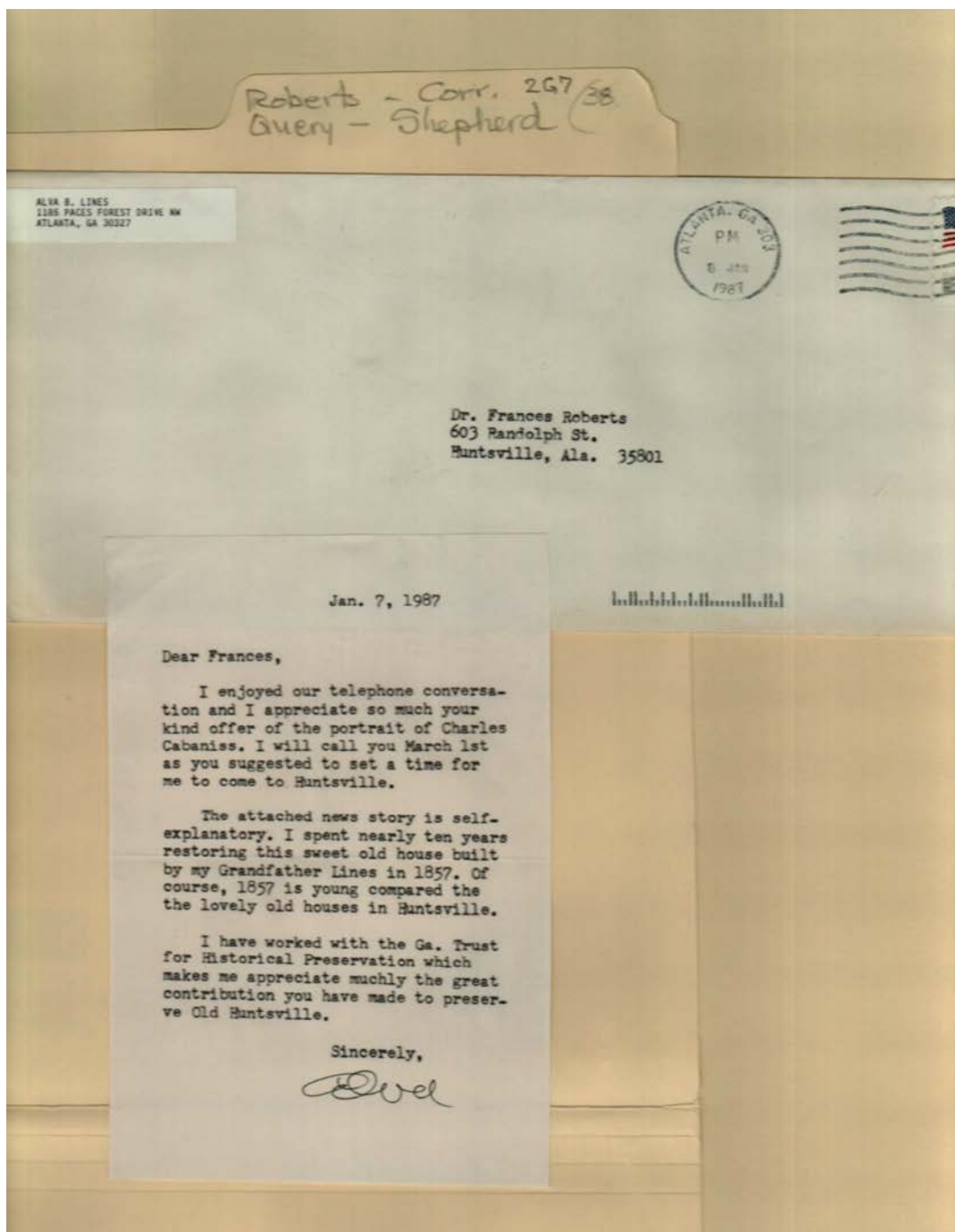


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**Names:**

Cabaniss, Charles

Lines, Alva B.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

Atlanta, GA

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

correspondence

envelope

**Dates:**

Jan 7, 1987

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## Historic Lines Home Destroyed By Fire Wednesday

By DIXON HOLLINGSWORTH

One of Screven County's oldest homes was destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning.

