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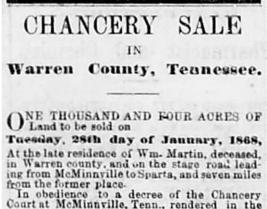
obituary

Martin

William "Rock"

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

June of this year will mark the 150th anniversary of the death of pioneer Warren County, Tennessee settler, William "Rock" Martin. Because of this anniversary a good deal of genealogical and historical information has been included in this issue of the WCGA Bulletin. "Rock" Martin, ancestor to many descendants, (possibly numbering in the thousands) resided much of his long life in the Mud Creek Community of Warren County, Tennessee. His landmark home, which still stands about seven miles from McMinnville, was built about 1825 and is in relatively good shape considering its age. The home is presently owned by William "Rock" Martin descendant, Raleigh Miller who purchased the home and acreage on that side of Highway 70 at the estate auction of his uncle, E.Q. "Tip" Miller in November 1990 (Thanksgiving Day). The auction began at 9:30 a.m. and I attended later in the day to photograph. I left my vehicle at the nearby Shiloh Cemetery and walked to the brick mansion and took photos inside as well as outside the house. As I was taking photos outside the home Raleigh Miller came to lock up and gave me a personal tour of the house, which he had just purchased, before driving me back to my vehicle at the cemetery. Several years ago while I was researching at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville I searched for an



At the late residence of Wm. Martin, deceased, in Warren county, and on the stage road lead-ing from McMinnville to Sparta, and seven miles from the former place. In obedience to a decree of the Chancery Court at McMinnville, Tenn., rendered in the cause of G. W. Martin, and others against the heirs of Wm. Martin, deceased, I will sell at the above time and place, all of the lands belonging to the heirs of said deceased, consisting of 1004 acres of valuable Farming Lands, which have been divided and will be sold in lots, or all to-gether, to sait purchasers.

been divided and will be sold in lots, or all to-gether, to suit purchasers. Lot No. 1, consisting of 685 acres, including the large Brick Mansion House, out-houses and orchard, etc. Lot No. 2 contains 274 acres. Lot No. 3 contains 263 acres. Lot No. 4 contains 82 acres. TERMS of SALE-One and two years' credit, except \$300 cash. Bond and security required and a lien retained. Minimum valuation, \$7 per acre. By J. C. BILES, D. C. per acre. J. F. MO By J. C. BILES, D. C. dec20 4tw

Advertisement, Nashville Union and Dispatch, Nashville, Tennessee, December 31, 1867, front page.

THE OIL CONFLAGBATION AT MOMINN-VILLE.-We were honored yesterday by a call from Col. Josiah . F ... Morford, Master of Chancery at McMinnville.

The oil well owned by Maj. S. D. Rowan took fire last Friday night, as was reported, and burned with fearful fury, notwithstanding the most vigorous efforts to extinguish the flames, until daylight next morning. Some oil men consider this an unmistakable indication of oil, while others think it betokens only the presence of salt water. The boring has been resumed. and will no doubt be prosecuted with vigor until the question of oil is decided.

Mr. Rock Island Martin, as he was most commonly called, an old citizen of Warren county, died last week.

Col. Morford speaks hopefully of the future, and looks to time as the surest remedy for the evils, political and pecuniary, which afflict the people.

for Warren County News Column published in the Republican Banner, Nashville, Tennessee, which July 11, 1866, page 3.

would give pertinent, genealogical and historical information on him but was unable to locate one. Instead of a detailed obituary, I did however locate in the July 11, 1866, page 3 issue of the Republican Banner, Nashville, Tennessee, a Warren County, Tennessee news column which contained a notice of death for "Rock" Martin. The death announcement listed him as "Rock Island Martin" which I had never seen before; I had only seen references to him as "Rock' Martin". As of April 2016 one Warren County-McMinnville Pioneer Family Certificate has been issued to the following William "Rock" Martin descendant: Thomas Martin Hunter, Jr., Heisson, Washington.

If you directly descend from "Rock" Martin or any other pioneer settler who was in Warren County no later than the 1820 census you may obtain a Warren County-McMinnville Pioneer Family Certificate by completing an application. Applications obtained may be online at www.tngenweb.org\wcgatn or at the Warren County, Tennessee Genealogical Association Facebook page or at the WCGA office at 201 Locust Street. There is a \$10 application processing fee + \$3.50 shipping for the certificates.

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