

Nothing has ever daunted the people of Tennessee. ... May the spirit which sustained their ancestors through so many vicissitudes of fortune ever animate the future generations of Tennesseans, and may the glories and virtues which they inherit from the past be their inspiration for the future.

-- William R. Garrett & Albert V. Goodpasture, 1903

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If you haven't paid your dues for 2003, this is your last newsletter!

A Cheatham County Census Record (1891) - Greg Poole

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| Sam Jones | George Edgen | Jackson Tyler |
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| Frank Stone | Jarman Ussery | Fount Curtis |
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| J.W. Demumbra | Jack Demumbra | C.W. Simmons |
| David H. Demumbra | Wilson Demumbra | R.S. Demumbra |
| Isaac Allen | Charley Biggs | William Biggs |
| John Biggs | Lucian Biggs | F.M. Rogers |

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Don't forget **CCHGA's Annual Meeting**, Thursday, February 27, 2003 at 6:00 to be held at River View Restaurant.

Activities include:

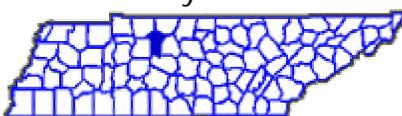
- Dinner (\$11.00 per person)
- Election of new officers
- Annual Report
- Presentation from Karen Patton, Frontier House participant

Genealogical Notes - Greg Poole

Civil War Claims of Cheatham County

Congressman Richardson introduced a bill this week for the payment of additional claims for those seeking damages due to the war. Cheatham County has but three: W.W. Hutton, deceased \$125; Thomas Scott, deceased \$140; R.B. Carney, deceased \$122. Nashville *Daily American*, Jan. 26, 1888.

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Bell, despised by many, crafty in business, often boastful, sometimes pompous, was no ordinary man. Member of an influential family in Pennsylvania, he had a disdain for pretense on the frontier. He seldom dressed up, but when he did, his clothes were of the finest broadcloth. Most of his life he lived in rough log cabins not much better than the slaves' quarters nearby, and he ate the same rough food he provided for them. Only briefly, when he was 81 to 85 years old, did he try living in a fine brick mansion.

John Bell, a young medical student from Philadelphia, recorded a visit to Montgomery Bell in 1821. "We reached Mr. Bell's at dusk, & not finding him at home, we invited ourselves into the house where I had an opportunity of taking a view of the room and furniture. For although he has a large iron industry and 12,000 acres of land, yet he has but one room for sitting, sleeping & eating, both for himself & guests." A "kind of porch" connected that one log room with another room at the opposite end of the porch, and the second room, used for storing lumber, harness, etc., Bell "pompously called the office."

Famished and exhausted after the 40 miles horseback ride from Nashville with a friend, John Bell sat on the porch to await his host. But as he glanced up, he saw what looked like a piece of falling roof dangling above him. And before he could inspect that threat, a "servant girl" bearing a "flaming lamp" passed by him to enter the house. Soon Montgomery Bell appeared and invited John Bell to sit down to a supper of buttermilk, served in an iron cup, along with a piece of bacon and bread served on cast iron plates. John Bell joked about how other travelers might boast of dining on silver and gold with nobility, but no one else could boast of dining on cast iron in a rich man's home.

It is estimated in his lifetime that Montgomery Bell spent about \$100,000 in settling some 250 slaves in Africa. And he would have settled them in colonies in Ohio or Illinois if those states had agreed to it. In 1853, when Bell sent 50 to 90 slaves to Liberia on one ship, 38 were members of one family.

Bell had brought a teacher from Philadelphia to teach his slaves to read and write. he trained them so rigidly that officials of the American Colonization Society noted in their records that the slaves Bell sent to Africa in 1853 and 1854 were highly trained as "miners, colliers, moulders, who are fully competent to build a furnace for making iron, and carrying it on themselves. These men are the iron men of Tennessee. They are men of high moral character, which would render them an acquisition to any country."

Among the slaves Bell brought with him from Kentucky was James Worley, his favorite worker and his lifelong friend. Worley was so efficient in managing the iron works that Bell put him in charge of the late furnace he built, in 1844, and named it in the slaves' honor: Worley Furnace. It was the first furnace that Bell built to use steam power. Bell, a lifelong bachelor, was said to have many illegitimate children, both white and black. And it is said that a great portion of Bell's slaves were descendents of Worley's.

The Past In The Present

Hear how the Frontier family still lives a pioneer life in the 21st century after spending May 2001 – October 2001 living 1883 style in the foothills of Montana. Karen will also discuss lessons learned and how living on the frontier has prepared her for the threats in today's world.

February 27, 2003.... 6:00.... River View Restaurant....Ashland City, Tennessee

For more information call 792-3623

Kingston Springs: Business is quite lively here. Mr. Allen is having some new buildings erected in anticipation of a large number of guests he will be called on to accommodate on the advent of hot weather. The three stores here are doing a good business.

-A 14 year old son of Squire Finch was drowned in Big Harpeth on Monday, February 19th and your correspondent's latest information was that his body had not been recovered. The boy was riding a Texas pony which threw him into the river. His sister bravely endeavored to rescue him, but without avail.

-John Thompson and a daughter of Dr. Bagwell were married a few days ago. They will reside in the future on Brush Creek near Kingston Springs.

-Money is scarce and times hard in Cheatham County. Dickson *Democrat*, March 15, 1888.

- The drought cut the corn crop short and but little wheat was made, consequently Cheatham County affairs are at a low ebb and times are very dull and money scarce.

