon, leaving off Sun. night on account of the cold. A blizzard during the night had driven the mercury to six below zero.

There was a fine crowd of young people at each meeting. Brother Belcher, who was teaching near Monteagle, was with us and stayed with me Sun. night. We had a good bed and all the heat the grate could produce but brother Belcher could not keep [his] feet warm, so he got the hearth rug and wrapped them up. He was very tall and slender. I told him his feet were so far from his heart the blood got cold before it could reach them.

He got up at 5 to meet the train and his ears froze on the way to the station. The thermometer registered 28 below zero on the mountain and 30 below in the low-land at home, but about 8 o'clock I started home. For a little while a shield of ice covered the lower part of my face and things looked pretty blue, but by exercise and deep breathing I kept from freezing. I reached home a little before night after the most hazardous trip of my life, though for 37 years I went through rain, snow and cold, never missing an appointment on account of the weather.

I rejoice because of my association with that church on the mountain and that I contributed a small part in its development.

Saddle Bags No. 10, con't.

The old membership is gone but other faithful ones are carrying on.

The light of that church has shined out into regions beyond. Several preachers have gone out from it to carry the message of salvation to other communities.

J. R. Stubblefield, Rt. 6, Morrison, Tenn.  
Mailed to F. L. Rowe on May 6, 1981.

Saddle Bags  
No. 11

"Through floods and flames if Jesus leads,  
I'll follow where he goes."

I often wonder if we would have faith and courage strong enough to do as we sometimes sing. I have gone through drenching rains and deep waters for Jesus' sake, but cannot claim to have gone through fiery persecutions as many did in the past and as some are doing now. Whatever dangers surround unseen have attended me, out of them all God has delivered me.

On my way to an appointment I had to cross a creek that was out of its banks. I put my saddle bags over my shoulder to keep my books dry and rode in, and though my horse was 17 hands high, he went under, except his head and the water was up to my waist. The horse couldn't swim, so he made a few lunges and landed safely. I stopped in the woods, wrung the water from my clothes, got to meeting in time, and the people didn't know I had been in the water till after services.

Brother Tant, in a similar experience, got one ahead of me by having new shoes. Not being able to put one back on he carried it into the meeting house and placed it on the stand as an exhibit.

Some years since I visited the Church at Jerico, near Quebec, in White County and did mission work in the schoolhouses in that section. One Sat. night while I was preaching in the schoolhouse, many pistol shots were fired around the house. One ball passed through the window near me, hit the ceiling and fell to the floor. Seeing that people were growing nervous, I closed my sermon and called for the song. The leader asked if we should stand and I said, "Let the audience stand." After the song, I dismissed. Instead of a tumult the people went quietly home.

As we were leaving we passed one of the three disturbers standing by a tree. He began to deny having any hand in the shooting. I told him no one had accused him. With some difficulty, I kept the brethren from taking him in hand.

The three left in [a] buggy and shot at a young lady standing on the porch as they passed her house. Her father sent a volley of shots after them but missed.

Saddle Bags No. 11 con't.

The boys were indicted but left the county. One came back, submitted his case, paid a heavy fine and married a nice girl I had baptized. So far as I know, he made a good citizen.

At one place some ladies' saddles were reversed, and the nuts taken from buggy and wagon wheels at others. Brush thrown on tent, tent split and talking outside and inside happened at various places, but I never suffered from any personal attack.

I often lectured the young people in a general way about their conduct but in a kind way, so all disturbances soon ceased and I had the respect of all.

I think bad manners and the lack of civility among the young are chargeable to the neglect of parents and teachers, whose duty is to teach and train them while growing up.

J. R. Stubblefield  
Rt. 6 Morrison, Tenn.  
May 27, 1931  
Mailed to F. L. Rowe May 28.

Saddle Bags  
No. 12

About 1892, at wheat sowing time, I was called from the field to baptize a man, a pupil in my first school, who had been confined to his bed for some time. A dugout trough was taken from the barn and sideboards added for a baptistry. This was placed near the sick man's bed and with a little help I baptized him. At reaping time I was called to conduct his funeral. The old man was about 75 years of age. Later, I baptized a young man and his grandfather in boxes, several years apart.

Next I baptized a young woman in a bath tub. Next was a woman about 80. A large quilt box furnished by Aunt Mollie Northcut was used. This service was in front of the old lady's cabin, in Altamont, Grundy County, on Sun. afternoon, and was attended by quite a number of the people of the town. The old lady was active for one of her age and walked to the water.

