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**THRASHER FAMILY ASSOCIATION 2019
DAVIDSON, NC**

A Wonderful 2019 Reunion - Davidson, North Carolina

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Front Row

Don Athey, Joe Grooms, Jeff Thompson, Joe Stine, Bryan Thrasher, Bob Wynne

2nd Row

Bonnie Bowlin, Chere Athey, Nancy Cherry, Glenda Thompson, Elise Sumner, Ivy Darnall, Carol Bishop, Claudia Wynne, Anna Sutherland, Linda Bishop

3rd Row

Vicki Mills, Judy Aleman, Janie Mosley, John E. Thrasher III, Dena Thompson, Joan Stine, Celestea Sharp, Juanita Thrasher, Susie Thrasher, Jennifer McGrath, Lauren Thrasher

Back Row

John F. Thrasher, Kathy Thrasher, Terry Thompson, David Sumner, John P. Thrasher, Angie Grooms, Jim Moule, Ken Sutherland, Bill H. Thrasher

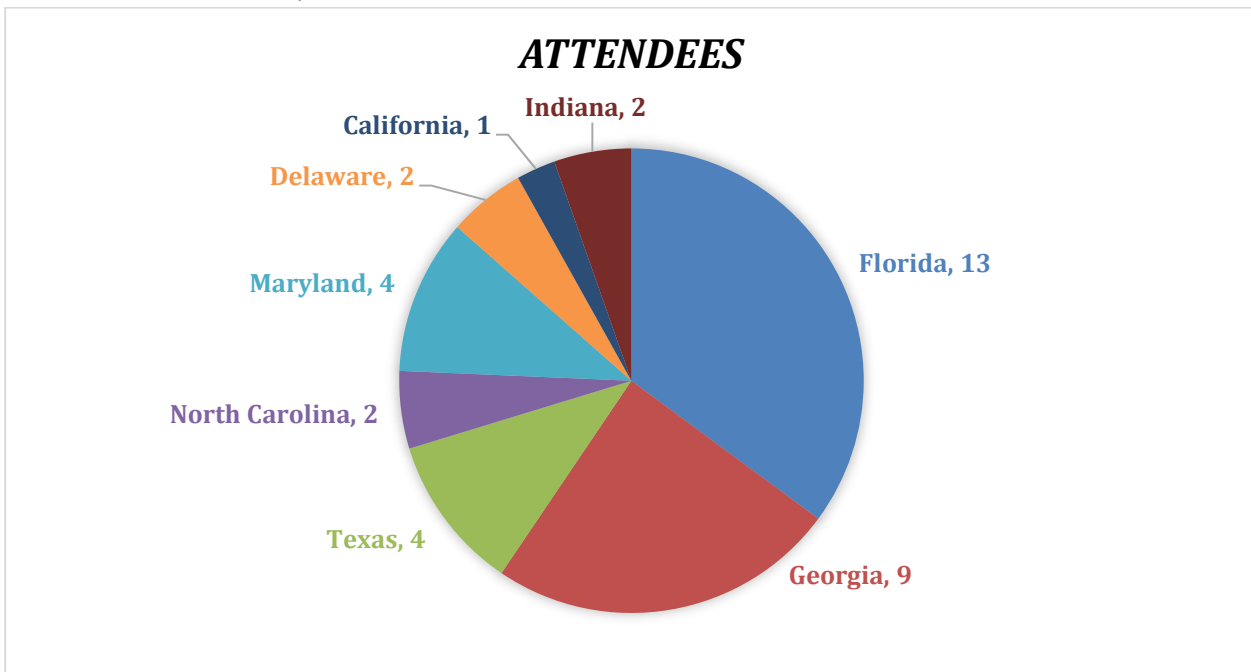
MINUTES

The Thrasher Family Association

Meeting of May 4, 2019
Davidson, North Carolina

Hosts: Joe and Angie Grooms

Attending: Judy Aleman of Sherman, TX; Chere and Don Athey of Cumberland, MD; Carol Bishop of Athens, GA; Linda Bishop of Athens, GA; Bonnie Thrasher Bolin of Fayetteville, GA; Chris Cherry of Pasadena, MD; Nancy Cherry of Beltsville, MD; Ivy and Klaus Darnall of Atlanta, GA; Joe and Angie Grooms of Davidson, NC; Jennifer McGrath of Watkinsville, GA; Vickie Mills-Smith of Jackson, GA; Janie Mosley of Rockwall, TX; James Moule of Oakland, CA; Celestea Sharp of Athens, GA; Joe and Joan Stine of Orlando, FL; David and Elise Sumner of Anderson, IN; Ken and Anna Sutherland of Jacksonville, FL; Jeff and Dena Thompson of Clayton, DE; Terry and Glenda Thompson of Pflugerville, TX; Bill and Juanita Thrasher of Live Oak, FL; Bryan and Lauren Thrasher of Live Oak, FL; John E. Thrasher of Micanopy, FL; John F. and Kathy Thrasher of Newberry, FL; John Paul Thrasher of Newnan, GA; Sue Q. Thrasher of Watkinsville, GA; and Robert and Claudia Wynne of Pensacola, FL. (This list includes anyone participating in any part of the weekend activities.)



Pre-meeting Activities: The group enjoyed dinner on Friday evening at Joe and Angie Grooms' home. Under towering shade trees plus a few canopy tents, Thrashers feasted on Joe's homemade pizza and gelato, plus sides provided by the hosts and a few neighbors. On Saturday morning, attendees were free to attend a festival in town, hike, or explore the area around Lake Norman.

Call to Order: The annual business meeting of the Thrasher Family Association (TFA) was called to order by the Chair, John E. Thrasher III, at 2:05 p.m., on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in the Mallard Room of the Homewood Suites, 125 Harbour Place Drive, Davidson, North Carolina. The room was

adorned with charts, pictures and other memorabilia of Thrasher families brought by attendees. This was the group's 45th consecutive annual reunion.

John E. welcomed first time attendees Bob Wynne and Carol Bishop and returning members John F. and Kathy Thrasher who had not been with us for some time. He thanked Angie and Joe Grooms for last evening's wonderful pizza and gelato dinner and for hosting this year's reunion. He also recalled last year's enjoyable and instructive reunion at Williamsburg and thanked John Paul and Susie for it. He made a special acknowledgement to Jeff and Glenda and Terry Thompson for their work on the William William Thrasher lineage this year.

