
The Thrasher Newsletter

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Bill Thrasher—The Patriot

by David E. Sumner

Pearl Harbor made a patriot out of Bill Thrasher. "I tried to enlist in the service when I was 13 but they wouldn't take me, but I was able to get into the Tennessee State Guard." He stayed there for three years until he tried again to enlist in the Army when he was 16.

"A friend of mine and I enlisted in the Army. Shortly after basic training, we were waiting to be transferred. Our mothers called the Red Cross and told them how old we were. They gave us what they called a minority discharge, sent us home, and about six months later, I was 17 and old enough to go back in and join the Air Force" he said during an interview in Micanopy, Fla., last May.

What motivated him so strongly to want to serve his country? "The war. I think I watched the movie "Wake Island" a dozen times. I just wanted to get in."

Bill Thrasher and his wife, Velma, live in Montgomery and recently celebrated their 53rd anniversary. They have attended almost every reunion since 1988 when he first learned about the Thrasher Family Association. He was doing research on his family history in 1988 and learned about Dot Pruett's book. "I bought a book from her and got interested in the association that year. We've been coming ever since," he said.

Bill was born Sept. 14, 1930, and grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. After joining the Air Force, his first assignment was at Turner Field in Albany, Georgia. "From Turner Field, I volunteered for overseas duty, and was sent to Okinawa in the south Pacific. I went there in June of

1948 and was there until Sept. of 1949. During that time we had five typhoons come across the island.

"In November of 1948, I was scheduled to travel to Shanghai but the trip was canceled because the Communists moved into Shanghai. So then I spent seven days in Tokyo on "R and R" and then I went back to the island.

"In September of 1949 I came home on 30 days leave. Within a week, I had met my future wife, and we were married the next July (1950). We met in a restaurant and we dated that evening and a couple of more times that week," he said.

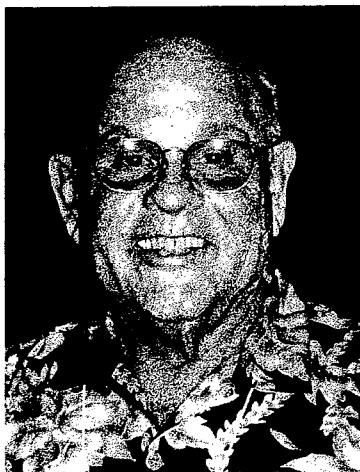
After he was transferred to Great Falls, Montana, he says he was out of a job.

"I had been a refrigeration mechanic, and they didn't have any refrigeration requirements there in Montana so I was out of a job. Just basically out of a job. I told the commander how unhappy I was, and he said he thought I would like the weather service. So he got me into that."

For the next 17 years, he was an Air Force weather forecaster, which included assignments in Oklahoma City,

Montgomery, Alabama; Smyrna, Tennessee; Rantoul, Illinois; Anchorage, Alaska; and Tokyo, Japan. After retiring from the military in 1968, he worked for the F.A.A. as an air traffic controller until he retired in 1985.

Bill and Velma decided to retire in Montgomery because of the climate. "I told Velma if I ever left Alaska, I'm not going to shovel snow again. I would have preferred Pensacola, but Velma was afraid of the hurricanes, so we



Bill Thrasher always has a smile!

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settled on Montgomery.”

They have a son, a daughter and four grandchildren. “My son is a contractor who has his own company in Farmington, New Mexico. He has two children. Our daughter lives in Anchorage, Alaska, and she has two children,” he said.

Bill and Velma keep in close touch with Dot Pruett. “We kind of watch over Dot. I help her with her computer and keep it going. We had to have some work done on it. I try to help her all I can,” he said. Bill recently volunteered to take over the duties of association treasurer to help, too.

Why does he keep coming to Thrasher reunions? “I love the Thrashers,” he said. “The fellowship is just great.”

David Sumner, Ph.D., teaches journalism at Ball State University in Indiana. He grew up in Dade City and he and his sisters, Frankie Goldsby and Joann Bandy, are hosting this year's reunion here in Dade City.

David has contributed several wonderful articles on long-time Thrasher Association members and another on his discovery of his Thrasher roots.

In Memorium

Samuel Harris Thrasher

Samuel Harris Thrasher, 85, of 319 Leon Aveue, Montezuma, GA, died June 1, 2003.

He was born July 29, 1917, in Oconee County, Ga., the son of the late Samuel Harris Thrasher and the late Bethel Phillips Thrasher. His wife, Macie Sims Thrasher, preceded him in death.

He was retired from the State Department of Transportation.

He is survived by two sons, Milton Thrasher of San Antonio, Texas, and Danny Thrasher of Eatonton, Ga; a daughter, Roberta Gresham of Montezuma; and seven grandchildren. Association member Linda Burkhalter is his great-niece.

Graveside services were held at the Farmington City Cemetery with the Rev. Dwight Webster officiating.

March Reunion Plans Progressing

Plans for the March reunion are progressing well. David has reserved a block of rooms at the Quality Inn in Zephyrhills, which is a few miles south of Dade City. It is easy to reach; SR 54 exits I-75 and goes straight east to Zephyrhills.

The motel is brand new -- has only been open about two months -- and will be a great place for our headquarters. Frankie and Joann have reserved a private room for Friday night dinner at John's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, which is only a short distance from the motel and has very good food. Before departing for home, people can gather for Sunday breakfast at the Golden Corral, which is also almost new and is right next door to the motel.

Plans are still in progress for the Saturday dinner; no details yet, but it will be a good one. William Dayton, a local lawyer, will be the program speaker. He is an expert on local history, and will be able to provide insights into what the area was like when the Thrashers first moved here. David hopes to recruit him for a tour of the old Dade City Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, as well.

To make reservations at the Quality Inn, call 1-800-210-6375, and tell the reservation person you are with the Thrasher Family Reunion, March 5 - 7. The rate for our group is \$71.99 per night, which is very good for the winter season. Since it is high season in Florida, the block of rooms will be held until February 1, so make your plans early.

Friday night after dinner, check out the classic cars at the monthly Dade City Cruise-In. Saturday options include the possible cemetery tour, the Pioneer Museum and/or its annex at the train depot, and antique and gift shopping in downtown Dade City. Check out the Founding Family walkway in front of the old courthouse. Lots of Thrashers, Sumners and related families have markers there. The annual Little Everglades Steeplechase is Sunday, and well worth lingering a day to see. More information on all this will be in the next newsletter, along with the dinner reservation slips for Saturday night.

Let's make this another great reunion -- March weather in Florida is excellent and there is always a lot to do. Plan some extra days to enjoy it.

News and Notes

How Not to Put On A Reunion

Nancy Cherry has learned the hard way what not to do when putting on a family reunion. Nancy worked hard to co-host the annual Summers (her grandmother Della Summers Thrasher's family) reunion at her brother's farm on August 10. Along with the standard arrangements (setting up tents, playing fields, food, family displays and scrapbooks, etc.), she devised a crossword puzzle based on Summers family history, counted out several jars of candies and snacks for guessing games, and planned for a series of handmade door prizes.

Twenty minutes before the reunion started, Nancy rushed to shower and change - and slipped in the shower, breaking her heel. Bill rushed her to the ER. By the time she was able to get back to the reunion, several hours later, many attendees had left, but those remaining were clamoring for the answers to the puzzles and games (which had been in a folder on the registration table - but no one knew it). Nancy suggests that at least one other person should have access to all plans and answers for a reunion program.

Since then, Nancy has had surgery, was in a hard cast for several weeks, and has now graduated to a brace (which she refers to as her "boot"). She still must use a wheelchair for most of the time. Get back on your feet soon, Nancy!

More on Richard Thrasher Article

John E. Thrasher was the first to respond to the article about the Richard Thrasher family reproduced in the last newsletter. He says that a slightly different version of the incident appeared in Dot Pruett's "Our Thrasher Heritage." Check it out on page 79.

Directory Change

Linda Burkhalter has a new e-mail address: <linda@d2Ainc.com>. Please enter the change in your directories.

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Reunion Web Site

David Sumner has started a web site for the March reunion. He will be updating it as plans progress, so go to <www.bsu.edu/web/dsumner/thrasher.htm> for the latest news. What a great idea, David! Many of you also are receiving electronic newsletters from David; if you aren't on the list and would like to be included, send him an e-mail.

Marie Senn Shares Research

Marie Senn is kindly sharing information on eight generations of her family line. The first pages are in this issue, and the final ones will be included in the next newsletter.

Born Marjorie Marie Thrasher, she is descended from James Thrasher. The line continues through Marion Johnson Thrasher, William Jasper Thrasher, James Martin Thrasher, William Luther Thrasher, Marie herself, then through her son Kenneth Ray Sutherland, his son Keith Sutherland and then to Keith's two children. Thank you, Marie.

And Finally --

Since the next issue won't be out until January, every best wish for a bountiful Thanksgiving, a happy, blessed Christmas and all good things in 2004.



Editor's Corner

I'm really excited about the reunion and looking forward to seeing a big crowd in March. Hosts David and Elise Sumner, Frankie and Richard Goldsby and Joann Bandy are working hard to plan an enjoyable weekend.

There are two things I hope to learn more about before the reunion. There is a Thrasher Road in Plant City, and a friend says there is an area east of Dade City that was once known as the Thrasher Ridges. It would be nice to know how the two were named.

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 <beger@earthlink.net>.

Descendants of James Thrasher

Generation No. 1

1. JAMES¹ THRASHER was born Unknown. He married <UNNAMED>. She was born Unknown.

Children of JAMES THRASHER and <UNNAMED> are:

- i. GEORGE WASHINGTON² THRASHER, b. 1804.
- ii. WILLIAM THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- iii. THOMAS THRASHER, b. Unknown.
2. iv. MARION JOHNSON THRASHER, b. 1817, GA.

Generation No. 2

2. MARION JOHNSON² THRASHER (*JAMES¹*) was born 1817 in GA. He married (1) MARY DIDEMA RODEN, daughter of THOMAS RODEN. She was born 1819, and died Bet. 1851 - 1856. He married (2) ELIZABETH CAROLINE RODEN, daughter of THOMAS RODEN. She was born Unknown.

Children of MARION THRASHER and MARY RODEN are:

- i. JANICE L.³ THRASHER, b. 1846, AL.
3. ii. MARY THRASHER, b. October 1848, AL.
4. iii. WILLIAM JASPER THRASHER, b. June 23, 1849, Marshall County, AL; d. October 24, 1920, Cullman County, AL.
5. iv. GEORGE WASHINGTON THRASHER, b. March 07, 1851, Marshall Co, AL; d. December 29, 1917, Marshall Co, AL.

Children of MARION THRASHER and ELIZABETH RODEN are:

- v. SEVILLA³ THRASHER, b. 1856, AL; m. THOMAS THRASHER, October 28, 1879; b. Unknown.

More About THOMAS THRASHER and SEVILLA THRASHER:
Marriage: October 28, 1879

- vi. MARION JOHNSON THRASHER, JR., b. May 12, 1859, AL; d. August 17, 1929; m. ALICE L. HAYES, January 11, 1881; b. Unknown.

More About MARION JOHNSON THRASHER, JR.:
Burial: Marshall Co, AL

More About MARION THRASHER and ALICE HAYES:
Marriage: January 11, 1881

- vii. JACKSON S. THRASHER, b. 1862, AL; m. JANE MOORE, May 28, 1883; b. Unknown.

More About JACKSON THRASHER and JANE MOORE:
Marriage: May 28, 1883

Generation No. 3

3. MARY³ THRASHER (*MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born October 1848 in AL. She married WILEY P. OWENS January 27, 1885. He was born 1850.

More About WILEY OWENS and MARY THRASHER:
Marriage: January 27, 1885

Children of MARY THRASHER and WILEY OWENS are:

- i. NANCY A. OWENS, b. April 1886, AL.
- ii. SARAH A. OWENS, b. January 1888, AL.
- iii. GEORGE P. OWENS, b. July 1891, AL.

4. WILLIAM JASPER³ THRASHER (*MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born June 23, 1849 in Marshall County, AL, and died October 24, 1920 in Cullman County, AL. He married ELIZABETH PARALEE LARUE March 19, 1873 in Carter Roden's home by James Bates, Justice of Peace, daughter of ABRAM LARUE and MILLIE NOBLE. She was born April 07, 1850 in Marshall County, AL, and died January 27, 1916 in Cullman County, AL (Arab, Route 2).

More About WILLIAM JASPER THRASHER:

Burial: Shiloh Cemetery, Marshall County, AL

Cause of Death: Bright's Disease

Church: Primitive Baptist

Occupation: Farmer

More About ELIZABETH PARALEE LARUE:

Burial: Shiloh Cemetery, Marshall County, AL

Church: Primitive Baptist

More About WILLIAM THRASHER and ELIZABETH LARUE:

Marriage: March 19, 1873, Carter Roden's home by James Bates, Justice of Peace

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and ELIZABETH LARUE are:

6. i. GEORGE THOMAS⁴ THRASHER, b. October 19, 1874, Blount County, AL; d. March 17, 1943, Blount County, AL.
7. ii. TERESEY HIBURNA THRASHER, b. September 06, 1876, Blount County, AL; d. March 04, 1958, Etheridge, TN.
- ⑧ iii. JAMES MARTIN THRASHER, b. August 19, 1878, Blount County, AL; d. October 25, 1906, Marshall County, AL.
- ⑨ iv. HOUSTON THRASHER, b. March 01, 1880, Blount County, AL; d. August 24, 1956, Decatur, AL.
- v. NANCY ALTENE THRASHER, b. May 19, 1882, Blount County, AL; d. April 25, 1952, Cullman County, AL; m. THOMAS M. COPELAND; b. Unknown.

