

The Thrasher Newsletter

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I'm sure you were quick to realize that this doesn't look like the usual Thrasher Newsletter that you have been accustomed to receiving! Our fine editor, Barbara Eger, has been under the weather so I am trying to fill in for her with this first issue of the new Thrasher Family Association year, 2007 - 2008.

I want to say "welcome" to our five newest members of the Thrasher Family Association!. They are: Dr. Charles "Chip" H. Muller, Irene Williams, Meredith Thrasher, Goldie Stewart and Stanley E. Thrasher. I first met Chip when he was a little boy (he is a cousin). I met Stanley, his wife, and parents at the Thrasher Reunion in Sweetwater, TN in 1985. Stanley is the most recent Thrasher male to complete his test in the TFA DNA program. I have corresponded with Irene and Goldie so I feel that I already almost know them. I am looking forward to getting to know you, Meredith, and hope all of you will enjoy your membership and participate with us in the various activities of the Association! Meredith is Sandy Harbison's mother. Sandy has been a long time member of the TFA and it's nice to have her mother with us too.

These new member's names and addresses will be listed later in the Newsletter for your information.

Nancy Cherry, coordinator of the TFA's DNA project, and I are so pleased to announce that there are two more Thrasher males who are now submitting their test kits to the Family Tree testing laboratory in Houston, Texas. These two Thrashers are James "Jim" F. Thrasher of Lake City, Florida and Robert "Bob" T. Thrasher of Fruitville Park, Florida. We wait on the results with baited breath!

Bill S. Thrasher, our Treasurer, sent me a list of those of you who have renewed your membership for 2007 - 2008. Thank you! I am enclosing in this newsletter renewal membership forms for those of you who have just forgotten to send your renewal to Bill. I sincerely hope all of you will renew, but if you don't, this will be your last copy of the Thrasher Newsletter!

—and we will certainly miss having you and your participation in the Association, especially when we are having a great time together at the Thrasher Reunion next June.

If Bill or I have made an error in your membership, please contact Bill S. Thrasher, 3915 Brewer Rd., Montgomery, AL 36108-4858 or by e-mail at: bill142@charter.net.

Speaking of the Reunion - Frances Leitner, our hostess for the 2008 reunion, has made plans for the weekend of June 21, 2008. The reunion will be held in Kingsland, Georgia, just across the state line from Florida on I-95. There will be much more in the next newsletter about the reunion, but do mark that date on your calendar now and plan on a very interesting time there. (Some of us wish the reunion would hurry up and be here soon! Remember the fun time last June in Maryland?).

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!


John E. Thrasher III

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Graduating Grandpa

Moulton man, 81, receives diploma after leaving high school to serve in WWII

From the DECATUR (ALABAMA) DAILY
Of May 26, 2006

Moulton – As a know-it-all teen of 16, Wendell Earl Thrasher ignored his mother's warning of combat duty if he enlisted in the Navy.

The US had not yet entered World War II, and Thrasher, then a junior at Lawrence County High School, chose instead to listen to the exploits of his science teacher, a Naval Reserve officer.

"I said ever since I've been old enough to read the newspaper someone has been fighting, and I ain't seen none of it yet," he recalled.

An undersized Thrasher turned 17 and joined the Navy in September 1941 after recruiters fudged his height and weight. Now 81, Thrasher returned to Lawrence County High School on Thursday with vivid memories of his first year in the Navy. He was there for a special ceremony to receive his high school diploma.

Three months after he enlisted, Thrasher was on leave in Lawrence County, preparing to go to his permanent duty station. He was sleeping when his mother awakened him to announce that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. He did not regret his decision to ignore her warning.

"But when I saw the (Japanese) planes coming in, it was the first thing I thought about," Thrasher said.

Jake Farris with his stepgrandfather Wendell Thrasher, before Lawrence County High School's graduation. Thrasher left school to fight in World War II and received his diploma Thursday night.

In a lot of ways, Thrasher was fortunate to be graduating Thursday. He was fortunate to have been reading a veterans magazine that contained information about the awarding of diplomas to World War II veterans who left high school during the war.

He was fortunate to have his step grandson, Jake Farris, graduating with him.

"I think it's cool," Farris said. "Not many people get to graduate with grandpa."

Most of all, Thrasher was fortunate that a frightened shipmate asked him to trade places with him before the Battle of Coral Sea, where they served aboard the carrier Yorktown.

"I was in the clipping room with 4 inches of armor all around me," Thrasher said, about his position on the gun. "A kid on the outside came over after a battle and wanted to know if I wanted to change jobs. He asked to trade with me because he could see the planes coming, and there was nowhere to run. I said 'Yes,' because I could hear them and not see them, and I didn't know which way to run."

The sailors traded positions and Thrasher found himself outside the protection of the armor, but still positioned lower than the other men.

Soon, Japanese aircraft roared in, dropping bombs.

"Shrapnel killed him and everyone else on the gun," Thrasher said. "I bent over to pick up the ammunition and when the flash went off that's all I could see. Everyone was above me, and when the shrapnel hit, they fell on me. When I came to, they had me piled up with the dead. Someone was washing us with saltwater to get the blood off. I was as bloody as they were and not a scratch on me."

The Battle of Coral Sea, in early May 1942, was the first time that Thrasher shot at enemy aircraft.

"We shot a bunch of them down," he said. "They (Japanese aircraft) sunk the Lexington and we lost four destroyers and a cruiser, but it was the first time we had ever done as much damage as they did to us."

Historians say the Japanese navy could claim a victory "on points" for that battle, but it spent resources from which it could not recover. A month later, US Pacific Fleet Commander US Admiral Chester W. Nimitz would ambush Japanese naval forces at the Battle of Midway, destroying four irreplaceable carriers while losing only one.

Thrasher was on the lost carrier – the Yorktown.

Commanders gave the order to abandon the leaning ship, but it didn't sink. Thrasher was one of 250 men who volunteered to get out of the water

and hitch the carrier to another ship, which helped tow it.

"A (Japanese) sub popped up and hit us," he said.

The Yorktown sank and the men were again in the water until a destroyer rescued them.

After Midway, the US fleet gained the advantage in naval battles, but the sinking of the Yorktown was the end of Thrasher's wartime exploits. From there, he returned to Pearl Harbor and helped repair the USS West Virginia, which sustained damage in the December 1, 1941 attack.

After his release from the navy, Thrasher helped construct silos at a flour mill in Decatur, and eventually left Alabama and found work in Northern paper mills.

In the 1960s he moved back to Lawrence County, bought a convenience store and farmed while working swing shifts at the Champion paper mill. He retired from the mill in 1992.

Thrasher and his wife, Ocille, have five children 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

By Clyde I. Stancil, DAILY Staff Writer.
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We'd like to hear from anyone who is familiar with this family.

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New Members of the Thrasher Family Association

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Stanley E. Thrasher
925 Glenwood Rd.
Luverne, AL 36049

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Hayden, AL 35079
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Meredith Thrasher
310 South Oak
Lynn, IN 47355

A New Thrasher Family Line Is Traced

Along with this new Thrasher family genealogy comes a new Thrasher mystery!

Until the Thrasher Family Association began its DNA program, those of us who sincerely thought of ourselves as “serious genealogist” struggled to find evidence and prove family blood lines. It seemed that the very family one was researching always lived in a “burned” county where most of the records had been lost to fires or war, tombstones were non-existent or unreadable, or old family Bible’s records lost as generations moved on. But research in family genealogy has moved into the 21st century and while the DNA program, which the TFA is using, does not prove exactly to which person one is related, it does prove to whom one is kin

You will remember (and in case you don’t, see on page 2 in the Thrasher Newsletter, Vol. 25, #3 April 2007) the reference to Roger Lee Thrasher’s DNA results which tell us that Roger is very closely related to the descendants of John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher Sr.

It was my pleasure to meet Roger and to work with him and his wife, Elizabeth, to compile the genealogy which follows. Not only have they given us a new, interesting family tree, but an opportunity to meet them! And, yes, the new Thrasher mystery: Just who is this early Thrasher male, born in N. C, husband of Nancy and father of William?

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Descendants of Thrasher

Generation No. 1

1. THRASHER¹ was born in N. C., and died Bef. 1850. He married NANCY. She was born Abt. 1786 in GA (MD, VA), and died December 1879 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for NANCY:

Nancy was born ca 1786 and died in December 1879 in Gwinnett Co. GA. The Mortality Schedule for 1880, Gwinnett Co. GA lists her as dying of old age at age 94 in December 1880, born in Georgia, father born in Maryland, and mother born in Virginia. She was a farmer and had been a resident of Gwinnett Co. for 50 years.

She was listed in the census as a farmer, with \$200 real estate.

Nancy was found in the Sugar Hill District of Gwinnett Co. GA.

References:

1850 Census, Gwinnett Co. GA #273, Dist. 115, page 28

1880 Census, Gwinnett Co. GA, page 195

1880 Mortality Schedule, Gwinnett Co. GA

Child of THRASHER and NANCY is:

2. i. WILLIAM² THRASHER, b. November 12, 1812, Tennessee/Georgia; d. June 03, 1891, Gwinnett Co. GA.

Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM² THRASHER (*THRASHER*¹) was born November 12, 1812 in Tennessee/Georgia, and died June 03, 1891 in Gwinnett Co. GA. He married WINNIE. She was born May 01, 1823 in Virginia (PA, PA), and died May 05, 1903 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for WILLIAM THRASHER:

William is listed in the Census as having \$1000 in personal property and \$500 in real estate. He was listed as being a farmer in the Sugar Hill District of Gwinnett Co. GA.

William is listed in the 1850 Census as having been born in Georgia and in the 1870 and 1880 Census as having been born in Tennessee.

References:

1850 Census, Gwinnett Co. GA

1870 Census, Gwinnett Co. GA, page 212

1880 Census, Gwinnett Co. GA, page 28

More About WILLIAM THRASHER:

Burial: Buford Baptist Church Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

Notes for WINNIE:

In the 1900 Census for Gwinnett Co. GA, page 16, Winnie is listed as a widow and having had four children, one of which is still living.

More About WINNIE:

Burial: Buford Baptist Church Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and WINNIE are:

i. CHRISTOPHER³ THRASHER, b. August 1865, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. Bef. 1880, Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for CHRISTOPHER THRASHER:

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In the Thrasher lot in the Buford Cemetery, there is one tombstone that is unreadable and believed to be for Christopher. The other children, Nancy and Mary, are there except John who is buried in the Sugar Hill Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA.

More About CHRISTOPHER THRASHER:

Burial: believed in Buford Baptist Church Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

3. ii. JOHN ALVIS THRASHER, b. August 1865, Gwinnett Co. GA (TN/GA, VA); d. 1919, Gwinnett Co. GA.
iii. NANCY THRASHER, b. 1867, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. August 20, 1877, Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for NANCY THRASHER:

It is almost impossible to read Nancy's tombstone. Birth date is either 25 June or 16 Aug. 1867. The death date is either 20 or 21 August 1877.

More About NANCY THRASHER:

Burial: Buford Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

- iv. MARY THRASHER, b. September 11, 1869, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. August 18, 1877, Gwinnett Co. GA.

More About MARY THRASHER:

Burial: Buford Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

Generation No. 3

3. JOHN ALVIS³ THRASHER (*WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born August 1865 in Gwinnett Co. GA (TN/GA, VA), and died 1919 in Gwinnett Co. GA. He married SCOVIA ANN DOLLAR Abt. 1884, daughter of JOHN DOLLAR and FANNIE HAMMOND. She was born Bet. May 1865 - May 1866 in Georgia (GA, GA), and died 1937 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for JOHN ALVIS THRASHER:

References:

John is found in the Census for Gwinnett Co. GA for 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910.

Information from Daisy Thrasher West in 2005.

Information from the Gwinnette Co. GA Cemetery records.

Information from Loyd I. Thrasher in June 2006.

Sugar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co.

John Alvis Thrasher's tombstone lists his name as "Alvis".

John Alvis Thrasher's nick name was "Bood" according to his descendants.

More About JOHN ALVIS THRASHER:

Burial: Sugar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA

Notes for SCOVIA ANN DOLLAR:

Reference:

Scovia Ann was born in May 1865 or May 1866. She died in 1937.

She is found in the Census for Gwinnett Co. GA for 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930.

Scovia Ann and John Alvin are buried in the Sugar Hill Baptist Cemetery, Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA.

More About SCOVIA ANN DOLLAR:

Burial: Sugar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA

Children of JOHN THRASHER and SCOVIA DOLLAR are:

- i. MARY THEORA⁴ THRASHER, b. August 1885, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. 1965.

