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A look back and a look forward

By PAULA THRASHER, TFA Newsletter Editor

The Thrasher Family Association 2022 Reunion in Micanopy, FL, is history. Now we look forward to May 5-7, 2023 – save those dates! – when the annual gathering convenes in Georgia’s beautiful coastal city of Savannah.

But before we move on, there’s much fun and fellowship to remember from Micanopy. The Fall Newsletter leads off with a retrospective on the 2022 reunion by TFA member and frequent newsletter contributor David E. Sumner of Indiana.

Sumner’s byline appears again as he profiles William “Bill” Rhodes, father of member Ivy Darnall and who, at 96, is believed to be the TFA’s oldest member. Then, Paula Thrasher – that’s me – previews the 2023 Savannah Reunion and gives a sneak peek of what’s in store in the historic city. This is shaping up to be a memorable reunion – one you don’t

want to miss, so start saving up and plan to be there.

Dr. David Thrasher of Montgomery, AL, shares how he became known as “The Covid Guy” at last summer’s meeting of the Federal Reserve Board in Jackson Hole, WY. A pulmonologist practicing at Montgomery’s Jackson Hospital, he is a nationally known Covid expert, having treated hundreds of cases.

TFA secretary Nancy Cherry, who participated in the 2022 annual meeting via Zoom from Maryland, presents the minutes from July.

Finally, TFA president John Paul Thrasher gives an update on the association in his quarterly message to the membership.

So, scroll on cousins...

Annual TFA reunion enjoys visit to historic Micanopy

By DAVID E. SUMNER with contributions from Celestea Sharp and Joe Stine



The 1845 Herlong Mansion in Micanopy, FL, was ground zero for the 2022 TFA Reunion. Photo by David E. Sumner

The 48th annual Thrasher Family Association reunion was held July 22-24 in Micanopy, Florida’s oldest inland community about 10 miles south of Gainesville. Thrasher reunions have been held every year since 1974 except for 2020. We chose to meet here to honor one of our founding fathers and “president emeritus” John E. Thrasher, III, who died on June 4.

However, we were honored by the presence of his son, John Frederick Thrasher of Newberry, at the Friday night dinner at Antonio’s Made in Italy restaurant. The dinner began with Peggy Thrasher Law reading the poem “Gone From My Site” in memory of

John E. Thrasher III followed by tributes and remembrances from TFA members. John Frederick welcomed the group and explained how much the Thrasher association meant to John E. and how much he loved all of us. John Fredrick announced that his father left his house to him and that he planned to move to Micanopy.



John Frederick Thrasher with Celestea Sharp and John Paul Thrasher at TFA reunion dinner. Photo by Peggy Thrasher Law

The restaurant is owned by Antonio, a native of the Isle of Ponza off the coast of Naples, Italy. He and his wife, Arleen, take care to preserve the historic and unique atmosphere of their property. The restaurant complex, which is located in the old Harvest Village between Micanopy and McIntosh, includes four historic buildings that were moved to the site around 1978. The restaurant is in a “Florida cracker” house that was built in 1925 and later expanded. Next door is the 1881 Depot/Speakeasy relocated from nearby Reddick. The Thrasher reunion was the first catered group to dine in the new event space, which we enjoyed all to ourselves. The building was originally a citrus packing house.

Most of the leisurely Friday evening was spent with the guests introducing themselves, where they are from, and discussing their Thrasher roots and connections. Most attendees stayed at the Herlong Mansion Bed and Breakfast in Micanopy. The architectural style and atmosphere were elegant, the service was superb, and the surroundings were beautiful. The breakfast menu was freshly prepared from original recipes and served in a separate dining room.



Anthony's Made in Italy was the TFAs destination for a Friday night Italian buffet. Photo by Peggy Thrasher Law

After dinner, we returned to the Herlong Mansion. When built in 1845, the original home was a simple “cracker style” pine farm house. Zeddy Clarence Herlong (1879-1966) and his family came to Micanopy years later and settled into the farmhouse after his Alabama home and business were destroyed in a fire. He built a lumber business, which made him wealthy enough to remodel the modest dwelling into its grand style of today.