Notes for NANCY ALTENE THRASHER:

Nancy and Thomas had no children.

More About NANCY ALTENE THRASHER:

Burial: Rocky Mount, Marshall County, AL

Notes for THOMAS M. COPELAND:

Thomas and Nancy had no children

10. vi. SARAH KATHERINE THRASHER, b. March 26, 1884, Blount County, AL; d. July 24, 1945, TN.
11. vii. JOHN JAMES THRASHER, b. August 13, 1886, Blount County, AL; d. March 09, 1951, Cullman County, AL.
12. viii. HENRY JONATHAN THRASHER, b. January 28, 1888, Blount County, AL; d. March 23, 1949, Cullman County, AL.
- ix. MATTIE L. JENNIE THRASHER, b. February 03, 1890, Blount County, AL; d. November 22, 1902, Marshall County, AL.

Notes for MATTIE L. JENNIE THRASHER:

Eula Watson Allred (in 1982 at age 82) referred to her as Jennie.

More About MATTIE L. JENNIE THRASHER:

Burial: Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

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x. WILLIAM EDWARD THRASHER, b. March 12, 1892, Cullman County, AL; d. January 31, 1962, Blount County, AL; m. LELA A. WILKS; b. Unknown.

Notes for WILLIAM EDWARD THRASHER:
William and Lela had no children.

More About WILLIAM EDWARD THRASHER:
Burial: Hopewell Cemetery

5. GEORGE WASHINGTON³ THRASHER (*MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born March 07, 1851 in Marshall Co, AL, and died December 29, 1917 in Marshall Co, AL. He married ARRILDA ELIZABETH MCKEE November 29, 1871, daughter of ROBERT MCKEE and SARAH PONDER. She was born July 27, 1854 in AL, and died August 26, 1934 in Boaz, Marshall County, AL.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON THRASHER:
He had taken Arrilda to the train station. He failed to leave the train before it started moving and was injured when he jumped off, dying two days later. The death certificated, dated Jan. 4, 1918, shows the principal cause of death as "peritonitis".

More About GEORGE WASHINGTON THRASHER:
Burial: Mt. Ida Church Cemetery, Talladega County, AL
Cause of Death: died from internal injuries received when he jumped from a moving train.

More About ARRILDA ELIZABETH MCKEE:
Burial: Mt. Ida Church Cemetery, Talladega County, AL

More About GEORGE THRASHER and ARRILDA MCKEE:
Marriage: November 29, 1871

Children of GEORGE THRASHER and ARRILDA MCKEE are:

i. ROBERT J.4 THRASHER, b. 1873, AL; d. 1939; m. MATTIE J. STEWART, February 14, 1914; b. Unknown.

More About ROBERT J. THRASHER:
Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Talladega, AL

More About ROBERT THRASHER and MATTIE STEWART:
Marriage: February 14, 1914

ii. THOMAS ETNA THRASHER, b. November 24, 1874, AL; d. March 31, 1948; m. DONNIE ARTIEBELL WINSLETT, April 12, 1899; b. Unknown.

More About THOMAS ETNA THRASHER:
Burial: Mt. Ida Church Cemetery, Talladega County, AL

More About THOMAS THRASHER and DONNIE WINSLETT:
Marriage: April 12, 1899

iii. LULA BEATRICE THRASHER, b. July 03, 1877, AL; m. JEFF TURNER, December 20, 1894; b. Unknown.

More About JEFF TURNER and LULA THRASHER:
Marriage: December 20, 1894

iv. LOAMMI JEZRELL THRASHER, b. October 14, 1879, AL; m. EVA PEARL ROYSTON, August 13, 1898; b. Unknown.

More About LOAMMI JEZRELL THRASHER:
Burial: Saline, LA

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More About LOAMMI THRASHER and EVA ROYSTON:
Marriage: August 13, 1898

- v. JOHN U. THRASHER, b. August 14, 1882, AL; d. January 31, 1950; m. AMANDA THOMAS, December 12, 1901; b. Unknown.

More About JOHN U. THRASHER:
Burial: Mt. Ida Church Cemetery, Talladega County, AL

More About JOHN THRASHER and AMANDA THOMAS:
Marriage: December 12, 1901

13. vi. SUMPTER MARSHALL THRASHER, b. April 02, 1885, AL; d. May 08, 1953, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL.
vii. LERA THRASHER, b. May 03, 1887, AL; d. April 10, 1922; m. JOHN L. MCGRADY, November 27, 1904; b. Unknown.

More About LERA THRASHER:
Burial: Mt. Ida Church Cemetery, Talladega County, AL

More About JOHN MCGRADY and LERA THRASHER:
Marriage: November 27, 1904

- viii. VIOLA THRASHER, b. October 27, 1891, AL; d. June 02, 1916; m. ELBERT PARKER, October 26, 1913; b. Unknown.

More About VIOLA THRASHER:
Burial: Mt. Ida Church Cemetery, Talladega County, AL

More About ELBERT PARKER and VIOLA THRASHER:
Marriage: October 26, 1913

- ix. LEALIS THRASHER, b. April 08, 1894, AL; d. June 11, 1920; m. HENRY BLACKMON, October 26, 1913; b. Unknown.

More About LEALIS THRASHER:
Burial: Mt. Ida Church Cemetery, Talladega County, AL

More About HENRY BLACKMON and LEALIS THRASHER:
Marriage: October 26, 1913

- x. ARTICE THRASHER, b. December 03, 1896, AL; d. July 25, 1944; m. JOHN R. FORRESTER, February 02, 1913; b. Unknown.

More About ARTICE THRASHER:
Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Talladega, AL

More About JOHN FORRESTER and ARTICE THRASHER:
Marriage: February 02, 1913

Generation No. 4

6. GEORGE THOMAS⁴ THRASHER (*WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born October 19, 1874 in Blount County, AL, and died March 17, 1943 in Blount County, AL. He married LULA FRANCES GOLDSMITH August 17, 1896 in Blount County, AL by J.E. McAnally, daughter of DANIEL GOLDSMITH and MARTHA LOGAN. She was born January 27, 1872 in Blount County, AL, and died November 29, 1918 in Blount County, AL.

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More About GEORGE THOMAS THRASHER:
Burial: Shiloh Cemetery, Marshall County, AL
Church: Primitive Baptist
Occupation: Farmer

More About LULA FRANCES GOLDSMITH:
Burial: Shiloh Cemetery, Marshall County, AL

More About GEORGE THRASHER and LULA GOLDSMITH:
Marriage: August 17, 1896, Blount County, AL by J.E. McAnally

Children of GEORGE THRASHER and LULA GOLDSMITH are:

- i. WILLIE JASPER⁵ THRASHER, b. July 04, 1897, Cullman, AL; d. December 24, 1963, Birmingham, AL; m. CORA E. LUMSON; b. Unknown.

More About WILLIE JASPER THRASHER:
Burial: Blount County, AL

- ii. DORRIS LUTHER THRASHER, b. January 06, 1900, Blount County, AL; d. November 19, 1906, died at the age of seven years.

More About DORRIS LUTHER THRASHER:
Burial: Marshall Co, AL

- iii. FREDDIE THOMAS THRASHER, b. March 10, 1902, Blount County, AL; d. September 25, 1904, at the age of two and a half years.

More About FREDDIE THOMAS THRASHER:
Burial: Marshall Co, AL

- iv. MATTIE LEE THRASHER, b. January 13, 1904, Blount County, AL; m. CHALMER; b. Unknown.
- v. JIMMIE CHALMERS THRASHER, b. January 28, 1906, Blount County, AL; d. August 23, 1985.
- vi. CARL THRASHER, b. June 18, 1909, Blount County, AL; d. November 07, 1975, Arab, Marshall County, AL; m. ADDIE COLLINS; b. Unknown.
- vii. LEONARD UEL THRASHER, b. August 02, 1912, Blount County, AL; d. 1964, Cullman, AL; m. RUBY ASKEW; b. Unknown.
- viii. TOMMIE OZELL THRASHER, b. December 06, 1914, Blount County, AL; m. JEWEL ISOM; b. Unknown.

14. 7. TERESEY HIBURNA⁴ THRASHER (*WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born September 06, 1876 in Blount County, AL, and died March 04, 1958 in Etheridge, TN. She married CHARLIE C. FIELDING December 27, 1894 in Cullman County, AL. He was born Unknown.

More About CHARLIE FIELDING and TERESEY THRASHER:
Marriage: December 27, 1894, Cullman County, AL

Children of TERESEY THRASHER and CHARLIE FIELDING are:

- i. JOHN⁵ FIELDING, b. Bef. 1902.
- ii. JOE FIELDING, b. Abt. 1902.
- iii. ORA FIELDING, b. Unknown.
- iv. LEWIS FIELDING, b. Unknown.
- v. JIM FIELDING, b. Unknown.

8. JAMES MARTIN⁴ THRASHER (*WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born August 19, 1878 in Blount County, AL, and died October 25, 1906 in Marshall County, AL. He married RUTHIE ELIZABETH WATSON May 07, 1899 in W. J. Watson's Home, Marshall County, AL, daughter of WILLIAM WATSON and ANZRO MORRIS. She was born September 03, 1881 in Carroll County, GA, and died October 04, 1960 in Akron, OH.

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More About JAMES MARTIN THRASHER:
Burial: Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

More About RUTHIE ELIZABETH WATSON:
Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery

More About JAMES THRASHER and RUTHIE WATSON:
Marriage: May 07, 1899, W. J. Watson's Home, Marshall County, AL
Marriage place: at the Brides home by A. Whitworth

Children of JAMES THRASHER and RUTHIE WATSON are:

- i. ANNIE ELIZABETH⁵ THRASHER, b. July 18, 1900, Cullman, AL; d. September 25, 1901.
- (15.) ii. WILLIAM LUTHER THRASHER, b. November 15, 1902, Marshall Co, AL; d. August 02, 1968, Akron, OH.
- iii. SILAS GEORGE THRASHER, b. March 19, 1906, Marshall County, AL; d. September 11, 1927, TN.

(9) HOUSTON⁴ THRASHER (*WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born March 01, 1880 in Blount County, AL, and died August 24, 1956 in Decatur, AL. He married JULIA AMANDA WATSON May 17, 1903 in Home of James Thrasher, daughter of WILLIAM WATSON and ANZRO MORRIS. She was born April 02, 1885.

More About HOUSTON THRASHER:
Burial: Decatur Cemetery, Morgan County, AL -off Moulton Street

More About HOUSTON THRASHER and JULIA WATSON:
Marriage: May 17, 1903, Home of James Thrasher

Children of HOUSTON THRASHER and JULIA WATSON are:

- i. ANNIE LEE⁵ THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- ii. ~~BERDIE~~ THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- iii. JAMES THRASHER, b. Unknown. *James Thomas*
- iv. THOMAS THRASHER, b. Unknown.
16. v. LILLIE THRASHER, b. September 13, 1912; d. January 11, 1997.

10. SARAH KATHERINE⁴ THRASHER (*WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born March 26, 1884 in Blount County, AL, and died July 24, 1945 in TN. She married ENOCH LEONARD WATSON May 13, 1906 in Cullman County, AL by Elder A. Whitworth, son of WILLIAM WATSON and ANZRO MORRIS. He was born December 03, 1883 in Georgia.

More About SARAH KATHERINE THRASHER:
Date born 2: March 26, 1884

More About ENOCH LEONARD WATSON:
Date born 2: December 03, 1883

More About ENOCH WATSON and SARAH THRASHER:
Marriage: May 13, 1906, Cullman County, AL by Elder A. Whitworth

Children of SARAH THRASHER and ENOCH WATSON are:

- i. EULA LEE⁵ WATSON, b. Unknown.
- ii. GEORGE VERNON WATSON, b. Unknown.
- iii. WILLIAM JASPER WATSON, b. Bef. 1918.
- iv. HOWARD NEWMAN WATSON, b. Unknown.
- v. HENRY THRASHER WATSON, b. Unknown; m. COTEE COKER; b. Unknown.
- vi. ELBERT WATSON, b. Unknown.
- vii. OLLIE MAE WATSON, b. Unknown.
- viii. JOE WATSON, b. Unknown.
- ix. AVANELL WATSON, b. Unknown.

x. CLAYTUS WATSON, b. Unknown.

11. JOHN JAMES⁴ THRASHER (*WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born August 13, 1886 in Blount County, AL, and died March 09, 1951 in Cullman County, AL. He married BULAH DAVIS October 13, 1907 in Cullman County, AL. She was born Unknown.

More About JOHN JAMES THRASHER:

Burial: New Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery, Cullman County, AL

More About JOHN THRASHER and BULAH DAVIS:

Marriage: October 13, 1907, Cullman County, AL

Children of JOHN THRASHER and BULAH DAVIS are:

- i. CONNIE⁵ THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- ii. MYRTLE THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- iii. GENEVIA THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- iv. ILA THRASHER, b. Bef. 1918.
- v. WOODROW THRASHER, b. Abt. 1918.
- vi. HARVELL THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- vii. JOHN THRASHER, JR., b. Unknown.
- viii. DONALD THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- ix. ELZIE THRASHER, b. Unknown.
- x. INEZ THRASHER, b. Unknown.