Located on the Old Buxton Road, in Northern Screven County, the home was the second in the county to be listed in the National Registry of Historic sites and has belonged to the Lines' family since it was built in 1857.

Mr. Alva Lines, the current owner, expressed deep regrets over the loss of the home because of its cultural value to Screven County. Lines had the home restored several years ago and had allowed it to be rented since then.

According to the Screven County Fire Department, a call was received at approximately 1:35 A.M. Wednesday morning. The County Fire Department as well as the Hiltonia Volunteer Fire Department arrived at the scene about seventeen minutes later, but the home was already a total loss.

According to Mrs. Patti Jackson, the current tenant, the fire apparently originated beneath the flooring in a back bedroom and soon spread throughout the house. No one was injured. Also destroyed by the fire were several outbuildings and two vehicles.

For more information on the history of the house see "Around



THE HISTORIC LINES HOUSE is pictured above as it looked following restoration. The home was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning.

### More On Lines House

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Historic Places. Its history goes back to 1857 when Samuel Shephard Lines of Liberty County, who was then about 30 years old, bought 1,500 acres in Screven County. He moved here with his mother and began building a house which was completed in 1860. Soon afterward, he married Nannie Brown, a Virginia girl whose family had moved to Georgia. She was fifteen years younger than he.

The couple had barely settled down when General William T. Sherman's army swept through the county. On the night of Dec. 4-5, 1864, General Jefferson C. Davis, commander of Sherman's 14th Army Corps, the left wing of the invading army, stayed at the house. Federal troops ransacked the property and took wagons, the family carriage, livestock, and anything edible, but the house itself was not damaged, and Nannie Lines' prized piano, a Steinway with serial number 99, survived and is still in the family.

Samuel and Nannie Lines raised eleven children in the house. He died in 1916 and she survived until 1936. The present owner, Alva Lines, is one of their grandchildren.

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Query - Shepherd

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Destroyed By Fire

Lines, Alva B.

