

82 WESTWOOD TITLE TRACE	MISC. RESEARCH & REFERENCES	MISC. DEED RESEARCH RELATED TO 82 WESTWOOD
Current tax card: Joseph Bennett, owner Tax card indicates house built in 1860. 1.35 acre lot references DB 526/343		
DB 526/343, 26 Aug 1940 from William E. Atkinson to Walter N. and Lillian R. Bennett, \$10 references: J.G. Merrimon property stone pillar at west margin of Westwood Place “down with meanders of branch” “being the northern portion of the property conveyed to William E. Atkinson by Consolidated Realty Company” in DB 507/592 .		
DB 507/592, 13 May 1938 from Consolidated Realty Company, a Delaware company to William E. Atkinson, \$10 “same property conveyed to Frank C. Atkinson by Jack Atkinson, unmarried” 1 Feb 1927, DB 372/278 references: Westwood Place C.J. Ebb’s property “conveyed to him by Jack Atkinson 4 June 1923, DB 272/245 S side branch		
DB 372/278, 15 Feb 1927 from Jack Atkinson (unmarried) to Frank C. Atkinson, \$10 “...Encumbrances: except a deed in trust to the Central Bank for \$13,000 and one to J. A. Porter for \$45,000 and one to W.E. Shuford for \$300.00...” no prior deed reference		
<i>Search for Jack Atkinson as grantee in transactions prior to 1927—over 98 transactions listed.</i>		
<i>Browse Atkinsons as GRANTEES in West Avl:</i>	Find-A-Grave index, Riverside Cemetery, Avl: NATT ATKINSON, 1932-1894 / HARRIETT BAIRD ATKINSON, 1838-1919 <i>Asheville City Directory, 1915</i> “Atkinson, Harriett, widow, RD 3, W Avl” <i>Asheville City Directory, 1912</i> “Harriett N. Atkinson, wid. Natt, h W Avl (RFD 3)”, with Edward W., student, Dorothy, Jack, student, Julia, Mary Separate listing for “Edwd B. Atkinson, Natt Atkinson Sons Co., real estate, Revell Bldg” Atkinsons are kin to Merrimons and Reynolds. OBCGS website entry for Israel Baird: Bedent Baird married Mary Ann ---. Their son Israel Baird married Mary Ann Tate in 1838. Israel’s daughter, Susan Baird Reynolds and husband Daniel Reynolds built the brick house known as the Reynolds Mansion @ Reynolds Mountain in N Avl. Israel and Mary Ann had 11 kids, including: Susan (1826-1915) married Daniel Reynolds (1809-1878) in 1844. Margaret Jane (1835) married Augustus Merrimon (1830-1912) in 1852. Harriett Newell (1838) married Natt Atkinson in Feb. 1858 in Cleveland County, TN	

