

# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## Bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse: My Trip to the Tithe Barn

By Jon Louis Thrasher (b. 1955, Atlanta, Georgia)

In January of 1996, my business travels took me to Bath, England, an historic city in the county of Avon, 1-1/2 hour's drive to the west of London. Before going, I read all that I could find about the Thrashers (Thresher) of that region, hoping to locate and visit the town from which our forefathers came. I discovered that the town, Bradford-on-Avon, was just a short drive from Bath.

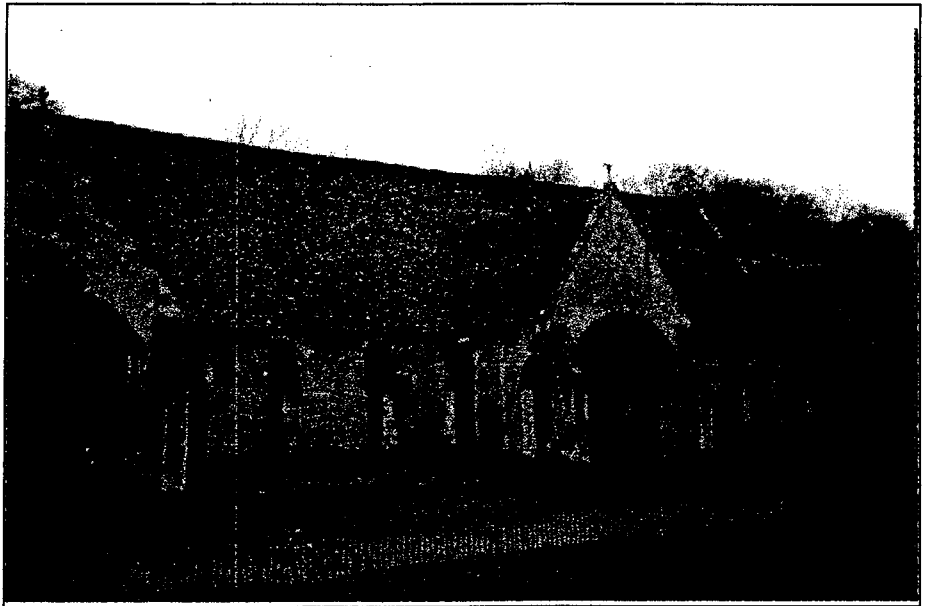
I picked a cold, rainy day to visit the town — which in England could have been any day. But even a freezing English downpour could not dampen the excitement I felt for my visit. Bradford-on-Avon was more than I expected, beautifully preserved, almost untouched by the past six centuries. Most of the town's buildings are pretty "new," built during the 16th and 17th centuries. Most are still intact and beautiful. The Holy Trinity Church, where the Thresher family once worshipped, was locked and the local vicar was on holiday, so we weren't able to go inside. After a fruitless search for Thrasher grave markers, I decided to visit the Tithe Barn, which is located just outside the town proper.

I had read of the Tithe Barn in the *Newsletter of the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association*. Nancy Thrasher Cherry had traveled there a few years before my visit and had written about the town and the Tithe Barn in the October 1993 issue of the newsletter she edits. But I was hardly prepared for what I found.

A bit of background may serve us well here. Those of us who've spent a good portion of our lives in church should be well familiar with a passage from the Biblical book of Malachi, chapter 3, verse 10, that reads as follows:

*"Bring ye the whole tithe into the STOREHOUSE, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will*

*not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough (to receive it)." (ASV)*



*This exterior view of the Tithe Barn in Bradford-on-Avon shows only half of the huge building* Photo courtesy of Jon Thrasher

Since childhood, I have wondered about the meaning of the "storehouse" in this passage. Many clergy would like us to believe that it represents only "the local church" and, indeed, it can. But the Tithe Barn in Bradford-on-Avon stands as a perfect example of the type of storehouse referenced in this passage of scripture.

Built in 1341, Bradford-on-Avon's Tithe Barn was once used to store the tithes from the locally grown crops and, most likely, a portion of all of the wool sheared from the local sheep. From there, as less fortunate residents of the community had need of these things, these items were redistributed under the supervision of the local church (in this case, Holy Trinity Church). In some cases, items stored in the Tithe Barn would have been sold and the proceeds distributed to the needy. That would have been done, for example, when more wool was stored than food,

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## ***Tithe Barn*** (cont. from pg. 1)

but more food was needed than wool.

Most remarkable about the Tithe Barn, other than its mere existence and preservation, is its size! The Tithe Barn is huge! It is 168 feet long and 33 feet wide, constructed of Bath Stone (a tan colored sandstone, indigenous to the area) and massive timbers that were hand-sawn and crafted specifically for this structure. To put that into terms that we can understand, the Tithe Barn has an interior area of 5,544 square feet! Compared to most "American" homes, that's big! In comparison to most English homes, even the large Chantry House where Edward Thresher lived in Bradford-on-Avon, the Tithe Barn is enormous!

When one considers why it was so big, only one explanation is plausible. This was once a very prosperous community and its residents must have contributed generously to the Tithe Barn in order to provide for those among them who were in need. Otherwise a much smaller structure would have sufficed. Many similar English towns have much smaller Tithe Barns, or none at all.

The other remarkable thing I noted about the Tithe Barn was its architecture. I've included a picture I took during my visit that shows only the right half of the building and barely reveals its beauty. Massively well built and beautiful are the terms that came to my mind as I stood and looked at it that day. Later I was able to stand inside the Tithe Barn and, although darkness made it difficult to fully appreciate the construction (there are no lights inside), its presence and beauty overwhelmed me. As I stood inside, I tried to imagine how many crops and how many shearlings would have been needed to fill this space. In comparison to the size of the community (which is about the same size now as at the time of the building the Tithe Barn) it stands as an impressive testimony of a generous and faithful people.

The passage from Malachi may provide insight into why the Thresher family enjoyed so much prosperity for so many years in this small English town. As evidenced by the size of the Tithe Barn, these people really did bring their "tithes to their storehouse." And, as one of the town's most prominent families, the Threshers were frequent and generous contributors to the contents of this building. So it's safe to assume that their prosperity was, at least in part, the result of the promise found in the passage.

Our family's generosity was well documented.

During his lifetime Edward Thresher (d 1725) left £100 sterling (a large sum in the 1700's) to the community fund, the interest from which was to be given to the poor and impotent persons in the town. That "interest" was given away in bread for about fifty years, and from 1779, when new trustees were appointed, in sums of money. During the first half of the 19th century, the charity was distributed somewhat intermittently and a balance accumulated. At the start of the 20th century the interest on that fund was still being distributed, given in clothing tickets to poor persons in the area. A "tithe" from Edward Thresher was still providing for others, more than 200 years later!

The day I visited Bradford-on-Avon I laid claim, if only in my mind and spirit, to my portion of that heritage. I was never prouder to be a Thrasher than on that day, and I still feel connected to the noble responsibility to use whatever resources I have to provide for others who are less fortunate.

I have since revisited Bradford-on-Avon and have even thought about using the Tithe Barn as a model for the design of a home someday. But, paying to custom build a 5,544 square foot house of hand-hewn timbers would surely make it tougher, if not impossible, to follow in the benevolent footsteps of my forefathers. So for now, I'll keep working to practice generosity with what I have and just "cross the pond" more often to visit the real Tithe Barn, instead.

### **About the Author:**

Jon Louis Thrasher was born on June 21, 1955, in Atlanta, Georgia, and is the youngest of two sons of William Avery Thrasher, originally from Farmington, Georgia, and the late Ruth Lee Thrasher of Atlanta. Although he spent most of his life in Atlanta, he lived for six years in the Washington, DC area and currently resides in Charlotte, NC.

Jon and his wife of 25 years, Debra, have four "almost-grown" children, ranging in age from 13 to 21 years-old. Jon serves as Sr. Vice President at Orion Marketing Alliance in New York City, where he work involves extensive travel. In addition to his work & travel, Jon has recently taken up golf, along with his wife and their 15 year-old son.

He says that he writes "almost daily" and, although only a few of his works have appeared in minor publications, dreams of someday being a "published author".

## Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin: A Founding Member of Our Family Association

By David E. Sumner

Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin, 85, was a founding member of the Thrasher Family Association and attended the first reunion in Macon in 1974. She and her husband, Asbury Baldwin, attended many of the first reunions, but have been unable to attend in recent years. She credits the Thrasher Family Association with bringing alive the rich Thrasher heritage and tradition. Until then, there weren't any Thrasher reunions that she knows of. "Up until then, I never knew there were Thrashers all over the United States. I thought we were all right here in Georgia."

Other founding members were Dorothy and Joe Pruett; Dr. Robert A. Rainer, Jr. and his mother Vessie Thrasher Rainer, Tom and Dorothy Thrasher, and Col. Warren and Caroline Thrasher. "Most of the group had never met before, but the conversation and good fellowship were instantaneous," Dot Pruett said in the 20th anniversary issue of the Thrasher newsletter.

One of Elizabeth Baldwin's most prized possession is the book, "A History of the Thrasher Family Traced Through the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries in England and America." It was published in 1895 by Marion Thrasher. "It's almost in tatters now. My father had it and he got it from his father. I've read the whole thing."

Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin was born in Atlanta Oct. 27, 1913, and lived with her parents for several years in Plains where her father owned a farm. Later they moved to Decatur when her father went to work for the state. She graduated from Agnes Scott College. After working for a couple of years, she married Asbury Baldwin, a pharmacist, and they moved to Madison, his hometown, where he opened a pharmacy and drug store. "We have a lot of big antebelleum homes and a lot of history here in the town." The couple has been married for 63 years.

At the time she married, "I was working for a company then that said if you were a single woman and got married, then you had to quit." World War II forced the company to drop its

archaic policy. The company is now the Life Insurance Company of Georgia, but had a different name at the time. She has been a full-time mother and homemaker since her marriage. However, "When things piled up on my husband, I went down and worked in the store."

Speaking of her family, Mrs. Baldwin says, "My father went to Emory College and my mother went to LaGrange College. They married in 1902. My oldest brother was born in 1904. That brother—Barton Edmonds Thrasher, III—was Georgia State Auditor from 1941 to his death in 1964. He became known as the "Watchdog of the State Treasury," Mrs. Baldwin says. "He got more publicity that he never sought because he would never accept anything; not even a bag of fruit. He would say, 'If I do I would be beholden to those people. I want to be where I can do what I have to do and say what I have to say.'"

Of her three brothers, the oldest and youngest are dead. The youngest, William Howell Thrasher, was the first administrator of the DeKalb Regional Hospital in Decatur, Ga., and served in that capacity for 17 years. Her surviving brother,

Robert Quillian Thrasher, is a Georgia Tech graduate now living in Houston, Texas, with his family. She and Col. Warren Thrasher are "double first cousins." She says, "His father and my father were brothers and his mother and my mother were sisters. We were very close growing up and have been throughout our lives." Warren and Caroline Thrasher live in Athens, about 25 miles from Madison.

The Baldwins have three children. Her oldest daughter, Anne Satterfield, and her husband,

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Asbury and Elizabeth (Thrasher) Baldwin

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Baldwin

Besides the Thrasher newsletter, David E. Sumner writes regularly for newspapers, magazines, and scholarly publications. The author of two books, he has contributed articles for the Encyclopedia Britannica Yearbook for twelve consecutive years. His biography appears in Contemporary Authors and Writers and the Marquis publications Who's Who in the Midwest, Who's Who in the Media and Who's Who in Religion.

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**Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin** (cont. from pg. 3)

Jack, moved back to Madison two years ago after a teaching career in the Rockdale County Schools. "I see my daughter every day, and she calls me about four times a day," Mrs. Baldwin says. The Satterfields have three children.

Asbury Baldwin Jr. is a lawyer and Superior Court Judge in LaGrange, Ga. He was a state senator for a few years and has received numerous awards over the years for his civic and Methodist church leadership activities. He and his wife, Judith, have three children. "We see them about once a month," says Mrs. Baldwin.

Their youngest son, Barton Whitfield Baldwin, is a C.P.A. with his own accounting firm in Mt. Olive, North Carolina. He has also received numerous awards for his leadership in professional and civic organizations. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children.

Elizabeth Baldwin concludes by saying, "I've had a very happy life and the sweetest three children anybody could possibly have. They all stay busy and they do well."

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### Reunion Help Needed

As of this issue, no one has volunteered to locate a site and host the 2000 Reunion. There was some discussion at the last reunion about Callaway Gardens, but that turned out to be too expensive to consider as the location. This will be the first reunion of the second quarter-century of the Thrasher Family Association as well as the Millenium Reunion and it would be a shame if after all this time there was no gathering of the family. Places suitable for such a gathering usually are booked up quite far ahead of time, so something needs to be done as soon as possible.

If anyone has a suggestion and/or is willing to help with finding a place and making arrangements, contact Dot Pruett or John and Eleanor Thrasher. Messages sent to me will not get an immediate response since I will be away for the entire month of September.

Also, if you have any suggestions about the timing of the reunion, please let one of us know. Last year, the date was set in April to avoid the late June heat, but then people who were tied up with various school-year schedules were unable to attend. Would the third weekend in May be preferable, or would people like to go back to the fourth weekend in June in spite of the heat?

### Editor's Corner



As you can see by the smiley face, the editor is very far from being a grouch this time, thanks to some very helpful "cousins."

The two main articles in this issue have been written by Jon Thrasher and David Sumner.

Jon's article shares his impressions when he paid a visit to the Tithe Barn in Bradford on one of his trips to England, and David has continued his series of family interview stories, this time with Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin. Huge thank-you's to both of them.

Speaking of David, there is a message from him in the *Bits and Pieces* section asking for assistance in an article he is writing about "Cousin John Thrasher." Please be sure to read it and help him if you can. His interviews with long-time members have been wonderful additions to the newsletter, and this is an opportunity to thank him in a tangible way.

And a thank you to Dot Pruett, whose persistence in looking for "Isaac clues" paid off with the land deeds and the bond transcribed in this issue. These documents may be the missing link to definitely connect John Cloud Thrasher with the elusive Isaac.

Others who have sent material and whose interest and help are appreciated include Ashley Thrasher (who has contributed several times), Lessie Thrasher, Pat Singleton, Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin, Gerald Bishop and Hope Pees.

Ray Thrasher sent me a source list for the material written by her husband, Charles Royster Thrasher, that was in the March 1999 newsletter. It didn't get included in the last issue due to the computer crash. My apologies to both of you. If anyone needs it for research please let me know as I kept the information on file, along with their telephone number and e-mail address for direct contact.

### Lloyd Thrasher, DeKalb County :

Ashley Thrasher sent obituary information from Atlanta papers on a Lloyd Thrasher, who was a retired DeKalb County school principal. He doesn't seem to fit any of the published families, but perhaps someone knows where he might connect. This is a brief condensation:

Lloyd Thrasher passed away June 10, 1999, at the age of 73. He was born in Haleyville, Ala., and his parents were Oscar and Mollie Thrasher. Survivors listed included his wife, Odell, and two children, Shelia Thrasher Houston and Michael Thrasher.

## Links to Isaac in Tennessee Come to Light

Dot Pruett continues to seek answers to the Isaac Thrasher mystery, and recently made a breakthrough. In answer to a request made to the State of Tennessee, she received copies of the following -- a deed showing Isaac purchased land and the bond the seller posted to guarantee the title as well as the deed recorded when Isaac later sold the land. The following are transcriptions of those documents. One of the major clues is in the bond, the document transcribed below, which mentions the "negro girl Charlott." This name also appears in the documents pertaining to the settlement of Joseph Cloud Thrasher's estate (Our Thrasher Heritage, pages 85 and 89). These same documents indicate that by 1810 Isaac had left North Carolina, since he was represented in the estate settlement by an agent. Dot next plans to write to the Bedford County Judge of Probate to ask if Isaac Thrasher had a will or estate proceeding recorded. Anything found in those records presumably would provide even more links, so Dot has her fingers crossed.

