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# The Thrasher Newsletter

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**I hope all your Holidays were filled with joy!**

Hello Thrasher cousins! I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and we are looking forward to having as many of you as possible to join us at the next Thrasher Family Reunion in the Spring!

-Jeff Thompson

## Thrasher Family Reunion



**Claudia and Bob Wynne have graciously volunteered to host the 2020 TFA reunion in Pensacola, Florida!!**

**The dates are set for:**

**Friday - Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

More information will come out soon on the website and here in the newsletter with details on the reunion. We are all looking forward to another great event and meeting more Thrasher family!



# Happy 60th Anniversary!!

**Albert and Peggy Thrasher** celebrated their **60th** wedding anniversary on September 13, 2019 over several days with family and friends. They are the proud parents of Al (Laura) and Julie (Steve) cherishing their six grandchildren.



They were married in Tiger United Methodist Church.  
In 2008 they retired to Tiger, Georgia where Peggy was born and raised.  
They enjoy the mountains and lakes of northeast Georgia.

## It Is All About Connecting

Tricia Feibig of Missouri is new to genealogy, but she is plunging ahead with vigor. She came across Jim Moule's Thrasher website, and when her questions to him concerned the early ancestors in Maryland, Jim directed her to Nancy Cherry.



Tricia visited the Washington DC area over Thanksgiving to spend time with her sister Beth Bernath and her (Tricia's) daughter Carolyn. On Saturday, November 30, Tricia, Beth and Carolyn met Nancy who gave them a tour of the Jefferson, MD area and of the Thrasher farm. Nancy took them to meet Pepper Scotto who, while not related to the Thrashers or Hooks, grew up in the old Hook house located five or six miles from the Thrasher Farm. Pepper has done research on the Hook family and could answer questions about the family of their earliest documentable female ancestor.

Everyone proclaimed the day a big success. This picture of the cousins was taken in front of the springhouse on the Thrasher farm. Left to right: Nancy, Carolyn, Tricia, and Beth.

# Ancestry Research Documentation and Technology

-Jeff Thompson

Some of you know me personally and others only through the newsletter so far. I hope to meet you all someday soon but in the meantime I'm happy to offer a place for you to reach out if you really want to get into documenting your genealogy with software and computers but might be overwhelmed by all the different technologies and products out there to do so.

For some background on me, I have lived with a keyboard in my hands since the late 80's and in my "day job" I lead a team of IT engineers for a major aerospace company. From the aspects of genealogy, my Mother and Father have been documenting our ancestry on paper since I was a child, they passed the "bug" on to me and I just applied my way of using all of the available software, photo programs, and websites to carry on the family work (and have since taught them to use a computer program or two). I currently have 4 different family research projects going and have archived and documented over 3,000 people with over 10,000 photos and document images.

I have used almost every genealogy software out there since the beginning and even built a few of my own. I am currently a volunteer on the "Beta" testing team for MacKiev Software (the makers of Family Tree Maker) meaning I get advanced copies to test (and break 😊) before they are released to the public to improve the functionality and quality of their products. I don't get paid for this, and I don't "sell" any given product or software, just point out the good and bad capability of them and help find what fits best for the goal of a user like myself.

I say all of this to offer a few thoughts. To start, don't be overwhelmed and think it must all be done with software or computers. People have been keeping records of their family history since humans figured out how to make marks on a wall with rocks 😊 Start with paper, write it down, then find the simplest way to collect that information with software you are comfortable using as you expand your research to make it easier and faster. Also, I am happy to take calls, emails, and letters and talk with all my friends and family and discuss what technologies fit best for the needs and desired outcomes of a genealogy research project. There are many tools out there and no "one-size-fits-all". So please reach out if you are wondering what to use, how to use it, or just generally have a question about researching your family history and documenting it, and I will do my best to help!

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## Calling All Thrashers and Thrasher Cousins



Anyone who did not pay dues for the year at the reunion, or has not sent them in, is encouraged to do so by sending contact information and \$20 to:

**Mrs. Peggy Thrasher**  
**TFA Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 491**  
**Tiger, Ga 30576**

New members are asked to include a short description of their Thrasher connections.

**Please continue to share your news and photos with your  
“cousins by the dozens”**

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Be sure to visit our website: <http://thrasherfamilyassociation.com/>

**\*\*Editor's Note\*\***

This issue is a little late this year and I apologize, 😊 The last quarter of the year was very eventful in my work life as I received a major promotion to a management role and things in my life got very behind schedule while I focused on this new job. I will work hard to make sure the future editions are timely, and as always, I look forward to any and all inputs include in the newsletter!