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	<p>Atkinson was an attorney and served in the NC House, 1879-80.</p> <p><i>The Southeastern Reporter</i>, vol. 32, Feb – May 1899 referenced online at Google Books: Webb v. Atkinson case heard at NC Supreme Court , 1899 Case about “fraudulent conveyances.” Looks like Natt Atkinson was found to have conveyed property to his wife and kids in order to avoid losing the property to creditors.</p> <p>“An insolvent owing three times his assets, and pressed by creditors, conveyed to two of his sons, without consideration, land constituting his chief property, and, soon after, one son conveyed to the other, without consideration. The land was afterwards sold, and the father received the proceeds, treating them as his own.... The insolvent having purchased land in his wife’s name...Action by Charles A. Webb, administrator of Natt Atkinson, deceased, against Harriett Atkinson and others...” <i>(Natt died in 1894 according to Find A Grave website)</i></p> <p>Asheville City Directory 1896 numerous Atkinsons listed at 216 Haywood Road Charles B, Charlotte B, Harriet (window), Hugh, Mary, Natt B., Phillip G. Also lists Natt B. Atkinson and Sons Real Estate</p> <p>1880 census: Natt Atkinson, age 47, b. around 1833 in TN, at home in Swannanoa, Buncombe Co. in 1880, wife Harriett, age 40; Natt’s father born SC; mother born NC, occupation: fruit grower children: Natt B. 18; Edward D, 14; Charles B. 12; May B. 10; Hugh H. 8, Phillip G. 7, Emma J. 5, Lilly D. 4, Paralee 3, Edith 1</p> <p>1870 census Asheville Township No. 9 Natt Atkinson, lawyer, age 37, born in TN, with wife and 4 kids age 8 and under, also in household: Emma Baird age 31, Robert Williams age 40, farmer</p> <p>1865 Natt Atkinson, 62 Tennessee Mtd. infantry, Captain, CSA source: CW service records (Ancestry.com)</p>	<p>MERRIMON HOUSE TRACT BROKEN OFF FROM 82 WESTWOOD DB 110/444 31 August 1899 from Charles A. Webb, Commissioner to Blanche Southwick Merrimon, wife of J. G. M. Merrimon</p> <p>refers to “certain action pending in the Superior Court of Buncombe County... wherein Charles A. Webb, Administrator was plaintiff and Harriet N. Atkinson and others were defendants, the land herein described was ordered adjudged and decreed to be sold for the purposes set forth...directed to sell land at the courthouse door...on Monday the 3rd day of July 1899.... at the price of \$3260.0... being that portion of the tract of land known as the Patterson or Graham Place which is fully described on deed of conveyance executed by C. E. Graham and wife to Harriet N. Atkinson, dated June – 1887... DB 59 page 261...”</p> <p>tract adjoins land of H.S. (?) Harkins, Mrs. Dorcas Reynolds and others “beginning at a stake on the west side of the Turnpike” N and E with the line to Haskin’s corner with Harkin’s line N and W to a stake on the Branch (?) up said branch with its meanderings to Mrs. Dorcas Reynold’s line E with line to beginning “being one of the tracts of land referred to in the record of said case of Webb Administrator v. Atkinson...”</p>
<p>DB 84/66 – WEST TRACT, 20 Oct 1892 to Harriett N. Atkinson from F.S.H. Reynolds “being a part of the Peter Miller old tract which joins the Patterson Mill property” “beginning at the NW corner of the Patterson place sold by CE Graham to Harriet N. Atkinson, the same being the northwest corner of the ---- acre homeplace of the late John Reynolds and running –NW (?) 150 feet to a</p>		

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stake in the branch at the W (?) corner of the Patterson Place...” NW 150 (?) feet to stake 16 feet E of the road leading to Patterson Mill from the Haywood Road...		
DB 68/19 , Conveyed 22 July 1897, recorded 24 Oct 1899 to FSH Reynolds from Peter Miller estate, James Butterick executor, \$1700 “adjacent land of RO Patterson, Mrs. D. Reynolds, Natt Atkinson, and others...” Ref: M. Alexander; E margin of road leading from Patterson Mill to Haywood Road ; GW Miller; Jarrett old line; mill pond		
<i>Looking for transactions involving Charles A Webb, administrator of Natt Atkinson estate:</i>		
DB 59/261 – EAST TRACT, June 1887 from C. E. Graham and wife Susan to Harriet N. Atkinson \$6,000 (?), 13 acres “ a tract of land... adjoining the lands of H. S. Harkins and Mrs. Dorcas Reynolds and others as follows... beginning at a stake on the W side of Turnpike and in Mrs. Dorcas Reynolds line and N E with the road ,... to H.S. Harkins corner than with Harkins line N W ... to a stake in the branch... then up said branch with its various meanderings to Mrs. Dorcas Reynolds line then E with the line to the beginning containing 13 acres... ”	Dorcas Melissa Wilson Reynolds, born 1838 in Yancey Co, married William W. Reynolds, son of John and Ann Reynolds, in 1859, d. Feb. 1923. <i>1902 Asheville City Directory</i> Dorcas M. Reynolds, wid W M, W Asheville	
DB 58/115 , March 17, 1887 from MJ Patterson, RO Patterson , Medora Patterson to CE Graham 13 acres W sd Turnpike adj. Dorcas Reynolds , \$4,800 branch to the west, Dorcas Reynolds to the south, turnpike to the east, HS Harkins corner at NE corner of lot @ turnpike GRAHAM SOLD PROPERTY TO ATKINSON 2 MONTHS LATER	MartyGrant.com says R.O. Patterson was a lawyer and politician, his wife was Medora Josephine Moore Patterson. He died young, b, 1852, d. 1896, she remarried. <i>Branson’s North Carolina Business Directory, 1890</i> R.O. Patterson listed under Buncombe County s, “Merchants of flour and corn, Asheville” Internet search turned up references to Patterson Mill Road in W Avl. A Google search turns up a group of Asheville HRC materials donated to UNCA library—they are notes on Asheville plat books—but don’t seem to be the same plat books posted online by Buncombe County: PB 800/64 City tax map ward 6, sheet 4 “ Part of Hazel Road shown in brackets as Patterson Mill Road... ” PB 800/65 City tax map ward 6, sheet 5 “ Buffalo Street shown as Patterson Mill Road and shown in brackets as	DB 58/92 March 14 1887 – just a few days before DB58/115 transaction from Patterson to Graham from RO and Medora Patterson to HS Harkins 30 acres Western Turnpike Road this is the lot on the north side of 82 Westwood, later site of the Judge Merrimon House \$3205 "designated on plat make by JG Aston July 1886" -- can not find this plat on file. deed contains many references to the plat. ref. Swan Greenlee corner "adj lands of Peter Miller, deceased, RO Patterson, Swan Greenlee, Harry P----, and JL Henry deceased and others as follows..." Between Turnpike and branch, Dorcas Reynolds is to the south, large parcel owned by RO Patterson is split up and sold to Graham and to Harkins in March 1887. Swan Greenlee's land is on north side of Patterson lot..