In reading the following documents and placing them in context with those printed in Our Thrasher Heritage, it should be remembered that in those days the use of junior and senior did not necessarily connote father and son, but frequently were applied to nephews, etc., in a succeeding generation. For instance, in the Bedford County documents here, senior would refer to Isaac himself, while junior in the estate settlement documents would refer to Joseph Cloud Thrasher's son Isaac.

John E. and Eleanor Thrasher are planning a trip to Alabama and Tennessee in the near future, and perhaps they will find some additional information.

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### "William Newsom Bond to Isaac Thrasher

Know all men by these presents that I, William Newsom of Bedford County and State of Tennessee, am held and firmly bound unto Isaac Thrasher of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of four hundred dollars good and lawful money of this State, for which I do bind myself my heirs executors administrators and assigns firmly by these presents upon conditions that if the said William Newsom doth make the said Isaac Thrasher Senr. a good and sufficient warranted (tee?) deed unto fifty acres of land beginning at Lemuel Hutchings north west corner from thence west 74 poles to Judge Overton's west corner thence south east and north west to include fifty acres with good and approved security or otherwise clame{sic} on the negro girl Charlott for the title thereof and further the said Newsom is to sell unto the said Thrasher down to the Chin\_\_\_?\_\_\_ oak and also one acre to include a spring for which the said Thrasher is to give the Said Newsom four dollars per acre all over the fifty acres.

his  
/s/ William X Newsom  
mark

Signed sealed and delivered in presents {sic} of:  
Lemuel Hutchings, Jun.(?)

State of Tennessee) April Term 1814  
Bedford County )

I, Thomas Moore, clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Bedford, do hereby certify that the execution of the within Bill of Sale was proved in open court by the oath of Leml Hutchings, the subscribing witness thereto, & ordered to be certified for registration. Given under my hand at office this 25th day of April 1814.

Tho Moore

Recorded 14th July 1814  
Edw Wade Registrar(?)



"Newsom to Isaac Thrasher

This indenture made on this 22nd day of January in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen between William Newsom of the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee of the one part and Isaac Thrasher of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred fifty dollars to him paid in hand, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained sold conveyed and confirmed unto the said I. Thrasher his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying {sic} and being in the county of Bedford and State aforesaid and is on the north side of Duck River, being a part of a hundred acre tract Wm. Newsom purchased of Newton Cannon, beginning as follows: on a cherry tree & two small dogwood at the south west corner of a five thousand acre tract claimed by John Overton; thence running south one hundred & nine poles and a half to a stake thence east twenty-four or thereabout to a stake at Lemuel Hutchings line; thence north one hundred nine poles and a half to a ash? hickory & read {sic} oak being at the northwest corner of Hutchings tract; thence west twenty four poles or thereabout to the beginning corner, containing fifty acres more or less, to have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land deeds unto the said Isaac Thrasher his heirs and assigns forever and the same William Newsom himself his heirs and assigns doth & will forever warrant & defend the aforesaid premises from himself his heirs executors administrators & from all and every person or persons whatever claiming or any other person or persons.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in presents {sic} of us:

his  
William X Newsom  
mark

Attest

L. Marberry

his  
John X Tarwater?  
mark

State of Tennessee)  
Bedford County ) Jan'y Term 1814

Wm. Grooms

I, Thomas Moore, clark {sic} of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for Bedford County do hereby certify that the execution of the within deed was proven in open court by the oaths of John Tarwater? and Wm. Grooms, two of the subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be certified {sic} for registration.

Given under my hand the 26? day of Jan'y A.D. 1814  
Tho Moore

Recorded 17th Oct. 1814

Edw Wade Reg"

And then where did Isaac go?

The final document on the following page is the deed showing Isaac Thrasher sold the property two years later, and evidently moved on. He also made a profit – selling it for \$220 when he had purchased it for \$150. The next question would seem to be where did Isaac go? Did he buy another place in Bedford County or did his itchy Thrasher foot carry him somewhere else?

**"Isaac Thrasher to Wilson Brown**

This indenture, made this 14th day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen between Isaac Thrasher of the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee of the one part & Wilson Brown of the other part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, sold, conveyed, confirmed unto the aforesaid W. Brown his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Bedford and state aforesaid and on the north side of Duck River, being a part of 100 acre tract that William Newsom purchased of Newton Cannon beginning as follows: on a cherry tree & small dogwood at the southwest corner of a 5000 acre tract claimed by Jno. Overton, thence running south one hundred and nine poles and a half to a stake, thence east twenty-four or thereabouts to a stake to Lemuel Hutchings line, thence north one hundred and nine poles and a half to an ash hickory, and red oak being at the northwest corner of Hutchings' tract, thence west twenty-four poles or thereabouts to the beginning corner, containing fifty acres more or less, to have and to hold with all its appurtenances the the aforesaid tract of land deeded unto the said Wilson Brown his heirs and assigns forever, doth and will forever warrant and defend the aforesaid premises from himself, his heirs executors administrators, and from all and every person or persons whatever claiming.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
In Presents {sic} of us  
John Shafmen(?)  
Alexander S. Henderson  
Martin Shapiro

/s/Isaac Thrasher

I, Thomas Moore, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the county aforesaid, do certify that the execution of the within deed from Isaac Thrasher to Wilson Brown for 50 acres of land was acknowledged in open court by Isaac Thrasher and ordered to be certified for registration. Given under my hand at office this 9th day of January 1818.

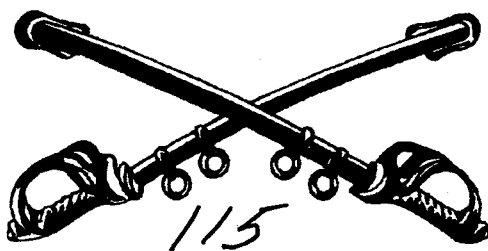
/s/ Thos. Moore Clerk

Registered 20th March 1818

/s/ Edw. Wade Registrar(?)

**And a Final Isaac Note**

This may be something that someone in the family has already researched, but check out the final item in *Bits and Pieces* on page 10. Is it possible that Isaac who purchased land in 1814 is one of the Isaacs who served in the War of 1812? Does anyone know how to get copies of military records for individuals who served in this war? And what about pensions? Did many veterans apply for and receive pensions earned through service in this war? If anyone has information or research suggestions, send them in for future newsletters.



## In Memorium

### Thomas Earl Thrasher, Sr.

Thomas Earl Thrasher, Sr., of Quitman, Ga., passed away May 26, 1999, at the South Georgia Medical Center following a brief illness. Born in Ware County, he had been a resident of Brooks County since 1959, moving there from Norfolk, Va. He was retired from the United States Navy and the U.S. Postal Service, and was a member of Dixie United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Scott Singleton of Coral Gables, Fla., and Deborah and Bill Bryant of Dallas, Tex.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas E., Jr. and Pat Thrasher of Anderson, S.C., John P. and Linda Thrasher of Valdosta, Ga., and William R. and Marcia Thrasher of Rome, Ga.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held May 29 in Dixie Cemetery with Rev. Stanley Martin officiating. Maxwell-Miller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Earl Thrasher was a long-time member and strong supporter of the Thrasher Family Association who traced his line back to David Thrasher and Polly Hughey. He was one of those involved with the placing of the Atlanta Marker commemorating "Cousin John" and Thrasherville. He also was a regular attendee of the annual reunions. Earl, with his cousin Jenny Peters and the Quitman families, hosted the June 1981 reunion in Quitman. They again hosted the reunion in 1983, which was held in Dixie. He will be missed by everyone, and thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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## Bits and Pieces

### Biographical material sought on "Cousin John"

I am working on a long, biographical article about John J. "Cousin John" Thrasher (my great-grandfather) which I hope to publish in a Georgia historical journal. I would appreciate receiving copies of any articles about him, especially the December 1879 Harper's magazine article, and copies of any of his correspondence. I have copies of six Atlanta newspaper articles published between 1930 and 1980 and the 1967 Norcross history book by Allen Francis. If you can help with these or have any other information, call me at 765-643-0949 or write to 4009 Colonial Drive, Anderson, Indiana 46012.

—David Sumner—

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### Marion Johnson Thrasher Query

Stanley Thrasher, who sent this query to Greg Wickenburg's Thrasher list, is the same person who provided some of the material beginning on page 522 of "Our Thrasher Heritage." In light of the Isaac Thrasher information that Dot received from Bedford County, Tenn., could there be an Isaac connection to this branch? In talking to Dot, she reminded me that Bedford County originally was adjacent to the North Alabama area where Joseph Cloud Thrasher was located. Present-day Lincoln County, Tenn., which now borders Alabama, was carved from the original Bedford County. Stanley would like to hear from anyone interested in the Thrasher family from Marshall County, and can be contacted by e-mail at <stanleyt@fcbl.net> or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 365, Luverne, AL 36049.

" I am looking for any information on Marion Johnson Thrasher. He was born in Georgia 1817. He married Didema Roden from Tennessee (she was blind.) They had four children:



# More Bits and Pieces

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James T. Thrasher b. 1846, Al.

Mary Thrasher b. Oct., 1847, Al.;  
married Jan. 27, 1885, to Wiley  
P. Owens

William J. Thrasher b. June 23, 1848,  
Marshall County Al.; married  
March 19, 1873, to Elizabeth Paralee  
Larue. He died Oct. 24, 1920.

George Washington Thrasher b. March  
7 1851. Married Arrilda Demarius  
Mckee Nov. 29, 1871, in Marshall  
County, Al. Died in Marshall County  
Al. Burial in Talladega County Al.

Marion Johnson remarried; this time to  
Elizabeth Caroline Roden ( Didema's sister)  
June 30, 1854, in Marshall County Al. They  
had three children:

Sevilla Ann Thrasher b. 1856. Married  
Oct. 28, 1879, to Thomas Thrasher,  
her second cousin. Died June 13,  
1930, in Blount County, Al.

Marion J. Thrasher b. May 12, 1859.  
Married Jan. 11, 1881, to Alice L.  
Hayes. Died Aug. 17, 1929.

Jackson S. Thrasher b. Dec. 1862.  
Married May 28, 1883 to Jane Moore,  
who was b. Aug. 1862.

Looking for any information to link Marion  
Johnson Thrasher to James Thrasher (his  
father). James was born in 1779."

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## North Carolina Map Info

For those of you who were interested in  
obtaining a copy of the map Dot Pruett had  
at the reunion showing early landowners  
here is the information.

Send a request for "Rockingham County,  
North Carolina Historical Documentation  
(Showing Early Land Owners)" to:  
Rockingham County Historical Society  
P.O. Box 84  
Wentworth, NC 27375

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The cost when Dot ordered hers was  
\$7.00, but that was a while ago, so the  
price may have gone up.

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## More Thrasher Streets Found

Ashley Thrasher is ever on the lookout for  
the Thrasher name on streets and roads in  
the Atlanta area. Here are his latest finds.

They are: Thrasher (the sign doesn't  
specify "Street", but Ashley says it is.),  
Thrasher Circle, Thrasher Court, Thrasher  
Drive, Thrasher Lane, Thrasher Street (an-  
other one), and Bill Thrasher Drive.

Seems as though the name is well com-  
memorated in the Atlanta area. By the way,  
if anyone out there has noticed some thing  
or place named Thrasher anywhere, send a  
note to get it added to the list.

Ashley also sent a copy of a wire service  
article on changes at Campbell Soup Co.  
noting that an F. Martin Thrasher, previ-  
ously president of European and Canadian  
operations for the company, was to replace  
the previous CEO in an effort to improve the  
company's lagging market placement.  
Anyone have a clue who F. Martin is??

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## A Thrasher Centenarian

Gerald Bishop sent a newspaper clipping  
on a Mrs. Sallie Estelle Thrasher Ballard, who  
celebrated her 104th birthday in January.  
The article quoted her as saying "I don't like  
sitting in rocking chairs. They make me look  
old." That's a great attitude to have after  
more than a century! The occasion was  
celebrated at a party attended by more  
than 100 well-wishers. Gerald was unable  
to come up with any possible connection to  
a family branch, but maybe someone out  
there knows more?? If anyone would like a  
copy of the complete article, which also has  
a picture, let me (Barbara) know and I'd be  
happy to send one.

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## Barton/Hughey Information

The following two items came from Hope

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## And Still More Bits and Pieces

cont. from pg. 9

Pees <jouett@axs4u.net> by way of Dot Pruett. Perhaps someone would be interested in responding to the Barton query, and the Hughey will might be of some historical interest.

"I am the grandson of Lon Barton (b. 1907 TX d. 1938 OK). He was the son of Richard Conway Barton who married Bertie B. Morris. I have no birth or death dates for either. He was the son of John Harold Barton and Julia Bass. John was born in 1840 and died in 1887 and lived on the family plantation in Milam/Robertson Counties (Along the Brazos River). His father was Conway Oldham Barton who was born in 1805 and died at the plantation in 1868. We do not know who his father or mother were, but he was named for his grandmother's family. She was Ruth Oldham Barton (1734 VA to 1807), wife of David Barton who was born in 1730 in VA and died on an expedition with Daniel Boone in Kentucky in 1772. Ruth was the daughter of John Oldham and Ann Conway.

Can any one help me connect the line with the missing generation(s)?

All this information comes from family history written out by Conway Oldham Barton II, who was John Harold Barton's brother.

Thanks for any help  
Rich Reed  
rreed@texas.net"

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Hughey Will from South Carolina  
Union Co, SC Will Book A, page 30, pp24  
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John Hughey made his will April 7, 1792 proved April Court, 1794 in Union County, SC. It leaves to wife Mary 1/3 of land and 1/3 of moveable estate for widowhood and at her death to be equally divided between sons Thomas and Joseph; to son Thomas 1/3 of land and 1/3 of moveable estate; to son Joseph 1/3 of land and 1/3 of moveable estate; to sons James, John, Samuel, George and Henry, each 10 shillings; to daughters Mary and Martha, 10 shillings each; to daughter Hannah 10 shillings and a cow and calf.

Executors were wife Mary Hughey and son Thomas Hughey and witnesses were Samuel Otterson and Benjamin Gordon.

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### Any Andersons Out There?

This is a request for help that was intended for the last issue, but didn't get in due to the computer crash. The sender, Joe Calton, is, as he admits, grasping at straws but is hoping someone may have clues to help in his search. He has sent a lot more information on his family tree, so if anyone has any clues at all to offer, either contact Joe directly or drop me a note asking for copies of his information.

"This is kind of a long shot, but I am desperate. In the Thrasher Family History section I saw an Aaron Thrasher (b. 1808 in Pendleton County, Ky.; d. 1882) who married a Susannah Anderson in Pendleton County on 12/30/1830 or 1832.

My great-great-grandfather was named Aaron Thrasher Anderson. He was born 12/30/1854 in Gallatin County, Ky. His parents were Hardin Perkins Anderson and Elizabeth Hixson.

Because of the many names and places in common, I thought there might be a connection to the Thrasher family.

Joe Calton  
jcalton@swbell.net  
305 Ralph  
Richmond, MO 64085"

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Last January, Greg Wickenburg posted the names of Thrashers/Threshers who served in the War of 1812 that he found on a web site. Three Tennessee names that may be of interest are:

Isaac Thrasher 2 Reg't. (Lillard's) East Tennessee Vols.  
Isaac Thrasher 3 Reg't. (Johnson's) E. Tennessee Mil.  
Isaac Thresher 3 Reg't (Johnson's) E. Tennessee Mil.  
(Was this the same Isaac listed with a second spelling?)

