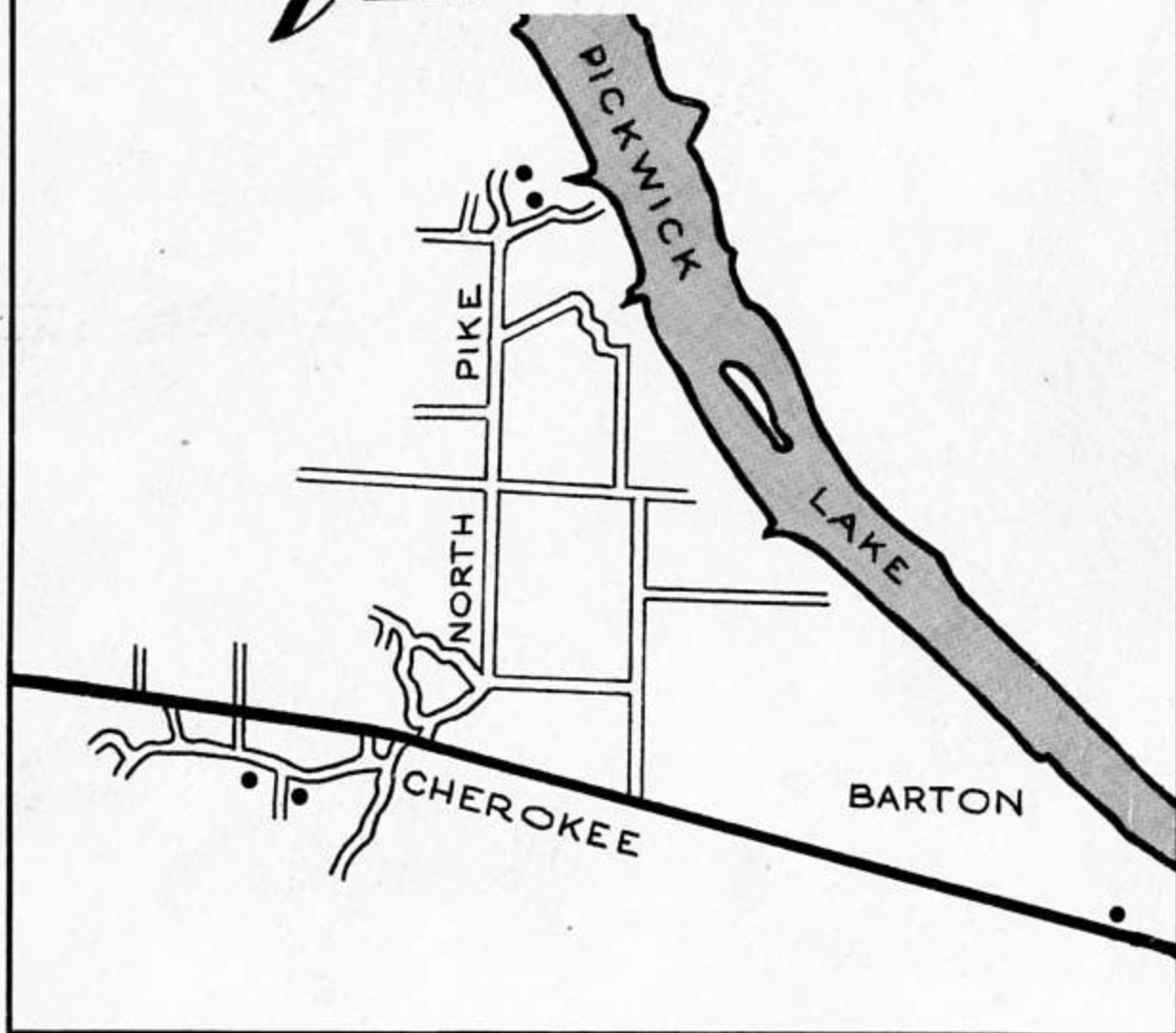


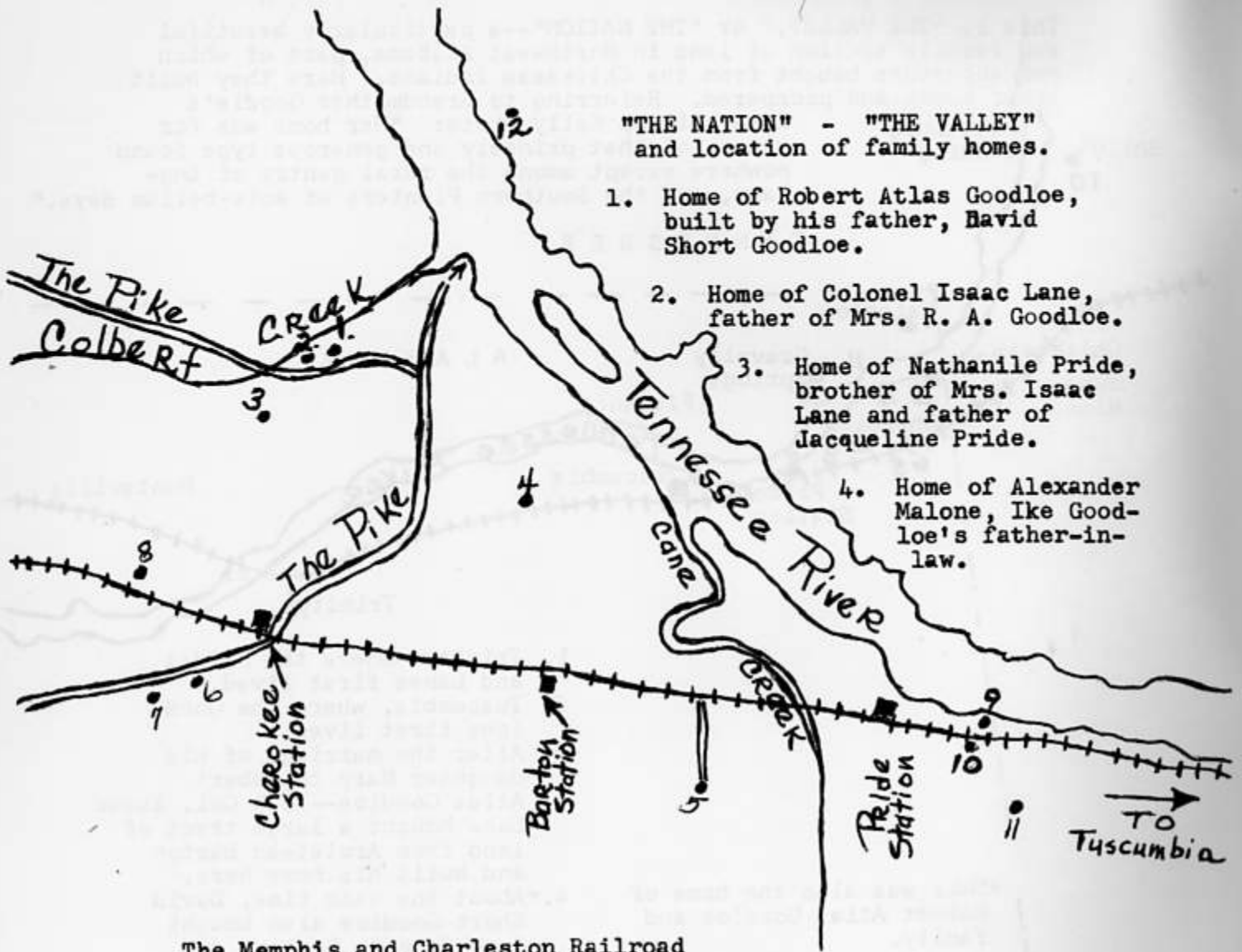
MY  
**Colbert County**

*families*

Lanes, Prides, Goodloes, Rutlands, & Bartons



MARY ALEXANDER LOLLAR



"THE NATION" - "THE VALLEY"  
and location of family homes.

1. Home of Robert Atlas Goodloe, built by his father, David Short Goodloe.
2. Home of Colonel Isaac Lane, father of Mrs. R. A. Goodloe.
3. Home of Nathaniel Pride, brother of Mrs. Isaac Lane and father of Jacqueline Pride.
4. Home of Alexander Malone, Ike Goodloe's father-in-law.

