

William Campbell house, “Argyle Cottage,” c. 1835

Summary

William Campbell was a wealthy individual, good friends with General, later President, Andrew Jackson. President Jackson appointed Campbell assistant superintendent of mines in 1829. William Campbell, his family, and two enslaved persons arrived in Galena in 1829.

In 1832, the Black Hawk War began and Major William Campbell was promoted to lieutenant colonel, serving in Colonel Strode’s brigade out of Galena.

The following year, Galena endured a cholera epidemic. William Campbell assisted with the sick and dying, according to his obituary.

In 1841, Campbell moved to Jackson, Tennessee, where his son, John William Campbell, lived. John W. Campbell was a wealthy attorney. Much of his wealth was in enslaved people. William Campbell had been in somewhat ill health when he moved to Tennessee to be with his son and family. William Campbell died in January of 1842 and is buried in Jackson, Tennessee.

Additions to Galena were created by both William Campbell and J.W. Campbell.



William Campbell house, "Argyle Cottage," 707 Bridge Street, c. 1835

William Campbell and

- 1. Ann or Anne Campbell**
- 2. Frances Gill**



**Portrait of Major William Campbell, Tennessee
Portraits Project, tnportraits.org**

William Campbell: Born Wythe County, Virginia, 17 October 1776. On genealogical sites, there are at least three different sets of possible parents. Hopefully, DNA tests will lead to a definitive answer.

Inscription, tombstone, Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, Find A Grave

Ann or Anne Campbell: Born Washington County, Virginia, 28 November 1778

Nashville City Cemetery, Nashville City Cemetery Association; profile of General Alexander W. Campbell of Jackson, Tennessee, in "Sketches of prominent Tennesseans. Containing biographies and records of many of the families who have attained prominence in Tennessee," William S. Speer, 1888

Frances Gill: Born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, circa 1791-1800

1830 Federal census: Jo Daviess County, Illinois

William Campbell "reared from boyhood in the State of Kentucky"

Tri-Weekly Nashville Union, Nashville, Tennessee, February 10, 1842, original source: District (Jackson) Int., Jan. 29

William Campbell marries Ann Campbell, his cousin, location? possibly circa 1798?

Ann Campbell was the daughter of William's cousin, Captain William Campbell (1748-1800).
geni.com, original source/documentation unknown

William Campbell moves to Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, late 1790s

Kentucky census substitute

Son, John William Campbell, born: Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, 31 May 1799.

Tombstone, Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, Find A Grave

Notes:

•John William Campbell married twice: First wife, Jane Eliza Porter Campbell, 1807-1849, married in 1827; second, Louisa Anne Gibbs Campbell, 1811-1892, married in 1852. Louisa Anne Gibbs Campbell had 3 spouses, according to Find A Grave.

•John William Campbell had 6 children: Alexander William Campbell, Penelope Porter Campbell Sterling, Cynthia Roberta Campbell, Susan Ann Campbell, Mary M. Campbell, and Ann Matilda Campbell.

Fayette County, Kentucky, census substitute, 1800

William Campbell is listed in Lexington Township in the 1800 census substitute.

Note: The basis for the census substitute is tax lists from Kentucky, the so-called "Second Census" of Kentucky. William Campbell of Fayette County has three tax listings for 11/7/1800. The fourth, dated 8/19/1800, lists Lexington in Fayette County.

•The "Second census" of Kentucky, 1800 was privately compiled from tax payers in the 42 counties of Kentucky in 1800 by G. Glenn Clift.

Birth of daughter, Cynthia Ann Campbell, Lexington, Fayette County, KY, 21 March 1801

Tombstone, Hillside Cemetery, Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas, Find A Grave

William Campbell and family move to Greenville, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, while son John William Campbell was "an infant."

In Greenville, William Campbell *"established the first bank in that part of the State, of which he made his son, then only nineteen years old, the cashier."*

Tennessee Portraits Project, "Campbell, Major William 1776-1842," tnportraits.org; Muhlenberg, Kentucky, Federal census, 1810; Sketches of prominent Tennesseans. Containing biographies and records of many of the families who have attained prominence in Tennessee, William S. Speer, 1888

Note: Tennessee Portraits Project has Greenville being in Christian County, but it is in Muhlenberg County. Jane Eliza Porter, future spouse of son, John William Campbell, born, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, July 1807

Art Inventories Catalog, Smithsonian American Art Museum

Note: Jane Eliza Porter was the daughter of Alexander James Porter and Susannah Massengill Porter.

