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The Newsletter of the Cheatham County Historical & Genealogical Association

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## CCHGA Notes:

- The museum has closed temporarily until we find a new location. We will continue to answer emails, phone calls, have programs and send out newsletter.
- If you have had a change in email address or physical address, please call 615.792.3623 or email [cchgaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cchgaoffice@gmail.com) so we can update our records.

## 2023 CCHGA Officers

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## CCHGA 2023 Meetings and Other Dates

- June 15 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room
- July 13 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room/  
Guest Speaker Carol Stuart
- August 10 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room
- September 14 @ 6:30 McCullough Community  
Room
- October 12 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room/  
Guest Speaker
- November 9 @ 6:30 McCullough Community Room
- November 21 Bake Sale @ Sycamore Square
- December - No Meeting

**Program Meeting: Luella Leaving and a Lasting Legacy**  
**Carol A. Stuart**  
**July 13, 2023**  
**6:30 David McCullough Community Room**

A Cheatham County native, Carol Stuart is a graduate of Cheatham County Central High School (1979) and holds B.S. (1983) and M.A. (2022) degrees from Middle Tennessee State University. Stuart recently finished a master's she started years ago, completing a capstone creative project about her paternal grandmother's 1920 domestic-violence related divorce that a cousin had unearthed through genealogy work—with Luella leaving her first husband the week the Tennessee special session began meeting to ratify women's suffrage. A former journalist including 26 years at The Tennessean, short stints at USA Today and the Memphis Press-Scimitar, and an internship at Music City News, Stuart now works as associate editor in MTSU's University Publications department. She has three young adult children and is still a huge sports fan.

Her presentation will be on:

“Meeting a grandmother I never met and adding to real women's voices of marriage, divorce, and life in the early 20th century.”

