
The Thrasher Newsletter

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Warren A. Thrasher: "Elder Statesman" of the Family

by David E. Sumner

Warren and Caroline Thrasher now joke about their two marriages. The first marriage—a secret elopement—occurred Dec. 26, 1940, in Tallahassee. The second marriage took place on June 26, 1941, primarily for the benefit of her parents. Warren, who was by then on active duty in the Army, was only able to get an afternoon leave to fly from Ft. Knox to Nashville for the second ceremony. They never told her parents until years later that they had been secretly married prior to the Nashville wedding.

Colonel Warren Atticus Thrasher, born Feb. 8, 1914, is a founding member of the Thrasher Association. He and Caroline attended the first get-together in 1974 and later hosted reunions in Athens in 1977, 1991 and 1994. He was primarily responsible for the establishment of the John J. Thrasher historical monuments in Atlanta and Norcross. He and Caroline attended the Thomasville reunion in May 2000 with their son John Paul. After the festivities, Warren and John Paul sat down with me for a conversation about his illustrious military career and the Thrasher family heritage.

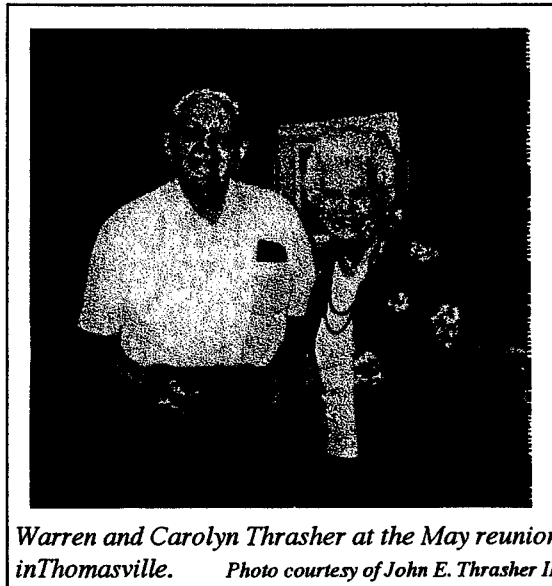
His father, the Rev. John Bugg Thrasher, was a Methodist minister in Ashburn, Georgia. He was attending a church conference in Atlanta at the time of his untimely death in 1922 when Warren was only eight years old. Although his mother worked hard to raise the six children alone, times were difficult.

By the time Warren graduated from high school in 1932, the Depression had arrived. "We were struggling like hell during the Depression," he said. Although his mother, father, grandmother and grandfather were college graduates, "Here I was graduating in 1932 and not able to go to college. I had taken the college prep course in high school, and I just didn't have the money to go. So for the next four years, I did all kinds of work. I went to California for a short time and wisely decided to come back to Georgia."

By 1936, he had saved enough money to attend the University of Georgia. Here he joined the ROTC and became cadet commander by the time he graduated in 1940. His most significant influence in choosing a

military career was his older sister Mamie Sue's husband—Arnold J. Funk. Funk was a World War I veteran and later World War II. He became a Brigadier General and commanded the 57th infantry on Bataan. He made the Bataan Death march and became a Japanese war prisoner for three years.

"He had the grandest personality you've ever seen," said Warren. "Since I grew up without a father, he was a role model out of this world." Although General Funk died in 1980, Mamie Sue, 101, still lives in Sarasota, Florida.



Warren and Carolyn Thrasher at the May reunion in Thomasville. Photo courtesy of John E. Thrasher III

Warren Thrasher

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Warren met and later married Caroline Burson of Camilla, which is in south Georgia. When asked about their marriage, he recalls, "The night before our first wedding, I popped the question. I said 'Will you marry me if we drive down to Tallahassee?' She said, 'It will have to be secret if we get married because my mother would just be heart-broken if I got married and she wasn't able to host a big garden wedding.' So we told them we were going down to Tallahassee that night to eat fish, but we got married," said Warren.

Warren worked for IBM after graduation in 1940, but then went on active duty with the Army's 1st Armored Division. He later served in combat as a tank officer in Algeria and Tunisia, where he was seriously injured. After his recovery three months later, he was appointed aide-de-camp to General Mark W. Clark and served in that capacity with the Fifth Army headquarters in Italy until the end of the war in Europe.

As General Clark's aide-de-camp, Col. Thrasher met General Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill on several occasions when they came to Italy to visit the Italian front. He said he once played bridge against General Eisenhower and General Clark. His partner was a bridge expert, so he served as a handicap, he says.

In World War II he participated in six campaigns and many battles. Integrated into the regular Army following World War II, Colonel Thrasher served as senior adviser to two Korean Infantry divisions in Korea. He also served as an adviser to the Imperial Iranian Gendarmerie from 1952 to 1954, a period which included the Mossadegh Revolution in Iran. For four years in the Pentagon he had worldwide responsibilities involving the development of the U.S. Army Special Forces, better known as the Green Berets. During this period he served as the chief project officer for the development of a small atomic bomb for possible use by the Green Beret troops. Later he re-

turned to the Pentagon as chief of the Long Range Planning Division and was in charge of developing the worldwide, long range strategic plan for the U.S. Army. As a General Staff member of the Operations Directorate in the Pentagon, he was involved in planning and operations for both the Congo-Katanga Conflict and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He has been decorated by the Italian, Iranian and Korean governments. His U.S. decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart Medal and six campaign stars.

After returning to the University of Georgia in 1963 and serving four years as professor of military science, Warren retired from the U.S. Army. He joined the College of Business Administration faculty and taught management courses until retiring in 1984. Warren and Caroline Thrasher have four children, all graduates of the University of Georgia: Warren Jr., John Paul, Mary Sue, and Margaret Ann.

Warren Thrasher initiated the process that led to the approval of the John J. Thrasher federal historic marker in 1992 on Atlanta's Marietta Street as well as the Thrasher Park monument in Norcross. The Atlanta marker, titled "Thrasherville—Where Atlanta Began," explains John J. Thrasher's role in the establishment of the railroad settlement of Thrasherville. It notes that "Atlanta's first religious service, labor trouble, social event and baby are associated with this settlement."

"It came about because Franklin Garrett suggested doing it," said Warren. "I was kind of mad about some of the things being circulated that were not true. There were a lot of misrepresentations in a couple of history books."

He worked closely with Garrett, author of "Atlanta and Its Environs" and Atlanta's best-known historian. Warren developed the wording from Garrett's

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Some thoughts on our Thrasher Family Association

by Dorothy S. Pruett

On Saturday, Sept. 21, 1974, about a dozen Thrasher cousins met for dinner at Cag's Restaurant, and afterward at the Pruett home, in Macon, Ga., and discussed organizing a Thrasher Family Association. Everyone in attendance, including Col. Warren and Carolyn Thrasher of Athens, Ga.; Tom and Dorothy Thrasher of Huntsville, Ala.; Elizabeth and Asbury Baldwin of Madison, Ga.; Dr. Robert A. Rainer, Jr. and his mother, Vessie Thrasher Rainer, of McDonough, Ga.; and Dot and Joe Pruett of Macon, enthusiastically supported the idea. John E. (III) and Eleanor Thrasher of Micanopy, Fla., also had made plans to attend; however, at the last minute they were not able to come.

Everyone agreed to contact members of their families regarding the Association in an effort to get them to attend our first Thrasher Reunion the next year. Joe and I hosted the first and second reunions at our home in Macon. Tables and chairs were set up outside and a barbeque meal was served both years. After that, our reunions have been held in various locations and have been hosted by different members of our Association. At the first two reunions at our home we had around 75 to 80 in attendance. After that, attendance was excellent most years, with cousins coming from as many as seven or eight different states. Frank Combes hosted our reunion in Norcross, Ga., in the Thrasher Park, and we had around 125 in attendance! For about the last 10 or 12 years Nancy (Thrasher) and Bill Cherry of Beltsville, Md., have attended every year. Nancy is the organizer and newsletter editor of the Middle Atlantic Thrasher Association, and hopes someday to prove the connections between the two groups.

Over the years, our Association has, by the hard work of Col. Warren A. Thrasher, had two historical markers erected in honor of John James "Cousin John" Thrasher. These were paid for with contributions from our members. I am sure

all of you are proud of this accomplishment -- thanks, Warren.

One day, in about 1974, I had a call from Hugh Thrasher asking if he could come by and talk to me about Thrasher research. I did not know until he came what he was going to ask me to do. He said he had talked to some of the others, and they wanted me to do another book which would take the Thrasher research out of "Cousins by the Dozens," which included five families, bring it up to date and include many families who did not know about the earlier book, resulting in a book on just Thrasher and related families. At the time I did not realize just how much work this entailed, but I agreed to take on the task. Thus, "Our Thrasher Heritage" was born, and was published in 1986.

Sadly, we have lost many of our faithful members -- to name a few: Joe Pruett, Vessie Thrasher Rainer, Tom Goodman Thrasher, Rastus Thrasher, Earl Thrasher, John Thrasher (of Jonesboro, La.), John Peyton Thrasher, Asbury Baldwin, Jenny Peters, John E. Thrasher, Jr., and Rae Thrasher -- along with many others. As some of you know all too well, many of us are not physically able to be as active as we once were, and are no longer able to take as active a part as we would like.

There are many advantages to having a family association. In addition to getting to know your Thrasher cousins, research is constantly trying to find "missing links" which connect new families to our known family members. At the reunions, there is always a warm feeling of being with extended family, and in many cases very close relationships have resulted. Our newsletter also keeps us in touch.

John Paul Thrasher, son of Col. Warren and Carolyn Thrasher, has graciously agreed to make arrangements for our 2001 reunion, which will be in Newnan, Ga., May 18 - 20. I am sure all of you will want to wholeheartedly support him by

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Warren Thrasher

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book that eventually appeared on the marker. Garrett wrote Thrasher in a letter dated Dec. 26, 1991, saying, "I have had time to read it carefully and will say that the wording for the proposed text concerning Thrasherville is in good order." Garrett died last year.

Warren's son John Paul added, "One of the biggest assets we had in any of this, unbeknownst to us, was Franklin Garrett. He had all these personal Cousin John stories. Cousin John was his favorite character in Atlanta history. Dad had a powerful ally in going through the approval process in Franklin Garrett"

John Paul says that their Thrasher lineage goes back to Rev. John B. Thrasher (1873-1922), Judge Barton E. Thrasher (1850-1923), Barton Cloud Thrasher (1823-1876), and Isaac Thrasher (1793-1878), etc.

My wife and I first met Colonel Thrasher at the 1992 Thrasher reunion in Columbus. Later we visited with him and Caroline in 1994 when we went there for a faculty interview at the University of Georgia. They drove Elise and I around, showing us the neighborhoods in which we might live if we moved to Athens. Unfortunately, I wasn't offered the job. But we made new friends and I felt like I had met the "elder statesman" of the Thrasher family. And I had.

David E. Sumner is a regular contributor to our newsletter. His interviews and stories about our long-time members preserve personal glimpses and trace the history of the Thrasher Family Association as well. A native of Dade City, Fla., David is an associate professor of journalism at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He is the author of two books and numerous articles for newspapers, magazines and scholarly publications.

Association Thoughts

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reserving the date on your calendars and planning to attend. With these dates in mind, try to include the Thrasher Reunion as part of your travel plans for the coming year.

We really need the support and enthusiasm of our younger members, as in a few years some of us will no longer be here to carry on the Association. Please consider planning a future reunion. The most important part of making arrangements is finding a location and reserving a block of rooms as early as possible, as motels and hotels fill up their summer weekends very early, making it difficult to find a suitable place. The main thing is to try to get the room rates set and, if possible, some estimate as to the cost of meals, etc. Most facilities have meeting coordinators who are happy to give you this information and assist you with planning as well. You may have to do a little negotiating with them to get the prices right, but most are happy to get a group like ours and will try to accommodate you.

**I AM, AS YOU SHOULD BE, PROUD
TO BE A THRASHER!**

Everyone knows Dot Pruett is the "guiding light" of the Thrasher Family Association. From a simple idea discussed among a small group of Thrasher descendents in 1974, it has grown to include "cousins" from across the country who keep in touch through our annual reunions, the newsletter and individual correspondence. Dot's book on the family, "Our Thrasher Heritage," has been the connecting point for many of us who were seeking our roots and had no real information about past generations.



Exciting 2001 Thrasher Family Reunion in the Works!

John P. and Paula Thrasher already have come up with what sounds like a wonderful 2001 Thrasher Family Reunion plan. Dot Pruett received the following tentative schedule from John and as she wrote in her article, now is the time to mark the dates on your calendars and plan to attend.

"Paula and I look forward to welcoming the Thrasher Reunion to Newnan, Ga., in 2001. We propose the following schedule:

Fri., May 18, 2001:

Group dinner and socializing for early arrivals
Suggested hotel: The Hampton Inn at Hwy. 34 and I-85
Dinner at Sprayberry's BBQ (a Newnan original)

Sat., May 19, 2001:

Optional: Recreation and sightseeing opportunities*
3:00PM Thrasher Association Meeting/Program
6:30PM Leave motel for dinner and program at Golden's on the Square in downtown Newnan. Golden's is across the street from the Virginia House, formerly a hotel, and which was owned by Cousin John Thrasher after the War Between the States. I suggest we have an after dinner speaker.

If he is available, our kinsman by marriage David Evans (he is married to Mary Thrasher, the late William Thrasher's daughter) would be excellent. David is an historian and is the author of "Sherman's Horsemen." I heard David present a program in Newnan last year where he focused on the Battle of Brown's Mill which took place outside Newnan during the Atlanta Campaign. The program was very entertaining and informative. If David's schedule won't allow him to attend, I could line up someone from the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society.

Sunday, May 20:

Optional group breakfast
Recreational/sightseeing opportunities*
Those wishing to attend church would be welcome. We attend Newnan's First Methodist Church and would be glad to host our extended family.

* Recreation/Sightseeing Opportunities:

- ◆ Newnan Historical Districts: Newnan is known as the "City of Homes"
- ◆ Newnan's Male Academy Museum: small museum with an impressive collection
- ◆ Historic Downtown Newnan: Worth a visit
- ◆ Lewis Grizzard Museum: Well known humorist (in these parts) was a native son
- ◆ Erskine Caldwell Museum: Another literary native son
- ◆ Golf: I am member at Cannongate on White Oak and can arrange tee times
- ◆ Tennis: ditto

Nearby:

- ◆ Atlanta is 35 miles north on I-85
- ◆ Callaway Gardens is 45 miles south on I-85.

Please share this info with other family members. Let me know what you think about the tentative agenda. All the best!"

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Bits and Pieces

"Cousin John" Article Featured in Historical Publication

David Sumner's 13-page article, "Everybody's Cousin: John J. Thrasher Was One of Atlanta's Founders and Most Colorful Figures," was published in the Summer 2000 issue of *Georgia Historical Quarterly*. The article includes the 1879 illustration from *Harper's* magazine and an 1897 photo of three Atlanta pioneers: Thrasher, George Washington Collier and George W. Adair.

"I wrote this article because I wanted to help establish Cousin John's place in Georgia history, just as the Atlanta historical marker has helped to achieve this. I also wanted to publish it in a scholarly journal that would be recognized and respected by historians. I've been collecting materials about him since I first joined the Thrasher association in 1991. Among all the articles I've published, this one certainly ranks amount the few of which I am most proud," says David.

Single issues of the *Quarterly* are \$7.50 plus \$3 S&H, and may be ordered from the Georgia Historical Society, 501 Whitaker St., Savannah, GA 31401-4830. Individual subscriptions are \$35 annually.

Thrasher Newsletters Now Preserved in Georgia Archives

This past summer a complete set of the Thrasher Newsletters was placed in the Georgia State Archives in Atlanta, Ga. Beginning with the first issue in 1983 and continuing through the latest (August 2000) issue, 17 years of family news and history preserved for future researchers.

When this idea was discussed at the May 2000 Thrasher reunion, Peggy and Albert Thrasher volunteered their almost complete set. Dot Pruett and John E. Thrasher III filled in the few gaps with extra copies which they had on hand.