Program: David Sumner discussed his research and publication of his book on the life of John James "Cousin John" Thrasher. In this talk, he focused on the character and personality of this Atlanta pioneer. Because Cousin John left virtually no paper trail, David used public documents and newspaper accounts to reveal who Cousin John Thrasher was and what motivated him. David characterized Cousin John as a restless developer and entrepreneur who achieved wealth through railroads and real estate and was widely known for his generosity. In his early days, he started the Johnson and Thrasher store in what was then called Thrasherville (then Marthasville, and finally Atlanta). Interesting note: In the movie GONE WITH THE WIND, a viewer can see a Johnson and Thrasher sign in the background in one of the scenes.

Business Meeting

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as written was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer Angie distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, which disclosed a balance of \$5,998.03 as of April 30, 2019. A motion to accept the report as written was approved unanimously. Angie reminded everyone to pay their dues, and she accepted payments onsite. A copy of the report can be found on page 12 of this newsletter. Angie was standing in for Treasurer Peggy Thrasher whose husband Al injured his knee recently, making their trip to Davidson out of the question.

New Business:

Website: Susie will continue to manage our website. She asked if we need to password-protect the newsletter archive, in the same way we protect the membership list and contact information on the website. Jeff warned that we should be careful about placing contact information in the newsletter. After discussion, Jeff introduced a motion, seconded by John Paul and passed unanimously, that we keep the newsletters on the open portion of the website. The policy of delaying posting of the newsletters by a year will remain in place.

Membership: After five years as a newsletter editor, webmaster and label maker, Susie said she could not continue to manage all three. She will continue to manage our website but asked for volunteers to take over the newsletter and a separate position of Membership Ambassador. The Ambassador would be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date membership list, sending postcard reminders once a year about dues payments, creating mailing labels as needed and following up on inquiries and possible new members.

Susie reported on her communication with author Travis Thrasher and her invitation to him to join us at our TFA reunion. He sent a gracious reply to Susie and another to Nancy, who followed up on Susie's invitation, but he made no commitment. She referred an inquiry from Greg

Thrasher to John E. and another from Rory E. Bowers to Jim Moule. John E. is working with a new member, Annette Aspinwall.

Celestea Sharp has met Robert Fincher in Oconee County, GA. Robert is related to Albert Conway Thrasher and Linda Bishop. Robert's mother was a Thrasher, so he would not be eligible for a Y-37 DNA test. Linda supplied contact information for Nancy to ask him for authorization if he is interested in a Family Finder (autosomal) test.

