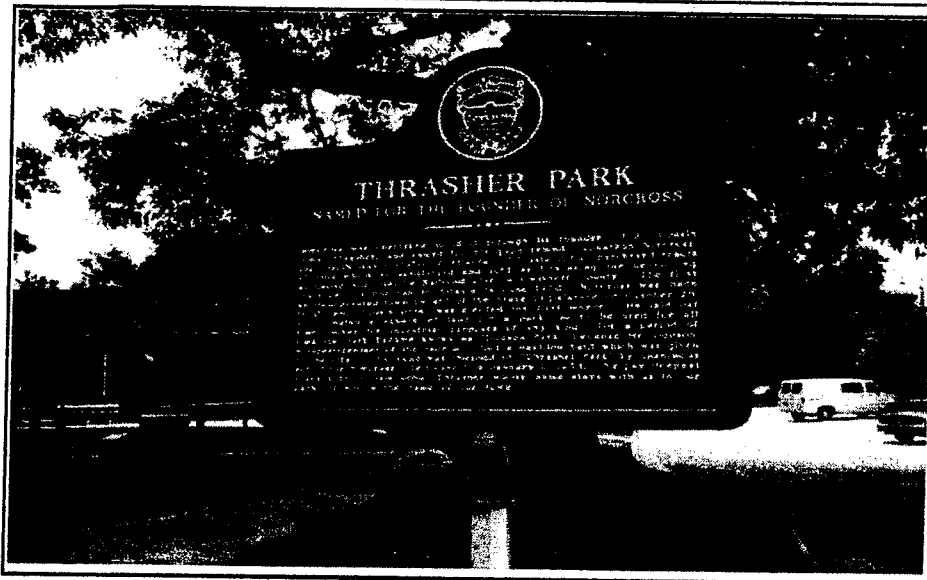


The Thrasher Newsletter

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Historical marker in Norcross, Georgia's Thrasher Park named in commemoration of "Cousin John" Thrasher

Moultrie Reunion Enjoyed by All

The 1996 Thrasher Family reunion saw many familiar faces and several new ones gathered at the Colquitt in Moultrie, Ga., in June. The afternoon social hour let everyone catch up on the past year's news and browse through scrapbooks of previous reunions, clippings and collectors' items brought by family members. Especially interesting were a collection of records cut by The Thrashers, a country and western singing group, and some pieces of antique silver used by previous generations of Thrashers.

The group enjoyed a delicious dinner with chicken, steak, an assortment of vegetables and salads, and a dessert selection calculated to derail the most devoted dieter.

After dinner, Charles Ingram, Jr. presented an interesting talk on the historical background, including the original Native American inhabitants, of the areas of Georgia and Alabama in which the early Thrashers settled.

The group voted to accept an offer from Dot Pruett to have the Montgomery Thrashers host the 1997 reunion. The date is June 28. Mark your calendars now.

Thanks go to Gerald Bishop, our host for this year's reunion, who did a super job. The Colquitt was a lovely place for our meeting and everyone enjoyed it.

1997 Reunion Set for Montgomery

Next year's reunion will be sponsored by the Montgomery Thrasher family members and promises to offer many things in addition to "family matters." The following background information is from the City of Montgomery homepage. More information about things to do and see in Montgomery will be in the next newsletter.

"Founded in 1819, Montgomery was named the state's capital in 1846. In 1861 Montgomery served as the first capital of the Confederacy. In 1886, electric streetcars arrived in Montgomery and the Lightning Route Trolley became America's first city-wide streetcar system. In 1910, the Wright Brothers brought their daring aviation deeds to the capital city, establishing the nation's first school for powered flight."

Keep in Touch Reminder

Don't forget that it's time to pay your annual Association Dues. If you weren't able to attend the reunion or if you were there but didn't have a chance to give Dot your dues, be sure to use the coupon on page 7 to send them in now.

Editor's Corner



This is a picture of your editor looking frantically for news! Take a look at the "Help Wanted" box on page 3 and think about what you'd like to share with the rest of the family and send it in.

One of the things I would like to have help with is building up a supply of pictures for use in future newsletters. I use a computer to do the newsletter, so I wouldn't have to keep anyone's pictures. I have access to a scanner, and would copy them to disk and save them. Then I would return the original photographs unharmed.

Subjects can be pictures of historical family interest or of current happenings. They do have to be photographs, not clippings or slides. I tried scanning some clippings for this issue, but the quality was just too grainy. They can, however, be either black and white or color prints.

And while I'm on the subject of computers, if you have access to e-mail and have something to contribute to the newsletter, you can save time and postage by just sending it off to:

eger@spot.colorado.edu

*The Alabama Thrashers
cordially invite
The Thrasher Family Association
to meet in
Montgomery, Alabama
Saturday, June 28, 1997*

Bits and Pieces

This item from a recent Denver Post gives a new slant to Thrashers searching for "roots."

Roots Hot Stuff on Kansas Plains

Snakeroot is big business in Kansas.

Ivan Thrasher and his son, Pat, who live in Stockton, Kan., roam the plains to hunt the plant known scientifically as *Echinacea angustifolia* and informally as snakeroot, purple coneflower or prairie doctor.

Used by American Indians for medicinal purposes, the plant's thick, woody black root is used today by pharmaceutical companies to encourage the body to produce white blood cells. Many herbal products also contain snakeroot. Dried, the root sells for \$22 a pound.

This leads to a lot of "root rustling" on the wide-open plains. Pat Thrasher says he always asks permission to dig but some don't. "They just rip up a pasture," he said. Rooters have been known to trespass, dig holes and

leave them uncovered, cause grass fires with a dropped cigarette or hot vehicle, leave gates open and litter.

"They're ruining it for the people who have been doing it for years and years," Thrasher said.

Thrasher Names in Many Places

There are undoubtedly many more, but here are a few places where family members have been remembered.

Thrasher Park in Norcross, Ga., was named after "Cousin John" Thrasher in recognition of his role as the founder of the city. Chartered in 1870, the city was named for his friend, Jonathan Norcross, the fourth mayor of Atlanta.

The section of U. S. 301 and U. S. 441 highways from their junction near Orange Lake, Fla. and Ocala is named the Leon (Skeet) Thrasher Highway in commemoration of Leon Thrasher's long involvement in highways and road-building in the state.

News and Notes

Congratulations and best wishes to Emily Allen Taylor and William Houston Greer who were married May 4, 1996, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn. Emily is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Samuel Wayne Taylor of Montgomery, Ala., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Holt Thrasher of Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. George Samuel Taylor of Mobile.

After a wedding trip to Negril, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Nashville, where the bride is a copywriter and producer and the groom is in real estate and property management.

Congratulations also go to Lee Patton Payne, who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Auburn University in June.

Lee is the son of Dorothy Broughton Payne, the grandson of Elliott P. and Martha Sturgis Broughton and the great-nephew of Dot Pruett.

And a very happy belated birthday to Mrs. Frankie D. Thrasher of Chattanooga, grandmother of Frank Combes III, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on June 21. Mrs. Thrasher has two children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Best wishes for good health and happiness.

Best wishes for success and happiness go to Gerald Bishop, our host in Moultrie, who has accepted a position in St. Petersburg, Fla. We hope the boxes are unpacked and the dust has settled! Gerald was in the process of moving at the time of the reunion, and still managed to plan a successful gathering.

Some familiar faces were missing at this year's reunion due to ill health. Speedy recovery wishes go to:

Warren Thrasher, who was recovering from quintuple bypass surgery, and **Robert Rainer**, who was kept away by phlebitis. We look forward to seeing them in Montgomery.

Help Wanted: Articles or queries on family history or memories of the past, pictures, information on family events (births, deaths, engagements, marriages, graduations or other important family milestones) -- all are welcome -- send anything you think might be of interest to the family to: **Barbara Eger, 8770E Allison Drive, Arvada, CO 80005.** I'd especially like to get some news about what the younger generations are doing.

Missing Links

Dale Thrasher came through again -- this time with information on Leslie Thrasher. Dale sent a copy of a page from an exhibit catalog and an outline of Leslie's line, which he had received from Dorothy Brown of Paris, Texas. Shortly after that, Nancy Thrasher Cherry sent me a complete file on Leslie. While no definite connection has been proven, it seems probable that Leslie Thrasher is connected to the Middle Atlantic Thrashers. The following is copied from the catalog page:

Leslie Thrasher was born in Piedmont, W. Va. He studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and later studied under Howard Pyle.

Thrasher was best known for his numerous covers done for the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Liberty* magazines. His first published cover was sold to the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1912 for \$50.00. By 1926 he had contracted to do a cover a week for *Liberty* at \$1,000.00 each.

These covers constituted a series which depicted the life of a "typical American family," in the words of *Liberty* editors.

Thanks to Dale and Nancy, I have a great deal of information on Leslie Thrasher, and if anyone would like to know more, drop me a note and I'll send some copies.

