



CCHGA Bytes July 2005

The next CCHGA meeting is July 28, 2005 at 7:00 at the Cheatham County Public Library

R.D. Huffines - President
Cleo Hogan - Vice President
Judy Mayo - Secretary
Betty Cannon - Treasurer

Trivia:

- If a woman was called a relic, it meant she was a widow.
- If a woman was called a consort, it meant her husband was still living.
- In Ashland City, the present fire hall behind the court house was built in 1964. Before that, it was located where Jimmy Lockert's law office is now located.
- Tom Barker, the first Ashland City fire chief, was also the first Water Department manager.
- Two of CCHGA's life members have served in offices in Ashland City:
 - **Neil Robertson**, County Judge, Sep 1 1950 to Sep 1 1966
 - **MaryGrey Jenkins** served as the first woman mayor of Ashland City from 1994 - 2000.

James B. "Bud" Hallums, Cheatham County Historian

(Editor's Note: The editors of this newsletter send their condolences to the family and friends of James B. Hallums, long-time Cheatham County historian, who died June 6, 2005.)



James B. "Bud" Hallums - age 86, of Ashland City passed away Monday, June 6, 2005, at Baptist Hospital, Nashville. He was a member of the Ashland City United Methodist Church, a World War II Veteran and a retired employee of the Tennessee Department of the Employment Security Division. He was the historian for Ashland City and Cheatham County and served as military service officer for Cheatham County. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Hallums and Georgia Williams Hallums. Brothers, Robert "Snookie" Hallums and Charles "Bill" Hallums.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Lou Pegram Hallums of Ashland City; daughters, Genese (Phillip) Wilson of Ashland City, Jamie (Gary) Merritts of Kingston Springs; granddaughters, Jenny Wilson, Suzy Wilson and April Merritts; a brother Munson Hallums of Joliet, Ill. Funeral services for Hallums were conducted Friday, June 10, 2005, at 1 p.m. from the Ashland City United Methodist Church with Bro. Paul Robert Gupton officiating; Burial: Forest Hills Cemetery, Ashland City. Serving as pallbearers were Phillip Wilson, Gary Merritts, Kevin Ellis, Dewitt Booth, Patrick Lancaster, and David, Andy and Charlie Hallums. Body was in state at the church on Friday until funeral hour of 1 p.m. A Masonic Rite service was conducted at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Cheatham County Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Cheatham County Historical Society or to the Ashland City United Methodist Church. Cheatham County Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Condolences also to the families of the following CCHGA members who have died recently:

Brother and sister, **Martin "Ed" Gibbs** (1921 - died June 19, 2005) and **Rachel Gibbs Crawford** (1912 - May 11, 2005). They were the children of James Edgar and Lillie Mai Glasgow Gibbs. Both were long time PALS chapter members.



James Russell "Jim" Walker, Sr. - September 8, 1912 - June 2, 2005. Jim was the son of George Washington and Eva Mai Hunter Walker. Mr. Walker was a PV Chapter member. He grew up in Thomasville.

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<http://www.myfamily.com> (for access contact Lisa Tinch) and
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~tncchga/>

NOONDAY GRACE

(This poem, written by a Cheatham Countian in 1917 captures a spirit of time and place now long since vanished from our midst. ed.)

MY good old father tucked his head,
(His face the color of gingerbread)
Over the table my mother had spread,
And folded his leathery hands and said:
"We thank thee, Lord, for this thy grace,
And all thy bounties to the race;
Turn not away from us thy face
Till we come to our final resting-place."

These were the words of the old elect,
Or others to the same effect.
I love my father's piety,
I know he's grateful as can be,
A man that's nearly seventy
And past his taste for cookery.

But I am not so old as he,
And when I see in front of me
Things that I like uncommonly,
(Cornfield beans my specialty,
When every pod spills two or three),
Then I forget the thou and thee
And pray with total fervency:

Thank you, good Lord, for dinner-time!
Gladly I come from the sweat and grime
To play in your Christian pantomime.
I wash the black dust from my face,
I sit again in a Christian's place,
I hear the ancient Christian's grace.
My thanks for clean fresh napkin first,
With faint red stain where the fruit-jar burst.
Thanks for a platter with kind blue roses,
For mother's centerpiece and posies,
A touch of art right under our noses.

Mother, I'll thank you for tumbler now
Of morning's milk from our Jersey cow.
And father, thanks for a generous yam,
And a helping of home-cured country ham,
(He knows how fond of it I am.)
For none can cure them as can he,
And he won't tell his recipe,
But God was behind it, it seems to me.

