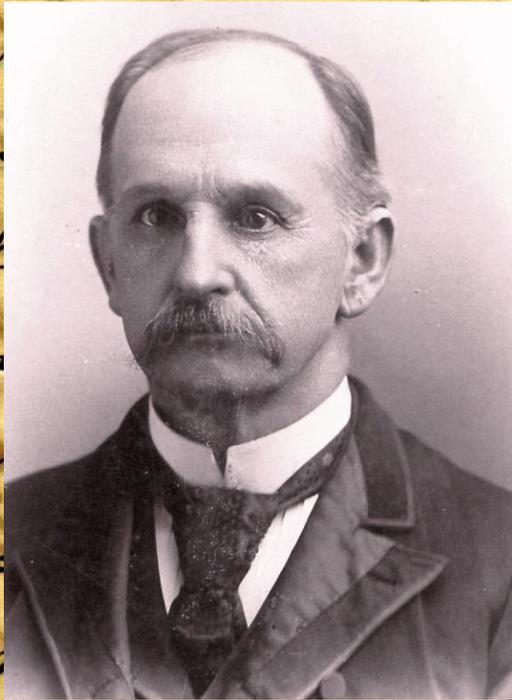


Mobile Feby 3^d 1869.

My dear, dear Mollie,

The Life and Love Letters of Judge Harry T. Toulmin



by **Lew Toulmin**



that you love me still, & intend ab, not

We will cover four topics:

- ❖ **The ancestry of Judge Toulmin**
- ❖ **The life of Judge Toulmin**
- ❖ **Mollie Henshaw and her family**
- ❖ **The love letters**



ever
Truly and devotedly
Harry T. Toulmin

The Ancestry of Judge Toulmin



AMANTE ELIZABETH JUZAN TOULMIN



GEN. THEOPHILUS LINDSEY TOULMIN

Harry TOULMIN Judge of the Miss. Terr.
bd. 7 Sep 1766, Taunton, Somerset, England
dd. 11 Nov 1823, AL (near Washington Ct House)

General Theophilus Lindsey TOULMIN
bd. Jun 1796, Lexington, KY
dd. 4 Jul 1866, Toulminville, AL

Edmund Pendleton TOULMIN
bd. 10 Sep 1829, prob Toulminville, AL
dd. 16 Feb 1883, Mobile, AL

Col., Judge, Harry Theophilus TOULMIN CSA
bd. 4 Mar 1835, Mobile, AL
dd. 12 Nov 1916, Mobile, AL

George Bowers TOULMIN
bd. 10 Jan 1853, Toulminville, AL
dd. 27 Jul 1934, Toulminville, AL

George Abbot TOULMIN
Commissioner of Revenue, Mobile Co., AL
bd. 23 Oct 1888, Mobile, AL
dd. 7 Aug 1976, Villa Mercy, Daphne, Baldwin Co., AL

Harry Theophilus TOULMIN
Budget and Management Director, Metro Dade Co., FL
bd. 16 Aug 1916, Toulminville, Mobile, Mobile Co., AL
dd. 10 Jun 2002, Daphne, Baldwin, AL

Llewellyn Morgan TOULMIN Ph.D.
bd. 1951, Mobile, Mobile Co., AL



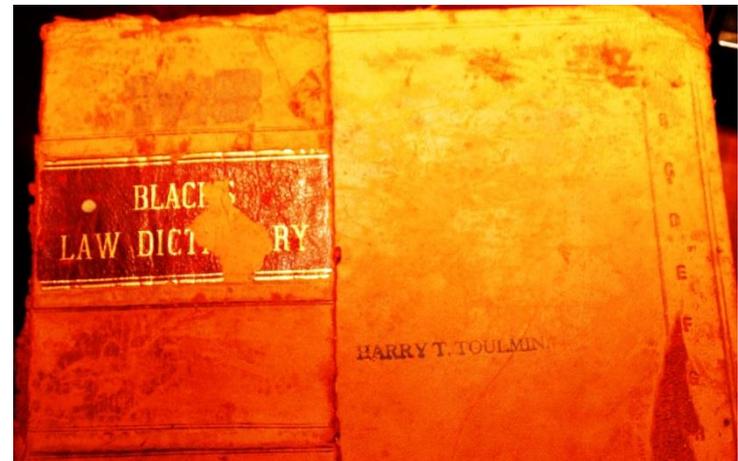
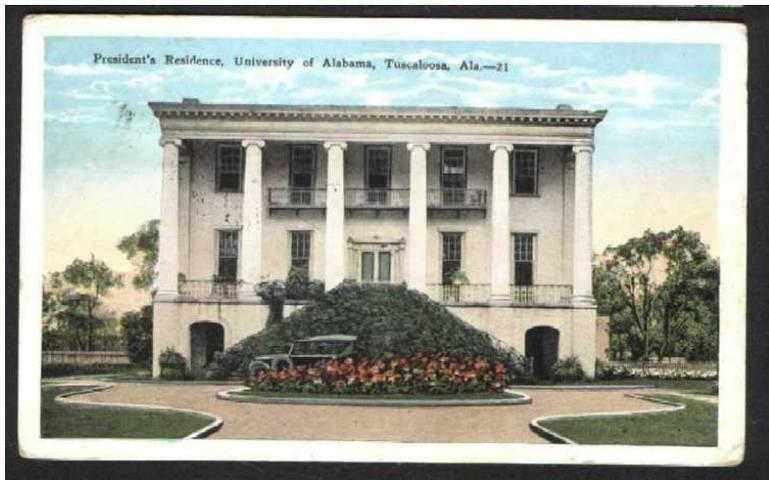
Alumni Hall