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# The Thrasher Newsletter

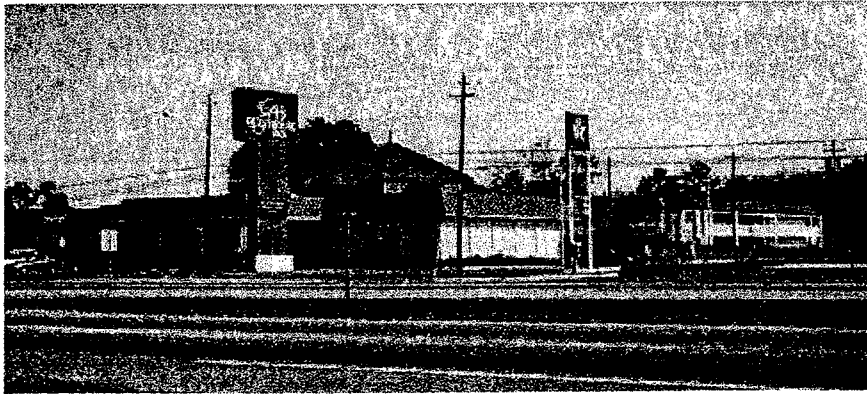
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## Millennium Reunion to be held in Thomasville, Georgia

Although it was doubtful for quite a while, there will be a Millennium Reunion for the Thrasher Family Association. Since no one came forward with possible suggestions for a location, after a quick look around

and advice from John and Eleanor Thrasher and Dot Pruett, reservations have been made and the event will be held in Thomasville, Ga., on May 19 and 20, 2000. Bill Thrasher has agreed to be our emcee, and while the exact program is not set yet, it is sure to be a good one with a look at the family past. If you have a story to tell or something handed down from previous generations, why not plan on being a part of it?

Many of you will be familiar with Thomasville, but for those who are not, it is a charming town of about 20,000 located slightly north of the Georgia/Florida border. The downtown area has been restored to preserve the charm of earlier times, with a number of lovely antique shops and restaurants, as well as the Thomasville Genealogical, History and Fine Arts Library. There are several interesting places near enough to visit, including the Lapham-Patterson House, a Georgia State Historical Site.



*The Guest House (soon to be Quality Inn) in Thomasville*

Even after finding a site, the reunion plans have had a rocky start. At the time of the original arrangements the motel was a Guest House Inn. Last month the prop-

erty was unexpectedly sold, and will become a Quality Inn upon completion of renovations. However, our group still will have accommodations there and while the Quality Inn will not have restaurant facilities, the banquet room will still be available, and the motel management has reserved it for our group and is providing a list of caterers.

The room rate is \$55 per night, with up to four people in a room. Rooms will be available either with a king-size bed or two double beds. The block of rooms reserved for us will be held until April 28, and reservation information will come in the next newsletter, along with the Saturday night menu and other information. Let's start the new century with a bang and have a record number of Thrashers gathered together. Mark these dates on your calendars and plan on seeing everyone in Thomasville!



*May the spirit of  
Christmas fill your hearts  
and may the New Year  
bring health, happiness  
and peace to all.*

## *In Memoriam*

### Asbury Quillian Baldwin

Asbury Quillian Baldwin, 86, of Madison, Ga., died Aug. 9, 1999. He was the son of the late William Whitfield and Sara Ola Quillian Baldwin and was born in Morgan County in 1913. A memorial service was held Aug. 11 at Madison First United Methodist Church.

A retired pharmacist, Asbury was the longtime owner of Baldwin's Pharmacy in Madison. He served on the State Examining Board of Pharmacy, and was secretary of the Board of Directors of Drugs Mutual, Inc.

Asbury and Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin were founding members of the Thrasher Family Association, part of the small group of organizers who met at in Macon in 1974 to begin what is now a

quarter century of Thrasher reunions.

Asbury was a member of the Madison First United Methodist Church, the Madison Masonic Lodge #376, and the Madison Kiwanis Club, and a member of Gridiron at the University of Georgia.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Thrasher Baldwin, to whom he was married for 62 years; a daughter, Anne Baldwin Satterfield of Madison; two sons, Asbury Quillian Baldwin Jr. of LaGrange and Barton W. Baldwin of Mt. Olive, N. C.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; four sisters, Liliias B. Turnell, Sheppie B. Wise, Sally B. Harris, all of Madison, and Mary B. Harris of Rome, Ga.; and many nieces and nephews.

### Rastus Woodrow Thrasher

Rastus W. Thrasher, 79, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1999. Services were held Friday, Oct. 8, in Watkinsville with the Revs. Kenneth Deitle and Charles Giles officiating. Burial was in the Farmington Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Oconee County, Ga., he was the son of the late Herbert and Clara Vickery Thrasher and was descended from the Isaac Thrasher who was a son of John and Susan (Barton) Thrasher.

Rastus was a long-time member of the Thrasher Family Association and he and John E. Thrasher worked together to locate and explore the old

cemetery on the original site of the Old Freeman's Creek Baptist Church in Oconee County for Dot Pruett's "Our Thrasher Heritage."

A retiree from Anaconda Copper Co., Rastus served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Queen Thrasher; a daughter, Linda T. Burkhalter of Conyers, Ga.; a son, Roger Thrasher of Riverside, Ala.; a sister, Beatrice Nunnally of Stone Mountain, Ga.; a brother, Ashley Thrasher; and one grandson and two great-grandchildren.

### Clyde A. P. English

Peggy Thrasher wrote Dot Pruett that her mother, Clyde Arrendale Pleasants English, passed away Aug. 21st at age 91. She was a descendant of the original settlers of Rabun County, Georgia. Peggy said "She had a wonderful life and we were able to have a 'celebration of her life' for the funeral service."

The Thrasher Family Association has lost two of its oldest members in Rastus Thrasher and Asbury Baldwin. They will be much missed. And the loss of a mother leaves a huge void in the lives of those left behind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the three families.



## News and Notes

### Tennessee Thresher Group schedules June reunion

Some Thresher/Thrasher descendants in Tennessee are planning a reunion in June and would like other "cousins" to join them.

The dates are June 23 and 24, and it will be in Jackson, Tenn., hosted by Shirley (Thresher) Brewer and Hazele (Thresher) Johnson. Shirley is a great-granddaughter of George W. Thrasher.

For more information on lodging, schedule, etc., contact Shirley at 189 Cedric Hendrix Ln., Parsons, TN 38363. She has an e-mail address as well -- <shirley@hcol.net>. This sounds like a great opportunity to meet new Thrashers if anyone can fit it in.

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### David Sumner's article on "Cousin John" published

David Sumner, who has been a major contributor to the newsletter, has finished his article on "Cousin John" Thrasher, and it had its initial publication in the *Pasco Times* November 18 (front page placement with a photo of the gravesite!). The November publication date was especially significant since "Cousin John" died 100 years ago on Nov. 13, 1899. David plans to submit a much longer version to a historical magazine, probably in Georgia, with the aim of "getting it into some reputable historical journal to help further establish his (Cousin John) place in history." David may also publish it himself in booklet form if there is enough interest and he is able to cover his printing costs. David will probably attend the May reunion, so we can find out more then.

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### And an exciting new job for Jon Thrasher

Jon Thrasher, who wrote the article on the Tithe Barn in the last issue, has accepted the position of Chief Marketing Officer, and equity partner, with Burning Bush, Ltd., London. He will continue to live in Charlotte and will become a transatlantic commuter to his office in London! The firm specializes in advising businesses on how to communicate their

corporate identity, both internally and externally. Jon writes that he is excited by the opportunity to apply his sales and marketing skills in a creative environment. Congratulations and good luck, Jon! Keep an eye on the Tithe Barn.

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### A brand-new Thrasher joins the family!

Congratulations to Yvonne (Van Leiden) and Albert Americus (Buddy) Thrasher III on the arrival of Connor Miles Thrasher on November 17. Buddy is the son of Peggy and Albert A. Thrasher, long-time Association members. Connor has an older sister, Sonja Anne, who is three. Peggy and Albert are, of course, thrilled to be grandparents again.

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### Port Richey School named for Jim Marlowe

From the *St. Petersburg Times Online*: Pasco County (Fla.) named one of its new schools after Dr. Jim Marlowe. The elementary school, in New Port Richey, opened in August in time for the 1999-2000 school year.

Jim Marlowe was a descendant of David and Polly (Hughey) Thrasher through James Cloud Thrasher, Ida Gertrude (Thrasher) Cannte and Ola (Cannte) and Thomas L. Marlowe. He was born and raised in Jacksonville. After serving in the U.S. Navy and attending medical school at the University of Miami, he established his practice in Port Richey. He was considered a leader of the medical community. He served the Pasco County school system for 10 years during a particularly difficult period of growth. The family has created an endowment with the local public school foundation in his memory, which will provide two scholarships each year to Pasco high school students interested in medicine

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### Maryland Thrasher Museum may close

John E. Thrasher III sent an article about the possible fate of the Thrasher

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## More News and Notes

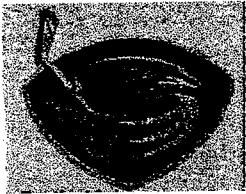
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Carriage Museum in Frostburg, Md. Allegany County bought the extensive collection of surreys, sleighs, traps and other examples of horse-drawn vehicles from the estate of James R. Thrasher in 1987. The county is now considering selling some of the collection to offset the cost of the museum. The Friends of the Thrasher Carriage Museum is attempting to change the minds of the county commissioners, but have had limited success. The commissioners have, however, agreed to get a professional appraisal of the collection's worth. A consultant's report on the museum pointed out that while single vehicles may not be notable "when combined with the others in the collection they constitute a wonderful study collection of American transportation."

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### Atlanta Thrashers off to a slow start

And for those of you who follow the fortunes of the Atlanta Thrashers in the NHL, they are unfortunately doing just about what is expected of an expansion team in their first year. However, it seems the publicity people for the team are keeping the origins of Atlanta in mind. Ashley Thrasher sent a copy of the front page banner from the



*Atlanta Journal-Constitution* published at the start of their season, which said "Thrasherville lives: Atlanta retakes the ice." According to the *Journal*, there was an entire day of ceremonies for the Thrashers' home opener.

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### Queries continue on Thrasher e-mail list

Here are two more Thrasher descendants looking for their roots on Greg Wickenburg's Thrasher mailing list. Both of them are on Thrasher lines that have been researched, and surely someone can help them out.

The first is from Bruce Wilhoit, <gastonman1@juno.com>:

"I am looking for any info on my 3rd great-grandfather James Cloud Thrasher and his brother David H. Thrasher. Both fought in the Civil War in the 38th Tenn. Inf. Co. F. James was a captain and David was a major."

The second query is:

"My name is Dean Thrasher from Henderson, Tx. My dad was Marlin, son of Robert Chilton, son of Jessie Fielding, son of Isaac Baker. Isaac Baker was listed in the 1830 Overton County, Tenn., census. It is known in the 1850 census that Isaac Baker and Mary had other children." He goes on to list the children, and says his belief is that Isaac Baker's father was William William. This connects to some of you out there -- if you can help, his e-mail address is <dean@tyler.net>.

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### Computer expert needed

And Greg himself sent a message asking if anyone was able to take care of the Thrasher web page he set up, as he no longer has the time to update it. He is willing to send the html files if someone out there knows how to work on web pages. Greg has done a wonderful job setting up the page and it would be a shame if it had to be dropped.

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### And both congratulations and get-well wishes!

Joann (Sumner) Bandy has had several changes in her life. Serious back problems forced her to retire from teaching in Maryland and she is now recovering from November surgery. The good news is that she has moved back to Florida, is living in Belleair Bluffs, and is looking forward to being able to attend our reunions.

Joann also is engaged. Her fiance's name is Ed Hill and they plan to be married early in the coming year.

We send Joann best wishes for a continued speedy recovery and for much happiness in her new life.

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Bond of Ellen B. Terrie

State of Florida  
Hernando County

Guardian Bond

We, Ellen B. Terrie, principal, and John J. Thrasher, Minza G. Rowe & W. C. Sumner, securities, acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally[sic] bound unto his Excellency Gov. E. A. Perry and his successors in office in the sum of three thousand dollars subject to the following conditions. If the said Ellen B. Terrie shall faithfully discharge all the duties imposed upon her by law as the Guardian of Edwin W. Terrie her minor child then this bond to be void.

Witness our hands and seals this 2nd day of March AD 1885

Executed in the presence of

E. Gray Lewis  
David O. Thrasher

Ellen B. Terrie  
John J. Thrasher  
Minza G. Rowe  
William C. Sumner  
Approved March 2nd AD 1885  
G. V. Ramsey  
County Judge

State of Florida

Hernando County

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the bond of Ellen B. Terrie Guardian of Edwin W. Terrie as now appears of record in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of the County Court this 2nd day of December AD 1887.

Jas. C. Preston  
County Judge

Recorded Dec. 14th AD 1887  
by D. O. Thrasher  
Co. Judge

Annual return of Ellen B. Terrie Guardian  
For Edwin W. Terrie

March 9th 1887

Money

Received of James G. Hunter Guardian of Edwin W. Terrie in the state of South Carolina on account of my ward Edwin W. Terrie

Dr

Received July 25th 1886 \$1103.50

8 per cent Interest to Mch 1<sup>st</sup> 1887 52.72  
1156.22

Cr

Board for Edwin W. Terrie 36.00  
6 months @ 6 pr month

State of Florida

Hernando County In person appeared before me the undersigned Ellen B. Terrie who being duly sworn says that the statements contained in the foregoing return are true

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me March 9th 1887

Ellen B. Terrie

David O. Thrasher  
Justice of the Peace  
State of Florida

Hernando County I hereby certify that the above is a true & correct copy of the annual return of Ellen B. Terrie Guardian for Edwin W. Terrie now on file and of record in this office

Witness my hand and seal of  
office this 2nd day of Dec. 1887  
Jas. C. Preston  
County Judge

Recorded Jan. 17th 1888

D. O. Thrasher  
Co. Judge

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State of Florida  
Hernando County

Ellen B. Terrie's  
Guardian Bond

Know all men by these presents that we, Ellen B. Terrie as principal and W. C. Sumner, M. G. Rowe, J. R. Sumner and John J. Thrasher as sureties are held and firmly bound unto the Excellency E. A. Perry Governor of the State of Florida and his successors in office in in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severaly[sic], firmly by these presents.

Whereas the above bounden Ellen B. Terrie has applied to the County Judge of said County of Hernando to be appointed Guardian of her minor child Edwin W. Terrie

And whereas the Judge of said Court having approved said application

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said Ellen B. Terrie above bounden shall as Guardian of said minor, faithfully preserve the estate of said minor, and shall annually on or before the first day of June and at all times when there unto required during the continuance of of said Guardianship render to and file in said Court an inventory of said minors estate its profits and disbursements and all the rest and residue of the Goods Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Guardians account, the same being first examined and and allowed by said Court; shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respectively as the said Court by its order and decree shall appoint and direct then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in the presence of  
C. J. Seay  
H. W. Coleman

Ellen B. Terrie  
W. C. Sumner  
M. G. Rowe  
J. R. Sumner  
John J. Thrasher

State of Florida  
Hernando County

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the bond of Ellen B. Terrie Guardian of Edwin W. Terrie now on file and of record in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of County Court this 2nd day of December AD 1887

Jas. C. Preston  
County Judge

Recorded Dec. 14th AD 1887  
D. O. Thrasher  
Co. Judge

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Guardian's Bond

State of Florida  
Pasco County

Know all men by these presents that we, J. J. Thrasher, principal, and A. F. Hill and J. R. Sumner, securities, are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency E. A. Perry, Governor of the State of Florida, and his successors in office in in the final sum of two thousand dollars lawful money of the United States of America for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severaly (sic), firmly by these presents.

