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This book, the product of several years' research and correspondence, represents the history of Jonathan Newman, 1730-1817, and three generations of his descendants. In 1779, where this survey actually begins, Jonathan moved into Botetourt County, Virginia. He lived in that area the rest of his life, but three of his sons--Aaron, George, and John--moved to the frontier areas of East Tennessee, where they began large families; John, for example, had seventeen children, all of whom lived to maturity.

The first section of five chapters is largely a compilation of facts and records, but is presented in a chronological, narrative form. Hopefully, a sketch or story which integrates American and family history emerges. An emphasis was placed upon careful documentation: each fact is covered by footnote, and both an index and a bibliography appear at the end.

The second section is a genealogical record of all known descendants for three generations—roughly to the Civil War period, where the first section is concluded. As is usually the case, certain family members could not be fully traced. Rather than
delay publication while research continues, however, 
it is hoped that this work will itself attract some 
of the needed extensions and corrections. Correspondence 
is invited.

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in aiding this research. In particular, the Alderson 
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be especially thanked for his invaluable consultation 
and information. A researcher and genealogist of some 
note, Mr. Hall is engaged in continuing studies on 
all Newman lines in the United States. He is soon to 
publish a treatment of the family of Walter Newman, 
an English immigrant of 1683, quite possibly the ancestor 
of this Jonathan Newman and his family.

Often, painstakingly gathered genealogical material 
is lost or misplaced; with this in mind, the 
publication of this history has as its main objective 
the preservation of Newman family data, in private and 
public libraries, so that information may be retained
for use by future generations.

Additional work in this area is needed. The earlier Newman generations are now being researched; a more difficult task would be the preparation of a genealogy to the present, which would include many descendants and generations. Perhaps further work will be forthcoming.

This history is dedicated to my father, Joe Deacon Newman.

Joseph Whitworth Newman
Decatur, Georgia
September, 1971
Jonathan Newnan first appears in the Botetourt County, Virginia records of 14 May 1779, when he was granted two hundred acres of land on the Catawba Creek, a branch of the James River, by Martha Hawkins, a widow. 1 He possibly extended his property in 1780 by the acquisition of John Drake's land "from the first ford of Catawba to the town." 2 A map of the Botetourt area shows that he therefore owned a substantial portion of the land between the James River at Catawba and the town of Fincastle, the county seat.

Jonathan may have moved several times—the land acquired from Drake was later signed over to Isaac VanMeter—3 but the formation of new Virginia counties at this time makes an accurate judgement difficult. It is definite, however, that his residence in the area was first in Botetourt County, that he worshipped at the Old Baptist Church in Greenbrier County, and that by his death he was in Monroe County. (Both Greenbrier and Monroe are now counties of West Virginia).

2. F. B. Kegley, Kegley's Virginia Frontier, p. 475.
His civic activities are recorded in the legal papers of the county: on 14 May 1779 Jonathan Newman served as a juror; 4 on 11 May 1780 he was a member of the Grand Jury; 5 on 13 July 1780 he was one of a jury sworn "to enquire whether or not George Robinson is a person inimical to the liberties of America:" 5 on 15 September 1780 Jonathan and other citizens tried one Thomas Welsh "on suspicion of being a Tory... and returned a verdict in these words: "We are of the opinion that the said Thomas Welsh shall be fined fifty pounds and imprisoned one hour." 7 Clearly, the American Revolution was a great concern in many legal proceedings of the 1780's.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognizes Jonathan Newman as a "Patriot;" he appears on page 495 of the Patriot Index. His service is based on:

1. Jury duties (above);
2. Materials furnished for use in the war:
   he was paid fifteen pounds on 8 February 1781 for corn he had donated to feed "deserters in the gaol;" 9

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5. Ibid., p. 320.
6. Ibid., p. 324.
8. Ibid., p. 338.
MILITARY SERVICE

Jonathan was fifty years old when he fought in the Revolution, and was drafted in one of the last calls for Virginia men. The outcome of the war was not at all certain in 1781, and an emergency arose when British General Cornwallis backed the Colonies' General Greene into a precarious position in North Carolina. J. T. McAllister in his *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War* states the situation:

"Notwithstanding the menace of the British Army on the lower James, it was necessary to meet the new danger. Through great exertion, some 1,600 Virginia militia were collected to join Greene."