Notes for MARY THEORA THRASHER:

Mary Theora Thrasher was unmarried.

More About MARY THEORA THRASHER:

Burial: Sugar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

4. ii. ELIZABETH IRENA THRASHER, b. October 1887, Gwinnett Co. GA.

5. iii. MAMIE THRASHER, b. September 1888, Gwinnett Co. GA.
6. iv. WEBSTER ALVIN THRASHER, b. December 10, 1890, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. January 01, 1951, Georgia.
- v. WILLIAM ERVIN THRASHER, b. August 1892, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. 1913.

More About WILLIAM ERVIN THRASHER:

Burial: Sugar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

7. vi. JOHN BARTON THRASHER, b. September 22, 1895, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. April 21, 1940, Gwinnett Co. GA.
8. vii. JESSE DILLARD THRASHER, b. August 1897, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. January 17, 1956, Allegre, Todd County, KY.
- viii. BARNES HUBERT THRASHER, b. March 10, 1899, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. December 1966, Fulton Co. GA.

Notes for BARNES HUBERT THRASHER:

Barnes was called, "Barney". He was unmarried.

More About BARNES HUBERT THRASHER:

Burial: Suigar Hill Baptist Church Cenetery, Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA

9. ix. CLARENCE A. THRASHER, b. November 17, 1902, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. December 29, 1986, Gwinnett Co. GA.
- x. TRELIS INEZ THRASHER, b. Abt. 1907, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. September 15, 2001.

Notes for TRELIS INEZ THRASHER:

Trellis was unmarried.

10. xi. RUBY THRASHER, b. April 10, 1910, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. December 01, 2001.

Generation No. 4

4. ELIZABETH IRENA⁴ THRASHER (*JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born October 1887 in Gwinnett Co. GA. She married OVERBY.

Children of ELIZABETH THRASHER and OVERBY are:

- i. ALVIN⁵ OVERBY.

Notes for ALVIN OVERBY:

Alvin and Ivan were twins.

- ii. IVAN OVERBY.

Notes for IVAN OVERBY:

Ivan and Alvin were twins.

5. MAMIE⁴ THRASHER (*JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born September 1888 in Gwinnett Co. GA. She married ERNEST LIGHT May 19, 1907 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Children of MAMIE THRASHER and ERNEST LIGHT are:

- i. SUE⁵ LIGHT, m. HUFF.
- ii. KERMIT LIGHT.

6. WEBSTER ALVIN⁴ THRASHER (*JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born December 10, 1890 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died January 01, 1951 in Georgia. He married ZINA BERRY October 20, 1907 in Gwinnett Co. GA. She was born April 18, 1891, and died October 06, 1976 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for WEBSTER ALVIN THRASHER:

References:

1930 Census, Gwinnette Co. GA

His son, Loyd I. Thrasher (June 2006)

More About WEBSTER ALVIN THRASHER:

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Burial: Broadlawn Cemetery, Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA

More About ZINA BERRY:

Burial: Broadlawn Cemetery, Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA

Children of WEBSTER THRASHER and ZINA BERRY are:

11. i. GLADYS L.⁵ THRASHER, b. Abt. 1915, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. June 14, 1959.
12. ii. GRACE MAY THRASHER, b. May 25, 1918, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. October 1978.
13. iii. LEROY THRASHER, b. July 15, 1921, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. 1990.
- iv. LOYD IVAN THRASHER, b. 1924, Gwinnett Co. GA; m. THELMA PORTER, June 14, 1946, Gwinnett Co. GA.
14. v. DOUGLAS THRASHER, b. 1930, Gwinnett Co. GA; d. March 07, 2004.
15. vi. ANN THRASHER, b. Gwinnett Co. GA.

7. JOHN BARTON⁴ THRASHER (*JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born September 22, 1895 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died April 21, 1940 in Gwinnett Co. GA. He married CLARA S. HAMILTON November 16, 1924 in Gwinnett Co. GA. She was born February 09, 1902, and died August 19, 1969 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for JOHN BARTON THRASHER:

John Barton is found in the 1900 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as John B. Thrasher; in the 1910 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as John B. Thearkes; in the 1920 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as Bartow J. Thrasher; and in the 1930 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as John B. Thrasher

John Barton Thrasher is also listed in the Georgia Deaths Index, 1919 - 1998.

Tillman Thrasher, son of John Barton Thrasher and Kenneth Thrasher, grandson verified in October 2007 that John Bart's middle name was "Barton".

More About JOHN BARTON THRASHER:

Burial: Harmony Grove Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

More About CLARA S. HAMILTON:

Burial: Harmony Grove Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

Children of JOHN THRASHER and CLARA HAMILTON are:

16. i. TILMAN L.⁵ THRASHER, b. Abt. 1927.
- ii. HAROLD THRASHER, b. December 27, 1931; d. June 12, 1985, Gwinnett Co. GA.

More About HAROLD THRASHER:

Burial: Harmony Grove Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

- iii. KENNETH THRASHER, m. PATRICIA.

Notes for KENNETH THRASHER:

Kenneth and Katherine were twins.

17. iv. KATHERINE THRASHER.

8. JESSE DILLARD⁴ THRASHER (*JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born August 1897 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died January 17, 1956 in Allegre, Todd County, KY. He married (1) ANNA LUCILE ETHRIDGE April 26, 1930 in White Co. GA, daughter of ISAAC ETHRIDGE and ANNA BROWNLEE. She was born October 14, 1907 in Barrow Co. GA, and died September 12, 1977 in Fulton Co. GA. He met (2) MARION INEZ HUFFINES.

Notes for JESSE DILLARD THRASHER:

Daisy Thrasher West wrote about her father, 30 January 2005:

Jessie worked for the Bona Allen Leather Works in Buford, GA until shortly before WWII. He came to Auburn, KY and worked at the Caldwell Leather Works in the late 1930s. There he met my mother, Marion Inez Huffines and married her. My only sister, Linda Kay Thrasher, was born in 1939 in Auburn, KY. I was born in 1942 in Louisville, KY where he was working then. He was not in the war, but did work part of the war in a defense plant in Muskegon, Michigan. After that, he opened his own leather works in Woodburn, KY. There are

some places I have not filled in, but I think this is fairly complete. In 1949 his business in Woodburn burned and we moved to Elkton, KY where my parents owned a dry goods store.

Death record found in Todd County, KY. Vol. 4, certificate . File # 116 - 56 - 1665 (No. 7004, P. 2). Lists Todd, Co. KY as place of residence. The name on the certificate is spelled: Jessie D. Thresher. Birth date is inaccurate. Place of burial given. Jesse died of a coronary thrombosis. Had been confined to a hospital for several months before the event described , "Too much walking in cold air - died instantly while hunting." This occurred in a field near Allegre, Todd County, KY. His usual place of residence was in Elkton, Todd, County, KY.

Jesse if found in the 1900 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as Jesse D. Thrasher; In the 1910 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as Jessie D. Thearkes; In the 1920 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as Dillard J. Thrasher; and in the 1930 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. GA listed as Dillard Thrasher.

More About JESSE DILLARD THRASHER:

Burial: Auburn Cemetery, Logan County, Kentucky

Notes for ANNA LUCILE ETHRIDGE:

Anna and Jessie were married in White Co. GA. Marriage Book D, page 315.

Information from her son, Roger Lee Thrasher and daughter in law, Elizabeth Byers Thrasher (June 26, 2006).

More About ANNA LUCILE ETHRIDGE:

Burial: White Chapel, Duluth, Gwinnett Co. GA

Notes for MARION INEZ HUFFINES:

Information received from her daughter, Daisy Thrasher West (June 2005).

Child of JESSE THRASHER and ANNA ETHRIDGE is:

18. i. ROGER LEE⁵ THRASHER, b. December 19, 1931, Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA.

Children of JESSE THRASHER and MARION HUFFINES are:

19. ii. LINDA KAY⁵ THRASHER, b. January 25, 1939, Auburn, Logan Co. Kentucky; m. HOWARD CARTER.
iii. DAISY ANNETTE THRASHER, b. May 14, 1942, Louisville, Jefferson Co. Kentucky.

9. CLARENCE A.⁴ THRASHER (*JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born November 17, 1902 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died December 29, 1986 in Gwinnett Co. GA. He married OLIVE HAMILTON November 12, 1922 in Gwinnette Co. GA. She was born February 05, 1905, and died October 08, 1979.

Notes for CLARENCE A. THRASHER:

Social Security Number: #253-07-5755

Found in the 1930 Census for Gwinnett Co. GA

In 1930, Clarence worked as a mechanic in a harness factory.

More About CLARENCE A. THRASHER:

Burial: Harmony Grove Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

Notes for OLIVE HAMILTON:

The cemetery records for Gwinnette Co. GA list her as "Ovia" , however the Marriage record lists her as "Olive".

More About OLIVE HAMILTON:

Burial: Harmony Grove Cemetery, Gwinnette Co. GA

Children of CLARENCE THRASHER and OLIVE HAMILTON are:

i. JAQUETTA⁵ THRASHER, b. Abt. 1923; m. JIMMY HEARD.
ii. EVA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1925; m. CHEEK.

- iii. GRADY THRASHER, b. Abt. December 1929.
- iv. JAMES THRASHER, b. Abt. 1930.

10. RUBY⁴ THRASHER (*JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born April 10, 1910 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died December 01, 2001. She married BOYCE HOLLAND December 24, 1936 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Notes for BOYCE HOLLAND:

Boyce Holland was a preacher.

Child of RUBY THRASHER and BOYCE HOLLAND is:

- i. JOAN⁵ HOLLAND, b. Abt. 1949; m. CRISSMAN.

Generation No. 5

11. GLADYS L.⁵ THRASHER (*WEBSTER ALVIN⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born Abt. 1915 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died June 14, 1959. She married ARMON H. WIGGINS July 12, 1930 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Children of GLADYS THRASHER and ARMON WIGGINS are:

- i. JIMMY⁶ WIGGINS, d. Bef. 2006.
- ii. GLORIA WIGGINS, d. Bef. 2006; m. HAROLD DOSS.

12. GRACE MAY⁵ THRASHER (*WEBSTER ALVIN⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born May 25, 1918 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died October 1978. She married BONNIE CHEEK June 06, 1936 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

Child of GRACE THRASHER and BONNIE CHEEK is:

- 20. i. GAIL⁶ CHEEK.

13. LEROY⁵ THRASHER (*WEBSTER ALVIN⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born July 15, 1921 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died 1990. He married CLAUDINE PRUITT. She was born April 27, 1920, and died November 30, 1996 in Gwinnett Co. GA.

More About LEROY THRASHER:

Burial: Broadlawn Cemetery, Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA

Notes for CLAUDINE PRUITT:

More About CLAUDINE PRUITT:

Burial: Broadlawn Cemetery, Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA

Child of LEROY THRASHER and CLAUDINE PRUITT is:

- i. LINDA⁶ THRASHER.

14. DOUGLAS⁵ THRASHER (*WEBSTER ALVIN⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born 1930 in Gwinnett Co. GA, and died March 07, 2004. He married MARTHA DOSTER. She was born June 26, 1931, and died February 11, 2002.

More About DOUGLAS THRASHER:

Burial: Broadlawn Cemetery, Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA

More About MARTHA DOSTER:

Burial: Broadlawn Cemetery, Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA

Children of DOUGLAS THRASHER and MARTHA DOSTER are:

- 21. i. DIANE⁶ THRASHER.
- ii. RONNIE THRASHER, m. KIM.

Notes for RONNIE THRASHER:
Ronnie Thrasher is a preacher.

- iii. RANDY THRASHER, m. MONA.
- iv. RICKY THRASHER, b. June 22, 1953; d. February 25, 1954.

More About RICKY THRASHER:
Burial: Broadlawn Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. GA

15. ANN⁵ THRASHER (*WEBSTER ALVIN⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born in Gwinnett Co. GA. She married MYRON JORDAN.

Children of ANN THRASHER and MYRON JORDAN are:

- i. DEBBIE⁶ JORDAN.

Notes for DEBBIE JORDAN:
Debbie is a Deputy Sheriff of Forsyth Co. GA. (2006)

- ii. DAVID JORDAN.

16. TILMAN L.⁵ THRASHER (*JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born Abt. 1927. He married JEAN.

Notes for TILMAN L. THRASHER:

Tillman is found in the 1930 Census for Sugar Hill, Gwinnett Co. Ga listed as Tillman L. Thrasher.

Children of TILMAN THRASHER and JEAN are:

- 22. i. TILMAN L.⁶ THRASHER.
- 23. ii. RONALD THRASHER.
- 24. iii. STEPHEN THRASHER.
- 25. iv. TAMMY THRASHER.
- 26. v. KENNETH THRASHER.

