
The Thrasher Newsletter

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Where Did Isaac Go?

By John E. Thrasher III

Everyone likes a mystery! For years the big question for those who were researching the Virginia to North Carolina Thrashers has been "Where did Isaac Thrasher go?" Isaac, son of John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher, was a brother to John who married Susan Barton and was the "father" of the Georgia line of Thrashers.

In the 1790 census for South Carolina Isaac was reported to be across the Tugaloo River from the other Thrashers in his family who had settled in Franklin County, Georgia.

When Isaac and John's brother Joseph Cloud Thrasher died and the estate was being settled, the court records (as reported in "Our Thrasher Heritage" p. 81) stated: "John Thrasher, the brother of the testator (Joseph Cloud Thrasher) is here acting for himself and as agent for Isaac Thrasher, his brother, who is now out of the state . . ."

So by 1810 Isaac had moved out of Georgia and as of now has never been located.

There are numerous reports of Isaac Thrashers during the twenty-year period (1790-1810) and afterwards in Tennessee and possibly Alabama. Various researchers have searched those states' records, but our particular Isaac has not been found.

Don't be discouraged, the hunt is still on! Even if we don't find his ultimate destination and his descendants, perhaps we can at least learn more about him.

The summer 2004 issue of the Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly (Vol. 40, no. 2) has offered some interesting bits of information about an Isaac Thrasher before 1810 and this could be "our" Isaac. Here is what was reported in the quarterly:

Page 76 - Record of Grove Level Church 1803. "The church met on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September and received by experience Isaac Thrasher."

Page 77 - Record of Grove Level Baptist Church 1803. "The church met on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Jan. 1804. Received by experience Johnson Randolph and by letter Rachel Randolph and Martha Thrasher."

Page 78-79 - Record of Grove Level Baptist Church 1805. "The church met on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July and laid over Sister Rucker's trial til next meeting. Censured and excluded Isaac Thrasher for fighting and getting drunk."

If this is our Isaac, the Martha mentioned could have been a second wife, since we have no information as to when or where Ruth Cloud Thrasher died, or perhaps Martha was a daughter.

Some research in Franklin and Banks counties might just turn up some new information or a clue as to the whereabouts of Isaac after 1810 and about his family.

When did you say you were planning your next trip to Franklin County, Georgia?



Says Man Can Live to be Two Hundred Years Old.

"We Do Not Die, But Kill Ourselves," Says San Francisco Physician - How it Can be Done.

The years of man shall be three score and ten, or if by reason of great strength, four score, says the Bible.

"Man should live to be between 150 and 200 years old," says Dr. Marion Thrasher, San Francisco physician, who has just compiled a wealth of data showing that "man doesn't die, but kills himself."

"A short life and a merry one,' is the ranting boast of a fool," says Dr. Thrasher, who is a very young old man himself. "Why this marvelous mechanism combining God-like intelligence and a beauty that sculptors have failed to imitate should be ruthlessly destroyed is one of the wonders of creation.

"Wild animals, except for accident or the chase, live out their allotted time; one man in a million does.

"At all times there are 3,000,000 people seriously ill in the United States. There is no doubt that at least 2,000,000 could be saved from sickness by simple common sense."

Wars, worry, alcohol, tobacco, meat, gluttony, over-work and cold climate are called by Dr. Thrasher the greatest life destroyers.

Worry is a big factor. Almhouses are repositories of very old people, because here the worry of making a living is removed. Lazy people live longest. Very few centenarians are rich men.

"The only proper drinks for man are water and milk." Says Dr. Thrasher, "while sour milk and buttermilk have well earned their reputations as destroyers of old age bacilli.

"Warmth is life," he says. "There are only twenty-five centenarians in Norway and 410 in sunny Spain. There is a single one in Switzerland, and California boasts of more than any country in the world of its size."

In advertising California as the home of the longest lived creatures, Dr. Thrasher

has realms of figures. He shows that Indians live to be 60 in other states and 140 years here. Even the flora live longest, California having trees 8,000,000 years old. San Francisco has 35 centenarians, he says, and the state of California over 400 people 100 years old.

From the Gastonia Daily Gazette, Gastonia, N.C., August 23, 1920.

Shared with us by Nancy Cherry, this article gives a glimpse of Dr. Marion Thrasher's ideas on living long lives. Given that the article was printed by a North Carolina newspaper, his opinions were evidently widely sought at the time.

In Memorium

Clyde E. Thrasher

Long-time association member Clyde Thrasher died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center's Lanier Park Campus following an extended illness. He was 84 years old.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 26 at Little-Davenport Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. T. Richard Davis officiated, and burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Clyde Thrasher was the son of the late Katie Mae and Robert Chilton Thrasher. He was born August 18, 1919, in Bonham, Texas, and grew up in Whitewright, Texas. He had lived in Hall County, Georgia, since 1975.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a sergeant in the European Theatre. He worked for the U.S. Justice Department as a border patrol officer and later worked for more than 30 years as an immigration and naturalization officer.

Survivors include his wife, Gean Thrasher, daughters and sons-in-law Gayalena Thrasher, Joanne and Jerry Olin, and Judy and Rick Dunn; and several granddaughters, grandsons and great-grandchildren.

Clyde will be missed by all, and our sympathy goes out to his family.

Jade Thrasher a Standout on Track Team

Jade Thrasher is making a name for herself in cross-country running. Jade, a freshman at Edgren High School in Japan, is Bill and Velma Thrasher's great-granddaughter and Bill forwarded an article about Jade and her teammates from the Stars and Stripes, Pacific Edition. The



Jade Thrasher

following is excerpted from that article, and Jade's picture also is from the paper.

With Edgren hosting the Far East championship meet next month at Misawa Air Base, the team hopes to achieve the ultimate: Far East gold, in either the

individual 3.1-mile race or team relay.

Jade posted three firsts, a second, a third and a fifth in her six meets. "I have never coached a freshman runner with as much maturity as her," Coach Andre Thibert said. Her personal-best 3.1-mile time is 21:56, and at the Oct. 16 DODDS-Japan finals at Tama, Jade ran the 2.1-mile course in 14:31, eight seconds better than her chief DODDS rival, Eri Eveland of Nile C. Kinnick.

Edgren will host the Far East Championship Meet at Misawa Air Base and they hope to reach their goal of winning Far East gold then.

Jade, quoted in the Stars and Stripes article, said "I just keep on telling the guys, 'We've got this. This is big. We have some top runners. We have to live up to those standards'"

Edgren has the advantage of being the host team. "We'll have the support of our families, our friends cheering us on," Jade said. "It will be something to make us do our best and run hard."

Keep your fingers crossed for Jade and her teammates!

EDITOR'S CORNER



The holiday season is upon us, and since this will be the last issue until after the new year has begun, I would like to wish everyone a good Thanksgiving with lots of turkey and trimmings, a merry, merry Christmas, and peace, health, happiness in 2005.

Thanks to Nancy Cherry, John E. Thrasher III, Dale Thrasher, David Sumner, Bill Thrasher and everyone else that kept the newsletter in mind and sent information or articles to me. The newsletter's goal of keeping us connected throughout the year can only be accomplished if you help!