(More on page 4)

MORE MISSING LINKS

John E. Thrasher and Dot Pruett have been receiving some inquiries about the association, and there may be some new "cousins" at the next reunion. Some of these new contacts also sent information on lines that so far don't seem to be connected to the Georgia and Alabama Thrashers. We'll be putting this information in the newsletters as space permits. If anyone has any information that may help, let one of us know.

Mary Robinson of Naples, Fla., has a Henry Thrasher who died in 1703 in Falmouth, Maine, along with a Joseph Thrasher married in 1711 in Dover, New Hampshire. She has no earlier information on either one, and says "she has been stumped for many years."

Jacquelyn Pettitt of Huntsville, Ala., sent a chart of descendants of a John Thrasher (1790 -

GOOF BOX

This is the spot for Editor's Goofups! Feel free to send them in. Consider this a "blanket apology area."

Thanks to Dot Pruett for pointing out that I omitted marriage information on two of the children of John Thrasher and Susan Barton in the May newsletter. They are: John Thrasher, who married Emera Anne Elizabeth Mitchell, and Susan Thrasher, who married Joseph A. Hughey.

1869), whose spouse was Mary Ann, maiden name unknown. She would like to find a connection to John Thrasher and Ruth Cloud. The chart is reproduced on pages 5 and 6.

And several of the Colorado "mystery graves" are solved, thanks to Nancy Thrasher Cherry. She looked at the little bit of information I had found and realized that there were some connections to the Middle Atlantic Thrashers. Del Thrasher of Gaithersburg, Md., is the son of one of them, Henry Thrasher. Del told Nancy his father was born in Illinois and buried here in Denver. According to an article in *Mata Data*, the Middle Atlantic Thrasher Association newsletter, Henry Thrasher (1867-1939) was editor of a weekly newspaper, an ordained minister, a licensed schoolteacher in Missouri and Wyoming and Presiding Judge in Texas County, Mo., from 1910 to 1914. Since mortuary information here lists Henry as the father of Luther Thrasher (1905-1978), that identifies two. There are still several more, including Della D. and Nora Thrasher (found out Della is male and Nora is his wife), Ida Thrasher and Ada Thrasher.

Association May Be Cookin'

One of the topics at the reunion was the idea of putting together a Thrasher Family Cookbook. Dot Pruett attended a meeting of the Montgomery Genealogical Society where cookbook projects were one of the topics. Because she thought it might be of interest to our group, Dot brought the information on how to get started and a selection of sample cookbooks to the reunion.

Since over the years, the Thrashers have been known to be good cooks -- and fond of eating, as well, those attending agreed to try accumulating enough recipes to make the project possible.

The price is based on the number of copies printed, the number of recipes and type of binding. The production cost would be low -- probably in the \$3 to \$4.50 range, and postage and handling would add an additional amount. The biggest hurdle to getting started, however, is collecting recipes!

Probable minimum number of recipes needed would be 150. Preferred recipes would, of course, be handed down from previous generations of cooks, but this is not a requirement. So if you have some favorite recipes, send them with a few words about why they are your favorite or who passed them down to you to Dot Pruett at 4245 Shamrock Lane, Montgomery, AL 36106.

DESCENDANCY CHART

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- 1-- John THRASHER-84 (1790-1969)
 sp-Mary Ann-1280 (1797-1855)
 2-- Joshua THRASHER-411 (1810)
 sp-Adaline ROLING-412 (1812-1851)
 3-- Marion J. THRASHER-413 (1833)
 3-- Paul W. THRASHER-414 (1835)
 3-- John C. THRASHER-415 (1837)
 3-- William F. THRASHER-416 (1839)
 3-- Martha Jane THRASHER-248 (1840)
 sp-William OGLESBY-244 (1834-1903)
 4-- Henry OGLESBY-249 (1865-1926)
 sp-Mary Jane LAWLEY-550 (1871-1908)
 5-- Mary Lavenia OGLESBY-574 (1891-1963)
 sp-Harry ADAMS-581 (1884-1942)
 5-- John Ernest OGLESBY-575 (1892-1958)
 sp-Ollie Mae MAJORS-582
 5-- Pearl OGLESBY-576 (1898)
 sp-CHAMPION-583
 5-- OGLESBY-577 (1900-1903)
 5-- Audrey OGLESBY-578 (1903-1985)
 sp-E. H. GUTHRIE-584
 5-- Carl OGLESBY-579 (1906-1985)
 sp-Alma LOVELADY-585
 5-- Frank OGLESBY-580 (1908-1983)
 sp-Eva LOVELADY-586
 4-- Wilson S. OGLESBY-250 (1867)
 sp-Luvernina WOOTEN-551
 4-- Nancy A. OGLESBY-251 (1868)
 sp-William DAILEY-597 (1866)
 5-- Martin Luther DAILEY-829 (1894-1961)
 5-- Claude Lonnie DAILEY-830 (1896)
 5-- Pearl DAILEY-831 (1898-1900)
 5-- Bessie M. DAILEY-832 (1899)
 5-- Joseph P. DAILEY-833 (1903)
 5-- Annie L. DAILEY-834 (1906)
 5-- Lexy DAILEY-835 (1909)
 4-- Andrew Harlis OGLESBY-252 (1873-1950)
 sp-Missouri Alabama Elizabeth BUNN-256 (1879-1974)
 5-- Eva Lillian OGLESBY-257 (1900-1974)
 sp-James Alexander HAMAKER-264 (1893-1972)
 5-- Warren Calvin OGLESBY Sr.-11 (1901-1968) x - Jacquelyn O. Pettitt
 sp-Nealy Ann Amanda ACKER-12 (1907-1986)
 sp-Maggie Bell WARD FLEMING-420
 5-- George Harlis OGLESBY-258 (1903-1947)
 sp-Flora CARROLL-265
 5-- Essie May OGLESBY-259 (1905-1977)
 sp-Schylar OWENS-266
 5-- Robert Stancil OGLESBY-260 (1908)
 sp-Mary Jo SADLER-267
 5-- John William OGLESBY-261 (1911-1937)
 5-- Daniel Edward OGLESBY-262 (1914)
 sp-Earline VINING-268
 5-- Janie Eugenia OGLESBY-263 (1919)
 sp-Elbert GENTRY-269
 4-- Sarah A. OGLESBY-253 (1876)
 4-- Rebecca OGLESBY-254 (1878)

*any information connect
 this family to John Thrasher
 Ruth Cloud would be
 greatly appreciated.*

*Jacquelyn O. Pettitt
 7719 Logan Dr S.W.
 Huntsville, AL 35802*

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sp-Robert TAYLOR-552
 3-- Thos J. THRASHER-417 (1844)
 3-- Mary Ann THRASHER-418 (1846)
 3-- Andrew J. THRASHER-419 (1848)
 3-- Joshua A. THRASHER-541 (1851)
 2-- John W. THRASHER-1044 (1813-1892)
 sp-Mary M. LINDLEY-1264 (1822-1877)
 3-- David B. THRASHER-1254 (1841)
 3-- Mary E. THRASHER-1031 (1843)
 3-- John E. THRASHER-1255 (1845)
 3-- Joshua P. THRASHER-1257 (1847)
 3-- Sallie J. THRASHER-1251 (1850)
 3-- William F.P. THRASHER-1218 (1852-1909)
 sp-Rosanna WOOD-1440 (1861-1950)
 3-- Ruth M. THRASHER-1258 (1854)
 3-- Frances L. THRASHER-1043 (1858)
 3-- Benjamin J. THRASHER-1259 (1861)
 3-- Rebecca THRASHER-1408 (1864)
 sp-Rachel KILLOUGH-1441 (1832-1923)
 2-- Joseph THRASHER-1018 (1818)
 sp-Elizabeth ATKINS-1412 (1818)
 3-- John THRASHER-1413 (1842)
 3-- Sarah THRASHER-1414 (1844)
 3-- Benjamin THRASHER-1415 (1846-1926)
 3-- Amanda THRASHER-1416 (1848)
 3-- Mary THRASHER-1417 (1850)
 3-- Joseph THRASHER-1419 (1851-1926)
 2-- Mary Ann THRASHER-66 (1820)
 sp-Daniel N. HICKS-1434 (1816)
 3-- Mary Ann E. HICKS-1435 (1838)
 3-- John F. HICKS-1436 (1840)
 3-- Margaret J. HICKS-1437 (1843)
 3-- James M. HICKS-1438 (1847)
 3-- Henry HICKS-1439 (1850)
 2-- Isaac T. THRASHER-1034 (1825)
 2-- Louisa Rebecca THRASHER-1142 (1829)
 sp-William Madison SHACKLEFORD-1409 (1829)
 3-- William Zadok SHACKLEFORD-1410 (1852)
 3-- Jesse Hickman SHACKLEFORD-1411 (1859)
 2-- Polina Ann THRASHER-1030 (1830)
 sp-Samuel EDMUNDS-1420 (1823-1908)
 3-- Benjamin J. EDMUNDS-1421 (1848)
 3-- Francis Marion EDMUNDS-1422 (1850)
 3-- John W. EDMUNDS-1423 (1854)
 3-- Joseph Early EDMUNDS-1424 (1857)
 3-- Samuel Parker EDMUNDS-1425 (1859)
 3-- Henry Martin EDMUNDS-1426 (1853)
 2-- Emanuel Cloud THRASHER-1267 (1831-1869)
 sp-Mary F. SMITH-1431 (1833)
 3-- Andrew J. THRASHER-1432 (1857)
 3-- Frances R.C. THRASHER-1433 (1860)
 2-- Margaret THRASHER-1252 (1833)
 2-- Andrew J. THRASHER-1055 (1835)
 sp-Amanda Melvina-1260 (1821)
 2-- Margaret THRASHER-1262 (1863)

In Memoriam

Andrew Adair Dickerson of McDonough, Ga., died Tuesday, May 7, 1996.