17. KATHERINE⁵ THRASHER (*JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) She married LYMAN DOLLAR.

Notes for KATHERINE THRASHER:

Katherine and Kenneth were twins.

Child of KATHERINE THRASHER and LYMAN DOLLAR is:

- 27. i. PAT THRASHER⁶ DOLLAR.

18. ROGER LEE⁵ THRASHER (*JESSE DILLARD⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born December 19, 1931 in Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA. He married ELIZABETH BYERS August 16, 1963 in Buford, Gwinnett Co. GA, daughter of MARION BYERS and ELLEN POOL. She was born August 04, 1938 in Atlanta, Fulton Co. GA.

Children of ROGER THRASHER and ELIZABETH BYERS are:

- 28. i. LISA GAIL⁶ THRASHER, b. September 01, 1966, Atlanta, Fulton Co. GA.
- ii. KAREN LYNN THRASHER, b. December 14, 1967, Atlanta, Fulton Co. GA.
- 29. iii. KELLY LEIGH THRASHER, b. December 06, 1969, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA.

19. DAISY ANNETTE⁵ THRASHER (*JESSE DILLARD⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born May 14, 1942 in Louisville, Jefferson Co. Kentucky. She married CHARLES WEST 1962.

Children of DAISY THRASHER and CHARLES WEST are:

- i. LEWANN⁶ WEST, b. Abt. 1970.
- ii. UNKNOWN DAUGHTER WEST.

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20. GAIL⁶ CHEEK (*GRACE MAY⁵ THRASHER, WEBSTER ALVIN⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) She married TOMMY PRICKETT.

Children of GAIL CHEEK and TOMMY PRICKETT are:

- i. MARQUETTA⁷ PRICKETT.
- ii. BONITA PRICKETT.

21. DIANE⁶ THRASHER (*DOUGLAS⁵, WEBSTER ALVIN⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) She married RICHARD GARNER.

Children of DIANE THRASHER and RICHARD GARNER are:

- i. MATTHEW⁷ GARNER.
- ii. YVONNE GARNER.

22. TILMAN L.⁶ THRASHER (*TILMAN L.⁵, JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) He married STACY.

Children of TILMAN THRASHER and STACY are:

- i. CHRIS⁷ THRASHER.
- ii. LORI THRASHER.

23. RONALD⁶ THRASHER (*TILMAN L.⁵, JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) He married TYLER.

Children of RONALD THRASHER and TYLER are:

- i. ANDREA HILL⁷ THRASHER.
- ii. DAVID THRASHER.

24. STEPHEN⁶ THRASHER (*TILMAN L.⁵, JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) He married VICKY.

Child of STEPHEN THRASHER and VICKY is:

- i. MATTHEW⁷ THRASHER.

25. TAMMY⁶ THRASHER (*TILMAN L.⁵, JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) She married TONY WARBINGTON.

Children of TAMMY THRASHER and TONY WARBINGTON are:

- i. TREVOR⁷ WARBINGTON.
- ii. TRISH WARBINGTON.

26. KENNETH⁶ THRASHER (*TILMAN L.⁵, JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) He married PAT.

Children of KENNETH THRASHER and PAT are:

- i. KIMBERLY KIMBRELL⁷ THRASHER.
- ii. KENNETH BARTON THRASHER.
- iii. MARK ALLEN THRASHER.

27. PAT THRASHER⁶ DOLLAR (*KATHERINE⁵ THRASHER, JOHN BARTON⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) She married KEITH JONES.

Children of PAT DOLLAR and KEITH JONES are:

- i. KIP⁷ JONES.
- ii. KORY JONES.

28. LISA GAIL⁶ THRASHER (*ROGER LEE⁵, JESSE DILLARD⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born September 01, 1966 in Atlanta, Fulton Co. GA. She married ANDREW THOMAS FARR November 05, 1988 in Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia. He was born September 25, 1962 in Atlanta, Fulton Co. GA.

Children of LISA THRASHER and ANDREW FARR are:

- i. WILLIAM ANDREW⁷ FARR, b. May 12, 1993, Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia.
- ii. ANNA KATHERINE FARR, b. September 15, 1999, Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia.

29. KELLY LEIGH⁶ THRASHER (*ROGER LEE⁵, JESSE DILLARD⁴, JOHN ALVIS³, WILLIAM², THRASHER¹*) was born December 06, 1969 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA. She married CLIFTON WESTLY WATTON JR. June 11, 1994 in Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia. He was born September 26, 1970 in Ruislip, England.

Notes for KELLY LEIGH THRASHER:

Kelly is a graduate of Kennesaw State College with a degree in Journalism. For several years she worked as a technical writer before she decided to become a freelance writer living in Atlanta. Her travel essays have appeared in books by Lonely Planet and Traveler's Tales. Her articles have appeared in Georgia Backroads, Points North, and The Fulton County Daily Report as well as other newspapers across the country including the Dallas Morning News, The Seattle Times and The Boston Herald. She is a regular contributor to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Child of KELLY THRASHER and CLIFTON JR. is:

- i. MATTHEW WESTLY⁷ WATTON, b. June 08, 2007, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

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Plan Now to Join the 2008 Reunion Fun

By Nancy Thrasher Cherry

The 2008 reunion of the Thrasher Family Association will be held in the Kingsland/St. Mary's area of Georgia, on the weekend of June 20 - 22. The motel is in Kingsland and our Friday and Saturday dinners will be at restaurants in St. Mary's. The two towns are just eight miles apart. Frances Leitner and her daughter Linda Harrison are planning a most pleasant, relaxing and fun-filled weekend.

This year the reunion will return to the comfortable format developed over so many years - a Friday night "Reuniting" supper at Aunt B's Country Buffet -- old-fashioned South Georgia cooking. Saturday will be the day to investigate the area, but the meeting room at the Country Inn and Suites will also be set up with spots for displays. We'll have our annual business meeting starting at four o'clock, and then move to a wonderful seafood dinner at Lang's Marina Restaurant, located on the waterfront. On Sunday, as is our tradition, we'll gather informally for breakfast at a local restaurant for those hard-to-say good-byes.

To quote the tourism board, "The Kingsland area is a community of pristine coastal beauty where the meandering rivers wind through dense marshlands ... where challenging golf quietly exists among tidal creeks and marsh grass ... where river shores and lakes are brimming with wildlife." All this, and it is easily reached on I-95 at the Georgia/Florida state line!



Come and bask in the wilderness that is the Okefenokee Swamp. This easily accessible wilderness comprises over 400,000 acres of canals, moss-draped cypress tree and lily pad prairies, which provide sanctuaries for hundreds of species of birds and wildlife. Take a guided boat tour or paddle your own canoe.



Maybe you'd like something a little more active, like renting bikes, picnicking or fishing. If golfing is your thing, you are sure to "love" the recently opened 18-hole Laurel Island Links Golf Course, carved from 125 acres along the south bank of the Crooked River. Designed by Davis Love III, the course takes advantage of heavy woodland tracks, stretches of salt marsh and natural wetlands.

Camden County is rich in history. It was among the first areas of Georgia to experience European colonization, by both the Spanish and English. Along with historic sites such as Georgia's oldest church still in continuous use and the tabby ruins of the 1825 McIntosh Sugar Mill, visitors may want to visit the War of 1812 "Forgotten Invasion" exhibit at the Cumberland Island National Seashore Museum (located on the

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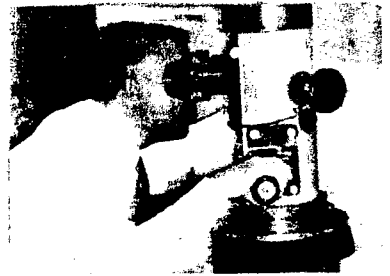
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mainland). Among the exhibits are artifacts from an archaeological survey of Point Peter Fort. This survey led to the conclusion that the War of 1812, originally thought to have ended in New Orleans, actually ended in Georgia.

St. Mary's is the home of the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, one of only two Trident nuclear submarine bases in the world. For security and operational reasons, tours of the base itself are severely limited, but visitors to the area will enjoy the Submarine Museum with its self-guided tour and a fully operational submarine periscope offering a waterfront view of historic St. Mary's, Georgia.



You may choose to take the short ferry ride to the unspoiled Cumberland Island National Seashore on Friday or Sunday. There you'll find wide white beaches with wild ponies grazing amidst the dunes. Majestic live oak and palmetto forests shelter the wild horses, turkey, alligator, armadillo, deer, mink, and the tremendous variety of coastal birds. Ruins of the once magnificent Carnegie Estate "Dungeness" still stand on the south end of the Island. Just be sure to take sturdy shoes and water and be prepared for strenuous wilderness hiking.



The St. Mary's Welcome Center will offer special group tram tours; schedule and route not available yet. Boat taxi trips to Fernandina, Fla. are reported as operating Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays beginning in March; fare will be about \$13 or \$14 round-trip.

More information will be available later in the spring and will be in the next newsletter issue.

Country Inn and Suites will hold a block of rooms for us until June 7 at a price of \$78 per night plus tax. If you want a few extra days to enjoy the area either before or after the reunion, the rate will be the same as long as the stay is a consecutive period.

Country Inn and Suites is conveniently located one block off I-95, Exit #3, between Brunswick, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida (approximately 17 miles from Jacksonville International Airport). Guest rooms have two queen beds or one king bed, and suites have a king bed plus a pullout sofa. The rooms are equipped with free high-speed Internet access, cable TV, coffee pots, hair dryer, iron and ironing board. They also have fridges and microwaves. Whirlpool rooms are available.

There is an indoor pool and fitness center, plus fax/copier service and complimentary coffee, cookies and candy in the lobby. Continental breakfast, included in the room rate, features bagels and muffins, hot and cold cereals, and fresh fruit and juices.

To make your reservations, call the hotel direct at 912-576-1616 or email <cx_kgid@countryinns.com>. The hotel is located at 135 The Lakes Blvd., Kingsland, GA 31548.

Photos (other than the hotel picture) and some wording in this story have been used with the kind permission on January 31 of Tonya Rosado of the Kingsland, Georgia, Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Spotlight on Our Young Achievers



Jade Thrasher, great-granddaughter of Bill S. Thrasher of Montgomery, Ala., recently performed as a soloist, singing "Fly Me to the Moon", at the European Jazz Festival in Berlin.

Jade auditioned as an alto for the Jazz Seminar and was one of eight vocalists selected from 120 who auditioned from throughout Europe. In January the participants selected for vocal and band met at the SHAPE NATO base in Belgium to work with guest conductors. They attended lectures, held jam sessions and rehearsed. Jade was selected to solo with the band and was the first vocalist to be featured in all three of the band's concerts, performing before more than 1,000 people. She was also voted Outstanding Musician for the group by her peers and conductors.

Jade will turn 18 this month and has been offered a full four-year scholarship at Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City.

Watch the video of Jade's solo on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQcRbnwFY31>.



Anna Thrasher, daughter of John and Kathy Thrasher and granddaughter of John and Eleanor Thrasher, is one of a team of five girls from Newberry High School in Newberry, Fla., entered in the final phase of the Scholastic/Lexus

Environmental Challenge. The contest, sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. and Scholastic Inc., invites students to work together on projects for community improvement.

The girls' first project was a plastic bottle recycling program at their school. They also made videos for public service announcements about saving energy and conserving water. They taught classes to fifth graders at Newberry Elementary School on pollution and planted trees around the school campus to offset CO₂ emissions. They also taught classes at the high school on the cause and effect of CO₂ on the environment.

So far the girls have advanced through two levels in the competition, sharing prizes of \$2500 at each level. They have been invited to participate in the final phase of the competition, which is worth \$11,000 for each team member and will also earn money for Newberry High's science department.

What Are Your Favorite Recipes??

Eleanor Thrasher would like to create a cookbook for the Thrasher Family Association, but she needs the help of every member of the association. She is asking each of you to supply her with one recipe in each of the following categories:

1. Appetizers
2. Salads and Vegetables
3. Entrees
4. Casseroles
5. Desserts (a dessert is neither cake nor pie)
6. Cakes, Pies, and Cookies

Please either send your recipes to Eleanor at 6424 S.E. 169th Ave., Micanopy, Fla., 32667 or bring them to the reunion in June.

Eleanor cannot do this project without your help! So please — everybody dig out your old family recipes (or your not-so-old recipes) and make this a success.

