

# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## Reunion Planning Is Underway! Get Ready for Savannah!

Start planning now for Savannah next June because you will not want to miss this! John and Eleanor Thrasher have once again pitched in and will be our reunion hosts. They have already picked a motel and are working on lining up our Friday and Saturday dinner arrangements.

The motel they have selected has a meeting room which will be available for us to have displays as we did last year in Vicksburg.

Savannah is one of the most gracious and historic cities in the South. There will be all kinds of shopping, historical sightseeing, and just plain relaxing and soaking up the atmosphere. Come in early to go on a carriage tour of the city, stroll down Factors' Walk, go on a dinner cruise, or any of the myriad other offerings.

Savannah's combination of colonial architecture and southern charm have long made it a popular destination. In more recent years, fans of the Savannah-based book and movie, "Midnight In The Garden of Good and Evil," have flocked here to see the

Bonaventure Cemetery, the Mercer House, and other associated landmarks.

History buffs are drawn to Wormsloe, one of the only examples of a true plantation in the area, and the city's many museums and old mansions. The Savannah Historic District's 22 squares, which formed a vital part of General James Edward Oglethorpe's original city plan when he founded Savannah in 1733, serve as the heart and soul of downtown Savannah and have been widely praised for their beauty.

Although Savannah is not thought of as an outdoor adventure destination, if your ambition is up to exercise, you can find hiking, biking and swimming at the nearby Skidaway Island State Park.

Motel reservation and dinner information will be in the next issue of the newsletter, but do mark your calendars now for

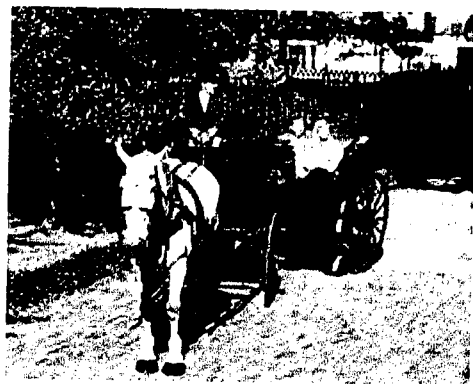
June 25 - 27 for the reunion, along with any extra "enjoy the city days" you may want.



*The Cotton Exchange, long a symbol of the importance of cotton to the city of Savannah.*



*Almost two miles long, the Talmadge Memorial Bridge towers 185 feet above high tide.*



*Try a carriage tour to see the sights the old-fashioned way!*

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## *In Memorium*

### Ruth Queen Thrasher

Ruth Queen Thrasher, age 92, of Conyers, Ga., and formerly of Farmington, Ga., passed away Sunday, August 23, 2009.

Ruth was born in Winder on December 10, 1916, to the late Henry Ashbury Queen and Anna Fuller Queen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rastus W. Thrasher, in 1999; and all of her siblings. She was a longtime member of Salem United Methodist Church in Farmington.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Ed) Burkhalter of Conyers; son, Roger (Mildred) Thrasher of Riverside, Ala.; step-grandson, Mark (Tracey) Durden of Adger, Ala.; two step-great-grandchildren, Justin and Brooke Durden, Adger, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held August 26 at Scot Ward's Harry White Chapel. Dr. Beth Larocca-Pitts and Dr. John Beyers officiated. Interment was in the Farmington Cemetery, Farmington, Ga.

Rastus and Ruth Thrasher were longtime members of the Thrasher Family Association, and their daughter Linda Thrasher Burkhalter and her husband, Ed Burkhalter, are current members.

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### James Roscoe Brown

Capt. James Roscoe Brown, USAF (Ret.), passed away October 16, 2009, at the age of 91. He was born in Whitewright, Texas, to James Grover Cleveland Brown and Edith Nina Belle Thrasher Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife of 51 years, Margaret Mary Dauwe Brown.

After graduating from high school he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1941 he joined the Army Air Corps. He was assigned as a bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was a prisoner of war from October 1943 until April 1945.

During the course of his military career he was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Cluster, the World War II Victory Medal, the EAME Theater Ribbon with Bronze Star, the Prisoner of War Medal and many others.

He is survived by his children; James Max Brown and wife Connie, Linda Sue Smith, Barbara Gail Forese, Bettyanne Moore, John Robert Brown, James Roscoe Brown and wife Bari, Karen Lynn Brown Rogers and husband Shane; brothers, GC Brown, Jerry Brown, and John Brown; sister, Ruth Green; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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## *News and Notes*

### Good Students and Athletes

Kacey Rene Miller entered Georgia Southern University this fall as a sophomore -- she completed her freshman year while still in high school, graduating from Camden County High School with honors. At Georgia Southern she is assigned to the Honors Dorm. She volunteers as a tutor with the Boys and Girls Club and also is playing softball. Way to go, Kacey!

Kacey's sister Kayla Marie Miller is a junior at Camden County High School and is playing varsity softball and tennis. She is taking AP classes and is in honors classes.

Lauren Thrasher, George D. and Rhonda Thrasher's daughter and granddaughter of George C. and Gloria Thrasher, is a classmate of Kayla's and they have played softball together.

Kacey and Kayla are Frances Leitner's great-granddaughters.

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### Academic Appointment

Joann Sumner Bandy's son Alan has accepted an appointment to an endowed chair in New Testament studies at Oklahoma Baptist University. Congratulations, Alan.

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# More News and Notes

## Directory Updates

### New Members:

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jcnan2@gmail.com

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311 Mourning Dove Way  
Arnold, MD 21012-1467  
410-647-4646  
pwthrasher@verizon.net

### E-mail Changes

Rob Eger: rob.eger@yahoo.com  
Kenneth Thrasher: kt007@sccoast.net  
Lester Thresher:  
Thresher@roadrunner.com

A reminder: We will be putting together a new directory to be ready by reunion time. If you have any changes or additions to make to your information, please send it in in the coming months. Information needs to be in by May 15.

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### Get Ready for Christmas!

Mrs. Santa says "do your Christmas shopping the easy way -- give a cookbook!" Just send recipients' names and addresses to Eleanor Thrasher at 6424 S.E. 169th Ave., Micanopy, FL 32667.



"Mrs. Santa"

You may also include gift cards for each one along with your check and they will be sent with the books. Cost is \$15 plus \$2.50 mailing expense for each copy.

## Cookbook Addition

Eleanor Thrasher sent the following recipe that was inadvertently omitted from the Thrasher Cookbook — she said Caroline had shared it with her many years ago and is delicious.

### Caroline Thrasher's Squash Casserole

1 pound yellow squash  
1/2 cup margarine or butter  
1/2 cup chopped onions  
Cook squash and onions until tender. Drain well. Add butter or margarine.  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup milk  
1 egg  
1/4 slivered almonds  
1/2 cup pimentos  
1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese  
1 teaspoon each salt and pepper  
Mix milk and egg. Fold in mayonnaise. Add almonds, cheese and pimentos. Place in buttered casserole.  
Add 1/2 cup crushed potato chips over the top.  
Bake at 350 -degrees for 40 minutes or until golden brown on top and bubbly. This recipe can be doubled or tripled with good results.

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Merry  
Christmas  
To All

## EDITOR'S CORNER



Wishing you all a happy and blessed holiday season. Have a Merry Christmas, and may 2010 bring you only the best.

With John E. and Eleanor Thrasher planning this next reunion, you know it will be a good one, and Savannah has so much to offer. Watch for the next issue with all the details for motel and meal reservations, etc.

We need more of your news and happenings! Graduations, sports news or other special school things happening to the younger generation; weddings, births, anniversaries or other news for the rest of us — any and all are welcome additions to the newsletter. Remember the -- address to send items for future issues is 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

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## George Thrasher: DNA & Genealogy

A short time after the Thrasher Family DNA project began, the results confirmed our suspicion that there are several different and very distinct Thrasher family groups within the TFA. Thrasher men who receive their results from Family Tree are able to click on "matches" and see the Thrasher males who are in the program who "match" them. This is very satisfying and at the same time very frustrating. Everyone would like to view the results for all of the participants. It is our hope that this will soon be possible on the [www.Thrasher.org](http://www.Thrasher.org) website.

Even though the entire "matches" section of the DNA reports provided by the testing company are not available to those who are not in the same family group, it is very enlightening to know who are your sure enough kinsmen. As for the other Thrasher family groups, I have no qualms about asking someone in the program for a copy of his "matches" report and have not been turned down. It's easy to print a copy.

Because of the way the program is set up, it becomes very apparent that Thrasher families exist, independent of each other. Independent except that those of us in the TFA have a personal bond of friendship!

With this said as an introduction, I want to bring the attention for many of you to the family of George Thrasher (1755 - 1849). Little has been known or information printed about this family even though two of his descendants, Judge Thomas N. Thrasher and his wife, Sande and Col. Jodie T. Thrasher and his wife Charlotte have been long-time members of the TFA.

Genealogy for the descendants of one James Thrasher was submitted by Marie Thrasher Senn, another long-time member of the TFA. It was published in the October 2003 issue of The Thrasher Newsletter.

The common link for these folks - Marie, Jodie and Tom - was that they all assumed that they were descendants of this George Thrasher. And they were correct.

As more people became involved in the DNA program, other descendants' lines became clear. From the US Census records before 1850, it was known that George had several male children as well as daughters. To the best my knowledge no written record has been found that identifies George's sons by name. That was up to family oral history, Bible records and guessing!

Descendants, working with paper genealogy, traced their lines to George. Those descendants participating in the DNA project found that they closely match each other. The only common link is George Thrasher.

The sons of George and whose descendants have "proved" their common heritage by DNA are:

- \* James Thrasher (Stanley Eugene Thrasher, Bill H. Thrasher, and Lavell Thrasher)
- \* William (Jodie T. Thrasher and Robert T. Thrasher)
- \* Jesse (Thomas N. Thrasher)
- \* Thomas (David L. Thrasher)
- \* George Washington Thrasher (George C. Thrasher and James F. Thrasher)

The following information about George Thrasher was compiled by Jodie T. Thrasher.

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## *Descendants of George Thrasher*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. GEORGE<sup>1</sup> THRASHER was born Abt. 1755 in Military Records state: from North Carolina, and died 13 Jul 1849 in Gwinnett Co., Ga Witnessed by John & Margaret Pruitt. He married (1) CASIA. He married (2) SALUDA BELL 27 Oct 1830 in Gwinnett Co., Ga. She was born Abt. 1770 in North Carolina.

Notes for GEORGE THRASHER:

DECLARATION OF GEORGE THRASHER, A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER  
Georgia

Gwinnett County) Inferior Court adjourned Term November 23rd 1832

On this day personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record (now sitting) GEORGE THRASHER a resident of said county of Gwinnett, State aforesaid and seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress pass June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereafter stated (to wit, that he entered the service at the age of twenty years, which was about in the year 1775 in St. Paul Parish in Georgia now called and known as Columbia County, Georgia, he then served as a volunteer under the command of Capt Marbury. He met the company at Augusta, Georgia marched from there to the Goose Pond, now in Edgefield District, South Carolina from there to White Hall in the same district, where we joined Col Thompson's Regiment from there to General Williamson's camp and under his command marched to Lindley Mills on the waters of Reedy River-there we joined the North Carolina troops who were under the command of Col Martin. This was in the district of Ninety-Six, South Carolina, after remaining the several days he was discharged and returned home to Georgia. He continued in that kind of service from about the first October to 23rd December 1775, making about three months service.