**Places:**

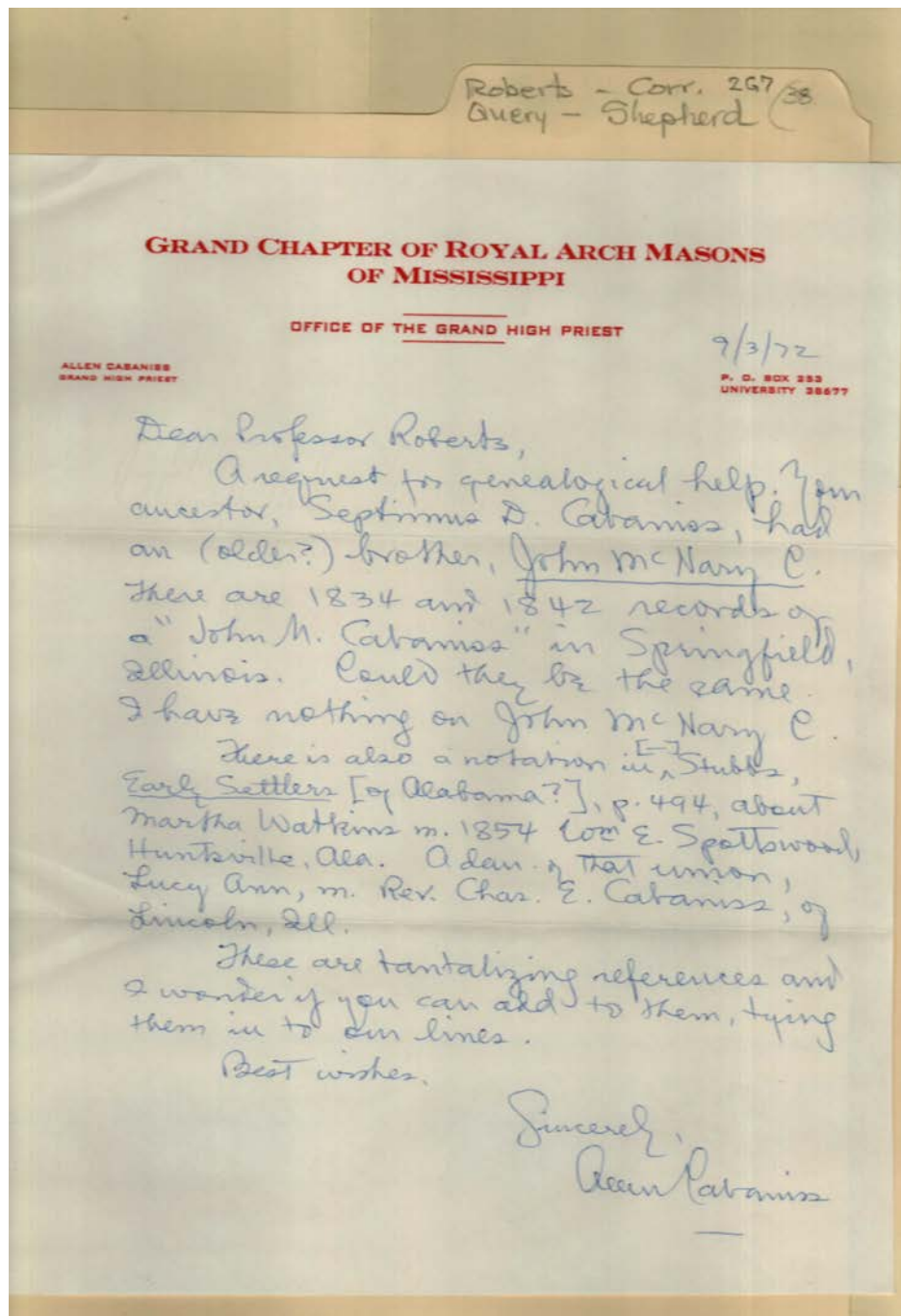
Sylvania, GA

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Dec 25, 1986



**Names:**

Cabaniss, Allen  
Cabaniss, Charles E.,  
Rev.

Cabaniss, John  
McNary  
Cabaniss, Septimus  
D.

