

CCHGA Bytes

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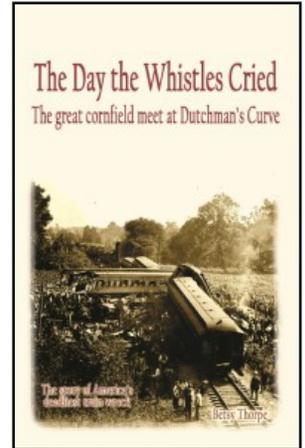
The newsletter of the Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association

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Hear **Betsy Thorpe** talk about her new book, *The Day the Whistles Cried*.

She will be presenting at the CCHGA meeting **April 9, 2015 at 6:30**, the meeting will be held at the Cheatham County Public Library. She will answer questions and autograph copies of the book which will be for sale.

This is also **CCHGA's Annual Spring Social!** Light refreshments will be provided. **FREE EVENT!**



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Dr. William Samuel Lockert (1853 - 1938)

About 61 years ago I first met Dr. Lockert. He had just come into what is now known as the Lockertsville Community. He was in the home of Len Teasley, a prominent citizen of that community, and hung out his shingle as a young doctor, and asking the people of that section to give him a trial as a practicing physician. He built himself an office just across the road from his boarding place and secured a board about 10 feet long and a foot wide and dipped his brush in a can of black paint and wrote "LOCKERTSVILLE" placed it over his office door and thus was born a something that has lived these 61 years and will live on and on. The doctor was very fortunate in selecting this location as he was right in the center of a good community; if space allowed I could name 25 of the substantial men of the county and this particular section was fringed with quite a number of just as good men as those who stood back of this young doctor. Nearly all of these good citizens worshipped at Old Halfpone Church where I as a boy went. The 'Squire Plaster', by invitation to make music for these faithful men and women; and to sing the old familiar song, Hark from the Tomb a Doleful Sound, My Ear Attend this Cry, Ye Living Men Come View the Ground Where You Must Shortly Lie, and we must say that all of these men and women have long since answered the call. And the children of these good men and women who were more numerous, resourceful, liberal and just as loyal to the doctor have continued to follow and support him all down his declining years.

Dock was married to Miss Virginia Bradley in 1878 and there was born to them 4 boys and 3 girls. The widow, four boys and two girls survive him. The doctor was a very active man, both privately and publicly. He took some interest in politics. He made two successful races for the state legislature and stood for what he thought was right and for the interest of the people whom he represented. He covered all the ground he stood on and when he espoused a cause fought for it.

Dock had some hard years while he was rearing his family; some years were dry crops were poor and collections bad but he held his base.

He moved to Ashland City after the World War and went into the Drug business with his son Bradley and was successful from the start. His field of practice was widened, taking up and across the river and the 2nd district of the county and for 15 years of this time was County Health Officer. He was a man who stood by his friends to the last ditch and if he fell in would pull him out. He answered calls that he knew he would never realize a nickel from. He would sometime say, I can't come and would sit down after answering the telephone and then would get up and get his medicine case, walk out, not saying a word, would drive away to see the patient when he knew it was absolute charity. I MUST relieve the suffering. I said to Dock one day, Dock, we will miss you when you are gone. You go when no one else will do it. I looked into his face and saw the tears racing down his cheek. He told me a husband called him one evening and said, Dock, I want you to come to the bedside of my wife, come quickly, I have the money to pay you. He went hurriedly and looked after the wife, a maternity case, and when his services were done and he was ready to go he said to the wife whom he had just attended, "Where is your husband?" She said "He has not gotten back from the neighbor's house where he put in the call for you." Think of it, When we stand before the Judge of all the earth and the Book is opened and the Judge opens the book at the Doctor's account and looks on the credit page and tries to enumerate these entries, He will say to Dock, "Stand here on my right. I was sick and you came unto me" Matt. 25:39

His funeral rites were brief, simple but impressive, conducted by J. E. Hudgens and Russell Boaz, music by home talent.

The large concourse of people attending his funeral rites attested greatly to the doctor's popularity in this and adjoining counties where his services had been had and appreciated.

J. C. Chambliss

Lockert's "Politicking" Tree Follows Owner in Death

Ashland City, Tenn. – Like grandfather's clock, **W. B. Lockert Sr.**'s "politicking" tree is dead.

The stately oak, at least 150 years old according to the men who sawed it down this week, were nearly synonymous with Lockert, a longtime drugstore owner and funeral home partner here.

Lockert won nine consecutive terms to the Tennessee General Assembly, mostly by sitting under the tree and talking politics to whoever came along.

