

CCHGA BYTES

Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association

My Good Friend – *submitted by Betty Cannon*

Founding member, James (Jim) M. Allen died on December 8, 2003. What a tremendous loss for CCHGA!

He was a contributing editor of our newsletter until early 2003, kept our membership roster up to date and spent endless hours on the internet updating our websites and searching for information on many subjects.

I very seldom missed a week without calling him about something. After he got past getting out, I would call to let him know I was thinking about him and Sydna but invariably, the conversation would get around to some CCHGA matter(s). He never lost interest or love for CCHGA.

He would call to remind me of the county commission meetings or other happenings on the local radio station, WQSV.

It will take sometime to realize he is gone. He was like family!

Donations in memory of Jim Allen can be made to the VFW or CCHGA, two organizations he devoted a lot of his time and energy.

**VFW Post 6181
2442 River Road
Ashland City, TN
37015**

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Ashland City, Tennessee 37015**

In 1856 the voters decided;
From several counties they should be parted.
They took a poll and voted;
To create what has been noted,
As the most beautiful area in the state to them;
And established the grand county of Cheatham.

*Donations made to
CCHGA in memory
of Jim Allen:*

*Deborah Cox
Betty Cannon
Dickie Harris
Lisa Tinch*

Through its quiet and peaceful valleys,
O'er its green hills and shimmering plains;
By its graveled creeks and streams flowing mild
By forest and bluffs and rivers elegant and wild;
Wayward wanderers traipse;
Gazing to the right and to the left;
The beautiful scenery intake.

Look here, look there;
Unparalleled beauty doth display
Its wonder and elegance everywhere.
Near to Heaven as mayhap one'll ever be
A panorama wild and free; everyone should see.

Cheatham County, that's my home.
Cheatham County, I'll never more roam
It's where I always will want to be;
In the heart of beautiful Tennessee.

- Jim Allen, C. C. H. G. A., 1995



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

March 14, 1865 Spin again today. Bro. William goes down to Uncle Jim's. Cousin Edmond calls and spends morning. Mother quite sick today. Clayton goes to Ashland. Saw someone there who inquired about the family but he forgot his name. Said he lived here. Don't know who it could be.

March 15th Sis Cit came down today. Spin in the morning and sew this evening. Parch coffee and milk cows.

March 16th Giddie Redding comes down very early this morning and brings Sis Mary a letter from Brother Rogers, the first she has gotten from him in two years. Seems to be in good spirits. We still hear nothing from Bro. Giddie. Sis Cit and Sackie get ready to start home, but Bro. William comes and says they can't get across the creek. Get a paper containing Abe Lincoln's Inaugural Address.

March 17th Bro. William leaves for his school. Sis Cit goes home. Spend the day reading and sewing. Richard brings a load of flour.

March 20th Get up early and milk cows before breakfast.

March 21st Carding all day. Bro. Williams returns from Nashville unexpectedly, declined taking school. Papers speak in confident terms of foreign intervention, especially France.

March 23rd Sew this morning and we all go down to the river to get willows, get a good many and get home in the evening very tired.

March 25th Go down to the barn and help Bro. William look for a ring he had lost. Find it. Iron some, and Tony and I go home with Miriam and Sack Bennett.

March 26th We all go to Sunday school and church. Uncle Sandy (Alexander Lowe, ed.) preaches. Sue Campbell goes home with us to dinner and we all go to Cross Roads to church this evening, but have no preacher. Call and Uncle S. to see Cousin Eugenia but she is so bad I couldn't see her. Have something like a chill this evening and am very sick.

March 27th Am quite unwell today.

March 29th Go with Uncle S. and Cousin Ann to see Mrs. Brown, a poor sick lady in the neighborhood, whose house was burned by guerillas.

March 30th Lattie, Cousin Gid and I carry Mrs. Woodall (a very old woman who is sick too) some apples. Rains, so we are detained sometime. Crocheting a net today.

April 3rd Cut out Tishie's dress. Send to the river for Sackie, but Sis Bet comes instead. Sarah Cato and Mary Lennox spend the evening.

April 6th Rained hard last night. Bro. William got home from Nashville tonight. Richmond has been evacuated and occupied by the Federals.

April 8th Rains all day so we can't go to church. Aunt Clara sick. I got dinner. Reading Young's "Night Thoughts" and "History of England."

