
The Thrasher Newsletter

Editor: Barbara Eger Circulation: John E. Thrasher III Volume 31 No. 1 December 2012

The Holiday Inn Athens - University Area in Athens, Georgia, will be headquarters for the 2013 Thrasher Family Reunion from May 3 to May 5.

Reunion hosts John Paul Thrasher, Grady Thrasher and Celestea Sharp have reserved a block of rooms for our group. Group rates range from \$69 to \$89 per night depending on type of room selected. To obtain the group rate call the Holiday Inn direct at 706-549-4433 no later than April 12. Ask for our group with the code THR/Reunion. John Paul said that these rates would be good for a few days prior



to or following the reunion should you wish to extend your visit to see some of the area attractions.

Adjacent to the beautiful University of Georgia campus, the hotel is also close to downtown Athens, which offers entertainment for all tastes. In keeping with the college spirit of Athens, downtown buzzes with activity in restaurants, shops, bars, clubs, and more.

You can visit historic sites throughout the city or spend time at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia or the Georgia Museum of Art with its outstanding exhibits. You may be interested to know that Rev. John Bugg

Thrasher was born on the UGA campus in Old College in 1873 while his father, Judge Barton Edmunds Thrasher, was attending law school. Also, the University has recently opened a new library to house the Hargett Rare Book collection.

The hotel offers a full-service restaurant, business and fitness centers, and an indoor pool and whirlpool. Wireless access is available in each room or in the hotel's public areas.

John Paul Thrasher sent the following information about their plans:

"The Athena Room will serve as Reunion Central and as a gathering spot for the "cousins" on Friday and Saturday.

Friday night we plan to gather in the Athena Room by 6pm and then proceed from there to our dinner location in downtown Athens. Afterwards, those that wish to can gather in the Athena room for conversation and hospitality.

On Saturday morning we are planning a tour of historic sites in Oconee and Clarke County for those interested. The tour will include a visit to the Watkinsville City Cemetery, Whitlow Hill Cemetery, Barton Thrasher Cemetery and Salem Methodist Church and other sites.

The Annual Meeting will be in the Athena Room on Saturday in the Athena Room from 3pm - 5pm. As usual, the Annual Meeting will provide an opportunity for Thrasher Association members to update the group on ongoing research and projects since we last gathered in Chattanooga. Anyone wishing to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting is asked to contact John Paul Thrasher by May 1.

Saturday night Grady Thrasher will be hosting a screening of his documentary film about the Thrasher Brothers Aerial Circus, "The World's Smallest Airport," at the Ciné Bar Cafe and Cinema in downtown Athens.

Cont. on pg. 2

Reunion Plans

Cont. from pg. 1

For those "cousins" still around after breakfast on Sunday, please let us know if we can help with suggestions or arrangements. If we have a large group that is around on Sunday we will plan to organize some activities.

The Host Committee is working with the local DAR Chapter to see if we can get approval for a grave marking ceremony (similar to what Nancy Cherry arranged at the Maryland Thrasher Reunion) for John Thrasher, Jr., our Revolutionary War ancestor who was the progenitor of the Georgia Thrashers and the son of John Thrasher and Ruth Cloud. Our biggest challenge is that we do not yet know the exact final resting place of our Revolutionary War ancestor. We are continuing our efforts and hope to report to the group by the Annual Meeting."

Sounds as though this will be an interesting reunion, so make your plans now to join the group!

Three Brothers Whose Dreams Had Wings



Photo courtesy of H. Grady Thrasher III

Three brothers who not only thought that taking off and landing on a tiny platform atop a moving car was possible, they did it, pose in front of their creation. Left to right are Henry Grady Thrasher, Jr., Richard Barton (Bud) Thrasher, and Tunis Powell Thrasher. Picture taken ca. 1946/1947.

Directory Changes

Welcome to our two new members:

Gail and Rick Richmond
105 Mill Ridge Rd.
Dothan, AL 36303

Nancy Baldwin Trophy
1876 N. Warren Ave.
Milwaukee, MI 53202

And there are two address changes:

Joann Bandy
1801 E. Remington Ave., Apt. B3
Shawnee, OK 74801

Thais and Jack Sykes
525 So. Anaheim Hills Rd., Apt. #221
Anaheim, CA 92857

Good Wishes for Better Health

Joann Bandy has been in ill health for some time and has moved to Shawnee, Okla., from Belleair Bluffs, Fla., to be closer to her son Alan and his family.

Wishing you better health and much happiness in your new home, Joann.

