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In view of the numerous inquiries received over the years for information on THRASHER families who went west during the early years of this country, and knowing that some of them went through Tennessee and Mississippi I have checked the census indexes, with the results set forth below, taken from the Indexes published to date.

1820 TENNESSEE CENSUS

THRASHER, JOHN MONTGOMERY CO.
THRASHER, RACHEL OVERTON CO.

1830 TENNESSEE CENSUS

THRASHER, JOHN HARDEMAN CO.
THRASHER, JOSEPH HARDIN CO.
THRASHER, ROBERT FAYETTE CO.
THRASHER, WILLIAM RUTHERFORD CO.
THRASHER, GEORGE DAVIDSON CO.
THRASHER, ISAAC GREENE CO.
THRASHER, ISAAC B. OVERTON CO.
THRASHER, SAMUEL FENTRESS

1840 TENNESSEE CENSUS

THRASHER, ISAAC HAWKINS CO.
THRASHER, ISAAC HAWKINS CO.
THRASHER, ISAAC OVERTON CO.

1850 TENNESSEE CENSUS

THRASHER, JOSEPH H., age 32, Elizabeth 35, Sarah J. 1,
Laffayett 1/12, both parents b. Tenn.
residing in Grainger Co.
THRASHER, ABBY, age 53, Nancy 25, Elizabeth 24, Jackson 8 -
Abby b. S.C., others in Ala., residing
in Hardeman Co.
THRASHER, ISAAC, age 45, Mary 38, Lucinda 20, Margaret 17,
Adam 15, William 13, George 11, Fielding 9,
Albion 7, John 4 - ISAAC b. in Ky, Mary b. N.C.
residing in Overton Co.

1860 TENNESSEE CENSUS

THRASHER, ADAM, 25; Catharine 47; John 40, Heugh 85; residing
Overton Co.
THRASHER, ERIAH H. 44, Cintha 43, Isaac M.C. 20, William F. 19,
John W. 17, Robert Y. 14, George II 8, Letta A. 6,
Mary T. 4; residing in Overton Co.
THRASHER, ISAAC, age 93 - entire family not listed - residing Hawkins Co.
THRASHER, JOSEPH H. 42, Elizabeth 45, Sarah J. 11, William L. 10,
Joseph G. 7, Isaac F. 4, Louisa A. 2 - Cocke Co.

THRASHER, SAMUEL M. 35, Mary J. 25, George W. 9, Eriah H. 8,
Andrew J. 6, Thomas 4, Marcus L. 2, Mariah 7/12,
residing Overton Co.

THRASHER, THOMAS 34, Lora E. 28, William T. 10, Isabella C. 7,
Mary E. 4, John B. L. 3, James C. 2,
Rachel E. 3/12; residing Wayne Co.

1820 MISSISSIPPI CENSUS

No THRASHER families listed.

1830 MISSISSIPPI CENSUS

THRASHER, JOHN - Madison Co., Miss. - 1 W M 10/20 yrs.
2 " " 20/40 yrs.
1 " " 40/60 yrs.
1 W F 10/20 yrs.
1 W F 40/60 yrs.

1840 MISSISSIPPI CENSUS

THRASHER, FILLMAN - Tishomingo Co.
THRASHER, GEORGE W. - Panola Co.
THRASHER, J. B. - Claiborne Co.
THRASHER, JOHN - Tippah Co.
THRASHER, R. C. - Tishomingo Co.
THRASHER, ROBERT - DeSoto Co.
THRASHER, WILLIAM - Panola Co.
THRASHER, BUFORD - Leake Co.
THRASHER, ISAAC - Leake Co.
THRASHER, JOHN - Leake Co.

1850 MISSISSIPPI CENSUS

THRASHER, BLUFORD Leake Co.
THRASHER, ELIZA Claiborne Co.
THRASHER, ISAIAH Scott Co.
THRASHER, JOHN Leake Co.
THRASHER, JOHN B. Claiborne Co.
THRASHER, JOHN C. Tippah Co.
THRASHER, JOSHUA Leake Co.
THRASHER, MARY Winston Co.
THRASHER, THOMAS Tippah
THRASHER, THOMAS Tishomingo Co.
THRASHER, TILLMAN Tishomingo Co.
THRASHER, WILLIAM Panola Co.

