
The Thrasher Newsletter

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Group Photo:

1st row: Robert (Buddy) Thrasher, David Thrasher, Montana Thrasher, Joe Grooms, John Paul Thrasher, Marshall Thrasher, and Katie Thrasher.

2nd row: Glenda Thrasher, Helen Raye Thrasher, Bonnie Thrasher Bolin, Juanita Thrasher, Eleanor Thrasher, Mary Thrasher, and Vickie Mills.

3rd row: Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Chris Cherry, Angie Grooms, Alice Thrasher, Frank Combes, Ken Sutherland, John E. Thrasher III, Jim Thrasher, Judy Aleman, and Janie Mosley; behind them is Bill H. Thrasher.

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Dinner at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Gardens (left): David Thrasher, Alice Thrasher, Eleanor Thrasher, John E. Thrasher III, Mary Thrasher, Jim Thrasher and Marshall Thrasher.

Dinner at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant (center): Vickie Mills, Bonnie Bolin, David R. Thrasher, Joe Grooms, Angie Grooms.

More Chattanooga Choo-Choo Gardens diners (right): Janie Mosley, Judy Aleman, Vickie Mills.



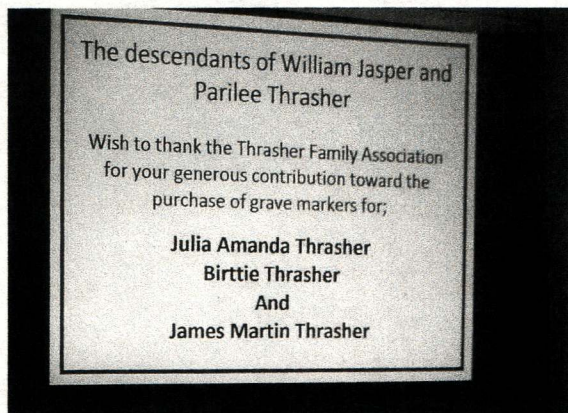
A Little Thrasher Muscle

Pitching in to rearrange the tables at the Choo-Choo are (l. to r.): Joe Grooms, Frank Combes, David R. Thrasher, Montana Thrasher, and, in the background, Alice Thrasher.

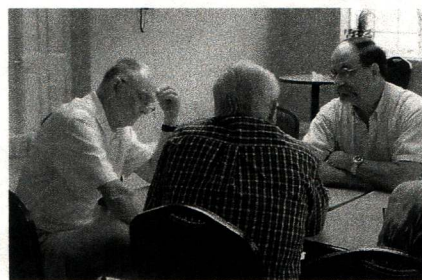
Looking for links



David R. Thrasher and Helen Raye Thrasher compare notes.



The descendants of William Jasper and Parilee Thrasher sent a thank you for the contribution the TFA made to purchasing grave markers for Julia Amanda, Birttie and James Martin Thrasher.



Joe Grooms, Buddy Thrasher (back to camera) and Frank Combes have some serious discussion about who is linked to whom.

Another Successful Reunion

From the reports that have come in, it sounds as though 2012 in Chattanooga was a good time for all those who could be there. There were some first-time attendees, including one brand new member, Montana Thrasher, but some of the regulars were missing. Montana traces his family tree back to the Christopher Drescher line first found in Pennsylvania and then in Virginia. There were also several members who had not been able to attend for several years. Hope both newbies and long-timers will be with the clan in 2013.

John Paul Thrasher brought many Thrasher-related items with him to share; According to John E. Thrasher, Billy H. Thrasher had everyone laughing with his presentation on his cemetery records research. Seems the some of the things that got church members in hot water years ago would not get even a thought these days. Frank Combes refused to model his Thrasher Brothers band t-shirt, but did talk to the group about the Chattanooga Thrashers, who are Cousin John's descendants.

John E. shared what is probably a good summation of not only Chattanooga, but all of the reunions. "Sitting around together after dinner is always a highlight of a reunion. Lots of tall tales, old family jokes, a drink or two, but mostly just getting to know each other better and in some cases, cousins meeting cousins for the first time. It didn't matter if one was a DNA cousin or not! There was also much to see and do in Chattanooga in the non-reunion time. The only thing missing was Judge Tom looking for a golf course. I think the folks in the photo that Billy took for this year's reunion shows what a good time we were having."

