

Madison Southall
1824-1879
Enslaved at Carnton

- 1824 (abt)Madison was born in Franklin, Tennessee.
- 1830 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN listed Randal McGavock as head of household. The rest of the household members were listed with slash marks in their category designated by age, gender and race. The household consisted of seven free White people and nineteen enslaved Black people. Only one male slave under the age of ten, fitting Madison’s age, was listed.
- 1840 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN listed Randal McGavock as head of household. The rest of the household members were listed with slash marks in their category designated by age, gender and race. The household consisted of four free White people and twenty-one enslaved Black people. Only one male slave between the age of ten and twenty-three, fitting Madison’s age, was listed.
- 1843 Randal McGavock died. Madison was listed as one of Randal’s twenty-two slaves in the inventory of his Estate. All twenty-two of Randal McGavock’s slaves were bequeathed to his wife Sarah Rodgers McGavock. “Madison, 19” was listed.

Negroes

*Stirling aged 60 Richard aged 15 Ben aged 15
Michael aged 43 Joe aged 17 Wm aged 21 Madison
aged 19 Lewis 15 Edmund 11 Jack & Maria 5 George 3
Cory 17 months. Suley 70 Mary 15. Betty 32 Francis 17
15 Susanna 14 also 3 Eliza 7 Julia 6*

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- 1846 Sarah McGavock , who had inherited all of her husband’s twenty-two slaves, wrote a will distributing all of her human property amongst her four children and one grandchild. Madison was bequeathed to Sarah’s daughter Mary Southall and her children Josephine and Randal.

¹ Inventory of Randal McGavock, Williamson County Archives, Franklin, TN.

This is the last will & Testament of Sarah
D. McGarock, In the name of Almighty
God Amen!
Item 1st As the property my beloved husband
left to my daughter Mrs Mary Southall
was proved to be of less value than
we expected, therefore to make her
equal, I give & bequeath to Randal
& Josephine & the child or children which
may here after be born of her body,
the following property, Viz old Luckey &
Joe, Henry, Sammy & her two children, Joannah
Eliza & Alice, these are all of one family,
also Madison & Richard & their increase
The above mentioned servants I design
to be under the control of for the care
of my daughter Mrs Mary Southall
during her life time, and at her death
to be equally divided among her chil-
dren, then surviving her, or if no child
or children survive their mother, then
to be divided among the heirs of
my late husband

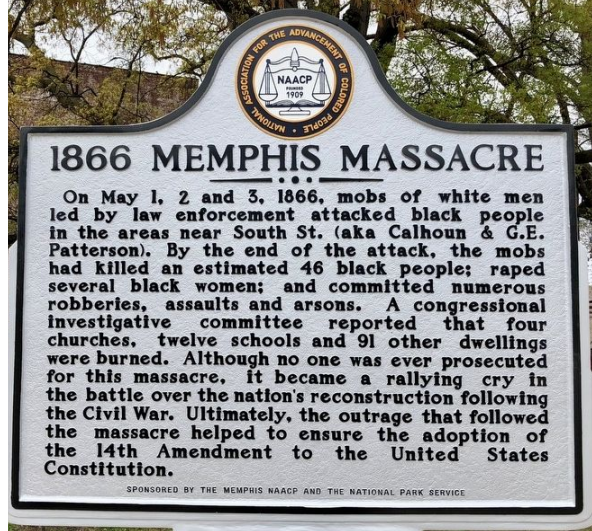
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1864 March 1: Madison enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was not serving a combat role, but that an “undercook” for Co. C, 58th IL Infantry. He enlisted in Canton, MS and mustered into service in Alexandria, LA. His descriptive roll described him as “36 yrs old, born in Franklin, TN, height 5’6, hair black, eyes black, complexion black.”

June 25: Madison deserted the U.S. Army in Memphis, TN.

1866 Madison Southall, a freedman, had to deal with the constantly changing environment and escalating tensions and violence. In Memphis, where he lived there was a terrible massacre and even if Madison wasn’t involved, it would have been an event he was incredibly impacted by.

² William Hicks Jackson Papers, Special Collections, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN, Box 4, Folder 26



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1870 July: Madison was a delegate for his district for a “Radical” Republican Convention held in Memphis.

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RADICAL CONVENTION.

**Proceedings Yesterday Afternoon—
They Nominate Candidates for
Probate Judge, County Register
and Attorney General.**

The Radicals of Shelby county were in convention yesterday, and with open doors and before the eyes of those who might be enabled to stand the smell of the negro, made nominations for the county offices to be filled in August.

We are furnished with minute details of the proceedings by the local of the Avalanche, whose olfactories are said to be the most acute in the world, and was enabled thereby to invade the sacred precincts of “Hell’s Half-acre” at mid-day, when the heat is known to bring out the perfume of Cuffy in all its rich, rare and delightful fragrance. The place selected for holding this meeting was at the Temple of the Sons of Ham. A spot more suited in every respect could not be found.