Harry had a distinguished ancestry

The Life of Judge Toulmin

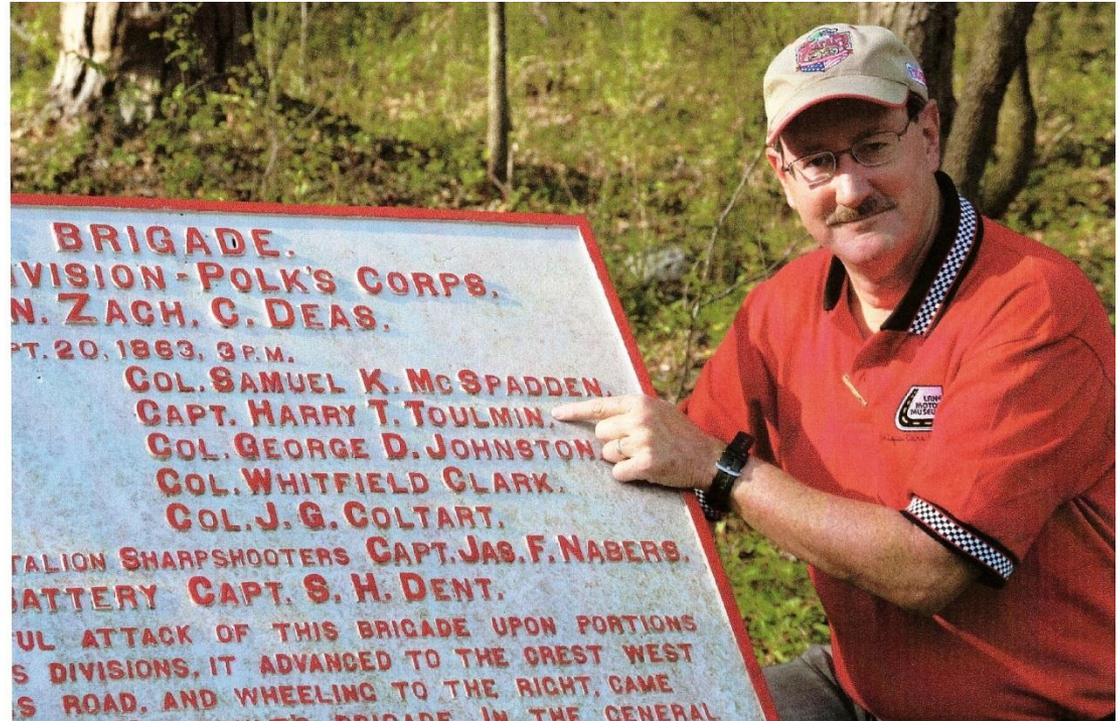
Harry was born 3 March 1835

- In Toulminville, founded by his father
- Educated at private schools, entered the University of Alabama at age 16



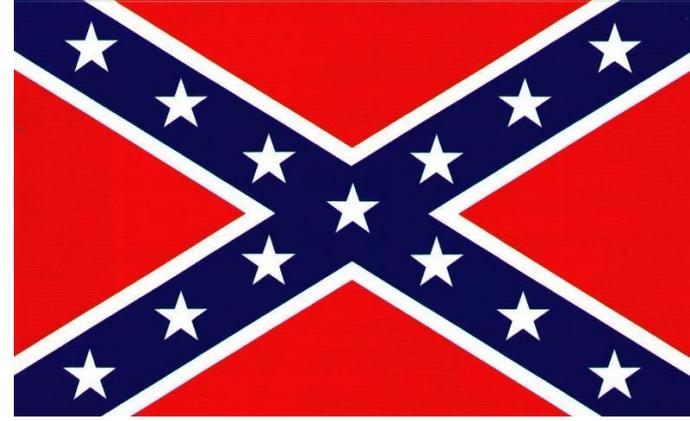
- Additional study at the Univ. of VA and LA
- Studied the law and began to practice in 1860 in New Orleans
- At the start of war, enlisted as private in 22nd Alabama Infantry

Harry fought at Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga & Atlanta...