Roberts, Professor  
Spottswood, Lucy  
Ann

Spottswood, William  
E.  
Watkins, Martha

**Places:**

Mississippi

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

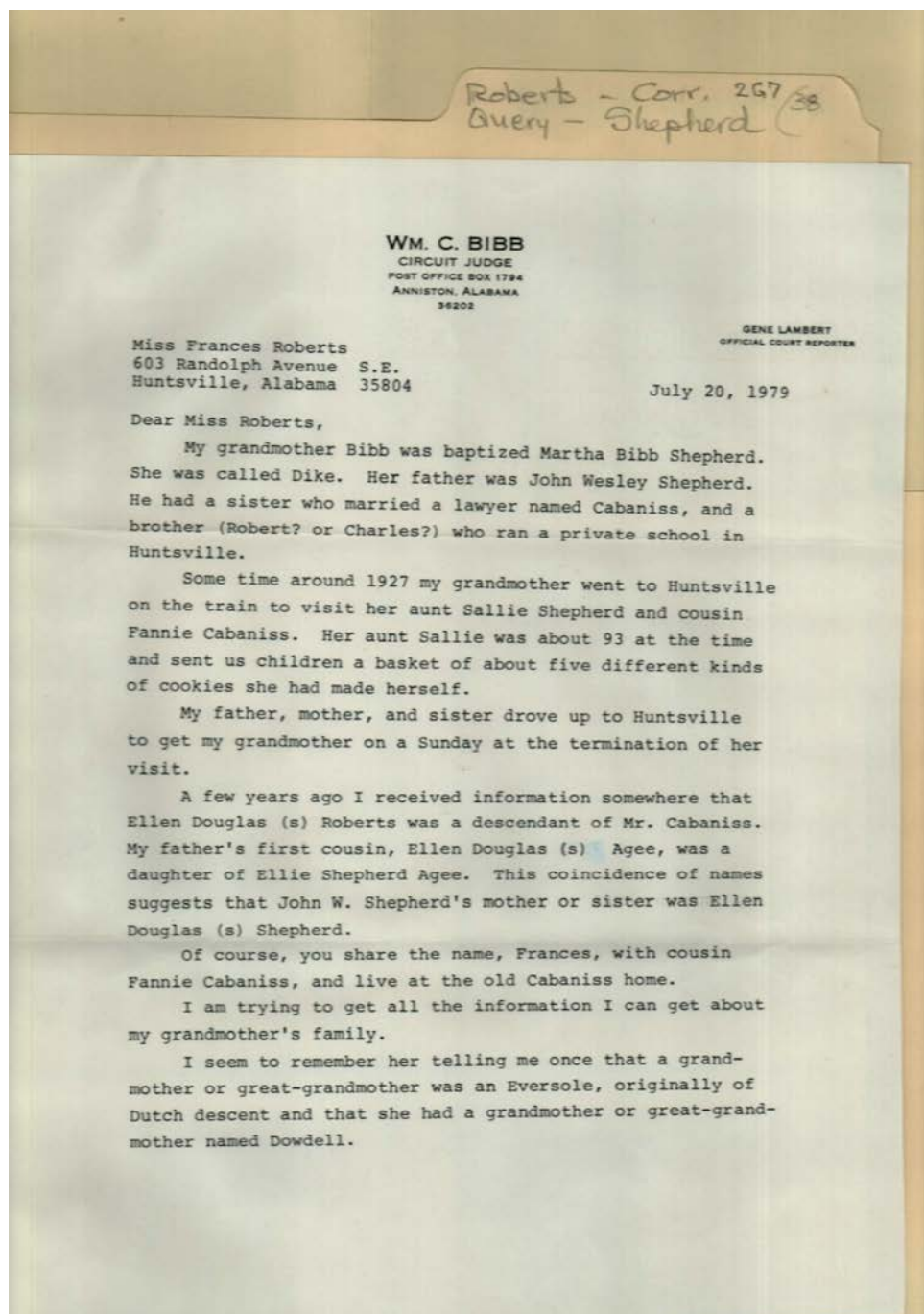
Sept 3, 1972



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**Names:**

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Agee, Ellie Shepherd  
Bibb, William C.,  
Judge  
Cabaniss,