In April or about the first of May 1776 he enlisted in a Troop of Horse at Phillips' Fort in Wilkes County, Georgia under the same Capt Marbury and marched from there to about the head of the Ogeechee River in Georgia where we built a fort called Marbury Fort and remained there till about the tenth of September 1777 during which time he employed in defending the Fort-performing scouts or skirmishes in pursuit of hostile Indians. He then marched from this fort under the command of Capt Middleton to Augusta after remaining there a few days, he marched to Savannah - -remained there a few days and marched to Midway in the County of Liberty, Georgia, from there to the Altamaha River about 12 miles above Fort Barrington, Col Scriven commanded after he arrived in Liberty County, on the Altamaha as above stated. We had an engagement with one Col McGirt who had command of a company of Indians, Tories and British who were by us routed, their property taken by this company and some prisoners. From there he immediately marched under command of Col Scriven to Liberty County then under the command of Capt Middleton he marched to Savannah, Georgia and was there discharged by Col Marbury who had been promoted to that office after he enlisted under him. He was employed in this kind of service as above stated about eighteen months. He then returned home to the County of Columbia, Georgia or what's

Possible Tree of George Thrasher

now called Wilkes County, Georgia. In the month of February or the first of March 1778 he enlisted at Savannah under Capt. Lucas. Major Habersham and Col McIntosh were there in command-he remained there in service as aforesaid in defending the town about three weeks when the British landed there and took possession of the town an evacuation took place and officers and soldiers of the US Army were dispersed and being without regular discipline or command he returned home and remained taking care of himself as well as he could some time in the year 1782, he believes in May or April, when the town of Savannah was evacuated by the British. He then returned to Savannah and there joined his company under the same Capt and other officers of the company, from that time he remained there in Garrison duty defending the town-until peace was declared which was about -- November 1782. That he has a record of his birth in his possession. He has no documentary evidence whereby he can establish his services-That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services. After the close of the War he returned to his former residence where he remained about fourteen years - thence he removed to Franklin County in the state of Georgia and remained there about twenty years or twenty-four years - From thence he removed to Habersham County in said state and there resided about nine years - whence he removed to his present residence in the County of Gwinnett and state of Georgia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed in open court this 23rd day of November 1832.

(Attest) Wm MATTBIE Clk

His

GEORGE X THRASHER

Mark

Georgia, Gwinnett County

We, SILAS KING a clergyman residing in the state & county aforesaid and RICHARD D. BEASON a private citizen residing in the same hereby certify that we are acquainted with GEORGE THRASHER who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe to be seventy seven years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year above.

Written in open court.

(Attest) Wm MATTBIE Clk

/s/ SILAS KING

/s/ R. D. BEASON

George Thrasher

George Thrasher was signatory to Wilkes Co. Freeholders writing to the Continental Congress 5 August 1777 asking the removal from Command of General McIntosh.

Payroll records:

1. Geo Thrasher Pvt 2d Co. of the Georgia Batt'n commanded by Capt. Lucas Revolutionary War appears on Company Pay Roll of the organization named above from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 1782. Pay per month 6 60/90 dollars, term of service 6 mo. 6 days, Amount 41 30/90 dollars.

2. George Thrasher Pvt, 2d Company of the Georgia Batt'n commanded by Captain William McIntosh. Revolutionary War appears on Company Pay Roll from June 9/82 to Nov 4, 1783. When enlisted June 24, pay per month 6 60/90

dollars, term 16 months 10 days  
. Amount 108 80/90 dollars.

George Thrasher requested 200 acres OHR joining Benjamin Jackson at the Land Court held at Wrightsborough, August 12, 1885. Benjamin Jackson was listed in the Orange County, NC Tax List in 1755. He and about 20 others listed in the Tax list went to Wrightsborough, Ga. as Quakers in 1770.

Savannah 4th October 1833

Dear Sir,

In conformity with your request, I examined the Military records in my possession and annex a transcript of what related to George Thrasher, and shall be gratified if it enables him to establish his claim for pension.

Joseph Cumming Esq

I am Respectly  
Your Obet Sevt

Extract

George Thrasher of No. Carolina a Planter by trade or occupation 25 years of age 5 feet 11 1/2 inches high, dark hair & complexion	Enlisted in the 2nd Company of Georgia Battalion on the 24th of June 1782	at Gibbon for (2) two years by Capt Lucas.
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George Thrasher Private of the above Battalion furloughed by resolution of Congress 26th May 1783.

I, Robert Habersham of the City of Savannah so swear that the above is a true copy of a letter from me to Joseph Cumming of Savannah, and that the Extract from the Military records is a just and true copy of said records so far as George Thrasher is concerned, among papers in possession of my family.

Robt Habersham

Sworn to in Presence of me  
this 4th October 1833.

Elias Fort JICCC

Note: The above was typed from a copy of microfilm of Federal pension records found at the LDS library in Salt Lake City, UT. It was found in a section entitled "George Thrasher -Other records". By Jodie T. Thrasher, Jr.

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Wilkes Co., Tax Digests for George Thrasher

Possible Tree of George Thrasher

1787 District II Capt John Callier 420 acres 3rd  
1790 District II Capt John Callier 420 acres 3rd  
1791 District II Capt John Callier 420 acres 3rd  
1792 District II Capt John Calier 270 acres 2nd 100 acres 3rd (370 acres)  
1793 District II Capt Smith 280 acres 3rd 100 acres Pine Land (380)  
1794 District II Capt Patterson 270 acres 3rd Wilkes Co. on Beaverdam Ck.  
100 acres 3rd Columbia Co. on Bryor Ck.  
1795 District II Capt Patterson 270 acres 3rd nr Williams Ck.  
1796 District II Capt Patterson 270 acres 3rd nr Williams Ck.  
1797 District II Capt Patterson 270 acres 3rd nr Beaverdam Ck.  
1799 District II Capt Patterson 270 acres 3rd nr Williams Ck.

Land adjoins:

1792 Reuben Bean  
1793 Reuben Beane, Downs and Edy  
1794 Henry Dixon, William Downs and John Ede  
1795 Walter Perry, Reuben Bean, William Downs, and Eli Dixon  
1796 Walter Perry, Reuben Bean, William Downs, Henry Dixon & Wylly Wright  
1797 Thomas Lockett, Reuben Bean  
1799 T. Lockett, R. Bean, James Thrasher (no land), John Thrasher (defaulter)

1802 and 1804 John Thrasher is listed between Reuben Bean & Thomas Lockett with no land.

The Augusta Chronical and Gazette of the State June 6, 1795 legal ad read: David Terrell, Esq. Register of Probate for Wilkes County. Whereas George Thrasher, hath applied to me for letters of administration on the goods and chattels of Abraham Johnson, late of this county, deceased. May 26, 1795.

Wilkes Co. records: Abraham Johnston, dec'd. Warrant of appraisement Jun 27, 1795 Jas. Kinman, Walter Perry, Thos. Cureton, apprs. Geo. Thrasher's account for sickness attendance and burial expenses of Mary Johnston wife of Abraham Johnston, Jan. 6, 1896.

Wilkes County, GA Index to deeds 1785-1821  
Jan 10, 1800 George Thrasher sold John Coatin of Warren County 270 acres near Williams Creek for \$550. Book YY page 312.

July 18, 1800 George Thrasher witnessed the sale of 5 Negroes.

Georgia DAR Collection: Aug 15, 1800 George Thrasher and wife Casia vs Francis Barden, at house of John Thrasher.

Franklin County, GA Deeds

Alexander Caldwell to George Thrasher, originally granted to Wm. Hay - the plantation on which he, the said Caldwell now lives.

George Thrasher, Sr to Joseph Shumate

1805 Georgia land Lottery George Thrasher drew two blanks.



Nov. 19, 1808 Sheriffs Sale. On the first Tuesday in January next at Court house in Franklin County, will be sold 850 acres of land on the ? fork of Broad River, adjoining George Cockburn and George Thrasher.

March 4, 1811 Franklin Co., GA to Joseph Morris surveyer, layout for George Thrasher one hundred acres in Franklin Co. as part of his Family Head Right - Executed 55 acres of the within 23 March 1811. Joseph Morris, CS.

July 31, 1812 George Thrasher appointed an appraiser of the estate of Shadrick Chandler. Jesse Thrasher witnessed Shadrick Chandler's will on April 5, 1812.

1820 Tax Returns Franklin Co.

Capt Green's District

Thrasher, George

Thrasher, Jesse

Thrasher, William

Smith, Jane (by William Thrasher)

Smith, William (by William Thrasher)

The 1827 Land Lottery lists George Thrasher, R.S., Baker's Dist., drew Land Lot No. 9, Dist No. 9, Sec. 4, in Troup Co., GA. George also drew land in Coweta Co. granted Dec 17, 1835.

Georgia, Gwinnett County // To any judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, Justice of the Peace or Minister of the Gospel .

You are hereby authorized to join in the holy state of matrimony George Thrasher and Saluda Bell.

Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1830. Wm Maltbie C.C.C.

The above was solemnized by me this 27th day of October 1830. James Edmondson J.P.

War Department, Revolutionary Claim

I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 7th of June 1832, George Thrasher of the State of Georgia, who was a private in the war of the revolution is entitled to receive Forty three dollars and thirty three cents per annum, during his natural life commencing on the 4th of March 1834, and payable semiannually on the 4th of March and 4th of September in every year.

Given at the war office of the United states this 28 day of April one thousand and eight hundred and thirty four.

Lew Cass  
Secretary of war

Examined and countersigned

J. L. Edwards

Commissioner of Pensions

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Possible Tree of George Thrasher

That he now resides in Gwinnett County State of Georgia, and has resided there for the space of nineteen years past, and that previous thereto he resided in Habersham County, State of Georgia. Sworn and subscribed this 7th day of September 1848, before us.

William Wheeler  
John A. Bailey, JP

George X Thrasher

1840 Gwinnett Co Census

George Thrasher 1 male 80/90, 1 female 60/70 Rev Vet George Thrasher 85 blind

State of Georgia } On this the twenty first day of March Eighteen Hundred and Gwinnett  
County } Fifty-three. Personally appeared before me the ordinary in and for said county John  
Pruett and Margaret Pruett residents of the state of Georgia and the county aforesaid - who  
being duly sworn according to law swear that Saluda Thrasher is the widow of George  
Thrasher, deceased, and they saw him die and saw him buried on or about the thirteenth of  
July Eight hundred and forty nine - they further say on oath that they saw and knew them the  
said George and Saluda Thrasher and that they lived together as Husband and wife and that the  
said Saluda Thrasher was the wife and is now the widdow of the said George Thrasher.

Sworn& subscribed  
Wm. Mattbie O.G.C.