He married Betty Jane Redwine in 1951. They have two sons, Andrew Adair Dickerson Jr. and Charles Redwine Dickerson, both of Atlanta; and four grandchildren, Anna Hope Dickerson, Andrew Adair Dickerson III, Charles Redwine Dickerson Jr. and Price William Dickerson.

A graduate of Clemson, Dickerson served in the U.S. Army in World War II, and left active service as a captain in 1948. He retired from the reserves as a full colonel in July 1973.

He began a teaching career in 1947 as an instructor for a veterans' farm training class and joined the Henry County High School faculty in 1957 as a vocational instructor.

Dickerson was active in community and civic affairs. He was a member of McDonough Presbyterian Church, where he taught Sunday School for 30 years and was a deacon and elder.

Andrew Adair Dickerson was the son of Ras W. Dickerson and Hope Annie Thrasher Dickerson, and a half-first-cousin of Albert Thrasher and Robert Rainer.

Previous Reunions

The Thrasher Family Reunions have covered a lot of ground in the past 21 years. Georgia leads the way, however, with a total of 20. Macon is the "city with the mostest" -- six. Here is a list of the places the family has been so far:

Micanopy, Florida; Ashburn, Athens, Columbus, Dixie, Forsyth, Jekyll Island, Macon, McDonough, Milledgeville, Moultrie, Norcross, Pine Mountain, Quitman, and St. Simons, Georgia; and Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Hosts have included Frank Combes, Tom Dodd, Dot and Joe Pruett, the Robert and Jane Rainer Family, Carolyn and Warren Thrasher, Eleanor and John E. Thrasher, the Descendants of James Cloud Thrasher, Hugh and Helen Thrasher, L. Z. and Margie Thrasher, Lyn and Evelyn Thrasher, and our most recent host, Gerald Bishop.

1996-97 Association dues are unchanged at \$20. Please use the coupon below to send with your check to assure that your information is up-to-date. Thanks.

1996-97 Thrasher Family Association Dues

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Return to: Dot Pruett
4245 Shamrock Lane
Montgomery, AL 36106

Amount Enclosed: _____

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*The history of a family is not dead
it lies in wait for someone to awaken it.
To shine a light on what was done and said;
to keep on trying 'til the pieces fit.*

*For in this search for those who came before me
I've found a vibrant, lively, loving set of people,
and as they take their rightful spot upon the tree
it's almost like a bell was tolling in the steeple.*

*The bell keeps tolling for each one of them
who lived in times both near and times afar.
A happy sound it is, quite like an anthem
that says "We live, we speak, remember who we are."*

*I will remember you as family of my own.
Indeed, from you my own life has been made.
My eyes, my nose, my very size was known;
in centuries past the plans for me were laid.*

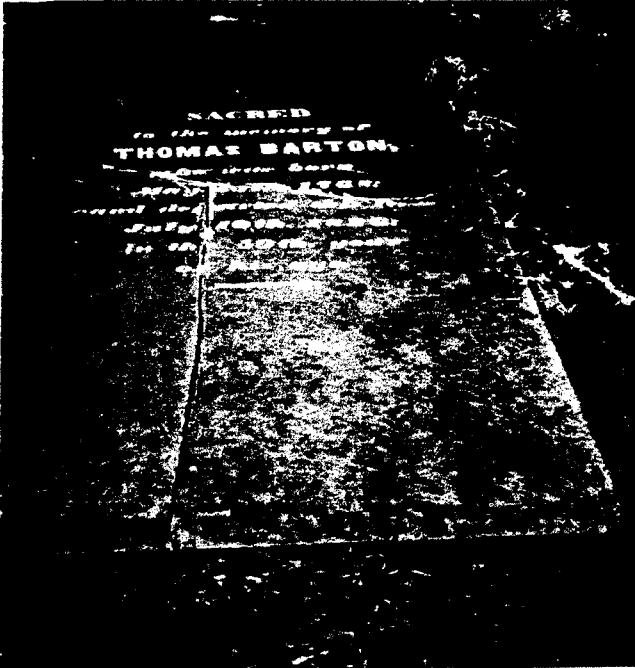
*Who knows where finally this search will lead me --
this quest to know of those who went before.
Suffice to say I've found a long-lost family
and hope they will be honored evermore.*

Leo Anthony Dolan

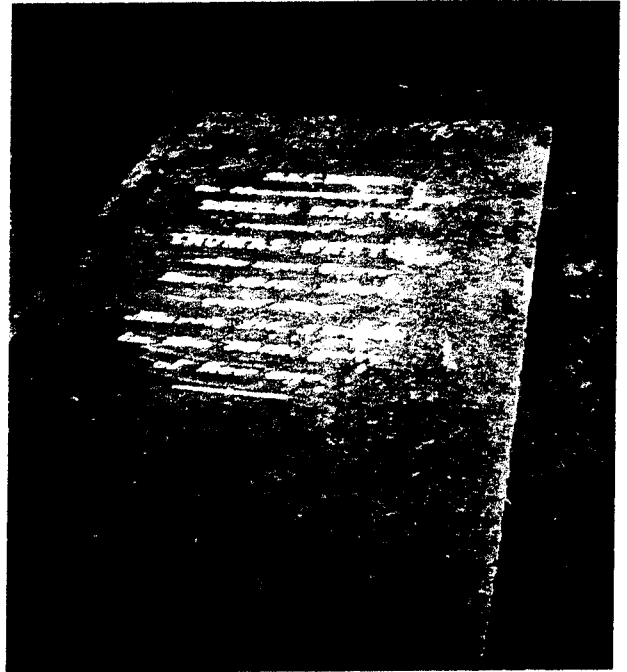
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Two Thrasher Ancestors Rest Near Reunion Site



"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Barton, who was born May 15, 1768; and departed this life July 10, 1826; in the 59th year of his age."



"Sacred to the memory of Sarah Barton, consort of Thomas Barton, who was born Dec. 19th, 1770; and died March 1st, 1845; in the 75th year of her age."

Genealogist Annie Crenshaw to be Reunion Speaker

Annie Crenshaw -- you'll love her -- everybody does!

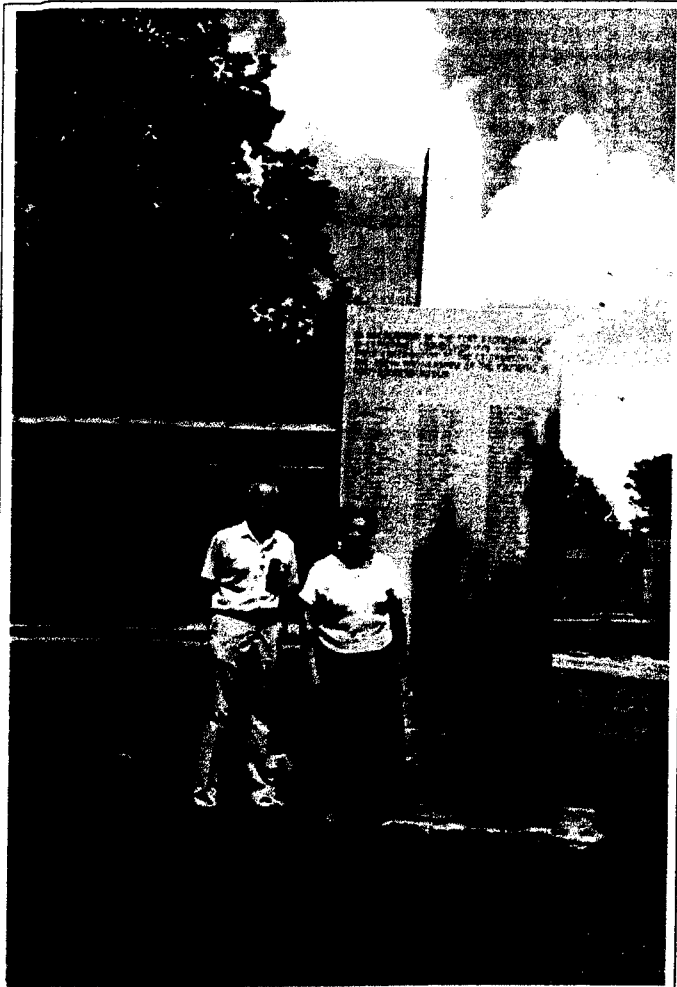
Annie is well known and highly respected both for her art and for her limitless knowledge of "how-to" genealogy. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology and anthropology from Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) and has taught many genealogy classes for the AUM Continuing Education Department. Raised in a true "Old Southern" family descended from original 1817 settlers in Butler County, Alabama, she spent many hours with her mother and grandmothers learning about old documents and books. Her stories about life in the early days of America will be fascinating, and will appeal to young and old alike.