Signed, sealed and dated this the 5th day of January AD 1888

Whereas the above bounden J. J. Thrasher has applied to the county Judge of said County of Pasco to be appointed Guardian of Edwin W. Terrie, a minor, and wheras (sic) the Judge of said Court having approved said application now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said J. J. Thrasher above bounden shall as Guardian of said minor, shall faithfully preserve the estate of said minor, and shall annually on or before the first day of June and at all times when thereunto required during the continuance of of said Guardianship render to and file in said Court an inventory of said minor's estate its profits and disbursements

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and all the rest and residue of the goods, chattels, and credits which shall be found remaining upon upon the said Guardian's account, the same being first examined and allowed by said Court, shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respectively as the said Court by it order & decree shall appoint and direct, then this obligation to be void & of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Executed in the presence of  
D. O. Thrasher

J. J. Thrasher  
A. F. Hill  
J. R. Sumner

Annual return of J. J. Thrasher Guardian for Edwin W. Terrie

The Estate of Ellen B. Terrie Dr to Eleven hundred and twenty 20/100 dollars, interest & principal paid to Ellen B. Terrie, Deceased as guardian of Edwin W. Terrie Minor

Dr	
To Cash	\$1120.20
Int. for one year	89.61
	<u>1209.81</u>
Received of the Estate of	
Ellen B. Terrie one note	\$400.00
Sale of Real Estate	809.81
	<u>\$1209.81</u>

Cr	
Board for one year & Clothing	96.00
Amount Due Ward	<u>\$1113.81</u>

State of Florida  
Pasco County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned J. J. Thrasher who, being duly sworn says that the statements contained in the foregoing annual return are true.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 4th day of  
June AD 1888  
D. O. Thrasher  
County Judge

J. J. Thrasher

In Re Estate of  
Ellen B. Terrie  
Deceased

Report of Commissioner

I, M. G. Rowe, appointed by the Court Commissioner to sell certain real estate belonging to the estate of Ellen B. Terrie, late of said county deceased, submit the following report. That a notice of said sale was duly and legally advertised in the Pasco County Democrat, a news paper published in said county, four weeks prior to the 4th day of June AD 1888 in accordance with the statute made and provided in such cases.

That on the 4th day of June AD 1888 in front of the Court House Door in Dade City in said County, between the legal hours of sale, the hereinafter described property was offered at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, with the following result.

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The SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 section 27 Township 24 south of Range 21 East to M. B. Thrasher for two hundred and fifty dollars, she being the highest and best bidder for the same. S 1/2 of the S 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 and S 1/2 of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 on NE 1/4 section 16 Township 25 South of Range 21 East for the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars to M. B. Thrasher, she being the highest and best bidder for the same. Also an undivided half interest in the following described NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 section 21 Township 25 South of Range 21 East to M. B. Thrasher for the sum of one thousand dollars, she being the highest bidder therefor.

Your commissioner would respectfully request that the sale be confirmed.

June 6 1888

M. G. Rowe  
Commissioner

### Notes on the Pasco County record transcriptions

The documents beginning on page 5 are taken from some old microfilms in the Pasco County Courthouse. I was poking around one day trying to find whether there were any old land records on the Thrashers, and stumbled on two microfilm reels. They were of old court documents, evidently originally in ledgers, and because I'm unfortunately a lazy genealogist, I just made a note of them and went on to look for something "more interesting." Then recently I started an e-mail correspondence with Roger Rodenhuis, who was looking for information on Ellen B. Thrasher who had married William Terrie. Ellen B. Thrasher was one of the daughters of "Cousin John" and sister to my great-grandfather, Willis Edgar Thrasher. I went back to the films and got printouts to transcribe because there had been reference to Ellen Terrie. I wound up discovering another "cousin." The documents also are a glimpse into the turnover of records at the establishment of Pasco County in 1887. The original bonds, etc., were recorded in Hernando County and then evidently rerecorded in Pasco. David O. Thrasher signed as Justice of the Peace on the Hernando County versions, and then as County Judge in Pasco County.

Ellen B. Thrasher's death has always been considered to have occurred in 1894. However, according to the report on the sale of land and the guardianship papers recorded for John J. Thrasher for Edwin W. Terrie, she was deceased as early as December 1887, since the bond was filed Jan. 5, 1888.

Read them over and think of the changes, the history, the relationships. The names in the documents -- Terrie, Sumner, Rowe, Hill -- are families that have frequently been intertwined with the Thrashers through marriage and evidently all of them also relied on each other in the problems of everyday life.

When I finally got around to following up on these documents, it is really hard to describe the sense of

connectedness through time that I felt. Looking at the old writing on the films somehow made all of these people more real. And what are the answers to the questions the documents raise -- such as who was James Hunter, what happened to William H. Terrie, Jr., the older son of Ellen and William H. Sr., how did William Sr. die and was it in South Carolina or Georgia rather than Florida, and did Ellen die of illness or accident? Roger thinks there may have been only one son, but how then to explain the change to William E. from Edwin W.? The family was in the Habersham County, Ga., 1880 census, and Edwin, age 10/12, was listed with William and Ellen. Maybe someone already knows those answers -- if so, would you share them?

#### Sources:

Pasco County, Fla. Clerk of Circuit Court records, Roll title "Circuit."

1. "Misc. Records - Rec. of Minor Land Sold Inv. and Appr."
2. "Miscellaneous Books, Bond Record 1"

#### EDITOR'S CORNER



The Christmas elf is smiling and wishing a wonderful holiday season for all the family. May God bless us all in the coming year.

As usual, this newsletter wouldn't be possible without the help of all the "cousins" who sent in material, and because this time there wouldn't be enough space to list all of you, please accept a huge blanket thank-you for your help. Don't forget the address to send items for future issues is 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <egerb@gte.net>.

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# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## May 19-20 Reunion Plans Now Set

Welcome to the first issue of the new millennium. It is to be hoped that the coming 1000 years will bring peace and good fortune for all. With that said, the next thing to hope for is that everyone has marked their calendars for May 19 - 21 and will be coming to Thomasville. The Quality Inn people are doing a complete renovation literally from the walls out, so it should be a great place to stay. After a little confusion due to the construction schedule, etc., the Saturday dinner will, as originally planned, be on-site and the caterer has lined up a suggested menu that sounds delicious. It is on page 7 of this newsletter, along with the dinner reservation form. While there may be minor changes -- i.e., fried chicken rather than grilled -- it will remain basically the same.

Since the Quality Inn is currently closed for the construction work, there will not be an 800 reservation line until April 1. However, they have provided forms for mail-in reservations and there will be another newsletter after the telephone number is available to keep you informed. There is a block of 20 rooms reserved at our price of \$55 per night. This block will be held until April 28 or until all 20 rooms are taken. Any reservations received after April 28 or after the block is filled will be subject to availability and the regular, non-discounted price. However, if your reservation is made later and no rooms at all are available, there are two other motels almost next-door, so accommodations are not a problem. However, just to be sure of being with the group and getting the \$55 rate, mail your reservations as soon as possible.

The Quality Inn reservation form and one for the Saturday night dinner are with this issue of the newsletter. Dinner reservations should go to John E. and Eleanor Thrasher in Micanopy as noted on the form, since they have bravely volunteered for that duty.

## Check out Thomasville's attractions

There are a lot of things to see and do in Thomasville. While the annual Rose Festival takes place in April, the Thomasville Rose Garden will still be in full bloom and well worth a ride to enjoy the many varieties planted there. The main street of Thomasville, Broad St., has a variety of businesses to beckon browsers, ranging from clothing, antique and gift stores to Shapes and More, which has a wonderful selection of educational materials for children of all ages. The Eidelweiss Bakery has a huge selection of tasty treats (Editor's "confession": I checked this out personally!).

Also on Broad St., the Thomasville Genealogical, History and Fine Arts Library is worth a look. Hours are Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They have a web site if you would like to check out what they have to offer: [www.rose.net/~glibrary/](http://www.rose.net/~glibrary/).

Just south of town on U.S. 319 is the Pebble Hill Plantation. Established in the 1820s by the founder of Thomas County, Thomas Jefferson Johnson, it was virtually destroyed by fire in the 1930s. The present house was rebuilt under the direction of architect Abram Garfield, son of the nation's 20th president. On the grounds, visitors may tour outbuildings such as the stables, with a large carriage collection, the fire engine house, and a log-cabin schoolhouse, as well as the historic cemetery. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is a gate admission to the plantation, with an additional charge for those wishing to tour the home itself.

This is just a brief sample of things to do during the reunion weekend. Visitors' Guides with complete information will be available when you check in.

## In Memoriam

### Another Thrasher Family Association Founding Member Passes Away

Tom Goodman Thrasher, 83, of Huntsville, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 19, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Maple Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Edward C. Gartrell officiating.

Tom Thrasher served in North Africa and the European Theater during World War II, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel at the age of 28. In 1946 he opened Thrasher Oil Co. in Huntsville. He was called back into service during the Korean War and served as executive officer at Redstone Arsenal in 1951-52.

A longtime community leader, at various times he served on the Huntsville School Board, Industrial Development Board, Von Braun Center Board of Control, Huntsville Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and other civic organizations. He was a founding member of the University of Alabama in Huntsville Foundation and was a member of the U.S. Army Community Relations Committee from the time of its inception in 1960.

His honors included Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1985; the Distinguished Citizen Service Medal in 1995, which is the Army's highest civilian honor; and recognition by the Arthritis Foundation for his contributions to the community in 1998. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in humanities by the University of Alabama at Huntsville in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Wright Thrasher; four daughters, Ann Swain and Amanda Segrest, both of Huntsville, Carol Mayo of Silverdale, Wash., and Sharon Langley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and nine grandchildren and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Tom and Dorothy Thrasher Scholarship Fund at the UAH Foundation, 102 Alumni House, UAH, Huntsville, Ala. 35899.

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From the lead editorial in *The Huntsville Times* Dec. 21, 1999 issue:

"Tom Thrasher showed what selfless leadership, sterling character and total honesty can accomplish for a community."

The editorial goes on say that "... it's hard to find an example of civic progress, tangible or in spirit, that doesn't have Thrasher's fingerprints - - or in the case of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, his footprints. A UAH spokesman noted that Thrasher walked the property after it was purchased, no doubt envisioning what the university he had done so much to establish would some day look like."

In closing, it says "He will certainly be missed, but he has left a sterling example of what selfless leadership, sterling character and total honesty can accomplish. More leaders need to follow that example, even if it's one few can hope to measure up to."

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Tom and Dorothy Thrasher were part of that tiny group of people who met at the Pruetts' Montgomery home in 1974 and began the Thrasher Family Association that over the years has become a source of friendship and kinship to so many. Before Tom's illness they were regular attendees at the reunions. Tom will be missed not only by family, but by everyone whose life he touched. On behalf of everyone in the Association, our thoughts and prayers go with Tom and to his family.



Records of George Thrasher, Revolutionary War Soldier

The following record of the pension application of George Thrasher originally was posted on the Thrasher List by Stanley Thrasher, who had gotten it from Jodie T. Thrasher. Stanley very kindly contacted Jodie and received his kind permission to publish it in the newsletter. Both of them have e-mail in case someone wishes to contact them with additions or questions. Stanley's is <stanleyt@fcbl.net> and Jodie's is <JCTHRASHER@aol.com>. There are two more documents relating to George Thrasher's Revolutionary service, which will appear in a future issue.

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DECLARATION OF GEORGE THRASHER, A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

Georgia (Gwinnett County) Inferior Court adjourned Term November 23rd 1832

On this day personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record (now sitting) GEORGE THRASHER a resident of said county of Gwinnett, State aforesaid and seventy-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress pass June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereafter stated.

To wit, that he entered the service at the age of twenty years, which was about in the year 1775 in St. Paul Parish in Georgia now called and known as Columbia County, Georgia; he then served as a volunteer under the command of Capt. Marbury. He met the company at Augusta, Georgia, marched from there to the Goose Pond, now in Edgefield District, South Carolina, from there to White Hall in the same district, where we joined Col. Thompson's Regiment, from there to General Williamson's camp and under his command marched to Lindley Mills on the waters of Reedy River -- there we joined the North Carolina troops who were under the command of Col. Martin. This was in the district of Ninety-Six, South Carolina; after remaining the several days he was discharged and returned home to Georgia. He continued in that kind of service from about the first October to 23rd December 1775, making about three months service.

In April or about the first of May, 1776, he enlisted in a Troop of Horse at Phillips' Fort in Wilkes County, Georgia, under the same Capt. Marbury and marched from there to about the head of the Ogeechee River in Georgia where we built a fort called Marbury Fort and remained there till about the tenth of September, 1777, during which time he was employed in defending the Fort -- performing scouts or skirmishes in pursuit of hostile Indians. He then marched from this fort under the command of Capt. Middleton to Augusta -- after remaining there a few days, he marched to Savannah - - remained there a few days and marched to Midway in the County of Liberty, Georgia, from there to the Altamaha River about 12 miles above Fort Barrington; Col. Scriven commanded after he arrived in Liberty County, on the Altamaha as above stated. We had an engagement with one Col. McGirt who had command of a company of Indians, Tories and British who were by us routed, their property taken by this company and some prisoners. From there he immediately marched under command of Col. Scriven to Liberty County; then under the command of Capt. Middleton he marched to Savannah, Georgia, and was there discharged by Col. Marbury, who had been promoted to that office after he enlisted under him.

He was employed in this kind of service as above stated about eighteen months. He then returned home to the County of Columbia, Georgia, or what is now called Wilkes County, Georgia. In the month of February or the first of March, 1778, he enlisted at Savannah under Capt. Lucas. Major Habersham and Col. McIntosh were there in command -- he remained there in service as aforesaid in defending the town about three

weeks when the British landed there and took possession of the town; an evacuation took place and officers and soldiers of the U.S. Army were dispersed and being without regular discipline or command he returned home and remained taking care of himself as well as he could some time in the year 1782, he believes in May or April, when the town of Savannah was evacuated by the British.

He then returned to Savannah and there joined his company under the same Capt. and other officers of the company; from that time he remained there in Garrison duty defending the town -- until peace was declared which was about -- November 1782.

That he has a record of his birth in his possession. He has no documentary evidence whereby he can establish his services. That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services. After the close of the War he returned to his former residence where he remained about fourteen years -- thence he removed to Franklin County in the state of Georgia and remained there about twenty years or twenty-four years. From thence he removed to Habersham County in said state and there resided about nine years -- whence he removed to his present residence in the County of Gwinnett and state of Georgia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed in open court this 23rd day of November 1832.

(Attest) Wm MATTBIE Clk

His  
GEORGE X THRASHER  
Mark

Georgia, Gwinnett County We, SILAS KING, a clergyman residing in the state & county aforesaid, and RICHARD D. BEASON, a private citizen residing in the same, hereby certify that we are acquainted with GEORGE THRASHER who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy seven years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year above.

Written in open court.

(Attest) Wm MATTBIE Clk

/s/ SILAS KING

/s/ R. D. BEASON



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# News and Notes

A note from Lyn Thrasher in Macon said they are "especially looking forward to our reunion in May in Thomasville." She had just recently been there for a meeting and loved it. Lyn and Evelyn Thrasher hosted the wonderful 1995 reunion in Ashford, Ga.

Lyn also wrote that her mother, Evelyn Thaxton Thrasher, is in poor health and confined to her home and would love to hear from anyone who knew her and her husband Tigner Emmett Thrasher. Her address is 3155 Ingleside Ave., Macon, GA 31204. Get busy with those pens!

Lyn also sent the name of a prospective member, Mrs. Betty Heery in Atlanta, who has since joined the association and brought her sister in New Hampshire in as well! Welcome to you both.

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Dot Pruett received an announcement of the marriage of Dr. Samuel Wayne Taylor, Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Woodman on Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas David Woodman and the groom is the son of Judge Sam and Allen Thrasher Taylor. The couple is living in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Belated congratulations to them.

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Bill Thrasher sent the following from the *Anchorage Daily News* of Saturday, January 29, 2000:

"Girdwood's Robbie Rollins skied to a fifth-place finish Friday with a score of 80.8 on two runs at the U.S. Freeskiing Nationals at Snowbird, Utah.

"Gordy Peifer of Salt Lake City took advantage of homeslope advantage to win the event with a score of 83.8.

"Jennifer Ashton of Whistler, British Columbia, won the women's title with a score of 62.8.

"Officials cancelled the third run due to poor visibility.

"The U.S. Freeskiing Nationals event was the second stop on the International Freeskiing Association's World Tour. The fifth and final stop will be the tour finals as Mount Alyeska, Alaska, March 21 - 28.

"Rollins' top-five finish in Utah means he automatically qualifies for the finals.

