

The Thrasher Newsletter

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Celestea Gentry Sharp nurtures Georgia roots from the Big Apple

By David E. Sumner



Although she grew up in Atlanta, Celestea Gentry Sharp has deep roots in Oconee County (near Athens) where her Thrasher roots go back several generations. After graduating from Duke University with a French degree in 1973, she lived in Massachusetts, New York City, and Washington, D.C. She says she "re-discovered her roots" when she moved to Athens in 1988 so her husband, Michael, could attend the University of Georgia Law School.

The two met at Cornell University while both pursued M.B.A. degrees. After earning the degrees in 1981, they moved to New York City where her husband had grown up. She held a position from 1981-83 as a corporate finance officer at the Bank of America. Except for three years in Athens from 1988-91 and a fourth in Atlanta (1991-92), they have lived in New York ever since.

During those three years in Athens, she began to discover roads, cemeteries and historic homes named after her Thrasher ancestors and their kin. As a guest speaker at the 2006 Thrasher reunion, she showed videos of some of these sites, that included the Isaac Thrasher Cemetery, Barton Thrasher Cemetery, and homes built by her Thrasher ancestors. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Barton Cloud Thrasher and his wife, Mary Celestia Bird Elder, after whom she is named.

"Living in Athens and discovering all of this was so great and so much fun," she says. "It helped me find a context for my whole life," she says.

This experience and her background as an editor and writer led the Bishop Town Council to ask her to write the book, *Bishop, Georgia: The Ancient Roots, Rich History and Enduring Spirit of a Southern*

Crossroads Community. She spent five years researching the 863-page book, which was released by Wolfe Publishing in 1996. The book includes 200 photos, maps and illustrations and was based on more than 100 personal interviews with local residents and an array of primary documents.

The book earned Celestea Sharp the "Leilla M. Hawes Award for Best County or Local History" from the Georgia Historical Society in September 1998. Several parts of the book were used in the town's successful bid for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

She's heard from a local librarian and an archeologist that the book "has been very useful" and extremely popular. "They say it's been especially useful for local Native American history, which gives me a lot of satisfaction," she says. She is currently working on a 2nd edition of the book scheduled for publication sometime in the next few months.

Celestea's husband, Michael, is currently general counsel for Citigroup's Global Wealth Management Divisions, including Smith Barney. They have a daughter, Amanda Gentry, who earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Harvard in 2005.

Until 2003 Celestea worked as an editor in the Smith Barney Equity Research Division and writer in the Smith Barney Mutual Funds Marketing Group. During the time they lived in Athens, she took courses in magazine writing at the University of Georgia and published some articles on local history, including some Thrasher family history, in *Athens Magazine*. Her father, Edgar Crawford Gentry, died in 2002 while her mother, Joyce Baggett Gentry, still lives in Atlanta.

Celestea Gentry Sharp

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During the past couple of years, she has taken three graduate courses on documentary film and a post-production course in New York University's Film and Television Department.

Her current project is a documentary film on growth and development in Oconee County. "Since Spring 2004, I have been working on a documentary film project taken for course credit at New York University. This project has involved interviewing 25 or 30 residents, government officials and developers regarding effects of growth on

this rural county that is an hour from Atlanta."

"Basically I am sympathetic with those who don't want to see it grow so much that it becomes another Gwinnett County."

Celestea says she enjoyed the past Thrasher reunions she has been able to attend and says she and Michael plan to attend next year's reunion in Frederick, Maryland. When asked if she and Michael might return to Georgia when he retires, she says, "We're not ruling that out."



This is a 1902 photo of David O. Thrasher (right) visiting in the office of Ephraim Green of Dade City. Mr. Thrasher was superintendent of schools and Ephraim Green was school board attorney at the time.

David O. Thrasher served as the first Dade City Superintendent of Schools from 1896-2005. He was elected mayor of Dade City in 1905. He is also the son of "Cousin John" Thrasher and great-grandfather of David Sumner, Joann Bandy and Frankie Goldsby. *Photo courtesy Pioneer Florida Museum Historical Archives.* 357

REPORT TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (1900)

This report appeared in the Bi-ennial Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Florida, for the two years ending June 30, 1900.

I am pleased to report that the progress made by the schools in Pasco is satisfactory. The country schools have classes in higher branches that were never taught prior to the last two years. The deportment of the children is better.

Owing to the advanced classes in our country schools, the Graded and High School is a necessity.

Our County High School continues to grow in favor and usefulness. Prof. N. McCullough, Principal, assisted by Misses Alice Leitner, Mattie Jordan and M. L. Weaver, who are doing a thorough and practical work in moral as well as literary training. This school supplies our county with teachers, and some of the best in the county. The Legislature should establish a High School in every county, and give it an eight months' term.

UNIFORM EXAMINATION.

The uniform examination law has proven to be a good school master, developing the professional teacher into a sphere of larger usefulness and relegating the business teacher to the shades of a private life. I would suggest that the law be so amended as to give us a State Grading Committee, and thereby carry the uniform law into full force.

SUB-DISTRICTS.

We have thirty-five districts voting a special tax of three mills. This special tax has been of great help to the patrons, children and school boards. The trustees use this special tax money in lengthening the term from four to six and eight months, purchasing school books, furniture, and for building purposes. These duties seem to awaken in them a greater interest in the prosperity of the school, and they look more closely after it. Then the board is not continually called upon for small articles that are necessary for the school.

The next election it will be voted in every district in the county.

NORMAL.

Prof. N. McCullough conducted a private Normal last Summer and will continue to do so every Summer, or as long as the teachers are so well pleased with his methods. He has given the count a number of first-grade teachers, and we hope he will continue the good work.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Pasco is not ready for the compulsory educational law, and will not be until the millage is increased. A four months' term is all that we can give now, and the special tax districts help the board by buying their school books, furniture and building.

FINANCES.

The board's indebtedness is small. School warrants are selling at a premium.

I hope the Legislature will have the wisdom to see the importance of striking out the 5 mill clause from the Constitution, and prepare the necessary legislation that will give the school board authority to levy a tax that will carry into effect the law which provides for the education of the children of Florida.

TEACHERS.

The teachers of this county have demonstrated their improvement by the rapid progress of their schools, the good deportment of their pupils, as well as raising their certificates. The teaching force of this county consists of eighteen first grade, twenty-three second grade and five third grade, earnest, faithful teachers. Quite an increase in the first and second grades and a large falling off in the third.

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D. O. Thrasher
County Superintendent

Research Findings on John Thrasher in 18th Century Virginia

By Helen Raye Thrasher

In May-June, 2006, I made a trip to Virginia to search out records on our earliest proven ancestor, John Thrasher. John Thrasher was first located in Goochland County, Virginia, in February 1738/39, in **Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants**, edited by Denis Hudgins, Volume Four: 1732-1741, Virginia Genealogical Society of Richmond, 1994.

He obtained land "JOHN THRESHER, 400 acs. Goochland Co., both sides of Buffalo River, near the blue Mountains; 1 Feb 1738/39, p. 173. (Pounds)2."

Map searches of the area located Thrasher Lake (Reservoir), Thrasher Creek, and Thrasher Creek Road. The creek had been named for John Thrasher in 1741, as noted in **Tuckahoes and Cohees, The Settlers and Cultures of Amherst and Nelson Counties, 1607-1807**, by Catherine Hawes Coleman Seaman, Sweet Briar Printing Press, Sweet Briar, Virginia, 1992, p. 89. The lake was given the same name when the creek was dammed to construct a reservoir. John Thrasher is noted in a list of people as one of the possible earliest settlers of the area of Goochland. (Goochland County was the parent County for Amherst and Nelson Counties.) It was an exhilarating experience to walk on the land owned by my ancestor and to drive to the end of Thrasher Creek Road where it terminates in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The serene lake nestles between the foothills of the mountains and there is an adjacent park. The area is an established destination for picnickers, campers, and fisherpersons (to be politically correct). The road follows the creek through beautiful scenery and magnificent vistas of the mountains.

Albermarle County was another county created from Goochland County in 1744. From the **Albermarle County Road Orders 1744-1748**, from the Parish Records, by Nathaniel Mason Pawlett, Faculty Research Historian, (A Cooperative Organisation Sponsored Jointly by the Virginia Department of Highways & Transportation and the University of Virginia) Charlottesville, Virginia, June

1975, Revised June 1979, VHTRC 75-R72 is found this note:

"25 April 1745 O.S., p10 Road./ James Taylor is Appointed Surveyor of the High Way, in the Room Of John Thrasher, and the same hands that were Appointed to work under the same Thrasher, are Ordered to Assist the same Taylor In Clearing the same./."

John Thrasher also purchased an additional 388 acres, as noted in **Cavaliers and Pioneers, Volume Five**. "JOHN THRASHER, 388 acs. Goochland Co. on both sides of Buffalo Riv., near Davis's Path, at twenty five Puppies Cr., by a Rock a Little below the Mouth of Puppies Cr. On the S side of Buffelo, adj the sd Thrasher; 20 Sep 1745, p143. (Pounds)2." Puppy Creek was another branch the Buffalo River, as was Thrasher Creek.

John Thrasher was a successful land speculator, as found in **The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763**, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, pg 14: "20 Aug 1748 JNO. THRASHER, planter, to JAS. SMITH, planter for Pounds 100. 400 acres both sides Buffaloe, near Blur Mts., pat. 1 Feb. 1738; also 388 Acres adj. grantor; the river, DAVIS pathe, Buffalo River. Pat 20 Sep 1745. Wit: WM. Cabell SR. & JR., LUKE CARNELL, JAS SHASTED, JNO. HARRIS." He had turned his (Pounds) 4 into (Pounds) 100 in just 10 years.

One of my future ventures is attempting to track John Thrasher to Orange County, North Carolina, parent county of Guilford and Rockingham Counties.

Helen Raye Thrasher's third great-grandfather, John Thrasher, was the great-grandson of the John Thrasher in her article. She is a native Alabaman, born just seven miles from his home.

Retireded from her 40-year private ophamology practice, she still worksas a consultant in ophamology for the Veterans Administration. She wrote that she began genealogy two years ago as an avocation, but it now has become a "passionate vocation."

Bits and Pieces

Congratulations to the Author!

David Sumner has added another book to his list. Co-authored with Shirrel Rhoades of Key West): "Magazines: A Complete Guide to the Industry," the journalism textbook was published by Peter Lang Publishing USA, New York in July. David shared an interesting side-light about his co-author: "Shirrel graduated from Stetson in 1964 and I graduated from Stetson in 1969, but we never met until 2005 when introduced by a mutual friend."

David previously co-authored "Feature and Magazine Writing: Action, Angle and Anecdotes." with Holly G. Miller, which was published in May 2005. That textbook was adapted for classroom use by more than 30 universities during its first year in print.

Also, in April David received the community service award "50 Over 50 Who Make A Difference in East Central Indiana" The award is sponsored by the Muncie Star-Press and Ball State Center for Vital Aging. He was nominated for this award by his students and was one of only three professors to receive the award. David said, "That award gave me as much satisfaction as publishing the books."

Cliff Thrasher Honored

In July Cliff Thrasher, son of Dale and Trudy Thrasher, was named Volunteer of the Week by the Annapolis, MD, newspaper *The Capital*. He was recognized for his work in organizing the Chesapeake Bay BBQ Cook-Off, a new event to benefit Maryland Special Olympics.

The idea of having a local cook-off occurred to Cliff several years ago after watching one on the Food Network, his favorite channel. Although his first love is really all about pastry, it's barbecue that gets his juices flowing. Cliff is so into it that he owns no less than four grills and he regularly uses them all!

After he got the idea, Cliff attended a couple of regional cook-offs and searched the Internet to learn all he could, then put his thoughts into action. With the help of the Kansas City Barbecue Society, the event sponsor, and support from

Special Olympics and authorities in Queen Anne's County, the groundwork was laid. The process took about a year and a half.

And while he admits that it was a little more work than originally thought, he's pleased with what the cook off will offer this year. "I just want to get it off the ground this year and have a good time," he said. "And build it up next year. The Barbecue Society has been instrumental in doing that." Another cook-off was held years ago on the island and met with some success.

Cliff has been involved with Special Olympics since 1978, first as a member of a National Guard unit and then as a member of the Anne Arundel County law enforcement community. He also participates in other Special Olympic fund raising events like the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Maryland Division of Correction Commissioner's Invitational Tug of War.

Note: This story was excerpted from an article by staff writer Lori Phelan in *The Capital*. Cliff is the sixth of Dale and Trudy's children.

New Directory Information

New E-mail Addresses:

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More Bits and Pieces

Check This Out!

Nancy Thrasher Cherry has set up a website for "things Thrasher." At <www.Thrasher.org> you can get the latest on things as varied as the latest plans for the 2007 reunion to reports on the Thrasher DNA project to information on the two family societies. Visitors to the site are invited to submit information about their own Thrasher or Thresher families, which Nancy hopes will help to find new connections and new branches.

Check it out the next time you are on line and if you have suggestions for adding to the site contact Nancy at <Administrator@Thrasher.org>.



"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night." May the holiday season bring health, happiness, and joy to all.

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Thrasher for Congress?

Les Thrasher was surfing the net this summer and found a link to yet another John Thrasher. This one was running for Congress in Arizona. Dale Thrasher contacted the "new" John Thrasher and got the following information back:

His full name is John Armin Thrasher. His father was Harry Joe Thrasher, born Crowder, OK in 1915. His mother is Marjorie Siebs (daughter of Armin Siebs) and she taught in McAlister, OK. It's a little hard to sort out the relationships from the email Dale received, but the following seems to refer to Harry Joe Thrasher's parents: His mother was a full blooded Choctaw (Choctaw?). His father Joe Thrasher was a sheriff and a lawyer.

Les and Dale have done some research on any possible connections, but they haven't reported anything yet.