Annie and her husband live in Wetumpka, Elmore County, Alabama, adjacent to Montgomery, where the ancestors of most of us in the greater Mont-

gomery area settled, among them the families of our Bartons, Thrashers, Carltons, Hagertys, Zimmermans and Mitchells.

Annie has done pen and ink drawings of old Southern homes as well as family trees and coats of arms for clients all over the world. The most ornate genealogical chart she has done is now on display at the Castle Blumenstein Museum in Switzerland. The family chart of the Barons de Vigier de Steinbrugg is four feet wide by eight feet high and took more than a year to complete. Other Crenshaw art work includes charts of Plantagenet ancestry, descendants of Magna Charta Dames and Barons and Revolutionary War lineages. She presently is president of the Montgomery Genealogical Society.

This promises to be one reunion you will not want to miss.



Dorothy S. Pruett and John E. Thrasher III at the monument commemorating the bicentennial of Fort Boonesborough, Ky., 1775-1975. David Barton's name is among those on the monument.

Side-Trip Visit to Barton Graves Possible

Emerald Mountain in Elmore County is the site of the two Barton graves pictured on page one. A short drive (approximately 15 miles) from Montgomery, it is one of many possible side trips in the area for reunion attendees. The land around the site is under development, and the developer is supposed to fence off the burial ground portion to protect it from damage and to preserve it for future generations.

Thomas Barton was the son of David Barton and Ruth Oldham. Thomas and Sarah Barton were the parents of eleven children. Two of their daughters married Thrasher brothers, sons of John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher. Susan Barton married John Thrasher, Jr., and Ruth Barton married Isaac Thrasher. Many descendants of both families are members of the Thrasher Family Association, and would find a visit to Emerald Mountain of interest.

Big Turnout and New Faces Expected in Montgomery

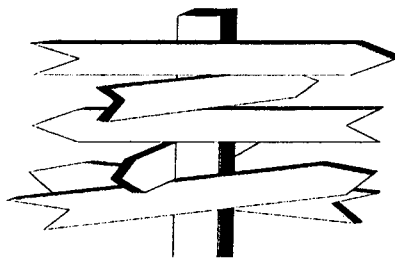
From early indications, not only will there be a very large turnout for the reunion, but there will be several new faces, along with some who have not been able to attend for a while. The Alabama Thrashers making every effort to make it a memorable occasion.

Opportunities for sightseeing and recreation abound in the Montgomery area, so there will be no trouble finding something to do if you will have any extra days to spend there. A recent article in Travel America magazine describes Montgomery as "zesty and alive with history and the arts," with attractions ranging from the First

White House of the Confederacy to country singer Hank Williams' memorial and museum.

Remember that all roads lead to Montgomery this June. Make your plans now to include the 22nd Annual Thrasher Family Reunion in your summer travel plans.

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cordially invite
The Thrasher Family
Association
to meet in
Montgomery, Alabama
Saturday, June 28, 1997*



From North, South,
East or West -- Be
in Montgomery
June 28!

Bits and Pieces

Georgia Pioneer Certificates Available

"Georgia Pioneer" certificates are available for descendants of early Georgia settlers. These would make nice family keepsakes to pass on to succeeding generations.

For more information, send a request for a Georgia Pioneer Certificate Application with your name and address to:

Central Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 2024
Warner Robins, GA 31099-2024
Attention: Georgia Pioneer Chairman

Since most genealogical societies don't have an excess of funds, a self-addressed, stamped envelope would be appreciated, I'm sure.

Genealogy Column in Nashville Banner

For any of you who may be interested in finding information about an ancestor who may have migrated to Davidson, Williamson, Maury and the other Tennessee counties known as Middle Tennessee, the Nashville Banner now features a regularly published genealogical column which will accept queries of interest to that area. Write Genealogy Column, Nashville Banner, 1100 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203.

Attention All Cooks!

Don't forget to send recipes to Dot Pruett for the cookbook project. While still in the tentative stage, it can't go any farther until the first step of gathering enough recipes is complete. If enough recipes are received, then estimates can be made on production costs and numbers and a selling price.

Probable minimum number of recipes needed would be 150. Preferred recipes would, of course, be handed down from previous generations of cooks, but this is not a requirement. So if you have some favorite recipes, send them with a few words about why they are your favorite or who passed them down to you to Dot at 4245 Shamrock Lane, Montgomery, AL 36106.

Odom Library Publishes Genealogy Information, Queries, Reunion News

The Family Tree, published six times annually by the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, contains many interesting articles on genealogy, including specific families. It also publishes news of family reunions. There is no charge for these reunion notices, and no charge for a subscription to the paper, although the library does request voluntary contributions to help defray the ever-increasing cost of postage. The Family Tree is published every two months and the deadline is always the 15th of the month preceding publication in December/February/April/June/August and October.

Be sure to include the date, place, time and contact person and any other pertinent information. Address is P.O. Box 1110, Moultrie, GA 31776-1110.

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George B. Thrasher Research Confirms Past Generations

Recently Dot Pruett received a letter from George B. Thrasher of Tulare, Calif., with information on some research he has been doing. The following is excerpted from that letter. Dot thinks that George is right in believing his information coincides with that which Melba Sue Thrasher Oaks provided for Dot's book "Our Thrasher Heritage." However, Dot has lost touch with Melba, who evidently is no longer at her old address. If anyone wants to contact George regarding this branch of the family or has a current address to contact Melba Oaks, write him at 758 Mariposa, Tulare, CA 93274-5627 (telephone is 209-686-5669).

From George's letter:

"In checking Soundex files for 1880 Morgan County, AL, I found George W. Thrasher, age 31, (just right) and his wife Sarah R. Thrasher, age 30, with Willie J. Thrasher, son, 10; James J. Thrasher, 8; Rebecca (good clue) dau age 6; Mahala, dau, 3; and Pamelie, dau, twin, 3 and Tonnes, son, 1. Also living in the same household was Elizabeth Kelly, marked A, which I took to mean aunt, but whose aunt?, and Phillip Askew, 74, marked fl, which I take to mean father-in-law and gives us the maiden name of Sarah; and James D. Askew, m,

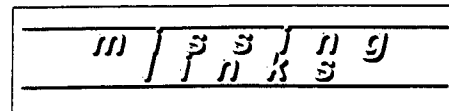
age 38, son of Phillip, and James D. Askew (jr), age 19, son of James D. Askew (sr)."

George goes on to say that in searching the 1870 census for Morgan County, he found the family again with George W. listed as 21, Sarah as 20 and son William as a year old.

George has also researched land records, finding that those records appear to confirm the relationships as follows:

"It is my belief that James M. Thrasher 'bought' land from his father George William Thrasher, SR, and that George William Thrasher, JR, 'bought' land from his grandfather George William Thrasher, SR. The fact that my proven relatives, George William Thrasher, JR, and William Pierce Thrasher had some connection in the affairs of George William Thrasher, SR, almost proves him to be their grandfather."

There is quite a bit more information in George's letter, but space limitations prevent including all of it. George did say that he really needs information on Samuel Jackson Thrasher's wife, Rebecca R. Long. Samuel was the brother of James M. Thrasher, Sr., who was residing with Samuel and Rebecca in Benton County, AL, at the time of the 1850 census.



Any Lanier researchers out there? Lois Kleinhenn Lanier at the University of Maryland at College Park is interested in exchanging information with anyone researching that family. She also has some family pictures from the mid- to late-1920s which include some from her husband's family and offered to have copies made for anyone interested. The two names mentioned were Calvin Dent Lanier and Dawson Platt Lanier, her father-in-law.

Since becoming aware of all of our extended family out there and working on this newsletter, it seems that new family members keep appearing in your editor's life! Evelyn Green Ragan of Largo, FL, recently began corresponding with me. Evelyn is a granddaughter of Cornelius Erwin Thrasher and Harriet Louise Schroeder. Erwin Thrasher was my grandfather Wallace C. Thrasher's youngest sibling, making us second cousins. Erwin and Wallace were children of Willis Edgar Thrasher and Pallen Jeanet Cochrane Thrasher, and Willis was Cousin John Thrasher's youngest child.

Interestingly enough, both of us were raised primarily by our grandparents, and she, as I was a few years ago, is looking for family information to augment the little she remembers from family talk she heard as a child. I hope to meet her on my next trip to Florida and encourage her to attend the June reunion if she possibly can.