In Memorium

Ashley Thrasher, 87, of Decatur, Georgia, passed away October 7, 2012. He was born in Athens, Georgia, the son of Herbert and Clara V. Thrasher.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Lee Thrasher and sons, Wesley Carroll Thrasher and Dexter Alan Thrasher. A graveside service was held Sunday, October 14, 2012, at Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery in Farmington, Oconee Co., Georgia, with the Rev. Billy Nunnally officiating.

Ashley Thrasher was a long-time member of the Thrasher Family Association. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Virginia.

Alan Bandy Receives Teaching Award

Dr. Alan Sumner Bandy, son of Joann Bandy, received the Promising Teacher Award from Oklahoma Baptist University during the university's Spring Commencement May 11 in Shawnee. Bandy, assistant professor of New Testament who joined the OBU faculty in fall 2009, received the award from President David W. Whitlock during the graduation ceremonies before an overflow audience of more than 1,800 in the university's Raley Chapel.

The Promising Teacher Award is presented to a junior faculty member who has taught at OBU less than six years and who has demonstrated outstanding potential as a teacher. In presenting the award, Whitlock said Bandy is an exemplary teacher who is involved not only in OBU, but also in the lives of his students. "His classes are rigorous and filled to capacity," Whitlock said. "His personal concern and commitment reach far beyond the classroom. He is involved in his church as a discipleship teacher. His students seek him out for assistance, encouragement and as a mentor."

Bandy earned a master's degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis and a doctorate from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Alan and his wife, Necoe, recently welcomed their fifth child, Titus, who was born in August.



The Bandys r. to l.: Alan, Josiah, Mackenzie, Alexandra (standing), Nicoe, and Victoria Lynn on Nicoe's lap.

Holiday Inn Rate Information

The Holiday Information reservations office provided this additional information about the three room rates:

\$69 rate is for a standard room in their central tower. The rooms have no mini fridge or microwave. This is the original part of the motel.

\$79 rate is for a deluxe room in the North Tower, which is the newest. The rooms all have mini fridges and microwaves.

\$89 rate is for rooms in their Executive Tower. Again, all have mini fridges and microwaves. According to the person in reservations, these rooms are larger and that tower offers more privacy and quiet.

All rooms have coffee makers and other standard amenities.

Editor's Corner

Our annual reunion will be in the middle of springtime this year — should be beautiful blooms all around. Athens is the home of the State Botanical Gardens and the flowering season should just be starting.

You could plan a few days before or after in Atlanta, too. The attractions there are many and varied — from the Georgia Aquarium to the Margaret Mitchell House and Museum. Underground Atlanta is fascinating and while you learn its history its shops offer all kinds of opportunities to spend your money!

As usual, I'm sending a plea for contributions. This is the season when people celebrate milestones such as graduation or marriage. Maybe you have taken a great trip or celebrated an anniversary. Research into your family tree is welcome, too.

Don't forget — the address to send items for future issues is 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

Genealogy of Benjamin Thrasher & his wife Sarah White

Part 1

We don't usually begin with a "Part 1" but this family history is rather large and as far as I know, little of its genealogy has been available until a few years ago. Barbara Eger and I decided that it would be best to divide the information into several sections and include them in several issues of the Thrasher Newsletters.

Three descendants of the grandson (Thomas Jayson "Jack" Thrasher, son of Randal Benedict Thrasher) of Benjamin and Sarah joined the TFA's DNA project several years ago and were shown to be a match. They are John Anthony (Tony) Thrasher, Paul W. Thrasher and Leroy Thrasher. Since that time, Tony and I have gathered the information found in this genealogy and sought to prove this family line. We feel that the documentation is very important.

Over the years I have been involved in correspondence about the family of Robert Thrasher & his wife Elizabeth Delaney/Dulaney. Robert and Elizabeth settled in Franklin County, Georgia at about the same time and very near to Benjamin and Sarah. Several interested researchers and I feel that Benjamin and Robert were brothers although no proof is found to prove that fact.

If you will, look back at the August 2010 issue of the Thrasher Newsletter on the first page of the Minutes of the annual meeting of the TFA, as there is a reference to Robert and Elizabeth.

Benjamin and Robert both had sons named Thomas. Nancy McLaughlin has researched "a" Thomas, but since no Thrasher male from the line can be found for DNA testing, there is no way to prove that this particular Thomas is indeed the son of one of the two, Thomas or Benjamin.

If any of you, our readers, have any information about the Thomases, I would love to hear from you!

Benjamin had a son, John. I have researched a John Thrasher that I believe to be this son of Benjamin and will make that information available later.

