

# THRASHER NEWSLETTER

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Yes, it IS "true what they say about Dixie"! Those of you who missed the Reunion last month really missed a good time of fun and fellowship. We had a good crowd - the flower arrangements on the tables were beautiful and, as usual, the food was fantastic. We wish to express our appreciation to Earl Thrasher, Jennie Peters, and all of the Brooks County Cousins, for hosting our 1983 meeting.

It was voted to hold the 1984 Reunion on Saturday, June 23rd, at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia. The rates are most reasonable, for both rooms and the food, which will be catered for our meeting, so we will not have to worry about preparing and taking food. Those of you who have never been to Georgia's Golden Isles really have a treat in store, and some of you may want to stay several days, and make a vacation out of it. Several very interesting ideas have been received regarding program activities for next year, but you will be hearing more about this nearer the Reunion date. Cousin Tommy Dodd, who lives at St. Simons, will be helping to coordinate the plans for us.

Hugh Thrasher, of Sweetwater, Tenn., graciously offered to host the 1984 Reunion in Sweetwater, where he has a KOA Campground. Bill Thrasher, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, also offered to host our meeting in Chattanooga, where he said he could arrange to have our dinner meeting on a boat. We are most appreciative for these invitations, and hope they will give us a "rain check" for a future Reunion.

We were so excited to have so many Cousins attending for the first time -- and from so many states other than Georgia, as follows:

Bill Thrasher, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Mrs. Frankie D. Thrasher, Chattanooga, Bill's mother  
Jim and Selma Marlowe, New Port Richey, Fla.  
George and Deborah Bohler, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Claire Thrasher Moroney, Marblehead, Mass.  
Maureen Moroney, Salem, Mass.  
John and Pat Singleton, Coral Gables, Fla.  
Thomas E. and Vivian Thrasher, Jefferson, Maryland  
Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Beltsville, Maryland  
Linda Thrasher-Ullom, Reston, Virginia  
John Peyton Thrasher, Frederick, Maryland  
Frank C. Combes, III, Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Kenneth D. Thrasher, Yorba Linda, California  
Hugh L. Thrasher, Sweetwater, Tennessee  
Marion and Jim Massey, Montgomery, Alabama  
Susan and Jerry Hudson, Montgomery  
Will Hudson, Montgomery  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Capell, Montgomery  
Mrs. W. E. Hawkins, Columbus, Georgia

Some of our most enthusiastic members were absent -- WE MISSED YOU!! Please make plans, now, for next June 23rd, at St. Simons!

## THRASHER RECORDS IN KENTUCKY

Before white men moved into the area which later became the State of Kentucky, it was claimed by Virginia as a part of her Augusta County. Tradition in our THRASHER FAMILY has it that DAVID BARTON, father of our SUSAN BARTON, who was the wife of JOHN THRASHER, was killed by the Indians when he accompanied DANIEL BOONE on one of his earliest expeditions into Kentucky.

DANIEL BOONE, born in Pennsylvania, of English Parents, moved to the Kentucky area from Rowan County, North Carolina, on the Yadkin River, in September of 1773. (Handy Book for Genealogists - Everton) Documentary proof that RUTH BARTON, Widow of DAVID BARTON, and JOHN THRASHER, were also living in North Carolina, on the Yadkin River, at the same time, has been published. During BOONE's activities in the section, Kentucky was a part of Virginia, designated as Kentucky County, Va. According to Everton, the earliest settlers of Kentucky came mostly from Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia.

DAVID BARTON was deceased by 1772, as will be shown in CBD-S, p.103-108, where LAWRENCE ROSS was administering his estate. LAWRENCE ROSS was DAVID's brother-in-law.

You will recall that after ISAAC THRASHER and RUTH BARTON, his mother-in-law, came to Georgia, they executed a power of attorney, recorded in Franklin County, appointing BENJAMIN BARTON and THOMAS BARTON their lawful attorneys to transact business for them with LEONARD HALL, of Kentucky, and in particular to "ask, demand, sue for and receive a certain Bond given by the said LEONARD HALL to RUTH BARTON on the behalf of ISAAC THRASHER on the 27th of Jany One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty - - - -".