12. HENRY JONATHAN⁴ THRASHER (*WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born January 28, 1888 in Blount County, AL, and died March 23, 1949 in Cullman County, AL. He married COE ELSIE COKER December 20, 1914 in Marshall County, AL. She was born Unknown.

More About HENRY THRASHER and COE COKER:

Marriage: December 20, 1914, Marshall County, AL

Child of HENRY THRASHER and COE COKER is:

- i. ELBERT⁵ THRASHER, b. Bef. 1918.

13. SUMPTER MARSHALL⁴ THRASHER (*GEORGE WASHINGTON³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born April 02, 1885 in AL, and died May 08, 1953 in Gadsden, Etowah County, AL. He married CLARA GERTRUDE TOMLIN October 18, 1910, daughter of THOMAS TOMLIN and EFFIE. She was born September 03, 1891, and died June 06, 1966 in Ozark, AL.

More About SUMPTER MARSHALL THRASHER:

Burial: Crestwood Cemetery, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL

More About CLARA GERTRUDE TOMLIN:

Burial: Crestwood Cemetery, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL

More About SUMPTER THRASHER and CLARA TOMLIN:

Marriage: October 18, 1910

Children of SUMPTER THRASHER and CLARA TOMLIN are:

- i. WILLIAM ROBERT⁵ THRASHER, b. August 04, 1911, Talladega, Talladega County, AL; d. August 28, 1940; m. CAROLYN CELESTA BROOKS; b. Unknown.
- ii. MARSHALL LEONARD THRASHER, b. July 06, 1913, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL; m. GLADYS THELMA WILLIAMS, July 04, 1934; b. Unknown.

More About MARSHALL THRASHER and GLADYS WILLIAMS:

Marriage: July 04, 1934

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iii. GORDON CARY THRASHER, b. September 28, 1915, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL; m. MYRTIE BELL BONE, May 15, 1941; b. Unknown.

More About GORDON THRASHER and MYRTIE BONE:
Marriage: May 15, 1941

iv. MILDRED ONEVIE THRASHER, b. February 22, 1918, Horton, Marshall County, AL; m. SAMMIE J. SMITH, September 25, 1949; b. Unknown.

More About SAMMIE SMITH and MILDRED THRASHER:
Marriage: September 25, 1949

v. ALMA ELIZABETH THRASHER, b. February 18, 1920, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL; m. HARLAN DANIEL STREET, November 09, 1936; b. Unknown; d. July 27, 1975, North Branch, MI.

More About HARLAN DANIEL STREET:
Burial: Lapeer, MI

More About HARLAN STREET and ALMA THRASHER:
Marriage: November 09, 1936

vi. ELSIE REBECCA THRASHER, b. February 17, 1925, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL; m. WILLIAM DILLARD THRASHER, October 18, 1941; b. Unknown.

More About WILLIAM THRASHER and ELSIE THRASHER:
Marriage: October 18, 1941

vii. GEORGE THOMAS THRASHER, b. July 04, 1928, Gadsden, Etowah County, AL; m. MILDRED PEARL DAVENPORT, June 16, 1951; b. Unknown.

More About GEORGE THRASHER and MILDRED DAVENPORT:
Marriage: June 16, 1951

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14. JIMMIE CHALMERS⁵ THRASHER (*GEORGE THOMAS⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born January 28, 1906 in Blount County, AL, and died August 23, 1985. He married CARRIE MARIE COKER November 22, 1925, daughter of JAMES COKER and MYRTLE LEAK. She was born 1906.

More About JIMMIE CHALMERS THRASHER:
Burial: August 25, 1985, Brashier's Chapel, Arab, Marshall County, AL

More About JIMMIE THRASHER and CARRIE COKER:
Marriage: November 22, 1925

Children of JIMMIE THRASHER and CARRIE COKER are:

- i. JAMES VERDELL⁶ THRASHER, b. August 22, 1930, Blount County, AL; m. RUTH LYNN; b. Unknown.
- ii. GLENN L. THRASHER, b. January 24, 1934, Blount County, AL; m. LANNAI WHITE; b. Unknown.
17. iii. JAMES WAYLON THRASHER, b. February 04, 1939, Blount County, AL.

15. WILLIAM LUTHER⁵ THRASHER (*JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born November 15, 1902 in Marshall Co, AL, and died August 02, 1968 in Akron, OH. He married CLAUDIE LORENE SMITH February 27, 1921 in Lawrenceburg, Lawrence Co, TN, daughter of WILEY SMITH and MARY LUMPKINS. She was born May 31, 1902 in Lawrenceburg, Lawrence Co, TN, and died November 06, 1991 in Barberton, OH.

More About WILLIAM LUTHER THRASHER:

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Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Akron, OH
Social Security Number: 274-05-3627

More About CLAUDIE LORENE SMITH:

Burial: November 09, 1991, Rose Hill Burial Park, Akron, OH
Funeral: November 09, 1991, Bacher Funeral Home
Social Security Number: 275-62-6910

More About WILLIAM THRASHER and CLAUDIE SMITH:

Marriage: February 27, 1921, Lawrenceburg, Lawrence Co, TN
Marriage place: at the home of J. W. Beasley

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and CLAUDIE SMITH are:

18. i. MARJORIE MARIE⁶ THRASHER, b. April 05, 1922, Lawrenceburg, TN.
19. ii. MARY AVANELL THRASHER, b. September 30, 1924, Akron, OH.
20. iii. JOYCE CHRISTINE THRASHER, b. February 15, 1926, Akron, OH.
21. iv. JAMES WILLIAM EDWARD THRASHER, b. April 01, 1928, Akron, OH; d. March 22, 1958, Akron, OH.

16. LILLIE⁵ THRASHER (*HOUSTON*⁴, *WILLIAM JASPER*³, *MARION JOHNSON*², *JAMES*¹) was born September 13, 1912, and died January 11, 1997. She married HANNAH. He was born Unknown.

Notes for LILLIE THRASHER:

Mother Remembers

The first thing I remember is following grandmother Thrasher (Parilee) to the kitchen. She carried a small pearl handled knife in her apron pocket. I loved that little knife and wanted it for my own.

I remember walking into a bedroom and seeing someone naked being bathed by some women. I think this was my mother. Someone picked me up and carried me into another room. This was August 1916, I was almost four years old.

After mother died we stayed at home and Annie Lee kept house and cooked our meals. People said she was the best little housekeeper around. During school I stayed with my Grandpa Thrasher (Jasper). He would bake me a sweet potato by wrapping it in cloth, pulling out some hot ashes from the fireplace, placing it in these ashes then pulling hot coals on it until it was cooked. He would do an egg the same way. He ran a blacksmith shop. I would follow him to the shop and help him by pumping the blowers to keep the fire going in the kiln. This is where he would heat horseshoes. He would make hoe, rake and ax handles for anyone who needed them. Grandpa was sick a lot. He had Bright's disease.

Uncle Ed, Grandpa and Papa would take apples to the cider mill and make apples cider. From this they would make their own vinegar. I remember they had a place to dump the ashes from the fireplace. It was a big vat that come to a V point. When it would rain water would go in and the drippings would fume, they were almost like lye. Aunt Nannie would take these ashes and meat drippings, usually bacon, and make soap.

Grandpa read a lot, he took a newspaper, it was the Commercial Appeal from Memphis I believe. He had a world of books in a room (bookcases full).

When Grandpa died Aunt Nannie got the house. She was always the one everyone called on when someone got sick. She wasn't married at this time.

It was close to then when Papa got us a car, a T Model Ford. He was the first in the community to get one. He had a garage it sat in. One day Annie Lee put a tub in the garage for me to take a bath in. Some boys came over to borrow Papa's pump. I heard them outside the garage. They were peeping in the cracks and I ran and jumped into the back seat of the car. Then Annie Lee came out and told them she would get the pump for them to stay out there.

We lived on a road that was a V. we lived inside the V. people would cut across our yard to get to the other road. Annie Lee got tired of this and one day she strung a wire from a telephone pole at the end of the V to a tree, to prevent people from crossing over our yard. Papa came home that night and ran into the wire. It knocked him off his horse. I don't think he got mad. He wasn't real pleased about getting knocked off his horse. Papa never was one to fuss. He always said after something was done there was no need fussing about it that can't change anything.

Back in those days Papa was a school trustee at New Canaan School. We had a first grade teacher that would go home with other students and spend the night. Well, I didn't know any better, so I took her home with me. Both Papa and the teacher were pretty embarrassed since there was no mother in the home. She went back to town by herself.

I used to play in the pasture where there was a pine thicket. There I would sweep the pine needles into the shape of a home with separate rooms. We had a cow who had just had a calf. She was pretty gentle before she had the calf. I was in the pine thicket playing when this cow charged at me. I ran for the fence and just as I started to roll under the fence she gored me in the side. Grandpa fussed a Papa, telling him he needed to get rid of that cow. Papa sold her the next day.

One time Papa, Annie Lee and Thomas took the flu. They were all in bed. Aunt Nannie came over to help until she took it too. I helped wait on them, bring them water and such. Dr. Hayden came over. He said if I would roast onions in the fireplace I wouldn't take it so I did and I didn't take the flu.

The doctor carried a satchel and in it he had bottles of powders. He had papers already rolled out. He would pour out this powder in a paper and give it to the family for medicine. We didn't have a drugstore back then.

As remembered by Lillie Thrasher Hannah September 13, 1912- January 11, 1997, daughter of Houston Thrasher.

Thanks to Barbara Hannah Brown and Patricia Hannah Brooks her daughters for sharing this with us.

Children of LILLIE THRASHER and HANNAH are:

- i. BARBARA6 HANNAH, b. Unknown; m. BROWN; b. Unknown.
- ii. PATRICIA HANNAH, b. Unknown; m. BROOKS; b. Unknown.

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17. JAMES WAYLON6 THRASHER (*JIMMIE CHALMERS5, GEORGE THOMAS4, WILLIAM JASPER3, MARION JOHNSON2, JAMES1*) was born February 04, 1939 in Blount County, AL. He married FAYRA N. BONNER August 18, 1958 in Trenton, GA, daughter of JAMES BONNER and ELSIE BUTTS. She was born Unknown.

More About JAMES THRASHER and FAYRA BONNER:

Marriage: August 18, 1958, Trenton, GA

Children of JAMES THRASHER and FAYRA BONNER are:

- i. MICHAEL LYNN7 THRASHER, b. July 09, 1960, Oneonta, Blount County, AL.
- ii. BARRY DALE THRASHER, b. August 27, 1962, Oneonta, Blount County, AL; m. MYONG AE YI, August 08, 1983; b. Unknown.

More About BARRY THRASHER and MYONG YI:

Marriage: August 08, 1983

18. MARJORIE MARIE6 THRASHER (*WILLIAM LUTHER5, JAMES MARTIN4, WILLIAM JASPER3, MARION JOHNSON2, JAMES1*) was born April 05, 1922 in Lawrenceburg, TN. She married (1) SPENCER RAY SUTHERLAND June 21, 1941 in Akron, OH. He was born July 20, 1917 in Calhoun, GA/Calhoun, Gordon Co., GA, and died June 24, 1974 in Akron, OH. She married (2) MAX WINSTON SENN September 03, 1988 in Akron, OH. He was born March 06, 1920 in Florala, AL.

More About SPENCER RAY SUTHERLAND:

Burial: Lockwood Cemetery, Coventry Township, Akron, OH

More About SPENCER SUTHERLAND and MARJORIE THRASHER:

Marriage: June 21, 1941, Akron, OH

More About MAX SENN and MARJORIE THRASHER:

Marriage: September 03, 1988, Akron, OH

Children of MARJORIE THRASHER and SPENCER SUTHERLAND are:

22. i. KENNETH RAY⁷ SUTHERLAND, b. December 05, 1943, Akron, OH.
23. ii. BARRY LEE SUTHERLAND, b. June 17, 1948, Akron, OH.
24. iii. ROBIN MARIE SUTHERLAND, b. December 15, 1956, Akron, OH.

19. MARY AVANELL⁶ THRASHER (*WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born September 30, 1924 in Akron, OH. She married (1) RICHARD DONAL CROASMUN February 13, 1943 in Akron, OH. He was born August 13, 1923. She married (2) ROBERT EARL STONE WILSON July 18, 1972 in Akron, OH. He was born June 15, 1923, and died February 09, 1983 in Akron, OH.

More About RICHARD CROASMUN and MARY THRASHER:

Divorce: Unknown

Marriage: February 13, 1943, Akron, OH

More About ROBERT WILSON and MARY THRASHER:

Marriage: July 18, 1972, Akron, OH

Children of MARY THRASHER and RICHARD CROASMUN are:

25. i. RICHARD DENNIS⁷ CROASMUN, b. January 07, 1945, Akron, OH.
26. ii. NANCY JO CROASMUN, b. February 10, 1950, Akron, OH.

20. JOYCE CHRISTINE⁶ THRASHER (*WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born February 15, 1926 in Akron, OH. She married (1) THOMAS DAVID SEYMOUR December 02, 1946. He was born July 08, 1925. She married (2) WAYNE OTHO CABLE June 19, 1953 in Santa Anna, CA, son of JAMES CABLE and VIRGIA SHANNON. He was born September 10, 1926 in Akron, OH.

Notes for JOYCE CHRISTINE THRASHER:

Joyce and Thomas had two children, Sandra Lee and David William. They were both adopted by Wayne Cable.

