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GORDON FAMILY DAY BOOK, ca. 1851-1900
BRICK CHURCH STORE JOURNAL, No. 2, 1882-1883

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INTRODUCTION

The Gordon Family Day Book and the Brick Church Store Journal on this microfilm were loaned to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Ms. Malinda Stanford of Pulaski, Tennessee. After filming, the books were returned to Ms. Stanford.

The Gordon Family Day Book, dated 1851-1900, contains newspaper clippings of recipes, home remedies, useful sayings and obituaries. The most historically significant inclusion in the Gordon Family Day Book is a list of slave birth and death dates. The page with the death dates is titled *Deaths of the black family*. Also included in the day book is a promissory note between two of Major John Gordon's sons, Dewitt Clinton and Andrew Ruthven.

The Brick Church Store Journal, No. 2, dated 1882-1883, contains account records for various individuals and businesses who purchased items from the Brick Church Store in Giles County, Tennessee, during the given time span. An alphabetical index is included, in the front of the journal, as an aid to locate individual accounts.

John Gordon was born on August 8, 1798. He was the son of Robert D. Gordon (February 14, 1763 - June 6, 1847) and Mary Kennedy (December 6, 1771 - May 30, 1854). He married Mary Ann Kennedy (October 10, 1801 - April 25, 1871) on October 4, 1821. They had several children before his death on September 30, 1890. He is buried in the Brick Church Cemetery in Giles County, Tennessee. John Gordon was often referred to as Major John Gordon and it is theorized that this was a title he received when fighting in the War of 1812.

Source: The biographical information on Major John Gordon was gleaned from the following websites:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~tngiles/charts/gordonb.htm>

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/g/o/r/Fred-D-Gordon/GENE24-0004.html>

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