Mark your calendars for upcoming 2020 CCHGA Meetings and Events @ Cheatham County Public Library

January 9 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
February 13 - 6:30 - Business Meeting & Election of Officers
March 12 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
April 9 - 6:30 - Program Meeting
May 14 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
June 11 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
July 9 - 6:30 - Program Meeting
August 13 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
September 10 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
October 8 - 6:30 - Program Meeting
November 12 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
November 20 - Bake Sale
December - No meeting and Museum & CCHGA office closed

• The Forest Hill Cemetery Living History Tour was a success! Visit the CCHGA FB site often in January 2020 to find out where to view the video!

• The annual Bake Sale sold out in 3 hours! Over $700.00 was collected. Thank you to all who participated by baking, buying and donating!

• On November 14, the members of the Cheatham County Leadership group visited the CCHGA office and Cheatham County Museum.
December 22, 1905—Nashville Banner

Dear Santa Claus: I am a sweet little baby filled with smiles and merry Christmas laughter. Will you make my little heart leap for joy by bringing me a pair of shoes, one picture book, a little stove, nuts, candy and raisins, oranges, apples, firecrackers, roman cannons, torpedoes. I hope I have not asked for too much.

ORA LEE WILLIAMS.
Ashland City, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 2.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy only 5 years old. I can read and spell. I want you to please bring me a drum, some fire crackers, roman candies, some candy, oranges and apples, and don’t forget to come by uncle Millard’s and bring me that sorrel colt. I am waiting and watching for you Santa.

HAMILTON WILLIAMS.
Ashland City, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 2.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl of 7. I have been very good. Now I want you to bring me first a rubber doll, Roman candles, fire crackers, oranges, apples and candies of all kind. I have a dear little brother. I wish you to bring him a little drum and bring my little baby sister a rubber doll too. I wish you would oblige me with all I ask of you and I will spend a happy Xmas. I will close good Bye.

JENNIE WILLIAMS.
Ashland City, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 2.

1905 The Tennessee

Ashland City, Tenn.

Dear Santa—I will drop you a few lines to let you know what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me a ring and a pair of gloves and an umbrella. Well, Santa, I will not ask you for too much this time. I will have a big fire so you will not get cold when you come down the chimney. Bring me some oranges, apples, candy. Don’t forget mamma, papa, sisters and brothers. From your little girl.

ODENSA EATHERLY.

Dear old Santa—We are good little children and want you to be sure and come to see us. I want a little stove and vessels, and my little brother wants a jumping Jack some handkerchiefs and any nice little toys that you can bring. We want fruits, candies, nuts and all the good things to eat. Please don’t forget my Mama & Papa and our baby sister Lucile. Your little girl and boy.

LOUISE CROUCH.
OSCAR LEE CROUCH.
Pegram, Tenn., Route 1.

My dear Santa Claus—We want you to please bring us something nice for Christmas. We live in the country and don’t get to see all the pretty things that other children see. Bring us a sweater some pretty books, caps for our pistols and some for our popping sticks. I know you will bring us some fruit and candy, for we love you and think you are a Dear good Santa.

ELBERT CROUCH.
McKINLEY CROUCH.
Pegram, Tenn., Route 1.
FamilySearch Research Wiki submitted by Rosemary Klein

SALT LAKE CITY (23 September 2019), The FamilySearch Research Wiki has published its 90,000th help article, with more added weekly. The free service launched 12 years ago to help patrons quickly with their personal family history research questions. Explore it for free at the FamilySearch Research Wiki. [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

The FamilySearch wiki is like discovering an unexpected treasure along your family history discovery journey. In a day when online consumers want what they are seeking within a few keystrokes and seconds, the FamilySearch wiki delivers. Go to the main page, and suddenly a world of databases, maps, countries and tutorials are at your fingertips.

The FamilySearch Research Wiki operates similar to Wikipedia. They are both wikis, allowing people to edit and create articles collaboratively. The FamilySearch wiki’s content is produced predominantly by staff and volunteers of the FamilySearch Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The wiki enables contributors to freely share their genealogical expertise with others. The inspiration for the content comes from patron interactions and questions and the ever-expanding historical record collections of FamilySearch.

So far in 2019, the wiki has had millions of viewers and 18 million page views. Nearly 7,600 new articles have already been published this year. The top five countries using the wiki are the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, and Germany. Content on the wiki is available in 10 languages as resources allow.

“The intriguingly interesting thing about the wiki is how diverse the 90,000 articles are,” said Danielle Batson, FamilySearch wiki content manager. “It is amazing to find such a wide variety of research subjects for locations all over the world.”
Don’t forget to renew your CCHGA membership for 2020!

The membership form is located at https://cheathamcountyhistory.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/7/9/117977532/cchga_2020_membership_form.pdf
Cheatham County Veterans Memorial Park submitted by Clayton Walden

Cheatham County’s local chapter (1129) of the Vietnam Veterans of America propose to design and construct the Cheatham County Veteran's Memorial Park on approximately 1.6 acres of land, leased to them by the County for that purpose. The park will be located at the corner of Hwy 49 and Bell Street, just beyond the existing walking track and in the front right corner of the property containing the Library, Election Commission, Historical and Genealogical Museum.

Monuments will be erected specifically honoring Cheatham County residents who died in service to our country as a result of their serving during the following: THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, THE CIVIL WAR, WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN CONFLICT, THE VIETNAM WAR, THE GULF WARS, AND AFGHANISTAN.

The stone monuments will be erected adjacent to each other on a raised stone or concrete pedestal and sized to be easily visible. Additionally, there will be an area honoring all Cheatham County Veterans, living or deceased. Each Veteran’s name will be engraved in a special section which will be displayed in an area set aside for that purpose, for those wishing to do so. The cost for each name will help defray the cost of the parks construction.