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News from the DNA Project Conference

Nancy Thrasher Cherry again attended the annual FamilyTree DNA (FTDNA) conference. Nancy said the emphasis this year seemed to have shifted from hard science toward matters of concern to administrators. There were many interesting sessions. She remains impressed with Family Tree DNA's commitment to quality and customer service and to its leadership in the emerging field. The following is excerpted from her report on the conference:

More than 200 project administrators attended this year's conference, held October 20-21 in Houston. Conference presentations were well chosen, with at least half being updates on the broadening field. Attendees learned of a project to solve the mystery of the Roanoke Lost Colony in North Carolina and watched a video from the National Geographic Project on data collection to preserve DNA and cultures from indigenous populations in South America. Other talks addressed nomenclature issues, the actual sequencing of sections of the Y-chromosome, and updates to the Y-DNA phylogenetic tree, which tracks the migrations of our ancestors thousands of years ago.

It looks like FTDNA will offer a higher-resolution Y-DNA test within the year — perhaps a panel that goes to 87 markers. (The current hi-res test goes to 67.) The new markers may become important in teasing out some situations, but they will not be necessary for everyone. We plan to continue using the 37-marker test as our standard, with upgrades recommended when appropriate. One gentleman who heads a large and very active surname project said he is often asked by participants what to do when they are notified of matches with other surnames. His quick response is as follows: If it is a 12/12 match on a 12-marker panel, forget it. If it is a 25/25 match on a 25-marker panel, check it out, and if it is a 37/37 — explore it!

A project administrator from Oregon provided the following suggestions on recruiting new participants: 1) Know a few previous generations of their line, 2) Show a desire to determine a specific

relationship or crumble a brick wall, 3) Ask if there is a family genealogist, 4) Offer to check your database for their family, and 5) Refrain from mentioning DNA initially — in fact, be prepared to have several conversations prior to mentioning DNA.

There was also discussion on ethics. As the science advances, it may become necessary at some time in the future to upgrade the tests our participants have taken. What do we do about obtaining approval in the case of a deceased participant, particularly when an upgrade of his sample might be pivotal to our research? We heard different opinions — ranging from “privacy ends at death” (this was definitely a minority opinion) to “once a person can no longer give approval, that's the end of the story.” Most administrators took a conservative view, and would not exceed the written consent previously granted by a participant. A representative from the testing company reminded us that the release form does not mention how many markers on the Y-chromosome may be tested, so that an increase from, say, 37 to 67 would still be within the range of the original approval. If that is the case, Nancy said her own inclination would be to permit an increase in Y-markers but not to permit other kinds of testing (such as mitochondrial DNA or specialized ethnicity tests) on the existing sample. FamilyTreeDNA is now thinking of sending a request to each participant, asking them to indicate in advance just how much additional testing they will permit and reminding them that there is an option to opt out at some point down the road. In the meantime, she is going to send participants in the Thrasher/Thresher group a short form asking for permission to upgrade the number of Y-markers if a need arises. Being prepared in advance is key.

As of October 25, 2007, our Thrasher/Thresher project had 28 members with 26 kits returned. Of our 28, four are from the Mid-Atlantic bloodline, some are of as-yet undetermined groups, and the majority are closely or distantly related to the Thrasher/Barton group.

News and Notes

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for TFA members Elizabeth and Roger Thrasher on the birth of their newest grandchild, Matthew Westly Watton, born on June 8, 2007. The proud parents are Elizabeth and Roger's daughter and son-in-law West and Kelly Thrasher Watton.

Kelly is a writer and has had numerous wildlife and travel short stories published in anthologies such as "By the Seat of My Pants," "Stories to Live By" and "More Sand in My Bra," published by Lonely Planet Books. The Roswell (N. M.) magazine Points North published Kelly's story, "Running Wild in South Africa," written after her own adventuresome South African safari.

Kelly was invited to a book signing at World of Coca-Cola in Atlanta (excuse me - "Thrasherville") in December. Even though the hosts had ordered the wrong books - Kelly's stories did not appear in the ones they had on hand for the event - many of those attending asked Kelly to sign their copies of the other books anyway.

A highlight of the book signing was finding that TFA member and author Grady Thrasher also was there signing copies of his books of children's stories! Grady autographed a copy of one of his books for Matthew and Kelly was thrilled.

Acting Talent in the Family

This one came to the newsletter the long way around! Nancy Thrasher Cherry subscribes to an on-line clipping service for the name "Thrasher" and it was a while before it got picked up and then it went to John E. and from John E. to the newsletter item files here. But better late than never!

Last February Carolyn Thrasher, daughter of John Paul and Paula Thrasher, traveled to Chicago to try out for a part in the film version of the play "Hairspray." Carolyn heard about the casting call from her high school drama director and, after some encouragement from family and friends, decided to go for it.

She and her mother flew from Atlanta the day after Carolyn's senior formal and arrived just in time for her to try out.

When she was interviewed for the article, Carolyn said the play inspires her - "In this world where everyone is so skinny . . . it's so great to have this show that's about the big girl coming out on top. I think it's a good message that whatever you look like, you can still do something to change the world."

No word on the results, but what a great experience for her. Hope it leads to other tryouts even if nothing came of this. And how about an update from Carolyn or her folks?

Directory Additions and Changes

New Members

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John Anthony (Tony) Thrasher
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E-Mail Addresses

Please add these to the new members listed in the last issue.

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Stanley E. Thrasher
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Irene Williams
IRENE459@Bellsouth.net

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More News and Notes

He Finds Time to Volunteer

The Dade City (Fla.) Kumquat Festival in January was again a big success, thanks in no small part to Joey Wubben, Frankie Goldsby's son. Joey, a former president of the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, manages festival operations every year.

This is not an easy thing manage and make run smoothly; while attendance at the beginning ten years ago was only 2,000 people, in 2007 more than 35,000 showed up.

This is strictly a volunteer effort; Joey juggles this with his "real" job and his family.

Possible Genealogy Bumper Stickers

Just to give you a smile while you read, here are a few gems John E. Thrasher sent in (originally from the Tn-All County Coordinator page).

"I'm searching for myself; have you seen me?" "Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts, and a few bad apples." "Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!"

Energy Drinks for Troops Project

As of last September, Larry Thrasher of Hartselle, Ala., had sent 10,534 packets of nutritional supplements to Alabama National Guard troops serving on the front lines in Iraq. Summer temperatures in Iraq range from 116 to 134 degrees. A Vietnam vet, Larry remembers the fatigue from carrying heavy equipment in high temperatures.

He decided to raise funds to purchase and send 66,000 packets of the energy supplement A.C.T., enough to provide every Alabama guard member serving there 60 packets. He also hoped that his idea would spread as a grass-roots effort in other states.

Those of you who attended the Jubilee in Maryland last year may remember that there was a donation jar for this. Larry has evidently accomplished quite a bit toward achieving his goal. However, he could use more help to reach the final number.

If you would like to chat with Larry or to help with his effort you can contact him at: Larry Thrasher Ministries, P.O. Box 1563, Hartselle, AL 35640; e-mail lthrasherpatch@yahoo.com; phone 256-773-4319.

EDITOR'S CORNER



Okay -- get busy and start planning now for the 2008 Thrasher Family Reunion. In addition to seeing familiar friends and family, several of our new members have said they intend to be there. It should be a good gathering, and Frances Leitner and her daughter Linda Harrison have done a great job picking our accommodations and the restaurants sound very tasty! Remember that the block of rooms reserved at our special rate will probably fill quickly, so call and make your reservation soon. Also be sure to send in the meal reservation sheet to Frances so that there are enough tables reserved at the two restaurants. See you there!

My apologies to all of you for failing in my duties as editor. Without John E. Thrasher and Nancy Thrasher Cherry leaping into the breach and helping me (in John's case, producing the entire last issue) you would have been shorted three issues in the last 12 months.

The February 2007 issue and this current one would not have been possible without Nancy's help. In 2007 she and Bill came to stay with me while I got back on my feet from hip surgery and my sitting time at the computer was extremely limited. This year I am recovering from cataract surgery and again am computer-limited. Nancy again came to the rescue and contributed a great deal to the reunion plans article, and the DNA article was excerpted from her formal report.

THANK YOU BOTH FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!

Don't forget -- we really want and need your news. Engagements, graduations, marriages, births, all of those events are especially nice to have for the newsletter. Send items for future issues to Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <bege@earthlink.net>.

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The St. Marys Waterfront

(reproduced from the St. Marys website)

Time's A-Wasting -- Don't Put This Off

Hurry, hurry, hurry!! Time is getting short to get your plans made for the Thrasher Reunion June 20 - 22 in Georgia. The special rate of \$78 plus tax/night at the Country Inn and Suites in Kingsland will only be valid until June 7, so call now. Remember that the rate is good for the time preceding and following the reunion as well, so plan a few days to sample the many interesting things to see and do in the area.

Featured in the last newsletter were the Okefenokee Swamp, the Cumberland Island National Seashore Museum and the Submarine Museum.

Other area attractions abound: bike and gold cart rentals to get around, and perhaps you would like to go for a picnic or do some fishing. If you are a golfer, check out the recently opened 18-hole Laurel Island Links Golf Course, carved from 125 acres along the south bank of the Crooked River and designed by Davis Love III.

You can step back in time if you visit Orange Hall House Museum, an example of antebellum life and architecture circa 1820s - 1830s. This is something that can be enjoyed by both history buffs and those who simply appreciate architectural beauty.

There also are all sorts of interesting and quaint shops in St. Marys -- from antiques to a Red Hat outlet. Check out the shops that offer discount coupons at www.stmaryswelcome.com/stmaryscouponpage.html.

The town of St. Marys was founded in 1792. It is one of the oldest cities in the United States and has one of the oldest designated historic districts. The town has an excellent web site: www.stmaryswelcome.com, so check it out for other things that might interest you.

The Saturday program will feature a brief talk on the history of Camden County, Georgia. This county is rich in history; it was among the first areas of Georgia to experience European colonization, by both the Spanish and English. There are historic

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sites such as Georgia's oldest church still in continuous use and the tabby ruins of the 1825 McIntosh Sugar Mill. Our annual meeting will follow the program, and after that we will adjourn for dinner at Lang's Marina Restaurant, located on the St. Mary waterfront.

Updated information on the Fernandina Beach ferry: It will only run on weekends for the time being -- Saturday and Sunday departures from the St. Marys River dock will begin at 10 a.m. with subsequent trips on each even-numbered hour with the last one at 6 p.m. Return trips from the Fernandina Harbor Marina will be on odd-numbered hours beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. The fare is \$15 for the round trip; children 3 and younger will ride free. To make reservations call (904) 262-7772.

Remember that the meeting room at the Country Inn and Suites will also be set up with spots for displays all day Saturday. Bring anything you think might be of interest -- pictures, genealogy info, books, items from the past -- to share.

If you have misplaced the reservation sheet for meals, etc., to send to our hostess, Frances Leitner, there is another one with this issue. That deadline has changed to June 15 since the dates for providing number of people to the restaurants are later now. So stop procrastinating and get busy!

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6. Cakes, Pies, and Cookies

So far there hasn't been a very good response!! We know there are some really good cooks out there and that you all have some favorite dishes. Please either send your recipes to Eleanor at 6424 S.E. 169th Ave., Micanopy, Fla., 32667 or bring them to the reunion in June.

Eleanor cannot do this project without your help! So please -- everybody dig out your old family recipes (or your own not-so-old recipes) and help make this a success.

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News and Notes

Wedding Bells!



Bill and Gail Thrasher

William S. Thrasher and Gail D. Baker were married on February 14, 2008. The ceremony took place in the chapel of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery Alabama.

The bride and groom and their guests celebrated with a brunch following the ceremony.

Congratulations and best wishes, Bill and Gail!

Al and Peggy's Eventful Year

Yes, that headline sounds like a children's book title, but Al and Peggy Thrasher really have had an eventful year. Those of you who were at the Jubilee last year probably remember that they had to cancel at the last minute due to Al's totally unexpected bypass surgery in May.

He was healing well when in October he slipped on rocks hiking with his son and suffered a significant hematoma on his head with another long recovery period.

In what is hoped to be the end of this, last month Al had replacement surgery on his shoulder, which Peggy wrote went well.

On top of all this, Al and Peggy had put their house in Flovilla up for sale so they could move permanently to their retirement home in Tiger, Ga.

Last word from Peggy was that the move is finally complete, although she is still emptying boxes. Their new contact information is: P.O. Box 491, 47 Clyde Ellen Dr., Tiger, GA 30576, phone (706) 212-7949, E-mail is <aatandmpt@windstream.net>.

A Generous Offer for the Association

TFA member and author Grady Thrasher has graciously offered to donate a number of his children's books to the TFA for sale at the Thrasher Reunion next month! Here is an opportunity that won't likely come again - to have an autographed copy of one of Grady's children's books and help the TFA at the same time. Grady has published two delightful, beautifully illustrated stories that celebrate old-fashioned values.

