

CCHGA BYTES

The Newsletter of the Cheatham County Historical & Genealogical Association

Cheatham County History Center Hours

Tuesday 12:00 - 4:00

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April Spring Social

The **Cheatham County Diggers** will be presenting at CCHGA's Annual Spring Social **April 11, 2019, at 6:30** at the **Cheatham County Public Library** in the Lindahl Community Room.

Everything has a story and what comes out of the ground tells the story. Nick Humphrey started detecting in 2008; and it soon became a hobby. He established Cheatham County Diggers in 2015 with his young son Robert, and in 2016 his friend Jeff joined.

Nick will demonstrate how to use detecting equipment and share tips on how to turn detecting into a hobby. He will also share some detecting stories and have many artifacts on display.

The **Cheatham County Museum**, located on the lower level of the Cheatham County Public Library, will be open from 5:30 - 6:30 for tours. The tour includes the display of the Link School with artifacts the Cheatham County Diggers discovered at the site a couple of years ago.

Please attend and hear about digging up Cheatham County history, view the artifacts, and enjoy light refreshments.



Cheatham County Chatter

Miss Mamie Mosely, a daughter of Jim Mosely, of Clarksville, who is teaching school in Cheap Hill fell from a hammock the other day and broke her leg just above the ankle. The Tennessean, October 31, 1892

A beautiful wedding was solemnized yesterday, when Capt. T. A. Turner led to the altar Miss Hallie B. Roberts, at the home of Judge R. S. Turner, brother of the groom, the Rev. I. B. Walton officiating. The event was a quiet one, only members of the immediate families and a few other relatives being in attendance. At the home of the groom an elegant dining was served after the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of J. H. Burkholder, formerly of Kentucky, and is noted for her many graces and accomplishments. The groom is County Court Clerk of Cheatham County, and is one of the leading men of the county in business and politics. The Tennessean, October 30, 1900

Misses Marion Neblett and Elva Nichols leave today for Thomasville, Tenn., to be present at the musical to be given by Miss Stella Nichols, who has charge of the music department of the Link School, at that place. The Leaf-Chronicle, November 29, 1905

Mrs. Martha James Lokey, 72, wife of the late J. W. Lokey, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Bidwell, at Pleasant View, Cheatham County, at 7 o'clock last night. A native of Robertson County, Mrs. Lokey had lived in Pleasant View for the past 28 years. She was active in church endeavors and a member of the Methodist Church from childhood. Funeral services will be at the Pleasant View Methodist Church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. G. M. Davenport and the Rev. J. R. Wright officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Mrs. Lokey is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Susie Wilson, Springfield, Mrs. J. F. Bidwell of Pleasant View, Mrs. J. M. Freeman of Waverly, Mrs. Maxey Hewitt and Mrs. J. D. Lytton of Nashville; a sister, Mrs. Nannie Head of Clarksville; a brother, B. F. James of Cedar Hill; five grandchildren and other relatives. Pallbearers will be Bernard Bidwell, Russell Herndon, Emmett Shaw, Everett Walker, James Gibbs, Paul Felts, Turner Walker, Millard Harris. The Tennessean, April 29, 1939.

Newton Shearon and his son, Millard Shearon, have opened a funeral home in the Dr. Harper residence on Main and Elizabeth streets in Ashland City. Mr. and Mrs. Newton Shearon will live at the residence. The Ashland City Times, August 16, 1961

Mary Evelyn Shearron of Chapmansboro has been awarded a business administration scholarship at Austin Peay State University. She is a 1962 graduate of Cheatham County Central High School. The Ashland City Times, August 1, 1962

The Town of Ashland City is seeking bids for a new municipal building at Court Street and Sycamore Street. The Ashland City Times, March 11, 1964

Cheatham County Clerk W. J. Hall is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. Hall suffered a heart attack on August 5 after mowing the lawn of a family cemetery. The Ashland City Times, August 15, 2001

Savannah Courier, July 14, 1892

KINGSTON SPRINGS!