John Pruett  
Margaret X Pruett  
her mark

Notes for SALUDA BELL:

Georgia, Gwinnett County // To any judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, Justice of the Peace or  
Minister of the Gospel .

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Saluda Bell.

Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1830. Wm Maltbie C.C.C.

The above was solemnized by me this 27th day of October 1830. James Edmondson J.P.

Certificate 1297 --Georgia, Saluda Thrasher, widow of George who served in the  
Revolutionary  
war , as a Private. Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 43 Dollars 33 Cents per annum, to  
commence on 3 February 1853. Certificate of pension issued the 15th day of August 1853 and  
sent to John T. Neely Present. recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act. Page #55 Vol a, 3  
Feb 1853.

Saluda Bell Thrasher

Lawrenceville, Georgia  
December 13, 1865  
Joseph H Barrett, Commissioner of Pensions

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I herewith enclose for the application of Saluda Thrasher together with her pension certificate for the purpose of obtaining a new pension certificate . She has been entirely dependent on the county for a support since the beginning of the war. The county has no funds on hand now and she is in a very destitute condition . If the papers are made out right please send me the necessary Blanks for making her application for the amount due her.

Respectfully,  
John M. Mills

State of Georgia, Gwinnett county

On this 16th day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty six. Personally appeared before me, John M Mills Judge of Inferior Court in said state and county the same being a court of record.

Saluda Thrasher aged ninety four (94) a resident of Gwinnett County in the state of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the identical Saluda Thrasher who was a pensioner on the roll of the agency at Savannah, Georgia and whos pension certificate has been returned that she has resided since the first day of January AD 1861 in Gwinnett county, state of Georgia that during this period she has been supported by the Inferior Court of said county and that she has not borne arms against the Government of the United States or in any manner encouraged the rebels or manifested a sympathy with their cause and that she was last paid her pension on the fourth day of September A.D. 1860. This application is made for obtaining a new pension certificate such as she may be entitled to under existing laws reference being made to the evidence heretofore filed in the Pension Office to substantiate her original claim. Sworn before

her  
Saluda X Thrasher  
mark

Also personally appeared Jesse Murphy and Harris Puckett residents of Gwinnett County, state of Georgia persons whom I certify to be respectful and entitled to credit and who being duly sworn say that they were present and saw Saluda Thrasher make her mark to the foregoing declaration and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be and they further swear that she did not in any manner encourage the rebels nor manifest a sympathy with their cause and they further swear that she was supported during the rebellion by the inferior Court of said county and they further swear that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Jesse Murphy  
Harris Puckett

Georgia

Gwinnett county

I Saluda Thrasher do solemnly swear (or affirm) in the presence of Almighty God that I will hence forth faithfully support protect and defend the constitution of the United States and the union of the States thereunder that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing (or late) rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves, So help me God.

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Saluda X Thrasher  
Mark



# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## Are You Ready for Savannah? Make Your Plans Now!

John E. and Eleanor Thrasher have made plans for a really great reunion this June, so get your calendars out and set aside June 25 - 27.

The Savannah Garden Inn has reserved a block of 20 rooms at really, really good rates for summer in Savannah. Rates are \$62.00 plus tax per night for rooms with either a king-size bed with a sleeper sofa or two queen-size beds. There are two suites available; rate is \$77.00 plus tax. The block will drop June 10, sooner if the blocked rooms are all taken.

If you need a handicap-accessible room or a first floor room make your reservation as soon as possible as the motel does not have an elevator.

Room price includes a full hot breakfast buffet each day.

Located at 6800 Abercorn St., the motel makes a good branching-out spot for seeing Savannah's attractions. Call the Savannah Garden Inn at 912-356-1234. ext. 313, to make your room reservations. You will need to identify yourself as

being part of the Thrasher Family Association reunion group and ask for rate code **Thrasher**. The group rate is available Thursday through Sunday. Send John E. the meal reservation form on the last page of this newsletter before June 10 as well.

Savannah's winning combination of colonial architecture and southern charm has long made it a popular destination. In recent years, fans of the Savannah-based book and movie "Midnight In The Garden of Good and Evil" have flocked here to see the Bonaventure Cemetery, the Mercer House and other landmarks. History buffs

are drawn to Wormsloe, one of the only examples of a true plantation in the area, as well as the city's many museums and old mansions. If you are feeling physically ambitious, you can find hiking, biking and swimming at the nearby Skidaway Island State Park.

More than 40% of the 2,500 buildings inventoried in Savannah have architectural or historical significance. From the well-preserved, graceful old homes to the varied styles of old churches to museums, there is something for everyone to enjoy in Savannah.

The intriguing history of the Pirates' House Restaurant is intertwined with the settlement and growth of Savannah. Built on the site of Savannah founder James E. Oglethorpe's experimental garden, the original tavern opened in 1753 and became a gathering place for sailors and pirates. Each of the 15 dining rooms is decorated in period. Locals frequently recommend the highly rated restaurant.

Logan's Roadhouse revisits the classic roadhouse from days past and brings it to life in a modern way through hospitality, attentive service and an upbeat atmosphere.

Their website says "Come as you are, grab an ice-cold longneck, tap your toes to the rockin' roadhouse sounds and enjoy good food." From steaks to catfish to salads, the menu offers something for everyone's taste.

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The Pirates' House



The Juliette Gordon Low House

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## News and Notes

### A Golden Celebration!!



*Al and Peggy Thrasher*

Albert and Peggy (Pleasants) Thrasher of Tiger, Georgia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 13, 2009. The ceremony was held in the Tiger Methodist Church with Rev. Julian Scott officiating.

Peggy is the daughter of the late Clyde Arrendale Pleasants English and Miles Otis Pleasants of Tiger, Georgia. Al is the son of the late Albert and Lorraine Dodson Thrasher of Clarkesville and Flovilla, Georgia.

Relatives and friends joined them for an anniversary luncheon in the Fifties Diner of the Rabun County Civic Center. Their children joined the festivities. Their son, Al, and grandson, Connor, came from Vacaville, California, and their daughter, Julie, came with her husband, Steve, and their twins, Henry and Tessa Stuckey, from Byers, Colorado. Peggy wore her original wedding dress. Albert gave Peggy a magnificent diamond and sapphire necklace to commemorate their Golden Anniversary.

The wedding cake was a replica of their first cake, which was made by the groom's mother, Lorraine Thrasher. The new cake even used the original bride and groom topper. The guest book was a

lovely "Anniversary Quilt" made by Janie P. Taylor and her fellow quilters at the Senior Center. Guests were asked to sign the treasured quilt.

Happy anniversary, Al and Peggy, and here's a wish for many more.

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### David Sumner Has New Book Coming

David Sumner has written a new book due for release this spring. Titled "The Magazine Century," it explores the rapid growth in the number of magazines published between 1900 and 2000.

David previously co-authored "Feature and Magazine Writing: Action, Angle and Anecdotes" with Holly G. Miller, which was published in May 2005 and "Magazines: A Complete Guide to the Industry," co-authored with Shirrel Rhoades, published in 2006.

David is a journalism professor at Ball State University in Indiana. He has contributed several articles to the newsletter.

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### Celestea Sharp Film in Festival

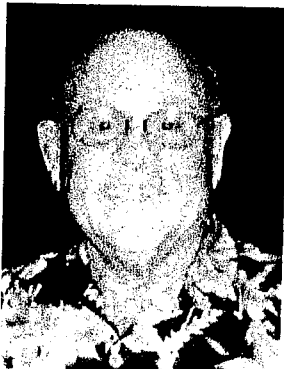
Celestea Gentry Sharp's film "Carving Up Oconee" was shown at the Amelia Island Film Festival in Fernandina Beach, Fla., last month. The film focuses on two communities in rural Oconee County, Georgia - one hour away from fast-growing Atlanta. It allows viewers to witness how it feels for people to have the peaceful beauty of their farmland surroundings suddenly threatened by real estate developers and big-city interests with deep pockets and political influence. Then it follows how local citizens take steps to engage their neighbors and devise strategies that will take their cause from kitchen table to county commission and achieve a real difference in public policy

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## *In Memoriam*

### William Shelah Thrasher

William Shelah Thrasher, a resident of Montgomery, Alabama, passed away peacefully at home on December 6, 2009. He was born September 14, 1930, in Cookeville, Tenn., and grew up in Nashville. His Air Force and Federal Aviation Authority career took the family to Oklahoma, Illinois, Japan, Alabama, Alaska. In 1950 he married Velma Lilian Craighead.



*William Shelah Thrasher*

After retirement he and Velma, who preceded him in death, traveled extensively to visit family, including a return to Japan to visit great-granddaughters Jade and Saige Thrasher. Bill retired from the USAF in 1968 and the Federal Avia-

tion Agency in 1986.

He and Velma bought their Montgomery farm in 1974, having decided to retire there because of the climate. Bill had vowed that if he ever left Alaska he would never shovel snow again!

Velma passed away in January 2007, nearly 57 years after their marriage. Bill was disconsolate until Gail Baker came into his life. He and Gail were married on Valentine's Day 2008.

A lifelong member of the Methodist Church, he was active in the Jack Thompson Sunday School class at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Alaska American Legion Post 29, the East Montgomery Optimist Club and VFW Post 96 of Montgomery.

A former treasurer of the Thrasher Family Association, Bill, with Velma and then with Gail, had attended most of the TFA reunions since he learned of the organization.

Bill is survived by his present wife, Gail Baker Thrasher of Montgomery. Surviv-

ing children include Sheila Marie Reed and her husband Renard Lee Reed of Anchorage, Alaska; James Hall Thrasher, Farmington, New Mexico; and William Roger Thrasher, Holt, Alabama.

He also is survived by grandchildren James William Thrasher and his wife Heidi of New Mexico; Sherry Gail Holmes and her husband Mark of Alaska; Robert Craig Rollins of Alaska; and Mandy Jo Thrasher of New Mexico, as well as five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Leak Memory Chapel in Montgomery on December 10. Graveside services with Full Military Honors were held December 11 at Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Tenn.

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### *Lester E. Thresher*

Lester Edward Thresher was born in Hoyt, Okla., May 22, 1927, to Alfred W. and Vera M. (Barbee) Thresher and



*Lester Edward Thresher*

passed away in Oxnard, Calif., Thursday, February 18, 2010, at the age of 82 years.

A Korean War veteran, he served in the United States Navy. Following his honorable discharge, Lester spent the next 32 years as Manager of Contracts for the federal government.

Les was preceded in death by his wife Garnett, who passed away in 1989, and by his brother Hubert Thresher. Survivors include sisters Hazele Johnson and Sybil Harmon and step-son Ronald Shelley.

Graveside funeral services with Military Honors were held February 25 in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif., with Rev. O. J. Philpot officiating.

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# Bits and Pieces

## New Web Guide to Micanopy Archives Collections

John E. Thrasher is justifiably proud of his latest accomplishment. The Micanopy Historical Society's Archives collection had been on the web for only a couple of weeks when a researcher in Tallahassee e-mailed concerning several references on the site. February marked six years since John began accessioning the archive's holdings into the Past Perfect program. Now it is starting to pay off.