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	<p>Smith Mill Road." <i>Buffalo Street is in Burton Street community. All of these streets lie west of the River, in close proximity to Smith Mill Creek, also in vicinity of north end of Westwood Place.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Using references in DB 58/92, looked for references to adjacent landowners, in hopes of finding connections to 82 Westwood lot, found transaction for Peter Miller:</i> DB 68/19 THIS IS PROBABLY LOT LATER SOLD BY FSH REYNOLDS TO HARRIET ATKINSON 22 July 1887 Peter Miller estate, James Buttrick executor estate selling land to FSH Reynolds for \$1700 adjoining lands of RO Patterson, Mrs. D. Reynolds, Natt Atkinson, and others begin at stake on E sd branch N 26 poles to state M. Alexander corner NW 20 poles w Alexander line to his NW corner on E margin of ROAD LEADING FROM PATTERSON MILL TO HAYWOOD ROAD w said rd NE 27 poles to rock on E margin of said rd, corner of GW Miller SW 51 poles to Jarrett old line NW said line 57 poles to A STAKE IN EDGE OF MILL POND down w S EDGE OF MILL POND line btwn miller and Patterson leaves the mill pond SW to branch SW to beginning</p> <p><i>Peter Miller lands sold to FSH Reynolds. Lands abut south side of mill pond and road leading from Patterson Mill to Haywood Road. South of mill pond, and west of Dorcas and Natt Atkinson. This places Patterson Mill NW of Patterson property on Westwood. I think that J.L. Henry's estate land (as it was known in the 1880s and 1890s) sat east and north or 82 Westwood. This jibes with the "Henry Estate" note on various 1880s maps, and the "JL Henry Estate" plat noted in PB 99/399.</i></p>	
<p><i>How did the Pattersons acquire the 82 Westwood lot?</i></p>	<p>DB 48/129 March 1885 from Ellen Delaney, Jeremiah Delaney and wife to RO Patterson \$100 ref. Haywood Rd, "adj. lands of Dorcas Reynolds, JL Henry, and others" 1/2 acre "as surveyed by William Henry surveyor dated April 20 1882... <i>It's worth looking at this transaction carefully---1/2 acre would be a decent sized house lot in the 1880s—but I don't think 82 Westwood is on this parcel--\$100 is too inexpensive for a brick house. However, as seen in the next transaction, the property is linked to J.L. Henry, and it's worthwhile to sort out Henry's landholdings. Is this one of the lots currently between 52 and 82 Westwood?</i></p>	
		<p>DB 46/182 2/6/1884 from JL Henry and wife to Jeremiah (Jerry Mire) and Ellen Delaney \$100 "adj lands of Dorcas Reynolds, JL Henry, and others..."</p>