The Memphis and Charleston Railroad

5. Home of Goodloe Pride
6. Home of John Watson Rutland
7. Beautiful Barton Hall
8. Home of William Dickson
9. Home of Major Edward Mitchell Pride
10. Pride Cemetery - where D.A.R. placed a marker over grave of Major Pride.
11. John Fletcher Pride
12. Gravelly Springs - where 10,000 enemy calvarymen were encamped during the closing days of the War, and daily raids made for miles around, searching for food, silver and jewelry.

THE LANES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Richard Lane came over from England to Jamestown about 1625

We traced the Lanes from 1625 to 1761 through the pages of a book entitled, "Joel Lane, Pioneer and Patriot."

We traced them from 1761 to the present time through the Isaac Lane Family Bible

Wife unknown | Joseph Lane, born in Jamestown about 1631

Joseph Lane, High Sheriff of Edgecombe County, born 1665 near Jamestown. Died between 1752 and 1758 in Edgecombe County

Wife unknown

Patience McKinnie | Joseph Lane, Jr.  
daughter of Barnabas McKinnie and wife, Mary Exum,  
Born about 1715  
Married Mar. 2, 1750

Born about 1710 in Wake County, N. C.  
Died Wake County, N. C. about 1776

Sara Bradford | Joseph Lane - member of First Provincial Congress  
(See below)\*\*  
Born April 15, 1731, Wake County, N. C.  
Died 1798, Wake County

Married 1784

Pherebee Hunter | Joseph Lane  
Born 6-25-1765 | Born April 8, 1761, Wake County, N. C.  
Died 9-11-1826 | Came to Alabama about 1817  
in Morgan Co., | Died November 28, 1825, Morgan County, Ala.  
Ala.

Married Jan. 11, 1810

Mary (Polly) Pride | Isaac Lane ("Colonel")  
Born June 14, 1788 | Born Feb. 12, 1787, Wake County, N.C.  
Wake Co., N. C. | Moved to Alabama about 1818  
Died Oct. 23, 1862 | Died Jan. 19, 1862 at Lane Springs,  
at Lane Springs, | Franklin County, Alabama  
Franklin Co., Ala.

\*\*Other children of Joseph and Sara Bradford Lane were: Rebecca, born June 3, 1753; Tabitha - born June 4, 1755, died October 15, 1760; Rhoda - born June 6, 1757, died October 21, 1760.

"THE COLONEL" - ISAAC LANE, BUZZARD ROOST,  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Although he has been dead more than 100 years, Grandpa Isaac Lane is a very vivid and familiar figure to many of his descendants. This is due, perhaps, to the magnificent portrait which hung in the parlor of our grandfather's home in Cherokee, Alabama. It was painted by William Frye, an Austrian artist, in the early 1850's and typifies the Old South. Grandpa Lane (our great-great-grandfather), an elegant looking old gentleman in his frock coat with satin lapels and tall silk hat atop his gray hair, was standing in a relaxed position beside his beautiful white horse. His body servant and constant companion on his trips was Noah, who was holding the bridle. Grandma Lane, in full-skirted black gown with white organdy collar and bonnet was on the porch, watching his leave-taking. The details of the portrait were perfect--the sheen of the horse's flank--the veins standing out in Grandpa's hand and the shadow of his riding crop on the horse's leg--the gravel in the driveway--Grandma's silver-framed eye glasses pushed up on her head--and I was intrigued with the way Grandpa's eyes always looked into the eyes of the viewer, while Grandma's eyes were always on the Colonel (as I imagine they usually were.) The canvas of the portrait was nine by twelve feet and the gold leaf frame around it was truly handsome. From old letters

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written by the Colonel's daughter, our Grandma Goodloe, we learned it was Noah holding the horse, Henry Clay, and that Grandma had named her little poodle Venus.