" 'I'm stoked that I did well enough to qualify for the Alyeska event,' Rollins said. 'It's going to be great because the best skiers in the world will be in Alyeska.' "

Robbie is the grandson of Bill and Velma Thrasher of Montgomery. Best of luck to Robbie later this month in those finals!

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Dale Thrasher wrote that he and Trudy will be attending the Tennessee reunion of the new Thrasher group in June and so will probably not be attending our Thomasville event in May. Dale and Trudy have been regulars, and will be missed.

Be sure to report back on any and all information on this group, you two! Maybe there will be some Isaac descendants or at least some new clues. How about an article for the newsletter on any discoveries?

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And Bill and Nancy Thrasher Cherry were able to pay me a brief visit here in Dade City and also stop to see John E. and Eleanor Thrasher in Micanopy last month. Bill was on a business trip to Jacksonville and they tacked on a few extra days. While they were here, they went up to Brooksville to meet Chuck Hocker, who has been doing a lot of research on Benjamin Thrasher and those lines, which are part of the Maryland group. Bill and Nancy hope to come to Thomasville, and perhaps Nancy will give a brief update on that information.

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## Bits and Pieces

Way back in July, Jodie Thrasher, who kindly shared the George Thrasher Revolutionary War records for this issue, posted the following message on Greg Wickenburg's list and this seemed a good time to include it in the newsletter.

"I believe my Thrasher line to be from George Thrasher, whose military records state he was from North Carolina and came to Saint Paul's Parish in Georgia in 1775. A George Thrasher had an account with Col. John McGee deceased in Orange County, N.C. in 1773. Records indicate he was married to a Casia and Saluda Bell."

1. George Thrasher (1755 NC - 1845 GA)
2. William Thrasher (1794 GA/SC - ? AL) m. Elizabeth Smith (1792 GA/SC) Franklin Co., GA Aug. 1, 1816
3. James Alfred Thrasher (1817 GA - ? AL) m. Sarah Price (1820 GA - ? AL) Carroll Co., GA Dec. 14, 1837
4. William Benjamin Thrasher (1843 AL - 1924 TX) m. Martha Jane Brannon (1834 SC - 1900 AL) Calhoun Co., AL Sept. 4, 1864
5. John Fletcher Thrasher (1873 AL - 1964 TX) m. Cora Geneva Kimberly (1877 GA - 1959 TX) Cleburne Co., AL July 18, 1897
6. Jodie Thomas Thrasher (1903 TX - 1981 GA) m. Myrtle Sue Robison (1904 GA - 1980 GA) Barrow Co., GA
- 7 Jodie Thomas Thrasher, Jr.

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In January 1999 Greg posted the names of Thrashers/Threshers who served in the War of 1812 that he found on a web site. The three Isaacs on the list were printed in the August 1999 newsletter. Here are the John Thrashers that were on the list.

- John Thrasher, Battalion 3 (Woodfolk's)  
Tennessee Mil.  
John Thrasher, Davis' Battalion,  
West Tennessee Militia  
John Thrasher, 2 Reg't. (Cheatham's)  
W. Tennessee Mil.

John Thrasher, 5 Regiment,  
Virginia Militia  
John Thresher 16 Reg't. (Porter's)  
Kentucky Militia.

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From Nancy Thrasher Cherry came an interesting web site address. The following information was taken from that site. The Center is part of the Museum Center at Five Points in Cleveland, Tenn. Does someone out there know if Amanda Thrasher Gray connects to any of the known Thrasher branches?

The Amanda T. Gray Cultural Center:  
<http://www.museumcenter.org/cultural.html>

A multi-use facility for the entire community, from corporate meetings and theatrical productions to major museum exhibitions.

### AMANDA THRASHER GRAY

Amanda Gray was a well-known antiques dealer and the wife of veteran Chattanooga television weathercaster John Gray. Mr. Gray's gift to the Museum Center in her memory will underwrite the Amanda Thrasher Gray Cultural Center.

Born in 1918 in Madison, Georgia, she was the daughter of Frank and Grace Phillips Thrasher. She spent many of her early days in Cleveland, forming lifelong friendships here. She was a graduate of Bradley High School, where she later taught English, and the University of Chattanooga. During World War II, she worked for the CBS Radio Network in New York.

Mrs. Gray died in 1996.

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John E. Thrasher forwarded a clipping and picture of Mrs. Sallie Estelle Thrasher Ballard, who was celebrate her 104th birthday on Jan. 11. The clipping, sent to him by Ashley Thrasher's niece Linda Thrasher Burkhalter was published in The Rockdale Citizen, Conyers, Ga., in December. This is the second time someone has sent in something on Mrs. Ballard --

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# More Bits and Pieces

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Gerald Bishop sent a clipping on her last year. However, no one so far seems to know anything about who she is. Anyone out there have any information? Neither newspaper item gave parents' or children's names to help connect.

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And, just for fun, the following came from the MATA Newsletter:

"Lee Thresher, who attacked passengers aboard a British Airways jumbo jet and smashed a window after drinking three double whiskeys and taking Valium, was sentenced to 15 months in prison by a court in Uxbridge, West London. The sentencing took place March 31, 1999.

"Thresher, 29, an electrician, was a passenger aboard a flight from London's Heathrow Airport to Bangkok, Thailand, on January 15, 1999. He pleaded guilty to endangering the flight and causing criminal damage.

"Prosecutors said that after downing the whiskeys and popping a Valium tablet, Thresher attacked a young woman who resisted his advances and a doctor who had stood up to let his wife go to the bathroom.

"He then punched out a plastic window at the rear of the 747 jet as it cruised at 35,000 feet. The window is one of three layers separating the cabin from the air and breaking it did not endanger the plane.

"Helped by an Australian passenger,

crew members eventually managed to subdue and restrain Thresher."

Obviously, this couldn't be a member of OUR family!!!!

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Brenda Weeks  
<BrendaWeeks@juno.com> posted the following query on Greg's list -- anyone willing to contact her and try to help?

"Looking for information on Mary Elizabeth Thrasher, my great grandmother. She married General Marion Strawn (3/2/1871 - 1/11/1911) in Douglas County, Ga. They had 4 (eds. note: message only lists 3) children: Henry H. (9/29/1899 - 7/18/1903); Iceola (6/25/1901 - 8/11/1980) - my grandmother; Mamie Lou (12/4/1904 - 9/6/1966). She then married James John (Jim) Strawn (General Marion Strawn's brother) on 1/3/1912. They had one child, Eunice Fay (5/13/1913 - 3/18/1991).

"My cousin has done an outstanding job on the Strawn branch of the family tree. I would like to know more about the Thrasher branch. Thanks."

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From "The King's Passengers to Maryland and Virginia" by Peter Wilson Coldham (pp. 49):

"Felons transported from London by the Smith, Capt. Willilam Loney, in September 1731 and registered in Virginia in 1732.

James Thresher, Buckinghamshire"

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## EDITOR'S CORNER



I'm looking forward to seeing a "whole big bunch of cousins" at Thomasville. It should be a fun weekend and an opportunity to catch up with what family members have been doing in the past year.

In the meantime, thanks go to John E. Thrasher, Lyn Thrasher and Peggy Thrasher for sending in items and information used in this issue and, to Stanley Thrasher and Jodie Thrasher for the Revolutionary pension application of George Thrasher, and to Nancy Thrasher Cherry for allowing me to "borrow" from her MATA newsletter. Also to Dale Thrasher and Bill Thrasher. And as always, to Greg Wickenburg for maintaining the Thrasher mail list on-line, which is a wonderful source of information and queries from people all over with Thrasher connections. And if I have forgotten someone in this list, my apologies and the assurance that your contribution is appreciated. This newsletter would not be possible without the help of so many of you.

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

## *Some Southern History Becomes Easier to Access*

As most of you probably know, following the War Between the States Southerners, in order to regain their U.S. citizenship, had to be qualified by the Reconstruction government by taking the Loyalty Oath. In case you have never seen the exact wording, here it is:

The "Ironclad Oath" read as follows:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God."

In addition, there were 14 classes of people who were "disqualified." These persons were required to apply to the U.S. President for an individual pardon. Those excluded from taking the Loyalty Oath by President Lincoln under his amnesty proclamation of 8 December 1863 were:

- (1) The civil or diplomatic officers, or domestic or foreign agents of the Confederacy.
- (2) Persons who left judicial posts under the U.S. to aid in the rebellion.
- (3) Confederate military officers above the rank of Army colonel or Navy lieutenant.
- (4) Members of U.S. Congress who left to aid in the rebellion.
- (5) Persons who resigned commissions in the U.S. Army or Navy and afterwards aided in the rebellion.
- (6) Persons who treated unlawfully black prisoners of war and their white officers.
- (7) Persons in military or civilian confinement or custody.

President Johnson's amnesty proclamation of 29 May 1865 incorporated Lincoln's seven exceptions with a few alterations and added the following:

- (8) Persons who absented themselves from the U.S. in order to aid in the rebellion.
- (9) Graduates of West Point or Annapolis who served as Confederate officers.
- (10) Ex-Confederate governors.
- (11) Persons who left homes in territory under U.S. jurisdiction for purposes of aiding the rebellion.
- (12) Persons who engaged in destruction of commerce on the high seas or in raids from Canada.
- (13) Voluntary participants in the rebellion who had property valued at more than \$20,000.
- (14) Persons who had broken the oath taken under the provisions of President Lincoln's Amnesty proclamation of 8 December, 1863.

The original applications with supporting affidavits and testimonies are on file at the National Archives (73 rolls of microfilm).

There was evidently a separate application used in Tennessee; I have a copy and plan to include that in a future newsletter.

If anyone is interested, but doesn't have the time to do research personally, an index to these pardon applications, compiled by Carolyn M. Rowe, was recently published. The price is \$35 plus \$3 postage and handling. Ms. Rowe's address is: 5745 Talquin Ave., Pensacola FL 32526-1556. Her phone number is (904) 944-5062.

*Editor's note: I made an Interlibrary Loan Request for this book rather than purchase it. There are several Thrashers listed; however, since it is only an index, I would recommend the library route unless you wish to add it to your reference shelf.*

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Saturday evening dinner and program plans need YOU!

The menu below should be an added incentive (especially the desserts!) to join the reunion group in Thomasville. But! Don't forget that the program following dinner, emceed by Bill Thrasher of Montgomery, will have a "Show and Tell" format. Come prepared to share a family memory, a picture or special item passed down to you and its story, or any family-history related contribution, such as research sources, re-search trips you've taken. Everyone's contributions are needed to make this kind of evening a success!

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Reunion Dinner Menu

Saturday, May 20, 2000

*Garden salad with choice of vinaigrette, parmesan peppercorn or blue cheese dressing (all homemade)*

*Rosemary chicken breast marinated and grilled  
Roast beef au jus*

*Scalloped potatoes  
Fresh vegetable medley  
Fresh-baked rolls and butter*

*Peach Melba shortcake  
Chocolate mousse pie*

*Tea, iced or hot, and coffee*

The cost per person is \$16.00; children 10 and under are half price at \$8. Please send the reservation form below to John E. Thrasher before May 10.

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Reunion Dinner Registration

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (over 10) @ \$16.00      \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (10 and under) @ \$8      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to either John E. or Eleanor Thrasher and return before May 10, 2000, to the address below:

John E. Thrasher III  
6424 S. E. 169th Ave.  
Micanopy, FL 32667-9464

Please help the Reunion Committee! In order that name tags can be prepared in advance for everyone attending please list the names of everyone in your family group, including young people, who will be there. Thank you.

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# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## Nancy Thrasher Cherry leads Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association

By David E. Sumner

Nancy Thrasher Cherry, who has lived most of her life in Maryland, attended her first southern Thrasher reunion in 1983 in Quitman with her mother and father. "All three of us had such a pleasant experience and were welcomed so warmly that we wanted to be a part of the group and hoped that someday we could link our family to those we met in Quitman," she says.

She and her husband, Bill, went back in 1986 and 1988. "We went to Norcross in 1990, and since then have attended each year's reunion. We keep returning because, unlike the old saying that you can't choose your relatives, in our case we have chosen the folks in the Thrasher Association. I guess they are our honorary cousins until we can find that linking ancestor."

Nancy founded the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association in 1992 and the MATA newsletter ("MATA Data") the next year, which she continues to edit and publish.

"The urge to know more about the family bubbled up again in me in 1992, and I decided to hold a roundup of all the Thrashers I could find. Using addresses from phone books in the library, I invited every Thrasher I could find in a five-state area to come to a reunion. I called it a "roundup" since several unrelated family lines were represented. In 1993, I started a newsletter to facilitate sharing of data. Since then we've had roundups most

years. The newsletter has waxed and waned, depending on how busy I am," she says.

Nancy Cherry grew up in Frederick County, Maryland, which is about an hour northwest of Washington, D.C. "I became interested in genealogy when I was in elementary school. It was my dad's mother that started my interest in the Thrasher family. She thought I should know the family history because I was

growing up on the property that had been the family homestead since the 1740s. At first all I had to go on was my great grandfather's biography in the History of Frederick County, published in 1910, and Dr. Marion Thrasher's book, published in 1895."

She graduated from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, and received a master's in Health Care Management from American University. "I spent most of my career as an information specialist and policy analyst at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. Nearly seven years ago I moved to the Food and Drug Administration where I manage the Vaccines Advisory Committee. This is a group of academic researchers who advise the FDA regarding the safety and efficacy of vaccines being considered for approval."



Nancy Thrasher Cherry, coordinator of the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association, and her husband, Bill Cherry

Photo courtesy of Nancy Thrasher Cherry

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Her husband, Bill, is a retired Westinghouse engineer. "He works a few days a week now for the Post Office flying to various sites around the country to oversee performance tests of newly-installed hi-speed sorting equipment." They have a son who lives at home and works as a software development engineer in Alexandria, VA.

Nancy's interest in genealogy has continued throughout her life. "When I was first married, my husband was in classes each evening, and I started to write letters and make phone calls to learn more about the Thrasher family.

"My inspiration for this was Irma Miller from Missouri, who had visited my parents to see the farm her great grandfather had left behind in the 1850s.



Nancy and Bill Cherry joined the group visiting Cross Creek at last year's Thrasher Family Reunion in Micanopy.

"Irma shared with me what she had learned of the family, and she sent me copies of her letters from Gertrude Dant of Indiana. Mrs. Dant was the first researcher to actually look up primary records for our family line.

"After my son was born I had little time for genealogy, but when my dad retired he plunged headlong into genealogy and re-ignited my interest. Dad had a most unorthodox method: he bought one of those Halbert books with lists of names, and each month he sent out preprinted letters to several names from the book.

He had a remarkable response. In fact, that is how he heard about the Thrasher Association in the South, Dot Pruett, and the book by Mrs. Ranier," she says.

"I trace my family line back to Benjamin Thrasher who died in 1740. After Benjamin's death, his son Thomas (b. 1726) sold property, which was located on Sligo Creek in what is now Silver Spring, about 6 miles from where I now live. Thomas moved westward to what is now the little town of Jefferson in Frederick County, and was probably the first settler on the land I grew up on."

