

## JONATHAN TIPTON, III, SAT IN LEGISLATURE

Father of Thirteen Children,  
Many of Whom Were  
Noted.

### JOHN BUTLER TIPTON'S LIFE

Jonathad Caswell Tipton Con-  
spicuous in Lower East  
Tennessee.

Jonathan Tipton, youngest son of Col. John and Mary Butler Tipton and the third of that name according to the trace of the Tipton family of Tennessee, was born in Dumsmore county, Virginia. The county name was changed to "Shenandoah" in the year 1807 and the distillate Virginians had for the colonial government, Dumsmore. In this connection it might be of historical interest to mention the fact that Col. John Tipton I was a delegate from Dumsmore county to the Virginia convention of May 4, 1776.

On June 8, 1776, Jonathan Tipton III, was born. In 1782, he removed with his father to Washington county, Tenn., and resided in that county until 1810. The senate journal of the state legislature for the years 1807 and 1809, gives Jonathan Tipton as the "senator from Carter and Washington counties." It was probably in the fall of 1810 that Jonathan Tipton removed to Blount county and settled at Clover Hill. He was elected the following year to the lower house of the Tennessee legislature, and continued to represent that county until 1821. The writer has not had access to the records of the legislature for the period between 1812 and 1818. The journal of the lower house for 1813, gives Jonathan Tipton as a representative from Blount county. During the last two years of Mr. Tipton's service in the legislature, he was on the committee of "propositions and grievances." From Jonathan Tipton's votes in the legislature we are led to believe he was opposed to divorce, as he voted against every petition advocating divorce brought before the legislature.

In 1823 Jonathan Tipton removed to Monroe county. He died in 1853 and is buried on the farm where he died.

John Butler Tipton, the eldest son of Jonathan and Lavina Williams Tipton, was born in Washington county, Tenn. He seems to have settled in Monroe county previous to his father locating in that county. Monroe county was formed in 1817, and John But-

ler Tipton was the first clerk of the county court. It was at his residence the first Monroe county court was held. The first man to receive a legal death sentence in Monroe county was hanged in John Butler Tipton's yard on a dog wood tree. John Butler Tipton built the first house in Monroe county that had glass windows. Tradition tells us that on Sundays his yard was full of people from the surrounding country, who came to see the curiosity of a house with glass windows.

Lorena Dow Tipton, the eighth child of Jonathan Tipton, III, was a noted Baptist preacher in his day. He removed to Texas quite a number of years ago, and died in that state December 12, 1894. There was another noted Baptist divine in this family, Rev. "Cud" Tipton.

John Butler Tipton has a grandson in this city who stands among the very best of Presbyterian ministers, a man noted for his piety, a good organizer and one who knows how to get good work from his members. He has built up a weak church until it is strong in religious work and is self-supporting. He is Rev. W. R. Dawson, pastor of the South Knoxville Presbyterian church. He is an able expounder of the gospel truths. While there are none of the lofty flights of oratory in Rev. Mr. Dawson's sermons, there are those wholesome truths that they make impressions that are not soon forgotten. Rev. Mr. Dawson has been pastor of the South Knoxville church for seventeen years. In fact he is the only pastor of that church has had. He married Miss Bettie Elmore, daughter of Rev. E. A. Elmore, and consequently has a very able assistant in his church work.

The Tipton's as a general rule are large men, and usually are about six feet in height. Occasionally one will find a small man among them, but not often.

#### Tipton Genealogy.

Jonathan Tipton III, the youngest child of John and Mary Butler Tipton, in 1786, married Lavina Williams, whose mother was a sister of John Adams. Jonathan and Lavina Tipton reared twelve children. They were:

First—Mary Ann Tipton, born May 10, 1774, died September 1, 1851. Married W. Ware.

Second—John Butler Tipton, born December 16, 1776, died November 20, 1871.

Third—Edmund Williams Tipton, born June, 1778, died 1868.

Fourth—William Blount Tipton, born April 11, 1801.

Fifth—Lucerella Adams Tipton, born January 14, 1804, married Hanna Bradford.

Sixth—Phoenia Whittson Tipton, born February 4, 1806, married P. M. Wier.

Seventh—Sarah Hoss Tipton, born October 11, 1808, married a Mr. Wilkins.

Eighth—Lorena Dow Tipton, born June 8, 1810, died September 12, 1894. Baptist preacher; removed to Texas.

Ninth—Pleasant Madison Tipton, born February 26, 1811, descendants live in Covington, Tenn.