Keep May 20 - 22 in your mind and on your calendars for our annual Thrasher Family Association reunion in St. Augustine.

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>. Research that you have done is always welcome, Also, it would be nice to have more items about what members and their families are doing for the News and Notes section. Share the news about weddings, anniversaries, graduations, trips, and other special occasions!

Thresher/Thrasher Reunion Planned in Tennessee for June 2005

Shirley Thresher Brewer would like to get the word out about a reunion for Thrasher/Thresher families. The following information is from an e-mail several association members received from her recently. This is the second reunion Shirley has organized; several of us went to the first one in 2000 and had a really good time and met a lot of new Threshers/Thrashers. More definite information as to the exact date in June and other details will come later; if you are interested, contact Shirley at the snail-mail or e-mail addresses below.

Dear Thrasher/Thresher Families,

This is to let you know that we will be having a reunion in Jackson, Tn. in June 2005.

We would like to welcome you all to this reunion. Some of you I have corresponded with and others I haven't so I need your snail mail addresses. If you haven't heard from me by snail mail, my address will be at the end of this e-mail. At the 2000 Reunion, some of our families made poster board groups of our own families and we put these on the wall for each to view. Some had smaller sizes. If any of you still have these, bring them back or if you didn't make one then, you may want to make one this time. Any information or pictures of your families or ancestors you would like to share, please bring them. If you have found more genealogy info, be sure to bring that. We are all trying to find where we started from. And we will be happy to meet more "new" cousins. So make your plans to come and be with us June 2005. This will be on a weekend -- gather in on Friday afternoon to sign in and meet everyone, have refreshments, get acquainted, eat out, come back to meeting room etc. Saturday will be a day of the same or whatever you wish to do. We will have a catered meal on Saturday evening and more fellowship. If you would like to attend e-mail me your snail mail address and a list of your known ancestors for your name badge, beginning with your name -- for example, Shirley Ann

Thresher Brewer, born May 7, 1940; then your Thrasher/Thresher parent, grandparent, etc. Following is my snail mail address:

Shirley T. Brewer
189 Cedric Hendrix Lane
Parsons, Tn. 38363

If you have any comments or questions feel free to contact me at my e-mail or snail mail address. Looking forward to meeting you all.....

Shirley

Shirley's e-mail is
<shirley_brewer@hotmail.com>



Christmas blessings to all of you.

Correction

Did your thinking cap ever get on all crooked? Well, your editor's sure did when I said that Willis Thrasher could have been in the War of 1812. The last newsletter had barely gone in the mail when I realized what I had written. Obviously, he could not have been in the army 51 years before he was born! This still leaves the "Willis in army" comment in the Blocker papers a mystery because I'm left with only the Spanish-American War. Willis Thrasher was married with several children by that time and it doesn't seem logical that he would have had to serve. *Barbara Eger*

News and Notes

Storm-Tossed!!

The past few months have brought stormy times to several of our members. The ones we have heard about are John and Eleanor Thrasher, David and Elise Sumner, Bill and Velma Thrasher and Nancy and Bill Cherry. The Cherrys were the most fortunate -- their area of Maryland saw a rash of tornadoes, but Nancy says the winds went all around them.

John and Eleanor were the hardest hit. They were in the line of fire for both Frances and Jeanne. Both times they were without power for many days, and were marooned by trees down across the road into their house with both. They had just gotten their power back and telephone after Frances when Jeanne blew through and knocked it out again. The first storm found them without a generator and thus unable to pump water from their well, which made life really difficult.

Bill and Velma suffered through a visit from Ivan, who knocked out power, telephone and cable. The storm damaged shingles on the house and garage and took out about 1/3 of their barn roof. A falling tree took out a good-sized section of their fence and they also had lot of storm debris to clear.

Despite living in Indiana, David and Elise were not untouched! However, their damage was in Florida. Charley hit a small orange grove they own in Arcadia with what David describes as minimal tree loss, moderate leaf loss and 10 to 20 percent fruit loss.

Probably other members had problems with the storms, and we hope all are OK. As the news reports have endlessly pointed out, this was a once in a lifetime occurrence as far as the number of hurricanes hitting one state, and then continuing with powerful hits in adjacent states. Let's hope it is another hundred years before a repetition, and never would be nice as well!

Surgery for Bill Thrasher

Bill Thrasher was in the hospital recently for a knee replacement. He is home now and says he is doing well, although experiencing considerable soreness and having to use a walker. Best wishes for a speedy return to normal.

Reunion Plans Progressing

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Historical Inn in St. Augustine for our reunion in May. The rate will be \$71.10/night and the motel is right on U.S. Route 1, which is Ponce de Leon Blvd., and only six blocks from the historic district. Continental breakfast is included in the rate. The reunion committee is looking for a suitable place for our Saturday night dinner, and also for a restaurant for the Friday night arrivals to get together. More details in the next issue on where to go and what to see!

Thrasher Graves Threatened

Celestia Sharp wrote John Thrasher this summer to let him know that while in Bishop, Ga., to make a documentary film about the pressures of development in the area she discovered that one of the proposed developments would surround the old Thrasher cemetery. This is the place where Isaac, Barton Cloud and Mary Celestia Bird Thrasher are buried. Celestia has expressed her concern at a Planning Department hearing and thought that others in the family would also be concerned. Celestia believes that letters and/or phone calls to the Oconee County Board of Commissioners from others in the family would be helpful and make them mindful that though these graves are old, there are still family members who care.

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More News and Notes

Directory Change

Celestia Sharp has a new email address; please correct in your directories.

<celesteasharp@nyc.rr.com>

Reunion Agenda Items

As usual, there will be a business meeting at the reunion. One of the items on the agenda will be developing an informal set of bylaws for the association. Suggestions are welcome, and (even better) if someone wants to volunteer to prepare a draft prior to the reunion, that would be great. Some things to consider (this was mentioned previously, but nothing definite was presented for consideration): Bill Thrasher would really like some guidance as to how to handle keeping financial records and other treasurer's duties. He is doing a great job, but doesn't want it to be simply whatever he decides. One suggestion last year was that the treasurer should have the authority to approve and pay any obligations of \$300 or less; anything greater would have to be presented at the annual meetings and approved by a 60% majority.

Also, while the association only has a small amount of income from dues, which is spent on postage, newsletter copies, the biennial directory and, as voted on last year, some reimbursement for expenses incurred by the reunion hosts. However, we may want to apply for status as a non-profit organization just to be absolutely pure with the IRS!

If anyone has other items that they feel should be discussed at the meeting, please let someone know -- contact John E. or Bill Thrasher or just see one of them at the reunion prior to the Saturday meeting.

Volunteers Wanted!

It's never too early to start thinking about 2006. At the 2005 reunion we will be looking for people to step up and volunteer to be hosts for the next year's reunion. So be prepared with ideas and ready to raise your hand!

An Early 20th Century Memory

Dale Thrasher scanned and sent the picture on the following page some time ago and it got misplaced. It was published in Grit, a publication in Williamsport, Penna., and is an interesting insight into what kind of occupations and methods of transportation our ancestors may have used. Thanks, Dale!



