

Clinton native authors local story

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A new book with local appeal is now available. *Return to Tinnin*, a biographical novel, is the story of a Clinton girl who became an adult during the U.S. Civil War.

Authored by Clinton native Jasper Lee, the story describes the hardships and successes of Ellen Loretta Shepard. Born 1847 on a plantation in the Tinnin Community just north of Clinton, Shepard

had to grow up fast to handle the stresses and challenges of the U.S. Civil War. Numerous family documents from the mid-1800s, as well as DNA testing and online resources, helped the author in verifying information and writing the story.

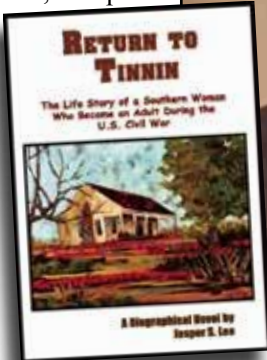
As Shepard was approaching marriage age in those days, desirable men were in short supply. Men were away in war, had been killed, or were seriously maimed in action. As the oldest of nine children of George Washington and Sarah Elizabeth Ratliff Shepard, her parents were

quite selective about the men they felt appropriate for their daughters. Finding a man took some creativity and searching. After all, her father never saw a man he liked for his daughter!

On March 2, 1864, as Union troops were making their way eastward from Vicksburg, Shepard married Jasper Henry Lee in a ceremony performed by the Reverend Joseph Smith Antley in a house at the Central Female Institute (later known as Hillman College) in Clinton. Unfortunately, pillage by Confederate and Union forces had left the Institute in disarray.

Being more than double her age and with some unexplained years and activities in his background, Lee was not acceptable to her father. Family differences resulted in their new marriage taking some strange and long distance turns as they set about travel to the West to seek their fortune. All contact with her family was ended.

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