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The Civil War Diary of Anna Lowe of Cheatham County - submitted by Greg Poole

January 1, 1865 Tishie and Rufus came home with us and spend day. Again it is "New Year." How quickly the last year has passed! And how little have I improved the time! It seems but a few days since we began. Yet many changes have occurred, and who can tell what may be revealed before the close of the year.

January 6th Very cloudy, disagreeable days, snows this evening. Aunt Clara is very sick. Spinning.

January 7th No news. Hood's (Confederate General, John Bell Hood) Army across the Tennessee River again, exact whereabouts not known. Again have our hopes of liberty been dashed to the ground by his retreat from Nashville, but I will not despair. I'll live in hope, if I die in despair. We are getting uneasy about Bro. Giddie, as we have heard not a word from him since he left, and we have heard that he was captured.

January 8th Have had a bad headache. Head better this evening, Reading "Young Ladies Counselor" by Wise. Sit up with the baby (specifics of baby not named, ed.) tonight.

January 15th Bro. Smith and Cousin Gleaves leave this morning. Stayed at Mr. Lenox's last night. Get up with swimming in the head this morning, very much indisposed. Nausea. Baby still very bad. No news.

January 16th Feel some better this morning, though not well. Nurse the baby and sew. Mrs. Felts calls.

January 18th The baby very bad today. Send for Mrs. Lee this evening. Sit up nearly all night.

January 19th The sweet little creature died this morning about sunrise. She is now with her mother, and we should not repine, but it is hard to have to give her up.

January 21st We all go to the burying. Bro. Smith, Bro. William and Tishie and I return this evening.

January 22nd Get up very early this morning and get breakfast and Bro. Smith goes home. Spend day reading the Bible and Hume's "History of England," which I had discontinued for some time.

January 28th We all go and hear Mr. Proctor preach. Sackie, Tishie and I go down to Mr. Allen's to dinner and spend the evening. Van Lowe and a Mr. Richie come after night, as we have heard they have been with the guerrillas. We are uneasy about their being here. Cousin Green was killed at the battle of Franklin. Cousin John is a prisoner.

January 30th They leave this morning. Mother is very much troubled, thinking probably they came to get some of the other boys to join them. The Federals have a company of whites and Negroes cutting wood near the Sulphur Springs. Tony goes over to make arrangements to haul wood for them as they will press all wagons that they don't have without.

January 31st Tony commences hauling. Sis Kit came down. Brother Williams comes over.

February 16th Sackie and Tishie are spending the evening and night in Ashland, and I am very lonely. How deeply do I feel the necessity of kindly friends, without which my life would be a barren waste. I have been indeed blessed with friends, and now their memory is crowding fast around me.

My mother! What a blessing have I possessed in my mother! No one can ever fully realize what a treasure they possess in a kind mother. But strange as it is, we never appreciate a blessing until we feel we are about to lose it. Mother's health has been very bad for some time, in fact, ever since the sweet baby died. That seemed to occupy her mind, and kept her up; but now she is very weak and for some time has been almost entirely confined to her room. I greatly fear she will not live long, but I humbly pray she may yet be spared to us for many years.

February 18th Doctor Dismukes came down this evening after Lena Wilkins (he and Richard) have been hauling wood this week) to go and see Phil Wilkins. He is very sick.

February 19th Mr. Rose preached for us today. Tells that Phil Wilkins is dead. How suddenly and unexpected! Thursday night he was well, this (Sunday) morning he is a corpse. What a warning this should be.

February 20th Sackie, Tony and I go out to the funeral. Mr. Brewer preached from Romans 6:2. The text Phil had selected to preach his first sermon from. Poor Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, tis a great trial for them. We spend the night at Uncle Sandy's.

February 22nd Very rainy this morning. We came home this evening. Lena Wilkins came home with us. Election at Ashland today.

March 4th Today is the election for Governor. Brownlow, of course, (William G. Brownlow, Unionist editor, better known as "Parson Brownlow." Ed.) will be elected. Janetta and Susan Allen come up this evening and spend night. We all go down to see the river this evening, which is very high, higher than since 1847.

March 5th The girls leave. Richard comes down. A case of smallpox in that neighborhood. Spend day reading Young's "Night Thoughts," and "History of England."

March 7th Spinning today. Hear today that the water is in Mr. Crockett's house, and Mrs. Crockett is very sick. Sis Mary and Sackie go down to see her. Sis Ten carries the children to Ashland to get their pictures taken. Have a very bad headache this evening.

