

# THRASHER NEWSLETTER

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Since our last Newsletter, we have heard from two heretofore unknown Cousins -- HOPE C. PEES, of 11743 S. Pacific Place, Aurora, Colorado, 80014; and JO TAYLOR KILDUFF, 822 Donaghey, Conway, Ark. 72032. A cordial welcome to you both!

HOPE PEES descends from SUSAN ELIZABETH THRASHER and ROBERT W. SAMMON (CBD-233). SUSAN ELIZABETH THRASHER was the dau. of DAVID THRASHER and MARY ("POLLY") HUGHEY, and sister of JOHN JAMES ("Cousin John") THRASHER. They were m. in Newton Co., Ga., Dec. 5, 1860. SUSAN ELIZABETH was b. Dec. 7, 1838, in Ga. Their son, ROBERT WALKER SAMMON, was b. Nov. 22, 1861, in Ga.; d. Dec. 2, 1910, in Mora Co., Octate Township, N. m. MARY SANTOS LEAL, b. Apr. 5, 1872, Coyote, Mora, N.M. Their dau. ELIZABETH CLIFFORD SAMMON, b. Feb. 7, 1897, Guadalupita, Mora, N.M., m. BERLIN CALDWELL. They had a dau., ELIZABETH PEARL CALDWELL, b. Mar. 15, 1918, LeFebre Canyon, Mora, N.M.; d. Sept. 27, 1981, Denver, Colo. She m. RANSOM HOPE COSLETT, b. Feb. 5, 1914, Fordland, Webster, Mo.; d. Oct. 21, 1970, Alamosa, Colo.; bur. Springer, Colfax, N.M. They were m. Oct. 26, 1937, Tucumcari, Quay, N.M. These were the parents of PEARL HOPE COSLETT, who m. BOBBY JUNE PEES, who was b. June 21, 1935, Rayville, Richland Parish, La.

QUERY: HOPE has asked that anyone having info on JOHN SAMMON, b. Dec. 14, 1782, in S. C., father of ROBERT W. SAMMON, who m. SUSAN ELIZABETH THRASHER (dau. of DAVID), please contact her at above address.

HOPE had been corresponding with Mrs. RODNEY KILDUFF, in Conway, Ark and exchanging info on the THRASHER family. She sent me some McCOLLUM information, which agreed, exactly, with my thinking on the THRASHER - McCOLLUM connection. I immediately wrote Mrs. KILDUFF, and have received her line -- from MARY T. (Thrasher?) McCOLLUM, and DANIEL McCOLLUM, which we have discussed before -- whose sons were named CLOUD McCOLLUM and THRASHER McCOLLUM. It is our belief that MARY T. McCOLLUM was a dau. of JOHN THRASHER and RUTH CLOUD, and sister of JOHN THRASHER, our Rev. Anc.

Both of these cousins have been added to our mailing list, and it is hoped that they will be able to attend our next reunion, in St. Simons Island, next June. As soon as it is possible to organize JO KILDUFF's material, some of it will be included in a Newsletter.

As many of you already know, it is contemplated that another THRASHER book will be published, to include only THRASHER genealogy and history. You will be hearing more about this from HUGH THRASHER, Sweetwater, Tenn. The idea is to have all THRASHER history in one book, and to revise and bring up-to-date information contained in both of the other books. If any of you would like to make changes in the data already published, or would like to make additions, deletions, etc., please get it to me as soon as possible. I realize you are now involved with Holiday plans, and will not be able to do anything on this until after the first of the year, but the sooner I receive it the sooner I can begin organizing the material to be published in this new book. Due to the time, and expense, involved in circularizing each family individually, it was thought we could publish these plans in the Newsletter.



BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA THRASHERS - (Cont'd from last Newsletter)

The following research has been done on the Bibb County Thrasher families, as promised.