Jonathan's advanced age placed him in one of the lowest priority groups in the Colonial draft, but the need presented itself and he was sent to Guilford, North Carolina.

The following description of the battle he faced was written by Andrew Wiley, another Virginia soldier, who was:

"...drafted three months about April 1, 1781, under Capt. Hoyd (Lloyd?) then of Botetourt, and joined Greene's army at...

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Guilford. Was in the battle there, the Carolina militia forming the first line, the Va. militia the second, and the Continentals the third. The Carolina men broke and ran at the outset. The rifleman to which applicant belonged were on the left, and when the Carolina men retreated, the British forces came down upon a ridge between the riflemen of the left wing and the Command of Col. Campbell, who as applicant believes brought on the action. The enemy were swept off by the Va. riflemen, but formed again and again, until finally they came down upon the ridge in columns, 12 and 16 deep, and were compelled to ground their arms." 13

The Colonials were victorious on 5 March 1781 and Cornwallis, badly beaten, retreated to Wilmington. 14

ROAD SURVEYOR

It was the duty of each citizen to maintain the roads near his property, but Jonathan Newman is mentioned so often in connection with surveyor's tasks that this work may have been a profession:

13 June 1782 "Isaac VanMeter is apptd. surveyor of the road in the room of Jonathan Newman who is dischd. from that office." 15

14 May 1786 "...Jonathan Newman appointed to view way from this town to the Brunswick Iron Works." 16

10 October 1786 "...Jonathan Newman view the proposed way from the Iron Works to Sinking Springs Coaling Ground." 17

12 June 1793 "Jonathan Newman appointed Surveyor of the Roads." 18

17. Ibid., p. 416.
18. Ibid., p. 476.
In many of the Virginia records, Jonathan is associated with the Carroll family. The day before Jonathan was granted land by Martha Hawkins, one Joseph Carroll was given acreage by the same woman, probably adjacent to Jonathan’s. Jonathan had previously married Sarah Carroll—most likely Joseph’s daughter—and Joseph Carroll served on many juries with Jonathan.

An even more significant association was with the Alderson family. John Alderson, Senior, had immigrated to America in 1719, apparently from Yorkshire, England. A productive minister, he eventually came to the Rockingham County area where he was a pioneer for the Baptist religion. He removed to Botetourt County in 1772 with his family. A son, Elder John Alderson, Junior, moved into the Greenbrier River valley and founded the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church on 24 November 1791. Jonathan Newman worshipped and is buried there. John Alderson, Jr., also officiated the marriage of Jonathan’s oldest son, Aaron, to Catherine Blair on 12 August 1791. Further, this Alderson’s son, Joseph, married Mary (Polly) Newman, Jonathan’s

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22. Trimmer, p. 3.
oldest daughter, 5 January 1789. 25, 26

The History of the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church reveals that when the Aldersons and Newmans were moving into the Greenbrier area, forts were still necessary to protect the settlers from Indian raids. Yet the Baptist beliefs took root in the valley, and these two closely associated families were strong in that faith.

MORE EARLY BOTETOURT RECORDS

Other documents of the period establish Jonathan's movement into the Botetourt vicinity, his residence there, and the growth of his family. "I. Catawba Company of Militia, 1783" roll places him in Captain Robinson's Company with six horses and eleven cattle. Also listed is Adam Peck, who, like some of Jonathan's family, later moved to East Tennessee. 27 Jonathan appears on the first Botetourt Tax List, 1764, and on the 1800 list among others. Finally, the "Record of Votes of Election... in Botetourt County, April 1792" indicates that Jonathan and Aaron, his oldest son, voted in that election. 30

CHILDREN

According to his tombstone in the cemetery of the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church, Jonathan was born 25 December 1730 and died 17 May 1817. His will, dated 16 May 1817, was not signed, most likely due to its proximity to his death; his weak physical condition did not permit his signing. The document is, however, on file at the Monroe County, West Virginia courthouse at Union. The will reads:

I Jonathan Newman late of the County of Botetourt but now of the County of Monroe do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I desire that my grand children, Betsey Caldwell, Newman Caldwell, George Washington Caldwell, Jonathan Caldwell & Sally Caldwell, children of my daughter Patsey Caldwell, and also Polly Caldwell the only child of my daughter Leah Caldwell shall be paid by my executors ten pounds each as they become of lawfull age.