More About THOMAS SEYMOUR and JOYCE THRASHER:

Marriage: December 02, 1946

Notes for WAYNE OTHO CABLE:

Wayne's first church was 'Hemet Missionary Baptist Church' in Hemet, CA

More About WAYNE OTHO CABLE:

Military service: Bet. 1945 - 1946, U. S. Army

Ordination: June 02, 1962, Meiners Oaks, Ventura County, CA

More About WAYNE CABLE and JOYCE THRASHER:

Marriage: June 19, 1953, Santa Anna, CA

Children of JOYCE THRASHER and WAYNE CABLE are:

27. i. SANDRA LEE⁷ CABLE, b. October 29, 1948, Akron, OH.
28. ii. DAVID WILLIAM CABLE, b. November 23, 1951, Akron, OH.
29. iii. JEFFREY WAYNE CABLE, b. December 10, 1953.
- iv. CATHY SUE CABLE, b. December 09, 1954.

Notes for CATHY SUE CABLE:

Never married

21. JAMES WILLIAM EDWARD⁶ THRASHER (*WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born April 01, 1928 in Akron, OH, and died March 22, 1958 in Akron, OH. He married POLLY SHUFO PACE in New York. She was born April 05, 1930 in Youngstown, OH.

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More About JAMES THRASHER and POLLY PACE:
Marriage: New York

Children of JAMES THRASHER and POLLY PACE are:

30. i. DANIEL WILLIAM⁷ THRASHER, b. August 24, 1954, Akron, OH.
31. ii. JOY ANTOINETTE THRASHER, b. January 17, 1957, Akron, OH.

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22. KENNETH RAY⁷ SUTHERLAND (*MARJORIE MARIE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born December 05, 1943 in Akron, OH. He married (1) BETSY GOLDTHWAIT February 1968 in Athens, OH. She was born August 13, 1945. He married (2) LYNN HUNTER July 04, 1976 in Wooster, OH. She was born Unknown. He married (3) PATTI BRYANT April 1982 in Jacksonville, FL. She was born Unknown. He married (4) ANNA MARIE SILVEY June 16, 2001 in Southside Christian Church, Jacksonville, FL. She was born Unknown.

More About KENNETH SUTHERLAND and BETSY GOLDTHWAIT:
Marriage: February 1968, Athens, OH

More About KENNETH SUTHERLAND and LYNN HUNTER:
Marriage: July 04, 1976, Wooster, OH

More About KENNETH SUTHERLAND and PATTI BRYANT:
Marriage: April 1982, Jacksonville, FL

More About KENNETH SUTHERLAND and ANNA SILVEY:
Marriage: June 16, 2001, Southside Christian Church, Jacksonville, FL

Child of KENNETH SUTHERLAND and BETSY GOLDTHWAIT is:
32. i. KEITH TODD⁸ SUTHERLAND, b. January 29, 1970, Aberdeen, WA.

23. BARRY LEE⁷ SUTHERLAND (*MARJORIE MARIE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born June 17, 1948 in Akron, OH. He married (1) NANCY ELIZABETH LINEBACK October 09, 1971 in Louisville, KY. She was born February 27, 1953 in Louisville, KY. He married (2) PATRICIA ANNE NEAL June 13, 1992 in Wooster, OH. She was born December 21, 1961 in Orrville, OH.

More About BARRY SUTHERLAND and NANCY LINEBACK:
Divorce: Unknown
Marriage: October 09, 1971, Louisville, KY

More About BARRY SUTHERLAND and PATRICIA NEAL:
Marriage: June 13, 1992, Wooster, OH

Child of BARRY SUTHERLAND and NANCY LINEBACK is:
i. SARAH JANAE⁸ SUTHERLAND, b. September 14, 1979, Akron, OH.

24. ROBIN MARIE⁷ SUTHERLAND (*MARJORIE MARIE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born December 15, 1956 in Akron, OH. She married STEVEN HAROLD KINTY November 22, 1974 in Akron, OH. He was born June 20, 1955 in Cleveland, OH.

More About STEVEN KINTY and ROBIN SUTHERLAND:
Marriage: November 22, 1974, Akron, OH

Children of ROBIN SUTHERLAND and STEVEN KINTY are:
33. i. NICOLE LEANNE⁸ KINTY, b. May 19, 1975, Akron, OH.

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The Thrasher Newsletter

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Make Your Reunion Plans Now!

When you receive this newsletter, there will only be about ten days left to make your reunion reservations at the Quality Inn in Zephyrhills! Friday night dinner will be at John's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, which is only a short distance from the motel and has very good food. Before departing for home, people can gather for Sunday breakfast at the Golden Corral, which is also almost new and is right next door to the motel.

To make reservations at the Quality Inn, call 1-800-210-6375, and tell the reservation person you are with the Thrasher Family Reunion, March 5 - 7. The rate for our group is \$71.99 per night, which is very good for the winter season. Since it is high season in Florida, the block of rooms can be held only until February 1, so do it now.

Bill Dayton, our speaker for Saturday's program, has also agreed to lead a Saturday morning tour of family-related graves in the Dade City Cemetery if there is enough interest. Other Saturday options include a visit to the Pioneer Museum (they have a treasure trove of old records in addition to the exhibits) and/or its annex at the train depot, and antique and gift shopping in downtown Dade City. Take a stroll on the Founding Family walkway in front of the old courthouse which has markers for a number of Thrashers, Sumners and related families. Saturday night after dinner, check out the classic cars at the monthly Dade City Cruise-In. They are on display downtown from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The annual Little Everglades Steeplechase is Sunday, with horse races, Jack Russell Terrier races and other entertaining events. If you would like more information, they have a website: <http://www.littleevergladessteeplechase.com>

A reservation slip for the meals and the Saturday morning cemetery tour is on the last page of this issue.

And the Food Will Be Delicious!

Dinner Friday night will be at John's Steak House in Zephyrhills. It is located near the motel where people will be staying. A private room is reserved from 6 to 9. We plan to eat at 7. We will be able to order from the menu. Dinners are reasonably priced and a soup and salad bar is included with most entrees. We have arranged for each party to receive a separate check.

We have reserved the Garden Club in Dade City for Saturday. It will be available all day for our use to rest and snack between tours. A light lunch will be available at noon.

Saturday night, following appetizers, we will have a buffet dinner at the Garden Club consisting of roast beef, ham, and hot chicken salad. Sides will include vegetables, potatoes, baked apples, salad, and rolls and dessert. Iced tea, coffee and lemonade will be served.

William Dayton, a local lawyer, will be the program speaker. He is an expert on local history, and will be able to provide insights into what the area was like when the Thrashers first moved here.

Lunch will probably be soup, sandwiches and/or salad.

Cost for the Saturday dinner is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (12 & under). Cost for lunch will be \$3.50.

Send your reservation form with your check to:

Frankie Goldsby
100 Bluff View Dr. # 404C
Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770

Be sure to indicate how many will be attending each meal. If you have questions about the meals, the Goldsby's can be reached at (727) 584-1667 or toll free (877) 766-7046.

Florida in March should be nice and warm, but not too hot and there is a lot to do, so don't put off planning your trip.

Directions for Reunion Events

The Quality Inn Motel is located at 6815 Gall Blvd. (U.S. 301), Zephyrhills, Fla. From I-75, exit at State Road 54 (Exit 279). Take SR 54 to Zephyrhills until it intersects with U.S. 301. Go north on U.S. 301 until you pass Pasco County Road 54. The motel will be on the left about 3/4 of the way to the next traffic light, which is Daughtery Road. There is a left turn lane for the adjacent Golden Corral, and the motel is accessed directly through the front of the Golden Corral lot.

If you are coming over I-4, exit at U.S. 98 in Lakeland. Go north on U.S. 98 to Pasco County Road 54. There will be a directional sign for Zephyrhills at the intersection, and you can only turn left. Follow CR 54 to Gall Blvd. and turn right. The motel will be on the left about 3/4 of the way to the next light (Daughtery Road).

It is confusing, because both the state road and the county road are number 54, but are two different roads which sometimes are concurrent and sometimes not.

The Dade City Garden Club is located at 13630 5th St. in Dade City. From The motel, go north on U.S. 301 to Dade City (approximately 8 miles). At the south edge of town, U.S. 301 splits into the main route and a truck route which bypasses town. DO NOT take the truck route, which curves to the right. Take the main 301, which is 7th St., to Southview. Turn right on Southview and then right on 5th -- Southview deadends at 5th, so you can't miss it. The Garden Club will be on your left.

If you plan on arriving Saturday and going directly to the Garden Club before checking in at the motel, take Exit 285 from I-75, which is SR 52. If you are coming south, this is the second Dade City exit. Go east on SR 52; this will bring you into the center of Dade City. When SR 52 intersects with U.S. 301 (7th St.), turn right. Follow 7th St. to Southview; go left on Southview and then turn right on 5th. The Garden Club is a former church and is approximately in the middle of the block on the left.

If all else fails, call the motel at 352-762-2000 (toll-free is 800-210-6375), or Barbara Eger at 352-567-7461 (home) or (352-457-1009 (cell).

Bits and Pieces

Al and Peggy Thrasher are doing their usual "gadding about." This summer they drove across the northern United States, western Canada, and up the Alaska Highway all the way to the Arctic Circle -- a total, according to their Christmas letter, of 9,994 miles. Left the camper in California and then flew back to retrieve it in October and drove east through Yosemite, Zion and the Grand Canyon National Parks. They wound up the year by making a trip to attend the 100 years of Flight events at Kitty Hawk, N.C. Do you guys ever stay home???

Nancy and Bill Cherry are recovering from illness/injury. Nancy says she is walking again, although still limping, and Bill is feeling better, although the doctors have not been able to pinpoint the cause of his problem. They will be coming to Florida for the reunion, though. Nancy says they're tired of being in a deep-freeze!

Bill and Velma Thrasher have also recovered, Velma from the blockage of her shunt and Bill from back surgery, and gotten back to traveling. They wrote that while they did get to visit Nashville and Destin, a hurricane "sank" their planned trip to Williamsburg, Va.

David Sumner recently wrote that he had obtained a copy of the 1900 Federal Census on CD-ROM. He ordered it from www.allcensus.com at the very reasonable price of \$5.95. After reading through it, David said he found 10 Sumner families and two Thrasher families living in Dade City at the turn of the century. The site also has copies of earlier and later censuses available.

Just on the fun side of things, The Atlanta Thrashers hockey team is having a pretty good season. They were at the top of the southeast division of the NHL for a couple of weeks. They are currently second to the Tampa Bay Lightning (Go, Bolts!), but have been right up there since the start of the season.

And an advance thank-you to Frankie Goldsby, Joann Bandy and David Sumner for the work they have put in on the reunion. None of them live in Dade City, and planning a reunion is difficult enough without trying to do it at a distance. Let's show them we appreciate it by having a nice big crowd!

Pugh Houston Thrasher, McNairy County Tennessee

The subject of this sketch, Pugh Houston Thrasher, was born in Lauderdale County, AL, eight miles north of Florence, March 12, 1843, next youngest of nine children. His father, William Bishop Thrasher, affectionately called Uncle Billy by his community, was a substantial citizen of means, owning more than a thousand acres of land. He was conscientiously opposed to human slavery, so he never owned any slaves but taught his seven boys to work. This training was a valuable asset to Pugh when he started out on his own after the Civil War in which he had served three and a half years in the Federal Army.

After the war he and an older brother, Hendson, opened a small general store at Wailing Springs, TN, but Pugh soon decided that he was not cut out to be a merchant, sold his interest to his brother and came to McNairy County to visit a sister, the wife of Dr. G.H. Butler. While on this visit he met Miss Howard, daughter of William Howard, who became his wife in 1866. He settled in McNairy County and for 55 years was identified with this county's interest.

For a number of years he lived in Adamsville. In 1884 he moved his sawmill to a point on the railroad which was known as "Pharr Old Field." Within 200 yards of the present McNairy County Court House, he cleared a place and put down his mill and began sawing lumber, railroad timber, cross ties and etc.

A county seat town at the present site of Selmer originated in the mind of P.H. Thrasher. The town of Purdy, the county seat, began to go down soon after the M&O railroad was built. Agitation for removal to the railroad began as far back as 1870. Election after election was held but failed to get the two thirds majority necessary. Falcon and Bethel Springs both failed to win county seats.

At one time the County Court appointed a committee to go over the territory between Falcon and Bethel and select the most available site for a town and upon the report of the committee the Court intended to call an election. The Court unanimously selected the spot called Pharr's Old Field.

P.H. Thrasher was a member of this committee. The Court failed to take action on this report. This land was owned

by James Pharr. Early in 1884, James Pharr died, leaving his property to nephews and nieces. One of whom was the wife of the late J.W. Purviance.

This was the opportunity Pugh Thrasher had been waiting for and he lost no time in forming a partnership with Purviance and together they bought out the other heirs. After about two years of partnership, Thrasher became the sole owner of about 500 acres of land including the site of Selmer. Immediately after acquiring title to the property, he started on a plan to move the county seat here. He cleared off the land where downtown Selmer is now located, laid out the streets, numbered the lots, etc.

One election to New South, the first name for the town suggested by J.W. Purviance, having failed, Thrasher organized the McNairy County Real Estate and Investment Co. to which he deeded fifty acres for the proposed town with an agreement that his company build a Court House to cost no less than \$10,000 and deed it to the county, the money to come from the sale of these lots. Stockholders were R.D. Anderson, John T. Warren, Samuel Chambers, A.B. Hamm, H.L.W. Lancaster, H.P. Wood, and James W. Purviance.