William Campbell
 Gallatin 17th Oct. 1803
 To Jackson & Hutchings Dr.
 To Dr. here a 10th, Balance for powder 10th 1.11
 " 3 powder plates (W. 2th 1th Dr. wife @ 75 1.73 1/2
 \$ 2.84 1/2
 1803 3 C^o. By Cash 1.50
 17 Oct. Balance due \$ 2.34 1/4
 Gallatin 20th Dec. 1805 This day came before me Mr. Brown and made oath that the above acct. is just and true to the best of his knowledge
 Edward Greenup

William Campbell note to Jackson & Hutchings, 17 October 1803

Source: Andrew Jackson Papers, Library of Congress

Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, census, 1810

Greenville — 6 August 1810

William Campbell

- 1 male under 10
- 1 male 10-15
- 1 male 26-44
- 1 female under 10
- 1 female 26-44

Total persons enumerated: 5

William Campbell and family move to Nashville, Tennessee, circa ?

“Major William Campbell received several appointments from President Andrew Jackson of Nashville, Tenn., a close political and personal friend.”

Tennessee Portraits Project, “Campbell, Major William 1776-1842,” tnportraits.org

Note: Portrait of Campbell

Financial crisis starting in 1817 and leading to the Panic of 1819, “the first widespread and durable financial crisis” in the U.S.

“Major William Campbell was at one time one of the largest pioneer merchants west of the Alleghenies, his business connections extending from the falls of the Ohio to New Orleans and embracing every important business point on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The business

disasters growing out of the great financial crisis of 1817 [which precipitated the Panic of 1819] so impaired his fortunes that he retired from commercial pursuits and accepted the position of superintendent of the mineral lands of the Northwest [sic: assistant superintendent], tendered him by Gen. Jackson, who was his intimate personal and political friend, his headquarters being fixed at Galena, Illinois."

Sketches of prominent Tennesseans, Speer, *ibid*

Note: More research is needed on Campbell being "one of the largest pioneer merchants west of the Alleghanies...."

Wife, Ann Campbell, dies, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, 25 June 1825

Ann Campbell is buried in Nashville City Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. Her inscription reads: *Sacred to the Memory of Ann Campbell Wife of Major William Campbell Born the 28th day of November 1778 Died at Nashville 25 June 1825*

Wife and mother

Her Piety was unobtrusive but Exemplary As a wife mother and Her worth was incomparable Also By her rest the remains Of her Infant grandson George McGehee Died Oct. 1827

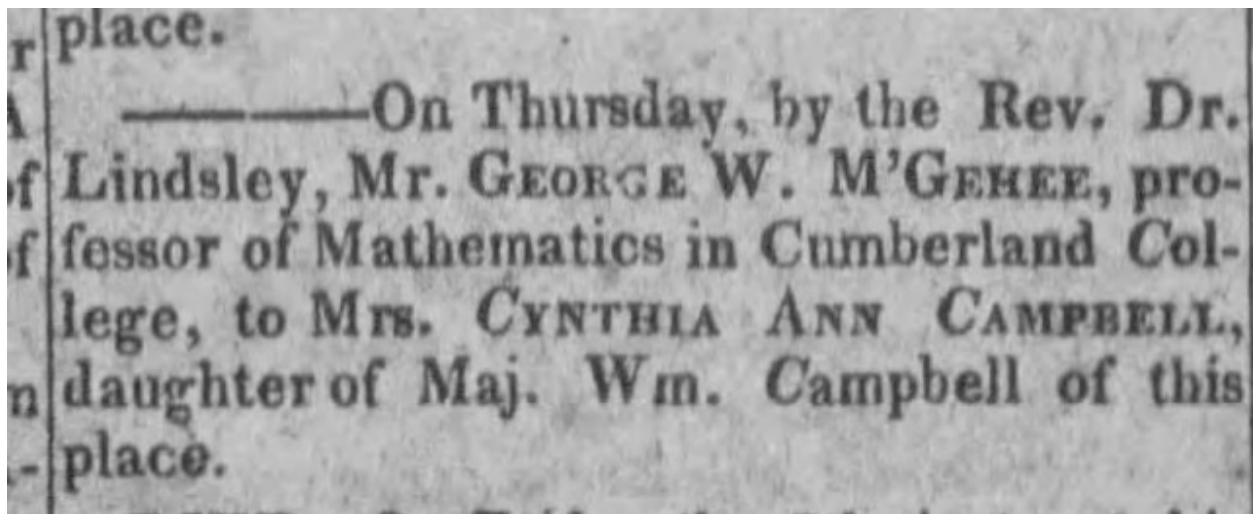
Nashville City Cemetery Association

Daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Ann Campbell, "daughter of Maj. Wm. Campbell of this place," marries George W. McGehee, Nashville, Tennessee, 6 April 1826

National Banner and Nashville Whig, Nashville, Tennessee, 8 April 1826

Note: The infant grandson buried with his grandmother (above) would have been the first child of Cynthia Ann Campbell and George McGehee.