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		"w sd Fr Bd riv on the Haywood Rd" "as surveyed in the plat by William Henry survey dated April 20, 1882"* 1/2 acre
<p>DB 43/206 1883 from JL and MA Henry to RO Patterson "tract adj lands of JL Henry, E Cowen, Dorcas Reynolds, and others..." begin NW sd Turnpike at Martin Greenlee's beginning corner N to stake in Newfound Rd in C Cowen line W with Cowen line to Widow Reynolds line SE with Widow Reynolds line to W edge Turnpike Rd NE and W to beginning 9 acres and 100 poles</p> <p><i>If this is the brick house lot, need to account for other 4 (total of 13) acres acquired by Harriet Atkinson in 1887... JL Henry sold a 9 acre lot to RO Patterson in 1883. This lot, and other JL Henry property, is adj to Dorcas Reynolds. How big was Dorcas Reynold's lot? Difficult to say—the title trace for 52 Westwood is just as murky as 82 Westwood.</i></p>	<p>JAMES LOVE HENRY , BORN 1835, DIED OCT 6 1884, WIFE MARY ALEXANDER (MOLLIE)</p> <p>1896 map of Asheville on UNC map site provides little detail of W Avl, except for this notation: "Henry Estate" on W bank Fr Bd above Smith's Bridge, "Tahkeeostee Farm" south of Henry Estate.</p> <p>Robert Henry b. 1765, d. 1863 in Cherokee Co. married Dorcas Bell Love, daughter of Waynesville's Col. Robert Love children include Mary Louisa, who married Reuben Deaver and ran the Sulphur Springs Hotel; WL, who married Cornelia Smith (diary keeper); and JL Henry.</p> <p><i>Avl City Directory & Gazeteer of Buncombe County, 1883-84</i> Henry & Cummings, lawyers, s sd Public Sq JL Henry & PA Cummings JL Henry, "res Silver Springs" "Silver Springs" is a place name heading under Buncombe County in this edition of the Gazeteer. "A suburb of Asheville, beautifully situated on the west bank of French-Broad River, which here is crossed by a fine iron bridge. Contains a good hotel, two stories, and several other industries." Listing for "Silver Springs Hotel, A.A. Banks, prop." JL Henry listed as principal farmer in Silver Springs, "300 A" Ephraim Clayton listed as Principal Farmer, Silver Springs, "340 A 1 mi N" Other principal farmers in Silver Springs: AK Parham, 212 A, 3 mi W Mrs. DM Reynolds, 116 A, 1 mi. W SH Reynolds, 129 A ES Smith, 140 A Elsewhere in edition: Daniel L. Reynolds, brick manufacturer, Camp Patton ES and TL Clayton, Carpenters, "res Spruce St" TL Clayton "contractor and building planning mills, 2 mi W of CH"</p>	
<p><i>Looking for JL Henry transactions—there are many for him and wife Mary/Mollie Alexander Henry. Looking for JL Henry as grantee of land along Western Turnpike:</i></p>		<p>DB 33/160 11/26/1869 from Robert Henry to JL and Mary Henry 3 1/2 acres on Haywood Street <i>This appears to be Henry House on west side of Haywood Street in Asheville, visible in 1886 Asheville Map. Very interesting references to house occupied by AB Chunn and DL Swain in deed. The 1886 map shows this house on the east slope of Stony Hill/Battery Hill. In her diary, Cornelia Henry mentions going to</i></p>

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		<p>visit J.L. Henry's House in 1864 near/below the fortifications. The diary suggests that JL and Mollie lived in the Haywood Street house during the Civil War, but this deed indicates that JL's father Robert Henry owned the house until 1869.</p>
<p>RO Patterson seems to have acquired 82 Westwood from JL Henry in 1883, and sold it to CE Graham in 1887. What is RO Patterson's connection to Patterson Mill, which is referenced in many deeds? Maps and city directories indicate a Patterson Mill in West Asheville. Where was the Patterson Mill, and does information about the mill shed any light on 82 Westwood?</p>	<p>Branson's NC Directory 1867-68 Smith's Mills, AVL., J. Smith proprietor Henry's Mill, Hominy, WL Henry prop. Cathey's Mills, Hominy, Jos. Cathey prop. and others</p>	<p>DB 38/485 agreement related to sale of mill from GM Roberts to RO Patterson actual sale appears in different deed</p> <p>Branson's NC Directory, 1884: GM Roberts, merchant flour and corn, Avl WL Henry, merchant of flour and corn, Hominy Hyatt, Thrash and Co, flour and corn, Hominy & others (Roberts on board of Avl Female College, 1871-72)</p> <p><i>I seem to recall that J.S. Smith's money problems were related to GM Roberts... is the Patterson Mill, formerly the Roberts Mill, one and the same as Smith's Mill—namesake of Smith's Mill Creek?</i></p> <p><i>A quick title trace doesn't show that Smith's Mill was Patterson Mill... it seems to show a mill passing from Peter or George Miller to John Reynolds (perhaps with partners) to GM Roberts to RO Patterson. So, I can't say for sure that Patterson Mill was Smith's Mill.</i></p> <p><i>Browsing GM Roberts as grantee, looking for his assoc. with mill property around Smith's Mill Creek, potential for association with W Avl and Patterson property:</i></p>
		<p>found this -- 1887 deed of trust 1 acre from Jesse Smith to GM Roberts June 1 1867, Jesse in debt of \$683 to Erwin Sluder, sells lot to GM Roberts to pay Sluder "beginning at SE corner of old -- storehouse ---stable lot---back street---" <i>this is probably and urban lot assoc. with Smith family holdings DT -- not W AVL -- not mill property</i></p>
		<p>DB 35/231, 1/23/1873 \$1600 from John and Ann Reynolds to GM Roberts, 1/4 acre " a tract on Smith's Mill Creek on W sd Fr Bd Riv on which a grist and saw mill is situated known as the Miller Mill bounded as follows --- so as to include one fourth of one acre where the mills are situated then up the branch to include the -- and -- up to Jarrett's line..."</p>