March 8th Sis Mary and Sackie return. The water is in the ground floor, and they are living upstairs. Mrs. Crockett a good deal better. I go down to Mr. Allens to carry some filling for cloth.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER – PAYABLE JANUARY 1 – 31st, 2004

Ashland City Fifty Years Ago - submitted by Greg Poole

(Below are some Ashland City businesses taken from the earliest telephone directory found in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. How many of the businesses do you remember? Ed.)

- Ashland City Chevrolet Company. Call 191. "A complete body shop." Chevrolet Authorized Sales and Service. (1954)
- Lockert & Shearon Funeral Directors. Tele. 10 (1954)
- Midway Mills. "The home of Tucksoco Corn Meal" Office Tele. 31. R.A. Tucker, Manager. (1954)
- Western Auto Associate Store. "Everything for your automobile for less." Frank Robertson Jr., Owner. Tele. 50. (1954)
- Harris Hardware and Electric Appliances. Main Street, Tele. 197. V.E. Harris, proprietor. (1954)
- McClures Stores. "Dry Goods, Notions, Ready to Wear, with 5 & 10 cent store in connection." Call 2. (1954)
- Hagedwood Motors. "Ford Sales and Service." Call 39 (1954)
- Hillside Garden Florists. Stratton Blvd., Pearle Smith and Jewell Boyte, Owners. Call 177. (1954)
- Ashland City Oil Company. C.L. Allen, Manager. Call 166. (1954)
- Sam A. Reeks and Son. "Ashland City's Complete Men's Store. We are always glad to serve you." On the Square, Tele. 1. (1954)
- Melvina's Beauty Shop. Cumberland Street, (1954)
- Ashland City Garage. Call. 36 (1954)
- Ashland City Times. Call 87 (1954)
- Balthrop-Clifton Motors. "Chrysler-Plymouth Sales and Service." Call 188
- Boyd's Grocery Call 172. (1954)
- Binkley Cab Service. Call 138. (1954)
- W.C. Bouldin's General Merchandise Store. "Stetson hats, Curlee Clothes, Arrow Shirts, Nelly Don Dresses." Call 21-W. (1954)
- Bowen Watch Shop Tele. 200 (1954)
- B.J. Boyd. Attorney. Tele. 70. (1954)
- Cozy Cottage Beer Garden. Call 206-R. (1954)
- Harris Grocery. "Fresh meats, quality groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables." Main Street and corner Public Square. Tele. 139. (1954)
- Dean's Beauty Shop. Call 189. (1954)
- Ellis Grocery. Call 124. (1954)
- Empson Drug Company "Prescriptions, Sundries, Soda Fountain in Connection." Tele 209. (1954)
- Glover Hospital. Dr. J.P. Glover, Resident Physician Tele 228. (1954)
- Vincent Harper. Attorney. Call 231. (1954)
- Jordan Beauty Shoppe. Call 101. (1954)
- Josephine's Women's Apparel Call 234. (1954)
- Main Street Grocery. "Produce, Staples, Fresh Meats and Frozen Foods." Willard Lewis, proprietor. Call 102. (1954)
- The LaCrosse Theatre. Call 167. (1954)
- W.S. Lockert and Son Drug Store. Call 10. (1954)
- Miller's Barber Shop. Call 195. (1954)
- Murff Brothers General Merchandise. Call 21-J. (1954)
- Pardue Shell Service Station. "Automobile Repair. Gas, Oil and Accessories." Tele. 215. (1954)
- Neil Robertson. Attorney, Tele. 132. (1954)
- Mrs. H.W. Taylor Grocery. Bull Run, Tennessee. Call Long Distance. (1954)
- Tennessee Central Railroad Company. Call 4. (1954)
- Tucker Brothers Grocery. Tele. 62. (1954)
- Norwood Cleaners. Back of Murff Brothers. Call 239. (1954)
- Farmer's Mercantile Company. "Furniture, Hardware and Paints." S.J. Morris, manager. Call 7. (1954)
- Vick Brothers Lumber Company. Call 217. (1954)
- Gupton-Beasley Company. "International Harvester Farm Implements, Refrigerators and Freezers." A.L. Gupton Jr. and E.R. Beasley, proprietors. Tele. 98. (1954)
- The Klondike Café. "For Good Food that Satisfies. In business for over 37 years. Plate lunches, barbecue, all kinds of sandwiches and ice cream." J.C. Nicholson, proprietor. Main Street on the Square. Tele. 14. (1954)

Horrible Tragedy in Cheatham County!!! - submitted by Greg Poole

Particulars of a horrible killing, which took place just over the line in Cheatham County, near the mouth of Barton's Creek, have reached the city. Robert Hagedwood, a highly respected farmer of that neighborhood, it is said, met an awful death at the hands of Gid Crane.