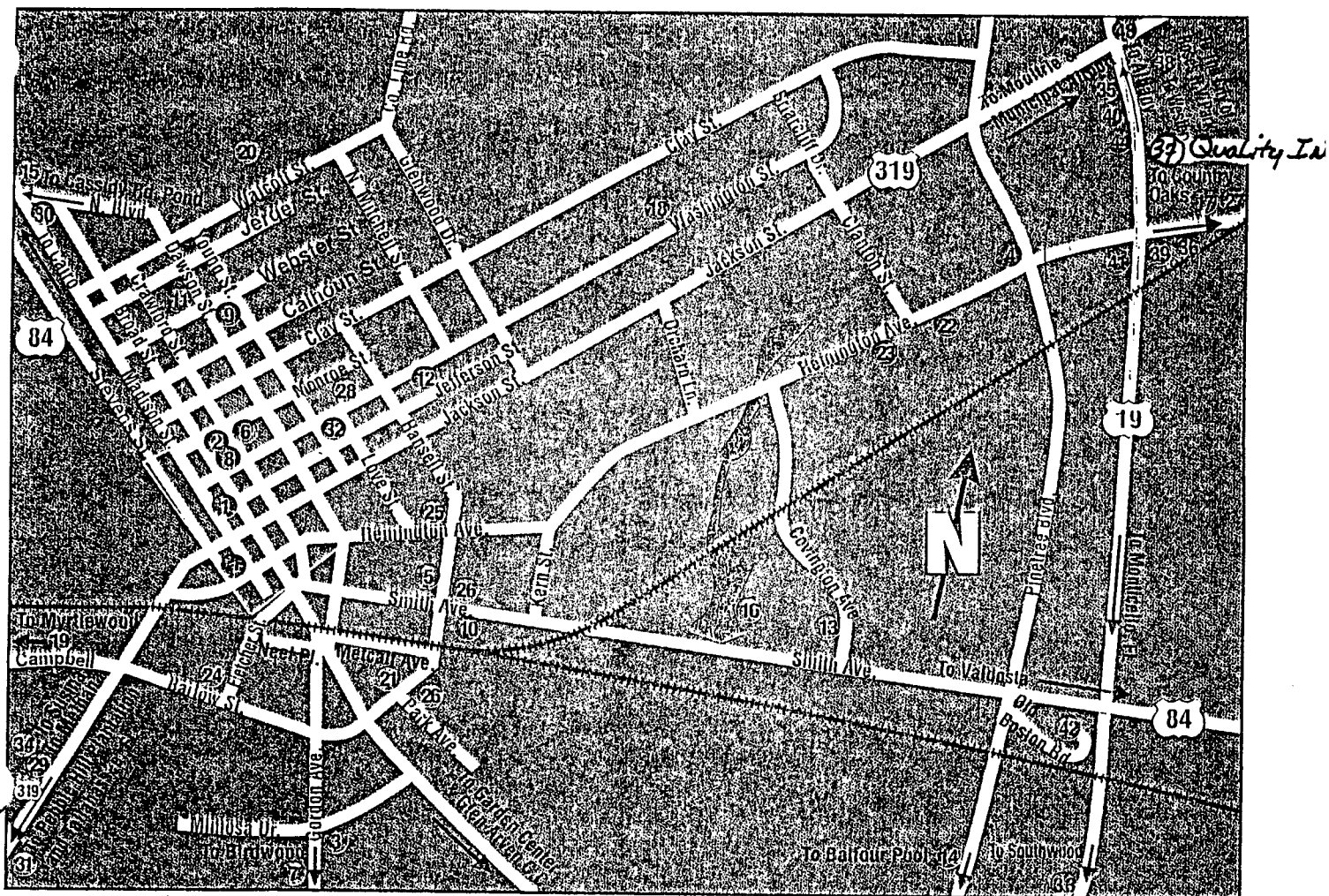
Subscriptions to "MATA Data" cost \$12. "Twenty dollars buys the subscription plus membership in the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association. The extra \$8 is used to rent the hall each year for the roundup, send extra copies of the newsletter to libraries and historical societies, publish pamphlets on our "3-generation project" and pay start-up costs for a reprint and update to the 1895 book by Dr. Marion Thrasher," she says.

Persons interested in subscribing to the newsletter can write to Nancy Thrasher, 3100 Elkridge Court, Beltsville, MD 20705. Tel. (301) 572-4406 and e-mail: <nancytc@aol.com>.

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#### About the Author:

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### Places of Interest

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| 1. Thomasville Welcome Center*      | 10. State Farmer's Market              | 19. Myrtlewood Hunting Plantation |
| 2. Post Office                      | 11. Thomas County Museum of History    | 20. Northside Park                |
| 3. Archibold Memorial Hospital      | 12. Thomasville Cultural Center        | 21. Paradise Park                 |
| 4. Archibold Urgent Care Center     | 13. Thomasville Rose Garden            | 22. Remington Park Ball Parks     |
| 5. All Saints Episcopal Church      | 14. Balfour Pool                       | 23. Soccer Fields                 |
| 6. The Big Oak                      | 15. Cassidy Road Pond                  |                                   |
| 7. Birdwood Estate (Thomas College) | 16. Cherokee Lake                      |                                   |
| 8. Hardy Bryan House (Landmarks)    | 17. Country Oaks Municipal Golf Course |                                   |
| 9. Lapham-Patterson House           | 18. MacIntyre Park                     |                                   |

### Historic Inns & Bed and Breakfasts

- 24. 1854 Wright House Bed & Breakfast • (912) 225-992
- 25. 1884 Paxton House Inn • (912) 226-5197
- 26. Evans House Bed & Breakfast • (800) 344-4717 or (912) 226-1343
- 27. Fast Turtle Inn Bed & Breakfast • (912) 859-2775
- 28. The Magnolia Leaf Bed & Breakfast • (912) 226-4499
- 29. Melliana, the Grand Plantation • (888) 920-3030 or (912) 226-2290
- Moss Oaks Bed & Breakfast • (912) 377-6280
- 31. Pebble Hill Plantation • (912) 226-2344
- 32. Serendipity Cottage Bed & Breakfast • (800) 383-7377 or (912) 226-8111
- 33. South Woods Bobwhite Bed & Breakfast • (912) 226-0170
- 34. Susina • (912) 377-9644

### Motels

- 35. Days Inn • (800) 325-2525 or (912) 226-6025
- 36. Hampton Inn (800) HAMPTON or (912) 227-0040
- 37. **Quality Inn • (912) 226-7111**
- 38. Western • (800) 272-6232 or (912) 228-0800
- 39. Shoney's Inn • (800) 222-2222 or (912) 228-5555
- 40. Super 8 Motel • (912) 226-9585
- 41. Jameson Inn • (912) 227-9500 or (800) JAMESON

### Recreational Vehicle Parks

- 42. The City of Roses RV Park • (912) 228-7275
- 43. Sugar Mill Plantation RV Park • (912) 227-4451

Get those reservations in before it's too late!

As is the case with any construction project these days, the Quality Inn's renovation project is running behind schedule. The new opening date is April 16. They have been given a telephone number which is supposed to be operational on the 16th, but they have not gotten a definite setup time on a toll-free number. The Quality Inn number when they open will be 912-226-7111. Now that is on the premise, remember, that the telephone company doesn't change its mind and give them a different number! However, the Hampton Inn is under the same management and the Quality Inn event coordinators have offices there. If you prefer making phone reservations and the Quality Inn number is not operational, you may call the Hampton Inn at 912-227-0040 and make your reservation with them. Be sure to specify that it is for the Thrasher Family Reunion at the Quality Inn and should be given to either Paulette Wentworth or Jane Rogers. Since our rate and reserved block of rooms closes April 28, it seems best at this point to send in a mail reservation using either the slip from the last newsletter or (in case it has been misplaced) the one on the last page of this one. Sorry that there has been this confusion -- it seemed simple when we started last October!

The Hampton Inn office has already received a few reservations, but some of our regulars haven't been heard from yet! And all of you cousins who haven't attended a reunion yet or haven't made it for the last few years -- make plans now to catch up on what's new in the Thrasher clan and spend a great weekend visiting with everyone. The weather should be perfect, and Thomasville isn't too far off the beaten path for a lot of you.

## ***Bits and Pieces***

### *Response to Revolutionary Records*

George Benton Thrasher of Tulare, Calif., sent a nicely detailed letter and he was excited to see the information on George Thrasher's Revolutionary War record in the last newsletter. He believes his line descends from that George Thrasher, and sent a complete tree with births and marriages through the generations, which will be available at the reunion since it is too long to include here. Briefly, his great-great grandfather is the George Washington Thrasher (b. 1796) who was a son of the "Revolutionary George." George wrote that he will be unable to attend the reunion as he doesn't travel much anymore, but he is encouraging his son and daughter-in-law to attend. Hope to see them there.

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### *Gleanings from Greg's List*

\* Greg posted some Tennessee Thrasher marriages from an 1851 - 1900 marriage index update on Ancestry.com. They are:

Dollar, J.C. - Thrasher, Minnie; 02 Oct. 1890, Linc. TN  
Thrasher, J. H. - McCallister, Nancy E.; 18 July 1867, Linc. TN  
Beard, T. H. - Thrasher, F. A.; 25 Dec. 1884, Linc. TN  
Milam, W. J. - Thrasher, Alice; 03 Nov. 1886, Linc. TN  
Thrasher, E. J. - Dollar, Parney; 26 June 1900, Linc. TN

\* And this was on Greg's list from our own John E. Thrasher III. (Did you get an answer yet, John?):

"In my 1950 college textbook, "A History of the American People," Vol. 2, page 411, it says: 'On March 28, 1915, Leon C. Thrasher, an American citizen, lost his life when the British ship Falaba was torpedoed.' Does anyone have an idea where this Leon C. Thrasher fits in to Thrasher genealogy?"

\* Lila Thrasher <smthrash@globalsite.net> posted the following grave information:  
"On the hill overlooking a lake in Clinton County, Ky., there are some marked graves. It's possible these graves were moved here when a dam was built years ago. The names are Isaac H. Thrasher, b. Nov. 28, 1807, d. May 18, 1873. Sally A. Thrasher, b. Oct. 1, 1819, d. Dec. 6, 1896. Martha Ann Thrasher, b. Jan. 3 1863, d. Jan. 7, 1897. David Thrasher, b. May 16, 1860, d. Aug. 13, 1886." Wonder where this Isaac fits in?

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# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## Thomasville Reunion small but successful

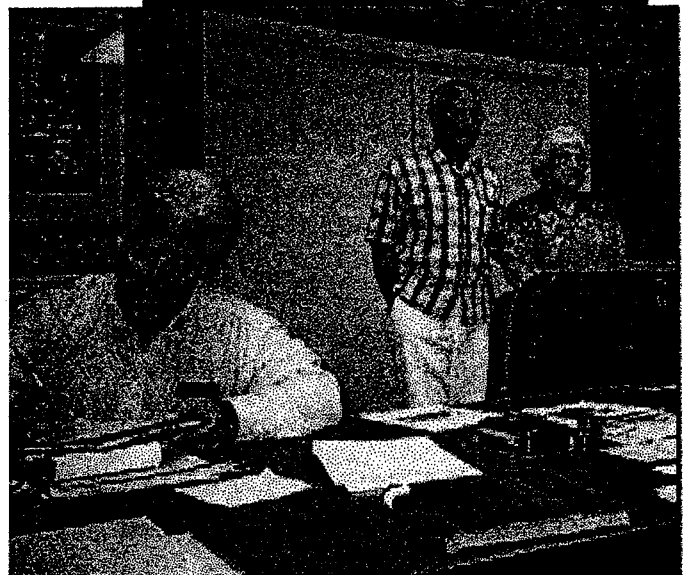
Our annual Thrasher Family Reunion was one of the smallest ever this year, which may have been due to the confusion and uncertainty over the accommodations. However, the weather was great and those who did attend had the opportunity to enjoy the area and spend lots of quality time visiting with each other.

Those attending were: Warren and Carolyn Thrasher, John E. and Eleanor Thrasher, John P. Thrasher, Joann Bandy, Nancy (Thrasher) and Bill Cherry, Peggy and Albert Thrasher, David and Elyse Sumner and Barbara Eger.

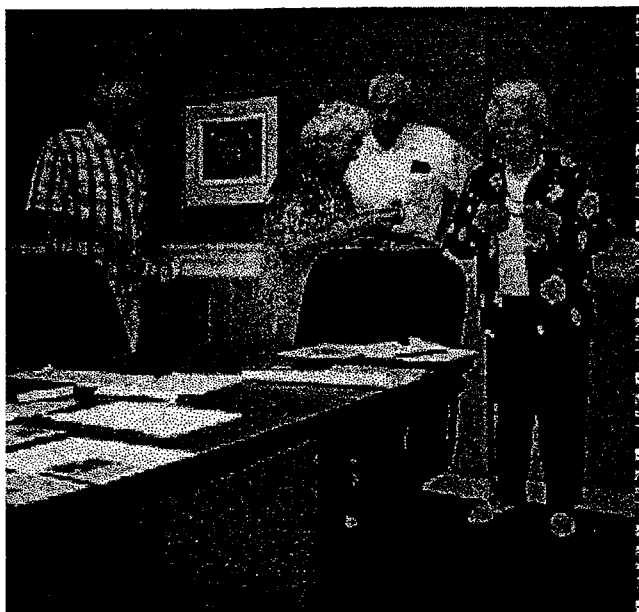
Due to the small size of the group, the Saturday evening dinner was held at a local restaurant, The Terrace, rather than catered at the motel. The food was good, and the talk over dinner and dessert was better! The group then retired to the hospitality room for more conversation.

Since the Quality Inn provides a very nice continental breakfast for its guests, we were able to again gather in our hospitality room rather than go to a restaurant for our farewell breakfast, after which all went their separate ways for another year.

The group gathered in Thomasville wasn't large, but those in attendance all agreed that it was still a good reunion. It was especially nice to see some of those who have been unable to attend for a few years, including Warren and Carolyn Thrasher and



Peggy and Albert Thrasher. Warren and Carolyn's son John brought a wonderful assortment of memorabilia, as did several of the other "cousins." The hospitality room the Quality Inn made available was one of their conference rooms



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## Thomasville Reunion

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and we had it for the entire time, so we were able to spread things out and didn't have to take them in each evening.

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Photo IDs:

Page 1, bottom left: John E. and Eleanor Thrasher and Warren and Carolyn Thrasher seem to be consulting over Eleanor's camera!

Page 1, top to bottom right: 1. Warren and Carolyn Thrasher; 2. Albert and Peggy Thrasher; 3. John P. Thrasher (hard at work taking notes) and John E. and Eleanor Thrasher.

## Preserving Memories Best Wealth Transfer for Your Family

Parents and grandparents have invaluable wealth to transfer to future generations. You have possessions that are more priceless than assets and property. They are the precious memories of family members that are shared through generations.

It's not uncommon to hear someone say, "I wish I had known more about my grandparents' early lives." It's not uncommon to hear a child mourn the loss of a parent by saying "If only I had asked my parents more about their childhood."

These family treasures can be saved.

It just takes a commitment to make a video of your loved ones talking. On screen one can see and feel the passion, the caring, the devotion or the anger. You can hear about your loved ones' greatest challenges, deepest heartaches, depressed times, best times, poor times, war experiences, how moral values were molded or threatened.

It's important that families interview their oldest member. Provide advance notice with a list of written discussion items. This is the key to a successful and meaningful dialogue, whether it is one-on-one or a family reunion where family

discussions run more freely.

Give this the attention it deserves and plan your "Memory Lane" video. This can be the start of a family custom and turn into the most valued and cherished family asset.

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*The above was written by Craig Hayward, CPA, for his Hayward and Associates newsletter. I thought it was interesting to find out that accountants don't always think only of dollars and cents and the bottom line, so I asked his permission to reprint it here. Wouldn't it be a great idea for someone who has a video camera to do this at our next reunion? It would be a way to preserve the memories of those who started the association for those who (we hope) will carry it on in the future.*



*Dinner at The Terrace at Thomasville: As always, the Thrasher clan enjoys getting together for a meal and to exchange news and memories.*



### EDITOR'S CORNER

Your editor is a tad behind in getting out the news, for which I apologize. I found out that one can't take a series of trips to various places and still keep up with things at home! Took care of the weeds and windows, and now it's time to get the newsletter out before you all think we've ceased publication.