The next election was declared, carried and the Court House was built in 1891. Purdy brought suit and the case was tried before Chancellor Hawkins in the new Court House at Selmer and thus ended a 20 year fight for removal.

P.H. Thrasher was active in politics, civic betterment and his church. He was uncompromising for the right, but with charity for all. He left his surviving children and grandchildren a heritage of courage, honesty, integrity, generosity, sympathy, and optimism of which they are justly proud.

By: George Thrasher Anderson, taken from an article written in 1938.

Note: This piece came from Greg Wickenburg's Thrasher list way back in 1997. Greg noted that "this article was sent to me and looks to be from a county history book. I assume McNairy County, TN." Does P. H. Thrasher belong to Shirley Brewer's Thresher/Thrasher group? A later posting on Greg's list said P. H. was descended from Benjamin Thrasher of Maryland.

Continuation of Descendants of James Thrasher

In the last newsletter, the first pages of Marie Senn's family tree covered the descent from James Thrasher through part of generation 7. The final pages through Generation 8 are in this issue. This is valuable in that not many of the Thrasher branches are recorded through the current group of younger people. Marie has done a beautiful job and her willingness to share her work is appreciated.

ii. APRYL RENEE KINTY, b. February 27, 1978, Akron, OH; m. ANTHONY JOSEPH SWAFFORD, June 17, 2000; b. December 30, 1976.

More About ANTHONY SWAFFORD and APRYL KINTY:
Marriage: June 17, 2000

25. RICHARD DENNIS⁷ CROASMUN (*MARY AVANELL⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born January 07, 1945 in Akron, OH. He married JANICE RUTH YOUNG June 25, 1966 in Akron, OH. She was born December 05, 1946 in Akron, OH.

More About RICHARD CROASMUN and JANICE YOUNG:
Marriage: June 25, 1966, Akron, OH

Children of RICHARD CROASMUN and JANICE YOUNG are:

34. i. RICHARD TROY⁸ CROASMUN, b. July 11, 1969, Akron, OH.
35. ii. BRYAN DENNIS CROASMUN, b. July 13, 1973, Akron, OH.

26. NANCY JO⁷ CROASMUN (*MARY AVANELL⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born February 10, 1950 in Akron, OH. She married LEMUEL ALBERT CLEVER III September 04, 1969 in Akron, OH. He was born Unknown, and died September 1993.

More About LEMUEL CLEVER and NANCY CROASMUN:
Marriage: September 04, 1969, Akron, OH

Children of NANCY CROASMUN and LEMUEL CLEVER are:

36. i. LAURA AMY⁸ CLEVER, b. December 24, 1970, Miami, FL.
- ii. ELIZABETH ANN CLEVER, b. March 27, 1973, Akron, OH; m. KENNETH MONTGOMERY, October 04, 1991, Akron, OH; b. Unknown.

More About KENNETH MONTGOMERY and ELIZABETH CLEVER:
Marriage: October 04, 1991, Akron, OH

27. SANDRA LEE⁷ CABLE (*JOYCE CHRISTINE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born October 29, 1948 in Akron, OH. She married ROBERT RAMBO PAYNE January 14, 1968 in Oxnard, CA, son of LELAND PAYNE and DOROTHY RAMBO. He was born November 11, 1947 in Anderson, MO.

More About SANDRA LEE CABLE:
Graduation: 1966, Port Hueneme, CA

More About ROBERT RAMBO PAYNE:
Degree: Doctorate in Theology
Graduation: 1966, Clinton, MO
Military service: Bet. 1967 - 1981, U. S. Navy
Ordination: December 19, 1982, Flatcreek, TN (at his first church)

More About ROBERT PAYNE and SANDRA CABLE:
Marriage: January 14, 1968, Oxnard, CA

Children of SANDRA CABLE and ROBERT PAYNE are:

- i. ROBERT RAMBO⁸ PAYNE, JR., b. December 28, 1970, Shelbyville, Bedford County, TN.

More About ROBERT RAMBO PAYNE, JR.:
Military service: Navy

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ii. CHRISTINE RENEE PAYNE, b. December 21, 1973, Marietta, Cobb County, GA.

28. DAVID WILLIAM⁷ CABLE (*JOYCE CHRISTINE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born November 23, 1951 in Akron, OH. He married (1) BRENDA GANNON in Shelbyville, Bedford County, TN. She was born Unknown. He married (2) LAVERNE SCHMIDT February 17, 1981 in Tullahoma, TN. She was born Unknown. He married (3) LISA HINES September 03, 1990 in Sebring, FL. She was born February 02.

More About DAVID CABLE and BRENDA GANNON:
Marriage: Shelbyville, Bedford County, TN

More About DAVID CABLE and LAVERNE SCHMIDT:
Divorce: Unknown
Marriage: February 17, 1981, Tullahoma, TN

More About DAVID CABLE and LISA HINES:
Marriage: September 03, 1990, Sebring, FL

Child of DAVID CABLE and LAVERNE SCHMIDT is:
i. JONATHAN DAVID⁸ CABLE, b. March 19, 1983, Winchester, Franklin County, TN.

Children of DAVID CABLE and LISA HINES are:
ii. LINDSEY SHEA⁸ CABLE, b. May 06, 1992, Ocala, FL.
iii. TAYLOR LAUREN CABLE, b. February 10, 2002.

29. JEFFREY WAYNE⁷ CABLE (*JOYCE CHRISTINE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born December 10, 1953. He married (1) KATHY DENISE TIPPS December 17, 1976 in Chattanooga, TN, daughter of ROBERT TIPPS and YVONNE. She was born October 20, 1958 in Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN. He married (2) GINGER LEECH May 10, 1994. She was born June 19, 1962.

More About JEFFREY CABLE and KATHY TIPPS:
Marriage: December 17, 1976, Chattanooga, TN

More About JEFFREY CABLE and GINGER LEECH:
Marriage: May 10, 1994

Children of JEFFREY CABLE and KATHY TIPPS are:
i. CASSON ROBERT⁸ CABLE, b. January 16, 1978, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.
38. ii. ELIZABETH CLAIRE CABLE, b. June 25, 1979, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.
iii. ADAM WAYNE CABLE, b. July 08, 1982, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.
iv. JAMES LUCAS CABLE, b. March 13, 1986, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.

Child of JEFFREY CABLE and GINGER LEECH is:
v. TABATHA ANN⁸ CABLE, b. March 06, 1995, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.

30. DANIEL WILLIAM⁷ THRASHER (*JAMES WILLIAM EDWARD⁶, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born August 24, 1954 in Akron, OH. He married MINDY SUE FOCKLER February 07, 1981 in Lake Worth, FL. She was born August 15, 1958 in Mansfield, OH.

More About DANIEL THRASHER and MINDY FOCKLER:
Marriage: February 07, 1981, Lake Worth, FL

Children of DANIEL THRASHER and MINDY FOCKLER are:
i. JUSTIN PATRICK⁸ THRASHER, b. July 26, 1981, West Palm Beach, FL.
ii. DANE WILLIAM THRASHER, b. June 26, 1986, West Palm Beach, FL.

iii. SAUNDRA CHRISTINE THRASHER, b. March 17, 1988, West Palm Beach, FL.

31. JOY ANTOINETTE⁷ THRASHER (*JAMES WILLIAM EDWARD⁶, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born January 17, 1957 in Akron, OH. She married ALBERT MOORE April 01, 1977 in West Palm Beach, FL. He was born Unknown.

More About ALBERT MOORE and JOY THRASHER:
Marriage: April 01, 1977, West Palm Beach, FL

Children of JOY THRASHER and ALBERT MOORE are:

- i. DANNIELLE ANTOINETTE⁸ MOORE, b. March 12, 1980, West Palm Beach, FL.
- ii. ALICIA RENEE MOORE, b. December 18, 1982, West Palm Beach, FL.
- iii. ALFRED BRYSON MOORE, b. October 01, 1984, West Palm Beach, FL.
- iv. JESSICA NICOLE MOORE, b. October 08, 1985, West Palm Beach, FL.

Generation No. 8

32. KEITH TODD⁸ SUTHERLAND (*KENNETH RAY⁷, MARJORIE MARIE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born January 29, 1970 in Aberdeen, WA. He married KERRY MARIE SENN CIRULLO July 10, 1998 in Tallmadge, OH. She was born April 24, 1969 in Tallmadge, OH.

More About KEITH TODD SUTHERLAND:
Military service: Unknown, Navy

Notes for KERRY MARIE SENN CIRULLO:
Kerry is Max Winston Senn's granddaughter. She had her name changed.

More About KEITH SUTHERLAND and KERRY CIRULLO:
Marriage: July 10, 1998, Tallmadge, OH

Children of KEITH SUTHERLAND and KERRY CIRULLO are:

- i. JOHN JOSEPH HENRY WOLFE CIRULLO⁹ SUTHERLAND, b. July 01, 1991.

Notes for JOHN JOSEPH HENRY WOLFE CIRULLO SUTHERLAND:
He was named for Kerry's (his mother) grandfather John Joseph Cirullo (nickname- Pudge) and Kerry's greatgrandfather John Henry Wolfe.

This information was from my aunt, Marie Thrasher Sutherland Senn.

- ii. BARBARA KATE ANNE WOLFE CIRULLO SUTHERLAND, b. October 05, 1999, Akron, OH.

Notes for BARBARA KATE ANNE WOLFE CIRULLO SUTHERLAND:
She was named after Kerry's (her mother) grandmother Barbara Kate Wolfe, married name Cirullo, confirmed under Saint Anne.

This information was from my aunt, Marie Thrasher Sutherland Senn.

33. NICOLE LEANNE⁸ KINTY (*ROBIN MARIE⁷ SUTHERLAND, MARJORIE MARIE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born May 19, 1975 in Akron, OH. She married SEAN MIKEL CHARTIER August 26, 1995 in Akron, OH. He was born January 08, 1972 in Kanakee, IL.

More About SEAN CHARTIER and NICOLE KINTY:
Marriage: August 26, 1995, Akron, OH

Children of NICOLE KINTY and SEAN CHARTIER are:

- i. ZACARY RYAN⁹ CHARTIER, b. July 28, 1998, Toledo, OH.

ii. SETH ANDREW CHARTIER, b. May 18, 2000, Akron, OH.

34. RICHARD TROY⁸ CROASMUN (*RICHARD DENNIS⁷, MARY AVANELL⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born July 11, 1969 in Akron, OH. He married (1) CINDY SEXTON October 24, 1991 in Akron, OH. She was born Unknown. He married (2) SHEILA MILLER September 14, 1996 in Canton, OH. She was born August 02, 1969 in Hartville, OH.

More About RICHARD CROASMUN and CINDY SEXTON:
Marriage: October 24, 1991, Akron, OH

More About RICHARD CROASMUN and SHEILA MILLER:
Marriage: September 14, 1996, Canton, OH

Child of RICHARD CROASMUN and SHEILA MILLER is:
i. LAUREN RAE⁹ CROASMUN, b. July 29, 1999.

35. BRYAN DENNIS⁸ CROASMUN (*RICHARD DENNIS⁷, MARY AVANELL⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born July 13, 1973 in Akron, OH. He married DAWN SPENCER May 20, 1995 in Akron, OH. She was born November 18, 1969.

More About BRYAN CROASMUN and DAWN SPENCER:
Marriage: May 20, 1995, Akron, OH

Children of BRYAN CROASMUN and DAWN SPENCER are:
i. CAITLYN ELIZABETH⁹ CROASMUN, b. February 02, 1998, Canton, Stark County, OH.
ii. COLIN ANDREW CROASMUN, b. December 28, 1999.

36. LAURA AMY⁸ CLEVER (*NANCY JO⁷ CROASMUN, MARY AVANELL⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born December 24, 1970 in Miami, FL. She married MICHAEL WICKERSHAMMER 1993 in Canton, OH. He was born Unknown.

More About MICHAEL WICKERSHAMMER and LAURA CLEVER:
Marriage: 1993, Canton, OH

Children of LAURA CLEVER and MICHAEL WICKERSHAMMER are:
i. KAYLEIGH ELIZABETH⁹ WICKERSHAMMER, b. August 18, 1993, Canton, Stark County, OH.
ii. MICHAEL JOSEPH WICKERSHAMMER, b. August 12, 1994, Canton, Stark County, OH.

37. CHRISTINE RENEE⁸ PAYNE (*SANDRA LEE⁷ CABLE, JOYCE CHRISTINE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTIN⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born December 21, 1973 in Marietta, Cobb County, GA. She married BOBBY JOE LOWE July 16, 1994 in Spring Creek Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN. He was born February 09, 1975 in Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.

Notes for CHRISTINE RENEE PAYNE:
Christine and Bobby Lowe married for the third time on July 30, 2000. I only put the dates of the first and third dates in here.

Sandy (mom)

More About BOBBY LOWE and CHRISTINE PAYNE:
Marriage 1: July 16, 1994, Spring Creek Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN
Marriage 2: July 30, 2000, Coffee County, TN
Marriage place: In her home by her father, Robert Payne
Ongoing-Ending: 1996

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Children of CHRISTINE PAYNE and BOBBY LOWE are:

- i. BRITTANY LASHAY⁹ LOWE, b. April 26, 1994, Harton Hospital, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.
- ii. NICHOLAS RYAN LOWE, b. June 04, 1996, Harton Hospital, Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN.