The tragedy started over the penning up of several hogs belonging to Crane, which had gotten into Hagedwood's wheat field. It is said the two men quarreled in the field and that Hagedwood had told Crane to go home and let him alone. Crane got a double barrel shot gun and it is alleged, waited on the road for Hagedwood and when he approached shot him in the breast. Hagedwood fell from the mule he was riding and while he lay on the ground, Crane is said to have beaten his head into a pulp with a fence rail, killing him instantly.

A posse of citizens was formed and they are now scouring the county for him. Feeling over the matter is against Crane, and if he should be caught, he may be lynched. The remains of the dead man were interred yesterday afternoon. Clarksville *Leaf Chronicle*, June 10, 1901.

Historic Sam's Creek Springs - Continued from last issue - submitted by Greg Poole

What more could be asked of our hostess, the good state of Tennessee? Yet her hospitality does not end here. She proffers, besides, free medical treatment for all who will drink of her wonderful spring and breathe the ozone of her hills. Invalids have been brought to her sanitarium on litters who, in two weeks' time, were strong enough to ride home on horseback.

Nor is this all. There is free lunch for everybody, though some trifling conditions attach to the enjoyment of the state's menu. One must catch the fish, shoot the game and pluck the fruit so lavishly provided. Blackberries, gooseberries, serviceberries, huckleberries, pawpaws and persimmons are to be had for the gathering. There are nuts of many kinds, partridges, pheasants and other small birds, also wild turkeys and fish in abundance.

To reach Sam's Creek Springs from Nashville, one leaves the northwest branch of the N.C. and St. Louis Railway at Pegram, travels the old historic Charlotte Pike for six or seven miles, turning off at a point that was once Nichols Stand, a noted place of refreshment for man and beast, and stops a mile further on at Riggan's Tavern for a chat with the octogenarian. He will tell you that he is familiar with every foot of the springs property and well knows its limits. He will talk to you entertainingly of a time far back when he was a shoemaker to the "hands" at the old Bell Forge, the ruins of which at the "Narrows" of Harpeth River, six miles beyond are quite worth a visit to anyone interested in relics of the past.

Mr. Riggan loves to dwell on the period when Sam's Creek was in the heyday of its popularity and the best families in several adjoining counties annually assembled in the cabins around the curative fountain. The crowd was so great at time that owing to the limited flow of water at the rate of only two gallons per hour, it was not always possible to get a drink of it. Numbers of campers emulate the traditional early bird and rose at dawn to fill their drinking pitchers.

Pleasant View Fifty Years Ago - submitted by Greg Poole

(Below are some Pleasant View businesses taken from the earliest telephone directory found in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. How many of the businesses do you remember? Ed.)

- Bidwell & Harris Tractor Company. Bernard Bidwell and Woodrow Harris, Owners. Tele. 2741. (1954)
- Plainview Café. "Steaks, Chops, Short Orders, Chops and Sandwiches. Service Station in Connection." Clarksville Highway. Call 2851. (1954)
- A & B Café. Nashville Highway. Call 2886. (1954)
- White Way Grocery. "Choice Meats, Quality Groceries, Fruits and Vegetables." W.W. James, manager. Dial 2771. (1954)
- G.W. Hunter's Grocery. Clarksville Highway. Call 2041. (1954)
- L.B. Boyd's Grocery. Call 2801. (1954)
- The Citizen's Bank. Call 2611. (1954)
- Twin Towers Market. "Self Service Market." Highway 41-A. Call 4541. (1954)
- Eagle Court. Highway 41-A. Call 2491. (1954)
- R.R. Herndon and Company. General Merchandise. Tele. 2521. (1954)
- Midway Service Station. Tele. 2481. (1954)
- Pleasant View Garage. Highway 41-A, Call 4281. (1954)
- Pleasant View Milling Company. Tele. 2281. (1954)
- Rainbow Inn Restaurant Clarksville Highway. Tele. 4451. (1954)
- The Blanket Store. Highway 112. Call 2711. (1954)
- Blanket Store Shell Service Station. Highway 41-A, John Thomson and Bill Roberts, proprietors. Call 4561. (1954)
- J.H. Walker and Son, General Merchandise. Battle Creek Road. Call 2812. (1954)
- Woodson Hardware Company. Call 2431. (1954)
- B & E Grill. "Gifts, fountain service, dinners and short orders." Call 2774. (1954)
- Balthrop Brothers Service Station and Café. "We never close. Delicious food." Clarksville Highway. Call 2701. (1954)
- Walker, Garrett and Boyd Funeral Directors. E.E. Walker, manager. Call 2521. (1954)