•WikiTree notes that Cynthia Ann Campbell married Samuel Campbell. After he died, she married George McGehee. After McGehee's death, she married John Siddell.



Marriage of Mrs. Cynthia Ann Campbell to George W. McGhee

National Banner and Nashville Whig, [Nashville, Tennessee](#), 8 April 1826

Son, John William Campbell, marries Jane Eliza Porter, Nashville, TN, 13 June 1827

Art Inventories Catalog, Smithsonian American Art Museum; Tennessee State Marriage Index, FamilySearch, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Grandson, George McGehee, dies, Nashville, Tennessee, October 1827

Infant grandson George McGehee is buried by Ann Campbell in Nashville City Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

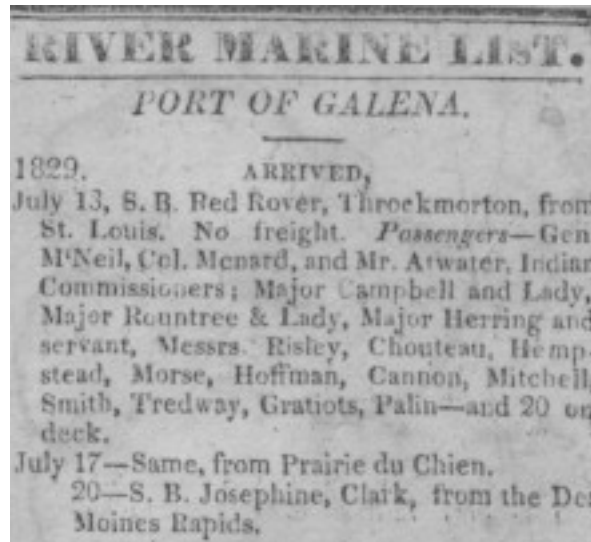
William Campbell marries (2nd) Frances/Francis Gill, Davidson County, Tennessee, 7 February 1829

Tennessee State Marriage Index, familysearch.org: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Appointed by President Andrew Jackson as “receiver of the rents of the mines,” Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, circa 1828-1829

From “Writings of Caleb Atwater” (see below), Major Campbell and his wife arrived in Galena in 1829. Major William Campbell’s obituary confirms the date of his move: June 1829.

geni.com; “Writings of Caleb Atwater,” published 1833; District (Jackson) Int., 29 January 1842, Tri-Weekly Nashville Union, 10 February 1842



Arrival in Galena by "Major Campbell and Lady," 13 July 1829

Galena Advertiser, 20 July 1829

[Note other early Galena arrivals: Major Rountree, Chouteau (an early St. Louis family), Hempstead, Gratiots]

“Writings of Caleb Atwater,” published by the author, traveled to Galena in 1829

The superintendent of the mines, and his assistant, Major Campbell, live here. The latter gentleman and his amiable and interesting lady, had been with us on our passage from St. Louis, and they were happy to find themselves at the end of as disagreeable a journey as was ever made on these waters.”

...I went to Galena, where I tarried a few days, visiting my friends there. ...I fell into the company of a Mr. Gill, a merchant of St. Louis.... This gentleman was the brother of Mrs. Campbell, the lady of Major William Campbell....Mr. Gill and his sister were born and educated in Philadelphia, where their respected relatives reside.

Major Campbell and his accomplished lady, accompanied Mr. Gill and myself about fifteen miles on our way, when we left them, on our journey.

Note: “Writings of Caleb Atwater” was published in 1833.


•The “River Marine List—Port of Galena” confirms that Mr. Atwater along with Major Campbell “and Lady,” arrived in Galena 13 July 1829
Galena Advertiser, 20 July 1829
Note: Major Cambell was assistant superintendent of the mines, not superintendent, per Atwater.

Office of Superintendent, U.S. Lead Mines, Galena, 27 July 1829

Smelters and Miners are requested to make the usual returns to this Office, on the last day of the month, or as soon thereafter as practicable. After the 31st of the present month, William Campbell, Esq. Principal Assistant Superintendent, will attend at the Store adjoining Mr. Henry G. Soulard's, in Galena, to receive Lead due the United States.

*Tho. C. Legate,
Superintendent U.S. Lead Mines*

Galena Advertiser, 16 November 1829



GALENA MARINE LIST.

DEPARTED,
April 6—S. B. Galena, Bates, for St. Louis.

ARRIVED,
3—S. B. Red Rover, Throckmorton,
from St. Louis, with two keels in
tow.