By 1910, the original farmhouse was “fully encased within a brick classic Greek revival imitation of a southern colonial design.” The couple raised six children in the home, but after Zeddy’s wife died, he remarried and moved to South Carolina with his new bride. The building was vacant for many years until a young couple bought it in the 1980s and turned it into a bed and breakfast. The inn is now owned by Floridian Kim Shore.

TFA President John Paul Thrasher presided at the Saturday morning business meeting (see minutes elsewhere in this newsletter). After the meeting members enjoyed box lunches catered by Blue Highway of Micanopy.

Our first afternoon activity was a visit to the Thrasher Warehouse, home to the Micanopy Historical Society Museum. The warehouse, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983, was used by John E. Thrasher, Sr. as a part of the general store that he opened in 1896. The warehouse itself was used primarily for housing all types of farm equipment, hardware, lumber and supplies, and was part of a three-building



A Saturday afternoon tour of the Thrasher Warehouse provided a glimpse into the lives of J.E. Thrasher and his descendants. Among those taking part in the tour were (left to right) Peggy Thrasher Law, Linda Bishop, Celestea Sharp, JoEllen LaVeigne, Anna and Ken Sutherland, Ivy and Klaus W. Darnall, and Carol Bishop and John Green.

quadrangle. Adjacent were lots for livestock and a livery stable. When his mercantile store building burned in 1911, John E. Thrasher, Sr., moved his groceries, furniture, and dry goods into the warehouse and operated his business there until he moved to the two-story brick building in the next block in 1923. Walking into the warehouse, the exhibits on the left display the history of Micanopy. The right half of the building is a display of merchandise that would have been sold in the J. E. Thrasher General Store. The cashier’s cage features a 1908 typewriter with both a lower and upper keyboard, a 1923 cash register, and an adding machine (circa 1910). His grandson, the late John E. Thrasher, III, was instrumental in starting the museum. In back is the new Archives building where John E. spent many hours cataloging the collection of artifacts and bringing Thrasher history to life.



The next highlight was a visit and tour of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park about 10 miles away in Cross Creek. Rawlings (1896-1953) is best known for capturing the characters of Depression-era rural Florida in her novels and short stories. She was a 32-year-old newspaper writer from a wealthy Washington, D.C., family when



TFA group enjoyed a visit to the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings farm at Cross Creek. A tour was led by costumed park ranger Joy (left in the upper photo)

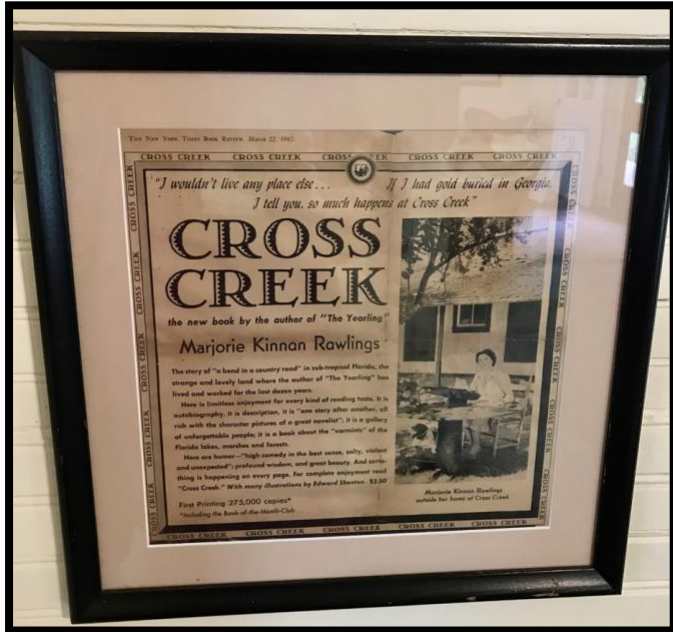
she purchased a rustic “cracker house” and 72-acre orange grove and moved to Cross Creek in 1928. Her goal was to pursue her writing career free from the distractions of urban life. The Cross Creek community joins two very large lakes — Orange Lake and Lochloosa Lake in Alachua County.