-Mr. Aments has constructed a new residence this fall and James Whitmore has done likewise.

The large hotel built here last winter has proved a grand success financially and its future prosperity, as long as it remains under its present management, is assured. The springs and the entire surroundings have been fixed up neat and trim and look better than at any previous time. Mr. Allen has made all these valuable improvements and will no doubt reap a rich reward for his enterprise. Dickson *Democrat*, Nov. 17, 1887.

Pleasant View: We learn that about \$100 of the \$1000 burglarized from the safe of Justice Bros. at Pleasant View and which belonged to several parties was found in a hollow stump near the academy Sunday night. One piece of the money was identified by Mr. Murrah as his. Clarksville *Weekly Chronicle*, Dec. 15, 1887.

John Williams, living in the neighborhood of Pleasant View, married his mother-in-law, Sunday, July 17, 1887, his wife having died several years ago. Nashville *Daily American*, Aug. 8, 1887.

Marrowbone Creek: When I was a boy I went down on Big Marrowbone Creek to see old Mrs. DeMumbreun, said to be 130 years old, because she was the first white woman who was in Nashville. The DeMumbreun family were of French descent, and I have heard both my grandfathers say that they used to board with her when they first came to Tennessee. The name of the creek, Big Marrowbone, caused my boyish curiosity to know where it got it's name, and was told by John B. DeMumbreun, an old man 80 years old, son of the old lady with whom she was living, that in an early day some men were traveling and got short of rations, and one night when they stopped they had one pone of bread and they called the creek "Whole Pone." The next night they stopped on another creek and called it "Half Pone." The next night they had nothing but the but the big bone of a deer's leg, which they had to crack and get the marrow to eat, and they called the creek "Big Marrowbone." The next night they had nothing but the small bone of the deer and they called the creek "Little Marrowbone." The next day the survivors got to Nashville to old Mr. Demumbreun;s. who lived in a log cabin right where the capitol now stands. (An unknown correspondent writing from Paris, Texas to the Memphis *Avalanche*, Sept. 8, 1884.)

Sam's Creek: Death of Cynthia Ann Cullum. "A good name is better than great riches," so said the relatives and friends of Mrs. Cynthia Ann Cullum. She was the daughter of that venerable old patriarch, John Hooper, who died in 1885 on the waters of Sam's Creek, Cheatham County at the advanced age of 98 years. It was there, the subject of this notice was born on March 28th, 1811. She was married to the late Gaius Cullum, December 16, 1827, with which she lived in wedded life for over 52 years, he preceding her to eternity 8 years ago. There were born unto them, 11 children, 8 survive her. The Rev. J.W. Cullum, a deservedly popular and very useful minister of the Tennessee Conference; Dr. John H. Cullum, a good physician of Hickman County; Dr. W.C. Cullum; Peter W. Cullum of Texas; E.M. Cullum, late of Nashville, now of Dickson County; Mrs. Jennie Taylor; Mrs. Florence Fussell and Mrs. Tennessee Larkins. She also leaves 3 sisters and 1 brother. She was for nearly 60 years a consistent member of the Methodist church. Her funeral and burial services took place January 2, 1888 from her late home 6 1/2 miles south of Charlotte. Dickson *Democrat*, Jan. 12, 1888.

Happy Birthday Cheatham County! February 28, 2003

Pleasant View Chapter meets February 18, 2003 at 6:30 in the Cheatham County Public Library Community Room

Forest Hill Cemetery - *Jim Allen*

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These transcriptions were made in 1995 – 1996. Consequently, there are burials that have taken place since that time that are not recorded. You can help, if you have had loved ones buried there since that time by forwarding information as to full name (include surname before marriage if female), date of birth, date of death and any information that might be on the tombstone and footstone of the individual and whether or not they are included on another's tombstone.

If you have internet access forward the information to thelumpyones@juno.com and a copy to cchga007@bellsouth.net.

If you do not have internet access, please forward the information to the CCHGA Office at P.O. Box 703, Ashland City, TN 37015.

Baggett, Maggie Reeks b. 1885 d 1924 (1,M,3)
Baker, Marilyn Raye Strunk b May 15, 1948 d Oct 28, 1978, Love lives on (3,-,-)
Baker, Pauline b Oct 19, 1911 d Apr 23, 1996 (3,-,-)
Baker, Thomas R. b Feb 16, 1910 d Sept 10, 1969, TN TEC 5 Ordnance
Dept WWII (3,-,-)
Balthrop, Carl Aug 28, 1909-Jan 20, 1997 (M,2,13)
Balthrop, Ira Mae Mar 2, 1912 (only date) (M,2,14)
Balthrop, J.C. b Nov 6, 1919 d Nov 12, 1998 (temporary funeral home
marker) (2,-,-)
Bandy, James G. b 1842 d 1921, FS/JGB (1,O,2)
Barfield, Annie Pernell b 1879 d1938 (2,-,-)
Barfield, Fannie Lou b Nov 16, 1903 d Jan 31, 1995 (2,-,-)
Barfield, James Dempsey b 1877 d 1960 (2,-,-)

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The first county court was held at Sycamore Mills on May 5, 1856. In 1858, a temporary two-story building was built, by order of the court, to serve as a courthouse located on the corner where Guy Ragan's store now is, and later known as the Central Hotel. This building was sold by the county in 1869 and a brick courthouse was built at a cost of \$12,000. This building has since been remodeled twice.

- Taken from a letter to Mrs. Dave Mosier from Wyatt Shaw on April 27, 1937

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