While on a visit to Jerico in White County, I baptized an old man in a box. The box was rather small and the man was large and suffering with cancer of his shoulder. He could hardly bear to be handled. Though difficult, with the help of the brethren, I baptized him. We had preaching and communion in his home several times before he died.



Saddle Bags No. 12 con't.

At another time I was called to baptize a young girl, North of McMinnville, who was very low with t.b., Dr. Trail, an elder of the church at McMinnville, assisted me. We used a metal pig trough the girl's father had borrowed.

I baptized a mother of several children in a box near my home not many years ago. Also a young man, 17 miles from home, using a box. He lived one week, then I conducted his funeral.

A few years since I was called to Morrison to baptize a young married lady who had been of some other faith, but had learned the way of the Lord more perfectly. Being rather frail, we had the service at a brother's house, using his bathtub. This sister is still living and is a faithful member of the church. The other nine are all gone to their reward.

The time they lived was from one week to six months after being baptized. I made it a point to exhort the friends who assisted me not to put off their obedience till their time was so limited.

How much better it would be to "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and give the best of your life to the service of God. "Today is the day of salvation" and it is dangerous to put off till the more convenient season that may never come, yet I believe that

"While life's lamp continues to burn, the vilest sinner may return," if indeed he comes to himself and sincerely renders obedience to God. Jesus has promised rest to all that will come unto him and take his yoke upon them, so when called to assist anyone to obey the Gospel, I answered the call, trusting that, though many opportunities may have been slighted and many years wasted, the promise was reached.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life."

J. R. Stubblefield June 19, 1931  
Rt. 6, Morrison, Tenn.



NOTE: Also in his journal is a section: RELIGIOUS [rws]

Though I had preached to the church before, the first sermon I delivered to the alien sinner was preached on the 1st Lord's day of June 1887. My Subject was "The Conversion of the Eunuch." The immediate result of my effort was, one obeyed the Gospel. This was at Beech Grove, Northcuts Cove, Grundy Co.

I left an appointment for the 4th Lord's day in the same month, at which time I baptized three others. In the meantime I held a meeting at Chestnut Grove, near Viola. 17 were added then.

	<u>Converts</u>	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Restored</u>
1887	Beech Grove	12	4
1887	Chestnut Grove	16	1
1887	Beersheba	1	
1888	Chestnut Grove	9	
1888	Hubbard's Cove	2	
1888	Beech Grove	3	
1888	Tracy City	3	
1889	Near Pelham on the mountain	5	5
1889	Tracy City	2	
1889	Antioch	1	
1889	Sugar Hill	3	
1889	Chestnut Grove	1	
1890	Near Pelham on the mountain	10	
1890	Beech Grove	1	1
1890	Chestnut Grove	5	
1890	Chestnut Grove	1	
1891	A. J. Brown	1	
1891	Near home	1	
1891	Beech Grove	3	
		<u>80</u>	
1892	Beech Grove	1	
1893	Beech Grove	1	
1893	Armstrong	28	
1893	Viola	3	
1894	Beech Grove	1	
1894	Mountain View	2	
1894	Philadelphia, Warren Co.	1	
1894	Viola	6	
1894	St. Mary	6	
1895	Philadelphia, Warren Co.	1	
1896	Chestnut Grove	2	
1896	Beech Grove	18	4
1896	Armstrong	10	
1896	Sugar Hill	4	
1896	Morrison	0	1
1896	Viola	4	

	<u>CONVERTS</u>	<u>BAPTIZED</u>	<u>RESTORED</u>
1897	Viola	5	
1897	Mountain View	1	
1898	Mountain View	1	
1898	Beech Grove	1	
1898	Viola	8	
1898	Altamont	1	
1898	Chestnut Grove	5	
		<u>110</u>	
1899	Tarlton	1	
1899	Viola	2	
1899	Chestnut Grove	2	
1899	Altamont	1	
1899	Armstrong	3	
1900	Tarlton	1	
1900	Viola	5	
1901	Viola	23	
1902	Viola	6	
1903	Mud Creek	2	
1903	Beech Grove	8	
1904	Gussie Biles	1	
1904	Chestnut Grove	3	
1904	Armstrong		1
1905	Tivis Lewis	1	
1906	Rufus Hobbs	1	
1907	Rusian Horton	1	
1908	Beech G. Altamont	2	
1909	Chestnut Grove	6	
1910	Morrison (2) Viola (2) Bonners(1)	5	
1911	Eureka (2) Home (1) Viola (1)	<u>4</u>	
		76	
1912	Morrison (2), Elk Head (16)	18	
1913			
1914	Elk Head	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
		23	
		76	
		110	
		80	
		<u>389</u>	