The Index to the 1850 Census of Alabama reflects the following THRASHER heads of families, and the counties in which they were residing at that time:

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
THRASHER, Claborn	Lauderdale	THRASHER, John W.	Bibb
THRASHER, Cloud	Bibb	THRASHER, Johnson	Marshall
THRASHER, Delila	Benton	THRASHER, Joseph	Bibb
THRASHER, Elias	Lauderdale	THRASHER, Joshua	Bibb
THRASHER, George	Marshall	THRASHER, Nancy	Lauderdale
THRASHER, George W.	Randolph	THRASHER, R.	Benton
THRASHER, Henson	Lauderdale	THRASHER, Thomas	Benton
THRASHER, Isaac	Bibb	THRASHER, Thomas	Randolph
THRASHER, J.	Benton	THRASHER, Thomas	Lauderdale
THRASHER, J. A.	Benton	THRASHER, W.	Benton
THRASHER, James	Marshall	THRASHER, William	Benton
THRASHER, Jesse	Randolph	THRASHER, William L.	Randolph
THRASHER, John	Bibb	THRASPER, William	Lauderdale
THRASHER, John T.	Coosa		

Benton County, created in 1832, was changed to Calhoun County in 1858, the county seat being Anniston, Ala. This land was part of the Creek Session of 1832. In 1850, the counties of Randolph, Calhoun (Benton) and Marshall, were in close proximity to Bibb County and Jefferson, of which Birmingham is the county seat.

Since earlier research appears to indicate the families residing in Bibb County were descendants of ISAAC THRASHER and RUTH (CLOUD) THRASHER, the following research was done in the census records, as well as the Bibb County Court Records, as researched by Jones and Gandrud:

1850 Alabama Census - Bibb County - Enumerated Nov. 1, 1850

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John W. Thrasher	36	M	Farmer	Rel.Est \$300	b. Tenn.
Nancy Thrasher	28	F			b. Ala.
David B. Thrasher	9	M			b. Ala.
Mary E. Thrasher	7	F			b. Ala.
John E. Thrasher	5	M			b. Ala.
Joshua P. Thrasher	3	M			b. Ala.
Sarah J. Thrasher	4/12	F			b. Ala.

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John Thrasher	60	M	Farmer	Rel.Est \$2000	b. S. C.
Mary Ann Thrasher	54	F			b. S. C.
Louisa R. Thrasher	21	F			b. Ala.
Andrew J. Thrasher	16	M	Farmer		b. Ala.

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Isaac Thrasher	25	M	Farmer	Rel. Est. \$200	b. Ala.
Sarah Thrasher	24	F			b. Ala.
Nancy F. Thrasher	4	F			b. Ala.
James W. Thrasher	2	M			b. Ala.
Win F. Thrasher	6/12				b. Ala.

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Joshua Thrasher	40	M	Farmer	Rel.Est. \$600	b. Tenn.
Adaline Thrasher	37	F			b. Tenn.
Marion J. Thrasher	17	M	Laborer		b. Ala.
Paul W. Thrasher	15	M	Laborer		b. Ala.
John C. Thrasher	13	M			b. Ala.
Wm. F. Thrasher	11	M			b. Ala.
Martha J. Thrasher	7	F			b. Ala.
Thomas J. Thrasher	6	M			b. Ala.
Mary Ann Thrasher	4	F			b. Ala.
Andrew J. Thrasher	2	M			b. Ala.

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Joseph Thrasher	32	M	Blacksmith	Rel.Est. \$300	b. Ala.
Elizabeth Thrasher	32	F			b. S.C.
John Thrasher	8	M			b. Ala.
Sarah Thrasher	6	F			b. Ala.
Benj. Thrasher	4	M			b. Ala.
Amanda Thrasher	2	F			b. Ala.

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Cloud Thrasher	19	M			b. Ala.
Nancy Thrasher	17	F			b. Ala.

In some marriage records set out following, you will find that one PERLINA ANN THRASHER married SAMUEL EDMONDS, consent given by her father, JOHN THRASHER. This family was enumerated in the Dwelling next door to John, as follows:

Dwel. #444 - Fam. #444

Samuel Edmonds	27	M	Farmer		b. Ga.
Polina Ann	20	F			b. Ala.
Benj. J.	2	M			b. Ala.
Francis M.	1/12	M			b. Ala.