Editor's note to Les and Dale: If I haven't gotten some of this straight from the various emails forwarded to me, let me know. Also if you have any followup information on this family please share!

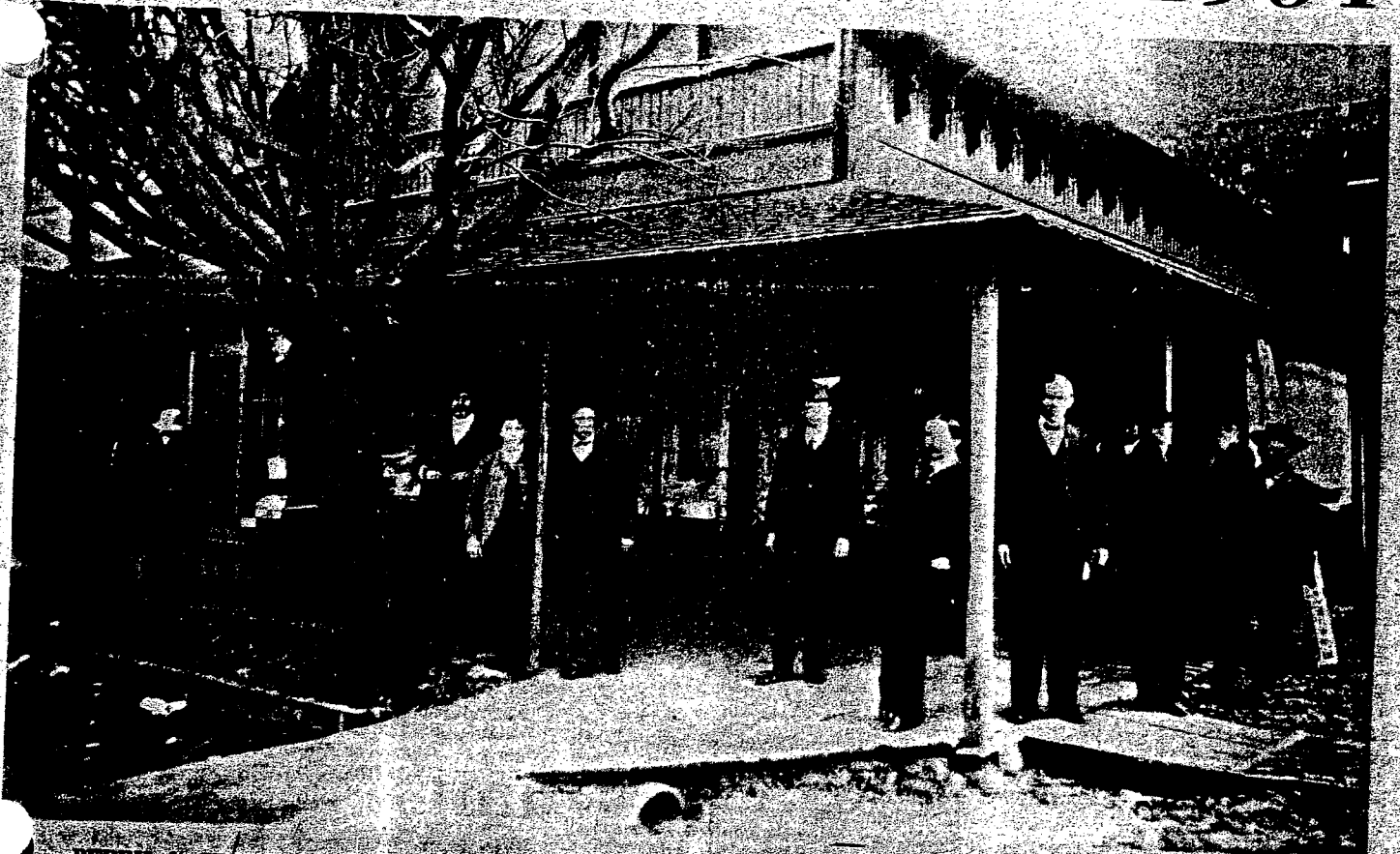
New Members Are Contributing

Helen Raye Thrasher and Les Thrasher are two of the newest Association Members and both of them are busy doing research and sharing what they find. Les also is a participant in the DNA Project.

Who else out there is searching for new connections or documentation on known ancestors? If you are, why not share it for the newsletter? Maybe someone else will see what you are doing and have more pieces to add to the puzzle.

Last Chance to Stay Connected

If sending in your dues form has slipped your mind, this "courtesy issue" of the new association year will be the last one you receive. Another update/dues form is attached if the first one has gone to the lost file. Don't wait — send it in with your check today!



BERRY & GRIFFIN DRUGS, pictured in this 1904 photograph, was located at the present site of Nolen's Drug, 302 E. Meridian Ave. The man standing about in the center of the two posts, blocking the window which has "Berry & Griffin Drugs" painted on it, is Dr. Sistrunk, whose shingle now hangs in the Pioneer Florida Museum. Standing on the doctor's left, leaning against the post, is Mr. Berry, while Barton Thrasher is leaning against the opposite post. The man standing with Berry by the post is Clarence Griffin, and at Griffin's side is Capt. John B. Johnston, who operated Dade City's first newspaper, *The Pasco County Democrat*. Johnston was elected Speaker of the Florida House of

Representatives in 1893. The identities of the other persons is not known. At the far left of the photo, past the man wearing a white hat, and talking to another, his back to the camera, is a sign designed like three barrels and advertising a saloon. The device on the wooden sidewalk, by the tree, is believed to be a popcorn machine. The inverted sign, standing vertical at the far right side of the photo and partially obscured by the man with the cane, reads, "Berry & Griffin Pharmacy." Why it is down is not known, since the owner of the photo, A. D. Jernigan, said the store had been open for some time when this picture was taken in 1904.

EDITOR'S CORNER



Volume 25 -- wow! As we start a new Thrasher Family Association year I wish for many more volumes in our future. This is probably a good time to say thank you again to those of you who have so generously contributed material over the years. Keep it up, please -- the newsletter is meant to keep us all in touch.

Many thanks are due to: David Sumner for his latest member profile and for sharing the picture of D. O. Thrasher from the Pioneer Florida Museum's archives, and to Helen Raye Thrasher for her article about her research on John Thrasher in Virginia.

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>.



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Jubilee !! Thrasher/Thresher Reunion Plans Going Full Speed Ahead!

Get on board now or you'll miss out on a world of fun and fellowship!

It's time to make arrangements to attend our annual Thrasher Family Association reunion and business meeting. This year our event will be held in Maryland, hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association, on the weekend of June 8-10, 2007. Some of our newly-found cousins are planning to attend, and Maryland has much to offer in the way of recreational and sightseeing activities. These are only two of many good reasons to make the trip.

Friday, June 8, is an excellent day to visit a library or museum in Frederick, or to take a tour of the historical old city. Early Friday evening, we'll visit a typical Maryland seafood house, where you can sample oysters, shrimp or flounder (or steak or chicken). Bill Cherry (Johns Hopkins U crab-picking champ of 1976) has promised to offer instruction for anyone who wants to try Maryland's traditional steamed hard crabs.

On Saturday, the Community Center in Jefferson will be open all day for socializing. In the morning, we'll have a short historical presentation and an update on a restored cemetery. Alternately, you might use this time for more sightseeing, but you'll want to be back in time for the group photo session at 11:30. After lunch, we'll have two programs: one on turning your genealogical research into fiction so that it is remembered by future generations, and one on the interpretation of the Thrasher DNA study results to date. This will be followed by our business meeting, and then we'll move one-half mile down the road to the Thrasher homestead. Here we'll visit the graves of Thomas (1725-1804) and Martha Lee (1729-1806) Thrasher, where the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate a historical marker. We will then all enjoy an outdoor meal at the farm Thomas and Martha established.

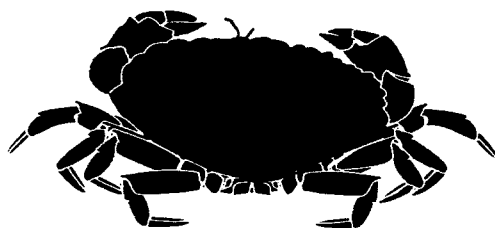
The next day, after our traditional Sunday breakfast, the descendants of Martha

Lee Thrasher's siblings have invited us to a dedication ceremony at the site where the old Lee plantation, Chestnut Ridge, once stood in what is now Silver Spring, Maryland. All are welcome to attend and it should be an interesting glimpse into the past history of the area.

On Monday, if there is enough interest, we will arrange a tour from the hotel in Frederick to Washington, DC for a day of sightseeing. Please enter number of people in the appropriate blank on the bottom of the Jubilee meal reservation form if you would be interested.

This reunion is open to those descended from Thrashers and Threshers of any family line. While the event will include time for serious genealogists to put their heads together, it will also offer everyone plenty of opportunity to socialize and enjoy displays from fellow attendees. It is suggested that those coming from a distance plan to spend extra days in Frederick as the area is rich in historical and recreational possibilities. Some within easy distance are Gettysburg, Antietam, Harpers Ferry, Baltimore, Annapolis and the Thrasher Carriage Museum in Frostburg (www.thrashercarriage.com). The Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. publishes a very informative Official Visitor Guide to the region; go to www.fredericktourism.org to request a copy.

Be sure to check the website www.thrasher.org for updates on the reunion plans.



Jubilee Hotel Accommodations and Menus

A block of non-smoking rooms has been reserved at the Frederick Inn for the nights of June 8 and 9, 2007. A discounted rate of \$74 per night is offered to those who identify themselves as members of the Thrasher Jubilee party. For those staying in the area for a longer period, the group rate will apply for the length of their stay.

Frederick Inn - Best Western
420 Prospect Boulevard
Frederick, MD
301-695-6200 phone
301-695-7895 fax

This hotel is an easy drive from the meeting site in Jefferson. Directions will be available at the hotel.

Formerly a Quality Inn, the Frederick Inn has been substantially renovated and is now a Best Western. Bathrooms are small (handicapped facilities are available), but the rooms are nicely furnished with hairdryers, ironing boards and irons, coffee makers, microwave ovens, and refrigerators. Some rooms have king-sized beds; others are furnished with two double beds. Complimentary coffee and continental breakfasts, including made-to-order waffles, are available each morning. The property has an outdoor pool and a fitness room. Guestrooms are accessible via interior corridors and include cable/satellite TV. Complimentary high-speed internet access is available in each room. Local calls are free.

Incidentally, we will be able to accommodate a limited number of recreation vehicles for one night at the farm. We can provide electricity but no sewer or water hook-ups.

Friday Dinner:

All entrees are \$28.00 which includes one soda or iced tea, tax and gratuity. The price for children 11 and under is \$7.50.

Jumbo Lump Crab Cake (broiled or fried)
Broiled Flounder with lemon herb butter
2 Grilled Chicken Breasts with honey butter
Hand patted Fried Oysters
Jumbo Fried Butterfly Shrimp
Hand cut Delmonico Steak

The entrees above include choice of 2 sides: Applesauce, green beans, cole slaw, macaroni salad, sea salad, tossed salad, fries, baked potato or hushpuppies. The three entrees listed below do not include sides.

1/2 pound steamed shrimp, choice of soup, and salad
(Maryland crab soup, cream of crab soup, clam chowder)
Grilled chicken salad
Fresh shrimp salad (Shrimp salad served on tossed salad topped with butterfly shrimp)

Saturday Dinner:

We plan a buffet meal on the lawn at the Thrasher farm, which is very near the Community Center in Jefferson. (If the weather is bad, we'll stay and eat at the Community Center.) The exact menu isn't definite yet, but the price will be \$15 for adults and \$7.00 for children 11 and under.

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In Memoriam

Velma L. (Craighead) Thrasher

Velma Lillian Thrasher passed away gracefully Saturday, January 27, 2007. Born November 22, 1933, she left the Carthage, Tennessee farm at age 9 to move to Nashville where she later met Bill Thrasher. She and Bill were married July 8, 1950. His Air Force career took the family to Oklahoma, Illinois, Japan, Alabama, and Alaska.



Velma Lillian Thrasher

After retirement from Civil Service at Maxwell AFB, they enjoyed traveling extensively. Velma and Bill bought their Montgomery farm in 1974, allowing her to return to the country living she so enjoyed and to become a "master gardener," recently learning the art of plant and tree propagation.

Velma was a member of VFW Post 92 Auxiliary, the Old Alabama Town Herb Society, the East Montgomery Optimist Club, a life-long member of the Methodist church, and active in the Jack Thompson Sunday School Class at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church. Velma and Bill have been long-time, well-loved members of the Thrasher Family Association, and she will be sorely missed.

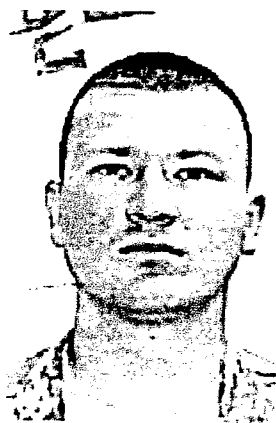
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Velma is survived by her husband, William Shelah Thrasher, and a sister and a brother, Martha Canter and Bobby Craighead of Nashville. Surviving children include daughter Sheila Marie Reed, Anchorage, Alaska, and son James Hall Thrasher, Farmington, New Mexico. Velma's twin brother, Elmer Craighead preceded her in death. She leaves four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends and family are welcome to log on to <www.mem.com> to share memories and tributes. Visitation was held January 30 with Dr. John Ed Mathison officiating at Leak Memory Chapel, Montgomery. Graveside services were held January 31 at Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Tennessee.

Iraq Casualty

A U.S. Army soldier from Folsom [CA] was killed in Iraq. Sgt. Robert Thrasher, 23, died on Feb. 11 of wounds sustained in combat while conducting door-to-door patrols in Baghdad.