Isaac Lane was the eldest son of Joseph and Pherabee Lane. He was born in Wake County, N. C., (near Raleigh) on February 12, 1887 and, according to tradition, he attended the University of North Carolina, where so many of the Lanes were educated. On January 11, 1810 he married Mary (nicknamed "Polly") Pride, the daughter of Major Edward Mitchell Pride and his wife. They had six children. The first three were born in Wake County before the Lanes migrated to Alabama. They were:

Wiley Pope Lane, born Raleigh, N. C., October 29, 1810. He died June 3, 1837 in Franklin County, Alabama and a beautiful white marble shaft marks his grave in the family cemetery at Lane Springs. He was only 27 years old and was more or less his father's eyes and right arm.

Sarah Pride Lane was born in Wake County, N. C. November 13, 1812. She married William Gillespie in Morgan County, Alabama, December 24, 1833 and died May 27, 1835.

Isaac Hunter Lane was born in Wake County, N. C. May 30, 1815 and died in Tuscumbia, Alabama (Franklin County), May 1, 1831.

Mary Lane was born August 16, 1817 in Wake County, N. C., married Robert Atlas Goodloe at her parent's home in Morgan County on December 24, 1835 and died in her own home, "Mertle Hall" (Lane Springs, Alabama) on October 23, 1874.

Joseph Lane was born July 1, 1829 in Franklin County, Alabama and died July 10, 1829. He lived only 10 days.

Edward Pride Lane was born in Morgan County, Alabama November 3, 1831. He married Miss Mary Agnes Hunter (called "Sis Mollie" in the family letters) November 15, 1851. She was the daughter of H. and



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H. Hunter of Tulip, Arkansas. Edward Pride Lane died in Franklin County, Alabama December 28, 1852. The Southern Advocate published in Huntsville, Alabama January 5, 1853 reported: "Died on 28th ult. Edward Pride Lane, only son of Colonel Isaac Lane in his 22nd year, after a painful and protracted illness of more than 90 days."

We have only one "official" record of the Colonel during the first eight years of his marriage. We know that his home was in Raleigh, a city founded on land donated by one of his ancestors, that he travelled extensively and that on December 30, 1811 in Jefferson County, Tennessee property belonging to the estate of John Legg, deceased, was sold, and that Isaac Lane was one of the purchasers. There is probably a great deal more to be found in the records of Wake County, but time has not permitted me to make the search. The records in Alabama are numerous.

In 1817 or 1818 Isaac Lane and his family, his parents, Joseph and Pherebee Lane, and several other Lane relatives, moved from Wake County, N. C., to Morgan County, Alabama and settled at Trinity, near Decatur.

In 1820 the Decatur Land Company was organized, with Isaac Lane, George Peck, Jesse W. Garth, Dr. Henry Rhodes and McKinney Holderness as Trustees. The first deed lot in the city was sold by them.

The Morgan County Census Report for 1830 showed Isaac Lane to have four children and 36 slaves.

In 1832 the Decatur Branch Bank was created, with Grandpa Lane one of the Directors.

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In 1834 he was elected to the House of Representatives from Morgan County. (The other two Representatives were John T. Rather and Robert F. Houston.)

I have a charming old letter from Grandpa's oldest son, Wiley Pope to his sister, Mary Lane, written in 1834. He had come to Tuscaloosa to meet a Mr. Coleman and collect some land maps and continue on to Gainesville, to transact business. The letter was signed, "Respectfully, your Brother, Wiley Pope Lane." In 1835, when the Indians were pushed west, Grandpa Lane purchased a large tract of land from them, located in the northwest section of the state. Much of it had been owned by Chief George Colbert and, according to tradition, the Colonel and his family lived in the old Colbert home while the Lane house was being completed a short distance away. This property adjoined that of David Short Goodloe, and is just off the Natchez Trace where it crosses the Tennessee Rive. According to tradition Chief George Colbert was a close friend of the Lanes and Goodloes and the boys in the three families hunted and fished together. We have all heard the story of the "blood-brother-ritual" when the son of Chief Colbert and one of the Lane or Goodloe boys (the story varies on this point) went away to school together. Before leaving they went through the ritual of each cutting his wrist then putting the wound of one against the wound of the other and binding them together so that the blood mingled, thus making them blood brothers. One of my cousins has a beautiful Indian belt which we have been told was presented by the Indian blood-brother.

