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April 1836 having been detained 296 days for bad conduct. [Ledger 45, p. 125]

Moses A. Nelson was received in the Penitentiary 25 Jan. 1834. He is 5' 9 1/2" in height and weighs 163 lbs. Light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, 34 years of age. Born and brought up in Washington Co., Tenn., where his mother still resides, about three miles south of Brownsborough. He has seven brothers and one sister. His brothers reside in Missouri. His sister, who is a widow named (Hickson), in Indiana. He cannot tell what county in either state. He has an uncle John Hughes living in Seqachee [*sic*,] Valley and a wife and nine children now residing in Hamilton County but expects to remove to [blank]. His wife was the daughter of Adam Gann, dec'd, of Jefferson Co., Tenn. He has a scar on the inside angle and one on the instep of the left foot, a scar on the inside angle of the right foot, a scar just below the knee of the right leg, and a small mole on the left breast. He has generally followed farming. Was found guilty of petit larceny at the Circuit Court of Cocke County and sentenced to one years confinement in the Jail and Penitentiary House of the State of Tennessee. *Moses A. Nelson was discharged by expiration of sentence on the 24th day of January 1835.* [Ledger 45, pp. 125-6]

Henry Norwood. From Carroll County. Crime: buggery. Sentence: five years from 12 May 1841. Rec'd 12 May 1841. He is 16 years old, 6' 1/2" high, weighs 148 lbs. Was born in Madison Co., Tenn., and brought up in Carroll Co. on Blunt Creek, 12 1/2 miles from Huntingdon and one mile from Sandy, where his father Wm. Norvell now lives. He has three sisters and two brothers married, one brother in Texas, one in Arkansas at Little Rock, also one sister married to a man by the name of John Nandin and lives on Birdsong Creek, Benton Co., Tenn. Has dark hair, hazle eyes, fair skin and somewhat freckled. [Ledger 45, p. 126]

Obadiah Norris. From Claiborne County. Sentence: three years from Feb. 5, 1842. Crime: manslaughter. Rec'd Feb. 5, 1842. He is 25 years old, 5' 8" high, weighs 174 lbs. Born and brought up in Gra[i]nger Co., Tenn., on Bull run, 2 miles from John Chesney's mill. Has a wife and one child living at Boon Creek Forge in Claiborn[e] County. He has sandy hair, black eyes, fair skin. Has worked three years at Boon Creek Forge in the employ of J. Frazier. [Ledger 45, p. 126]

Jesse Norris. From Dickson County. Crime: larceny. Sentence: three years from Feb. 24, 1842. Rec'd Feb. 26, 1842. He is 46 years old, 5' 6 1/2" high and weighs 128 lbs. Born in Georgia and brought up in Dixon Co., Tenn., on Yellow Creek. He has a wife and four children living on the road leading from

age 52, born in South Carolina, occupation:
y by a court in Monroe County, and sentenced to
Received Jan. 24, 1841 and discharged Dec. 21,
. Jones. Number in ledger 86: 491.

e blank, born in blank, occupation: hatter.
rt in Davidson County, and sentenced to blank
eived Jan. 28, 1841 and discharged Dec. 6, 1841.
ism. Number in ledger 86: 492.

orn in Virginia, occupation: none. Convicted of
a court in Davidson County, and sentenced to 3
ived Feb. 1, 1841 and discharged Dec. 21, 1843.
Number in ledger 86: 493.

born in Georgia, occupation: none. Convicted of
avidson County, and sentenced to 5 years in the
, 1841 and discharged Mar. 18, 1842. Notes:
494.

born in North Carolina, occupation: labourer.
court in Fayette County, and sentenced to 1 year
Feb. 8, 1841 and discharged Feb. 8, 1842. Notes:
r 86: 495.

0, born in Alabama, occupation: labourer.
a court in Fayette County, and sentenced to 5
ived Feb. 8, 1841 and discharged Feb. 9, 1846.
Number in ledger 86: 496.

17, born in Tennessee, occupation: labourer.
a court in Fayette County, and sentenced to 5
ved Feb. 8, 1841 and discharged Apr. 20, 1844.
umber in ledger 86: 497.

born in South Carolina, occupation: labourer.
in Wilson County, and sentenced to 10 years in
8, 1841 and discharged June 29, 1850. Notes:
Number in ledger 86: 498.

22, born in Tennessee, occupation: labourer.

Convicted of horse stealing by a court in Lauderdale County, and sentenced to 4
years in the Penitentiary. Received Feb. 11, 1841 and discharged Aug. 15,
1844. Notes: died of chronic diarrhae [*sic*]. Number in ledger 86: 499.