EDITOR'S CORNER



With apologies to Oscar the Grouch, this is the editor looking grumpy

because hardly anyone has sent any news items! Take a look at the "Help Wanted" box on page 3 and think about what you'd like to share with the rest of the family and send it in. If you have access to e-mail and want to send an item (or items -- the more the merrier) for the newsletter, you can save time and postage by just sending it off to:

eger@spot.colorado.edu

Meanwhile, thanks to Dot Pruett for contributing the page 1 article on Annie Crenshaw and the information on Montgomery and the upcoming reunion, as well as the pictures of the Barton graves and the Fort Boonesborough monument.

News and Notes

Dot Pruett recently sent copies of the Thrasher listings in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 census indexes. If anyone would like copies of these, write to me at the address shown on page three.

Congratulations to Albert and Yvonne Thrasher on the birth of their daughter, Sonja Anne, on Nov. 17, 1996. Proud papa Albert A. Thrasher III is the son of Albert A. Jr. and Margaret Pleasants Thrasher of Griffin, GA., and is currently stationed at NAS Lamoore in California. Grandma Peggy went out there the first week in December "for a delightful time of being 'on duty' with the pretty, alert, adorable granddaughter," according to her Christmas newsletter!

Warren and Carolyn Thrasher of Athens traveled to Bishop, GA, in October for the book signing and festival connected with the publication of Celestea Sharp's new book, "Bishop, Georgia: The Ancient Roots, Rich History and Enduring Spirit of a Southern Crossroads Community." Also, Warren continues to rebound from last year's bypass surgery, which is good news.

John E. Thrasher III of Micanopy sent a newspaper article on the Thrasher Magazine -- but the publication isn't about the Thrasher family! Seems it's all about skateboarding; the slang expression "thrasher" has become a synonym for skateboarder. And congratulations go to John for winning a prize for his camelias at a recent show.

Dot Pruett says dues are coming in more slowly than usual. If you haven't had time or have forgotten to mail your 1996-97 dues (\$20), please complete the coupon below to ensure that your information is up-to-date and send it along with your check to Dot. Thanks.

1996-97 Thrasher Family Association Dues

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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4245 Shamrock Lane
Montgomery, AL 36106

- 1 - The relocated graves of THOMAS BARTON, his wife SARAH (KEYES) BARTON, and two of their daughters, SARAH E. BARTON and HARRIET PINKSTON, which are now located near their original resting place on the BARTON Plantation, which they originally settled in 1817, two years before Alabama became a state, in 1819. THOMAS BARTON was the son of our DAVID BARTON, who went into Kentucky with DANIEL BOONE, where he was killed by Indians. THOMAS BARTON was a brother of our SUSAN BARTON, who married JOHN THRASHER, our REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTORS. You will probably want to bring your cameras and take pictures of these graves, as THOMAS BARTON died in 1826, and SARAH BARTON in 1845. As with many old tombstones, it is not known how long these markers will be in existence.
- 2 - Alabama State Capitol - The Capitol has recently undergone major renovation and is very beautiful. You will want to see the star on the steps where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office as President of the Confederate States of America.
- 3 - First White House of the Confederacy, where President Jefferson Davis and his wife lived.
- 4 - Alabama Shakespeare Theatre. Schedule to be announced.
- 5 - Beautiful new Montgomery Zoo. Discounted rate for group of 10 or more.
- 6 - Lovely Jasmine Hill Gardens and Outdoor Museum, known as "Alabama's Little Corner of Greece". You would enjoy seeing the extensive collection of fountains, pools and famous Greek statuary -- and the beautiful flowers. Adult admission \$3.50; children 6-12 yrs. \$2.00; children under 6 - Free. Schedule will be found in your Montgomery Area Visitors' Guide.
- 7 - Victoryland Greyhound Racing Park. Admission limited to persons 19 yrs. and over.
- 8 - Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, within the Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park, noted for its collection of 19th and 20th century paintings in the Blount Collection, and other interesting art collections. Admission Free. Handicapped accessible.
- 9 - Old Alabama Town - over three blocks of houses and landscapes showing how people lived in Central Alabama from 1800 to 1900. Many visitors are attracted to this place each year.
- 10- Shopping: The Holiday Inn is located about half way between two major shopping malls -- The Montgomery Mall and The Eastdale Mall. Both have Gayfers, Parisians and Pennys -- and a McRae's is located in the Eastdale Mall. There are also many specialty shops.

As you can see, there are many recreational and educational attractions in Montgomery, for both young people and adults.

MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS NOW TO INCLUDE THE THRASHER REUNION IN YOUR 1997 VACATION PLANS. BRING THE YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WE ARE SURE THEY WILL ENJOY THE MANY ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS GETTING TO KNOW MANY OF THEIR THRASHER COUSINS!!

THRASHER REUNION - 1997

The 1997 THRASHER REUNION will be held in Montgomery, Alabama on Saturday, June 28, 1997, at the Holiday Inn East Holidome, 1185 East Boulevard, at I-85. See map. CHECK-IN TIME IS 3:00 P.M.

The Holiday Inn has given us a special rate for our group, as follows:

Flat rate - 1 to 4 people in room:

\$52.95 for Exterior rooms

59.95 for Interior rooms

All rooms have a king bed or two double beds.

Since they are in the process of changing Chefs, the price for our banquet meal, and the menu, will be furnished later. They are giving us a special rate for children:

Children under 6 - Free

Children 6 to 12 years - Half price

Children over 12 - full price

The Holidome has many features which will be attractive to young people, including:

Beautiful indoor pool

Recreation room

Exercise room

Pool table

Ping pong

Charles Ingram, Jr. will be in charge of our Youth Committee.

We have set aside 20 rooms, which will be held for us until June 13, 1997; after that date rooms will be provided on a space available basis. If you wish to come in on Friday, in order to take advantage of the many activities which will be available to you, the Holiday Inn will honor the same rates for Friday.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BY CALLING THE

HOLIDAY INN EAST HOLIDOME

(334) 272-0370

TELL THEM YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE THRASHER REUNION.

Since we have set aside only 20 rooms, if you are planning to attend, make your reservations early and, if necessary, cancel later.

We will also have a Hospitality Room, where we can gather for fun and fellowship. Our Banquet/Meeting Room will be the CAMELLIA ROOM, and will be available from 5:00 - UNTIL. Our scrapbooks, and other interesting exhibits, will be displayed in the banquet room for all who are interested in past reunion history.

For your further information regarding outside activities, the Holiday Inn is surrounded by many full service restaurants as well as fast-food services. We will have a Montgomery Area Visitors' Guide, published by the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, available for each of you when you arrive, which gives location and other pertinent information on many places of interest. Listed are a few we think you will want to see:

**PIONEER FOUNDING FAMILIES OF
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

When Pasco County decided to restore its old court-house, the Pasco County Historical Society sprang into action. Through their efforts and with the cooperation of the county officials, the decision was made to honor those families who were living in what is now Pasco County when the county was created from Hernando County in 1887. A cast bronze plaque will be affixed to a granite base or perhaps a proposed fountain in front of the old Pasco County court-house and a similar bronze plaque for each qualifying pioneer family will be mounted in the sidewalk leading to the court-house. The completion date has not yet been set, but it will probably be in the very late summer or fall. Applications for pioneer families will be received until the end of March 1997, and be obtained from: Pioneer Founding Families of Pasco County, Pasco County Historical Society, P.O. Box 795, San Antonio, Florida 33576.

So far a number of "our" families have been approved for the recognition. Joann Bandy filed for most of them, providing the necessary documentation. Those who have been approved thus far are:

O'Neal, Millard Fillmore and Annie Johnson (my Maternal grandparents).
Sumner, David Edwin and Frankie Thrasher
Sumner, James Alexander and Looney Thrasher
Thrasher, David Hughey and Sarah R. Harper
Thrasher, John James and Margaret Bethuel Scaife
Thrasher, Judge David O. and Ellen Mason

When the dedication takes place would be a great time for a mini-**Thrasher** reunion ! Perhaps we can picnic somewhere !
Think about it !

John E. Thrasher 111

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Special Treat Planned for Reunion Attendees

Special from Dot Pruett

We normally get together on only one day for our annual reunion. However, when cousins Jerry and Susan Hudson learned we were having the reunion in Montgomery this year, they called and asked if they could host a barbeque for the group at their lovely home and cattle ranch in Pike Road. Since there would be no time available on Saturday, we felt that many of you would be willing and able to arrive on Friday, June 27, in order to accept their generous hospitality. For those of you who live in and around Montgomery, I am sure you will want to be on hand for the fun and fellowship and for the opportunity to get to know many of your cousins, so we are expecting to see all of you on the 27th.

Directions to the Hudson Cattle Co. and the Hudson home are very simple, and instructions (with mileage) will be available. For those of you familiar with Montgomery, these are the directions:

From East Boulevard turn on Vaughn Road, going toward Taylor Road (marked #110 after you pass Taylor Road). Proceed to Ray Thorington Road, which is 3.7 miles; turn right and go 4.4 miles to Old Pike Road; turn right again and go 7/10 mile to the entrance to the Hudson home. There will be flares or a sign at the entrance to the home.