(In the margin was written. "Young's "Night Thoughts" must have been a permanent favorite with her. She and father were reading it the night they were engaged. She gave it to me, with "In Memoriam" written in it, and the date and place." Ed.)

April 10th Help Richard make some plow lines. Being out so much take a very bad cold. Go to bed this evening with a bad headache.

April 11th In bed all day. Have high fever this evening.

April 15th Spin this morning. Mr. Knight comes up and brings a letter from Cousin Bob, the first I have received in a long time. Mr. B. tells us of Mr. Wiley Williams death. Lee's army has been captured and the Confederates are meeting with reverses on every side.

April 16th Sunday. Cousin Susan Carney spends day with us. Bro. William gets home from Nashville. Lincoln has been murdered by assassins. Great excitement in the country.

May 22nd Bro. Giddie died 9th of April from a wound received at the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina. How mysterious are thy workings, oh God and thy ways past finding out. (the last entry, ed.)

Don't forget: January 22, 2004 CCHGA Meeting - 6:00 at Cheatham Co. Public Library

February 26, 2004 CCHGA Meeting - 6:00 at Cheatham Co. Public Library

Guest Speaker will be Greg Poole "Genealogical Resources and Research in the Tennessee State Library and Archives."

Thank you Howard F. Harris and Mary Sneed for donations to CCHGA!

Thanks to members James & Voncile Tuttle for donation to 2003 Christmas Home Tour!

January 2004 – MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE BY JANUARY 31, 2004!

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

Concludes this issue - submitted by Lisa Walker Tinch

Our business had prospered by now. We were beginning to purchase government bonds and starting a savings account on time deposit. We remodeled the upstairs and turned it into a furniture department which added considerably to the business. We soon installed a freight hand operated elevator in the second room to handle the furniture up and down to the second floor. This cost us \$800.00. Later we were crowded for room and had a 30' x 50' shed room in the back added at the cost of \$1500. After some years passed we installed a gas furnace for the three rooms on the first floor at a cost of \$1200.00. In 1968 we added a cooling system in combination with the heating system and at the same time we completely overhauled the main room, storage room downstairs and all new fixtures at the cost of \$8000.00.

I will mention two conservative moves I made, that added considerably to the company. When times were hard back early, before we began paying dividends, we had several stockholders that owed us money and were unable to pay.

I made the proposition and traded merchandise, dollar for dollar for thirty seven of these shares, owned by several people. That reduced our shares outstanding down to 873. This move resulted in the savings of over \$4000.000 in dividends that we would have paid out later. Also, when I was being paid for my services \$300.00 per month, I became sixty-five years of age, eligible to draw social security and for seven years, until I was seventy two, I worked for \$100.00 per month which resulted in the saving of \$200.00 per month or over \$16,000.00 for seven years which added considerably to the value of the Farmer's Mercantile Company stock.

Our assets in 1969 are as follows:

\$ 65,846.68	In cash and time deposits
\$ 50,000.00	In government bonds
\$ 21,167.36	Notes in accounts
\$ 29,300.00	Inventory
\$ 10,556.00	Furniture, house and delivery truck
\$ 200.00	Lot
\$ 2,000.00	Boot factory stock
\$179,070.04	Total assets
8,730.00	Liabilities, stock outstanding
\$108,816.91	Dividends paid to stock holders to date

We have fifty eight stockholders, more of them are small stockholders, owning from one to nine shares, most of them two shares. Mary Ann Purdue is the largest stockholder. She owns two hundred twenty nine shares, I own one hundred eighteen shares. Buford Smith owns seventy six shares, Sam A. Marable, seventy two shares, J. I. Borum fifty eight shares, Mrs. Tony Dinson, twenty nine shares. We have nine directors. S. A. Marable, President, J. I. Borum, Vice President, J. C. Balthrop, Secretary, Mary Ann Pardue, Mrs. Pinky Christian, J. W. Maxey, W. L. Shearron, W. F. Smith, and S. J. Morris are the other directors.

I told our boys one year ago, that at the end of 1969 I would retire, after forty five years and at the age of eighty. We held our meeting and elected Howard Walker as manager at \$500.00 per month, Kenneth Nicholson, repairman and clerk at \$425.00 per month, Glenn Sanders as helper for \$370.00 per month.

I am now retired at the age of eighty and living a happy, humble, Christian life.