John E. Thrasher III

Descendants of Benjamin Thrasher

Generation No. 1

1. BENJAMIN¹ THRASHER was born Abt. 1753, and died Bef. May 1801 in Franklin County, Georgia. He married SARAH WHITE October 17, 1785 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, daughter of THOMAS WHITE. She was born Abt. 1766 in Virginia, and died Aft. November 12, 1850 in Franklin County, Georgia.

Notes for BENJAMIN THRASHER:

Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1767 - 1805: 17 October 1785. Benjamin Thrasher and Sarah White, daughter of Thomas White who consents. Sur. Tach Prenet. Married by Rev. Lazarus Dodson. Page 7

From the "Thrasher Newsletter," August 1993 issue: Benjamin Thrasher Military Record: The Muster Roll of Captain Capron's Co., Colonel Samuel Ashley's Regiment, lists Benjamin Thrasher's birth date as 1753. Colonel Ashley (or Captain Capon) appeared and swore before Henry Engles, Richmond, May 16, 1778, that they were just and true Muster Roll"

From the Thrasher Newsletter, March 1991 issue: A 1787 Census of Virginia: p. 473 Pittsylvania Co. -- Benjamin Thrasher self 0 2 0 6 11

Grant Book, AAAAA, Register of Grants, 1797- 1799, page 497, on file and of record in the Georgia Surveyor General Dept., Office of Secretary of State, Archives & Records Building, Atlanta, GA.: Grant of 203 acres of land in Franklin County, Georgia to Benjamin Thrasher on 16 May 1798.

Franklin County Tax Digest, 1798 - 1807

Page 11/178 1798 Ben Thrasher, Franklin County: one building value \$95; acres 725; \$695

Page 15/165 1798 Ben Thrasher, Total number of slaves 3; Number of slaves under 12, over 50 subject to taxation 2

Deeds: Franklin County, Georgia. The original copies are in the Georgia Archives.

Benjamin: fr Michael & Elizabeth Wilkerson Deed Book C 35b
fr John Roberson H 110
fr Thomas & Hannah Gilbert KK 152B - 153B
fr Nathaniel & Milley Payne LL 18
fr Philip & Anne Prewitt LLL 80, 81
fr John Jones N 77, 78

Estate of Benjamin - Reuben Payne, ex'r
to Reuben Shotwell (2) RRR 97 - 98
to Samuel Prewitt RRR 123 - 124

Estate of Benjamin - Reuben Payne & Robert Walters, ex'rs
fr John H. Jones RR 58 - 59

Benjamin, heirs of:
fr Philip & Anne Prewitt RR 14 - 15
Benjamin & Sarahto Charles Walker H 158

"Court of the Ordinary, Franklin County, Georgia - 1787 - 1849" compiled by Martha W. Acker 1989
Abstracts page 13: Benjamin Thrasher deceased. Lists inventories, returns, loose papers, will (no proving date)

Wife Sarah and sons Thomas & Benedict when 21. Ex'rs Robert Walters, Reuben Payne. (5) 3 May 1801.
Wit: Henry Chappellear, Elijah Walters, Moses Payne. RG 159 - 2 - 1, box 10 - 137

(A copy of the inventory is included in Orr Thrasher's "A Compilation of the Thrasher Pioneers, Their Forebears & Descendants 1600 - 1980") Page 47

Georgia - Franklin County Minutes - Court of the Ordinary, Sept. 1801 - Feb. 1804: "Ordered that Robert Walters and Reuben Payne have letters Testamentary on the estate of Benamin Thrasher, Dec'd Georgia. At a Court of the Ordinary held in and for the County of Franklin, March 1802."

More About BENJAMIN THRASHER:

Burial: Shoal Creek Baptist Ch. Cem., Hart Co. GA.

Notes for SARAH WHITE:

The 1830 Census for Franklin lists Sarah Thrasher, head. In her household:

1 male child under age 5; One male age 30 and under 40.

1 female under age 5; one female 10 and under 15; 1 female 20 and under 30; 1 female 50 and under 60; 1 female 60 and under 70

Found in the 1850 (12 November) Census for Franklin County, Georgia, living with her son Randal Benedict Thrasher. She is listed as "Sallie."

Deed of Gift - Franklin County, Georgia - Deed Book CCC, page 140 - 14 May 1849. Sarah Thrasher to Benedict Thrasher. For love and affection, all personal property and lands.

Franklin County Tax Digest, 1798 - 1807:

Page 27 1802 Sarah Thrasher: 3n; 458a., William Sloan, Walker. Shoal Creek; 227 1/2 a; Nathaniel Payne, John Sandidge, Grove R.

Page 169 1805 Ruben Payne, "poll charged"; agent for Sarah Thrasher in; 500 a., Sloan Philip worker, Shole Creek; 227 1/2 A.; Nat Payne, Sam Pruet, Grove R.