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I saw the old Lane home for the first time in 1930 and although it had been used as a tenant farm house for more than fifty years, it was still distinctive. It is a two-story, salt-box type frame house located on a hill above Lane Springs (about six miles north of Cherokee) and is similar to many of the old homes around Raleigh, North Carolina. There is a small stoop in front, the roof of which is supported by four round pillars, and the entrance to the wide central hall is through double doors at the front and back. To the left of the hall were the parlor and dining room with the old brick kitchen set off a short distance and connected to the dining room by a brick paved walk. To the right of the hall were three bedrooms, and upstairs, beneath the steeply sloping roof were two bedrooms and a dressing room and closet. Each upstairs bedroom had its own stairway--one leading from the hall, and one from the master bedroom--and there was no connecting door between the two upstairs rooms. In later years the room above the master bedroom was used as Colonel Lane's office. On the north side of this room was a closet built over the one-story section of the house extending to the rear. The tenants living there when I saw it told us it was a "coffin closet," where the Colonel kept two or three caskets on hand at all times, a necessity, because of the poor roads and the length of time it would take to bring one from Tuscumbia to Cherokee. To the west of the house was the large, one-room building (so common to southern plantations) which was called "The Office," but was actually the batchelor quarters of the young men of the family



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when they reached manhood. Back of the "big house" were the smoke house and various store rooms a small barn where the Colonel's "pleasure carriage" (mentioned in his Will) and his favorite mounts, were kept, and far back from the house were the barn and pasture for the horses and cattle. The servant's quarters were at the foot of the hill on the west side. (This description of the old home was given by Mother and Sister Dimple, as they remembered it when they were children and visited and played there with the children of their uncle, Isaac Lane Goodloe.)

The old kitchen had fallen into decay when I first saw it, and the dining room and one back bedroom had been torn away--but part of the old home still stands, a remainder of an era long gone, and a gracious way of living that has seldom been equalled.

If I have taken too much time and space to describe the Lane home it is because I fear it will not be standing many years longer.

To continue the Lane story--during the next 12 or 15 years Grandpa continued to expand his land holdings and to farm on a larger scale. The hundreds of now worthless old deeds made to him, tell us he owned land in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas. On November 15, 1851 his only son, Edward Pride Lane married Miss Mary Agnes Hunter of Tulip, Arkansas, and brought his bride to live with "the old folks." On December 28, 1852 Edward Pride Lane died, and on February 24, 1853 their son was born and christened Edward Pride Lane, Jr.

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Four short years later--April 9, 1857 he died. Edward's widow, whom the family called "Sis Mollie" continued to make her home with the Lanes until the death of the Colonel in 1862.

The 1860 Census Report for Franklin County rated Grandpa Lane at \$250,000.00 and thousands of acres of land. According to his Will, written in 1858 he had about 150 slaves at that time.

Then came the War, and on January 19, 1862 Grandpa Lane died. His obituary read:

Died of an attack of paralysis on the 19th of January, 1862 at his late residence in Franklin County, Alabama Colonel Isaac Lane in the 75th year of his age.

The deceased was born in Wake County, N. C. in 1787, moved to Morgan County, Alabama in 1818 and to Franklin County, Alabama in 1837.

Colonel Lane was a man of sound practical mind and indomitable energy. Providence crowned his efforts with abundant success, and gave him a large share of this world's goods. By these things he often became "eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, and a father to the poor." At his home the itinerant often found a pleasant home, the prophet's room was set apart with 'bed and table, stool and candlestick' and everything to contribute to his comfort; and in more than one instance, when the preacher lost his horse has this generous donor supplied their lack. But these things are not sufficient to purchase salvation. This he felt and acknowledged. He came to the Saviour like the Poet -

In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling.

He came a poor sinner, with the publican's prayer,  
trusting in Him who says, he that cometh unto me,  
I will in no-wise cast out. May the God of all  
grace comfort his disconsolate widow.

Isaac Milner.

His wife--and our great-great-grandmother, Polly Lane, died the following October (October 18, 1862) and both were