The website, <http://www.afn.org/~micanopy/html/archives.html>, now features a "Guide to Collections," which allows researchers to discover and review descriptive information about the materials held by the Archives. For the first time, researchers are able to browse a detailed list of the holdings online. Descriptions in the guide are arranged alphabetically, with entries typically consisting of names of creators and/or donors, subject terms, dates, the names of people or families, and brief statements describing the archival materials. The revised website also includes a new search engine, which allows researchers to search the entire Guide to Collections.

By making this information available online, the society is increasing the likelihood that researchers around the world will discover and use the Archives. These enhancements to the website were implemented in January 2010, and the Archives already has received requests from researchers who have used the Guide to Collections online.

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## And Just For Fun!

Santa has a new reindeer and his name is Thrasher! Did any of you catch ABC's new holiday special, supposedly "the never-before-told story of an elite unit of elves known as Prep & Landing"? Their mission is advance preparation of all of the many places Santa will visit so that there are no problems when he arrives.

Rumored by many to be only an urban myth, the highly secretive Thrasher is purportedly the second cousin of Dasher the reindeer. Responsible for transporting Prep & Landing elves to their mission sites, he prides himself on his unparalleled stealth and speed, supposedly shaving his antlers smooth for better aerodynamics and painting their underside jet black to go undetected by radar. Supposedly, his only likes are candy canes. And his cool shades.



*Thrasher the Reindeer*

Thrasher even has a Facebook page!

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Congratulations to you 'Bama fans on the Crimson Tide's win over Texas in the BCS Championship game!

## EDITOR'S CORNER



When I typed the year for the heading line of this issue it just seemed impossible -- here we are at the end of the first decade of the 21st century! I don't know about you all, but when I was a child the idea of a year other than 19-something was the stuff of Buck Rogers.

Watching the weather news, it looks as though all of us have had chattering teeth to start the new year, so ward off the cold with warm thoughts and look forward to June and our reunion in Savannah. John and Eleanor have been going full speed ahead with plans for a great time for us there. Make your plans early to join in the fun!

Your news items are important contributions to the newsletters. Send graduations, weddings, new additions to the family and other news to: Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to [beger@earthlink.net](mailto:beger@earthlink.net).



## Descendants of George Thrasher

### Generation No. 1

1. GEORGE<sup>1</sup> THRASHER was born Abt. 1755 in N. C., and died 1849 in Gwinnett Co. GA..

Children of GEORGE THRASHER are:

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  - i. JAMES<sup>2</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1778, Georgia; d. Aft. 1860, Marshall Co. Alabama.
  - ii. JESSE THRASHER, b. Bet. 1780 - 1783; d. April 14, 1839; m. DELLAH MCFARLIN, Abt. 1812; b. Abt. 1785; d. April 14, 1877.
  - iii. WILLIAM THRASHER, b. Abt. 1787, Georgia; d. Aft. 1860; m. ELIZABETH SMITH, 1816, Franklin Co. GA.
  - iv. GEORGE WASHINGTON THRASHER, b. Abt. 1790, Wilkes Co. GA; d. December 03, 1877, Morgan Co. Alabama; m. ELIZABETH ( NEALEY ALENDER ) WHITE, August 26, 1817, Franklin Co. GA.
  - v. THOMAS THRASHER, b. Abt. 1792.

### Generation No. 2

2. JAMES<sup>2</sup> THRASHER (*GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1778 in Georgia, and died Aft. 1860 in Marshall Co. Alabama. He married MARTHA WASHBURN, daughter of REUBEN WASHBURN and ELIZABETH.

Notes for JAMES THRASHER:

James is found in the 1850 Census for Marshall Co. AL

Also the 1860 Census for Marshall Co. AL where he was living with his son, George W. Thrasher. He is listed as 82. Also in the household is Louis Powell, age 71, who is probably George's father-in-law.

From "First Families of St. Clair County and Northeastern Alabama" by Jerry B. Jones  
"b. 1778 S. C., 1800 Census Pendleton District. - --- James Thrasher was a soldier in the Creek War of 1812 - 1813 with Andrew Jackson. He settled at the foot of Sand Mountain, where he lived for a number of years and then moved to land on Sand Mountain and settled what is now known as the Thrasher community in Etowah County, AL. There is a large Thrasher cemetery located on the old Thrasher farm. Married Martha Washburn, daughter of Reuben Washburn and Elizabeth Washburn who came to St. Clair County from Franklin - Lincoln Co. TN area.

Children of JAMES THRASHER and MARTHA WASHBURN are:

- i. CYNTHIA<sup>3</sup> THRASHER, m. WILLIAM F. BATTLES, March 08, 1828.
- ii. ELIZABETH THRASHER, m. JOHN ELDER, April 29, 1824.
- iii. LUCINDA THRASHER, m. JOSEPH TUCKER, July 31, 1836.
- iv. RACHEL THRASHER, m. JOSEPH TUCKER, January 13, 1827.
- v. THOMAS THRASHER, m. ELIZABETH SANDERS, November 13, 1831.

Notes for THOMAS THRASHER:

Not located in the 1850 Census for Marshall Co. Al as reported

3. vi. GEORGE W. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1804, S. C.; d. Aft. 1860, Alabama.
4. vii. MARION JOHNSON THRASHER, b. Abt. 1817, Georgia; d. October 24, 1920.

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Generation No. 3

3. GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1804 in S. C., and died Aft. 1860 in Alabama. He married EDNEY/EDETHA/EDNA POWELL, daughter of LEWIS POWELL. She was born Abt. 1810 in Tennessee, and died March 04, 1894 in Etowah Co. AL.

Notes for GEORGE W. THRASHER:

George is found in the 1850 & 1860 Census for Marshall Co. AL. In 1860 a Louis Powell is living with him, age 81, born in S.C. He is probably George's father in law. His father James, age 82, is also living with him.

In the 1870 Census George and his family are found in Etowah County, Alabama. Louis Powell is still with them at age 95.

George was a farmer.

Notes for EDNEY/EDETHA/EDNA POWELL:

In the 1880 Census, Edna is found in Etowah Co. AL living next to her sons, Elias and Thomas B. Thrasher. In her household are her son, Marion Thrasher, daughter Mary "Polly" Thrasher, and a grandson, Joseph Thrasher.

Editha's estate file Case T-1-13 lists her heirs.

Children of GEORGE THRASHER and EDNEY/EDETHA/EDNA POWELL are:

5. i. ELIAS<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, b. August 1827, Alabama; d. Aft. 1900.
- ii. PERMATHA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1830; m. W. W. ELKINS.

Notes for W. W. ELKINS:  
From Blunt Co. AL.

6. iii. THOMAS B. THRASHER, b. 1830, Alabama; d. 1902.
- iv. MARION JOHNSON THRASHER, b. Abt. 1834, Etowah Co. AL.
- v. JEPHTHA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1843.
- vi. MARY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1845.

Notes for MARY THRASHER:

I believe this Polly is Mary Jane, daughter of Edna and George W. Thrasher. The 1880 Census for Etowah Co. AL. lists Polly as Edna's daughter, not daughter -in- law.

- vii. MARTHA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1848; m. ARCH COPELAND.
- viii. CHARLSEY JANE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1852; m. FRANKLIN GARRARD.

4. MARION JOHNSON<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1817 in Georgia, and died October 24, 1920. He married (1) MARY DIDEMA RODEN. She was born 1819, and died Bet. 1851 - 1854. He married (2) ELIZABETH CAROLINE RODEN June 30, 1854 in Marshall Co. AL.

Notes for MARION JOHNSON THRASHER:

For the genealogy of this family, see the Thrasher Newsletters, October 2003.

Child of MARION THRASHER and ELIZABETH RODEN is:

7. i. SEVILLA ANN<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, b. May 1855, Alabama; d. June 13, 1930, Blount County, Alabama.

Generation No. 4

5. ELIAS<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (*GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 1827 in Alabama,

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and died Aft. 1900. He married NANCY SMITH. She died 1856.

Notes for ELIAS THRASHER:

Elias is found in the 1850 Census for Marshall Co. Alabama with his parents.

Elias is found in the 1860 Census for Marshall County, Alabama. Living with him at this time are Sarah Smith 55, John Smith 17, and Jane Millis Smith. Since Elias' wife was deceased by this time, Sarah was probably his mother in law.

In the 1870 Census Elias is found in Etowah County, Alabama. With him are his three sons and Sarah Smith, age 65.

In 1880, Elias is found in Etowah Co. AL. He lives next door to his brother, Thomas B. Thrasher and mother, Edna Thrasher. His son George ( 1856 ) is still living with him.

In 1900 Elias is found in Precinct #21, Etowah Co. AL.

Elias was a farmer.

See "First Families of St. Clair County and NE Alabama" by Jerry B. Jones

Children of ELIAS THRASHER and NANCY SMITH are:

8. i. MARSHALL "MARK"<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. May 1853, Alabama.
9. ii. GEORGE W. THRASHER, b. September 1855, Alabama.
10. iii. THOMAS THRASHER, b. May 1857, Alabama; d. Aft. 1910.

6. THOMAS B.<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (*GEORGE W.*<sup>3</sup>, *JAMES*<sup>2</sup>, *GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1830 in Alabama, and died 1902. He married MARY A. "POLLY" in Etowah Co. AL. She was born Abt. 1831 in Tennessee.

Notes for THOMAS B. THRASHER:

Thomas is first found in the 1850 Census for Marshall Co. AL. with his parents. In the 1860 and 1870 Census he is living in Etowah Co. AL next door to his parents and two doors from his brother, Elias. In the 1880 Census Thomas is listed in Etowah Co. AL.

Thomas B. Thrasher was a farmer.

Children of THOMAS THRASHER and MARY "POLLY" are:

- i. NANCY J.<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1857, Alabama.
- ii. SOLOMON B. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1859, Alabama.
- iii. DOLLIE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1861, Alabama.
- iv. JAMES A. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1862, Alabama.
- v. SARAH J. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1870, Alabama.
- vi. MARY F. THRASHER, b. Abt. December 1869, Alabama.

7. SEVILLA ANN<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (*MARION JOHNSON*<sup>3</sup>, *JAMES*<sup>2</sup>, *GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>) was born May 1855 in Alabama, and died June 13, 1930 in Blount County, Alabama. She married THOMAS THRASHER October 28, 1879, son of ELIAS THRASHER and NANCY SMITH. He was born May 1857 in Alabama, and died Aft. 1910.

Notes for SEVILLA ANN THRASHER:

Sevilla is listed in the 1900 Census as the mother of nine children, all living.

In the 1930 Census for Blount County, Alabama, Sevilla, age 75, was living with her daughter Polly Ann Thrasher Shavers and the Shavers family.

See the "Thrasher Newsletter", August 1999.

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Notes for THOMAS THRASHER:

Thomas is found in the 1860 Census for Marshall County, Alabama and in the 1870 Census for Etowah County, Alabama.

In the 1900 and 1910 Census Thomas and his family are found in Short Creek, Etowah County, Alabama.

Thomas was a farmer.