Grady did not designate a preferred use for the money raised from the sale of the books, but he will be asked if he has something in mind, and suggestions can be made by members at the annual meeting as well.

If you have or expect to have young children in your family, don't miss this opportunity to offer a fine reading experience for those children.

Thank you Grady for this most generous gift to the TFA!

EDITOR'S CORNER



Are you ready for Kingsland?? If not, get yourself going and make plans and reservations now. There will be old friends and cousins there and some new ones to meet as well. The Kingsland/St. Marys area offers a variety of interesting things to do as well.

As in previous years, this year again promises to provide lots of fun and fellowship, a chance to greet old friends and meet new ones. Make your reservations now so you don't miss out.

This newsletter is yours, so if you have any current news or any family research to share we'd love to print it. Send items for future issues to Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

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More News and Notes

Colonial Dames Dedicate Marker at Thrasher Warehouse

On Saturday, May 10, the Adam Venable Chapter (Gainesville) of the Colonial Dames XVII Century held a ceremony to mark the Thrasher Warehouse as a historic building. The 100-plus years old building is now the home of the Micanopy Historical Society Museum and the complex includes a pole barn for outdoor exhibits, Warehouse #2, a large building which is being restored and is used for social functions, and an Archives building which was constructed four years ago.

As a part of the program and activities John E. Thrasher III offered some comments on the history of the warehouse:

"My grandfather, John E. Thrasher Sr. opened his mercantile business here in 1896 and this warehouse was an important part of the business. The first store was located "up town," but that building burned in 1911 and my grandfather moved most of his food and clothing business into the warehouse along with the feed, seed, fertilizer, buggies, wagons, building materials and the mules, horses and cows that were on the two back acres. Even though he constructed a brick two story building on Seminary Street and it housed much of the merchandise, the Warehouse was the main store until completion of the two story brick building in the next block, the 1923 building. Today both the warehouse and the 1923 Thrasher Store buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please Update Your Information

Because there have been quite a few changes since the last directory as well as several new members, we are putting together a new one prior to the reunion. If you have any changes to your current information — address, phone, e-mail — send it to John E. Thrasher or Barbara Eger.

Team Wins at National Level



Left to right: Joyce Heckerman, Ashley Hughes, Crystal Hall, Anna Thrasher, and Dakota Herrera

Anna Thrasher and her Newberry (Fla.) High School teammates won a national first place award in the Lexus Environmental Challenge Contest, a nationwide competition sponsored by Toyota.

As one of only 14 first-place teams in the nation, the girls will share a \$35,000 first place cash award, with another \$10,000 going to their school and \$5,000 to their advisor, science teacher Cynthia Holland.

A variety of projects aimed at promoting conservation among their fellow students and citizens throughout their area included starting a bottle recycling project in their school, giving out reusable "green" shopping bags at area grocery stores, creating public service announcements for the local public access channel, a host of other projects in and around Newberry.

The girls' performance in the preliminary stages of the competition had already earned them each \$1,000 in scholarships. But they all say the work they've been doing to help the environment meant much more to them than awards or scholarships.

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Descendants of William William Thrasher

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER was born Abt. 1745 in England, and died Bef. April 1796 in Burke Co North Carolina. He married SARAH GROCE Unknown in England. She was born Abt. 1745 in England, and died December 12, 1810 in Burke Co North Carolina.

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and SARAH GROCE are:

2.
 - i. ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, b. 1764, Two Days at Sea, Atlantic Ocean; d. February 1870, Hawkins County, Tennessee.
 - ii. MARY THRASHER¹, b. December 23, 1775, Guilford County, NC; d. Unknown, Fentriss Co Tn.
 - iii. RACHEL THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1781, Burke County, North Carolina; d. Unknown, Unknown.
 - iv. WILLIAM (BILLY) THRASHER, b. February 14, 1787, Burke County, North Carolina; d. November 20, 1872, Clinton County, Ky.
 - v. URIAH THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1789, Burke Co North Carolina; d. Unknown.
3.
 - vi. SAMUEL THRASHER¹, b. 1790, Burke County, North Carolina; d. 1869, Cumberland County, Kentucky.
 - vii. SARAH THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1791, Burke Co North Carolina; d. Abt. 1838.

Generation No. 2

2. ISAAC H² THRASHER¹ (WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER) was born 1764 in Two Days at Sea, Atlantic Ocean, and died February 1870 in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He married RACHEL HARTMAN Abt. 1800 in North Carolina?. She was born in VA ?, and died Unknown in VA ?.

Children of ISAAC THRASHER¹ and RACHEL HARTMAN are:

- i. WILLIAM D.³ THRASHER¹, b. 1802, North Carolina; d. Unknown, Unknown.
- ii. MARY AMANDA THRASHER¹, b. 1804, VA ?; d. Unknown, Unknown.
- iii. CASSANDRA THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1806, Washington County, Tennessee?; d. 1870, Hawkins County, Tennessee; m. THOMAS JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN, September 04, 1832, Greenville, Greene, Tennessee; b. 1812, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. March 1849, Hawkins County, Tennessee.
- iv. ISAAC H. THRASHER JR, b. November 28, 1807, Washington County, Tennessee; d. May 18, 1873, Clinton County, Kentucky.

More About ISAAC H. THRASHER JR:
Burial: Davidson Cemetery, Clinton County, Ky
- v. ELIZIBETH H. THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1811, Washington County, Tennessee; d. 1887, Washington County, Tennessee; m. WILLIAM LEWIS CHRISTIAN, June 22, 1832, Hawkins Co Tennessee; b. 1804, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. September 22, 1861, Hawkins County, Tennessee.
- vi. UNKNOWN THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1813, Washington County, Tennessee; d. Unknown, Washington County, Tennessee.
- vii. URIAH HOUSTON THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1815, Washington County, Tennessee; d. 1892, Overton County, Tennessee.
- viii. JOSEPH H. THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1817, Washington County, Tennessee; d. Abt. 1890, Jackson, Tennessee.
- ix. TERESA AMANDA THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1820, Washington County, Tennessee; d. Abt. 1888, Unknown.
4.
 - x. SAMUEL MARION THRESHER¹, b. September 02, 1822, Washington County, Tennessee; d. January 26, 1878, Greenville, Wayne County, Missouri.
 - xi. LOUISA THRASHER¹, b. Abt. 1824, Washington County, Tennessee; d. Unknown, Unknown.
 - xii. RACHEL THRASHER¹, b. 1827, Washington County, Tennessee; d. Unknown, Unknown.

3. SAMUEL² THRASHER¹ (WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER) was born 1790 in Burke County, North Carolina, and died 1869 in Cumberland County, Kentucky. He married JUDAH C. 1828 in Tennessee. She was born 1812 in Virginia, and died 1891 in Cumberland County, Kentucky.

More About SAMUEL THRASHER¹:

Burial: 1869, Rose of Sharon Cem. Cumberland Co. Ky

Children of SAMUEL THRASHER' and JUDAH C. are:

- i. DAVISON JONES³ THRASHER', b. 1829, Tennessee; d. August 20, 1909, Cumberland County, Kentucky.
- ii. MARY A. THRASHER', b. 1832, Kentucky.
- iii. FRED THRASHER', b. 1834, Tennessee; d. Bef. 1870.
- iv. SARAH THRASHER', b. 1836, Tennessee?.
- v. SAMUEL F. THRASHER', b. 1837, Kentucky.
- vi. JAMES M. THRASHER', b. 1838, Tennessee.
- vii. THOMPSON O.T. THRASHER', b. 1840, Kentucky.

Generation No. 3

4. SAMUEL MARION³ THRESHER' (*ISAAC H² THRASHER'*, *WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER'*)¹ was born September 02, 1822 in Washington County, Tennessee, and died January 26, 1878 in Greenville, Wayne County, Missouri. He married MARY JANE THOMPSON March 05, 1850 in Rogersville, Hawkins County Tennessee. She was born December 07, 1835 in Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tennessee, and died 1906 in Eufaula, Pittsburg County, Okla.

More About SAMUEL MARION THRESHER':

Military service: Tennessee

Residence: 1860, District 5, Overton, Tennessee²

More About MARY JANE THOMPSON:

Burial: 1906, Briar Town Cemetery, Muskogee County, Okla

Children of SAMUEL THRESHER' and MARY THOMPSON are:

- i. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁴ THRESHER', b. December 24, 1850, Rogersville, Hawkins County, TN.; d. 1880. Lambethville, Critten County, Ak; m. MARY ELLEN GOSNELL, 1873, Kentucky; b. January 04, 1854, Allen Co. KY; d. February 04, 1929, Memphis, Shelby Co. Tennessee.
- ii. URIAH HOUSTON THRESHER', b. May 16, 1852, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. 1929, Leflore County, Okla.
5. iii. ANDREW JAMES THRESHER', b. April 20, 1854, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. January 22, 1898, Dyer, Crawford County, AR.
- iv. JOHN THOMAS THRESHER', b. January 10, 1856, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. 1924, Wilburton, Latimer Co. Okla.; m. SARAH E. WALKER, Unknown, Wayne County, Missouri; b. 26 December, 1856; d. March 17, 1929, Kinta, Haskell Co. Okla..
- v. MARCUS L. THRESHER', b. August 18, 1857, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. November 11, 1873, Arkansas.
- vi. MARIAH T. THRESHER', b. November 18, 1859, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. Abt. 1900, Arkansas.
6. vii. ISAAC M. THRESHER', b. July 17, 1862, Overton County, Tennessee; d. 1863, Overton County, Tennessee.
- viii. JESSE GOLDSTEIN THRESHER', b. March 22, 1864, Overton Co., Tennessee; d. November 22, 1933, Haskell Co. Okla.
- ix. SAMUEL PUTTMAN THRESHER', b. February 12, 1867, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. June 18, 1959, Denton County, Texas.
7. x. BENJAMIN S. THRESHER', b. September 25, 1868, Illinois; d. March 23, 1912, Commerce, Hunt County, Texas.
- xi. ELIJAH THRESHER', b. November 19, 1870, Missouri or Kentucky; d. 1917, Scott County Missouri.
- xii. AMANDA J. THRESHER', b. November 19, 1872, Wayne County, Missouri; d. Unknown, Unknown.
- xiii. REBECCA ANN THRESHER', b. December 29, 1874, Wayne County, Missouri; d. November 22, 1916, Lambethville, Critten County, Arkansas.
- xiv. RUBEN WHITT THRESHER', b. April 01, 1877, Wayne County, Missouri; d. September 30, 1946, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

Generation No. 4

5. ANDREW JAMES⁴ THRESHER' (*SAMUEL MARION³*, *ISAAC H² THRASHER'*, *WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER'*) was born April 20, 1854 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, and died January 22, 1898 in Dyer, Crawford County, AR. He married MARGARET MARIE ADAMS June 17, 1873 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas. She was born January 24, 1854 in Georgia, and died June 30, 1903 in Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas.

More About MARGARET MARIE ADAMS:

Burial: June 1903, Dyer City Cemetery, Crawford County, Arkansas

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Children of ANDREW THRESHER' and MARGARET ADAMS are:

- i. MARION CURTIS' THRESHER', b. April 30, 1874, Russellville, Pope Co. Arkansas; d. December 02, 1948, Fort Smith, Sebastian Co Ak.
- ii. EDWARD L. THRESHER', b. October 30, 1875, Russellville, Pope Co. Arkansas; d. March 08, 1904.
- iii. MARY JANE THRESHER', b. March 30, 1877, Russellville, Pope Co. Arkansas; d. May 04, 1943, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas.
- iv. DAVID CICERO THRESHER', b. March 23, 1879, Russellville, Pope Co. Arkansas; d. June 1945, Fort Smith, Sebastian Co Ak.
- v. LEONY L. THRESHER', b. February 09, 1881, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas; d. August 08, 1887, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas.
- vi. JESSIE THRESHER', b. December 16, 1882, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas; d. 1966, Stigler, Haskell Co., Oklahoma.
- vii. GROVER C. THRESHER', b. December 19, 1884, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas; d. March 08, 1910, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas.
- viii. JAMES D. THRESHER', b. January 16, 1887, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas; d. November 25, 1887, Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas.

6. JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴ THRESHER' (*SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER', WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born March 22, 1864 in Overton Co., Tennessee, and died November 22, 1933 in Haskell Co. Okla. He married MARGARET CASEY 1888 in Wayne County, Missouri. She was born February 25, 1871 in Wayne County, Missouri, and died December 28, 1924 in Haskell Co. Okla.