The Thrasher Newsletters were eagerly accepted by the Archives, and from now on each new issue will be sent to them to keep their set up-to-date.

Our special thanks to Peggy and Albert for making this possible.

More Thrasher Searchers Appearing

Dot Pruett has been corresponding with several new Thrasher searchers.

Among them are:

Nancy Thrasher of Glendale Heights, Ill., who is seeing information on the Isaac and Richard Thrasher who appear in the 1830 Pickaway County, Ohio, census. Some of the information Nancy has found so far include will and marriage records for various relatives, but nothing to connect with our known branches. Dot feels that since Pickaway County is just north of the Kentucky border, there might be a possibility that the two of them could be sons of our missing Isaac, but that much more evidence is needed to support this idea. Her e-mail is <NETKAR1@aol.com>.

And from Greg Wickenburg's Thrasher list:

Angie Harris, <AnGIE1051@aol.com>, is looking for the parents of Thomas Thrasher, born around 1792, died in 1881. He married Mahala Elliott. Both Thomas and Mahala were born in Georgia and later moved to Alabama.

Alta Dewey is looking for information about her grandfather's sister. Malinda (Nesmith) Thrasher was born in 1881 in Alabama; 1900 census records show her in Oklahoma Indian Territory living with her family. On January 1, 1905, she married John Thrasher (recorded in Carter County, Okla.). She writes "Our family has no knowledge of the Thrasher family. I would appreciate any information that anyone researching the Thrasher surname can provide." E-mail her at <thedeweys@cottoninternet.net>.

And Just for Fun --

Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, came to be known as the lesser of two weevils!

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to Everyone!

More Bits and Pieces

Flashback to the Past

How many of you know that Ashley Thrasher was "The Rental-Auto King of Queen City"? In 1968, Ashley was the subject of a feature article in *Franchising Around the World*. Beginning with a brief look at Thrasher family history -- "When Atlanta, Georgia, was called Marthasville, the Thrasher family owned and operated the "Thrasher General Store" and quoted Ashley as saying "It was sort of a 'jot 'em down' store. It was something like you see in a Western Movie." -- the article went on to trace his career from marketing efforts for various national companies to his realization of the potential of the fledgling (at the time) automobile rental business to his success as the owner of several Georgia Econo-Car franchises. Ashley is a long-time Association member and a regular contributor to the newsletter.

Who is the Thrasher in Our Soup?

The Marty Thrasher of the Campbell Soup Co. previously mentioned in the business pages of various newspapers has shown up again. According to a June 2000 brief, he was named president of Campbell's North American operations, "adding U.S. beverages and Mexican markets to his oversight of soup and sauces operations in the United States and Canada, which he took over a year ago." Anybody out there know who he is???

Margaret Scaife Thrasher's Roots Coming to Light

Joann Bandy has been doing some research on Margaret Bethuel Scaife Thrasher, wife of "Cousin John." Little has been known before this -- only that she was from "old Poolesville" in Fulton County, Ga.

According to what Joann has found so far, Bethuel, as she was known, was born in Chester, S. C. and her birthdate is

shown as "about 1820," which differs from other information showing her born in 1826. Her parents were Jesse Scaife (b. 22 Sept. 1795) and Nancy Davis Poole (b. 11 July 1800). Jesse Scaife died in 1827 and Nancy later married Jacob T. Cain. Jesse is buried in the Poole Family Cemetery in Poolesville. Bethuel was the second of three listed children. Adam Oliver Scaife was born about 1815, Charner Terry Scaife was born July 23, 1823. Nancy Poole's parents were Adam Poole, Jr., and Margaret Crosby. "Jesse Scaife was the son of William Scaife, Sr., of South Carolina and Margaret Terry Scaife and was born on the tobacco plantation of he grandfather in Virginia, which straddled the Virginia/North Carolina state line and included land in both Henry County, Va., and Surrey County, N.C." Later, "Jesse married Nancy Davis Poole and in 1825 moved along with his father, Wm. Scaife, Sr., and brothers William, Jr., Jamison and Joel Scaife to the new frontier just opening up in Georgia. He settled near the present town of Jonesboro, just south of present-day Atlanta, at a community called Poolesville, which had been settled by his father-in-law, Adam Poole, Jr." This information is shown as being from "The Family Scaife." The book is most likely out of print, but if anyone wishes to pursue the research into this family, it is probably obtainable through interlibrary loan.

Interesting Web Sites to Check Out

Frances Ashinurst has placed Shirley Brewer's pictures online of the Thrasher/Thresher Reunion in Tennessee last June. The web address is: <<http://albums.photopoint.com/j/AlbumIndex?u=939536&a=8923304>>.

The index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications is available on The Tennessee State Library & Archives web site at <<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/pension.htm>>.

Still More Bits and Pieces

Genealogy Tidbits

In old tax records, one frequently finds a listing for polls. This in part determined how much tax a man paid. One poll means a person eligible to be taxed, usually a white male over age 16 or over age 21 (depending on the local laws), although sometimes listings will show both white and black polls.

Old land records have odd ways of measuring land. For those of us used to yards, feet and inches, a pole is 16.5 feet. There are 4 poles to a chain (66 feet) and 80 chains to the mile.

And in a sale of property, there may be a clause in the document stating that the wife relinquishes her dower right to the property. Laws at the time forbid women to buy, own or sell property. However, a wife had a legal right to one-third of any land owned by her husband during the marriage. As you can see in the deeds included in this issue, the renunciation of this dower right was done after "being first duly questioned and examined" by a judge "separate and apart of her said husband" to determine that the "relinquishment and renouncement of dower was done by her freely and voluntarily and without any compulsion." Presumably this was an effort to give wives, who had very few rights at the time, an opportunity to protest any injustice in private, and also possibly to

ensure that the wives did not become destitute and be dependent on the town for support.

More on Sallie Thrasher Ballard

John E. Thrasher and Gerald Bishop both had sent articles about 104-year-old Mrs. Sallie Thrasher Ballard, but no one seemed to know more until Nancy Thrasher took the plunge and made some phone calls. From Dovie Donaldson, a niece of Mrs. Ballard, Nancy found that Mrs. Ballard died Oct. 30, 1999, at Mrs. Donaldson's home, where she had been living. Her parents were John Andrew and Louellen (Slayton) Thrasher. Sallie was the oldest of 12 children and a sister, Adell Thrasher Pennell, the youngest. All were born in Georgia except Adell, who was born in Alabama. Mrs. Donaldson's mother was Viola Thrasher Kinney. Nancy has more questions and hopes to find more information.

You Want Curly Hair? Here's How!

This is taken directly from a *Ripley's Believe It or Not* page: "Ashley Thrasher, Atlanta, Ga., had straight hair until one day his sister shook water from a peach tree on his head. It turned curly immediately and has remained so ever since!" Why is it always the boys that get the curls????

EDITOR'S CORNER



Another great article from David Sumner is the high point of this issue. His story on Col. Warren Thrasher is the latest of David's efforts to interview as many of the long-time members of the Thrasher Family Association as possible. These are the "cousins" who have made our group what it is today, and without David's work we would not have their memories to share.

Dot Pruett's article on page 3 about the beginnings of our Association and the importance of extended family allows those of us who came along later on know how something can grow from very small beginnings.

Don't miss the early scoop on the 2001 Thrasher Family Reunion on page 5. John P. and Paula Thrasher have been busy making plans and so far it sounds wonderful! Thank you both for volunteering to do this.

Thanks to Ashley Thrasher, Nancy Thrasher Cherry and John E. Thrasher III for sending material used in the Bits and Pieces pages. And also to Peggy and Albert Thrasher, Dot Pruett and John E. Thrasher III for accomplishing the task of having a complete set of Thrasher Newsletters sent to the Georgia State Archives. Joann Bandy's help in looking up and transcribing the deeds from the Pasco County microfilms made the job not only easy, but fun -- thanks, Joann, I'm looking forward to doing it again!

And a reminder -- if you haven't already done so, dues should be sent to Dot Pruett ASAP -- a form is enclosed in case you've misplaced the previous one.

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 following two deeds were transcribed from the microfilmed Pasco County Deed Books, book 8, pages 99-100 for the first and page 353 for the second. There is a treasure trove of records in these deed books for several branches of the Thrashers and related families such as Lowe, Sumner, Earnest and O'Neal. The books are indexed on a separate reel.

David O. Thrasher and wife

Conveyance of land

to

State of Florida and Hernando Co.

M. G. Rowe

Know all men by these presents that Mr. David O. Thrasher and

E. E. Thrasher do sign this deed for the purpose of relinquishing our right to and in the property hereafter described of the aforesaid county and state for and in consideration the sum of \$500 to us in hand paid by M. G. Rowe of the county of Hernando in the state of Florida the receipt of which we do hereby acknowledge here granted, bargained, said and conveyed do by these presents, do grant, sell and convey unto him the said M. G. Rowe all ____?__ certain lot piece tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the county of Hernando, State of Florida do particularly known and described as follows to wit; the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3 Township 25 south of Range Twenty-one east containing by estimation 40 acres of land together with all and singular tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining to have and to hold the same unto him the said M. G. Rowe and to his heirs, executors, or administrators and assigned in fee simple, absolute, and we, the said, David O. Thrasher and E. E. Thrasher do hereby convent and agree to and with the said M. G. Rowe that we are lawfully seized in fee of the property herein and hereby conveyed and that we have a good and lawful right to sell and convey the same that the same is free from all encumbrances of any kind whatsoever and that we will and our heirs executors and administrators that we will forever warrant and defend the same unto him the said M. G. Rowe and to his heir's executors, administrators and assigned against the lawful claim and demand of any and all persons whosoever now claiming or hereafter to claim the same in witness whereof we have here unto set our hands and seal 15th day of August 1885. Signed, noted and delivered in presence of us as

Witnesses

F. T. Huckaby

David O. Thrasher

M. Shoffner

E. E. Thrasher

State of Florida, Hernando County

I hereby certify that on this 15th day of August A.D.1885 before me personally appeared Mrs. E. E. Thrasher, wife of the within named David O. Thrasher the grantor in the foregoing conveyance who being first duly questioned and examined by me separate and apart of her said husband says and acknowledges before me that she did sign the said deed of conveyance for the purpose of releasing, relinquishing, and renouncing all her right of dower in and to the lands in said deed described to M. G. Rowe and that said relinquishment and renouncement of dower was done and made by her freely and voluntarily and without any compulsion, constraint, apprehension, for or from my said husband. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and my seal the day and year above written. Witness whereof she has in my presence set her hand and seal.

D. H. Thrasher

E. E. Thrasher

Justice of the Peace State of Florida Hernando County

Before me personally appeared David O. Thrasher and E. E. Thrasher who acknowledged that they executed, signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing deed of conveyance for the uses and purposes therein contained as expressed, acknowledged as transcribed before me this August 17th(?) A.D. 1885. In testimony whereof they have hereunto subscribed their names.

David O. Thrasher

D. H. Thrasher Justice of the Peace

E. E. Thrasher

Recorded by me August 17th(?), 1885 J. C. Law, Clerk by M.E. Law, D.E.(?)

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA, Pasco County.

This indenture, made and entered into this the twenty-fourth day of September A.D. 1888 between Willis E. Thrasher and Pallen J. Thrasher, his wife, of the County and State aforesaid, parties of the first part, and John J. Thrasher of Pasco County, State of Florida, the party of the second part:

Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$900, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have Granted, Bargained, Sold and Conveyed and by these presents do Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto the said party of the second part, and his heirs and assigns, forever, the following land lying, being and situated in the said County of Pasco and State of Florida to wit:

The South west quarter of the North East quarter of Section 34 Township 43 South of Range 21 East. Also the following describes for (?) starting point commencing at that South East corner of the South East quarter of the North West quarter of Section 44 Township 33 South of Range 21 East and running North three hundred and thirty (330) yards thence West two hundred and twenty (220) yards, thence South three hundred and thirty (330) yards thence East two hundred and twenty (220) yards to the point of beginning. Containing fifty five (55) acres, be the same more or less, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said land and premises, with the appurtenances, to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said parties of the first part, do hereby bind themselves and their heirs, executors, and administrators to Warrant and Forever Defend the title to said premises unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against the said parties of the first part, and their heirs, executors, and administrators, and against all persons, whomsoever lawfully and equitably claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the date aforesaid.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in our Presence as Witnesses:

Frank (?) Thrasher

E. E. Thrasher

Willis E. Thrasher (Seal)

Pallen J. Thrasher (Seal)

THE STATE OF FLORIDA ,

COUNTY OF PASCO I, D. O. THRASHER, County Judge, in Said County and State, do hereby certify that on this the 24th day of September A.D. 1889 personally appeared before me Willis E. Thrasher and Pallen J. Thrasher, his wife, to me well known to be the parties described in and who executed the foregoing Deed of Conveyance, and severally acknowledged to me that they signed the same for the uses, purposes, and consideration therein expressed, and make this acknowledgment to the end that the same may be admitted to record according to law. And the said Pallen J. Thrasher, wife of the said Willis E. Thrasher, being examined by me separately and apart from her husband, acknowledged that she made herself a party to and joined with her said husband in the execution said Deed, for the purpose of renouncing and relinquishing dower, right of dower, or separate property in and to therein described, and that such renunciation and relinquishment is made by her freely and voluntarily and without any constraint, apprehension, or fear of or from her said husband.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the date last aforesaid.

D. O. Thrasher (Seal)

County Judge

RECORDED THIS 25th day of June 1889.

H. H. Henley, Clerk Circuit Court

By M. G. Rowe, Deputy

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The Thrasher Newsletter

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Some light on Margaret Bethuel (Scaife) Thrasher's roots

Other than the brief mention in chapter 17 of Franklin Garrett's "Atlanta and Its Environs" that "It was not until February 20, 1844, that he [Cousin John Thrasher] was married to Margaret B. Scaife, a belle of old Poolesville," not much has been known about Cousin John Thrasher's wife, who was known by her middle name, Bethuel. Now Joann (Sumner) Bandy has done some interesting research on her. The following information is taken from Joann's findings so far.

Margaret Bethuel Scaife was the middle child of three children born to Jesse Scaife and Nancy Davis Poole. Her father's burial place is shown as the Poole Family Cemetery in Poolesville, Fulton Co., Georgia. Nancy Davis Poole was born 11 July, 1800, in Chester Co., S.C. and died 29 Nov., 1854, in Fulton Co., Ga. Jesse Scaife was born 22 Sept., 1795, and died young -- 20 Oct., 1827, in DeKalb Co., Ga., leaving Nancy with three young children. According to Joann's information, Nancy then married Jacob T. (Jack) Cain.

Jesse and Nancy's children, all three of whom were born in Chester County, S. C., were:

Adam Oliver Scaife, b. ca. 1815, d. 28 Dec., 1850

Margaret Bethuel Scaife, b. ca. 1820, d. ca. 1898

Charner Terry Scaife, b. 23 July, 1823, d. 9 June, 1858

Nancy Davis Poole was the daughter of Adam Poole, Jr. (b. 27 Nov. 1776, d. 24 June, 1855) and Margaret Crosby. Margaret Bethuel (Scaife) Thrasher is mentioned in her grandfather Adam Poole, Jr.'s will. Adam Poole, Jr.'s parents were Adam Poole, Sr. (b. ca. 1736/1740 in Brunswick County, Va., d. ca. 1799 in Winnesboro, Fairfield Co., S.C.) and Esther Manning (no dates, places given). Adam Sr. was the son of William Poole, Sr. b. ca. 1705 in

Virginia, d. bef. 10 Nov., 1777 in Mecklenburg Co., Va. William m. Elizabeth Tapley sometime after 1 May, 1733, in Brunswick Co., Va. Margaret Crosby was the daughter of Thomas Crosby and Margaret Dennis (Davis?). Both Thomas Crosby and his wife are shown as b. ca. 1751, and their marriage is shown as ca. 1770.

