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Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!

May 10, 1935

Jesse Simmons-W.869
BA-J/AWF

Mrs. Ira F. East
617 Franklin Street
Clinton, Missouri

Dear Madam:

The Revolutionary War record of Jesse Simmons which follows was obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.869, based upon his service in that war.

He was born in the year 1761 in Richland County, South Carolina; he was the son of William Simmons, name of his mother not given.

Jesse Simmons resided in Richland County, South Carolina during the Revolution. He enlisted in September, 1776, served three months as a private in Captain William Simmons' company (his father), Colonel Goodwin's South Carolina regiment. He enlisted in 1781, served three months in Captain James Craig's company, Colonel Henry Hunter's South Carolina regiment, and was in frequent skirmishes. He enlisted and served three months in Captain James Craig's company, Colonel Henry Hunter's regiment, and at the same time of the battle of Eutaw Springs, was guarding some horses a short distance from the "field of battle". He enlisted, date not shown, and served three months in Captain James Craig's company, Colonel Henry Hunter's regiment, protecting the inhabitants from the Tories, and was in several scouting parties.

He left Richland County in 1796 for Tennessee and lived in Davidson and Robertson counties. He was allowed pension on his application executed, December 3, 1833, at which time he was living in Robertson County, Tennessee.

Jesse Simmons married in the sum of 17888 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, Charlotte, her maiden name not stated; they were married at the home of Lewis Parrey, it is not shown that he was related to either of them. (editor's note: maiden name was Perry)

Jesse Simmons died August 22, 1834. His widow, Charlotte Simmons, was allowed pension on her application executed, October 27, 1840, then seventy-five years of age and living in Robertson County, Tennessee.

The following data in regard to their children are also found in the claim:

Their first child, a son, name not given, was born in 1790, died four or five years after birth;
Nancy born June 13, 1797
Ephraim " March 11, 1802.

Conrad Coon in 1840 stated in Robertson County, Tennessee, that he married the sister of the widow, Charlotte Simmons; he did not give her name.

Very truly yours

A.D. Hiller
Executive Assistant to the Administrator

contributed by Lisa Walker



Cheatham County 100 Years Ago, 1908

contributed by Greg Poole



Ashland City: The Dark Tobacco Grower's Association met in Ashland City, Monday. Chairman W.N. Scott presiding. Reports from various districts showed about 50 percent of the tobacco in the county stripped. The report of the manager of the Association Warehouse here state that what tobacco that had been received is of good quality. *Nashville Banner*, March 4, 1908

Cheap Hill: Typhoid fever has attacked several members of the Bobbitt family, who were stricken by some unknown poisoning several weeks ago. Mr. Bobbitt was not taken ill when his wife and children were, but since he has had pneumonia. *Nashville Banner*, March 4, 1908

Ashland City: Mrs. Jennetta Stack, aged 66 years, wife of the Rev. David W. Stack died Monday, of pneumonia at her home in South Ashland City. Mrs. Stack was a devout Christian woman and a lifelong member of the Methodist church. She is survived by her husband and two brothers and two sisters, among them being Mr. Lafayette Allen and Mrs. J.C. Chambliss of Ashland City. The remains were interred at the Forest Hills Cemetery. *Nashville Banner*, March 4, 1908

Ashland City: J.E. Justice, a member of the Ashland City Bar has announced his candidacy for Attorney General for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, composed of Cheatham, Robertson, Montgomery, Sumner, Dickson, Humphreys, Stewart and Houston Counties. Mr. Justice is a staunch Democrat. He has been practicing law for 14 years, being a graduate of Cumberland University of Lebanon. He made the race for the same position six years ago and ran his opponent, Judge R.L. Peck, a very close race. *Nashville Banner*, February 28, 1908.

Neptune: The entire family of Mr. Frank Smith of the Neptune neighborhood is in quite a serious condition. Mr. Smith and his wife are very ill with the measles, while the oldest daughter, Clara, is very low with tuberculosis, and the infant daughter, Mary, is not expected to live, having a complication of lung trouble and phthisis. *Nashville Banner*, February 25, 1908

Doddsville: Mary Atlas Smith, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Doddsville, Tennessee, died at the family residence. *Nashville Banner*, February 25, 1908.

