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	To any lawful Judge, Justice, or Minister of the Gospel:
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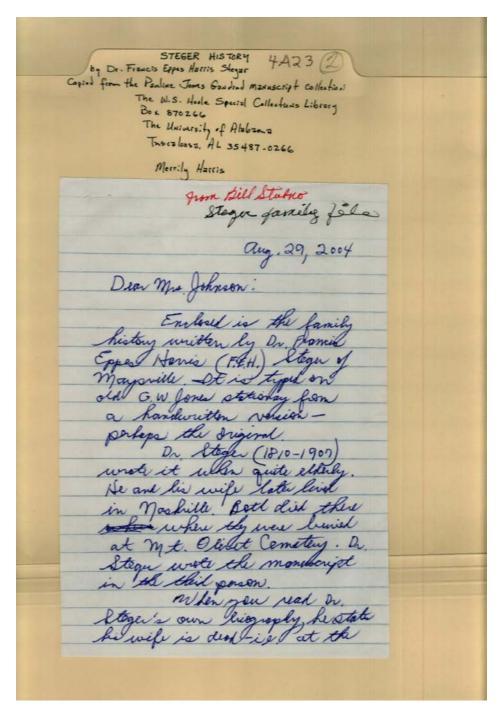
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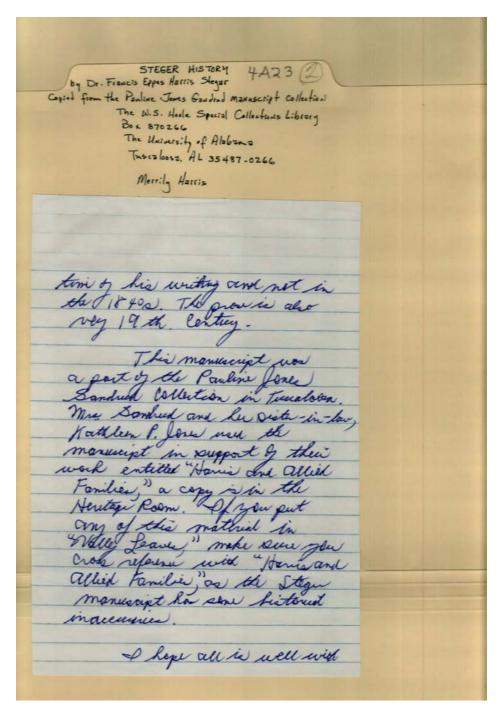
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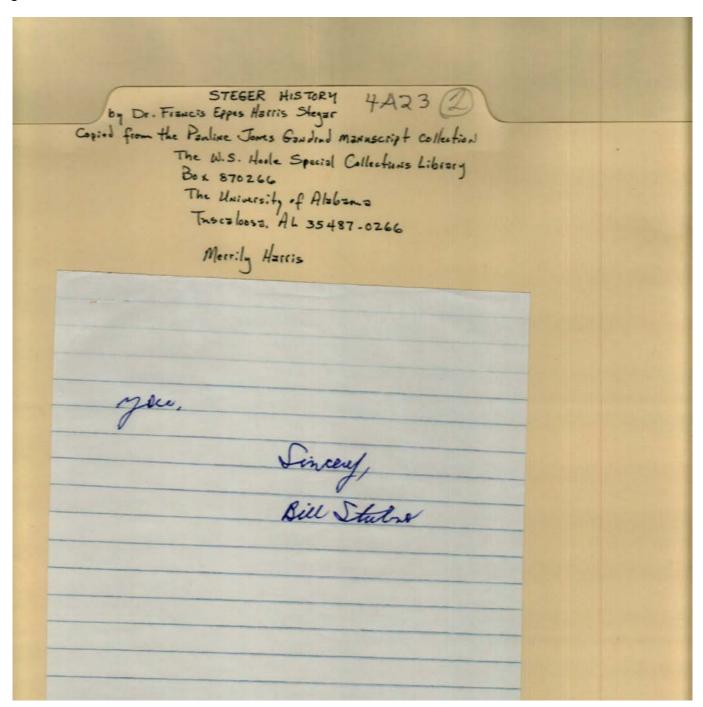
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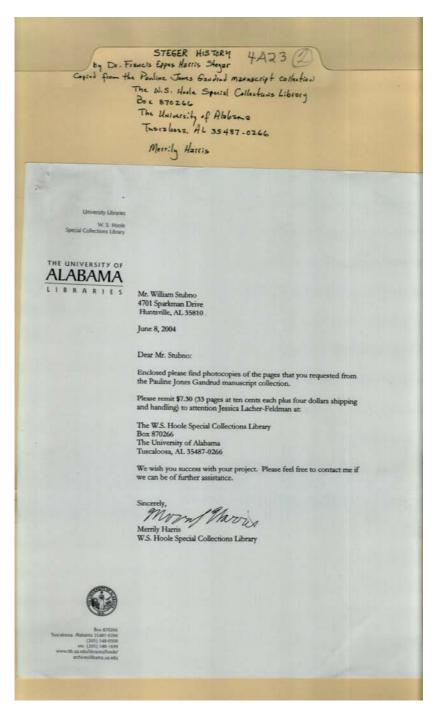
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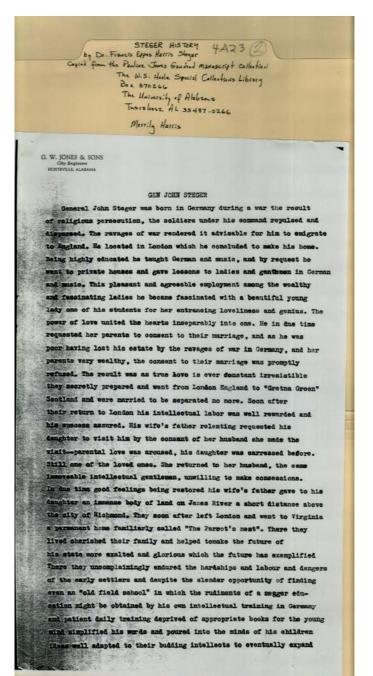
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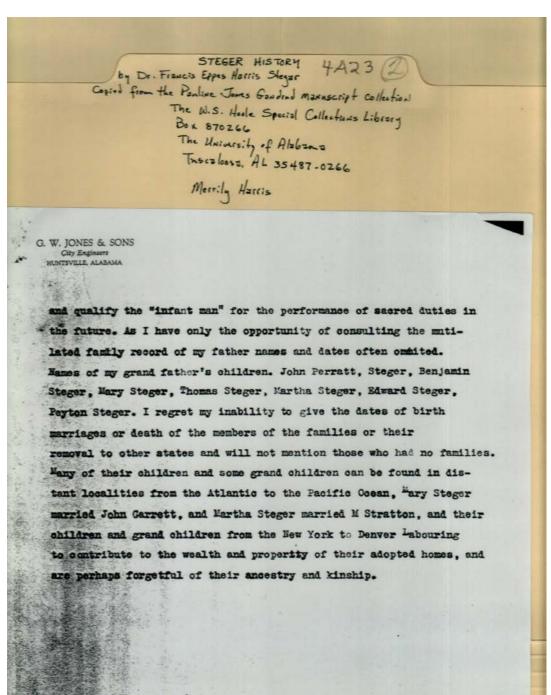
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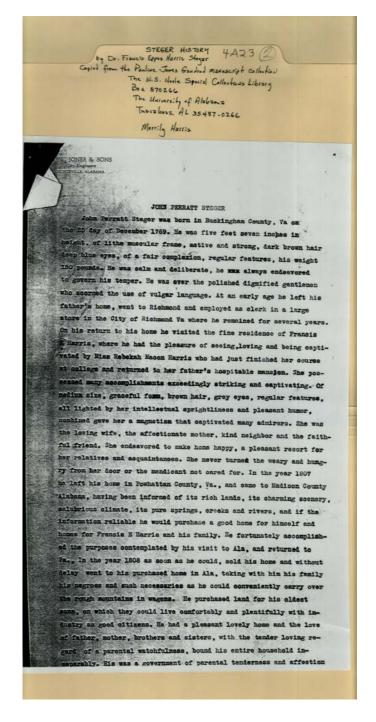