The group enjoyed good food at two restaurants -- the Mount Vernon with its old Southern charm and delicious homegrown vegetables, and the Chattanooga Choo-Choo where many chowed down on ribs with the traditional sides of sweet corn, slaw, and beans.

Reunion hosts Buddy and Glenda Thrasher did a great job. This was their second time to volunteer; they also hosted the Vicksburg event in 2009.

2013 Reunion Plans Already In The Works

John Paul Thrasher is working with Grady Thrasher and Celestea Sharp on plans to jointly host the 2013 Thrasher Family Association Reunion in Clarke/Oconee County. Dates being considered are May 3-5 (Friday-Sunday). The host hotel will be in Athens, likely the Athens Holiday Inn.

John Paul said they plan to obtain a hospitality suite, which would be available on Friday and Saturday (and Sunday if possible) as a gathering spot for the "cousins."

Activities they have discussed include a bus tour of historic sites in Oconee County including Symington Bridge Rd. Cemetery, Whitlow Hill Cemetery, Barton Thrasher Cemetery and Salem Methodist church and the possibility of touring some Thrasher homes, including the Harden Hill home that was once owned by Judge B. E. Thrasher. John Paul said that they also hope to have a DAR grave marking ceremony (similar to the one at the Maryland Thrasher Reunion) if they can get it approved.

In addition, Grady has offered to host a showing of The Thrasher Brothers Aerial Circus film at Cine in downtown Athens.

Congratulations, Graduate!

Mark Thresher Brewer, son of Charlie & Shirley Thresher Brewer of Parsons, Tenn., graduated with a Bachelor of Science In Organizational Leadership (Church Leadership) from Union University at Jackson, Tn. on May 19th. Mark, his wife Leia and their family live in Luray, Tenn.

Mark is a 3rd generation ordained Baptist Minister of the Brewer family. Mark's family, parents, brothers and sisters attended the event.

Best wishes to Mark and all his family. Shirley and Charlie are long-time TFA members.

An Anniversary Toast

Jim Moule and his wife Katherine celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a trip to France in June. Their trip dates conflicted with the reunion dates; can't imagine why they would prefer France! You were missed but we all know you had a wonderful time. Best wishes to you both for many more.

More Long Marriages to Celebrate

In addition to the Moules, the Association has several members who have been married for more than 50 years and one pair, Dale and Trudy have been married for 63 years. John E. and Eleanor have been married for 57 years, Buddy and Glenda for 53 years, Bill and Juanita for 51, and Al and Peggy for 52. Don't have exact anniversary dates, so will make this a general day of recognition! If there are more of you out there, let us know and we will give it the recognition a commitment like that deserves. May all of you joyously celebrate many more.

Directory Changes, Corrections and Additions

Names I goofed on in the directory:

Lociale, Janna (not Locinala)

Waller, Patricia Ann (not Paricia)

Address changes:

Leitner, Frances H.
8450 Gate Parkway West #203
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Michael S. & Elizabeth Thrasher
Add P.O. Box 841 to Anna Maria, FL address

Alternate address for them:
Hillside Farm, Avon Tyrell Christchurch
Dorset BH23 8EW
United Kingdom
+44-1425-672420

E-mail corrections/additions:

Aleman, Judy and Abel
aaleman@cableone.net
Combes, Frank
frankhondaex@gmail.com
Ray, Fayra and Wayne
waynerfayraray@gmail.com

New telephone numbers:

John F. and Kathy Thrasher
352-222-8111
John Paul and Paula Thrasher
770-328-3991



Test on how carefully you look at the pictures! How many of you spotted John and Eleanor up in the cab of the engine playing engineer?

Editor's Corner

First on my list: Sorry this issue is so late. Have been having some unexpected problems which made me cancel my plans to attend the reunion and also are interfering and putting everything I usually do behind schedule. Hope to get back on track by the time the next issue is due out.