Name: John Bordine, age 27, born in Virginia, occupation: boatsman.
Convicted of larceny by a court in Tipton County, and sentenced to 3 years in
the Penitentiary. Received Mar. 8, 1841 and discharged Jan. 7, 1844. Notes:
pardoned by Gov. Jones. Number in ledger 86: 500.

Name: Cleveland Estep, age 19, born in North Carolina, occupation: labourer.
Convicted of larceny by a court in Carter County, and sentenced to 2 years in
the Penitentiary. Received Mar. 20, 1841 and discharged Feb. 13, 1843.
Notes: conduct good, pardoned by Gov. Jones. Number in ledger 86: 501.

Name: John Venable, age 16, born in Tennessee, occupation: labourer.
Convicted of larceny by a court in Williamson County, and sentenced to 3 years
in the Penitentiary. Received Mar. 23, 1841 and discharged Feb. 22, 1844.
Notes: conduct good, pardoned by Gov. Jones. Number in ledger 86: 502.

Name: Alexander McClennan, age 28, born in North Carolina, occupation:
labourer. Convicted of burglary [*sic*] & larceny by a court in Hamilton County,
and sentenced to 5 years in the Penitentiary. Received Apr. 4, 1841 and
discharged Jan. 31, 1843. Notes: died of chronic dysentary. Number in ledger
86: 503.

Name: Stephen Snell, age 41, born in North Carolina, occupation: an ex
sh[er]iff. Convicted of forgery by a court in Henderson County, and sentenced
to 3 years in the Penitentiary. Received Apr. 23, 1841 and discharged Feb. 22,
1844. Notes: pardoned by Gov. Jones, conduct good. Number in ledger 86:
504.

Name: Henry Norwood, age 16, born in Tennessee, occupation: none.
Convicted of buggery by a court in Carroll County, and sentenced to 5 years in
the Penitentiary. Received May 12, 1841 and discharged Jan. 31, 1846. Notes:
pardoned under the act of 1836. Number in ledger 86: 505.

Name: William Roach, age 24, born in Tennessee, occupation: labourer.
Convicted of larceny by a court in Hardiman [*sic*] County, and sentenced to 3
years in the Penitentiary. Received May 23, 1841 and discharged Mar. 31,
1843. Notes: conduct good, pardoned. Number in ledger 86: 506.

Henry Norwood from Carroll County

Crim

Surgery

Sentence

5 years from 12 May 1841

Rec^d

He is 16 years old 6 ft 4 in high weighs 148 lbs
was born in Madison County Tenn & brought up in
Carroll County in Plum Creek 12 1/2 miles from
Stanton Tenn & one mile from Sandy where his father
Mr. Norvell now lives - He has 3 sisters & 2
brothers married, one sister in Texas, one in Arkansas
at Little Rock, also one sister married to a man
by the name of John Warden & lives in Cross
Creek Benton County Tenn - has dark hair
hazel eyes fair skin & somewhat freckled

NO.	NAME	WHEN RECEIVED.	CRIME	FROM WHAT COUNTY
482	David Scott	Dec 15 1846	Negro Stealing	Davidson
483	James Claxton	" 21 "	Murder	"
484	John Heathcock Alias Young	" 31 "	Maiming	"
485	Elizabeth Henderson female Sany	11 1841	Larceny	Bradley
486	Daniel McCarty 2 ^d conviction	" " "	"	"
487	John Webber Alias the Wolf	" " "	"	"
488	James Graham	" " "	Fellony	Jefferson
489	John Calvin	" 24 "	Larceny	Henry
490	Reuben Thompson	" " "	"	Hardiman
491	Robert Pendergapp	" " "	"	Monroe
492	William Galling	" 28 "	"	Davidson
493	James Annett	Feb'y 1 "	Passing Counterfeit Money	"
494	Willis Carlisle	" 5 "	Horse Stealing	"
495	Henry Manley	" 8 "	Petty Larceny	Fayette
496	Henry Smith	" " "	Horse Stealing	"
497	Jeremiah Barney	" " "	" "	"
498	Isaac Mahaffy	" " "	Murder	Wilson
499	Samuel H Richards	" 11 "	Horse Stealing	Lauderdale
500	John Bordine	March 8 "	Larceny	Dixton
501	Cleveland Estep	" 20 "	"	Carter
502	John Venable	" 23 "	"	Williamson
503	Alexander McClellan	April 4 "	Burglary & Larceny	Hamilton
504	Stephen Snell	" 23 "	Forgery	Henderson
505	Henry Overwood	May 12 "	Buggery	Carroll
506	William Roach	" 23 "	Larceny	Hardiman
507	Uriah Cummings	" 24 "	"	Monroe
508	Amos S Middleton	" " "	Horse Stealing	"
509	Zachariah Merrill	" 29 "	Fellony	Clai boum
510	Patrick O'Brien	" " "	Horse Stealing	Davidson
511	Archibald Bradfute	June 2 "	" "	Warren
512	Burnell Bradley	" 7 "	" "	Davidson
513	David George (Negro)	" 17 "	"	"
514	John M Baid	" 26 "	Counterfeiter	Shelby
515	Sam'l Larky Alias Rot' Maltack	" " "	Larceny	"
516	Joshua Morgan	" 29 "	"	Green
517	Samuel H Oney	" 30 "	Horse Stealing	Giles
518	Reley Souelle	July 9 "	Forgery	Henderson
519	Robert Brooks	" 14 "	Petty Larceny	Washington
520	William M Carter	" 7 "	Horse Stealing	Rhea
521	Daniel Estep	" 23 "	Grand Larceny	Carter