According to "The Family Scaife" by William R. Scaife, Jesse Scaife was the son of William Scaife, Sr. of South Carolina and Margaret Terry, and was born on the tobacco plantation of his grandfather William Scaife of Virginia, which straddled the Virginia/North Carolina state line and included land in both Henry County, Va., and Surrey County, N.C. His father moved to Chester District in 1799 where he developed a large cotton plantation and where Jesse grew up. Jesse married Nancy Davis Poole and in 1825 moved along with his father and brothers William Jr., Jamison and Joel Scaife to the new frontier just opening in Georgia. He settled near the present town of Jonesboro, just south of present-day Atlanta at a community called Poolesville, which had been settled by his father-in-law, Adam Poole, Jr. Jesse is buried in the old Poole Cemetery (at Poolesville) near Jonesboro. It is further noted that: "All monuments had been destroyed by 1979 but in Oct. 1988 the site was enclosed by chain link fences and a gate had a sign 'Poole Cemetery.' The street that goes by the site is now named Southside Industrial Blvd. (formerly Poole Creek Rd.)."

Since all of this is so close to our May reunion site, it would seem to be a perfect opportunity for on-site research either before or after the reunion week-end. Joann has much more information, which she will probably bring with her to Newnan to share.

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In Memoriam

Lloyd "L.Z." Thrasher

Mr. Lloyd "L.Z." Thrasher, 79, of Columbus, Ga., died August 28, 2000, at St. Francis Hospital.

Funeral services were held August 30, 2000, in the Macon Road Chapel of Striffler-Hamby Mortuary, and interment was in Parkhill Cemetery. The Reverend Gilbert Ramsey and the Reverend Helen Barenthien officiated.

Born October 30, 1920, in Dothan, Ala., he was the son of Lloyd Zeno Thrasher, Sr., and Ruth Bowden Thrasher. L. Z. Thrasher was a graduate of Auburn University and the retired comptroller of Martin Theaters. He was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church, the Frank Parr Telephone Sunday School Class and the Big Eddy Club, and a former member of Kiwanis.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Thrasher, a daughter, Marjorie T. Richardson, and two grandchildren, Libba Richardson and Jud Richardson, all of Columbus, Ga.; and a sister, Catherine (Wallace) Anderson of Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Frankie Dugger Thrasher

Mrs. Frankie Dugger Thrasher, 95, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died in a local hospital January 17th, 2000, after a brief illness. She was a lifelong resident of Chattanooga and a member of Hixson United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Thrasher and her husband, the late Eugene A. Thrasher, were pioneers in establishing nursing home care and were the founders of Elm Crest Sanitorium and Montain View Nursing Homes in Chattanooga. She served as treasurer of the Tennessee Nursing Home Association and also in other capacities in both local and state organizations.

Services were held January 20, 2000, at the Chattanooga Funeral Home North and interment was in Chattanooga Memorial Park.

Survivors include a daughter, Frances Thrasher Combes and a son, William F. Thrasher, both of Chattanooga; a sister, Mae D. Wall, Port Hueneme, Calif.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Lorraine D. Thrasher

Mrs. Lorraine Dodson Thrasher, 91, of Floville, Ga., died October 13, 2000, at the Sylvan Grove Hospital.

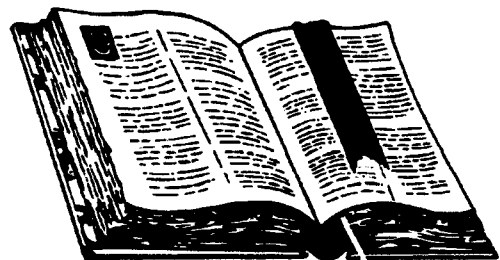
She was born March 10, 1909, and was the daughter of the late Lee Roy Dodson and Ida Tyler Dodson. She was the wife of the late Albert Thrasher, Sr., who died June 18, 1980.

Graveside services were held October 15, 2000, with the Rev. Luella Conner officiating. Interment was in the Jackson City Cemetery, with Halston Funeral Home of Jackson in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by a daughter, Dr. Carmie Cochrane of Atlanta; two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert "Al" and Peggy Thrasher, Jr., of Floville and Roy and Lorraine Thrasher of Huntsville, Ala.; a sister, Julia Wheeler of Jasper, Ga.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Peggy Thrasher shared the following insight into her mother-in-law's personality:

"Mother's specialty was relationships. She could, on rare occasions, indicate disappointment in someone's conduct, but she still worked to be their friend. I hadn't thought about it until we were talking with the pastor, but I never heard Mother use profanity. She was a real lady."



News and Notes

Everyone will be saddened to hear that Dr. Robert Rainer, Jr., suffered a major stroke in December. He has been discharged from the hospital to a nursing home, but there is no long-term prognosis as yet. Cards and notes can be sent to him at:

Dr. Robert Rainer
Beverly Health Care
2650 Hwy. #138 S.E.
Jonesboro, GA. 30236

Dr. Rainer was one of the original members of the Association, along with his wife, Jane, and mother, Vessie Thrasher Rainer. Best wishes to both Robert and Jane and to all their family.

David Sumner, who has contributed so much to our newsletter with his profiles of long-time members, and his wife Elise paid a brief visit to Florida last month. They attended the Auton Family Reunion in Dade City on Dec. 30. David also delivered the sermon at the morning service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Dec. 31. David is a faculty member at Ball State University in Indiana and also a licensed lay preacher. David has written the Episcopal Church's History 1945-1885 and several of his sermons also have been published.

John E. and Eleanor Thrasher had some visitors earlier this month who are Thrasher "cousins." Dianne Wallace, her daughter, Julie Kuntz, and her sister, Jane Arienne Wallace, dropped in along with Dianne's cousin, Anna Sue (Wallace) Holden, and her daughter, Anita Holden Moak. Dianne and Jane are granddaughters of Mary Cloud Thrasher and Dudley S. Dennard. Anna is the daughter of Anita Prior Thrasher, a sister of Mary Cloud Thrasher, and Frances Earl Wallace. Both Mary Cloud Thrasher and Anita Prior Thrasher were daughters of Gustav Barton "Gus" Thrasher, a son of Barton Cloud Thrasher and Mary Celestia Bird Elder, and Anna C. Prior. Other daughters of Gus and Anna Prior Thrasher were

Arienne Thrasher, who was the subject of an article in the March 1999 newsletter, and Leuna Thrasher, who married a Mr. Pittman.

Greg Wickenburg received an e-mail from Tammy Thrasher, who is looking for her husband's Thrasher ancestors and their descendants. She provided the following information:

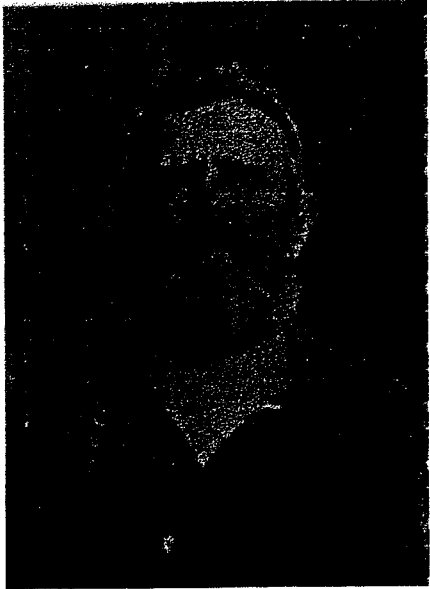
"My husband's ggrandfather was John Thomas Thrasher b. Oct 18, 1889 d Oct 20, 1973. John Thomas Thrasher's parents were Gilbert Nathan Thrasher and Almeda McElroy. Gilbert Nathan Thrasher b. 1857. Almeda McElroy b. Jan 31 1860, d. July 6, 1913. Gilbert Nathan was son of Gilbert Thrasher b. 1827, d. 1864 in Civil War, and Vina "Viney" Vowell b Jan 5, 1831 d. Oct 8, 1895. Their children: Jane Thrasher, Gilbert Nathan Thrasher, William "Bill" Thrasher, and James "Jim" Thrasher. Some of these are buried in Winston Co., Ms. I am looking for any info on Gilbert Thrasher that died in Civil War. I think he was in Alabama at one time. Any help would be greatly appreciated."
Tammy Thrasher
<thrasher@kopower.com>

Those of you who are interested in the routes our ancestors used in their migrations may want to purchase a book by William Dollarhide recently released by the Genealogical Publishing Co. Titled "Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735 - 1815," it provides concise written information and clear maps. The cost is \$9.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling, and can be ordered by mail from the publisher at 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, or on line at GenealogyBookShop.com.

An addition to the Thrasher place names list: The Wilkes T. Thrasher VFW Post 4848 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Wilkes Thrasher was a Hamilton County, Tenn., judge, and a brother of Frank Combes' grandfather, Eugene A. Thrasher.

More News and Notes

John E. Thrasher III has been working on a very ambitious project -- writing a history of his family, complete with pictures and family remembrances. In going through his files, he came across a letter written in 1975 by Lula Hull, sending him a tintype of "Cousin John" Thrasher. John E. had a negative and



prints made from the original tintype and thought we all might enjoy sharing this particular bit of family history. There was no date with the original, but it is obviously a younger John James Thrasher than the picture in "Our Thrasher Heritage."

Lula Hull wrote "I found this tintype picture in an old album of my mother's. There are lots of pictures we do not know, but this one was marked so we do know who it was. My sister and I are trying to go through our pictures, giving back to the ones we know would like to have them." She ends her letter by saying "I thought this picture would be one you didn't have. I believe it was your grandfather [*actually, he was a distant cousin*]. I hope it reaches you all right. Your cousin, Lula Hull"

Lula Hull was a great-great-granddaughter of David Thrasher and Mary "Polly" Hughey. Her mother was Emma Josephine (Scott) Hull and her grandmother was Mary Odum (Thrasher) Scott. At the time she wrote to John E. she was 85 years old. This was the only picture she sent to John E. It would be interesting to know if she finished her project and to whom other pictures were sent.

For those of you who may go to Tennessee to do research: The reference section of Metropolitan Archives of Nashville and Davidson County is moving. As of February 1, 2001, the new address is:

METRO ARCHIVES
3801 GREEN HILLS VILLAGE DR
NASHVILLE, TN 37215

Hours will be 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and closed Fridays and Sundays.

Another Isaac search showed up in this message sent to Greg's Thrasher list:

"I am looking for information concerning my father, William Franklin Thrasher. He was born in Birmingham, AL, Sept. 3, 1903. He died in Jacksonville, Arkansas, in Feb. 1985. He was married to Ruby Opal Long. They had three children: myself (Kenneth David), Robert Ray, and Carol Jean. My father had two brothers, Johnny and Tommy and one sister, Idabel. His father's name was Isaac. I do not know my grandmother's name. The family was separated early because of the death of their parents (underlining by editor).

"My father lived in Phoenix, AZ, California, and Arkansas. His brothers resided in Missouri and Fort Worth, TX. His sister, Idabel, lived somewhere in south Texas. This is all the info I have. I would appreciate any information that anyone might have."

Kenneth D. Thrasher
<KThra93432@cs.com>

Probate records are a rich source for research, preserving details of how an estate was settled. This information includes: who bought any personal and household items sold and who bought them; any expenses incurred in the settlement; guardians appointed for any minor children and a multitude of other tidbits of information. So if you are searching for ancestors, see if probate records exist for them.

Still More News and Notes



Eleanor Thrasher was one of the Micanopy Historical Society ladies who dressed in period costumes to serve tea at the historic Herlong Mansion bed and breakfast. The event, which raised funds for the Micanopy Historical Society Museum in the old Thrasher Warehouse, was part of the annual Micanopy festival.

Telephone books are an often overlooked resource for genealogical research. I recently had reminder of this when I noticed a real estate transfer in the newspaper for a William Scaife. It had never dawned on me that some of the Scaife family might have migrated with the Thrashers and other Georgia emigres. When I looked in our Dade City phone book there were several listings. Now all I have to do is find time (and courage) to contact them to ask if there is any connection. And it isn't just local directories that could provide clues. When you travel, just pick up a phone book wherever you are and check for the names you're researching. Most people are kind enough to at least listen when you explain what you are looking for.

College campus libraries frequently are storehouses of a wealth of genealogical information. They may not have specific "genealogy" sections, but ask about such areas as Special Collections or local history. The University of South Florida in

north Tampa is one of these. Their website lists genealogy resources in their special collections at: www.lib.usf.edu/spccoll/genea.html. For instance, their Hillsborough County marriage license collection consists of original marriage licenses and Marriage License Record Books with their respective indexes from 1846 to 1988. An index of the records from the years 1878-1893 is online, including images of the licenses. There is a total of 2,071 records online. They are indexed, and show the date of marriage, names of the bride and groom and of the clergyman who officiated.

For Georgia researchers, the library at Valdosta State University has an extensive collection. Georgia required civil marriage licenses in 1803 and allowed divorces in 1798. Many of those records are in this library. The Library at Penn State University's branch campus in Fayette County is also recommended, not only for its resources, but for its welcome of "rooters."

More reunion notes:

The hospitality room at the Hampton Inn will open at 2 p.m. Friday and be available until checkout time at noon on Sunday. Drop in as soon as you arrive and get settled and see what's new with everyone.

New at this year's reunion: We are in the process of putting together a membership directory, and those attending will receive the first copies. Also, there will be door prizes at the Saturday dinner for some of the lucky attendees. Don't miss your chance to win something exciting. Don't put it off: send in your reservation slip to John and Paula Thrasher now. Reservation deadline for Saturday night dinner is May 1, for hotel reservations it's April 20 to get the group rate. Help make this one of our best ever gatherings.

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An 1870 Thrasher Family Had a Supernatural Experience

John E. Thrasher shared the following excerpt from a book titled "The Ghosts of Virginia," by L. B. Taylor, Jr. It is taken from chapter 47, *A Devilish Force in Botetourt County*, which is a discussion of poltergeist phenomena.

"The disturbances began innocently enough in November 1870 in the home of Mr. G. C. Thrasher. The first indication was the finding of a sack of corn, which had been removed from a padlocked bin and poured on the floor about 20 yards away. It appeared to be only a childish prank and nothing more was thought of it.

"But soon after, the manifestations began to pick up in intensity. Windows barred on the inside were opened unaccountably; knockings were heard; doors were locked and unlocked; and furniture was moved around. More scary, utensils were hurled across the kitchen, from counter to counter and wall to wall, some slamming with considerable force.

"At first, suspicions were cast upon Thrasher's three boys, all under the age of 12, and upon a young girl servant. But these were lifted in time, because some of the now-frightening phenomena occurred when they were out of the room or out of the house altogether. Also, it became clear that some of the acts were beyond their physical strength."

The story goes on to tell how the Thrashers brought in friends and others to stand guard or seek a solution, with:

"... 'when several young men were present, a knocking at the door became very violent and frequent.' It was written that 'they resorted to every effort to determining the cause, but in vain.'

"Describing the seriousness of the incidents, Thrasher wrote the following letter which was published in the *Lexington Gazette*: 'For five days during the past week the manifestations were frequent, varied and violent. Brickbats, old bones, billets of wood, ears of corn, stones, etc., were thrown about the house in the most unaccountable manner and again and again everything would be turned topsy-turvy in the parlour and the chambers without them being able to detect the agent.'" The letter went on for several paragraphs describing other eerie happenings to the family and to visitors.

Finally, the story ends:

"Unable to cope with whatever devilish force was at work, Thrasher abruptly moved his family to Tennessee. Upon leaving, he noted: 'The manifestations continued at my house in Virginia for four months, and only ceased about one week before I moved. I have not been able to make any discovery as to the cause; it is still wrapped in profound mystery!' Nor was any motive for the unusual behavior, which created hysteria in the town of Buchanan, ever brought to light."

Guess this would be a powerful incentive to migrate and settle new lands!! Was this real? What do you think?

Another Thrasher Descendant Shares His "Tree"

Dot Pruett has been corresponding with Donald Smith Thrasher, who shared his information on his family tree back to John Thrasher and Ruth Cloud. The following information is taken from his printout, which Dot sent on for the newsletter. It helps to flesh out more recent generations, and is something more of us should try to do.