For those of you coming from the motel:

Exit the Holidome at the traffic light; turn left on East Boulevard. Go straight for 1.7 miles to Vaughn Road (7th traffic light); turn left on Vaughn Road and then follow the same directions as above.

Come any time from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. June 27th is one of the longest days of the year, so there will be no need to drive after dark.

We hope to see all of you there. You will be receiving an invitation shortly, with an RSVP slip to be filled out and returned to:

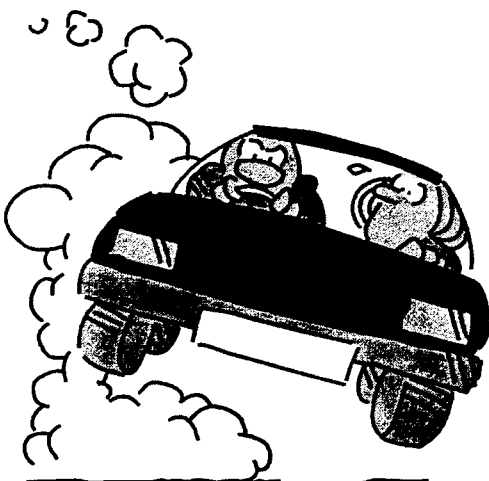
Mrs. Joe F. Pruett
4245 Shamrock Lane
Montgomery, AL 36106

Remember that this is a separate event; the invitation and response slip will come in a separate mailing. Reservations for the reunion dinner on Saturday night will NOT include you in the barbeque.

SPECIAL BARBEQUE IS BEING BROUGHT IN FROM NORTH CAROLINA FOR THIS OCCASION, SO PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE RSVP SLIP BY JUNE 18TH IF POSSIBLE TO ALLOW JERRY AND SUSAN TIME TO PLAN.

Make Tracks for Montgomery in June!

Remember to make your **hotel reservations** directly with the Holiday Inn East Holidome (334-272-0370) by **June 13**. Tell the reservation desk that you will be attending the Thrasher Family Reunion to get the special rate of \$59.95 (interior room) or \$52.95 (exterior room), flat rate for one to four people, which is lower than even the AAA discount rate. This rate is valid for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, June 27, 28, and 29, and if you request it, the hotel might honor it for a more extended stay. There will also be a Hospitality Room (#212) where family members can gather to visit throughout their stay. The dinner and meeting will be held in the Camellia Room, with a social hour beginning at 5 p.m. and a special program featuring genealogist Annie Crenshaw after dinner. **Dinner reservations** must be made by **June 23**. Details and a reservation form are at the end of the newsletter.



Alabama Shakespeare Festival , Jasmine Hill Gardens, Zoo

Just Three of Many Montgomery Area Attractions

It's summertime and time to think about things to do. The Montgomery area offers something for everybody and an extra day or two to relax and enjoy some of the attractions would be a great addition to the fun of the Thrasher Family Reunion. These three were picked to illustrate the wide variety of things to do; a more complete listing and a Montgomery area locator map are on another page of this newsletter.

Not limited to performances of Shakespeare's works, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival presents classical and contemporary plays performed by a professional repertory company in two theaters, the Festival Stage and the Octagon, in the State Theatre in Montgomery. The season runs from mid-November through late August, and matinee performances are presented at 2 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, which would be compatible with evening reunion events.

The schedule for the reunion weekend includes *"The Merchant of Venice,"* set for both Friday and Saturday afternoons on the Festival Stage, as well as another play, not named at the time the brochure was published, in the Octagon. The Sunday matinee performances are *"MacBeth"* on the Festival Stage and Henrik Ibsen's *"Ghosts"* in the Octagon. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$22. In addition to the performances, Theatre in the Mind at noon on Saturday will explore the issues, authors, and eras of Alabama Shakespeare Festival plays. The program is free, but reservations are required.

Jasmine Hill Gardens and Outdoor Museum, approximately 5 miles north of Montgomery, covers 17 acres. Flowers bloom in the gardens almost year-round;

statues, fountains and other art objects from Greece and Italy are found throughout the gardens, including a copy of the Temple of Hera in Olympia, Greece. Picnic facilities are available. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 6 - 12.

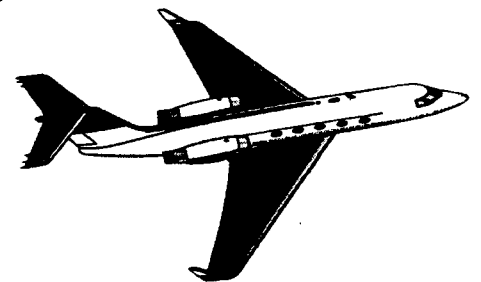
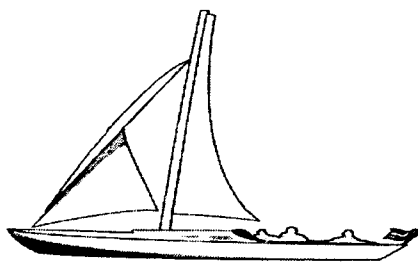
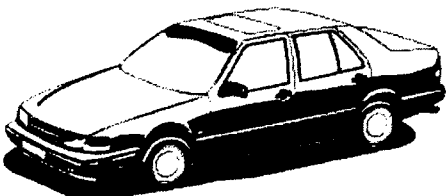
The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts has a permanent collection which focuses primarily on American art. Artists represented include John Singer Sargeant, Robert Henri, James McNeill Whistler and Thomas Hart Benton, as well as European masters from the 15th through the 18th centuries.

Also featured are 19th-century American decorative arts, including furnishings, porcelain and glass. The ARTWORKS gallery invites visitors to participate in hands-on exhibits, including computer-assisted art displays and a "time corridor." Admission to the museum is free.

And for the child in all of us -- the Montgomery Zoo! The zoo contains birds, mammals and reptiles from around the world, including rare and endangered species. The animals are grouped geographically in outdoor settings. Admission is \$4.50; over 65, \$2; children 4 - 12, \$1.50.

Plan to come a few days early or stay a few days longer to check out all there is to see and do. Also, don't forget that the hotel will be providing a hospitality room for the reunion where people can visit and exchange news. Check-in time for rooms is 3 p.m.; the hospitality room (room #212) will be open beginning at noon if you arrive before check-in on Saturday. Drop in as soon as you get settled!

By Land, Sea, or Air -- Montgomery in June!



News and Notes

Wetumpka Cousins Seen in the Movies!

Members of the Enslin family of Wetumpka, Ala., led double lives in the fall of 1994 -- combining real world activities with the make-believe world of film-making.

Dianne Brown Enslin; her two sons, Joseph and Joshua; her daughters, Jenny and Jessica Enslin and Georgia Enslin Pinkston; and her son-in-law, Patrick Pinkston, all worked as extras in the making of "The Grass Harp," an adaptation of a novella by Monroeville author Truman Capote, which was filmed in Wetumpka. The film made its Montgomery debut this past February.

Patrick Pinkston, who practices law with his father-in-law, John Enslin, in real life, was cast as a young lawyer in the film. He went to the wardrobe department to pick up his 1940s lawyer's suit, and when the wardrobe person was told he had been cast as a lawyer, the response was "Oh, sure." Pinkston said he doesn't think the wardrobe person ever did believe he is really a lawyer.

John Enslin did not work in front of the cameras, but represented some local merchants whose businesses were used in making the movie. Asked if he feels left out because he isn't in the film, John replied: "Well, somebody had to work at a real job to support their hobby of being movie extras."

Two New Twigs on the Family Tree

Evelyn and Jimmy Ragan of Largo, Fla., welcomed a new grandchild March 12. Valerie Dean Douglas is a great-great-great granddaughter of "Cousin John" Thrasher. Proud parents are Dean and Nicole June (Ragan) Douglas of Palm Harbor, Fla.

And Mae Jones happily announces the birth of her first great-granddaughter, Anna Claire Bentley, who was born April 3 in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to Paul Andrew and Melissa (Williams) Bentley. Anna Claire's grandparents are Dr. Robert Julian Bentley and Dianne (Jones) Bentley.

Congratulations to everyone!

Family Members "On the Move"

Some of the family branches and twigs have moved around during the past year, so you may need to update your address books at the reunion.

David Sumner and his family have moved from Muncie, Indiana, to Anderson, Indiana. David is still on the faculty at Ball State University.

Although they are still residents of Columbus, Ga., Margie and L. ~~P. Z.~~ Thrasher have moved to a new home, which they happily say is better suited to their needs.

Even as he was playing host to last year's Thrasher Reunion in Moultrie, Gerald Bishop was in the midst of a move to St. Petersburg due to a job relocation. The past year has brought Gerald almost full circle -- a transfer back to Georgia for a position in Atlanta. Gerald says he liked St. Pete, but is happy to be back in Georgia.

Another John Thrasher A State Legislator

"Cousin John" Thrasher was a Georgia State legislator at one time in his career. Now another John Thrasher is continuing the legislative tradition in a different state, Florida.