This well-known and popular Summer Resort, located 24 miles from Nashville, Tenn., on the direct line of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad to Memphis, making it the most accessible and convenient location for all Southern points. The mineral waters consist of four varieties of Sulphur, Chalybeate and Freestone. The health giving and curative properties of these waters are well established.

The Hotel is a perfect model and beauty in all of its appointments, containing 40 rooms neatly furnished, with nice water closets and perfect sanitation; also 15 neat cottages located near hotel. The management will be commensurate with the best.

Rates: \$30 to \$35 per month, according to location. \$10 per week, \$2 per day. Children 12 years and under, and servants, half price. For further information address,
J. R. WINBOURNE, Manager,
 Kingston Springs, Tenn.
 Or, **M. F. ALLEN, Nashville, Tenn.**

The Link School

Trains For College, Teaching, and Business.

Located in large, new building on a bluff among the hills and springs of the Clarksville District in a region of morals, and healthy as any mountain health resort. Students have access to one of the Finest Libraries in the State. \$120 or less will pay all expenses for ten months.

Come by stage from Clarksville or by rail to Ashland City on T. C. or Adams, on L. & N. For arrangements address, **S. A. LINK or STERLING BREWER, Thomasville, Tenn.**

The Leaf-Chronicle, September 1, 1905

The Laugh is on the Preacher
Rev. Mr. Teague, of Pleasant View, Fell into the Creek Last Sunday
The Leaf-Chronicle - February 1, 1900

Quiet a laughable accident happened to Rev. Mr. Teague, of Pleasant View, the Methodist preacher who fills the pulpits at Mallory's Chapel and Brewer's Chapel. At least it was laughable to other people. Probably the preacher failed to see the funny side of it. He was on his way from Mallory's to Brewer's Chapel, and while watering his horse in the creek was thrown off or fell off into the water. The question is being asked whether it was a fall from grace, or whether he was trying to become a Baptist.

CCHGA will have a booth March 16 at the John E. Mayfield Fundraiser for the Imagination Library sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Cheatham County. This event will be held at the Cheatham County Public Library. CCHGA Volunteers needed to man the booth and work the museum! Call Lisa Walker at 615.202.5369!

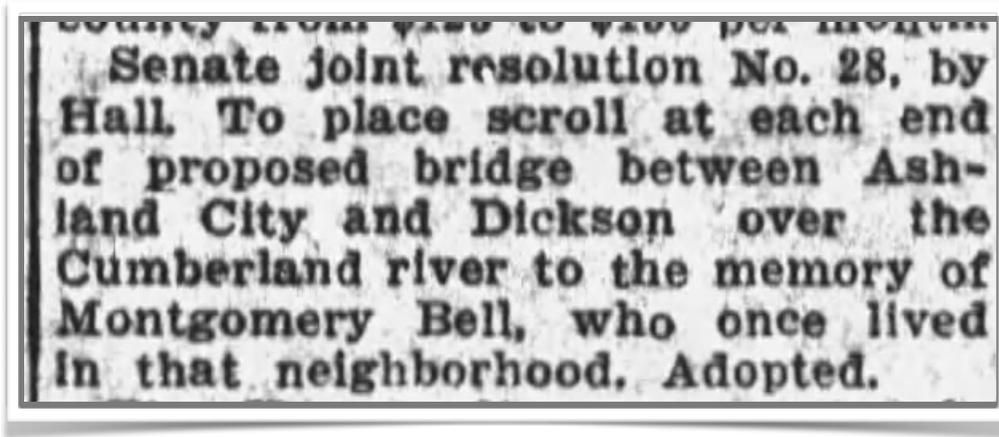
Cheatham County Scene of Booze Haul

The Ashland City Times, February 1, 1920

Ten barrels and several cases of apple brandy were discovered in an outbuilding on the farm of Mrs. D. H. Handley, near Chapmansboro in Cheatham County, Friday evening, Sheriff J. T. Felts and his deputies had long been suspecting that liquor had been coming from that neighborhood and finally succeeded in locating it. No one was present at the time the raid was made, the men handling it either being ignorant that a raid was taking place or making it their business to be somewhere else.