Donald Smith Thrasher is the son of Truman Olander Thrasher (b. 28 Dec. 1921, d. 24 March 1977 in Athens Ga.) and Mary Nellie Smith (b. 11 April 1906, d. 25 Nov. 1981). Truman Olander Thrasher was the son of Samuel H. Thrasher (b. 17 Jan. 1855, d. 8 May

1930) and Louvenia Bethel Phillips B. 7 May 1874, d. 26 Nov. 1953). Samuel H. Thrasher was the son of William H. Thrasher (1826 - 1855) and Mary Ann Radford (1832 - 1900). This line goes back through Isaac Thrasher/Elizabeth Hester, John Thrasher/Susan Barton, and thus to John Thrasher/Ruth Cloud, and is recorded in "Our Thrasher Heritage."

Donald wrote Dot that he was in Ocoee County he stopped at the Elder Cemetery and visited the grave of his aunt, Louise Thrasher Elder. Louise Thrasher Elder was b. 19 Sept. 1903, d. 1995; married 19 July 1924 to Nathan B. Elder, b. 7 March 1903, d. 1988.

EDITOR'S CORNER



Welcome to a new year in the new century — and, depending on your personal interpretation, the first or second year of the millennium. May it bring health and happiness to all our family.

Joann Bandy's research into the Scaife family provided an embarrassing note for me, especially since they are among my direct ancestors. Having only seen Bethuel's last name in print, I had always pronounced it "Skafe" only to learn that the correct pronunciation is "Shafe." Sometimes genealogy means very small learning experiences!

Make your plans now for May. Newnan is close enough to Atlanta, Stone Mountain and other attractions to provide incentives to extend your stay in the area for a few days.

Don't forget that news of what you and yours are doing is important and a welcome addition to the newsletters. Send items to Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <egerb@gte.net>.

And a lighter look at genealogy:



"So far I've discovered I was in a litter of eight and my mother's name was Fluffy!"

Thanks to Parade magazine's "Laugh Parade" by Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

2001 Thrasher Family Reunion Registration

_____ Adults (over 12) @ \$10.00 \$ _____
_____ Children (12 and under) @ \$5 \$ _____

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 in the space below the names of everyone in your family group, including young people, who will be there. Thank you.

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Thrasher Family Reunion, May 18-20, 2001

Where: Newnan, Georgia, home to the best-preserved collection of antebellum houses. Newnan is located approximately 35 miles south of Atlanta on I-85.

Reunion Headquarters:

Hampton Inn
50 Hampton Way
Newnan, GA 30265
770-253-9922

A block of rooms is being held for Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19. The cost is a discounted \$64/night. Identify yourself as part of the Thrasher Reunion (confirmation number is 87554139). Deadline for reservations in the block is April 20, 2001, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be made directly with the motel in Newnan, not by calling the central Hampton Inn 800 number.

The inn has an exercise gym, a pool, in-room coffee makers for those who need a really early caffeine fix, and offers a free continental breakfast. There is a Cracker Barrel Restaurant within a half-mile and an IHOP one mile away if you need a more substantial start to your day.

Directions:

Exit 47 off I-85, motel is east of I-85 on Hwy. 34
From the Atlanta airport take I-85 south to Exit 47 — turn left at the ramp. Go 1/8 mile and the hotel is on the left, next to the outlet mall.
From Alabama: take I-85 north to Exit 47. Turn right and go 1/8 mile and the hotel is on the left next to the outlet mall.

The Schedule:

Friday, May 18

2:00 - 5:00 pm: Check-in/Registration at Hampton Inn
6:00 pm: Dinner at Sprayberry's BBQ (short walk/drive from Inn)

Saturday, May 19

Continental Bkfst. at Hampton on your own
2:00pm - 5:00pm: Thrasher Association Meeting at Hampton Inn (John P. and Paula Thrasher have reserved a conference room for this, so bring your "show and tell" items.)
6:00pm - 8:00pm: Dinner at Golden's On The Square in downtown Newnan
Special note: Since Golden's serves cafeteria-style and each person/family will select and pay for their meal individually, the deposits will be returned at registration in the form of either cash or a voucher to be used at the dinner. However, the deposits are necessary to ensure that space will be reserved for our group.

Sunday, May 20

Continental Bkfst. at Hampton
12:00 noon: Checkout

Want to spend a little extra time in the area? Take in a baseball game — Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves, is only 32 miles north of Newnan. Or visit Stone Mountain Park, 50 miles northeast of Newnan. Callaway Gardens, a 40-mile drive from Newnan, should be in full bloom by May. There are a lot of other things to make this a great vacation area. And Atlanta offers a lot of research sources for genealogy, as well.

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Early Methods and Routes of Migration to Tennessee

There are numerous threads tracking Thrashers and Threshers into Tennessee, and so this story of how our kin may have traveled there should be of some interest. The area known as Middle Tennessee consists of 40 mid-state counties stretching from the northern to the southern border of the state. It includes Bedford, Overton, Wilson and Wayne counties, all of which have Thrasher connections. The western edge abuts Madison County, which includes Jackson, the site of last June's Thresher Reunion. The entire article is much longer, and a printout of the entire article will be available at the May reunion, along with other issues of the Journal, if anyone wishes to read this article or something else that may be of interest.

The following is excerpted from an article, "Transportation in Early Middle Tennessee," by Susan Douglas Wilson, published in Middle Tennessee Genealogy, Vol. VII. No. 4. Spring 1994, pp. 148-152

The first inhabitants of the Middle Tennessee areas used two major forms of transportation. The first form was overland travel. Indians utilized animal paths and made their own trails between hunting grounds and home. Many of these trails become modern day roads and highways. The Natchez Trace, the Cumberland Trace, the Black Fox Trail, and the Great South Trail were a few of the trails used by emigrants who settled in the Middle Tennessee area. The second form of transportation was water travel on rivers and streams. Canoes, dugouts, flatboats and keelboats were the primary vehicles of water travel.

In 1779 and 1780, the first groups of settlers in Middle Tennessee used both of these forms of travel. James Robertson made an overland journey on foot into the area from the eastern settlement by the way of the Cumberland Gap, through central Kentucky, south to Tennessee in one

of the coldest winters in decades. John Donelson made a circuitous journey with a flotilla of flatboats beginning on the Holston River and followed the Tennessee River, the Ohio River, and the Cumberland River before landing in the Nashville area. At one point they landed on a shoal and had to make 30 people leave the boat to lighten it. One boat was driven onto the point of an island and sunk by strong currents. One family developed smallpox. Indian war was a major hazard. One man was killed and 27 taken prisoner. By the end of the journey the flotilla was out of bread and the travelers suffered from hunger and fatigue. Both of these journeys illustrated the hazards of transportation in those times. The travelers were at the mercy of geographic obstacles, Indian attacks and weather conditions.

Two of the earliest roads in use in Middle Tennessee were the Walton Road, also known as Avery's Trace, and the Natchez Trace. The Walton Road led from the Washington District to the Metro District. The state's first turnpike company, the Cumberland Turnpike Company, was established to collect tolls and to pay for building the road and to provide for its upkeep. The Natchez Trace began as an Indian trail and later became an important overland route for the Middle Tennessee area. It was used as a major thoroughfare between Nashville and Natchez and on to New Orleans.

The War of 1812 forced political leaders to recognize that transportation was a big problem in the western settlements. As a result, the federal government began construction of a military road from Nashville, through Columbia to Madisonville, Louisiana in 1817.

Governor William Carroll is credited with leading Tennessee toward a cohe-

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sive policy of internal improvements. In 1821 the General Assembly enacted a law that grouped roads into three classes. First class roads were stage roads which were twelve feet wide with bridges and mile markers. Second class roads were wagon roads which were ten feet wide and third class roads were just wide enough for a single horse and rider.

During the few decades of the nineteenth century, overland routes were often used for local traffic with water travel being used for long distance travels. The Middle Tennessee area relied on imported goods from Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Cast and wrought iron, wire, nails, tools, glass, leather goods, white lead and paints, chemicals and flour were commonly shipped by barges, keelboats and flatboats on the Ohio and Cumberland Rivers. The Mississippi River provided the region with a commercial route to New Orleans. A round trip voyage from Nashville to New Orleans took around five months. Barges, flatboats and keelboats relied on river current for movement. The boats were at the mercy of Indian attacks, weather, river conditions and upstream travel.

Steamboats were a big improvement over the flatboats. A steamboat moved under its own power and could haul people and goods in both directions on the river. The Middle Tennessee area was fortunate to have access to the Cumberland River and the Tennessee River. The Cumberland River was the most important tributary of the Ohio and was one of the most navigable rivers in the country. The Tennessee River was a minor stream for steamboat operations because of sparse population centers and the treacherous obstacle of Muscle Shoals.

The first steamboat to ply the Cumberland was the General Jackson in 1818. By the 1830's steamboat traffic on the Cumberland was the principal means of hauling goods and people in Middle Tennessee. Areas not easily accessible by roads and turnpikes were able to transport goods by steamboat due to their proximity to the Cumberland and its tributaries. By 1845, passengers could

make a round trip to New Orleans in fifteen days. This relatively speedy turnover of goods allowed the Middle Tennessee area to become an important agricultural market.

Up until the beginning of the Civil War, there were sixteen major stagecoach lines departing from Nashville. These coaches carried fifteen passengers and used four horse teams. The average speed of the coaches was six miles per hour with team changes approximately every ten miles. Many of these stagecoach lines also carried the U.S. mail and were a source of news and information in small towns.

The railroad became Middle Tennessee's third mode of transportation and played a major role in the economic development of the region. In the first years of their introduction, railroads were a supplement to steamboat transportation. However, within a few years, railroads would overtake steamboats as the main means of moving people and goods.

By 1860 other modes of transportation in Middle Tennessee suffered as the railroads grew and expanded. State funds went into railroad development rather than steamboat and road development. As a result, Tennessee had 1253 miles of railroad track in 1860, while steamboat and stagecoach development was beginning to wane.

With the onset of the Civil War, the improvement of civilian transportation systems in Tennessee came to a halt. Many of the transportation facilities became geared to military operations. Steamboats and railroads were refitted to carry troops, cargo and supplies. When Nashville surrendered to Union troops in February of 1862, the city became a major army supply depot. Railroads and steamboats were seized and Union forces were able to utilize overland and water transportation systems to great advantage.

The Civil War was one of the first military conflicts in which the railroad played a role. Railroads transported troops and supplies faster than other methods of transport. Operations and construction were able to follow the troop movements of both armies. By the war's end, the railroad had become the nation's primary form of transportation.

Deed for Purchase of Land by Lanfert C. Thrasher

The following conveyance of land was transcribed (with a little "best guess" punctuation) from the microfilmed records held by Pasco County and is interesting not only for its family connection, but also because it shows how land held by railroad companies in 19th century Florida had similarities to railroad development in other parts of the country -- huge grants to the railroads, who then profited not only from free land to build their tracks, but also from the sale of excess land. Since Dot has had contact with Herb Thrasher, Lanfert's descendant, thought this might be timely.

Fla Railway & Navigation Company

To
Lanfert C. Thrasher This Indenture made this Fourth day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty four between the Florida Railway and Navigation Company, a corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida, by Benjamin S. Hening of the city and state of New York, its President, party of the first part and Lanfert C. Thrasher of Hernando County, Florida, party of the second part Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and 22/100 Dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given granted aliened bargained sold transferred and doth by these presents give grant alien bargain sell transfer and convey unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever all that certain parcel or tract of land situate and existing(?) in the County of Hernando State of Florida and particularly known and described on the public maps and records of said state as south half of the south east quarter of section Eleven (11) in Township Twenty five (25) south of Range Twenty one (21) east containing eighty 66/100 acres more or less together with all and singular the tenements habedilaments(?) and appurtenances thereunto belonging and also all the estate right title interest property claims and demand whatsoever as will in law as in equity of the said party of the first part of in and to the same with the appurtenances. To have and to hold the above described premises together with all and singular the rights and privileges indemnities easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtenant unto the said party of the second part his heirs executors administrators or assigns forever and the said party of the first part the Florida Railway and Navigation Company for itself and its successors and assigns doth hereby covenant to and with the said party of the second part his heirs executors administrators and assigns that the said Florida Railway and Navigation Company acquired the above described lands by grant from the United States through the State of Florida to itself in and of the construction of its Railroad and that it hath full right and power to sell and dispose of the same and to convey all the estate right title claim and interest in the said lands which it acquired through the aforesaid grant. In witness whereof the said party hath by its president signed the same and caused to be affixed hereto the corporate seal of the said Florida Railway & Navigation Company this the day and year first above written signed sealed and delivered in presence of

E. R. Reynolds
M. Reynolds

Benjamin S. Hening President

State of New York
County and City of New York Be it remembered that on the 17th day of December A. D. 1884 before me the undersigned E. R. Reynolds Commissioner of the State of Florida in the State of New York to take acknowledgement of Deed _____ ? _____ the recorded in Florida personally appeared B. S. Hening known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Deed and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his act and deed and for the uses and purposes herein expressed in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year above written.

E. R. Reynolds

Comissioner of Deeds for the State of Florida in and for the State of New York

Recorded by me Dec. 8th 1885 Jno. C. Law Clerk by W. E. Law D. C.

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News and Notes

Gerald Bishop is planning to be in England in May and will be visiting the Bradford-on-Avon to see the Tith Barn and other Thrasher heritage sites. Sorry that he won't be able to attend the reunion, but know it will be a wonderful trip at a beautiful time of year.

Happy thoughts and get well wishes for Velma Thrasher, who had follow-up surgery in February. Bill wrote that her surgery went well and Velma is now home and recovering. We're looking forward to seeing them both in Newnan.

Dot Pruett has had some correspondence with Herb Thrasher of Athens, Ga. about his Thrasher connections. Herb sent the following corrections and additions to his family information in "Our Thrasher Heritage." "My mother, Harley Belle, was born in Atmore, Ala. She is also buried there, on the Fla. side. My birth date is not correct. It is November 7th, 1937." He said that his sister, Elizabeth Ann, is also living in Athens, and went on to say: "My father was married 4 times (he LOVED women!) The first was with a woman in Ft. Walton, Fla. They had one son, Carlton C. Thrasher, now deceased. Then came my family. After that he married Julia {*Vincent*}. Then he married a woman named Lula Cain. They divorced and he married Marjorie Ard." Herb also said he can supply missing birth dates for his brothers and sister. Hope to see him in Newnan, since that is so close to Athens.

And Donald Thrasher sent Dot the following corrections to the information on his family which appeared in the February newsletter: "My father, Truman's, date of birth was 6/26/1898. His marriage date was 12/28/1921. William H. Thrasher was born in 1826 and died in 1885."

The following is an interesting little tidbit about how some of our ancestors named their children. It also might be helpful in tracking how who was related to whom.

The first son is named after his father's father, his middle name after his father's mother's maiden name.

The eldest daughter is named for her mother's mother. Her middle name is from her mother's maiden name.

The second son is named for his mother's father.

The second daughter is named for father's mother.

The third son is named for his father.

The third daughter is named for her mother.

In Memorium

Evelyn Thaxton Thrasher

Mrs. Evelyn Thaxton Thrasher, daughter of the late Henry Frank Thaxton and the late Sarah Dallis Rodger Thaxton, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at her home.

The widow of Tigner Emmett Thrasher, she was a member of the Vineville United Methodist Church. She attended Telfair County schools and received a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan Conservatory. She was a lifetime member of the Macon Morning Music Club.

A long-time member of the Thrasher Family Association, she and her daughter Lyn hosted the Thrasher reunion several years ago in the beautiful old Thrasher home in Ashburn, Ga. She will be missed by all.

Services were held at Vineville United Methodist Church and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughters, Lucie Thrasher Bryant of Washington, D.C. and Sarah Evelyn Thrasher of Macon; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Vineville United Methodist Church, 2045 Vineville Ave., Macon, Ga. 31204.

Thrasher Family Reunion, May 18-20, 2001

Here: Newnan, Georgia, home to the best-preserved collection of antebellum houses. Newnan is located approximately 35 miles south of Atlanta on I-85.

