

November 15 Aunt Sophia Ross visited us. (FSU. This was the wife of Dr. George Ross, Jr., who was a brother of Dr. William Patton's mother. She was Sophia [Saxon] Elmore before her marriage, daughter of General [John Archer] Elmore [of Laurens Co., SC], and after the death of her husband left South Carolina and lived with her father at Montgomery, Alabama.)

December 19 William Warren Patton, son of E.L.R. Patton, born.

1838

January 7 E.L.R. Patton returned from Texas.
April 22 Found and hived a swarm of bees. Now our stock.
August Votes prevailed 92 majority for removal C.H. G.C. (MPM. The county seat was at Troy near Springfield, which is between Knoxville and Eutaw. The removal to Eutaw tolled the death of the thriving communities of Troy and Springfield. This according to Snedecor's *History of Greene County*.)
August 4 Doctor James Davis of Columbia, S.C., died aged 68. (FSU. This would have been Dr. William Patton's uncle by marriage; married to a sister of Dr. William's mother.)
September 6 E.L.R. Patton and Thomas L.C. Means started to Indiana.
Sept 20 Nancy Mays married John Nix.
October 1 Joseph Steele, son of Alexander Steele, deceased.
November E.L.R. Patton and family started removal to Texas.

1839

June 13 General Robert Foster died.
September 10 Mary Archibald, wife of J.P. Archibald, died. (FSU. Maiden name Mary Means, daughter of James and Margaret Means. See above note on Mrs. Peggy Means, Sr., mother of this Mary Means Archibald.)
Sept 19 John Taylor and Ellinor White married.

1840

January 21 Newton White and Juliette Mays married. [WBW. Robert Newton White who founded Corsicana, TX.]
May 8 The greatest most washing flood we ever saw.
May 8 The Great Flood turned Alabama to sickly. The beginning of a series of sickly years.
May 19 Rev. Kennedy's daughter Charity died.¹²
June 7 Mrs. White, wife of Robert, died.
June 22 Gideon Reynolds' child died. Cholera Morbus.
June 25 Benjamin Lamb's child died. Cholera Morbus.
July 14 Robert White's child died.
July 20 John P. Archibald deceased.
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August 14 Mathew Knox's man Lewis died.
August 25 Mrs. White, wife of David S., died.
Sept 14 Wiley Hartfield left here.
November J.S.D. Otts died.¹³ In 1840, Hugh Means died. [Born 1792, a son of Joseph and Rachel (Means) Means of Union Co., SC.]

1841

January 2 Henry Gillespie began to study medicine.
March 2 Davis S. White and Martha Archibald married.
[no date] John Spencer died.
March 4 Friday morning. Great tornado from Springfield to Tuscaloosa and c. [sic].
March 7 John Spencer deceased.

April 4 President William H. Harrison died.
 April 28 A.A. Steele, Jr., deceased.
 April 28 Abner A. Steele, Jr., died 10 o'clock night.
 May 13 Robert Mayo and Polly Mays married.
 May 20 William Bruce's child died.
 June Dr. Jacobs with William Patton short time.
 June 2 Henry L. Gillespie bid us farewell. (APH. Nancy Steele, Elizabeth's twin sister, married a [James] Gillespie.)
 June 2 Warren Stanhope Patton died, son of G.R. Patton.
 Henry Gillespie quit us and left. Finale. [Quit studying medicine.]
 June 11 James Jennings died at Amos Lay's.¹⁴
 June 15 Doctor Jacobs began to practice medicine here.
 June 17 George R. Kennedy came here the first time.¹⁵
 Doctor Jacobs left us to get to bring his diploma.
 July 4 Mrs. Jones, wife of Robert Jones, died.
 July 5 Mary Johnson, daughter of John Johnson, died.
 July 18 Andrew Snoddy, Jr., died.¹⁶
 August 24 John Parham's son died.
 August 25 Dr. A.C. Storey died.¹⁷
 August 26 Morning dark and sorrow making. Evening stormy wild and strange.
 August 27 Evan Howard died.
 Sept 2 Samuel O. Spencer and company started to Texas.
 October 3 Samuel Mays, son of David Mays, died.
 Nov 4 Sophia Means and David Fife married.
 November 17 William Patton started to North Mississippi.

