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The Newsletter of the Cheatham County Historical & Genealogical Association

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Office Hours

Volunteers staff the
office, call 615.792.3623
to make sure someone is
there!

T 10:00-2:00

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CCHGA Notes:

- If you would like to assist in the office and museum in 2022 or help with the quarterly CCHGA newsletter, please email cheathamcountyhistory@gmail.com.
- If you have had a change in email address or physical address, please call the office at 615.792.3623 or email cheathamcountyhistory@gmail.com so we can update our records.

2022 CCHGA Officers

Lisa Walker, President
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Jane Crisp, Assistant Secretary
Clayton Walden, Member At Large

CCHGA 2022 Meeting and Other Dates

- July 14 @ 6:30 Ashland City Senior Center/Guest Speaker
- August 11 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room
- September 8 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room
- October 13 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room/Guest Speaker
- November 10 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room
- November 22 Bake Sale @ Sycamore Square
- December - No Meeting

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CCHGA's June Program
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Ashland City Senior Center

Horatio Spafford
The Man Behind the Song
"It Is Well With My Soul"
As told by Kenny Hutchison

Many may be familiar with the hymn but not the story behind it.

Local Kenny Hutchison portrays the life of the song's author, Horatio Spafford.



The presentation highlights the sad events of the tragic deaths of his family and the years following.

The public is welcome to attend this free event. Contact the CCHGA office if you have questions 615.792.3623 or cchga007@bellsouth.net.

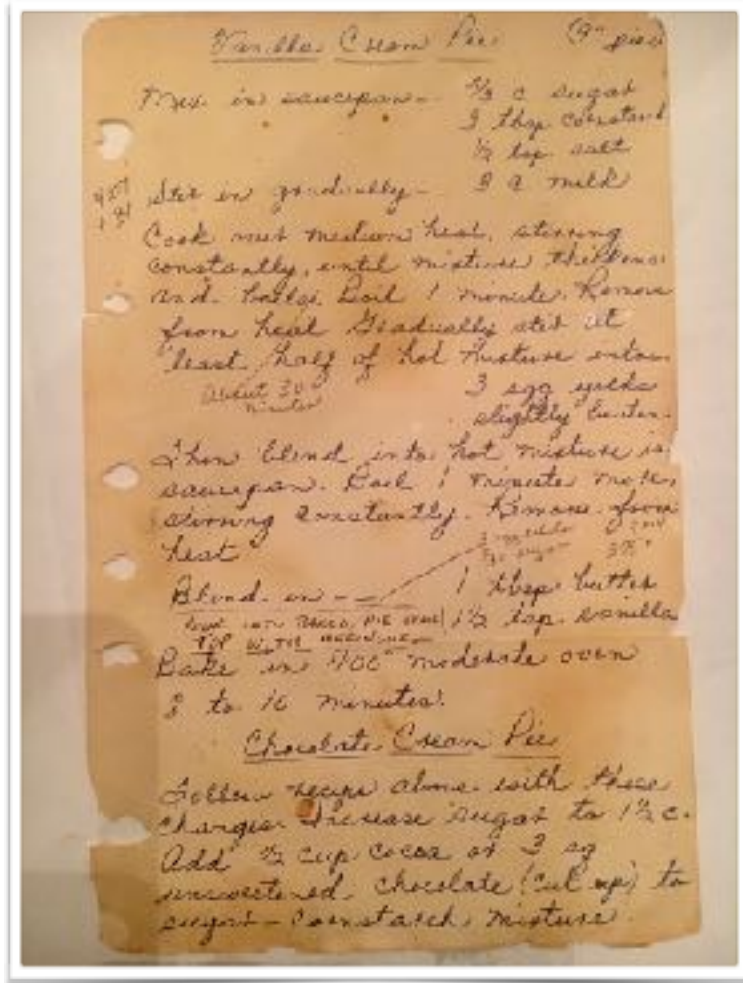
Cheatham County's New Jail Completed August 31, 1916, *Nashville Banner*

Special to the Banner

Ashland City, Tenn., August 31, - Cheatham county's new jail building has been about completed and the contractors expect to finish within the next few days. The building was erected on the old jail site, at a cost of about \$4,000 and is furnished with modern equipment, making it one of the best jail buildings of its size in the state.