The meeting was called to order soon after noon, and Judge Hudson, the defeated candidate for Judge in the late election, was made Chairman, and L. B. Eaton, Secretary, assisted by a colored youth of uncommon lingual facility, and between him and constable Hayden, also a delegate and sergeant-at-arms, to boot, there was a continual interchange of sarcasms, grins and compliments all day. We found, also, upon investigation, that the convention was composed of the following

DELEGATES FROM WARDS AND DISTRICTS.

First Ward—F. W. Lewis, W. Wallace, Tom Maguire, Wes. Cunningham.
 Second Ward—A. P. Curry, H. Trowbridge, Tom Holland, L. Samelson.
 Third Ward—Joe Evans, E. L. Johnson, James Rollins.
 Fourth Ward—J. B. Woodward, S. B. Beaumont, H. E. Hudson.
 Fifth Ward—J. J. Sayers, Freeman Wright, George Preston, J. E. Helm.
 Seventh Ward—Ed. Shaw, Thad. Plummer, J. Napier, William Eppes, Henry Lanier, W. Kennedy, J. W. Washington, L. E. Dyer.
 Eighth Ward—Madison Southall, John Taylor, Joseph Waller, Charles Smith, Charles Barker.

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³ [1866 Memphis Massacre Historical Marker \(hmdb.org\)](http://1866MemphisMassacreHistoricalMarker(hmdb.org))

⁴ Public Ledger, Memphis, Tn, Thursday, 21 Jul 1870, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

August 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Memphis, Shelby, TN showed Madison, a wood dealer, and his wife Rosa (35 yrs old) living with two children: Sterling, 16, and Millie, 13. Neither Madison nor his wife could read or write.

1874 Memphis City Directory Listings:

Southall, Madison, col, wood-hauler, r cor Quimby and Robeson.
 Southall, Wm, col, lab, r Hernando, nr cor Vance.
 Southern Baptist Publication Society. J R Graves. president and gen- 5

1875 July 21: Daughter, Millie, died of purerperal fever.

1876 Memphis City Directory Listings:

Southall Charles, col'd, lab, r ns Carolina, w of 7th, Ft P
 Southall Madison, col'd, wood dealer, r Quimby, sw cor Robeson
 Southall Samuel, col'd, porter C. Herzog & Bro., r 147 Causey
 Southall Reuben J., col'd, porter, r 22 Echols 6

1879 Memphis City Directory Listings:

Southall Charles, c, lab, r ns Coffee, e of 3d, Ft P
 Southall Madison, c, lab, r Quimby, sw cor Robeson
 Southall Richard J., dep clk Criminal Court, r county
 Southall Samuel, c, porter C. Herzog & Bro., r 147 Causey
 Southerland John C. with Day & Proudfit. r 300 Front 7

October 18: Madison Southall died of Yellow Fever in Memphis, Tn.

New Cases.	
Twenty-three cases of yellow fever have been added to the list according to the board of health report since Saturday noon, making the total 1433, as follows:	
G. W. McCormack, age 48, 35 Overton.	Jack Gilbert, age 29, 79 Front.
Mrs. Maloney, age 31, 32 Adams.	E. Marrietta, age 22, Second and stock yard.
Con Rawlings, age 37, 15 Washington.	Massie Lane, age 4, Sixth and Walnut.
Wm. Robinson, age 53, hospital.	J. Holmes, age 40, hospital.
Frank Hall, age 52, hospital.	Magdalen Sandbery, age 6, 72 Winchester.
Loulsa Bernard, age 10, Dunlap.	James Stinette, age 11, 68 Third.
Geo. LaCroix, age 19, Second and stock yard.	Madson Southall, age 54, Quimby.
Lilly Anderson, age 17, 69 Jefferson.	M. Shaw, age 63, Hernando.
— Anderson, age 32, 69 Jefferson.	James King, age 34, Stewart avenue.
Jack Gilbert, age 29, 79 Front.	H. Robeson, age 65, 6 Goslee.
	John Paine, age 28, 109 Adams.
	J. S. McDaniel, age 31, 28 Pontotoc.
	Elizabeth Berton, age 4, 11 Vance.
	W. R. Smith, age 18, hospital. 8

1880 The Mortality Schedule of the U.S. Census enumerated in Memphis, TN, listed

⁵ Southall, Madison, U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 (accessed ancestry.com)
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⁷ Southall, Madison, U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 (accessed ancestry.com)
⁸ Public Ledger, Memphis, Tn, Monday, 13 Oct 1879, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

Madison Southall had died the previous October. He was described as having been “54 years old, Male, Black and being born in Tennessee.” His cause of death was Yellow Fever. He was listed as a laborer and both of his parents had been born in North Carolina. This is the first and only information given about Madison’s parents.