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could have held some other elective office and in the retelling of the story, it became governor. The 1928 letter is on pages 96 and 97 of Yancey - Medearis and Related Lines.

This is an interesting area of research for someone who has the interest and time to do it. The writer hopes to get to it some day.

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Mt. Airy Titus Co. Texas

July 9th/1877

Mrs. S. E. Norwood

Dear Daughter

Considerable time has elapsed since we wrote last to you and now having a little rest from almost continuous manual labor we try again. We have had the hardest and most constant labor to go through with from the beginning of spring until last Friday evening.

We now have our crop clean and the prospect tolerable if we could get rain soon.

We (of course) as we grow older are losing much of our energy both of body and mind, and when we return from the field of labor with our garments wet with perspiration we feel hardly able to talk think or write much. On yesterday went about 2 miles to the Justice School house spoke about one hour and a 1/2 in a warm room to an attentive audience and walked home through the warm sunshine much fatigued again. With this exception we have rested since Friday except feeding stock, cooking, milking, etc.

On yesterday the 8th we received a letter from J.M. Norwood giving us the pleasing news of the birth of your 1st granddaughter and 1st great grand-daughter. In a few hours after a messenger came from the upper end of this co. and informed us of the birth of David & Emmas 1st grandson, our 1st great grandson. Ain't this getting rich fast, and old too!!

Archie & Lucy have not yet become members of the Church of Jesus Christ. They have no doubt often thought that they would obey the Lord but procrastination has thus far stolen their time! Archie's mother has united with our congregation. A letter recently from your brother John. All well except their little boy who seems to have been for some time unhealthy. John speaks of coming to Texas on a visit to spend several months.

His oldest daughter Margaret is still at McMinville College Tennessee progressing well and has become a Christian. Your mother recently received a letter from John's little daughter Emma Estella Yancey. She is very young to write but says that if grandma will write, she can answer her letter now. She

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says that she has been to Ft. Smith and just returned home. Tell your Emma that grandma says that she must make haste and learn to write so that she can write to her grandma too. Tell little David that we want to hear from him too, how he can spell, how he can read, and how he can speak like a big man. Tell William Tolbert that we have been lost from him ever since he left us 29th of October 1875. Nobody is willing as he to prattle around me and ask me questions for solution to go with me hunting, fishing, etc. Farewell Willie recollect what I told you when we parted--i.e. Be a good-boy. Shun bad company. Use no bad words. Read good books, the Bible mostly. As you grow up to manhood strive constantly to train yourself to be a good man that you may be happy in this life and happy hereafter. I was glad to read one statement in Macks letter that he believed that George was one of the best boys that he ever saw. You once asked me something in relation to your childrens interests in Tennessee. I never learned how Bro. Noblitt left or disposed of his effects at his death. I know that it was his expressed intention to me to give the children a fare showing. It certainly would be right for some competent person to attend to their rights there for there ought to be something worth caring for.

Our fruit has been tolerably good this year except pares. The trees are all dead and dying with blight. We think that we will lose them all. We cannot account for the disease. Think it comparable to rust in the wheat or Oats.

Angy & George were well the night before last for the boys saw him at the debate then. All your brothers and sisters and their families are well as far as known. The general health of this country is good as far as we know. Hear of no sickness except some of Bro. Ephraim H. Smiths children. Some of them are sick. They recently came here from the bayou Bartholomew in Arkansas, a very sickly country, where he lost his wife and several members of his family. We are glad he has come among us for he is an able Christian preacher and an own brother of Albert our neighbor whom you know. Your mother has underwent much fatigue this Spring & Summer and has stood it wonderfully.

All join in love to you all

D. & R.D. Yancey

Eliza in fine health attracts many beaux and is as active and can do much in the house or out of it as any girl of her inches.

Note By D.M.W.:

The above letter was written by David Yancey (1808-1885) (page 5-7) to his daughter Sarah Elizabeth Noblitt Norwood (page 50). He, as this letter indicates, did some preaching for the Church of Christ. As was true of most preachers of his day, however, he earned a livelihood by other than preaching. J.M. (James McGrady Norwood) was his grand son-in-law (page 50) and the first great grand daughter he mentions was Leona Elizabeth Norwood b. June 27, 1877 (page 51).