Thank God who made the garden grow,
Who took upon himself to know
That we loved vegetables so.
I served his plan with rake and hoe,
And mother, boiling, baking, slow
To her favorite tune of Old Black Joe,
Predestined many an age ago.

Pearly corn still on the cob,
My teeth are aching for that job.
Tomatoes, one would fill a dish,
Potatoes, mealy as one could wish.
Cornfield beans and cucumbers,
And yellow yams for sweeteners.
Pickles between for stepping-stones,
And plenty of cornmeal bread in pones.

Sunday the preacher droned a lot
About a certain whether or not:
Is God the universal friend,
And if men pray can he attend
To each man's individual end?

They pray for individual things,
Give thanks for little happenings,
But isn't his sweep of mighty wings
Meant more for businesses of kings
Than pulling small men's petty strings?

He's infinite, and all of that,
The setting sun his habitat,
The heavens they hold by his fiat,
The glorious year that God begat;
And what is creeping man to that,
O preacher, valiant democrat?

"The greatest of all, his sympathy,
His kindness, reaching down to me."
Like mother, he finds it his greatest joy
To have big dinners for his boy.
She understands him like a book,
In fact, he helps my mother cook,
And slips to the dining-room door to look;

And when we are at our noon-day meal,
He laughs to think how fine we feel.
An extra fork is by my plate,
I nearly noticed it too late!
Mother, you're keeping a secret back!
I see the pie-pan through the crack,
Incrusted thick in gold and black.

There's no telling what that secret pair
Have cooked for me in the kitchen there,
There's no telling what that pie can be,
But tell me that it's blackberry!
As long as I keep topside the sod,
I'll love you always, mother and God.

Cheatham County Loose Records: A Tennessee Land Grant

(Below is a grant for land in Cheatham County. The land grants were given away by the state of Tennessee, and a buyer could purchase the land under the Act of January 9, 1830, which offered tracts of land for 12 ½ cents per acre. These land grants have never been microfilmed and are located in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. ed.)

Grant No. 25273. Grant to H. P. Pool, 60 ½ acres. Granted December 4, 1866. I have surveyed for H.P. Pool in Cheatham County, State of Tennessee sixty and one half acres of land on the waters of Dry Fork of Half Pone Creek adjoining the land of John Teasley dec'd and others Entry N. 71 and dated November 20, 1866 made in the entry office of Cheatham County and bounded as follows beginning at a Hickory in David Council's East Boundary line thence south 88 degrees east 312 poles to a stake in F.M. Teasley's dec'd west boundary line; thence south with his line 28 ½ poles to a wild cherry tree; thence west with G.W. Harris' formerly Ephraim Pool's dec'd north boundary line, and continued west with the north boundary line of John Teasley dec'd 311 poles to a poplar; thence north with David Council's east boundary line 34 poles to a hickory the beginning. Containing 60 ½ acres. Felix A. Harris, Surveyor of Cheatham County.

A Cemetery in Thomasville

The Martha Shepard Cemetery is located on Thomasville Road near the intersection of Thomasville and Moseley Ferry Road. There is one marker in the small cemetery and 20 field stones.

Martha Shepard, daughter of David and Ann Hardiman Maddox, was the wife of Stephen Shepard. The couple married on December 2, 1828 in Prince Edward County, Virginia. They were the parents of: John C., Scott and William B. Shepard. It is believed that Scott Shepard is buried in an unmarked grave near his mother. After the death of her husband, Stephen Shepard in 1838-39, the family settled at Thomasville. The marker reads: In Memory of Martha Stepard, born Oct. 12, 1807; died Apr. 14, 1877.



This is a photo of the **Kingston Springs** fire department (date unknown). Roy Miles, president of the Kingston Springs Chapter of CCHGA has donated a CD of scanned photos concerning Kingston Springs to CCHGA. Many of the photos have been uploaded to CCHGA's myfamily.com websites. If you do not have access, please contact Lisa Tinch at ltinch@bellsouth.net.

Some of the photos are of the following:
1856 Anderson House Hotel, Arnold Alexander, Bob Plumlee, Burrell Mayes, Donnie Edens on Main Street, Dr. Williams James Liles and family, KS Depot, KS Hotel, KS 1940 Girls Basketball team, Oakley's Grocery Store, Summer Cottage at Spring Lot, Womanless Beauty Pageant, Nana Oakley, Ed's Barber Shop, Photos of Craggie Hope Train Station and memorabilia, Old Stave Mill, Kingston Springs school with students 1931-32 and many more.