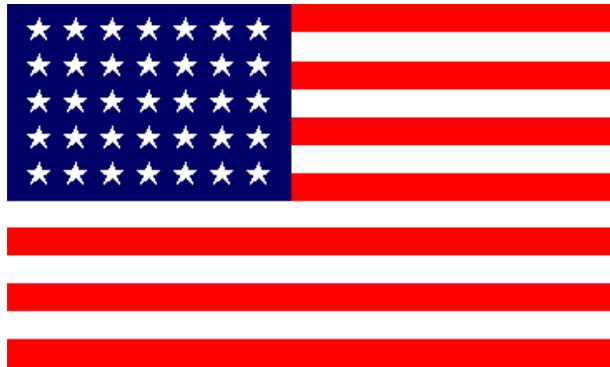


...was wounded 3 times and rose
to Colonel & acting Brigadier General

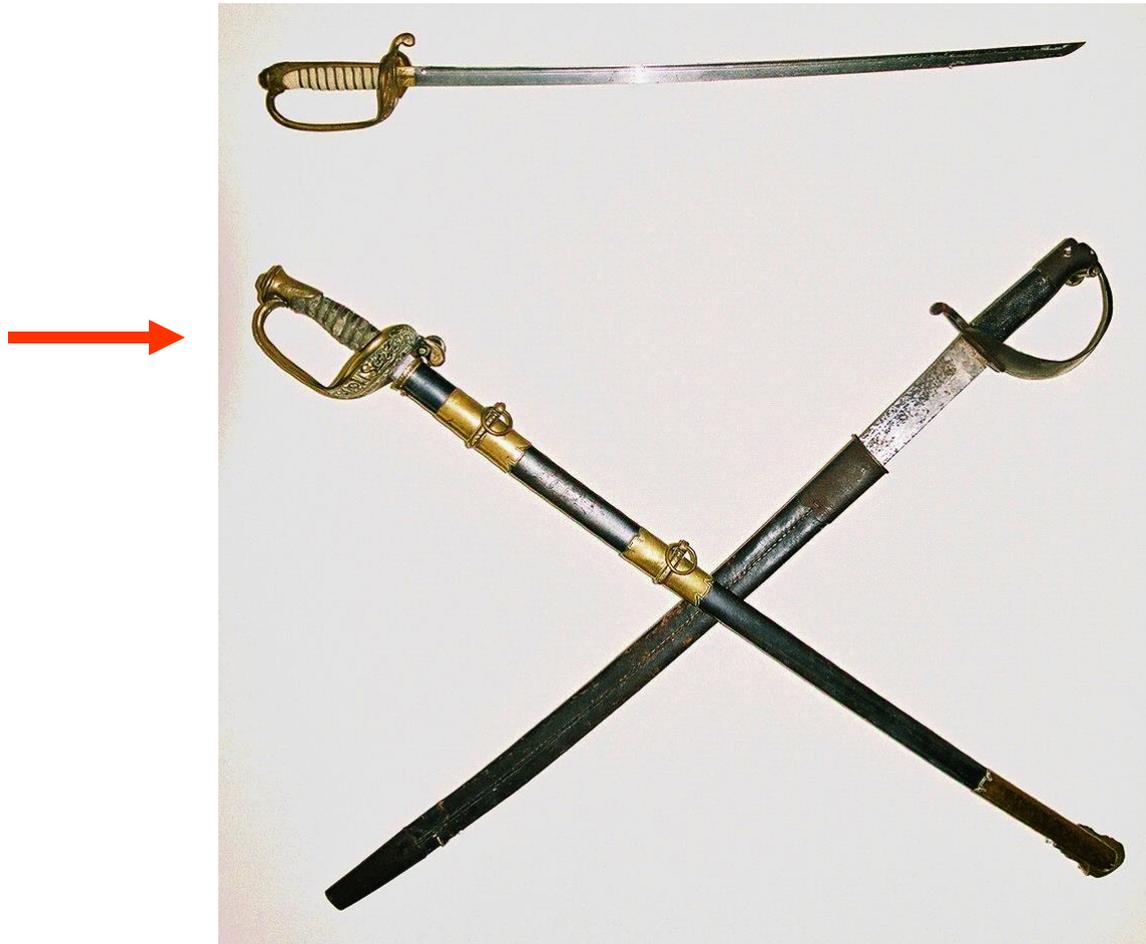
Harry wrote a classic account of the battle of Chickamauga



It was at this point the command of the regiment devolved upon me, Major Hart having been previously wounded. The Twenty-second Alabama rushed forward with a yell and drove the enemy in dismay from his strong position. Here it captured two pieces of cannon and the tattered remnants of a stand of colors...