Children of SEVILLA THRASHER and THOMAS THRASHER are:

- i. ELIZA J<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, b. April 1880.
11. ii. POLLY ANN THRASHER, b. November 1882, Alabama.
- iii. ELIAS THRASHER, b. April 1884.
- iv. MARSHAL J. THRASHER, b. April 1886.
- v. SAM H. THRASHER, b. April 1887.
- vi. NANCY THRASHER, b. May 1889.

Notes for NANCY THRASHER:

The 1900 Census gives her middle initial as E. The 1910 Census gives it as I.

- vii. LULA H. THRASHER, b. October 1893.
- viii. GEORGE W. THRASHER, b. July 1898, Alabama.
- ix. JOSIE A. THRASHER, b. April 1899.

*Generation No. 5*

8. MARSHALL "MARK"<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*ELIAS<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. May 1853 in Alabama. He married MARTICIA. She was born Abt. 1860 in Alabama.

Notes for MARSHALL "MARK" THRASHER:

Marshall is found in the 1880 Census for Etowah Co. AL, single, age 24, and living with Alice Hulsey, age 20.

In 1920, Marshall is found in Carlisle, Etowah Co. AL. His wife is listed as Marticia Thrasher, age 60. Living with him is his son, Marshall, and a grandson, Earnest Powell.

Notes for MARTICIA:

Child of MARSHALL THRASHER and MARTICIA is:

- i. MARSHALL MILTON<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1888, Etowah Co. AL.

Notes for MARSHALL MILTON THRASHER:

Marshall was living with his parents in the 1920 Census for Etowah Co. AL.

9. GEORGE W.<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*ELIAS<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 1855 in Alabama. He married MARYETTA. She was born March 1864 in Alabama.

Notes for GEORGE W. THRASHER:

George is found in the 1860 Census for Marshall Co. AL; In the 1900 Census for Howelton, Etowah Co. AL. he is listed as household #395 ; The 1910 Census for Short Creek, Etowah Co. AL.; and the 1920 Census for Howelton, Etowah Co. AL.

Children of GEORGE THRASHER and MARYETTA are:

- i. ELIAS J.<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. July 1882, Alabama.
- ii. MINNIE THRASHER, b. August 1886, Alabama. 5/5

- iii. SILVESTER B. THRASHER, b. April 1888, Alabama.
- iv. JOHN M. THRASHER, b. January 1891, Alabama.
- v. MARSHALL THRASHER, b. February 1893, Alabama.
- vi. VINIE L. THRASHER, b. April 1895, Alabama.
- vii. MITCHELL A. THRASHER, b. February 1897, Alabama.
- 12. viii. GEORGE THRASHER, b. 1901, Alabama.
- ix. MARYETTA THRASHER, b. 1901, Alabama.
- x. DELIA THRASHER, b. 1903, Alabama.

10. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*ELIAS<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 1857 in Alabama, and died Aft. 1910. He married SEVILLA ANN THRASHER October 28, 1879, daughter of MARION THRASHER and ELIZABETH RODEN. She was born May 1855 in Alabama, and died June 13, 1930 in Blount County, Alabama.

Notes for THOMAS THRASHER:

Thomas is found in the 1860 Census for Marshall County, Alabama and in the 1870 Census for Etowah County, Alabama.

In the 1900 and 1910 Census Thomas and his family are found in Short Creek, Etowah County, Alabama.

Thomas was a farmer.

Notes for SEVILLA ANN THRASHER:

Sevilla is listed in the 1900 Census as the mother of nine children, all living.

In the 1930 Census for Blount County, Alabama, Sevilla, age 75, was living with her daughter Polly Ann Thrasher Shavers and the Shavers family.

See the "Thrasher Newsletter" August 1999.

Children are listed above under (7) Sevilla Ann Thrasher.

11. POLLY ANN<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, ELIAS<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 1882 in Alabama. She married JAMES W. SHAVERS. He was born Abt. 1884 in Georgia.

Notes for POLLY ANN THRASHER:

James W. and Polly Ann Thrasher Shaver and family are first found in Short Creek, Etowah County, Alabama in the 1910 Census. James' mother, Ruth age 69, was living with them.

They were living next door to her parents, Thomas and Sevilla Thrasher.

Children of POLLY THRASHER and JAMES SHAVERS are:

- i. EFFIE M.<sup>6</sup> SHAVERS, b. Abt. 1907.
- ii. CHARLEY J. SHAVERS, b. Abt. 1911.
- iii. JAMES THOMAS SHAVERS, b. Abt. 1915.
- iv. SALLIE L. SHAVERS, b. Abt. August 1916.
- v. LULE D. SHAVERS, b. Abt. 1917.
- vi. LESSIE M. SHAVERS, b. Abt. 1923.
- vii. W. EARL SHAVERS, b. May 1925.

Generation No. 6

12. GEORGE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*GEORGE W.<sup>5</sup>, ELIAS<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1901 in Alabama. He married VERNER. She was born Abt. 1902.

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Notes for GEORGE THRASHER:

George is found in the 1910 Census for Short Creek, Etowah Co. AL; In the 1920 Census for Howelton, Etowah Co. AL; and in the 1930 Census for Howelton, Etowah Co. AL.

Children of GEORGE THRASHER and VERNER are:

- i. BELVIN<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1922, Alabama.
13. ii. EUGENE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1924, Alabama.
- iii. ERNESTINE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1924, Alabama.

*Generation No. 7*

13. EUGENE<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*GEORGE<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>5</sup>, ELIAS<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1924 in Alabama.

Child of EUGENE THRASHER is:

- i. LARRY<sup>8</sup> THRASHER.

Concerning the above printed genealogy of descendants of George Thrasher:

In the last issue of the Thrasher Newsletter (1 December 2009) there was an article about George Thrasher, (b. in N. C. 1755 - d. 1849 in Gwinnett County, Georgia) and historical information about him. This George is the patriarch of a large Thrasher group and I hope we will be able to publish, over time, the genealogy of his sons and many of their descendants.

You might also like to review the genealogy of George's son, James, that was included in the October 2003 issue of the Thrasher Newsletter since the genealogy in this issue concerns descendants of this same James Thrasher.

This genealogy adds new information about James that was not available in 2003 and traces through his son George ( c 1804) and his son Marion Johnson ( c 1817) to the Larry Thrasher that many of you will remember being in the news three years ago.

Larry Thrasher from Alabama was involved in raising funds to purchase energy drink packets that were to be sent to members of the Alabama National Guard who were serving in Iraq. Larry's project was discussed and a contribution collected at the Thrasher Reunion in 2007. (See the minutes of the business meeting held at the reunion in the August 2007 issue of the Thrasher Newsletter.)

This genealogy ends with Larry, but in between there is an interesting Thrasher - Thrasher wedding!

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# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## Do You Have Questions About The Reunion Schedule?

Ken Thrasher phoned me a few days ago and asked about the schedule for the reunion. I then realized that there was nothing in the March issue of the Thrasher Newsletter about a basic plans for the time in Savannah and need to get this to you before we descend on Savannah!

Friday nights just happened over time. Since more and more folks had to travel quite a distance to attend the Saturday gathering, many of us decided to arrive early; what do you do then? You have dinner with the other early bird Thrashers! Friday nights have been lots of fun for those who can attend. We will meet at the motel around 5:00 p.m. and go to dinner; this year dinner will be at the Pirate's House in downtown Savannah at 6:00 p.m. Allow at least half an hour to drive to downtown. The route is easy, but the Friday evening traffic may be heavy.

After dinner I would like to suggest that if the weather is nice, we walk or drive down to the waterfront (there is parking there) and enjoy the nightlife, shops, characters who might appear, and watch as perhaps large tankers move up and down the river. You can always head back to the motel at any time where by tradition some of us gather and talk and talk and talk.

The basic gathering has always been Saturday afternoon beginning about 1:00 p.m. in the motel meeting room. This year we have a large meeting room, one of the main reasons for selecting this location. This is the most important time for everyone to be together. Please bring your research materials, charts, pictures, books, etc., for sharing, discussion and enjoyment. There are several things that will be going on during the afternoon. Celestea Sharp is planning on attending and bringing her documentary film, "Cutting Up Oconee," which will be available for those who would like to see it. Celestea recently returned from a film festival in Amelia Island, Florida, where the film was shown.

Those of us who attended the Tiger, Georgia, reunion a few years ago had a glimpse of the film, then in production, and also met the photographer. This film should be of special interest to the descendants in the John/Ruth Thrasher family group as our Thrashers settled in what was then Clarke and now is Oconee County, Georgia, after leaving North Carolina.

I have asked Dale Thrasher to tell us about William William Thrasher, the ancestor of the Tennessee Thrasher/Thresher clan. As many of you know, William William's descendants are very closely linked to the John/Ruth Thrasher family by DNA. The two families lived not far apart during the American Revolution.

We will hold a business meeting of the TFA members about 5:00 p.m. At about 6:00 p.m. we will probably begin to say "Let's think about going to dinner." It will take about 15 minutes to drive to Logan's Roadhouse, a few miles south of the motel. Logan's expects us at 7:00 PM. By tradition we always gather back at the motel after dinner and talk and talk and talk.

The Thrasher Family Association has more and more become a research and genealogy sharing time. Dress is casual. Shorts are fine if the weather is hot -- and it is likely to be hot in Georgia in June!

If you have not visited Savannah before this, I hope you can spend enough time there to enjoy the beautiful city (and the golf, Tom!). Friday would be a good sightseeing day; Thursday too, if you can arrive that early; but please don't plan anything for Saturday afternoon except our gathering!

Sunday breakfast time is the last goodbye. Hug and kiss and say that we are looking forward to being with you again next year!

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John E. Thrasher III



*The Savannah Garden Inn*

### Important Reunion Reminders

The reunion headquarters motel, the Savannah Garden Inn, has reserved a block of rooms at excellent rates — \$62.00 plus tax per night for rooms with either a king-size bed with a sleeper sofa or two queen-size beds. There are two suites available; rate is \$77.00 plus tax. These rates are available through June 10, but will end sooner if the blocked rooms are all taken.

If you need a handicap-accessible room or a first floor room make your reservation as soon as possible as the motel does not have an elevator. Room price includes a full hot breakfast buffet each day.

The motel has been recently renovated and offers the following amenities: a sparkling outdoor pool with a beautiful garden courtyard area, a rejuvenating indoor jacuzzi, a breakfast area overlooking the pool and courtyard, with a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet each morning. There is an evening reception

Monday - Saturday from 5pm to 7pm. Each room has complimentary wireless internet access, hair dryers and irons and ironing boards. Some rooms have refrigerators and microwaves. Check it out at <http://www.savannahgardenhotel.com/>.

The motel is located at 6800 Abercorn St. Call the Savannah Garden Inn at 912-356-1234, ext. 313, to make reservations. You must identify yourself as being part of the Thrasher Family Association reunion group and ask for rate code **Thrasher**. The group rate is available Thursday through Sunday.

The Pirate's House (Friday night) requires payment in advance and meal selections for groups and Logan's (Saturday night) needs the number of settings to provide, but does not require a deposit since there will be individual checks. Send John E. the meal reservation form on the last page of this newsletter before June 10 as well.