Reunion Headquarters:

Hampton Inn
50 Hampton Way
Newnan, GA 30265
770-253-9922

A block of rooms is being held for Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19. The cost is a discounted \$64/night. Identify yourself as part of the Thrasher Reunion (confirmation number is 87554139). Deadline for reservations in the block is April 20, 2001, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be made directly with the motel in Newnan, not by calling the central Hampton Inn 800 number.

The inn has an exercise gym, a pool, in-room coffee makers for those who need a really early caffeine fix, and offers a free continental breakfast. There is a Cracker Barrel Restaurant within a half-mile and an IHOP one mile away if you need a more substantial start to your day.

Directions:

Exit 47 off I-85, motel is east of I-85 on Hwy. 34
From the Atlanta airport take I-85 south to Exit 47 — turn left at the ramp. Go 1/8 mile and the hotel is on the left, next to the outlet mall.
From Alabama: take I-85 north to Exit 47. Turn right and go 1/8 mile and the hotel is on the left next to the outlet mall.

The Schedule:

Friday, May 18

2:00 - 5:00 pm: Check-in/Registration at Hampton Inn
6:00 pm: Dinner at Sprayberry's BBQ (short walk/drive from Inn)

Saturday, May 19

Continental Bkfst. at Hampton on your own
2:00pm - 5:00pm: Thrasher Association Meeting at Hampton Inn (John P. and Paula Thrasher have reserved a conference room for this, so bring your "show and tell" items.)
6:00pm - 8:00pm: Dinner at Golden's On The Square in downtown Newnan
Special note: Since Golden's serves cafeteria-style and each person/family will select and pay for their meal individually, the deposits will be returned at registration in the form of either cash or a voucher to be used at the dinner. However, the deposits are necessary to ensure that space will be reserved for our group.

Sunday, May 20

Continental Bkfst. at Hampton
12:00 noon: Checkout

Want to spend a little extra time in the area? Take in a baseball game — Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves, is only 32 miles north of Newnan. Or visit Stone Mountain Park, 50 miles northeast of Newnan. Callaway Gardens, a 40-mile drive from Newnan, should be in full bloom by May. There are a lot of other things to make this a great vacation area. And Atlanta offers a lot of research sources for genealogy, as well.

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The reunion information is reprinted in this newsletter in case you haven't made your plans yet and can't quite put your hands on the last one. This is a great area and will be a wonderful opportunity to get together with other Thrasher twigs and branches of the family tree.

Some time ago, Joann Bandy and I went to the Pasco County Courthouse to look up old records on their microfilms. Since then, a new county office building has gone up and while some locals have been referring to it as our "Taj Mahal," the area where the films and readers are located has undergone a spectacular transformation! The space is larger, there are more work areas, film storage racks are no longer in whatever office has some space and some additional films have been made available. This was my first visit to the new digs, and it was exciting to find reels with marriage records, tax sales, some more recent veterans' records and quite a few other resources. I'm looking forward to more visits.

Don't forget — anything of interest that you might want included in the newsletter is more than welcome; you can send items to me at 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <egerb@gte.net>.

2001 Thrasher Family Reunion Registration

_____ Adults (over 12) @ \$10.00 \$ _____
_____ Children (12 and under) @ \$5 \$ _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

Make your check payable to John E. Thrasher and return before May 1, 2000, to the address below:

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

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

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Mt. Zion Cemetery a Window to the Past

by Barbara Eger

Somehow, reunions and similar gatherings are associated with food in my mind. I was reminded of this when the Mount Zion Cemetery Association held its semi-annual meeting, cemetery cleanup and potluck this month. The event is more social than anything else, since most families do their cleanup in advance and simply use the day to visit with those they don't see at other times. The potluck dishes are a collection of old-time southern foods -- corn pudding, "real" fried chicken, homemade relishes, casseroles and such that are a feast for the memory as well as the tummy! And for a "genealogically challenged" person like me, it is an opportunity to learn more about who is connected to whom and how they are connected.

Mt. Zion cemetery is located a few miles outside of Dade City and its land is owned by the association, which in these times of cemetery destruction due to development, is a happy circumstance. The Mt. Zion Methodist Church, organized in 1871, was originally located on the site. Built of hand-hewn timbers and sawed boards on land donated by Nathan A. Carter, the church building was completed in 1872. The first burial in the cemetery was also that year. The church was destroyed by a hurricane Oct. 25, 1921, and never rebuilt. The cemetery association was formed in 1977 "to encourage perpetual care and maintenance of the cemetery." Since the cemetery has no possibility of expansion, only people with family already buried in Mt. Zion can now be buried there.

Wandering among the markers is not only a lesson in family connections, but in the past as well. One of the most heart-breaking is the number of graves holding the remains of babies and young children. In looking at the placement and inscriptions, it seems that many parents lost as many or more children than they raised to adulthood.

Among the Thrasher connections buried there are my great-grandparents, Willis and Pallen (Cochrane) Thrasher; my grandparents, Wallace and Mary Ellen (Edwards) Thrasher, along with several of the Sumner branch. Looney (Thrasher) Sumner is buried there with her husband, (James) Alexander Sumner. Looney was the daughter of David Hughey Thrasher and Sarah Roxana Harper and the sister of Micajah Thrasher. Micajah married (Jessie) Cary Sumner, a sibling of Alexander. One of the more interesting bits of the past in general is the frequent marriage of siblings of one family marrying siblings of another, making their children double first cousins.

Reunion Time is Almost Here!

If you haven't made your motel reservations and travel plans for the reunion May 19-20, act now! It is too late to reserve one of the rooms John P. Thrasher had blocked at the Hampton Inn, but you can still call 1-800-456-7793 or Newnan inn at 770-253-9922 and reserve a room directly.

Reservations for the Saturday night dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under and should be sent to John E. Thrasher III, 6424 S. E. 169th Ave., Micanopy, FL 32667.

Don't miss out on this chance to join the "cousins" and have a really good time. Games and surprises are planned that you won't want to miss. Bring your memories and your appetites for visiting and (as usual) good food. The family meeting and program will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hampton Inn, followed by dinner at Golden's on the Square in downtown Newnan.

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A Research Technique That Pays Off

by John E. Thrasher III

Recently I have had exciting results from my genealogical research on the internet. I had heard about posting queries or notices on internet bulletin boards for a long time, but had never tried to do this as the idea seemed vague and probably difficult. I needed more specific information and recently hit upon a great find - county web pages.

When I was told about USGENWEB I decided to look at the counties where my ancestors had lived and where I had already done so much research over the past thirty years. I began with Greene and Troup Counties in Georgia and later went on to other counties in Georgia as well as in other states.

After going to the county web pages I read the queries that were posted there and found several which asked about some of my ancestral family names and also specific ancestors and/or their relatives. Contacting the persons who posted the queries was easy and I also began posting several queries of my own.

Within a couple of days after posting my queries I heard from two contacts in Greene County. One was a lady in Texas exploring the Brooks family line. (My great-grand parents were Early Wyatt Thrasher and Martha Anne Brooks. Martha was born in Greene County and was living there when she and Early married in 1854.)

The second contact was Lynda Fitch, wife of Milton Dargan Fitch, great-great-grandson of Early and Martha Thrasher through their daughter, Annie Lee Thrasher McKenzie. (See Our Thrasher Heritage, page 164-165)

It's exciting to be in contact with a "lost" branch of the family! Lynda and I will be updating the Thrasher, McKenzie, Dargan, Fitch family line and I look forward to having that included in a future issue of the Thrasher Newsletter.

I must say that the results from other counties have been equally exciting for me even though they are not related to the Thrasher side of my family.

When I first tried the web pages I wished that I had a "Dummy" book to guide me and tell me what to do, but I didn't have one. But, to encourage you to try this research technique, I'm going to act like "Dummy" and tell you how to proceed. OK?

1. On your computer log on to <<http://www.usgenweb.com/statelinks-table.html>>
2. Click on the state's name that you want to visit.
3. There will be a "table" (For Georgia, "Georgia Counties - quick links") Click on the county to be researched. Each state's web page will be different, but there will be a list of counties for you to choose from.

On the county web page there will all kinds of options. Try several, but especially look for QUERIES. When you click on queries the resulting page may give you an alpha list of surnames (T for Thrasher) or just the queries themselves. If you find one of interest, click on the high-lighted name to e-mail the one who posted the query. If you then wish to post a query, the instructions are always there and very easy to understand. You can view your query after it is posted and you will receive a notice if someone responds to your posting.

Don't be afraid to try the options suggested on the county web pages. They are a great help and lots of fun to view. Let me encourage you to give these pages a try. Have fun!

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It's almost reunion time and I hope to see many of you there. Check the notice on page one if you want to make a late reservation. The association directory is almost finished and will be distributed at the reunion.

I spent some more time checking out the new microfilm room in our courthouse here and have transcribed two more documents. These films were also the source of the two marriage licenses in this issue. If you have ancestors who married in Pasco County let me know names and date of marriage and I'll look up the record and get a print for you if possible. Joann Bandy is helping to come up with a listing of family connections listed in the old deed book registers, but it will take a long time because people evidently did a lot of buying and selling of property back then.

It would be nice to have more personal news from family members -- does anyone have weddings, engagements, graduations, etc., in the family? Share anything like that with our group. The next issue will probably come out in late June. 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>.

Bits and Pieces

Congratulations

The newest member of the Thrasher clan to become a member of the DAR is Elizabeth "Buff" Moring Poppell, of St. Simons Island, Georgia. Buff's DAR membership was finalized on January 3, 2001. Her membership application was submitted and approved by Buff's tracing her lineage to John Thrasher, Pvt, N. C.

Buff is the daughter of Randall and Susan Greene Moring and granddaughter of John and Rosemary Thrasher Greene, all of Ocala, Florida.

Buff grew up in Ocala, then attended Sewanee University, graduating in 1991. She was a Youth Group Director in the Episcopal Church, first in Baton Rouge, La. and then at Christ Church Frederick on St. Simons Island. It was at St. Simons that she met her husband, Robert Poppell.

Robert has owned and operated a wine and cheese cellar for the past fourteen years. Buff and Robert were married on November 4, 1995, and for the past five years Buff has assisted with the family business. Because of her strong love for children she has been a volunteer at the Juvenile Court for the past four years and served on several local child's-interest boards before becoming the volunteer coordinator for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

Buff and Robert lead a busy life! Our sincere congratulations to you, Buff, on your accomplishments and DAR membership.

Davidson County, TN Cemetery Info

If you're doing any Tennessee searching, you might want to check this site and bookmark it for future reference. The site has data from the Davidson Co. Cemetery Survey that is currently under way. About 80 cemeteries have been posted to the site and the posting said there will be regular updates.

http://www.geocities.com/davidson_co_cemeteries/

New Thrasher 'Net Connection

John E. Thrasher III has, as you can see from his article on seeking family connections on the internet, been busy at his keyboard. He writes that one of his new contacts is Lynda Fitch, daughter-in-law of Ann Dargan Fitch. Her husband's grandmother was Annie Thrasher, John's grandfather's sister. He added that Lynda is really interested in the family and wants to update that family line. She may be able to attend our reunion and it will be a pleasure to welcome a new "cousin."

John is continuing his correspondence with Anna Sue Holden and Dianne Wallace, Gus Thrasher's granddaughter and great-granddaughter, so that line also is on the way to being updated.

Thrasher Postings to Greg's List

J. R. Thrasher posted the following query to Greg Wickenburg's Thrasher mailing list recently:

"I am looking for information on my father's family. His name was Jewell Edward Thrasher, born in Marshall County in 1923. Father's name: Amos Haley Thrasher; mother's name: Opal Lee Thomas. To my knowledge, both Amos and Opal died in AL, probably Marshall County. Any leads would be greatly appreciated."

Can any of you Alabama Thrashers help her out? She can be contacted at <Jeanne.Thrasher@mpower.com>.

And the following information on a possible Isaac link appeared a few months ago, posted by Lila Thrasher <smthrash@globalsite.net>:

"On the hill over looking a lake in Clinton County, Kentucky, 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, born Nov. 28, 1807, died May 18, 1873; Sally A. Thrasher, born Oct. 1, 1819, died Dec. 6, 1896; Martha Ann Thrasher, born Jan. 3, 1863, died Jan. 7 1897; David Thrasher, born May 16, 1860, died Aug. 13, 1886."

More Bits and Pieces

Ellis Island Records Go Online

While most Thrashers and connected families were here well before Ellis Island became a main point of entry for immigrants, there probably were intermarriages with families who came later. Now records are available to research those links without leaving the comfort of your keyboard.

In April, the American Family Immigration History Center was scheduled to open on Ellis Island. Family historians everywhere are expected to log in to search the newly created database of passenger arrival records of the 17 million people who immigrated through the port of New York during the period 1892-1924. For more information, see the Immigration History Center page at <http://www.ellisland.org/history.html>

For those of you who subscribe to Ancestry.com, that site will feature articles and Web pages to help you locate immigrant ancestors.

Food Memories, Part 3

This is the last installment of the "Food Line" that will be in the newsletter. It brings us to the end of the 1930s -- which seems to have brought an number of things to make a cook's life easier and also heralded the beginning of the junk food era with Heath, Snickers, and 3 Musketeers bars, Tootsie Pops and Twinkies. "The Joy of Cooking" joined the Fannie Farmer cookbook as standards.

The 1930s

- 1930, Birds Eye Frosted Foods
- 1930, Bisquick
- 1930, Jiffy Biscuit Mix
- 1930, Lime Jell-O
- 1930, Mott's Apple Sauce
- 1930, Snickers
- 1930, Toll House cookies
- 1930, Twinkies
- 1930, sliced Wonder Bread
- 1931, Alka-Seltzer
- 1931, Beech-Nut baby food
- 1931, Cryst-O-Mint Life Savers

- 1931, dehydrated onions
- 1931, Irma Rombauer's "The Joy of Cooking"
- 1931, Reed's Butterscotch candy
- 1931, Tootsie Pops
- 1932, 3 Musketeers bar
- 1932, Heath bar
- 1932, Jell-O chocolate pudding
- 1932, Skippy peanut butter
- 1933, Budweiser Clydesdales
- 1933, canned pineapple juice
- 1933, Lithiated Lemon renamed 7-Up
- 1933, Prohibition ends
- 1933, Sunsweet prune juice
- 1933, V8 Juice
- 1933, Waldorf salad
- 1934, Campbell's chicken noodle and cream of mushroom soups
- 1934, Ritz crackers
- 1934, Sugar Daddy
- 1935, 5 flavors Life Savers
- 1935, Adolph's Meat Tenderizer
- 1935, Friendly Ice Cream restaurants
- 1935, Realemon lemon juice
- 1935, Royal Crown cola
- 1935, Sugar Babies
- 1936, Dom Perignon champagne
- 1936, Elsie the Cow (Borden)
- 1936, 5th Avenue bar
- 1936, Girl Scout cookies
- 1936, Mars Bar
- 1936, Waring blender
- 1937, A & P Supermarket
- 1937, Good 'n Plenty
- 1937, Kit Kat bar
- 1937, Kix cereal
- 1937, Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner
- 1937, Pepperidge Farm Bread
- 1937, Ragu Spaghetti Sauce
- 1937, Rolo candy
- 1937, shopping cart
- 1937, Smarties
- 1937, Spam
- 1938, Bumble Bee tuna
- 1938, Hershey Krackel bar
- 1938, Lawry's Seasoned Salt
- 1938, Mott's apple juice
- 1938, Nescafe, first instant coffee
- 1938, Nestle Crunch bar
- 1938, Teflon
- 1939, food stamps
- 1939, Lay's potato chips
- 1939, Nestle's chocolate chips
- 1939, pressure cooker

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

State of

Florida,



Pasco County.