Between 1914 and 1925, I did but little protracted meeting work, but kept up regular appointments and baptized a number at Mud Creek, Shady Grove, Bonner, Walling, Jerico, Viola and at various places. I baptized one man in a dugout horse trough, one in a large, antique quilt box, one in a metal pig trough, five in boxes made to order, and two in bath tubs,=10

The last one I baptized was a man 75 years old. This was in 1931.

Since 1925, I have suffered with neuritis but able to be carried to the churches and preach to them, but am too frail to endure much fatigue. I attend at Viola and teach a Bible class. This I enjoy much. F. B. Shrygly is now holding our meeting. This is the 27 of Sept. 1933.

NOTE: This finishes everything in the journal. rws  
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Stubblefield  
Family Heritage

Genealogy



GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION  
PERTAINING TO THE FAMILY OF

JAMES ROBERT STUBBLEFIELD

The following pages contain information pertaining to both the ancestry and descendants of James Robert Stubblefield who lived at Viola, Tennessee, from March 1861 to April 1950, over 89 years. Also included is information about the Hall family as the family of Herman P. Stubblefield is directly related to the Halls through Mamie, and Hazel King Stubblefield's sister Catherine married into the Hall family, making all her descendants cousins to both these Stubblefield branches.

The information here is not, and can never be, complete. It is the very nature of genealogy that we are always learning more about our various family members. The information given is accurate to the best of my current knowledge. I am grateful to all those who have given me information in the past, and particularly to those who have furnished me with new information this year through my sister, Anne.

If you are aware of any discrepancies in the information I have presented here, be sure to let me know so that I can update my records for inclusion in any future publication that may occur. Also, when furnishing new or corrected information be sure to include your sources of information.

In addition to this presentation, I have other information, not given in the interest of space, which relates to our common ancestors and their families. I have included all of J.R.'s descendants about whom I have information. No one has been left out intentionally, but I am sure that I do not have information on everyone who should be included here.

Please write to me with any and all changes in family data, such as births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, etc. Such information is essential to good genealogical records.

Thanks to each of you who contributed to this work, and especially to Anne Stubblefield Napier who has made this edition of my work possible.

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JAMES ROBERT STUBBLEFIELD: LINEAGE

1. JEFFREY: probable ancestor of all Stubblefield families in the U.S.; lived in Cambridge County, England, where there are still Stubblefield's.
2. SYMON: born @1640 in Cambridge County, England; was in Gloucester County, Virginia by or before 1672; had four sons.
3. GEORGE: born @1675 in Gloucester County; wife Ann \_\_\_\_; had five sons.
4. ROBERT: born 1702 in Gloucester County; wife Anne \_\_\_\_; had six sons and one daughter; he died in Guilford (now a part of Rockingham) County, North Carolina.
5. GEORGE: born @1728 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia; wife Keziah Reid (or Reed); had five sons and five daughters; he died after 15 November 1790, probably in Halifax County, Virginia.
6. ROBERT LOCKSLEY: born 8 June 1751 in Amelia (now Prince Edward) County, Virginia; wife Sarah Easley, born 1 December 1752, died 1817, married 15 July 1772; he died on or after 4 March 1817 in Hawkins County, Tennessee; was a Revolutionary Patriot; had four sons and seven daughters; name also spelled Loxley (interchangable).
7. WILLIAM: lived 4 June 1773 to 15 December 1858; born in Halifax County; wife Wilmoth Bond, 1785 to 11 January 1850; had three sons and eight daughters; settled in 1814 in Warren County, Tennessee; first settler near the current town of Viola - a portion of his land is still in the family, belonging to Herman P. Stubblefield and Mrs. Royce L. Stubblefield (Aunt Ruth).
8. ROBERT LOCKSLEY: lived 1 February 1824 to 20 November 1909 - born and died on the family farm; wife Mary Jane Catherine Stout, lived 1 January 1830 to 5 March 1926, born "on the river" while family was migrating to Nashville, Tennessee, married 6 September 1851; had three sons and four daughters; he had three first cousins also named Robert Loxley.
9. JAMES ROBERT: lived 8 March 1861 to 2 April 1950 - born and died on the family farm; wife Sarah Surrelda Campbell (Sallie) lived 21 July 1862 to 1 February 1925, married at Flat Creek, Bedford County, Tennessee on 21 December 1890; had four sons and one daughter; he was a preacher, school teacher, and farmer.