The Excalibur of the Toulmin clan



US cavalry sword captured at the
Battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863
by Captain Harry Toulmin, CSA

Harry was a Presidential Elector

The Mobile ratification meeting was a grand success. The *Register* says it was evident that in the coming canvass the white men of Mobile, at least, will move in solid phalanx in the constitutional ranks. Mr. Daniel Wheeler was chosen President, and Mr. Harry T. Toulmin Secretary. Speeches were made by Admiral Sommes, Col. Herndon, Judge Jones, Hon. Percy Walker, Major St. Paul, and other prominent Democrats. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the people of Mobile, do cordially endorse and ratify the nomination, by the Democratic National Convention, of Horatio Seymour for President and Frank P. Blair for Vice President.

NO LA Times 16 Jul 1868



Gov. of NY
Democratic
Candidate for Pres.
Lost to US Grant

THE GREAT BINGVILLE FAIR

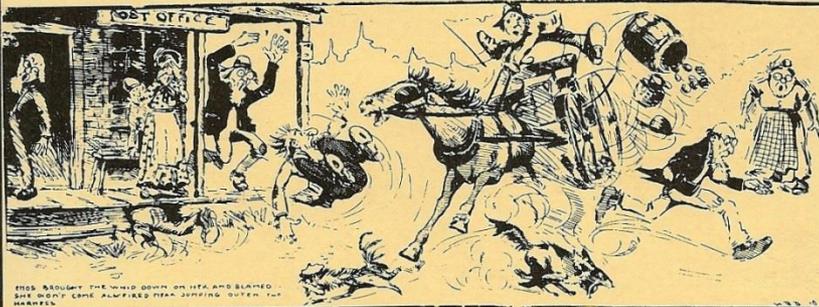
People and Places
of Early Toulminville



WE PRINT
Lithography, Engraving and
Bookbinding with Great Care
BECAUSE
WE KNOW
WHY OUR SUBSCRIBERS
WE ALSO PRINT
JOB WORK

BINGVILLE BUGLE
MEMBER PAPER OF THE
NEWTON NEWSPAPER

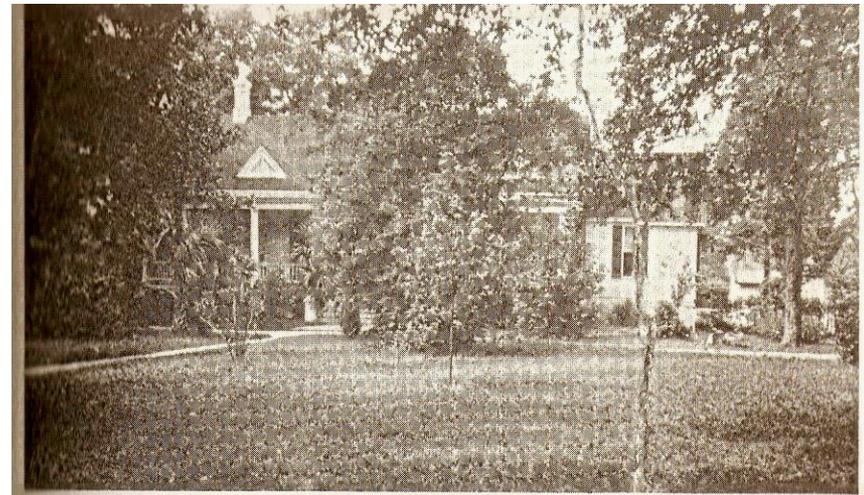
EVERYBODY
WANTS
SUNSHINE
THEY GET NOTHING
ADVERTISE
IN THE
BINGVILLE BUGLE
and See What You Get



ETIOS BROUGHT THE WIND DOWN ON HER, AND BLAMED
SHE DON'T COME ALMFKED NEAR JUMPING OUTEN THE
BAMBERG.

