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# The Thrasher Newsletter

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*Pictured above standing from left to right: Bill H. Thrasher, Don Athey, Chere Athey, Klaus Darnall, Peggy Thrasher Law, John Paul Thrasher, Susie Thrasher, Chris Cherry, Anna Southerland, Ken Southerland, General Ulysses S. Grant! Nancy T. Cherry, General Robert E. Lee! Alice Thrasher, David Thrasher, Angie Grooms, Joe Grooms, Terry Thompson, John E. Thrasher. Seated from left to right: Linda Jean Thrasher Gee, Ann Thrasher Flanagan, Mary Beth Thrasher Harford, Ivy Darnall, Juanita Thrasher, Glenda Thompson, and Eleanor Thrasher*



*Each one of us has been extremely (make that miraculously) blessed in our personal ancestry. Consider that for thousands of years every one of our forebears have been attractive enough to find a mate, healthy enough to reproduce, and lived long enough to do so. Not one of our pertinent ancestors was squashed, devoured, drowned, starved, mortally wounded or otherwise prevented from passing on their unique genetic pattern at the right moment, in*

*order to perpetuate the only possible sequence of hereditary combinations that could result, astoundingly, in YOU!*

(liberally paraphrased by Susie Thrasher from *A Short History of Everything* by Bill Bryson)

# How DNA Clarified a Relationship

By Dr. Helen Raye Thrasher

This is a mission of discovery for James “Jimmy” Bertis Thrasher, my second cousin twice removed, in the Thrasher line, and me. Jimmy and I met about six years ago at a Thrasher gathering in Troy, Alabama. We next met one year ago when he called and asked if I would help to discover the name of his biological father. DNA results indicated Jimmy was not a Thrasher, but was a Lucas.

Jimmy’s mother lived in Bessemer, Alabama, at the time of his birth and had a boarder named Louise Lucas. Louise had a brother known by a nickname, “Buddy” Lucas, who was suspected to be Jimmy’s father. Louise Lucas married in 1932 and the marriage license revealed her parents to be Ebb and Rosa Lucas. Digging into many census records identified the other members of Louise’s family and listed only one brother: Floyd Emery Lucas (1905-1960). Eventually I found that Floyd married Lillie Turner. When Floyd died his obituary listed a stepson. After much digging I found the obituary of Floyd’s wife in Tooele, Utah, and a street address. Using the street address, we discovered the name and phone number of Floyd’s stepson. Jimmy immediately phoned. Indeed, it was the correct family. Also, one of Jimmy’s life-long friends from Shelby County, Alabama, turned out to be a Lucas cousin.

HAPPY ENDING?

NOT QUITE YET!

When I became interested in genealogy I traced my maternal Gilbert family back to Virginia. The line proceeds:

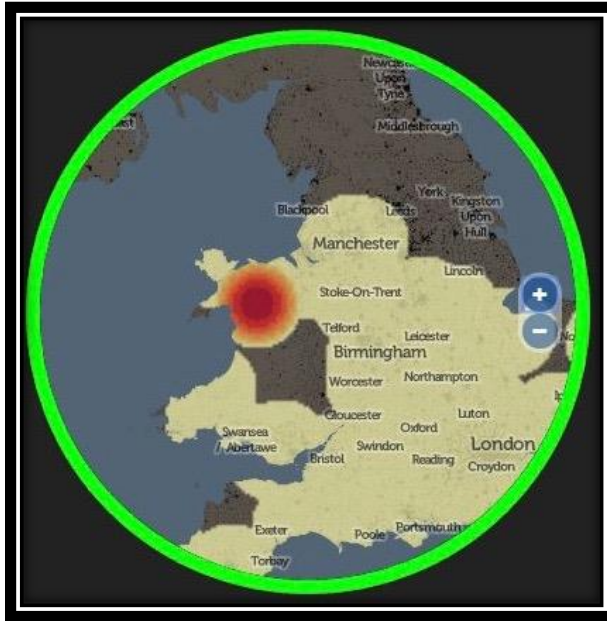
Helen Raye Thrasher (1939 AL- )  
Edna Elizabeth Gilbert (1916 AL-2002 AL)  
Albert James Gilbert (1877 KY-1959 AL)  
John F. Gilbert (1857 VA-1939 AL)  
Oliva Gilbert (1831 VA- )