In the meantime, it sounds as though the reunion was a good experience for those who did make it. Buddy and Glenda pulled off another success. Thanks to both of you.

There was a shortage of family news items this time -- there must have been some graduations, marriages, other events out there. All news is welcome -- pictures too. Send items for future issues to Barbara Eger, is 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

In Memorium

Roy C. Thrasher

Roy C. Thrasher, 71, of Huntsville, died peacefully at his home May 4, 2012. He was born in Cedartown, Georgia, on July 19, 1940.

He attended North Habersham High School, Clarksville, Georgia, and Georgia Tech in Atlanta, receiving a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1964 and a BS in Applied Mathematics in 1965. He also earned a Master's degree in Engineering Specialty from UCLA. He began his career with McDonald Douglas Aircraft Corp. in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He also worked for that company in Santa Monica, California, and in Huntsville, Alabama. He also worked for numerous engineering companies in Huntsville and enjoyed mentoring young professionals.

He retired from Northrup Grumman after 45 years. One of his biggest enjoyments was watching his daughters play sports and cheering on their teams. In his younger years he enjoyed playing all sports including basketball and tennis.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Americus Thrasher; mother, Allie Lorraine Thrasher; and his sister, Carmie Larue Cochrane.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Lorraine; two daughters, Allie Marie Thrasher of Huntsville and Catherine Ann Thrasher of Huntsville, and his brother, Albert A. Thrasher, Jr. and sister-in-law, Margaret P. Thrasher, of Tiger, Georgia.

He also left behind many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and many dear family members and friends. He will be greatly missed by everyone touched by his life.

The funeral service was held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Huntsville on May 9, with Father Vincent Bresowar officiating.

Dorothy Wright Thrasher

Dorothy Wright Thrasher, 89, of Huntsville, passed away Sept. 13, 2012. She was born Nov. 1, 1922.

Mrs. Thrasher was preceded in death by her parents, Josephine and Clay Wright of Belmont, Mississippi and her beloved husband, Tom Goodman Thrasher.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharon T. Langley of Colorado Springs, CO, Carol T. Mayo (Donald) of Silverdale, Washington, Amanda T. Segrest (Michael) of Huntsville and Anne T. Swain (Albert) of Huntsville; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Coy Hallmark officiating.

Tom and Dorothy Thrasher were part of the original group of people who began the Thrasher Family Association in 1974.

The Thrasher Family

Richard Thrasher, son of Joseph Cloud Thrasher and his wife Margaret, is the first known of the Thrasher family to locate in Greene County, Georgia.

From "Historical Collections of Georgia" by White, page 479 (Greene County, Georgia):

"On the 23d of April, 1793, the Indians numbering thirty-seven, made a sudden attack upon the house of Mr. Richard Thrasher. They killed Mr. Thrasher, two children, and a negro woman. Mrs. Thrasher, to avoid, if possible, the fate with which she was threatened, fled with her infant, five or six weeks old, in her arms, and reached the river. The savages pursued her, and shot her through each thigh and the right breast, stabbed her in the left breast with a knife, cut her arm nearly off, and then scalped her. In this dreadful situation she remained until the neighbors could assemble in sufficient numbers to cross the river and pursue the Indians. As the first canoe was crossing, she had strength sufficient to call for assistance. The poor woman was found hanging by a bush, in water nearly up to her chin, her infant at the bottom of the river, a few yards from her. She lived nearly twenty-four hours, and when informed by her physician that it was impossible for her to survive much longer, she, with a fortitude that is rarely to be met with, called her friends around her, and in a calm manner gave her hand to every one, wishing them a better fate than that which had befallen her and her family. This lady was twenty-five years old, of highly respectable connections, handsome, and well educated."

