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# CCHGA Bytes

*The next CCHGA meeting is July 27, 2006 at the old CCHGA office!*

## **PALS Field Trip** - *contributed by Judy Mayo*

PALS Chapter members Brenda and Gerald Curtis, June and Earl Nixon, Marie and Bill Garland and Judy and Raydene Mayo and CCHGA Treasurer Betty Cannon enjoyed a field trip on June 10 to see an amazing collection of antique cars, tractors, wagons, buggies, tools and a great many other old and interesting items at the home of Jimmy and Jean Kilian on Bowker Road in Dickson County. Lunch at Dozier's Catfish by the Harpeth River was part of this enjoyable excursion!"



## **A Cheatham County Native in Florida** - *contributed by Greg Poole*

John T. Dismukes of St. Augustine, Florida, a leader in financial and business life, in his boyhood was a soldier of the Confederacy, serving in Florida. He was born in Davidson County (now Cheatham) in May, 1847, and was reared, from seven years of age, in Gadsden County, Florida. In March, 1864, being nearly 17 years old, he enlisted at Camp Finegan, Florida, in Captain Patrick Houston's Company of artillery, with which he served in the Florida campaigns until paroled at Tallahassee in May, 1865. In the course of this service he participated in several skirmishes and the fight at Natural Bridge, 12 miles south of Tallahassee in March, 1865, where the Federal invaders were defeated and foiled in their last attempt to gain possession of Tallahassee. After the close of the war, Mr. Dismukes went to Dardanelle, Arkansas and remained 10 years, acting as agent of the Adams Steamboat Line. Returning to Florida, he made his home in Quincy until December, 1885, when he removed to St. Augustine and engaged in banking. His institution became a National Bank in 1886, and he is now at its head as president. Dickison, J.J. *Military History of Florida*, Vol. II, Confederate Military History, (1899)

## **WE ARE MOVING!**

The next CCHGA meeting is Thursday July 27 at the old CCHGA office in Ashland City. Members are asked to arrive at 5:30 with truck and trailers to help move items from the old office to the new office and museum in the basement of the Cheatham County Public Library.



## The First Citizens of Cheatham County: The 1856 Cheatham County Tax List

*Continued from Last Issue - contributed by Greg Poole*

### District 3 continued

Hudgens, Delila	50a. Spring Cr. by Martha and E.G. Hudgens
Hudgens, Elijah	
Hudgens, Martha	200a. on Spring Cr. by E.G. Hudgens and J. Hunt's heirs
Hudgens, Rebecca	500a. on Spring Cr. by J. Walker and William Hudgens
Hudgens, Thomas	
Hudgens, Thomas E.	
Hudgens, William	184a. on Spring Cr. by Thos. Miles and M. Hunt
Huffman, J.D.	
Hunt, G.W.	100a. on the waters of Sycamore Cr. by B.L. Williams
Hunt, J.W. Esqr.	240a. on the waters of Sycamore Cr. by B.L. Williams
Hunt, James B.	
Hunt, John, heirs by J.W. Hunt	611a. on Spring Cr. by F.J. Bell and W. Hyde
Hunt, Matthew	
Hunter, S., heirs	84a. on the waters of Spring Cr. by W.L. Gower
Hyde, Willis	550a. on Spring Cr. by J.W. Hyde and H. Hyde
Johnson, Sarah	75a. on Spring Cr. by Rebecca Hudgens and Gatewood
King, Tabitha	171a. on Spring Cr. by G.H. Harper and E.T. Herron
Krantz, David	
Lowe, Alexander	650a. on Sycamore Mill Road
Lowe, Francis for Benjamin Harris' heirs	180a. on Sycamore Cr. by H. Harris and M.D. McCormack
Lowe, G.H., heirs	89a. on Sycamore Cr. by Mary Sims and others
McCormack, Barney	
McCormack, Drury, heirs	65a. on Sycamore Cr.
McCormack, Henry	
McCormack, James	100a. on Spring Cr. by J.W. Hunt's heirs and T. King
McCormack, M.D.	100a. on Sycamore Cr. by A.L. Binkley and Cheatham & Watson
McCormack, Thomas	
McCormack, W.H.	
Miles, Thomas	200a. on Spring Cr. by James Hudgens and T. King
Moore, Benjamin	
Moore, James	97a. on Spring Cr. by P.H. Woodson and Robt. Moore
Moore, Robert	115a. on Spring Cr. by J.B. Moore and P.H. Woodson
Morris, Nathan	
Newman, B.H.	
Nichols, W.A.	
Nichols, Willis	172a. on the head of Half Pone Cr. by M.D.L. Williams
Nolly, B.	
Norton, William	100a. on Spring Creek by Martha Hudgens and Harris & O'bien
Nye, G.W.	

