

CCHGA BYTES

The Newsletter of the Cheatham County Historical & Genealogical Association

CCHGA Office and Cheatham County Museum

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CCHGA newsletters are snail mailed or emailed to membership in March, June, September and December.

If you would like your newsletter sent to you in an email, notify us by sending an email to cheathamcountyhistory@gmail.com.

Please join us in our first in person meeting of 2021 on July 8 at 6:30 pm in the McCullough Meeting Room at Sycamore Square on Highway 49/Frey Street!

Our past newsletters are located at <https://cheathamcountyhistory.weebly.com/cchga-newsletters.html>

CCHGA Members,

Recently, the Attorney representing Cheatham County notified me that the Cheatham County Public Library is requesting that the CCHGA office and Cheatham County Museum vacate the premises. To date, I do not have anything in writing and know no other information than what is printed in the newsletter today from the Library Board Chair Cory Foster and the Cheatham County County Mayor Kerry McCarver.

Local developers of the property (we call Braxton Lee Homestead) BAM contacted County Mayor Kerry McCarver and stated they would donate the Braxton Lee home to the county. Mayor McCarver has communicated to Barry Mayo that the museum can move into the 200+ year old house.

If CCHGA membership does not vote yes to move to this house, he will not accept the donation. Do you feel the pressure? Mayor McCarver also stated there are no other county properties available for CCGHA office and Cheatham County Museum to move to.

This topic will be the only item on the July 8 meeting agenda for discussion. All local members are strongly encouraged to attend.

The July 8 meeting will be held in the David McCullough Meeting Room at Sycamore Square government complex on Highway 49/Frey Street at 6:30 pm.

Lisa E. Walker

CCHGA Notes:

- Thank you Les Binkley, Jr. for your recent monetary donation to CCHGA and items for the Sheriff's display at their new office at the old "Tucker-Empson" building.
- If you would like to assist in the office and museum or help with the quarterly CCHGA newsletter, please email cheathamcountyhistory@gmail.com. As the CCHGA reopens later this year, we need volunteers to assist in getting everything back to pre pandemic order!
- Thank you Caden Mitchell, local student at UTK, for volunteering this summer to help out in the office & museum

The 2021 Membership Form may be downloaded from <https://cheathamcountyhistory.weebly.com>



Photo provided by Jaunita Johnson Taylor and Angela Fort Judd.

St. Amanda's Chapel Church & School was located in the vicinity of Cedar Hill Road and Griffin Town Road intersection.

Neighborhood Notes: NEPTUNE, TN

(No information on newspaper article and date written)

Classic name of this hamlet along east side of beautiful waters of Cumberland river may have come from Neptune, Greek Mythology's god of the sea. Postmaster is Mrs. G. W. Fambrough and J. J. Hand runs general store. Franklin Harris has a brand new store ready to open...Only church here is Methodist, Jack Sides of Pleasant View is pastor. There is a one-teacher school...Magistrates are Leonard Hunt and F. Y. Hagewood. Latter who competes 42 years service at end of present term, was member of court's first ferry commission, others are Robert Stone, still living here, and the late G. W. Fambrough...."F. Y." has had same address all of his 70 years, living either on his 250-acre farm on west (New Hope) side of river or on his 100 acres on east (Neptune) side. Now on this side, he crosses several times weekly to see about crops, "the best I ever had!" His land is part of original holdings of his grandfather, Nicholas Hagewood, who came from North Carolina, by the long river route the first to settle here. Low Cheatham dam is under construction just above his land but he says the folks strongly favor TVA development with higher dams. Mrs. (F.Y.) Hagewood is the former Irene Smith. Children are Harwell, a U. S. auditor in Atlanta; Mrs. Ray Johnson, county health officer in Ashland City; Mrs. Ray Fambrough, wife of a local farmer and Warren, recent high school graduate who enters a Nashville college in early fall.