Richard Thrasher's father, Joseph Cloud Thrasher (abt. 1750 - 1810) also located in Greene County at about the same time as it was in 1793 that he sold his property in Guilford County, North Carolina. He sold 460 acres in Greene County on 4 September, 1796 (Deed Book F, p. 283), and on 12 March, 1797 (Deed Book F, pp 285 - 286) Joseph Cloud Thrasher purchased land from William Hammett on Sandy Creek in Greene County which bordered on other Thrasher holdings. Joseph Cloud is found in the "1798 Census of First Battalion, Greene County, Georgia" along with two other Thrasher families whose given names are not listed. These other Thrasher families are known to be Joseph Cloud's relations: probably his mother Ruth Cloud Thrasher, now widowed, and for certain, his brother, John Thrasher, Jr. (1758 - 1844), his wife, Susan Barton Thrasher and some of their children and slaves. All of these family members migrated to Georgia after living in Guilford County (now Rockingham County), North Carolina during the American Revolution.

John Thrasher, Jr. (Revolutionary War - Pvt. N.C.) is recorded in the 1798 Tax Digest for Greene County for land on Greenbrier Creek. That property was later classified as being in Clarke County when Clarke was created from Jackson and Greene Counties in 1801.

The Thrasher Family Association
Meeting of June 23, 2012
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Attending (List includes those attending the Friday and/or Saturday dinners and/or the business meeting):

Judy Aleman of Sherman, TX; Janie Mathus Mosley of Rockwell, TX; Bonnie T. Bolin of Fayetteville, GA; Nancy Cherry of Beltsville, MD; Chris Cherry of Beltsville, MD; Frank Combes of Chattanooga, TN; Joe and Angie Grooms of Davidson, NC; Ken Sutherland of Jacksonville, FL; Billy H. and Juanita Thrasher of Live Oak, FL; Buddy (Robert P.) and Glenda Thrasher of Columbus, MS; David and Alice Thrasher of Montgomery, AL; Helen Raye Thrasher of Birmingham, AL; Jim and Mary Thrasher of Lake City, FL; John E. and Eleanor Thrasher of Micanopy, FL; John Paul Thrasher of Newnan, GA; Marshall and Katy Thrasher of Rock Springs, GA; and Montana Thrasher of Jefferson, GA. Vickie Mills, a guest of Bonnie Bolin, also attended.

Pre-meeting Program: On Friday evening, June 22, the group enjoyed dinner at the gracious Mount Vernon Restaurant in Chattanooga.

Call to Order: The annual business meeting of the Thrasher Family Association (TFA) was called to order by Chair John E. Thrasher, III, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2012, in the Chit-Chat room of the La Quinta Inn, 100 W. 21st Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The room was lined with members' displays, photo albums, research notebooks, and interesting memorabilia of Thrasher families.

Program: The program consisted of two short presentations and a video.

Frank Combes welcomed the group to Chattanooga and providing information on notable Thrashers in the area. Frank is a descendant of Cousin John's (John James Thrasher's) son Jessie Scaife Thrasher. Frank called our attention to the bridge, elementary school, and VFW post named for his uncle, Judge Wilkes T. Thrasher. Wilkes T. Thrasher, Jr., son of the judge, ran for Congress in the 1960s.

Frank also shared his interest in the Thrasher Brothers gospel singers and in the Thrasher Bus Company run by the same family in Birmingham, Alabama. That family does not make their family history available, but Frank has met Jim and Joe and knows that songwriter Neil Thrasher (of Thrasher-Shriver fame) is Joe's son. He has also learned from a recent album that the first name of the mother of the Thrasher Brothers is Cloovein.

Bill H. Thrasher showed before-and-after slides of gravestones he has supplemented in the Shiloh Primitive Baptist church in Marshall County, Alabama. Bill gets the stones made and sets them himself. He has improved markers for Julia Amanda Watson Thrasher, 1885-1916, wife of Houston Thrasher (Billy's grandmother), and James Martin Thrasher, 1878 - 1906, whose wife was Ruthie E. Watson Thrasher. James Martin Thrasher is the brother of Houston and is Ken Sutherland's grandfather. He showed before and after pictures of the grave of Mattie L. Jennie Thrasher, daughter of William Jasper and Parilee Thrasher and sister to Houston and James Martin, and he showed slides of the trees fallen from the tornado outbreak that went through Alabama in April 2011. Bill has also added or improved some markers for the Watson family. Last year at the TFA meeting, he brought the stone he had had made for Birtie, Julia and Houston's first child.