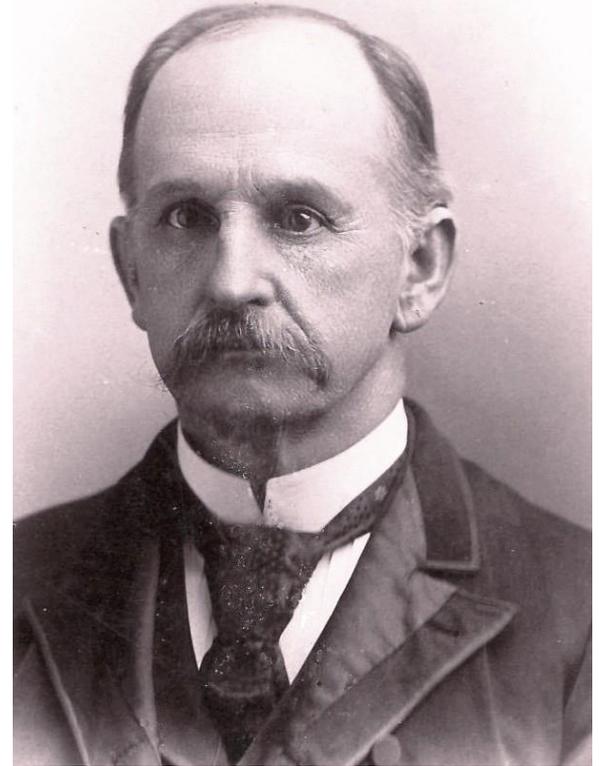
Harry T. Toulmin

**The Great
Bingville Fair
was held at
the Toulmin
house**



Harry was active in civic affairs

- State legislator, elected 1870
- Senior Warden, Trinity Episcopal Church
- Trustee of AL Med College & on Board of Mobile YMCA
- Judge of State Circuit Court 1874-1885
- Federal Judge for the Southern District of Alabama 1886-1916



Harry's voter registration



Harry's service qualifies his relatives to membership in at least five genealogical societies



**Sons
of Confed.
Veterans**



**Children
of the
Confederacy**



**Military
Order
of
Stars & Bars**



**Order
of the
Blue & Gray**

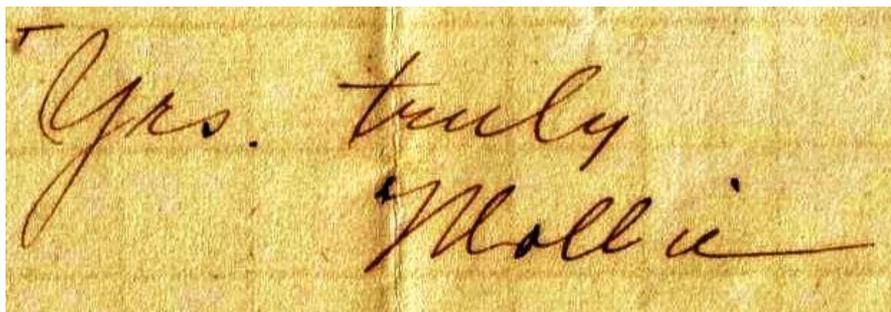


**Antebellum
Bench
and
Bar**

Mollie Henshaw & Family

Mollie was from a distinguished family, also

- Born in Willow Banks, VA on 4 Jan 1850
- Descendant of Captain David Henshaw of the Continental Line
- Joined DAR in 1905 based on Capt. Henshaw
- Niece of Hon. David Henshaw, Secretary of the Navy
- Step-daughter of Judge Rufus Campbell Torrey of Claiborne, AL



*Yrs. truly
Mollie*



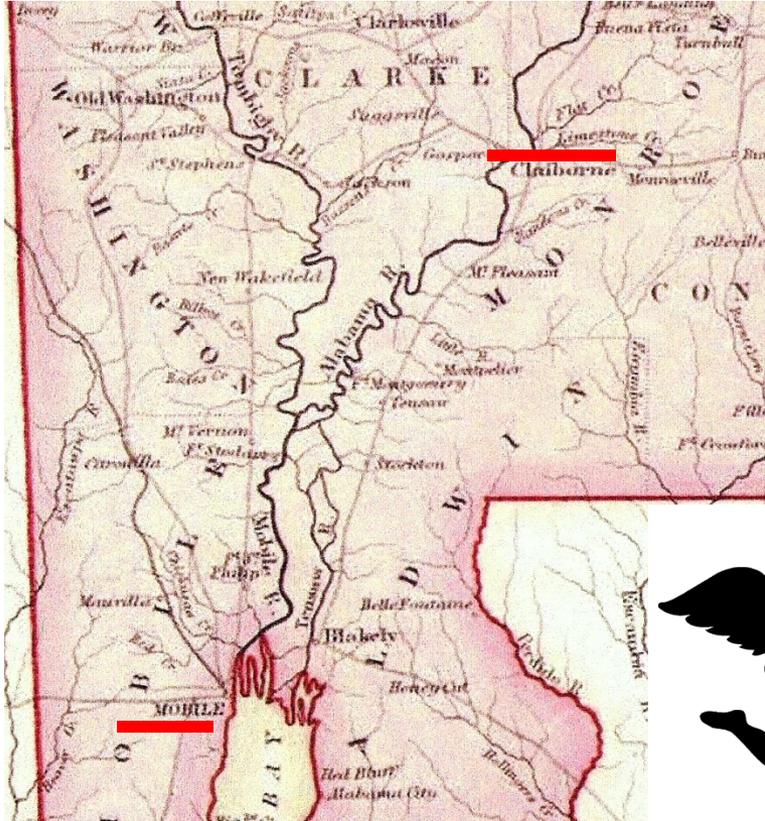
Legend says that Union troops beat Mollie's favorite pony, "Sol"



The Love Letters



The letters were carried by river boat between Claiborne & Mobile



About 30 letters survive

The couple was very much in love

Mobile Feb 3^d 1869.