Cabaniss, Fannie  
Dowdell,  
Eversole,  
Roberts, Ellen  
Douglas

Roberts, Frances,  
Miss  
Shepherd, John  
Wesley

Shepherd, Martha  
Bibb  
Shepherd, Sallie

**Places:**

Anniston, AL

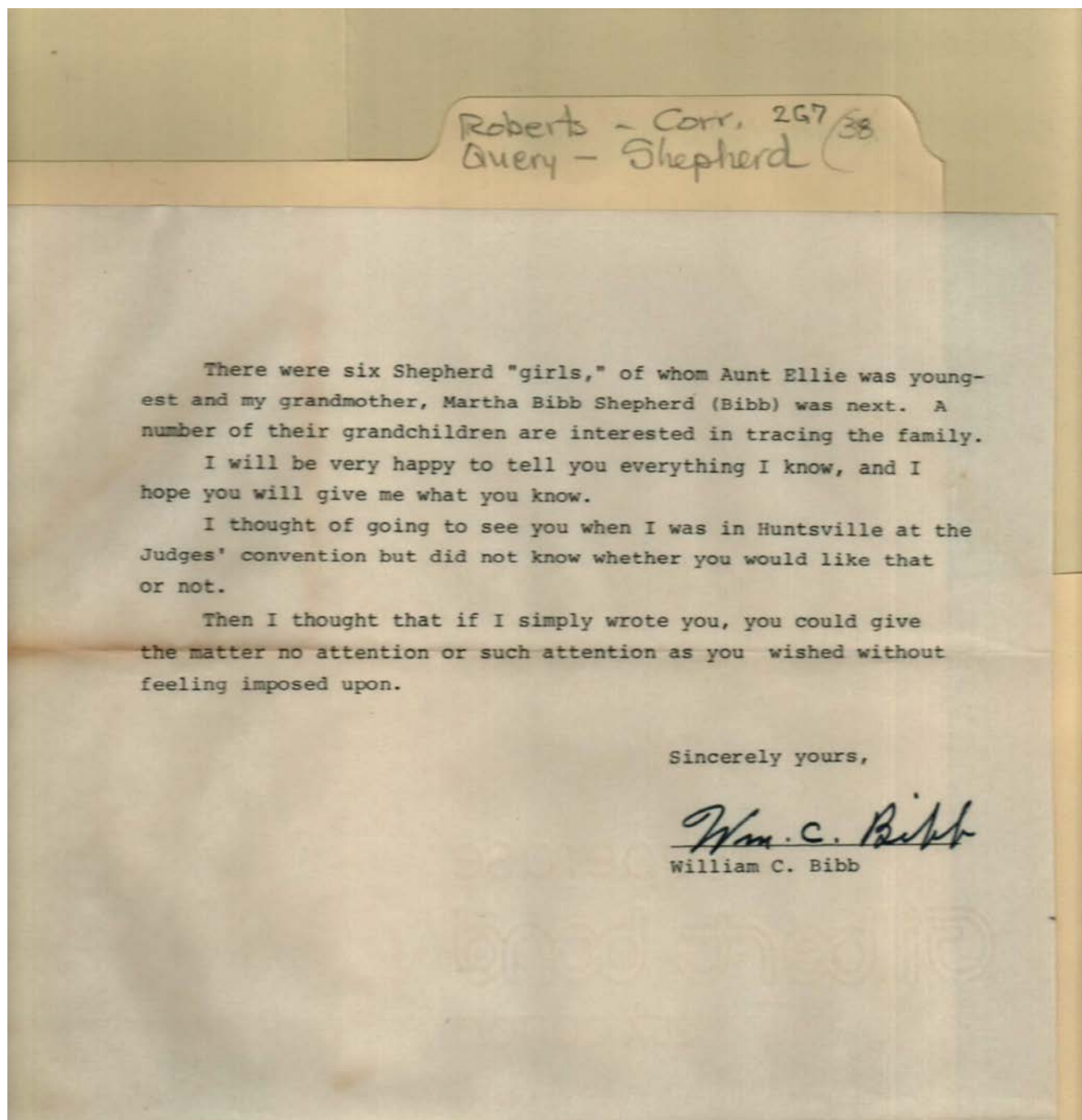
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

July 20, 1979



**Names:**

Bibb, William C.