Rawlings, her house, and surroundings were brought to life by our enthusiastic tour guide, Joy, who was dressed in period costume. She told us, “I have the best park ranger job in the state.” She enthusiastically described every detail about Rawlings’ typewriter, books, furniture, photos and decorations, as well as the famous guests Rawlings

entertained here, such as Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Rawlings most famous novel was “The Yearling,” which won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1939. However, her memoir “Cross Creek,” based on her experiences and friendships living in the rural community, was a runner-up for the Pulitzer. Rawlings also loved to cook and entertain guests, which she wrote about in “Cross Creek Cookery. She once said, “I get as much satisfaction from preparing a perfect dinner for a few good friends as from turning

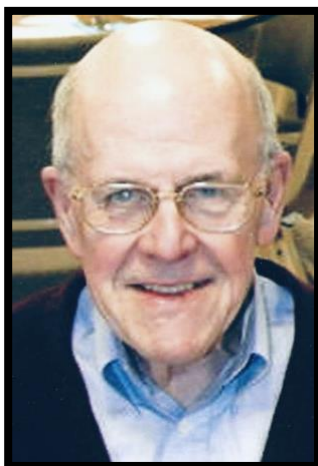
out a perfect paragraph in my writing.” Rawlings bequeathed most of her estate to the University of Florida. Her land at Cross Creek is now operated by the Florida State Park System.

The final Thrasher dinner on Saturday night was a barbecue dinner with all the “fixings” catered by Pearl Country Store and Barbecue in Micanopy. The meal with barbecue pork and chicken was served in Long Hall, the inn’s meeting facility adjacent to the Herlong Mansion. After the meal there was a drawing for door prizes -- mostly Micanopy related -- enough to ensure that almost every Thrasher cousin received one.



At the end of the day, some of us gathered in the inn’s parlor to watch the 1983 movie “Cross Creek,” based on Rawlings’ book. Watching the beautiful cinematography of the Spanish oaks, Micanopy’s main street, Orange Lake, wildlife, and wetlands was an appropriate ending to all we had just witnessed in person a few hours earlier.

Meet oldest TFA member Atlanta native Bill Rhodes



William “Bill” Rhodes at age 96 is oldest TFA member. He is the father of member Ivy Darnall. Submitted photo.

By DAVID E. SUMNER

William S. “Bill” Rhodes of Atlanta is TFA’s oldest member. At 96, he has had a long, illustrious career as an attorney, businessman, entrepreneur, and lay leader in his church. Bill has been a member of TFA since attending the Norcross reunion in 2015 with daughter Ivy Darnall and her husband, Klaus.

He was born in Atlanta June 30, 1926, to parents Thomas Melvin Rhodes and Mattie Lee Thrasher Rhodes as the third of six siblings. (See p. 315-318 in “Our Thrasher Heritage” by

Dorothy Pruett.) Except for Navy duty during World War II and the Korean War, he has lived in Atlanta all his life. He earned an MBA from Georgia State University and a law degree from Emory Law School.

In 1948, he married Fay Ball, a 1949 graduate of Agnes Scott College, and they were married 56 years until her death in 2004. He has four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Ivy says, “As an attorney from 1950 to 2016, he believed success was in how many people he was able to help and not in how much money he might have made. He volunteered legal services to more than 100 churches, 100 ministers, 100 missionaries, and many more.” He held leadership positions in his local congregations, the Georgia Baptist Convention, Baptist World Alliance, Southern Baptist Convention, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. He was also a board member for several nonprofit organizations.”