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		DB 35/232, Jan 23 1873, SAME DAY AS DB 35/231 to GM Roberts from Canada Cowan, MC Cowan, Anne Miller, \$75 W sd Smith's Mill Creek part of tract formerly owned by George Miller beginning at rock at edge of mill pond...S margin of road...3 acres
		DB 35/467 Peter Miller sells to GM Roberts lot adj to "Roberts Mill Pond", 1 7/8 acre
		lkg for John and Ann Reynolds acquisition of mill: DB 35/70, Sep 11 1872, short & illegible deed! from FSH Reynolds, assignee to John Reynolds "Smith Mill Creek Bankruptcy" grist and saw mill tract 1/4 acre "I FSH Reynolds approve of ---of Wilson(?) Boyce (?) bankruptcy by --- of ---"
		also DB 26/26, Feb 25 1851 from Henry Renno to John Reynolds 93 acres Smith's Mill Creek illegible!
		<i>Dead end. Didn't prove anything, but suggests that John & Ann Reynolds, and later FSH Reynolds, were involved in milling on Smith's Mills Creek. Also an interesting reference to Jesse Smith, linking Smith to GM Roberts---Smith owes Sluder, so he sells something to Roberts to raise funds for Sluder...this may be relevant because there are some clues indicating that JL Henry acquired West Avl lands from Jesse Smith... need to ID more exactly Smith's landholdings in W Avl.</i>
Getting back to RO Patterson... He took mill on Smith's Mill Creek over from GM Roberts, but how did he assemble land along Westwood? Look for Patterson as grantee:		DB 38/428 Jan 11 1878 from Burton Greenlee to RO Patterson, 1 acre Patton Ave--some kind of land swap related to mill
See DB 43/206 listed above.		DB 38/485 Mar 26 1878 Patterson and Roberts agreement regarding operation of mill.
		TWO DAYS AFTER DB 43/206 DB 43/215 Jan 15, 1883 from WA and Katie Patterson to RO Patterson, 20 acres Smith Mill Creek
		DB 44/563 Oct 30, 1883 from Gwynn to Patterson, 33 acres Waynesville Rd
		DB 48/129 Mar 30, 1885 from Delaney to Patterson, Haywood Rd
		DB 53/161 Jan 18 1886 from Pearson to Patterson, 2 acres Smith Mill Ck
		Still a dead end.