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These Presents shall certify to all whom they may concern, that

Miss Mary J. Stout.

has completed the course of Study prescribed by this Institution, and, that her diligence, in the pursuit of knowledge; and her uniformly good conduct whilst a Member of this Academy may receive their appropriate reward. These presents are conferred upon her, in testimony of our approbation of her conduct, department, and of her literary attainments.

Given under our hands at the Academy this 8 day of Dec 1847

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Robt. A. Lapsley  
L. B. Lanier  
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Alma McCong

Faculty

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A. L. P. Green  
Alfred  
W. J.

Trustees

## DESCENDANCY CHART

18 JUN 1989

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- 1-- James Robert STUBBLEFIELD (1861)
    - sp-Sarah Surrelda CAMPBELL (1862)
      - 2-- Royce Landon STUBBLEFIELD (1892)
        - sp-Ruth GIVENS (1908)
      - 2-- Herman Powell STUBBLEFIELD (1894)
        - sp-Mamie HALL (1897)
          - 3-- Herman HALL STUBBLEFIELD (1921)
            - sp-Rebecca WATSON (1923)
              - 4-- Murna Anne STUBBLEFIELD (1945)
                - sp-Gerald Wesley NAPIER (1946)
                  - 5-- Brett Wesley NAPIER (1977)
              - 4-- Locksley S STUBBLEFIELD (1947)
                - sp-Sue Ellen TUCKER (1956)
                  - 5-- Royce Landon STUBBLEFIELD (1978)
                  - 5-- Madison G STUBBLEFIELD (1981)
              - 4-- L. Antoinette STUBBLEFIELD (1955)
      - 3-- Sarah Elkins STUBBLEFIELD (1923)
        - sp-Loyd Fletcher COLLIER (1920)
          - 4-- Connie Theresa COLLIER (1948)
            - sp-Tony Mike ALLISON (1947)
              - 5-- Scott ANTHONY ALLISON (1976)
              - 5-- Wes Ashley ALLISON (1978)
              - 5-- Chris Andrew ALLISON (1984)
          - 4-- James Dale COLLIER (1950)
          - 4-- Linda Jean COLLIER (1956)
            - sp-Bobby GILPATRICK (1953)
              - 5-- Tami Jean GILPATRICK (1973)
              - 5-- Joshua David GILPATRICK (1981)
          - 4-- David Loyd COLLIER (1958)
            - sp-Urszula BIELECKA
      - 3-- Robert Davis STUBBLEFIELD (1925)
        - sp-Maxine MARSHALL (1929)
          - 4-- Mary Sharon STUBBLEFIELD (1958)
            - sp-James Terry LAFEVER (1958)
              - 5-- Joshua David LAFEVER (1979)
              - 5-- Jamey Christopher LAFEVER (1980)
              - 5-- Jason Benjamin LAFEVER (1982)
              - 5-- Jodie LAFEVER (1984)
          - 4-- Bradly Davis STUBBLEFIELD (1962)
            - sp-Belinda Lee BROWN
              - 5-- Erin Michelle STUBBLEFIELD (1983)
            - sp-Donna Sue WENZLICK (1965)
              - 5-- Andrew Davis STUBBLEFIELD (1986)
              - 5-- Alecia Renee` STUBBLEFIELD (1988)
      - 3-- Edwin Powell STUBBLEFIELD (1926)
        - sp-Mildred Antham CHAMBERS (1927)
          - 4-- Stephen C STUBBLEFIELD (1956)
            - sp-Jill Floyd (1956)
              - 5-- John Stephen STUBBLEFIELD (1982)
              - 5-- Laura E STUBBLEFIELD (1984)
          - 4-- W. Scott STUBBLEFIELD (1960)
            - sp-Sandra Carole CURETON
              - 4-- Robert Kent STUBBLEFIELD (1963)
      - 3-- James Gray STUBBLEFIELD (1929)
        - sp-Carmella Patricia LIROSI (1923)
          - 4-- Sandra STUBBLEFIELD (1957)