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Our reunion is just a few weeks away — and the reservation deadlines for the hotel and for the dinners are even closer. Don't wait until it is too late; call the Savannah Garden Inn for your room reservations and send John E. your dinner form now!

There will be a new directory distributed at the reunion — corrections and additions to the current one should be sent as soon as possible to either John E., Buddy, or to me. Information should be sent by June 1 to allow time for proofing, copying, etc.

And again: we want your news. Family events such as weddings, anniversaries, graduations, etc. are important. Don't forget — the address to send items for future issues is 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>.

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## News and Notes

### Digital Photo Display for Reunion

Bill H. Thrasher has been really our "Photography Expert" for the last few reunions. He is the one who has put together the group shots, which managed to include even those who missed the sitting! Now he has another great idea!

Bill is going to set up a chance to show off your favorite Family pictures at the June Thrasher Family Reunion. These can include your grandkids or your great-grandparents -- or anyone in-between. He says he is planning to have a couple of digital photo frames running during our get-together with pictures you submit.

If you already have digital versions of the pictures you want to show then you can e-mail them to him. If you only have the hard copies - you can snail-mail them to Bill ahead of time and he will scan them and return the pictures to you - either at the reunion or by return mail. Please include the names of the people in the photos (up to about 5 people - otherwise just list it something like "The B.H. Thrasher Clan").

E-mail photos to Bill at <oldclockdoctor@windstream.net> or send by snail mail to Bill H. Thrasher, 1010 Coliseum Ave., Live Oak, FL 32064.

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### Cookbooks, Anyone?

Copies of the Thrasher Family Cookbook are still available, although the supplement has sold out, and Eleanor Thrasher will have some with her at the reunion. If you don't yet have your copy (tsk, tsk!) or if you have thought of someone for whom this would be a nice gift, the cookbook alone is \$10/copy. Not able to be at the reunion? Write Eleanor at 6424 S.E. 169th St., Micanopy, FL 32667. Shipping is \$2 per copy.

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### New DNA Test Announced

Nancy Cherry received news that Family Tree DNA has announced a new level of genetic DNA testing. Bennett Greenspan, founder and President of Family Tree DNA, says "This is the most exciting genetic genealogy breakthrough since the company launched its Y-DNA test, which uncovered relatives in the direct paternal line."

The new test is called the autosomal-based Family Finder test. A limited number of customers were offered the Family Finder test during a prelaunch. The company anticipated Family Finder would be available for general release in mid-March at the price of \$249. For more information as to whether it is now available for general release, check with Nancy Thrasher Cherry, the administrator of the Thrasher DNA project, at <NancyTC@aol.com>.

While Y-DNA matches men with a specific paternal line, and mtDNA finds potential relatives only along the maternal line, this new test can look for close relationships along all ancestral lines. You may now match to male and female cousins from any of your family lines within five generations. The science behind it uses linked blocks of DNA across the 22 autosomal chromosomes and matches them between two people. The possibilities thus could find matches that might include aunts and uncles, parents and grandparents, half siblings and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th cousins -- possibly 5th cousins and beyond! The company says participants will be able to sort matches by degree of relationship, view their names and e-mail addresses for immediate communication and download raw data.

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*Pre-reunion assignment: Read or reread "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" to get immersed in the "Savannah mystique," or you can make some popcorn and rent the movie for a fun night at home!*

## More News and Notes

### Thrasher Land Dedicated to Preservation



This photo of John E. Thrasher III and Eleanor Thrasher was taken in November 2009 when the Tusawilla Preserve/John E. Thrasher III & Eleanor K. Thrasher Park was finally opened to the public. (See the Thrasher Newsletter February 2007 issue).

The park, which was originally John's pasture, is now being allowed to return to its natural state as a part of the Tusawilla Lake Preserve. There are new walking paths, beehives, picnic tables and study/seating areas for groups as well as a new information kiosk and marker with the name of the park.

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### The "Bean Ball" Must Go

"The National Commission has made official announcement that it will place a ban on the "bean ball," the delivery by which certain pitchers deliberately try to hit batsmen on the head, or come as close to doing so that the latter, in fear of injury, draws back from the plate and thereby weakens their chances of hitting the ball safely. It is a cowardly advantage for a twirler to take, and we are glad to state that but few twirlers are guilty of resorting to this method to stand off impending defeat.

"But too many men have been driven from the big show to longer permit the users of the "bean ball" to go unpun-

ished, and we trust sincerely that the members of the National Commission will have the nerve to back up the stand they have announced. If the commission does this and actually, as it has threatened, suspends for one year every pitcher using the "bean ball," it will display a "do" spirit in which the fans have believed this body to be sadly lacking for a considerable time.

"When Outfielder Thrasher, for whom Connie Mack paid \$15,000, was sent back to the tall grass, another was added to the long list of those who had their big league careers nipped in the bud by the "bean ball." Thrasher was a most promising youngster and was going along nicely when one day in a game against the Red Sox a ball hit him on the side of the head. He dropped as if shot, was unconscious for a time, and it took some nursing to put him on his feet. In the next game in which he participated he pulled away from the plate and he had to be let out because he could not overcome his fear of fast balls. In time he may overcome this tendency." From the *Baltimore American*, November 13, 1917.

Nancy Thrasher Cherry saves "all things Thrasher," many of which she accesses on-line. She sent this tidbit to the newsletter. She said "I assume that this is the ball player that Hugh and John E. researched some years ago." Thanks for sharing this fun find, Nancy.

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### Directory Updates Needed!

This is important! There will be an updated directory ready for the reunion. If you have any changes to your information since the last directory they need to be sent to Buddy Thrasher <robertthrasher@bellsouth.net>, John E. Thrasher <fish\_jet@bellsouth.net> or Barbara Eger <beger@earthlink.net> before June 10. If you put this off until the reunion it will be too late!

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# The Thrasher Newsletter

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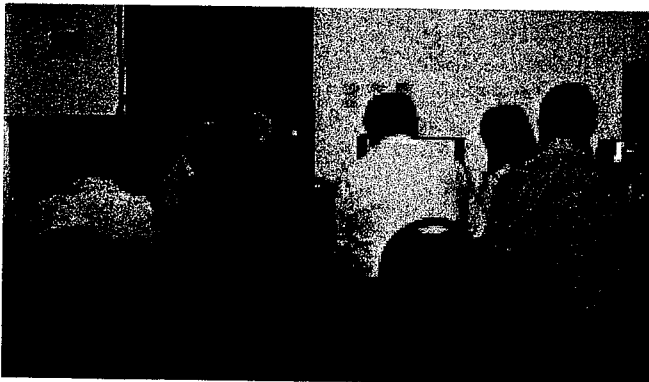
Thrasher Family Association  
Savannah, Georgia

July 26-28, 2010

Group names on page 2.



Jim Thrasher and Ken Thrasher  
get their heads together on a little  
research!



Above: No, it's not an R-rated movie! The rapt attention is  
on Celestea Sharp's movie "Carving Up Oconee." The backs  
belong to (l.to r.) Glenda Thrasher, John E. Thrasher, Buddy  
Thrasher, David R. Thrasher, Celestea Sharp and Jim Moule.

Right: Starting at 1 p.m. and going clockwise are Tom and  
Sande Thrasher, Tony Thrasher, Joe Stine and Joan Stine  
chatting and waiting for dinner at Logan's Saturday night.



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Group picture, page 1:

Front row: Glenda Thrasher, Bonnie Bolin, Eleanor Thrasher, Barbara Eger. 2nd row: Tom Thrasher, Sande Thrasher, Buddy Thrasher, John E. Thrasher, Gail Thrasher. 3rd row: Joellen Laveigne, Rod Kellerman, Star Noor, Frances Leitner, Bill Miller, Janice Miller, Bill H. Thrasher, Betty Bowling, Juanita Thrasher. 4th row: "Jolly Roger" from The Pirate's House, George C. Thrasher, Gloria Thrasher, Celestea Sharp, Dale Thrasher, Trudy Thrasher, Gwen Downey, Tony Thrasher, Joan Stine, Mary Thrasher, Ken Thrasher. Back row: Al Thrasher, Peggy Thrasher, Ed Anderson, David Sumner, Jim Moule, Joe Stine, Jim Thrasher, David R. Thrasher, Alice Thrasher.

## Savannah Was Super!!

The 2010 Thrasher Family Association reunion was a real success. John E. and Eleanor Thrasher did a great job (as usual - how many times is this that they have jumped into the breach?) in planning for our get-together.

Attendance was good, and it was great to see quite a few new faces as well as several long-time members whom we had not seen for a while. Touching base with the reunion regulars was, of course, a chance to visit with old friends and see what they had done over the past year.

Quite a few of those attending came a day or so ahead of the reunion to take advantage of Savannah's many attractions. This led to an unusual Thursday evening get-together for dinner at Pearl's Saltwater Grill recommended by Jim Moule - good choice, Jim.

Sightseeing ranked high on everyone's list -- the lovely system of city squares, the many, many beautiful old homes and the quaint waterfront shops were all well worth enjoying at leisure.

The meeting room quickly filled with charts, books and notebooks, pictures and other research material. Celestea Sharp brought a copy of her movie, "Carving Up Oconee," and while there was no AV equipment available in the room itself, viewing it on a nice large laptop loaned by David R. Thrasher worked and the showing got attention from a lot of those in attendance.

Saturday afternoon's meeting featured a variety of reports from members, ranging from new research to tracing of known generations to Alabama cemeteries. The lack of AV equipment led to a motion at our meeting that if a hotel or motel did not have any available the association should rent appropriate items locally if needed. Association officers were reelected (shanghaied??) and once again Gloria Thrasher used her talents with the crochet hook to make gifts for the ladies present as well as a lovely table throw to add to the door prizes others had brought.

John and Eleanor's selection of The Pirate's House for Friday's dinner not only proved to have really good food, but hearing tales of the house's past made us all glad we weren't there back in the time of the actual pirates. No one seemed anxious to test the truth of the underground tunnels supposedly used to shanghai reluctant recruits to "the pirate's life."

Saturday at Logan's Roadhouse proved to be a good change of pace; informal and relaxing with a chance to chat about events so far and to get acquainted with new people and reacquainted with the ones we hadn't seen for a while.

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Friday at The Pirate's House clockwise from top: Bill H. Thrasher, Juanita Thrasher, Eleanor Thrasher, Trudy Thrasher (back to camera) and looks like Dale Thrasher's arm!



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## *In Memoriam*

### Hugh Lee Thrasher

Hugh Lee Thrasher, age 87, passed away May 15, 2010, after an extended illness. He was born July 8, 1922, in Bishop, Georgia, the son of the late Isaac Lee Thrasher & Gertrude Saxon Thrasher.

Hugh was the youngest of 14 siblings, all of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn Summerall Thrasher, mother of his children.

Hugh proudly served his country during WW II in the US Navy. He graduated from Atlanta Business College and was employed at Sears, Roebuck & Co. for 27 years. After retiring he moved to Sweetwater, Tenn., where he developed and operated Sweetwater Valley KOA.