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<p><i>Browsing through JL Henry acquisitions, keeping in mind the location of the "Henry Estate"</i></p>		
<p>DB 29/343, 26 May 1869 RR Swepson and JL Henry purchase JS Smith estate at auction, \$2500 begins: bank of river at mouth of small branch above bridge W 120 poles crossing Turnpike to stake S crossing rd 124 poles to oak in Burnet line W with Burnet line passing corner to stake in REYNOLDS LINE NEAR HIS HOUSE N with Miller line crossing the road and branch 140 poles to a stake in corner of Bell tract with that line E 38 poles to Bells corner w Bell's line N 90 poles to oak NE 60 poles to bank of River up River passing bridge 150 acres more or less <i>150 acres would seem to cover the area stretching from Smith's Bridge to the 82 Westwood lot. This might be confirmed by looking carefully at late 19th and early 20th century plats along Westwood and near Smith's Bridge by BROWN & LOGAN.</i></p>		<p><i>This one is interesting, relevant to JL Henry holdings if not 82 Westwood:</i></p> <p>DB 30/112 2 Nov 1858 from WM Parks to JL Henry record spells out terms of sale, \$1700 parcel "lands on which WM Parks now lives" 186 acres in 3 annual payments of \$860 "WM Parks shall execute to the said Jas. L. Henry a good and sufficient deed of conveyance with warranty of title for the said 180 acres of land...and to give him the possession of the land --- Farm by the 1st day of January 185-- and the possession of the House and other Buildings by the 1st day of April 1859 or sooner upon the payment of the 3 notes ---amounting together to the sum of \$860 the conveyance to me made on the giving of the possession of the House the 1st day of April 1859 otherwise this bond in full force..."</p> <p><i>No bounds listed---where was this house and farm? Was purchase executed? Need to look for Parks bounds.</i></p> <p><i>Another transaction shows WM Parks bought 160 acres on Smith Mill Creek, for \$1... need to check bounds...PROOF OF HENRY BUYING UP EXISTING FARMS & BUILDING COMPLEXES???</i></p>
<p><i>Looking at extent of JL Henry lands on west side of Fr Broad River by doing spot title traces near Smith's Bridge:</i></p>		<p>DB 1246/611 tract #1, jct of Leicester Rd and Haywood Rd ref to Henry Estate and "new road leading to the Patterson Mill Place" ref DB 249/173; 484/69; 484/375 which references 249/173 "part of certain lands bought of WE Logan and HA Brown known as Henry Lands.</p>
		<p>249/173 cites earlier sale from Harvey and Minnie Penland to McBrayer, no deed cited Nov. 1912 from Sarah Deaver to Harry Penland "bought of Logan and Brown known as Henry lands" looked at DB 62/253 looked at DB 151/34 April 1907 from Brown & Logan to Sarah Knight, lot 9 blk 6 Leicester Rd ***looked at PB 198/245A*** 1904 Brown & Logan platted former Henry lands spanning area between Smith's Bridge and Westwood--this could possibly be the same lands acquired by JL Henry from JS Smith. Definitely covered Westwood in vicinity of present-day Westwood Baptist Church. 82 Westwood was never part of Brown and Logan plat, because JL Henry sold it off in 1883.</p>

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<p><i>How did Brown & Logan acquire Henry lands?</i></p>		
<p><i>Need to browse WE Logan as grantee.</i></p>		<p>Found this one: RO and Medora Patterson of <u>Swain County</u> to WE Logan, \$5,000, "parcel on waters of Smith Mill Creek known as HAZEL DEEN (?) MILLS..." "by deed dated March 21, 1878 from GM Roberts to RO Patterson...book 38 pg 484 to 485...with the privilege reserved in the Peter Miller deed to wit: the right to raise the dam water to the height we formerly had it..."</p>
<p><i>Need more work to connect JL Henry to Brown & Logan transactions, particularly between Westwood Baptist Church, south to Merrimon House and 82 Westwood lots. And to place JS Smith land in proximity to 82 Westwood and Reynolds House.</i></p>		
<p><i>Fleshing out story of Jesse Siler Smith.</i></p>	<p>James McConnell Smith died 1856, his wife was Polly Patton. children: Harriett, Ann, Mary, Ruth, Jesse (1821-1870), John Patton Smith (1823-1857), Sarah, Elizabeth, Serena, James McConnell Smith Jr. (1833-1834), Jane</p>	<p>Transaction listing a bunch of Smiths, but don't know connection to Jesse: DB 34/597 there's some dispute over W Avl lands perhaps belonging to Smith kids under legal age don't appear to be Jesse's kids, who were Mary, James M., John L., George S., and Sallie ref land adj. JS Smith, John P Smith, Gaston lands S sd Turnpike Rd</p> <p>With others (his brother?) James McC Smith acquired land in WAVL from Candler and Baird (cited in will) ca. 1840. Perhaps these Smiths are descended from the brother.</p>
		<p>requires follow-up: DB 22/288, 1842 from WH Collins to John Smith 90 acres on <u>branch</u> of Smith Mill Creek no other recognizable boundaries</p>
<p><i>Still looking for Henry acquisition of Jesse Smith land:</i></p>		
<p>DB 43/217, Filed 1883, references 1869 transaction in 1869, Swepson and JL Henry buy 150 acres at Smith's Bridge in bankruptcy proceedings of JS Smith for \$1200, Swepson sells his interest in the land--transaction filed in Madison County April 3, 1871, later recorded in Buncombe in Jan 1883. "adjacent lands of John Reynolds, WW McDowell, and Estate of Jesse Smith "being previous owner" THIS IS CONNECTION BTWN SMITH AND HENRY. SWEPSON & HENRY'S LOT ADJOINS REYNOLDS. SWEPSON INVOLVED WITH 82 WESTWOOD LOT CA. 1869-1871. SHOULD SWEPSON BE CONSIDERED A POSSIBLE BUILDER OF 82 WESTWOOD, IN ADDITION TO JM SMITH, JS SMITH, and JL HENRY?</p>	<p>RR Swepson was partner or full owner of the Eagle Hotel</p>	