Page 207 1806 Reuben Payne: 106 a; Tho's Payne, M. Wood, Payne's Creek & for the estate of Benj Thrasher, dec'd: 2n; 507 a. Gilbert & Sloan, Philip Walker. Shoal Creek 227 1/2 A

The children of Benjamin and Sarah are from the Bible record by Keels Thrasher, handed down from Nancy Thrasher his grandmother. (Nancy, daughter of Benedict.) This is found in the book, "Compilation of the Thrasher Pioneers, Their Forbears and Descendants, 1600 - 1989" page 10, by Orr Franklin Thrasher.

More About SARAH WHITE:

Burial: Shoal Creek Baptist Ch. Cem., Hart Co. GA.

Children of BENJAMIN THRASHER and SARAH WHITE are:

- i. MARY² THRASHER, b. 1785, Franklin County, Georgia; d. Aft. October 16, 1850, Franklin County, Georgia; m. DREWRY BOATRIGHT, March 13, 1847, Hart County, Georgia; b. Abt. 1777, Virginia; d. Aft. October 16, 1850, Franklin County, Georgia.

Notes for MARY THRASHER:

Found in the 1850 Census for Franklin County, Georgia. Sabrina Thrasher and her children (Harriet C. Thrasher 14; Martha (O. ?) Thrasher 11; Eliza C. Thrasher 7; Sarah Ann Thrasher 6; Lucinda Thrasher 3) are living with the Boatrights. The Boatrights live only a few houses from Larkin Thrasher.

2. ii. BENEDICT RANDAL THRASHER, b. 1792, Franklin County, Georgia; d. Bef. October 1852, Hart County, Georgia.
- iii. THOMAS THRASHER.
- iv. JOHN THRASHER, b. Abt. 1800.

Generation No. 2

2. BENEDICT RANDAL² THRASHER (BENJAMIN¹) was born 1792 in Franklin County, Georgia, and died Bef. October 1852 in Hart County, Georgia. He married TERA LINDSEY. She was born Abt. 1809 in Virginia, and died Aft. April 02, 1855.

Notes for BENEDICT RANDAL THRASHER:

References:

1840 Census for District 214, Franklin County, Georgia. In this census:
2 males (5 and under 10 (Probably Thomas Jayson and Perry James)

1 male (10 and under 15) Probably Larkin H. or Clark Terrel

1 male (40 and under 50) Probably Benedict

3 Females (under 5) Probably Mary Jane and two unknown

1 female (5 and under 10) Probably Nancy

1 female (15 and under 20) Probably Biddy C.

1 female (20 and under 30) Probably Sebrina

1 female (30 and under 40) Probably Tera (second wife)

1 female (50 and under 60)

1 female (60 and under 70) Probably his mother, Sarah age 74

1850 Census for District 32, Franklin County, Georgia. He is listed as Randal Thrasher.

Family Bible records (as handed down to Keels Thrasher from his grandmother, Nancy Thrasher, daughter of Benedict) contained on page 53 in Orr Thrasher's "A Compilation of the Thrasher Pioneers, Their Forebears and Descendants. 1600's - 1989." The record says that Benedict's first wife was Rebecca Craft. No other mention of her has been found.

Deeds found in Franklin County, Georgia (Originals available at the Georgia Archives)

Benedict Thrasher to Holloway Carnes Deed Book CC 31

fr John H. Burton CC 60

fr Sarah Thrasher CCC 140

to Larkin Thrasher CCC 228

to Drury Boatright CCC 232

to N. Lindsey CCC 233

to C. B. Estes CCC 258

Robert Thrasher & wife Elizabeth to Benedict Thrasher Deed Book CCC 140

More About BENEDICT RANDAL THRASHER:

Burial: prob. Shoal Creek Cem. Hart County, Georgia

Notes for TERA LINDSEY:

The correct spelling of her name is uncertain as it has appeared in various spellings in various records: Terri, Tera, Tery, Teriah and Terah.

In birth and death records written by Mary Whitfield Thrasher, wife of Benjamin son of Nancy Thrasher (grandson of Benedict Thrasher), she states that Tera is the second wife. The first was named Rebecca Craft. There is no information about Rebecca. Some of the older children were probably Rebecca's in view of Tera's age.

Deed Book A, Hart County, Georgia. Pages 131 - 132. 23 October 1852

Tery Thrasher and her heirs to N. Lindsey (Nimrod named later in the deed.) For \$55, 27 1/2 acres on Payne's Creek.