More About JESSE GOLDSTEIN THRESHER':

Burial: November 1933, Old Bethel Cemetery, Chaonia, Wayne Co Missouri

More About MARGARET CASEY:

Burial: December 1924, Old Bethel Cemetery, Chaonia, Wayne Co Missouri

Medical Information: Died from Meningitis

Children of JESSE THRESHER' and MARGARET CASEY are:

- i. BENJAMIN H.⁵ THRESHER', b. April 15, 1889, Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri; d. September 29, 1904, Wayne County, Missouri.

More About BENJAMIN H. THRESHER':

Burial: September 1904, Old Bethel Cemetery, Chaonia, Wayne Co Missouri

8. ii. LOUIE GOLDSTEIN THRESHER', b. January 04, 1891, Waldron Scott Co., Arkansas.; d. April 24, 1968, Stigler, Haskell Co., Okla.
9. iii. NORA FLORENCE THRESHER', b. September 23, 1892, Scott County, Arkansas; d. April 09, 1946, Wayne County, Missouri.
10. iv. ALFRED WADE THRESHER', b. December 06, 1898, Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri; d. January 30, 1952, San Pedro, Los Angeles Co., Ca.
11. v. OSCAR ISAAC THRESHER', b. May 20, 1901, Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri; d. January 06, 1982, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Okla.
12. vi. ALBERT ESKEL THRESHER', b. May 30, 1903, Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri; d. October 15, 1991, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.
13. vii. VIRGIL ROY THRESHER', b. October 14, 1905, Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri; d. January 22, 1974, Redding, Shasta County, Ca.
14. viii. EFFIE JEWEL THRESHER', b. July 19, 1906, Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri; d. October 23, 1938, Glendale, Maricopa Co., Az.
- ix. RAY T THRESHER', b. March 22, 1911, Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri; d. March 03, 1994, Moore, Cleveland County, Oklahoma; m. MARJORIE WRIGHT, March 14, 1943, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Okla; b. March 23, 1923, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

More About RAY T THRESHER':

Burial: March 07, 1994, Moore Cemetary, Cleveland County, Oklahoma

7. BENJAMIN S.⁴ THRESHER' (*SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER', WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born September 25, 1868 in Illinois, and died March 23, 1912 in Commerce, Hunt County, Texas. He married ELLA GAY CARTER 1898 in Texas. She was born September 1878 in Collierville Co. Tennessee, and died December 13, 1934 in Beedville Jackson County, Arkansas.

Child of BENJAMIN THRESHER¹ and ELLA CARTER is:

i. ⁵.

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8. LOUIE GOLDSTEIN⁵ THRESHER¹ (*JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER¹*)³ was born January 04, 1891 in Waldron Scott Co., Arkansas.⁴, and died April 24, 1968 in Stigler, Haskell Co., Okla.⁴. He married LUELLA TILLERY⁵ September 29, 1923 in Stigler, Haskell Co., Oklahoma⁶. She was born April 07, 1903 in Stigler, Haskell, Oklahoma, USA⁶, and died June 18, 1992 in Stigler, Haskell Co., Oklahoma.

More About LOUIE GOLDSTEIN THRESHER¹:
Burial: Stigler, Haskell Co., Oklahoma

More About LUELLA TILLERY:
Burial: June 1992, whitefield Cemetery, Haskell Co Oklahoma

Children of LOUIE THRESHER¹ and LUELLA TILLERY are:
i. LOUIE K.⁶ THRESHER¹, b. December 21, 1925, Haskell Co., Oklahoma.
ii. WANDA THRESHER¹, b. April 05, 1933, Haskell Co., Oklahoma.

9. NORA FLORENCE⁵ THRESHER¹ (*JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER¹*) was born September 23, 1892 in Scott County, Arkansas, and died April 09, 1946 in Wayne County, Missouri. She married JOHN A HALE October 17, 1908 in Wayne County, Missouri. He was born December 16, 1882 in Wayne County, Missouri, and died August 13, 1958 in Wappapello, Wayne County, Missouri.

More About NORA FLORENCE THRESHER¹:
Burial: April 1946, Mt. Zion Cemetery, Wappapello, Wayne Co., Missouri

More About JOHN A HALE:
Burial: August 1958, Mt Zion Cemetery, Wappapello, Wayne Co, Missouri

Children of NORA THRESHER¹ and JOHN HALE are:
i. JESSE J⁶ HALE, b. 1911, Missouri.
ii. PEARL HALE, b. 1911, Missouri.
iii. LEE R HALE, b. 1912, Missouri.
iv. LEONARD A HALE, b. 1915, Missouri.
v. EDITH O. HALE, b. 1916, Missouri.
vi. IVA J. HALE, b. 1918, Missouri.
vii. RUBY I. HALE, b. 1920, Missouri.
viii. FREDA M. HALE, b. 1924, Missouri.
ix. ROSE V. HALE, b. 1925, Missouri.
x. DELBERT J. HALE, b. 1928, Missouri.
xi. OKAL I. HALE, b. 1929, Missouri.

10. ALFRED WADE⁵ THRESHER¹ (*JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER¹*) was born December 06, 1898 in Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri, and died January 30, 1952 in San Pedro, Los Angeles Co., Ca. He married VERA MAE BARBEE April 21, 1921 in Hoyt, Okla.. She was born October 17, 1903 in Enterprise, Haskell Co., Okla, and died February 27, 1975 in Lakewood, Los Angeles Co., Ca.

More About ALFRED WADE THRESHER¹:
Burial: Green Hill Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca

More About VERA MAE BARBEE:
Burial: Green Hill Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca

Children of ALFRED THRESHER and VERA BARBEE are:

- i. HUBERT ELMER⁶ THRESHER, b. May 04, 1922, Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla; d. September 01, 1975, El Cajon, CA; m. DELORIS J. CARPER, May 07, 1961, El Cajon, Ca Methodist Church; b. June 05, 1919, Colorado; d. September 02, 2005, El Cajon, San Diego Co, Ca.

More About HUBERT ELMER THRESHER:
Burial: Mt Hope Cemetary, San Diego, Ca

More About DELORIS J. CARPER:
Burial: Mt Hope Cemetery, San Diego, Ca

15. ii. HAZELE LORENE THRESHER, b. October 07, 1923, Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla.
16. iii. SYBIL INEZ THRESHER, b. October 16, 1925, Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla.
- iv. LESTER E. THRESHER, b. May 22, 1927, Hoyt, Haskell Co., Okla; m. GARNET BERNIECE TROTH, June 15, 1957, Las Vegas, Nevada; b. December 31, 1923, Memphis, Scotland County, Missouri; d. October 23, 1989, Riverside, Riverside County, Ca.

More About GARNET BERNIECE TROTH:
Burial: October 26, 1989, Veterans National Cemetery, Riverside Co, Ca

11. OSCAR ISAAC⁵ THRESHER (*JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born May 20, 1901 in Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri, and died January 06, 1982 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Okla. He married ALLIE ANN ROSEBERRY August 13, 1921 in Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma. She was born March 14, 1904 in Dallas, Dallas Co, Texas, and died July 17, 1964 in Arkansas City Kansas.

More About OSCAR ISAAC THRESHER:
Burial: January 1982, Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Okla

More About ALLIE ANN ROSEBERRY:
Burial: July 1964, Arkansas City Kansas

Children of OSCAR THRESHER and ALLIE ROSEBERRY are:

- i. ELZIE DELIN⁶ THRESHER, b. May 24, 1927, Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla.
- ii. ARLENE THRESHER, b. Abt. 1930, Haskell Co., Oklahoma.
- iii. JAMES HARRY THRESHER, b. Abt. 1933, Haskell Co., Oklahoma; d. Abt. 1995, Tulsa, Tulsa Co, Okla.

12. ALBERT ESKEL⁵ THRESHER (*JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born May 30, 1903 in Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri, and died October 15, 1991 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. He married PEARL MAY BARBEE November 19, 1919 in Enterprise, Haskell County, Oklahoma. She was born March 12, 1904 in Antlers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, and died November 12, 1975 in Stigler, Haskell Co., Oklahoma.

More About ALBERT ESKEL THRESHER:
Burial: October 17, 1991, Whitefield Cemetery, Whitefield, Oklahoma
Cause of Death: Alzheimer's disease

More About PEARL MAY BARBEE:
Burial: November 1975, Whitefield Cemetery, Whitefield, Haskell Co. Oklahoma

Child of ALBERT THRESHER and PEARL BARBEE is:

17. i. JANE DOLORES⁶ THRESHER, b. August 24, 1932, Brooken, Haskell County, Okla; d. April 21, 1997, Stanislaus County, Ca.

13. VIRGIL ROY⁵ THRESHER (*JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born October 14, 1905 in Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri, and died January 22, 1974 in Redding, Shasta County, Ca. He married ALMA M. BALLARD August 13, 1932 in Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma. She was born March 24, 1914 in Okla, and died February 14, 1987 in Anderson, Shasta Co Ca.

More About VIRGIL ROY THRESHER:

Burial: January 1974, Anderson Cemetery, Anderson, Shasta Co Ca

More About ALMA M. BALLARD:

Burial: February 1987, Anderson Cemetery, Shasta Co Ca

Cause of Death: Heart Disease

Child of VIRGIL THRESHER¹ and ALMA BALLARD is:

- i. JUANITA ANN⁶ THRESHER¹, b. 1943, California.

Notes for JUANITA ANN THRESHER¹:

Juanita Ann Thresher is the adopted Daughter of Virgil and Alma Thresher

14. EFFIE JEWEL⁵ THRESHER¹ (*JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born July 19, 1906 in Chaonia, Wayne Co., Missouri, and died October 23, 1938 in Glendale, Maricopa Co., Az. She married ELMER O. ENGLEBRIGHT October 30, 1925 in Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma. He was born November 03, 1903 in Booneville, Logan County, Arkansas, and died March 16, 1946 in Fresno, Fresno County, Ca.

More About EFFIE JEWEL THRESHER¹:

Burial: October 1938, Glendale Memorial Cemetery, Maricopa County, Az

More About ELMER O. ENGLEBRIGHT:

Burial: March 1946, Fresno, Fresno County, Ca

Children of EFFIE THRESHER¹ and ELMER ENGLEBRIGHT are:

- i. JESSE ELMER⁶ ENGLEBRIGHT, b. July 31, 1931, Quinton, Pittsburg Co, Okla.
- ii. CLARENCE ODIS ENGLEBRIGHT, b. November 17, 1932, Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla.
- iii. MARGARET JEWEL ENGLEBRIGHT, b. November 23, 1933, Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla.

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15. HAZELE LORENE⁶ THRESHER¹ (*ALFRED WADE⁵, JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born October 07, 1923 in Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla. She married ROBERT H. JOHNSON September 02, 1946 in San Pedro, LA Co., Ca. He was born October 28, 1923 in Davis City, Decatur Co., Iowa, and died June 03, 2006 in Los Alamitos Medical Center, Los Alamitos, Ca.

More About ROBERT H. JOHNSON:

Burial: June 08, 2006, Green Hills Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca

Marriage Notes for HAZELE THRESHER¹ and ROBERT JOHNSON:

Hazele L. Thresher and Robert H. Johnson were Married on 2 Sept., 19 46 in The First Baptist Church, San Pedro, Ca

Child of HAZELE THRESHER¹ and ROBERT JOHNSON is:

18. i. ROBERT B.⁷ JOHNSON, b. March 18, 1948. Long Beach, LA Co., Ca.

16. SYBIL INEZ⁶ THRESHER¹ (*ALFRED WADE⁵, JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER*) was born October 16, 1925 in Hoyt, Haskell Co. Okla. She married JOHNSON BRUCE HARMON April 23, 1947 in San Diego, Ca. He was born February 28, 1924 in Frisco, McCurtain Co. Okla, and died November 26, 2002 in Chandler, Maricopa Co. Arizona.

More About JOHNSON BRUCE HARMON:

Burial: December 02, 2002, Valley of the Sun Cemetery, Chandler, Ca

Children of SYBIL THRESHER¹ and JOHNSON HARMON are:

- i. DEBORAH L.⁷ HARMON, b. February 03, 1957, San Diego, SD Co., CA.
- ii. DENNIS W. HARMON, b. December 03, 1958, San Diego, SD Co., CA; d. November 22, 2004, Chandler, Arizona.

More About DENNIS W. HARMON:
Burial: Valley of the Sun Cemetery, Chandler, Ca

17. JANE DOLORES⁶ THRESHER⁷ (ALBERT ESKEL⁵, JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER) was born August 24, 1932 in Brooken, Haskell County, Okla, and died April 21, 1997 in Stanislaus County, Ca. She married LEON OLLAR June 16, 1950 in Modesto, Stanislaus Co Ca. He was born August 08, 1930 in Okla, and died October 06, 1986 in Sacramento, Sacramento Co, Ca.