John Thrasher of Orange Park, Fla., is a Florida State Representative from House District 19, which consists of parts of Clay, Duval and St. John's counties. Born in South Carolina, he moved to Florida as a young boy. A Florida State University alumnus, he received his B.S. in 1965, and his Juris Doctor, with honors, in 1972. He was first elected to the Legislature in 1992 and was named the Florida School Board Association's First Term Legislator of the Year in 1993.

A U.S. Army veteran, Rep. Thrasher served in Germany and the Republic of Vietnam, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

missing links

Greg Wickenburg of Brier, Wash., has contacted Dale Thrasher, Dot Pruett and myself seeking information on his Thrasher line. The following is Greg's recap of what he has found so far. He has documented this line from Eriah (Uriah) to himself.

- 1 Eriah H Thrasher b. 1816 m. Cynthia b. 1817
- 2 Isaac M Thrasher b. 1839 d. 1905 m. Mary S Moore b. Apr. 1842 d. 1910
- 3 William Porter Thrasher b. July 6 1877 d. July 31 1933
m. (2) Josephine Evanson b. Oct 16 1886 d. 1958
- 4 Mary Thresher b. Aug 24 1918
m. Aug 31 1940 Basil Ward Inslee b. Jul 22 1904
- 5 Joanne Carol Inslee b. Jun 23 1944
m. Sep 28 1963 Gary Wickenburg b. Apr 20 1938
- 6 Gregory Steven Wickenburg b. August 13 1964

Greg wrote: "Most of this info was from the 1860 Overton Co. TN and 1880 Cumberland Co. KY Censuses. I also have the 1919 Benton Co. WA. Census here. I assume B.S. is Porter's brother Burrel, but the date does not match."

1910 BENTON County, WA
302 Kennewick 203 215 Thrasher W P
Roomer 32 s TN TN TN Saloon Owner
303 Kennewick 215 228 Thrasher B S
Head 35 s TN TN TN Swamper (saloon)
Porter's death certificate lists him as William Porter.

"I also found an I.M. Thrasher listed in a book on TN in the Civil War. 25th Inf. TN., but I have not been able to find out if he is my Isaac M. Thrasher. Right era and area. I ordered the military files; there were only 3 pages, no dates or names in them. But they did say he was listed as J.M. Thrasher sometimes. I'm told my Isaac Thrasher was born 1764, 2 days sail from the U.S. His father was William. Isaac fought in the Revolutionary War under his father's name, and in The War of 1812 (2 tours of duty). I just got the form to send for his pension file to verify this. They lived in VA, NC, then TN."

Greg sent the following excerpt from an article in a local area history book, but he doesn't know of any connections.
Slough of Memories: Recollections of Life in Bothell, Kenmore, North Creek, Woodinville 1920-1990; compiled by Fred Klein and the Northshore History Boosters (1992).

"Freda and Lyman Thrasher moved from Seattle to north of Bothell in 1928 with their three boys: William, Harold, and Lyman (Sonny). They had a service station and

repair garage with a towing service. They also sold a few groceries. Their family living quarters were in back of the garage located on the southwest corner at the intersection of Highway 527 (Bothell-Everett-Highway) and 208th Street S.E., which is now known as Thrasher's Corner. In 1930, a daughter, Ilean, was born to the Thrasher family. After three sons, she was a welcome addition to the family.

"Freda and Lyman continued to work hard and save their money to purchase a piece of land, that was across the street, from Joe Wilson. In 1937, they purchased the property and moved the garage and all to the southeast corner of the intersection. They expanded at that time to include a full line of grocery items.

"The three Thrasher boys served in the military during World War II and all three returned safe and married. During the war another daughter, Sue Ellen, was born. In the late 1940s, the Thrashers built a large two story brick home behind the store. They remained at the corner until the late 1950s when the family sold both business and home and moved to Mountlake Terrace.

"Lyman Thrasher died in 1965 and his wife Freda in 1982. Three of their children - William, Harold, and Sue Ellen - and many of their grandchildren still reside in the Puget Sound area. Ilean Thrasher Anderson lives on Roosevelt Lake in Eastern Washington and Lyman ("Sonny") lives in San Diego, California."

Trailing Isaac

It seems that several people are searching for the elusive Isaac (or Isaacs -- was there one or were there several?) Thrasher. In addition to Greg Wickenburg, John E. and Eleanor Thrasher will be doing some research in Tennessee on their way to the reunion to see if they can find any clues. And Dot Pruett has been in contact with Sarah Kass, who is also interested in locating information about an Isaac Thrasher in her family. Sarah not only will be at this year's reunion, but she will join the after-dinner program with a talk about her Greene County, Tenn., research. Locating Isaac could tie up quite a few loose ends in the family tree.

Ohio, Indiana, Missouri Searcher

Phillip Trump of Kearny, Mo., has contacted Emmett Thrasher and Dot Pruett seeking information about his Thrasher ancestors. His paternal grandmother was Eva Thrasher, and her father was William David Thrasher, who was born in Indiana (no date given), the son of William P. (b. May 6, 1815, Adams County, Ohio) and Mary (Dean) Thrasher. He sent quite a bit of information on his line, which will be available at the reunion for people to check for connections. This may be a possible connection to some of the Thrashers buried in Colorado, or even a distant one to Early Leslie Thrasher, who spent time in Missouri, where he married and where his three children were born.

And a Success Story!

Dot Pruett writes that publishing George Benton Thrasher's letter in our last newsletter really paid off. She received a letter from Melba Sue Thrasher Oaks, whom George had been trying to contact in connection with some of his research. Sue wrote that she had moved twice since Dot last heard from her, and had neglected to send her new address. She now lives in Ohatchee, Ala., right next door to her mother. Not only is she back in touch, but she is planning to attend the reunion.

Coming to Your Area Next Year?

Dot Pruett reminded me that the Thrasher reunion site for next year will be discussed during the Saturday evening program. Think about possible locations, and if you would be willing to be the coordinator at a site in your area. The date for next year's reunion Saturday, June 27, 1998. Previous reunion organizers would, I'm sure, be willing to offer advice if you're a novice at things like this. What about some of you Tennessee or Florida cousins?

The 1998 gathering will be the 23rd annual Thrasher Family Reunion. The first one, held June 21, 1975, in the Macon, Ga., home of Dot and Joe Pruett, has grown from a few cousins with an idea to today's gathering of cousins from all around the country.

Another thing to keep in mind is that the 25th Thrasher Family Reunion will coincide with the millenium, and perhaps someone would like to volunteer now to make it a truly special occasion.



WEDDING BELLS RING IN TUSCALOOSA

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Julian Bentley are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, John Mark Bentley, to Amy Elizabeth Adkins on Saturday, May 10, 1997, in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Best wishes for a long and happy married life to John and Amy on behalf of all the family.

Pauline Thrasher Griffin

Pauline Thrasher Griffin of St. Petersburg, Fla., died May 9, 1996, at Hospice House Woodside. She was the daughter of Cornelius Erwin and Harriet Louise (Schroeder) Thrasher. Erwin Thrasher was the youngest son of Willis E. Thrasher and a grandson of "Cousin John" Thrasher. Pauline was born in Rock Island, Ill., but spent most of her life in St. Petersburg. A graduate of St. Petersburg High School, she was a homemaker and a member of Faith Temple. Survivors include her husband, Bruce T. Griffin; two daughters, Evelyn Ragan and Enid Billeb, both of Largo, Fla.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Editor's note: This is a very late memorial notice, but I was unable to obtain a copy of the obituary until recently. I was especially saddened by Pauline's passing, since she was one of my few remaining "close cousins." Pauline and Bruce had invited me to visit them one day while I was in Florida shortly before her death, and we went through her family Bible together, looking at the entries made so many years ago. Tucked in the pages were some letters written by our grandmother, Pallen Cochrane Thrasher, and by Bessie Earnest Cochrane at the time of the accidental death of Scaife Edgar Thrasher in 1901, which were a window on a bygone time and way of life.

Anita Swint Bickham

Anita Swint Bickham of Douglassville, Texas, died unexpectedly Feb. 17, 1997. A native of Douglassville, Anita was a physical education teacher at Atlanta Primary School. She was a member of the Cass County Genealogical Society and a member of the Douglassville Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Joe Dan Bickham; two sons, Jeff and Jake; her mother, Lois Swint; a sister, Sharon Jones; and a brother, Jim Swint.

Editor's note: Anita and I met through an on-line genealogy group. She was researching her husband's Thrasher connections, and we had exchanged information. She had also been in contact with John Thrasher of Frederick, Maryland, since her search was for a Harriett Thrasher, who seemed a possible connection to family information he had provided for Dot Pruett's "Our Thrasher Heritage." Anita's husband was thoughtful enough to let me know of her death and to mail her last packet of information to me. In case anyone can make a connection, I'll have it available at the reunion.



EDITOR



EDITOR'S CORNER

The Thrasher Family Newsletter needs YOUR help! Do you have any

items to contribute? Current family events, family history or stories, questions about Thrasher ancestors -- anything that may be of interest. Mail them to me (Barbara Eger) at 8770F Allison Dr., Arvada, CO 80005. If you have access to e-mail and want to send an item (or items -- the more the merrier), you can save time and postage by just sending it off to:

eger@spot.colorado.edu

The loan of pictures relevant to the family would be especially nice. I have access to a scanner, and would return them undamaged after scanning.