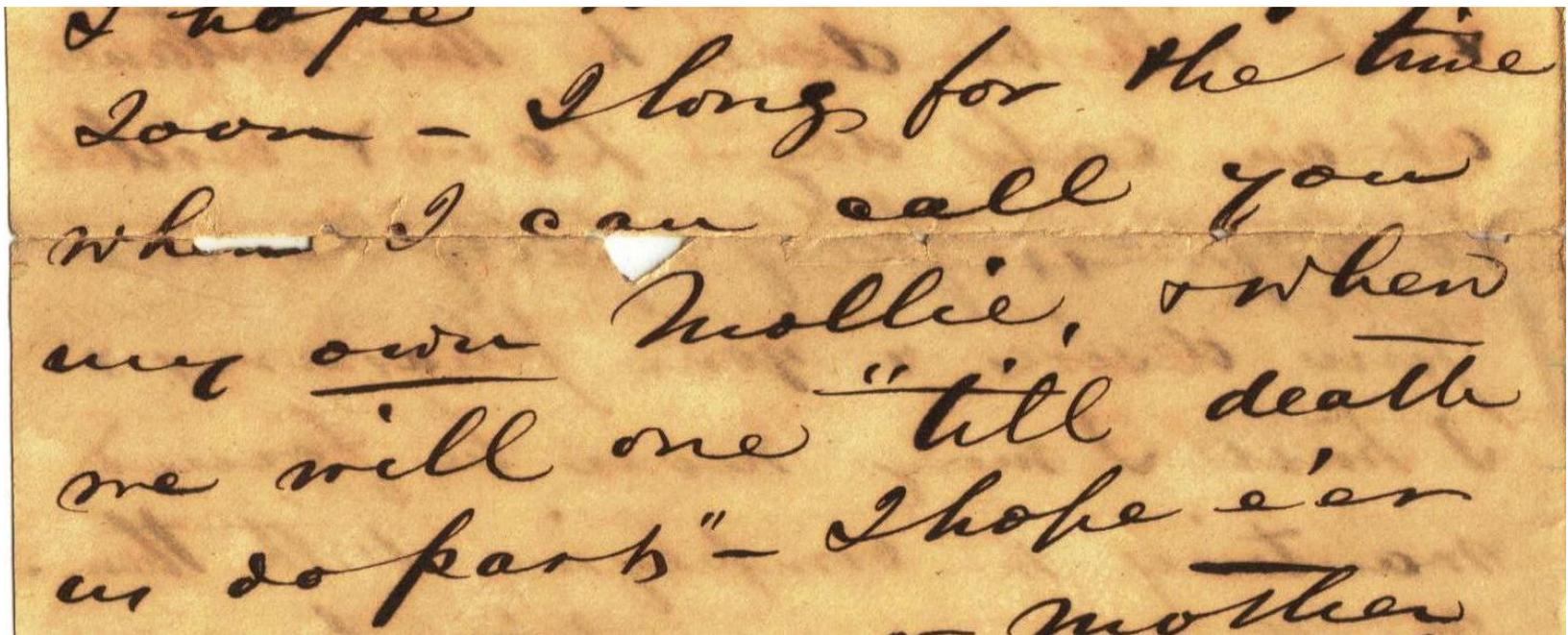
My dear, dear Mollie,

Four long, weary days have passed away, & still I am sad and lonely. Indeed, "I feel like one, who treads alone some banquet hall deserted."

The separation from you is painful, and I only find comfort in the thought that it will not be of long duration. I look forward with intense pleasure to my contemplated visit to you, which, Providence being willing, will be on next Sunday week. I also find consolation in the belief that you love me still, & intend at, not a distant, day to make my happiness complete. I hope to hear from you before this reaches you. Letters do afford



They looked forward to the wedding on 14 May 1869



I hope
soon - I long for the time
when I can call you
my own Mollie, & when
we will one "till death
us do part" - I hope e'er
mother

17 Apr 1869

Bananas and oysters, alive, alive-o

not from choice -
I send you this evening a
very fine bunch of bananas,
x hope you will find them
good - Kind regards to mother -
sister send love - accept the
same from your devoted
Harry -

21 Apr 1869



I send Judge Forney, by the
St St. Mary Swan, this evening, a
bunch of oysters, which I hope
will reach you safely x be found
good. They ought to be relished this
fine, cold weather -

24 Feb 1869

The way of true love doth not always run smooth

raised my anticipations but to
increase my disappointments -
Why is it that you do not write
oftener to me? Do you doubt
that your letters give me pleasure
& that I am interested in every word
that is found in them? You can-
not. Is it disinclination on your
part? It cannot be - Do, dear
Mollie, write to me, if but a
line, to let me know that
you are well and happy -
I send you by the Boat this evening
the Book, I promised you,
Goldsmith's works, & Lucella -
I hope they will reach you in
good condition, & will serve,

1844
Saturday Night, March 13th
P.S. It is said that a woman's
Postscript is always longer than
the original letter, & I greatly fear
it will be verified in this instance.
Have not heard from you since
Sunday last, whereat I am slight-
ly chagrined. Why haven't you
written? But perhaps you wish to
imply some of the pangs of
disappointment on me; for, actual-
edge, to the dull reality, & it is
no myth. But I will act the
'forgiving divinity' if you prom-
ise not to do so again.
Doubtless, all this is wholly unde-
served, if so, pray forgive me.
Carrie Porter is with me tonight
and is very desirous to see you.

