

JUNE 29, 1996

Dear Librarian,

I would like the name and address of the Genealogical Society for DeKalb County, TN. or the address of someone who works with genealogical records in DeKalb Co.

I am researching my BAILIFF family who was in DeKalb and Smith Co, TN.

I would like the name and address of anyone you have or records as researching the Bailiff family.

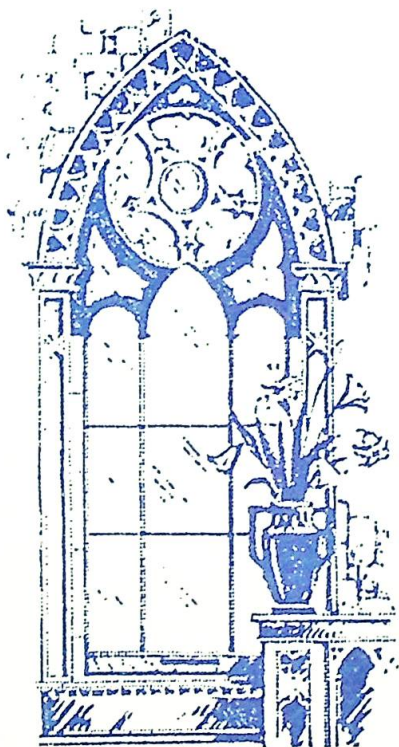
Do you have information at your library on the Bailiff family? Have the early marriage records, land records, tax records and wills and estates been abstracted from DeKalb County Courthouse. Do you have copies of these records at your library?

Is there a genealogical newsletter being published for DeKalb County?

Sincerely,

RON CORNWELL  
1900 STANFORD  
EDWARDSVILLE, IL 62025

*A Memorial Record for Friends & Relatives*



*Love - Cantrell Funeral Home*

*100 East Church Street  
Smithville, TN 37166*

IN MEMORY OF  
**CARL RAY BAILIFF**

DATE OF BIRTH  
**MAY 19, 1924**

DATE OF DEATH  
**APRIL 2, 1997**

TIME & PLACE OF SERVICES  
**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 11:00 AM**

OFFICIATING

**BRO TERRY LITTLE**

**BRO STEPHEN SMITH**

INTERMENT  
**DEKALB MEMORIAL GARDENS**

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord for ever.*

Smithville TN  
June 10, 1998

Dear Ron Cornwell

I have been working in Genealogy for many years, looking for my own family who came to the Smith Co TN area about 1830, but were in DeKalb later when it was formed later. I have done many of our DeKalb county records and have the books for sale. I have only one Smith Co book because some of my "Washer" family were still listed there in 1850.

We have a DeKalb County Genealogy Society that meets in our library in Smithville every 3rd Thursday night at 6:30 P.M. We do not publish a newsletter because no one will take on that job. We who are really interested have other things that consume our time. We do accept contributions and we do post letters on our bulletin board for anyone with knowledge of the family to answer reasonable queries. And I always request anyone I help to please contribute some of their papers. We have vertical files in the library to place family information so people can get acquainted

by mail and exchange information. If you ever take a vacation down this way please feel free to use our library. we are slowly accumulating genealogy books and papers.

Are you from the Smith County Cornwells? I have in my files somewhere a doctor Cornwell in Smith County who married into my washer family somehow. He died young. One of the daughters came to our washer reunion and gave me some information a few years ago.

I'm sending you a copy of my books and price list. I think someone has done some deeds, but we don't have our copy yet. Right now I am working on my 3rd Will book and found these two wills I thought you would appreciate.

Thank you for your interest and we hope to get some of your information. Do you have Bible records on your people?

Feel free to write again

Sincerely

Jorene Parsley  
President of the  
Wahab Gen. Soc.

Jorene Washer Parsley  
1605 Old Blue Springs Rd.  
Smithville, TN 37166

**Columbus Berry Baliff's Will**

State of Tennessee, Dekalb County

I, **Columbus Berry Baliff** of the City of Murfresboro,  
County of Rutherford, State of Tennessee, being of lawful age  
and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding,  
hereby make, publish and declare my last will and testament,  
hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time  
made.

1st, I direct my funeral expense and all of my debts be  
paid as soon after my death as possible out of any funds or  
monies that I may die possessed of, or may come into the  
hands of my Executor.

2nd, I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
**Beulah Groom Baliff** all of my property, both personal and  
real, to have to hold and use and enjoy the same during her  
natural life. Said property to be delivered to her after the  
payment of my just debts as heretofore dectated. At the  
death of my said wife, it is my will and desire, that my  
mother-in-law, Mrs. Mollie P. Grooms recieve one thousand  
dollars in cash to be paid to her by my Executor hereinafter  
named and also all of my household and kitchen furniture,  
together with all wearing apperal and jewlery, and that my  
brother Charles E. Baliff, recieve the remainder of my estate  
of whatever nature or kind, both personal and real in fee  
simple.

3rd, It is my further will and desire that if my said  
mother-in-law be dead at the time of the death of my said  
wife, then and in that event, all of my property of whatever  
nature or kind is to go to my said brother **Charles E. Balif,**  
to be his absolutely.

4th, I hereby nominate and appoint as the Executor of  
this my last will and testament, **James A. Walker** of  
Alexandria Tennesse, and direct that he be required to give  
bond in a sufficient sum to cover all liability incurred by  
him as such Executor as provided by law in such cases.

**Columbus B. Baliff**

Signed published and declared in the presence of the  
undersigned, who at the request of the testator and in his  
presence and in the presence of each other signed this  
instrument as witness thereto on the day and date above named

**George R. Lester**  
**E. T. Barger**

Filed January 22, 1915

DEKALB COUNTY TENNESSEE WILLS 1900-19--

Will of **E. M. Baliff**

I, **E. M. Baliff** being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all wills by me at time heretofore made.

1st, I desire that all my just debts be paid out of any effects that may come into hands of my Executor, including funeral expenses as soon after my death as practicable.

2nd, I will and bequeath to my grand daughter **Elizabeth Baliff** all the rest and residue of my property of every kind and description, that may be left after the payment of my debts, she having lived with me and taken care of me and given her whole time and attention to me for the past several years.

3rd, I hereby nominate and appoint **A. L. Frazier** as my Executor to this will, to act without bond and with instructions to see that said **Elizabeth Baliff** receives all of my little estate of every kind after the payment of my debts. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of the subscribing witnesses hereto, who have witnessed this will at my request this September 2nd 1916.

her  
**Elizabeth X Baliff**  
mark

We the subscribing witness to this will signe the same as witness at the request of the testatrix and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, she acknowleging the same to be her own last will and testament and signed the same in our presence this September 2nd, 1916.

**J. O. Potter**  
**M. A. Braswell**

Filed for Probate November 3rd, 1917.

**J. E. Conger** Clerk