You know you are addicted to genealogy

- ...when you brake for libraries.
- ...if you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.
- ...when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
- ...if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.
- ...when you think every home should have a microfilm reader.
- ...if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.
- ...when you know every town clerk in your state by name.
- ...if town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.
- ...when you're more interested in what happened in 1697 than 1997.
- ...if you store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.
- ...if you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst, and Kent on a map of England, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.
- ...when all your correspondence begins, "Dear Cousin,"
- ...if you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it all fully documented, and still don't want to quit.
- ...if you're invited to a cemetery expedition and you bring a shovel.



Autobiography of S. J. Morris, Ashland City, Tennessee, February 26, 1970

continued - submitted by Lisa Walker Tinch

During the forty five years here a lot has happened. Our two boys received their high school education, took a business course, got good jobs, married, and raised a family. Paul married Ina Claire Moore, an Alabama girl and had two fine sons, Jerry and Paul, Jr. Prior to Jerry's death last summer, he had completed his college work, married, put in two years with Uncle Sam, had a splendid position as certified public accountant with a good concern in Nashville. He had a nice home, a sweet wife and a darling four year old son.

Jerry met his death last summer in a serious automobile wreck and lived only three weeks in the intensive care hospital. He was buried in Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery in Nashville. Martha and Jay had ample insurance provisions to get by.

Paul, Jr. will complete his college work at Georgia Tech in June of this year. Paul, Jr., like Jerry, was a fine young man and we are all proud to claim him as our own. We think he will soon get married and possibly face the army. He is dating a girl in this town that is completing her course as a nurse. He plans to go in business with his father who has a well established, thriving business in Nashville, known as Petroleum Equipment Company.

Dorris, married Dorris Dorris Major, a local girl. Served two years in the Navy. He has a good position with the Federal Chemical Co. and moved to Louisville, Kentucky thirteen years ago and took the position as Assistant Sales Manager. They have two children, a boy and a girl. Sidney and Mary Beth. They are both married. Mary Beth married a Louisville boy and they have a two year old son. Her husband now seems unable or unwilling to provide for her and the boy and they are in the process of divorce. Mary Beth and her little son moved back in the house with her father and mother. They have a good home and she had almost completed her education. Now, she plans on going back to school, finishing her education and getting a job to support her and her son. The son is now two years old.

Sidney married a sweet little Jewish girl, who has worked to keep him in college. He is completing his degree in law. He has made good and is now serving as an attorney in the Navy for Uncle Sam. They live in Lexington, Kentucky and own a dog, but have no children.

Now my wife and I are all alone, but happy as can be. When we think of the many blessings in life we have been blessed with. My wife has been cripple since the age of eight years. Now she is seventy seven years old and in spite of her cripple condition and five times in the hospital, all major cases, tow of which we were in doubt about the outcome.

After moving here we rented on and kept our cow and chickens, five or six years. We then purchased a house on Cumberland Street, a big two story house and lived there until thirteen years ago when we sold and bought from Dorris, a house here on Main Street where we now reside. Our house is comfortable with plenty of rooms, all on one floor. The house is easy kept and in a good neighborhood with all conveniences a home could wish for. We have good neighbors all around us and coupled with these facts, we have a happy Christian home, fairly good health and reasonable financial security.

Now, I shall relate may experience as manager of the Farmer's Mercantile Company. The company was organized and chartered in 1922 with 900 shares of stock at \$10.00 a share. J. T. Harris purchased a two story building on Main Street, formerly owned by the Old Ashland City Hardware Company. A. J. Felts operated the newly organized company for two years prior to my taking over. It had a small inventory, not paid for, owed the bank \$3500.00, and year by year for the next ten years, we paid off the indebtness. We increased our inventory and were able to pay all bills and save our cash discounts. In spite of the depression and the burn out with no insurance, we were in fairly good circumstances. For one year after the burn out, while Mr. Harris was rebuilding the store, we operated in the warehouse on the railroad, formerly used for a potato storage house.

Our customers came to our support. Our creditors gave us an extra thirty days and 5% discount to pay our bills. Our safe in the old building preserved our papers and all the valuable records and what little money we had on hand. Our new and old customers seemed to rally to our support in sympathy after our burn out and bad luck and out business began to prosper again.