The gossip of friends is not always accurate

it was a difficult matter to keep silent on the subject, but I thought of your inflexibility and endeavored to act up to it - I went to Church to night with Miss Haring & heard a fine sermon by Dr. Hutton. I saw Mrs. J. Little Smith - she was very cordial & told me she had something to tell me on next Wednesday - It was a profound secret until then, but, at that time, she wanted me to come to see her & she would tell it to me, for after that time it would be proclaimed to the world - I do not know what it all means - Could not understand her mysterious ways & words. She did not mention your name - I heard today that she said I was a great

6.
fool, or had made a great fool of myself about you - when you were already engaged to another & were to be married in three weeks - She did not believe you were a flirt - at the same time, it was strange how you allowed me to act under the circumstances - She made these remarks today in the presence of several persons - What do you think of it? I need hardly ask the question, for I know what your good sense & your kind feeling will prompt you to say. The former will condemn - the latter revolt at such Frank Coepf also informed me of your intended early marriage to a Mr. Robertson of Virginia - Some people do like to communicate unpleasant news -

30 Jan 1869

Giving the Ring climaxed the letter courtship

My dear Miss Mollie

Accompanying
this is the Ring. To be found inside
of the package - It is offered
with the deepest feelings of
love and sincerity. I know you
will accept it in the same
spirit. If it should be too
large or too small I can
have it altered to the proper
size -

Nannie Powers & Mr Edwin
Ledyard will go with us to the
Opera. I will call for you
at 7 o'clock, at Mr Smith's &
in a carriage. I would pre-
fer your riding in a carriage
& the longer the ride the more
agreeable to me (?) -

I have been unable to

find an Illustrated copy of
Lucelle in the City; may get
it some other time. I, however,
send with this a Novel, which
will furnish you reading on
the Boat - I have never read
the work, but it is by a fine
author - indeed, the best female
author whose novels I have
ever read. I think you will be
interested in it -

I trust you are well &
in good spirits to day - I
hope to see you with the Ring
on when we meet - Remain
as Mr Smith's tonight. It will
give me so much more time to be
with you in going to & returning from
the Theatre - unless you prefer stay-
ing with Nannie -

I would be glad to hear from you -

Truly and devotedly Yours,

Mary T. Toulmin





“The Ring” is still in the family



My dear Miss Mollie
Accompanying
this is the Ring. To be found inside
of the package - It is offered

“Good, submissive” Mollie will have four bridesmaids at the small wedding

You asked me a question in your last, which like a good, submissive girl I must answer. You know what it was, so no need of my rewriting it, It, the grand “finale” of all these affectionate missives, will occur on May 5th, and as I before said, will have four bridesmaids. You remember the names

Mollie, 9 Mar 1869

need not have the trouble expense
of taking it to Mobile.
To change the subject abruptly,
Judith is very well, entirely recovered
her usual health & spirits, and
is enjoying her restriction exceed-
ingly. Charlie is going to town so
must conclude rather hastily.
Mother sends love, & others kind
regards - Daisy is extremely anxious
to see "brother Harry" - Give much
love to all the family. Tell sister
May I am very industrious.
And now my precious darling
please let me hear soon and
ever so much. How I wish I could
kiss you, but you must imagine
I am. Mother brought me one or two
very pretty things. Good-bye
with my heart full of love &
kisses. Our Father watches over & pro-
tect you - Your devoted wife Mollie.