The Lee County, Virginia, birth register revealed that John F. Gilbert was the illegitimate son of Oliva Gilbert. John moved to Kentucky and later to Alabama in the 1880s. John never spoke about his family and was a stern religious fundamentalist who chastised my mother, his granddaughter, for using makeup, having short hair, and attending those evil high school football and baseball games. In 2006, I had DNA testing performed on my only maternal male cousin. There were no matches for two years, but then several Lucas matches were reported, one of which was JAMES BERTIS THRASHER. The Lucas family lived next door to the Gilberts in Lee County, Virginia, and I discovered that my second great-grandfather was John Lucas.

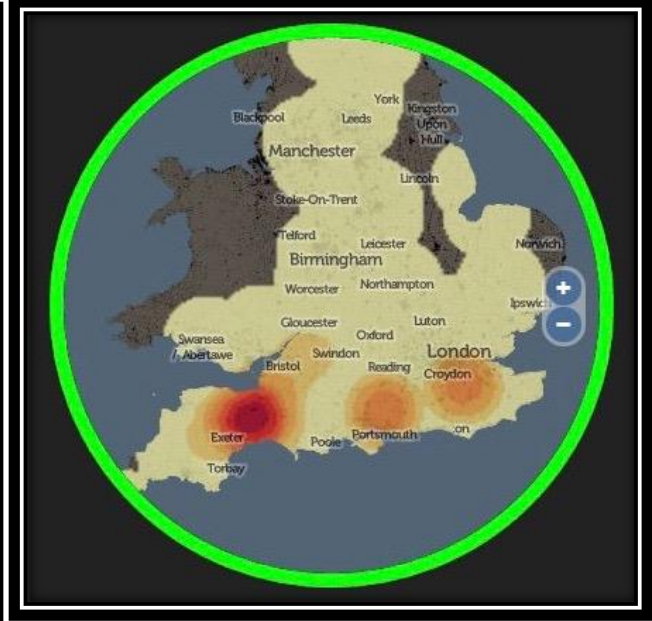
NOW THE HAPPY ENDING!!

James Bertis Thrasher is NOT my second cousin twice removed in the THRASHER family, but he IS my third cousin twice removed in the LUCAS family! I am delighted to have not lost Jimmy as a cousin, only switched him to the other side of my family tree.

I came across a website called "named" (the link is [named.publicprofiler.org](http://named.publicprofiler.org)) that provides a heat-map of the UK to show concentrations of surnames. To my surprise, the Thrashers are in the northern part of England (actually Wales) and the Threshers are concentrated to the south.



THRASHERS



THRESHERS

Most search engines combine Thrasher and Thresher into one search. In my lineage we have both Thrashers and Threshers and even Threshers, all in one lineage.

***Save the dates! May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2017!***

***The 2017 Thrasher Family Reunion***

***will be in Montgomery, Alabama***

***Thank you David and Alice Thrasher***

***for the early "heads-up!" Note: Jamestown or bust in 2018!***



Be sure to visit ***our Thrasher Family Association*** website at: <http://thrasherfamilyassociation.wordpress.com/>

# Honoring our Thrasher Mothers

by Susie Thrasher

In the last newsletter we decided to honor our Thrasher mothers. I received such an overwhelming response to this request that there wasn't enough room in the May newsletter to honor all those who were sent in. Never fear! We have just decided to add *Honoring Our Thrasher Mothers* as a regular feature in future newsletters until all those who contribute see their story published. So keep the pictures and articles coming! It's not too late.