Sgt. Robert B. Thrasher

Thrasher entered the Army in 2002 after graduating from Folsom High School. He served in the 1st Cavalry Division and was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Thrasher volunteered for and was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq when he was killed. A medal ceremony in Thrasher's honor will be held in Fort Bliss on March 21. He has been posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Thrasher is survived by his wife, Christine, who is also in the Army and stationed in Texas. His mother, father and brother live in Sacramento. From a *Folsom (CA) Telegraph* article by Cheri March.

Bits and Pieces

DNA and Our Connections Explained

Whether you are participating in the Thrasher DNA project or not, don't miss the Saturday afternoon program at the reunion. Dr. Whit Athey, retiring editor of *The Journal of Genetic Genealogy*, has agreed to speak on the significance of DNA testing as it relates particularly to our family lines. As you know from previous newsletter items, the tests submitted so far have not only proven some connections, but also brought out some unsuspected links on the family tree.

Another Thrasher Park

Tuscawilla is a sometime lake, sometime savannah, just south of Micanopy. It's a bird rookery, a wild lotus patch, and an unparalleled scenic vista. As of September, 2006, it is also one of the most innovative land conservation transactions in Alachua County. More than 350 acres were accumulated through cooperative efforts of the University of Florida Foundation, the Alachua Conservation Trust, the Florida Communities Trust and several landowners.

This new preserve will become a destination for many bicyclists and visitors to Micanopy, where a trail will eventually link the new Lake Tuscawilla Preserve and the adjacent Native American Heritage Park

to the Micanopy Historical Museum and downtown Micanopy.

As part of this project, John E. and Eleanor Thrasher agreed to sell more than 100 acres adjacent to the Town of Micanopy's Native American Heritage Park for the project, and this parcel will be known as the John and Eleanor Thrasher Park.

Directory Changes

New Members

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EDITOR'S CORNER



Early motel reservations and notes to Nancy Cherry indicate a really good turnout for the Maryland Jubilee. Nancy and Bill Cherry are working hard to plan an exciting and informative weekend that promises to have something for everyone. Whether you want to relax and visit with "cousins," listen to speakers or take a tour, the choice is yours! If you haven't made motel reservations yet, get moving or you will miss all the fun. **Also, be sure to note that Nancy and Bill need your meal reservations no later than May 1.**

In addition, my heartfelt thanks to Nancy and Bill for their assistance in getting this newsletter out. Hip replacement surgery does not permit sitting at a computer for longer than a few minutes two or three times a day. So having someone to sit at the keyboard and make sense of my scribbled thoughts in addition to doing the article on the June reunion was the greatest gift ever!

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>.

A Glimpse into Area History In Saturday Morning Talk and Tour

The first speaker on Saturday's program will get you excited about the history of Point of Rocks as an early transportation hub. Then you can join the Jefferson/Point of Rocks tour which will include the remnants of the Catocin Aqueduct, located about six miles from Jefferson.

Get Dr. George Lewis started talking about the Catocin Aqueduct and chances are good that he'll tell you a lot more than you bargained for, with a lot more enthusiasm than you expected. He'll talk about George Washington's dream of taming the Potomac River to use as a route to the interior of the continent, and then about the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company's court battle with the upstart Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in the 1830s over rights to tight passages alongside the river — "Any lawyer worth his salt was involved," Dr. Lewis says with a grin. He'll tell you about the cholera epidemic that delayed the aqueduct's completion, and about countless floods that battered the stone structure over the decades until finally it collapsed, on October 31, 1973, nearly 50 years after it last carried a canal boat above Catocin Creek.

Chances are also good that you'll come away thinking that Dr. Lewis, a semi-retired U.S. Army veterinarian, might actually pull off an audacious \$2.3-million plan to rebuild the three-arch aqueduct, and to do so at almost no cost to its cash-strapped owner, the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

Point of Rocks got its name from the bold rock promontory that overlooks the Potomac River near where the town now stands. An excellent natural ford over the river there has made the area a major trading place for European settlers, Native Americans before them, and paleo-Indians of ancient times. In fact, "Potomac" is Americanized Algonquian for "place where people trade," and the Tuscarora, the Conoy, Seneca, and Piscataway (Iroquois), and other Native American tribes named nearby places, including the Monocacy River and Catocin Mountain, from which the "point of rocks" protrudes.

Europeans began settling the area in the 1700s, and traded up, down, and

across the river, and farmed and mined iron on both sides of the river. Point of Rocks as a town began with the digging of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal and the laying of tracks for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad — two enormous projects with national significance as commercial routes to Ohio and the expanding west beyond. In fact, the C&O Canal and the B&O Railroad, both begun in 1828, met at "the point of rocks" in 1831 and vaulted the town into the national news as both sides fought for, and ultimately got the right of way around the narrows between the "point of rocks" and the Potomac on their way westward.

Point of Rocks bustled as both a canal and railroad hub into the late 1800s, when rail and roads reduced the canal's importance and nearby Brunswick, Maryland (then called Berlin) replaced Point of Rocks as the primary Frederick County railroad town. The canal continued to operate until 1924, despite frequent flooding, until a major flood all but destroyed it. It is now a national historic park. The Point of Rocks railway station, perhaps the nation's most photographed rail station, now oversees daily commuter trains to and from Washington, DC.

The Underground Railroad brought slaves to freedom across the Potomac from Virginia to Maryland through several "safe houses" in and near Point of Rocks before and during the War Between the States. During the war, Union and Confederate armies trekked through Point of Rocks en route to Harper's Ferry, Antietam, and Gettysburg, using the natural fords near the town to cross the river. Descendants of early settlers in the area tell stories of both armies camping on their ancestors' farms during the war. Both North and South used nearby St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Union army maintained it as a hospital, for which the U.S. later paid the church \$1,000.

Point of Rocks today is a quiet town of 1,200 and much of the area nearby is protected by the State of Maryland, the local Carrollton Manor Land Trust, the federal Catocin Mountain Scenic Byway, and the joint federal-state Journey Through Hallowed Ground, as well as by increasing designations of local properties as historic sites.

Ed Thrasher, 74, Album Designer, Dies

By STEVEN HELLER

Ed Thrasher, an art director and photographer who designed defining album covers for Jimi Hendrix, Frank Sinatra and the Beach Boys, and helped shape the enduring image of rock and pop in the 1960's and 70's, died on Aug. 5 at his home in Big Bear Lake, Calif. He was 74.

The cause was cancer, said his son, Jeff.

When Mr. Thrasher became art director at Warner Brothers Records in Los Angeles in 1964, the label's roster included some of the era's most exciting artists. Album design at the time was being radically transformed as the so-called big idea approach took over from the bland packaging of the late 50's and early 60's. The new style came to reflect the music of acts like Cream, Van Morrison, the Yardbirds and Country Joe and the Fish, which dominated progressive FM radio in the 1960's. It was no longer enough to show a staid studio photograph of a recording artist; the new generation wanted more inventive, quirky pictorial representations and decorative logos, signs that would brand them as part of the youth culture.

So bold and emblematic were many of these LP covers, on their generous 12-by-12-inch canvases, that fans identified as much with the art as with the music. Many remain quite memorable; and some of the most remembered were conceived or photographed by Mr. Thrasher.

"His covers were the best of their kind, for he defined the West Coast style of big-idea art direction," said Paula Scher, who designed albums in the 1970's for Columbia Records.

Mr. Thrasher's work proved integral to the success of many of these albums and helped define the look of rock. His overall art direction included commissioning photographers, typographers and illustrators for albums including the Jimi Hendrix Experience's "Are You Experienced," Van Morrison's "Astral Weeks," the Grateful Dead's "Anthem of the Sun," the Doobie Brothers' "Toulouse



Gary Berwin, 2005

Street" and even Tiny Tim's purposely cheesy "God Bless Tiny Tim." An expressively moody self-portrait of Joni Mitchell, appearing on the cover of her 1969 album "Clouds," also started a small trend for musicians to create the art for their own records.

In 1973, when Sinatra emerged from retirement with his comeback album, Mr. Thrasher shot candid photographs for the cover. He also devised the title, "Ol' Blue Eyes Is Back," which was also used in advertising Sinatra's return to the concert circuit. Besides directing album covers, Mr. Thrasher produced many of Warner Brothers ads and posters from 1964 to 1979.

Edward Lee Thrasher Jr. was born in 1932 in Glendale, Calif. His father was a Los Angeles city councilman from 1931 to 1943. After serving in the Navy during the Korean war, the younger Mr. Thrasher attended Los Angeles Trade Tech College to study art and illustration. In 1957 he took a job as an assistant in the Capitol Records art department, rising to become art director and photographer. He moved to Warner Brothers as head art director and also worked with the architect A. Quincy Jones in



Ed Thrasher, who helped define the look of rock in the 60's and 70's with his bold album covers, including one in 1969 that featured a Joni Mitchell self-portrait.

designing the Warner Brothers Records building at 3300 Warner Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Mr. Thrasher received more than a dozen Grammy Award nominations for album design; with Christopher Whorf as co-art director, he won the Grammy for best package design for Mason Proffit's 1974 album "Come & Gone."

After leaving Warner Brothers Records, he pursued a successful photography career and amassed a well-used stock of portraits of Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Dionne Warwick, Dolly Parton and dozens of 60's-era rock stars. He also founded Ed Thrasher and Associates, an advertising company, at which he created posters for films, including Prince's "Purple Rain" (he also did the famous album cover) and "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome."

His 22-year marriage to Linda Gray ended in divorce; she went on to star as Sue Ellen Ewing on the television hit "Dallas."

He is survived by two children from that marriage, his son, Roger, and his daughter, Kehly Gray Sloane, both of Los Angeles; a sister, Marilyn Ball, and two grandchildren.

Thanks to Frank Combs for contributing this article for the Thrasher Newsletter

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Thrasher DNA Project Update -- A REAL Layman's View of Results So Far

By John E. Thrasher III

My purpose in writing this article is to summarize, especially for those of you who are not participants in the Thrasher family DNA project, what is going on in the project so far. Nancy Cherry, as coordinator of the project, is privy to all of the information relating to all of the participants, and can not disclose all of the findings just wholesale without a participant's permission, but as a participant, I can tell you what I believe to be the basic findings so far, based on my own DNA report, knowing nearly all of the participants personally, my own Thrasher family research, and some bits of information from Nancy.

So far into the project there are 24 Thrasher male participants. Hopefully there will be many more as time passes and the word spreads.

When one's report is received from Family Tree the results from other participants who "match" -- closely or at a distance -- are also reported if they have given their permission. To my knowledge no one has denied that permission as all want to know to whom they are related. This information, basically, proves or disproves existing traditional "paper" genealogy if the research has outlined that family tree. The results are reported as "genetic

distance" (closely or distantly related) in 12, 25, or 37 markers that participants share and for some who elect to take a further test, 67 markers.

When I look at that list, and especially the 67-marker test, I don't think there is any question that the names who show up and match mine are my kin!

Although only male DNA can be tested for this project, several women in our TFA have a brother, first cousin or other male Thrasher kinsman who they have relied upon for the DNA sample. (That's almost the same thing as having done it yourself!) This shows their placement in the family tree, which I think is very important. The whole idea behind the DNA testing is to try to prove relationships and connect various Thrasher family lines that have been researched back in time to a point and then can be traced no further.

Those involved in the project:

The Maryland Thrashers, who trace back to Benjamin Thrasher, seem to be a distinct and separate line from the other Thrasher lines thus far tested. This line is represented in TFA by Nancy Cherry (her brother Steve Thrasher and three of their very distant cousins

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Reunion Deadlines Approaching Quickly

By the time you receive this newsletter there will only be about a week left to get your meal reservations and deposits to Nancy Cherry. The motel reservation deadline is a little later, but remember the rate is subject to availability of rooms and this is June in a popular area!

Nancy needs the meal information no later than May 1. If you have mislaid the form that came with the last issue, there is another on the last page of this one. Motel reservations at the special rate of \$74 per night can be made until May 8 if space is available. For those staying in the

area for a longer period, the group rate will apply for the length of their stay. When making the reservation identify yourself as a member of the Thrasher Jubilee party.

Frederick Inn - Best Western
420 Prospect Boulevard
Frederick, MD
301-695-6200 phone
301-695-7895 fax

This hotel is an easy drive from the meeting site in Jefferson.° Directions will be available at the hotel.

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participated in the DNA testing).

Patrick and Craig Steven each seem to represent "stand alone" family lines as no others have tested as a match for either of them.

There is a descendant of a large South Carolina Thrasher line that is a separate Thrasher line. No one from this family is a member of TFA.

Col. Jodie T. Thrasher was the first member of the TFA to trace his ancestry to George Thrasher of Gwinnett County, Georgia, (who was born in 1755 in, probably, N. C.) through George's son William. Judge Thomas Neal Thrasher also traces to George through his son Jesse. The DNA confirmed the close kinship. A few months ago Jim Thrasher of Lake City, Florida, corresponded with both Jodie and me and he too traces (on paper, not with DNA) to a third son of George, George Washington Thrasher. If you check your Thrasher Newsletter for the October 2003 and January 2004 issues you will find a prepared genealogy that was submitted by Marie Thrasher Senn. It traces the family line to James Thrasher as founder of "one of the Alabama Thrasher groups." James is also the son of George. We were lucky to have Billy H. of Live Oak, Florida, test and confirm that James was a fourth son of George as Billy, Jodie and Thomas Neal all show up on each others reports as closely related! Thrasher family individuals are suddenly being connected and the family tree enlarged!

The next group is comprised of the majority of those tested and more difficult perhaps for me to explain to you because the DNA shows that we are all closely related — these all appear on my own DNA report. Based on past research this group is shown to be comprised of four different yet closely related family lines.