He was re-elected state senator for two years ago although he never campaigned, never even had cards printed. He just sat under the tree, talking.

Lockert passed most of the time since he retired from business three years ago under the oak in front of his home on Sycamore Street.

His widow recalls, "He used to take a ladder-back, cane chair out there almost every morning and sit until dark-talking and keeping the children out of the street."

On the evening of July 13, Lockert brought his chair in from under the tree for the last time. After dinner, he suffered a heart attack and died at 72.

The "POLITICKING" oak lasted a little longer. Through the funeral and burial it stood full and green.

"Suddenly it got brown-almost at once," says Mrs. Lockert. "It was dead within a week of my husband."

Townpeople took note of the "Grandfather's clock" coincidence. They talked about the tree and took snapshots of it.

This week Mrs. Lockert – afraid a storm might blow the tree against the house – had it removed by Johnny Batey, local tree expert.

"It was 150 years old – maybe older," Batey Said. But its heart was dead.

Mrs. Lockert gave the tree to El Daniel, husband of the Lockert's Negro maid, Melissy, who came to work for the family soon after they moved into the house more than 80 years ago. The Daniels will cut it into firewood.

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News from the Communities

Ashland City Times, Thursday, October 30, 1947 – The bodies of two Cheatham County war heroes were among those that arrived in New York, Oct 26. They are Pfc. Leo c. Martin who next of kin is listed as Mrs. Myrtle E. martin, Route 3, Kingston Springs and 2nd Lt. Hutton G. Shearron, who next of kin is listed as Mrs. Louise A. Shearron of Ashland City, Rt 1.

Ashland City Times, January 10, 1973 – Sunday, January 7, will be remembered as the day the first big snow fall of the season. The snow fell throughout the day upon a thin coat of ice which made things very slippery and slowed traffic almost to a standstill. Schools were closed in most of all Middle Tennessee counties.

Fire Loss

Nashville Tennessean (1920-1922); Nov 14, 1922;

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Nashville Tennessean pg. 4

Ashland City, Tenn., Nov. 13 - A seven passenger touring car, belonging to J. A. Hunter, agricultural agent of Cheatham County, caught fire from a short circuit and was almost a total loss before assistance could be summoned. The car caught fire when Mr. Hunter was just a short distance from his home in South Ashland. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Young Farmer is Fatally Kicked as Horse Runs Away

Clyde Garrett, of Cheatham County, Fearfully Mangled Returning from Church

Nashville Tennessean (1920-1922); May10, 1921;

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Nashville Tennessean pg. 1

No hope is entertained for the recovery of Clyde Garrett, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Garrett of Cheatham County, who was brought to the Protestant Hospital yesterday with a crushed skull, the result of being kicked in the head Sunday night by a runaway horse. He was then pinned between the springs of the buggy in which he was riding.

Mr. Garrett was operated on at noon yesterday by Dr. E. M. Sanders. He had not regained consciousness at a late hour last night, and his condition was said to be hopeless.

Mr. Garrett, in company with Miss Jenney Sanbrough, left their home, 9 miles south of Ashland City, Sunday night, driving to church services at the Pig Grove school house.

When about three miles from home, Mr. Garrett dropped one of the lines. When he reached over the dashboard to regain it, he was kicked in the head by the horse, which began to run away. Mr. Garrett fell over the dashboard, his head catching between the front springs of the buggy.

The horse stopped, after going a little more than 100 yards, and Miss Sanbrough, who had not been hurt, screamed for help. Her cries were heard by Clarence Evans, a neighbor, and he came to the scene of the accident. She and Mr. Evans pulled the head of Mr. Garrett from the buggy springs.

The young man's people were notified and medical aid was obtained. He was brought to Nashville on the next train from Ashland City, arriving here yesterday morning.

SAM'S CREEK SPRINGS

Tap, Sam S

Daily American (1875-1894); Aug 13, 1878; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Nashville Tennessean pg. 4

To the American:

Sam's Creek Springs, Cheatham County, Aug. 10, 1878. – These springs are twenty-one miles from Nashville on the Charlotte pike. They were discovered in the year 1826, and consist of two sulphur, a chalybeate and freestone springs. This place was then the rendezvous of the hunters who came to hunt deer. They built a cabin which they called the Hunter's Camp. It is now standing, and has the appearance of long usage. Over the door of this cabin are perfect and life-like pictures of a lay's face, one of an old man's face, a ----- and a partridge, supposed to have been drawn by Dr. ___Robinson. They are well worth the trouble of coming here to see them. The springs are free to the public, having been given to the people by the old settlers. There are parties here who have been in the habit of coming to the springs for the last fifty years. Among whom is old Uncle Turner Williams, of Davidson county, who is now ___years old, and has been coming here for the last 50 years. Sam Barnes, G. W. Hogan and many others have been visiting for 30 years.