Children of JANE THRESHER⁷ and LEON OLLAR are:

- i. DEBRA LEE⁷ OLLAR, b. March 20, 1953, Modesto, Stanislaus Co Ca.
- ii. DENICE OLLAR, b. June 06, 1955, New Mexico.
- iii. DAVID J.OLLAR, b. May 21, 1958, Modesto, Stanislaus Co Ca.

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18. ROBERT B.⁷ JOHNSON (HAZELE LORENE⁶ THRESHER⁷, ALFRED WADE⁵, JESSE GOLDSTEIN⁴, SAMUEL MARION³, ISAAC H² THRASHER¹, WILLIAM WILLIAM¹ THRASHER) was born March 18, 1948 in Long Beach, LA Co., Ca. He married ANNE MARIE VALLIERE September 05, 1981 in Torrance , Ca Catholic Church. She was born 1958.

Children of ROBERT JOHNSON and ANNE VALLIERE are:

- i. STEVEN GARY⁸ JOHNSON, b. June 11, 1991, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, Ca.
- ii. VALERIE JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1995, Long Beach, LA Co., Ca.

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Notes concerning the Genealogy of Lester E. Thresher and Hazele Thresher Johnson, descendants of William William Thrasher

The Thrasher Family Association has several active members who trace their family lines back in time to William William Thrasher. Two of these are Lester E. Thresher and Hazele Thresher Johnson, who are from the Thresher branch of the descendants of William William Thrasher. We are pleased to have their family line published in this issue of the Thrasher Newsletter and now available to others who are researching their Thrasher/Thresher family lines. Remember, William William Thrasher's descendants and those of John and Ruth Cloud Thrasher are a very close match according to the DNA test results! That missing link between the two family groups is still an elusive mystery.

Won't you help find the missing link?

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Bits and Pieces

Isaac Thrasher

(Shane, John D.) Memorandum of information obtained from Capt. Nathaniel Hart (Jr.) of Woodford County, KY., consisting of biographical data on persons mentioned in "Ledger A" of Richard Henderson and Company, namely: Michael Stoner, Samuel Tate, Isaac Thrasher, Page Portwood, William Barton, Col. Thomas Slaughter, Col. James Harrod, Samuel Henderson, William Moore, Pemberton Rollins, Richard Burke, Squire Boone, Col. Joh Luttrell, Col. Richard Henderson, Samuel Coubern (Coburn?), Benjamin and Thomas Pettit,* Daniel Boone, Nathaniel Henderson, Richard Hogan, Maj. Thomas Quirk, Azariah Davis . . .

Wisconsin Historical Society, Kentucky Papers (The Draper Collection)..., pgs. 531 and 532, 17CC191-209, n.d.

Isaac B. Thrasher

Through the Civil War Pension Papers of an unmarried son, I acquired a document stating by my great great grandfather Rubin Kenada (1850 Fentress Co TN Census) and found in 1870 Russell Co KY as Reuben Carada (b 1813 KY) that he married Elizabeth Flowers (b 1818- TN) (my great great grandmother) on July 4, 1835 in Overton Co, TN

Also, had an Affidavit by an Isaac B. Thrasher, age 73 years old in 1882 stating that he attended the wedding and that Reuben & Elizabeth (Flowers) Kenada/Kennedy/Canada lived in the house of Isaac B. Thrasher's Father (Overton Co. TN) until after the wheat was sowed in the fall (1835). ...

(from Barbara Weaver, on www.flowersths.com/MarriagesNC-TN.htm)

John Thrasher

Hensley Township — In the winter of 1853 the first schoolhouse was built in this township, the class which gathered there being conducted by John Thrasher at twelve dollars per month.
County Surveyors — ...John Thrasher, 1857 ...John Thrasher, 1865

(From A Standard History of Champaign County, Illinois Vol.1/Chapter VII/Schools & Teachers/page 221 and Vol.1/Chapter V/County Matters and Institutions/page 165)

Benjamin Thrasher

In 1853 Benjamin Thrasher was appointed to examine all the unsold lands in the county coming within the definition of the Federal Act as "swamp and overflowed lands," and to submit a report thereof to the County Court. He reported that 85,000 acres in Champaign County answered to that description, and nearly 36,000 acres of such land was subsequently confirmed to the county. These lands were sold and the funds used, in part, for the erection of a courthouse in 1860 and to increase the school fund.
County Coroners — ... B. Thrasher, 1858

(from A Standard History of Champaign County, Illinois, Vol.1/Chapter 1/Physical Features/page 13 and Vol.1/Chapter V/County Matters and Institutions/page 165)

Thank you to Nancy Thrasher Cherry for allowing the above genealogical tidbits to be plagiarized from her MATA DATA newsletter!

Gary M. Thrasher

Mr. Gary M. Thrasher, 53, of Odessa, Fla., passed away March 14, 2008. He is survived by his mother, Mary M. Thrasher; two sisters, Denise Frazier and Gail Martin; and his brother, Christopher Thrasher.

This is all the information there was. Does anyone know if there are any connections to known branches?

From the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, March 20, 2008

The Thrasher Newsletter

Editor: Barbara Eger Circulation: John E. Thrasher III Volume 26 No. 4 August 2008



Thrasher Family Association
2008 Reunion
Kingsland, Georgia



See captions on page 2.

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Another Successful, Fun-filled Thrasher Reunion is Past

The weekend of June 20 -22 brought a really great gathering of Thrashers to the Kingsland/St. Mary's area of Georgia. Tucked in next to the Florida/Georgia border, the two towns provided everything needed for them all to have a great time.

The accommodations were very good, and the motel staff couldn't have been nicer or more helpful. The conference room provided an excellent space to display all of the photos, books and other genealogical information that attendees brought.

Nancy Thrasher Cherry went above and beyond by creating two slideshows. One was a retrospect of scenes from previous Thrasher reunions with a sprinkling of family history and current family notes thrown in. It was a trip down memory lane for those who had "been there" and some background for anyone new to the reunions. The second show was a compilation of information and statistics on the Thrasher DNA Project, and was very informative. Running continuously on laptops, both generally had a group of viewers clustered around.

There were some excellent family tree layouts and notebooks, and people enjoyed looking at these for connections to their branch. Then more books, pictures and memorabilia filled the room to capacity. This was definitely one of the better years for "show and tell."

As usual, food was high on the agenda. Friday night dinner at Aunt B's Country Buffet was a lot of fun and gave the early arrivals a chance to make new acquaintances and renew old ones. Sat-

First and foremost: A very, very large thank-you to Bill H. Thrasher for his photographic and technical ability. He took the large group picture at the top of page one, then added those who were at the reunion but missing at photo time as well as managing to add himself. Thank you so much, Bill. Lower page 1 snapshots: sorry that there were too many people in them for individual ID's -- just for fun, see how many you can spot yourself! Clockwise from one o'clock: Friday night visiting in the motel; browsing all of the exhibits on Saturday; Saturday night dinner at Lang's Marina; sharing a laugh during social time; breakfast (and more visiting) at the motel; waiting for the meeting to start.

urday night dinner at Lang's Marina provided good food and a great setting, right on the St. Mary's waterfront. While there were quite a few places for people to try for lunches, many found that the Appleby's that was just a short walk from the motel allowed them to say they may have had a burger but they exercised coming and going! Social hours each evening were abuzz with chatter, and of course had generous amounts of snacks. Country Inn & Suites provided tasty breakfasts, and everyone elected to have the Sunday farewell breakfast there rather than go out.

The weather even cooperated with only one real downpour which was short and not timed to really interfere with anything.

Many thanks go to Frances Leitner and her family for planning a great reunion.

Directory Changes

A new directory was distributed at reunion time and, as always, there were some errors and even an omission (fire the editor!). Please enter the following in your copy:

Omission:

George C. and Gloria Thrasher
108 Hampton Shores Drive
Hampton, GA 30228
770-471-3217
gcthrasher@bellsouth.net

E-Mail Changes:

Ken and Anna Sutherland
kenannas2@earthlink.net
James Thrasher
jamesthramer@comcast.net
William B. and Shari Thrasher
buffalos@comcast.net
Joe Stine
stinejoe@bellsouth.net

New phone number:

John Anthony Thrasher
706-492-9636

If anyone has other corrections, please send them in to be included in the next issue.

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Some of the Thrasher DNA Project Participants



Ten of the men who are participating in the Thrasher DNA Project were at our June reunion. Pictured above are eight. Back row, left to right: John E. Thrasher III, Robert P. Thrasher, Albert A. Thrasher and Dale Thrasher. Front row, left to right: Thomas N. Thrasher, Bill H. Thrasher, George C. Thrasher and James F. Thrasher. Jodie Thrasher and Roger Thrasher were at the reunion, but were not present at the time the picture was taken.

Griffin-Thrasher Trail Remembers Claude and Sarah Thrasher

Tony Thrasher sent information about the Griffin-Thrasher Trail, a three-mile hiking trail in a beautiful area of Georgia. Near the Toccoa River, the trail borders Lake Buckhorn. After passing the commemorative plaque you will see lakes, springs, ponds and cascading waterfalls. The changing seasons will give you views of everything from summer goldfinches to winter snows. Warm weather brings a multitude of blooms from rhododendrons to jack-in-the-pulpits and many other varieties in between.

The trail is dedicated to the memory of W. E. "Billy" Griffin and Claude and Sarah Thrasher.

Sarah and Claude were both widowed; when they met and married, Sarah had raised four children to adulthood, while Claude had lost his wife at a young age.

When the Griffin and Sisson families, owners of the land where the trail is located, wanted to build vacation cabins for family members and possibly others, they approached Claude and Sarah Thrasher about building them. Claude

was retired, but the couple responded enthusiastically. According to the trail dedication brochure "For many years they worked together every day constructing cabins for the Griffin-Sisson families." It goes on to tell how Claude and Sarah did not subcontract, but completed every phase of building the cabins themselves. They continued to complete an average of one home a month until Claude's death in 1973.

If you are traveling near the area and have time to spend take a little of it and enjoy the beauty of the countryside. The trail goes in a circle and can be hiked in less than two hours.

To reach it from Atlanta, take I-75 north to GA 575, which will turn into GA 515. Continue north to Whitepath Road; turn left and follow Whitepath Road until it dead-ends at Boardtown Road; turn left and watch for the Lake Buckhorn Subdivision approximately four miles on the left. If you pass the Boardtown Community Center you have gone too far.

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In Memoriam

Warren Atticus Thrasher

Colonel Warren Atticus Thrasher, 94, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at his home in Athens. The son of the Reverend John Bugg Thrasher and Tallulah Quillian Thrasher, he was born in Ashburn, Ga.

He was a graduate of Lanier High School in Macon, Ga., and an honor graduate and honor military graduate of the University of Georgia. Upon graduation in 1940, he was employed by IBM Corp.

Warren Thrasher entered active duty with the Army in early 1941 and served with the 1st Armored Division in Algeria and Tunisia. After being wounded in combat in North Africa, he was appointed aide-de-camp to General Mark W. Clark and served in that capacity and with Fifth Army Headquarters in Italy until the end of the war in Europe. He returned to the University of Georgia in 1963 and served four years as professor of military science.

After his retirement from 27 years of military service, he joined the University of Georgia faculty as a professor in the Department of Management in the College of Business Administration.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Caroline Burson Thrasher; two sons and daughters-in-law, Warren and Emily Thrasher and John and Paula Thrasher; two daughters, Sue Quillian Thrasher and Peggy Law, son-in-law Don Law; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One of six children, Warren Thrasher was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Arnold J. Funk (Sue), Mrs. Ira Dent (Sarah), Mrs. Earl D. Baldwin (Helen), Paul Edmonds Thrasher and John Bugg Thrasher, Jr.

Memorial services were held at First United Methodist Church in Athens July 24, 2008. He will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Warren Thrasher was a longtime member of the Thrasher Family Association. He was instrumental in the placement of a historical marker, "Thrasherville: Where Atlanta Began," at the site of the 1839

settlement of Thrasherville, which eventually became Atlanta.

The Thrasher Family Association will sorely miss Warren, who was always a presence at our reunions even when he became unable to attend. Gifts in Warren's memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Athens or the University of Georgia Terry College of Business.