While the building was being erected all prisoners were sent to adjoining counties for safekeeping.

Anita Moore Offutt and Carol Moore Hunter provided their niece CCHGA member Gina Moore with the photo of her great grandmother Inez Crocker Poole Knox made on her 50th birthday as well as handwritten family recipe.



County Court Honors Young Men in Camps

Nashville Banner, Jan 10, 1918

At Monday's session of the Quarterly Court of Cheatham County R.L. Felts of Pleasant View was re-elected chairman and J.L. Douglas of Kingston Springs was re-elected vice-chairman for the ensuing year. B. F. Heathman was elected a member to succeed T.J. Stump, resigned. L. F. Smith was elected coroner.

As a fitting memorial to the young men of Cheatham County who may enter the military service of the United States in the present war against German autocracy, the court ordered that a well-bound and prepared record be kept by the County Court Clerk, showing the names, brief history etc., of all entering the service of their country, including a record of all subsequent changes, up to the discharge of each. This book is to be public property and kept in the County Court clerk's office for future reference.

Wiles on Job at Ashland City Fire

The Tennessean, October 27, 1917

Hardly had Chief Rozetta of the local fire department receive a call from Ashland City for Nashville fire engines to help get the fire there Friday under control than Wiles "always on the job" when there is a picture to be taken was on the way to the county seat in an automobile. John Hood, Mr. Wiles assistant, made a flying trip to Ashland City, returning to Nashville shortly after 6 o'clock.

Cheatham County Trivia

The Tennessean April 9, 1899

- What prominent chief of the tribe of Indians which at one time occupied Cheatham County was killed during the War of, 1812? Tecumseh
- Who furnished Gen. Jackson with all the cannon balls used in the battle of New Orleans? Montgomery Bell

Meet the students helping out this summer!



Volunteering in the office this summer is Maxwell Schaber. He is a student at Austin Peay State University and a member of Phi-Alph Theta. He is a social historian of the American Progressive Era and has published work in the Theta-Delta Journal.



Jaimie Claiborne is 20 years old and attends Austin Peay University. She is majoring in Art & Design.

Capt. Pennington Win Air Medal For Leading Lost Ship To Shanghai

Leaf Chronicle April 11, 1946

How Capt. Robert P. Pennington dramatic air rescue led a lost C-46 to Shanghai, won the coveted air medal and gained the praise of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chenault, a passenger with Captain Pennington, is told in a story, by Maurie Pernod in "The Stars and Stripes"

The big C-54, comfortable and warm was purring toward Shanghai. Nearby was a C-46 lost and running low on gas and desperately searching for the route in to Shanghai. Navigation Equipment on the 46 was out of kilter and its crew was sending out last minute radio appeals for aid while preparing to abandon ship.

Captain Pennington answered the call from his C-54. From then on it was a course of the C-54 talking to the lost 46 and moving into position so that the 46 could actually see the C-54. With only 40 gallons of gas left, the 46 followed directions given by red flares and lights from the 54 to Shanghai.

After the C-46 no, 1-710 had bumped to a stop, its crew took Capt. Robert P. Pennington and his C-54 airmen to the Park Hotel for the biggest steaks ever seen in shanghai, the report states.

The passengers from the warm and cozy C-54, whose trip to Shanghai had been so humdrum only a few hours ago, were loud in the praise.

One of them had done a bit of flying himself, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chenault. "That was really a great job," he told Capt. Pennington. "You seem to have gone into the air rescue business, in addition to your regular job."