To any Minister of the Gospel, or any Officer Legally Authorized to Solemnize the Rite of Matrimony:

Whereas, Application having been made to the County Judge of *Pasco* County, of the State of Florida, for a License for Marriage, and it appearing to the satisfaction of said County Judge that no legal impediments exist to the Marriage now sought to be solemnized, These are, Therefore, To authorize you to unite in the

HOLY ESTATE OF MATRIMONY

W. D. E. Sumner of *Dade City, Fla*
and *Miss F. B. Thrasher* of _____

and that you make return of the same, duly certified under your hand, to the County Judge _____

Witness *J. K. Davis* County Judge, and the seal of said Court, at the Court House in _____

this *24th* day of *February* A. D. 1897
County Judge.

I Certify, That the within named *W. D. E. Sumner* and *Faustie R. Thrasher* were by me, the undersigned, duly united in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, by the authority of the above License.

Done this *24th* day of *February* A. D. 1897

Arthur Spohnman
Pastor, *Presbyterian Church*
Dade City, Florida

Filed and Recorded this *27* day of *Feb* A. D. 1897
in Record *One* of Marriage Licenses
County, Florida, on page *250*

J. K. Davis County Judge

Marriage License

State of Florida Duval County

To any Minister of the Gospel, or any Officer Legally Authorized to Solemnize the Rite of Matrimony:

Whereas, Application having been made to the County Judge of Duval County, of the State of Florida, for a license for marriage, and it appearing to the satisfaction of said County Judge that no legal impediments exist to the marriage now sought to be solemnized.

Therefore, I authorize you to unite in the

Holy Estate of Matrimony

M. J. E. Thrasher, Jr. and
Miss Raymond O'Neal

and that you make return of the same, duly certified under your hand, to the County Judge, afterwards.

Witness, my name as County Judge, and the seal of said Court,

at the Courthouse in Duval City this 3rd
day of September, A. D. 1914
George W. ... County Judge

I Certify, that the within named

J. C. Thrasher, Jr.
and Miss Raymond O'Neal

were by me, the undersigned, duly united in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, by the authority of the within license.

Done this 3d day of September, A. D. 1914.

Witness to Ceremony:

Younger O'Neal
J. C. Thrasher Jr.
and others

H. D. Turnley
Minister of Gospel

Filed for record this 7 day of September, A. D. 1914 and recorded

in Marriage Record 2 this 7 day of September, A. D. 1914

E. P. ... County Judge



Microfilms Yield Questions as well as Information

These two warranty deeds and the marriage licenses on the previous pages were taken from the Deed Book and Marriages microfilms in the Pasco County Courthouse. Many of these old documents are interesting as much for the questions they raise and the insights they give into the legal procedures of long ago. The documents following each of these were seemingly related; they will be transcribed later. In the case of Velpeau C. Thrasher, one wonders why his wife was the one handling the transactions. Was Velpeau too ill to be there? Was he out of town? He obviously was still alive, since she signed the dower declaration and was not described as a

widow. The warranty deed immediately following was also for the sale of a 40 acre tract. Did they need money due to some family crisis, or were they simply moving on to another area?

In the case of Ellen Terry, a daughter of John J. Thrasher, there are several mysteries. She died young, leaving a son in the guardianship of "Cousin" John. She was a widow, and there is no information, as far as I know, as to where her husband died, the cause of death, or his burial place. The document following this one is a conveyance of land for a right-of-way. She is listed as a resident of Fulton County, Georgia, and the sale is actually handled by "Cousin" John as her attorney-in-fact.

Ellen B. Terry
To
J. J. Thrasher

Power of Attorney

Georgia Know all men by these presents that I ___?___ Ellen B. Terry of
Fulton County said state and county have authorized and appointed John J. Thrasher of the County of Hernando and State of Florida for me and in my name to offer for sale, bargain, sell and convey certain tracts of land lying and being in said County of Hernando and State of Florida in Sections Twenty one (21) Twenty four (24) and Twenty five (25) of Township Twenty five (25) Range Twenty one (21) East or any part thereof for any purpose and for any price and on such conditions as he may deem reasonable and best for me and my heirs to execute all necessary papers to convey to the purchaser whoever he may be the aforesaid premises with good and sufficient warranty title in fee simple to the same and to receive for me and in my stead all money and notes that may be given for said tracts of land and to execute and deliver to such purchaser or purchasers all receipts and acquaintances(?) necessary for the completion of the transactions herein contemplated. Also to bargain, sell and convey in fee simple the right of way to the Florida Railroad Navigation Company through all tracts of land owned and held by me in Hernando County or any other county in said State of Florida and to make such deeds and conveyances as may be necessary for the construction of said sales all of which the said John J. Thrasher my attorney in fact is authorized to do as complete as I might or could do were I personally present. In Witness Whereof I the said Ellen B. Terry have hereunto set my hand and seal the 9th day of October 1886.

Witnesses: Henry G. Garrett, W. J. Albert
G. N. Tanner(?) Commissioner of Deeds for Florida

Ellen B. Terry

State of Georgia Be it remembered that on this the 9th day of October 1886
Fulton County personally appeared before me a commissioner duly appointed and authorized by the executive authority of the State of Florida under the laws of said state to take within the State of Georgia proof and acknowledgement of deeds to be exe'd(?) and recorded in said State of Florida to me well known to be the person who executed the foregoing power of attorney, by her sealed and subscribed and the said Ellen B. Terry acknowledged the execution thereof to be her free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In Witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.
G.N. Lawson(?), Commissioner of ___?___ Florida

Recorded by me Dec. 7th 1886 Jno. C. Law Clerk By W. E. Law D.C.

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Mattie & V. C. Thrasher
To
Chas. J. McCann

Warranty Deed

State of Florida Know all men by these presents that I Mattie Thrasher
Hernando County wife of Velpo C. Thrasher do sign this deed for the purpose
of relinquishing all right, title in the property hereafter described of the aforesaid
County and State for and in consideration of the sum of Five hundred and seventy five
dollars to us in hand paid by Charles J. McCann of Attleboro Falls and State of Massa-
chusetts the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have granted, bargained, sold
and conveyed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto him the
said Charles J. McCann all that certain lot piece tract and parcel of land situated lying
and being in the County of Hernando, State of Florida particularly known and
describled as follows to wit: The S E 1/4 of Section (24) Twenty four in Township
(25) Twenty five South of Range (20) Twenty East, Containing by estimation Forty
acres of land more or less together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments
and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appurtaining, to have and to
hold the same unto him the said Charles J. McCann and to his heirs, executors, admin-
istrators and assigns in fee simple absolute and I the said Mattie Thrasher do hereby
covenant and agree to and with the said Charles J. McCann that I am lawfully seized in
fee of the property herein and hereby conveyed and that I have good and lawful right
to sell and convey the same that the same that the same [sic] is free from all encum-
brances of any kind whatsoever and that I will and my heirs, executors, administrators
and assigns [note: this is exactly as the deed reads; however, it seems as though
some wording was missed in the clerk's entry in the books] against the lawful claims
and demands of any and all persons whomever now claiming or hereafter to claim the
same.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals on this the
second day of April 1887.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of ? Witnesses Mattie Thrasher
Charles E. Wells Ella Wells Velpoe C. Thrasher

The State of Florida I hereby certify that on this second day of April A.D. 1887
Hernando County before me personally appeared Mrs. Mattie Thrasher wife
of Velpoe C. Thrasher the grantor in the foregoing conveyance who being first duly
questioned and examined by me separate and apart from her said husband says and
acknowledges before me that she did sign the said deed of conveyance for the pur-
pose of releasing, relinquishing and renouncing all her right of dower in and to the land
in said deed described to Charles J. McCann and that said relinquishment and
renunciation of dower was done and made by her freely and voluntarily and without
any compulsion, constraint, apprehension or fear of ? from her said husband.
In testimony Wherof I have herewith Witness Whereof she has in my pres-
set my hand and seal the day and year ents set her hand and seal.
above written D. H. Thrasher, Justice of the Peace Mattie Thrasher
Recorded by me April 21st 1887 Jno. C. Law Clerk By W. E. Law D. C.

The State of Florida Before me personally appeared Mattie Thrasher wife of Velpo
Hernando County C. Thrasher who are known to me, who acknowledge that they
executed signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed of conveyance for the uses
and purposes therein contained and expressed.
Acknowledged and suscribed before In Testimony Whereof they have
me this 2 day of April A.D. 1887 hereunto subscribed their names
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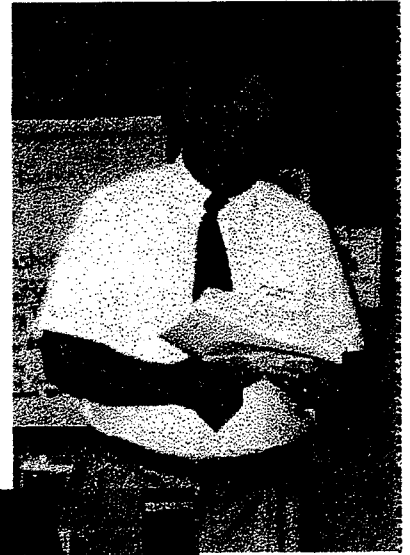
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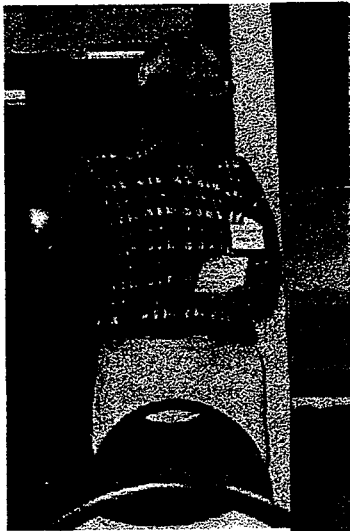
Newnan was a great place for the 2001 reunion -- from the Saturday morning tour of antebellum homes led by our host, John P. Thrasher, to the program speakers. Left to right are Joann Bandy, Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Bill Thrasher, John P. Thrasher, Velma Thrasher, and Eleanor and John E. Thrasher at the first tour stop.



Beginning at top right and going down, the other pictures show David Sumner, Joann Bandy, John E. Thrasher and Jodie T. Thrasher during the Saturday afternoon program. David spoke on his use of historical documents in researching an article on John J. Thrasher, which was published in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* last



summer; Joann shared her research on Margaret Bethuel Scaife Thrasher, John P. did a great job as emcee, and Jodie, shown with a piece from the Bible-Thrasher baseball pitching machine invented by his father, Jodie Thomas Thrasher, Sr., and Philip Bible in the early 1900s, told of its history and of plans for possible future inclusion in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.



John P. Thrasher did a super job to ensure that all had a great time, from Friday's informal get-together for dinner at Sprayberry's Barbeque to our accommodations, which included the use of a conference room the entire weekend, to the tour of those beautiful old homes, and continuing right through Saturday's dinner and program. A huge thank-you to John P. for a wonderful time! And thank you to our program speakers for their talks and handouts. Since the conference room was ours for the weekend, Thrasher items for our "show and tell" exhibits could be on display the entire time, giving all an opportunity to browse at leisure.

News and Notes

Gypsies in the Family!

A lot of "cousins" are on the road this summer -- and their travels range from across the country to across the world!

Bill and Velma Thrasher of Montgomery made a trip to Alaska to attend a granddaughter's wedding in June -- hope it was warming up by then! And also in June, Dale and Trudy Thrasher of Leesburg "travel-trailerred" from Florida to California, going west by way of Michigan to Colorado and returning through New Mexico and Oklahoma. They wrote that they would be visiting family all the way -- maybe some genealogical gems surfaced!

John E. and Eleanor Thrasher plan to travel to California to visit their daughter Gretchen and her family later this summer, and plan stops along the way to explore both the country and genealogical connections. John wrote that they are especially pleased that they have been able to make reservations to stay several days at the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone National Park.

And probably the most adventurous of all are Peggy and Albert Thrasher! The following message from Peggy says it all: "We plan to fly out of Atlanta on July 5th to catch our ride from San Francisco to Sydney. We should get to Sydney on the 7th. We will tour that area and fly out to Brisbane on the 10th.

"We meet seven other couples (most of whom we know) and are issued our aircraft for the next fifteen days. When we leave Brisbane, we will not be in another city until we reach a resort on the Great Barrier reef two weeks later. Each couple has their own aircraft, and some freedom to explore their own interests. We meet each day for prearranged meals, tours, and lodging. We will fly 350 to 400 miles each day seeing the outback. We will return to Sydney on the 26th, rest up a day, and return to San Francisco and Atlanta. We expect to get home to uncut grass and unpaid bills about the 28th."

Wow -- given that your editor considers anything that requires bending over to get to one's seat too small to fly on, that's real adventure!

And Gretchen and Paige Harris, John and Eleanor's daughter and granddaughter, are in France right now. An acquaintance and professional surfer from Hawaii, Guy Takayama, has trained Paige to do acrobatics in the air while he surfs. Paige and Guy have been in several competitions and have won several awards. As a result they have been invited to compete in Biarritz. The competitions are this weekend but Eleanor says "It will be awhile before we hear any results. I do not expect them to win any trophies, because no matter how good they are, there is always somebody who is better." C'mon, Grandma, have a little faith!

Paige, 11 years old, is a surfer in her own right, as are her father, Bill, and brother Billy, 15. Kelly, 6, must be learning to surf too because John and Eleanor have pictures of her carrying a "just her size" surf board.

Billy has won several trophies himself and from some of the pictures John and Eleanor have received (on his surf board in the beautiful blue waters of the Pacific Ocean with mile high waves behind him) they say he looks like he should be on the cover of a sports magazine.

The entire family is deeply involved in surfing; Gretchen is treasurer of their surf club and Bill is contest director . . . but Gretchen says that Bill does not have much time to do his job as director so she ends up doing them both, making her one very busy gal.

Family Milestones

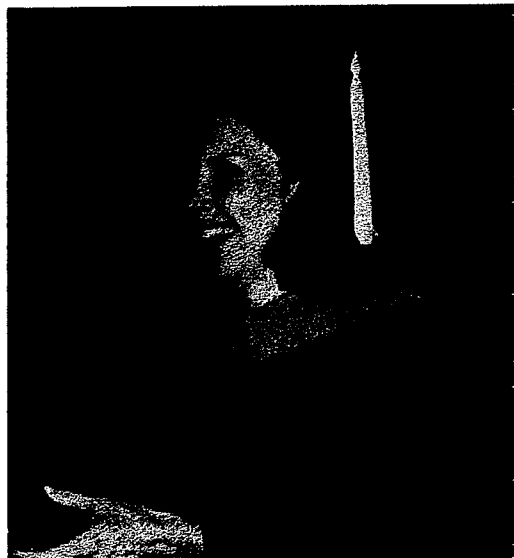
John E. and Eleanor Thrasher celebrated their 46th anniversary June 26th. Congratulations and best wishes for many, many more!

And Dot Pruett sent a note about the birth of another great-great niece. Her great nephew, John Mark Bentley and his wife Amy (Adkins) Bentley, have a little girl, Katherine McMillan Bentley, born June 17th, 2001, in Birmingham, Ala. She will be called "Katie". She is the granddaughter of Dot's niece, Dianne (Jones) and Dr. Robert J. Bentley.

Dorothy Broughton Payne (Debbie) has

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completed the requirements for her Master's Degree in microbiology at Alabama State University. She also holds a Master's in Science Education from Auburn University and a B.S. in science



Debbie Payne at her May 12 graduation

education from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. She teaches chemistry and biology at Alabama State and plans to pursue her doctorate.

Debbie accomplished all this while a single mother, and her three children are testimony to her success in that. Her oldest son, Lee, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University and is an architect in Colorado; son Matt received a degree in chemistry from Auburn and is a computer specialist in Atlanta; and daughter Carol is completing her education at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, while working at a science laboratory.

Right now Debbie is taking a break and joining the westward trek, visiting Colorado and son Lee.

Welcome to New Members!

Dot Pruett has received quite a few membership renewals already, and has also heard from three new members. They are: Linda T. Burkhalter, Conyers, Georgia; Barbara Thrasher, Lake Wales,

Florida; David L. Thrasher, Hartselle, Alabama; and Donald S. Thrasher, Warner Robins, Georgia. Dot is working on a list of additions and changes for the directories which should be ready by the next issue. In the meantime, hello to our new cousins -- we're happy to see you!