MEMORIES:



On a summer morning in Stamps, Arkansas, Phillip Washington Thrasher and his son, Lester, loaded their farm wagon with water-melons and snap beans to sell at the "farmers market" in town. According to Fay Thrasher

Wetmore of San Diego, Calif., who submitted the photo, "peddling produce" was one way many farmers supplemented their income. This particular load was the "yellow-meated" variety prized for its sweet taste.

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GRT is interested in publishing your old photo in *Memories*. The photo must be at least 15 years old and show a typical American scene or activity. Please include date taken and a brief description of the subject matter, including locale. If your photo is accepted for publication, you will be paid \$25. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must accompany photographs that are to be returned. Send photos to *Memories*, GRT, 208 W. Third St., Williamsport, Pa. 17701.

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THRASHER FAMILY



Best Western Historical Inn, St. Augustine, Florida

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It's reunion time again! This year we will gather in historic St. Augustine, Fla., May 20 - 22. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Historical Inn, which is close to all that the city offers. The motel is located on Ponce de Leon Blvd. (U.S. 1) and there is a map at the end of this article.

Since people have different tastes in food, and some are on special diets, there is a change in dinner arrangements this year. Both Friday and Saturday you can order from the regular menus and individual checks will be provided. Frankly, this also was a less expensive option than their banquet menus. Nominal deposits (refundable the night of the dinner) are required to reserve the space for our group.

Friday arrivals will gather for dinner at A. J.'s Restaurant at 6:30. A. J.'s offers a wide variety of entrees and prices on the dinner menu, so there should be something for everyone's taste. They also have live music for a soothing background, with a trio playing smooth jazz. Note that the operative words are background and smooth, so conversation won't be a problem!

Saturday night we will meet at Raintree Seafood and Steakhouse at 6 p.m. This

restaurant is in a beautifully restored 1879 Victorian house which will provide a beautiful setting for a delicious meal. Their menu ranges from pasta to vegetarian to chicken, seafood and steaks. The desserts looked absolutely decadent in their display case!

There are many, many options for things to do in St. Augustine, so you may want to come in a day or two early to enjoy some of them. They range from the restored Old St. Augustine buildings and shops all the way to two outlet malls only six miles away.

The association meeting will be held at the motel from 4:30 to 5:30 Saturday. There are several items on the agenda including a proposal for some minimal bylaws for the association. The initial suggestions are included with this issue; to make the meeting move as efficiently as possible, take a look at them and note any suggestions you may have before we meet. One of the primary reasons for having some structure is that Bill Thrasher would prefer to have some guidance as to his duties and responsibilities as our treasurer. There also will be discussion of possible locations for the 2006 reunion and finding volunteers to serve as hosts.

2005 Reunion (cont. from pg. 1)

The rate at Best Western is \$71.10/night and you must specify that you are with the Thrasher Reunion group to receive that rate. A continental breakfast is included.

The rooms will be held only until April 19, so make your reservations early. The motel has blocked the rooms to be as close together as possible, which will be nice. Unfortunately, reservations must be made directly with Best Western Historical Inn and they do not have a toll-free number. The number to call is 904-829-9088; their fax number is 904-829-6629. The website is <www.staugustinebwhistoric.com>.

A Haunting Experience!

Do you believe in ghosts? One possible activity might test your skepticism if you don't. The Ghosts and Gravestones Trolley Tour takes passengers to St. Augustine's haunted sites in the dark of night. Who lurks in the Spanish Military Hospital? What secrets does the Tolomato Cemetery hold? Can you escape from the Old Jail? These questions and more will be answered if you have the nerve! There have been walking tours for several years which are fairly strenuous; this tour solves the problem for those whose walking ability is not up to that. According to the brochure, the tour is rated PG13 -- we all probably can qualify for that. So think about this for after-dinner entertainment either Friday or Saturday evening. Reservations are required, so there is a place on the reunion reservation form to indicate whether or not you are interested and if you are what night you would prefer. Cost is \$22.00/person or a discounted \$19.80 if tickets are bought on line.

Want to know more? Go to <www.ghostsandgravestones.com> and click on St. Augustine. If enough people are interested, we can make a group reservation Saturday morning. (Editor's note: I took the walking tour last summer and even though no ghosts actually tapped me on the shoulder, it really was fun.)

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In Memoriam

Carmie Larue Thrasher Cochrane

Carmie Larue Thrasher Cochrane of Atlanta died September 28, 2004, at the age of 71. She was the wife of the late John Arthur Cochrane, Sr.

Born in McDonough, Georgia, Carmie was the daughter of Albert Americus Thrasher and Allie Lorraine Dodson.

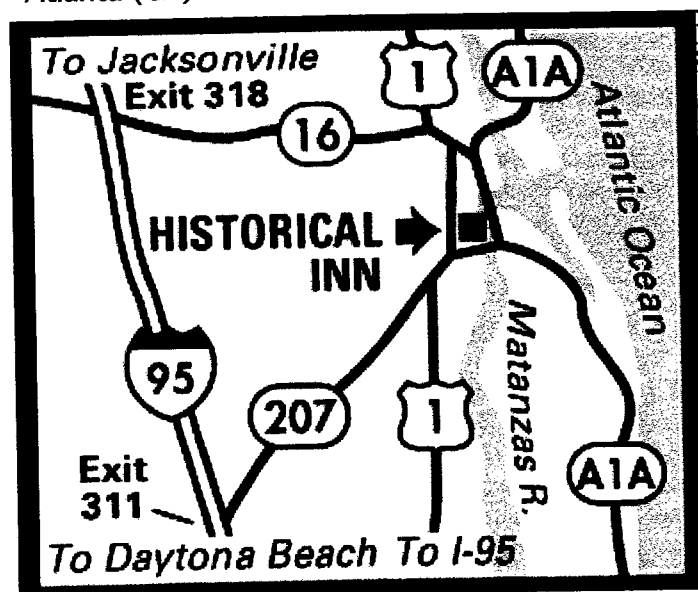
She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, John Arthur Cochrane, Jr. and Anna Barone Cochrane; grandchildren, John Arthur Cochrane III and Amanda Belle Cochrane; brothers, Albert A. Thrasher, Jr. and Roy Conway Thrasher; and several nieces and nephews.

She earned an MA from George Peabody College for Teachers and a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Georgia. Her hobbies included reading, writing, pets and games.

Memorial services were held Saturday, October 2nd. The family received friends prior to the service at H.M. Patterson & Son in Oglethorpe Hill.

For those of you who may wish to remember Carmie, her family has requested that contributions be made in memory of Carmie Thrasher Cochrane to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038 or the charity of your choice.

Some of the above was excerpted from the Atlanta (GA) Journal-Constitution.



Best Western Historical Inn
2010 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd.
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Bits and Pieces

Stormy Weather!

David and Elise Sumner have really had a rough winter. According to David, the January weather was the worst he had experienced in 15 years living in Indiana. Ice storms caused major power outages, tree damage and hazardous roads. David and Elise had no heat or running water for a week, and lost several large limbs due to the weight of the ice build-up. Hope things are back to normal and no more storms hit.