A census was taken yesterday by Messrs. Edmondson and Compton, and 174 persons were found to be gathered here, for the purpose of improving their health, and for pleasure and enjoyment. People are coming in every day now in crowds, and fun and frolic is the order of the day. A ----- band is here, and dancing rules the hour. The weather is pleasant, and at night the people have to use covering.

We have had preaching here by Rev. Dr. Leftwich, Rev. J. G. Hester, of Kentucky and Rev. H. C. Tucker. D. H. Hughes of Nashville is here, and is making considerable improvements. Capt. Wright and family, of Nashville, are here. He has built a cabin for the purpose of visiting these springs with his family every summer.

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Ashland City Times, January, 1948

Thursday, January 8, 1948 – The new city aldermen and S. A. Reeks, who was re-elected mayor at the city election held December 6, were sworn into office Thursday night. The new aldermen are W. B. Adkisson and F. C. Stratton, Sr., first ward; Julian Empson and A. L. Gupton, Jr., second ward; D. T. Morris and Henry Binkley, third ward.

ADAM BINKLEY – FIRST SETTLER IN CHEATHAM COUNTY

Submitted by Charmaine Cochran Jamieson - Continued from December 2014 CCHGA Bytes

It is not known just when or where the first settlement was made in the territory now composing the county of Cheatham. The earliest account is that of **Adam Binkley**, who settled with his wife and sons, Jacob, Peter, Joseph, Frederick, Henry, and Adam, Jr., on Sycamore Creek, near the present village of Sycamore Mills in the year 1780. The first settlements were made along the streams where many sparkling springs were found. Benjamin Darrow settled near Sycamore Mills about the year 1790, and married soon thereafter, and his sons, Christopher and James, were among the first born in the county.

*1832 – **Binkley, Adam** – S1890 Declaration of Adam Binkley, 4 Aug. 1832, Davidson Co, TN – Adam Binkley, resident of Davidson Co, TN age 93 on Aug. 1, 1832 – He entered service in 1778 in Surry County. “At the time there was a beat up for volunteers (state) to fight against the British at King’s Mountain.” Adam was a lieutenant in Capt. Henry Smith’s volunteer company in Col. Joseph Williams Regiment with Joseph Winston as Major. Gen. Joseph Williams was commander-in-chief, and Col. Cleavelly were on the expedition. Adam marched from Surry County to King’s Mountain in which the British commander, Col. Ferguson, was killed. Adam was in the service some time on this expedition.*

His next term involved going from his residence in Surry County to Savannah, Georgia, with North Carolina troops under General Rutherford. He drove s wagon and team to Savannah and back, at a loss of \$3,260, as he used his own team. This took five months and three weeks. (He also received no compensation when two wagons were later impressed for eleven weeks.)

His next term was about two months and included the Battle of Guilford, March 15, 1781, during which he commanded a company of volunteers. General Greene was commander in chief; other officers were first Major Micajah Lewis, second Major John Goode, and Col. Paisley.

He also was out frequently a few days or weeks at a time, either against the British or the Tories, having gone out as a volunteer every time there was a requisition for troops. Altogether, he served over two years.

*Aff. Wilson Crockett & William Lytle, Davidson Co, TN – August 4, 1832 – well acquainted with **Adam Binkley**, who has been reputed to be a revolutionary soldier in his neighborhood for 20 years. We have known him over twenty years.*

1799 From the book Early Travels in The Tennessee County by Samuel Cole Williams, Page 509.

Adam Binkley – info from Findagrave, Birth: 1739, Death: 1837

On October 7, 1780 the foundation that would forever change the world was established. Fewer than one thousand American Heroes, through skill, luck, and the leadership of cunning strategists, defeated Patrick Ferguson, a brilliant star of the British military might. **Adam Binkley** was one of those Heroes.

His participation in the Battle of King’s Mountain was documented in the “The Patriots at Kings Mountain” by Bobby Gilmer Moss which, along with “King’s Mountain And Its Heroes: History of the Battle of King’s Mountain, October 7th, 1780, and The Events which Led to It” by Lyman Copeland Draper, Anthoy Allaire, and Isaac Shelby, has long been recognized as the definitive listing of the participants.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have also documented Binkley’s participation in the battle. The organization has designated Binkley “DAR Ancestor Number A010269.”