Another daughter, MARY THRASHER, married DANIEL N. HICKS, and they were also living next door to JOHN THRASHER, whose consent was given.

Following are the marriage records, as recorded in "Marriage Records of Bibb Co., Ala. - 1820-1860 - Pauline Jones Gandrud:

	<u>Marr.Bk</u>	<u>Page</u>
MARGARET THRASHER and W. B. ALLEN- 16 Nov. 1847 - No return shown.	D	378
MARY THRASHER and DANIEL N. HICKS, 13 Dec. 1834; 25 Dec. by Robt. Hill, J.P. - Consent of JOHN (X) THRASHER and of FRANCIS HICKS. (Note in 1850 DANIEL was 34, b. Ga.; she was 30, b. Ala.; next door was JOHN THRASHER, 60, b. S. C.)	D	34
PERLINA ANN THRASHER and SAMUEL EDMONDS, 25 Oct 1847; 28 Oct. D by A. S. Hayter, M.G. (Consent of JOHN THRASHER for dau.) Note: In 1850 SAM'L EDMONDS was 27, b. Ga.; PERLINA ANN was 20, b. Ala. - Next door was JOHN THRASHER, 60, b. S.C.	D	377
SARAH A. THRASHER and BENJAMIN CLIFTON, 24 Sept. 1859. Return not shown.	E	236



REBECCA THRASHER and WILLIAM M. SCHACKELFORD,  
24 Dec. 1851; 1 Jan. 1852, by Wm. Moore, M. G.

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MARGARET THRASHER and WILLIAM GAND (GANT in index),  
5 Dec. 1849; 9 Dec., by Robert Oldham

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You will note in the above census records that all of these families were living next door to each other, according to the dwelling and family enumerations, or in very close proximity; were enumerated by the same enumerator, on the same date. All of these families would appear to be children and grandchildren of JOHN THRASHER, age 60, b. in S. C.

Another volume of Alabama Records -- Bibb Co., Ala. Tract Book -- by Jones & Gandrud, shows the following:

JOHN THRASHER, Assignee, T-22 5 R5 W, Huntsville Meridian. NW  $\frac{1}{4}$   
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 6 39.36 acres. July 26, 1852. #31752 Military  
Act of 1850.

JOHN THRASHER, T21 SR 6 W Huntsville Meridian. NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 28 39.78.  
Jan. 18, 1854. #93851. Military Act of 1850.

There were so many by the name JOHN THRASHER, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to separate the different ones without some other records - i.e. private family records, wills, etc., which to date have not been available. If any of you have ancestors or living relatives in the above areas, and could furnish any information which would connect these families with the main line THRASHER family, they would be gratefully received. Since it is believed by our-family researchers that these families are the descendants of ISAAC and RUTH (BARTON) THRASHER, it would be of great interest to many THRASHER families.

The following is from the notes of Mrs. Vessie Thrasher Rainer, who did some research on this line many years ago. She states that further research should be done in order to document her findings:

JOHN THRASHER - (wife) MARY ANN THRASHER

JOHN THRASHER - b. 1790; d. 1871; b. in South Carolina; oldest THRASHER found, about 1829, in Bibb Co., Ala., where he settled near Woodstock, Ala. (Census and tombstone records) Wife, MARY ANN, b. Feb. 21, 1795, in S.C.; d. Feb. 11, 1855; bur. Caffee Cemetery. Judging from ages given in census, they probably were parents of:

- 1 - JOSHUA THRASHER - b. 1810, in Tenn.; was one of the older ones who received land patents. Wife: ADALINE THRASHER (1812-1851) Cen. rec. - bur. Caffee Cemetery. They had eight children on 1850 Cen. rec. THOMAS THRASHER and FRED THRASHER, prob. his sons, were found later on Bibb Co. court records. In 1853, JOSHUA and MARY E. THRASHER deeded land for \$4,075, in Thirty-three Quarter Section, Township Twenty-one, Range Six, in the Tuscaloosa, Ala. Land District. (Bk G, p. 585).

No further information on him - Information was given that one JOSHUA THRASHER was buried at Mt. Carmel graveyard. This was not traced.