Signatures: Tery (her mark) Thrasher

Larkin (his mark) Thrasher

Betty C. (her mark) Thrasher

Nancy (H. or W.) (her mark) Thrasher

Mary Jane (her mark) Thrasher

Sublina (her mark) Thrasher

Recorded 20 February 1855. C. T. Thrasher assigned the same as witness with himself sworn to September 5, 1855.

Deed Book A, Hart County, Georgia. Pages 242 243. 2 April 1855

Terah Thrasher and Heirs to Samuel B. Byrum

For \$106.50, 35 1/2 acres on the waters of Payne's Creek, formerly in Franklin County's 214th district. Land adjoining Byrum lands, C. B. Estes, Terrel Thrasher, and others.

Signatures: Tera (her mark) Thrasher
Nancy (her mark) Thrasher
Clark T. (his mark) Thrasher
Mary Jane (her mark) Thrasher
Recorded 5 March 1856

Children of BENEDICT THRASHER and TERA LINDSEY are:

- i. SABRINA³ THRASHER, b. Abt. 1820, Georgia; d. Af. 1880.

Notes for SABRINA THRASHER:

Sabrina was very likely a child of Benedict's first wife, Rebecca Craft. Sabrina signed on several deeds in Hart County, Georgia as "heir" to Benedict Thrasher along with other known heirs: Clark Terrel Thrasher, Larkin Thrasher, Thomas J. Thrasher, Nancy Thrasher, Mary Jane Thrasher, and Tera Thrasher, widow.

Sabrina is first listed in the 1850 Census, District 32, Franklin County, Georgia. She and her family are living in the house with her aunt, Mary Thrasher Boatright. Five households away is her brother, Larkin Thrasher. On the 23 of June, 1860, Sabrina is found in the Hartwell District of Hart County. There was no move. The new Hart County was created in 1854 and the Thrashers were in the section of Franklin County now a part of Hart County. She lives between her daughter Harriet (Shoal Creek District) and brother Larkin Thrasher. Since no other records for her aunt and uncle, the Boatrights, have been found, it is believed they died and Sabrina is probably in their old home where she was living in 1850.

In the 4th of July, 1870 Census for Hartwell District, Hart County, Georgia, Sabrina (Savrina) has her daughter Elizabeth C. Thrasher and four of Harriet's children living with her. She lives next door to her daughter, Lucinda, and her husband, Edmond Wells. Daughter, Martha Thrasher and her son Lee Thrasher, live with the Wells.

In the 1880 Census for Reed Creek, Hart County, Georgia, "Briny" Thrasher, mother-in-law, is living with her daughter Lucinda and her second husband, Wallace Bebe. Her occupation: knitting.

- ii. BIDDY C THRASHER, b. Abt. 1823, Franklin County, Georgia; m. (1) SHADRICK RUMSEY; b. Abt. 1822, Georgia.

Notes for BIDDY C THRASHER:

Biddy C. Thrasher was first located in two deeds in Hart County, Georgia where she signed as "heir" to Benedict and Tera Thrasher. She signed as Beddy C. Thrasher and as Bidy C. Thrasher

In the 1850 Census for Elbert, Elbert County, Georgia, she is listed as "B" Thrasher (age 27) and had two children: W. Thrasher (age 1) and S. Thrasher (6/12). She is living with S. Rumsey (age 35).

In the 1860 Census for Dooley's, Hart County, Georgia, she is listed as "Beda" Rumsey. Her children are now listed as "Rumsey". Living with Shadrick, Beda and their children is Rhoda Rumsey, age 16 who is listed as the first child. This child is Biddy's child who was born before she married Shadrick Rumsey. Her name is Rhoda Thrasher, not Rumsey.

In the 1870 Census for Oak Bower Post Office, Dooley's Military District, Hart County, Georgia, she is listed as Bidda C, Rumsey.

- iii. LARKIN THRASHER, b. Abt. 1827, Franklin County, Georgia; d. June 05, 1863, Montgomery Springs, Virginia; m. (1) LUVICY; b. Abt. 1828; m. (2) CAROLINE HANCOCK, May 26, 1861, Hart County, Georgia; b. Bef. 1850, S. C..

Notes for LARKIN THRASHER:

Larken is found in the 1850 Census for Franklin County, Georgia, District 32. He was a farmer.

In the 1860 Census for Shoal Creek, Hart County, Georgia, Larkin is listed with his wife and son, Christopher C. (Larkin seems to have been left off of the list and can not be accessed by putting his name into the computer. To reach him, search for his sister Nancy Thrasher who lives next door in Hart County, Georgia.) He was born in Georgia.

Larken enlisted in Company H, Georgia 15th Infantry Regiment on 4 March 1862. He was a Private. He was mustered out (died) on 5 June 1863 at Montgomery Springs, Virginia (Reference: Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861 - 1865)

Military records list him as L. H. Thrasher.