Passengers—
Mrs. Johnson, Maj. Wm. Campbell and
lady, Maj. John Campbell, lady and child,
Jesse B. Thomas, jr. Esq. and lady, Judge
Young and servant, Messrs. John Atchison,
W. Preston, Nicholson, Dobbin, Smith,
Head, Christie, Tholozan, Walton, and 125
on deck.

**Steamboat passenger: Maj. Wm. Campbell and
lady, Maj. John Campbell, lady and child**

Galena Advertiser, 19 April 1830

Residence of Major William Campbell, Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, October, 1829

For sale—“a well finished two story Frame House, and Lot,...lately occupied as a Grocery Store, on Main-street, in the town of Galena, opposite the stone house formerly occupied by J.H. & E. Lockwood as a store, and at this time occupied by Major William Campbell.”

Galena Advertiser, 12 October 1829

A VALUABLE
HOUSE & LOT
FOR SALE.

THE public are hereby informed, that I shall, as trustee, by virtue of a deed of trust executed by Daniel Murphy, of date the 6th day of October, 1829, to J. & E. Walsh, Andrew P. Vanmatre, and John Connolly, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, on Saturday the 24th instant, at the premises, precisely at 1 o'clock P. M. a well finished two story Frame House, and Lot, lately occupied by Daniel Murphy and Matthew Faucett, as a Grocery Store, on Main-street, in the town of Galena, opposite the stone house formerly occupied by J. H. & E. Lockwood as a store, and at this time occupied by Major William Campbell. This property is situated in the business part of the town, having an excellent well finished cellar, the ground story being well suited for a dry goods store, and the upper story well fitted for a family residence. It is hoped the property will sell for

**Reference to building
currently occupied by Major
William Campbell**

Galena Advertiser, 16 November 1829

[Note: William Campbell isn't selling his house.]

Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1830

William Campbell

- 2 males 20-29
- 3 males 30-39
- 1 male 50-59
- 1 male slave, 10-23
- 1 female 30-39
- 1 female slave 36-54

Total persons enumerated: 9

Note: John Campbell is enumerated two households away.