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## The Ashland City Church of Christ, 1878 - contributed by Greg Poole

The Ashland City Church of Christ was organized in Ashland City in 1878. The first congregation was served by D.H. Demumbreun and A.J. Simmons as the first elders. D.S. Binkley and B.B. Binkley served as the first deacons. A.J. Smithson was the first minister.

The original membership consisted of 13 people. The first meeting house was erected in 1876 at a cost of approximately \$1000. In 1884, a Sunday School was organized with Prof. R.S. Turner as superintendent. Others serving as ministers were W.B. Wright, James S. Jackson and William Lipscomb.

## Students of New Hope School (8<sup>th</sup> District) in 1910 - *contributed by Greg Poole*

Mr. Henry Simpkins, Principal  
Dave Hagewood  
Monce Groves  
Dillard Bishop  
Estell Hagewood  
Harley Christy  
William Collins  
L.J. Tatum  
John Phillips  
Sanford Hagewood  
B.D. (Dotson) Hagewood  
Bertie Hagewood  
Addie Mai Patterson  
Buena Patterson  
Dorothy Patterson  
Mandy Batson  
Naomi Hagewood  
Dora Lee Hagewood  
Lola Williams  
Gladys Hagewood  
Vera Lee Phillips  
Clarence Hagewood  
Tom Jones  
L.L. Phillips  
Johnny Collins  
George Tinsley  
Eldridge Hagewood  
Grace Aderhold  
Mamie Alderhold  
Ophelia Proctor  
Sterling Proctor  
Idell Nicholson  
Arlene Monroe  
Frank Hagewood  
Grisby Bishop  
Cora Davis  
Nannie Collins  
General Hagewood

Maydell Aderhold, Teacher  
Edd Groves  
Guy Tinsley  
Ed Christy  
Crouch Carroll  
Bryant Groves  
E.T. Phillips  
Ernest Monroe  
Tyler Davis  
Bryant Hagewood  
Amy Tinsley  
Nora Jones  
Bertie Mai Hagewood  
Daisy Inez Patterson  
Evie Proctor  
Marie Collins  
Brenda Hagewood  
Lela Williams  
Irene Hagewood  
Thula Freeman  
L.C. (Lesbia) Hagewood  
Sterling Tatum  
Bailey Collins  
Henderson Proctor  
Slaydon Groves  
Ernest L. Phillips  
Dock Christy  
Lena Hagewood  
Eva Hagewood  
Nina Nicholson  
Alice Hand  
Alpha Boone Hagewood  
Tannie Proctor  
Jessie Carney  
Flora Hagewood  
Betty Groves  
Fred Collins  
Demps Hand



## The Bearwallow Church of Christ, 1908 - *contributed by Greg Poole*

The Bearwallow Church of Christ had its beginning in 1908 in a school building. The following Cheatham County citizens were charter members: Eli Cochran, Calvin Richardson, Modie Richardson, Thomas Binkley, Susie Binkley, Willie A. Binkley, Jennie Binkley, Riley Cochran and Betty Cochran.

The first church building was erected in 1909. Regular ministers have been: Johnny Winkley, L.C. Buttery, George Burdette, Lindsay Garmon and Richard Smith.