The liquor was buried in an outbuilding located on the rear side of the farm and about half a mile away from Mrs. Handley's house. She is a widow and lives there with her family. When informed by Sheriff Felts that the brandy had been found there she stated that she very seldom went to this building and knew nothing about any liquor being there.

G. B. Frazier of the Ashland City Times was present at the time the raid was made. He states that he believes that, as this building was away from the house and only two miles from the Tennessee Central Railroad, that the "boutleggers" had decided it was very conveniently located for their line of business and had taken possession without the knowledge of Mrs. Handley. The building is located on a roach which is used very little and formed an ideal hiding place.



March 26, 1929
- The
Tennessean

Pleasant View Now is Nearby Highway 112 Reduces Distance to Clarksville

The Leaf-Chronicle - November 30, 1937

Pleasant View, TENN - While fine highways have placed Pleasant View "right in Clarksville's front yard," the roads have resulted in a gradual decline in this little town's business, according to M.F. Walker, one of its most prominent citizens.

"I've seen the time," Mr. Walker recalled, "when Pleasant View was one of the most important little business centers for its size to be found in the country." There were formerly eight big stores in operation here at one time. Now the number has been reduced to three. Other business firms now operating here include an undertaking establishment, two automobile repair shops, one blacksmith shop, a flour mill with a capacity of twenty-five barrels per day, and a pool room.

Pleasant View has always been an agricultural center, being situated in Cheatham County's finest dark tobacco area. The town is about seventy-five years old. Its first settler is reported to have been Bill Bambridge. In 1876 Mr. Walker's father, T.M. Walker built a general mercantile store here, and before that time another store was abandoned by Captain Bradley.

The town's first flour mill was erected in about 1872 and was abandoned some twenty years ago.

All of Pleasant View's population of some 350, are white people. Not a single colored family resides in its borders. The town has a modern elementary school. There are two churches, a Methodist and a Christian church. Students ready for high school attend the institution located at Ashland City, one ten miles away.

Pleasant View was formerly said to be about on the half-way mark between Nashville and Clarksville. The distance to Clarksville then was twenty-five miles. Highway 112, almost a straight line between the two places, puts this town only nineteen miles from Clarksville. The distance to Nashville still being twenty-four miles.

Although formerly incorporated, Pleasant View surrendered its charter several years ago.

If you would like to read newsletters from the past, they may be found here: <https://cheathamcountyhistory.weebly.com/cchga-newsletters.html>

Letter from Ashland City
Clarksville Chronicle - 29 March 1873

Allow me space in your valuable paper to give your readers something of the history of our little county of Cheatham.

The county was organized by an act of the Legislature, passed February 28, 1856, and, as originally surveyed, was composed of portions of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery and Dickson counties; but upon a survey of Dickson county, it was found that she had no territory to spare, and consequently her territory was excluded from the new county.

Our county embraces an area of about three hundred and fifty square miles; its greatest length from North to South, is about thirty eight miles, and greatest width about twelve miles. White population, five thousand three hundred and nineteen; colored, one thousand four hundred and eighty - total 6,799; voting population 1,367.

The Cumberland river runs through the county at north 58 degrees west. The following streams emptying into the Cumberland fertilizing a considerable portion of our territory - first, on the north side, comes Half Pone, which, for a portion of this length, forms the boundary line between Cheatham and Montgomery. Upon this stream is to be found some of the best land in the county, while the land on it and its tributaries is considerably broken, yet in the main, it is very productive. It is said to have taken its name from the circumstance of a company of emigrants encamping on its bank, and when they came to examine their stock of provisions, they found remaining from their last repast, only a half-pone of corn bread. The next in order is Sycamore creek, deriving its name from the immense number and size of the trees of that name growing on its banks. The bottom land contiguous to the stream is quite productive, but the hill land is rather poor. It abounds with fish, such as trout, perch and suckers.

Marrow-bone, Big, Little and Dry Fork, all uniting a few miles from the river and emptying into the Cumberland just below rising sun bluff, is remarkable for the transparency of its waters, so clear is it that a dime can be distinctly seen in water eight or ten feet deep. Another striking peculiarity of this stream is, that in places you can find a pool or lake, with from five to ten feet depth of water, and within the distance of a few hundred yards you will find no more vestige of water in the bed of the stream, than can be found in the desert of Sahara, and this is so for miles - it is also famous for fish.