The son of German immigrants, Peter and Anna Binckele, Binkley married Magdalena Weller on December 31, 1764. They were the parents of several children.

Adam Binkley (Binckley, Binckele, or Binggeli) came to Sycamore, Tennessee around 1787. He was born August 13, 1744 in Codorus, York County, PA. He died March 3, 1837 at Sycamore Creek, Davidson County, TN (later known as Cheatham County, TN). He married Maria Magdalena Weller on December 31, 1764 in Monocacy, Frederick County,

MD. She was born September 6, 1744 and died July 24, 1826 in Davidson County, TN. Her parents were Jacob Weller and Elizabeth Knewel.

From Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, p.949. It is not known where the first settlement was made in the territory of Cheatham County. The earliest account is that of **Adam Binkley**, who settled with his wife 'Molly' and sons, **Jacob** (23 Jun 1766), Peter, Joseph, Fredrick, Henry and Adam, Jr. on Sycamore Creek. They had eleven children.

Adam Binkley's father was **Peter Binkley** who was born in Bern, Switzerland on March 2, 1704. He died in Bethania, NC. on August 20, 1793. He married Maria Werle on February 2, 1725; she was born in Alsace, Germany on October 28, 1704. They had thirteen children: Maria, Catherine, Peter, Christmann, Anna, Sarah, Margaret, Jacob, Christina, Ann Barbara, John, and John Adam. Peter had his Memoirs written according to the Moravian Church in NC. which give details of his life, conversion, and will.

Peter, age 46, married a second time to Anna Margaret Geiger on February 3, 1749. They had nine more children, but three are not listed: Elizabeth (8 Dec 1749), Christian (28 Jan 1751), John Peter (30 Jan 1753), Anna Maria (22 Feb 1755), Frederick (4 Nov 1757), and Joseph (9 Jul 1761).

By all accounts **Adam Binkley** was an American Revolutionary War soldier. He served for more than two years. He entered service in 1778 in Surry County. Adam was a lieutenant in Capt. Henry Smith's volunteer company and served in several expeditions until he was 93 years old. Peter, Adam's father, was a wagoner during the ARW, delivering supplies to the militia, which earned himself a place on the DAR Patriot Index. Both men left behind a legacy of service to God, their country and family.

James, Livingston, and Robert Binkley, descendants of Peter and **Adam Binkley**, were patriots as well, serving in the War of 1812 and WWI. The Binkley roots are traced backed to 1516 in Switzerland and Germany.

During the Battle of Guilford, March 15, 1781, when Adam was out about two months, on which occasion he commanded a company of volunteers. Besides these Tours of Service, he was very frequently out a few days or weeks at a time, and always as a volunteer never having been drafted – he states that all his tours of service put together would amount to more than two years. He was regularly discharged from services on several occasions, but has lost his discharges (being very old in his 94th year and not knowing that they would ever be of any value). He states that he has no documentary evidence which he can produce on this subject, and that being very old and long way from the scene, he does not believe that it is in his power to produce the testimony of any of the officers under whom he served, believing all to be dead. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he does not know that his name is on the pension roll of the agency of any state he is certain that he has never received any pension heretofore, but being very old and in need wishes to avail himself of the bounty of the Government. S/ Adam Binkley Sworn to and subscribed in open court August 4, 1832. Test: Henry Ewing, Clerk of Davidson County Court (Wilson Crockett and William Lytle gave the standard supporting affidavit.) (Veteran was pension at \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as Lieutenant for one month and as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.)

Per the "Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots Record", Adam Binkley was buried in this cemetery. May this memorial serve as an expression of the gratitude we owe him for braving the unknown and risking his life to help build a new country: our America.

Burial: Binkley Cemetery, Cheatham County, Tennessee, USA

Created by: Vonnie Cantrell
Record added: Jul 14, 2014
Find a Grave Memorial #132835414

Follow next CCHGA Bytes to learn about Jacob Binkley, oldest son of Adam Binkley.

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2015 CCHGA Meeting Dates to Remember! Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. at the Cheatham County Public Library

March 12, 2015 – Business Meeting

April 9, 2015 – **Program Meeting – Betsy Thorpe**

May 14, 2015 – Business Meeting

June 11, 2015 – Business Meeting

July 9, 2015 – **Program Meeting – At Pegram Depot Station**

August 13, 2015 – Business Meeting

September 10, 2015 – Business Meeting

October, 2015 – **Cheatham County Public Library Fall Festival and History Center Open house**

November 12, 2015 – Business Meeting

No meeting in December

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