Two Carney Letters

(The following letters, written by Richard Carney in 1813, were presented to Lisa Tinch by CCHGA member June Carney Pollard of Franklin, Tennessee for donation to the Cheatham County Museum. A portion of the Carney land became what would be known as Cheatham County. ed.)

Richard Carney to Major David Colfield, Edgecomb County, North Carolina

Montgomery County near Port Royal, West Tennessee the 6th day of May 1813

Dear Major

I have taken my pen in hand to inform you that my self and family are all well, hoping you and yours may be the same when these lines come to hand. Please present my best respects to Mrs. Colfield and our dear children. I was truly sorry to hear you had lost some of them. Please give my love to Col. John Whitaker and family, also to all his dear children and their familys. I hope to see you and the rest of my old friends this or next year, as I expect to cross the mountains once more if I should Live. We have but little to talk of with us but that of war and savage barbarity. If we had liberty we would quick put an end to the Southern Indians that has bin scalping our frontier brethren. Nothing more. But still remaining your loving friend, R. Carney.

N.B. Please present my respects to my brothers widdow and the rest of my Relations and Old friends and neighbours. R.C.



To: Major David Colfield, Edgecomb County, North Carolina

Near Port Royal, Montgomery County, West Tennessee. The 15th day of October, 1816

Dear Major. By these lines you will be informed that my self and family, except Norfleet, who has a bad pain in the head, are in fine helth. Only that of being badly hurt my self by a kick from a horse. I wish you to present my respects to Mrs. Colfield and your children and to Mrs. Whitaker and all her children and their familys and the rest of Inquiring friends. Dear friend if you have received the rent money from Capt. John Hodges for the rent which I gave you an order on him for, I shall take it as a grate favour if you will be so good as to send it to my friend Major George T. Wain in doing so you will much oblige. Your friend, R. Carney



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Welcome new member Dolly Smith!

Tips on Gravestone Cleaning

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AVOID:

- Wire brushes or any metal tool!!
- Acidic cleaners on marble or limestone
- Household cleaning solutions
- High-pressure spraying
- Sandblasting
- Protective coatings

RECOMMENDED CLEANING SOLUTIONS for *MARBLE and LIMESTONE MARKERS*:

- Water only
- Household ammonia (1 cup to 4 cups water)
- Calcium hypochlorite (1 pound to 4 gallons water)
 - Use only to remove biological growth
 - Available as swimming pool disinfectant
 - Must be dissolved in warm water

TOOLS for STONE CLEANING:

- Plastic pails
- Rubber gloves
- Natural bristle or plastic scrub brushes
- Toothbrushes
- Eye protection goggles
- Water source and spray bottles

ALWAYS TAKE THESE ITEMS WITH YOU:

- Carrier with lots of pest spray
- Work gloves
- Probe
- Trowel
- Camera
- Compass
- Soft bristle brush
- Cemetery book
- Clip board and paper and pencils
- Mirror
- Magnifying glass
- Flour
- Water
- Torch
- Blanket
- Tape measure
- Pry bar
- Tissue paper
- Umbrella



DO NOT CARRY A WIRE BRUSH OR CLOROX

Hollis Family Reunion - Mary Ellen Lewis

On Sunday afternoon, June 26, 2005, the descendants of Lucian A. Hollis (26 Dec 1868 – 3 Dec 1946) along with their families braved the Tennessee heat and humidity for a family reunion at the Cheatham Dam Recreation Area. With ages ranging from 3 to 89 and spanning 4 generations, approximately 75 family members attended. Everyone enjoyed renewing friendships, reminiscing and sharing the wonderful homemade food.

“Daddy Hollis” had 13 grandchildren, 5 of whom are living. Those who attended were: Luella Read Perry of Ashland City, TN; James David Read, Sr. of Lenoir City, TN; Margaret Read Hodges and Jane Justice Wilson both of Nashville, TN. Although unable to attend in person, Wilma Hollis Clifton who lives in Ponchatoula, Louisiana was with us in thought and spirit.

Great grandchildren who attended were: Maurice Harding Cain of Huntsville, AL; Dan Wilkinson of Des Moines, IA; Jeff Justice of Palo Alto, CA; Mary Ellen Lewis of Perrysburg, OH, Joan Hollis Jones of Paducah, KY; G.E. McCormack, Jr. of Dickson, TN; Joyce McCormack Gregson of Brentwood, TN and Tom McCormack, Nan McCormack Brown, Judy McCormack Carter, Rick Hodges and Linda Perry Saliba all of Nashville, TN.

In addition, there were numerous great, great grandchildren and six great, great, great grandchildren in attendance.

There are plans for the reunion to continue to be an annual event. The reunion for 2006 will be held the first Sunday in October.

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