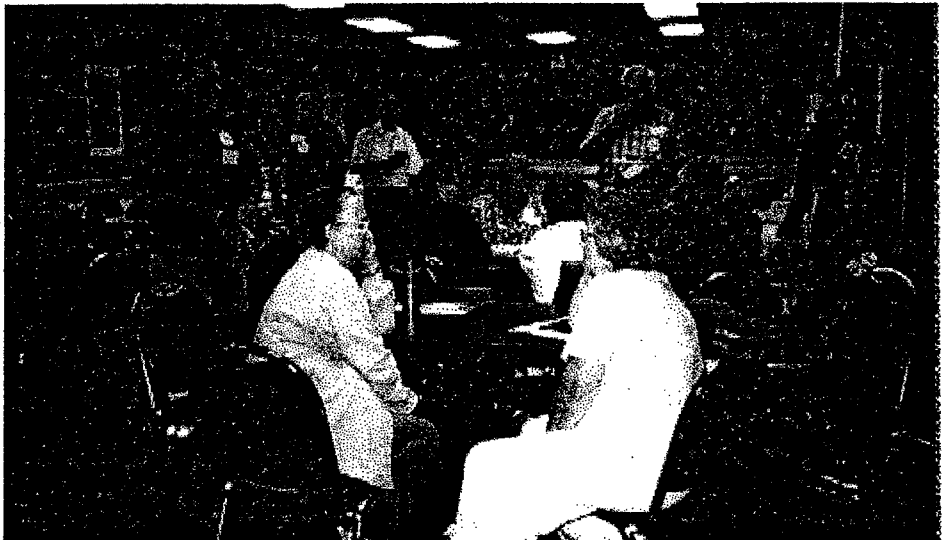
In looking at the pictures in this issue, I think a good photographer is on my wish list. I don't seem to have a knack for taking good pictures, so if anyone out there wants to volunteer to be the official newsletter photographer, let me know!

Don't forget to send your family news, research information or queries for future issues to 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <egerb@gte.net>.

## Another Group of Thrashers Begins a Reunion Tradition

Thrasher reunions seem to be popping up all over the place these days. Our Thrasher Family Reunion in Thomasville May 20 and 21 was followed by the Thrasher/Thrasher Family Reunion in Tennessee June 23 and 24, and yet another group of Thrashers met in Kentucky the weekend after that! With all this interest, maybe some of the loose connections will get tied together.

Shirley Thrasher Brewer was the moving spirit behind the Tennessee get-together, and it was a great success. From the commemorative badges to the door prizes to the homemade goodies in the hospitality room, Shirley did a wonderful job. She credits the many helping hands that willingly pitched in. This was the first time that this group had gotten together, and in a follow-up letter Shirley wrote that 82 people signed the hospitality room guest book and there were 64 in attendance at the Saturday night



*Some of the dinner attendees included familiar faces: can you spot Bill and Velma Thrasher in the above?*

dinner. She hopes that it will be possible to have another reunion, perhaps in four years or so.

Many of those attending were descended from William William Thrasher, whose connection to our family is not clear at this time. Perhaps this meeting will bring forth some more information on both branches of the Thrashers.

Some of the familiar faces from our past reunions were Bill and Velma Thrasher, Nancy (Thrasher) and Bill Cherry and Dale and Trudy Thrasher, who were accompanied by their daughter, Mary Ann Thrasher Lind. I was happy to be able to be there as well and to spend several days doing research in Nashville following that. Nancy Thrasher Cherry and I joined up to spend time in the Tennessee State Library and Archives, which is an absolutely wonderful resource for Tennessee research as well as being a repository for a great deal of material from other states whose settlers migrated to Tennessee.

Nancy and Bill Cherry were going on to the Kentucky reunion, and it will be interesting to hear from them about that.

*Below: Shirley Thrasher Brewer at the registration table Saturday evening*



## **Amanda Thrasher Gray Descent Traced to John and Susan Barton Thrasher**

by John E. Thrasher III

A great deal of interest was sparked by the publication of the article concerning Amanda Thrasher Gray in the March 2000 issue of *The Thrasher Newsletter*. Amanda's husband, John Gray, a well known TV weathercaster in Chattanooga, made a gift to the museum center in her memory to underwrite the Amanda Thrasher Gray Cultural Center in Cleveland, Tenn. There also was an expanded article published in the January 2000 issue of *MATA Data*, the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association newsletter.

The articles stated that Amanda's parents were Frank Edward and Grace Phillips Thrasher.

Hugh Thrasher of Sweetwater, Tenn., immediately recognized this Frank Thrasher as the famous (in his day) baseball player and began to wonder just how this family and Amanda were related to the other Georgia Thrashers. Hugh knew from family legend that the connection was through his Isaac Thrasher side of the family (Isaac Thrasher, 1793-1878, son of John and Susan Barton Thrasher).

Hugh persuaded Bill Thrasher of Marietta, Ga., to accompany him on his search. On their recent trip to Cleveland, Tenn., they found an obituary for Frank in the June 13, 1938, issue of the *Cleveland Daily Banner*. It is excerpted here:

**"Frank Thrasher Dies Suddenly  
Heart Attack Suffered Sunday Afternoon;  
Rites Tuesday Morning**

" Frank Edward Thrasher, 49, former big league baseball player, died suddenly at his Ocoee Street home, here, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock from a heart attack.

" Born in Watkinsville, Georgia, he came to Cleveland in 1912, playing with the local team in the Appalachian League and then to the Philadelphia Athletics. His career with the Athletics was cut short by one of Carl Maye's "bean" balls. Later he played with semi-pro teams for several years, managing the State Georgia team. He returned to Cleveland from Blytheville, Ark., four years ago.

" Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Grace

Phillips Thrasher; a daughter, Amanda Thrasher; four sisters and three brothers."

Hugh also obtained a copy of Frank's death certificate, which stated that he died on June 12, 1938, that he was born in Watkinsville, Oconee Co., Ga., and that his father was Isaac Watson Thrasher. His mother was Louise Murry Thrasher. Frank was buried in Fort Hill Cemetery in Cleveland, beside his daughter Bettie Catherine, who had died in 1923 at age 12.

The 1880 census for Oconee County, Ga., found the Isaac Watson Thrasher family living in Watkinsville. They had one daughter, Daisy, age 7 months. All were born in Georgia.

The 1900 Census for Oconee County shows the family still living in Watkinsville, and provides the following information:

Isaac W. Thrasher b. March 1858 in Georgia; both parents born in Georgia. His occupation was merchant and farmer. Wife: Leula (Louise) Thrasher b. June 1861

Isaac and Louise had been married for 21 years.

Their children (all born in Georgia):

Maude E. b. May 1882  
Ralph A. b. Sept. 1885  
Nannie L. b. Dec. 1887  
Frank E. b. Aug. 1890  
F. Isaac b. August 1893  
Loeren (son) b. Oct. 1895  
Cloyce (son) b. Oct. 1898.

Daisy, the daughter who was listed in the 1880 Census, had either died or left home before 1900.

There was one more daughter, who was born after the 1900 Census. She was Ruth Thrasher Durham, who was living in Watkinsville in 1975 when I visited her there. I did not know about her famous brother at the time, so he was not discussed.

My search for Amanda's roots continued. Searching for Isaac Watson Thrasher's parents did not yield very

## Amanda Thrasher Gray

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much information. After a frustrating look through the census and other resources, I finally found ONE connecting reference. The wonderful Vessie Thrasher Rainer came through for me in her book, "Thrasher-Barton Descendants of Georgia." She wrote that in the settlement of the land owned by Isaac Thrasher (1793-1878) 23 acres more or less, known as the Academy Tract, was deeded to his grandson, Isaac Watson Thrasher, the son of Thomas F. Thrasher. This occurred April 18, 1875.

Isaac Watson Thrasher's father, Thomas F. Thrasher, age 16, is listed in the 1860 Census for Clarke Co., Ga., with his father, Isaac (1793-1878), and mother, Elizabeth Hester Thrasher. Clarke County is where the family remained as Oconee County was formed from Clarke County in 1875.

A further search for any information on Thomas F. Thrasher has proved fruitless. Perhaps he died right after Isaac Watson's birth or perhaps he moved out of state. But now we do know how Amanda fits into our Thrasher heritage:

John\* and Susan Barton Thrasher  
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Isaac and Elizabeth Hester Thrasher  
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Thomas F. Thrasher  
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Isaac Watson and Louise Murry Thrasher  
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Frank Edward and Grace Phillips Thrasher  
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Amanda Thrasher Gray

\* Revolutionary War soldier

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### **About the Author:**

*John E. Thrasher is one of the original members of the Association. He and his wife Eleanor live in Micanopy and hosted the 1999 reunion there. Many, if not most, of you know them from other reunions or from visiting their home. A tireless researcher, John E. has done much to add to the information we have on "Our Thrasher Heritage."*

## EDITOR'S CORNER



John P. Thrasher has expressed his willingness to coordinate the 2001 Reunion in his hometown of Newnan, Ga., or somewhere else in the nearby Atlanta area. However, he will need help, so if you can volunteer a little of your time to work on some part of the arrangements, let John know. His address is 5 Woodridge Place, Newnan, GA 30265. His e-mail is <jthrasher@mail.newnanutilities.org>. You can also contact Dot Pruett or me. Joann Bandy and Frankie Goldsby have already volunteered -- more people are needed to help ensure a successful reunion. There are a lot of little details connected with this, such as scrapbook material, exhibits/table displays, name tags, or helping arrange the Saturday evening program, that can be done at a distance, so anyone anywhere can help. Tentative date is the third weekend in May -- the 18 -20 -- which will again be the weekend between Mothers' Day and Memorial Day. Be sure to make a note of the dates now and plan on attending.

This year's membership form has space to include your phone number and e-mail address. Dot has come up with a great idea -- a membership directory booklet to distribute to all the Association members to encourage keeping in touch. If the forms come back quickly enough, we hope to have the directory out by late fall, so get yours in right away!

This is the (very late) last newsletter of 1999-2000. The first issue for 2000-2001 is planned for October. Since this is going out after the usual renewal date, August 31 will be the renewal deadline, rather than July 31, and the dues slip for your 2000-2001 membership is enclosed. As always, Dot Pruett will be taking care of the membership records, so get your renewal to her as soon as possible, along with your information for the directory. Don't forget -- the address to send items for future issues is 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <egerb@gte.net>.

# News and Notes

## Anniversary Congratulations!

Bill and Velma Thrasher of Montgomery, Ala., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday evening, July 7, with dinner at the Embassy Suites Hotel. They were joined by friends from the Jack Thompson Sunday School Class of Frazer Memorial Methodist Church. Bill and Velma were married July 8, 1950, in the First Methodist Church of Franklin, Tenn.

Refreshments were served at a party hosted by Max and Janie Roberts at their home in Arrowhead, where the couple were treated to a surprise video of their 50 years of marriage, prepared by their daughter, Sheila Thrasher Reed, of Anchorage, Alaska.

In addition to their daughter Sheila they have a son, James Hall Thrasher of Farmington, N.M. and four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

And it was wonderful to see Velma at the Jackson reunion, recovered from recent surgery and looking fit again.

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## Greetings from a Founding Member

Albert Thrasher brought the the Thomasville group greetings from Robert Rainer. He is one of the founding members of our association who has been unable to attend the reunions for the past few years, and asked Albert to tell everyone he thinks of them often.

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## Congratulations to the Younger Generation!

Matthew Boyd Bentley, son of Dr. Robert and Dianne (Jones) Bentley, graduated May 13 from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, in the pre-med program.

Thomas Elliott Broughton, son of Richard Elliott and Caroline (Phillips) Broughton, graduated from the St. James School, Montgomery, Ala., on May 29. He plans to pursue a career in either medicine or chemical engineering.

Ann Bradford Sturgis, daughter of Bradford Rogers and Page (Murfee) Sturgis, graduated from the Marion Academy, Marion, Ala., on May 26. An outstanding student, Ann received the DAR Good Citizen Award, the Presidential Scholar Award and the National Leadership Award, and was chosen to attend the 1999 Governor's School. She plans to enter Duke University Medical School in the fall.

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## Researcher's Work Recognized by National Group

Dot Pruett writes that her niece Debbie Broughton Payne, a researcher at Alabama State University, was selected to give a presentation on her research at the meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in May. Debbie is the primary researcher working on a vaccine to protect against all strains of pneumonia rather than only the few strains prevented by existing vaccines. She holds a master's degree from Auburn University and previously was head of the science department at Jeff Davis High School in Montgomery, Ala. Debbie Payne is the daughter of Martha (Sturgis) and Elliott Broughton.

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## One of the Younger Generation Going Global!

And Dot also sent news that her great-nephew, Matthew E. "Matt" Payne, son of Debbie Payne, will have a chance to see some of the world. Matt is a graduate of Auburn University, and is now employed by Anderson Consultants in Atlanta. The company has sent him to Melbourne, Australia, as a consultant to assist a company in setting up a special computer program and data base. He will be there for approximately a month. Dot hopes he takes lots of pictures, and that he will have a chance to see some of the country.

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## More News and Notes

### School Dedicated to James Marlowe

The dedication of the new James M. Marlowe Elementary School in New Port Richey, Fla., was held June 5. The school was named in honor of the late Dr. James Marlowe, a respected physician and Pasco County civic leader.

Dr. Marlowe, a great-grandson of James Cloud and Kittie (Jackson) Thrasher, served for 10 years on the Pasco County School Board and was on the board of Florida Southern College in Lakeland. His wife, Selma, attended the dedication and their son Ronald was one of the speakers.

Florida natives, the Marlowes were married in Jacksonville in 1952 and have four sons, Robert, Ronald, Richard and Russell. Mrs. Marlowe currently resides in Trenton, Fla.

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### Nature's Fury Strikes Maryland Thrasher Homestead

Shortly before leaving for the Tennessee reunion last month, Nancy Thrasher Cherry got a phone call from her brother to tell her that a windstorm has destroyed the farm buildings and trees of the Maryland Thrasher homestead where they had grown up.

The storm took off part of the house roof, took out the trees around the house, blew down the bank barn and wagon shed, and did other damage too extensive to list. When Nancy's brother called he had no power and was calling from a cell phone.

Nancy said that the storm path must have been a narrow band, because other people didn't get anywhere near the damage. Obviously, they are heartsick at the loss of so much family history. The rebuilding process will be long and much that was lost is irreplaceable. We wish them well.

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## Research Info Reprint

Some time ago, Dot Pruett suggested it might be helpful to current Thrasher researchers to reprint some information from Franklin County, Ga., records and from Tennessee tax rolls that originally appeared in the November 1987 and February 1989 issues of the newsletter. Many of the Tennessee Thrashers migrated from Rockingham County, N.C. Dot wrote that the information was a combination of material sent by Steve Thrasher of Louisville, Ky., and her own research.

"Abstracts of some deeds recorded in Franklin Co., Ga.:

### Deed Book TT -- p. 59

Deed dated Franklin Co., Ga., 13 Aug. 1811, rec. Jan. 22, 1812, from ELIZABETH THRASHER (X) relict of ROBERT THRASHER late of this county, deceased, to ROBERT THRASHER, THOMAS THRASHER, JOSEPH THRASHER, THOMAS DELONY, SETH HODGE AND SARAH THRASHER. In consideration of \$100, conveys the land whereon said ELIZABETH THRASHER now lives, being one-third part of the land whereon said ROBERT THRASHER lived and died, which part he willed to said ELIZABETH.  
Wit.: GEORGE CARPENTER  
JOEL YOWELL, J.I.C.

### Deed Book KK -- pages 62B, 63 -- Franklin Co., Ga.

Deed dated 20 July 1793 (no date) from MICAJAH WILLIAMSON of Wilkes Co., Ga. to JOSEPH CLOUD THRASHER of Rockingham Co., N. C. In consideration 100 Pds. conveys 800 acres in Franklin Co., adjacent said WILLIAMSON, being part of two adjacent surveys of 1150 acres each, granted to said WILLIAMSON Jan. 14, 1786, and July 25, 1787, bounded southeastwardly by the Washington Co. line, now Green Co. line, and southwestwardly by the South Fork Oconee River.  
Wit.: MATTHEW RAINEY  
THOMAS DUNN  
ISAAC THRASHER  
John Lumpkin, J.P.



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Deed Book H -- page 158 -- Franklin Co., Ga.