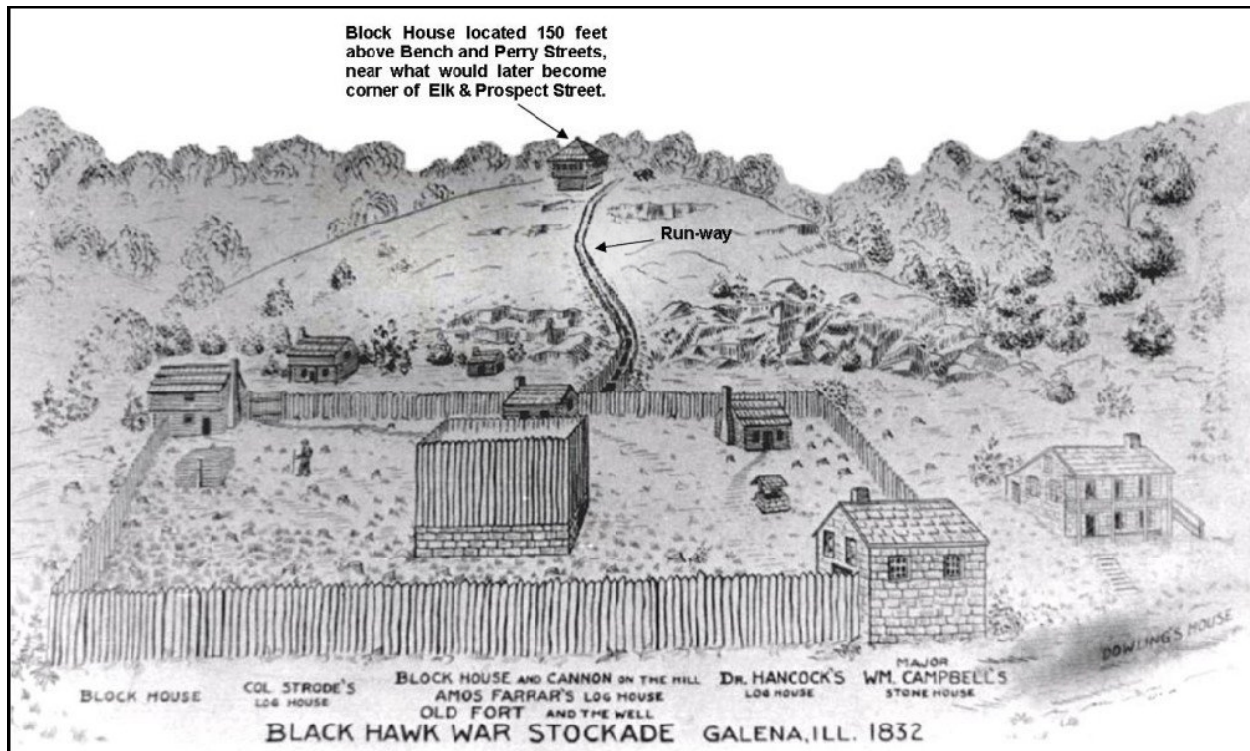
Member, Galena fire department, 1830

The History of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1878

Letters awaiting pickup at the Galena Post Office, 1830

Among the many names of those with letters waiting at the Post Office are Maj. Wm. Campbell and Francis G. Campbell.

Galena Advertiser, 26 April 1830



Drawing of the stockade in Galena. Major William Campbell's stone house is listed.

The Digital Research Library of Illinois History Journal™ : Galena Illinois' Old Stockade used during the Black Hawk War 1832.

Black Hawk War, 1832

“When Colonel Strode, at Galena, learned of Stillman’s rout, he immediately ordered all able-bodied men to join in building a stockade. Logs, twelve to fourteen feet long, were set up, with suitable portholes, around an area bounded by Main, Franklin, Bench and Hill Streets. Within this enclosure stood Major Campbell’s stone house and the log houses of Doctor Hancock and Amos Farrar....”

Galena Guide, Federal Writers’ Project (Illinois), Works Progress Administration, City of Galena, 1937

“While residing [in Galena] the Black Hawk war broke out, and [William Campbell] was elected to command a battalion of volunteers from the State of Illinois.” The detachment under command of Major Wm. Campbell, who went in boats down the Mississippi to scour some of the Island which had served as a refuge for the Indians, returned without seeing any Indians....”

William Campbell was accorded the rank of lieutenant colonel in Strode’s Brigade during the Black Hawk War.

Illinois Black Hawk War Veterans, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State Sketches of prominent Tennesseans, Speer, *ibid*

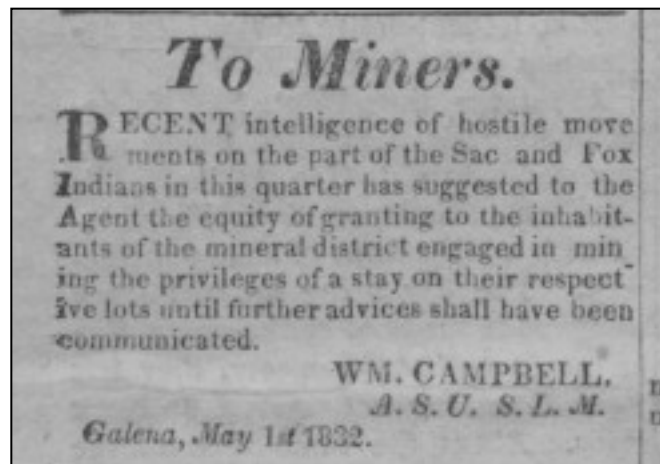
Letter from William Campbell to President (and friend) Andrew Jackson criticizing General Atkinson's command during the Black Hawk War, 1832

As militiamen returned home, their stories from the field offered more unwitting accounts of Ho-Chunk successes [in helping Black Hawk]... After hearing stories of the mire and mystery of the swamp campaign from John Reynolds's discharged volunteers, William Campbell, a volunteer stationed in Galena, immediately penned a letter to President Andrew Jackson criticizing Atkinson's command of the campaign:

'Our Armies march too slow for them on foot. Genl. Atkinson believed he had them penned up in Swamp at the junction of the [Bark] & Rock River; he made a bridge to cross on & when they got there not an Indian was to be found. The Indians shot & wounded one man while fishing; they have out-generaled US.'

What Campbell heard from his fellow soldiers, not five days after finding the abandoned island camp...was a tale of troop hardship...."

Corn Moon Migrations: Ho-Chunk Belonging, Removal, and Return in the Early Nineteenth-Century Western Great Lakes, Libby Rose Tronnes, doctoral dissertation, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2017



Notice to miners on brink of the Blackhawk War

The Galenian, 16 May 1832

Cholera epidemic, Galena, Illinois, 1833

"He [Campbell], who, during the appalling ravages of the cholera in 1833 at Galena, was left almost alone to minister to the sick and the dying, and to afford to the dead interment...."