2ndly I desire that all my household and kitchen furniture together with all my farming utensials horses & cattle and my negroe girl Charlott Shall remain in the possession of my wife Sarah Newman & to her use during her natural life and it is further my desire that my Executors shall collect my debts as they become due also to sell my negroe boy Shedick and they are hereby directed to advance any sum or sums of Money from time to time out of the money that I now have or that they may hereafter collect to my wife Sarah that may be sufficient for her support during her natural life and the ballance to be equally divided between my five children Aron Newman John Newman Jonathan Newman George Newman my sons & Joseph Alderson & Polly Newman his wife (my daughter) and after the leave of my wife Sarah it is my desire that the negroe girl Charlott and every other thing that may be left be sold and divided as above described.
and lastly I do hereby constitute and
appoint Joseph Aldersen and my son
Jonathan Newman my Executors to this my
last will and Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereto set my hand and seal
this 16 day of May 1817.

From this will, and from an old Newman Bible Record
(see note in Bibliography) it may be concluded that
Jonathan and Sarah (Carroll) Newman had the following
children:

1. Mary (Polly)  b. 3 May 1770
2. Aaron  b. 29 March 1772
3. Sarah (Josiah)  b. 5 August 1777
4. Martha (Fatsey)  b. 3 April 1780
5. John  b. 11 December 1782
6. Jonathan  b. 13 October 1786
7. George  b. 23 May 1791

While many of Jonathan's family remained in the
Greenbrier River valley, three sons—Aaron, John,
and George—moved further South to East Tennessee.
By the early 1800’s, several members of Jonathan’s Southwest Virginia family had moved into the newly-opened territories now known as East Tennessee. They settled chiefly in Jefferson County, which was organized on 11 June 1792 by an ordinance of the “Territory South of the Ohio River.” Named for Thomas Jefferson, the county was taken from portions of the already existing Greene and Hawkins Counties. 1

The Nolichucky River provided early settlers a means of transportation down from the North into Jefferson County and the surrounding areas. The first settlement of the older Greene County, for example, was by those pioneers who had pushed down the river from the Watauga Settlement in the late 1770’s. 2 By 1783, Adam Peck had arrived from Botetourt County, Virginia and settled in the Mossy Creek area, close to the present location of Jefferson City. 3 He was likely an early associate of the Newmans in Southwest Virginia.

JEFFERSON COUNTY AND DANDRIDGE

Jefferson's county seat, Dandridge, which is known as the second oldest town in Tennessee, was laid off in 1793, but the area had actually been settled several years earlier. A marker placed by the Tennessee Historical Commission on Highway 25W and 70 in Dandridge reads:

"First permanent settlement was in 1793, where Francis Dean's meeting house was built where the Revolutionary Cemetery now stands. In January, 1793, the County Court of Jefferson County, Territory South of the River Ohio, appointed five commissioners, who located the county seat here, on land donated by Dean. The town was laid off by Samuel Jack and named for Martha Dandridge, wife of George Washington." 6

Into this historical context the Newmans came.

EARLY TENNESSEE RECORDS

The earliest surviving population records of the county are the 1800 Tax Lists, which show that

Aaron Newman, with 180 acres
James Newman, with 310 acres
James Newman, with ___ acres

were living in Jefferson County, Captain William Brazelton's militia district, in that year. Nothing further is known of the two James', but Aaron also

6. Tennessee Historical Markers, p. 76.
owned land in Greene County, as the 1805 (and later) Tax Lists place him there. For example, the 1812 Tax List shows:

Newman, Aron with a total of 60 acres
Smith, John "estate dec. 65 a by Aron Newman"

in Captain John Olinger's district.

The Deed Books kept in the County Clerk's office in Dandridge, however, indicate an even earlier settlement for the family: in 1797, George Duran granted Aaron Newman 180 Jefferson County acres, the same amount of land he owned in the 1800 Tax List.

