

# CCHGA Bytes



**March 2009**

R.D. Huffines - President  
James Jenkins - Vice President  
Judy Mayo - Secretary  
Betty Cannon - Treasurer

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## News

- The next CCHGA meeting will be held on **March 26, 2009** at 6:30 at the Cheatham County Public Library. This will be a business meeting.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> visit the **CCHGA bake sale** at the Tucker Empson Building from 10:00 – 2:00!
- The annual **Spring Social** will be held on **April 16 at 6:30**. More information later!
- **Officer elections** were held at the February meeting and the results are: President R.D. Huffines, Vice-President James Jenkins, Treasurer Betty Cannon, Secretary Judy Mayo, Assistant Secretary Jane Dilworth, At-Large Board Member Roger Smith
- If you have a program you would like us to hear about, please contact one of the **CCHGA program committee members**: Lisa Walker, June Nixon, Judy Mayo, Barbara Heggie, Jennifer Smith, and Katherine Williams.
- Thank you **Ola Vaughn** for your family item and monetary donations!
- Thank you **Linda Dolph** for your donation and sorry about the misspelling of name in last newsletter!
- On **May 16, 2009** CCCHA is planning a tour of the Sycamore Powder Mill. Call the office for more information at this time.

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## CCHGA BAKE SALE

For those of you who are local, CCHGA needs your support. We had a bake sale last fall and made \$350 so we decided that it was a pretty easy way to raise funds and are having one again on **Friday, March 27**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Tucker-Empson Building in Ashland City.

If you are willing to bake some items to sell, we would certainly appreciate those efforts. We decided to try to have more things this time because we sold out pretty quickly and could have sold a lot more.

Pies, cakes, bread, muffins, cookies, and bar cookies, seem to sell well. Cupcakes with icing were hard to handle, so we probably won't ask for those again. Whatever you can make and are willing to make, please do so. If you can't bring or send your items on Friday morning, you can bring them to the CCHGA meeting the night before and we'll take them for you.

Again, CCHGA needs everyone's support so please help if you can!

Thanks and warmest regards,

Judy Mayo, CCHGA and PALS Secretary

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J. E. STEWART.

"The farm of the claimant, J. E. Stewart, is located along Sycamore Creek, in Cheatham County, about 1½ miles above the mouth and immediately above the Tennessee Central Railroad bridge across said creek. Twenty-four and four-tenths acres between the lines of present and former cultivation are cleared and in condition to be cultivated. The remaining 11.3 acres between these lines are in timber and have never been cultivated. This farm is in two districts of Cheatham County; the portion on the left bank of the creek is in the first civil district and that on the right bank in the sixteenth civil district.

"A survey was made to ascertain the amount of the damage resulting to Mr. Stewart's land on account of the submergence due to the construction of Dam A, Cumberland River. It was found that 39.2 acres were occasionally submerged and 0.3 acre permanently submerged, the estimated damage being \$473. A blue print showing the line of former and present low water and former and present cultivation is herewith.

"It is recommended that the sum of \$473 be appropriated to pay this claim, subject to the claimant's furnishing satisfactory muniments of title."

2. The Chief of Engineers concurs in the above-quoted report and recommendations, subject to the further condition that before any payment is made the claimants shall agree in writing to accept in full satisfaction of their claims the amount that may be appropriated therefor. The blue prints of maps showing surveys referred to by Maj. Burgess are herewith.

Yours, very truly,

W. H. BIXBY,  
Chief of Engineers, United States Army.



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- Please contribute to the CCHGA newsletter! Send your stories, family info or photos to [lisaewalker@bellsouth.net](mailto:lisaewalker@bellsouth.net).
  - Check out the CCHGA websites
    - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncchga/>
    - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncheath/>
  - Make some photos of local cemeteries and upload them to <http://www.usgwtombstones.org/tennessee/cheatham.html>