1860 MISSISSIPPI CENSUS

THRASHER, BLUFORD Leake Co.
THRASHER, ELZA Yalobusha Co.
THRASHER, G. Winston Co.
THRASHER, GRENADA Yalobusha Co.
THRASHER, ISAIAH Leake Co.
THRASHER, J. B. Claiborne Co.
THRASHER, JAMES Yalobusha Co.
THRASHER, JASPER Attala Co.
THRASHER, JESSE Yalobusha
THRASHER, JESSE Tippah N. Co.

THRASHER, JOHN	Leake Co.
THRASHER, JOHN	Attala Co.
THRASHER, NANCY	Leake
THRASHER, ROBERT	Pontotoc Co.
THRASHER, ROBT. J.	Tippah N. Co.
THRASHER, WM. N.	Winston Co.

As can be seen by the above, the names JOHN, ISAAC, JOSEPH and WILLIAM were used over and over in the names of members of these THRASHER families, as they were in the Bibb County, Ala. families. However, the family names of BARTON and CLOUD are not found in the names of these families, as they are in the Alabama families, which appears to indicate that the Alabama families are the ones who descended from the John Thrasher - Ruth Cloud and John Thrasher - Susan Barton ancestors.

You will recall that in Dr. Marion Thrasher's book published in 1895, in California, he indicated that the earliest known THRASHERS he found were brothers WILLIAM, JOHN and THOMAS. Having traced our line back to Rockingham County, N. C., and since another source indicated that ROBERT THRASHER, son of WILLIAM THRASHER, the "progenitor of the family of this name" who came to Virginia, had five sons, one of whom was JOHN (p. 110 CBD), it is believed that our line descends from WILLIAM, although to date this has not been documented.

It is also known that WILLIAM's brother, THOMAS, who married MARTHA LEE, also had a son named JOHN THRASHER. This family originally settled in Maryland, and there are many records of this JOHN THRASHER. Correspondence I have had with two ladies in Indiana indicate that their ancestors went west, through Tennessee, and they have proof back to the JOHN THRASHER family who settled in Maryland. It is entirely possible, and even probable, that all of these families go back to the generation of the three brothers mentioned above, WILLIAM, THOMAS and JOHN, however this has not been documented, to date.

The Index to the Headright & Bounty Grants of Georgia - 1756 - 1909, (Ga. Geneal. Reprints - Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.), lists the following:

Grantee	Location of Grant	Grant Book	Page	Acres Granted	Year of Grant
Thrasher, Benedict	Franklin	U-5	812	126	1843
Thrasher, Benj.	Franklin	AAAAA	497	203½	1798
Thrasher, George	Washington	VVV	52	470	1791
Thrasher, Geo.	Franklin	O-5	204	50	1820
Thrasher, Jno.	Franklin	Q-5	276	75	1830
Thrasher, Jos. C.	Greene	ZZZZ	209	136	1797
Thrasher, Robt.	Franklin	TTT	466	200	1790
Thrasher, Robt.	Franklin	KKK	335	400	1786

From "Greene Co. Tenn. Marriages, 1783-1868", Comp. by Goldene Fillers Burgner, is the following:

- Lic. issued June 25, 1832 -- WILLIAM CHRISTIAN and ELIZABETH H. THRASHER - ISAAC H. THRASHER - md. 28 June 1832; Andrew English, J.P.
- Lic. issued Sept. 3, 1832 - THOMAS JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN and CASSA ANDREW THRASHER - ISAAC M. THRASHER; md. 4 Sept. 1832; Cornelius Smith, J.P.

With the growing interest in genealogy, and publication of many source records, i.e. legal records recorded in the county court houses, it was decided to review, again, the early records of Rockingham County, North Carolina. These references are being set forth herewith:

Source: Rockingham County, N. C. Deed Abstracts, 1785-1800
Abstracted, Compiled and Indexed by Irene B. Webster.