Obituary, District (Jacson) Int., 29 January 1842, reprinted in the Tri-Weekly Nashville Union, Nashville, Tennessee, 10 February 1842

Report to U.S. House of Representatives regarding William Campbell, dated 16 May 1834

Note. Captain Thos. C. Legate's reply to Col. Geo. Bomford, Ordnance Department, Washington, D.C., is dated 15 February 1834 and enclosed in this report to the House.

Pay as assistant superintendent of the mines, Galena, Illinois, 1829-1835

William Campbell was paid a total of \$5,091.66 while serving as assistant superintendent of the mines, 1829-1835

Lead Mines Report, United States Senate, 27 January 1846

Personal property assessment, West Galena, Illinois, 1839

William Campbell

- 1 horse \$80
- 2 clocks \$45
- 1 wagon \$400
- Other \$100

Note: This is assumed to be Major William Campbell for these reasons: property and value assessed, location in West Galena.

1839 Personal Property Assessment of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org

Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1840

West Galena

Wm Campbell

- 1 male 10-14 •1 female 10-14
- 1 male 20-29 •1 female 40-49
- 1 male 60-69
- 1 person employed in agriculture

Total persons enumerated: 5

Major William Campbell's daughter (adopted), Miss Penelope Frances, marries Richard Crocker, Argyle Cottage, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 7 October 1841

The officiant was Rev. James dePui.

"Vital Statistics from Galena Newspapers," jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org; Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives; North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 9 October 1841

Note: The Richard L. Crocker and Penelope Crocker family is enumerated in the 1850 Jo Daviess County, IL, census, in Galena. In 1850, they have three children.

•Penelope's maiden name was Hazel. She was born 27 September 1824 and died 6 July 1880 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. She is buried in Lakewood Cemetery.

Major William Campbell moves to Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, where son, John W. Campbell, resides, "fall 1841"

Find A Grave, geni.com; jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org

Court case, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Circuit Court, 24 November 1841

North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 1 January 1842

Note: The newspaper notice states that "*one of the defendants, John W. Campbell, is not an inhabitant of this State...*" at this time.

INTERESTING DECISION TO MECHANICS.
We publish below, a decision, made at the late term of our Supreme Court, in a case taken up from this county, on a writ of error. The principal question which was raised in the case, was, whether a mechanic's lien, under the mechanic's lien laws of the State, would attach to a pre-emption right? The Court decided that it would—and that the lien would attach to whatever interest the party might have in the land, whether it were a pre-emption right or claim:—
John Turney, Administrator,
Frances G. Campbell, Admin'trix, of
William Campbell, and

tion. In determining whether this demurrer was well taken, it is proper that we should first enquire whether a person in possession of, and entitled to a pre-emption to, a tract of public land, has such an estate in the premises as to secure a lien to the mechanic for erecting buildings thereon, under contract with the person then in possession. We are clearly of opinion that it has. The Legislature has wisely seen fit to pass a variety of acts, recognizing and effecting the interests in their possessions, of the occupants of the public lands. The General Government still retains the title to a great proportion of the land in many of our populous and wealthy counties, on which are permanent improvements of great intrinsic value.

Court case involving William Campbell, deceased

North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 5 April 1844

From the District (Jackson) Int. of Jan. 23.

DIED—MAJOR WILLIAM CAMPBELL of Galena, Illinois, on Tuesday the 11th inst. about half past two o'clock, A. M. at the residence of his son, John W. Campbell of Jackson, Ten. Major Campbell was born on the 17th of October, 1776, in the State of Virginia, at the place then belonging to his father, but now the site of the town of 'Wythe Court House'—but was reared from boyhood in the State of Kentucky, whence he removed in '80 to Nashville, Ten. where he resided till the first of June, 1829. His death was most sudden and unexpected, proceeding from the rupture of some large blood vessel. For some months past, his health had been delicate from a disease of the liver; but since his arrival at Jackson (the 24th ultimo,) it was thought by himself and others to be improving. Only about two hours before his decease, he had walked out with his son about a hundred yards to the room of a friend, with whom he sat some time and conversed with cheerfulness, feeling better than for some days past. In twenty minutes after returning to his own room he died! There is but a short step between the living and the dead!—He who, only a few short years ago, during the disturbance of the Indians in the upper regions of the Mississippi, stood forth so prominent, inspiring with courage and confidence his fellow-citizens of Galena, many of whom by reason of the proximity of the savage foe were disposed to fly from their homes in pursuit of safety. He who, during the appalling ravages of the cholera in 1833 at Galena, was left almost alone to minister to the sick and the dying, and to afford to the dead interment, now lies in the cold and silent grave! He was indeed a firm, brave and honest man, a noble hearted generous friend. In active energy and untiring perseverance he had few equals; for the power of attaching to himself dearly and warmly his friends he had few, if any, superiors. But he is gone, never to return on earth—leaving his wife, children and many friends to mourn his loss, and to hold in fond, lasting remembrance his many virtues. So endeared was he to the writer of this notice—so intimately connected with all the writers ideas of human existence from earliest infancy to matured manhood, that he could say much more descriptive of his praise if necessary, but to say less he could not if he would.