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sp-Eric A ZUCKER  
     5-- Cherry  
 3-- Charles Bryan STUBBLEFIELD (1931)  
     sp-Margaret Carolyn White (1938)  
         4-- James Jeffrey STUBBLEFIELD (1961)  
             sp-Beth Ann PETTIT  
                 4-- Jane Carole STUBBLEFIELD (1965)  
 2-- Howard Gowan STUBBLEFIELD (1896)  
     sp-Annie Hughes (1900)  
         3-- Elizabeth W STUBBLEFIELD (1919)  
             sp-William Henry PIRTLE (1912)  
                 4-- Elizabeth Caroll PIRTLE (1943)  
                     sp-Robert Dean BERRY (1943)  
                         5-- Alison Caroll BERRY (1972)  
                     4-- William Larry PIRTLE (1948)  
                     sp-Charlotte J ABERNETHY (1949)  
                         5-- Karen Elizabeth PIRTLE (1972)  
                         5-- Jonathan Jenkins PIRTLE (1980)  
 3-- Alethea STUBBLEFIELD (1920)  
 3-- Howard Hughes STUBBLEFIELD (1923)  
     sp-Peggy Louise LEWIS (1926)  
         4-- Howard LEWIS STUBBLEFIELD (1955)  
         4-- Melinda Ann STUBBLEFIELD (1957)  
 3-- Annie LaNelle STUBBLEFIELD (1927)  
     sp-Robert Marvin BUFFORD (1923)  
         4-- John Roland BUFFORD (1952)  
             sp-Rose  
                 5-- Ashley BUFFORD  
                 5-- Tiffany BUFFORD  
             4-- Vickie Lee BUFFORD (1955)  
             sp-CARTER BROWN  
                 5-- Christopher BROWN  
                 5-- RUSSELL BROWN  
             4-- Howard Douglas BUFFORD (1957)  
             sp-Sharon  
 3-- Jack Glenn STUBBLEFIELD (1931)  
     sp-Betty Ann RUCKER (1936)  
         4-- John Dwayne STUBBLEFIELD (1962)  
         4-- Glenna Deanne STUBBLEFIELD (1966)  
 2-- Lota STUBBLEFIELD (1899)  
 2-- James Grant STUBBLEFIELD (1901)  
     sp-Hazel WOODSON KING (1906)  
         3-- Sarah Susanna STUBBLEFIELD (1927)  
             sp-Joseph Carden McMILLAN (1926)  
                 4-- Joseph Carden McMILLAN Jr (1947)  
                 4-- Isaac Grant McMILLAN (1948)  
                 4-- Susan KING McMILLAN (1951)  
                 4-- William Mark McMILLAN (1954)  
                 4-- Jonathan Luke McMILLAN (1958)  
 3-- Mary C STUBBLEFIELD (1929)  
     sp-Alvin Foster MOUDY (1929)  
         4-- Alvin Foster MOUDY Jr (1951)  
             sp-Jill MIMMS (1950)  
                 5-- Gabe Wheeler MOUDY (1974)  
                 5-- Robyn Mary MOUDY (1976)  
                 5-- Lynsey ALLISON MOUDY

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4-- Janet Kaye MOUDY (1952)  
 sp-John Charles PLASTER (1951)  
 5-- John Caleb PLASTER (1982)  
 5-- J`Taun Elizabeth PLASTER (1984)

4-- James Robert MOUDY (1956)  
 sp-Sharla Kay BURKS (1957)  
 5-- James Robert MOUDY Jr (1980)  
 5-- Joe Foster MOUDY (1983)

4-- Carolyn KING MOUDY (1960)  
 sp-Richard Keith BLOODWORTH (1960)  
 5-- Cherise Marie BLOODWORTH (1980)  
 5-- Andrew Jonathan BLOODWORTH (1984)

3-- James Grant STUBBLEFIELD Jr (1933)  
 sp-Shirley Patsy MELSON (1935)  
 4-- James G. STUBBLEFIELD III (1952)  
 sp-Tanya DALTON (1957)  
 5-- James Patrick STUBBLEFIELD (1983)  
 5-- Brad Michael STUBBLEFIELD (1985)