New Home in the Making

Albert and Peggy Thrasher wrote that they have a new house in Tiger, Ga. According to their letter, this one is on the "hard road" within the city limits and has beautiful views of the mountains from all directions. They still have the Flovilla home and "spend long weekends in Tiger and short weeks in Flovilla." Watching the house go up cut out any long trips, but did make two to California to see their son Al, daughter-in-law Yvonne and their two grandchildren, Sonja and Connor.

Graduation Announcement

Amanda Wubbena graduated December 14 from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in education. Amanda is the oldest daughter of Charles and Dianna Wubbena and is Frankie and Richard Goldsby's granddaughter. She

"Back Home in Indiana!"



Picture courtesy of David Sumner

will teach in the Orange County (Florida) school system in the elementary grades. Congratulations, Amanda, and best wishes for success and happiness!

Tennessee Thrasher Reunion

Get your bags packed!!!! Our 2005 Thrasher-Thresher Reunion will be held June 17-19, 2005 at Old Hickory Inn, 1849 U.S. 45 Bypass, Jackson, Tenn. 38305. Phone 731-668-4222; Fax: 731-664-8536. When you call to make your reservations, mention the Thrasher-Thresher Reunion. The rooms will be \$45.+ tax per night. Be sure to reserve your room by June 1st.

We look forward to meeting you who came in 2000 again and for those of you whom we haven't met, we look forward to this meeting.

If you have Genealogy Research and pictures, please bring all of that info so that we might figure out our families and how we are related.

For our Saturday evening meal we will have a catered meal at the Old Hickory Inn. We will sign in on Friday June 17th to meet everyone.

The fee for will include the Saturday evening catered meal and our meeting rooms and will be \$25. per person, \$15. for a child or teenager. Please send your fees to me by May 1st. Shirley Brewer, 189 Cedric Hendrix Lane, Parsons, Tn. 38363.

If you need other info please write to me at the above address or e-mail me at: <shirley_brewer@hotmail.com>.

New Pets and More Bad Weather

Nancy and Bill Cherry have two new residents at their house. They adopted two kittens from a shelter and Nancy wrote they have been "amazed, amused, and enchanted with their antics and Extreme Purring." Good thing they have the kittens for entertainment -- Maryland has been hit by the winter storms which swept the mid-Atlantic region recently and they joined the "hit by Mother Nature" group.

World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Name	Birth Date	Race	Birthplace	Reg. Place (City, County, State)
Barton E Thrasher	26 Dec 1894	Caucasian	Florida	Not Stated, Alachua, FL
John E Thrasher	12 Jul 1887	White	Florida	Not Stated, Alachua, FL
Leon Brooks Thrasher	15 Dec 1891	Caucasian	Florida	Not Stated, Alachua, FL
Ralph Means Thrasher	31 Aug 1898	White		Not Stated, Alachua, FL
Hardy Thrasher	16 Mar 1884	Black		Not Stated, Bay, FL
John Howard Thrasher	27 Jul 1897		Florida	Not Stated, Duval, FL
Arthur Roy Thrasher FL	23 Dec 1894	Caucasian	Florida	Not Stated, Hillsborough,
Berrien Clayton Thrasher FL	29 Jul 1887	Caucasian	Florida	Not Stated, Hillsborough,
Forrest Thrasher FL	22 Jul 1890	White	Florida	Not Stated, Hillsborough,
Berlin Erastus Thrasher	24 Sep 1883	White		Tampa, Hillsborough, FL
Louis Thrasher	25 Mar 1874	Black		Not Stated, Marion, FL
James Thrasher FL	18 Jul 1882	Black		Not Stated, Santa Rosa,
David Lelon Thrasher *	04 Nov 1872	White		Not Stated, Seminole, FL

* Since birthdate and county agree with David Leland Thrasher, the middle name Lelon is probably a typographical error or unclear handwriting.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



Cold is probably a relative term to those of us who live in what are usually warm places, but we can definitely get the idea from David Sumner's picture! So think warm thoughts about St. Augustine in May and make your plans now. Remember that the cutoff date for motel reservations at our group rate is April 19. John and Eleanor Thrasher and I made a trip earlier this month to check things out. In addition to the dinner locations, we found that there are two Sunday breakfast possibilities close to the motel for those of us who want to say goodbye before heading out. There is a Denny's and also an I-Hop, so we can pick one when everyone is together. There are a lot of interesting and fun things to do in St. Augustine, with something for everyone's taste and energy level. We'll try to have a selection of brochures available for browsing when you check in.

Thank you's to Al and Peggy Thrasher for Carmie's obituary information, to John E. Thrasher for the draft records, land records and city directory listings, and to all the rest of you who sent news items. Those are what make this newsletter possible!

Don't forget -- the newsletter always needs material. News about what you are doing -- birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, vacations, research on your family branch, etc. Send them to Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

Jacksonville, Florida Directories, 1888-93

Listings show name, location, city, state and occupation if given.

Adolphus B. Thrasher, Jacksonville, FL, clerk

Mrs. Mattie G. Thrasher, Jacksonville, FL

Mrs. Kate Thrasher, Jacksonville, FL

Mrs. Kate Thrasher. Jacksonville, FL

Emmett G. Blair; David B. Thrasher, 153 W Bay, Jacksonville, FL, brokers and produce commission merchants

David B. Thrasher, 153 W Bay, Jacksonville, FL

Mrs. Kate Thrasher, Jacksonville, FL

Emmett G. Blair; David R. Thrasher, 153 W Bay, Jacksonville, FL, brokers, produce, commission

David B. Thrasher, 153 W Bay, Jacksonville, FL

Harriet Thrasher, Jacksonville, FL

David B. Thrasher, Bridge c W. Adams, Jacksonville, FL, commission merchant

Mrs. James Thrasher, Jacksonville, FL

Rountree B. Thrasher, Jacksonville, FL, clerk

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Land Records in Florida

Name	Land Office	Total Acres	Issue Date
D. H. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	41.03	April 03, 1883
DAVID H. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	162.39	October 05, 1883
A. M. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	199.38	October 05, 1883
WILLIE C. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	81.01	June 03, 1884
D. H. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	160.02	June 03, 1884
D. H. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	40	February 25, 1885
D. H. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	80.03	February 25, 1885
D. H. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	40.01	February 25, 1885
DAVID H. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	80	May 09, 1885
VELPO C. THRASHER	GAINESVILLE	162.08	December 01, 1885
JOSEPH A. THRASHER	TAMPA	43.68	August 01, 1860

Thrasher Family Association Bylaws

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

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

- Meetings shall be held annually at the Thrasher Family Association Reunion to elect officers and conduct any other business. Only dues-paying members may vote at these meetings.
- Officers shall consist of a chairman, recording secretary and treasurer. These three officers shall serve as an advisory committee. Terms shall be one year, with elections held at the annual Thrasher Family Reunion. There shall be no term-limit restrictions.
- At each reunion, sites for the next reunion will be decided and volunteers sought to coordinate arrangements. As voted on in 2004, a contribution of up to \$200.00 in association funds can be paid to these volunteers to offset any expenses connected with the reunion. Documentation of these expenses should be provided to the treasurer by receipts or some other appropriate statement of value.
- The chairman shall preside at the annual meeting and with the other officers shall have the power to appoint any working committees that may be necessary from time to time.
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THE THRASHER NEWSLETTER

APRIL 8, 2005

It's reunion time again! - That's the way the last issue of the Thrasher Newsletter opened and I am repeating that phrase - "It's reunion time again!"