DNA: Nancy reported that we now have 73 men in the Y-chromosome study, not all of them Thrashers, plus several individuals who have taken the Family Finder autosomal test and several who have taken the mitochondrial DNA test. We have a \$30 credit with our testing company, Family Tree DNA in Houston. We still have 3 Y-chromosome test kits and 4 Family Finder test kits that we bought on sale to distribute. Nancy urged everyone to recruit Thrashers and Thrasher descendants to participate in our study. A larger database yields more matches and more definitive data.

Nominations: During a break, attendees were given Nomination Forms for the upcoming election. We were asked to nominate individuals for the positions held by the Retiring Chairman, John E. Thrasher; Vice Chairman, John Paul Thrasher; Recording Secretary, Nancy Cherry; Treasurer, Peggy Thrasher; and Assistant Treasurer, Angie Grooms. The form also asked for volunteers to fill the Newsletter Editor and the new Membership Ambassador positions.

Old Business:

Tombstones: David Thrasher's grandfather in Dothan, GA, needs a tombstone. John E. will consult with David about this.

Salem Methodist Church: Celestea Sharp reported that she, Linda Bishop, John Paul Thrasher and possibly other descendants of Samuel and Elizabeth Hester plan to attend this year's Homecoming Service on Mother's Day at the historic Salem Methodist Church in south Oconee County, GA. The Hesters donated the land for the church (1820) and the parsonage (1822) and their descendants were active in the church until it closed in 2002. Their daughter Elizabeth married Isaac Thrasher who was the son of John Thrasher, Jr. and Susan Barton. After the church service and dinner on the grounds, the Salem Church Perpetual Care Fund will have its annual meeting. The goal of the descendants is to alert the Perpetual Care Fund of the need for quick action in forming a legal entity so that the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church will move forward with a planned transfer of the church property and cemetery and not put the property up for sale. The TFA delegation plans to make clear our desire to help preserve and protect the church building, property and cemetery. The cemetery has 202 graves and is the resting place for 29 Thrashers, several Bishops and Middlebrooks, and several relatives of Joe Grooms. (Update: Celestea Sharp, Linda Bishop, Carol Bishop, John Paul Thrasher, Susie Thrasher and Jennifer McGrath attended the Homecoming Service and the meeting of the Perpetual Care Fund.)

Preservation of our records: In previous years we have discussed the need for a repository to hold and preserve our research papers, scrapbooks, and photographs. Carol Bishop has provided the name of a person to contact at the Hargrett Library at the University of Georgia. Jim Moule has collected old photographs of Thrasher family members and has offered to make those pictures available on the TFA website, with the hope that others will also share their photographs. Each photo should be accompanied by identification and other descriptions as appropriate. Susie will set up a separate Gallery tab on our website and perhaps include a section

for photographs where identity is needed. Jeff has offered to help her with the project. Details will be worked out between Jim, Susie, and Jeff. No motion was needed.

Bylaws: John E. distributed copies of the current bylaws and copies of proposed revisions. He directed our attention to several issues:

- a.) #3 The honorarium to the hosting family should be increased from \$300 to \$500 to recognize rising costs associated with hosting expenses. Terry Thompson's motion to accept the \$500 figure was approved unanimously.
- b.) #6 The treasurer would be granted authority to pay any obligation previously approved by the membership. Current bylaws cap the authority at \$200.00.
- c.) #7 This proposed change sets out the duties for the proposed Membership Ambassador.
- d.) #8 This was part of #7 in the bylaws as accepted May 21, 2016. It is amended to reflect that membership includes access to the TFA website.

Celestea Sharp's motion to accept the other proposed changes was seconded by Bonnie and approved unanimously. A copy of the approved bylaws can be found on page 13 of this newsletter.

Election of Officers: John Paul compiled a nomination list based on results of the nomination forms completed during the break. John Paul received the overwhelming number of nominations for the position of TFA Chair, and after the three other individuals nominated withdrew, was elected by acclamation.

Celestea Sharp and Joe Grooms received the most nominations for Vice Chair. Joe removed his name from consideration, and Celestea was elected by acclamation.

Incumbents Nancy as Secretary, Peggy as Treasurer, and Angie as Assistant Treasurer were voted back into office by acclamation.