## Marian Crawford Moule (1911-2011)

By Jim Moule

My mother, Marian Moule, was a ceramicist and very active in the 1950-1970 California art scene. Her gg grandmother was Mary "Polly" Thrasher of Pendleton County, Kentucky. Thus, she is a descendant of Benjamin Thrasher of Frederick County, Maryland as follows:

Benjamin Thrasher (~1700 – ca 1740) & Mary Hook (1708 - 1766)→John Thrasher (1736 – ca 1818) & Elizabeth Ankrom (1748 - 1825) →Josiah Thrasher (1763 - 1849) & Ann "Nancy" Bonar (1769 - 1839)→ John Thrasher (1790 - 1878) & Elizabeth Rush (ca 1795 - 1855)→Mary "Polly" Thrasher (1813 - 1873) & Jacob Barton Power (1813 - 1895)→ Esther Power (1836 - 1896) & George Ambrose Ball (1831 - 1909)→Orlow B. Ball (1859 - 1944) & Minnie Grafftey (1864 - 1952)→Anna Florence "Florence" Ball (1888 - 1984) & James Mark Crawford(1885-1960→Marian Alice Crawford (1911-2011) & Thomas Beverly Moule (1910-1976)



### Children:

James Crawford Moule  
Richard Day Moule

### Grandchildren:

Elizabeth Moule Polyzoides  
Nancy Moule Rowe  
Allison Moule  
John Barrows Moule  
Mark Reed Moule  
Erik Crawford Moule

### Great Grandchildren:

Alexander Dimitri Stefanou Moule Polyzoides  
James Nicholas Stefanou Moule Polyzoides  
Katherine Marian Stefanou Polyzoides



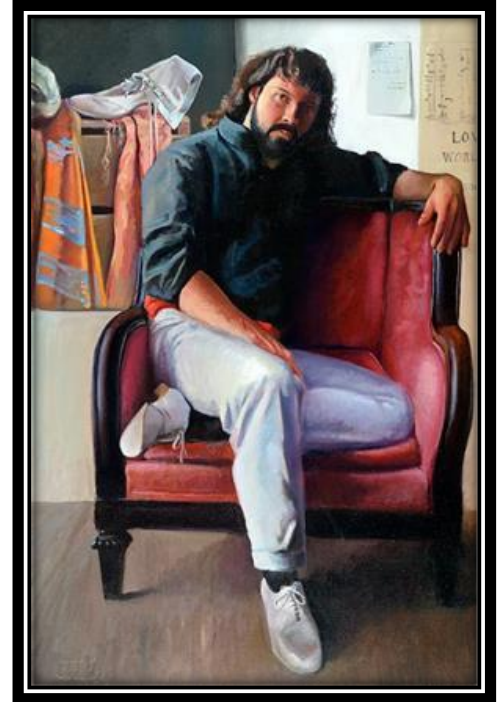
## Peter Nelson Thrasher Noted Artist

by Chere Thrasher Athey

Please allow me to introduce you to my first cousin, Peter. He is an well-known artist and lives in Virginia near Washington, D.C. Peter Nelson Thrasher's mother was Alma Lee Briner (1931-1993), and he has one brother, Corey Lee Thrasher (1968- ).

Peter Thrasher was born in Washington in 1959. "His work is reminiscent of an earlier classical age, especially his still lifes, which call to mind the work of 16th and 17th century European masters" (THE WASHINGTON POST).

He is a contemporary realist in his painting style. Mr. Thrasher began his first apprenticeship at age 17 when he studied with Washington, D.C. area artist Danni Dawson. He then worked with Nelson Shanks, a well-known portrait and figure painter, in a three-year apprenticeship in Pennsylvania. He returned to Washington and opened a studio in 1985 and painted the portraits of Judge Gerhard Gesell and Teamster's Union President William J. McCarthy, among others. He has had portrait commissions from other notable officials within the United States and abroad.



*Peter Nelson Thrasher painted by his student, Joseph John Dudding*

Mr. Thrasher began teaching in Nelson Shanks' studio and continued at the Art League School in Alexandria, Virginia. In the 1990s. He exhibited with the Art League, Gallery K, and the Jane Haslem Galleries in Washington. His work has also been exhibited in many Italian cities, in New York, and elsewhere, and they also appear in many private collections.



One of Peter's most important portraits is the official Judicial Portrait of Gerhard Alden Gesell as reproduced on the left. Judge Gerhard A. Gesell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia presided over momentous cases in the Watergate scandals, the release of the secret Pentagon Papers, the Iran-contra affair and the legalization of abortion.

Peter continues to work out of his Virginia studio on portrait commissions, figures, floral and still life paintings.