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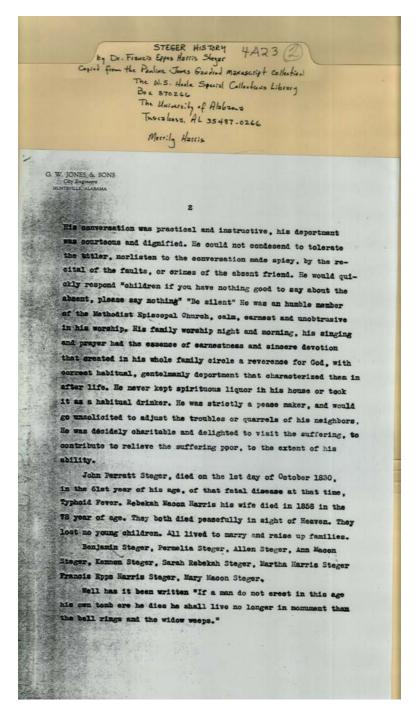
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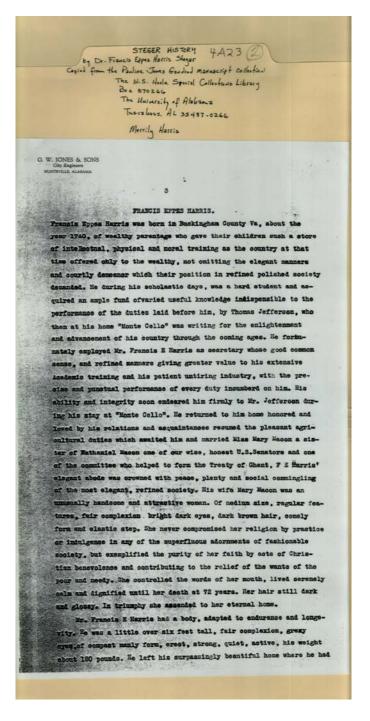
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spent his youth and early manhood, and in the year 1809 he came to
the malubrious rich lands purchased for him near Huntsville, Ala,
bring with him the proceeds of his estate, his family, and his slaves.
Se arrived and in due time and haste prepared his forest land for
oultivation it being of a fine, rich loam and fine for oultivation.
An ample supply of corm, cotton, and cereals for a large luxurious
family and cotton for which he received cash to purchase all the necessaries of life. He soon became acquanted with such citizens of Madison Co. as his aristocratic habits could afford to tolerate and never
exhibited the slightest anxiety to enlarge the circle of his acquaintances or compromise his dignity by associating with the "common folks"
Be lived 84 years and the death of his wife, so unexpected to him
was a shock from which he never recovered. That and a severe accidental downstairs tumber occasioned a shock which terminated his life.

He died at the age of 84 years.

DANIEL HARRIS.

Daniel Harris son of Francis E Harris and Mary Mason Harris, was born in Buckingham, County Va, and was about 5 ft 10 inches in height of rather elender physique, light brown hair, grey eyes, regular features, an active calculation mind rather insimuating and agreeable manners, a strong desire to enlarge and keep his worldly ssions economical prudent, his education good for the times polished gentliment A strict member of the Methodis church. He me from Va, a young man in 1809 with his father to Ala and taking session of the plantation and negroes given him by his father, commended, and was a successful farmer. He exhibited no preditection to tolerate the habits of the wordy deception of the politician and took but little interest in their ridiculous and extravagant vaporings" on the stump before a voting groud of "dear people" all very thirsty. He directed his attention to a beautiful lady of a good and wealthy family in his immediate neighborhood. He fortunately found Miss Ann Serugge and after an interesting and very pleasant courtship they married and soon occupied the comfortable home which he had prepared for her receiption and sepnt a few years of domestic happinessty only, before premature death removed her to a heavenly home and left him alone, a disconsolate widower with no one competent

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Harris, Daniel

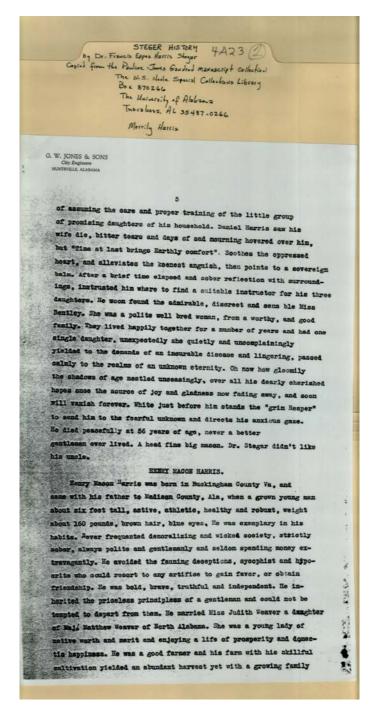
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Bentley, Miss Harris, Daniel

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Harris, Henry Macon Stegar, Dr. Weaver, Judith

Weaver, Matthew, Major

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and wishing to enlarge his possessions, and pleased with some portions of the State of Miss, he sold his farm in Ala, and purchased a plantation of rich land in Miss State, where he continued to prosper financially for several years.

He had an interesting family of children and I can only mention those born in Ala, He continued for several years a successful farmer after his residence in Miss, until his declining health disqualified for the performance of the duties of the farmer. He lik the cloudless sunset, while closely approaching his lon and busy life's close, shines with enticing splender being corwned with success, virtue and honour without a blemish, departing from the world in triumpay.

He left several children, some young when they left Ala. The older kney ann Earris.

#### KENNON HARRIS.

Kennon Harris was the largest and stoughtest of the sons of Francis E Harris. He had dark hair and gray eyes of a ruddy complexion and irregular features. His weight over 200 pounds yet active, and fond of athletic sports, seldom seen without his gun and dog. He married daughter of one of his neighbors Frances Ford. a handsome and rather indiscreet, extravagant lady. She was small of statue and tidy, fashionable, when from home. He came to his home soon after his marriage to the home his father gave him, and had negro to cultivate the land, but he had not been taught by his father, the habits of industry and economy and had grown too old to learn the skillful use of the plough and hoe. The negroes took and enjoyed de many holidays, while in and out of the farm seeing it overrun with grass and weeks. The yield of his farm was scarcely sufficient to pay tax, State and County and to feed the family, with the largest yield of the most fortunate year, leaving the bills of his hants and many other expenses to the kind care of his generous father. Then his father's attention was arrested by the messing wants of other children, his debts grew to a fearful magnitude, his creditors demands, still more pressing he found himself harrassed to the limit of endurance and yet concoled himself with the fond hope, that his loving father was able, and would pay all his debts and he could still devote a large portion of his time to idle and

Names:

Ford, Frances

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Harris, Francis E.