“Bill has always loved to travel,” Ivy adds. “As a youth, he won trips to Cuba, Washington, DC, and New York City through his success with newspaper delivery routes. He has visited all 159 counties in Georgia, all 50 states, and more than 60 foreign countries.”

While growing up, he worked continuously at various odd jobs and newspaper routes. “In 1931, I started selling the Sunday Atlanta Georgian-American at the Brewer’s Drug Store at the corner of Stewart Avenue [now Metropolitan Parkway] and Pearce Street,” he wrote in an unpublished autobiography.

“While an Atlantan Georgian paper carrier, I won two trips to Cuba (in 1937 and 1938) and a trip to Washington and New York in 1938 and won a one-year scholarship which I was later able to use at Emory University.” During his years at Boys High School, “I worked four hours each night from either 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Sometimes it was difficult to stay awake during class.”

Ivy says he has always loved to read the newspaper. “As a child, I recall him getting up early to read the morning Atlanta Constitution cover to cover before he left for work. Then in the evening after supper, he would sit and read the evening Atlanta Journal cover to cover. He still gets the paper delivered even though he can't read a lot of it because of the small print. He gets out his magnifying glass and reads what he can.” She says he loves to share Atlanta history and make connections with other people.

Bill wrote in his autobiography that while attending night law school, “I went to work full time with Dixie Frozen Foods. Their primary product was a frozen sandwich steak called ‘Chip Steaks.’ I started as a delivery truck driver, then production plant manager, and then as an independent jobber selling Chip Steaks and other meat products to restaurants and drug stores.”

After graduating from law school in 1950, he served on active Navy duty until 1952. “Upon returning home, I went to work for U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty as an adjuster and remained until 1963 when I went into private law practice.” During this time, he also bought and sold Atlanta rental properties.

“When I first started practicing law in 1963, I tried to serve anyone who came or was referred to me. Advertising was not permitted at the time. My first week, my income before expenses was zero. With three children, the situation was rough. I began handling insurance subrogation matters, wills, collections, divorces, adoptions, and bankruptcies,” he wrote.

Sometimes he accepted public defender cases. “In my last death penalty case, my client was acquitted of all charges, and he walked out of the courthouse as a free man. I received the usual fee of \$150 even though I had spent a total of about two weeks including three days trial time on the case. About this time, the public defender system was getting started.”

Bill retired from his law practice in 1993. “As best I can figure over the years, I have prepared more than 10,000 wills, about 250 divorce actions, 50 bankruptcies, 5,000 litigation matters, and more than 10,000 real estate closings.”

Ivy Darnall says what she admires most about him is: “My dad has always been a very hard worker. He put in long hours six days a week with his private law practice so that he could provide for his family and help others. He was also very committed to his faith and church family, and we were at church every time the doors were open.

TFA Headed for Savannah in 2023

By PAULA THRASHER

Mark your calendars and prepare to be charmed. The dates for the 2023 Thrasher Family Reunion are May 5-7 in coastal Savannah where Gen. James Oglethorpe founded the colony of Georgia in 1733.



The Planters Inn on Reynolds Square in Savannah will be the host hotel for the 2023 TFA Reunion, May 5-7. Photo by John Paul Thrasher

Of course, since you'll find yourself in one of the nation's most visited tourist destinations, you may want to add a day or two to your stay, either on the front or back end -- or both! It's all here: the fabled Spanish moss draped oaks, carriage horses clomping down cobblestone streets, stately homes dating to the 18th century and historic monuments everywhere you turn.

Our headquarters will be the Planters Inn on Reynolds Square, one of the city's 22 squares and home to a statue of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. The hotel is in the historic district at 29 Abercorn St., less than two blocks from River Street. The nine-block promenade along the Savannah River was once home to cotton warehouses. Today, the Port of Savannah is "the single largest and fastest-growing container terminal in America." Also near the hotel are restaurants, shops, galleries, and historic sites. City Market is an easy stroll away.