Mt. Zion School - submitted by Greg Poole

The new three teacher elementary school located at Mt. Zion in the second district of Cheatham County, one of the largest rural schools in the county, will be completed within two weeks. The new plant, a five room frame structure is being erected through the joint efforts of the WPA, the Cheatham County Board of Education and the Mt. Zion community at an approximate cost of \$10,000. The building has electric lights, with wall sockets in every room, furnace, running water, concrete basement with showers, baths, kitchen and cafeteria.

The 122 pupils were moved from the old building, built in 1898, into the new plant a few weeks ago. Mrs. Gladys Jackson is principal of the school, assisted by Mrs. Christine Harris and Miss Thelma Williams. The Mt. Zion committee which worked with the WPA is composed of the following: A.J. Felts, chairman, M.J. Read, Charles Caldwell, Rediman Binkley, Will Rediker, G.W. Bracey, Ewell Perry, Carl Perry, W.B. Williams and J.F. Krantz. Ashland City Times, Oct. 26, 1939.

Memories of George Washington Mitchell - submitted by Greg Poole

(The following are the remembrances of Cheatham County written by a former schoolteacher named George Washington Mitchell. Most of the articles were written as "editorials" and appeared in the Ashland City Times from the late 1940s through the 1950s. At that time, Mr. Mitchell was living in retirement in Georgia. The first article that I have been able to find was a tribute to the beloved minister of Cheatham named Jesse E. Hudgens. Hudgens was a Free Will Baptist minister for over 50 years and served as Cheatham County Court Clerk from 1898-1910. He served several churches in the area, including Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church and Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. He served at Bethlehem from 1894 until 1933. Hudgens married the former Martha Patterson and they were the parents of 4 children: Daniel, Durham, Grace and Ila. Ed.)

"A pleasant memory of many years ago. One Sunday morning in the summer of 1887, just 60 years ago, a few boys from way up on Spring Creek meandered down the little stream to Sycamore Creek. Our objective was the best swimming hole we could find, and of course, our purpose was to go in a-washing. We soon located the object of our search just above the mouth of Spring Creek.

In a few minutes we had dotted our cottonade breeches and hickory shirts and were enjoying to the fullest the invigorating waters of old Sycamore. Right in the midst of our noisy ablutions, a young man approached the end of the log footing and started across the creek. Some of the boys knew him, but as well as I remember, I had never seen him before. He was very well dressed, neat in appearance, and had all the outward markings of a fine young gentleman. He was carrying a Bible clasped affectionately to his side. He had sandy hair, a rather heavy mustache of the same hue and color.

He passed in the middle of the footing and watched our gymnastics for a moment and then said, 'You boys had better some on and let's go to Sunday school.' He had already walked some distance from his home, and had some distance yet to walk to Bethlehem. Of course, we didn't accept his invitation, for we hardly knew what a Sunday school was and were not at all interested. That was just about the beginning of that young man's ministry, a ministry that has meant more to Cheatham County and adjoining counties than that of any other man. I think I am safe in saying, and I am not flattering, that for a generation, he was Cheatham County's leading citizen.

Some years after the swimming hole incident and after he had become a successful minister of the gospel, a friendship sprang up between him and me, which distance cannot destroy. I think you may know him from what I have written, but, if not, his Christian name if Jesse and his surname is Hudgens." Ashland City Times, August 21, 1947.

Records of the Tennessee Board of Pensions, Cheatham County - submitted by Greg Poole
Nancy Jane Hunter's Civil War Widow's Pension Request File

(The following letter and obituary was taken from the files of the Board of Confederate Pensions located at the Tennessee State Library. Ed.)

Thomasville, Tenn.
Dec. 6, 1937

Mrs. Mary Barrow Gamble, Director
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Gamble;

Your letter of Nov. 30, 1937 to hand in reference to my husband's war record. I will refer you to the history of Tennessee by Goodspeed, who says "Company G, 42nd Tennessee Infantry was raised in the northern part of Cheatham County in June 1861. Dr. I.B. Walton was elected Captain. Dr. James E. Cage and others was elected Lieutenants." His wife, who still lives, Mrs. Lucy Cage is now drawing a pension.

My husband, T.W. Hunter, was captured at the fall of Fort Donelson and carried to Camp Douglas, Chicago. The company was exchanged in Sept. 1862 and reorganized at Clinton, Miss. Lieut. George M. Pardue was captain, and they served until the end of the war.