AGE.	OCCUPATION.	SENTENCE.		WHERE BORN.	WHEN DISCHARGED.		BY WHAT AUTHORITY.
		Years.	Mos.				
38	Wm Baker	5		N Carolina	Sept	30 1845	Pardoned under the Act of 1836
21	Boatsman	5		Tennessee	March	18 1844	Died of Malaria
26	Labourer	2		"	Sept	4 1841	Pardoned by Gov Polk
22	Nothing	3		Kentucky	Augt	21 "	" " " "
33	Blk Smith	2		Tennessee	Jan'y	1 1843	Conduct Good
27	Sailor	1		N Carolina	"	13 1842	" Fair
20	Labourer	3		"	"	3 1844	" "
20	Boatsman	3		Missorie	"	25 "	" Satisfactorily Only
26	"	3		Virginia	"	24 "	" Exceptionable
52	Labourer	3		N Carolina	Decr	21 1843	Pardoned by Gov Jones
	Hatter			"	"	6 1841	Died of Chronic Rheumatism
42	None	3		Virginia	"	21 1843	Pardoned by Gov Jones
43	"	5		Georgia	March	18 1842	Escaped
27	Labourer	1		North Carolina	Feb'y	5 "	Conduct Good
20	"	5		Alabama	"	7 1845	" Exceptionable
17	"	5		Tennessee	April	20 1844	Died of Consumption
39	"	10		N Carolina	June	29 1850	Pardoned under the Act of 1836
22	"	4		Tennessee	Augt	15 1844	Died of Chronic Diarrhoea
27	Boatsman	3		Virginia	Jan'y	7 "	Pardoned by Gov Jones
19	Labourer	2		N Carolina	Feb'y	13 1843	Conduct Good Pardoned by Gov Jones
16	"	3		Tennessee	"	22 1844	" " " "
28	"	5		N Carolina	Jan'y	31 1843	Died of Chronic Dysentary
41	an ex shff	3		"	Feb'y	22 1844	Pardoned by Gov Jones Conduct Good
16	None	5		Tennessee	Jan'y	31 1846	Pardoned under the Act of 1836
24	Labourer	3		"	March	31 1843	Conduct Good Pardoned
31	"	1	7	Virginia	Feb'y	21 "	" " " "
19	"	4		Tennessee	May	24 1845	Died of Bilious Fever ?
40	Farmer	1	2	N Carolina	July	19 1841	Conduct Exceptionable
19	Pedlar	3		Spain	May	30 1844	" " " "
16	Race Rider	3		Tennessee	March	30 "	" Good Pardoned
17	Labourer	3		"	April	6 "	" Exceptionable Pardoned
25	Cook	4		N Carolina	May	21 1845	Pardoned under the Act 1836
39	Labourer	8		Tennessee	Novr	11 1843	" By Gov Jones
30	"	3		"	May	1 1844	" " " "
17	"	1	7	"	March	29 1843	Conduct Fair
23	Wagonmaker	3		Virginia	"	18 1842	Exceptionable
41	Mail rider	4		Tennessee	July	9 1845	Conduct Passable
39	Labourer	1		"	"	14 1842	" Fair
19	None	3		Indiana	May	22 1844	Pardoned under the Act 1836
40	Thief	3		N Carolina	July	25 1844	Conduct Very Exceptionable