We have arranged for a block of 10 rooms for Friday and Saturday night and 5 rooms for both Thursday and Sunday nights. We negotiated the rate of \$279 per room night which includes all taxes for Friday and Saturday nights; the rate is \$159, including taxes, for Thursday and Sunday nights. We checked at several hotels, including along the riverfront, and the Planters Inn offered by far the best deal considering its convenient location, historic credentials and the quality of the accommodations. Plus, the meeting room was offered at no additional cost.

Eager beavers among us may want to go ahead and book a room. Call Julie Therrell at the inn at 912-232-5678, Ext. 102. Let her know that you are with the Thrasher Family Association group to get the discounted rates. These rates are good until March 4, 2023. Check out the excellent website at www.plantersinnsavannah for a look at where we will be laying our weary heads each night. Remember Savannah is hot tourist destination and prices reflect that. But we do want to "show you a good time" without breaking the bank.



After the annual meeting on Saturday morning, we'll hop aboard a trolley as Old Savannah Tours brings history to life with costumed reenactors along the route. The long-established tour operator promises that you'll "experience nearly three centuries of history in 100 minutes."

You never know who you might see as the Old Savannah Tours trolley rolls through the historic district.



Ahoy mateys! Blackbeard, with John Paul and Paula Thrasher, invites the 2023 TFA Reunion group to dine at the Pirate's House. He promises not to make anyone walk the plank after dinner. Photo by Warren A Thrasher

John Paul figured everyone might enjoy an informal Kentucky Derby viewing party late Saturday afternoon, so we will be doing that in our meeting room starting around 6 p.m. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bourbon), but we will have beer, wine, and soft drinks on hand.

After the “Run for the Roses” is over we will head over a few blocks to the famous Pirate’s House that dates back to 1753 for a seated dinner in a fun, historic setting. Who knows, there may even be a ghost sighting or two in Blackbeard’s former haunt.

Legend has it that the maze of rooms in the former sailors’ inn are inhabited by mischievous spirits (see www.thepirateshousesavannah.com for the down low).

While Friday’s dinner destination is not firmed up yet, we promise it will get you primed for a fun-filled weekend. This much we know: the dinner will involve seafood in a laid-back island atmosphere. We are still weighing our breakfast options as Planters does not have an onsite restaurant.

Sunday breakfast will be our final “official” gathering, but with so much to see and do, you really should plan to hang around another night. We are.

More details and the registration form with the registration fees will be included in the Winter TFA Newsletter.

Hope to see you in Savannah!



Mark your calendars!

May 5-7, 2023

Savannah, Georgia

‘The Covid Guy’ goes to Wyoming



Dr. David Thrasher (right) with financial analyst Tom Keene at the August meeting of the Federal Reserve Bank in Jackson Hole, WY. Keene is co-anchor of “Bloomberg Surveillance” on Bloomberg Television and Bloomberg Radio. Keene was there covering the event. Dr. David was surprised at how tall Keene is. “As you see, he literally dwarfs me and I’m not small.” Submitted photo

TFA member Dr. David Thrasher of Montgomery, AL, is a pulmonologist who has treated countless cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began in early 2020. In August of this year, he attended a meeting of the Federal Reserve Bank in Jackson Hole, WY. The international economic symposium was hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, a seven state region that is one of 12 regional Reserve Banks.

During a breakfast meeting attended by the regional Fed presidents, the question of Covid arose. A reporter from CNBC, where Dr. Thrasher has appeared many times, told a breakfast group that Dr. Thrasher was “The Covid Guy.”

Dr. Thrasher wrote: “I was asked about my opinion on where we are in the pandemic [and] whether or not we have effective treatments to keep people out of the hospital and when it was going to be over. I told them that I would tell them when the pandemic would be over if they would tell me when they would stop raising interest rates. They laughed and we continued.”

The group discussed the impact of Covid victims in quarantine on the work force and on unemployment. “There were several important points that I took home after talking to several of the members when the press was not in front of them. They uniformly said that they are willing to create pain if that’s what it takes to break the back of inflation. They are committed to a [maximum] 2% inflation rate.”