Harris, Kennon

Harris, Lucy Ann

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> ignorant company, hunting and fishing and wandering aimlessly seeking happiness, and spend time he could not make useful. Yet with all his faults, he was generous and kind, accommodating to a fault, give freely to the worthless idler, what his family ought to enjoy. He was finally induced to sell his fine farm in Madison County, and buy a less attractive one in Jackson County Ma, To which he removed, and by his former bad management soon put his negroes under a Trust Deed. Soon they went to another hos He sold his land, and went with his family to Tichomingo County Miss, and soon spent all of their property, he could dispose of and died as poor as a mendicant and left his children uneducated. That a blessing lost, squandered as his patrimony had been approprinted to the proper education of his children, and his wife's estate bequeathed by her father, had been securely kept from the giant grasp of the merciless usurer, and the thievish sharpers. Oh that the noble spirit which Kennon Harris inherited from a distinguished ancestry had been properly trained in early life!

Let his faults and follies be buried with him, and his nunerous, noble qualities be ramembered as landmarks for the living.

CAPT. RICHARD HARRIS.

Richard Harris, brother of Francis Eppes Harris and Benjamin Harris was born in Buckingham County, Va about the year 1750, one from those polite and educated families in that part of the State. So was reared up setive, industrious and polite. He was taught to respect the rights and prerogatives of others, while he was equally careful to defend his own rights from the infringements of others. Phile quite a boy his native combattiveness and large personal independence with his high sense of honor and justice, so prominently developed in his coming years, that he enjoyed largely the respect and commendation of an extensive acquaintance. His conversation was entertaining, chaste, and had but one work or expletive peculiar to himself "Dame me if it is not so"! when he wished to give greater emphasis to his affirmation and gave you to understand there was no safe appeal from his assertain!

#### Names:

Harris, Benjamin Harris, Francis Eppes

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Harris, Kennon

Harris, Richard, Captain

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When Capt. Richard Harris was a young can and saw the threatning clouds of Revolutionary War loom up so ominously soon to overshadow the whole country, he begun to realize danger, and at once began to take a preminent part in the fearful impending conglict. He went from house to house calisting the best, brage young men to form a company of brave, reliable who drilled would be good soldiers, who elected him Captain to serve during the war. His company subsequently formed a portion of the army with which Gen. LaPayette attacked and routed the British in a battle at Feteraburg Va, and soon after marched to Norfell Va, and took part in the battle in which Cornwallis surrendered his army, and the war was at an end. Capt Richard Harris was a brave soldier who faced the trained ranks of British Regulare, who were forced to yield to the unflinching valor of Aparican Militia.

Capt Harris went to his home when discharged, a soldier, a good ditizen, and a good Democrat.

He married Miss Judith Sims an advocated, industrious dignified, discreet and elegant young lady, with a handwome estate which added to Captain Harris' possessions made them independent. They lived sumptuously, and when other neighbors and friends giving a glowing description of the advantages of North Ala, he was induced to dispose of his property and come to the elegant home about 4 miles north of Huntsville

His home was the favorite resort of his sequaintances so situated springs of pur, cold water, residence pleasant and conformable, with every appliance to gratify the sight, and please the taste of the most fastidious visitors. His hospitality was unbounded, alike to all. He kept elegant guns, and best ammunition, a sensible dog, a good hunter, well trained and greatly attached to his mater. Capt Harris was fond of hunting squirrels, birds and other eddible game, as might be found in the forest around him. He was a superior marksman, and he frequently when his age was above 80 years accompanied by some active attack, groung men, seldom found one his equal as a marksman and kill as mich game, during a tramp through the woods for miles, or he after a sumpthnous supper, while sitting around him hearthsone felt as little fatigue as the Caption. At a more advanced age, his eyesight was undimed, he required no spectacles, could shoot with his rifle gun, often unserringly, and though his physical frame under the weight

Names:

Cornwallis,

Harris, Richard, Captain LaFayette, General Sims, Judith

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of so many years, no tremor disturbed his quick aim. Only a few practiced skillful young men could be found that could compete with him, shooting at a target 75 to 100 yards distance, without a rest. He was never morose or sullen "with brow thats knit like coming storm" "nursing his wrath to keep it warm" but a pleasant countenance giving expression to a contented mind. He frequently delighted in merriment acted principal of the group and gladly joined in a hearty outburst of laughter. He had at stated times every month, the Methodist Circuit Preachers visit him, who willingly joined in his amsement, and telling spicy anecdates, or taking a jount fishing or hunting. The use of tobacco was his chief and daily luxury, and around his genial heartstone where pleasant conversation, jokes and sparkling wit could often chane many the still small hours of night. On one occasion Capt Harris as was his custom when excited, standing with his hands behind basking in the pleasant warmth of the blazing woodfire when a mischievous young preacher with a pair of wire tongs used for lighting a pipe unserved patrix by the Captain took a soal of fire and put it in his hand and burning it. The capt looked in pain, but said nothing. The preacher in a few minutes asked him for a chew of his tobacco. taking his large steel boxraised it from his vest pocket, half open with his fingers on the bottom and thunb on the top. The preacher thrusting his fingers in the box when instantly the Captains dosed the box pressed the lid with great force and strength outling the fingers painfully and he shaking the box violently said does it hurt . iges it burnt and then released the culprit!

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and willingly contributed liberally to the support of the Ministry or to any means to emlarge the membership. Having near his residence a lovely grove of many sores of stately oak with a large spring of pure water it was resolved by the powers that be that it was the most admirable spot for a camp meeting. So some of the wealthy members of the M.K.Church for miles around built log cabins, tents, with Capt Harris' permission praying nothing for use of his fine timber. A splendit capacious chalter supported by a tone pillare, and covered with chingles sufficient to sent a congregation of six or eight thousand, or more assembled animally to worship, to hear the powerful sermons of many of the most

Names:

Harris, Captain

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talented ministers of the Southern States.

There was no campground comparable with the "Blue Spring" ground

for all that it offered, for the comfort sheltering trees, pure water

and undulating ground for a distance in every direction around the Camp. The moral influence of the Ministers, and the educated members of churches assembled at this Compground for a series of years, the immense number of religious conversions, the moral elevation of the Country, the social attachment and refining resulting from community, cation with refined elevated characters, who otherwise never by good fortune have become acquainted. The can properly estimates the magniands of this gift in assisting to revolutionize the social and moral condition of the whole country. The thousands whose lives before distroted by crime, now living lives of charity, purity and holiness. Such a gift, such a boon confered as the Blue Spring Camp ground, with its appurtenances would have confered a crown of honour on the greatest man in the State of Ala. Such was the life of Capt Harris as I have feebly described him. Born a gentelemen he spurned the company of the low and degraded; his virtues shone brilliantly. As a young mand a leader of fashismable society. See his dress a straight ested coat, reaching nearly to his knees, long best, knee pants, clasped at the knees with a conspicuous silver buckle long stockings, low shoes, adjusted to the foot with a shining silver buckle. Such was his stylish Virginia fashion when a young man, a fashion which he followed rigidly until his death, From such a life Capt Harris passed beyond the happy celebration of his 100th birthday ton morblessed home, and his aged wife soon with him triumphantly to eternal glory.