Click on go to this link to see more of his work:

<https://thrasherfamilyassociation.wordpress.com/welcome/peter-nelson-thrasher-artist/>

## MINUTES

The Thrasher Family Association  
Meeting of May 21, 2016  
Amherst, Virginia

Hosts: Joe and Angie Grooms

**Attending:** Chere and Don Athey of Cumberland, MD and Sanibel, FL; Chris Cherry of Pasadena, MD; Nancy Cherry of Beltsville, MD; Ivy and Klaus Darnall of Atlanta, GA; Nancy Anne Thrasher Flanigan of Radford, MI; Angie and Joe Grooms of Davidson, NC; Mary Beth Thrasher Harford of Riverton, WY; Peggy Thrasher Law of Watkinsville, GA; Linda Jean Thrasher Gee Nestle of Paradise, TX; Anna and Ken Sutherland of Jacksonville, FL; Terry and Glenda Thompson of Pflugerville, TX; Juanita and Bill H. Thrasher of Live Oak, FL; Alice and David Thrasher of Montgomery, AL; Eleanor and John E. Thrasher III of Micanopy, FL; John Paul Thrasher of Newnan, GA; and Sue Thrasher of Watkinsville, GA.

**Pre-meeting Activities:** The group enjoyed dinner on Friday evening at the Travelers Fine Food & Drink in Amherst. On Saturday morning, attendees journeyed to Puppy Creek/Forks of the Buffalo to the former John and Ruth Thrasher property (land grants in 1738 and 1745) and to Thrasher Lake. Afterwards they toured the Amherst County Museum and Historical Society where they were met with cake and punch!

**Call to Order:** The annual business meeting of the Thrasher Family Association (TFA) was called to order by the Chair, John E. Thrasher III, at 2:10 p.m., on Saturday, May 21, 2016 in the meeting room of the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center at Sweet Briar College in Amherst, Virginia. Many attendees had brought photo albums, research notebooks, and interesting memorabilia of Thrasher families. These were displayed around the room.

John E. welcomed new attendees Glenda and Terry Thompson from Texas and a trio of sisters, Linda Nestle, Mary Beth Harford, and Nancy Anne Flanagan, the daughters of Howard Willis Thrasher (1914 – 1952). John E. thanked Angie and Joe Grooms for arranging the morning tour and for hosting this year's reunion. He asked attendees to write their names on a paper leaf and fasten their leaves on the appropriate "tree" he had drawn on chart board.

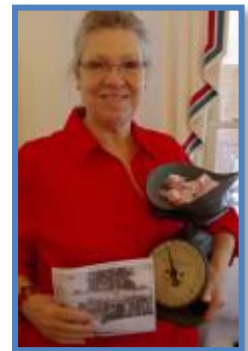
### Program

- John Paul reminded attendees that John Thrasher, Sr., established one of the major lineages in the TFA. Although we do not know when he was born or when he married Ruth Cloud, it is known that the Clouds came to this continent from Wiltshire with William Penn and settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Citing Helen Ray Thrasher's research, he spoke of two Thrasher land grants, one in 1738 and one in 1745. John Paul also dated the creation of Thrasher Lake to August 1977 when Thrasher Creek was dammed. John Paul has scanned Helen's book (which John E. characterized as "an absolutely fabulous job of researching records") and will make it available to anyone who wants an e-copy. Requests should be sent to John Paul's sister, Susie Thrasher at [drsuethrasher@gmail.com](mailto:drsuethrasher@gmail.com).

- Bill H. Thrasher provided information on use of [FindAGrave.com](http://FindAGrave.com). We can contribute by taking pictures and uploading pictures or obituaries. At present, FindAGrave has information on 98 million graves, some with GPS coordinates. If a user signs into the site, he or she can tag people in photographs to get more information. As “owner” of a site, a user can add data and for a one-time \$5 contribution, can eliminate ads from an ancestor’s page. Bill uses [FastStone-Image-Viewer](#) which is a user-friendly image browser, converter and editor to prepare his pictures for uploading to FindAGrave.

Bill H. presented a short slide show of his family’s graves and FindAGrave pages. He included a picture of Barton Cloud’s grave. He concluded his talk with the request that we all enter whatever data we have to the FindAGrave site. John E. volunteered that he has been linking people in Dot Pruett’s *OUR THRASHER HERITAGE* to each other and cemetery sites on FindAGrave.