Shepherd, Martha  
Bibb

**Places:**

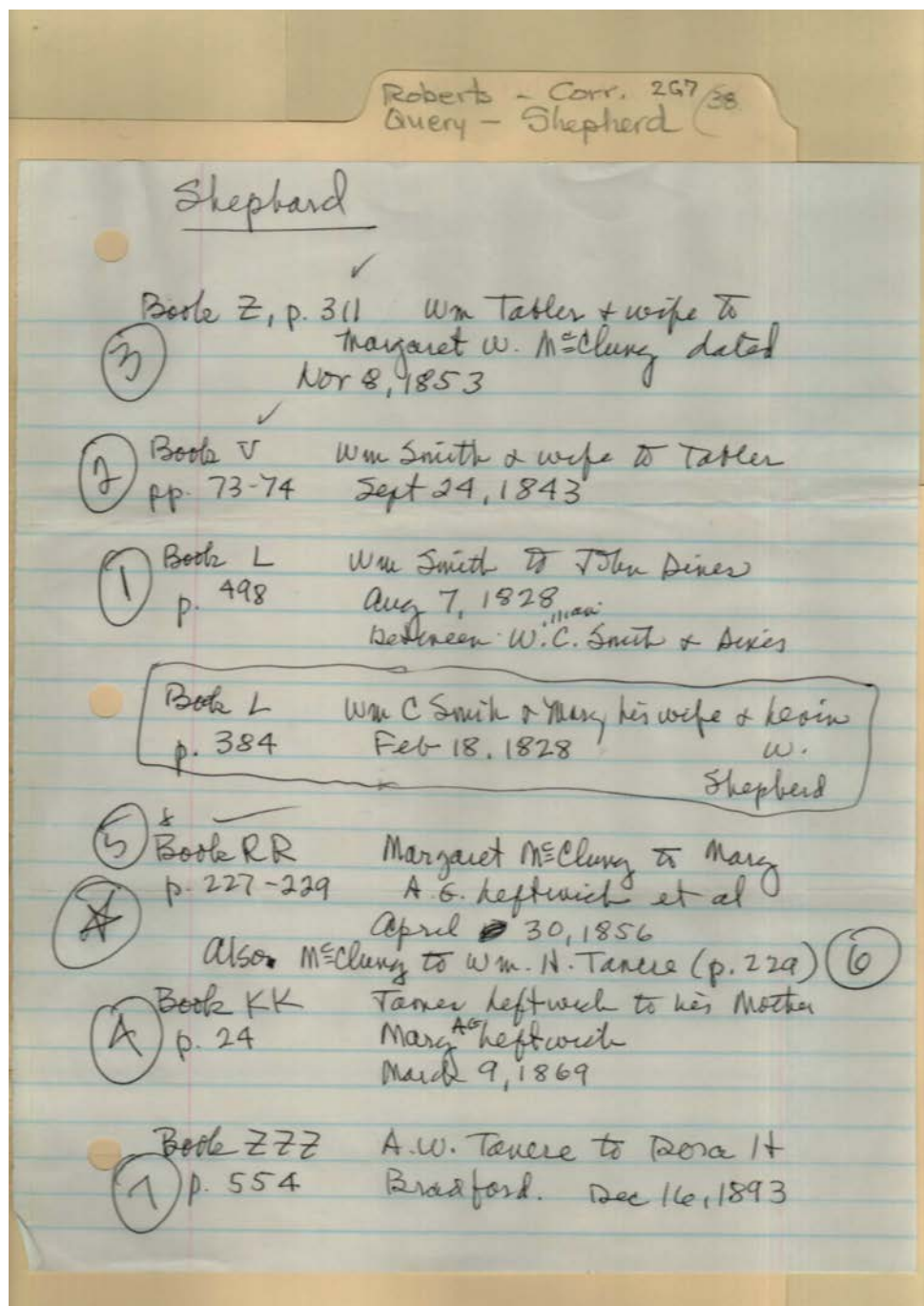
Anniston, AL

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

July 20, 1979



**Names:**

Bradford, Dora H.  
 Dines, John  
 Leftwich, James

Leftwich, Mary A. G.  
 McClung, Margaret  
 Shepherd, W.

Smith, William C. &  
 Mary  
 Tabler, William

Tancre, William H.