In working with these early records, care must be taken not to confuse this Newman family with that of Isaac Newman, from Guilford County, North Carolina, and with John Newman, probably from Virginia, both of whom resided at this time in and near Jefferson County. But while the name "John" presents a problem, the unusual name "Aaron" serves to readily identify the family. Other property records up to 1830:

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8. E. T. H. S. P. vol. 33, p. 98
9. Mary Barnett Curtis, Early East Tennessee Tax Lists, Greene County 1812.
10. General Index to Deeds, Jefferson County.
11. General Index to Deeds.
From this material it is clear that following Aaron Newman came John, Aaron's brother. Goodspeed's History of Tennessee confirms this:

"John Newman... removed to Jefferson County in 1804, and was one of the pioneers of that county, coming at a time when there were but few settlers here, and farm houses were few and far between." 13

A third brother, George, first appears in the 1822 Tax List and is generally present in records after that date.

This outlines the family’s movements from the Valley of Virginia into East Tennessee. These three brothers were the Tennessee progenitors of this large and now widely scattered Newman family.

12. Ibid.
The Newmans are generally known today as strong Presbyterians, and have been for many years—in fact, since the early 1800’s. But, as already noted, the earlier Newmans in Virginia were of the Baptist faith. Jonathan Newman is buried at the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson, West Virginia; the marriages of Mary (Polly) Newman to Joseph Alderson and of Aaron Newman to Catherine Blair (performed by Elder John Alderson) illustrate attachments to both the Aldersons and the Baptists. Even though John Newman was married to Nancy Franklin by a Quaker minister, Isham Fuqua, the Newmans evidently brought the Baptist faith with them into East Tennessee.

However, church records show that shortly after the family became established in Jefferson County, a conversion to Presbyterianism took place. The oldest church of any kind in Dandridge is the Hopewell Presbyterian, established in 1785, eight years before the town itself came into being. The Newmans played an important role in the early years of the congregation, serving as trustees and elders. In 1807, the

3. Ibid.
memberships totalled ninety six, and the church grew steadily. In 1826, the New Market Presbyterian Church was set off—it attracted many Newmans; in 1841 the Mount Horeb Church was formed by about forty members from Hopewell and others from New Market. Three ministers of Hopewell, James H. Gass, Nathaniel Hood, and Dr. John McCampbell, were leaders in the early Mount Horeb years. Rather full records and minutes exist for the congregation, which later was itself divided into three other churches.

The Mount Horeb Church Record Book abstracts a history:

"Mount Horeb Church in Jefferson County, Tennessee was organized by the Rev. John McCampbell, he acting by order of Union Presbytery on the 20th day of November, A.D. 1841, by ordaining 4 elders, viz. Richard Bradshaw, William Rankin, Christopher Rankin, and John Newman, Junr. There were 67 members taken from Hopewell and New Market churches. The Rev. James H. Gass was chosen their minister and continued to have charge of said church for 5 years as stated supply. Since the Rev. Mr. Gass left the Rev. Nathaniel Hood has had charge of the church as stated supply, assisted a part of the time by the Rev. William Harrison. They would further state that in the year 1858 in the month of April Joseph C. Bradshaw, Elias Alexander, and Patrick M. Rankin were elected and ordained as additional elders in the church. April 7th, 1860, William Rankin, clk."

It is apparent from the membership lists that the Newmans, Bradshaws, and Rankins were the dominating

5. Ibid.
6. Ibid.
families in organization, at least by their numbers:

"...the following members in full
communion in Hopewell and New Market
Churches fell within the bounds of this
church, viz."

Hopewell Church:

James Massengill
Susan P. Massengill
Joseph C. Bradshaw
Richard Bradshaw
Sarah "
Lydia "
Nance Ann "
Richard H. "
Jane "
John P. "
Elizabeth W. "
Thomas R. "
Margaret "
Jane Rankin
Richard D. Rankin
Mary Ann C. "
Aaron B. "
Aaron Newman
Cassandra Newman
James Rankin
James Newman
Isabella "
Joseph R. "
Nancy C. "
Mary "
Josiah E. Rankin
Christopher "
Frances "
William "
Eliza T. Kimbrough
Lucinda Rankin
Joseph McCuistion
Rachel McCuistion
James McCuistion
Isabella Bettas
Mary E. Bettas
John H. Franklin
Benjamin H. Franklin
Mahulda Newman
Lucinda H. Franklin
New Market:

John Newman, Sr.
Elizabeth Newman
Nancy Ann "
Sophia C. "
Louisa H. "
Elenor "
Blair "
Margaret "
Aron Newman, Jr.
Isabella Newman
Catherine "
Thomas J. "
Margaret "
Jane Newman
William M. "
Catherine E. "
Mary C. "
Mary A. "
Aron "
John C. "
Eliza "
James H. Hammel
Elizabeth Hammel
Mary Ann Hammel
Bery Mitchell
Elizabeth Mitchell" 8

The tombstones in the church cemetery also point to the influence of these three families: forty six Newmans, thirty six Bradahaws, and twenty eight Rankins are buried there. A community composed of these families, and others, grew up around the church. The minutes and records reveal a conscientious, fundamental group of people who took their religious beliefs quite seriously and held strongly opinionated views. This may account for the many reorganizations and divisions that took place. The church records stop in the early 1900's, and the building is now no longer in use.

The primary division of Mount Horeb Church, however, reflects the most significant political issue of the day: the question of secession from the Union and East Tennessee’s participation in the Civil War. The people who were so vehement about their religion were equally passionate concerning the slavery and secession issues. The church and community were split perhaps in half, but virtually all the Newmans were Confederate sympathizers. Other families—the Bradshaws, Barkins, Franklin—were apparently torn apart by the divided loyalties of the conflict.

A DIVIDED CHURCH COMMUNITY

Tradition states that the minister of the church during the conflict (probably Nathaniel Hood, who lost a son in the war) offered a prayer from the pulpit that requested the deaths of those East Tennesseans who had left to join the Union forces—that their bands might "decorate and grow white on the tops of the Cumberland Mountains!" A sentiment such as this could hardly be expected to promote harmony in the congregation.

CONFEDERATE MILITARY SERVICE

The book Tennesseans in the Civil War lists the names of each Union and Confederate Soldier, and these
lists show that one of the major Confederate regiments which drew from the Jefferson County vicinity was the 31st Tennessee Infantry. Many of the Newmans who fought in the war were in some way connected with this unit, as were many men from other Mount Horeb families. Some confusion over the numbering of regiments exists, but it appears that the 31st Tennessee was later reorganized into the 53rd, 59th, 43rd, 59th, 61st, 62nd, and 63rd regiments, some of which later became cavalry, some Mounted Infantry. 1, 2

The entire "Newman" surname section from the above book follows, with an indication beside those identified with this Jefferson County family.

"NEWMAN:

Aaron
A. C.
A. J.
Benjamin C.
B. S.
C. B.
Charles S.
C. X.
C. L.
Conrad
C. S.
David H.
D. H.
Edward W.
E. W.
F. M.
Gabriel J.
George M.
G. W.
George W.

Sgt. H. Co. 34th MI
1 Lt. F Co. 61st MI
Pvt. H. Co. 1st (Peild's) Inf.
Pvt. G. Co. 39th MI
Capt. I Co. 52nd MI
Pvt. A Co. 53rd MI
Adjut. 1 Lt. F & S 60th MI
3 Lt. K Co. 12th Inf.
Pvt. K Co. 59th MI
Pvt. E Co. 11th Cav. En.
Pvt. D Co. 63rd Inf.
Pvt. 5th Cav.
Pvt. A Co. 29th Inf.
1 Sgt. I Co. 9th Inf.
Pvt. B Co. 16th Inf.
Pvt. D Co. 17th Inf.
A Co. 28th Cav.
Pvt. C Co. 39th MI