Hugh was a member of Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church and served as a volunteer at Sweetwater Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; children Ken and Cathy Thrasher, Atlanta, GA; Debbie Bohler, Jacksonville, FL; Connie Kemp, Marietta, GA; Sylvia and Ted Jenkins, Gray, GA; Calvin and Alma Webb, Macon, GA; and Dennis and Sara Webb, Maryville, TN; and 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 17 in Sweetwater Memory Chapel with Rev. Jonny Carr and Ken Thrasher officiating. Interment was in Sweetwater Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made to Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, 112 Key Kile Rd. Sweetwater, TN 37874.

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### Charlotte Burnette Thrasher

Charlotte Burnett Thrasher of Warner Robins, Georgia, passed away July 9, 2010, at home. She was born March 2, 1928, in Bibb County, Georgia, to the late John Chester Burnett and Annie Maude Hancock Burnett.

A teacher and homemaker, she graduated from Middle Georgia College and attended Mercer and Georgia College. After graduation she went to Columbus, Ga., to teach. Charlotte was a member of Bloomfield United Methodist Church.

In August 1983 she went to bed hearing and awoke totally deaf. Her doctor went to a meeting where he heard of an experimental cochlear implant. Charlotte was accepted in the program and was possibly the first person in Georgia to receive an implant. The implant allowed her to hear sound but not understand speech; however, further surgery in 1986 and 2001 provided additional hearing improvement.

Charlotte did not let deafness slow her genealogy research or her travel to see and experience life. She flew to England twice on Air Force KC-135 tankers and lay on a couch by the boom operator to watch the refueling of 2 RF-4's. She made three trips to research family records in England and Scotland. She liked to experience things. She took scuba lessons in St. Thomas, went to the top of the Empire state Building, the Washington Monument, Diamond Head, the Kileau Volcano lava flow and Mount Titlis in Switzerland and traveled to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and explored Carlsbad and other caverns.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 15, in the chapel of Snow's Memorial Chapel in Macon. Burial was in Macon Memorial Park Cemetery. Rev. Ceil Mitchell, Rev. Linda Gail Thompson, and Rev. Elick Bullington officiated.

Two sons, John Albert Thrasher and Thomas David Thrasher, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, Jodie Thrasher of Warner Robins; three grandchildren, David R. Thrasher of Warner Robins, Amber T. Wilkerson of Athens, and Wendy T. Payne of Jefferson, Georgia; her sister, Martha Jo Fountain of Culloden, Georgia; a great granddaughter, Ansley Payne of Jefferson; and several nieces and nephews.

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## *In Memoriam*

### William Doyle Cherry

William Doyle Cherry, 75, died July 11, 2010, in Silver Spring, Maryland. He was born in Baltimore Nov. 10, 1934, to James Cherry and Ella Florence Hartman Cherry.

He was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. He served with the U.S. Army in the 14th Armored Cavalry on the East-West German border during the Cold War.

Bill was a 40 year employee of Westinghouse Electric Co. where he started as a technician and retired as a senior engineer in research and development. He held patents for radar devices, some of which are still being used in satellites, fighter jets and other aircraft, tanks and battleships. In retirement, he worked as a consultant for the U.S. Postal Service, overseeing the testing of new high-speed sorting equipment throughout the U.S.

His many interests included astronomy and space exploration, politics, classic Chevrolets, 3-D photography, sailing, home remodeling, railroading, travel (particularly to Italy and France), electronics and wine-making.

His passing will be noted with relief by the crabs and oysters of the Chesapeake Bay.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Thrasher Cherry, and his son, Christopher James Thomas Cherry; one brother, Joseph Robert Cherry of Linthicum; several nieces and nephews and their families; and several cousins.

Bill was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, James Donald Cherry and Gerald Francis Cherry; and two nephews.

Bill was a member of the Westinghouse Retirees Association, the 14th Armored Cavalry Alumnae Association, the Maryland Grape Growers Association and the Jefferson Ruritan Club, where he and Nancy headed the Jefferson History Project.

Funeral services were held in the Etchison Memorial Chapel of the Keeney and Basford Funeral Home. Interment was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.

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*Thank you!*

*Thank you!*

First and foremost to John E. and Eleanor Thrasher for planning a reunion that really fits the category of "a good time was had by all."

To Bill H. Thrasher for once again providing a picture of the entire reunion group (even if you missed the actual photo-shoot). His talents with photo editing are really appreciated. I hereby dub him the Ansel Adams of the Thrasher Family Association!

To Mary Thrasher for volunteering to do the copying and mailing of the newsletter while John E. was on vacation. This is not a small job and her pitching in was a huge help.

To Jim Moule for contributing his research information.

To Joe Stine for the "Sanford As I Knew It" article.

To ~~Clady~~ Gladys Thrasher for the wonderful crocheted gifts for the ladies for the second year and to the other members who brought door prizes.

To Celestea Sharp for showing "Carving Up Oconee"; and to everyone who brought their charts, books and other research material to share.

To Dale and Trudy Thrasher for sharing all the recent happy events in their family.

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## News and Notes

### Dale and Trudy Thrasher Share Family News

Dale and Trudy Thrasher made it to Savannah for the reunion in spite of multiple family events during that time. There were three graduations, three weddings and a Silver Anniversary.

Emily Thrasher graduated from West Jefferson (Ohio) High School in May. The daughter of William T. and Jennifer Thrasher and granddaughter of Dale and Trudy, Emily will enroll in college in the fall in Columbus, Ohio.

Another granddaughter, Lindsay DiNatale, graduated from La Plata (Maryland) High School in June. She is the daughter of Joseph and Christine Thrasher DiNatale. She plans to attend college in Norfolk, Va., this fall.

The third graduate was grandson Benjamin Thrasher, son of William T. and Jennifer Thrasher. He received his engineering degree from Ohio State University in March and has accepted a position with the Air Force. Benjamin followed that with a wedding in June! He and Tessa O'Brien were married on June 20. The couple will reside in Dayton, Ohio, where Benjamin will be employed.

The next wedding date was July 3 in Boulder, Colo. Rebecca Susan Brady married Colin John Spear. She is the daughter of Brent and Patricia Thrasher Brady and another of Dale and Trudy's granddaughters. There was an "East Coast reception" in July at the Salisbury, Md., home of the bride's parents.

The third wedding was in St. Petersburg, Fla. Michael A. Thrasher, a great-nephew of Dale and Trudy, married Theresa Gerke on July 31. Michael is employed by a Tampa engineering firm and the couple will make their home in the Tampa Bay area.

William T. and Jennifer Wood Thrasher celebrated 25 years of marriage the weekend of May 30 in Galloway, Ohio. William is one of Dale and Trudy's sons, and the father of Emily and Benjamin (above). He and Jennifer certainly had a crowded few months!

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### Directory Changes/Additions

Add to your directories and give a warm welcome to six new members:

Richard Davidson  
12501 Cedar Fall Drive  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-948-0568  
richardbdavidson@gmail.com

Judy & Abel Aleman  
2508 Monte Cristo Dr.  
Sherman TX. 75092-2320  
903-892-1286  
aleman@cablone.net

Edward Lee Anderson  
305 Reefton Rd  
Weddington, NC 28104  
704-821-7595  
eanderson@carolina.rr.com

Bonnie Thrasher Bolin  
115 Horseshoe Cir.  
Fayetteville, Ga. 30215  
770-461-0358  
elbjrdc@att.net

Michael (Mike) G. Thrasher  
308 Deer Run Rd  
Westminster SC. 29693  
864-972-3812

William Larry Thrasher  
109 Pleasant View Rd  
Tamssee SC. 29686  
864-944-7266

Next, please make the following directory changes:

Joellen Laveigne's new e-mail is:  
joellen.laveigne@gmail.com

Frances Leitner's new address is:  
513 Eagle Blvd.  
Kingsland, GA 31548  
(Waiting for a new phone number)

Gail Thrasher's phone is now:  
334-730-5360

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## More News and Notes

### Jim Moule Willing to Share His Maryland Line Research

Jim Moule has done a lot of research on the Maryland Thrashers; since the association has members from several different Thrasher branches, perhaps someone can find a missing link through his research. He sent information on how to access it, along with a good research tip.

I have placed my record of the descendants of Benjamin Thrasher who died ca 1740 in Prince Georges, Maryland - and the associated families - on line. To access it, take the following steps:

1. Go to the James C. Moule Home Page — <http://home.earthlink.net/~jmoule/>
2. Click on "Ball Family History"
3. Click on "Surnames" or "Index" to find whom you seek. There are over 1,300 persons named Thrasher in this file and a lot of Thrashers had the same first name. (There are 62 persons named John for example.) It can be quicker to find the spouse if you know the name.

When you have found the person you seek in the Index or in Surnames and click on that name you will then see a "Family Card" giving a summary of information. Then if you click on a person's name on the Family Card you will see a "Person Sheet" with more information - sometimes much more information.

And Jim sent the following tip that he learned from Laura Thrasher of Shelbyville, MO.

"After you have gone to Ancestry.com and found out everything that you can about a person, go to Family Search ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)). On their home page under "What's New" you will find "See prototype for searching millions of records". Click on that and search for information on the person of interest.

Family Search has some data bases that Ancestry.com does not have - including some images of original vital records. This extra step costs nothing and has solved some problems that could not be solved any other way. It has been particularly useful to me for the 1800 to 1900 time period in the US.

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### Cemetery Lists On the Web

This is taken from an earlier issue of MATA Data, the Middle Atlantic Thrasher Assn. newsletter:

Alma Thrasher of Pelzer, S. C., sent a message to Nancy Thrasher Cherry saying she had visited the Thrasher Family Cemetery in Bibb County, Ala., and had taken pictures of the entire cemetery. She posted them on <Findagrave.com>. I checked it out this week to be sure the site was still out there and wow, that is a really big site. There are cemetery name

listings, pictures and a lot of other information. The several ways to search include by cemetery name, state, county and person. There might be other ways to search and other information available, but I had to get on with other things. It takes time to refine your search to get exactly what you are looking for, but the site can also tempt you to just browse. They kind of plug for Ancestry.com, but it's easy to ignore the plugs.

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# And Still More News and Notes

## SANFORD AS I KNEW IT 1912-1935

In 1970 Peter Schaal published Sanford As I Knew It 1912-1935 which was a short synopsis of each year taken from The Sanford Herald newspaper. Peter Schaal grew up in Sanford and was the news-sports editor of The Sanford Herald during these years. Four Thrasher siblings lived in Sanford, Florida, during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, all children of Judge David Oliver Thrasher of Dade City, Florida:

MARGUERITE (Maggie) WARREN THRASHER wife of Nathan Hosea Garner  
DAVID LELAND THRASHER  
ELLEN M. (Birdie) THRASHER wife of Fred S. Daiger, and ROBERT TOOMBS THRASHER.

Listed are references to Thrasher's or a spouse. Quoted items are from Shaal's book.

1913: Seminole County was split from Orange County in 1913. "For the record, here are the names of Seminole County's very first officials, as approved by Governor Park Trammell on June 19: ... D.L. Thrasher, superintendent of public instruction..." Incidentally David Leland Thrasher's father had been Superintendent of Public Instruction for Pasco County about 1900.

