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Ashland City, December 28, 1946 - contributed by Jean Lankford Powers

While visiting near Paducah, KY for the holidays, my parents decided to drive to Nashville, TN to see the Grand Ole Opry---a couple of cousins, and my Mamaw (Emma Florence Sherron Myers) decided to go along. So we loaded up the car with 5 adults and 2 children and headed south.

Mamaw had a cousin, Mary (Harris) Maxey, living near Ashland City and her desire was to visit and spend the night with Mary. So, our first stop was to drop Mamaw off for her visit. The Maxeys met us in Ashland City and took Mamaw home with them.

Then, the rest of us continued on to see the show. In 1946, few made reservations for hotel rooms and we were no exception---saw the show at the old Ryman Auditorium and then tried to find rooms for the night without success. So, we headed for Ashland City---trying to find rooms along the way, again without success. I might add that during this time, it was pouring down rain----one of the hardest rains I have ever seen in my lifetime. We arrived in Ashland City and decided to sleep in the car, go to pick up Mamaw in the morning and back to Paducah. Dad found a parking spot and we all tried to settle down for some sleep. Our attempt at sleeping was short lived, when an officer taped on the window and awoke those of us who had fallen asleep-----with a gun pointed at my Dad's head and some questions he wanted answered.

First question was what we were doing there and why. He accepted our explanation, but informed us that we could NOT park and sleep where we were. Unknown to us, we were parked in front of the bank---**and the bank had been robbed just the week before by someone driving an out of state licensed vehicle!!!!** The officer was going to make sure that didn't happen again, so he informed us that there was a rooming house down the block and if they couldn't accommodate us, we could park under the canopy of the nearby gas station, but "You are NOT going to park in front of the bank"

Until his dying day, my father remarked about how big that gun barrel looked pointed right at him.

(My mother, Eileen Myers Lankford was the daughter of Emma Sherron Myers)

Is it possible anyone has any information about the bank robbery which occurred the week before we were there? Are there any Maxeys left in the area who would be interested in exchanging genealogical information?

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Jean---daughter of Thomas & Eileen (Myers) Lankford
Eileen---daughter of George & Emma (Sherron) Myers
Emma---daughter of Jesse C & Elizabeth (Hudgens) Sherron
Jesse---son of G W "Sterling" & Eliza Ann (Harris) Sherron

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Cheatham County 100 Years Ago, 1906

Ashland City Society: Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Jackson entertained at dinner Saturday at Sycamore. Several out of town visitors were present including the Misses Philips, Marshall, Manning and McQuary of Nashville.

The young people gathered Saturday night and were entertained by Miss Annie Mai Patten at the home of her parents. Miss Cecil Johns entertained at supper last evening at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Adkisson. *Nashville American*, January 1, 1906.

The County Court of Cheatham County with Justice J.N. Williams, presiding, convened at Ashland City Monday. Liberal appropriations were made for bridges and road improvements. By acclamation, Justice J.N. Williams of the 15th District was re-elected Chairman and J.H. Judd of the 12th District, Chairman pro tem. *Nashville Banner*, January 2, 1906

Abstracted Minutes from the Cheatham County Court Records, January Term 1906

Be it remembered that a County Court began and was held for Cheatham County at the Courthouse on the first Monday in January, 1906. Present and presiding, the Hon. J.A. Williams, Chancellor and the following magistrates as follows:

J.J. Nicholson, R.J. Binkley, F.M. Simpkins, C.C. Cagle, A.P. Jackson, H.A. Napier, H.J. Pace, C.M. Hunter, J.R. Stewart, B.F. Hewitt, G.W. Weakley, J.J. Gupton, J.L. Weakley, G.W. Fambrough, J.S. Jones, T.S. Hand, T.H. Crouch, T.H. Demoss, W.J. Harris, D.W. Street, J.H. Judd, J.W. Greer, W.C.R. Greer, G.H. Hiland, J.W. Primm, R.C. Williams, J.L. Girard, W.H. Frazier, T.H. Flowers and T.A. Chambliss. *Cheatham County Court Minutes, Book H*, pg. 252.