You must be surprised to see this letter from me and there is a reason. Barbara Eger, our newsletter editor, has been quite ill and in bed. She is improving rapidly now, but has been unable to prepare the April issue of the newsletter and reunion time is upon us.

This year we will gather in historic St. Augustine, Florida on May 20 - 22. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Historic Inn, which is close to all that the city offers. This motel is located on Ponce de Leon Blvd (US #1) and an inset map is provided.

Let me urge you to make your reservation now!

The rate at Best Western is \$71.10 per night and you must specify that you are with the Thrasher Reunion group to receive that rate. A continental breakfast is included.

The rooms will be held only until April 19, so make your reservations early. The motel has blocked the rooms to be as close together as possible, which will be nice. Unfortunately, reservations must be made directly with Best Western Historical Inn and they do not have a toll-free number. The number to call is 904-829-9088; their fax number is 904-829-6629. The website is www.staugustinebwhistoric.com.

Please refer to your January 2005 issue of the Thrasher Newsletter for more of the details and proposed activities.

There will be an important business meeting at 4:30 PM on Saturday May 21st at the Motel. The proposed Thrasher Family Association Bylaws will be discussed (copy provided in the January 2005 issue of the newsletter).

One important detail is the Reunion meal reservation form which I am including with this letter. Please return to me soon.

The Thrasher Reunions are always great fun. This year's location offers some unique sight seeing adventures.

Great people - great location - great motel- great food + great relaxation

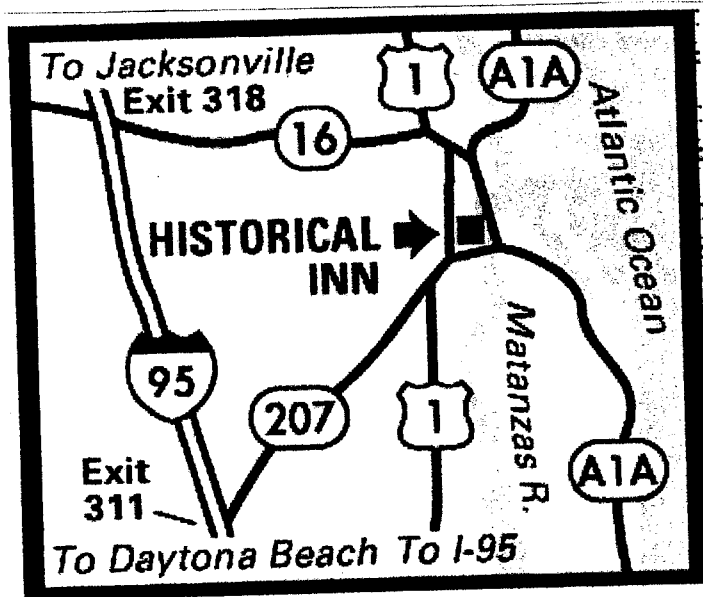
GREAT THRASHERS !

Looking forward to seeing you !

John E. Thrasher III

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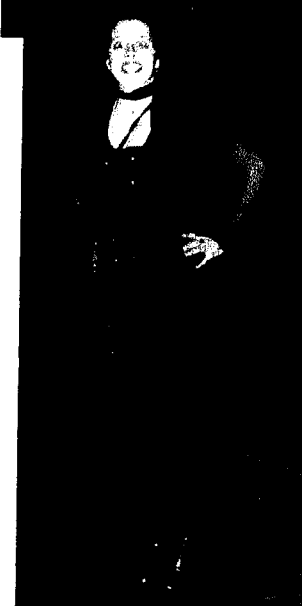
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A Good Time Was Had by All!

If you didn't make it to St. Augustine, you missed a really good reunion. The group was small -- 18 at Saturday dinner -- but we definitely checked out a little of everything St. Augustine had to offer, from the Ghost Trolley to the outlet malls.

Dinner was excellent both Friday at AJ's and Saturday at the Raintree. The Raintree actually was pretty spectacular; after the first person was served, there was a chorus of "oooooh" as each subsequent entree arrive because each one looked so good (and tasted good, too). This family really moves on its stomach!

Both Friday and Saturday the two outlet malls were thoroughly explored and also on Saturday some of the group toured the San Sebastian Winery, which was an interesting place.

Saturday night after dinner 16 brave souls boarded the Ghost Trolley for a tour of St. Augustine's haunted past. College theater majors provided scares at places such as the old drugstore and the old city jail.

The annual meeting on Saturday afternoon saw John E. Thrasher elected chairman; Nancy Cherry is our new recording secretary and Bill Thrasher will continue as Treasurer. Minutes of the meeting and the treasurer's reports are included with this newsletter. And believe it or not, we have volunteers not only for next year's reunion, but for 2007 as well! See the accompanying article for more information on those two events.

Sunday morning wound up with breakfast at IHOP -- we seem to find those almost everywhere we gather -- and then the group headed home.

Page 1 pictures:

Center:

St. Augustine: Nancy Cherry and Eleanor and John Thrasher at the San Sebastian Winery

Clockwise from top left:

St. Augustine: Dale and Trudy Thrasher at the Raintree Restaurant Saturday night

Jackson, Tenn.: the women in their sunbonnets

Jackson, Tenn.: Nancy Cherry -- it's a stuffed possum and it's all mine!

Jackson, Tenn.: the men in their bandannas

St. Augustine: Bill and Velma Thrasher on the ghost trolley

St. Augustine: Mel, our very nice and very knowledgeable tour guide on the ghost trolley

Plan Now for Upcoming Reunions

Al and Peggy Thrasher will host the 2006 reunion in Rabun County, Georgia, where they have built their new home. The dates are June 23 - 25. Peggy wrote that they have not picked a motel or restaurants yet but she sent a generous envelope of informational brochures and it looks like a really beautiful area.

Located in the northeastern corner of Georgia in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, Rabun County is the Georgia county bordering South Carolina to the east and North Carolina to the north. Clayton, the county seat, is 115 miles north of Atlanta and 90 miles south of Asheville, NC.

Looking at the brochures Peggy and Al have already sent, there is great fishing, so if you are a fisherman, bring your rod and reel! If you don't fish, the scenery alone should keep you amazed. The mountains are in bloom -- some areas covered with laurel and while July is rhododendron month, since our reunion is late in June, it may be beginning to bloom as well.

Baseball fan? The Ty Cobb Museum is located in Royston, 60 miles from Clayton. Royston is the hometown of the "Georgia Peach."