## **Thomas Dudley Council** – *contributed by Sarah Andrews (csmsurge@juno.com)*

Thomas Dudley Council was the second child of David Crockett Council and Priscilla Hunter Council. He was b. 10 Mar. 1843 and d. 29 June 1911. He enlisted in the Confederate army at Camp Cheatham TN on 24 Oct 1861. He was a Pvt. in Co G 42nd TN Infantry. He was captured at Ft. Donelson and spent seven months at Camp Douglas, Ill. After they were exchanged the Regiment was reorganized in 1863 with General Walthall commanding General. Thomas Dudley Council was in Quarles Brigade. They went to Jackson, MS and to Holly Springs, MS for 14 days. They fought at New Hope Church, Georgia and all around Atlanta. Once when he wanted a break from the fighting he went and sat under a tree. Just as he got comfortable a cannon ball came whistling through the top of the tree. He decided quickly that he had better move on farther back. Another time he was in the woods and heard some Yankees coming so he crawled into a hollow log. The Yankees sat down on the log and ate their lunch. He said he thought sure that they would hear his heart pounding and catch him. He was wounded in the left breast by a minnie ball in the battle of Franklin, TN. where he was captured on 17 Dec. 1864. He was taken to the U. S. Army hospital in Nashville where he was classified as Convalescent and transferred on 3 Jan. 1865 to Louisville, Ky. From there he went to Camp Chase, Ohio. He was paroled at Camp Chase, Ohio and transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland on 17 Feb. 1865 for exchange. His name appears on a register of General Hospital, Howard's Grove, Richmond, Va dated July 26, 1865. He took the loyalty oath before the Governor in Nashville, TN in order to keep the Federal soldiers from destroying his father's property. He would not allow his children to have a pet that had to be kept in a cage because of his War experiences.

Thomas Dudley Council married Sarah Elizabeth Felts on Jan. 9, 1867. She had some bitter memories of the Civil war. She was the daughter of Henry R. Felts, a shoemaker. She remembered playing with the children of their neighbors' slaves. (Her father didn't own slaves) They loved to play "church". One of the children would preach and some would then profess their religion and get saved. Then they would go to the pond to get baptized. One day the child who was pretending to be the preacher held one of the little slave girls under the water a little too long. When she came up she cried, "I ain't never gonna' 'fess no mo'".

Once the Felts girls went to a neighbor's house to visit. The slave children's faces were greasy. The neighbor said "Go wash your faces, they're plum greasy from eating that meat." When they were playing later in the yard the slaves said, "She just telling that. We don't never get no meat. She rubs bacon on our faces. When she does that I feel like grabbing that bacon rind and eating it." (wasn't that mean!!!)

Sarah Elizabeth Felts Council told these memories to her grandchildren. Her son Cleveland Council's wife died when his children were small and she lived with him and helped raise the children. One of them (my Mama's cousin) sent me a tape of his memories of what she had told them about her experiences in the Civil War. She said once some Yankee soldiers came to their home. They needed fodder for their horses so they spread it over the barnyard and what their horses didn't eat was trampled underfoot. They took the hams from the smokehouse and made the women cook them a meal and then took the rest of the meat with them. Once some men of the neighborhood heard that there was salt available. Salt was hard to get and they needed it to preserve their meat for winter food. A group went and got a barrel of salt. As they were bringing it home on a sledge they met some Yankee soldiers who took their salt as well as their horses and they had to walk home.

Sarah would sing this song:

"My homespun dress is plain I know,  
My hat's palmetto too  
But then it shows what Southern girls for Southern rights will do  
Hurrah, hurrah, for the Southern girls  
Hurrah for the Southern rights so true  
Hurrah, hurrah for the bonny blue flag and the eleven stars so true."

At the close of the Civil War, the Rebel soldiers began to return home. Sarah E. and her sisters were working in the fields and could see the men as they straggled by, war worn and weary. One day as they were working they looked up to see a soldier slowly passing. Sarah remarked, "Here comes my Rebel"

Imagine her surprise when this soldier turned into their drive! Her sisters teased her and she was so embarrassed that she didn't want to go into the house when it came time for dinner. This was Thomas Dudley Council. He was sitting on the porch talking to her father and I imagine he was invited to eat and the rest is history.

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### Cole Hollow - *contributed by Jerry R. Allen*

*This account of the naming of Cole Hollow was told to me by my father, Herman Donald Allen, born May 29, 1890, died May, 1971. He was the only son of George Allen. George Allen was called Banty George as in a Banty rooster. He was short in height. He ran a store at Pond Creek and River Road.*

At the time of the War Between the States, the Cumberland River was the major highway in this part of Middle Tennessee. Any creek that emptied into the river was a possible riverboat landing. The mouth of the creek produced a sandbar which made the landing accessible to boats. The creek at Cole Hollow produced such a landing upstream of Sidney's Bluff across the river from Ashland City.

During the Union occupation of Middle Tennessee, squads of soldiers were sent out to conscript food from the rural residents such as hams, bacon, preserves, etc., along with butter, eggs, chickens and pigs. This was a common practice during the war.