Ashland City: The Ashland City High School celebrated Washington's Birthday anniversary at the new school building yesterday afternoon. The splendid, large auditorium was well filled, the citizens turning out largely. *Nashville Banner*, February 22, 1908

A majority of the public schools in Cheatham County closed yesterday. Under the regulations of the new school law providing that the county schools were to run the same length of time, the County Board of Education found the Cheatham County school funds adequate to support six months schools. However, by advice of Superintendent Jones this uniformity will be approached by degrees and several of the county schools where longer terms have prevailed before will have seven months duration this year, while smaller schools, where the attendance was small will close earlier. *Nashville Banner*, February 22, 1908.



*The next CCHGA meeting is
January 24, 2008 at 6:30
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The Family Bible of James H. Fulghum and Eliza Jane Ussery and Mary A. Ussery

Published by American Bible Society, New York, 1853(Usry Bul 71)

contributed by Greg Poole

James H. Fulghum born Oct. 3, 1821
Eliza Jane Ussery born March 27, 1839
Mary Clark Fulghum and Elizabeth Brown Fulghum born June 28, 1858
Eliza J. Fulghum born March 12, 1860
Mary A. Fulghum born January 9, 1844 (second wife and sister to Eliza J. Ussery)
James T. Fulghum was born June 28, 1866
T.M. Fulghum born April 1, 1868
Sallie W. Fulghum born Oct. 17, 1870
Nannie G. Fulghum born May 22, 1873
Willie P. Fulghum born January 11, 1876 (daughter)
John A. Fulghum born Sept. 1, 1878
Mattie Fulghum born January 14, 1881
James H. Fulghum married Eliza Jane Ussery on Oct. 4, 1857
James H. Fulghum and wife Mary A. Ussery were married May 24, 1865
Mary C. Fulghum died Nov. 4, 1892
Eliza J., wife of James H. Fulghum died July 25, 1860
Eliza J., dau. Of James H. Fulghum died July 25, 1860
Willie P. Fulghum, dau of J.H. and Mary Fulghum died March 11, 1897
Nannie G. Fulghum, dau of J.H. and M.A. Fulghum died July 16, 1899
James H. Fulghum died Feb. 18, 1901
Mary A. Fulghum died May 28, 1904, age 60 years 4 mos 19 days



The Mastin Ussery Family of Davidson/Cheatham County

contributed by Greg Poole

Mastin Ussery was born about 1800 in Montgomery Co, NC. He died about 1868 in Hardeman Co, TN. He is buried in the Ussery Cemetery near Middleburg, TN. On Oct. 1, 1818, in Davidson Co., TN he married Elizabeth Fowler, born 1803 in Tennessee and died after 1860. He settled on the Harpeth River in what was then Davidson County. Their children were:

1. William F. March Ussery
2. Pernina Emily Ussery mar. John P. Pegram
3. Deborah Ussery mar. William J. Pegram *2nd Husband of Deborah Ussery: William A. Dunn
4. Sterling H. Ussery mar. Mary A. Winham
5. Martha M. Ussery mar. John C. Poarch
6. Elizabeth Ussery mar. Elijah S. Exum
7. Minerva Ann Ussery mar. Joseph N. Dunn
8. Samuel Ussery mar. Nancy E. Prichard
9. Nancy F. Ussery mar. Gilford G. Windham
10. Eliza Jane Ussery mar. James H. Fulghum
11. John J. Ussery
12. Mary Ann Ussery mar. James H. Fulghum
13. Thomas Ussery

Out of My Memory

contributed H. George Pitt (From the "Ashland City Times, Thursday Dec. 11, 1947)

In the year 1894, I was adding some improvement to my Old Home on Cumberland Street in Ashland City, and was in need of some brick. I drove my team and wagon to Nashville to get this material. I do not now remember why I was there all day but I might have had to wait for the kiln to cool so we could handle the brick. But I did get my wagon loaded with 500 brick and a toe sack of fine cabbage for making kraut and was leaving town just as the sun was sinking below the western horizon and it looked to be a yard across its face. I drove out through an old field, which is now thickly populated and but then just a home now and then, not a street but we drove diagonally across Knot plane and was soon crossing the New Bridge now Bordeau (sic) and there was about one old shack at the forks of the road. Then we came on down the new highway and soon came to the Old Ferry Road that was operated for years as a tollgate pike under the Sycamore Mfg. Co.'s care. I passed the 3rd tollgate spot and was coming good but when I moved in the road, where it was slanting quite a bit to my right, there was a crash at the back of the driver. What is the matter? I stepped off of my wagon and to my surprise my left hand wheel was lying flat on the ground. The nut had been lost and this was the result. Now put you in my place 13 miles from home and 9 o'clock. Can you see my situation? My ears were very attentive; I heard something, Listen, a wagon. Two Wagons. A colored man was driving the first wagon. He asked what is the trouble. I was glad to tell him: a Milbern (sic) Wagon and a nut was missing. What kind of wagon? He had forgotten what I had just said. What is the size? I told him 3 inches. Go up there to Mr. Hyde's; he has an old wagon, same make and size, he does not use. I went to his door and awoke him and told him my trouble. He said you are right, I have an old wagon that I have discarded, go and get the nut you want and I am glad to help you. Think of it. I got the nut and was soon back to my wagon and we three raised up that wagon bed and put the wheel in place and then this nut was a fit and I was a happy man. I was at home at 12 o'clock and put my team up and fed and I was so rejoiced to get home that my appetite was gone.