Terry Thompson, Celestea Sharp, and Linda Bishop volunteered to serve as Membership Ambassador. Celestea and Linda withdrew their names, and Terry was voted in by acclamation.

Next Year's Reunion: Claudia and Bob Wynne have offered to host the 2020 TFA reunion in Pensacola, Florida, at a date to be determined. They will be assisted by their son Robert, a former Disney stuntman, whom we met at the 2017 reunion in Montgomery.

Newsletter Distribution: At present about 2/3 of our newsletters are sent by e-mail; the rest are sent as hard-copy through the USPS.

Member news: Buddy and Glenda Thrasher, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June, have had serious health problems. Many members wanted them to know that they are sorely missed, and everyone sent best wishes their way. Warren and Emily Thrasher of Savannah will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a ceremony in which they renew their vows. Carolyn Sirmon, Claudia's sister, is moving, which is why she was unable to attend TFA this year. John E. and John F. are celebrating the birth of their first great-grandchild and grandchild respectively: Lily was born to John F's son John P. and his wife Phoenix on April 25, 2019. Nancy Cherry's brother Steve Thrasher died suddenly June 1, 2018.

Announcements: Celestea told us about Buds of Little Rose Creek, a nonprofit created to conserve the Elder farm and cemetery near Watkinsville, GA. The farm was the home of David Elder, who came to the area in 1809 from Virginia and reared his 15 children there. David Elder is buried in the cemetery on the property.

Ken Sutherland reminded us that his book JESUS, THE EARLY YEARS, is available on Amazon. His family is urging him to write his next researched novel about his great uncle, Lewis Thrasher. Lewis was born in January 1913 weighing only 2 ½ pounds. He died in October 2012. He was a pro baseball player, knocked out the Texas light heavyweight champion in a bar fight, chased Rommel through Africa and marched through Italy in WWII.

Bonnie announced that the Cyclorama painting has been relocated from Grant Park to the Atlanta History Center and opened February 22, 2019 with new pieces of the painting that were never seen before. Tickets are \$21 and should be obtained ahead of time.

David Sumner recalled that John E. was the first person to welcome him when he attended his first TFA reunion. Several other people rose to tell fond stories about John E., our retiring Chair. He was given a standing ovation for his fifteen years of leadership.

Credits: John E. called attention to Bill H. Thrasher's large chart of the Old George Thrasher family tree. He announced that we now have DNA from all five sons of Old George, and they all are a match. In closing the meeting, John thanked the TFA officers for their service and this year's hosts for a spectacular reunion.

Transition: John E. turned over the gavel to John Paul. The meeting was adjourned.

Post-Meeting Activities

Door Prizes: Angie and Joe supplied prizes from local crafters and merchants.

Photo Session: We posed for our annual group photo in the meeting room. Bill H. Thrasher will use his considerable skills to apply a more scenic background and splice in snapshots of anyone who was not in the room at the time of the group photo.

Kentucky Derby: John Paul conducted a raffle, substituting names of horses in the Derby for winning numbers. Our members then moved to the hotel bar to watch the "Run for the Roses" on the big screen and to cheer on their respective horses. Two lucky TFA winners were excited to split the \$38 pot when Maximum Security crossed the finish line in first place. However, when Maximum Security was disqualified after an objection, Country House, a 65-1 long-shot, was declared the winner and the prize money had to be redistributed.

Dinner: Joe and Angie brought in a barbeque buffet, which we enjoyed in the meeting room.

Trivia Quiz: After dinner, Nancy distributed a quiz of Thrasher trivia questions. The planned slide show for the answers, however, didn't happen, as no projector was available. David Sumner and Celestea Sharp tied for the most correct answers. Celestea deferred, as she had won last year's trivia quiz, and the prize for the most correct answers was awarded to David Sumner.

Breakfast on Sunday morning: This was not a planned activity; however, most of us lingered in the hotel's breakfast room, saying fond goodbyes and making plans to meet next year in Pensacola for TFA 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Thrasher Cherry
Recording Secretary, TFA

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Thrasher Family Reunion



Claudia and Bob Wynne have offered to host the 2020 TFA reunion in Pensacola, Florida!! More details will follow as plans shape up.

Happy 99th Birthday!



John E. Thrasher III and Barton E. Thrasher Jr made a fun visit to Ocala, Florida on April 17, 2019 to celebrate with their first cousin, Louise Thrasher Carpenter. It was Louise' 99th birthday! The three first cousins are descendants of three different Thrasher brother.