- Linda presented show-n-tell items: the scale used by her grandfather James Lloyd Thrasher (1873-1954) in his general store in Sardis, Harrison County, West Virginia, and a picture of the store.
- John E. also had a show-n-tell item: An Atlanta Thrashers hockey team jersey (the team is now the Winnipeg Jets). John told the story



of *Thrasher Magazine*, a skateboarding publication, suing Ted Turner, owner of the hockey team, over use of the name Thrasher. Mr. Turner took Dot Pruett’s Thrasher genealogical research to court to prove that Atlanta did have a claim on the words Thrasher and Thrasherville, and the magazine lost its case. David Thrasher added to John E’s story: He is an acquaintance of Ted Turner’s son, who is a movie producer. According to David, the son laughed loudly upon hearing this and proclaimed, “Thrasherville! My Daddy loves it!”

## Reports

**Minutes:** The minutes of last year’s meeting do not reflect that we voted to increase the amount reimbursed to those who host a reunion. Joe proposed that we increase the amount to \$300. David added that the payment be retroactive to last year. The new measure will use the word “honorarium.” John Paul seconded the motion and it was accepted.

Ivy pointed out that her father, William S. Rhodes, attended last year’s reunion. Her brother William Clinton Rhodes of Atlanta and her nephew Clinton Hall Rhodes of Richmond also attended different parts of the reunion. Both of these men go by “Clint” Rhodes.

A motion to accept last year’s minutes with these corrections passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** With both Buddy (Robert P. Thrasher), as treasurer, and Peggy Thrasher, as co-treasurer, absent, John E. presented the treasurer's report. As of May 1 of this year, TFA's account stands at \$4,208.45. The report was accepted by those assembled. A copy is attached. Eleanor collected renewal forms.

THRASHER FAMILY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT		
06/01/2015 thru 04/30/2016		
<b>FINDS AVAILABLE TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 06/01/2015</b>		<b>\$3,584.79</b>
DEPOSITS 06/01/2015 thru 04/30/2016		\$1,704.43
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 06/01/2015 THRU 04/30/2016</b>		<b>\$5,289.22</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS 06/01/2015 THRU 04/30/2016</b>		
1. NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$448.49	
2. FAMILY TREE DNA 3 SCOLARSHIPS	\$381.95	
3. 2015 REUNION EXPENSE DAVID SUMMER	\$250.00	
4. MISC. CHARGE FOR FUNDS TRANSFER FOR DUES PAID THRU PAYPAL	\$0.31	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES 06/01/2015 thru 04/30/2016</b>	<b>\$1,080.75</b>	<b>\$1,080.75</b>
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 05/01/2016</b>		<b>\$4,208.45</b>
<b>"NOTE"</b>		
1. INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND \$300.00 FOR YEARLY DNA SCHOLARSHIPS		
2. THIS REPORT FOR 11 MONTHS SINCE REUNION IS IN MAY INSTEAD OF JUNE		

Robert Thrasher Treasury

**DNA Committee Report:** John E. reported that Alvin Thrasher of Buchanan, Virginia, has been tested and matches Montana perfectly for Y-37 markers. J. C. McLaughlin of Brigham City, Utah, tested also having traced his family line from Thomas and Elizabeth Dulaney Thrasher. Thomas is believed to be a brother to Benjamin (husband of Sarah White) Thrasher. The hoped-for link was not found. Alma Parker is an African-American woman from Los Angeles who has taken the FamilyFinder test, certain that her forbearer Charles was from the Clarke/Ocone County Thrasher family line. The results do not bear this out. John E. is aware of another African-American contact: Barton Thrasher's son John Oates Thrasher lived with a mulatto woman named Scott and had children by her. There is a 3-year old shown in the 1880 census. A descendant of John Oates, living in Texas, has tested and matched. TFA paid this year for the DNA tests for Alvin, J.C. and Alma.