An 1800 Kentucky Tax List, a substitute for the missing 1800 Census, lists the following BARTONS and THRASHERS as paying taxes:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TAX LIST DATE</u>
THRASHER, JOHN, JR.	Pendleton	8/21/1800
THRASHER, JOHN, SR.	Pendleton	8/21/1800
THRASHER, JOSIAH	Pendleton	8/21/1800
THRASHER, STEPHEN	Pendleton	8/21/1800
THRASHER, WILLIAM	Pendleton	8/21/1800
BARTON, ANDREW	Bourbon	7/23/1800
BARTON, DANIEL	Fayette	11/7/1800
BARTON, DAVID	Fayette	11/7/1800
BARTON, JAMES	Pendleton	8/21/1800
BARTON, JOHN	Christian	7/22/1800
BARTON, JOHN	Fayette	11/7/1800
BARTON, JOSHUA	Bourbon	1800
BARTON, JOSHUA	Clark	1800
BARTON, ROSWELL	Pendleton	8/21/1800
BARTON, THEOPHOLIS	Hardin	1800
BARTON, THOMAS, JR.	Shelby	8/ 7/1800
BARTON, THOMAS, SR.	Shelby	8/ 7/1800

Although we have records of only three children of JOHN THRASHER and RUTH CLOUD THRASHER, there could have been others who chose to remain in Virginia, or Kentucky.

## BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA THRASHERS

Following are some court records involving Bibb Co. Thrashers which were recorded by Mrs. Vessie Thrasher Rainer some years ago, and which she turned over to me for whatever purpose I thought appropriate:

April 1, 1850 - Patents - United States of America  
May 27, 1885 date filed (Ref. Deed Book V (or Y), p. 524.)

JOSHUA THRASHER  
JOSEPH THRASHER  
JOHN W. THRASHER

April 9, 1853 - JOSHUA and MARY E. THRASHER to MARION BANKS for \$4,075 - Thirty-three Quarter Section - Township Twenty-one, Range Six, in the Tuscaloosa, Ala. Land District. (Book G, p. 585)

Jan. 10, 1857 - JOHN W. & MARY THRASHER to GEO. B. RANDOLPH, North West of Section twenty-four in Township twenty-one and Range Six West in the District of Lanes subject to sale at Tuscaloosa. (Bk. H, p. 342).

1868 - 1870 - 1876 - 1883 up to 1933 are found land transactions and records of many THRASHERS.

### Marriages

- Nov. 25, 1864 - JOSHUA THRASHER married MARGARET TATUM, by J. W. THRASHER, J.P.
- Aug. 15, 1865 - BENJ. A. THRASHER married LUCINDA C. ASHWORTH, by J. W. THRASHER.
- Jan. 18, 1866 - J. E. THRASHER married RUTHA J. VININGS
- Feb. 21, 1882 - J. W. THRASHER married Mrs. RACHAEL KELLOUGH, at the bride's residence at River Bend neighborhood.
- Feb. 16, 1874 - JOSEPH THRASHER married ZILLIE GUILLE
- Sept. 28, 1877 - B. A. THRASHER married FRANCES A. DANIEL at the residence of her father, near Bibbville.
- Nov. 21, 1878 - W. H. P. THRASHER married ROSANNA WOOD, at A. J. WOOD's
- Feb. 3, 1879 - Y. R. THRASHER married REBECCA L. C. ASHWOOD
- Jan. 27, 1880 - FRANCES THRASHER married J. W. WOOD
- March 17, 1880 - AMANDA THRASHER married J. W. HARRISON.

The 1850 Census lists numerous THRASHER families, which will be given in a future Newsletter, when I have an opportunity to go to the library to ascertain the exact reference, i.e. number and page of the Census where they may be found. However, I will give some cemetery records which Mrs. Rainer recorded:

The oldest JOHN THRASHER settled near Woodstock, Ala., and there is a family graveyard on this place --

JOHN THRASHER departed this life Aug. 9, 1871, age about 84 years.