The Character of Cousin John Thrasher

by David E. Sumner

John James Thrasher (1818-1899), better known as “Cousin John,” was one of the first pioneers of Atlanta when he built a railroad embankment and settlement in 1839 first called “Thrasherville” before it was incorporated as Atlanta in 1845. He later became a successful entrepreneur and civic leader who made and lost several fortunes during his lifetime. He was the Fulton County representative to the General Assembly from 1859 to 1863. After the Civil War, he was the founder, developer, and first mayor of Norcross, Georgia. While his accomplishments are notable, his character is what impressed me the most during my 25 years of research on his life.

The main problem in doing research on Cousin John is that he didn’t leave much of a paper trail—no collection of correspondence and documents that most notable people do. He was not highly educated; I found no evidence he completed high school or even went to school for long. The only material we have about him are a few books and a dozen articles from Atlanta newspapers and magazines. When I first visited the Atlanta History Center in the early 1990s, it had nothing about Thrasher. I have since donated copies of all the newspaper and magazine articles I have collected (many of which I originally obtained from John E. Thrasher) and my biography: *John Thrasher: Georgia Pioneer, Politician, and Philanthropist*. The newspaper and magazine articles, however, contain many anecdotes revealing his gregarious and generous character.

According to Dot Pruett’s *Our Thrasher Heritage*, many of his relatives moved to Atlanta to enjoy his generosity and success. The friendly and gregarious entrepreneur was called “Cousin John” by so many kinsmen that others began doing the same, and he became famous by that name throughout the South. Even Atlanta newspapers referred to him as “Cousin John.” Pruett’s book tells the often-repeated story about two poorly dressed Alabama cousins whom their wealthy father sent to Atlanta just to test Cousin John’s reputation for generosity. He took them to his home, treated them to an elegant dinner, and offered them \$1,800 worth of free goods from his store. But they refused the offer and paid cash.

His compassion is also illustrated in an Atlanta Constitution article on Feb. 27, 1879, which reported that he was taking care of a railway conductor in South Carolina, where he was living at the time. The conductor’s chest was severely injured when he was caught between two railway cars being connected to each other. The article said, “He was kindly cared for by Cousin John Thrasher who is giving him every attention.”

Thrasher was a devout Baptist and a charter member of the Norcross Baptist church. He also made a substantial donation to First Baptist of Atlanta for a new roof. He donated houses and lots to ministers of five Norcross churches, creating the street they called “Holy Row.” He made a substantial donation toward purchasing 600 acres of land for the North Georgia Methodist Orphans Home in 1871.

Joe Stine found in his research that while Thrasher was serving in the General Assembly, he introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of alcohol and another “to prohibit the running of railroad engines and cars on the Lord’s day.” Both bills were tabled and never passed. Prohibition was not to come about for 60 years, and then it lasted but thirteen years. Besides the General Assembly, Thrasher was active in Atlanta’s civic affairs. In 1865, the Atlanta Intelligencer commended him for his work in supervising the construction of the new Fulton County jail: “Through the indefatigable industry of that most indefatigable of all men, J.J. Thrasher, the new jail rapidly approaches completion. The difficulties under which that gentleman has labored as superintendent of its construction have been innumerable.” He was also one of 12 founding board members of the Atlanta Street Railroad Company, the predecessor of today’s MARTA.

Despite these qualities, Thrasher wasn’t perfect. He seemed impatient and lacking in foresight and vision. He was sort of a wanderlust since he moved at least six times after he first arrived in Atlanta in 1839 and ended up in Dade City, Florida, where he died in 1899. He came to Atlanta to build a railroad embankment for the site of a future terminal. After he built it, the commissioners voted to build the terminal about a mile away. Their decision disgusted Thrasher, so he sold his 100 acres for \$4 an acre—half of what he paid for it—and left town and moved to

Griffin. A Harper's magazine article about him said that land was worth half a million dollars in 1879. Near the time of his death, the Atlanta Constitution reported that at various times he had owned between 500 and 600 acres of land within the city limits and another 500 acres outside the city. But he seemed willing to move when his ventures didn't yield immediate success. After leaving Norcross, he lived in Central, S.C., and Toccoa, Georgia, before moving to Dade City, Florida, to join his two sons, David and Barton, who were already living there.