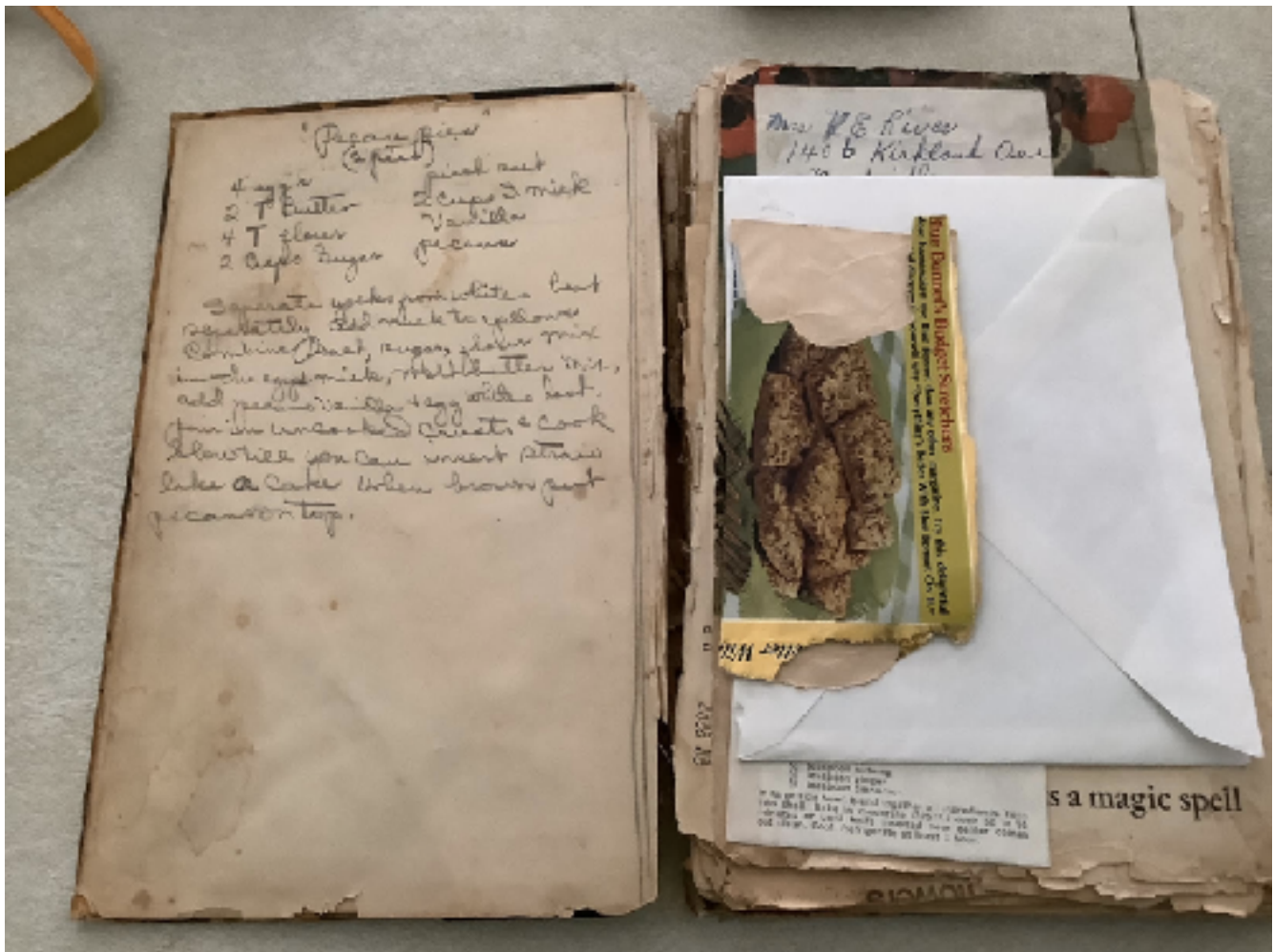
#### TOPICS

Genealogy for Luella's, Gilp's, and others' families

Suffrage movement and 1920 vote in Tennessee

Laws about women in Tennessee and to some extent the U.S.

Marriage and divorce in the era / women's conditions and by demographics



Inez Crocker Poole Knox pecan pie recipe contributed by Gina Moore

CCHGA member Rosemary Hunter Klein is available to research genealogy records, you can reach out to her at [rosemaryhklein@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryhklein@gmail.com) and she will do what she can to assist. No promises that she can find anything, though, but she will be glad to look.



**South's Grocery Serves Community 55 Years  
continued from last newsletter  
June 11, 1948**

**Gordon H. Turner Staff Correspondent**

## **Center of Community**

The Reads and South's grocery are the center of this community, socially and commercially. Far and wide they are known for their hospitality, kindness, and industry. Minnie still runs the grocery. Asked what her husband does she said, "He tends the garden, gets in the wood, and washes the dishes."

Chided about marrying into such a good thing, Bill rejoined, "I made a living before I ever saw this woman." And that he did, having lived with his first wife, Tennessee Jackson, for 56 years before her death several years ago.

We saw Bill's pretty garden, the cellar full of canned fruit and vegetables, and "Old Red," his prize 600-pound Duroc sow with 12 brand new pigs. "I sold 8 five-months old pigs from the sow last year for \$260," he said.

## **Expecting TVA Soon**

The Read home is modest but immaculately clean. Old furniture and a beautiful pull-down kerosene parlor lamp add charm to the three rooms not used by the grocery. Ice is delivered from White Bluff and they expect TVA electricity soon. Surrounding farms in the fertile Harpeth river valley are among the state's best.

The little store has no bank account and buys on an all-cash basis, mostly in Dickson. Minnie credits any of her customers for she says they are all good to pay. She has bought their ginseng and mayapple roots in great quantities in the past, but she says nobody needs the money now and little is brought in. "And I don't handle chickens and eggs either," she said. "People have more cash nowadays and they like to eat these former delicacies which they used to swap for staple groceries."

South's grocery does a gross business of \$10 to \$15 a day. But with a reasonable profit, it nets the Reads enough to live on nicely, with the help of Bill's garden, their own chickens and eggs, and the hogs and cow. "It doesn't cost much to live here you know," Minnie explained. "And we can have a fresh mess of fish from Harpeth river any day we decide to go afishin!"