1913: "Forrest Lake's Seminole Bank and Trust Co. had opened September 27 in the Welborne Building (Valdez Hotel). Its original incorporators were among the city's most prominent men- ...D.L. Thrasher, ... N.H. Garner..."

1924: "The spring of 1924 saw an important change in the Herald's editorial staff, when Mrs. Fred Daiger resigned as society editor."

1927: "Leaders of the agitation aimed primarily at Mayor Lake and the City Commission were: D.L. Thrasher, ... N.H. Garner..." The agitation was "that mayor-banker Lake had personally endorsed certificates of indebtedness sold to make July 1 bond interest payments." Mayor Lake was indicted, convicted and served time for banking irregularities.

1928: "E.A. Douglass was re-elected as county clerk when he polled 1,309 votes ...and the 773 for D.L. Thrasher. It was Mr. Thrasher's last attempt at a city or county political post although he continued as a member of the 'anti-establishment' forces we then knew."

KATHRYN WATERS, later to become Mrs. ROBERT CARTER THRASHER (son of ROBERT TOOMBS THRASHER) was also referenced.

1921: "Little Kathryn Waters suffered serious injury on April 15 when she was run over by an automobile after stepping off a bus."

1931: "There was sadness around the city August 31 with word that Mrs. Hugh Waters had died. She was only 39. ...Hugh and their children-...Kathryn..."

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*Contributed by Joseph Stine, son of Louise Thrasher Stine and great-great grandson of "Cousin John" Thrasher.*

## EDITOR'S CORNER



It's annual dues time again. Remember that the post-reunion issue of the newsletter is the last one for our year, which runs from July 1 to June 30. If you've already paid at the reunion or by sending Buddy Thrasher an early renewal, ignore this! If you haven't renewed, send your check and the attached form to Buddy. Even if you're a long-time member be sure to complete the form so that we are sure to have accurate information. Coming issues will have more news and research that you won't want to miss. David Sumner is working on one of his excellent member profiles, probably for the next issue.

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

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## Minutes of The Thrasher Family Association Annual Meeting

26 June 2010 Savannah, Georgia

Old & new members attending the Business meeting: Ed Anderson; Bonnie Bolin; Barbara Eger; JoEllen Laveigne; Frances Leitner; Jim Moule; Celestea Sharp; Joe & Joan Stine; David Sumner; Albert & Peggy Thrasher; Bill H. & Juanita Thrasher; Dale & Trudy Thrasher; David & Alice Thrasher; Gail Thrasher; George C. & Gloria Thrasher; Jim & Mary Thrasher; John E. & Eleanor Thrasher III; Ken C. & Betty Bowling Thrasher; Robert "Buddy" & Glenda Thrasher; Tom & Sande Thrasher; and Tony Thrasher.

John E. Thrasher III, this year's Chairman, welcomed the members and guests to the gathering in the meeting room of the Savannah Garden Hotel. There were several new (within the year) members present and several members who had not attended a Thrasher Family Association Reunion until now. It was wonderful to welcome back some long time members who had not attended for some time. There were several visitors who also dropped in and out.

There were several important and interesting presentations at this time:

Dale Thrasher presented an overview of the Tennessee group's early history beginning with William William Thrasher.

Bill H. Thrasher discussed some of the Thrasher Cemeteries he recently visited in Alabama.

John E. Thrasher III reported on some ongoing research concerning Benjamin Thrasher who married Sarah White and was in Georgia by the time their son, Benedict Thrasher was born in 1792. Two of the descendants of this family ( Tony and Ken C,) were present and had their research available. He also is researching the family of Robert Thrasher who married Elizabeth Delaney. They arrived at about the same time as Benjamin and Robert is thought to be his brother. There was much correspondence about these families years ago and queries that can be found in the Thrasher Newsletters. TFA member Nancy McLaughlin is also researching this family.

Jim Moule continued from last year's presentation with new, interesting findings concerning some of the Maryland Thrashers who had moved south.

Celestea Sharp (with lap-top assistance from David R. Thrasher) was able to show her documentary film, "Cutting Up Oconee." The film has been shown at several film festivals and was of special interest to the descendants of John & Susan Barton Thrasher as Clarke County (now Oconee County, Georgia) was where this Thrasher family settled after the Revolutionary War. The film will be available soon for sale on a DVD. You all will want to see it!

David E. Sumner announced the publication of his newest book, "The Magazine Century, American Magazines Since 1900." The book was just made available in May. Congratulations, David! While both he and Tom N. Thrasher are here together, David is interviewing Tom and will have a new profile of Tom for the Newsletter.

Bill H. Thrasher showed the group several books written by one Travis Thrasher. Juanita discovered these. They are of a religious nature. For more information, contact Bill and Juanita.

Juanita Thrasher won first prize at the county fair this year and made a beautiful quilt which she displayed. The quilt was designed so that those attending the reunion could sign on one of the panels, there by creating a permanent record of the folks attending the reunion. Great idea! Many thanks.

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Before and during the business meeting there were various announcements and activities. Thanks to those who provided the door prizes! Also to those who provided snacks and drinks for the hungry, thirsty and weary. A very special thanks to Gloria Thrasher for the beautiful hand crocheted items which she made as gifts for the ladies and one other lucky ticket holder prize winner.

A special thanks too for all who brought the wonderful charts, books, illustrations, and picture shows.

### **Business Meeting:**

1. Minutes for 13 June 2009: The minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections, changes or additions suggested. Motion by Dale Thrasher to approve the minutes, seconded by Albert Thrasher. Motion carried. Nancy Cherry, the Secretary, was absent from this meeting. Many thanks, Nancy, for the great minutes.

2. Newsletter: Barbara Eger was recognized for her fine Newsletters. She has prepared them now for the past fifteen years! Her work with the Newsletters is much appreciated. Barbara again stated that she needs help from all of you with news, articles, and information in order to make the Newsletter relevant. Please send your family news to her. Those researching can send queries and findings that will interest others. As John will not be able to print and mail the Newsletter in August, Mary Thrasher volunteered to do this task. Thanks, Mary.

3. Treasurer's report: Robert "Buddy" Thrasher presented an up to date financial report for the year 2009 - 2010. (Copy attached.) The TFA is in a sound financial situation. Great job, Buddy, and many thanks for a great job, well done.

Several years ago the TFA voted to set aside \$300 per year for DNA scholarships. This money was to be sent to the Family Tree lab in Houston, Texas, where the DNA testing is done, and held in an escrow account. Buddy does not have access to the financial records at the lab and this makes it difficult for him in his record keeping. This past year only one DNA scholarship was given (Roger Angus Thrasher) and Buddy suggested that the scholarship funds simply be held in the current checking account until needed. They would also earn a small bit of interest for the TFA rather than for the Family Tree Corporation. This suggestion was confirmed as a motion, seconded and the motion passed. Nancy Cherry and John Thrasher have made contact with an Englishman who is interested in meeting his American cousins. Perhaps he will be interested in the DNA program and give the TFA an authentic link to the English Thrashers!

### **Old Business:**

Tombstones: Bill H. Thrasher told of the situation in some of the Alabama cemeteries. Some of the inscriptions cannot be read. He will study the situation and report next year. Celestea Sharp reported that John Paul Thrasher had gone to the Barton Thrasher Cemetery in Oconee County, Georgia and said that the tombstone for Asenath Thrasher Overby was in good condition. There had been concern about this particular tombstone because of its location and prominence.

Cookbooks: Eleanor Thrasher still has copies of the Thrasher Cookbook available. There are no more of the supplements. The price for just the Cookbook itself is \$10.00.

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## New Business:

Who will host the 2011 Thrasher Reunion? Several suggestions were made as to location. The location really is the decision of the hosts. Several members are considering this and will decide before long. Callaway Gardens near Columbus, Georgia, the Atlanta area and St. Augustine, Florida were mentioned. Members will be notified in the next Thrasher Newsletter if a decision has been reached by that time. The suggestion to hold the reunion in a month other than June ( April or May) was warmly received and will be considered.

John E. would like to print more genealogies and updates this year. Some of the material is larger than the amount the TFA has published before and would increase the printing and postage costs. The consensus of the group was to go ahead with this as the TFA is financially secure and can afford the extra cost.

Every two years, Barbara has prepared a new Directory of members of the TFA and this year was no exception. Barbara has done a great job of organizing this Directory. The new Directory was distributed to members present and copies will be mailed to those unable to attend. Barbara asked those present to check their entry for errors and let her know of any. Corrections will be posted in the August Newsletter.

Because there was no projection equipment available for showing Celestea's film on the large screen, many attending the reunion did not get to view it. Discussion as to perhaps purchasing a projector for the TFA resulted in a motion by Bill H. Thrasher to purchase an appropriate type of projector for the Association. More discussion and then an amendment to Bill's motion was made by Joe Stine which was accepted by Bill. The motion was that the TFA authorizes the rental of the most up-to-date and suitable equipment for the reunions. (The person who would be using the equipment would have the responsibility of renting and returning the equipment. The rental cost would be paid from TFA funds.) Seconded by Dale Thrasher. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Dale Thrasher to retain the same slate of officers for the year 2010 - 2011. The motion was seconded by George C. Thrasher and carried unanimously. The slate nominated and elected is: John E. Thrasher III, Chairman; Robert "Buddy" P. Thrasher, Treasurer; Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Secretary. Barbara Eger will continue to prepare the superb Thrasher Newsletter!

It is sad, but we do remember the members and friends the TFA that passed away this year: James Roscoe Brown; Hugh Thrasher; Ruth Queen Thrasher; William "Bill" S. Thrasher; and Lester E. Thresher. They are greatly missed.

John E. thanked all who had participated in the reunion. A special thanks to those who provided the exhibits, the DVD show, charts, books, research materials et al.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned to the courtyard where the group posed for a photo taken by our talented photographer Bill H. Thrasher.

Submitted by Eleanor and John E. Thrasher III

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# THRASHER FAMILY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

06/01/2009 Thru 05/31/2010

	Deposits	Expense	Totals
<b>Balance Trustmark National Bank Columbus Ms. 5/31/2009</b>			<b>\$1,912.72</b>
Donation	\$20.00		
Dues received 06/01/2009 thru 05/31/2010	\$1,170.00		
<b>Total Deposits 06/01/2009 to 05/31/2010</b>			<b>\$1,190.00</b>
<b>Total account 06/01/2009 thru 05/31/2010</b>			<b>\$3,102.72</b>
<b>Disbursements 06/01/2009 thru 05/31/2010:</b>			
2009 Vicksburg Ms. Reunion Expense		\$200.00	
Newsletter expense (Printing, Postage)		\$609.35	
<b>Disbursements 06/01/2009 thru 05/31/2010:</b>			<b>\$809.35</b>
<b>Balance Trustmark National Bank 5/31/2010</b>			<b>\$2,293.37</b>
<b>Family Tree General Account:</b>			
Thrasher/Thrasher general account			\$302.00
Thrasher/Thrasher MATA general account			\$30.00
<b>Balance FTDNA Account 5/31/2010</b>			<b>\$332.00</b>

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