1. The Tennessee Thrasher/Thresher

family: Dale, Bill S., and Lester (and therefore Shirley Thresher Brewer) all trace their ancestry to William William Thrasher who lived in Guilford County, N.C., during the American Revolution.

2. Roger Lee Thrasher traces his ancestry to William Thrasher, born 1812, in Georgia or Tennessee and who was settled in Gwinnett County, Georgia before 1850. His mother, Nancy, who was born in 1786, married "unknown" Thrasher and died in 1879. Roger's results clearly indicate that he, too, is closely related to the descendants of John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher.

3. The largest group is descended from John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher, who were in Virginia in 1738, through their son John and his wife Susan Barton Thrasher. Their descendants are Albert A. Jr., Warren A. Jr., Barton E. Jr., John Paul, Robert H. and John E. III.

4. The other Alabama group has, through traditional research, traced their ancestry to John C. and Mary Ann Evans Thrasher. John C. was born 1790 in South Carolina. Now, here is where Dr. Helen Raye Thrasher, Robert P. (Buddy) Thrasher and I believe that the DNA has proved the link with the "missing" Isaac, son of John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher.

Isaac was shown in the 1790 census to be in that same district of South Carolina where John C. was born and researchers have long felt that John C. was Isaac's son. The DNA shows that Robert P., Bill Boyd and Kenneth Thomas (Helen's first cousin) are absolutely of the same family as are the other descendants of John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher!

The excitement of all of this is that members of TFA and others, who know their lineage, can better identify as belonging to a particular line of Thrasher ancestors. This DNA project has put some real fun into our striving to learn who we are and where we came from!

Bits and Pieces

Wedding Bells Ring!

Al and Peggy Thrasher's daughter JulieLynn Thrasher married Stephen Stuckey of Byers, Colo., on September 24, 2006. The ceremony was held in Nacoochee United Methodist Church in Sautee Nacoochee, Georgia.

JulieLynn is a graduate of Griffin (Ga.) High School and Georgia Institute of Technology, where she earned a B.S. in management science. She is the granddaughter of the late Clyde A. P. English and the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Thrasher Sr.

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis N. Stuckey Jr. of Bonne Terre, Missouri. He graduated from Grandview (Mo.) High School and is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, with a B.A. in anthropology. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

For "something old" that was really special, JulieLynn carried a handkerchief that had been carried by her great-grandmother at her wedding in 1906, by her grandmother at her 1929 wedding, and by her mother, Peggy Thrasher, at her wedding to Al Thrasher in 1959.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Community Hall, where guests enjoyed "barbeque, dancing, cake, and fellowship." A note from Peggy Thrasher said "Great band! We all danced the night away."

The very best wishes for a long and happy marriage to them both.

Correction to a Genealogy

The first portion of Marie Senn's "Genealogy of the Descendants of James Thrasher" was published in the October 2003 newsletter. Information has come to light on a needed correction. #9 Houston Thrasher's children iii (James Thrasher) and iv (Thomas Thrasher) should simply read iii James Thomas Thrasher. James Thomas Thrasher is the father of Billy H. Thrasher.

Directory Changes

New phone number and e-mail address for Robert and Ginnie Thrasher, who are finally moved but "still working hard in the new home." Phone is (803) 327-9971; e-mail is <thrasher06@comporium.com>.

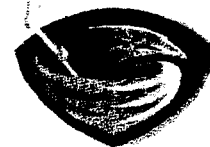
This next one is plain and simple "editor error." My finger evidently got stuck on the l in aol when I typed in Walter and Katherine Carmichael's new e-mail address in the last issue. It really doesn't need three l's, which probably you all realized before I did!! Sorry.

Surfing Fun

Check this one out! <<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>> The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London — 1674 to 1834: A fully searchable online edition of the largest body of texts detailing the lives of non-elite people ever published, containing accounts of over 100,000 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court. The site supposedly contains 101,102 trials. A friend in DAR found it — she's checking to see if she has any miscreants for ancestors!

And Just for Fun

Our "namesake" hockey team, the Atlanta Thrashers, made it to the play-offs for the first time. Unfortunately, they were eliminated quickly — the New York Rangers won four straight games in the very first round. This was the Thrashers' seventh season; not too bad for an expansion team. Better luck next season!



Author, Author!!

Celestea Sharp recently wrote that the town of Bishop is sponsoring a re-release of "Bishop, Georgia: The Ancient Roots, Rich History and Enduring Spirit of a Southern Crossroads Community," the history she wrote of the town in Oconee County, Georgia. Celestea added some updated material to the book that her research had uncovered since the original printing.

Some of the updated material covers recent archaeological findings on Native Americans, frontier forts and white settler-Indian skirmishes, Bishop's mysterious female railroad builder from New York, the Depression years, the town of Bishop's newcomers and its recent revitalization, as well as a brand new preface summing up the past 10 years in Bishop.

Two book signing parties were held to celebrate the re-release, one at Trade-A-Books in Bishop and another at Borders Books and Music in Athens. Celestea wrote that they were a great success with "a steady stream of visitors that began even before the advertised time period."

As the copyright holder and co-sponsor of this second printing of the history, Celestea is able to offer this book at a 20% discount to members of the Thrasher Family Association. It normally retails for \$49.95, but Celestea will make it available to association members for \$39.95. As many family members already know, the book contains information about the Barton and Isaac Thrasher families of Oconee County, Georgia, and provides a detailed picture of the context for the lives of the early Clarke/Oconee County Thrasher families.

Happily, Celestea is planning on attending the Thrasher family reunion in June and will bring some copies with her, but folks can also contact her by e-mail at <celesteasharp@nyc.rr.com> if they wish to order directly.

Patti Savelle recently was kind enough to put us in touch with another Thrasher author — Grady Thrasher III. When contacted Grady not only passed on information about his series of children's books, but brought the information on his line up to date. Grady's great-grandfather was Barton Edmunds Thrasher of Watkinsville, Georgia, who married Sallie Hattaway. His grandfather, the first Henry Grady Thrasher, was born in Watkinsville on January 25, 1890, and his father, Henry Grady, Jr., was born in Athens, Georgia, on July 22, 1917. Grady himself (Henry Grady Thrasher III) was born on October 20, 1942, in Toccoa, Stephens County, Georgia. He married Kathy Bruton Prescott of Athens, Georgia, on St. Patrick's Day 2004. Henry has two sons, Henry Grady Thrasher IV, born June 15, 1969, and Kelly B. Thrasher born November 2, 1972, and three grandchildren, Brock and Mac (boys ages 6 and 4) and Daphne, 16 months old. Grady IV practices law in Atlanta and Kelly is a medical doctor in Atlanta.

A retired attorney, Grady lives in Athens, Georgia, and spends time writing for children at his country home in Watkinsville, Georgia.

His latest book, "Tim & Sally's Vegetable Garden," teaches the mechanics of planning and sowing a garden through the eyes of children experiencing it for the first time. With their dog Flip by their side, the whole family plans, plants, and tends their garden, eagerly awaiting the harvest and the thrill of eating food they have grown. Written in verse, the book is perfect for early readers from ages three through eight.

Planned as a series, Tim and Sally, along with their Mom and Dad and their dog Flip, will continue to experience the joy of learning about and participating in the wonders of nature, whether in the garden, at the seashore or while camping in a forest. New adventures will appear each spring from Hill Street Press. The next book will be "Tim & Sally's Beach Adventure." Published by Hill Street Press, the book is available at neighborhood and online bookstores nationwide.

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Stevens Samuel Thrasher -- An Old Obituary

Frances Hardin Leitner shared the following information from her genealogy records:

"My grandfather (*Stevens Samuel Thrasher*) was killed in an accident here in Jacksonville, Fla., when my mother, Annie Elizabeth Thrasher, was a year old."

The Sunday Times Union of Jacksonville (April 19, 1903) printed this account of the accident.

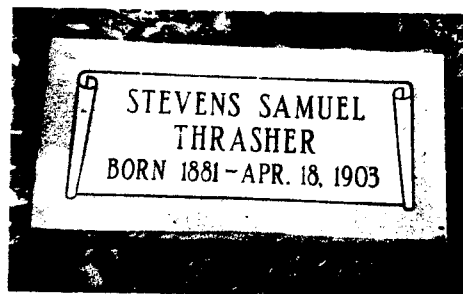
"A news article reported that Steve Thrasher met an untimely death (on the Clyde Lines Wharf) when, as he was crossing the tracks, a switch engine shoved a car against him. He was caught between the car coupler and the immense bumper. He died while being carried to St. Luke's Hospital.

"He exhibited wonderful nerves saying 'Let my wife know about it. My God, it will kill her. My poor wife and baby. Will someone please inform my wife and do it as gently as possible in order not to frighten her. I am a dead man. It is impossible for me to get over this.'

"He resided at 1513 West Church Street, Jacksonville, Florida. He was born

and reared in Quitman, Georgia. He was married a little over a year ago on 3 September 1901 to Miss Lucy Hirschman and she and infant daughter, with his father and two brothers, are left to mourn their loss. Mr. Thrasher was at the time of death Assistant Superintendant of the Pintsch Gas Company."

It is really interesting to see how differently newspapers wrote of things like this a century ago. Articles had much more detail, not only on the event, but on the family as well. This sort of detail can provide valuable links for genealogy research.



Frances also sent this picture of her grandfather's grave marker.

What Did D. O. Thrasher Do??

First Baptist Church in Dade City, Fla., was originally established as Oak Grove Baptist Church in what was then Hernando County. D. O. Thrasher was one of the original members, but evidently he got into some trouble in 1886.

According to minutes transcribed and kept at First Baptist, on August 22 "Bro David O. Thrasher was charged with unchristian conduct. W. C. Sumner and C. M. Ray were appointed a committee to investigate . . ."

The October 17 minutes record that "the accused was expelled from the fellowship of the church." D. O. must have changed his behavior or atoned in some way, though, because in December 1888 he "asked to be restored and after satisfactory statement to the church he was received to full fellowship."

Later minutes (1891) stated "Bro. Thrasher is noted for his faithful attendance, wise counsel, Bible knowledge, and humility. His eloquence and useful-

ness improves with age."

Tantalizingly, there is no mention anywhere of what exactly he did to be expelled. It probably wasn't anything too serious, though, because other expulsions were sometimes for "grave unchristian conduct."

Old records such as these minutes frequently add dimensions to our ancestors and are well worth searching for.

Remember the 2007 Thrasher Family Association Reunion dates: June 8 and June 9! Be there or be prepared to miss a lot of fun and fellowship.

More Bits and Pieces

Reunion Speaker is DNA Expert

Nancy Cherry has lined up a real DNA expert for one of the program speakers. Whit Athey is a retired physicist whose working career was primarily at the Food and Drug Administration where he was the chief of one of the medical device labs. He received his doctorate in physics and biochemistry at Tufts University, and undergraduate (engineering) and masters (math) degrees at Auburn University. In addition to his interest in genetic genealogy, he is an amateur astronomer and has his own small observatory near his home in Brookeville, MD.

Dr. Athey just recently stepped down from his position as the first editor of the online Journal of Genetic Genealogy, which was introduced in 2005. His goal at the time of the inaugural issue of the new journal was to strike a balance between articles of general interest and articles that would appeal to scientific experts. He is best known as the developer of the "Athey Haplogroup Predictor," which uses specific genetic markers to estimate which group an individual's remote paternal ancestors most likely belonged.

He defines "haplogroup" as "a group or family of Y-chromosomes related by descent." His predictor uses STR values, or specific genetic markers, to determine to which group an individual's remote paternal ancestors most likely belong based on data collected from thousands of genetic samples collected from around the world.

This should be a very interesting and informative talk.

Are You Adventurous?

An additional option for reunion fun — river rafting! Trips begin near Harper's Ferry which means some spectacular scenery on the Shenandoah or Potomac River. If you feel the need for some excitement, this may be just the thing for you! Check for details when you arrive since reservations are probably necessary. Try it, you'll like it!

Some Hopkins County, TX, Genealogical Records

Marriage Book, 1846-1890:

Grooms:

Aaron to Sarah J. Crabtree on Nov 8, 1890
James F. to Elizabeth Gideon on Oct 24, 1860
Jas. to Sarah Cottedge on Jul 24, 1870
T.W. to Sallie Vaden on Dec 16, 1885
Vineyard to Mary A. Clifton on May 11, 1856

Brides:

Bettie to Dallas Clayton on Dec 1, 1886
Mary E. to W.T. Formby on Feb 20, 1879
Mary Jane to W.A. Stone on Dec 14, 1882
Narcissia to Jas. P. Parris on Jan 6, 1876

Death Index, 1903-1950:

Marion, 70, Mar 22, 1930
Mrs. Jennie, 67, Jan 26, 1943
Mrs. Laura, 81, Jan 25, 1947

EDITOR'S CORNER

Don't miss the fun -- make your reunion reservations now! There will be lots to see and do and a good group with whom to socialize and enjoy that Thrasher favorite -- good food.

In the meantime, many thanks to John E. Thrasher for his article on how the DNA project is helping to "connect the dots" between some of the Thrasher lines. If you or someone else in your immediate family is thinking about participating contact Nancy Cherry at <NancyTC@aol.com> for more information.

Wedding and graduation season is coming -- if you have a bride, groom, or graduate in your family send in the details! Any other things happening of interest are welcome too.

Don't forget -- the mailing address to send information is Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or you can send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

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All of the TFA Members Smile for the Camera!



Steve Thrasher with grandchildren Claudia and Kemper Jenkins with the Tater Cannon



Frances Leitner



Bill Cherry passes a crab to Buddy Thrasher



John Paul Thrasher, Warren Thrasher Jr. and Celestea Sharp share a "Kodak Moment."