Bk & Pg

- A:30 RICHARD STUBBLEFIELD to WYATT STUBBLEFIELD of Caswell Co. for 50 pds 24 A adj JOSEPH CLOUD, RICHARD STUBBLEFIELD, WYAT STUBBLEFIELD, ARCHIBALD YARBROUGH, JOSEPH C. THRASHER. Apr. 1780. RICHARD STUBBLEFIELD, JR., WILLIAM BETHELL.
- A:31 ARCHIBALD YARBROUGH and wife NANCY to WYATT STUBBLEFIELD of Caswell Co. for 200 pds 164 A & 130 poles in counties of Rockingham & Caswell on N side of Hogans Cr. Apr. 28, 1787. RICHARD STUBBLEFIELD Junr., WILLIAM BETHELL.
- A:37 Robert Williams to William Lawson of Person Co. for \$2,348.00 776 A on both sides Wolf Island Cr. adj WILLIAM BETHELL, William Russell, John Smith, Hugh Challes, Notty Jordon being tract bought from Richard Marr. Sept 18, 1801. WILLIAM BETHELL, WILLIAM BETHELL, JR.
- C:49 John Mount to James Bateman for 60 pds 100 A on Lickfork of Hogans Cr. adj Henry Dixon, Jno Hancock. Oct. 31, 1789. RICHARD THRASHER, George Foot, RICHARD STUBBLEFIELD.
- C:60 Joseph Payne & wife Martha to WILLIAM CLARK for 100 pds. 70 A on Hogan's Cr adj sd Payne. Mar 13 1790. THOMAS CLARK, GEO. PAYNE, JOSEPH CLARK.
- C:95 Notley Jordan to WILLIAM BETHELL for 40 pds 50 A on Wolf Island Cr. adj Richard Marr. Feb. 25, 1791. John Matlock
- C:96 FLOWER SWIFT & wife PRISCILLA to WILLIAM BETHELL for 60 pds 54 A on Lickfork of Hogans Cr adj PETER LEWIS, part of grant to John Mullin. Mar. 12, 1789. Job Loftis, Samuel Garrison, Vinea SWIFT.
- C:347 JOHN McCOLLUM to JAMES McCOLLUM for 50 pds Va money 166 A on Hogans Cr being part of tract granted to DANIEL McCOLLUM decd. Feb 8, 1794 W. BETHELL, JOHN THRASHER, WILLIAM McCOLLUM.
- C:348 JOHN McCOLLUM SR. of Caswell Co. to ISAAC McCOLLUM, JACOB McCOLLUM, THRASHER McCOLLUM, CLOUD McCOLLUM for 60 pds 389 A on N side Hogans Cr adj WILLIAM BETHELL. Feb. 8, 1794. W. BETHELL, JOHN THRASHER, WILLIAM McCOLLUM.
- D:9 SAMUEL BETHELL to John Johnston for 50 pds 120 A on Hogans Cr adj sd Johnston, Thomas Mullen. Mar. 9, 1793. Asa Dill, RICHD. STUBBLEFIELD JR., WILLIAM McCOLLUM.
- D:13 PETER LEWIS to Thomas James for 153 pds 6 sh 8 p 150 A on Lickfork of Hogans Cr adj WILLIAM BETHELL, being part of grant from State to sd LEWIS. June 21, 1792. JOHN THRASHER, Elijah Brown, Lidda Toteson.
- D:47 JOSEPH CLOUD THRASHER to Reverend Thomas Mullen for 5 sh 1 A during his natural life and after his death to be for the use of public for building a house of Worship. June 6, 1793. WILLIAM McCOLLUM, William Cockrill, RICHD. STUBBLEFIELD, WILLIAM BETHELL.
- D:78 Lawrence Bankson & wife Sarah to Aron Cantrill for 40 pds, 34 A on N fork of Wolf Island Cr adj TALITHA BROWDER, John Linder. Dec 4 1794. Jacob Cantrill, John Martin.
- D:83 THEODORICK STUBBLEFIELD & wife Fanny to WILLIAM BETHELL for 50 pds 45 A on Pruets fork of Hogans Cr adj sd STUBBLEFIELD, being part of grant by Granville to Thompson Harris deed and willed to his son Thompson. Mar. 10, 1789. RICHARD STUBBLEFIELD, JOHN THRASHER, Thomas Chambers.