They also touched on oil prices. “Energy is a huge concern for the Fed, and they fear that the lowering of gas prices maybe temporary with Saudia Arabia putting a floor of \$100 a barrel for oil. [Another] big concern is natural gas. We’re in good shape in America, but prices will go up significantly here as well –look at Texas. Europe will have a tough winter, they felt.

Thrasher Family Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 25, 2022

Micanopy, Florida

Attending: Chere and Don Athey, Linda Bishop, Ivy and Klaus Darnall, JoEllen LaVeigne, Peggy Thrasher Law and Don Law, Celestea Sharp, Joseph & John Stine, David Sumner, Anna and Ken Sutherland, Paula and John Paul Thrasher, Sue Thrasher and Jennifer McGrath.

Participating in the business meeting by Zoom: Emily and Warren Thrasher Jr. of Savannah, GA;
Nancy Thrasher Cherry of Beltsville, MD.

Call to Order: President John Paul Thrasher opened the business meeting at 9:15 Saturday morning in Long Hall of the Herlong Mansion, 402 N.E. Cholokka Blvd., Micanopy, FL. He welcomed everyone and remarked on the great time everyone had at Antonio's the previous evening.

Minutes: Ivy moved to accept the minutes of the 2021 meeting as written and published on page 7 of the Spring 2022 edition of the TFA newsletter (Vol. 40, No. 1). Chere seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: In the absence of treasurer Angie Grooms. John Paul read the Treasurer's report. Our TFA treasury holds \$5,785.99. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. Those of us who are not giving John Paul a check to send to Angie, should send their dues, still \$20 per year, to Treasurer Angie Grooms, PO Box 1137, Davidson, NC 28036.

DNA Report: Our DNA project was started in 2005. As of July 2022, our Y-DNA project has 59 men of haplogroup R-M269 (one man tested twice under different names) and nine men of haplogroup E-M35. Our DNA database includes several men of other various haplogroups plus several autosomal and mitochondrial testers.

Nancy reported that she still has three Y-37 kits and four Family Finder (autosomal) kits that were purchased by TFA in 2017 during a company sale. Nancy also has a Y-37 kit mailed to her in 2009. Per a staffer at Family Tree DNA in Houston on July 27, 2022, the kits, including the one from 2009, should still be good if they have not been exposed to temperature extremes (They have not). Each kit being submitted will need a new consent form which the company is mailing to Nancy, and Nancy will include a copy of the new consent form when she mails a kit to any recipient.

Membership Report: The Membership Ambassador, Terry Thompson, was unable to attend the reunion, so no report was given.

Old Business:

Incorporation of TFA: Last year we decided to move ahead with incorporating the TFA, and John Paul is working with attorney Leah Sumner on this. The cost for incorporation is \$250. Susie Thrasher moved to approve the payment, and Celestea Sharp seconded the motion. All members voted “aye” to support the motion. John Paul stated that we are tabling the question of establishing 501(c)3 non-profit status until next year.

New Business:

Newsletter: John Paul announced that, beginning with the Spring newsletter of 2022, editor Jeff Thompson has stepped aside, citing his crushing workload from Boeing and his move to Texas. A new team is producing the newsletter, with Paula Thrasher as editor, David Sumner as chief writer, Joe Stine as contributing writer, and Susie Thrasher doing layout. Contributions of articles and pictures are welcomed and should be e-mailed to Paula (pthrasher@numail.org). Susie stressed the importance of news of the coming generation. She emphasized the need for the newsletter to include awards, marriages, grandchildren’s events and so forth. David Sumner would like to receive suggestions for profile articles in future editions. David also mentioned Google groups as a method to stay in touch between reunions.