In 2007, Nancy and Bill Cherry have volunteered to host a joint reunion with the Mid-Atlantic Thrashers in Maryland. No details yet other than they are planning a crab feast for one event, and Bill has volunteered to give individual lessons on the proper way to pick a crab so as not to miss any of the delicious crabmeat.

Stay tuned for more to come in future newsletters on both reunions.

Can DNA Testing Help Trace Trees?

By Nancy Thrasher Cherry

Isn't it about time to start some DNA testing? With the approach of the 2005 reunion season, this writer believes that it is time to consider another tool for piecing together the relationships between the various Thrasher/Thresher groups around the country, the continent, and the world.

For years Thrasher families have struggled to find the link that would associate them with other Thrasher groups, shed further light on who and which generation first reached these shores, and pinpoint the country of origin. Years ago James Moule posed the question - did our ancestor come from England, where Thrashers were known to be engaged in the woolen and tailoring industries, or did they come from Wales, as family tradition claims? Are the Thrashers in Georgia and Florida closely related to the Thrashers of Maryland? Did both groups come from common roots in Virginia? For that matter, what is the relationship between the two, three, or possibly five different groups of Thrashers in western and central Maryland? How about the South Carolina group, which lists a Benjamin Thrasher from New Hampshire yet claims roots in Maryland, too. And what of the Tennessee clan who counts as their immigrant ancestor a man born aboard a ship heading for these shores? There are groups in Pennsylvania, several more in New England and Canada, and that's just on the East Coast! Various groups are scattered throughout the US and Canada, many of whom cannot identify their immigrant ancestor. In my random searches, I've heard everything from "a Hessian soldier" to "My father was Running Bear but he so admired the man who ran the trading post that he took his name," to "The Thrashers were Jewish merchants from Spain who fled to England."

If our families are not related on this continent, how closely (if at all) were they related before they left Europe?

Maybe it is time to investigate the use of DNA testing to shed some light on genealogical relationships. DNA testing is not going to provide all the answers, and

it will probably pose even more questions. Yet it will determine if two people are descended from the same ancestor, confirm family tree documentation, prove or disprove our research theories, find others to whom we are related, and perhaps confirm suspected ancestral adoptions.

Testing on the Y chromosome is ideal for single surname societies. Y chromosomes are passed essentially unchanged - as intact packages -- from father to son, as are surnames. A man alive today sports the same Y-DNA as his paternal-line great-great-(insert as many greats as you'd like) grandfather. All the men in the top line of a pedigree chart share the same Y-DNA - as do all the male-line descendants of an ancestor perched on top of a descendence chart. Because Y-DNA and surnames travel together through time (with the occasional exception of a nonpaternity event such as illegitimacy or adoption), Y-DNA tests are handy for surname projects that determine whether families with the same last name are, in fact, related.

A concern over privacy immediately springs to mind: DNA testing may seem risky. What if the wrong people get their hands on your results - could they find out whether you're a health time bomb waiting to explode? Learn your true parentage? Keep your sample and use it again without telling you? It's highly unlikely: The testing that's done for genealogical purposes differs from medical, paternity and criminal testing. The testing proposed here involves testing only a small portion of the Y-chromosome, the non-coding or non-gene portion of DNA. In fact, if police were to use Y-DNA testing to solve a crime, they'd have to haul in hundreds or thousands of distant relatives as suspects.

Testing companies promise to keep your identity and results secure. If you choose to have your results posted in an online database, your identity will be coded and the Web site can serve as an intermediary should a match want to contact you. Or you can opt to withhold your contact information. Surname project managers who receive results for their group generally post results on the

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DNA Testing

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web using a code or, as is rapidly becoming the standard, the name of the earliest known ancestor. If you're concerned, you can deny the testing company or project manager permission to share your data in any way.

Some companies destroy samples after they are tested; others keep them (unless otherwise directed) in secure storage in case a client wants additional, more precise tests. Since the lab knows that those who volunteer to be tested are interested in genetic genealogy, they may be asked to participate in additional research studies, but no reputable lab will test samples without your permission.

DNA testing is painless. You order a test and receive a cheek-swab kit in the mail. The kit contains a toothbrush-like device to scrape the inside of the cheek, and then the sample is mailed back to the lab. Results may take up to six weeks. The more markers you choose to have tested, the more you pay. Many people opt for the middle ground and choose tests with 21 to 37 markers. For the higher number of markers, figure on costs of about \$300 per person.

And so I propose that as family groups gather for reunions, they consider whether they wish to participate in this experiment. My suggestion is that each family group identify two (or preferably more) Thrasher men willing to be tested and that the family members pass the hat to cover the expense for each. Who knows? Perhaps our project will be joined by Thrashers in Australia, New Zealand, South America, Native American populations, and others!

We also need a volunteer - male or female -- to coordinate this effort - looking into the merits of each testing company, liaising with the company and the volunteers as they step forward, and posting results. This could prove to be a successful way to tie some of our "mystery connections" together!

Much of the material in this article was excerpted from "Demystifying DNA" in FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE, February 2005. You are urged to read more about genetic genealogy before family group discussions. You are also asked to respond to the writer with your comments or concerns.

Thrasher Brothers Featured in Bus Magazine

This has evidently been "a very good year" for Jim, Buddy and Joe Thrasher == the Thrasher Trio. In addition to their Hall of Fame induction, the Thrasher Brothers were recognized for their contributions to the motorcoach industry. The cover picture of the January 2005 issue of BUSRIDE Magazine featured a new bus belonging to Thrasher Brothers Trailways. The accompanying article by Wayne Bryan credits the Thrasher Brothers for purchasing the first Van Hoof coach with a wheelchair lift in Alabama. He also cites Jim Thrasher as one of the major forces behind the creation of the Alabama Motorcoach Association, and outlines Jim's efforts, along with those of his brother Joe, to seek legislation this year that will benefit the industry.

From 1967 to 1973 the Thrasher Brothers produced a television show, *America Sings*, which was seen on 90 stations across the country from 1970 - 1973. Their TV show led to the brothers' first affiliation with Trailways; Continental Trailways was their main sponsor. One of the first entertainer coaches ever made was a bus converted to a rolling home for the group as they toured.

Directory Additions/Corrections

New members:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thrasher
1047 Old McCrary Rd.
Columbus, MS 39702
662-327-2214
robertthrasher@bellsouth.net

Address Change:

Patty Bishop Savelle
212 Saxton Place
Leesburg, GA 31763

E-mail corrections:

Frankie and Richard Goldsby's e-mail address should be <FRGoldsby@verizon.net>. Al and Peggy Thrasher have a new e-mail address: <althras@cgemc.net>. Ken and Anna Sutherland's new e-mail is <kenanns1@kenannas.cnc.net>.

In Memoriam

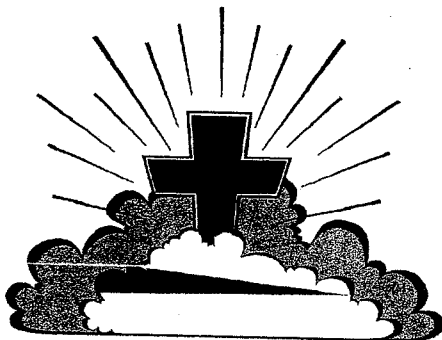
Paul Eugene Trump

Paul Eugene Trump passed away Oct. 1, 2004, in Kansas City, Missouri. Born Feb. 7, 1917, he was the son of the late Joseph Daniel Trump and Eva Nevada Thrasher. In 1944 he married Nelrose Boggess and the couple has made their home in Gladstone, MO, for the past 57 years.

