

James Pynes
1801 – 1873
Spouse of: Winnifred “Register” Pynes
Married: 1829
Son of: Daniel and Rutha “Knotts” Pynes



Notes for JAMES PYNES:

James was the first born son to Daniel and Rutha. He married Winnfred Register in 1829 and begin raising a family. He became very civic minded in the development of South East Henry County. He recognized the need for school teachers as being a critical issue. Through his family connection in Virginia he welcomed a young school teacher into his home. This young school teacher was (William H. Smith). Not only did James get a fine school teacher but also a fine son-in-law that perhaps he had not bargained for. When William was welcomed into their home, daughter Penelope was 10 years of age (8 years younger than William). It is apparent William was a patient man. Almost a decade later on July 29, 1852 Penelope became Mrs. William Smith. William and Penelope raised a family and remained together until death separated them. They are both buried in the Gordon Cemetery. For many years William remained a school teacher as well as assisting James in managing the farm. They continued to be prosperous Gordon farmers for many years. James served as Henry County's Clerk of the court from 1827 until 1834. He was also the first postmaster for the area which was a position difficult to fill because most incoming settlers could neither read nor write. He resigned as postmaster after being elected to the Alabama State Legislature, where he served for many years. James and William continued to prosper in a very lucrative family business until the Union Officer's confiscated their property.