***Ordered that Ed. Biggers be released from paying poll tax and

working public roads, being unable to perform manual labor. pg. 252

***Ordered that J.M. Duke and Son be paid the sum of \$9.95 for supplies furnished county. pg. 252.

***Ordered by the court that J.R. and C.M. Walton be paid \$2.00 for extracting teeth for prisoners in the county jail. pg. 252.

***Ordered by the court that Jeff Brumitt be released from working the county road and paying poll tax. He having a crippled hand and unable to perform manual labor. pg. 252.

***Road Commissioners for 1906: District 1 J.N. Harrington; 2 J.B. Walker; 3 D.C. Neal; 4 M.E. Frey; 5 J.W. Orne?; 6 J.W. Hunter; 7 D.W. Fambrough; 8 Moon Phillips; 9 J.R. Lovell; 10 H.R. Johnson; 11 J.W. Greer; 12 W.C. Greer; 13 C.H. Williams; 14 R.L. Dowlen; 15 W.E. Fambrough; 16 L.R. Sanders. pg. 253.

***Jurors for the February Term of the County Court, 1906: District 1: W.J. Perry, S.J. Lenox; 2: A.J. Fentress; 3: Riley James and P.J. Wyatt; 4: M.F. Frey, R.A. Evans; 5: G.W. Maxey, G.E. Binkley; 6: W.P. Nicholson, Pone Shearon; 7: J.H. Outland, W.T. Sanders; 8: P.E. Hagedwood; 9: A.J. Lovell, Charles Thompson; 10: Willie Baker, J.T. Johnson; 11: J.B. Jackson, W.W. Clark; 12: W.C. Greer, J.P. and J.P. Thompson; 13: William Jackson and E.L. Hooper; 14.: Erasmus Heathman and J.W. Hunt; 15: Robert Caldwell and G.H. Frazier; 16.: Milton Dice and J.H. Wall.

***Report to the Honorable County Court: We, your Commissioners were appointed to formulate a plan for a bridge at the lower ford of Sycamore Creek and to secure an estimate of the cost of the same. We have carefully surveyed the site for a bridge and prepared plans for same, and we have communicated with a number of bridge builders and we are expecting replies from same. No immediate steps can be taken in

the building of the bridge owing to the height of the backwater at the said ford. January 1, 1906. J.L. Weakley, Chairman. pg. 254.

***Ordered by the Court that W.H. Binkley be released from paying poll tax, he being overage. pg. 254.

***Ordered by the Court that the Permanent Bridge Committee have such repairs as are absolutely necessary made and present the bill for costs to the Court. pg. 254.

Mr. Marion Hooper of near Bellsburg died yesterday, of heart disease, aged 49 years. He leaves a wife and one child. *Nashville Banner*, January 3, 1906.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Planters' Warehouse of Cheatham County was called in Ashland City yesterday for the purpose of taking action in regard to making arrangements for erecting a warehouse in Ashland City. The committee appointed at the last meeting to solicit stock reported 1,855 subscribers. A committee was appointed to select a suitable location and report at the next meeting. *Nashville Banner*, January 4, 1906.

Mr. John Tomlin and Miss Lula Williams were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Williams, near Joelton, Sunday. Squire R.C. Williams officiating. *Nashville Banner*, January 6, 1906.

Mr. A.J. Shaw, an old man 60 years of age was found dead in bed at his home about three miles north of Kingston Springs. Mr. Shaw had lived here a number of years and was a puzzle to all who knew him, having always lived entirely alone, with the exception of nine cats and a dog. He was well-educated and a natural poet. He owned a fine piano and his home was neatly furnished. He owned a lot of land and had money in the bank. He was a Federal soldier in the Civil War and received a

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severe wound, which affected his mind at times. He got a pension, and because he was among Southern people, he had formed the idea that they wanted to kill him to keep him from a pension, which accounts for his secluded life. An inquest was held, deciding it a natural death, probably caused from heart failure, and that he had been dead about two days. *Nashville Banner*, January 8, 1906.

Messrs. M. and L. Blanchard, F. Davis and A. Deutcher of Wisconsin are in Cheatham County prospecting for farming lands in which to locate. They desire to come South for the sake of the milder climate and will visit other points in Tennessee and Alabama before deciding upon a location. *Nashville Banner*, January 19, 1906.