Peytom Steger the youngest son of John Steger was born in Buskingham County, Va, about the year 1780. He was of small size 5 ft 64 in. in height, compact frame, active, stout, fond of conversation full of levity, and frequent reheareal of his wondrous performances of repeated with sest for the entertainment of his hearers, his manharous acquaintances and associates. When he was young he was fond of dress, to the extent of his means to purchase, and was quite galland and popular with the girls, and married Miss Frances Jefferson

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Harris, Captain

Jefferson, Frances

Steger, John

Steger, Peyton

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a young lady of good family yet having a small estate. He removed to a small farm, and by labour and frugality enjoyed a competance. His wife had been reared up in an industrious frugal family, with all the qualifications of a good wife. She had a happy control of her temper within due bou ads, and with her prudence and discretion under many disadvantages, she trained her children in the paths of truth politeness and industry. They had but a scant amount of this world's goods, had continued to live on a little farm until many of his relations leaving the state of Va, he sold all he had, and left to find a better home. The found that home in Ala, where with his scant posessions by his daily industry and ecomony, he soon emerged from his past losses and had all the necessaries his family needed. His children John Jefferson Steger, Edward Steger, Elizabeth Steger , Frances r, Caroline Steger. He with the assistance of his wife and two astricus sons, continued to live on a rented farm, enjoying all the necessaries of life. He with his unequaled son Edward, after so years removed to a little village in West Tennessee, who with his business test, his uncessing industry and fine judgment provided abundantly for the support of his family and made the lives of his parents comfortable. They were surrounded with all to make life happy, until the infirmities of age closed their earthly career in peace and fond hope of a glorious etermity.

#### MISS WARTHA HARRIS.

Hims Martha Harris the eldest daughter of Francis Epps Harris and
Mary Macon Harris, was born at her father's home in Buckinghan County,
Firginia, was married to John Ford, a pleasant dourtly, educated gentleman and after lived in a small pleasant home. They lived happily a few
years, when attacked by consumption and soon died, leaving a corrowing
widow and four children to the tender regard and care of their grand
Tather. She remained a widow ascompanied her loving father to North
Ala, making his home their permanent abode until she married Lemmel
Mead Esq., who lived two and † miles on his farm Northeast of Hantawille, Habama. He was a kind liberal husband and provided suitably
for the education of the children. They lived on his little farm
elegantly for several years. Lemmel Mead Eq., was a wise and conmiderate gentlemen and having been elected Clerk of the Circuit Court

#### Names:

Ford, John Harris, Francis Eppes Harris, Martha

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Harris, Mary Macon Mead, Lemuel Steger, Caroline Steger, Edward Steger, Elizabeth Steger, Frances Steger, John Jefferson

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of the County he soon amassed a handsome estate, and purchased value ble lands two miles northeast of Huntsville, erected a handsome brick dwelling made other improvements before his death. He died of conmption after lingering several years. Having provided liberally for his wife, and her children. Her daughter Miss Ann Ford married Jno C Weaver and lived with her mother until she died, and then went to North Miss, a permanent plantation, where she died.

#### MISS ANN HARRIS.

Miss Ann Harris daughter of Francis E and Mary Macon Harris was married to Newton Ford in Buckingham County, Va, a brother of the man who married her sister. Of good native intellect, of dignified and winning deportment, a good bookkeeper and skillful accountant his home the abod of peace, comfort and parental affection, having two little children, when an incurable disease always the herbinger of death slumbering in his systemfor several years, awake commended slosly a warfare on his lungs, then more rapidly soon consigned him to his grave. How seen the conforts of a joyful home, of love and properity were shrouded by inpenetrable shadows more gloomy than E gyptian darkness. Fortunately after this said bereavement a good and compassionate father with commendable sympathy took wife and children to his plentiful home and gave them all the comforts that their condition demanded. To the daughter Martha Ford was given the rudiments of such an education as the times afforded, though it did not mend any thing but a good English Course, no French, German or haio or daning as taught in some colleges. In absence of these her t conversation attractive gentleness, native courtesy and dignity gave her a high position in refined society. She married John T Taylor a young man of superior business qualities who located in Memphis Tenn, poseded in rearing up soms noted for their business capacity, integrity and industry, contributing largely to build up the com ial interests of Memphis Tenn, the city in which they located.

#### Names:

Ford, Ann Ford, Martha

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Ford, Newton Harris, Ann

Harris, Francis E. Harris, Mary Macon Taylor, John T. Weaver, John C.

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MISS LOUISA HARRIS.

Hiss Louise Harris, daughter of Daniel Harris and Louise Harris his wife was the most talented of his family. Educated highly refined, industrious, economical. The true friend, the kind and obliging neighbor. She married the Rev H.P. Turner an excellent christian gentleman, She lived a few years only, after her marriage in the enjoyment of all the blessings of life; and conjugal bliss, undisturbed until sickness entered ther peaceful cottage and took the wife in triumph to Heaven.

DR. JOHN PRYOR FORD.

John Pryor Ford . the son of Mr. John Ford and Martha Harris mifested when a youth the promise of distinction. In the possession of a fine intellect, while at the township school he utterly repudiated associating with boys and girls who gave no evidence that politeness s practiced at their homes. John P Ford had been accustomed to proper restraint and necessary instruction at home and had attained a position unattained by many others. Familiar with the primary rudiments of education and but little advancement beyond at school, after he entered until fortunately about the year 1824, William A Hayes A.M. a thoroughly educated German Professor was employed by the trustees to teach a township school in which John P Ford, John J Steger, Newton Ford and F E H Steger, students forming one class to which the Professor for causes satisfactory to himself devoted much of his time and talents to which the class gladly responded and succeeded in the attainment of literature and science to them of incalculable value, rs of special training by such a learned competent teacher spared them to wage a successful contest for supremacy among the distinguished actors of the future. John P Ford comm nood the practice of medicine in Mashville, Tenn, and then married Miss Jefferson a ant young lady of good family and occupied a pleasant home in althy neighborhood. He soon attained distinction in his profession and after, a professorship in the Mashville Medical College which he retained until his death. Soon after he located in Mashville he because popular as a practitioner of medicine, and was employed by the wealthy and influential families of the city, which enabled him to live in fine style. Having unfortunately inherited some of the physical infirmities of his father his promised career of usefulness and distinc-

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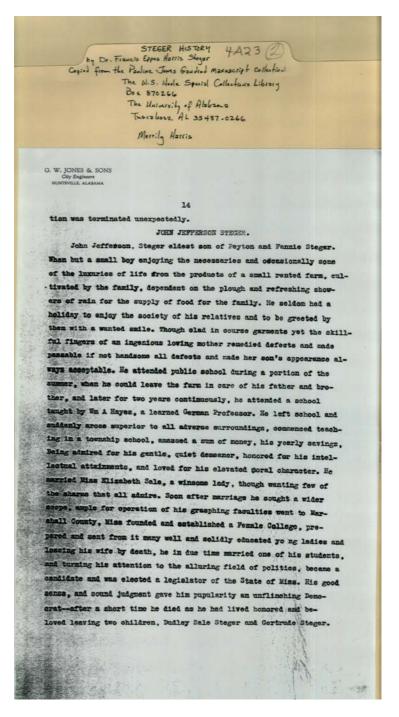
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Harris, Daniel Harris, Louisa Harris, Martha Hayes, William A. Jefferson, Miss Steger, F. E. H. Steger, John J. Turner, H. P., Rev.