Paul Trump served in the U.S. Army from Feb. 5, 1941 to Sept. 25, 1945. In 1972 he retired from the U.S. Postal Service. During his retirement Paul researched the family's genealogy and coauthored several family history books. An avid woodworker, he also hand-carved furniture for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Nelrose, and his children, Paul V. and Philip C. Trump of Kearney, Mo., and Paula R. Post of Kansas City, MO; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Vernon Maggart, were held Oct. 4, 2004, and interment was at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Gladstone.



Maurice Carmichael, Sr.

Maurice Carmichael, Sr., passed away Jan. 31, 2005, after a long period of declining health. Born in Henry County, GA, May 26, 1916, he was the son of the late John Lee Carmichael and the late Elizabeth Thrasher Carmichael. He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Dorner Carmichael.

After graduating from high school in Jackson, GA, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology. A member of the Jackson Presbyterian Church, he served as its treasurer for 30 years.

Known as an entrepreneur, he started several businesses while serving as a rural mail carrier. He started the Carmichael Insurance Agency in 1952 -- in 1980, the Georgia Professional Insurance Agents named him Agent of the Year for his work as chairman of the PIA's legislative committee. In 1973 he was recognized by the Jackson Kiwanis Club as Butts County Man of the Year.

Maurice Carmichael was one of the charter members of the board of directors of McIntosh State Bank. He was dedicated to the youth of Butts County, donating both time and money to the Van Deventer Foundation, local schools and other youth organizations.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Katherine Carmichael, Jr.; two daughters, Dorner Carmichael and her husband Arlen Goff, Candace Carmichael and her husband Walt Crosland; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3 in Jackson Presbyterian Church and interment was in the Jackson City Cemetery.

News and Notes

John P. Thrasher e-mailed John E. Thrasher he was interested in the DNA project. He added, "Sorry to have missed the reunion. My daughter, Caroline, was in a play and I had a 'command performance.'"

Hope to see you and your family in Rabun County next year, John!

Two of our members have had serious health problems, although both are now well on the way to recovery.

In April, Marie Senn suffered cardiac arrest and was hospitalized for nine days; this was complicated by renal failure and while she wrote that she was getting stronger, she didn't feel she should push it too much and thus had to cancel the plans she and her husband Max had made to attend the reunion. Son and daughter-in-law Ken and Anna Sutherland did attend and reported that Marie was doing very well and expected to be back to normal quickly.

Then Trudy Thrasher had a heart attack not too long after returning from the Thrasher/Thresher reunion. Fortunately, she was actually at the hospital when it happened and so received immediate attention. Trudy also has recovered -- Dale recently e-mailed that she came home from the hospital on July 3 and that they were still planning to travel to Maryland for the wedding of their granddaughter Andrea Thrasher.

It is good to hear that both of them are back on their feet -- best wishes for continued good health!

Ashley Thrasher also sent regrets that he was unable to attend the reunion. And true to form as one of the most regular contributors of interesting tidbits for the newsletter, he sent an article about the opening of the National Archives Southeast Region's facility in its new location in Morrow, GA. Situated right next to the Georgia Archives, it holds records from eight Southeastern states, as well as some that are nationwide in scope.

Seven members of our group attended the Thrasher/Thresher Reunion in Jackson, Tenn. last month. They were Dale and Trudy Thrasher, John E. and Eleanor Thrasher, Bill and Velma Thrasher, Nancy and Bill Cherry and Barbara Eger. Robert and Glenda Thrasher, new to both groups, were there, and joined our association.

While there seems to be no connection at all between the two groups, it was good to get together with the Tennesseans. Shirley Thresher Brewer, along with her husband Charlie, had planned just as much fun for this event as there was in the previous one five years ago. As you can see in the pictures on page 1, Shirley had made sunbonnets as favors for all the women in attendance and the men received bandanna neckwear.

The only hitch in a great weekend was the horrendous traffic jam on I-40 that those going east on Sunday were trapped in for more than an hour. Two accidents and road construction which narrowed the packed road to one lane at one point combined to bring things to a complete standstill.

Congratulations to John E. and Eleanor Thrasher, who celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 25. Best wishes for many, many more!

An e-mail from John said they were busy with preparations for the Thrasher Warehouse Annual Fish Fry the Fourth of July. He hopes the event raises a lot of money because a new roof is in the works for Warehouse #2, and there are many other needs for the museum and buildings.

David Sumner took part in the 22nd annual "Bop to the Top" race to benefit Riley Children's Hospital. David wrote that while he didn't place in his category, he did top his time from last year's race. However, he did place 5th in fundraising for the event. Congratulations, David.

Bits and Pieces

Entries from the *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861 - 1865, Volume VI:*

Page 716: "Thrasher, Albert Conway (or Thresher) -- Private Aug. 1, 1863. Captured at Decatur, Ala., Oct. 28, 1864, and sent to Camp Douglas, Ill., prison. Died there of chronic diarrhoea Dec. 14, 1864. Buried in Grave No 234, Block 2, Chicago City Cemetery."

Page 489: "Thrasher, Jesse S. -- Private in Co. K, 7th Regt. Ga. Inf., May 31, 1861. Discharged, disability, Jan. 2, 1862. Elected 2nd Lieutenant in Co. A, 64th Regt. Ga. Inf., Feb. 16, 1863. Wounded at Ocean Pond, Fla., Feb. 20, 1864. Elected Captain in 1864. Roll dated Oct. 31, last on file, shows him present. Pension records show that he was at home on sick furlough at close of war."

From the World War I section of *A History of the American People Volume II* by Harry J. Carman and Harold C. Syrett (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1952): "On March 28, 1915, Leon C. Thrasher, an American citizen, lost his life when the British ship *Falaba* was torpedoed."

Sent by John E. Thrasher from the *Gainesville Sun* Aug. 20, 1912, issue and headed "Dr. Thrasher Here":

"Dr. J. S. Thrasher of Sanford, who had been here several days on a visit with his

cousin, Attorney B. A. Thrasher, left Monday with the latter for Micanopy on a brief visit to their cousin, J. E. Thrasher. Dr. Thrasher was here for a two-fold purpose -- to visit Col. Thrasher and to advertise Thrasher's Great Healing Fluid, a preparation which has made a great record in the cure of rheumatism and other ailments."

John's note asked who Dr. J. S. Thrasher of Sanford was and if anyone had ever heard of Thrasher's Great Healing Fluid. Anyone out there know more?

Ken Sutherland brought a copy of the April 30 *Huntsville Times* to the reunion that had an article and pictures about recent inductees to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Three of those inducted were Thrashers -- Buddy, Joe and Jim -- who as the Thrasher Brothers Trio had a 50-year career in gospel music. One of the brothers, Buddy, attended the Induction Show with his son Patrick who was visiting from Los Angeles. Patrick has evidently followed in his father's footsteps since the article noted that he had made albums with such artists/groups as KISS, Christina Aguilera, Rod Stewart and others.