Bill was permitted to photograph 1800 pages - every page of 6 record books - from the Shiloh church. The church was organized in 1845; many of the records were written in pencil and barely discernible until he photo-enhanced the pictures. He provided samples of church actions contained in the records, including such notations as "Brother Loyd is having trouble with public drunkenness and profane language," and "After 150 years, it has been moved and seconded to add bathrooms to the church."

The third feature of the program was the video of Grady Thrasher's "World's Smallest Airport, the true story of the Thrasher Brothers Aerial Circus 1945 – 1950." One of the signature acts was landing a Piper Cub on the "World's Smallest airport," a small platform on top of a 1946 Ford, then taking off. The show also featured low altitude loops and rolls by the world's only "Siamese Ercoupe," two Ercoupes bolted together and controlled from the left fuselage. Grady is the son of Grady Thrasher, Jr., who, with his brothers Bud and Tunis, performed their daredevil stunts from New York to Texas to Miami.

Grady has promised a copy of the movie on DVD to any member who contributes \$10 to the TFA. To begin the donations, he gave \$100 to the association's treasury. A report on the donations and number of copies of the DVD Grady donated will be made later. Grady couldn't attend this meeting, as he is travelling with showings of his movie. He is a retired attorney and now writes childrens' books.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2011 meeting were approved as written. Minutes were published in the newsletter last August, and John distributed copies at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Buddy reported a balance of \$2545.90 in the treasury as of the end of May 2012. Of this, \$300 is set aside for DNA "scholarships." The TFA's expenses in the past year have been for newsletter copying and distribution, the grave marker project, and one full DNA scholarship. The report was approved, and Buddy provided copies of the annual financial report for everyone. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Election: The next item of business was the election of officers. David's motion to retain the current set of officers was seconded by a chorus, and John as Chair, Nancy Cherry as secretary, and Buddy Thrasher as treasurer were re-elected by acclaim. It is hoped and expected that Barbara, who was not at the meeting, will consent to continuing in her appointed post as newsletter editor.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: John commended Barbara for the valuable newsletter, which she has done consistently well for the past 20 years. In the past year she has mastered new software, made necessary when a computer problem forced her to buy a new computer and new software. John urged attendees to send Barbara items – research, family notes, pictures – for the newsletter.

Membership and the Biennial Directory: John also expressed appreciation to Barbara for the new 2012 directory. He distributed Membership forms for the coming year, and Buddy emphasized that the forms should be enclosed with dues checks when they are mailed in. At last year's meeting, Barbara asked that members send contact corrections to her so that they can be printed in the newsletter and entered into the database for the next directory. She also reminded members to make changes in their current directories when they see new contact information for members printed in the newsletter. These habits should continue this year.

DNA: Nancy reported that we now have 53 participants in our Y-chromosome DNA study. Forty-three of them are of the haplogroup R1b1a2, one is of R1a1, two are R1a1a, five are E1b1b1, one is I1 and one is J2. This does not include Grady Thrasher, whose test swabs have not yet been received by FTDNA. The newest member of our surname project is Montana Thrasher of Jefferson, GA. Montana has the usual R1b1a2 haplogroup, but his marker values show that he is not closely related to anyone in our group. He traces his heritage back to the Christoph Drescher line originally found in Pennsylvania and then in Virginia. We are now eager to get other men from that line into the study.

John, Buddy, and Nancy, who comprise the committee to approve "DNA scholarships," endorsed Jim's successful motion to upgrade Montana's test from the Y-12 to the Y-37 in the near future. Nancy and Buddy will handle the administrative details to get this done.