## Reminiscences of Dr. Theodore E. Boyd - contributed by Greg Poole

(The following reminiscences were written by Dr. Theodore E. Boyd in the early 1970s, as a series appearing in the Ashland City Times. Dr. Boyd (1893-1986), a prominent scientist, and Director of the March of Dimes, was born at near Sycamore Mills in Cheatham County, editor.)

### I Pete's Trip to Florida

My father's country store at Midway had no fixed hours for operating or closing. Our living quarters were in the same building. Each morning except on Sundays, we were up before dawn and from then until bedtime the store was open for business. If a late customer found the place closed and dark, he just shouted until he succeeded in waking me. I would then get up, light a coal oil lamp, put on some clothes and open the store for him.

In the evenings the store was a social center for the unattached men of the community. In other words, it was a place where they came to loaf. Some played crokinole, a game that now seems not only obsolete but forgotten. To entertain the non-players, we had a phonograph.

When the store was opened in the fall of 1905, one of our neighbors was Uncle Wash Binkley, then a widower. I do not know how many children Uncle Wash had, but I knew seven of his sons. Two of his sons, Joe and Jeff, were married and living elsewhere, but the other five were in 1905 all bachelors and living with their father. In descending order of age they were: Ase, Pete, Ephraim, George and Charlie. They were commonly known as the Binkley Boys, although they were all of voting age. Many will remember the Binkley Boys from a later period after their father's death. Two of the five, Ephraim and Charlie, eventually married. Eph. and his wife were in possession of the Wash Binkley homeplace. The other four, with Charlie's wife, Mary, as housekeeper, moved to another farm they owned.

While Uncle Wash still lived he never sat around our store in the evenings, but his sons did. Then sometime in 1906, Pete was missing. He had gone to Florida. A year later he returned and settled down into the familiar routine. But for some time after he came home the evening crowds at our store were larger than usual. Men came to hear Pete tell about his trip. No one else in our circle of acquaintances had ever been to Florida.

Pete Binkley was adventurous. He said he had gone to Florida with the intention of staying there if he lived it well enough. His year was spent working at a farm on the Indian River near Titusville. Pete brought home an assortment of souvenirs. I recall a collection of shells, a stuffed porcupine, fish and a saw-fish saw. One item looked like an oversized, off-color orange. Pete said it was called a grapefruit. It grew wild down there, he said, but was not considered fit to eat. It was too bitter and too sour.

### II A Decade of Progress

The ten year period from the beginning of 1900 to the end of 1909 brought remarkable changes in our way of life in Cheatham County. Progress moved so fast that it made us dizzy. Just at the turn of the century mailboxes suddenly began to decorate our country roads. Until then there had been no mailboxes because there had been no one to put mail in them. All at once rural mail carriers appeared, making daily rounds in their buggies.

Before 1900 people in Ashland City could get daily newspapers brought down from Nashville by stage. But out in the country we had to content ourselves with weekly papers. I recall the weekly that my grandfather Elliott used to get. He was a Republican and there was no Tennessee weekly of the right politics available to him. So he subscribed to the Toledo *Blade*. But my grandfather lost his job when rural mail delivery was started. All the small local post offices were closed. He had been the postmaster at Hoffasville.

In 1902, a railroad line through Ashland City was opened for business. We had never before had a railroad in the northern part of the county. Two passenger trains ran daily in each direction. The travel time between Ashland City and Nashville was shorter than it had been by stage. Freight moved in and out more quickly than it had by steamboat.

Automobiles began to appear on our county roads, but for some years they made only occasional forays from outside. The first one I ever saw passed our house on the Old Clarksville Pike

one day in the summer of 1904. It raised a big cloud of dust on the dirt road. The first resident owner of the automobile that I knew of was Hugh Dozier of Ashland City. He bought one about 1910. Until then the automobile, as far as our county was concerned, was an unmitigated nuisance. All our local transportation was horse-drawn. The automobile was not only an impediment to it, but a hazard. A horse or a mule meeting an auto on the road often went into a panic. When a buggy met an automobile both would come to a full stop. The buggy driver would then get out, go to his horse's head and lead it cautiously past the auto. At my father's store, I remember hearing indignant citizens argue against an improvement of our local roads. They feared that it would encourage automobiles.