T.W. Hunter and I was married July 16, 1884 and he died Aug. 25, 1912. I was 93 the 5th of August and I hope you can arrange the pension.

Respt.
Nancy Jane Hunter

CCHGA members have sold 26 Cheatham County History Books in 2003. There is still a good supply left!

Would you like to contribute to CCHGA Bytes? Send email to ltinch@bellsouth.net by February 1, 2004.

Christmas Home Tour	
Financial Report	
Sponsors:	\$2,275.00
Tickets sold:	<u>\$1,053.00</u>
	\$3,328.00
Less Expenses:	<u>\$ 101.00</u>
	\$3,227.00

Obituary of Nancy Jane Hunter - submitted by Greg Poole

Mrs. Nan Hunter, known to scores of friends as 'Aunt Nan,' died Tuesday at Thomasville Community at the age of 96. Mrs. Hunter was believed to be the oldest living resident of Cheatham County. She had been ill a month.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon beside the grave in the Williams' family cemetery by the Rev. J.E. Hudgins.

Born on August 5, 1844, Mrs. Hunter was the daughter of one of the early settlers of Cheatham County. She spent her entire life in that county and resided at the time of her death with her only daughter, Mrs. Will Hunt. She was a devoted member of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church and was a sincere Christian.

Besides the daughter and one son, Adam Hunter of Neptune, Mrs. Hunter is survived by 5 stepchildren, 19 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. *Clarksville Leaf Chronicle*, Sept. 17, 1940.

Pension Application for W.H. Pool - submitted by Greg Poole

I, W.H. Pool, a native of the state of Tennessee and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at Cheap Hill in the county of Cheatham, do solemnly swear that I was a member of Company K, 49th Tennessee Regiment of Infantry. I was born in Montgomery County in the year 1841. I enlisted in the year 1861 about September, James Bailey, Colonel, Captain Shaw, Company K, 49th Regiment. I was captured at Fort Donelson and sent to Camp Douglass, Illinois. I was exchanged at Vicksburg in 1861. I was afterwards wounded at Atlanta, Georgia and was also wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee. I was wounded in the arm at Atlanta and in the breast at Franklin. I was in the hospital about 30 days. I was not discharged on account of said wounds. I still remained in the servis of the Confederate Army. I do not remember the name of the surgeon, but Napier was the regimental surgeon. I was paroled in North Carolina after the surrender of Johnston's army. I did not take the oath of allegiance to the United States government. I returned home without taking the oath.

I am married and have one daughter at home. My wife is 61 years old and my daughter is 22 years old. I have three boys and four girls. I am trying to farm in a small way. I have a small farm valued at five hundred dollars. The said farm is mortgaged for its full value. My wife has nothing in her own right. I do not use any intoxicants. Tennessee is drye as a bone. This August 23, 1909.

We hereby state that W.H. Pool made a good and faithful soldier while in the army. Always at his post of duty and was duly sober all the time and remained in the army until the surrender of the Confederate army in April, 1865.

J.F. Teasley; J.J. Everett

State of Tennessee, Cheatham County. Personally appeared before me, G.W. Wall, a justice of the peace for said Cheatham County, witnesseth that B.W. Hudgens, an old soldier and a pensioner, do make oath that said B.W. Hudgens was a soldier of the 15th Tennessee Regiment and W.H. Pool was a soldier of the 49th Tennessee, and I have known the said W.H. Pool all my life and that we returned home together on or about May 27th, 1865. B.W. Hudgens, Sept. 29th, 1909.

Ashland City, Tennessee, June 16, 1916

Since the death of my husband, William Pool, I am applying to you for a pension. Of course, most people know that he is dead and I want to apply to you for his share. If this is not sufficient please send me a blank and tell me what I need to do.

Yours truly,

Jereldine Pool.

Welcome back members: Jean Gourley-Churchill (At-large) and Deborah O. Cox (PALS)!

Welcome new members: Dickie Harris (AC) and Henry Eldridge (AC)!

New genealogy books in CCHGA collection:

Harris Family – Our Genealogical Voyage by Dickie R. Harris

Meet Your Ancestors – The Newman & Perry Ancestors by Lois Barnes Binkley

Next PALS Chapter meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at the CCHGA office.

Encourage your family and friends to join CCHGA!
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Membership is due in January and runs thru December.

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