38. ELIZABETH CLAIRE⁸ CABLE (*JEFFREY WAYNE⁷, JOYCE CHRISTINE⁶ THRASHER, WILLIAM LUTHER⁵, JAMES MARTINA⁴, WILLIAM JASPER³, MARION JOHNSON², JAMES¹*) was born June 25, 1979 in Tullahoma, Coffee County, TN. She met REGINALD LYONS, son of EUGENE LYONS and BARBARA. He was born Unknown.

Children of ELIZABETH CABLE and REGINALD LYONS are:

- i. RAJEEN SAMONE⁹ LYONS, b. September 2000, Nashville, TN; d. October 30, 2000, Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, TN.

Notes for RAJEEN SAMONE LYONS:

Both girls were born with heart problems. A graveside service was held November 1, 2000 at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens with Wayne Cable officiating. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

More About RAJEEN SAMONE LYONS:

Twin: Of Shaienne

- ii. SHAIANNE MONIQUE LYONS, b. September 2000.

EDITOR'S CORNER



Plans are set for our March reunion and they sound like a lot of fun and plenty of good food and fellowship. Be sure to get your reservations made at the motel and send your event/meal registrations to Frankie Goldsby so that you don't miss out.

Directions to the motel and to Dade City are on page 2. Since I live here, I wrote them up, but I know I'm not the greatest direction giver, so if you have any questions, send me an e-mail or give me a call at 352-567-7461.

Remember that David Sumner has set up a Thrasher web page which will have reunion information: <http://www.bsu.edu/web/dsumner/thrasher.htm>.

The remaining pages of Marie Senn's family's descent from James Thrasher are included in this issue. Sorry it was chopped into two issues, but having the entire thing in one issue would have made too bulky a mailing piece. Thanks for sharing it with us, Marie.

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.

The Thrasher Newsletter

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2004 Reunion Enjoyed by All

The Thrasher Family Reunion had a very good weekend this year. Dade City and Zephyrhills put on their happy faces with good weather, the motel accommodations were comfortable, and David, Frankie and Joann did a great job with all the arrangements.

Starting things off with a bang, the group filled the banquet room at John's Restaurant Friday night and enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship. Saturday morning, many of us enjoyed Bill Dayton's guided tour of family graves in the Dade City Cemetery, followed by an excellent lunch at the Dade City Garden Club. The afternoon was spent resting (large group) or touring the Pioneer Florida Museum (smaller group).

Then it was a return to the Garden Club for social hour, followed by a delicious catered dinner. The evening program began with a lecture/slide show by Bill Dayton about the early days of Dade City. Then, Elise Sumner again led our group in a fun singalong; she even wrote a Thrasher song for us! The song is included in this newsletter; don't forget to learn the words because it will be required singing at future reunions! David Sumner had prepared some tongue-in-cheek awards for various members of the group to add to the fun.



Saturday night dinner at the Dade City Garden Club. Hard to tell whether the talking or the eating was primary, but the setting was conducive to both!



Some of the cemetery tourers posed behind John J. and Bethuel Scaife Thrasher's graves.

There was a brief meeting prior to the Saturday night events; Bill Thrasher presented his treasurer's report and next year's reunion site was discussed. St. Augustine,

Florida, was selected, and the weekend of May 21 and 22 will be the dates. That is the weekend preceding Memorial Day.

Ken Sutherland kindly volunteered to do some initial research on possible accommodations, and tentative hosts are John E. and Eleanor Thrasher and Barbara Eger. More information will follow in the next newsletter. As an initial incentive,

did you know that St. Augustine has a thriving ghost population and that evening tours are conducted to meet them? Friday night activity!!

It was decided that the Association would purchase a copy of Dot Pruett's book "Our Thrasher Heritage" for placement in the archives of the Pioneer Florida Museum. This has been done and the donation was much appreciated.



Elise Sumner says, "Y'all sing or else"! Just kidding, Elise, but this pic was too good not to use.

BE LIKE JOHN J. THRASHER

Well, John the railroad builder
And merchant was so kind
People called him "cousin"
He was friendly all the time

He made and lost fortunes
But he knew how to laugh
Hard times made him better
Not so bitter, not so sad

Chorus:

Be like John J. Thrasher
Not Black Bart
Don't let anger rule
Be like John J. Thrasher
Not Black Bart
Let the love of God shine through

Bart had a lovely sister
So beautiful and young
She drove to the drugstore
In her buggy all alone

The druggist did insult her
She came home and cried
Bart did beat the druggist
And he beat him 'til he died

(chorus)

We're gathered here together
As the Thrasher family
God our loving Father
Helps us choose how we will be

Let raise our glasses
As we sing along
Give a hearty toast to
Our beloved Cousin John

(chorus)

2004 Elise Carr Sumner

Bits and Pieces

Another Coincidence

Louise Thrasher Carpenter sent this item to add to our collection of coincidences:

In May of 1978, my husband Roy (age 72 at that time) and I went to Prince George County, Virginia, to search for information about Roy's great-grandfather and Confederate ancestor, John E. Wamack (Waymack, Womack). Since Roy had never been to this part of Virginia before and knew no one there, we went to the County Courthouse and talked to the County Clerk, who kindly directed us to the home of Mrs. George Waymack Sr. Mrs. Waymack received us graciously and spoke about the family, but then sent us on to see Miss Margaret Birchett, whose ancestor had married John E. Waymack.

At Miss Birchett's home Roy knocked at the door and after introducing himself stated his mission. This conversation (with a stern look) followed:

"Are you from New York?"

"Yes, Ma'am."

"You say your name is Carpenter?"

"That's right."

"You are Mazie Cleland's son?"

"Yes, indeed!"

It turned out that Margaret and Mazie were cousins and she remembered seeing "Mazie's boy" once in New York when he was a child. She was very pleasant (and very deaf!) and said that she would send photos and any other information that she might find.

We never heard from her, although Roy wrote her a nice note.

P.S. We did visit "Cousin" Margaret again the following year.

A Request for Help

John E. Thrasher III received the following request from a Thrasher family in Pennsylvania:

Generation 1: John Thrasher married JoAnne Rochall Miller. Their children were Henry H. G. Thrasher (1844-1918), John, James, Roseanne, Loretta, Harriet, and one other child.

More Bits and Pieces

Pennsylvania Query (cont.)

Generation 2: Henry H. Thrasher (1844-1918) married Sophie S or Leighman [sic]. Their children were George Millhouse Thrasher (died 29/30 Dec. 1902), John, Frank, Charlie, James, Edgar, Alice, Mable, and Loretta.

Generation 3: George Millhouse Thrasher Married Estella Mossberg. Their children were Wilbert Edgar Thrasher Sr. (14 March 1902-1 Aug. 1988), Blanch Thrasher (died at age 4), and their step-brothers and step-sister, James E., Ellen, John and William Ellenberger.

Generation 4: Wilbert Edgar Thrasher Sr. (1902-1988) married Dorothy Irene Beegley. Their child Wilbert Edgar Thrasher Jr. married Laura.

If you have any information that might shed light on this family, contact John E. Thrasher III.

Author Seeks Thrasher Roots

Another query that came to John E. Thrasher was from author L. L. (Linda) Thrasher. She has written a number of popular murder mysteries ("Cat's Paw," "Charlie's Bones") which can be found on the shelves of your local library. Now Linda would like some help solving her family mysteries. Some time ago she was in contact with M'Lou Greene, daughter of Rosemary Thrasher Greene, and gave her the following information.

1. Linda's father was William Walton Thrasher.
2. Linda's grandfather was Hoyt Simpson Thrasher. Hoyt had a brother (first name unknown) whose middle name was Knudsen.
3. Linda's great-grandfather was William Walton Thrasher (her father was named for him).

Again, if you have any information, contact John E.

Later Generations documented

Joann Sumner Bandy sent the information in this newsletter about the more recent generations of her family. Joann, her sister, Frankie Goldsby, and brother, David Sumner, were our hosts for this year's reunion.

Their grandmother Frankie was the daughter of David O. Thrasher, who was a son of John J. and Bethuel Scaife Thrasher. Frankie Thrasher Sumner and her husband, David Edwin Sumner, are buried in Dade City, Fla.

Lost Money???

John E. Thrasher found an article listing sources for unclaimed money. Is any of it yours?

On the following website the State of Florida is trying to locate the owners of some money. John says that there are "lots of Thrashers there that are due money," so check it out! <www.fltreasurehunt.org> or call toll-free (888) 258-2253.

The federal government also has a site listing unclaimed federal savings bonds and interest payments. That site is: <www.publicdebt.treas.gov/sav/sbtdhunt.htm>

Another Thresher/Thrasher Reunion

Shirley Thresher Brewer is planning another reunion in Jackson, Tenn. Firm dates are not set yet, but it will be in June. Several people from our Thrasher Association attended the first one and really had a good time with a very nice group of people. We'll try to forward information via e-mail as we get it. The area offers quite a number of things to do as an extra inducement and Jackson is in lovely country, so this would be a nice get-away trip.

Descendants of FRANKIE THRASHER

Generation No. 1

1. FRANKIE³ THRASHER (*DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born August 26, 1880 in Charleston, SOUTH CAROLINA, and died November 16, 1922 in DADE CITY, FLORIDA. She married DAVID EDWIN SUMNER February 24, 1897 in DADE CITY, FLORIDA, son of KING SUMNER and SUSAN MCMINN. He was born February 24, 1877 in DADE CITY, FLORIDA, and died March 24, 1937 in DADE CITY, FLORIDA.

More About DAVID EDWIN SUMNER:

Burial: Dade City, Florida

Children of FRANKIE THRASHER and DAVID SUMNER are:

2. i. JOSEPH DAVID⁴ SUMNER, b. January 26, 1912, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA; d. August 12, 1959, DADE CITY, FLORIDA.
- ii. EDWIN MASON SUMNER, b. 1898, Dade City, Florida; d. April 1963, Dade City, Florida; m. ESTHER.

More About EDWIN MASON SUMNER:

Burial: April 1963, Dade City, Florida

- iii. SUSIE SUMNER, b. Dade City, Florida; d. May 1989, Dade City, Florida; m. ALLEN BUGSBEE.

More About SUSIE SUMNER:

Burial: May 1989

Generation No. 2

2. JOSEPH DAVID⁴ SUMNER (*FRANKIE³ THRASHER, DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born January 26, 1912 in JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, and died August 12, 1959 in DADE CITY, FLORIDA. He married RUTH BERNICE AUTON January 08, 1938 in PLANT CITY, FLORIDA, daughter of EDWARD AUTON and LESSIE CLARK. She was born July 28, 1918 in WAXSAW, NORTH CAROLINA.

Children of JOSEPH SUMNER and RUTH AUTON are:

3. i. JOANN SUMNER⁵ (GLORIA), b. October 08, 1938, DADE CITY, FLORIDA.
4. ii. FRANKIE JANE SUMNER, b. December 17, 1939, Dade City, Florida.
- iii. DAVID EDWARD SUMNER, b. June 24, 1946; m. ELISE CARR; b. October 04, 1949, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Generation No. 3

3. JOANN SUMNER⁵ (GLORIA) (*JOSEPH DAVID⁴ SUMNER, FRANKIE³ THRASHER, DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born October 08, 1938 in DADE CITY, FLORIDA. She married LYNN S. BANDY June 17, 1961 in Dade CITY, FLORIDA. He was born December 17, 1934 in ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

More About LYNN S. BANDY:

Fact 1: July 01, 1992, Divorced, Rockville, MD

Children of JOANN (GLORIA) and LYNN BANDY are:

- i. MICHELLE LYNNE⁶ BANDY, b. July 19, 1963, Bethesda, Maryland; m. DAVID GIBSON (DIED 2001), June 10, 1989, Rockville, Maryland; b. 1934; d. December 01, 2001, Great Falls, Montana.
- ii. JOEL SHERMAN BANDY, b. June 23, 1969, Bethesda, Maryland.
5. iii. ALAN SUMNER BANDY, b. December 14, 1973, Bethesda, Maryland.

4. FRANKIE JANE⁵ SUMNER (*JOSEPH DAVID⁴, FRANKIE³ THRASHER, DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born December 17, 1939 in Dade City, Florida. She married (1) JON EMERSON WUBBENA January 27, 1961 in Dade City, Florida. He was born July 15, 1939 in Rockford, IL, and died June 15, 1992 in St. Petersburg,

Florida. She married (2) JOHN RICHARD GOLDSBY July 12, 1975. He was born August 14, 1932 in Dade City, Florida.

Children of FRANKIE SUMNER and JON WUBBENA are:

6. i. JOSEPH PAUL⁶ WUBBENA, b. August 23, 1961, Brooksville, Florida.
7. ii. CHARLES DAVID WUBBENA, b. April 23, 1963, Brooksville, Florida.
8. iii. SANDA KAYE WUBBENA (ADOPTED), b. April 19, 1968, Dade City, Florida.

Generation No. 4

5. ALAN SUMNER⁶ BANDY (*JOANN SUMNER⁵ (GLORIA), JOSEPH DAVID⁴ SUMNER, FRANKIE³ THRASHER, DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born December 14, 1973 in Bethesda, Maryland. He married NECOE BALL August 05, 1995 in Laytonsville, Maryland, daughter of VERNON BALL and DARLA. She was born July 27, 1974 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Children of ALAN BANDY and NECOE BALL are:

- i. ALEXANDRA NOEL⁷ BANDY, b. May 05, 1999.
- ii. JOSIAH BANDY, b. December 18, 2003.