- 2 - JOHN W. THRASHER - 1813-1899 - b. in Tenn., bur. Caffee Cemetery. Census gives name of wife as NANCY, age 28, b. Ala. Tomb inscription: MARY N. wife of J. W. THRASHER, b. Feb. 16, 1822; d. Feb. 14, 1877. Among their children were:



- (1) JOHN E. THRASHER - 1845; m. Jan. 18, 1866 RUTHA J. VININGS, dau. of SHADRICK and NANCY VININGS of Bibb Co., Ala. They are bur. Caffee Cemetery and graves are marked with simple concrete pillars bearing names only.

At this point, Mrs. Rainer's account gives the name of BART THRASHER, whose story was given in an earlier Newsletter, and which will not be repeated.

- (2) JOSHUA P. THRASHER - b. 1847; m. Nov. 25, 1864, MARGARET TATUM. He is said to be a brother of W. F. POMP THRASHER, and is bur. Mt. Carmel
- (3) W. F. P. THRASHER (1852-1909) - m. Nov. 21, 1878 ROSANNA WOOD, at JOHN WOODS. ROSA A. THRASHER made will Dec. 3, 1930; names children: MARY JANE DAILY, EARLE THRASHER, MINNIE LILLICK, KELLEY THRASHER, PEARL TATUM and WILLIAM THRASHER. SAM J. THRASHER was buried in square with this family.

- 3 - - JOSEPH THRASHER - b. 1818 in Ala., son of JOHN THRASHER, SR. April 1, 1850, received Land Patent with JOSHUA and JOHN W. THRASHER (Ref.: Bibb Co. Deed Bk Y, p. 524.) Lived and owned the old JOHN THRASHER place, on which the graveyard is. His wife, MARY ELIZABETH ATKINS (1795-1855), b. in S.C., is buried here, but her husband, JOSEPH THRASHER is not. March 6, 1883 - Deed of Gift - ELIZABETH and JOSEPH THRASHER for love and affection which I bear my beloved sons BENJAMIN A. THRASHER and JOSEPH THRASHER, JR. --- real estate. (Book U, p. 528)

- (a) BENJAMIN A. THRASHER, b. Nov. 8, 1846, d. Apr. 10, 1926; m. Aug. 15, 1865, LUCINDA CATHERINE ASHWORTH, dau. of JOHN S. ASHWORTH. May 17, 1887, BENJAMIN A. THRASHER, of Bibb Co. Ala., for love and affection which I bear my children: WILLIAM, MARY ELIZABETH, MARTHA ELLEN, AMANDA MARGARET, JOSEPH AB and MERTY BELL, I relinquish all my right which I have as the husband of my late wife CATHERINE, who was one of the heirs of JOHN S. ASHWORTH, deceased. (Book Y, p. 398.)

BEN A. THRASHER married Sept. 28, 1877, FRANCES A. DANIEL at the residence of her father, near Bibbville.

On Sept. 4, 1923, BENJAMIN A. THRASHER made will, filed May 13, 1926; wife FANNIE A. THRASHER; Wm D. THRASHER an executor; departed this life near Woodstock, Ala.

Will of FRANCES A. THRASHER dec'd July 31, 1933, at Woodstock, Ala., R.F.D. Next of Kin:

W. D. THRASHER, step-son, age 65, Blocton, Ala.; BETTIE VAUGHN, step-dau., age 63, Bessemer, Ala.; ELLEN STEPHENS, step-dau., age 60, Woodstock, Ala.; MARGARET RICE, step-dau., age 58, Woodstock, Ala.; BELLE STEPHENS ALL, step-dau., age 56, Woodstock, Ala.; JOAB THRASHER, step-son, age 58, Bessemer, Ala.; LULA SCROGGINS, dau., age 42, Woodstock, Ala.; LAURA THRASHER, dau. age 36, Woodstock, Ala.; NELLE WADE, dau., age 32, Prattville, Ala.; ROY THRASHER, grandson, age 14, Woodstock, Ala.; BENNIE THRASHER LAWLEY, dau., Woodstock, ARVAZINA PATRICK, dau., age 54, Bessemer, Ala.; VIRGINIA STEPHENS, dau., Bessemer; LILLY RICE, dau., age 50, Woodstock; MARONE GILLARD, dau., age 49, Cairo, Ga.