Twelve individuals have taken the mtDNA test and 11 have taken the Family Finder test. Ancestry .com has recently offered its version of the FamilyFinder test, so our testing company, FamilyTreeDNA, is now facing

competition from both 23-and-me and from Ancestry.com. In an effort to build up its database, FTDNA recently offered the FF test at \$179, a discount of \$90. These sales are often announced with no warning and may last for only a day or so. Therefore Nancy would like to establish a "waiting list" of individuals who wish to purchase tests but prefer to wait for sale prices. She also suggested that those interested should "like" FTDNA on Facebook so that they would be notified of any sales. In addition, she asked each TFA member to recruit men for the Thrasher/Thresher project. The value of the study increases with each participant.

Helen told her DNA story: One of her great-grandfathers, whose surname was Gilbert, lived in Kentucky and then Alabama. Helen has learned that he was born illegitimate and she surmises that is why he never talked about his family. DNA results from his descendants match those of the Lucas family, not the Gilbert family. Helen looked in the 1840 census and found the Lucases living next door to the Gilberts. The Gilbert surname project has set up a special branch of their study to collect Lucas-Gilberts, to make things easier for future researchers. Helen has joined the Lucas study as well as the Gilbert study.

Old Business:

Cemetery restoration: Last year the TFA identified three cemeteries as needing clean-up and/or tombstone work. Bill H. Thrasher has used the money set aside by the organization for the refurbishment or replacement of gravestones at the Shiloh Primitive Baptist church in Marshall County, Alabama. These were the stones in his slide show, and he thanked the TFA for the financial support for the tombstones.

The David Thrasher cemetery in Newton County, Georgia, was also in need of work. Al Thrasher and Ray and Fred Ranier have now completed the work, reassembling the stones as needed. This was done at their own expense; they wanted no financial input from the TFA. Fred Ranier has sent pictures which John displayed. There was discussion as to whether the stones should have been reassembled or replaced.

There are reports that the Barton Thrasher cemetery has been fenced with barbed wire, with no access. Maps of these two Georgia cemeteries can be found in Our Thrasher Heritage, pages 488-489.

Last year Sande suggested that a marker was needed for the grave of Theresa Thrasher in Texas. The group allocated \$150, pending Sande's report of what was needed. Since Sande did not attend the reunion this year, no action was taken on her request.

Newsletters: John has not yet finished indexing past issues of the newsletter, but he hopes to get it completed this year. He estimates that it will cost about \$125 to copy and send to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Allen County library is the second largest genealogical library in the country, after the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City.

Bonnie reported that the Archives in Atlanta have a spotty collection of the TFA newsletters. John said that TFA has sent them consistently for 20 years, but he asked Bonnie to get a fix on what is needed to make a complete set at the Archives and the TFA will try to replace what is missing.

Cookbooks: Eleanor still has a few of the TFA cookbooks for sale at \$10.00 each.

New Business:

Publishing: Helen is reorganizing her research material and adding stories. She hopes to publish on John Thrasher Sr. (1710-1790) through all branches of his descendants. She asks anyone with material to contribute it to the publication. John wants to see Jodie's extensive compilation in print. Jodie has researched all six sons of Old George. Portions of the Old George story were published in the TFA newsletter in October 2003, December

2009, and October 2011. The TFA newsletter has, within the past year, also published an update on Mary Jane Thrasher (ancestor of John Peyton Thrasher) and Bonnie Bolin's ancestry from Thomas Barton Thrasher, son of David and Polly Hughey Thrasher. John has published his own genealogy, printing it on his computer and having it bound at a local bindery. He has put copies of the volumes in the Gainesville (Florida) Library and suggested that others take similar steps to see that their research is available to others. John Paul suggested putting data on a DVD which is easily copied and distributed.

African-American connections: John and Nancy have been contacted by Alma Parker of Los Angeles who is descended from the Oconee County Thrashers. She is African American, and is interested in attending a TFA reunion in the future. Her family's reunion is next month in Atlanta and Covington, Georgia. Their reunions consist of a fish fry on Friday evening and a formal event on Saturday evening. With more emphasis on use of DNA in genealogical research, it is likely that Black/White connections will be found in our families. Bonnie reminded us of the 1860 slave census.