Barbara Eger, Eleanor and John Thrasher



Saturday dinner on the lawn at the farm



Nancy and Steve Thrasher unveil commemorative marker

And a Really Great Time Was Had by All!!

What a wonderful reunion! From the time of check-in at the motel to the last wave goodbye Nancy and Bill Cherry saw to it that all enjoyed themselves.

The weather was nice, the food was (as reunion food always seems to be) excellent, and the people were the best of all. There were three family groups – the Lees, the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association and our gang. The Thrasher Family Association had the largest group there, with both long-time attendees and first timers.

Bill Cherry provided the promised crab picking lessons at the Friday night dinner and he had quite a few students. The crab pickers didn't, however, pass on also ordering from the Liberty Road Seafood House's extensive menu. From the contented sounds among the diners, everything was very good!

Saturday started early with an interesting and informative lecture on the transportation history of the area. George Lewis brought the rivalry between the canal and railroad companies to life. Then Mary Mannix, Frederick County Library System Maryland Room Librarian, gave a talk on research sources in the Maryland Room. She also provided a number of informational handouts.

Group photo sessions led up to lunch-time. After a sack lunch the group heard Whit Athey's presentation on DNA testing — its relevancy for genealogists and interpretation of results of the tests. Following that, there was a driving tour of several area points of interest, then meetings for each of the three groups.

Then everyone moved to the Thrasher Farm for the rest of the day. Prior to dinner, the Daughters of the American Revolution held a ceremony honoring Thomas Thrasher, Revolutionary War ancestor of Nancy Thrasher Cherry, her brother Steve Thrasher and of Vicky Thresher Zuverink, who initi-

ated the process with the DAR. Vicky is Librarian General of the DAR. A marker commemorating his service was placed at his gravesite.

The buffet dinner served on the lawn was delicious. Steve and Joleen Thrasher were perfect hosts, making everyone welcome and comfortable, and the farm was the perfect site. The caterer had provided a great meal with all sorts of good things, but to make dinner even better some great barbeque was added, prepared by Dale and Trudy Thrasher's son Cliff, a barbeque expert. Cliff himself was unable to be there due to a prior commitment, so Cliff's wife, Patty, and their children brought the food from their home on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

After the last bite of dessert was consumed, people just relaxed, visited and enjoyed the beautiful setting. Steve Thrasher put the final touch on the evening with a "Tater Cannonade." There have been reunions with tater guns, but this, as you can see from the picture on page 1, is several levels up from a gun!

On Sunday, the Lee Family group dedicated a bench at Sligo Creek State Park in Silver Spring, Md., honoring ancestors from the area. The park is on the site where Chestnut Hill, the family home, once stood.

Sunday also brought goodbye and see you next year for most of the group, but a few diehards stayed on for the tour of Washington, D.C., on Monday. That was really interesting and well done by the tour leaders. Especially interesting were stops at Arlington National Cemetery and the various war memorials – WW II, Korea, Vietnam and Iwo Jima.

All in all, the weekend was a rousing success. Don't forget, next year's reunion will be in Kingsland, Georgia, hosted by Frances Leitner. Dates are not definite yet, but should be available by the next newsletter.

American Association of Community Theater Honors Sisters

The American Association of Community Theater awarded the Robert E. Gard Superior Volunteer Award to Sisters Louise Thrasher Carpenter and Rosemary Thrasher Greene at the June 2007 annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

This award is presented to individuals above the age of 65 who have faithfully served community theater on a non-paid basis for over 25 years.

On receiving the award Louise said, "Volunteering is its own reward, and I'm sure that all who give of their time express the same thought in one way or another: that we gain much more than we give. What an honor to be recognized by AACT for what I have truly loved doing all these years!"

Rosemary said, "I find myself in the position of being honored for what has been an absolute joy ride. Volunteer, yes, but I always feel that I get a great deal more than I give. It's been a ball!"



Another reunion moment: Buddy and Glenda Thrasher at Saturday dinner

In 1952 Louise Carpenter returned home to Ocala to find the young (two year old) Marion Players group hard at work doing what they loved and gaining favorable notice. Having spent the previous ten years as a school music teacher, with a few "shows" and concerts to remember, Louise could hardly wait to get involved with this group — while continuing her work as a high school choral director. This combination is what encouraged the Players to do their first musical in 1953 (Victor Herbert's "The Fortune Teller!") which was a smash hit and brought more volunteers into the fold.

Louise's time has been spent backstage, on stage, in box office, running errands — you name it — and she is proud to have been a part of what Ocala Civic Theater has become. She and her sister, Rosemary, share box office time now. Over the years they have been involved in many plays and musicals (including starring with Rosemary in "Arsenic and Old Lace" four times!!)

In 1950 when Rosemary Greene returned to the small town of Ocala to live, she'd had experience with two college drama clubs (Colgate's Masque and Triangle and University of Virginia's Virginia Players) and didn't want that important part of her life to fall by the wayside. So she found a number of locals of like interest and together they got the show on the road. Rosemary and her husband, John, were founding members of the Ocala Civic Theater.

It's impossible to describe the ups and downs — the one season when they were able to produce only one play, the various personalities — but none of that is news to civic theater groups. Civic theaters were springing up all over the county in those post-war years. Ocala Civic Theater is certainly one of them and Rosemary is still volunteering and proud to see it continuing to improve the product and increase the membership through the years.

Letter Reprint Has Connection with Leitner Geneology

The following letter was written to John E. Thrasher III by L. Z. (Lloyd Zeno) Thrasher in September 1995. L. Z. (1920 - 2000) and his wife Margie were long-time members of the Thrasher Family Association and hosted the annual Thrasher reunion in 1992, held in Columbus, Georgia.

The letter was previously printed in *The Thrasher Newsletter*, vol. 24, no. 2, January 1996, but we thought it worth reprinting because of its interesting connection to the genealogy update for Frances H. Leitner and Thomas Earl Thrasher included with this newsletter issue.

"Dear John,

Thank you for the interesting Thrasher newsletter. When I was a small child, we lived in a little town 20 miles below Dothan, Alabama, named Gordon. My daddy had to have an operation at the hospital in Dothan. My mother and I stayed in Dothan at a Thrasher Hotel. I called the owners Uncle Bart and Aunt Ophelia. I stayed in the daytime with Aunt Ophelia while my mother went to the hospital with daddy. I just wonder if this is the Bart Thrasher mentioned in the newsletter? The Thrasher Hotel has long been gone from Dothan and there is another hotel on that site now. We moved to Auburn, Alabama, when I was four years old so this has been years ago as I am 74 years old now. This must be a Bart Jr. as the Uncle Bart I knew would be over 100 years old now. They had a son named Jelks Thrasher that was a strange person. He went to visit one of my aunts and she said he brought a monkey with him. We may have some skeletons in our Thrasher closet that we don't want to pull out! Thanks again for sending me the Thrasher newsletter.
Sincerely, L. Z."

News and Notes

Get Well Thoughts

Al and Peggy Thrasher were really missed at the reunion. They had to cancel at the last minute because Al unexpectedly had double bypass heart surgery. Peggy's latest note to John E. said Al is recovering well and is "proud to be able to cut the grass again." Not only were they both sorely missed, but Al would have had a chance to see what his next tater gun project might be. Al, you have everyone's very best wishes for a continued good recovery!

And also on the disabled list, Trudy Thrasher managed to break her knee after returning home from the reunion, but is on the road to recovery. Nothing seems to really keep Trudy down for long. Take care, Trudy.

Reunion Pictures Needed

Eleanor Thrasher has a request for anyone with good reunion pictures. She needs prints (not online pictures) for the reunion scrapbooks. So please send any you may be willing to share to her at 6424 S.E. 169th Ave., Micanopy, FL 32667.

Dues Reminder

Don't forget — this is the last issue of the 2006-2007 year. Dues for 2007-2008 are due now. There is a dues slip enclosed in this packet, so fill it out and send it in to Bill Thrasher with your check.

More News and Notes

Wedding Bells Ring Out



Marissa and Jason Fox
with Fr. Arnold Lang

Marissa Jane Thrasher, daughter of Clifford and Patty Thrasher and granddaughter of Dale and Trudy Thrasher, married Jason E. Fox on July 7, 2007, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Glenville, W. Va.

Marissa graduated in 2006 from Glenville State College where she earned

a B.S. in business administration. Jason is the son of John and Donna Fox of Glenville and is employed in the pipeline industry.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the college reception center. Many of Marissa's relatives came in from other parts of the country to spend the weekend in celebration.

Marissa and Jason will reside in Glenville.

A Good Cause

Nancy Thrasher Cherry had found a newspaper item about a Larry Thrasher of Athens, Ala., who was trying to raise enough money to send 66,000 packets of nutritional supplement drink mix packets to Alabama National Guard units in Iraq. There was a contribution jar at the reunion. The money in that was send on to Larry Thrasher to help. A more recent article said he is well on his way to his goal and was to take the initial shipment to Iraq this month. If you want more information or want to contribute, contact Nancy for his address.

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This is a new address, not a new member; Frances is listed in the 2006-2007 Directory, but has moved.

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MINUTES

The Thrasher Family Association Meeting of June 9, 2007

Jefferson Ruritan Community Center
Jefferson, Frederick County, Maryland

Members and Guests Attending: Shari and Bill B. Thrasher, Glenda and Buddy Thrasher, Hazele T. Johnson, Frances Leitner, Lester Thresher, Trudy and Dale Thrasher, Helen Raye Thrasher, John P. Thrasher, Warren Thrasher, Jr., Celestea Sharp, Steve and Robin Kinty, Ken and Anna Sutherland, John E. and Eleanor Thrasher, Nancy and Bill Cherry, Barbara Eger, Marie and Max Senn, Sande and Tom Thrasher, Patti Thrasher, C. J. Thrasher, Andrea and Loren Rounds, and Geneva Thrasher. Since the meeting was part of the Thrasher/Thresher/Lee Jubilee, several other Jubilee participants, including speakers, members of the Lee family, and friends of the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association, also sat in on the meeting. A meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association was held concurrently in another part of the meeting space.

The annual business meeting of the Thrasher Family Association (TFA) was called to order by Chair John E. Thrasher, III, at 3:30 p.m. on June 9, 2007, at the Jefferson Ruritan Community Center, Jefferson, Frederick County, Maryland.

Following the welcome to the members and guests, John asked that all pause for a minute of reflection to remember our beloved friend, Velma Thrasher, who passed away this year. He then opened the meeting for business.

Barbara Eger moved that the minutes for the Thrasher Family Association meeting of June 24, 2006, be accepted. Dale Thrasher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report (appended) was read and discussed. Noted in the report was the funding of three \$100 scholarships for DNA determination. Celestea Sharp and Helen Raye Thrasher provided funds for other DNA determinations that were not noted in the report as their payments were sent directly from those individuals to Family Tree DNA and were not a part of the TFA Funds.

John E. Thrasher reported that The Georgia Archives does not actively collect family newsletters any more and would not accept the indexed copies of the Thrasher Newsletter that the TFA voted last year to offer them. The Maryland Room of the C. Burr Artz Library of Frederick, MD, has requested that copies be sent for their permanent collection. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed it was agreed that copies of all TFA newsletters, past and future, be sent to the Maryland Room. Cost of providing all past newsletters to the Maryland Room was thought to be about \$75.

John E. stated that his research into, and contacts with, the descendants of George Thrasher of Gwinnett County, GA continues. Helen Raye Thrasher reported that her research continues concerning the whereabouts of John Thrasher before 1735.

After discussion of funding for future payments by TFA for DNA determinations, motion was made to fund DNA determinations for three individuals (if needed) each year based on critical need for research purposes or financial hardship for the new participants. (The entire cost of testing, \$192 per scholarship, will now be paid by the TFA. Donations to the TFA for this purpose will be appreciated.) Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion for nominating a committee to select individuals for DNA determination followed, and a committee consisting of the Chair of TFA (John E. Thrasher), the DNA coordinator (Nancy Cherry), Robert P. (Buddy) Thrasher, Jr., and the person nominating the candidate for funding was recommended. On motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously, this committee was appointed.

In remarks to the Jubilee participants earlier in the day, Nancy Cherry had suggested that some might wish to contribute to the Larry Thrasher Ministries' drive for energy drink packets to be sent to members of the Alabama National Guard serving in Iraq. Little information was available at this point and no action was suggested for the TFA other than sending the money contributed in a donation jar to Larry Thrasher. (Note: at the end of the day, the donation jar held \$78, contributed by the Thrashers, Lees, and others attending the Jubilee. Nancy has sent a check for \$78 to Larry.)

The group discussed projects for the TFA and noted the need for tombstone restoration and markers for unmarked Thrasher graves. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, \$250 was set aside for tombstone restoration.

After discussion of half-year memberships to TFA, on motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, half-year memberships were approved. These half-year memberships run from 1 July to 31 December and from 1 January to 30 June of any year.

John E. requested research articles from TFA members for future newsletters be sent to Barbara Eger, our Thrasher Newsletter editor.

Elections were announced and Barbara Eger moved to nominate the current slate of officers for re-election. The membership unanimously seconded and approved the motion. Officers: John E. Thrasher, III, Chairman; William S. Thrasher, Treasurer; and Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Recording Secretary. Though not an elected office, the role of newsletter editor is critical to the success of the TFA, and Barbara Eger graciously consented to continue in that role.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and all attendees traveled to the farm of Steve and Jo Thrasher. Steve is the brother of Nancy Thrasher Cherry. The Daughters of the American Revolution held a ceremony at the old cemetery on the farm to mark the grave of Thomas Thrasher, ancestor of Steve and Nancy, for lending money to the Government during the Revolutionary War. After the DAR ceremony all attendees enjoyed a delicious outdoor dinner at the farm.