JOSEPH THRASHER

MARY ELIZABETH - wife of JOSEPH THRASHER, born Aug. 25, 1803  
died July 14, 1908

BENJAMIN A. THRASHER - Nov. 8, 1846 - April 10, 1926  
F. A. THRASHER - Dec. 31, 1856  
BENNIE T. LAWLEY - Aug 13, 1887

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THRASHERS buried in Caffee Cemetery - three miles above Blocton,  
and near Woodstock:

MARY ANN THRASHER - born Feb. 21, 1795, departed this life  
Feb. 11, 1855, age 59 yrs., 10 mo. & 20 dys  
(wife of JOHN THRASHER, SR., above.)  
ADALINE THRASHER - born Sept. 16, 1812 and deceased August 30,  
1851 (wife of JOSHUA)  
J. W. THRASHER - born Sept. 12, 1813; died Aug. 20, 1899  
MARY M. - wife of J. W. THRASHER born Feb 16, 1822,  
died Feb. 14, 1877

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W.F.P. THRASHER - Aug 3, 1852 - Oct. 20, 1909  
ROSA A. THRASHER - Sept. 22, 1861 - Oct. 20, 1950  
SAM J. THRASHER - Dec. 8, 1889 - June 15, 1924  
KELLEY F. THRASHER - Sept. 21, 1898, Mar 20, 1939  
(all enclosed in an iron fence.)

RUTHIE THRASHER  
BART THRASHER  
LISH THRASHER  
BUD THRASHER  
BEN THRASHER

J. W. WOOD - April 14, 1858 - d. Dec. 24, 1888  
JOE THRASHER - Feb. 19, 1851 - Mar. 8, 1926  
ZILLIE ANN THRASHER - 1874 - 1899.

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A genealogy of the early THRASHER FAMILY, descending from  
WILLIAM THRASHER, as recorded in "Makers of America", Leonard  
Wilson, ed., is mentioned in CBD - p. 110-11. Research was done  
by the father of one S. HOWARD THRASHER, JR., of Chesapeake, Va.  
some years ago. Cousin ASHLEY THRASHER brought this to a recent  
Reunion, and stated it might be used in any manner appropriate.  
Due to the length, even after it was briefed down, it will necessarily  
have to be included in a future newsletter.

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#### QUERIES

Queries will be published in the Newsletter for all members, but please  
limit to around 50 words if possible, giving full names, dates,  
residence, etc. Be specific about what information you are seeking.  
Please use a separate card, or sheet, for each query.

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Please number the pages of Newsletter No. 1, which you already have,  
pages 1, 2 and 3. The pages will be numbered consecutively on all  
Newsletters for each year, so that they may be indexed.

QUERIES

QUERY: Mrs. Alyne Thrasher Matthews, Rt. #7, Sparta, Tenn., 38583, writes that ISAAC THRASHER listed in the 1850 Census of Overton Co., Tenn., mentioned in the last Newsletter, is believed to be of her family. Her g-g-grandfather, WILLIAM THRASHER, was b. 1787, in Burke Co., N.C.; m. (1) ELIZABETH KENNEDY; m. (2) SALLY \_\_\_\_\_; m. (3) ELIZABETH FELKINS. She would like info on the WILLIAM THRASHER listed in 1790 in Burke Co., N.C. She states her WILLIAM, b. 1787, m. in 1807; went into Cumberland Co., Ky. between 1807-1810. Anyone having info on this line please contact Mrs. Matthews at the above address.

QUERY: Laneda Emmett, 12400 Sexton Ln., Bowie, Md. 20715, is searching for information on her ancestor, ROBERT THRASHER. I sent her information on ROBERT THRASHER, of Franklin Co., Ga., on whom I had information, however she states he is not her ancestor. She gives the following information on some THRASHER families she has located in her search, which is being set forth herewith. Anyone having any information on a ROBERT THRASHER line, who is found in the 1860 Census of Pontotoc Co., Miss., please contact Laneda at the above address.