Editor's Corner



First item on my agenda is an apology for missing the April issue. Sorry, but I was so darn sick I couldn't get out of bed for 10 days, let alone look at the computer! As of now all of the germs have been banished and I'll try never to have that happen again!

In the meantime, thanks go to Nancy Thrasher Cherry for allowing me to "borrow" the DNA article from her MATA newsletter and for sharing pictures. Thanks to Dale Thrasher for his pictures, too. As always, this newsletter would not be possible without the help of so many of you, so keep sending information, pictures, and most of all, ideas about what to include.

There are several corrections to the directory in this issue -- if you were at the reunion you have already received your copy; if you weren't, it is in this mailing. In either case, please enter them now. Also, if you have any other corrections, please send them to me for inclusion in a future newsletter.

The St. Augustine reunion was really fun despite a smaller group than usual -- plan now to be in Rabun County next year so that you don't miss out on a good time. Those of us who attended Shirley Brewer's Tennessee Thrasher reunion also thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

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>.

MINUTES

The Thrasher Association Meeting of May 21, 2005 St. Augustine, Florida

Attending: Joanne Bandy, Nancy and Bill Cherry, Barbara Eger, Frankie and Richard Goldsby, Anna and Ken Sutherland, Peggy and Al Thrasher, Velma and Bill Thrasher, Trudie and Dale Thrasher, Eleanor and John E. Thrasher, members; and Ruth Hoffman, guest.

The annual business meeting of the Thrasher Association was called to order by Acting Chair John E. Thrasher at 4:30 p.m. on May 21, 2005, in the social room of the Best Western Historic Inn, 2010 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., St. Augustine, Florida. Sixteen members and a guest attended.

The acting chair distributed copies of the proposed bylaws for the association. The proposed bylaws had also been distributed by mail to members earlier in the year. Al Thrasher's motion that the bylaws be accepted as written was seconded by Dale Thrasher and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The acting chair opened the floor for nominations for the offices prescribed by the new bylaws. The first to be elected for the coming year was the Chairman. Nancy Cherry nominated John E. Thrasher; several members rushed to second and close the nominations; and the group voted John into office by acclaim.

Barbara Eger nominated Nancy Cherry for Recording Secretary. Eleanor Thrasher seconded the nomination and Bill Thrasher moved that nominations be closed. Nancy was elected unanimously.

Al Thrasher nominated Bill Thrasher to be the association's treasurer. Bill Cherry seconded, and Al Thrasher moved that nominations be closed. Bill Thrasher was elected by acclaim.

The Chair noted correspondence with members unable to attend. Warren Thrasher's donation to the treasury has been acknowledged by both John and Bill Thrasher. Frances Leitner lost companion George Hewell last June 2. Marie Senn, mother of Ken Sutherland, is recovering from cardiac arrest on April 25. Joe Stine would be attending his granddaughter's ballet.

John Thrasher distributed a document detailing the organizational and financial details of the previous year. Al Thrasher offered a motion that the Association reimburse Dorothy Pruett for expenses through the years in the amount of \$3168.10. The motion was seconded by Barbara Eger and passed by the assembled membership unanimously.

Bill Thrasher presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association's account now resides with the Regent's Bank, and Bill and his wife Velma can access it. On May 1, the balance on hand was \$600, with renewal dues for about 50 members expected in the next few months.

The Chair thanked Barbara Eger for the quality of her newsletter and for preparing the membership booklet containing the roster and the newly accepted bylaws.

Nancy Cherry proposed that men with the surname Thrasher volunteer for DNA testing in an effort to establish connections with (or lack of connections with) other groups of Thrasher descendants, such as those in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Maryland. Dale endorsed the idea and volunteered, along with Bill, John, and Al. Nancy will select a company and notify the volunteers how to proceed. The group expressed enthusiasm for the DNA testing since there has long been suspicion but no evidence that the several groups are related. Warren Thrasher in Athens, Jody Thrasher in Warner-Robins, and Robert Thrasher in Mt. Dora would also be possible candidates. Members will notify Nancy if they know of other groups of descendants who could be potential volunteers.

Frankie and Richard Goldsby noted that their e-mail address as listed in the members' roster should be changed to FRGoldsby@verizon.net rather than <FRGoldsby@verizon.com>.

Peggy Thrasher moved that the meeting date for next year's reunion be moved until after the end of the school year so that families with children could attend. Dale Thrasher emphasized that family associations are perpetuated by the interest of young people. Bill Thrasher and Bill Cherry both seconded Peggy's motion, and the motion carried.

Peggy and Al Thrasher offered to host next year's reunion in Rabun County, near Clayton, Georgia next year. The probable dates are June 23 through 25. Nancy and Bill Cherry offered to host a joint reunion with the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association in June 2007 in Jefferson, Maryland. Both offers – for 2006 and for 2007 – were enthusiastically accepted.

Chairman John Thrasher announced that 15 members were planning to participate in the Ghost Tour in old St. Augustine that evening, and that a room had been reserved for members' breakfasts at 9 am the next day at the nearby I-HOP.

Dale Thrasher motioned that the meeting adjourn; Al Thrasher seconded; meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thrasher Cherry
Recording Secretary

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Thrasher Family Association Bylaws

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

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

- Meetings shall be held annually at the Thrasher Family Association Reunion to elect officers and conduct any other business. Only dues-paying members may vote at these meetings.
- Officers shall consist of a chairman, recording secretary and treasurer. These three officers shall serve as an advisory committee. Terms shall be one year, with elections held at the annual Thrasher Family Reunion. There shall be no term-limit restrictions.
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Thrasher Family Association Financial Report Compass
Bank:

Beginning Balance: 7/1//2004 \$3,128.10

Receipts:

Renewals: 7/12/2004 \$40.00

Balance: \$3,168.10

On 14, July 2004 Dot Pruett withdrew: \$2,968.00

On 15, July 2004 Dot cashed check #142 \$37.00
for US Postal Stamps

On 15 July 2004 Dot paid \$5.00 for duplicate statement even though
I had sent her copies each month at my own expense.

Balance: \$158.10

On 19, July Dot closed the account receiving \$158.10 cash.

Ending Balance: \$0.00

William S. Thrasher
Treasurer

Thrasher Family Association Financial Report 5/1/2005

Beginning Balance: 8/08/2004 \$100.00

Receipts:

Opened Account at Regions Bank 8/8/2004 With my personal check #4277	<u>\$100.00</u>
Barbara Eger donated check	<u>\$50.00</u>
Donation and dues from Warren Thrasher	<u>\$50.00</u>
Received from renewals/dues	<u>\$400.00</u>

Total Receipts Received: \$450.00

Disbursements:

None: John E. Thrasher and Barbara Eger have not requested reimbursement
For the Newsletters and other expenses.

Ending Balance May 1, 2005 \$600.00

William S. Thrasher
Treasurer