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Names:

Hayes, William A. Sale, Elizabeth

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Steger, Dudley Sale Steger, Fannie Steger, Gertrude Steger, John Jefferson Steger, Peyton

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#### NEWTON FORD.

Mewton Ford the only son of Newton Ford and Ann Harris Ford was orn in Buckingham County, Va. and came with his nother and sister to Madison County, Ala, with his grand father, Francis E Harris in 1809. His mother then a widow. He was a boy of good mind was instructed carefully at home, was sent in due time to a township free school, where he sequired the rudiments of an education as taught by some imperfeatly educated teachers. He grew to height rapidly, to t feet tolerably stout, dark hair and eyes, good features, jovial, attactive. good disposition, northwithstanding the numberous disadvantages under which he had laboured on entering the township school, He was prepared to join class with his consins, and by laudable industry macesded in acquiring the knowledge so necessary to prepare him for a successful future by arousing the talents he had inherited from Marather and nother, which despite hindrances and my inexcusable aglest soon shome brightly forth, an honor to his family. Being aratively a neglected boy, an orphan feeling his dependence his firm resolve to make an independent support was aroundd. He without hesitation entered a retail dry goods store as calesman, and by exhibiting his natural aptness for the transaction of such business was soon transferred to a large establishment, better suited to his capacity. Then soon to a wholesale house in Memphis, his talents in dema wherever he was known, and his wages suited to his capacity. By econ his earnings had accumulated, went to New Orleans and engaged in business better suited to his capacity. He married an excellent wife in resided with his family in Mamphis. He didd prematurely leaving estated valued at over One Million dellars.

His name and fame have been perpetuated by his noble acts of generosity benevolence and unflinching integrity.

Names:

Ford, Ann Harris

Ford, Newton

Harris, Francis E.

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#### EDWARD STEGER.

Edward Steger the son of Poyton Steger and his wife Frances or, was of medium height, about five feet seven inches in beight, dark hair and brown eyes, regular features, countenance when od in convergation generally indicative of intelligence. He had address a liberal magnetism that made him welcome in the social circle, likewise a retentive memory, that from its ample store retained through passing years unimpaired whatever had been imprinted on his mind. He was liberal, and never penurious and always econs mical, desirous to ascumlate and equally vigilant to retain his limited possessions. The numberous wants almost demands of his father's family looking to his daily labor for mitigation, absolutely prevented the possibility of his amassing property, yet such s his abhorrence of indebtedness as dealing with merchants on a year's credit to be paid by the growing cotton crop on the lat mary, he restrained all extravagance practicing daily economy. which enabled him to pay yearly accounts in due time.

He attended the township school during the summer when he could to his growing crop. Studying at night utilizing every means of gaining knowledge he was soon a passable scholar considered capable of teaching the untaught and young beginners, and thus realized good pay for his services. He was fond of good society and formately became acquainted with Miss Allen, an innate of the polished society of Ta, until unavoidable fate, blasted her father's ample fortune to left his native home for Ala, a poor man. Miss Allen bereft of her worldly possessions still retained her noble birthright, All the qualities that addorn and all the virtues that exalt and refine nature. Edward Steger and Miss illen loved with hely fervor that united heart and sout-carried- She with her gentleness, devotion and purity, made him a model wife. They by unceasing unsaing industry and judicious investment, amused considerable reparty had children who honoured their parents and became an nt to society. His eldest son Edward Stoger finishing his urse in law school at the Vanderbilt University went to a flourishing town in fexas a lawer commenced the practice of law, his sen profession for solument and honour. His daughter Fannie Ste-

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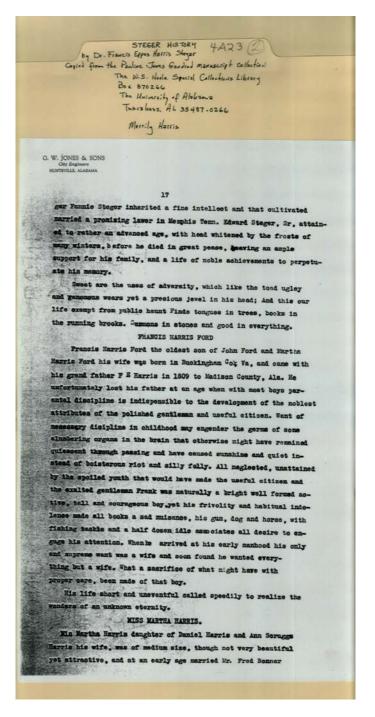
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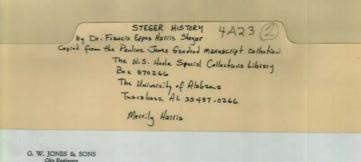
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Ford, Martha Harris Harris, Ann Scruggs Harris, Daniel Harris, F. E. Harris, Martha Steger, Edward, Sr. Steger, Fannie

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Wilburn an excellent young gentleman, who died in a few years leaving a sorrewing widow, A few years after she married Ed S Wessood. She had inherited the talent of her grand father. She never forgot anything and particularly family relationships and gifted qualities, she remembered and told to others with pleasure while she would not speaks of the faults imperfections and infirmities of others. Her conversation and demeanor were irreproachable, a pious exalted and unchanging christian, her life was benevolent humple and fure and a very fine good woman.

AUGUSTUS FORD.

Augustus Ford son Of John Ford and Martha Harris Ford his wife, having lost his father when very young was consigned largely to the care of his grand parents whose affectionate favoritism and tender mursing retarded the early development of the principles of self government and self reliance as indispensible in every period of life. After he had attained to more mature years, the slumbering, inste organs so essential a part of his existence were aroused to proper action, sufficient to develop his graceful physique, while the daily teachings of the family gave him refinement and courtly sers. He was soon a favorite with the fashinable young ladies and und one with a fortune with a fortune, sufficient smooth, the ed paths of life provide a comfortable home, a shelter from the labour and anxieties incident to poverty. He married Miss--Jones a hter of Mr. Friley Jones of Madison Co, Ala quite an attractive pular young lady of good family. His nother gave him a pleasant althy home near her residence to which they came and resided until after the death of his mother. He concluded to better his fortune ove with some relations to North Miss purchase rich lands, and d a happy life, as an independent farmer.

#### Names:

Ford, Augustus Ford, John

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Ford, Martha Harris Jones, Friley

Jones, Miss Weswood, Ed S. Wilburn, Fred Bonner

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BENJAMIN HARRIS.