All this may have been on the minds of our magistrates when at the County Court session in 1905 or 1906, they enacted a measure commonly known as the "No Fence Law." The name was rather misleading. It did not mean that fences were abolished. The gist of it was that livestock could no longer be allowed to roam at large. Until then, the entire county, ever since it was first settled, had been an open range except for cultivated areas from which the owner's fenced out animals. The new law made the owners of animals responsible for any damage they might do to other people's crops. Anyone owning horses, cattle, or hogs had to keep them fenced in. We had been accustomed to the frequent presence of loose animals in the road. It had caused no trouble. A stray cow or hog simply moved out of the way of a horse-drawn vehicle, and had plenty of time to do so. The No Fence Law came just in time to save such animals from wholesale slaughter by automobiles.

My father's store was opened in 1905, and was operated for three or four years before we got a telephone. That caused us no loss of business for none of our customers had telephones. Neither did our competitors. About 1909 a telephone exchange was installed at Pleasant View, and several lines were run into the surrounding country. So we got a telephone, but it was mounted in our living quarters not in the store.

The telephone of those days was not the impersonal machine we use today. When making a call you did not mess around with dials. You put the receiver to your ear and turned a crank. Then a human female voice asked what number you wanted. If you chose you could just give the number and let it go at that. But if you were in the mood for a chat with the operator you could throw in other remarks. I used to exchange compliments with an operator at Pleasant View, a Miss Lokey. I do not recall ever meeting her in person, but I fell in love with her voice.

Finally, during this decade more tax money went to our schools. In 1900, public funds in Cheatham County paid for the operating of schools only five months each year and only through the Fifth grade. By 1909, we had half a dozen schools that went through the eighth grade. We also had a public high school at Ashland City running for nine months each year. For the elementary schools, the official year was still five months.

## **Cheatham County Central High School Class of 1937** - *contributed by Lisa Walker*

In last month's newsletter, I listed names of the personal cards of CCCHS graduates found in a book from an auction and also mentioned that there were some individual photos mixed up with the cards to be identified. CCHGA member Mr. Neil Robertson and new CCHGA member Miss Rebecca Stewart were kind enough to take the time to pass along information about the early classes of CCCHS.

Miss Rebecca reports that the Class of 1937 graduated 43 members and 12 are still living today. They are: Alice Powers, Tom Cushman, Mary Ann Harris, Rebecca Stewart, Mildred Johnson, Pearl Frazier, Henry Wall, Allene Rediker, Frances Shearon, Margaret Read, Mattie Bell Pardue, Katie Pierce.

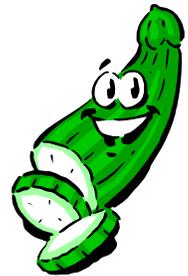
## CCHGA CHATTER

Have news you would like to share with other CCHGA members? Send to [lisaewalker@bellsouth.net](mailto:lisaewalker@bellsouth.net) or call 615.202.5369.

- ❖ Donation salute! Thank you Joseph Thomas "Tom" Shaw!
- ❖ Welcome new members: George Pitt, Murry Hawkins, Joseph Thomas "Tom" Shaw, Rebecca Stewart, Marie and Lando Barnett.
- ❖ Condolences to the families of CCHGA member Clayton McCool who died Jun 22, 2006 and also to CCHGA members Gretchen Hopkins and Josephine McMahan upon the death of their family member Albert T. Duke.
- ❖ Hope you are feeling better Mr. Robert Fort!

  
**From Granny's Kitchen** - contributed by Lisa Walker  
Cucumber Pickles

5 lb. cucumbers  
½ cup lime  
7 cups sugar  
5 cups vinegar  
½ box pickling spices



Slice cucumber, sprinkle lime and cover with water - let sit over nite. Rinse several times, mix sugar, vinegar & spices. Cook about 45 minutes. Put in jars - seal

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