- D:84 William Allen of Warren Co to WILLIAM BETHELL for 50 pds 100 A on Hogans Cr adj William Weybin, Zachariah Thacker, Richard Ellis, Joseph McClain, James Horseford, being a grant in 1784 to sd Allen. July 25, 1789. SAMUEL BETHELL, Henry Tourant.
- D:85 William Baker to WILLIAM BETHELL for 50 pds 37 A on Hogans Cr adj. Charles Dean. May 11, 1791. SAMUEL BETHELL, George Burnett.
- D:86 James Horsford to WILLIAM BETHELL for 20 pds 25 A on Hogans Cr adj sd Horsford on Chambers Hill Road, Joseph McClain. Aug. 25, 1788. Jno Horsford, Henry Tourant, Robt Harris.
- D:87 Robert Harris to WILLIAM BETHELL for 80 pds 25 A on Pruets fork of Hogans Cr adj John Horsford, Samuel Watt, including plantation whereon lived Thompson Harris decd. Dec. 10, 1793. RICHARD BETHELL, SUCKEY BETHELL, JENCY BETHELL. (Nickname "Suckey" sometimes is for Susannah.)
- D:88 Alexander Joyce Esq. High Sheriff, to WILLIAM BETHELL for 16 pds 360 A adj Wm. Trainum, sd land siezed & sold to highest bidder for debt of est of JOHN ODINEAL decd recovered by Martha Fletcher for Sherwood Toney and wife, also ISAAC THRASHER. Aug. 22, 1754. SUCKEY BETHELL.
- D:243 JOSEPH CLOUD THRASHER & wife MARGARET to Acquilla Wilson for 275 pds Va money 831 A on Lickfork of Hogans Cr adj WILLIAM BETHELL, JOHN THRASHER. Dec. 4, 1795. A. Phillips, Aq. Wilson Jr.
- D:250 TALITHA BROWDER to Asa Cummins for 100 pds 740 A on Wolf Island Cr adj James Cantrell. Nov. 9, 1795. JOHN BROWDER, CLOUD THRASHER.
- E:141 Hanah Waybon to WILLIAM BETHELL for 20 pds 20 A on Pruets fork of Hogans Cr, being part of old survey of Thompson Harris and one th of land deeded to Waybon Heirs. 1795. Charles Mitchell, Daniel Parker, RICH. BETHELL.
- E:142 Daniel Parker to WILLIAM BETHELL for 50 pds 20 A on Hogans Cr adj John Horsford, John Watts, Samuel Watt, being tract deed to Heirs of William Waybon by Thompson Harris & Robert Harris, land becoming mine after intermarriage with heir of William Waybon, Apr. 15, 1795. William Trantum, RICHD. BETHELL, Charles Mitchel.
- E:143 Edward Philpott of Henry Co. Va to WILLIAM BETHELL for 50 pds 86 A on Hogans Cr. Mar. 4, 1797. JOHN THRASHER, R. BETHELL, Robert Mullin.
- E:144 JAMES McCALLUM to WILLIAM BETHELL for 100 pds 170 A on Hogans Cr adj Joseph McClain, line of DANIEL McCOLLUM decd. Apr 8, 1795. Robert Kimbrough, RICH BETHELL.