Benjamin Harris the youngest brother of Francis # and Richard Harris was born in Buckingham Co, Va about the year 1755, He was a remarkable boy selfwilled, always anxious to control by reason of superior strength his brothers though several years younger, and when worsted in a severe encounter, he never yielded or complained. His parents said they had never seen him alarmed or afraid of what frightened others children, but always boldly feeed and offered fight, while others ran away. He grew up a man six feet tall miscular un equaled in strength and still in feats of during courage, delighted in wrestling, boxing, jumping, lifting heavy weights, running, jumping always peaceable until aroused by anger the n instantly ody hurt, blood shed and he never second best. He could drink his dram as was the custom of the times, but always with gentlemen and never enough to produce intexication. He was fond of the society of ladies and of music, fiddling, dancing was a regular attendent of fashionable parties owned a comfortable home, with everything around him to contribute to happiness except a good wife to smoothe his rugged propensities and make him a very pleasant companion. Knowing the pan we wonder he never married. I mentionous characteristic of his life rather remarkable. Having visited a little town nd delayed by some business transaction until nightfull he started a stormy blustering night and as the storm, thunder, lightning and wind about to envelop him an its fury he rode up to Charity Chapel an Episcopal Chapel ( in its immediate vicinity, a public burrying ground) he incediately dismounted, hitched his horse to a tree took off his saddle and blanket opened a chapel window and placed them inside, jumping in and sitting on a seat near the window, patiently awaiting for the storm to pass by. By the glare of almost continued vivid lightning he saw the figure of a woman in white noiselessly walking across the opposite side of the chapel. He arose speedily with his heavy riding whip in hand, and walked to ascertain certainly whether it be spirit, ghost, goblin or mortal or importal, for he feared neigher. He made his way over or around the benches in darkness untin he in the gloom met something coming against him with some force. He grasped it with force. It was a woman in his arms. She shricked an almost unearthly yell. On inquiry she

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Harris, Benjamin

Harris, Francis

Harris, Richard

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proved to be a grany woman whose home was only a few miles distont. After the storm had passed he took her behind him on his horse

His life was short and uneventful. He gave his negroes their freedom for conscience sake, died in peace and passed to his eternal

#### ALLEN STEGER.

Allen Steger, second son of John P and Rebekah Steger his wife was born in Powhatten County, Va about the year 1800 and came with his father to Madison County, Ala, about the year 1808. He was about five feet 7 inches in height, dark hair, grey eyes, tolerably regular features, strong misonlar active having a superiod fund of good sense and judgment, united with his industry and economy, gave him all the elements of a successful farmer though necessarily deprived of a telerably good education as during the years of his boy hood there were no schools, with teachers competent to teach even the elementary reliments of the English language. He had a kind affable disposition was always the pleasant obliging friend. He never prevarisated, but always told the plain unvarnished simple truth. Then quite young he embraced religion joineed the Methodist Episcopal Church and continued a steadfast consistent member during his life. He left his paternal home and went to the plantation given him by his father lived a solitary bachelor until he began to accompany his sisters who confered on him society polish and soon began to greatly admire the entrancing beauty of the girls at church, on Sunday gallanted them home and fortunately found Miss E Williams. a young lady having all the graces and allurements of person and address desired. He began to love with exalted affection, unchangeable, ich soon resulted in a congenial marriage, happy because mitual it made home akin to an earthly paradis, where discord and contensould never enter. They lived in the daily enjoyment of conumbiel feligity, until incurable disease invaded his wife's syster. pined away like the delicate flower touched by untimely frost, its inimitable tinte all depart, its petals fade, it returns to its native elements; so the parent earth claimed her frail body and her portal soul went to her home in the skiest He then sold his home in Jackson County and with his feeble infant duaghter went to live

Names:

Steger, Allen

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Steger, John P.

Steger, Rebekah

Williams, E., Miss

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with his mother thinking a season of rest and repose with the family would restore his feeble health and save his little daughter. Disperited and sad he commenced a new life to his view undeveloped yet beset with doubt, fears and overcase with ominous shadows, kill a portion of every day, there were hours of brightness foreshedowing a happy future. The result of pleasant conversation and the soothing converse and sympathy of nother and sisters. These could dispel sepost gloom with the anticipation of the success which industry and economy would in the not distant future give him. His health, his strength and indomitable courage never forsook him. One day late in asternoon coming home from Huntsville in company of William Davis a man who married his wife's sister about some business transaction disagreed, sharp words ensued. Davis uttering shameful curses and abuse at the same time striking at Allen with a heavy riding whip. Each fighting made, dismounted, tied their horses and met in the middle of the road being adjacent to Mount Zion Methodeit Church, Davis tall at:letic, considered a bully, aimed at Allen a is Rick, but Allen evading it in an instand seizing him by the coller, with irresistible force threw him on the rock ground, pulting his knee on Davis Breast drew his pocket knife fortunately dull and stabbed him seven times about his breat neek and shoulders. Davis d like a bull, fortunately heard by E L Seruggs and Fry Davis a mort distance in their rear who came rapidly to the scene. or part of a fence rail approaching Allen who caught up a large stone in definee, Scrugge commanded peace and stopped the fray. Allen rode to his unale Daniel Harris bloody and mad to borrow

Allan rode to his unale Daniel Harris bloody and mad to borrow a gun to shoot one or both of his assailants but his unale refused to give the gun. Allen rode rapidly home to get his gun and go in quest of them. But his brothers would not let him go, kept him at home until his temper had cooled. Allen visited the ladies of his sequentiance and soon found one he loved, hims Penelope Driver, not handsome yet sufficiently comely and interesting. They loved, they married had a good home both industrious saving, soon amassed property, all the comforts of life around them. Had several children, intelligent emergatic. They sold their farm in the county mear Huntsville, and went to Borth Bias near the City of Corinth where he purchased a

#### Names:

Davis, Fry Davis, William

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Driver, Penelope Harris, Daniel Scruggs, E. L. Steger, Allen

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large plantation and propered. He was in high esteen there wherever known. He lived but a few piles from Smiloh, the colebrated battle ground and suffered severely from the depridation of straggling thieves and robbers. One morning just before the capture of Coringh a part of the yankee army insamped near him. An officer rode up near his gate and called him out demanding if he knew to tell him the best road to Corinth to avoid the intervening swamp. Allen anametered I know the best road to the city. The general said I will have you go and pilot my command. Allen replied I cannot go. The general thus thearted pulling out his pictol cooking it and presenting at Allen's head with a horrid oath said I will shoot you through the head if you refuse to go! Allen pulling off his hat, his gray hairs reflecting back the morning sunlight he said fearlessly "Shoot Shoot, I will not go with you. The general rode away discontined.

Allen Steger continued to amass property and gave each of his same a good home, and an ample competance to his three daughters but his eldest daughter by his first wife was for no reason a cast off her inheritance merely nominal not the desire of the father. He completely exhausted, his physical system it no longer able to be the dwelling of his noble soul, which flow away to an eternal dwelling place.