1842

Jan 19 James Steele and Peggy Ross Patton married. (FSU. The groom was Dr. William Patton's youngest brother-in-law; the bride was Dr. William Patton's niece, daughter of his brother, George Ross Patton.)
 March 15 & 16 Snow on the ground 3 inches deep.
 March 21 Mrs. Davis, Sr., wife of Absolom Davis, died.
 May 1 Doctor William Mays' son born, died 31st instant.
 May 23 Theodore Simpson Archibald, son of Robert A., died.
 May 31 Mrs. Snoddy's son died.
 June 21 William Spencer killed by Negroes.
 July 1 A.A. Steele, Esq., Sr., died. (FSU. Dr. William Patton's father-in-law.) Has died this season Mrs. Snoddy's 3 children, all she had. Esq. Roberts, Clerk of C. Court. 4 Negroes of James Williamson and James Williamson and son, and son of Mrs. Daniels H.C. James White, son of Robert White, died.
 August 23 Thomas Means, son of Hugh Means, died.¹⁸
 William Leander Archibald, son of Thomas Archibald, died.
 Sept 2 Miss E. McGehees died.
 Sept 11 Widow Betsy Means of Hugh died. [See August 23 entry.]
 Sept 12 Dick, Negro boy of Captain Hamilton, died. From 1st to 11th Sept 1842 the most sickly ten days we have ever seen. Days of hardships and sorrows.
 Sept 23 William White, son of Major James White, died.
 September 28 Samuel Steele, son of A.A. Steele, Jr., died.
 Oct 3 Thomas Alex. White, son of Major James, died and his brother, James, died a few days sooner.
 Oct 20 Doctor Right [Wright] and Miss Elvira Storey married.¹⁹
 Oct 30 G.R. Kennedy started to South Carolina.
 Nov James Gillespie removed in November from Pickens to North Mississippi. (FSU. This was William Patton's brother-in-law, husband of his wife's twin

- sister [Nancy].)
- Nov 14 William Steele and William Patton started to North Mississippi.
 Nov 15 William Patton and William Steele trip to North Mississippi.
 Nov 17 William Patton's first trip to North Mississippi started.
 December 16 Married in this month, Samuel Morrow and Amanda White.²⁰
 December 20 William White and Miss Saunders, and Em. Saunders and Miss Tanksely.
 December 21 John Thornton and Esq. Nolan's daughter.
 December 29 T.T. Tyree and Mrs. Elvy Spencer, widow of Samuel Spencer.
- 1843
- July 19 Miss Margaret Kennedy died by fall from her carriage.
 July 21, 24, & c. With us Major White and Lady; R.G. Steele and Lady; Sister Nancy Gillespie and part of her family.
 September 24 Derry [slave] has fever and violent hemorrhage from nose continued 36 hours severe.
 November 25 James Mays, Sr., died 8 o'clock M.
- 1844
- Jan 3 William G. Westmoreland and Miss Martann Harris married.
 Jan 7 Jane White died.
 Jan 9 Doctor William T. Park set up medicines here.
 Jan 23 William P. Archibald quit boarding with us.
 Jan 24 Mrs. Price, Sr., wife of Esq. William White, Sr., died. [Transcription error?]
 Feb 24 Gordon killed at Springfield by Meadows.
 Feb 25 David Brooks, Sr., died.
 March 22 Mrs. Spencer, widow of John, dead. House burnt.
 April 13 Abner E. Patton has the measles. (FSU. Son of Dr. William Patton.)
 April 30 Nancy E. Patton has the measles. (FSU. Daughter of Dr. William Patton.)
 May 6 James Steele's little daughter, Ester, died.
 June 28 Thomas White died, son of David S. White.
 July 24 James P. Means and wife here from Mississippi.²¹
 Oct 2 Samuel Burton, Esq., died.
 Oct 22 James Warren Steele, son of James Steele, born.
- 1845
- Jan Thomas Brandon, Sr., says he was born January 1783.²²
 Jan 26 Doctor Breden came and operated dentistry.
 Feb 9 Eloisa J. Means crippled by fall from horse. (MPM. This is the only indication as to what became of Eloisa Jane Patton, sister to Dr. William Patton, who married James Means.)
 May 2 Mrs. Holmes, wife of Thomas Holmes, died.
 June 1 Doctor William G. Westmoreland's oldest son, Chiff, born.
 June 8 General Andrew Jackson died, born March 1761.
 June 22 Widow Susan Franklin died.
 June 23 Robert Archibald, Esq., deceased.
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 July 5 Aaron Hardlin's wife died. [Probably Aaron Harlan, a native of Union Co., SC.]
 July 12 George Right's [Wright's] wife died.
 August 1 William Otts' house burnt today and James Otts' house was burnt 2 or 3 weeks ago. _____ or his family suspected as incendiary.
 Gen. Willson's wife died.
 Rev. F.H. Porter died, 59 years old.
 Aug 1 Rev. Francis Porter deceased. (APH. One of the two organizers of New Hope