G.W. Maxey of District 7, Cheatham County, convicted and fined at the last term of the Criminal Court for carrying brass knucks and released on the fine being secured by two gentlemen for whom Maxey was working, has been given up by his sureties and committed to jail. He will now have to get other security or work out his fine. Maxey was getting along all right, till he married a few days ago and left the employers who had secured the fine. *Nashville Banner*, January 20, 1906.

Ashland City Society: Little Miss Jenny E. Jackson entertained her little friends Wednesday evening at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J.M. Jackson in honor of her 10th birthday. Refreshments were served.

Miss Mamie Reeks entertained Tuesday evening at supper. Games and music were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served.

Miss Emily Allen entertained Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Ernest Broadrick of Springfield. A chief feature of the entertainment was an old-time popcorn eating. *Nashville Banner* January 20, 1906.

Ashland City Society: Miss Florence Shivers entertained at dinner Wednesday evening. After a tempting menu, progressive games were played.

Mr. E.A.O. Kane and Miss Fannie Allen were married Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Hagewood and Miss Nannie Heydon were married Sunday at the home of Mr. J.W.D. Hagewood in the 8th District, Cheatham County. Rev. J.E. Hudgens performed the ceremony. A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Pace Friday evening from 6 to 10 in honor of the 12th birthday of their daughter, Miss Ora. Music was indulged in and dinner served in courses. *Nashville Banner*, January 27, 1906.

Ashland City seems to be keeping pace with her sister towns as far as business and general improvements are concerned. During the past year several new buildings were erected, the business houses being of a better character, larger and better adapted to the increased business brought about by the good crops of last year and the result of the advantages of railroad transportation. The farmers are in better spirits and more hopeful of the future because of their unbounded belief in the good of the tobacco association which has already induced them to prepare to handle their crops at home by the building of a warehouse for the storage and sale of their tobacco. Arrangements for the building of a large warehouse at this place have been almost perfected and work will begin on it in a short time.

We have now in operation a handle mill, a large saw mill, in which has been recently been added planning machinery. In a few days work will begin on a large storehouse by one of the leading merchants to give room for the increased business. *Nashville Banner*, January 25, 1906.

Mrs. Willie Shaw, wife of G.W. Shaw, died near Thomasville, aged 25 years, with pneumonia. She leaves a husband and two children. *Nashville Banner*, January 26, 1906.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Fannie Davis and Mr. Eugene Pennington were married, Rev. J.W. Farris officiating. They will reside in Tampa, Florida. *Nashville Banner*, January 30, 1906.

In the race for Cheatham County Court Clerk the present incumbent, T.A. Turner, who has had the office for 24 years with the exception of one term, will retire, leaving J.J. Nicholson, J.E. Hudgens and Jenner Carney in the field. There are four candidates for Register, Dr. I.B. Walton for re-election, W.B. Maxey, F.M. Hooper and John Greer. S.W. Crocker will be a candidate for re-election as Trustee, and will have for his opponents, C.B. Frazier and Wash Smith. For Circuit Court Clerk the candidates are P.J. Wyatt, D.C. Pardue and B.F. Hooper and in the race for Representative, two candidates are in the field: W.S. Lockert of Lockertsville and Squire T.H. Flowers of Cheap Hill. *Nashville Banner*, February 9, 1906.

H.C. Fox, a prominent farmer in Cheatham County killed a champion Poland China hog. It weighed 568 pounds gross and 513 net. *Nashville Banner*, February 10, 1906.

Arrangements are being made to establish a high school in Ashland City and to erect a \$5,000 brick building. A large amount of stock has already been subscribed. *Nashville Banner*, February 10, 1906.

The Circuit Court in session at Ashland City this week, Hon. S.D. Bell of Gallatin is on the bench in a number of important cases. Among them is the damage suit of J.W. Dozier versus Tennessee Central Railroad for personal injuries. The plaintiff entered suit for \$10,000 and a judgment was rewarded him

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for \$2,500. *Nashville Banner*, February 22, 1906.