1840 Census Lauderdale Co., Ala.

THRASHER, H. (page 79)

Males: 1 40/50; 1 15/20; 1 under 5  
Females: 1 40/50; 4 5/10; 1 under 5

THRASHER, ROBERT (page 85)

Males: 1 30/40; 2 10/15; 1 5/10; 2 under 5  
Females: 1 30/40; 1 10/15; 1 under 5

THRASHER, W. (page 126)

Males: 1 40/50; 2 10/15; 1 5/10; 1 under 5; 2 15/20  
Females: 1 40/50; 1 10/15; 1 5/10; 1 under 5

1850 Census Lauderdale Co., Ala.

THRASHER, Henson b. 1790, Md. (page 260, Fam. 442)  
Hannah b. 1800, S.C.  
John b. 1822, Ala.  
Sarah b. 1822 "  
Susannah 1828 "  
Malinda, b. 1831 "  
Rachel b. 1833 "  
Martha b. 1836 "  
Claiborn b. 1840 "

THRASHER, NANCY - b. 1802, Tenn. (page 281, Fam. 725)  
Rasmus b. 1829 Tenn.  
Wm. b. 1831 "  
Mary b. 1833 "  
Thomas b. 1836 "  
Cornriddy b. 1840 Ala.  
Benj. b. 1842 "

THRASHER, WM. b. 1797, Va. (page 235)  
Rachel b. 1802, Tenn.  
Emily b. 1827, Ala.

THRASHER, Malissa b. 1831, Ala.  
 Henson b. 1833 "  
 Hetty b. 1836 "  
 James b. 1837 "  
 Michel b. 1840 "  
 Houston b. 1843 "  
 John b. 1845 "

1860 Census Pontotoc County, Mississippi

THRASHER, ROBERT b. 1807, Ga. (p. 223, Fam. 1459)  
 Jane C. b. 1812 "  
 Sarah A. b. 1840, Ala.  
 Elizabeth b. 1844 "  
 Susan b. 1847 "  
 Martha A. b. 1848 "  
 Wm. F. b. 1850 " (think this was supposed to be 1856)  
 Drusilla b. 1857 "

Laneda also furnished the following information regarding her THRASHER research:

"I read in a book on the Thrashers from Maryland about a Redstone, Maryland. It seems there was a Fort Redstone in Maryland. The area of land this fort was on, or is on, was acquired from the Indians by Pennsylvania between 1768 and 1792. Today Fort Redstone is near Brownsville, in Fayette Co., Pa., by the Mongahela River. (Fayette Co. is on the border of Pa. and Md.) Today there is a Redstone township on the same spot and also a Redstone Junction in the township. I called the map and geography division of the Library of Congress and requested information on this. They said the name Redstone is listed in a Gazeteer of Md., which is dated 1759, which means at that time Md. had a claim to it, but that now the land is in Fayette Co., Pa. Laneda searched all of the THRASHER records in the Maryland Hall of Records, results of which will be given in a later Newsletter. "

THRASHER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Many of you have paid the 1983 dues of \$5.00, and for which you have already received one Newsletter, and will receive the other two, as promised, for this year.

In June, in Quitman, a motion was made and carried to increase the 1984 membership dues to \$15.00 for each family, in order to take care of the expenses of running the association, including a larger Newsletter. A few checks for 1984 dues were received at the Reunion, and several have been mailed in, however it is not thought feasible to organize and publish a Newsletter for only a few who are interested.

Due to the exhorbitant costs of printing and publishing a book, it was thought the Newsletter approach would be the best alternative. The last Newsletter, each year, could be indexed, and the Newsletters kept in a looseleaf notebook, or bound in some fashion, which would make a permanent record. This Newsletter is being sent to the full membership, however future Newsletters will be sent only to those who have paid dues. This matter will be discussed again at the 1984 Reunion, and it will be determined at that time whether you wish to continue the Association, the Reunion, the Newsletter, or whatever. This is your association, so please circle your calendar now for next June 23rd and be present for the 1984 Reunion, and make your views known.