Uninvited Guest Drops In

John and Eleanor Thrasher had an unexpected guest at their Micanopy home in May. John was taking out the trash and came upon a 10-foot gator lying in the grass near the garage! John beat a strategic retreat and called the Division of Wildlife. The gator departed with the wildlife people, but not without a fight. John says he has video of the whole thing -- show and tell for next year, John?

A Thrasher on New FSU Board

John Thrasher of Orange Park, Florida, has been named to the new Board of Trustees for Florida State University by Gov. Jeb Bush. He is an FSU alum and former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. He was instrumental in passing legislation establishing a new medical school at the university and had taken a position as a lobbyist when term limits ended his service in the legislature.

Interesting Research Shared

John E. Enslin of Wetumpka has done some research that should be of interest to others in the family. In a recent letter to John Thrasher (Micanopy) he wrote that in a book titled *The History of Tuscaloosa, 1816 -1880* by Archibald Bruce McEachin (Confederate Publishing Co., University of Alabama, 1977, p. 48) is the following information: John Barton, a blacksmith, came to Tuscaloosa with a party of emigrants known as "The Paddy Scott settlers." John goes on to say "I would have paid little attention, there being so many Bartons, but for the next

And Still More News and Notes

sentence in the book, which reads: 'Daniel Boone was here as early as the spring of 1817, and his daughter, Narcissus, was the first female child born in Tuscaloosa.' " John says that while his research is still "a work in progress," his discovery "could be a collateral part of our Barton line. We know that David Barton's brother, Thomas Barton, came to the Wetumpka, Alabama, area to farm and is buried here."

New Contacts from Greg's List

Greg Wickenburg's Thrasher mailing list had a recent query about Robert W. Sammon and I took just a minute to respond with some of the information found in "Our Thrasher Heritage." In her answer to that message, Judy Sammon of Independence, Missouri, expressed her interest and also that of her sister, Sue Murphy, in the newsletter. Robert W. Sammon was Judy and Sue's great-great grandfather, who married Elizabeth Susan Thrasher (OTH, p. 348). Elizabeth Susan Thrasher was the youngest child of David Thrasher and Mary (Polly) Hughey.

And just for fun - -

A modern mother is explaining the pictures in the family photo album to her little girl: "This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother, and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This one is of me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. And the lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt. She's the family genealogist."

Don't Forget to Renew!

Remember that this is the last issue of the newsletter for 2000 - 2001. Thank you to all who have already sent in their registration form and dues for the coming year. If you have been putting it off or have just mislaid the form, there is another one included with this issue. There are lots of things coming in next year's issues, so don't miss any of them. People are doing research and sharing their results for the newsletter, and as you can see, plans are already underway for a fun reunion in May. Take a minute to fill out your form now and send it in to Dot Pruett.

Plans Already Underway for 2002 Reunion! Save the Dates Now!

Albert and Peggy Thrasher have volunteered to host next year's reunion, and are already making plans! The Butts County, Ga., area where they live is rich in both history and activities. Peggy wrote that they are planning to select one of the motels in Jackson, the county seat, as reunion headquarters. There are two state parks nearby with camping accommodations for tents, trailers and RVs as well.

Butts County was first settled by the Creek Indians, who told many about the famous "healing waters" flowing from a nearby mineral spring. The area became known as Indian Spring, and by the early 1800s had grown into a sort of resort community with several hotels. The first of these was the Indian Spring Hotel, which still stands and is the only known

existing Antebellum mineral springs hotel in Georgia. It was a tavern, inn and stagecoach stop that was built by the famous Creek leader, Chief William McIntosh. The 532 acres surrounding the hotel comprise Indian Spring State Park, which is the oldest state park in the nation.

Easily reached via Interstate 75, the Jackson/Flovilla/Jenkinsburg area is only 55 minutes from downtown Atlanta and 40 minutes from Hartsfield International Airport, so should be easy to reach.

Reunion dates are May 17 - 19, with the main activities, as always, on Saturday, May 18. With this much advance notice, planning should be easy! So save those dates on your 2002 calendar and we'll see you in Jackson, Ga. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

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Tennessee Thrasher History and Pictures Shared

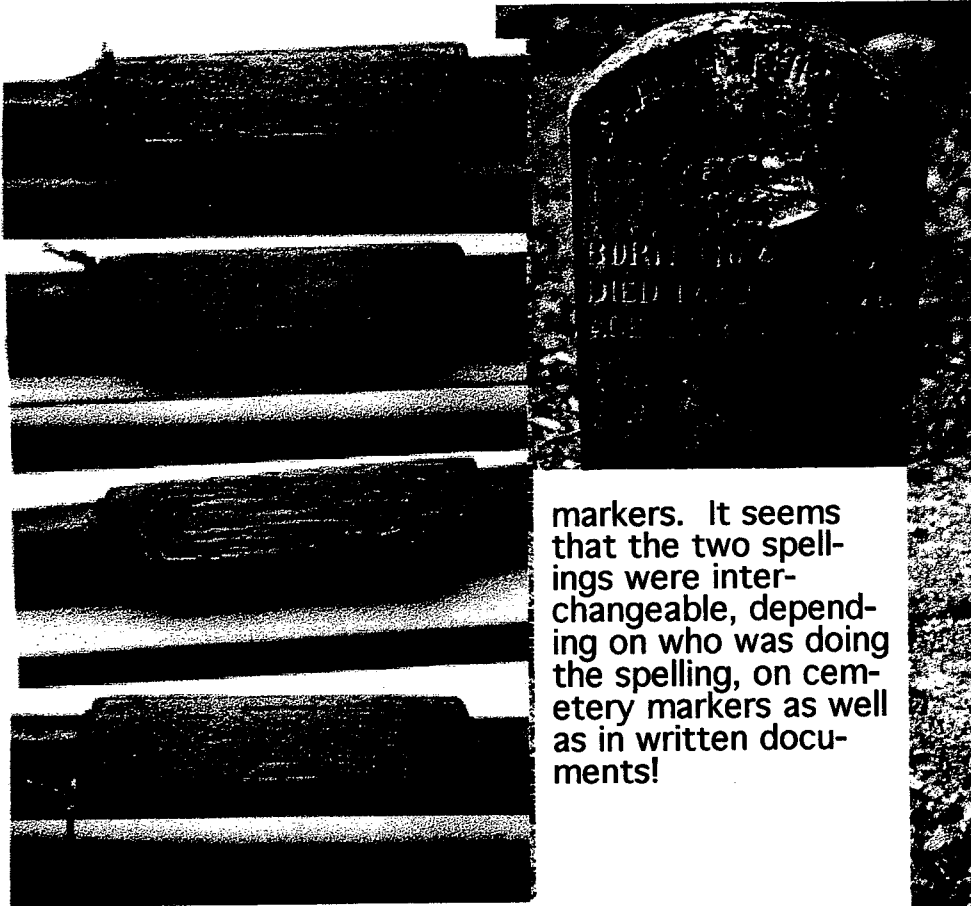
Dale Thrasher has been very generous about sharing his Thrasher information. He is the source of the David L. Thrasher family line information, the first three generations of which are included in this newsletter, with the final pages coming in the next issue.

In addition, Dale and Trudy have shared these pictures they took in Tennessee of the gravestones of Isaac H. Thrasher and

Sallie A. (Cline) Thrasher and of a walking stick that was hand-carved by William Thrasher, a son of Isaac Baker Thrasher. Dale wrote that he was not sure if the WM carved on the stick was short for William or the initials W.M., since there appeared to be a period in between the letters. Dale has a nearly identical walking stick carved by his grandfather, J. Floyd Thrasher of Albany, KY. Dale

added that the four sides of the walking stick each were carved with a different theme.

It is also interesting that Isaac's name is spelled "ThrEsher" and Sallie's is spelled "ThrAsher" on the



markers. It seems that the two spellings were interchangeable, depending on who was doing the spelling, on cemetery markers as well as in written documents!



EDITOR'S CORNER



It was a fun reunion in Newnan and the surroundings were all we could want. Now is the time to look forward to next year -- save the weekend of May 17 -20 while there is still open space on your planners! While this year's group was larger than the previous year's, next year should be even larger. Peggy and Albert Thrasher are already making plans for it, and so should you.

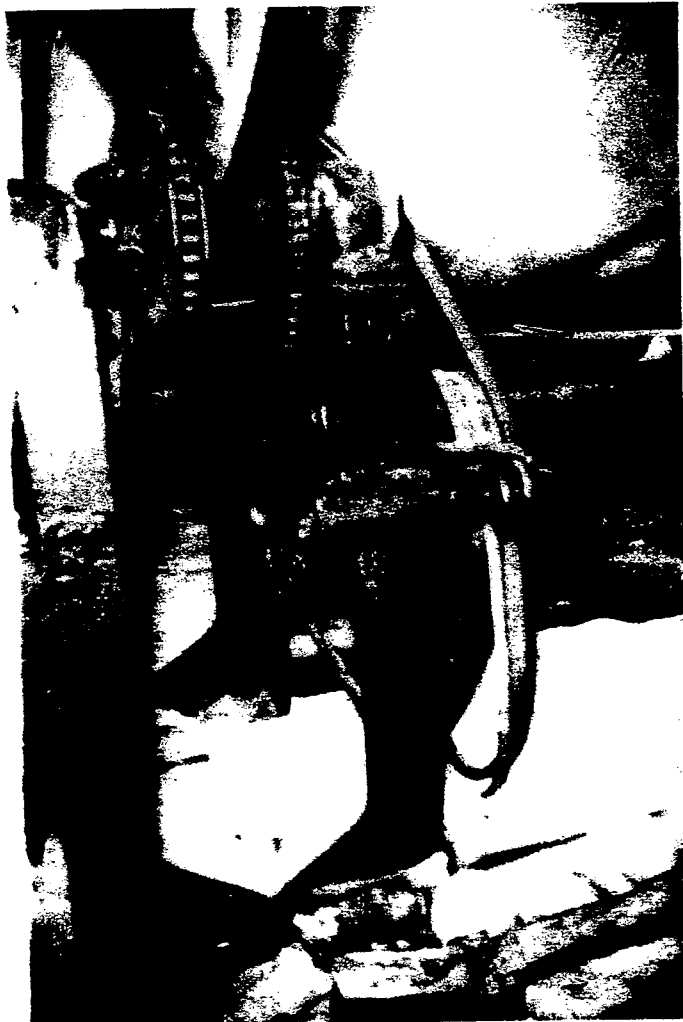
I have included several documents in the last few issues that were transcribed from the records here in Dade City. While the microfilms here have many, many more, most of them pertain to the John J./ David O. branch. It would be nice to include some from other Thrasher branches. If you have something that would be of interest send me a copy (no originals, please!) and I'll be happy to do the transcribing from the old text.

Also, several people have suggested including information on generations following those published in "Our Thrasher Heritage" and "Thrasher-Barton Descendants of Georgia." So send in not only your line going back, but also forward!

Documents, family news, trees, anything that would be of interest -- send it to me at 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or by e-mail to <egerb@gte.net>.

History of the Bible-Thrasher Baseball Pitching Machine

Patent No. 1,733,394 Oct. 29, 1929



About 1920 Jodie Thrasher was employed by Philip L. Bible in Dallas, Texas as a score keeper in a batting baseball game. The baseball pitching machine was built about 1916. It was partly made of wood and used a watch type spring to power the throwing arm and a door check device to slow the arm to release the ball. The business was very successful and they decided to start a chain of batting ballgames. Mr. Bib

Jodie Thrasher wrote in a letter, "I first went into business in Macon (GA) in a store on Cherry Street about the middle of the block that Dempsey Hotel is, it was there and then was on other side of Cherry Street (552 Cherry Street - McLellan Building). Was only there 5 or 6 weeks and sold the game to a Beddingfield. The one that owned a farm where the Beddingfield subdivision is now. The Solomon's were in automobile business then and the Dickey family was in the tire business. Mr. Bible and I built another baseball machine and put it up across the street from the Candler building (Atlanta). It was there from 1924 to 1928. I sold it in 1927. The machine was built at the Taylor Iron Works in Macon."

Another pitching machine was obtained and operated in Macon in 1926 and 1927. They were sued for patent infringement and lost the case. In 1927 and 1928 they went to Birmingham, Alabama and working with machinists at the steel mills designed and patented a new machine which was all metal, using a Canadian steel spring and a modified motorcycle piston filled with oil to release the ball. It was much more reliable in operation and threw a more accurate ball. Nine double throwing machines were built an experimental, a prototype and seven production models before the stock market crash of 1929. Their

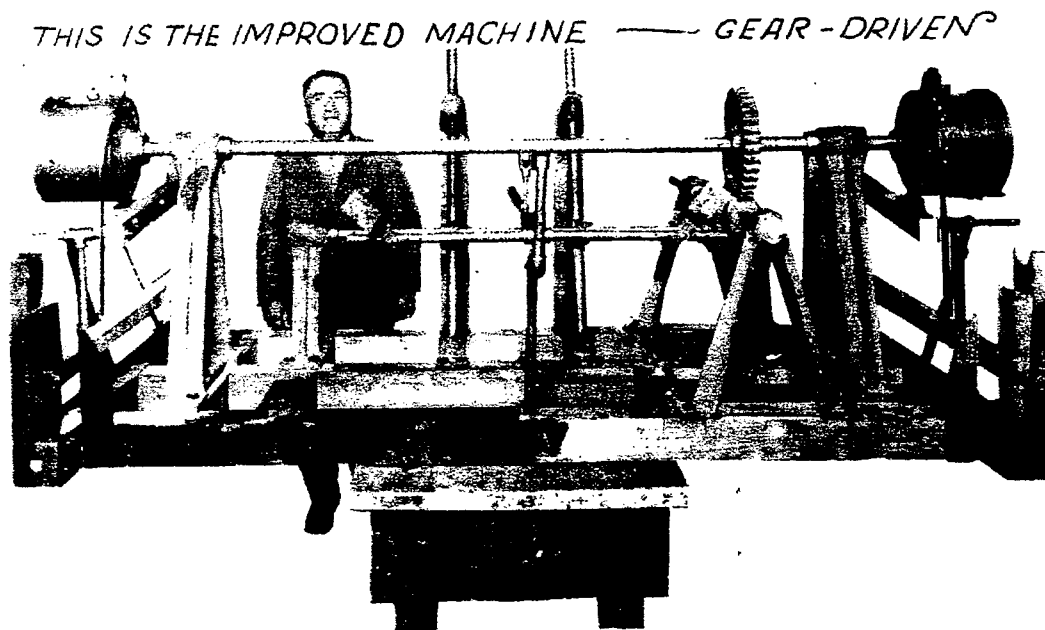
Patent, No. 1,733,394, was granted on October 29, 1929, the actual day of the crash. Due to the depression none of the machines sold were ever paid for.

Jodie Thrasher eventually recovered three machines and Philip Bible one. Mr. Bible operated his production model machine in Austin, Texas for many years. Jodie operated ballgames in Birmingham, Alabama; Little Rock, Arkansas; Louisville, Ky; Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio during 1928, 1929 and 1930 and in Wildwood, N.J.; Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, and Ocean City, Maryland during the summer months from 1930 to 1963.

The experimental pitching machine was cut into two single pitching machines. One half was operated in Rehobeth Beach, Delaware from 1931 to March 1963 when it was washed out to sea by an Atlantic Storm. Also lost in the storm was a stored production model machine which was used in Wildwood until forced to close during World War II. The other half of the experimental machine was operated in Atlanta, Macon, Rome, Winder, and Monroe, Georgia in the winters of 1932 and 1936 and in Miami, Florida the winters of 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940.