The TFA reunion for 2008 will be coordinated and hosted by Frances Leitner. It will be held at Kingsland, Georgia in June, but the exact date is yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted for Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Recording Secretary,

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Helen Raye Thrasher, MD

Thrasher Family Association Financial Report 6/1/2006 - 5/31/2007

Beginning Balance 6/1/2006 \$1,391.67

Receipts:

Donations to DNA Project	\$492.00
Received from Renewals/Dues	\$1,120.00

Total Receipts: \$1,612.00

Disbursements:

DNA payouts	\$482.00
Newsletter expenses	\$435.01

Total Disbursements: (\$917.01)

Ending Balance May 31, 2007: \$2,086.66

Submitted by: William S. Thrasher, Treasurer

EDITOR'S CORNER



Wow! This reunion was something. Nancy Thrasher Cherry and her assistant, "Crabby Bill," really went all out to have something for everyone. Did you all pay attention to how to pick a crab? There may be a test!

A big, big thank you to Robert E. Lee, Jr., Bill and Shari Thrasher, Dale Thrasher, Nancy Cherry, and John E. Thrasher for sharing reunion pictures. There were so many good memories in all of them it was really hard to choose.

The "news" in the newsletter isn't possible without you! If you or someone else in the Thrasher family is graduating, getting married, having a baby, celebrating a special anniversary or some other event please let me know. Send your news to Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

The Thrasher Newsletter

Editor: Barbara Eger Circulation: John E. Thrasher III Volume 2⁵ No. 4A August 2007

The *Thrasher Newsletter* is proud that it can continue the publication of newly compiled genealogical research and updates to existing Thrasher family lines. We believe it is very important for the future to continue working with Thrashers and Threshers, new and old, to collect and preserve their family data.

This information is primarily concerned with the families of two long-time members of the Thrasher Family Association, Frances Hardin Leitner and Thomas Earl Thrasher, Sr. (now deceased). Frances has provided family records of various kinds and a letter from Thomas Earl Thrasher, Sr., who was her cousin, in which he recorded some of his family's history and data.

Nancy Thrasher Cherry provided several old articles from Alabama newspapers that provided insights into some of the people's lives. Also, be sure to read L. Z. Thrasher's letter that is included in the August 2007 issue of the *Thrasher Newsletter*. Little of the information in this update has been available in print until now.

Much information has been published about the first three generations of this family and there is no need to repeat it here. As a beginning or reference point you might like to refer to "Our Thrasher Heritage" (1986) by D. S. Pruett, pages 246, 248, 303-4 and 319; "Thrasher-Barton Descendants of Georgia (1977) by Vessie Thrasher Rainer, pages 16, 19, 56, 225-27, 230 and 270; and "Henry County, Georgia, Mother of Counties (1971) also by Vessie Thrasher Rainer, page 241.

The following genealogy update begins with **James Cloud Thrasher** (David Thrasher & Mary (Polly) Hughey; John Thrasher & Susan Barton; John Thrasher & Ruth Cloud) who was the brother of the well-known "Cousin" John James Thrasher of Thrasherville fame.

Compiled by John E. Thrasher III, August 2007

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Descendants of James Cloud Thrasher

Generation No. 1

1. JAMES CLOUD⁴ THRASHER (*DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 31 May 1830 in Newton Co. GA, and died 23 September 1879 in Newton Co. GA. He married (1) NANCY ANN TRAVIS, daughter of JESS TRAVIS. She was born May 1829 in Georgia, and died 15 March 1859 in Georgia. He married (2) CATHERINE VIRGINIA JACKSON HUGHEY 02 August 1858 in Newton County, GA. She was born 1837, and died 10 December 1920 in Duval County, Florida.

Notes for JAMES CLOUD THRASHER:

The following is taken from the book, "The Thrasher - Barton Descendants of Georgia", compiled by Vessie Thrasher Rainer, 1977. Pages 16 and 225 - 230.

James Cloud Thrasher was a Confederate veteran. When the War broke out, he raised a company from Jackson County, Georgia and the company became a portion of the Thirty-eight Georgia Infantry and being assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia. He was a Captain of this and commanded the company at the Battle of Shiloh (Corinth, MS) during the War between the States. His record can be found at the Administration Building at Shiloh National Military Park, Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. Col. R. F. Looey - - made an official report in which he cites in a complimentary way the leadership of James C. Thrasher. The Battle of Shiloh took place April 6 - 7, 1862.

After the War, James Cloud moved to Lake City, Columbia County, Florida and about 1870 moved to Brooks County, Georgia and settled near Quitman. He died at his father's home in Newton County, Georgia while on a visit and is buried in the David Thrasher graveyard. His family were left residing in Brooks County, Georgia. Catherine Jackson Hughey Thrasher moved the family to Jacksonville, Florida.

Other references:

Our Thrasher Heritage, compiled by D. S. Pruett, 1986.

A History of the Thrasher Family (etc.) by Dr. Marion Thrasher, 1895.

More About JAMES CLOUD THRASHER:

Burial: David Thrasher Cemetery, Newton County, GA

Notes for NANCY ANN TRAVIS:

Nancy Ann Travis was born in May 1829 in Georgia and died 15 March 1859 in Georgia.

Nancy Ann Travis Thrasher is buried in the Hughey family cemetery a few miles north west of Winder, Barrow Co. GA. A map of the location is found in the book, Our Thrasher Heritage, compiled by D. S. Pruett, 1986. Page 494. Correct tombstone information and a drawing of the tombstone are found in the Thrasher Newsletter, November 1986. The names of her children with James Cloud Thrasher are found on the tombstone.

More About NANCY ANN TRAVIS:

Burial: Hughey Family Cemetery, Barrow Co. GA

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Notes for CATHERINE VIRGINIA JACKSON HUGHEY:

Catherine was born about 1837 and died December 10, 1920 in Jacksonville, Duval County, FL.

References for Catherine and her descendants are found in the book, Our Thrasher Heritage, compiled by D. S. Pruett, 1986. Pages 319 - 337.

More About CATHERINE VIRGINIA JACKSON HUGHEY:

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, FL

Children of JAMES THRASHER and NANCY TRAVIS are:

2. i. JOHN THOMAS⁵ THRASHER, b. 15 February 1847, Newton Co. GA; d. 09 May 1907.
- ii. MARY E. THRASHER, b. 1848, prob. Newton Co. GA; d. 1865, Lake City, Columbia Co. FL.
- iii. NANCY REBECCA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1850, prob. Newton Co. GA; m. JAMES MONTGOMERY HENRY, Abt. 1870.

Notes for JAMES MONTGOMERY HENRY:

There is a question here as Dr. Marion Thrasher lists Nancy's husband as C. M. Henry.

3. iv. DAVID BARTON THRASHER, b. 1852, Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia; d. 03 November 1910, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.
- v. JESSE WHITFIELD THRASHER, b. Abt. 1854, prob. Newton Co. GA; d. 23 March 1926; m. MARY JANE "JENNIE" MCMILLEN, 1877.

Notes for JESSE WHITFIELD THRASHER:

Justice of the Peace in Brooks County, GA. Had a store at Barwick, GA.

- vi. JAMES BUCHANNAN THRASHER, b. 1856, prob. Newton Co. GA; d. 1859.

Notes for JAMES BUCHANNAN THRASHER:

"Burned to feath by following cook to wash pot".

Children of JAMES THRASHER and CATHERINE HUGHEY are:

- vii. IDA GERTRUDE⁵ THRASHER, b. 12 December 1862, Quitman, Brooks Co. GA; d. 05 July 1927, Duval Co. FL; m. JAMES CANNTE, 11 October 1882, Duval Co. FL.

More About IDA GERTRUDE THRASHER:

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, FL

- viii. ADOLPHUS BART THRASHER, b. 20 September 1864, Lake City, Columbia Co. FL; d. 21 October 1888; m. AMELIA HINSEL, 29 August 1888.

More About ADOLPHUS BART THRASHER:

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, FL

- ix. OLA THRASHER, b. 11 August 1866, Lake City, Columbia Co. FL; d. 12 October 1949, West Palm Beach, FL; m. EMMET GORGON BLAIR, 13 December 1885.

More About OLA THRASHER:

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, FL

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN THOMAS⁵ THRASHER (*JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 15 February 1847 in Newton Co. GA, and died 09 May 1907. He married OPHELIA REYNOLDS 1868 in Jefferson, Jackson County, GA, daughter of A. M. REYNOLDS. She was born 12 August 1852, and died 27 April 1929.

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Notes for JOHN THOMAS THRASHER:

A sketch of the life of John Thomas Thrasher is given in the Memorial Record of Alabama, Henry County, GA. Vol. 1, page 1120.

John went with his father to Florida and in 1871 moved to Brooks County, Georgia. He settled in Quitman, Georgia. In 1889 we went to Dothan, Alabama and began the importation and sale of stock. He became a general businessman there and became one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens. In 1890 he moved (into) Dothan and in 1892 erected his residence on Foster Street.

John and Ophelia had six children.

The Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Alabama, Issues for 29 October 1908; 3 July 1909; 24 June 1915; and 19 July 1915 all have references to the Thrasher House/Thrasher Hotel. The issue for 3 July 1909: "Three hotels there (Dothan), the Lightner, the Thrasher Hotel, and the Simonton House, - - "

From: "The History of Brooks County, Georgia 1858 - 1948" by Folks Huxford, 2004

John T. Thrasher: Sheriff July 18, 1873 - 1881. Marshall 1881 - 1883

The Grand Jurors said: "We cannot speak in terms too flattering of the prompt and manly action of Mr. J. T. Thrasher, our efficient Sheriff, in keeping down the threatening riot on the day of the election and for his firmness in the faithful discharge of his official duties during the excitement which followed. He is certainly entitled to honorable mention by this body."

First Fire Company in Brooks County, GA was the "Stonewall Fire Company" organized in 1873. --- elected officers: -- John T. Thrasher, Pipeman, --

The Quitman Hotel Company was incorporated May 15, 1889 with the following charter members: -- John T. Thrasher, --

In July 1879 W. E. Barnes was elected President (of a cotton mill), but it appeared that the plant had been shut down for some time. However the business could not recoup its losses, and it was sold on the first Tuesday in January 1880 by Sheriff John T. Thrasher, under -

An Academy was established in Quitman: In 1889 there occurred another election of Academy Trustees, the following being elected: ---John T. Thrasher, --

New railroads: - -" made an offer to extend the road to Quitman for \$40,000 and through the efforts of Hon. John T. Thrasher the money was subscribed by Quitman business men."

References:

Thrasher-Barton Descendants of Georgia compiled by Vessie Thrasher Rainer, 1977, pages 16 and 226.

Our Thrasher Heritage compiled by D. S. Pruett, 1986, pages 303 - 304.

A History of the Thrasher Family (traced through the 18th and 19th centuries in England and America) by Dr. Marion Thrasher, San Francisco, California, 1895. Pages 74 - 76.

Notes for OPHELIA REYNOLDS:

Ophelia was born 12 August 1852 and died 27 April 1929. IN DOOTHAN, HOUSTON CO. ALABAMA

There are several items in the Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Alabama, that are about Ophelia Reynolds Thrasher

1. 3 May and 14 June 1909: social activities
2. 20 May 1912: Owned rental property
3. 20 May 1912 and 25 July 1915: She was a "stock holder of the packing house project (\$600

)."

4. 15 September 1915: She was involved in legal action as the Plaintiff. She was "a non-resident now residing in Palm Beach, Florida."

5. 12 April 1912: The Kirkland - Hunter wedding article. "Mrs. Thrasher, grandmother of the bride, was attired in white lingele (linen) and lace".

Children of JOHN THRASHER and OPHELIA REYNOLDS are:

4. i. JESSIE MAY⁶ THRASHER, b. 05 September 1869, Lake City, Columbia County, FL.
5. ii. JAMES MONROE THRASHER, b. 19 January 1871, Thomas County, GA; d. 24 November 1906.
6. iii. MARY "MAMIE" THRASHER, b. 24 July 1873, Quitman, Brooks County, GA; d. Abt. 1898, Dothan, Alabama. *Wm. CALVIN*
- iv. JOHNNIE TRAVIS THRASHER, b. 10 September 1875, Quitman, Brooks County, GA; m. W. J. O'NEAL, 08 July 1894.
- v. DAVID BARTON THRASHER, b. 11 March 1879, Quitman, Brooks County, GA. *16 July 1925 - DOTHAN HOUSTON CO. AL*

Notes for DAVID BARTON THRASHER:

Reference for David Barton Thrasher in the Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Alabama:

1. 11 Nov. 1908. Had children who set a fire.
2. 17 May 1909: Was very good as an "End Man" in a local musical show! - Singing, dancing, and speaking roles.
3. 4 July 1910: A visit to Texas, California, and other western states with his mother.

- vi. JELKS ~~REYNOLDS~~ THRASHER, b. 17 October 1881, Quitman, Brooks County, GA. *LEROY*

Notes for JELKS REYNOLDS THRASHER:

A reference in the Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Alabama: 22 Dec. 1910. Jelks Thrasher returned from New York for a visit.

3. DAVID BARTON⁵ THRASHER (*JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 1852 in Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia, and died 03 November 1910 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married ANNIE ELIZA ROUNTREE 28 October 1873 in Quitman, Brooks County, GA, daughter of WASHINGTON ROUNTREE and ELIZABETH STEVENS. She was born 1857 in Edgefield County, S. C., and died 19 September 1898 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Notes for DAVID BARTON THRASHER:

References:

From the Florida Times Union, 4 November 1910: The muffled report of a pistol floated out on the gathering chill of the evening yesterday from the courtyard of The Marcus Conant Mortuary, desperation had written the story of a lingering melancholia, and it was life's sundown with D. Barton Thrasher, a men of 57 years, eighteen of that time a resident of Jacksonville, Florida.