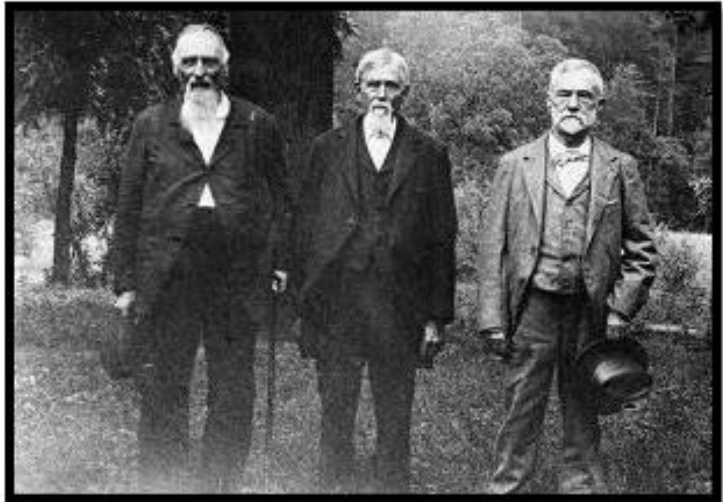
Susie provided a further newsletter update. She has uploaded many of our past newsletters, but not yet all of them, to the TFA website. To see them click on “Newsletters” on our website: www.thrasherfamilyassociation.com

Also included online are John E. Thrasher’s indexes of the newsletters. The information tells you the volume and number of the edition. Thanks to Lee Thrasher, who did the scanning to get the newsletters online, and to the late John E. for the indexes. John Paul commented, “Can you imagine the time John E. spent doing this? What a gift!”

Website: Susie established the TFA website 10 years ago when the group met in Athens, GA. Now she would like to add another feature to the website – the ability to pay dues or make donations to TFA with the press of a button on the site. The money would go to a bank account, where it could be accessed only by the TFA treasurer. Susie emphasized that Wordpress, which hosts our site, provides a secure way of doing this. She is ready to further explore the pay-online option. We will need an EIN number. Susie put her proposal into a motion, seconded by Celestea and Paula and accepted by acclaim. Ivy commented that she would like to see Susie’s report sooner than waiting for next year, so Susie will e-mail her comments to the membership, and we can vote on the matter prior to next year’s meeting.

Misidentified Individual in Picture: John Paul has seen several incidences online in which “Cousin John” Thrasher was misidentified as Jonathan Norcross (fourth Mayor of Atlanta). Ironically, “Cousin John” and Jonathan Norcross were good friends. “Cousin John” was the founder of Norcross and named the town after his friend, Jonathan Norcross.

The photo (right) was taken in 1897 when “Cousin John” visited Atlanta two years before his death in Florida. The Atlanta newspapers did a feature story about three Atlanta pioneers and correctly identifies the trio. The



men, left to right are “Cousin John” Thrasher, George Washington (“Wash”) Collier, and George W. Adair – all pioneer citizens of Atlanta.

DNA; E-M35: Nancy spoke of interesting new developments among the descendants of Benjamin Thrasher of Maryland. Connie Jaquith and Vicky Zuverink are working with men from Canada who match our E-M35 men. A report will be issued when more evidence is collected. Nancy asked members to recruit men named Thrasher to take the Y-DNA test and expand our database. Susie commented that she’d like to see some of the men in the Y-DNA study take the Family Finder test.

Election of Officers: Current officers -- John Paul Thrasher as president, Celestea Sharp as vice-president, Nancy Cherry as secretary, and Angie Grooms as treasurer – were re-elected by acclaim. Angie had asked that we appoint or elect an assistant treasurer, but when John Paul asked for volunteers, no one spoke up.

Next Year’s Reunion: No one volunteered to host next year’s get-together, and when someone mentioned Savannah, several members thought that sounded like a good idea. John Paul reminded us that the Thrasher Family Association provides \$500 to defray reunion expenses. Celestea asked Warren (participating by Zoom) if he and Emily would like to host. Warren didn’t say “no.” He said that he and Emily would have to talk it over. He did suggest that late May would be an ideal time to visit Savannah. Susie reminded us of the good times we’ve had when our reunion falls on the day of the Kentucky Derby. John Paul commented that information about the date and site of the reunion should be firmed up in time to be printed in the Christmas newsletter.