#### PERMELIA STEGER

Permalia Steger Scruggs, the oldest daughter of John P and Rebelah Entris Steger his wife was born in Powhattan Co mty, Virginia, about the class of Dec 1798. She accompanied her father and family to Madison County, Ala, in the year 1809, then a sprightly little girl full of frelicknows and childish ammements. Her long journey over the rough roads in a wagon, has not lessened her arder for every day exercise. She had very fair complexion, light blue eyes, hair light colored, regular features, a handsome face. Her physical form was well proportioned, reher underwise, height, a little over 5 feet and grown did not weigh but little over one hundred pounds. Her classified yet was regarded by her associates as fully sifficient for the times and her nother who still retained her old Virginia Cooks had

#### Names:

Cook, Virginia Scruggs, Permelia Steger

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Steger, Allen Steger, John P. Steger, Permelia Steger, Rebakah Harris

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the taught her that noble art in all its complicated tile and added to that accomplishment elegance of manners, taste, s, refinement. She had a highly nervous temperament easily pro d, quick to resent, yet ready to forgive and when severely irritated hasty words, sharp bitter but soon regretter her indiscretion, dsing amendment. She had many admirers and when about twenty s old she bestowed her affections on Col. Edmind L Seriegs, was happily married. He inherited from his father all the qualifications my to the successful transaction of business to insure the consideration, and approbation of the most exacting and sorupulous enployer. Wen with large plantations and many playes the appropriate gement of that portion of their estate these with confidence trusted to him, knowing his skill after a full experience until his health failed broken by the long continued fatigue. He then sed a plantation, and prepared to live a quiet life hoping to is the rayages of a dread disease which he inherited. Slowly yet ely he sank under the ravages of consumption. Day after day indicated the approaching doom. His wife continuing her untiring attentions around restless pillow growing pale and emanciated from her ned lanely vigils, had ingrafted silently unavoidably in her system the fatal germs of a disease so flattering yet so unsparing n for her to be ready soon to bid final farewell to her earthly He died and she survived him but a few months a victim of the same disease died in peace and confidence leaving seven children urn their loss.

#### ANN MACON STEGER.

Inn M Steger Amghter of John P and Rebekah M Steger his wife was born in Powhattan Co. Va., about the year 1803, and came with the Cently to Ala, in the year 1808 and shared with them, the privations necessarily attendent on all emigrants coming from comfortable homes with beautiful surroundings and all the applicamees of advanced civilization to a delapidated log cabin at the base of a romantic mountain clothed with a virgin forest, native shrubbery, interspensed as get but embryo trees; a charming grove of maple mear by, a nover failing spring of clear pure wholesome limestone water from the deep undiscovered mountain, caverns. Their arrival being

#### Names:

Scruggs, Edmund L., Colonel

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Steger, Ann Macon Steger, Rebekah M.

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during a pleasant season. They without delay went to work laborie ously and soon tolerably confortable dwellings all indispensible improvements for health gave evidence of the advance of civilization and the rapid exit of the squatter. Ann was about five feet in height blue eyes, dark brown hair, complexion, fair, features delicately stiful, her bhysique exequisitely formed combining symmetry activity and strength. Her early surroundings deprived of much scholastic crudition yet such was her native intellectual endowment her fund of good mon sense, with her tenacions memory of the conversation of the educated persons with whomahe associated, that her convergation was lys entertaining and instructive. The culinary department she left to the cook under mother's supervision, except on special occasions shen she always gave valuable assistance. She never spent idle time. Her domestic duties putting the house in order with broom in hand and brush, to dislodge every semplage of dust or thing in the erong place. This occupied the early hours of the day; the cutting making and mding the garments of the family. Coats, vests, and pants for the brothers and dresses for her sisters, with the assistance trey were able to render. You rarely found her in an ill humor or got from her an angry word. She early professed and practiced religion in her words and actions every day. The regularly attended chunh ad when she returned got her Bible marked the Prescher's text and spoke of the beauties and errors of the sermon to the family. She had many rs and the best young men came were entranced with her beauty and gentleness, her pleasing deportment and osptivating manners. She stented with celibacy until her brothers and sisters all married and Mr. John Stephenson of Parkesbury Virginia visited her, won her affections and they married, and lived about 2 years in Va. They concluded to to the far west; first came to her old home, sold her negroes and other property, went to St Louis, bought suitable vehicles, wagons and teams, left for a journey across the Prairies and Rocky Mountains, and purchased a home in Portland on Columbia River. Mr. Stevenson was a prominent and talented man, filled the office of Shoriff, President of the Bank, was elected representative of his county Legislator at Richmond Va. He had at the time her married inn

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Stephenson, John

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Mr. Stephenson lived but a few years in his new home, died and gave all his property in his last will to his wife who lived several s after his death. The sons loved her affectionately and tembriy m mother giving her every attention. She bequeathed the entire property to the sons. She died in peace and triumph and assended to

#### MARTHA HARRIS STEGER.

Martha H Steger daughter of John P and Rebekeh M Steger was born in Midwinter 1808 in Madison County, Alabama. She was a promising little girl with dark sparkling grey eyes, comely fine features, a physical frame well proportioned, graceful, active, strong. Five feet sir inches tall, weight about 120 pounds. Her faced lighted by the luster of a superior intellect. Her conversation abounding riling wit and good humor which gave her a hearty veloces in the best society. Her best efforts to sequire a liberal fund of useful knowledges in childhood, in a country sparcely populated by a mixed population a small portion of which only were educated or refined offered her at best but a meager amount of undimentary information beyand the elementary branches imperfectly taught in the public schools still her active intellect grasped and appropriated every important truth presented and her retentive memory stored it in capacious chambers for future use until at the age of maturity she was truly a superior . Her active temperament demanded constant employment. The artistic creations of her meedle the impersonation of excreet taste, reading the best books obtainable, conversing with the best refined society while cisiting her home, reading her Bible and daily devotion gave her daily devotion, gage her daily profitable employment. She delighted with her companions to take active exercise wandering over the meandown, beautified with an endless variety of flowers sending their rich cloud of perfuse to the smiling heaven. Her frequent wanderings th the boughs of the tall trees of the adjacent forest in m allence gazing into the blue mysterious expanse and listen to

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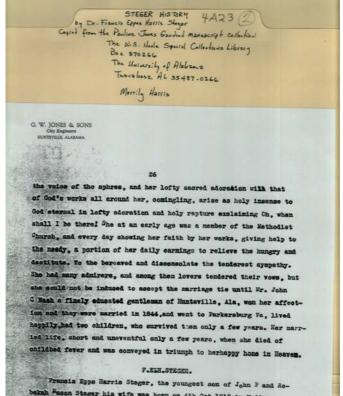
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bakah "ason Steger his wife was born on 4th Oct 1810 in Madison unty, Ala. Them born he was an unmountly small scrap of motelity, with apparently insufficient vitality to sustain the shocks of earthly se. Dependent wholly on a mothers careful and judicious nursing during the approaching inclement winter, while she was deprived of mitable clothing so indispensible to the comfort and health of the child. No one then comcluded it possible, that the surroundings and food there available sould have developed, so small so feelbe a physical system, to a virorous little active healthy boy and at 20 a stout active grown up man. Then 5 years of age he went with his sisters and brothers to a free school one mile distant and continued sorthwithstanding the appearance of a new teacher each year, going over A over the same books, if rendered unintelligible by the application of dirty, unsushed filthy hands and frequent falls on the spit besprinkled floor which even ownsual inspection, it had no use of the broom from time immemorial. Well has it been said and time at last brings all things even as fully exemplified in 1873 when a full fledged son of the "Emereld Isle" found his way to our quiet ighborhood, visited the Trustees, who readily employed him without

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Nash, John C. Steger, F. E. H.