The Atlanta History Center: Last year Bonnie complained to staff at the Atlanta History Center that she found no mention of John James Thrasher (Cousin John) in their display. This was unfortunate, as Cousin John played a key role in the founding of the city which was, at one time, was called Thrasherville. Bonnie was told that the display is not finished and that the Center had not yet collected enough money to finish it. This year she finds the situation unchanged, and says that she intends to keep after the Center until Cousin John is given his rightful place in its history. "I'm a Thrasher, and I want to see it!" she declared.

Scanner: Nancy showed the Flip-Pal scanner she bought recently to copy material without carrying around a computer and flat-bed scanner. The small device scans books, photographs, and even pictures on a wall and stores the scans on an SD-card, similar to the ones found in digital cameras. It has been highly praised in genealogy circles and is permitted in libraries where more invasive scanners are not. The Flip-Pal costs \$150 and is available from <http://www.familyrootspublishing.com/store/>.

Next year's reunion: John asked for volunteer hosts for next year's reunion. John Paul volunteered, expecting that he could enlist help from Celestea and Grady. John Paul was impressed with the grave-marking ceremony held in Maryland at the 2007 Jubilee and would like to hold a similar ceremony for John Thrasher, Jr., ancestor to many of the Georgia Thrashers and a soldier in the North Carolina Militia. Local DAR chapters would be eager to cooperate. Someone asked if such an outdoor ceremony could be held in a cooler month, and sometime between Easter and Mothers Day was suggested. The site, too, has yet to be determined. John warned that a decision and arrangements must be made within the next few months. John also asked if anyone had suggestions as to the format of the reunion; there were none.

Family News:

Celestea Sharp couldn't attend the TFA reunion this year because she is in France. She has bought 60+ acres on Oconee River in Oconee County, Georgia. John and Eleanor and Barbara Eger recently had lunch with David and Elise Sumner; David is doing well after his treatment for breast cancer. Jim and Katherine Moule are in France, celebrating their 55th anniversary. John E. and Eleanor have been married for 57 years, Buddy and Glenda for 53 years, Bill and Juanita for 51, Al and Peggy for 52, and Dale and Trudy for 63. In December, John Paul Thrasher, past president of the Newnan-Coweta Board of Realtors, was recognized as the Realtor of the Year of the group. Roy Thrasher, brother to Al, has passed away since the last reunion as have George C.'s aunt, Goldie Almira Thrasher Stewart, and David's mother, Carolyn Mullins Thrasher.

Wrap-up:

Door prizes: Eleanor and Vickie drew for doorprizes. Helen, Nancy, Joe, and Ken won prizes.

Kudos: John thanked Buddy and Glenda for planning and hosting a very successful reunion. He thanked Billy for making the electronic equipment work and for his photography. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the various displays around the room and expressed appreciation to everyone for bringing them. In particular, he called attention to materials that Montana Thrasher had brought. Montana is a new member with an interesting story, and his family history adds yet another family line to those in the TFA.

Group picture: Billy H. took the group picture in the conference room. He will photograph an appropriate background, most likely the big locomotive at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, and create a composite picture inserting photos of those not available at the time the group picture was taken.

Close of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm and, after a short break, everyone re-assembled in the hotel lobby for the drive to dinner at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thrasher Cherry, TFA secretary

Treasurer's Report

THRASHER FAMILY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT 06/01/2011 THRU 05/31/2012		
FINDS AVAILABLE TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 06/01/2011		\$2,498.08
DEPOSITS 06/01/2011 THRU 05/31/2012		\$1,275.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 06/01/2011 THRU 05/31/2012		\$3,773.08
DISBURSEMENTS 06/01/2011 THRU 05/31/2012		
1. NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$624.18	
2. FAMILY TREE DNA SCHOLARSHIP	\$153.00	
3. GRAVE MARKER PROJECT	\$450.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES 06/01/2011 THRU 05/31/2012	\$1,227.18	\$1,227.18
FUNDS AVAILABLE TRUST MARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 06/01/2012		\$2,545.90
"NOTE" INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND \$300.00 FOR YEARLY DNA SCHOLARSHIPS		

Robert Thrasher Treasury

Robert Thrasher