G. J.
G. J.
H. A.
Henry
Howard W.
Isham B.
J.
James
James
James
James
James B.
James F.
James W. Sr.
Jasper A.
J. C.
Jesse E.
J. J.
J. K.
J. L.
J. N.
John
John
John
John B.
John E.
John H.
John M.
John R.
John W.
Jonathan D.
Lemuel
McHenry
Michael H.
O. P.
Patrick L.
P. B.
Pryor
R. A.
R. E.
Robert F.
S. J. A.
Tamwell W.
Pvt. I Co. 4th (McLemore's) Cav.
Pvt. B Co. 16th Inf.
G Co. 43rd Inf.
Pvt. D Co. 154th Sr. Inf.
Pvt. F Co. 61st MI
Pvt. H Co. 1st (Field's) Inf.
Pvt. A Co. 10th Inf.
Pvt. E Co. 51st Con. Inf.
A. C. Sgt. F&S 1st (Turney's) Inf.
Pvt. K Co. 28th Inf.
Pvt. L Co. 24th Inf.
Pvt. I Co. 9th Inf.
Pvt. K Co. 59th MI
Pvt. E Co. 2nd Cav.
Pvt. E Co. 3rd Cav.
Pvt. E Co. 4th (McLemore's) Cav.
Pvt. H Co. 23rd Inf.
Pvt. F. Co. 2nd (Robinson's) Inf.
Pvt. H Co. 1st (Carter's) Cav.
Pvt. H Co. 43rd Inf.
Pvt. F Co. 14th Inf.
Pvt. K Co. 1st (Carter's) Cav.
E Co. 4th Cav.
Pvt. A Co. 62nd MI
Pvt. C Co. 2nd Cav.
Pvt. F Co. 18th Inf.
Pvt. G Co. 9th Cav.
Pvt. D Co. 1st Inf. En.
Pvt. D Co. 1st (Carter's) Cav.
Pvt. 31st Cav.
H Co. 4th Inf.
Sgt. F Co. 61st MI
B Co. 9th Cav.
C Co. 39th MI Pvt.
Pvt. C Co. 39th MI
Pvt. C Co. 50th Inf.
Pvt. E Co. 50th Inf.
Pvt. H Co. 13th Cav.
Sgt. E Co. 17th Inf.
Sgt. C Co. 39th MI
G Co. 43rd Inf.
Pvt. E Co. 32nd Inf.
Pvt. K Co. 1st (Carter's) Cav.
Pvt. C Co. 21st Inf.
Sgt. B Co. 1st (Turney's) Inf.
Sgt. G Co. 43rd Inf.
Col. F&S 17th Inf.
The following is an abridgment of the records of the 31st Tennessee Infantry, written after the war by its Colonel, William Bradford, and its Surgeon, B. W. Toole:

"The Thirty-first Tennessee Regiment of Infantry was organized at Knoxville, Tenn., on the 28th day of March, 1862, under B. Kirby Smith, then in command of the Department of East Tennessee... The regiment was organized and mustered into active service as infantry, and was numbered at Knoxville as infantry... The duties imposed on the regiment for a few months were guarding bridges on the railroad in East Tennessee and in preparation for service by drilling. We were then ordered for duty to Cumberland Gap,... Goose Creek, in Kentucky... Harrodsburg, Ky.

At Harrodsburg we were ordered to retreat, and returned to Danir's, in East Tennessee... About December 23, 1862, our brigade and division were ordered to Vicksburg, Miss.; and reached there about the 27th. We participated
in a little skirmishing around the city for a few hours after our arrival, the Federals being in the act of abandoning their efforts to land at Chickasaw Bayou above the city. We were engaged in active picket duty at and around Vicksburg and Warrenton for some months, preparing to resist the landing of Federal troops and the assaults of gun-boats...

Using the captured Federal boat and another ship, the "Webb," the men attacked an iron-clad Union gun-boat, the "Indianola:"

"Herewith is annexed a report of these captures printed in a Knoxville paper at the time and made a part of this sketch: "The engagement was the most desperate which has occurred during this war between gun-boats on the river. Although it was the first battle in which these gallant men of the Thirty-first had been engaged, they fought like veterans and tigers, and after a terrible contest of three-quarters of an hour they succeeded in the capture of the "Indianola," with immense stores and one hundred and twelve prisoners. Too much praise cannot be awarded these brave East Tennesseans for their naval tact and chivalry..."

Our command was soon afterward ordered to Fort Gibson, to reinforce our troops engaged there in a bloody effort to repel the landing of the Federals...

Our regiment remained in Vicksburg during the siege—suffered greatly by privations, and lost about twenty men...

We were surrendered on the 4th of July 1863. After this lamentable surrender we were paroled. The sufferings and privations of this siege are not here recited, as they have gone into and become a part of the public history, and it is not refreshing to detail them. Our regiment was exchanged in September, 1863..."

