

as early as 1807 or 1808. Among the pioneers—who, it is thought, came largely to East Tennessee from North Carolina and Virginia and then crossed the mountains into Middle Tennessee—were Henry D. McBroom, William Hollis, John Wood, Henry Ford, William Mears, Usibid Stone, Benjamin Allen, George St. John, William McFerrin, Joshua Barton, Archibald Stone, Asa Smith, Elijah Stephens, William Preston, Sr., Walter Wood, Benjamin Cummings, Sr., Warren Cummings, William Cummings, Sr., John Stone, Andrew Melton, Alexander McBroom, William, James and John Wood, James Todd, Benjamin Hale, John Haley, Archibald Hicks, Gideon Rucker, Louis Jetton, Gabriel Elkins, James Hawkins and James Ferrell. Also Reuben Evans, Benjamin Avant and Lemuel Moore, who afterwards became citizens of DeKalb county when it was formed from Cannon and other counties.

In May, 1836, Thomas Powell, Allen Haley, Joseph Simpson, Blake Sedgley, Isaac Finley, James L. Essary, Isaac W. Ellidge, John Pendleton, I. M. Brown, Elijah Stephens, F. L. Turner, C. C. Evans, John Melton, Samuel Lance, William Bates, John Martin, William B. Foster, John Frazer, Martin Phillips, Lemuel Moore, Reuben Evans, James Goodwin, Peter Reynolds, James Batey, Joel Cheatham and Jonathan Fuston, magistrates, met for the purpose of organizing the county court. This was at the tavern of Henry D. McBroom. They were called to order by Leighton Ferrell, and sworn by Eli Baily—the first the sheriff, and the other a justice of the peace of Warren county. Thomas Powell became chairman of the body. Woodbury, named for Levi Woodbury, was formerly Danville, and belonged to Warren county. It was founded in 1819 by H. D. McBroom, tavern keeper, and Henry Watt, merchant. The circuit court was organized at the old hotel by Judge Edmund Dillahunt; the chancery court by Judge B. L. Ridley, who appointed Henry Tratt clerk and master. Early lawyers were Jonathan L. Fair, Moses W. McKnight, Thomas G. Wood, J. S. Barton and Abraham Burger. Early physicians: Doctors New, Gowan, Flowers, Tatum and Barnes.

Cannon county furnished eight companies to the Confederacy, under the following officers: Captains Richmond Rushing, A. J. St. John, Grand Wood, Timothy Ellison (killed in 1862 and succeeded by M. W. McKnight), M. M. Brien, Jr., J. H. Wood, H. A. Wylie and J. W. Nichols.

Present population, 10,825.

Carroll County (formed in 1821 from the Western district and named