With John Thrasher, Sr., the earliest documentable ancestor of one of our family lines (and the focus of this year's reunion location), the question arises as to his parentage. Robert Earl Thrasher and his son were in Jamestown 1619/1620. In her later days, Dot Pruett wondered if Robert Earl was the immigrant ancestor. Nancy emphasized that with a large concentration of Thrashers near Chesapeake, Virginia, it would be advantageous to get a few of them into our Y-chromosome study. Her efforts at "cold calls" have not produced any results. Sue suggested that Nancy send her an ad for the DNA study, to be placed in the newsletter which will appear online.



## Old Business

**Newsletter:** Susie would like to hear from each recipient of the newsletter as to whether they prefer to get the newsletter in color online. Anyone wishing to have the newsletter mailed to them in hard-copy will get it in black-and-white. Old newsletters are put on the website after a delay, but the current edition is never online. She implored members to send stories, queries, photographs, or news. Pictures of children, marriages and graduations will be of special interest to younger generations. Someone in the audience commented that it should be decreed in the minutes that every member submit at least one article to the newsletter.

**Website:** Susie gave a demonstration of some of the highlights of the website. There is a membership form there, with Buddy's address, and several tabs at the top of the page to link you to the organization's bylaws, Jim Moule's database on the Mid-Atlantic Thrashers and a page listing each of the reunions held by the TFA. There is also a page for publications. At present, the works of three authors are described: Julia Thrasher Stuckey, who writes children's books under the name Mirabelle Butterfield, David Sumner; and Grady Thrasher. David Sumner's *MILLION DOLLAR FUMBLE* is about to be published, and he is expanding and updating his *RAILROAD MAN*. Like Julia Stuckey's *CLOUD*, Grady Thrasher writes for children; he has several books in his *TIM AND SALLY* series. We expect to add another author to this page when Ken Sutherland's book is published (See more about this under the Family News heading in these minutes). Another tab spotlights special places, and the article by Celestea Sharp, edited from *ATHENS Magazine*, on the lost village of Salem is recommended reading. Sue would like to have information (story and pictures) on other places special to Thrasher families so that she can include these on the website. There is also a tab linking stories of famous or special people among our Thrasher heritage. She also has a page for historic markers and asks for input. The website is not limited in size and any number of photographs can be posted if you send them to her.

**Membership Directory:** Susie provided the password to the Membership Directory portion of the website. Contact her to get the password at [DrSueThrasher@gmail.com](mailto:DrSueThrasher@gmail.com). For members' convenience, the directory contains active (hot) links to email. Susie was given a round of applause for her work on the newsletter, website, and directory.

**Digitizing:** Lee Thrasher has completed the scanning of the old TFA newsletters, beginning in 1983, through Volume 13. These are Dot Pruett's newsletters and are not copyrighted. Lee's daughter Kirsten helped him with the digitizing task. He sent a thumb drive of the scanned pages to John E. which were shown to the group. After all of the newsletters are scanned, copies will be put onto CDs and sent to several genealogical research repositories such as the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Library of Congress, the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Georgia State archives, and the Frederick County (Maryland) Public Library. The newsletters are indexed. Lee is ready to start on the next phase of the project. David Thrasher suggested that we make these available on the TFA website. John E. agreed that this might eventually be possible, but he wants to wait until the whole project is completed and he has time to discuss this with Lee.

**Old Salem Church:** John Paul reported that he contacted the trustees of the Old Salem Church, visited by our group in 2013, and the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church are grappling with a decision on the church property's future. Should it be turned back into an active church or sold? There are parties interested in buying it, along with the cemetery. Negotiations are ongoing, and TFA hopes that the trustees do not sell but instead allow the cemetery association to take charge. The TFA had wanted to have a historical marker placed there.

**Lick Fork Church:** John Paul had intended to see about a historic marker for the Lick Fork Church on Grooms Road in Georgia. He needs someone more familiar with the North Carolina area to do it. Joe and Angie volunteered. John Paul gave Joe a letter he received on the matter.

**Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association treasury:** Sue Roose, treasurer of the MATA, has closed the MATA bank account by issuing two checks. The first, for \$400, went to Nancy to cover expenses for the years she was publishing and mailing the newsletters. The second check, for \$845.00, was written to Nancy, but she will deposit it to her account and re-write a check in the same amount to the TFA. Nancy expressed her wish that, although the funds will be property of the TFA, that publication costs or DNA scholarships for Mid-Atlantic Thrashers take priority on its use.