I want to caution the boys now that drive their wagons at night, be sure your Nuts are tight.

J. C. Chambliss

James Carroll Chambliss was the brother of William "Bill" Henry Chambliss, Bill Chambliss married Penola Hyde, and one of their children was Maude Chambliss, who married Ben Heathman, and they were the parents of Pauline Gunn, Lucille Middleton, B.F., James Harwell and Chambliss Heathman.

James Carroll was president of the Ashland City Bank for many years and is buried near the front of Forrest Hill Cemetery.

James Carroll married Nannie Allen had three daughters:

1. Lurlene Chambliss, who married Will.B. Adkisson and had 2 children, Will Jr. and "Miss Martha" Adkisson
2. Pearle Chambliss, who married Judge Sam Marable and had 1 daughter Nancy, who married J. C. Balthrop
3. Ruby Chambliss who married James Porter Patton and had Sara, Jimmy, Mildred and Sue Patton. (Sue Patton married Allen Duke, who bought the Lively Ladd weed cutter factory and patents from the Stumps. He soon sold it to a company that moved it to Clarksville, Tennessee. It was still in operation in the late 1960's but was then making boat paddles. Allen also built several homes near the Patton home and it was in one of these that my father and mother moved back to Ashland City in the 1940's. Ben and Frances Gunn lived in the one next door and Cliff Hagedwood lived in the third)

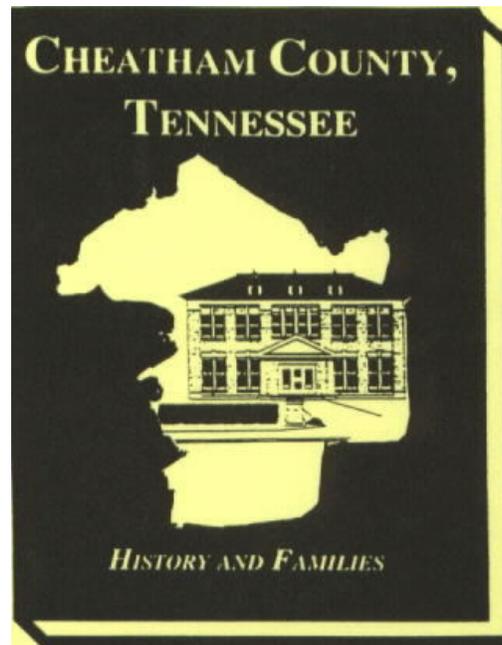
The Hyde mentioned in this story is most likely our kin folk as well, through Penola Hyde Chambliss. The house on Cumberland street mentioned in this story is still standing.

The Milburn Wagon also mentioned in the story was one of the largest wagon manufactures in the country. It was started in Indiana but moved to Toledo, Ohio where it began to make "Electric" cars. General Motors bought them out and closed the line. During the President Wilson administration the Milburn Electric was used by the Secret Service. It could do 15 miles per hour and about 50 miles before needing a recharge.

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On a Christmas story, this is a very simple story told by my grandmother Pauline Heathman Gunn.

She taught school in Cheatham County and Robertson County for over thirty years. She told a story, of one year, for a school Christmas party, she bought an ice cream bar for each of the children in her class. She noticed one boy putting the ice cream in his pocket. She asked why he was doing that and he explained that his little brother had never had a Popsicle and he was taking it home for him to try. She told him it would not last until he got home and he should eat it now. How many children today would find that magic in a Popsicle?



-H. George Pitt

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