Member Notes: No one has heard from Bill and Juanita Thrasher, and they are missed. Barbara Eger, Buddy (Robert Patton Thrasher), and Vicky Zuverink are all recovering from broken hips.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Secretary's Comments: Enormous thanks to Warren for arranging the Zoom connection so that I could participate, and equally huge thanks to his sister Susie for trying valiantly to keep the erratic and weak Zoom connection working so that I could participate in the meeting and take notes. As it turned out, much of the meeting's proceedings were lost to me because of the stop-and-start-and-fade network connection. All of us owe gratitude to Celestea who, being onsite, took notes and typed them into a coherent report and e-mailed it to me. I've tried to weave Celestea's notes and mine into a single report, with many of the sentences being Celestea's.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Secretary
Thrasher Family Association

Message from John Paul Thrasher, TFA President

Your TFA Newsletter committee has been hard at work on the Fall 2022 issue. A big thank you to all those who contributed to this issue: Paula Thrasher, David E. Sumner, Nancy Cherry, Celestea Sharp, Joe Stine, Dr. David Thrasher, Peggy Thrasher Law and Ivy and Klaus W. Darnall. We delayed sending it out in order to provide an update on the 2023 TFA Savannah Reunion.

Paula and I traveled to Savannah in mid-October to scout the city as a possible 2023 Reunion site. We also met with Emily and Warren Thrasher, Jr., our hosts for the Savannah Reunion. We visited the Planters Inn and met with the general manager to review the arrangements. We feel confident that the inn will work well for our group. We also had lunch at the Pirate's House and met with the special events manager to discuss details for the Saturday night dinner. See Paula's article for more details. A big thank you to Emily and Warren for agreeing to host the 2023 gathering. We look forward to a memorable 2023 TFA Reunion in Savannah, May 5-7.

I also want to report that pursuant to the approval of the membership at the 2022 TFA Annual Meeting, the TFA engaged an attorney -- Leah Sumner, Sumner/Meeker LLC -- to develop the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the new legal entity we will be forming: Thrasher Family Association, Inc. Your board of directors along with members

with business formation expertise will be providing guidance to the attorney. Feel free to contact me directly if you have questions or if you need additional information about the incorporation process. I will update the membership as we continue to move forward with the process of establishing the Thrasher Family Association as a legal entity.

I encourage all TFA members to send in your dues for the 2022-23 year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. Currently, individual memberships are \$20 per year. The annual dues make it possible for the TFA to maintain a website, publish a quarterly newsletter 4-times a year and contribute to the annual TFA reunion.

The Thrasher Family Association is self-supporting through the dues and contributions of our members. Dues are \$20 and support our newsletter, website and research costs,

Please or put a check into the mail to our wonderful treasurer:

Angie Grooms, TFA Treasurer.
PO Box 1137, Davidson, NC 28036

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Thrasher Family Association newsletter needs your input. Share ideas for stories – or better yet, suggest an article you'd like to submit. We're looking for profiles of TFA members, articles focused on family history and heritage, genealogy, photographs, reviews of books on topics related to the family, features on books written by members, and news about people and places. Get in touch with newsletter editor Paula Thrasher by calling or texting:

[770-328-7716](tel:770-328-7716) or email to pthrasher@numail.org. The newsletter is published four times a year on a seasonal basis and is published via email.

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John Paul Thrasher, production director

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TFA 2022 Summer Reunion***

PHOTO GALLERY



The Reunion began Friday afternoon at the historic Herlong Mansion Bed and Breakfast in beautiful Micanopy. The sky was blue and breezes sweet.

Friday night at Antonio's



Can you find yourself in these photos?





Saturday afternoon at the Thrasher Warehouse







THE END!

Remember you can always send your photos for future newsletters!