The Park is envisioned to include benches for reflection in various locations. The approach to the monuments will be a walkway leading to the pedestal and monuments with an American Flag in a central location.

The names of the honorees will be engraved on their respective monuments.

How to Help

It is proposed, subject to funding and availability, that static displays of military equipment will be placed in various locations in the park. While all donations are appreciated, sponsoring businesses and individuals donating monies or construction services needed at the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond levels will have their names displayed in thanks. Those levels are as follows:


The cost of construction for the park is estimated to be $200,000. Please note that in addition to the cost of construction, engraving, and the securing and placing of military equipment, there will be on-going maintenance expenses that must be covered in the years ahead.

We realize that individuals and businesses receive numerous requests for support throughout the year. We respectfully remind you that the area Veterans to be honored here have paid the highest possible price, and we humbly request you support this project with your highest donation possible. As a 501c3 organization, your donations may be fully tax deductible. (consult your tax advisor)

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With your generous assistance, this project will become a reality as we erect permanent monuments in the park honoring these Veterans. Please join us as we construct this memorial to SALUTE THEIR SERVICE, HONOR THEIR MEMORY, and REMEMBER THE PRICE THEY PAID FOR OUR FREEDOMS AND LIBERTIES.

THANK YOU for your consideration.

All donations should be made to Cheatham County Veteran’s Memorial Park, PO Box 52, Ashland City, TN 37015. Donations may also be made to any VA chapter representative who stops by in person. Because of the complexity of this project, and the costs involved, a completion date cannot yet be determined.

A JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER EXPEDITION - GIDEON H. LOWE

Thursday, Dec. 30  A professional gentlemen, who is down to be skeptical, indeed he is avowedly so - into whose by the aid of our good brother, Woodbury, we placed “Nlson” a few days since, came to the Bethel today. Says Nelson is the strangest reasoner on the subject he has ever found, and that he resolved to investigate the subject thoroughly. Procured several other volumes. The sailor we mentioned some days since visited us again, spend some hours with us, says he has read very night until 12 or 1 o’clock. He has read th whole of “ “ greatly delighted and resolved on a reformation and is inquiring what he must do to be saved. We gave him the first instruction we could, and the right kind of books. Our prayer is that the Lord may convert his soul; and make him a humble instrument in the salvation of many of the poor, neglected seamen. He is truly intelligent and seems to be possessed of an an amiable disposition

We distributed near 50 vols today. It is the Lord’s work; therefore it will prevail; hallowed be his holy name.

Friday, Dec. 31, 1847.  Raining all day, and little . Sold a few vols. Understand the river below is very full, but falling. We concluded it is unnecessary to start, as we can have but little chance to do anything profitably.

Sat., January 1st, 1848.  Hard rain all night; still continues to rain, dark, gloom day, commenced snowing at 12 o’clock. Cold and unpleasant but notwithstanding all this, we sold

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near 40 vols - the spirit of God seems to move hears of the people, for they are eager to receive our books.

Late this evening, four men evidently intoxicated came about the Bethel. One of whom immediately proposed to play cards; and commenced cursing and swearing; we told him such conduct was inadmissible on our boat, that we were ministers of the gospel; explained our business to them, gave them a serious talk on the subject of Religion, spoke of the folly of the course they were pursuing, and the great danger to which they were exposed.

We talked until they were evidently seriously effected, they bought some books and left, promising to amend their ?.

**Sabbath, Jan 2nd, 1848.** Clear and cold. Went four miles into the country, had preaching day and night. The Lord attended the word, with power, and many sinners were evidently cut to the heart, and heard to cry for mercy.

One young lady, to who we gave ?, last week, who had been noted for her vain and giddy and wicked course, came forward, and publicly requested us to pray for her, ? that the book we gave her had convinced her that she was a lost and undone sinner.

We humbly trust the Lord will help our feeble, labors to salvation of that destitute people.

**Monday, Jan. 3.** Calculated on starting this morning, but there was more anxiety for books today, than any previous one.

Busily engaged all day in sowing the precious seeds. Sold more than 70 vols - greatly encouraged, feel assured that the Lord is with us, that the cause is his own, therefore, it must succeed.

**Tuesday, Jan. 4.** Left Smithland, after having distributed more than 500 vols and many ?. Ardently praying that God may own and bless our labors there.

Landed at Paducah (a considerable town, at the mouth of the River, the ? County, Kentucky) late in the evening. We learn there are three churches here, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist. We humbly pray the Lord to be with us here and bless our efforts. To Be Continued.

Ashland City by C. T. Felts - December 2, 1923 - The Tennessean
(Firing Line Correspondent)

Joe Hooper of Hooper Grocery Company, and a Cheatham County boy, was here this week for his firm.

Bob Lee of Robert Orr & Co., whose coupe is often found at the curb of Jimmie Nick’s quick lunch, was conspicuous by its absence. Bob is indisposed at his home with the flu.

Allan Sykes and Carl Johnson purchased the business of W. H. Harris & Co. and will continue at the old stand

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E.J. Morris, farmer and mill owner, has bought the building of the Ashland City Produce Company and will open a general store.

Charles Jordan leased the store formerly occupied by J. E. Binkley and has opened a grocery and reports business good.

W. S. Lockert & Co. raised the bid on the drug store property on the Atkinson estate, which they now occupy, and if the bid is accepted large improvements are to be made.

Salesman Wilson of Roberts Candy Company this week sold a bill of Christmas confections to Sam Lockert.

The new building of the Dark Tobacco Growers when completed will be one of the largest in the district. T. T. King and M. F. Williams are official graders.

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