

PRIVATE SAMUEL BAINS (TN. MILITIA)  
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has attempted to record what he wished to enter, but his spelling has been left as he so made it.

Mr. Roper, so certain records in the Department of Archives and History indicate, returned to Montgomery about 1852, and opened a school. Inasmuch as his journal has indicated he was a teacher in Georgia and later on in Benton and Coosa Counties, it is assumed that on his retirement from the Methodist ministry, it was only natural for him to take up his earlier vocation.

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SAMUEL BAINS LETTER

Fort Deposit\* November 25th 1813

Dear Christiana I wrote to you about the 12th Since then I have heard that all the letters that was in that mail was burnt if it was the case you have heard of the battle before this and of the killed and wounded, I can only now inform you that the scarcity of provision was such that the 1st regt of volunteers left the fort on the 15th and marched to this place where we found some provision tho not enough for the regt since then we got a plenty. There is grate talk about the 10th of December I do not think that Genl. Jackson intends to discharge us on that day tho still I think we shall go home. The Genl. is now in camp and talks of marching us to ----- in a few days this is very disagreeable news to us since the distance is 47 miles and that a very muddy road with several large creeks to wade ----- There is much sickness in camps and one or more dies every day yester 3—we have had very bad weather for the 11 days past we have news here that Genl. White from East Tennessee has given the Indians another drubbin and that the Choctaws and Creeks had a battle in which the Creeks lost 300 If this is the case they have but few left they say we killed 663 and we only found 299 of them the balance of them was carried of in time of the fight. The Indians have sent a flag for Peace and says they will not fight us no more if we will not make a treaty with them we may come to there towns and kill them they say there Gods and prophite has deceived them they will sign any kind of peace that we will allow them but Jackson says they wanted a fight so bad that they must have some more of it before he can make a peace with them. I am in Tolarable good health tho much weakened by want of provision the last 10 days before we arive heare we lived on 3 1/2 days rations and for 17 days before that we did not have half rations— Our Company is a good deal unwell tho none but what can eat there rations ----- Remember me to all our neighbors and to our children and so I conclude by subscribing myself your loving Husband &c

Christiana Bains

Saml Bains

This Fort Deposit is the depot site on the Tennessee River, west of Gunter's ville, which was fixed by Andrew Jackson's Army, in 1813.

(1st P.S.)

If you have not sold the land on Running Creek... about to move by this time and if I do not get home on the 10th of December I shall write to Mr. Squires so you may hear from me. There was a grate many men deserted some times 40 or 50 of night—Hear I was interrupted by Col Laderdale and he says I may assure you that I will eat Christmas Dinner with you discharged or not as the officers are determined to go home on that day Capt Martin is in as high estimation as the Genl. was in the last tour. Jeremiah Gammon wishes you to inform his parents that he is well. Drewry Andrews has been very sick and is very low at this time. Bill Nochols has been sick and is now on the mend.

S. Bain

(2nd P.S.)

I have never heard from you nor the neighborhood since the letter that I received by Anthony I suppose tho that there is no chance to write that you have known of or you would have made use of it. You cannot imagine how anxious I am to hear from you. I am now about 185 miles south of you and it has been a snowing of and on all day. In the Creek Nation there is abundance of good land somewhat mountainous and vast deal of the poorest land that ever saw. from this place to Fort Strawther there is two considerable mountains

Saml Bains

DAVID LATE TO CADET DAVID MONIAC

LETTER OF 1822

April 23rd 1822

Dear Nephew

Your letter came safe to hand, & the contents was particularly attended to. You will excuse my not writing you earlier as I was waiting to hear from your father & mother about no opportunity offering from that quarter, I have this moment taken up my pen to answer your letter. You requested me to endeavor to get what property was left off your fathers in my possession until you would return to take charge of it yourself, but it was too late. Your father had partly waisted all, long before you wrote me I took it upon myself to advise your father not to waist his property but it had no effect—he kept continually drunk, & made bad trades, & every advantage was taken. Your father has at this time little or no property & has been compeled to move into the nation to save what little he has, you need not make any calculations on your fathers property as I am feaful that he will be without any in a short time.

Your mother still holds her property, perhaps you may calculate on some from her. I would advise you to get home as quick as you can conveniently do it, as your presence is very much wanted at home. Your Sister has been living with me for two years & going to school, she has some of your mothers negroes which are at this time in my possession. As it is entirely out of the power of your father to assist you to any money should you need it to get home, I have made an arrangement for you to get what will be necessary to bring you home You will call on T. B. Wakeman Esqr. No. 187 Pearl Street New York should an opportunity offer to get a passage to Pensacola Mobile or Blakely whenever you are ready to start for home, I would advise you to come by water, should you land in Pensacola inquire for Mr. Collins, who will assist you in getting as far as my

\*Moniac, David, Ala. Cadet M A 18 Sept 1817 (39); bvt 2 lt 6 Inf. 1 July 1822; resd 31 Dec 1822; capt Creek mtd vols 17 Aug 1836; maj 15 Nov 1836; killed 31 Nov 1836 in battle with the Seminole Inds at Wahoo Swamp, Fla; (he was a Creek Indian) (Heitman's Historical Register & Dictionary of the United States Army 1789-1903).