6. JOSEPH PAUL⁶ WUBBENA (*FRANKIE JANE⁵ SUMNER, JOSEPH DAVID⁴, FRANKIE³ THRASHER, DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born August 23, 1961 in Brooksville, Florida. He married LISA JO MORRISON. She was born August 13, 1961 in Tampa, Florida.

Children of JOSEPH WUBBENA and LISA MORRISON are:

- i. LYNDSI⁷ JO, b. March 10, 1985.
- ii. KACI NICOLE, b. March 21, 1988.

7. CHARLES DAVID⁶ WUBBENA (*FRANKIE JANE⁵ SUMNER, JOSEPH DAVID⁴, FRANKIE³ THRASHER, DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born April 23, 1963 in Brooksville, Florida. He married (1) CINDI SHARPE August 02, 1986. She was born November 1962 in Dade City, Florida. He married (2) DIANNA YOUNG January 06, 1991. She was born September 06, 1959 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

More About CINDI SHARPE:

Divorced: November 1991

Children of CHARLES WUBBENA and CINDI SHARPE are:

- i. AMANDA WUBBENA⁷ (ADOPTED), b. September 11, 1981.
- ii. CHARLES DAVID WUBBENA, JR, b. April 23, 1987, Dade City, Florida.

8. SANDA KAYE WUBBENA⁶ (ADOPTED) (*FRANKIE JANE⁵ SUMNER, JOSEPH DAVID⁴, FRANKIE³ THRASHER, DAVID O², JOHN JAMES¹*) was born April 19, 1968 in Dade City, Florida. She married (1) JON WATT KIRKPATRICK III November 25, 1989 in Ocala, Florida. He was born 1968 in Gainesville, Florida, and died May 03, 2001 in Ocala, Florida. She married (2) ROBERT MICHAEL BUGLINO April 19, 2003. He was born December 03, 1962.

More About JON WATT KIRKPATRICK III:

Burial: Ocala, Florida

Children of SANDA (ADOPTED) and JON KIRKPATRICK are:

- i. KAYLA SUMNER⁷ KIRKPATRICK, b. March 27, 1992.
- ii. HANNAH ALYCE KIRKPATRICK, b. May 30, 1993.

Thrasher Family Association Financial Report 3/6/2004

Beginning Balance: 6/19/2004 \$2,478.20

Receipts:

Dues: 920.00

Warren & Caroline Thrasher 50.00

Total Receipts 970.00

Disbursements:

News Letters Mailing & postage 332.98

Deposit Slips 4.84

Printer Head & Phone bill (Dot) 77.84

Total Disbursements 415.66

Ending Balance February 29,2004 \$3032.54

William S. Thrasher
Treasurer

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Plan for 2005 Reunion Now!

First thing to mention is that word "tentative" in the first page story! We are still looking for volunteers to host the reunion. John E., Eleanor and Barbara, with help from Ken Sutherland on hotel possibilities, have agreed to do it ONLY if no one else steps forward. So if you are willing to volunteer, now is the time to step forward!

St. Augustine, Fla., should be a great site for next year's reunion. There is a lot to see and do in the "oldest city." Established by the Spanish in 1565, today St. Augustine is a thriving, modern city while still preserving its rich history.

Known as being the longest continually inhabited city in the United States founded by Europeans, much of the old parts of the city have been restored and the Colonial Spanish Quarter is a living history museum. Costumed interpreters relive a time when St. Augustine was a remote outpost of the Spanish Empire.

Tradesmen go about their occupations in blacksmithing, carpentry, leatherworking and other trades as they were practiced in the original settlement. Established 42 years before the English colonized Jamestown and 55 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, St. Augustine has flourished under several flags, from the Spanish to the British to the United States (as both a territory and a state), and also under the Confederacy, although Union troops quickly occupied the city and remained in control throughout the War.

Twenty years later, Henry Flagler's railroad turned St. Augustine into a win-

ter resort for the wealthy. His architects created building styles that influenced the look of cities throughout Florida.

And remember the ghost tours! Plan now for the reunion and include enough extra days to cover more of St. Augustine's offerings.

St. Augustine has a web site if you want to know more. <www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us>

Suggestions Wanted!

One of the topics discussed at the reunion was the possible need for some bylaws (maybe a better term for our informal organization would be guidelines) to better accomplish the goals of the group.

Bill Thrasher, especially, would like input from the group as to what procedures he should follow as treasurer. And another possibility would be finding someone to serve as a recorder at future meetings so that matters that come up could be shared in the newsletter with those members who were unable to be at the reunion.

If you have any ideas, share them with the group. Better yet, if you have experience in developing bylaws for some other organization and would volunteer to coordinate this project, it would be a big help. Send any input to Bill Thrasher at the address on the dues slip, to John E. Thrasher in Micanopy, or to Barbara Eger at the address in the Editor's Corner.

EDITOR'S CORNER



What a great reunion we had -- and now everyone can look forward to next year in St. Augustine. David, Frankie and Joann did a wonderful job planning a successful weekend for everyone. When we said goodbye on Sunday, happy faces abounded. Thank you so much for all your work.

A dues slip for the 2004-2005 year is included with this issue. There will, of course, be one more newsletter issue for the current year, but remember that dues are payable by July 1. This is just an opportunity for you to get a head start so that you don't miss anything in the coming year.

Joann Bandy addressed an issue that frequently slips through the cracks -- who are the later generations of Thrashers. Dot Pruett has done a wonderful, thorough job of documenting the earlier generations, but if you have material to add to that or if your branch isn't in there, why don't you contribute your information for a future issue? It would help to create a valuable resource for coming generations, since our newsletters are submitted to genealogical archives.

Don't forget -- Send items for future issues to Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

The Thrasher Newsletter

Mentor: Dot Pruett Editor: Barbara Eger Circulation: John E. Thrasher III Volume 22 No. 4 August 2004

This is the year for Great Adventure !

By John E. Thrasher III

It's only been two hundred years since the greatest American adventure ever undertaken began. (I know you genealogists think I'm referring to the trip you made to the court house and/or cemetery looking for missing relatives, but that's not correct.) I'm referring, of course, to Lewis and Clark's "Great Voyage of Discovery" to map the route to the Pacific Ocean and describe the "in-between."

At this time all kinds of re-enactments and celebrations of the journey are taking place throughout the United States and not just in spots where Lewis shot a buffalo, camped, or wooed an Indian maid. Even "little towns" like Salt Lake City are hosting exciting events commemorating the development and exploration of the western frontier. Think John Colter, Jim Bridger, Tom Fitzpatrick, Toussaint Charbonneau, Kit Carson. and on and on, for the frontiersmen. Just think of what these people did and found AND the records they left behind. (You knew I was getting at research, didn't you?)

This is the time to consider a trip to the west or discover the west for those of you who already live there. This is the time to visit some fine historical centers, libraries, and have a great time hiking the Lolo Trail, canoeing the Jefferson, being amazed at South Pass and even camping at Old Faithful Geyser (good place for a hot bath).

Did one of your ancestors push a hand cart across the great plains to Utah? Did one ride the wagons that cut ruts in the sandstone hills of Wyoming along the Oregon Trail? Were they fishing in the Platte when the Pony Express rider flashed past? (no pun intended).

I expect some of my ancestors may have smuggled themselves illegally aboard a ship and rounded Cape Horn (I want to locate just one who found gold in '49.)

Here are some suggestions for your trip:

Have a good cry at Custer's Last Stand.

Slow the car down so that you don't run over buffalo in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Camp with Lewis and Clark at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. Then, just a mile away, at Fort Union, sell your old fur pieces. (They are really out of style anyway.)

Hit a good research library.

Play with a grizzly in Glacier National Park. (Just kidding.)

Follow Clark's return down the Flathead River. (You can stay in your car, but Clark has to stay on the river.) Pan for gold in the last Chance Gulch in Helena. (The area is ritzy today -- hold a cup or cap when panning.)

Visit a courthouse or archives.

Climb a glacier. (Better get in good physical shape first.)

Become a Flathead at the Flathead Indian Reservation. (Learning a little sign language would be helpful.)

Scan the prairie for Indians at Ft. Laramie.

Help out at the "Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump" with a sharp skinning knife.

Find a library again and look for your ancestors in their reference section.

Experience a minus forty degrees Fahrenheit winter in underground Havre. (Skip the brothel - no privacy there.)

Gamble away your extra money in Virginia City. (Be careful and don't end up planted on Boot Hill.)

It was recommended that for the hangover you got from drinking at Nevada City you should visit John Colter's Stinking River and breathe deeply.

Last chance to find a research center.

This was about my celebration of American history. How about yours? This is a great time to experience America!

John E. and Eleanor took a month-long trip to explore the West earlier this summer, and this is John E.'s tongue-in-cheek look at their experiences. What a fun and enlightening vacation. Thanks, John, for sharing.

Some Thrasher Research Tidbits from Nancy Cherry

Nancy Thrasher Cherry is a diligent researcher, and was happy to share the following items that she recently found. Thanks, Nancy!

About the first item Nancy wrote "When I saw this article, I tried to get more detail from a Florida newspaper, but couldn't find any Thrashers in the index for the Florida papers on Ancestry. *From The Landmark, a newspaper in Statesville, North Carolina, December 19, 1889:*

Louis Wittkowski, the mayor of Starke, Fla., was shot and instantly killed at Gainesville, in that State, last Thursday, by Albert Thrasher, of the law firm of Ashley & Thrasher. The shooting took place in the office of the law firm. The cause of the shooting is not well understood, but is supposed to have been brought about by family affairs. Thrasher gave himself up.

From the Washington, D.C. 1920 census taken 21 January 1920, 3rd block of T Street, Eckington Manor, 350th District, Series T-625, Roll 213, Page 270

Thrasher J. Cloud, age 42, and Mabel A. Thrasher, age 33, both married, both white. His birthplace is Georgia; his father was born in Georgia and his mother in South Carolina. Her birthplace is Virginia; both of her parents were born in Virginia. He is some sort of representative; she is a clerk with the Red Cross.

Nancy added "I know this is your clan because of the "Cloud." . . . there are other words used to describe their employment that I could not read . . . I suggest someone look at the record to see if you can figure out the words on employment."

Nancy is also working on something about Leon Chester Thrasher, the American killed when the Germans torpedo hit the British steamer in 1915. She remembered that John E. recently expressed an interest in this person, probably because of the name "Leon," but she said it appears that Leon Chester was born in Massachusetts.

And finally this: *from the Washington Post, Washington D.C., January 31, 1917:*

HELD AS GERMAN SPY
"Captain in Kaiser's Army Had American Passports"

"SEIZED FROM DUTCH SHIP"
"Admits Secret Service Work Here and May be Extradited."

"Man Posing as J. L. Thrasher, of Quitman, Ga., Declared by British to be Capt. Hans Boehm -- London Authorities Say He Told of Activities in United States, Where He Spent Large Sums."

"London, Jan. 30 -- A man said to be Capt. Hans Boehm, who is declared by the British authorities to be a German army officer, who was traveling under an American passport issued in the name of Jelks Leroy Thrasher of Quitman, Brooks County, Ga., has been taken off the Dutch steamer Zelandia at Falmouth, bound from Spain for Holland.

"It is said that the man at first stoutly protested that his name was Thrasher, but that when the admiralty intelligence officers called him "Capt. Boehm" he promptly admitted his identity. After serving for several months in the German army Boehm, according to his own story as made public by the British authorities, went to the United States, where he was employed in the German Secret Service.

How He Got Passports

"When he decided to return to Europe, it is alleged that he wrote two citizens of Quitman, asking them to certify that his name was Thrasher, and that he was born in Quitman in 1881. It is stated that these persons wrote to him to this effect, and that with their letters he approached firms in Philadelphia and New York, offering to represent them in the capacity of a buyer in Europe. The authorities assert that Boehm stated that these firms vouched for him at Washington when he obtained his passport in the name of Thrasher.

"With the passport made out for England, Holland and Scandanavia, the man arrived in Holland in June and had his passport amended to include Spain and Portugal. He left for Vigo in August and was arrested on his return from that city. Boehm, or Thrasher, has been placed in an internment camp.

Thrasher Research Tidbits

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May Be Returned Here

"Officials here express the belief that the United States may request the extradition of the man on a charge of participation in plots there, the authorities stating that he has admitted spending large sums of money there.

"It was asserted today to official circles that the passport carried by Boehm or Thrasher was the first improper one that has fallen into the hands of the British authorities for a considerable time. Forged American passports also have become exceedingly rare, none having been seen in many months."

Thrasher Left 15 Years Ago

"Quitman, Ga., Janu. 30 -- Jelke Leroy Thrasher, whose name is said to have been used by Capt. Hans Moehm (*sic*) to get an American passport, left here about 15 years ago and last was heard of in New York, where, in the summer of 1916, he was understood to be manager of a theatrical company. Previous to that time he had been in Alabama. Thrasher was a member of a well-known Brooks county family, his father having been sheriff of the county for 25 years." On page 304 of Dot Pruett's "Our Thrasher Heritage": Jelks Reynolds Thrasher was born October 17, 1881, in Quitman, Ga., the son of James Cloud Thrasher and Nancy Ann Travis. So who is Jelks Leroy Thrasher of Quitman? And what happened to the real Jelks Thrasher? Did Boehm bump him off? (Nancy added, "Don't be confused by the 5 headlines in the newspaper article. That's the way the Post did it in those days. Also note that the article datelined Quitman calls the culprit "Moehm" rather than "Boehm.")