W.

Obituary of Major William Campbell of Galena, Illinois

District (Jackson) Int., 20 January 1842, reprinted in Tri-Weekly Nashville Union, 10 February 1842

Major William Campbell dies, Jackson, Tennessee, 11 January, 1842

Major William Campbell, 65, formerly Superintendent [*sic*, assistant superintendent], U.S. Lead Mines in Galena, died 11 January 1842. His tombstone inscription reads: *In Memory of Major William Campbell of Galena, Illinois, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., who departed this life at the residence of his son in Jackson, Tenn., January 11th 1842, Who was born in Wythe C., Va., October 17th 1776. His many virtues are engraven not upon this cold stone but upon the hearts of his relatives and numerous friends.*

My Riverside Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions Scrapbook, Part VI, Jonathan K.T. Smith, 1995, tngenweb.org



Tombstone of Major William Campbell Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee

Source: Find A Grave

DIED—At Jackson, Tenn., on the 11th ult., Major WILLIAM CAMPBELL, formerly of this city, aged about 65 years.

Death notice of Major William Campbell

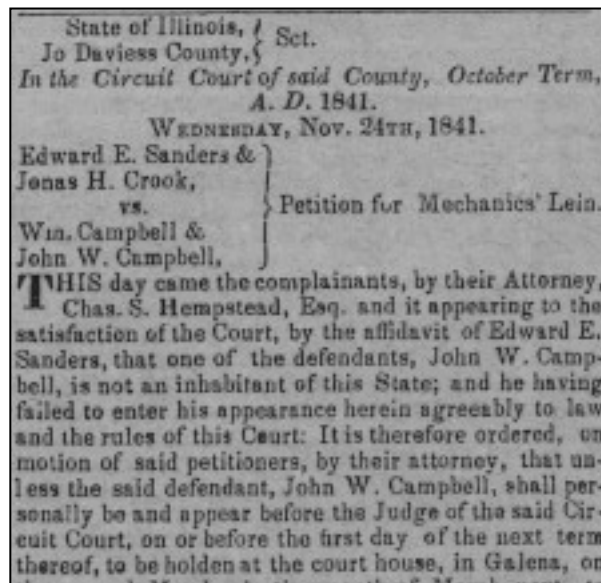
North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 12 February 1842

Major William Campbell's obituary reads, in part, "*Major William Campbell of Galena, Illinois, on Tuesday the 11th inst. about half past two o'clock, A.M. at the residence of his son, John W. Campbell of Jackson, Ten. His death was most sudden and unexpected, proceeding from the rupture of some large blood vessle. For some months past, his health had been delicate from a disease of the liver; but since his arrival at Jackson (the 24th ultimo,) it was thought by himself and others to be improving. Only about two hours before his decease, he had walked out with his son about a hundred yards to the room of a friend, with whom he sat some time and conversed with cheerfulness, feeling better than for some days past. In twenty minutes after returning to his own room he died.*

The North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser of 12 February 1842 has a brief death notice: *Died—At Jackson, Tenn, on the 11th ult., Major William Campbell, formerly of this city, aged about 65 years.*

Note: He "left Galena fall 1841."

"Vital Statistics from Galena Newspapers" jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org; Death notice, North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 12 February 1842; Nashville City Cemetery Association; obituary, District (Jackson) Int., 29 January 1842, reprinted in the Tri-Weekly Nashville Union, 10 February 1842; North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 12 February 1874



**Court Case Wm. Campbell and son,
 John W. Campbell, 24 November 1841
 / 1 January 1842**

North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 1
 January 1842

Supreme Court decision, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, "writ of error," 1844

John Turney was the administrator of William Campbell's estate and Frances G. Campbell, Administratrix. The 'plaintiffs in error' were William Campbell and John W. Campbell. The defendants were Edward E. Saunders and Jones H. Crook. The house in question is described as "*situate in a tract of 12 acres, more or less...and in that portion of the said quarter section*

known and described as William Campbell's addition to Galena; and the said house is known and designated as Argyle Cottage, in which said Campbell now resides."

"The case was argued by Thompson Campbell and N.H. Purple, for plaintiff in error. E.B. Washburne for defendant in error."