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		<p><i>Looking at Swepson transactions in W Avl:</i></p> <p>DB 27/509 -- VERY DIFFICULT TO READ ONLINE--LOOK AT ORIG DB from Marcus Erwin to RR Swepson, 1864 16 acres Turnpike Road</p>
<p><i>Who is Marcus Erwin?</i></p>	<p>McDowells and Erwins of Burke and Buncombe are intertwined. James Moffitt McDowell (1791-1854) married Margaret C. Erwin children: Dr. Joseph A. McDowell married Julia Patton of Avl William Wallace married Sarah Smith of Avl, dau of James McC Smith--this couple acquired Smith-McDowell Hse. Katherine married somebody in Avl. Margaret married MARCUS ERWIN of Burke. John C. married Sarah Erwin of Burke. Marcus Erwin is William Wallace McDowell's brother-in-law. How did Marcus acquire 16 acres on Turnpike prior to 1864? Could it have come through his father-in-law James Moffitt McDowell? Sondley says Marcus' father was Leander Erwin.</p>	
		<p><i>Look for transactions related to James M. McDowell or Leander Erwin:</i></p> <p>found this: DB B/60, 1808, from Baird to Patton & Erwin, 150 acres Smith's Mill Creek</p>
<p><i>How did Jesse Siler Smith acquire acreage in W Avl? Look for Jesse S. Smith land acquisition prior to his 1869 bankruptcy. Could he have purchased from the Reynolds family? There are no deeds indicating Jesse purchasing land in W Avl. Did he inherit from his father?</i></p>	<p>James McC Smith's will filed 1850 with later codicils. He died in 1856. His son John inherited "Buck House" (aka Smith-McDowell House), and died soon thereafter, intestate.</p> <p>James McC Smith leaves tracts in W Avl to his wife, Polly. She dies before him, so he adjusts disposition of W Avl lands in various codicils. He names farm tracts in W Avl purchased by himself with JM Smith, BJ Smith and others from Z. Baird, later conveyed to J McC Smith. Another 60 acre tract from Z Candler to J McC Smith.</p>	<p>Look for these transactions cited in James McC Smith will in deedbooks: Not 19/279 DB 22/133 oct. 1840 --- this is the sale from Z Baird to the Smiths DB 21/313 Aug 1838 50 acres from Z Candler to James McC Smith left to Polly in will; Polly predeceased James McC Smith; James McC revises will to allow Jesse to inherit W Avl farm tracts</p>
<p><i>Revisit Reynolds landholdings in W Avl. Stands to reason that 82 Westwood parcel could have been broken off 52 Westwood parcel, and that brick houses could be related. Could the Reynolds have built 82 Westwood?</i></p>	<p>John Reynolds, born Rowan Co 1787, dies Buncombe Co. 1876 married Ann Pou O'Hara owned Carolina House hotel in DT Avl (north of/near Smith's Buck Hotel?) children: John Andrew--moved to CA William Wesley, 1828-1875 farmer, AVL, married Dorcas John Daniel, 1832-1875, physician, AVL Fletcher S. Hayne, 1834-1892, physician & farmer, AVL--</p>	

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	<p>Presumably, John Reynolds built 52 Westwood. Appears that William and Dorcas lived with him, Dorcas receiving title to house in 1880s or 1890s. William died in 1875 at age 47. Could 82 Westwood have belonged to the Reynolds, with the house intended for William and Dorcas or other Reynolds children? There's no information to support this. The Reynolds property line is mentioned as early as 1871 in the sale of 82 Westwood lot from Swepson & Henry to Henry. (Check 1869 Swepson and Henry deed for reference to Reynolds Line.)... Swepson and Henry had the 82 Westwood lot by 1869, acquired in JS Smith bankruptcy proceedings. JS Smith probably acquired it from his father JM Smith around 1858—this date might relate to the oral history of 1860--I find no deed book transactions to account for Jesse's acquisition of W Avl lands. This seems to rule out the Reynolds as owners or builders of 82 Westwood.</p>	

WESTERN TURNPIKE HISTORY

John Charles Smathers, 1826-1918 ran the Turnpike store, hotel, stage stop at Candler, Hominy Township.
 Listed as merchant in 1870 and 1880 census.
 NC: *A Guide to the Old North State* (Fed. Writer's project book):
 "Turnpike Hotel... the original frame structure was built in 1866...larger building added 1880."
 NR nomination for Engadine (house @ Turnpike):
 JC Smathers established a toll road, opened tavern in 1860s. Mentions 1845 famine leading to road construction in order to improve ag. distribution.