(b) JOSEPH THRASHER, JR. - b. Feb. 19, 1851; d. March 8, 1926; m. Feb. 16, 1874, to ZILLIE ANN GUILLE (b. Jan. 17, 1854), bur. Caffee graveyard. Children:

ROBERT THRASHER (dec'd) when this research was done; widow living at Centerville, Ala.; had a dau. ELEANOR T. HERRING, Box 114, Centerville, Ala.

MRS. ROSE McSPADDEN, 1115 Park Ave., Herring, Ill.

As explained by Mrs. Rainer, anyone interested in any of these families should do further research in order to document a particular lineage.

Since our last Newsletter we have heard from another JOHN THRASHER! His address is Rt. 3, Box 2, Jonesboro, La. 71251. JOHN traces his family back to his great-grandfather, THOMAS ISAAC THRASHER, whose wife was MARY ANN PARKER. JOHN LAFAYETTE THRASHER, son of THOMAS I. and MARY ANN THRASHER, was b. 11/1/1845, Leake Co., Miss. In 1865, in Miss., he m. SARAH JANE RAMSEY, who was b. 11/18/1845, in Alabama, dau. of MARION THOMAS RAMSEY and MARY ANN HENDERSON. Their children were: WILLIAM HENRY (b. 1867); MARION THOMAS (b. 1869); JOHN FRANKLIN (b. 1872); LIZZIE JANE (b. 1874); ROBERT LEE (b. 1878); GEORGE IRVIN (b. 1880); BENJAMIN MONROE (b. 1883); LUCY PEARL (b. 1885), and MINNIE LEE (b. 1889). The first six children were b. in Carthage, Miss.; the last three in Longstraw, La. JOHN LAFAYETTE THRASHER d. in 1927; SARAH d. in 1913, both bur. Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Lincoln Parish, La.

GEORGE IRVIN THRASHER, son of JOHN LAFAYETTE THRASHER, was b. 5/15/1880, Leake Co., Miss.; d. 1/14/1936. On 1/2/1902, he m. SUSIE GREEN, dau. of JOHN R. GREEN and NANCY A.E. McELROY. Their children: BEULAH MAE (b. 1902); RUEL IRVIN (b. 1903); MARVIN GRAYSON (b. 1905); EULA MABEL (b. 1908); BERNICE (b. 1910); JOHN LAFAYETTE (b. 1912); PERLINE A. (b. 1914); CALLIE MAURINE (b. 1916); CHARLES GORDON (b. 1919); ROBY IRENE (b. 1921); and LEWIS CALVIN (b. 1924).

JOHN LAFAYETTE THRASHER was b. Apr. 19, 1912, in Jackson Parish, Louisiana; m. LESSIE LORINE CATHEY, b. 10/12/1908, Bienville Parish, La. They were married in Shreveport, La. on June 2, 1951.

It is not known just where JOHN's family "fits" into the big picture, but if anyone has any information which would establish this connection, please contact him, at the above address.

You will note, on p. 12 of this Newsletter, that one JOHN THRASHER, in Bibb Co., Ala., had a daughter named PERLINA ANN, who m. SAMUEL EDMONDS, in 1847. You will also note that GEORGE IRVIN THRASHER, John's father, had a daughter named PERLINE A., who was b. in 1914. PERLINA (PERLINE) is a rather unusual name. Also, THOMAS ISAAC THRASHER, John's great-grandfather, married SARAH JANE RAMSEY, who was born in Alabama. These two facts could furnish valuable clues in tracing this line.

Earlier, it was mentioned that an index would be made for the Newsletters at the end of the year. Obviously, there is not room for it in this one, but an index of the 1983 issues will be made, and brought to the 1984 THRASHER REUNION, to be held at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Ga., on Saturday, June 23, 1984. Please set this date aside NOW, and plan to be there.