He is also found in the "Muster Roll of Company "H" 15th Regiment, Georgia Volunteers, Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia, C. S. A., Hart County, Georgia" where it states that he died of measles.

An examination of Larkin's military records (Muster Roll) shows that he was absent part of the March-April 1862 and June 1862 period as "sick in the hospital at Petersburg." Other records show that he was admitted to the Chimbroazo Hospital #1 at Richmond on 11 May 1862 with Rubeola.

Another record shows that he was admitted to the Montgomery White Sulphur Springs Hospital on June 3,

1863 with pneumonia. He died there on June 5, 1863.

Deed Book A, Hart County, Georgia, pages 181 - 1829 (There is a mistake in the Deed Book as two pages are numbered 181 and also 182) 18 July 1855. Larkin Thrasher to James Rumsey for \$20. No acreage given. "On the waters of Payne's Creek."

Notes for LUVICY:

Luvicy is found in the 1870 Census for Parker's Store Post Office, Shoal Creek, Hart County, Georgia as head of the family. Also with her are two sons: Christopher C. and John M. (Larkin remarried in 1861.) The child, John M. Thrasher, age 4, is too young to have been Larken's child as Larkin died in 1863. She is next door to her sister-in-law, Nancy Thrasher.

Lovisa Thrasher, Widow, Hart County, Georgia, applied for a pension which was filed on 30 July 1863 in Hart County following Larkin's death. (Found in the: "Register of Deceased Officers and Soldiers from Georgia - - - -", and "Index to Georgia Civil War Confederate Pension files" by Virgil D. White)

Notes for CAROLINE HANCOCK:

Caroline Hancock Thrasher, a widow, is found in the 1880 Census for Center, Oconee County, S. C. She has two children: Cornelia Thrasher age 15, (c 1865) b. Georgia; and Earnest Thrasher age 3 (c 1877) b. S. C. Her mother is also living with Caroline: Haynie Hancock age 75.

- iv. CLARK TERREL THRASHER, b. Abt. 1829; d. September 23, 1861, Richmond, Virginia; m. BASHEBA "BERTHA" BAILEY, February 24, 1859, Hart County, Georgia; b. Abt. 1833, South Carolina.

Notes for CLARK TERREL THRASHER:

Deed Book B, Franklin County, Georgia dated 4 July, 1860: Clark T. Thrasher to Nancy and Mary Jane Thrasher (sisters).

For \$10 (token) . A tract of land in 1117 G. M. District on Payne's Creek, 6 1/2 acres. " - - - of the natural affection which he holds and bears to his sisters to wit, Nancy Thrasher and Mary Jane Thrasher. The land adjoining his property.

Signed: Clark T. (his mark) Thrasher Registered 30 July 1860

Deed Book B, Hart County, Georgia. Page 386 - 387 10 October 1860

Clark T. Thrasher to Nimrod Lindsey. 60 acres on the waters of Payne's Creek of the Tugaloo River.

Signed: Clark (his mark) T. Thrasher

J. A. Baily was one of the witnesses. Recorded 6 November 1860.

Deed Book B, Hart County, Georgia. Page 412. 10 October 1860

To Nimrod Lindsey, 60 acres on Payne's Creek and of the Tugaloo River.

Signed: Clark (his mark) T. Thrasher Registered 15 May 1861

From the "American Civil War Soldiers," Ancestry.com: Clark Thrasher enlisted as a Private , 15 July 1861 in Co. H, 15th Infantry Regiment, Georgia. He died in Co. H 15th Regiment on 23 Sept. 1861 in a hospital at Richmond, Virginia. (Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861 - 1865)

Clark is also listed as Clark Terry Thrasher in some military records.

Clark is found in the 1860 Census for Hart County County, Georgia living with his wife, Bashaba, and daughter, Lucinda. He is listed under the name "Fisher."

In the 1860 Census for Hart County, Georgia, the entire family group is closely situated.

Parker's Store Post Office, Shoal Creek District household :

#563 Clark Terrel Thrasher

#564 Nancy Thrasher

#565 Harriet Thrasher (Daughter of Sabrina Thrasher)

In the Hartwell District:

#566 Brina Thrasher (Sabrina)

#567 Larkin H. Thrasher

582 Thomas J. Thrasher

Notes for BASHEBA "BERTHA" BAILEY:

Found in the 1880 Census for Leaches, Gilmer County, Georgia. She is living with her father John Bailey and brother, John A. Bailey and listed as Basha Thrasher. Her two daughters are also listed: Lucinda and Margaret E. Thrasher.