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listing for Hazel PO, Carrier's Springs PO
 Silver Springs listed under hotels
 Manufacturing: WL Henry, wheelwright; CE Graham Mfg. Co – cotton mills; TL Clayton planning mill, Avl
 two general stores listed at Hazel: LF Leighton and WA Reynolds and Bros.
 RO Patterson, merchant flour & corn

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Mrs. M. Henry, Nettie, and Paul "bds 4 Woodfin"
 no place name or entry for "Silver Springs"
 no "hunt club" (looking for Swain-Chunn-Henry House on Battery Hill)
 no "country club" (looking for Swain-Chunn-Henry House on Battery Hill)
 ad: Natt Atkinson & Son/Real Estate Dealers/office in old Bank Building Public Square"
 ads for monthly publication called "Land of the Sky", Natt Atkinson, ed & publisher
 "Land of the Sky, A monthly Magazine devoted to describing and illustrating western North Carolina, the Switzerland of America"
 residential listing for Atkinson family: Natt, Mrs. H.M., etc. "res F B Ave"

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Henry & Cummings, lawyers, s sd Public Sq
 JL Henry & PA Cummings

*Title trace & miscellaneous research, 82 Westwood Place, West Asheville, Buncombe County
All deeds accessed on Buncombe County Register of Deeds website; other reference material cited here.
Jennifer Cathey, NC State Historic Preservation Office, updated Nov. 2014, page 12*

JL Henry, “res Silver Springs”

“Silver Springs” is a place name heading under Buncombe County in this edition of the Gazetteer.

“A suburb of Asheville, beautifully situated on the west bank of French-Broad River, which here is crossed by a fine iron bridge. Contains a good hotel, two stories, and several other industries.”

Listing for “Silver Springs Hotel, A.A. Banks, prop.”

JL Henry listed as principal farmer in Silver Springs, “300 A”

Ephraim Clayton listed as Principal Farmer, Silver Springs, “340 A 1 mi N”

AK Parham, 212 A, 3 mi W

Mrs. DM Reynolds, 116 A, 1 mi. W

SH Reynolds, 129 A

ES Smith, 140 A

non-Silver Springs listings:

Daniel L. Reynolds, brick manufacturer, Camp Patton

ES and TL Clayton, Carpenters, “res Spruce St”

TL Clayton “contractor and building planing mills, 2 mi W of CH”

Natt Atkinson, Hazel Hill, W Asheville, Attorney

ad: Real Estate Agent, Natt Atkinson, at res. hazel Hill, W AVL

ad: Natt Atkinson, Attorney-at-law and real estate agent, “office, Hazel Hill, West Asheville”

under Asheville Commercial Directory for Flouring Mills:

Hazel-Green Mills, RO Patterson, 2 mi W

CE Graham, wholesaler, N Main

“Pool, Rev. Solomon, private school, Haywood St, recently established”

This entry caught my eye for possible association with Swain-Chunn-Henry House on Battery Hill. That house was once owned or occupied by Gov. and UNC President DL Swain. Pool was president of UNC 1869-1872, after DL Swain.

His biography on the UNC website mentions no connection to Asheville. Don’t know where his school was on Haywood St. Don’t find reference to it in other City Directories:

AT Summey, res Haywood

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Natt Atkinson, lawyer

JL Henry, Judge Superior Court

E Clayton, Foundry, Asheville

WL Henry, wagoneer, Hominy Creek

Th. Clayton, Contracting and Bldg, Avl

Hominy Creek place name is in use here – no “West Asheville” or “Silver Springs”

WL Henry, merchant, flour and grist, Hominy Creek

no listing for JS Smith

BRANSON’S NC BUSINESS DIRECTORY, 1867-68

no place name or entry for “Silver Springs”

JL Henry, lawyer

WO Henry, miller, Hominy

J Smith, miller, Asheville

E Clayton Foundry, near Avl