**They
lived
happily
ever after**



Mollie, 7 Oct 1869

The letters give some hint of the supposed “grim” life of post-war Mobile

30 Jan, 1869

an opera
a concert



3 Feb

an opera
a tableaux
a party

8 Feb

a play
an opera
a troupe

25 Feb

an opera

No date

a party



Judge Toulmin died 12 Nov 1916

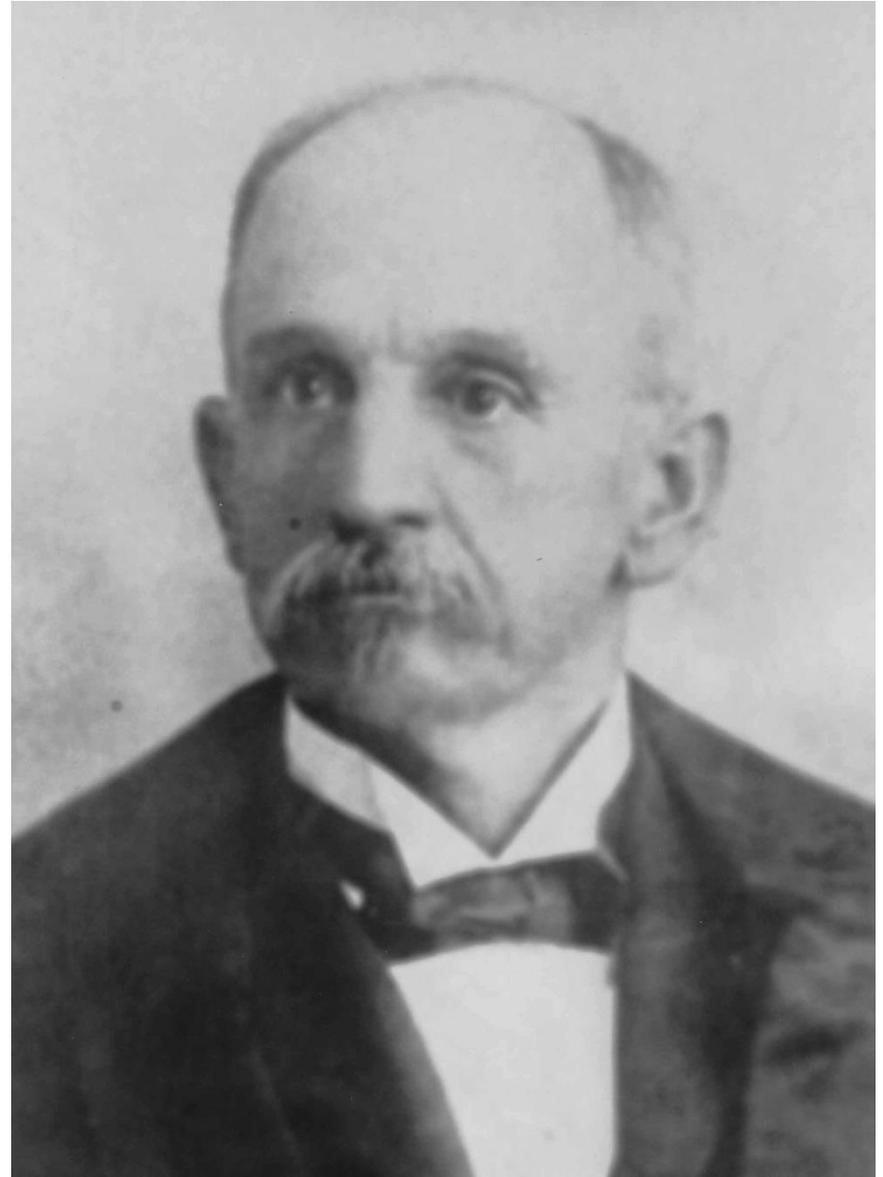
JUDGE HARRY TOULMIN SUMMONED BY DEATH

Mobile, Ala., November 12.—Judge Harry Theophilus Toulmin, United States court, southern district of Alabama, died here tonight at 9 o'clock at his home in Toulminville. He was stricken with paralysis last Friday. This December he would have served thirty years on the federal bench. Recently he notified President Wilson of his intention to retire December 1, but his resignation had not been accepted.

He was born in Toulminville March 4, 1835. At 16 he entered the University of Alabama and later took courses at the Universities of Virginia and Louisiana. After practicing under the code of Napoleon in New Orleans for a year he returned to Alabama. When the civil war broke out he entered it as a private and was discharged as a brigadier general.

When this district was supplied with the federal court, President Cleveland appointed him judge in 1887. Since that time he has served in the circuit court of appeals with federal judges everywhere in the south except Texas.

His widow, Mrs. Mary M. Toulmin; four nephews, seven nieces and other relatives survive him.



Mollie lived until March 1932

LOCATION CENTRAL
3 MINUTES FROM
UNION DEPOT

F. R. HODGES }
JACK TULLOS } PROPR.
E. G. SKINNER, RESIDENT MGR.



Hotel Tullios

ROOMS
WITH AND WITHOUT BATH
SAMPLE ROOMS

NEW AND COMFORTABLY
FURNISHED

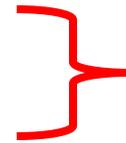
Shreveport, La.

April 10th 1921.

My dear Mrs Tautman:

You'll doubtless be surprised to hear from me here, but presume Mamma has told you of my locating at this place - I think I have a very good opening & hope to do well.

In regard to your affairs, they are all in good shape. I took all your papers before I left & turned them over to Lizzie who





**As befits true sweethearts,
they are buried beside each other**



Mobile Feb 3^d 1869.

My dear, dear Mollie,

Thanks!
Comments or Questions?