On the 15th of April, 1891, Basheba applied for a widow's pension in Gilmer County, Georgia and signed a

Power of Attorney. (Pension Applications for Georgia)

Basheba's sister Kessiah Bailey married Thomas Jayson Thrasher, her husband's brother. (Brothers married sisters.)

Deed Book C, Hart County, Georgia. Page 314. 7 March 1867

Bashaber Baily to John Linder (her 6 acres) for \$12.

Signed: Bathshe Bu Thrasher. Witness C. C. Linder saw T. J. Thrasher execute the written deed to John Linder and that he saw Bashaber Baily assign the above release.

v. INMAN THRASHER, b. Abt. 1829.

Notes for INMAN THRASHER:

No information has been found about Inman.

vi. NANCY THRASHER, b. January 1831, Franklin County, Georgia; d. 1907, Anderson, S. C.; m. N. O. THRASHER.

Notes for NANCY THRASHER:

Nancy is first found in the 1850 Census for District 32, Franklin County, Georgia with her parents, Benedict Randal Thrasher and his second wife, Tera. Most of her siblings are also there as well as her daughter, Rhoda, age one.

In the 1860 Census for Parker's Store Post Office, Shoal Creek, Hart County, Georgia, Nancy is found with her children and sister, (Mary) Jane and her son, John, age two. Mary Jane is listed as a domestic.

In 1870 Nancy is located still in the Parker's Store Post Office, Shoal Creek district for Hart County, Georgia.

The 1880 Census shows Nancy and one son, Andrew, in Shoal Creek, Hart County, Georgia.

In the 1900 Census for Shoal Creek, Hart County, Georgia, Nancy birth date is listed as January 1826. (This year does not fit with all other census data.) She is listed as a widow. She had nine children, five alive in 1900. She cannot read or write.

Notes for N. O. THRASHER:

Family lore says that N. O. was a distant cousin. Nothing has been found about him. There is no marriage record in Franklin County, Georgia where family records state they were married.

vii. THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON" THRASHER, b. September 19, 1831, Franklin County, Georgia; d. Aft. January 12, 1904, Conns Creek, Cherokee County, Georgia; m. KESSIAH BAILEY, February 19, 1852, Franklin County, Georgia; b. February 1830, South Carolina; d. Aft. 1900, Conns Creek, Cherokee County, Georgia.

Notes for THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON" THRASHER:

Thomas "Jack - Jayson" Thrasher is found in the U. S. Census:

1850 - Franklin County, Georgia. His father listed under the name of Randal Thresher. He is listed as Jayson.

1860 - Hartwell, Hart County, GA

1870 - Shoal Creek, District, Hart County, GA. P. O: Parker's Store

1880 - Cherokee County, GA (Cross Roads district 1000, Ed 26, sheet 19)

1900 - Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, GA. In this Census, Thomas Jack and family are living next door to Thomas E. (b. 1870) and Mamie Thrasher Sr. and their family. This Thomas E. is the son of Thomas Jack-Jayson Thrasher.

In the 1900 Census, Thomas' daughter Kissiah Emilis Thrasher is living with him and five grandsons.

Thomas' occupation is listed as "farmer." He is able to read and write.

The marriage of Thomas Jack Thrasher and Kessiah Bailey is found in the Franklin County, Georgia marriage records. He is listed as, John Thrasher. (Remember, Jack is a nick name for John!)

He is also listed as "Jayson" Thrasher in the 1850 Census. In a family tradition he was called "Jack."

Found in the U. S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profile:

Name: T. J. Thrasher

Residence: Hart County, Georgia

Rank at: Private

State served: Georgia

Survived the War? Yes

Service record: Enlisted in Company H, 15th Infantry Regiment, (Benning's Brigade) Georgia Volunteers on 15 July 1861. Mustered out (retired) on 17 July 1864. He was wounded in the Battle of Malvern Hill in Virginia, 2 June 1864. (Sources : Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861 - 1865)

Thomas J. applied for Pensions from 1888 through 1904. He may have applied each year, but most records show a two year application. He applied in Bartow, Forsyth, Dawson and Cherokee Counties. The pension records are available and found in "Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879 - 1960." When

applying, in some years he sometimes signed the requests as Thomas J. Thrasher and some years as T. J. Thrasher.