**Places:**

Madison Co., AL

**Types:**

deed book entry

**Dates:**

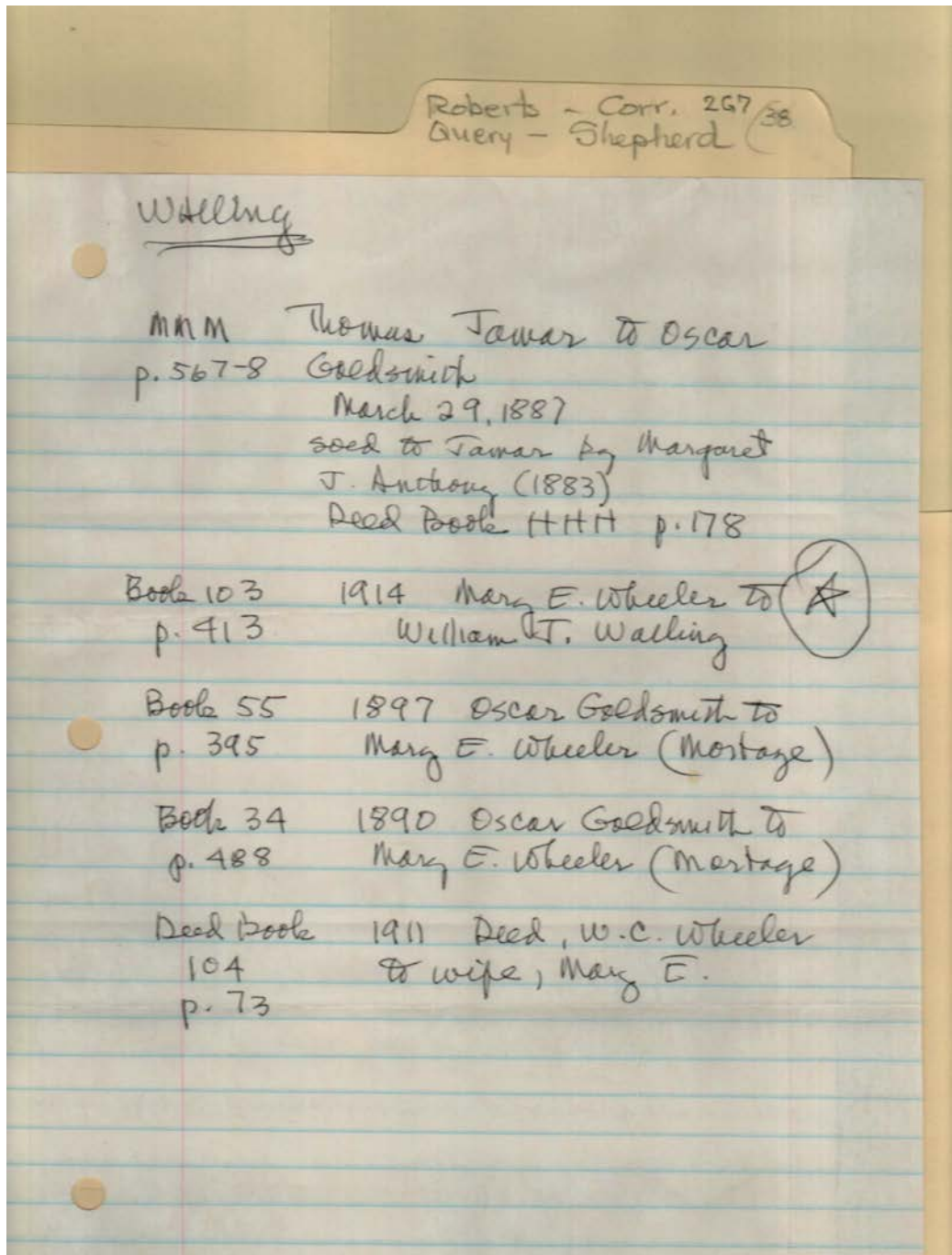
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 1853

1853  
 1853

1856  
 1869

1869  
 1893





**Names:**

Anthony, Margaret J.  
Goldsmith, Oscar

Jamar, James  
Walling, William T.

Wheeler, Mary E.

Wheeler, W. C. &  
Mary E.

**Places:**

Madison Co., AL

**Types:**

deed book entry

mortgage book entry

**Dates:**

1887  
1890

1897  
1911

1914

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