During the winter of 1863 our brigade was ordered to Newton, N. C. to recruit. After recruiting, about one-half of the brigade was ordered to the Valley of Virginia in the Spring of 1864, under command of General Vaughn; and the other half, under command of Col. Bradford, of the Thirty-First Tennessee was ordered to remain in the vicinity of Bristol.

After the campaign was ended in the Valley of Virginia, the regiment and the brigade reunited at Bristol, and operated in upper East Tennessee and Southwestern Virginia.

...participated in several engagements at Greenville, Morristown, Saltville, Marion, Wytheville, Bull’s Gap, Kernstown, Darksville, Martinsburg, Monocacy, Hagerstown, New Home, Piedmont, Winchester, and other battles.

The end of the war found the men near Christiansburg, Virginia, and several brigades refused to disband when the news of Lee’s surrender reached them. Some of the history Colonel Bradford does not recount includes the conditions under which war was waged: a seven hundred mile march in forty two days, September, 1862; a heavy snow in October of the same year which caught the soldiers without tents and adequate clothing; the ride to Jackson, Mississippi with ten days and nights in crowded box cars.

Many stories like these are passed down in family tradition.

5. Ibid., p. 464-466.
The war took a heavy toll in lives from the community; the division and hatred caused by the war were even more serious. The records of Mount Horæb Church are missing for the Civil War years, but following the end of the fighting begin to reflect a vigorous dispute over "what action to take in relation to members of the church who have participated in the late rebellion or who have sympathized with the same..." The records speak for themselves:

"... and what course should this session take in relation to members (many of whom have) left the country without making application for letters of dismissal as requested by the discipline of our church.

Which after much talking and discussion and nothing definite being determined the session adjourned over to Saturday 10th that being two weeks and Wm. Rankin, Elias Alexander, and P. M. Rankin was appointed a committee to examine the records of this church and report at the adjourned meeting. P. M. Rankin, Clark

Opened with prayer by moderator unfinished business of last meeting being considered the committee appointed at last meeting reports it appears from the records of this church there are about 21 of the recorded members of this church who have removed from the country without making application for letter of dismissal. Your committee recommended that the names of all such be dropped from the Records of this church which report after being discussed and amended was adopted and read as follows:

"Whereas many of the members of Mount Horæb Church have removed from this part of the country without making application for letter

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1. Mount Horæb Presbyterian Church, Records, p. 81.
of dismissal, therefore be it resolved by the session of Mount Horeb Church that the names of all those members of the church who have removed or who shall hereafter remove without applying for letters and who fail or neglect to make application for two entire years after their removal the clerk shall be required to drop the names of such persons from the records of the church.

Resolved further that the above resolution be read publicly from the pulpit to the church and be recorded on the minutes of this session...

At the same time the following Resolution in relation to the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in relation to the late Rebellion was adopted and ordered to be recorded and is in the words following, to wit:

'Resolved by the session of Mount Horeb Church that we endorse the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in relation to the sin of rebellion and also the action of Union Presbytery in endorsing the same in having additional testimony in relation to the great sin of the Rebellion yet believing that many honest-hearted Christians may have been led into the Rebellion by the force of surrounding circumstances and without due reflection or consideration therefore be it resolved that we as a church session believe that under all the circumstances it not necessary to require of any of the members of this church who may have sympathized with the same any further proof that they have been led to see their error than what may be made manifest of such members by hereafter cheerfully and heartily cooperating with their brethren and sisters harmonizing and building up the church together and living in the faithful discharge of their duty as Christians in the future.

Order that the foregoing resolution be read by the moderator to the congregation from the pulpit on an early day...