Among these papers is the report from the office of Dr. H. P. Clark - Physicians * and * Surgeon - office in the Houser House

"Dawsonville, Ga. March 12, 1888

This is to certify that we have this day examined Thomas J. Thrasher and find that he is wounded in the following manner. He has been struck with a Shell at the rist joint of the left arm. The shell ranging up to the Elbow fracturing ulna bone of the forearm and doing enough injury to both the elbow and wrist-joints to render them permanently Stiff or Andi --- when the arm is extended to the fullest extent. It hangs down, the forearm extending across the breast and he has not the power to extend it any farther. He has also lost the Sight of the left Eye almost entirely. He cannot distinguish any printed Letters. He cannot distinguish any object at any distance from him. We will Say that his left-Arm is rendered Substantially and essentially useless to perform any manuel labor. We deem him incompetent and practically incompetent to perform the manuel activities of life. His eye is permanently injured and if it was not for the sight of his right eye, he could not perform any normal labor that would require any traveling about.

Signed H. P. Clark, M D

Sworn to and subscribed before me - March 12, 1888. J. S. Taylor, Ordinary"

In another sworn statement on 21 January 1897 (Dawson County, Georgia), Drs. Looper and Clark give almost the same description with this added bit of interest: " - - - shattering the bone of the arm and permanently disabling the arm more severely ____ cannot chip with an axe or hoe - - - ."

In the Pension Applications, Thomas J. signs saying that he had been a citizen of the State (Georgia) since 19 September 1831. In one he says, 1830.

Deed Book B, Hart County, Georgia. Page 265. 17 January 1859

Larkin H. Thrasher, Sobina Thrasher, Bidy C. Thrasher and Thomas J. Thrasher to Jeremiah Askea For \$25 To each of them paid in hand, sell a parcel of land situated on the west prong of Payne's Creek, bounded by N. Lindsey (and others.) Witness: Clark T. Thrasher

Signed: Larkin (his mark) H. Thrasher

Sobina (her mark) Thrasher

Bidy (her mark) C. Thrasher

Thomas (his mark) J. Thrasher

Clark T. Thrasher appeared and swore that he did see the (named) sign. 30 July 1859

Registered 2 August 1859

Deed Book C, Hart County, Georgia. Pages 145 - 146. 18 July 1864

Thomas Fisher to Thomas J. Thrasher for \$725, 72 acres. Recorded 12 September 1864.

Deed Book C, Hart County, Georgia. Pages 313 - 314. 22 January 1867

T. J. Thrasher to John Linder . For \$132, T. J. Thrasher sells 66 acres more or less, exempting 6 acres Basaba Baily, the corner near her house. "Except the six acres to Mrs. Baily in Witness there of - - - ." Signed: T. J. Thrasher

Notes for KESSIAH BAILEY:

Kessiah is listed in the 1900 Census for Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, GA as being a mother of seven children, six still alive in 1900.

Kessiah Bailey Thrasher and Basheba Bailey Thrasher are sisters.

viii. PERRY JAMES THRASHER, b. Abt. 1834, Franklin County, Georgia.

Notes for PERRY JAMES THRASHER:

No information has been founf for Perry.

ix. MARY JANE THRASHER, b. 1840, Franklin County, Georgia; d. 1906, Hart County, Georgia; m. (1) NONE/UNKNOWN; m. (2) WILLIAM BYRUM, October 01, 1861, Hart County, Georgia; b. December 05, 1827; d. October 10, 1890, Hart County, Georgia.

Notes for MARY JANE THRASHER:

Deed in Franklin County, Georgia: Mary Jane Thrasher to Nancy Thrasher (sister) on 1 October, 1861.

Mary Jane is first found with her parents, Benedict Randal Thrasher and Tera in the 1850 Census for Franklin County, Georgia.

In 1860 Mary Jane is living with her sister, Nancy Thrasher, and son, John age 2, in Hart County, Georgia. This John is John Peter Thrasher.

In the 1870 Census for Parker's Store Post Office, Hart County, Georgia, Mary Jane is listed with her husband, and several children. John Peter is listed as John Byrum, age 12.

The 1880 Census for Hart County, Georgia list her as Jane Byrum. Her husband William and several children are listed.

In the 1900 Census for Hart County, Georgia, Jane is widowed and living with a daughter, granddaughter and a boarder.

Mary Jane's marriage to William Byrum is found in the Hart County, Georgia Marriage Records. Place of burial, birth and death dates for Mary Jane and William Byrum are from, "Cemeteries of Hart County, Georgia" compiled by the Savannah River Valley Genealogical Society. Also the names of their children and their birth dates are from the Census records for 1870, 1880 and 1900 and the genealogy of the Byrum family found in "Pioneers of Hart County, Georgia" by H. Travis Parker. The two do not always agree. More information about the children is also found in the same genealogy.

More About MARY JANE THRASHER:

Burial: Byrum Family Cemetery, Hart County, Georgia

More About WILLIAM BYRUM:

Burial: Byrum Family Cemetery, Hart County, Georgia