In 1845, he opposed Atlanta's incorporation because he felt it would lead to higher taxes. That is probably why historians don't consider him the founder of Atlanta or even one of the founders, I believe. However, Franklin Garrett's well-known *Atlanta and Its Environs* devoted several pages to him as one of the city's original "three pioneers." The Atlanta Constitution called him one of the original three pioneers when it published an article and photo about them in 1897.

I'd like to close by quoting what Allen Phillip Francis wrote of John Thrasher in dedicating his 1967 history of Norcross to him: "Let us never lose sight of the unusual ability of our true founder and his kindness, his generosity, and his courage to carry on after the devastation of war. Although he was never able to capture the affluence of his pre-war years, he was not deterred, he continued doing good, making his way, leaving all too little as a true record of his activities. We do know of his excellence as a man, a Christian, a doer of good, a restless developer...."

David E. Sumner is a great-great-grandson of John Thrasher, retired journalism professor, and author of seven books. Readers may obtain a copy of John Thrasher: Georgia Pioneer, Politician, and Philanthropist for \$5 (postage-paid) by sending a check to him at 4009 Colonial Drive, Anderson, Indiana 46012. The 36-page book is also available on Amazon.

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Author's note: Cousin John was mentioned in many more *Atlanta Constitution* articles between 1860 and 1910, which are searchable at www.newspapers.com (fee-based service).

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/>

Thrasher Family Association Financial Report

06/01/2018 thru 04/30/2019

Funds transferred from Buddy Thrasher	\$5417.36
Deposits, Dues 06/08/2018-04/30/2019	1240.00
Donations	75.00
Habersham Fed. Cr. Un. Dividends	2.54
Total	\$6734.90
Expenditures: Newsletters	\$612.37
Word Press website fees	96.00
Checks Hab. Fed. Cr. Un.	28.50
Total	\$736.87
Balance 04/30/2019	\$5998.03

Notes:

1. I have no bank records from 03/31/2018 thru 05/31/2018.
2. Donations were made by Linda Bishop (\$25.00) and Frank G. Rhodes (\$50.00) in memory of Mattie Lee Thrasher Rhodes.
3. Funds are held at Habersham Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 2645, Clarkesville, GA 30523 (Clayton, GA office).
4. Joe and Angie Grooms' \$300.00 honorarium check for hosting the 2019 reunion is in the mail.

Thrasher Family Association Bylaws

Adopted May 2005; revised May 21, 2016; revised May 4, 2019

While originally founded by the southern branch of the Thrasher family who were primarily descended from John Thrasher and Ruth Cloud, today all Thrashers are welcome in the association, as well as those interested in Thrasher research.

Since this association's purpose is to foster knowledge of previous generations while promoting friendship and kinship among current generations, organizational structure should be minimal.

The following bylaws define that structure:

1. Meetings shall be held annually at the Thrasher Family Association Reunion to elect officers and conduct any other business. Only dues-paying members may vote at these meetings.
2. Officers shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, recording secretary, and treasurer. These four officers shall serve as an advisory committee. Terms shall be for one year, with elections held at the annual Thrasher Family Association reunion. There shall be no term limit restrictions.
3. At each reunion, sites for the next reunion will be decided and a host sought to coordinate arrangements. As voted on 4 May 2019, a contribution of \$500.00 in association's funds will be paid to the host as an "honorarium" to offset expenses connected with the reunion.
4. The chairman shall preside at the annual meeting and with other officers shall have the power to appoint any working committee that may be necessary from time to time. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman will preside at the annual meeting.
5. The recording secretary shall take minutes at the annual meeting and at any meeting of the advisory committee. These minutes shall be published in the association's newsletter.
6. The treasurer shall be responsible for receiving dues payments and depositing same in the association's account, and from said association account shall pay any bills incurred by the association and shall present an annual report to the membership. The treasurer shall have the authority to approve and pay any obligations that were previously approved by the membership. Requested or suggested projects shall be presented to the membership at the annual business meeting along with the estimated cost and shall be approved by at least 60% majority of those dues-paying member in attendance.
7. The Membership Ambassador: This person would keep the membership list (in consultation with the treasurer) and print the mailing labels for the Newsletter; Take on the responsibility of reaching out to members, encouraging them to participate, to register for reunions and send out a postcard once year with the deadline for membership renewal which is 30 September of the membership year.
8. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30. Dues to the association shall be \$20.00 per year unless a change is voted upon at an annual meeting. Each membership shall include a subscription to the Thrasher Family Newsletter and access to the Thrasher Family Association's web site.