4-- Allen Clark STUBBLEFIELD (1954)  
 4-- Lisa Rosann STUBBLEFIELD (1956)  
 5-- Bill CHRISTIE (1979)

sp-Joyce HALL (1938)

3-- Carol Jeanne STUBBLEFIELD (1936)  
 sp-Carl Ray RUSSELL (1934)  
 4-- Carl Ray RUSSELL Jr (1957)  
 sp-Rhonda DOSS  
 5-- Leah Jean RUSSELL (1981)  
 5-- Laura Ruth RUSSELL (1982)

4-- Jeanne Lee RUSSELL (1960)  
 sp-Michael A NEWTON  
 5-- Ashley Elizabeth NEWTON (1987)

4-- Julie Catherine RUSSELL (1967)

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## DESCENDANCY CHART

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- 1-- Jefferson Davis HALL (1862)
    - sp-Molly Elkins (1876)
    - 2-- Myrtle HALL (1894)
      - sp-Hugh CAIN
        - 3-- Bonita CAIN
          - sp-Waymon E CURTISS
            - 4-- Hugh Waymon CURTISS
              - sp-Carolyn GROSVENER
            - 4-- Molly Dearing CURTISS
              - sp-Gerald K. SCHONAUER
                - 5-- Virginia SCHONAUER
                - 5-- Thomas SCHONAUER
              - 4-- Nancy HARRIS
                - sp-Samuel E. HITCHCOCK
                  - 5-- Gregory HITCHCOCK
                  - 5-- John Tillman HITCHCOCK
      - 3-- Melba CAIN
        - sp-Walling FRALEY
          - 4-- Barbara CAIN FRALEY
            - sp-Bobby Gene TAYLOR
          - 4-- Dawn FRALEY
            - sp-Brent GRIFFITH
              - 5-- Lucas GRIFFITH
              - 5-- Lacey GRIFFITH
              - 5-- Lindsey GRIFFITH
              - 5-- Lakeara GRIFFITH
          - 4-- Nichole FRALEY
            - sp-Danny HUTCHINS
              - 5-- Tinara HUTCHINS
              - 5-- Aaron FRALEY HUTCHINS
    - sp-Elijah MARTIN
      - 3-- Gloria MARTIN
        - sp-Richard DaCOSTA
  - 2-- Herbert HALL (1895)
    - sp-Lura SAIN
      - 3-- Herbert HALL Jr
        - sp-Mildred WOODSON
          - 4-- Sharon HALL
          - 4-- John Herbert HALL
      - 3-- Molly Lura HALL
        - sp-Lee WEBSTER
          - 4-- Pamela WEBSTER
            - sp-WALLACE
              - 4-- Brian WEBSTER
              - 4-- Patricia Lee WEBSTER
            - sp-WOOLWINE
              - 4-- Susan WEBSTER
    - 2-- Mamie HALL (1897)
      - sp-Herman Powell STUBBLEFIELD (1894)
    - 2-- Ellis Bryan HALL (1899)
      - sp-Vallie CULLOM
        - 3-- Marcella HALL
          - sp-Bart L. EDWARDS
            - 4-- Leslie EDWARDS
            - 4-- Joyce EDWARDS
        - 3-- Ellis Bryan HALL Jr

DESCENDANCY CHART

13 JUN 1989

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sp-Velma  
2-- Robert Alva HALL (1902)  
sp-Catherine KING  
3-- Robert Alva HALL Jr died 8/4/05  
3-- Larry HALL  
3-- Elliott HALL  
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These charts follow an outline form similar to an English composition, except that not "every A has to have a B".

#1 is the common ancestor of everyone shown on a chart.

Each #2 is child to #1 and sibling to the other #2's.

Each #3 is child to the immediately preceding #2, sibling to each #3 under the same #2, and first cousin to the other #3's.

Each #4 is child to the immediately preceding #3, sibling to each #4 under the same #3, first cousin to other #4's under the same #2, and second cousin to all other #4's.

That is, a cousin with the same grandparent is your first cousin, with the same great-grandparent is your second cousin, etc.

Figuring "removed's" is also not difficult.

The child of your first cousin is your "first cousin once removed"; the grandchild of your first cousin is your "first cousin twice removed", etc.

Similarly, the child of your second cousin is your "second cousin once removed", etc.

By following the outline form and the notes above, any relationship to any individual can be found.