The new building was much larger and more suited, than the old building that had burned. We had one main room 40' x 50' with two 15' x 40' rooms in the rear.

The upstairs was 40' x 80' which we did not use until we purchased the building later. We rented the building until after Mr. Harris' death for \$45.00 per month. In 1942 we purchased the building for \$6800.00 cash. Continued next issue

History of Cheatham County Central High School 1907- 1959 - submitted by Lisa Walker Tinch

In 1907 the first high school was established in Cheatham County at Ashland City. It was only a junior high school then and was located on what is now known as Duke's Hill. The faculty consisted of Miss Josephine Link, now Mrs. John Duke, and Mr. Z. A. McConnico, the first principal.

In the fall of 1917 the school building burned while Mr. Turney was principal. The high school department was moved upstairs into the Duke-Shaw Hardware Store and the elementary grades attended school in the local churches.

In 1918, the high school students were moved into the Court House and the Missionary Baptist Church was divided into classrooms, and used so that all elementary students could be housed together.

The new high school building, which is now the elementary building, was completed in 1920 in time for Commencement Exercises to be held therein.

In the ensuing years a gymnasium was built, extra classrooms were added, and a vocational department was established.

Our modern high school building was completed in 1950. The gymnasium was an addition which was completed in the fall of 1956. Mr. A. O. Massey has been our principal since the completion of this new L-shaped building as well as having served us two years prior in the old building. With the help of local citizens, the athletic field, which has been dedicated to Coach Spangler as the Ralph Spangler Field, has been equipped with lights, fences and bleachers.

Our student body now consists of approximately 400 students and the faculty membership has increased to 16.

The history of Cheatham County High School has been one of progress and achievement. Her membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is an attainment of which we are justly proud.

Motto: Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Service

The Cub Emblem

The ideas suggested by the Cub Emblem to the Central High School students are: that young Cheatham Countians, like the bear club, have the following characteristics: exploratory and daring spirits, energetic and playful natures, confident and poised demeanors and unlimited potentialities.

School Colors

Our school colors, maroon and white, are symbolic in their meaning. White symbolizes purity-that quality we all strive to attain in our daily lives. Maroon symbolizes courage and determination to succeed in our tasks whatever they may be. As students we will uphold our colors and keep them ever before us.



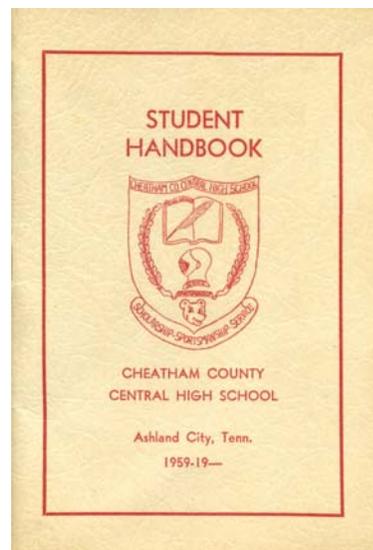
Office of History & Archaeology

Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Rec.

Cheatham County Native and CCHGA member appointed Alaska State Archaeologist

Judy Bittner announced selection of **Dave McMahan** as State Archaeologist, effective November 10, 2003. Dave has worked at the Office of History and Archaeology for twenty years, most recently doing special projects. In his new position, Dave also will serve as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for survey, inventory and review and compliance programs. He will continue to work with state permits, shipwrecks and aircraft crash sites, human remains issues, and transfer of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) from dBase III+ to Oracle to be compatible with other Department of Natural Resources databases.

Dave is the son of Ms. Josephine McMahan who volunteers at the CCHGA office.



12 Days of Genealogy Christmas

On the Twelfth day of Christmas,
My true love gave to me,
Twelve census searches,
Eleven Printer ribbons,
Ten e-mail contacts,
Nine headstone rubbings,
Eight birth and death dates,
Seven town clerks sighing,
Six second cousins,
Five coats of arms,
Four GEDCOM files,
Three old wills,
Two CD-ROMS,
And a branch in my Family Tree!



MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Sec. 3 Membership dues for all members, other than life members and those who are age 80 and older, will become payable on January 1st of each year and will become delinquent on January 31st. New members who join during the last quarter of the year will be paid up for the next full year. Free membership will be awarded to any person 80 years plus who indicates a desire to join the Association.

If dues have not been received by 31 January, 2004 those members failing to comply will be purged from the roll and this will be your the newsletter sent to them. **Send dues to CCHGA, P. O. Box 703, Ashland City, TN 37015.**

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!