As we have discussed before, it is believed that DANIEL McCOLLUM's wife was MARY THRASHER, dau. of JOHN and RUTH (CLOUD) THRASHER, inasmuch as they named two of their sons THRASHER McCOLLUM and CLOUD McCOLLUM. Another family closely connected with the THRASHERS and McCOLLUMS was the BETHELL family. These three families were consistently found witnessessing deeds and other legal transactions for each other. Some of you have copies of the Rockingham Co., N.C. map, which shows that these families were living on adjoining land. Could another of JOHN and RUTH THRASHER's daughters have married a BETHELL? Those of you who do not have a copy of the above map may want to order a copy from the Rockingham County Historical Society, P. O. Box 84, Wentworth, N. C. 27375. The price when I ordered mine was

You will notice in the above abstracts that the various members of several other families which were very closely associated, or intermarried, with the THRASHER families, are being included. If you will check the indexes of COUSINS BY THE DOZENS, or the CBD-Supplement, you will find the

names: STUBBLEFIELD (intermarried with the Barton family), WILLIAM CLARK, whose wife was MARGARET THRASHER (dau. of JOSEPH CLOUD THRASHER), LEWIS, (WILLIAM LEWIS mentioned in the will of JOSEPH CLOUD THRASHER as a "relative", CBD-p.126), PETER LEWIS, TALITHA BROWDER (mother of TALITHA COX BROWDER THRASHER and NANCY WASHINGTON BROWDER THRASHER, who married ISAAC and CLOUD THRASHER, in Rockingham Co., N.C.) At this point, it is interesting to note that these BROWDER women were Gr-gr-gr aunts of the writer's husband, JOE PRUETT. His grandfather, WILLIAM HENRY PRUETT (Judge and Maj. in the Civil War), married ANNE E. BROWDER, daughter of ISHAM BROWDER, of Rockingham County, N. C. I guess this makes him a bona fide member of the THRASHER FAMILY, other than by marriage! I haven't yet figured out just what kind of cousin he is to me!

Just recently two of ANNE BROWDER's Journals (diaries) have come to light, which I have published, and which records events just before and immediately following the close of the Civil War, very similar to "Gone With the Wind".

We, together with Dr. Robert and Jane Rainer, recently made a trip to St. Simons Island to meet with Tom Dodd and the Sales Manager for Epworth-by-the-Sea, to solidify arrangements for our Family Reunion in June -- the 23rd. All of us were very favorably impressed with this facility for our annual meeting, and believe all of you will be, too. A brochure is being enclosed for your information. Tom has had them set aside only 15 rooms for our group. We could probably arrange to have more if we let them know right away, therefore IF YOU THINK YOU WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE REUNION, AND WANT TO STAY AT EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, PLEASE DROP ME A NOTE IMMEDIATELY, SO THAT WE MAY HAVE SOME MORE ROOMS RESERVED. THE RATES AT THIS FACILITY ARE A GOOD BIT MORE REASONABLE THAN THE OTHER MOTELS AND HOTELS IN THE AREA! Complete details regarding room and food rates will be included in the next Newsletter. The cost of the room includes three meals, and will include our dinner on the evening of the Reunion. Some of you may want to come in earlier, or stay later, and that will have to be arranged on an individual basis.

Plans are going forward to revise and up-date our THRASHER history and genealogy. I have received notes from several of you giving me additional information on births, deaths, marriages, etc. which have occurred within your families, and those received to date are fine. However, I would like to request the following cooperation from you:

- 1 - If your family information is already published in the other books, please make a Xerox copy of the pages on which it appears. Make any additions or changes you would like made, and send to me. You may need to use an additional sheet.
- 2 - If there are any other families in your branch of the line who you would like to be published, please request some "Family Group Sheets" from me. These sheets organize the information needed, with dates, places, as well as give correct names. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, OR TYPE. It is hoped that this book will be as accurate as it is possible to have it, in order that inaccurate information will not be perpetuated. Please do not include "heresay" or "legendary" information, unless it is qualified.
- 3 - There are some of you who have not as yet been able to determine where your families connect with the Georgia THRASHER FAMILY. We hope you will continue your search for the "missing link" until the deadline for submitting information, which will be shortly after our Reunion. In the event the connecting link cannot be found, SPACE PERMITTING, we will have a special section for your family information, inasmuch as someone may see the book, recognize your family, and be able to furnish the "missing link".