Church in 1821.)²³

Aug 9 Thomas Smith deceased. A good Republican.
 August 9 Thomas Smith, an honest man, died.
 August 12 Aaron Steele deceased.
 Aug 22 Thomas Brandon, Jr., died of consumption.
 Sept James Hall Archibald sold his land to Rev. Morg [sic].
 Sept 15 Margaret White, Sr., wife of May [sic] Thomas [White], deceased. [WBW. Nee Margaret Trail, wife of Major Thomas White.]
 Sept 17 Mrs. Nix, Sr., deceased.
 Sept 25 William Birchett and Sarah White married.
 Sept 27 Moses White deceased, son of May [sic] Thomas Cook [White]. [WBW. Transcription error. Major Thomas White.]
 Thomas White deceased, son of David S. White.
 October George R. Patton sold his land.
 Oct 12 Aaron Steele died 12 o'clock night. (FSU. This was a brother of Dr. William Patton's father-in-law, Abner Alexander Steele.)
 Oct. 21 Isaac White removed to Mississippi.
 October 21 Isaac [White] removed to North Mississippi.
 Oct 23 Samuel Thomas Archibald 3/4 Small and McDow to Texas.
 Nov 3 William Patton bought Thomas Means' land.
 Nov 13 Thomas Means moved to Mississippi.

1846

Jan'y 14 Betty Garner, wife of James Garner, died.
 Jan'y 24 Samuel T. Archibald, John Small, and Arthur McDow returned from Texas.
 Vincent Archibald, son of John Archibald, died.
 July 5 Great flood. Sims Creek uncommonly high.
 July 16 William and Lafayette Thornton were married to two of Moody Mays' daughters.

1847

Jan'y 8 The thermometer 7 o'clock morning down to 15.
 Feby 21 First introduction to Doctor Gambull.
 Jan Feby March Much rain and flood.
 March A great flood up in Steele's house.
 April 12 & 14 At court Eutaw _____ case.
 April 14 William Patton's daguerreotype likeness by Do. \$4.00 each.
 April 19 Walter and Thomas J. each had a likeness by Do. a face each. (APH has the one of Thomas J. Patton. It is the face of a youth filled with great maturity. Beautiful.)
 May We think the driest month of this year.
 July 3 Celebration at M. Knox's. T.L.C. Means orator. (FSU. Dr. William Patton's nephew, son of Eloisa Jane Patton Means.)
 July 8 Great rain and flood in the creek. July 7th and 8th Do.

1848

Jan'y 13 Joseph Steele died. Hurt by oxen. (FSU. Son of Aaron Steele and first cousin of Dr. William Patton's wife.)
 Jan'y 20 10 or 11 o'clock morning Grand Meteor seen and heard.
 Jan'y 21 Nancy E. Patton has been 5 weeks at her grandmother's. (FSU. Elizabeth Deale Steele.) Jefferson went for her today.
 Edward Archibald starts to Texas and returned about the middle of April next.
 Jan'y 31 Esq. Otts' Negro girl, Caroline, died. Autoptical examination.
 Feby Sending to William Hawkin's School.