Cheatham Chatter from the Past

- Elder J. W. Grant has gone to Kingston Springs to conduct a series of gospel services at Amanda's Chapel. July 26, 1910, Nashville Banner
- Mrs. Jessie Blair was called to Junkston yesterday on account of the dangerous illness of her brother, Mr. Frank Lovell. July 26, 1910, Nashville Banner
- Miss Nellie Hooper has returned to Sam's Creek after visiting her sisters, Mrs. H. L. Lovell and Miss Edna Hooper. July 26, 1910, Nashville Banner
- Rev. T. C. Ragsdale, who with Rev. T. S. Cullom has been conducting a revival at Amanda's Chapel, Cheatham County, will return tomorrow for a week's visit to friends here, before returning to his pastorate at Clarksville. Rev. Cullom has returned and will fill his pulpit at McTyeire Memorial Church today. August 26, 1901, The Leaf-Chronicle (Clarksville, Tennessee)
- Mrs. Virginia Ferebee Hutton, after an illness prolonged for several months, died at the home of her son, T. F. Hutton, near Newsom Station yesterday at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Hutton was born at Norfolk, Va., April 30, 1818, and was therefore 92 years and nine months of age at the time of her death. She came to Tennessee with her parents when a child back in the pioneer days. Her people settled near Pegram Station, on the northwestern branch of the N.C. & St. L. railway and she continued to live there all during her early life. In 1836 she was married to W. D. Hutton of Pegram Station, and this marriage was blessed with four children, namely, Ms. W. D. Cherry of Nashville, J. H., T. F. and Dr. W. C. Hutton, all of Newsom Station. Mrs. Hutton is survived by her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Cherry, wife of the late Rev. W. D. Cherry, of Nashville, and by one son, T. F. Hutton, of Newsom Station. She is also survived by a large number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and by six great-great-grandchildren. During late years it has been the custom of Mrs. Hutton's descendants to hold a reunion each spring at the old family homestead at Pegram Station. Notwithstanding her advanced age, Mrs. Hutton always managed to attend these family gatherings, taking great delight in and looking forward to them with pleasant anticipations. Mrs. Hutton affiliated with the Methodist church in her early life and continued steadfast in the faith until the last. She lived a devout, consistent Christian life and was noted for her qualities of gentleness, sympathy and love. Quiet and unassuming, she made herself a place in the hearts of those with whom she came in contact, and remembered her friends by the score. Hers was a cheerful, optimistic, nature, and so continued up until the last, in spite of age and physical infirmities. Even during her last illness, she strove to be bright and cheerful with those about her bedside. Her death leaves void a place inside hearts of many who knew and loved her, and to whom her exemplary life, her kindly, sympathetic nature and her cheerful disposition was an inspiration. Funeral Services will be conducted by Rev. P. T. Martin of Franklin, at the old family homestead, Pegram Station, today at 11 o'clock a.m., and interment will take place at the family burying place. January 8, 1911, The Tennessean
- Miss Nannie Thornton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thornton, died Thursday of inflammation of the stomach, aged 18 years. She had been sick for five weeks with measles. She is survived by a father, mother, three sisters and three brothers. July 25, 1908, Nashville Banner
- McMahan Baby First for New Year - Joe Davis McMahan, was the first baby born in the New Year in Cheatham County as far as could be learned here. Joe Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMahan and was born at Glover Hospital Jan. 1, 1955, at 8:30 p.m., he weighed 7 3/4 pounds. January 5, 1955, The Ashland City Times
- P. G. Walker of Lockertsville spent Wednesday here (Ashland City) on business. - The Pickard family of Chicago are here for a few days. - Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Morris spent Sunday at Lockertsville, the guests of Mrs. Ella Hunt. October 30, 1931, The Leaf-Chronicle (Clarksville, Tennessee)

**Experienced, Heavy Team at Ashland City
Ten Veterans Will Be in Lineup When Lively Lads
Play Peabody in Tigers' Opening Game Sept. 28**
by Gene Sloan, September 17, 1934 Nashville Banner

Ashland City, Tenn. Sept. 18 - (Special) - Ashland City High's Lively Lads are likely to be a bit too vivacious for most of their foes during the 1934 season, if one may judge future history from past performance. The Maroon and White is blessed by the finest aggregation of returning pigskin talent of any school on their schedule, with the possible exception of Franklin.

Winning five, losing two, and tying two of their 1933 games, the frisky youths of Coach J. B. Akin have a veteran line with the exception of one flank, and a backfield with every man at least a two-letter winner. Bill Owen, tackle, who tips the balances on the good side of 195 pounds, carries more poundage than many collegiate linesmen. A three-letter man at center, Harold Green who strips down to 190 but with a wet moleskin outfit on is as easy to move from the center post as the proverbial Rock of Gibraltar. Then glancing at the backfield we find another three year man, Abner Perry, who weighs above 185.

Though lighter, there is just as much intestinal fortitude in Gene Harris, 160, the other tackle. Both Bentford Elliot and Paul Morris, the returning guards and middleweights while Eugene Fambrough falls into the 155-pound class at end. Ray Weakley at 155 and or Marvis Ellis at 160 will play the other end.

Thus Akin's front guard will average 166 pounds. His secondary in addition to Perry will be composed of Rye Simmons, 150; Wyatt Jackson, 150, and Ray Douglas, 145. Ray Harris, 150 and Eugene Simpkins (squad featherweight) will be the reserve backs. Thus his backfield will also be on the sunny side of the 160 pound mark. Marshall Johnson, 150, is a good reserve tackle prospect while Douglas Green, 150, center and guard, will see plenty of service.