In 1965 the prototype pitching machine was cut in two and one half installed in a special trailer built by Bud K's Mobile Homes in Macon, Ga. It was operated at Westgate Shopping Center, the Georgia State Fair and White Sands Golf Course in Byron where the trailer was destroyed by a wind storm. The two halves of the prototype machine are now in the possession of Jodie Thrasher, Jr. and the remaining half of the experimental machine is in the possession of Dorothy Thrasher Taylor. (February 21, 2001)

Jodie Thomas Thrasher, Sr. was born September 15, 1903 in Iradell, Texas. He married Myrtle Sue Robison on February 27, 1927 in Winder, Georgia, died in Hartwell, GA in 1981 and is buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Winder, Ga. Other business interests included an indoor golf driving range in Atlanta, shooting gallery in Wildwood, N J, French Fried potato stores in Ocean City, Md and Rehobeth Beach, DE, broiler chicken houses, Barrow Cabinet Shop, and Barrow Kiddie Ride Manufacturing Co. in Winder, GA., and Baconsfield Kiddyland in Macon, Ga.



1916 era pitching machine first used by Bible and Thrasher

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This warranty deed immediately follows the one included in the last newsletter. In both cases, it seems that Mattie Thrasher was acting for her husband Velpe (Velpeau). Was he ill or had he left the area and she was selling their land preparatory to joining him? Also interesting are the various "creative" spellings used and, again, it seems that the transcription into the deed book sometimes was not perfect -- for instance, the lack of a number for the day of the month in the last section.

Mattie & V. C. Thrasher
To
William C. Crum(?)

Warranty Deed

State of Florida Know all men by these presents that I Mattie Thrasher wife of
Hernando County Velpe C. Thrasher do sign this deed for the purpose of relinquishing all right, title in the property hereafter described of the aforesaid County and State for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred dollars to us in hand paid by William C. Crum of the County of Hernando in the State of Florida the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto him the said William C. Crum all that certain lot piece tract and parcel of land situated lying and being in the County of Hernando, State of Florida particularly known and described as follows to wit: The SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section (20) Twenty in Township (23) Twenty three South of Range (22) Twenty two East, containing by estimation Forty acres of land more or less together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining, to Have and to hold the same unto him the said William C. Crum and to his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in fee simple absolute and I the said Mattie Thrasher wife of Velpe C. Thrasher do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said William C. Crum his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the property herein and hereby conveyed and that I have good and lawful right to sell and convey the same that the same is free from all encumbrances of any kind whatsoever and that I will and my heirs, executors and administrators shall and will forever warrant and defend the same unto him the said William C. Crum his heirs and to his heirs executors administrators and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of any and all persons whomsoever now claiming or hereafter to claim the same. In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals on this the second day of April A.D 1887.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us as Witnesses
Charles E. Wells Eliza Wells

Mattie Thrasher
Velpe C. Thrasher

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Witness Whereof she has in my presence
set her hand and seal.
Mattie Thrasher

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In Testimony Whereof they have
hereunto subscribed their names
Mattie Thrasher Velpe C. Thrasher

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Ancestors of David L. Thrasher

Generation No. 1

1. David L. Thrasher, born May 11, 1860 in KY. (Source: (1) *Census*, 1860, Clinton Co. KY, P114, A-One Month., (2) *Pension Application*, SJThrasher Dtd June 15, 1915.); died August 13, 1886 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: *County Record*). He was the son of **2. Samuel Jackson Thrasher** and **3. Catherine Willen**. He married **(1) Martha Ann Davidson** December 23, 1880 in Clinton Co. KY. She was born January 19, 1863, and died January 09, 1897 in Clinton Co. KY. She was the daughter of Pleasant A. Davidson and Victoria ???.

More About David L. Thrasher:

Burial: 1886, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: (1) DRT, *Tombstone Photo*, "fig.," 7/00., (2) Gary Norris, *Rocks of Ages, G. Norris*, (Clinton Co. Cemeteries), P352.)

Tombstone Photo: July 2000, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: DaleR.Thrasher, 7/00.)

More About Martha Ann Davidson:

Burial: 1897, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: (1) DRT, *Tombstone Photo*, "fig.," 7/00., (2) Gary Norris, *Rocks of Ages, G. Norris*, (Clinton Co. Cemeteries), P354.)

Tombstone Photo: July 2000, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY

More About David Thrasher and Martha Davidson:

Marriage: December 23, 1880, Clinton Co. KY

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2. Samuel Jackson Thrasher, born November 19, 1839 in Rogersville, Hawkins Co. TN (Source: (1) Book, *Loss of Sultana, 1892. biography*, (2) *Pension Application*, Dtd Nov 11, 1915.); died May 03, 1923 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: (1) *Tombstone Inscription*, 5/99., (2) *Pension Application*, Widow Appl. Dtd May 7, 1923.). He was the son of **4. Isaac H. Thrasher, Jr.** and **5. Sarah Ann (Sallie) Cline**. He married **3. Catherine Willen** June 22, 1859 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: Jack Ferguson, *Early Times In Clinton Co. Vol II*, P184.).

3. Catherine Willen, born June 16, 1844 in Sullivan Co. TN (Source: *Pension Application*, Widows Appl Dtd July 29, 1926.); died June 21, 1929 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: *Pension Record*, Widow Pens Dtd July 26, 1929.).

Notes for Samuel Jackson Thrasher:

Samuel J. was a survivor of the boat *Sultana*, that exploded and sank in the Miss. River after the Civil War, killing over 1700 men.

More About Samuel Jackson Thrasher:

Burial: 1923, 5 Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: DRT, *Tombstone Photo*, "fig.," 5/99.)

Census: July 27, 1860, Clinton Co. KY P114, A-20

Military service: Bet. February 1863 and April 1865, Co. "G", 6th Ky Cav US

Tombstone Photo: July 2000, 5 Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: DaleR.Thrasher, 7/00.)

Notes for Catherine Willen:

No death date inscribed on tombstone. Death date from Widow's pension record.

More About Catherine Willen:

Burial: 1929, 5 Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: DRT, *Tombstone Photo*, "fig.," 5/99.)

Census: July 27, 1860, Clinton Co. KY P114, A-15

Tombstone Photo: July 2000, 5 Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY

More About Samuel Thrasher and Catherine Willen:

Marriage: June 22, 1859, Clinton Co. KY (Source: Jack Ferguson, *Early Times In Clinton Co. Vol II*, P184.)

Child of Samuel Thrasher and Catherine Willen is:

- 1 i. David L. Thrasher, born May 11, 1860 in KY.; died August 13, 1886 in Clinton Co. KY; married Martha Ann Davidson December 23, 1880 in Clinton Co. KY.

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4. **Isaac H. Thrasher, Jr.**, born November 28, 1807 in Washington Co. TN (Source: Tombstone Inscription.); died May 18, 1873 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: *Cemetery Record*). He was the son of **8. Isaac H. Thrasher, Sr.** He married **5. Sarah Ann (Sallie) Cline** December 04, 1836 in Hawkins Co. TN.

5. Sarah Ann (Sallie) Cline, born October 01, 1819 in TN (Source: Tombstone Inscription.); died December 06, 1896 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: *Cemetery Record*.).

More About Isaac H. Thrasher, Jr.:

Burial: 1873, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: Tombstone Inscription, 7/00.)

Census: July 27, 1860, Clinton Co. KY P114, A52

Tombstone Photo: July 2000, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: DaleR. Thrasher, 7/00.)

More About Sarah Ann (Sallie) Cline:

Burial: 1896, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: Tombstone Inscription, 7/00.)

Census: July 27, 1860, Clinton Co. KY P114, A40

Tombstone Photo: July 2000, Davidson Cem. Clinton Co. KY

More About Isaac Thrasher and Sarah Cline:

Marriage: December 04, 1836, Hawkins Co. TN

Children of Isaac Thrasher and Sarah Cline are:

- 2 i. Samuel Jackson Thrasher, born November 19, 1839 in Rogersville, Hawkins Co. TN; died May 03, 1923 in Clinton Co. KY; married Catherine Willen June 22, 1859 in Clinton Co. KY.
- ii. Mary E. Thrasher, born 1842 in Hawkins Co. TN (Source: *Census*, 1860, Clinton Co. KY. P114, A-18.); married Tillman Sheckles 1873 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: *Marriage Record*, B3, p433.).

More About Tillman Sheckles and Mary Thrasher:

Marriage: 1873, Clinton Co. KY (Source: *Marriage Record*, B3, p433.)

- iii. Julia Ann Thrasher, born July 16, 1844 in Hawkins Co. TN (Source: *Census*, 1860, Clinton Co. Ky. P114, A-16.); died June 02, 1923; married Jesse Booher, born January 12, 1845; died January 28, 1923.

More About Julia Ann Thrasher:

Burial: 1923, Five Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: Gary Norris, *Rocks of Ages*, G. Norris, (Clinton Co. Cemeteries), P34.)

More About Jesse Booher:

Burial: Five Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY (Source: Gary Norris, *Rocks of Ages*, G. Norris, (Clinton Co. Cemeteries), P34.)

Military service: 1861, Co C, 5th KY Cav.

- iv. Lavinia Thrasher, born 1847 in Tennessee (Source: *Census*, 1860, Clinton Co. Ky. P114, A-13.); married James E. Brown 1866 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: Jack Ferguson 1986, *Early Times In Clinton Co. Vol I*, P286.).

More About James Brown and Lavinia Thrasher:

Marriage: 1866, Clinton Co. KY (Source: Jack Ferguson 1986, *Early Times In Clinton Co. Vol I*, P286.)

- v. Malinda Jane Thrasher (Source: *Cemetery Record*, Genforum.), born May 13, 1849 in Tennessee (Source: *Census*, 1860, Clinton Co. KY. P114, A-11.); died August 20, 1930 in Burksville, Cumberland Co. KY; married John Wesley Thrasher November 28, 1866 in Clinton Co. KY; born February 10, 1842 in Hawkins Co. TN (Source: *Cemetery Record*.); died February 07, 1924 in Burksville, Cumberland Co. KY.

More About Malinda Jane Thrasher:

Burial: Leslie Cem. Cumberland Co. KY (Source: Tombstone Inscription.)

More About John Wesley Thrasher:

Burial: Leslie Cem. Cumberland Co. KY (Source: *Cemetery Record*, Genforum.)

Census: 1870, Cumberland Co. KY

Military service: Civil War

More About John Thrasher and Malinda Thrasher:

Marriage: November 28, 1866, Clinton Co. KY

- vi. James M. Thrasher, born 1852 in Tennessee (Source: *Census*, 1870, Cumb Co. KY p7 A-18.); married Sarah J. Crawley 1873 in Clinton, Co. KY; born in Cumberland Co. KY.

More About James M. Thrasher:

Census: July 27, 1860, Clinton Co. KY P114, A-8

More About James Thrasher and Sarah Crawley:

Marriage: 1873, Clinton, Co. KY

- vii. William A. (Bill) Thrasher, born September 14, 1857 in Tennessee (Source: Tombstone Inscription.); died January 01, 1937 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: Tombstone Inscription, 5/99.); married Sarah Rebecca Riddle 1876 in Clinton Co. KY; born July 15, 1857 in Kentucky; died April 26, 1934 in Clinton Co. KY (Source: Tombstone Inscription, 5/99.).

More About William A. (Bill) Thrasher:

Burial: 5 Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY

Census: July 27, 1860, Clinton Co. KY P114, A-2

More About Sarah Rebecca Riddle:

Burial: 5 Springs Cem. Clinton Co. KY

More About William Thrasher and Sarah Riddle:

Marriage: 1876, Clinton Co. KY

- viii. Isaac Thrasher (Source: *Margie McElyea*, "Electronic," 11/99.), born 1860 in Kentucky (Source: *Census*, 1870, Cumb Co. KY p7.).

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8. Isaac H. Thrasher, Sr. (Source: (1) *Grace Becker*, 1989., (2) *Military Affidavit.*), born 1764 in "2 days at sea"; died February 1870 in Hawkins Co. TN. He was the son of 16. **William William Thrasher** and 17. **Sarah ???**.

More About Isaac H. Thrasher, Sr.:

Census: 1840, Hawkins Co. TN

Children of Isaac H. Thrasher, Sr. are:

- i. William D. Thrasher, born 1802 in North Carolina.
- ii. Mary Amanda Thrasher, born 1804 in NC OR TN?
- iii. Cassandra Ann Thrasher, born 1806 in Washington Co. TN; died in Hawkins Co. TN; married Thomas Jefferson Christian September 04, 1832 in Greene Co. TN; born 1812 in Hawkins Co. TN (Source: *Shirley Brewer*, "Electronic," 2/00.); died 1848 in Hawkins Co. TN (Source: *Shirley Brewer*, "Electronic," 2/00.).

More About Thomas Christian and Cassandra Thrasher:

Marriage: September 04, 1832, Greene Co. TN

- 4 iv. Isaac H. Thrasher, Jr., born November 28, 1807 in Washington Co. TN; died May 18, 1873 in Clinton Co. KY; married Sarah Ann (Sallie) Cline December 04, 1836 in Hawkins Co. TN.
- v. Elizabeth H. Thrasher (Source: *TJHopkins*, 1987.), born 1811 in Washington Co. TN; died in Hawkins Co. TN (Source: *Shirley Brewer*, "Electronic," 2/00.); married William L. Christian June 28, 1832 in Greeneville, Greene Co. TN.

More About Elizabeth H. Thrasher:

Photo: From newspaper, source JKoopman 3/01

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More About William Christian and Elizabeth Thrasher:
Marriage: June 28, 1832, Greeneville, Greene Co. TN

- vi. Uriah H. Thrasher, born 1815 in Washington Co. TN; died 1892 in Overton Co. TN; married (1) Cynthia Roark 1838 in Hawkins Co. TN; born 1817 in TN; died 1861; married (2) Leanna J. High 1864 in Overton Co. TN; born 1835 in TN; died 1912.

More About Uriah H. Thrasher:
Burial: Clay Springs Cem. Overton Co. TN

More About Uriah Thrasher and Cynthia Roark:
Marriage: 1838, Hawkins Co. TN

- vii. Joseph H. Thrasher, born 1817 in Washington Co. TN; died in Jefferson Co. TN (Source: *Shirley Brewer*, "Electronic," 2/00.); married Elizabeth H. Maskall March 06, 1848 in Jefferson Co. TN.

More About Joseph Thrasher and Elizabeth Maskall:
Marriage: March 06, 1848, Jefferson Co. TN

- viii. Teresa Amanda Thrasher (Source: *Margie McElyea*, "Electronic," 11/99.), born 1820 in Washington Co. TN; married George Dodson 1842 in Hawkins Co. TN.

More About George Dodson and Teresa Thrasher:
Marriage: 1842, Hawkins Co. TN

- ix. Louisa Thrasher, born 1822 in Washington Co. TN; died in Hawkins Co. TN; married Michael Roark May 01, 1845 in Hawkins Co. TN.

More About Michael Roark and Louisa Thrasher:
Marriage: May 01, 1845, Hawkins Co. TN

- x. Samuel Marion Thresher (Source: *Hazele Johnson*, 6/90.), born September 02, 1822 in Washington Co. TN; died January 26, 1878 in Greenville, Wayne Co. MO (Source: *Pension Record*, Civil War.); married Mary Jane Thompson March 05, 1850 in Rogersville, Hawkins Co. TN; born December 07, 1835 in Rogersville, Hawkins Co. TN (Source: *Death Certificate*, of Jesse G.); died October 21, 1906 in Eufaula, McIntosh Co. OK.

Notes for Samuel Marion Thresher:
Volunteered July 1, 1864 Carthage, MO

More About Samuel Marion Thresher:
Military service: July 01, 1864, Enl, A-42, 1st Rgt, Mtd TN Inf. Wash. Co. TN (Source: *J. Koopman*, "Electronic," 3/01, copy Enl. Appl. July 1, 1864..)

More About Mary Jane Thompson:
Burial: Briartown, Muskogee Co. OK (Source: *Shirley Brewer*, "Electronic," 2/00.)

More About Samuel Thresher and Mary Thompson:
Marriage: March 05, 1850, Rogersville, Hawkins Co. TN

- xi. Rachel Thrasher, born 1827 in Washington Co. TN; married George Hogwood October 24, 1855 in Hawkins Co. TN.

More About George Hogwood and Rachel Thrasher:
Marriage: October 24, 1855, Hawkins Co. TN