### **New Business**

**Bylaws:** John E. emphasized that the Association needs a Vice-chair to act in the absence of the Chair. He distributed copies of the current bylaws and a page of proposed changes. David moved that sections 4 (that a Vice-chair be added to the list of officers), 6 (that in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-chair presides), and 9 (that "biennial membership directory" be replaced with the words "yearly membership list") be changed to the wording proposed by John E. The motion was seconded by Terry Thompson and passed by unanimous consent.

The duties of the Vice President were discussed but not stated so as to be included in the amended bylaws. Section 5 on John E's list of proposed amendments (that the amount paid to assist hosts with expenses be increased from \$200 to \$300) had been discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

**Election:** John E. was elected to remain as Chair by acclamation. David nominated John Paul as vice-chair. John Paul nominated David and Nancy as additional candidates for vice-chair, but both declined. John Paul said that he would be proud to serve, and Ivy seconded his nomination. David moved that the nominations be closed, and John Paul was elected vice-chair unanimously. By unanimous vote, Nancy will continue as recording secretary and Buddy will continue as treasurer. Peggy Thrasher will remain co-treasurer with Eleanor as a back-up for her. Bill H. will remain as our official photographer.

**Future Reunions:** There is interest in holding the 2018 TFA reunion near Jamestown, Virginia or Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. There was quite a discussion on the benefit of knowing two years in advance when and where the reunion will be held. A longer lead-time gives the host more flexibility with arrangements. If either Jamestown or Gettysburg is selected, Nancy and Cheré are closest to the site and would probably be tapped as hosts. John E. is open to volunteers who would put their names in the queue for hosting. (Note: See *Breaking News* on page 3 of this newsletter!)

**Dr. Marion Thrasher's book of 1895:** Linda asked about Dr. Marion Thrasher, author of *A HISTORY OF THE THRASHER FAMILY IN AMERICA*, and about the accuracy of his data. Nancy answered that Jim Moule has made an exhaustive study of Dr. Marion's book and is able to tell, from the way the author uses dates, how much confidence he places in any given fact. She pointed out how difficult the collection of data must have been before 1895, with the author relying almost exclusively on letter-writing. She also admitted that Dr. Marion believed that all Thrashers in this country were of the same lineage (falling prey to the "three brothers" story that was found in almost every surname's history in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries). Therefore, there are "southern" Thrashers mixed in with "Mid-Atlantic" Thrashers, with even a New Englander thrown in for good measure. She advised that anyone with questions look at Jim's website, [http://jmoule.com/ball/wc\\_idx/idx067.htm#J.THRASHER](http://jmoule.com/ball/wc_idx/idx067.htm#J.THRASHER) or contact Jim for answers.

**Family News:** Several of our members are experiencing serious health issues, including Jim Thrasher, Glenda C. Thrasher, Trudy and Dale Thrasher, and Judge Tom Thrasher in California. Ken Sutherland has lost his mother, and Bill H. has recently lost his sister and brother. Hershel has recovered from health issues over the summer.

On the brighter note, Bill H. was recognized for his clever photographs. Jim and Kathryn Moule are traveling in Italy, and Hershel and Karen Thrasher are on a business trip to Las Vegas. Herschel plans to conclude his trip by meeting his son Lee at the Grand Canyon and enjoying Lee's new motor home.

Ken Sutherland is nearly finished his first novel and expects to get a publisher this summer. The expected title will be *JESUS' EARLY YEARS*. Ken decided to write the book when he realized how much of Jesus' life is unknown. He filled in the blanks with a fictionalized account to make Jesus more relatable to the readers. Ken has undertaken a tremendous amount of research to set the book in a Jewish atmosphere and to assure historical accuracy.

Nancy brought two Mid-Atlantic Thrashers to the group's attention: Ginny Thrasher is a rising sophomore at West Virginia University and will be competing in rifle sports at the Olympics this year in Rio. Todd Thrasher is a well-known mixologist in the Washington, DC area, owner of a speakeasy-style bar in Alexandria, VA and the forthcoming Potomac Distilling Company, a rum distillery and tiki bar, at National Harbor in the Maryland suburbs.