The first great grandson mentioned was William Anon Willis born July 7, 1877 (page 19).

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"Archie and Lucy" were Lucy Elizabeth Yancey and her husband Archibald Anon Willis (page 18).

The family of Dr. John Yancey ("your brother John") is found pages 13-16.

David Yancey, as is evident from this letter, was a well educated man for his day. We can also see in this letter evidence of the diversity of his interests: his love for his family, his concern for his fellow man, his intelligence, and his strong Christian character. Reading this letter makes me proud to be his great grandson.

The original of this letter was in possession of W. H. Norwood in 1961.

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### A TEACHER FALLEN

Marshall Co., Tenn., Feb. 28th. 1846

Bro. Fanning:--On Tuesday morning the 21st. of December last, at 5 o'clock, our talented, useful and beloved brother John Wesley McDoniel, breathed out his life sweetly on the promises of our risen and exalted Savior. He was born 7th. of March 1814. He died at his own residence in Bedford County, of Pulmonary Consumption.

He suffered the long and distressing illness without murmuring, and during the whole time he seemed invariably to enjoy extraordinary mental composure, while the engrossing subject of pure Christianity furnished the theme for many edifying lessons that he gave to his attending bretherin and friends. Brother T.V. Griffin who witnessed his departure, informs me that our intelligent and devoted brother came(sic) into possession of the Christian faith at an early age through many difficulties and sore trials. We are rejoiced to know that with unwavering determination he held fast his integrity and confidence in the Lord to the last moment.

But a short time before he expired he called his family and friends, and after advising and admonishing as long as his feeble voice would permit, and finding his respiration growing more difficult he bid them all adieu! and literally devoted his remaining breath to the praises of God victorious like his Lord. His exit was thus calm and triumphant. We seriously feel our loss (in the congregation at Liberty) of an able teacher and a successful proclaimer of the Gospel. We deeply sympathize with our bereaved and afflicted sister (his Widow) in the loss of an amiable companion, and an affectionate and dutiful husband! and we feel sorrow in our hearts for his bereaved little son and daughter, John and Mary, for they lost an affectionate parent who was desirous to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. But we do not "sorrow as those that have no hope." when we are assured that "blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord, from hence

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forth, yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Your Brother in Christ

DAVID YANCEY

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Note by D.M.W. --This was copied from a copy of the Christian Review by Robert T. Gill. The original is in his possession. The author is David Yancey (1808-1885) (see pages 5-7). (see also pages 233 and 269).

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DR. J. M. YANCEY, RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS.

TAKEN FROM THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEW WEST. Arkansas Section  
Printed in 1881 Pages 251, 252  
This book is under section R920 in the Dallas library.  
(see pages 13-16 this book)

J. M. Yancey, eclectic physician, was born in Marshall County, Tennessee, February 21, 1832, and there grew up and lived to the age of 27, attending, when quite young, the schools in the neighborhood of Old Liberty Church, receiving, in all, about two years schooling. He has added to his scholastic attainments a good stock of general information by an extensive course of miscellaneous reading, but to medical books he has devoted most attention.

Raised upon a farm and living in a quiet community, his boyhood was not stained by the vices common to youth. He never saw a fight until he was eighteen, has never tasted whiskey as a beverage, nor played cards, used tobacco nor departed widely from the high standard of morality under which his exemplary and careful father trained him. Moderate farm work, hunting and rambling among the hills about his father's home in his boyhood laid the foundation for the hardy constitution and uniform good health which has enabled him to endure the fatigue and exposure of professional life.

Dr. Yancey was raised in, and by birth, education, culture and choice, belongs to the great middle class of society, among whom in all ages are to be found more honor, virtue, intelligence, morality, manhood and solid happiness than in either the upper or lower ranks.

He is a little over medium height, has dark hair, hazel eyes and an expression of affiability, thoughtfulness and prudence. The manly qualities and virtues are so blended in his mental and moral make-up that it is difficult to