GOOF BOX

Boy, was the Editor's goof a big one in the last issue! And I don't have any idea why I made it! Had the information right in my notes, verified it when I talked to Dot Pruett, and then just typed in something totally wrong! Anyway, Ruth and Sarah Barton were NOT the daughters of Thomas and Sarah Barton. They were sisters of Thomas Barton and daughters of David Barton and Ruth Oldham.

The 22nd Annual Thrasher Family Reunion

Holiday Inn East (Holidome)

1185 East Boulevard

Montgomery, Alabama

Hosted by "The Alabama Thrashers"

THE MEAL:

Dinner will be a buffet, served in the Camellia Room of the Holiday Inn, with a social hour beginning at 5 p.m. The menu will be two entrees with vegetables, potato, four salads, and dessert.

The price for the meal, including tax and gratuity, is \$17.50 for adults, half-price (\$8.75) for children 6 to 12 and free for children under six. Reservations should be made with Bill and Velma Thrasher, using the coupon at the bottom of this page, by June 23.

THE PROGRAM:

Annie Crenshaw - What genealogy will mean to you and your descendants in the future and, probably, how to solve some of your "dead-ends."

Dr. Robert Rainer - The life of our cousin Robert W. Woodruff, well known philanthropist of Coca Cola fame.

John E. Thrasher III - A report on his and Eleanor's circle trip to Greene, Hawkins and Overton counties in Tennessee in a search for our Isaac Thrasher, brother of John and Joseph Cloud Thrasher.

Sarah Kass - A report on her search for Isaac Thrasher in the Greene County, Tennessee records.

Bill Thrasher - A report on his family in Kentucky, etc. As you all may know, our documented Thrashers were also in Kentucky very early.

As always, scrapbooks, pictures and other items of interest to the family will be on display. If you have any of these you would like to share, bring them along.

TO: Bill and Velma Thrasher FROM: _____

3915 Brewer Road

Montgomery, AL 36108

Please make the following dinner reservations for me in Montgomery on June 28, 1997:

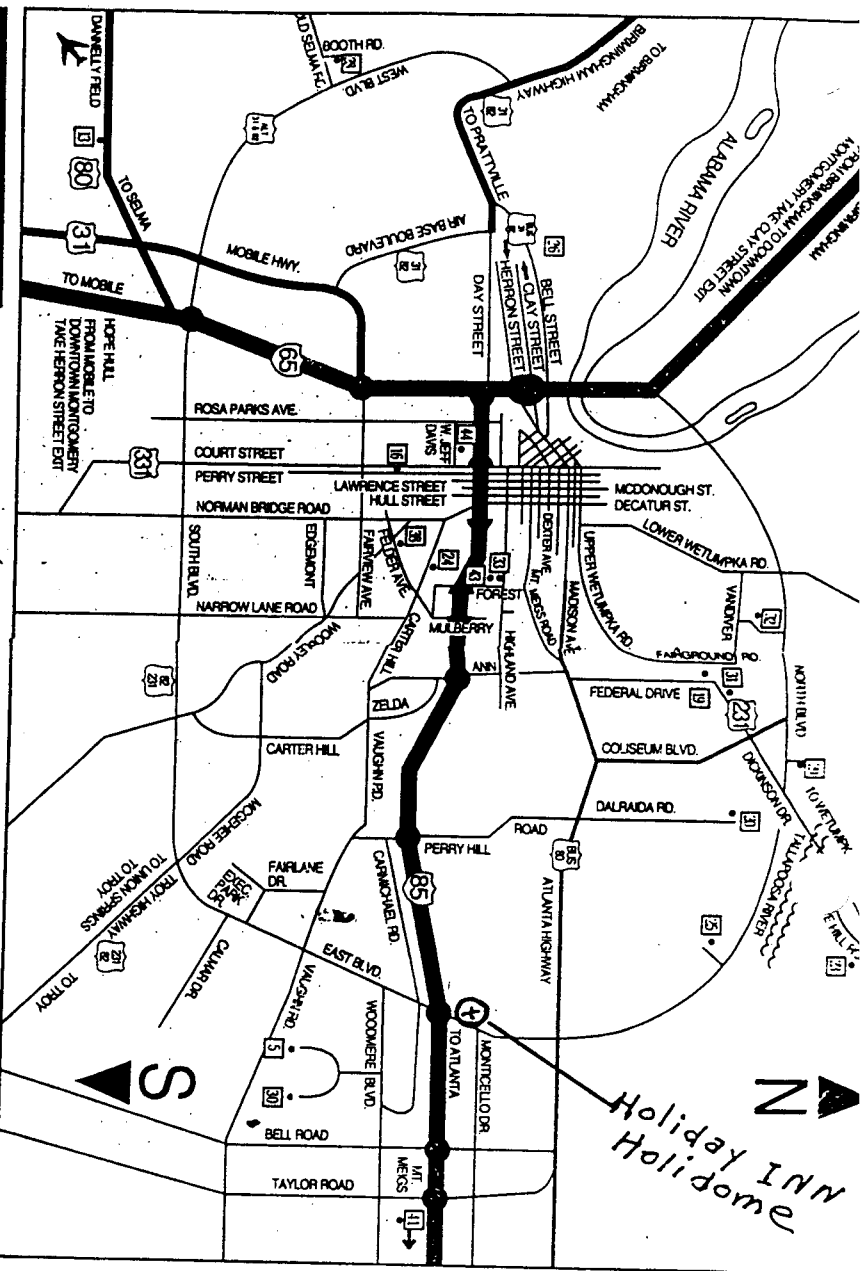
_____ Adults @ \$17.50 \$ _____
_____ Children (6 - 12) @ \$8.75 \$ _____
_____ Children (under 6) @ no charge

(while children under 6 will eat free, they need to be counted if a place is to be set.)

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

(Make payable to either Bill or Velma and return before June 23 1997.)

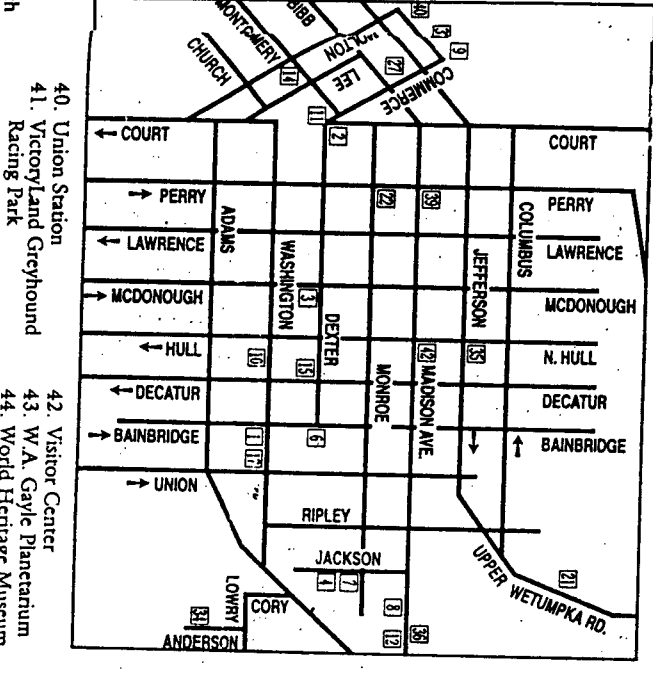
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Holiday Inn
Holiday Home

ATTRACTIONS

1. Alabama Archives & History Museum
2. Alabama Artists Gallery
3. Alabama Judicial Building
4. Alabama Science Center
5. Alabama Shakespeare Festival
6. Alabama State Capitol
7. Alabama War Memorial
8. Army Learning Arts Ctr.
9. Betsy Ann Riverboat
10. Civil Rights Memorial
11. Court Square Fountain
12. Crumpton Bowl
13. Dannelly Field Municipal Airport
14. Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts
15. Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church
16. Executive Mansion
17. First White House of the Confederacy
18. Fort Toulouse/Jackson Park
19. Garrett Coliseum



20. Gunter Annex, MAFB
21. Hank Williams Memorial and Museum
22. Hank Williams Statue
23. Jasmine Hill Gardens & Outdoor Museum
24. Joe L. Reed Academic
25. Lagoon Park
26. Maxwell Air Force Base
27. Montgomery Civic Ctr.
28. Montgomery Motor Speedway
29. Montgomery Motor Sports Park
30. Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
31. Montgomery State Farmers Market
32. Montgomery Zoo
33. Oak Park
34. O'Connor Tennis Center
35. Old Alabama Town
36. Paterson Field Baseball Park
37. Riverfront Park
38. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum
39. St. John's Episcopal Church
40. Union Station
41. VictoryLand Greyhound Racing Park
42. Visitor Center
43. W.A. Gayle Planetarium
44. World Heritage Museum

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