Tenth—Elbridge Gary Tipton, born

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Jonathan Caswell Tipton, born December 13, 1815, died November 15, 1894, married Elizabeth Sharon.

Twelfth—Quincy Adams Tipton, born July 1, 1819, married Rachel Davis Holsell.

Thirteenth—Lorena Tipton, married Mr. Hale.

John Butler Tipton, the oldest son of Jonathan and Lavina Williams Tipton, married and they reared thirteen children: Malcolm, Harrison, Caswell, Lucerella, married W. H. Dawson, Lorena, married J. Marshall, married Miss Dossier and has two children: May, Sarah, Emma, Aurelia, Bettie, married Thomas Cobb, and Lorena Dow Tipton.

#### Jonathan Caswell Tipton.

Jonathan Caswell Tipton, the seventh child of Jonathan and Lavina Williams Tipton, was the register of the land office for the opening of the Greene district at Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1854. He was elected to this position by the legislature, and in 1854 he was elected by acclamation, having no opposition. In 1854 he proved to be a very able lawyer in a law suit involving the Ducktown Copper mine, copper having been discovered by the Doxaters district about the year 1852. The writer has seen very interesting papers in regard to these copper mines, but as he is not a lawyer he can not bring out the facts in regard to this litigation. He was very steady conduct on the part of prominent people, in order to obtain possession of these copper mines.

Mr. Tipton's record is clear, and his evidence straight. Jonathan Caswell Tipton probably removed to Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1847. The writer is of the opinion that he died there.

Jonathan Caswell Tipton married Elizabeth Sharon, of Nashville. They reared eight children: Edmund, Lavina, Edmund Caswell, Ida Lovena, Mary Lucerella, Horace F., Jonathan Hastings, and John Caswell.

William Sharon Tipton, the first child of Jonathan Caswell and Elizabeth Tipton, married and had two children: first, Oscar Stanley Tipton, who married Albert Sidney Johnson, of Tusculum, Alabama. They have one son, A. R. Johnson, Jr. and William S. Tipton, Jr. The second child of W. S. Tipton, Jr. was the first child of Edmund C. Tipton, the second child of J. C. and Elizabeth Shaw Tipton, was never married.

Ida Lavina Tipton, the third child of J. C. and Elizabeth Shaw Tipton, married T. A. Hays, of Nashville at Cleveland, Tennessee. They have two children, Clifford and Emily Hays.

Mary Lucerella Tipton, the fourth child of J. C. and Elizabeth Shaw Tipton, married John Johnston, and resides at Cleveland, Tennessee. They have two daughters, Nellie Johnston, who is unmarried, and resides with her parents, Clyde Johnston, the second daughter, married C. E. Harwick, Junior.

Horace S. Tipton, the fifth child of Jonathan C. and Elizabeth Shaw Tipton, married and has two children, Sharon and Douglas Tipton.

Adella Tipton, the sixth child of J. C. and Elizabeth Shaw Tipton, married W. S. Turner. They reside near Cleveland, Tennessee and have one son, Edmund Turner.

Catherine Elizabeth Tipton, the seventh child of Jonathan C. and Elizabeth Shaw Tipton, married Jackson Hale and they have one son, John Hale. In the above list the writer did not recall that he did not have the maiden names of William S. and Horace S. Tipton's wives until it was too late to obtain the information for use in this article.

Quincy Adams Tipton, the twelfth child of Jonathan and Lavina Williams Tipton, married Rachel Davis Holsell, a sister of John Butler Holsell, of London, Tenn. This family resides at London, Tenn. They raised five children.

King Holsell Tipton, the first child of Q. A. and Rachel Holsell Tipton, married Laura Siver, and resides at London, Tennessee.

Jonathan Tipton, the second child of Quincy and Rachel Holsell Tipton, is well remembered as a Knoxville man: having entered the service of the Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railroad, when quite a young man, and by special attention to business, he secured many promotions. He was commercial agent of the railroad at the time when he died a few years since. Mr. Tipton married Mrs. Lela Alexander Oliver, but left his mother at London, Tennessee.

Quincy Adams Tipton, Jr., the third child of Q. A. and Rachel Holsell Tipton, resides with his mother at London, Tennessee.

Thomas P. Tipton, the fifth child of Q. A. and Rachel Holsell Tipton, married Miss Walker and they make their home in Atlanta.

Next week we will finish Col. John Tipton's descendants, and take up the family of Jonathan Tipton, and some of his descendants, who are the Greene county Tiptons.

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