Deed dated Oct. 6, 1793, recorded Oct. 28, 1793, from BENJAMIN THRASHER and wife SARAH (X) of Franklin Co. to CHARLES WALKER, county afsd. In consideration of 40 pounds, conveys 36 acres in Franklin Co., on Tugalo River, adjacent said WALKER, DAWESARD (?), JOHN COLLINS.  
Wit.: MOSES PAYNE, J.P.

The will of ROBERT THRASHER, Franklin Co., Ga., signed Jan. 5, 1797, pr. Feb. 4, 1797, names wife, ELIZABETH, left legacy "together with what she had before our marriage," and mentions "all my children," whom he failed to name. Executors: JOHN BRYAN, WARREN FILPOTE  
Witnesses: JOHN BRYAN, MARTHA JENNINGS, JOHN GOODWIN

Following are some marriages recorded in Franklin Co., Ga.:  
GEORGE THRASHER and ALENDER WHITE -- August 26, 1817  
THOMAS THRASHER and MIHELIA ELLIOTT -- November 6, 1816  
WILLIAM THRASHER and ELIZABETH SMITH -- August 1, 1816

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TENNESSEE TAX LISTS

NAME	COUNTY	DATE
Daniel McCollum	Maury	1816
Isaac McCollum	Maury	1811
John McCollum	Maury	1811
Thrasher McCollum	Maury	1811
Thrasher McCollum Heirs	Maury	1816
Benjamin Barton	Bedford	1812
Flower Swift	Bedford	1812
John Thrasher	Bedford	1812
Elijah Isaacs	Grainger	1799
Joseph Stubblefield	Grainger	1804, 1805, 1821
William Stubblefield	Grainger	1803, 1804, 1805
Isaac Barton, Jr.	Grainger	1804, 1805
Conway Oldham	Williamson	1810
Isaac Barton	Greene	1783
Isaac Thrasher	Washington	1814, 1815
Peter O'Neal	Montgomery	1798

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The following are just two of the Jefferson County, Kentucky, wills located by Steve Thrasher:

SAMUEL OLDHAM Book 2, page 214 Written Sept. 4, 1820; Recorded Feb. 10, 1823  
Mentions: Wife, ANN; sons WILLIAM OLDHAM, CONWAY OLDHAM and HARRY OLDHAM; daughters SARAH MERRIWETHER, NANCY TAYLOR, wife of THOMPSON TAYLOR, PATSY OLDHAM, WINNEY MERCER, ELIZABETH TYLER

CONWAY OLDHAM Book 2, page 308 Written (no date given), 1820; Recorded Dec. 5, 1825  
Mentions: Wife, FRANCES; sons SAMUEL OLDHAM, PRESLEY OLDHAM, JOHN OLDHAM, WILLIAM LEVI OLDHAM; daughters MARY ANN OLDHAM, PETURAH (?) OLDHAM, ELIZABETH OLDHAM, MARTHA OLDHAM, NANCY HERR wife of FREDERICK HERR, SUSAN HERR, wife of JOHN HERR

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# Bits and Pieces

## A Look at Our Next Reunion Site

Joann Bandy received an e-mail from John P. Thrasher with the following preview of the possible 2001 reunion town and kindly forwarded it to share in the newsletter:

### Fun Facts About Newnan, Georgia!

Newnan is located 35 miles southwest of Atlanta on I-85. It is known as the City of Homes and has a proud heritage. The downtown is well preserved with several National Register Historic Districts. A major cavalry engagement, The Battle of Brown's Mill, was fought just outside town during the War Between the States (Note: A true Newnanite would never say Civil War as we all know there was nothing civil about it).

Newnan was a hospital town during the War (pronounced WWAHH). It is estimated there were more than 10,000 men in hospitals in the town (there were 5 of them). By the way, that is more people than lived in Newnan at the time!

Fun Thrasher fact: Cousin John Thrasher (obviously in his travels up and down the railroad) once owned the hotel (The Virginia House, I believe) in downtown Newnan. The hotel building still stands, but is now used for offices. There is a great restaurant, Golden's on the Square, across the street (good location for our meal) featuring southern country cooking. If we are lucky maybe we could get the owner to ring the dinner bell for us.

More Later...

All the Best to the Thrasher Clan spread far and wide,

John P. Thrasher (son of Warren and Caroline Thrasher of Athens, GA)

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## Tennessee Reunion Pix On-line

If you would like to see some pictures of the recent Thrasher/Thresher Reunion in Jackson, Tenn., they can be found at the following Web address:

<<http://albums.photopoint.com/j/AlbumIndex?u=939536&a=7005201> >

When the Watt Reunion and Genealogy page comes up, click on Album List. Then on the reunion. If you click on a photo, it will enlarge.

John E. Thrasher found the site, and writes: "I wish there were better group pictures. Bill and Velma and Dale and Trudy are in the photos, but can't find the Cherrys nor Barbara. Have fun! John"

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## An Item from Greg W's List:

Greg Wickenburg continues to provide an excellent forum for Thrasher information -- the following was pulled from his mail list some time ago, and I have been waiting for space to include it in a newsletter. And continuing thanks to Greg for all he does!

### Strawn/Thrasher Query:

Looking for information on Mary Elizabeth Thrasher, my great-grandmother. She married General Marion Strawn (3/2/1871 - 1/11/1911) on 4/18/1898 in Douglas County, Ga. They had 4 children: Henry H. (9/29/1899 - 7/18/1903) Iceola (6/25/1901 - 8/11/1980) my grandmother Mamie Lou (12/4/1904 - 9/6/1966) She then married James John (Jim) Strawn (General Marion Strawn's brother) on 1/3/1912. They had one child, Eunice Fay (5/13/1913 - 3/18/1991).

My cousin has done an outstanding job on the strawn "branch" of the family tree. I would like to know more about the thrasher "branch".

Thanks  
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## Old Letters Bring the Past and Its People Alive

One of the best ways to get a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors is through old letters. These provide more than the names, dates and locations found in official records. The letters here are transcribed as closely as possible exactly as found, including spelling and punctuation.

Joann Bandy shared the following letter, written in 1933, about one person's recollection of "Cousin John" Thrasher. Joann came across the letter in the collections of the Atlanta Historical Society.

629 Highland Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Aug. 17th 33.

Dear Mrs. Spalding:

I noticed the article in Crackerland written about Cousin John Thrasher. Mr. Reneau, his mother and family knew him well when they lived in Luckie St.

Lewis' Father was a Lawyer & his Brother Russell Reneau was a methodist Minister, but they both were Editors of the morning paper before and during the Civil War.

In 1876 I was on my husbands train returning from Charlotte when I took sick. I told my husband I could travel no farther, so he told me to stop over at Toccoa at Cousin John's. I spent a week there.

I remember seeing him standing on the front porch ringing the big bell for supper. His meals were renowned from N.Y. City to Fla. his hot biscuit and fried chicken besides muffin &c. Mr. Reneau would telegraph ahead of his train how many passengers would be there to dine. Every one were crazy to eat at "Cousin John's."

Miss Lou Thrasher his sister made every biscuit by hand -- they were the same size and baked the same way year in and year out.

I was sitting on the porch around 4 o'clock one evening -- I looked back and in view were 5 or 6 wood stoves in a row -- doors open -- in each a large pan of biscuit. I guess she put them in to rise

why they were so uniform.

In the back yard was 5 or 6 little pickaninnies picking chicken.

On the center of table which was the fashion then was a large fancy dish filled with all kinds of fruit in season -- bananas oranges apples peaches grapes &c.

He would sit on the porch and entertain the men by telling stories. He had a quaint and droll way of talking. I think his wife's name was Bethuel -- he would do all the talking & look at his wife now and then and say -- Ain't that so Bethuel? she would reply "yes" always keeping in the back ground and unassuming.

Two years after I went there again with my young son Jim to recuperate and rest up. If He moved to Central then I did not know. If I had paid more attention to dates and remembered many things concerning Atlanta then I could have written many short stories of interest -- and of Mr. Reneau's R.R. experiences for he had many interesting things to happen.

I did not know that "Cousin" John built and lived in the house your father bought which is quite historical.

The last I heard of them they had moved to Fla.

Very truly  
Mrs. Lewis Reneau

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And these two letters were found in an old Bible which at the time was in the possession of the late Pauline Pallen (Thrasher) Griffin, a great-granddaughter of Cousin John Thrasher. They refer to the death of (Scaife) Edgar Thrasher, son of Willis and Pallen (Cochrane) Thrasher who died at the age of 14. Willis was Cousin John's youngest son and Scaife Edgar was the second child of Willis and Pallen. According to one family story, Edgar died as a result of a hunting accident when an old shotgun exploded in his hands.

The first letter was written by Bessie (Earnest) Cochrane, daughter of Elijah Embree Earnest and Margaret (Thrasher) Earnest. Margaret was Willis Thrasher's

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sister. The second letter is incomplete and unsigned, but was evidently begun by Willis or Pallen to one of their mothers and was never finished and mailed -- presumably because Edgar died while it was being written. However, since Edgar's "Mama" is a third person referral in the letter, it can probably be assumed that Willis was writing to his mother, Bethuel (Scaife) Thrasher.

Sunday  
Trilby Fla  
April 21st  
1901

Dear Uncle Willis,

I have thought of writing to you and Aunt Pallen ever since I heard of your trouble but words of consolation do but little good when people are in trouble, but you must remember it was Gods will that dear little Edgar was taken and you should not grieve for him for you know he is safe in the arms of Jesus. Try to comfort poor little Wallace. I do feel so sorry for him and sympathise with you all. Wallace and I have thought and talked of you all so much and if we could comfort you all in some way but alas we can not. But hope by this time you all have become reconciled to Gods will, of course I know it was hard on you all to give Edgar up, he was so affectionate and sweet but "God moves in a misterious Way" and the ones he loves best are the first to be taken from us, so you all must be reconciled to Gods will and try harder than ever to do Gods will that you may meet your child and other loved ones in Heaven.

Uncle Willis I hope you will try harder than ever to be a good Christian. You were never very wicked but still none of us do right. Let us hear all about how it happened as we have never heard any of the particulars and how poor little Wallace is and Aunt Pallen. Wallace Cochran hasn't heard from Helen or any of his folks in nearly two months and he doesn't know what to think about them doing him so. Will you still stay at Ellenton. You had best save enough money when you are through shipping your crop and come up and you and Wallace go in together. If nothing happens to prevent we will move to Trilby sometime in the summer as the children

are afraid to go so far to school. We are having dry weather up here the fruit crop will be almost a failure can't tell yet whether there will be many black berries or not. I have about seventy five young chickens growing nicely and sixty eggs set.

Sam is with us we have all the fish we can use he has been here about three weeks and guess he will be here some time as he is in bad health and I dont think he will ever be well again. I will expect a letter from you soon. Wallace & Jessie inc in love to you all. Try to be cheerful and look on the bright side of life. With lots of love. I am sincerely

Your Niece  
Bessie  
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My Dear Mother -

My Dear boys life is fast fading away and probably before this reaches you he will be numbered amongst the Saints. I feel broken hearted & can't help grieving, but I have the consolation of knowing that I will have a treasure in Heaven. This morning speaking the the near approach of his death he notice that his Mama was weeping and he said to her - Mama I would not hurt your feeling for the world, but Mama let me pass in while the gate is open.

*(The letter ends here. Scaife Edgar Thrasher's death is shown as occurring April 2, 1901 in Dot Pruett's "Our Thrasher Heritage")*

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Editor's Note:

The "little Wallace" referred to in Bessie's letter is my grandfather, Wallace Crawford Thrasher. Willis Brunson is the person who shared the story about Edgar's accident, adding that as a child he had heard that Wallace and Edgar, who were close in age and companionship, were hunting together at the time of the accident and that his lasting sadness over Edgar's death was one of the reasons my grandfather left Florida when he became an adult and married. While Edgar never was mentioned in my grandparents' home where I grew up, I do know that my grandfather was a fanatic about gun safety, even though he also was the person who taught me to shoot.

## Another Thrasher Researcher Seeking Roots -- Can You Help?

The following is also from Greg Wickenburg's list. Dot Pruett thought it might be a good selection to include in our newsletter but due to its length, it is printed separately.

### Looking for Gilbert Thrasher...

Winston Co., MS, Marriage Book 3, page 128: Gilbert Thrasher married Viney Vowell Sept. 15, 1853. Viney Vowell was b. Jan. 5, 1831, in GA, daughter of Malachi Vowell and Nancy Leopard. The Vowell family lived in Carroll Co., GA, at time of 1830, 1840, and 1850 Censuses; moved to Winston Co., MS, ca. 1851. I don't know who Gilbert's parents or siblings were nor where he was on 1850 Census.

According to my husband's relatives, Gilbert and Viney Thrasher lived in Winston Co. and had 4 children (all probably born in that county):

1. Jane Thrasher, b. ca. 1853 (date estimated from Census records). Died 1936. Married John J. Giger in Winston Co. in 1880. John born 1849, died 1890.

2. Nathan (I think his full name was Gilbert Nathan or Nathan Gilbert) Thrasher, b. ca. 1855 (date estimated from Census records). G. N. Thrasher married Almedy McElroy in Winston Co. in 1878. Don't know when he died.

NOTE: He could be the same person as N. G. Thrasher who was bondsman for the marriage of James A. Thrasher and Mattie Swann (see child 4.).

3. William Malachi "Bill" Thrasher, b. Jan. 1, 1860, d. May 10, 1947 (dates from gravestone in Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Winston Co.). Married 1st, Nancy "Nannie" Blackwell in Winston Co. in 1883; married 2nd, Georgia Ann Kitchens in Winston Co. in 1886; married 3rd, Cynthia Electa (Brown) Myers, a widow; and married 4th, Kate Wilkerson. NOTE: William Malachi "Bill" Thrasher and 2nd wife Georgia Ann Kitchens were my husband's great-grandparents. They lived in Winston Co.

4. James "Jim" Thrasher, b. ca. 1863 (date estimated from Census records). I think he died 1951.

NOTE: My husband's relatives did not provide a middle name for this James Thrasher. Winston Co. Marriage Book 7, page 139 shows James A. Thrasher married Mattie Swann Nov. 17, 1881. N. G. Thrasher was bondsman (possibly James's brother). I'm not absolutely sure this James A. Thrasher was the one who was son of Gilbert and

Viney, but it seems highly likely. One descendant of James and Mattie says James's middle name was Arthur, another says Anderson.

1860 Census, Winston Co.:

G. Thrasher, age 33 (b. ca. 1826-1827), male, farmer, b. Ala.

NOTE: I think this is Gilbert Thrasher.

V. Thrasher, age 28, female (Viney)

M.? or N.? J. Thrasher, age 7, female (Jane)

G. N. Thrasher, age 5, male (I think Gilbert Nathan)

W. M. Thrasher, age 3/12, male (William Malachi)

1870 Census, Winston Co.:

Vina Thrasher, age 39, female, b. in GA.

NOTE: Her husband Gilbert is said to have served in Civil War and died during the War. One researcher shows that he was killed in action Oct. 25, 1864, at Richmond, VA. I have not verified this.

NOTE: Jane Thrasher, age 16, was enumerated in another household.

Gilbert Thrasher, age 13, male, b. in MS. (I think Gilbert Nathan)

William Thrasher, age 8, male, b. in MS. (William Malachi)

James Thrasher, age 7, male, b. in MS.

NOTE: James's age of 7 would make his birth date ca. 1862-1863.

1880 Census, Winston Co.:

Viney Thrasher, female, age 48, widowed, farming, b. in GA.

William M. Thrasher, age 18, son, b. in MS. (William Malachi)

NOTE: Also in the household were some Breazeales.

NOTE: James Thrasher (age about 17) was not in this household. I don't know where he was in 1880.

Viney (Vowell) Thrasher died Oct. 8, 1895; buried in old Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Winston Co., MS.

There were other Thrashers in Winston Co. that I don't know if they were related to Gilbert Thrasher:

Thrasher, Thomas C. married Elizabeth Null Dec. 14, 1850.

Thrasher, William S. married Mary Pearson Feb. 3, 1853.

Thrasher, John Thomas "Tom" married Louvenia Vowell in 1912.

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