Capt. Pennington, whose wife is the former Miss Mary Katherine of Clarksville, has been based in India for several months as a pilot with the ferrying command. Before going overseas, Capt. Pennington made domestic ferrying trips and overseas deliveries of B-29s. Until the hump closed, he made flights over it, into China and Manila. He is now a pilot on the World Airlines "The Globester," making regular runs into Manila. He also acts as flying safety officer to Calcutta, which is headquarters for several bases in India.

Prior to entering the service, he knew he was an instructor in aviation, teaching cadets to fly. Captain Pennington was a recent visitor in Clarksville and Thomasville on a five day leave. He flew a general from India to Walter Reed Hospital and returned to India via the Pacific, making around the world flight on the same trip.

Former Cheatham Official Robert Pace Pennington dies at 83

Tennessean, April 25, 2000

Robert Pace Pennington who served as Cheatham County Executive from 1974 to 1982, died Sunday at Gateway Hospital in Clarksville, Tenn. He was 83.

Mr. Pennington, a native of Cheatham County who lived and farmed in the Chapmansboro community, also served as a county commissioner for eight years before his service as county executive.

Mr. Pennington left Cheatham County to serve in the Air Force and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel before returning home to farm and enter politics.

As a pilot, Mr. Pennington flew over "the Hump"- the Himalayan Mountains in the China-Burma-India theater-during World War II. The route connected the Allied forces to China, which was then fighting Japan.

He was a life member of American Legion Post 40 in Ashland City, a member of the Hump Pilots Association, and the Cheatham County Farm Bureau.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Cheatham County Funeral Home chapel in Ashland City. Visitation will be 9 a.m. - 2p.m. today.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Katherine "Kate" Sheppard Pennington; son, Robert S. Pennington, Clarksville; brother, Hugh Pennington, Monroe, La.; sister, Elizabeth Williams, Pleasant View; and two grandchildren.

Burial will be at United Methodist Church Cemetery in Pleasant View.

John F. Krantz

Nashville Banner, Feb. 11, 1957

Funeral services for John F. Krantz, 70, formerly of Joelton, were held today at Anderson, Garrett & Boyd Funeral Home, Joelton.

The Rev. Carey Watkins, pastor of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery in Joelton.

Mr. Krantz died Saturday afternoon at Baptist Hospital following a heart attack.

A native of Joelton, he had lived for the past year with a daughter, Mrs. Joe Vining, at Murphysboro, Ill. Mr. Krantz was a son of the late Mike and Judy Newman Castleman Krantz.

Mr. Krantz, a farmer, was married to the former Mattie Belle Perry of Cheatham County, who died 13 years ago.

He was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Joelton.

Survivors, in addition to his daughters are a son Delma Krantz, Nashville; and eight other daughters, Miss Beulah Krantz, Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Perry Neal, Nashville; Mrs. Edgar Knight, Joelton; Mrs. Betty Engle, Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. Manson Pardue, Ashland City; Mrs. Herman Walker, and Mrs. Robert Lindner, Vero Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Carney and Mrs. Rose Biggs, Nashville; two brothers Willie and Luther Krantz, Joelton; and 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

From the Ashland City Times Archives

Ashland City Times Feb 9, 2005

Brothers Don and Dantario Dansby were chosen to represent the U.S. in basketball in Australia through the People to People ambassador program.

Ashland City Times Feb. 14, 1990

Pleasant View Christian School student John Rich placed first in poetry in the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools academic district competition.

Ashland City Times March 2, 1966

The Pleasant View Mill was destroyed by a fire during the early morning hours of Feb 22. It was one of the town's oldest businesses.

Marvis Lee Thomas Poole - Provided by Gina Moore

Mr. Poole was born in 1926 on Memorial Day. He served in the Army during WWII. His parents were Thomas and Inez Poole. He married Mattie Lewis. After the army, he operated a Yellow Cab company. He passed away August 5, 2009.



Marvis Poole

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