Is this item an early case of identity theft? Perhaps Boehm knew or had heard of Jelks Reynolds Thrasher and simply changed the middle name and traded on the authentic Jelks Thrasher's reputation and acquaintances? German espionage, of course, was a large factor in both World Wars, with quite a few occurrences actually here in this country.

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Bits and Pieces

A Note from Bill Thrasher

During May and June Velma and I spent some time in the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. We spent the first week at the Tansi Village Resort on Lake Tansi near Crossville, Tenn., in the Cumberland Mountains, mostly relaxing and antique shopping in the local shops. On May 28 we moved on to Sapphire Valley, N.C., staying at the Fairfield Valley Resort. Our first day was not good -- on arrival, I missed the turn into our condo and in backing up slipped off the road about three feet and landed on top of a metal storm drain cover! It took a wrecker and about three hours to free us up. The remainder of our stay was great, though. We shopped at our favorite antique mall in nearby Franklin, N.C. If you ever go to the area be sure to visit the Whistle Stop Mall. Also, in Dillard, Ga., just a few miles away, is the original Foxfire Compound where the "Foxfire" series of books originated.

Our next planned trip is to Albuquerque, N.M. in August. We'll fly to Albuquerque, pick up a car and drive to Farmington, where our son and grandson live. Farmington is in the northwest corner of the state near Four Corners, where New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah meet. Our great-granddaughters are spending the summer there; they presently live in Misawa, Japan. We plan to take them to Pagosa Springs, Colo., to enjoy the hot springs there and also on a side trip to Monument Valley. The children leave for home on Aug. 12, and then we will spend the last few days before flying home in Santa Fe, N.M., where our son Jim will join us.

Directory Changes

Please make the following changes to your Thrasher Association directories:

Frankie and Richard Goldsby have a new e-mail address:

<frgoldsby@verizon.com>

Lyn Thrasher has a change of address: 16526 North 105th St., Scottsdale, Arizona 85255.

More Bits and Pieces

It's Dues Time Again!

If you haven't already sent Bill Thrasher your association dues for the coming year, remember that this is the last newsletter issue for the current year. Also, we will be doing an updated directory in the next few months, so be sure to fill out the form completely. If you've already paid and there are any changes in your information, send a note or an e-mail to Bill, John E. or Barbara.

Serious Thanks Due

Thank you to David Sumner for the updated list of Thrasher Reunions, to Nancy Cherry for sharing her research, to John E. Thrasher and Bill Thrasher for their travel stories -- since this is the summertime, that seemed particularly appropriate -- sort of a "What I Did on My Summer Vacation" theme -- and to John E. for sharing the information on Marion Thrasher and to Barton E. Thrasher Jr. for permitting us to use it.

American Legion Founding Member

Among the founding members of the Gordon M. Crothers Post #10 here in Dade City is B. C. Goldsby. The post was established June 7, 1919. Perhaps Richard Goldsby can share more information for a future newsletter?

And Did You Know?

A recent Today show on NBC had a segment on family reunions and they mentioned that there are more than 400,000 family reunions in the United States every year! Looks as though we have lots of company.

Memories of Dr. Marion Thrasher

After World War I in May 1919, Barton E. Thrasher Sr. was serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the Houston, which had just recently moored at Mare Island Navy Yards near San Francisco, Calif.

After receiving a pass to go ashore, where he tried to see everything that there was to see in that enchanted area, he wrote a 16-page letter home. Barton was worn out, but he wrote to let his parents know that he was okay after the ship's arrival from Panama.

In the letter, Barton wrote:

"Just a few lines more about Dr. Thrasher then I must comment on parts of your letter. I really like my new cousin very much -- he's a great fellow -- only seventy-eight, I believe, and reminds me very much of Uncle Albert (*Thrasher*) though not so tall, he's about my height. He is also spry like Uncle Albert (looks like him too). My! but he kept me in my already tired condition on the jump yesterday PM. He is really a very learned man, graduate of Indiana Arts and Science College and graduated in Medicine at University of California six or seven ago (*sic*) soon after death of son whom he idolized. He and wife took a trip around the world. Talk? -- he is undoubtedly the biggest Thrasher talker I ever did see -- almost paralyzed my left arm -- everything he talked about was so interesting. Could listen all day and going to try and remember some of the things and experiences he's had. He is the Thrasher you know who has written up the family history and he started talking books before I had been in his office five minutes. He has published several different books and made me a present of two, instructing me to read and send on to Papa which I will do. Evidently I made a little impression for he has invited me and in fact insisted and almost made me promise to visit him and wife the first opportunity. Also wants me to come out here on my honeymoon trip and stay a week. How's that?"

This portion of the letter was printed with the permission of Barton E. Thrasher Jr., owner of the original copy of the letter. Barton also has the copy of Dr. Thrasher's "A History of the Thrasher Family" (1895) that was given to his father and mentioned in the letter.

Picking at Research Threads Slow Going

By Barbara Eger

Some time ago John E. Thrasher passed a bit of information on to me about a monument in St. Petersburg that had a Wallace Thrasher among the names. The monument commemorates people who played a part in the city's early history. Since I only know of two Wallace Thrashers -- my grandfather, who with my grandmother raised me, and a young boy in Dot Pruett's book who died at the age of 9, I was curious.

A friend here in Dade City knew of the monument and where it was located, Pioneer Park. We made a trip last spring to see it and then I made inquiries as to where information might be found. I intended to follow up on it, but good intentions do not get research done!

Finally, last week I took a day to go down to St. Pete and try to get more information. The St. Petersburg Museum of History keeps old records of the city, and seemed a good starting place. Unfortunately, while they were familiar with the monument, they had no information on the people whose names were listed. They did say that they thought that some of the names on the monument may be people who were active in the five-year campaign to separate Pinellas County and thus St. Pete, from Hillsborough County. This culminated in 1912 and was evidently a bitter battle between the counties.

The museum has a wealth of resources, even though there was nothing about my original quest, and among them I found mentions of John J. Thrasher and his family in a collection of papers from a gentlemen named Blocker, who was evidently interested in preserving bits of area history. One note in the information on Willis and Pallen (Cochrane) Thrasher

said simply "Willis in army" -- no date. Now, given that he was born during the Civil War and would have been too old for World War I, that leaves the War of 1812 and the Spanish-American War. Probably the Spanish-American War can be eliminated since Willis and Pallen had young children by then. Obviously this means some serious digging (later)! Another interesting discovery was that Willis and Pallen are listed in both the 1908 and 1912 St. Petersburg city directories as living at 526 5th Ave. N. in St. Pete, while the 1910 federal census shows the entire family living in Ellenton, which is in the next county south. The archivist suggested that this was during the period when citrus groves were flourishing and that many families lived at their groves when working there even though their permanent homes were elsewhere. Meanwhile, she went above and beyond normal help and called St. Pete city hall, where they have a "historic preservationist" -- new classification to me -- who said he didn't have an answer but would research it and call me at home with anything he found. And the next day he actually called! Said he was unable to find anything, but there was someone else who might know something. She was on vacation, but he would check with her when she returned. I'm waiting to hear more. The museum archivist also suggested looking into Heritage Village in Largo, where they preserve Pinellas County history. So at the moment I'm at a standstill to explain the Wallace Thrasher on the monument, but the trip was a wonderful learning experience both for general information about the early days of the area and for the few tidbits of family information I did find.

EDITOR'S CORNER



Wow! This newsletter needs to get out now! I'm behind on a lot of things, including the newsletter, because I've gotten involved in a campaign to improve our library facilities here in Dade City. Our current facility is sadly undersized and outdated and needs serious work. It started out as just an idea that popped into my head and has snowballed from there to a petition drive, a meeting with our district's county commissioner, looking for possible sites, and all sorts of other time-consuming things. Somehow this was not exactly what I had in mind! But it is in a very good cause, so worth it. This week I told everyone that I need a week away from the library issue to play catch-up with other things, and the newsletter is the first item on the list. Anyway, sorry for being behind and I hope you are all having a great summer.

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 <beger@earthlink.net>.

Thrasher Family Association

Annual Reunions 1974-2004

Date	City	Place	Hosts
Sept. 1974	Macon, Ga.	Cag's Restaurant	Dot and Joe Pruett*
June 1975	Macon, Ga.	Pruett Home	Dot and Joe Pruett
June 1976	Macon, Ga.	Pruett Home	Dot and Joe Pruett
June 1977	Athens, Ga.	Thrasher Home	Warren and Caroline Thrasher
June 1978	Pine Mountain, Ga.	Calloway Gardens	Dot and Joe Pruett
June 1979	Milledgeville, Ga.	Pruett's Lake House	Dot and Joe Pruett
June 1980	Micanopy, Fla.	Masonic Lodge	John and Eleanor Thrasher
June 1981	Quitman, Ga.	Country Club	James Cloud Thrasher descendents
June 1982	Forsyth, Ga.	Holiday Inn	Dot and Joe Pruett
June 1983	Quitman/Dixie, Ga.	Westbrook School	James Cloud Thrasher descendents
June 1984	St. Simon's Island	Epworth by the Sea	Tom Dodd/Rainers/Pruetts
June 1985	Sweetwater, Tenn.	KOA Campground	Hugh and Helen Thrasher
June 1986	Macon, Ga.	Quail's Nest	Dot and Joe Pruett
June 1987	Macon, Ga.	Quail's Nest	Dot Pruett
June 1988	Macon, Ga.	Quail's Nest	Dot Pruett
June 1989	Jekyl Island, Ga.	Jekyll Island Inn	John and Eleanor Thrasher
June 1990	Norcross, Ga.	Thrasher Park	Frank Combes
June 1991	Athens, Ga.	Holiday Inn	Warren and Caroline Thrasher
June 1992	Columbus, Ga.	Woodman Lodge	L.Z. and Margie Thrasher
June 1993	McDonough, Ga.	Holiday Inn	Robert & Jane Rainer and "boys"
June 1994	Athens, Ga.	Holiday Inn	Warren and Caroline Thrasher
June 1995	Ashburn, Ga.	Thrasher home	Lyn and Evelyn Thrasher
June 1996	Moultrie, Ga.	Colquitt Hotel	Gerald Bishop
June 1997	Montgomery, Ala.	Hudson Cattle Ranch	Jerry and Susan Hudson and others
June 1998	Montgomery, Ala.	Hudson Cattle Ranch	Jerry and Susan Hudson and others
May 1999	Micanopy, Fla.	Thrasher Warehouse	John and Eleanor Thrasher
May 2000	Thomasville, Ga.	Quality Inn	Barbara Eger
May 2001	Newnan, Ga.	Hampton Inn	John Paul and Paula Thrasher
May 2002	Flovilla, Ga.	Plantation Lodge	Al and Peggy Thrasher
May 2003	Micanopy, Fla.	Thrasher Home	John and Eleanor Thrasher
Mar. 2004	Dade City, Fla.	D.C. Garden Club	Frankie Goldsby, Joann Bandy, David Sumner

*Beside the Pruett's, this organizational meeting was attended by Robert Rainer and his mother, Vessie; Tom and Dorothy Thrasher, Elizabeth and Ashley Baldwin; and Warren and Caroline Thrasher.

Last Will and Testament of Ellen B. Terrie

The will of Ellen Terrie/Terry is in an old Pasco County Book of Wills at the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City. She was the daughter of John J. Thrasher and died quite young. She married a Dr. Will Terry and "Our Thrasher Heritage" shows the family as residing in Gainesville; since she later moved to Dade City and lived with or near her parents, she evidently was a widow at the time of her death. As far as I know, there is no information about her husband other than what is in OTH. Ellen Terrie was born ca. 1859; since the will was probated in 1887, she would have been only 28 at the time of her death. One question that comes to mind is since she would have been only 25 when the will was written, did she write it because she was already ill or did she do it at the death of her husband?

John J. Thrasher did serve as guardian for her son, since there are records of his accounting for the estate assets and his expenses for the boy that were filed with the court at later dates. And Ellen's son evidently did live to adulthood, since OTH shows him as having a son, Edwin.

Given the usual wordiness of wills and other legal documents of the time, this will was a joy for its simplicity and brevity, while still accomplishing what was necessary.

State of Florida
Hernando County

Last Will & Testament of
Ellen B. Terrie

I, Ellen B. Terrie of Said Couty and State, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament.

I give, bequeath and devise to my father John J. Thrasher my entire property personal and real, consisting of money notes, household goods, and all other personal property, also all lands that I may own at my death, to hold have and enjoy the same during his life and at his death remainder to my son Willie Terrie if in life, if not in life to my brothers and sisters.

I commit the care and keeping of my son to my father John J. Thrasher whom I hereby constitute and appoint as his guardian.

I hereby constitute and appoint John J. Thrasher executor of this my last will and testament.

December 20th 1884

(s) Ellen B. Terrie

Signed discloses and published by Ellen B. Terrie as her last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers, who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of and at the instance and request of said testatrix, in the presence of each other. She signing in our presence and we signing in her presence.

(s) David O. Thrasher

(s) Mamie D. Rowe

(s) Minza G. Rowe

Probated and filed for Record before me Sept. 20th AD 1887 and Recorded Sept. 20th AD 1887.

(s) D. O. Thrasher
County Judge

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