North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 5 April 1844

Jane Eliza Porter Campbell, wife of son, John W. Campbell, dies, Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, 2 December 1849

Jane Eliza Porter Campbell is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Tennessee. Her tombstone reads: *Wife of John W. Campbell Dau. of Alex. Porter Born Nashville, July [?] 1807 Married June 13, 1827 Died Dec. 2, 1849*

Find A Grave; My Riverside Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions Scrapbook, Part VI, Johnathan K.T. Smith, 1995

Son, John W. Campbell, is enumerated in Madison County, Tennessee, in the 1850 Federal census

John W. Campbell, 50, is a lawyer; value of real estate: \$30,000. He was born in Tennessee. His 9 children living at home were all born in Tennessee. No spouse is enumerated. (Note: Jane Eliza Porter Campbell died 2 December 1849, aged 42, in Jackson, Tennessee. She is buried in Riverside Cemetery in Jackson.)

Note: in the 1850 Slave Schedule (census), 24 enslaved people are enumerated in enslaver J.W. Campbell's household.

Son, John W. Campbell, marries (second): Louisa Anne Gibbs (1811-1892), 1852

Find A Grave

Madison County, Tennessee, census, 1860

Jno. W. Campbell, 59, is listed as "Gentleman." His real estate is valued at \$178,500; his personal estate: \$38,200. He, Louisa J., and six children are enumerated in Jackson, TN. He was an enslaver. Thirty-five (35) people were enslaved by him, ranging from a 9-month-old to 65 years of age.

Son, John W. Campbell, received a pardon under the Amnesty Proclamations of 1865 for participation, "direct or implied," in the rebellion against the United States

Part of the Amnesty Proclamation was aimed at enslavers: *"John W. Campbell shall hereafter, at any time, [not] acquire any property whatever in slaves, or make use of slave labor..."*

Son, John William Campbell, dies, Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, 30 June 1874

"He died on his plantation near Jackson, in June, 1874." J.W. Campbell is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Tennessee. His tombstone inscription reads, simply, *Died June 30, 1874, Aged 75.*

Find A Grave; Sketches of prominent Tennesseans, Speer, *ibid*; Scrapbook, tngenweb.org, *ibid*

Daughter, Cynthia Ann Campbell McGhee Siddell or Siddall, dies, Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas, 30 October 1884

She is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas.

Note: The top part of her tombstone lists her as Cynthia Cambell Siddall, but the large base stone has "McGehee."

Find A Grave, photos by Cindy S. Munson

Note of caution

Part of the challenge of researching William Campbell is that there are many William Campbells. "Our" William Campbell lived for a time in Muhlenberg County, Tennessee. There were "at least five men named William Campbell associated with the early history of Muhlenberg County, four of whom were in the county in 1812," according to University Archives. One of the William Campbells was "the Father of Greenville." (He's not "our" William).

One thing that helps as an identifier (but not always) is his title: "Major William Campbell." Finding the source for the "Major" has been a merry chase. He was too young for the Revolutionary War. It's possible he served in the War of 1812, but I could find no record of it. Perhaps "Major" was from his militia duties in either Kentucky or Tennessee. As a wealthy individual, he would have been likely to be an officer.

Major Campbell became "Col. Wm. Campbell" in Galena. (Colonel is a military rank above major.) In the "Sangamo Journal/Illinois State Journal" of 26 January 1833, there's this: "*Col. Wm. Campbell, of Galena, is nominated in the Galenian, as a candidate for governor of this state.*"

The source for this title "colonel" is the Black Hawk War in 1832. William Campbell was a lieutenant colonel in Strode's Brigade out of Galena. (Lieutenant colonels are addressed as "Colonel.")

Later, in 1842, he is again "Major William Campbell." Might "Lt. Col." have been a brevet rank?

In summary, the title "Major" is assumed to be from militia duty in Kentucky and/or Tennessee, but this is undocumented. The promotion to lieutenant colonel occurred in Galena during the Black Hawk War.

Addenda

•An ordinance adopted passed 14 December 1987 vacating a portion of Elm Street and a portion of Bridge Street in exchange for a portion of lot 3 of block 12 of J.W. Campbell's addition for use as part of Elm Street.

•An ordinance passed on March 13, 1989 vacating that portion of Clay Street being 60 feet in width and 850 feet in length, which lied northeasterly of blocks 11 and 12 in Bridgeport or William Campbell's addition and southwesterly of lots 1 and 2 in block 143 in Bridgeport or William Campbell's addition and southwesterly of J.W. Campbell's subdivision being all of Clay street running from the southwesterly line of Elm Street to the northwesterly line of Pine Street all located in the City of Galena, west side of the Galena River.

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•Map illustrating Wm. Campbell's and J.W. Campbell's additions to Galena (1913 map).