

*The following information is only to document the history of events going on in and around the area where the McCormicks family lived during the Civil War time period. Nothing I have read indicates that this family was involved in the activity reported below. It allows for consideration of family records that might not exist any longer due to that fire at the nearby Court House.

Overton County
court House Burning in Livingston
courthouse on the Square, Livingston TN 38570

In April 1865 a company of Confederate guerrillas led by Captain John Francis made a raid on Livingston and burned the county courthouse. U.S. Authorities had collected information about the pro-Confederate activities of many local residents and this material was stored in the courthouse, awaiting use in trials. By destroying the courthouse and the evidence against them these residents were saved from being placed on

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The original courthouse was burned by Captain John Francis and a band of Confederate guerillas from Kentucky in April of 1865. This senseless act so close to the end of the Civil War might have destroyed all early County Records had it not been for County Register of deeds James Richardson. Mr. Richardson had hidden the county deed books in the cellar of his home. A few record books in the offices of the County Clerk, the circuit Court Clerk and the clerk and master were also saved.