Asked if she had thought of changing the name of her business to Read's grocery, in honor of her new husband, Minnie emphatically answered in the negative. "Not that I don't love Bill," she explained. "But it's because all my papers, tax records, and permits are all made out in the name of South's grocery and it would be too much trouble to change it."

To be continued in next newsletter.



Contributed from Gina Moore

### Some cemeteries from “*WPA Cemetery and Bible Records*”

- Hooper Cemetery: Recorded on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1984. located on Pond Creek Road approximately 2.7 miles from the intersection of Pond Creek Road and River Road. This cemetery consists of one large tombstone set in the woods to the left of the log house now on the property and is not visible from the road. (TR) (No. 11)
- Morris Cemetery: Recorded on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1985. Located on Hwy. 49 approximately 3.4 miles from the Cheatham County courthouse on the property now owned by M.J. Morris. The cemetery is on the left and is visible from the road. (TR) (No. 23)
- Community Cemetery: Recorded on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1984. Located approximately 2.8 miles from River Road on Pond Creek Road to the left on the Pond Creek side of the Pond Creek/Sam’s Creek hill. The cemetery is maintained and is marked with a sign. (TR) (No. 13)
- Sears Cemetery: Recorded on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1984. Located 1.4 miles from the Harpeth Narrows bridge, .7 miles down a gravel road to the left. The cemetery is on a hill beside this gravel road to the left overlooking the river bottom and is overgrown and neglected. (TR) (No. 50)
- Ferebee Cemetery: Recorded in June 1978. The cemetery is located on a bluff .6 mile west of the mouth of the west fork of Brush Creek. (TR) (No. 52)
- Ivey Cemetery: Recorded in June, 1978. The cemetery is located above the east bank of Brush creek at the Cheatham/Williamson County line. (TR) (No. 56)
- Pegram Cemetery: Recorded on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1980. This cemetery was located .5 miles to the left from the end of Walkup Road. It has been destroyed and was the site of subdivision development. (TR) (No. 57)
- Cathey-Old Cemetery: Recorded in 1980. The cemetery is located on Hwy. 70 at the Cheatham/Dickson County line. (TR) (No. 59)
- Hand Cemetery: Recorded on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1985. Located off Pack Valley Road approximately 10.8 miles from the intersection of Petway Road and Hwy. 49. The cemetery is located on the left fork of Pack Valley Road, on the left-hand side of the road, and is visible from the road. It is well maintained. (TR) (No. 32)
- Corlew Cemetery: Recorded in May 1982. The cemetery is located on a gravel road .5 miles south of Chapel Hill Church on Pack Valley Road, on the left at the top of the hill .4 miles from Pack Valley Road. (TR) (No. 61)

## **CCCHS Class of 1973 Reunion submitted by Keith Collier**

### **When:**

*Saturday, September 30, 2023*

*5:00 pm CDT Social Hour*

*6:00 pm CDT Dinner*

*7:00 pm CDT Entertainment, Music with DJ, etc.*

### **Where:**

*Montgomery Bell State Park*

*1020 Jackson Hill Road*

*Burns, TN 37029*

### **Cost:**

*\$65.00 per person (\$130.00 per couple)*

*Cash bar will be available*

### **Dress Code:**

*Casual*

### **Reservations and payments:**

*Please make checks payable to Wanda King. (no electronic method available)*

*Mail checks to:*

*Wanda King*

*PO Box 3*

*Joelton, TN 37080*

**Deadline to RSVP and receive payments is August 1, 2023.**

### **Overnight lodging available:**

*Montgomery Bell State Park has discounted rooms available for 9/29 and/or 9/30 at \$160.00 per night, plus taxes.*

*Mention the Discount Code 2490. Contact the park at (615) 797-3101 for reservations.*

**A golf outing is also planned at the park on Friday at 1 pm CDT. Contact Jody George at [djgeorge74@yahoo.com](mailto:djgeorge74@yahoo.com) for more information.**

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*Happy 4th of July!*

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