On the south side of the river, the streams are Barton's creek, Big and South Harpeth rivers, Big and Little Bluff pond, and Sam's creek. The bottom lands continuous to these streams, furnish a considerable area of rich alluvial soil, especially is this true of Harpeth river.

The general face of the county is hilly in places, almost mountainous; this is especially true of the Marrow-bone section. The hills are so high and so close together as to have acquired the sobriquet of "Adam's Potatoe Patch;" and it is said by some that they are so high that those who live at their base, can look out the chimneys and see the cows coming

home. In ante bellum days, we had several watering places of more or less note - first, Sam's creek springs, White Sulphur, warm and cold, and Kingston Springs, twenty four miles from Nashville, on the Nashville and North-western railroad, Red Sulphur, both on the southside, and Harris' Red Sulphur Springs, two miles from Ashland City and about twenty from Nashville. These springs are all said to possess decided medicinal qualities.

The county, on the opposite side of the river from Ashland City, for eight or ten miles is almost an unbroken forest; the same is true of the land on the north side of the river and back of Ashland City for nearly the same distance. Within the limits of this unbroken wilderness deer and turkeys roam and range at will, and occasionally an antlered monarch of the forest is brought in as an evidence of the skill of those who still pursue the chase.

Ashland City, the county seat, is pleasantly situated on the north side of the river, just above the head of Harpeth Shoals, about half a mile from the river, containing about two hundred and fifty inhabitants. It boasts of five dry goods and grocery stores, two blacksmith shops, one saddler, one cooper and one gunsmith shop, two gun makers and two of those places where a man does not get his moneys' worth back. We have some three or four houses of entertainment where one can have the inner man rejuvenated, for the small outlay of twenty-five cents. We have entirely departed from the training given us by our progenitors, Montgomery and Robertson counties, and have the neatest, best arranged and most comfortable Court House in the District, but in the matter of a Jail, we follow the example set by Montgomery, and have a concern we call a Jail, which is a disgrace to our people. Our county debt is a mere entity, and whatever else may be said of our County Court, the Justices show more sense than those of some other counties, by limiting their expenditures to their income.

We have some manufacturing establishments - foremost among them is the Sycamore Manufacturing Company, about five miles from Ashland City on Sycamore Creek. This company is now turning out a very superior article of gun-powder at the rate of about one thousand pounds per diem; they also manufacture a first rate article of flour, also wagon hubs, spokes and fellows, ax-handles, and various other articles of daily use by all classes of people. Tyson & Justice and W. W. Glover, also have mills for manufacturing flour. Mr. Glover also has one of the largest ice houses and ponds in the State, and in favorable seasons puts up thousands of this necessary article, which he sells at Nashville at remunerating figures. There are also several establishments for putting up tobacco in hogsheads, the most extensive of which is that of Lenox & Edwards, of this place; and in addition to their prizing establishment they have recently commenced the manufacture of a very superior article of chewing tobacco, and although they have been engaged in the business less than a year, yet in that short space of time, their tobacco has acquired a reputation that they can scarcely keep up with their orders.

There are other matters of which we would like to write, but this has already gone beyond what we originally intended, and will wait until another time.

Anon. Ashland City, March 17, 1873

Mark your calendars for upcoming CCHGA Meetings and Events!

- March 14, 2019 - Business Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- March 16, 2019 - Booth at Kiwanis of Cheatham County Event
- April 11, 2019/Spring Social Program Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- May 9, 2019 - Business Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- June 13, 2019 - Business Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- July 11, 2019 / Program Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- August 8, 2019 - Business Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- September 12, 2019 - Business Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- September 16, 2019 - Tentative Cemetery Tour Fund Raiser
- October 10, 2019 / Program Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- November 14, 2019 - Business Meeting/6:30 pm/Cheatham County Public Library
- November 22, 2019/ Tentative Fall Bake Sale
- December/Office Closed/No meeting

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