One of these squads of soldiers was dispatched to go on a raiding expedition along the landings of the Cumberland. This squad was led by an officer whose last name was Cole. It is not clear where Cole's group was stationed. It is also unknown what kind of craft was the vessel used in the operation.

As Cole's raiding party approached Cole Hollow, word had been passed about their intended purpose. The local boys decided to hold a raid of their own. They waited until the boat was tied up and then from the hillside several shots rang out. All of the soldiers ran up the hill in the direction of the gunfire. The boys with the guns ran up the hill away from the soldiers.

As the fully-equipped soldiers ran after the barefoot boys, the rest of the boys unloaded the boat, turned the livestock loose and set the boat on fire. The soldiers were out of breath and the boys with the guns had disappeared into the woods. As the soldiers returned to the landing, they found that the booty they had stolen was gone, the boys were gone and the boat was burning. Cole's group had to camp at the landing before beginning the long trek back to their home encampment. Cole had to explain having returned empty handed – no booty, no boat.

The facts about what happened to the reclaimed items and livestock were not mentioned but some of my kin were involved. I mention that the ones involved were boys and were probably early teens. This was because most of the men were off to war.

The previously unnamed hollow became known as Cole Hollow after the name of the leader of this unfortunate group.

Class of 1952 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class Reunion  
May 25, 2002  
Montgomery Bell Inn  
Montgomery Bell State Park  
Burns, Tennessee

From the printed program:

Classmate **Bob Allen**

Carol and I have one daughter, Janet. She and her husband, Dr. Philippe Goix are the parents of our granddaughter, Jessica.

I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1959, with a B. S. degree, and was commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Navy. I also married Carol Lamb of Grand Rapids, Michigan that year. Janet was born in 1964 in Boston. In 1967 I graduated from Harvard Business School with a M.B.A degree and began my commercial banking career in North Carolina.

I retired in 1990 from First Union Corp., last serving as Vice Chairman. I then accepted the position of President and CEO of Consolidated-Tomoka Land Company in Daytona Beach, Florida. At the present time, I am Chairman of the Board of Consolidated-Tomoka Land Co.

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Classmate **Bonnie Belle Baker Primm**

I was married to Jerry Mac Primm the summer after graduation. We had two sons, Jerry, who with his wife, Velvet, have one daughter, Alexis. Anthony and his wife Regina, have a son, Austin, and will have had a new son in March 2002. Jerry passed away in April, 1995.

After a twenty-five year career with Braniff Airlines, I became a travel consultant for ten years. I retired and became a housewife for a while. In 1992 I went back to work, this time for the Cheatham County Board of Education, from which I retired in June 2001.

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Classmate **Lolie Frances Baker Hooper**

James and I celebrated our 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We have two daughters: Adrian (Rick) Johnson, and Paula (Kevin) Quigley. They have given us (6) grandchildren: Drew, Allison and Clint Johnson and Ben, Patrick and Katie Gibbs.

In the summer of '52, I went to work for Moore-Handley Hardware in Nashville. In 1960, I changed jobs and went to work for State Stove & Mfg. Co. in Nashville, knowing they would move their business to Ashland City and become the present State Industries, Inc.

I was retired in August 1998 as Order Entry Manager. I had a hard time adjusting to retirement. Now I wonder how I had time to work! I still devote my time to "people", only in a different way (without the stress!!). My energy is used for church, my husband and best friend (James), my family and friends; all with love and kindness.

Working with State Industries and being a member of the International Customer Service, I was able to travel many states in the USA and one trip to London.

World War I Draft Registration Card 1917 - 1918 - contributed by Lisa Walker

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 73

1 Name in full: Hubert Earl Allen Age in yrs: 26  
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address: Ashland City, Tenn  
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth: May 23 1891  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural born

5 Where were you born? Memphis, Tenn, U.S.A.  
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Citizen

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Farmers

8 By whom employed? Berry Allen

9 Where employed? Cheatham County, Tenn

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife and child

11 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which)? Caucasian

12 What military service have you had? Rank no; branch -  
years Nation or State

13 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Wife and child dependent

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Hubert E. Allen  
(Signature or mark)

If person is or has been in military service

41-3-3, A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which): Tall Slender, medium, or stout (which): Medium

2 Color of eyes: Blue Color of hair: Black Bald: no

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? no

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

S.S. Hayper  
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct 1st

City or County: Ashland

State: Tenn June 5, 1917  
(Date of registration)

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