

***FRANKLIN COUNTY BIRTH & DEATH RECORDS
1855 - 1862***

First Edition

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*This book is dedicated to
the Glory of God
and in honor of
Alice S. Hall, Clerk of the Court,
Franklin County, Virginia,
for her invaluable assistance.*

FOREWORD

This birth and death records book has been transcribed directly from the original records, found in the vault in the courthouse at Rocky Mount. There are two other sets of entries that are on a microfilm, also found in the courthouse at Rocky Mount but those records are not the original records.

I had just finished transcribing the microfilm records when Alice Hall, Clerk of the Court, told me that she knew of "some" original birth records but that they were not in order and in fragile condition. She took them from the vault and allowed me to transcribe directly from the original pages. After I had worked with the pages for several weeks I was able to reconstruct the books in their original order, although pages were torn and some missing.

The first year available was only a partial page for 1855.

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At first I did not plan to include the death records but after working with the information I saw how the birth and death records were kept by the Commissioner of Revenue and recorded together. It is interesting to skim down the causes of death, many diseases or reasons we have never heard of. And it is so sad to see the Delancy family that lost 8 children in the course of a couple weeks to diphtheria. They lost at least one more child in the following year. The pain of those parents cannot be imagined. And other families lost several children to disease as well, something that is not common today.

The spelling is just as I found it recorded, to the best I could read it. Most of the handwriting was fairly easy to read but the spelling was sometimes "unique". I did not change anything to conform to current spellings.

I hope this book helps with your research.