Mandy Shearon, the wife of the late Frank Shearon died yesterday afternoon near Thomasville in Cheatham County. Mrs. Shearon was in good health up until a few hours of her death and in company with two children went to a plant bed near her home to patch a canvas covering. While at the plant bed she was seized with a stroke of paralysis and died about one hour afterwards. She was 45 years old and is survived by several children. *Clarksville Daily Leaf Chronicle*, March 13, 1906.

Mrs. Charles Stewart died suddenly yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. Dyce near Half Pone. Mrs. Stewart was apparently in good health, and was visiting at the home of Mr. Dyce when she was stricken. She lived about three hours after the attack. She is survived by her husband and three children. Mrs. Stewart was 46 years old and a consistent member of the Baptist church. The funeral took place this afternoon with services at Bethel Church conducted by the Rev. Hudgens. *Clarksville Daily Leaf Chronicle*, May 7, 1906.

A dastardly affair took place Sunday morning about 1 o'clock in Cheatham County between Thomasville and Pleasant View. A gang of men went to the house of Thomas Stewart and attempted to dynamite his house, and afterwards fired many shots into it, wounding Stewart and his 13 year old daughter. The affair is clothed in mystery and so far no reason has been given for the attack on Stewart's home. Stewart fired upon the crowd and is supposed to have killed Melvin Winters, one of the party, his body being found in the woods near the house, Sunday morning. Stewart is said to have received several written unsigned notices from unknown parties ordering him to leave the country.

The notice is said to have stated that failure to comply with the warnings would mean that he and his family would be blown up.

Saturday night a crowd of 13 men are said to have gone to Stewart's home, and to have attempted to wreck his house with dynamite, throwing several sticks of the explosive into the yard, where it was discharged with loud reports and some damage. After this the crowd is said to have fired into the house with guns loaded with buckshot. Miss Kate Stewart, 13 years old, was struck in the face and side with the shot and severely injured. Stewart took his gun, and started out into the yard to fire into the crowd and when he opened the door, is said to have been met with a load of shot, which peppered his face. He continued into the yard, however, and drove the crowd back. It is said that he started across the field after the men, but the rain began to fall, and he returned home.

Early Sunday morning, Stewart went on his farm to look around, and found the body of Melvin Winters lying in the woods about 100 yards from the house. Alvin Winters, a brother of the dead man, testified that E.A. Boyd asked him to go over to Stewart's Saturday night to have a little fun. He said that he advised Boyd not to go, and would not have allowed his brother had he known it. Newton Winters, a nephew of the dead man, and E.A. Boyd, it is said, have been arrested and committed to jail at Ashland City. Winters is said to have made a confession implicating 13 men. *Clarksville Daily Leaf Chronicle*, May 7, 1906.

Allen Hunter, a prominent citizen of Henrietta, died Wednesday at his home near that place, at an advanced age. Mr. Hunter had been an invalid for 50 years and during that time was only able to go about on crutches. He was 87 years old and had lived in that section the greater part of his life.

He was a good man and highly respected by all who knew him. He was taken ill one week before he died but his condition was not thought to be serious and Tuesday he rode horseback four miles. He is survived by the following children: D.R. Hunter of Southside, J.A. Hunter of Henrietta, Mrs. W.A. Walton of Henrietta, Mrs. R.C. Gupton of Half Pone and Mrs. J.C. Tyner of Nashville. He was the oldest of five living brothers, all of whom are advanced in years. They are Henry Hunter of Southside, aged 86, W.C. Hunter of Oak Plains, aged 81, T.W. Hunter of Cheap Hill, aged 75 and B.N. Hunter of Thomasville, aged 71. The funeral took place this afternoon with services at the grave by the Rev. James Harper of the Pleasant View and Mallory Circuit. Burial was in family burying ground. *Clarksville Leaf Chronicle*, September 13, 1906.