**Door Prizes:** Door prizes were awarded during the afternoon and dinner. Linda won a Thrasher cookbook; Glenda Thompson won a map of the Amherst area; two attendees took home mugs with the Thrasher Coffee Company emblem, and several people received bags of Thrasher coffee, courtesy of the Thrasher Coffee Company of Paulding County, Georgia. (There is no family connection; the company was named after the state bird of Georgia, the Brown Thrasher.) Joe and Angie were in charge of the door prizes and did a great job! Mary Beth from Wyoming won a prize for having travelled the greatest distance.

## Adjournment

John E. concluded the meeting by thanking our wonderful hosts, Joe and Angie Grooms, and the officers who were present as well as Peggy Thrasher, vice-treasurer, and Buddy Thrasher, treasurer.

**Group Picture:** Bill H. took group pictures. He will create a composite photo, inserting photos of those not available at the time the group picture was taken and adding an interesting background. We are all enormously grateful to Bill for the wonderful group photos taken over several years and their display at the reunion.

**Saturday Dinner:** The group enjoyed a buffet dinner in the dining room of the Elston Inn. Everyone gathered around to watch the Preakness Horse Race after dinner, and some minor wagering went on. My son said he bet a \$2 bill, which he had picked up that day at Monticello, but that no one seemed to notice that he was using a traditional race-track \$2 bill. To see the video on Facebook, click on the link below or copy and paste this code into your browser <https://www.facebook.com/chereathey/videos/10153829647008220/>.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thrasher Cherry,  
Recording Secretary



[Thrasher Horse Racing Fans](#)



# Thrasher Family Association Bylaws

*Adopted May 2005; revised May 21, 2016*

While originally founded by the southern branch of the Thrasher family who were primarily descended from John Thrasher and Ruth Cloud, today all Thrashers are welcome in the association, as well as those interested in Thrasher research.

Since this association's purpose is to foster knowledge of previous generations while promoting friendship and kinship among current generations, organizational structure should be minimal.

The following bylaws define that structure:

1. Meetings shall be held annually at the Thrasher Family Association Reunion to elect officers and conduct any other business. Only dues-paying members may vote at these meetings.
2. Officers shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, recording secretary, and treasurer. These four officers shall serve as an advisory committee. Terms shall be for one year, with elections held at the annual Thrasher Family Association reunion. There shall be no term limit restrictions.
3. At each reunion, sites for the next reunion will be decided and volunteers sought to coordinate arrangements. As voted on 21 May 2016, a contribution of up to \$300.00 in association's funds can be paid to those volunteers as an "honorarium" to offset expenses connected with the reunion.
4. The chairman shall preside at the annual meeting and with other officers shall have the power to appoint any working committee that may be necessary from time to time. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman will preside at the annual meeting.
5. The recording secretary shall take minutes at the annual meeting and at any meeting of the advisory committee. These minutes shall be published in the association's newsletter.
6. The treasurer shall be responsible for receiving dues payments and depositing same in the association's account, and from said association account shall pay any bills incurred by the association and shall present an annual report to the membership. The treasurer shall have the authority to approve and pay any obligations totaling \$200.00 or less. Requested or suggested projects with a total cost of greater than \$200.00 shall be presented to the membership at the annual meeting and shall be approved by at least 60% majority of those dues-paying members in attendance.
7. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30. Dues to the association shall be \$20.00 per year unless a change is voted upon at an annual meeting. Each membership shall include a subscription to the Thrasher Family Newsletter and a copy of the year's membership list.

## Welcome New TFA Members

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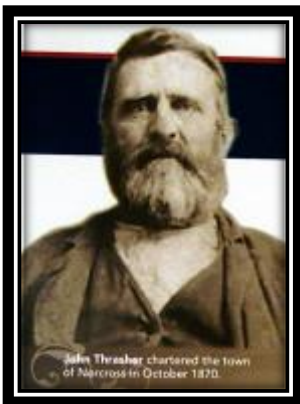
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Linda (with Chere Athey) and her sisters, Mary Beth & Anne

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### Cousin John says, “Remember to renew!!”



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***Please continue to share your news and photos with your “cousins by the dozens”***

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