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the use of tedious ceremony, in scrutinizing his capability or fitness for the position he sought. His unfitness for the toacher they desired to employ was so completely maked by the hypocritical smalle by which he could deceive, that they congratulated their good success in employing just the toacher they wanted. He proved to be destitute of the qualities of the polite gentleman, so indispensible to the school teacher. He entered the schoolroom a repulsive ruffian chastising the smaller boys and girls for being unable to learn les0 sons after beyond their ability to unierstand. Often during an abullition of anger aroused by importinence or neering or perhaps a combination of each at his expense by the growmup boys, ha deeming it rather hazardous to attempt to chastise one of them would find two or three little fellows as substituted unwilling yet handy for the larger offenders. Some of the smaller children fortunately who had resoon brothers in school espaped floggings. Many little ones ded late in the evenings, their weary way homeward with tearfilled eyes with a sad remembrance of their sufferings and terror during the day, and their long lessons to learn at night if parents can teach them, and avoid chastisement at school in the morning for failure The "Son of Brin" at the close of his employment left amid the general rejoicing of the whole school. Two years after his remarkable nondescript had departed for some more phasent and profitable field for operation. There came to our school district a professional wandering Redagogue armed with a unique, indiscribable thing like a music box, with which he premised to give a scientific knowledge of the English age, its complete, grammatical construction in 30 days. The only assistance needed in aid of the rachine was a 1 ttle pamphlet not larger than a sunday school catechism, yet so comprehensive condensed and simplified, as to be clearly understood with but little trouble, by any student including all curiosities recorded by the assistance of Orthography, Etymology, Syntax and Prosody, together with all aplications and subtle intirpacies, recorded in the books of the mit sciences. He can never forget its first exhibition to the excited school; all intensely gazing, filed with curiosity, gazing in fear, the little ones hiding behind the larger. Some giggling, some pushing crowding for more premient places until the wonder the

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"Muttum in person" was closed and comparation order restored. The year closed uneventfully but the teacher's little books, his instur ment and all his labours combined were unable to make one grammarian. He left with the instrument under his arm, in search of a more propitions location. The trustees and most of the patrons of the school being alike superficially educated , were unprepared to investigate fully the causes which made someof the schools a mnisance and to apply the remedy, dismiss the incompetent Teacher, he in company with other boys and girls of equal r superior intellect, from indolence, or the want of incentive to study spend days of idleness, searching for something to do. The dreamless shadows of the "ideal sleepy Hollow" had anveloped the at little community of children in the antique school room, until sed by the presence of a new School Teacher so very unlike the ne just left. The trustees had wisely employed William A Hayes a 1276? German Professor thoroughly educated of pleasing manners joined with s and decision, combining all the qualifications of the accump limbed teacher, commanding fully the love, respect and admination of his pupils, inducing them to abhor indolence in seeking to find the othing sweets of knowledge. How grateful he felt for the guidance of a superintending providence for arousing and elevating him from a state of lethergy and indelence to a proper appreciation of what his future would be if groping in ignorance. The teacher came promptly as expected found a full attendance of pupils, read the code of laws d formed for the government of the school, examined and calesified the students ordered them to purchase suitable books as far as they could be found, and suitable desks for writing and slates, with oks &c. Very soon the rapid advancement made by the diligent the pupils and the effort among them to excell prevaded the al. The teacher having served as engineer in the army of Mapoleon mparte in his European Compaigns had learned order, and practiced it in his school. Under no circumstances could olegene words, or vulgar language obsens profanity be excused or tolerated. His advanced pupils were formed into a class John P Ford, John J Steger, Newton Ford FEH Steger to whom he for reasons he never revealed gave special instruction in literature, the higher branches Bookkeeping , mathematics

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Ford, John P. Ford, Newton

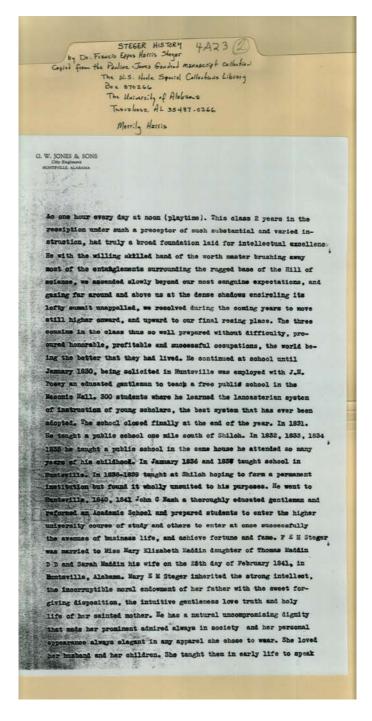
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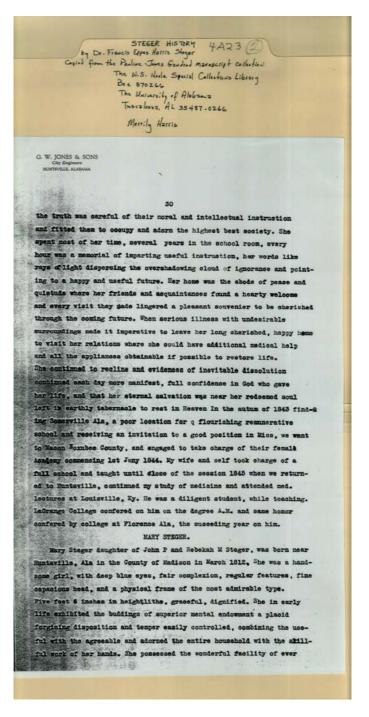
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pleasing her associates, by becoming the magnetic center around which they assembled attracted by the unselfish exhibition of her intellectual treasures arousing the exptatic joy of pure indestructible friendship. Her beauty and varied accomplishments attracted many admirers and among them loved and married a fine mechanic of Huntsville, a man of sterling, good sense, honest and upright in all his dealings. They soon possessed a confortable and pleasant home, located in a pleasant neighborhood with all the appliances of an agreeable city life. They lived happily for several years, with all the comforts to be desired with promising little children to charm the passing hours, good religious neighbors to visit her . She was the model housekeeper, the air of nestness and comfort prevaded her entire house, made a mansion of correct taste by the skillful work of her hands. She was prompt in her attendance at the First Methodist Church of the City of which she was a member. Imprudently attending Church during an exceedingly unfavorable spell of weather she regardless of cold and snow and slush covering the streets, she walker to church sat during the services with wet cold feet and walking home was attacked with Pneumonia at which soon terminated her earthly existence. Surrounded by sorrowing relatives and friends made pure by the sacraffee and blood of a blessed Redeemer, bidding farewell to the pains and pleasures the corases and comforts of earthly existence, to enter immediately a happy home of eternal blessedness in Heaven.

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