Dr. J.R. Walton passed away at his home on North Main Street in Ashland City on Wednesday, having been sick only about two weeks with jaundice. He was one among the best citizens of the town, who numbered his friends by the hundreds. He was a dentist by profession having graduated in the Dental Department of Vanderbilt University 22 years since which time he has practiced his profession at this place. Besides his wife and five children, he is survived by his aged father, Dr. Isaac B. Walton of Henrietta, Dr. Charlie M. Walton of Ashland City and Mrs. George Pickering of near Carmel. The funeral was held at the residence conducted by the Rev. R.S. Tinnon, after which the remains were conveyed to the Turner Graveyard on Mark's Hill and laid to rest. *Clarksville Daily Leaf Chronicle*, December 15, 1906.

Rhea Moseley died at Marion, Illinois, of typhoid fever. He was the son of Clarence Moseley, formerly of Clarksville and was 8 years old. He was a nephew of D.H. Moseley.

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The body was shipped from Marion yesterday and passed through this city last night en route to Neptune, where the burial will be. Clarksville *Leaf Chronicle*, December 20, 1906.

Mrs. Sarah A. Smith died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H.J. Carney, 3 miles from Ashland City on the Hyde's Ferry Pike at the age of 88 years. Nashville *Banner*, February 23, 1906

Invitations have been sent announcing the marriage of Mr. J.B. Smith Jr. to Miss Lelia Binkley to take place at the Ashland City Methodist Church at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening, March 5. Nashville *Banner*, February 24, 1906.

Late Monday evening, while at work on a bridge that is being built across Sycamore Creek, near Midway Mills, two men, George

Goodlett and Ben Davis lost their balance and fell to the ground, both receiving several injuries. Mr. Goodlett's shoulder was dislocated, while Mr. Davis received an ugly gash in the back of his head and had his leg broken just above the ankle. Nashville *Banner*, February 24, 1906.

1870 Cheatham County Census - *contributed by Greg Poole*

(This month we continue the complete transcription of the 1870 Cheatham County Census. We will run the census in each newsletter, and eventually the completed census will appear on the web at Tennessee Genweb. I have retained original spelling. The layout of the census appears as follows: No. of household; name of individual; age of individual; sex and race; occupation; VRE= value of real estate; VPE= value of personal estate; place of birth; CR= cannot read; CW= cannot write; other personal information appears afterwards. ed.)

District 1

37.	Farmer, T.J.R.	48	MW	farmer	500VPE	TN	
	Farmer, Annie	46	FW	keeping house		TN	CR; CW
	Farmer, Delilah	24	FW	deaf and dumb		TN	CR; CW
	Farmer, J.W.	22	MW	farmhand; deaf and dumb		TN	CR; CW
	Farmer, Thos. J.	19	MW	farmhand		TN	
	Farmer, Ellen C.	15	FW	deaf and dumb		TN	CR; CW
	Farmer, Martha H.	13	FW	deaf and dumb		TN	CR; CW
	Farmer, Harriett H.	10	FW			TN	
	Farmer, John T.	3	MW			TN	
38.	Neighbors, Isaac	81	MW	farmer	75VPE	SC	CW
	Neighbors, Elisabeth	65	FW	keeping house		NC	CR; CW
39.	Thompson, W.R.	37	MW	farmer	800VPE	AL	
	Thompson, Sarah Jane	31	FW	keeping house		TN	CR; CW
	Thompson, Newton C.	13	MW	farmhand		TN	CR; CW
	Thompson, Martha C.	6	FW			TN	
	Thompson, William P.	4	MW			TN	
40.	Taylor, Absolom	45	MB	farmhand	50VPE	NC	
	Taylor, Drusillah	35	FB	keeping house		NC	
	Taylor, Juliann	2	FB			TN	
	Hawkins, M.N.	9	FB			TN	
41.	Dozier, David T.	37	MW	farmer	1000VPE	TN	
	Dozier, Rebecca S.	26	FW	keeping house		TN	
	Dozier, Robert P.	11	MW	at school		TN	
	Wise, Mandy	13	FW			TN	CR; CW
	Dozier, Joseph D.	2/12	born April	MW		TN	
42.	Dozier, Dennis	71	MW	farmer; 10,000vre; 1000vpe		TN	
	Dozier, Harriett	65	FW	keeping house		TN	
	Dozier, Willie	55	MB	farmhand	100vpe	TN	CR; CW
	Dozier, John	14	MB	farmhand		TN	CR; CW

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