Beatrice Thrasher Nunnally

Beatrice Thrasher Nunnally, age 90, passed away June 8, 2008. A resident of Stone Mountain, GA, she is survived by her husband of 68 years, Hugh D. Nunnally; children Billy Nunnally and wife Joyce; Ronnie Nunnally and wife Virginia; Duane Nunnally and wife Brenda; daughter Yvonne Fries and husband Lenny; and seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 11, 2008, at Indian Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Owen officiating. Burial was at Melwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Nunnally and her husband attended several Thrasher reunions. She was the sister of Ashley Thrasher and Rastus Thrasher and the aunt of Linda Burkhalter.

Joyce Baggett Gentry

Joyce Baggett Gentry of Atlanta died June 4, 2008. Services were held June 7 at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Born in Dublin, Georgia, she attended Georgia Teachers College. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Judge Edgar Crawford Gentry, Sr.

She is survived by her five children, Edgar C. Gentry, Jr., Mary Celestea Byrd Gentry Sharp, Charles B. Gentry, William C. Gentry and John T. Gentry; and five grandchildren, Diana M. Gentry, Amanda G. Sharp, Carl E. Gentry, William C. Gentry, Jr., and Elizabeth A. Gentry.

Mrs. Gentry's daughter Celestea Sharp is a long-time member of the Association.

News and Notes

On to Mississippi in 2009!

Plan ahead for 2009 — Buddy and Glenda Thrasher have offered to host the reunion in Vicksburg, Miss., next June. No date has been set, but Buddy said it will likely be later in the month. This is an area really rich in history and beauty, so keep watching for more details.

David Sumner Receives Award

Congratulations to association member David E. Sumner, a professor of journalism at Ball State University, who was named 2007 Magazine Educator of the Year by the Magazine Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. David has headed the Ball State University magazine program since 1990 and is the author of two textbooks on the subject, as well as numerous articles and papers.

David has been generous in writing for the newsletter on long-time association members and on family history. His article on Warren A. Thrasher will be reprinted in the November issue.

Celestea Sharp's Film Shown

Congratulations also go to Celestea Sharp for the first showing of her film, "Carving Up Ocoee." It was shown in Watkinsville, Ga., at the Ocoee Library auditorium. Celestea has put countless

hours of research into the history of Ocoee County and traveled throughout the area with her videographer to make sure that the knowledge will be preserved for future generations. Celestea also is the author of "Bishop, Georgia: the Ancient Roots, Rich History and Enduring Spirit of a Southern Crossroads Community."

Get Well Wishes

Bill and Gail Thrasher have both had health problems since the reunion. Gail had surgery and, according to Bill, is well on her way to recovery and has returned to work recently. Now Bill has been hospitalized with a serious viral infection.

Glenda Thrasher also is having surgery; no word on her condition at this time, but there should be an update in the November issue.

Best wishes for complete recovery to all three.

New Association Treasurer

Bill Thrasher asked to step down as association treasurer effective June 30. Robert P. (Buddy) Thrasher was nominated and elected to replace him. Thanks to Bill for his years of serving as our treasurer and to Buddy for agreeing to take on the job.

EDITOR'S CORNER



Kingsland gave the phrase "a good time was had by all" real meaning. It was a great gathering of "cousins" old and new. Thank you, Frances!

Now you all need to make start planning for Vicksburg next year so that we can have another great turnout. The Vicksburg area is so rich in history that it will definitely need extra days to explore. Visit the Vicksburg National Military Park with 1,330 monuments and markers, a 16 mile tour road, a restored Union gunboat, and a National Cemetery; stand above the Mississippi and imagine the mighty paddlewheels grinding past; or visit the historic downtown.

Did you have a graduation in your family? A wedding? Some other special event? Share your news: send details (pictures are great, and will be returned intact!) to Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

MINUTES

The Thrasher Family Association Meeting of June 21, 2008 Kingsland, Camden County, Georgia

Attending: Barbara Eger of Dade City, FL; Frances Leitner of Jacksonville, FL; Ken and Jan Miller of White Oak, GA; Ken and Anna Sutherland of Jacksonville, FL; Albert and Peggy Thrasher of Tiger, GA; Bill S. and Gail Thrasher of Montgomery, AL; Billy H. and Juanita Thrasher of Live Oak, FL; Bobby Thrasher of Columbus, MS; Buddy (Robert P.) and Glenda Thrasher of Columbus, MS; Dale and Trudy Thrasher of Leesburg, FL; Jim and Mary Thrasher of Lake City, FL; Tom and Sande Thrasher of Villa Park, CA; George C. and Gloria Thrasher of Hampton, GA; George D. and Rhonda Thrasher, George E. and Lauren Thrasher, of Woodbine, GA; John and Eleanor Thrasher of Micanopy, FL; Jodie and Charlotte Thrasher of Warner Robins, GA, Roger and Elizabeth Thrasher and their daughter Karen Thrasher of Roswell, GA

The annual business meeting of the Thrasher Family Association (TFA) was called to order by Chair John E. Thrasher, III, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008, in the meeting room of the Country Inn and Suites in Kingsland, Georgia.

Speaker: After welcoming everyone, John E. thanked Frances Leitner for arranging and hosting this year's reunion, and he called on Frances to introduce a speaker, Shirley Joyner Thompson. Ms. Thompson, a member of the Camden County Historical Association, gave us an interesting and informative presentation, acquainting us with the region and its history.

Minutes: Chairman John E. opened the business portion of the meeting by thanking Dr. Helen Raye Thrasher for taking notes and writing the minutes for last year's reunion while the secretary, Nancy Cherry, was busy with hosting responsibilities. One correction to the minutes was discussed: Half-year memberships run only January through June of any year, not July through December. Tom's motion to accept the minutes as amended was seconded by Barbara and passed unanimously.

Election: The next item of business was the election of officers. John as Chair and Nancy as Secretary were re-elected by acclaim. Bill S. Thrasher had wished to step down as the association's treasurer, and Barbara nominated Buddy (Robert Patton Thrasher) for the position, with Dale and Billy H. Thrasher seconding. Buddy was elected unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bill S. reported \$2,061 in the treasury at the beginning of the year, with \$1180 in dues and renewals and \$50 in donations being taken in, for a total of \$3291.72. Expenditures of \$348 for DNA sponsorships, \$200 for the costs of the 2007 reunion, and \$496.42 in newsletter expenses reduced the treasury to \$2247.30 at year's end with outstanding checks for \$200 (for this year's reunion) and \$83.05 (for the last newsletter) yet to clear. Eleanor offered a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and several people seconded it. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A copy of the treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports:

Nancy reported that there are now 32 male participants in the DNA project. After a short recap on the mechanics of Y-chromosome testing, she displayed a chart, color-coded to illustrate how the test results of the various family lines fall into easily-discerned patterns and how those patterns correspond with traditional genealogical documentation. Several study participants said that they could not gain access to others' gedcoms on the webpages provided by FamilyTreeDNA. Nancy invited them to e-mail her with their specific complaints and she would contact the company. Participants were reminded that disclosure of their gedcoms is discretionary, but would be extremely useful to other researchers.

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John E. stated that if the TFA decides to sponsor participants in the DNA trial this year, he has at least two candidates for consideration. Last year the TFA sponsored three candidates, with a committee composed of Buddy, Nancy, and John E. approving the use of the "scholarships" based on the candidate's financial need and on the likelihood that the candidate's results would fill an existing gap in "paper" genealogy or suggest a new avenue for investigation. Tom made a motion that the TFA again set aside enough money for three full "scholarships" this year. The motion was seconded by George C. and passed unanimously. In view of the success of the DNA project so far, Peggy suggested that the TFA consider allocating funds for four full "scholarships" next year.

Old Business: Last year, the TFA voted to set aside \$250 for a tombstone project in Colorado. This year, as Old Business, Barbara reported to the Association that she had found out that the simplest granite marker was \$1100. The high cost is because the cemetery is privately owned, and the owner permits only placement of stones from his own expensive product inventory. Barbara's motion to put the idea on hold, due to the excessive cost, was seconded by Dale and passed unanimously.

John E. expressed appreciation to Barbara for the newsletters, a cornerstone of the organization. Barbara reminded everyone that she needs current family information to publish. In the past year, genealogical results have been printed as a special edition, and John E. expects to publish more research this year.

Last year a complete set of the Thrasher Newsletters, including index, was donated to the Maryland Room at the Frederick County (Maryland) Library System. John E. received a thank you from Mary Mannix, head of the Maryland Room, in which she described the set as "the largest and most complete family newsletters" she'd seen.

Since last year, Frances Leitner has joined the DAR on the John Thrasher (Pvt., N.C.) line. Frances is grateful to those who helped with her application, including Vicky Zuverink, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association, whom she met at last year's Jubilee in Maryland.

New Business: With so many descendants of the presumed "Old George" now active in the TFA, the hunt is on for George's grave. When it is found, the TFA will consider some sort of marker and/or ceremony. Jim Thrasher, who is active in the Sons of the American Revolution, will follow up with that organization regarding recognition of the site.

The 2008 TFA Directory was introduced and distributed. Copies will be mailed to families not present at the reunion. Errors in the data should be reported to Barbara. The opening statement in the directories will be revised at the next printing to reflect the wider focus of the organization which now covers all Thrasher/Thresher families.

Grady Thrasher has written two books for children, Tim and Sally's Vegetable Garden and Tim and Sally's Beach Adventure. Grady donated ten copies of his books to the TFA to use as the organization thought appropriate. The books were sold for \$20 each at the reunion. Billy H. proposed that the proceeds of Grady's donation go toward additional "scholarships" for DNA participants. Eleanor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Eleanor reminded everyone that she has set a date of August 1 for receipt of recipes to go the the TFA cookbook. Peggy suggested that Eleanor use some of the old Thrasher recipes from a cookbook written by Al's late sister Carmie.

George C. attended the reunion in Golden, Mississippi of descendants of George Washington Thrasher (1790). George's grandson was also named George Washington Thrasher (1849), and two

of his grandsons, both in their 90's, were in attendance. George C. reported that 35 to 50 people attended, and that he picked up some good information. The group hopes to hold another reunion later this fall.

In a survey of ongoing research, Dale stated that he continues his ancestor-hunting in Tennessee. Jodie, Jim, and George C. are combining their information on "Old George." Billy H. expressed his preference for data presented in graphic form.

John E. announced with sadness three recent deaths. Warren A. Thrasher of Athens, GA died June 8th. His funeral will be September 5th with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery. John E. shared with the group one of Warren's favorite stories, about playing bridge with Ike in France before invading Normandy. Warren's wife Caroline is recuperating in a convalescent hospital from a fall. Some time ago Dr. David Sumner wrote an article on Warren for the Thrasher Newsletter, and Barbara will rerun it in a future issue.

Beatrice Thrasher Nunnally died June 8th. She was a sister to Ashley and to Rastus. John E. recalled that Rastus had led John and Eleanor to many cemeteries.

The third death was that of Celestea Sharp's mother Joyce Gentry, on June 4th. Celestea's film "Carving up Oconee" debuted on June 14, and her daughter is getting married on June 28.

Roger, Elizabeth, and Karen were "first-timers" at the reunion, and although they couldn't stay for the business meeting, most of us thoroughly enjoyed meeting them earlier in the day. Les had sent regrets because of medical problems, and Helen and Bill & Shari had been unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts.

John E. thanked everyone for the wealth of displays – charts, books, pictures and albums, slide shows, etc. – for review in the meeting room, and he noted special appreciation to our hostess this year, Frances Leitner, and to Bill S. for serving as treasurer for the past three years. Al expressed the group's gratitude to John and Eleanor for chairing the Association these past few years.

Next Year: Buddy and Glenda will host next year's reunion in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The date will be announced, but it will probably be in the latter half of June. Billy H., who toured five Thrasher cemeteries last summer, will continue his investigation this year and make a report to the TFA at next year's reunion.

In response to John E's question about planning for 2010, Gail suggested that the group consider a short cruise. This was tabled for further thought.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m., and the participants headed for Lang's Marina Restaurant in the town of St. Mary's for a delightful dinner on the waterfront.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thrasher Cherry
Recording Secretary

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Thrasher Family Association Financial Report 6/1/2008

Beginning Balance: 6/01/2007 \$2061.72

Receipts:

Donations: \$50.00

Received from renewals/dues: \$1,180.00

Total Receipts Received: \$1,230.00

Total: \$3,291.72

Disbursements:

DNA Payouts: \$348.00

Maryland Reunion Reimbursement \$200.00

Newsletter Expenses: \$496.42

Total Disbursements: - \$1,044.42

Ending Balance June 6,2008 \$2,247.30

Checks Still Outstanding: 5/23/2008 #1008 Newsletter \$83.05
5/23/2008 #1009 2008 Reunion Expense \$200.00

William S. Thrasher
Treasurer

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