The proprietor of the mortuary and several of his friends were the first to hear the shot. They rushed to a rear door and there seated on a material case was the unfortunate man, his head dropped on his breast and blood trickling down his faxce from a bullet wound in his right temple. The .38 calibre revolver, which had been the machine of death was loosely grasped in the right hand of the fast-dying man. Only a few seconds after the shot rang out his pulse had stopped and he was in the embrace of death. No word or murmer fell from his lips for the trigger of the pistol was pulled.

From the Florida Times Union, 4 November 1910: Deaths: D. B. Thrasher , age 57 died November 3, 1910.

5 November 1910: The body of D. B. Thrasher, who died in this city on Thursday afternoon, was forwarded to his former home at Quitman, Georgia last night, by funeral

Director Marcus Conant, accompanied by his son, R. B. Thrasher of this city. The interment will be made in the family lot at Quitman.

From the Obituary for his son, Stevens Samuel Thrasher: "Steve's father was a former city jailer (Jacksonville, FL) and was well known here".

David killed himself after losing his wife, two sons and a daughter.
Found in Brooks County, GA in 1884. The family later moved to Jacksonville, Florida

From: "Brooks County, Georgia - Echos of Its People, Vol. II, 2000"
"D. B. Thrasher has bought out John W. Tucker & Bro. livery stable on Lee Street."

Also see:

Thrasher - Barton Descendants of Georgia, compiled by Vessie Thrasher Rainer, 1977
Our Thrasher Heritage, compiled by D. S. Pruett, 1986
The Thrasher Newsletter, August 1985.

More About DAVID BARTON THRASHER:
Burial: Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia

Notes for ANNIE ELIZA ROUNTREE:

Annie Elizabeth Rountree was born in Edgefield County, S. C. in 1857. She died on 19 September 1898 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

More About ANNIE ELIZA ROUNTREE:
Burial: Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia

Children of DAVID THRASHER and ANNIE ROUNTREE are:

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- i. ROUNTREE B.⁶ THRASHER, b. 1875, Quitman, Brooks County, GA.; d. 16 September 1917.
 - ii. JESSE CLOUD THRASHER, b. 1877, Quitman, Brooks County, GA.; m. MAMIE; b. 1882, Mount Pleasant; d. 14 October 1904, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Notes for MAMIE:

From the Florida Times Union: 14 October 1904

Mrs. Mamie Thrasher died at 10:30 o'clock last night at her home No. 311 Johnson Street. The deceased was 22 years of age, and was the wife of Mr. Cloud Thrasher, foreman of the Pintsch Gas Company. She had been ill for several weeks. The funeral will take place from her late home at Mount Pleasant. She will be forwarded to Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning on the train leaving here at 9:10 a. m. The arrangements are in charge of Funeral Director Chas. A. Clark.

- 8. iii. JOHN THOMAS THRASHER, b. 1879, Quitman, Brooks County, GA.; d. 1930, Waycross, Ware County, GA.
- 9. iv. STEVENS SAMUEL THRASHER, b. 1881, Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia; d. 18 April 1903, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.
- v. BESSIE THRASHER, b. 1883, Quitman, Brooks County, GA.; d. 07 October 1894, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Notes for BESSIE THRASHER:

From the burial records at Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, FL: Died of heart failure at age 9 years.
Buried October 8, 1894. Late residence - 92 E. Forsyth St.

- vi. TURNER THOMAS THRASHER, b. 1888, Quitman, Brooks County, GA.; d. 27 September 1907, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

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Notes for TURNER THOMAS THRASHER:

From the Florida Times- Union 28 September 1907

Mr. Turner T. Thrasher, aged 19 years died in the city yesterday morning after a lingering illness of several

months. At the time of Mr. Thrasher's first illness he was a member of the Jacksonville Fire Department. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the chapel of Charles A. Clark. Rev. Edward F. Ley officiating. The pallbearers will be members of the fire department. The interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery

More About TURNER THOMAS THRASHER:

Burial: 28 September 1907, Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, FL

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4. JESSIE MAY⁶ THRASHER (*JOHN THOMAS⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 05 September 1869 in Lake City, Columbia County, FL. She married WALLACE M. HUNTER 24 April 1889.

Children of JESSIE THRASHER and WALLACE HUNTER are:

- i. OPHELIA⁷ HUNTER, b. 20 March 1890, Quitman, Brooks County, GA; m. LYNN P. KIRKLAND, 10 April 1912, Dothan, Alabama.
- ii. MARY ESSIE HUNTER, b. 12 November 1892, Quitman, Brooks Co. GA.

5. JAMES MONROE⁶ THRASHER (*JOHN THOMAS⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 19 January 1871 in Thomas County, GA, and died 24 November 1906. He married MAGGIE L. BARNES 18 April 1889.

Child of JAMES THRASHER and MAGGIE BARNES is:

- i. ANNIE BELLE⁷ THRASHER, b. 26 April 1890.

6. MARY " MAMIE"⁶ THRASHER (*JOHN THOMAS⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 24 July 1873 in Quitman, Brooks County, GA, and died Abt. 1898 in Dothan, Alabama. She married W. I. JOHNSON 11 October 1893.

Notes for W. I. JOHNSON:

Reference: The Dothan Eagle, 13 Oct. 1910: "Dr. W. I. Johnson died last night - - - married to Mamie Thrasher - - - a daughter, Mamie - - "

Child of MARY THRASHER and W. JOHNSON is:

- i. MAMIE⁷ JOHNSON. *6. c. 1907*

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7. ROUNTREE B.⁶ THRASHER (*DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 1875 in Quitman, Brooks County, GA., and died 16 September 1917. He married NELLIE HOWARD. She died 05 March 1919 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Notes for ROUNTREE B. THRASHER:

Two infants of R. B. Thrasher: A child, stillborn - Buried Dec. 8, 1898 and a child one day old - buried 30 August 1901. Both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, FL

From the Florida Times-Union 18 Sept. 1917:

Thrasher, Roundtree Barton Age not stated. Died Sunday September 16, 1917 (place not stated - was not Jacksonville, FL - "body arrived in this city yesterday) Burial: Wednesday September 19, 1917, family plot, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Jacksonville, FL. Survivors: Wife, Mrs. R. B. Thrasher, son (not named); brother Cloud Thrasher of

Washington, D. C.

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Notes for NELLIE HOWARD:

From the Florida Times-Union 5 March 1919:

The many friends of Mrs. Nellie Thrasher, wife of the late Roundtree Thrasher will regret to learn of her death which occurred at her residence, Twenty-fifth and Laura Street yesterday morning at 7 o'clock after a short illness. She is survived by her mother, one son, two sisters, and one brother. They are Miss Mary Howard, Miss Bertia Howard, and John F. Howard. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the late residence. --- Interment will be made in St. Mary's Cemetery by Funeral Director William C. Cooper Jr.

Child of ROUNTREE THRASHER and NELLIE HOWARD is:

- i. H.⁷ THRASHER. JOHN HOWARD 98310090

8. JOHN THOMAS⁶ THRASHER (DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born 1879 in Quitman, Brooks County, GA., and died 1930 in Waycross, Ware County, GA. He married (1) ANNA O'CONNER. She was born 1895 in Boston, Mass.. He married (2) IDA ESTELLE WIGGINS 13 December 1917 in Waycross, GA, daughter of WILLIAM WIGGINS and MAGGIE HARPER. She was born 18 September 1899 in Pine Bloom, Georgia, and died 04 December 1968 in Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia.

Notes for ANNA O'CONNER:

Anna was born in 1895.

Notes for IDA ESTELLE WIGGINS:

Ida was born in 18 September 1899 and died 4 December 1968.

Children of JOHN THRASHER and ANNA O'CONNER are:

- i. STEVEN⁷ THRASHER.

Notes for STEVEN THRASHER:

After his mother died he was adopted by his maternal grandfather and his name legally changed to Lawrence O'Conner.

- ii. CLARE THRASHER.

Notes for CLARE THRASHER:

After her mother died she was adopted by her maternal grandfather and her name changed to Mary O'Conner.

Child of JOHN THRASHER and IDA WIGGINS is:

10. iii. THOMAS EARL⁷ THRASHER, b. 28 August 1918, Waycross, Ware County, Georgia; d. 26 May 1999, Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia.

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9. STEVENS SAMUEL⁶ THRASHER (DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born 1881 in Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia, and died 18 April 1903 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married LUCY EDITH HIRSCHMAN 03 September 1901 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, daughter of MAX HIRSCHMAN and ELMIRA LACOURSE. She was born 02 January 1885 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, and died 17 August 1955 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

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Notes for STEVENS SAMUEL THRASHER:

Frances Hardin Leitner wrote: "My grandfather was killed in an accident here in Jacksonville (Florida) when my mother (Annie Elizabeth Thrasher) was a year old".

Sunday Times Union, Jacksonville, FL. April 19, 1903: Samuel S. Thrasher

A news article reported that Steve Thrasher met an untimely death (on the Clyde Lines Wharf) when, as he was crossing the tracks, a switch engine shoved a car against him. He was caught between the car coupler and the immense bumper. He died while being carried to St. Luke's Hospital.

He exhibited wonderful nerves saying, "Let my wife know about it. My God, it will kill her. My poor wife and baby. Will someone please inform my wife and do it as gently as possible in order not to frighten her. I am dead man. It is impossible for me to get over this."

He resided at 1513 West Church Street, Jacksonville, Florida. He was born and reared in Quitman, Georgia. He was married a little over a year ago on 3 September 1901 to Miss Lucy Hirschman and she and infant daughter, with his father and four brothers, are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Thrasher was at the time of death Assistant Superintendent of the Pintsch Gas Company.

Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, Florida.

More About STEVENS SAMUEL THRASHER:

Burial: 20 April 1903, Evergreen Cemetery, Duval Co. FL

Notes for LUCY EDITH HIRSCHMAN:

Lucy lived in Jacksonville, Florida for all of her life.

More About LUCY EDITH HIRSCHMAN:

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Duval County, Florida

Child of STEVENS THRASHER and LUCY HIRSCHMAN is:

11. i. ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, b. ¹³ July 1902, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; d. 06 December 1964, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

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10. THOMAS EARL⁷ THRASHER (JOHN THOMAS⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born 28 August 1918 in Waycross, Ware County, Georgia, and died 26 May 1999 in Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia. He married (1) ALICE GERTRUDE BROWN CONDON 20 June 1942 in Boston, Mass.. She was born 18 March 1920 in Charlton, Mass., and died 05 August 1980 in Moody Air Force Base, Lowndes County, GA. He married (2) CLARA NELL STRICKLAND 17 August 1985 in Valdosta, Lowndes County, GA. She was born 08 April 1918 in Brooks County, GA, and died 06 January 1995 in Quitman, Brooks County, GA.

Notes for THOMAS EARL THRASHER:

Earl enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1936 and during World War II was assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of the DD462, The Fitch, on June 20, 1943.

Earl moved to Brooks County, GA in 1959 when he retired from the Navy.

Earl was Postmaster in Quitman, Georgia for many years and retired from the U. S. Postal

Service. He was a member of the Dixie United Methodist Church.

Also see: The Thrasher Newsletter, November 1989.

The Thrasher Newsletter, 1 August 1999 for his obituary.

Letter written by Earl containing family genealogy.

More About THOMAS EARL THRASHER:

Burial: Dixie Cemetery, Dixie, Brooks County, Georgia

Notes for ALICE GERTRUDE BROWN CONDON: 840 2841

Alice was the widow Condon when she married Thomas Earl Thrasher. Her first husband had been murdered.

She had one daughter, Patricia Lorraine Condon, born 11 March 1941.

Alice was a devoted and loving wife and mother and the anchor around which the family would gather.

Alice was born in 1920. She died on 5 August 1980 in Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia and is buried in Dixie, GA.

Patricia Lorraine Condon married John E. Kekeo on September 10, 1965. They had one son: John Jenkins Kehoe, born 4 September 1971.

Patricia Lorraine Condon Kehoe married second: F. Scott Singleton on 12 December 1977.

More About ALICE GERTRUDE BROWN CONDON:

Burial: Dixie Cemetery, Dixie, GA

Notes for CLARA NELL STRICKLAND:

Nell was born 8 April 1919. She died on 6 Jan. 1995 in Quitman, Brooks County, GA

Children of THOMAS THRASHER and ALICE CONDON are:

12. i. THOMAS EARL⁸ THRASHER, b. 30 April 1943, Boston, Mass..
13. ii. JOHN PHILIP THRASHER, b. 25 August 1944, Boston, Mass..
- iii. WILLIAM ROBERT THRASHER, b. 07 October 1947, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, CA; m. MARCIA ANNETTE REEVES, 08 August 1987.
- iv. DENISE DIANE THRASHER, b. 06 December 1951, Boston, Mass.; d. 10 March 1952.
14. v. DEBORAH ESTELLE THRASHER, b. 18 September 1953, Boston, Mass..

11. ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER (STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born ~~13~~ July 1902 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, and died 06 December 1964 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. She married WILLIAM HENRY HARDIN SR. 10 June 1921 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He was born 29 August 1889 in Monroe County, Georgia, and died 07 April 1974 in Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia.

More About ANNIE ELIZABETH THRASHER:

Burial: Restlawn Cemetery, Duval County, Florida

Notes for WILLIAM HENRY HARDIN SR.:

William Henry Hardin Sr. was born 29 August 1889 and died 7 April 1974.