Joseph C. Bradshaw entered his solemn protest and requested the same to be spread upon the record which is in the following records, to wit:
Mount Horeb, Feb. 10, 1866

["we should not"] debar any such members of the church from church privileges merely on account of participating in or sympathizing with the Rebellion..." 2

The resolution was easily passed, however, and after a space of two years, the resolution was carried out:

"It was moved and seconded that those of the members of this church who have removed from this country without making application for letters of credence be suspended which was adopted the names of such as the following: David H. Bradshaw, Martha A. Newman, Wm. Bowers, Thomas C. Lyle, Joseph R. Newman, Thomas J. Newman, Sarah Newman, John J. Newman, Benjamin G. Newman, Mary E. Newman, Wm. A. Newman, Richard A. Newman, Martha E. Newman, Albert M. Newman, Martha Y. Newman." 3

Evidently the opinion voiced by Nathaniel Hood in the pulpit at the beginning of the war did not reflect the views of the church leadership by the close of the war. The flight of these members from East Tennessee may have been "voluntary" and frowned upon by the elders, but family tradition indicates that many types of coercion, some very violent and physical, were used against the ex-Confederates and Southern sympathizers. The members who left scattered the Newman family widely throughout the South and West.

2. Ibid., p. 82-84.
3. Ibid., p. 96.
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Jonathan Newman  25 Dec 1730– 17 May 1817
b. Virginia  d. Monroe County, West Virginia
m. 1768 (?) Virginia
Sarah Carroll, d. 9 Mar 1819
b. Virginia  d. Monroe County, West Virginia

1. Mary (Polly)  3 May 1770– 2 Mar 1856
2. Aaron  29 Mar 1772–
3. Sarah  5 Aug 1777–
4. Martha  3 Apr 1780–
5. John  11 Dec 1782– 8 Oct 1865
7. George  23 May 1791–

SECOND GENERATION

1. Mary (Polly) Newman  m. 5 Jan 1789 Botetourt County, Virginia
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m. 12 Aug 1791 Virginia
Catherine Blair

22. Alexander  12 Jan 1794–
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515. Alva J. 26 Feb 1831-
516. Hezekiah C. F. 11 Oct 1832-
517. Martha J. 20 Nov 1834-

d. Monroe County, West Virginia

7. George Newman b. Botetourt County, Virginia
d.
m. Nancy
b. d.

71. Mary b. c.1828, 1829
72. Alias b. c.1823, 1824
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211. Eliza K. b. c.1822
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213. Sarah M. b. c.1826
214. Mason b. c.1831
215. Jane b. c.1835
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2311. Gideon  b. c.1840

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511. Joseph Reece  b. 1824 d. 1914
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52. Aaron Newman  b. Virginia d. Jefferson County, Tennessee
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525. Arthur A.  1 Sep 1843 –
526. Maria E.  5 Nov 1845 –
527. Juliet Margaret 29 Dec 1847
528. Samuel H. 3 Jun 1850
529. Martha J. 3 Apr 1853
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m. Margaret

541. Sarah A. b. c.1834
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544. John W. b. c.1840
545. Richard A. b. c.1842
546. E. b. c.1844
547. Julia b. c.1847
548. James M. b. c.1849

m. Mary A.

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5101. John E. b. c.1848
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514. Albert M. Newman b. Jefferson County, Tennessee d. m. Mary

5141. Elizabeth b. c.1848
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NOTES ON THE GENEALOGY

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Source material for Jonathan and Sarah Newman:
Tombstone Records, Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in
Alderson, West Virginia; Alderson family records in
private possession.

Data on children (numbers 1 - 7): Will of
Jonathan Newman on record at Union, Monroe County,
West Virginia; Alderson family records, Newman Bible
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SECOND GENERATION

For Mary Newman (1): see footnotes 25, 26,

chapter I.

Aaron Newman (2): see footnotes 23, 24, chapter I.

Data on children (21 - 29): Newman family records, private

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Sarah (3) and Martha (4) Newman: Will of Jonathan

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John Newman (5): Tombstone Records, Mount Horeb

Presbyterian Church, Jefferson County, Tennessee; see

footnote 1, chapter III; Newman family records, private

possession.
Data on children (51 - 517): some sources as John Newman (5).

Jonathan Newman (6): Estate Settlement at Union, Monroe County, West Virginia.

George Newman (7): information from 1850 United States Census for Jefferson County, Tennessee; therefore, this is likely an incomplete list of children—census names only those children in household during 1850.

THIRD GENERATION

Material for Jonathan (21), John (23), James (51), Thomas J. B. (54), Benjamin F. (56), Jonathan (510), Albert M. (514): 1850 United States Census; see note for George Newman (7), above.

Sources for Alexander (22), Blair (24), Aaron (52), Madison (58): Newman records in private possession.

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