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There are several other relics small & insignificant, in themselves but valuable as having belonged to "Thomas Jefferson" a silver stock buckle, a pair of shoe buckles of steel, a pair of silver <sup>shoe buckles</sup> with small crystals set in them, and a stock buckle to match, this buckle he was wearing at the time of his death, I have the Cambria Stock taken from his neck.

The "Gold Medal" was given by the Agricultural Society of the "Seine" to Thomas Jefferson as a prize for an improved "plough" <sup>share</sup>, this gold medal I wish my son E. J. Burke to have. and the bronze medals in the <sup>green</sup> monoco case are for Harry. among the remaining medals are (several in silver) all of these medals (of whatever material) are valuable and must be divided among my girls. Colas having the old clock, & the Jefferson sofa, & the silver beaker, three of the most valuable Jefferson relics. I am sure he will think as I do about the medals.

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I remember my mother telling me that when uncle Jeff brought his bride Jane Hollins Nicholas "home to Monticello" she was about 17. and my mother near the same age - mother says that she was given the charge of entertaining the sweet young bride, as grandma, assisted by aunt Ellen & aunt Cornelia were very busily engaged making a "Catalogue" of Grandpapa Jefferson's Library which was to be sold to Congress. This being thrown so much with aunt Jane, gave her a feeling of being more intimate with her, and I think aunt Jane always retained a specially tender feeling for my mother.

The "Mammy" at Monticello was a tall mulatto woman named "Presilla" she came from the "Forest" consequently belonged to grandmama Jefferson (Martha Wayles)

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estate, Priscilla married "Johnny  
Hennings" the Cabinet maker. & Carpen-  
ter at Monticello, he was called by  
the children of the family "Daddy", "Mammy"  
presided in the nursery, and when her  
charges became too numerous for her  
alone, "Isabella" was called in to assist  
her. Each child in turn taught "Mammy"  
to read, but she never got beyond words  
of three letters. When all of her young  
Master & Mistress were grown, she  
retired to her comfortable Cabin, a short  
way down the mountain side, & there,  
she often carried the young grand-  
children of "Miss Patsy". I remember  
the appearance of the interior of that  
Cabin, the position of the beds with  
it's white counterpane & ruffled Pillow  
cases. & of the little table with it's  
clean white cloth, & a shelf over it, on  
which stood an old fashioned band box  
with wall paper covering, representing

running, 19  
dogs, this box excited my admiration  
& probably fixed the whole scene in my mind  
for I described the Cabin to my mother  
years afterwards, & asked her where it was?  
she was surprised & said "why that is  
the exact description of mamma's  
Cabin, which you have not seen  
since you were two 1/2 years old."

M. J. T. Burke

April 1889.

Another old servant who came from the  
"Wayles estate" & who came to Monticello  
as a little girl sitting on the trunk  
behind the carriage which brought  
Mr. Thomas Jefferson a bride to Monti-  
cello; this little girl was named  
"Scilla" & called Aunt <sup>in her after life</sup> she lived to be  
very old, & died at Edgehill years  
after the family at "Monticello" was  
broken up & dispersed far & wide.  
"Aunt Scilla" acted as "Midwife"

To her young "Mistress" M<sup>rs</sup> Thomas  
Mamm Randolph & afterwards to  
M<sup>rs</sup> Bankhead, M<sup>rs</sup> J. J. Randolph  
& to my mother, "Aunt Silla" officiated  
at my birth, & at that of my brother  
"Thomas Jefferson Tust" the 1<sup>st</sup>\* great  
grandson named after M<sup>rs</sup> Jefferson  
and the only one born at Monticello. M<sup>rs</sup> J. J. Bankhead

April  
1884.

\* I made a mistake Thomas Jefferson Eppes was  
the 1<sup>st</sup> great grandson named after M<sup>rs</sup> Jefferson  
Thomas Jefferson Tust was the 2<sup>d</sup>.