More About WILLIAM HENRY HARDIN SR.:

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Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia

Children of ANNIE THRASHER and WILLIAM SR. are:

15. i. WILLIAM HENRY HARDIN⁸ JR., b. 22 September 1922, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; d. 19 January 2006, Concord, Pike County, Georgia.
 16. ii. LUCY ELMIRA HARDIN, b. 08 November 1923, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.
 17. iii. LAUREN THRASHER HARDIN, b. 06 March 1929, Bartow, Polk County, Florida; d. 27 January 1976, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.
 18. iv. FRANCES LACOURSE HARDIN, b. 24 January 1931, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.
 19. v. PHILIP HENRY HARDIN, b. 23 February 1934, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; d. 11 February 1997, Inverness, Citrus County, FL.
 - vi. ROBERT FRANKLIN HARDIN, b. 25 September 1935, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; m. JEANETTE CASTEEL, 16 March 1974, Barnesville, Lamar County, GA; b. 21 June 1933, Griffin, Spaulding County, GA.
- Notes for JEANETTE CASTEEL:
Jeannette Casteel was married to Benjamin Franklin Martin who was born on 22 July 1930 in Barnesville, Lamar County, GA. They were married on 2 July 1953. Benjamin Franklin Martin died on 13 April 1971 in an accident.
Jeannette and Benjamin had three children:
Norma Jean Martin, born 1 June 1954
Terry Lee Martin, born 9 May 1956
William Donald Martin, born 29 Jan. 1961
20. vii. BARBARA JOYCE HARDIN, b. 11 November 1936, Panama City, Bay County, FL; d. 07 May 2004, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.
 21. viii. RICHARD STEPHEN HARDIN, b. 15 February 1941, Macon, Bibb County, GA.

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12. THOMAS EARL⁸ THRASHER (*THOMAS EARL⁷, JOHN THOMAS⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 30 April 1943 in Boston, Mass.. He married PATRICIA ANNE MCANDREW 16 July 1967.

Children of THOMAS THRASHER and PATRICIA MCANDREW are:

- i. BRET THOMAS⁹ THRASHER, b. 24 October 1971.
- ii. BRIDGET KATHRYN THRASHER, b. 26 August 1975.

13. JOHN PHILIP⁸ THRASHER (*THOMAS EARL⁷, JOHN THOMAS⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 25 August 1944 in Boston, Mass.. He married LINDA MARIE BOWEN 29 November 1968. She was born in Quitman, Brooks County, GA..

Children of JOHN THRASHER and LINDA BOWEN are:

- i. ALICE BOWEN⁹ THRASHER, b. 02 October 1983.
- ii. RACHAEL ELIZABETH THRASHER, b. 30 August 1985.

14. DEBORAH ESTELLE⁸ THRASHER (*THOMAS EARL⁷, JOHN THOMAS⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 18 September 1953 in Boston, Mass.. She married (1) ROBERT MORETTI 1978. She married (2) BILL BRYANT Aft. 1981.

Children of DEBORAH THRASHER and ROBERT MORETTI are:

- i. CHRISTOPHER CARLTON⁹ MORETTI, b. 12 December 1978.
- ii. GINA MARIE MORETTI, b. 06 May 1980.

15. WILLIAM HENRY HARDIN⁸ JR. (*ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID*

*BARTON*⁵, *JAMES CLOUD*⁴, *DAVID*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 22 September 1922 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, and died 19 January 2006 in Concord, Pike County, Georgia. He married FLORENCE EHLEY 02 February 1946 in Macon, Bibb County, GA. She was born 31 October 1918 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

More About WILLIAM HENRY HARDIN JR.:

Burial: 21 January 2006, Lamar Memory Gardens, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia

Child of WILLIAM JR. and FLORENCE EHLEY is:

- i. SALLY ANN HARDIN⁹, b. 16 November 1946.

16. LUCY ELMIRA⁸ HARDIN (*ANNIE ELIZABETH*⁷ *THRASHER*, *STEVENS SAMUEL*⁶, *DAVID BARTON*⁵, *JAMES CLOUD*⁴, *DAVID*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 08 November 1923 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. She married QUENTINE LOFTON 20 December 1959 in Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL. He was born 01 May 1919 in Bainbridge, Decatur County, GA, and died 31 March 1990 in Modesto, Stanislaus County, CA.

More About QUENTINE LOFTON:

Burial: 02 April 1990, Modesto, Stanislaus County, CA

Children of LUCY HARDIN and QUENTINE LOFTON are:

- i. LUCKY QUENTINE⁹ LOFTON, b. 11 May 1960, Orlando, Orange County, Florida.
- ii. GILES ODEL LOFTON, b. 12 May 1964, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, CA.

17. LAUREN THRASHER⁸ HARDIN (*ANNIE ELIZABETH*⁷ *THRASHER*, *STEVENS SAMUEL*⁶, *DAVID BARTON*⁵, *JAMES CLOUD*⁴, *DAVID*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 06 March 1929 in Bartow, Polk County, Florida, and died 27 January 1976 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married BETTY CLAIRE REDDOCH 19 July 1950 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, daughter of RUTLEDGE REDDOCH and PEARL MILLER. She was born 27 December 1928 in Montgomery, Montgomery County, AL, and died 26 May 2004 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

More About LAUREN THRASHER HARDIN:

Burial: Restlawn Cemetery, Duval County, Florida

Children of LAUREN HARDIN and BETTY REDDOCH are:

- i. JANA SUZANNE⁹ HARDIN, b. 19 January 1952, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; m. (1) PAUL RAYMOND MCCOMBS III, 16 June 1973, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; m. (2) WILLIAM JACK PRATOR, 23 May 1987.
22. ii. JENNIFER LAUREN HARDIN, b. 01 July 1955, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

18. FRANCES LACOURSE⁸ HARDIN (*ANNIE ELIZABETH*⁷ *THRASHER*, *STEVENS SAMUEL*⁶, *DAVID BARTON*⁵, *JAMES CLOUD*⁴, *DAVID*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 24 January 1931 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. She married (1) LISTON MILLER 12 November 1947 in Folkston, Charlton County, GA. He was born 24 July 1922 in Woodbine, Camden County, GA, and died 06 February 1981 in Brunswick, Glynn County, GA. She married (2) RALPH LINDON

JONES 14 September 1959 in Rockport, Aransas County, Texas. He was born 08 January 1936 in Fernandina, Nassau County, Florida, and died 10 July 2003 in Cape Coral, Lee County, Florida. She married (3) ELMER EARLE LEITNER 12 August 1976 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He was born 03 October 1912 in Ocala, Marion County, Florida, and died 01 June 1994 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Notes for FRANCES LACOURSE HARDIN:

Frances and Liston Miller were divorced 25 Feb. 1958 in Jacksonville, Duval County, FL

Notes for LISTON MILLER:

Liston Miller and Frances Hardin were divorced.

More About LISTON MILLER:

Burial: Woodbine, Camden County, GA

Notes for RALPH LINDON JONES:

Ralph Lindon Jones and Frances Hardin were divorced 20 December, 1967 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida

Notes for ELMER EARLE LEITNER:

Dr. Elmer Earle Leitner graduated from Loma Linda University, California. He interned at St. Lukes Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida in 1941. He served for four years in WWII in the Navy as Commander. He returned to Jacksonville to start at practice and practiced there for forty-three years at St. Lukes Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. While at St. Lukes, he served as Chief of Family Practice for twenty years.

More About ELMER EARLE LEITNER:

Burial: 04 June 1994, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida

Children of FRANCES HARDIN and LISTON MILLER are:

23. i. WILLIAM JOHN⁹ MILLER, b. 05 August 1949, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.
24. ii. KENNETH LISTON MILLER, b. 08 October 1952, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Child of FRANCES HARDIN and RALPH JONES is:

- iii. LINDA LOUISE⁹ JONES, b. 19 May 1960, Coral Gables, Dade County, Florida.

19. PHILIP HENRY⁸ HARDIN (*ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 23 February 1934 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, and died 11 February 1997 in Inverness, Citrus County, FL. He married GRACE RUTH GUNTER 23 May 1962 in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. She was born 27 December 1937.

Notes for PHILIP HENRY HARDIN:

Philip Henry Hardin was born in 1934 and died in 1997.

Children of PHILIP HARDIN and GRACE GUNTER are:

25. i. ELIZABETH JANE⁹ HARDIN, b. 04 February 1963, Mountain View, Santa Clara County, CA.
- ii. WILLIAM FREDERICK HARDIN, b. 26 March 1964, Mountain View, Santa Clara County, CA.
- iii. GRACE FRANCES HARDIN, b. 11 May 1966, Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.

20. BARBARA JOYCE⁸ HARDIN (*ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 11 November 1936 in Panama City, Bay County, FL, and died 07 May 2004 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. She married (1) WILSON LEE ROWAN. She married (2) JEWELL S. CLEMENTS JR. in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He was born 24 October 1931 in Rome, Floyd County, GA.

Notes for BARBARA JOYCE HARDIN:

Barbara and Wilson Lee Rowan were divorced 20 Dec. 1960 in Jacksonville, Duval County, FL

More About BARBARA JOYCE HARDIN:

Burial: 11 May 2004, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida

More About JEWELL S. CLEMENTS JR.:

Burial: Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida

Child of BARBARA HARDIN and WILSON ROWAN is:

- i. LEANN JOY⁹ ROWAN, b. 07 November 1959.

21. RICHARD STEPHEN⁸ HARDIN (*ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 15 February 1941 in Macon, Bibb County, GA. He married CAROLE JEAN CHURCHILL 07 May 1960 in Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL. She was born 06 January 1942 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Children of RICHARD HARDIN and CAROLE CHURCHILL are:

- i. DEBRA LYNN⁹ HARDIN, b. 24 May 1961, Navoto, Marin County, CA.
- ii. DENISE MICHELLE HARDIN, b. 02 April 1963, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

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22. JENNIFER LAUREN⁹ HARDIN (*LAUREN THRASHER⁸, ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 01 July 1955 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. She married HOWE QUINN WALLACE JR. 17 December 1977 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He was born 29 May 1955 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Children of JENNIFER HARDIN and HOWE JR. are:

- i. HOWE QUINN WALLACE¹⁰ JR., b. 22 July 1979, Athens, Clarke County, GA.
- ii. LAUREN CLAIRE WALLACE, b. 05 June 1981, Bartow, Polk County, FL.
- iii. ANNIE KATHRYN WALLACE, b. 23 June 1985, Bartow, Polk County, FL.

23. WILLIAM JOHN⁹ MILLER (*FRANCES LACOURSE⁸ HARDIN, ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 05 August 1949 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married JANICE MARIE MIDDLETON 17 January 1970 in Ridgeland, Jasper County, S. C.. She was born 01 December 1953 in Ludowici, Long County, GA.

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Children of WILLIAM MILLER and JANICE MIDDLETON are:

26. i. WILLIAM BRAD¹⁰ MILLER, b. 09 November 1970, Folkston, Charlton County, GA.
27. ii. STEPHEN JOHN MILLER, b. 18 November 1974, Brunswick, Glynn County, GA.

24. KENNETH LISTON⁹ MILLER (*FRANCES LACOURSE⁸ HARDIN, ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 08 October 1952 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married (1) DEBORAH ENGLISH 04 August 1971 in Hardyville, Jasper County, S. C.. She was born 24 July 1956 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married (2) ELLA JAN BRITT 01 November 1975 in Woodbine, Camden County, GA. She was born 02 January 1956 in Brunswick, Glynn County, GA.

Child of KENNETH MILLER and DEBORAH ENGLISH is:

- i. LAGEINA MICHELLE¹⁰ MILLER, b. 04 November 1974, Brunswick, Glynn County, GA.

Child of KENNETH MILLER and ELLA BRITT is:

- ii. MANNIX BRITT¹⁰ MILLER, b. 25 February 1977, Folkston, Charlton County, GA.

25. WILLIAM FREDERICK⁹ HARDIN (*PHILIP HENRY⁸, ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 26 March 1964 in Mountain View, Santa Clara County, CA. He married TRACY WILLIAMS September 1985 in Oxfordshire, England.

Notes for WILLIAM FREDERICK HARDIN:

William and Tracy Williams Hardin were divorced in 1989 in Oxfordshire, England.

Child of WILLIAM HARDIN and TRACY WILLIAMS is:

- i. GRACE NICOLE¹⁰ HARDIN, b. 23 May 1987, Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho.

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26. WILLIAM BRAD¹⁰ MILLER (*WILLIAM JOHN⁹, FRANCES LACOURSE⁸ HARDIN, ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 09 November 1970 in Folkston, Charlton County, GA. He married TRACI RENEE SLOAN 26 May 1990 in Woodbine, Camden County, GA. She was born 14 May 1970.

Children of WILLIAM MILLER and TRACI SLOAN are:

- i. KACEY RENEE¹¹ MILLER, b. 25 June 1991, Brunswick, Glenn County, Georgia.
- ii. KAYLA MARIE MILLER, b. 12 August 1993, Brunswick, Glenn County, Georgia.

27. STEPHEN JOHN¹⁰ MILLER (*WILLIAM JOHN⁹, FRANCES LACOURSE⁸ HARDIN, ANNIE ELIZABETH⁷ THRASHER, STEVENS SAMUEL⁶, DAVID BARTON⁵, JAMES CLOUD⁴, DAVID³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born 18 November 1974 in Brunswick, Glynn County, GA. He married AMMIE REBECCA FOSKEY 28 September 1996 in Woodbine, Camden County, GA. She was born 15 August 1974.

Notes for AMMIE REBECCA FOSKEY:

Ammie Foskey married Michael David Toth on 12 April 1993. Ammie and David Toth

were divorced on Sept. 18, 1994.

Ammie and David are the parents of Michael Ethan Toth who was born on 30 Nov. 1993. Michael is a half brother to Sydnee Elizabeth Miller and Gracie Marie Miller who are Thrasher descendants.

Children of STEPHEN MILLER and AMMIE FOSKEY are:

- i. SYDNEE ELIZABETH¹¹ MILLER, b. 14 September 1998, St. Mary's, Camden County, Georgia.
- ii. GRACIE MARIE MILLER, b. 28 February 2001, St. Mary's, Camden County, Georgia.