Coach Akin took his prep school training at Battle Ground Academy and then went to the University of Tennessee. He has been at Ashland City for the past five years, winning eighteen, losing fourteen, and tying six games. On paper the Lively Ladds give promise of carrying the Maroon and White banner a long, long way on the pennant trail this season.

Their only weakness appears to be a passing attack. Simmons is about the only dependable leather heaver. For punters, Akin has Owen, Green, and Jackson to spiral the spheroid. Both Perry and Douglas look like good defensive backs while Douglas and Jackson are going to be a decided headache to defensive safeties, due to their brilliant broken field stepping. Green, Fambrough and Harris will carry the burden of the line offense and defense.

Should Ashland City zoom or plough their way to a district championship they must vanquish the following tough foes: September 21, Gallatin at Gallatin; September 28, Peabody; October 5, Springfield at Springfield; October 12, Goodlettsville; October 19, Cedar Hill (pending); October 26, Dickson; November 2, Franklin at Franklin; November 9, White Bluff; November 16, Clarksville; November 28, Charlotte at Charlotte.

Tennessee Historic Cemetery Preservation Program

(<https://www.tn.gov/historicalcommission/state-programs/tennessee-historic-cemetery-preservation-program.html>)

Recognizing that early cemeteries were becoming lost or destroyed, the Tennessee General Assembly created Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 46 Tennessee Cemetery & Burial Site Laws (1911). With exceptions, cemetery protection laws have remained unchanged since 1911. Tennessee cemetery code has not always kept pace with forces of progress. For this reason, The Family Burial Grounds Protection Act was passed and added to Title 46 as Chapter 8 in 1996. In 2018, Title 46 was amended, authorizing and requiring the Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) to post all cemetery relocation petitions, maintain a Historic Cemetery Preservation Specialist position, and for the Historic Cemetery Advisory Committee to examine current law for the purpose of recommending any necessary changes.

The Tennessee Historic Cemetery Preservation Program will soon make a map of the state's historic cemeteries available to the public. The THC defines historic cemeteries as those 50 years old or older. If you know gps coordinates for a cemetery that is not on the map when published, please send that information to graham.perry@tn.gov so the cemetery's location can be recorded. Often only a road name, if known, but not a physical address is listed for cemeteries that are remote. That street name might be the nearest road, but not an exact location.

The Tennessee Historical Commission does not post GPS coordinates on the map due to privacy concerns.

Local Resident Volunteers Expertise to Cheatham County Museum

Photo: Kimberly Conners, Tim Ray, Chair of the Cheatham County Sports Museum Hall of Fame with Bobby Lee, CCHGA member.

Local Kimberly Conners is volunteering her artistic talents to assist CCHGA and the Cheatham County Museum with creating the new Sports Museum Hall of Fame display. She is an artifact mounter. She loves working with artifacts because of her love of history. Artifacts have stories to tell. Cheatham County has many stories to tell.

Kimberly was raised in Cheatham County, she attended Cheatham County Central High School and continues to make her home here. She is currently pursuing a masters degree at MTSU. She has worked with prestigious institutions like Presidential libraries, National Veterans Museums, and culturally significant exhibits displaying the stories of the past. She looks forward to helping Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association preserve items to tell the stories for our future.

The C.C.H.G.A office and museum are open by appointment only until after our July 8 in person meeting.

To make an appointment to visit the CCHGA office and Cheatham County Museum, please leave a message at 615.792.3623 or mail cheathamcountyhistory@gmail.com.

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TNGS Partnership Program - CCHGA is now a TNGS Partner!

The Tennessee Genealogical Society is a federally recognized nonprofit, tax-exempt, educational organization, staffed and managed by unpaid volunteers. Membership is open to all genealogical researchers or others with an interest in genealogy.

The **TNGS Partnership Program** was created to help fulfill the society's goal "to reach out and form associations with genealogical and historical societies and archives across the state." There are no fees to join the program.

Benefits of being a TNGS Partner

- Complimentary registration at the TNGS Spring and Fall Seminar for one of the partner's officers.
- Publication of any news items from your organization in the TNGS Newsletter, our Blog, and numerous other of our online platforms whenever possible.
- Links provided to your organization on the TNGS website (if available).
- Assistance with identification and evaluation of speakers if needed.
- Assistance and advice on planning your own events.
- Distribution of flyers and brochures (when available) at all TNGS in-person events and online when appropriate.
- Help with publishing and selling your local genealogical information/books.

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