

# CCHGA BYTES

The Newsletter of the Cheatham County Historical & Genealogical Association

## Cheatham County History Center Hours

Tuesday 12:00 - 4:00

Wednesday 10:00 - 2:00

Saturday 10:00 - 12:00

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## Message from the CCHGA President

At our February meeting, I was selected to serve as President of the Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association for the ensuing year. I'd like to start by saying thank you to our members for your support of C.C.H.G.A. Whether it be volunteering to staff the CCHGA office, helping with the Veterans Wall of Honor, working on our first cemetery tour, writing for the newsletter, serving on a committee or as an officer, or financial support through your dues, your support is essential for our organization to thrive. As C.C.H.G.A. enters its 26<sup>th</sup> year, we also owe a special debt of gratitude for the founding members of C.C.H.G.A. who had the love of history and foresight to establish the organization: Betty Bowker Cannon, Mary Grey Jenkins, and the late James M. (Jim) Allen and the late Thelma Heflin Huffines.

As we move into 2020, please continue your advocacy for C.C.H.G.A. by reaching out to friends and family and encourage their membership (membership form found at [https://cheathamcountyhistory.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/7/9/117977532/cchga\\_2020\\_membership\\_form.pdf](https://cheathamcountyhistory.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/7/9/117977532/cchga_2020_membership_form.pdf)), attend a business or program meeting, or come to the C.C.H.G.A. office on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. for "museum cleanup day". We will be working to create space for an exhibit honoring the first inductees in the newly established Cheatham County Sports Hall of Fame.

As Robert Penn Warren wrote, "History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future". Let's all keep on working to preserve Cheatham County's past to strengthen our future.

*Patrick Smith, CCHGA President*

**April 9, 2020 - Spring Social Meeting**  
**Guest Speaker: Graham Perry**  
**“So...Why Should We Protect Our Cemeteries?”**

The Cheatham County Historical & Genealogical Association (CCHGA) guest speaker for the **April Spring Social** will be **Graham Perry**.

The program meeting will be held on **April 9, 2020**, at the **Cheatham County Public Library starting at 6:30** at the **Cheatham County Public Library** with light refreshments. Everyone interested in Cheatham County History and cemeteries is invited to attend this **free program**.

**Graham Perry, Historic Preservation Specialist with the Tennessee Historical Commission**, oversees the development of **Tennessee’s new Cemetery Preservation Program**.

His duties include facilitating the understanding of Tennessee cemetery laws, sharing insight regarding cemetery preservation, and establishing a cemetery-specific historic register in order to bring a heightened level of attention to this important aspect of our TN heritage.

He is a lifetime Tennessee resident and worked for more than 10 years at the Tennessee State Museum as Curator of Social History.

Interests: State and Local History, Urban History, Anthropology and Communal Studies

His educational credentials include a Master’s Degree of Arts in U. S. History from the University of Memphis, a Master’s Degree of Arts in Teaching from Christian Brothers University, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Belmont University, Nashville. He has also completed his coursework as a PhD candidate at The University of Memphis in the fields of U.S. History Before 1877, U.S. History After 1877, and Anthropology. Perry has also excelled as an instructor, teaching history for Memphis City Schools and the University of Memphis.

His 2010 exhibit *We Shall Not Be Moved: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tennessee’s Civil Rights Sit-Ins* won the 2010 Award for Excellence from the Tennessee Association of Museums and the 2011 American Association for State and Local History’s Award of Merit. Perry has also published three articles, "The School Across Town: A Comparative Study of Teacher College Culture in Memphis" in Volume LIV 2000 of the West Tennessee Historical Society Papers and "A Bend in the River: An Investigation of Black Agency, Autonomy, and Resistance in Memphis, Tennessee (1846-1866)," which received first prize at the University of Memphis’ 6th Annual Graduate Students’ Conference on African American History in 2003, and “The NAACP, Militancy and the Memphis Sit-Ins,” in the 2015 West Tennessee Historical Society Papers, which won the organization’s 2014 Marshall Wingfield award for best paper. Additionally, he wrote two chapters, "Frontier" and "Tennessee Since 1945" featured on the Tennessee State Museum’s “Tennessee 4 Me” educational website designed as a resource for primary and secondary school student research ([tn4me.org](http://tn4me.org)).

In 2014, Perry curated a temporary exhibit at the Tennessee State Museum entitled *Tennessee Intentional Communities: Examining the Farm, Nashoba, Rugby and Ruskin*, which received two 2015 Tennessee Association of Museums Awards of Merit and the Communal Studies Association’s 2015 Gina Walker Outstanding Project Award. He has also served on the board of the Friends of Ft. Negley, dedicated to preserving the Civil War historic site and portrayed Christopher A. Haun in *Rivers and Rails: Daggers of the Civil War*, a documentary film featured on Nashville Public Television in 2013.

Most recently, Perry curated the galleries entitled "Tennessee Transforms: Tennessee History from 1945 to the Present" and "State of Sound: Discovering Tennessee's Musical Roots" and has just embarked on the process of creating the Historical Cemetery Program at the Tennessee Historical Commission.

Outside of his historical work, Perry has also earned acclaim as a songwriter and musical performer and has served as a researcher for GMT Games and several historical documentaries.

***Looking for the Cheatham Countians Who Served in the Fiftieth Regiment,  
Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army  
contributed by Greg Miller from Kentucky***

Since being honorably discharged from the US Navy in 1994 I have become driven with a desire to research and document as much as possible the lives of my ancestors from Virginia in the colonial period to North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, with a special focus on the military service of family members up to the Mexican Punitive Expedition and World War I.

In this, one of my ancestors and several relatives from Stewart County, Tennessee, did military service in the (50th) Fiftieth Regiment, Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army.

As part of this research in learning about them I have been trying to research all the men of this regiment as it relates to the common experiences my family members would have had in the regiment. It is my goal as much as possible to give every man at least a bit of a documented history by learning his full name; the full names of his parents and wives; each soldier's date and place of birth, death and burial, including photographing and documenting his headstone and burial location; if the veteran survived the war, was he a member of a Confederate veterans' organization such as the United Confederate Veterans, and if so, which one, and whether he was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Also looking for photographs of these veterans (civilian or military, during, before or after the war), obituaries, documents, letters, recollections, reminiscences, and any other stories from the soldiers or their families, or others relating to their military service and military reunions.

In the last few years I have really begun an exhaustive effort to locate and photograph the burial locations of these men.

So far in Cheatham County I have found and photographed the headstones of John D. Arrington, Raiford M. Crumpler, Jr., John Gallaher, Absalom Abner B. Page, Edward G. Sears, William Shearon, and William W. Thompson. Still looking to exactly locate the following cemeteries with known veterans: Christy Cemetery with Isaac Thomas Christy, Hiland Cemetery with Alfred Perkins Hiland, Johnson Cemetery (near end of Primm Road) with Robert Allen Duke and Nathan Burgess Harris, Hutton Cemetery with George Washington Hannah. Would also like to verify that Jesse D. Ham and William J. Sears are buried at Scott Cemetery as I cannot locate headstones there. James Levi Claxton died in the county August 1908, where is he buried? Believe that Samuel W. Cox died in the county April 1, 1911, where was he buried? And did Samuel K. Dunn die in the county between 1880 and 1900, is so when did he die and where buried? When John Gabriel Demombreun came back to Cheatham County from Fort Donelson in December 1861 and died in the county on December 25, 1861, where was he buried?

Information on these men of the 50th and others I have not listed of the 50th buried within and outside of the county will be most earnestly appreciated.

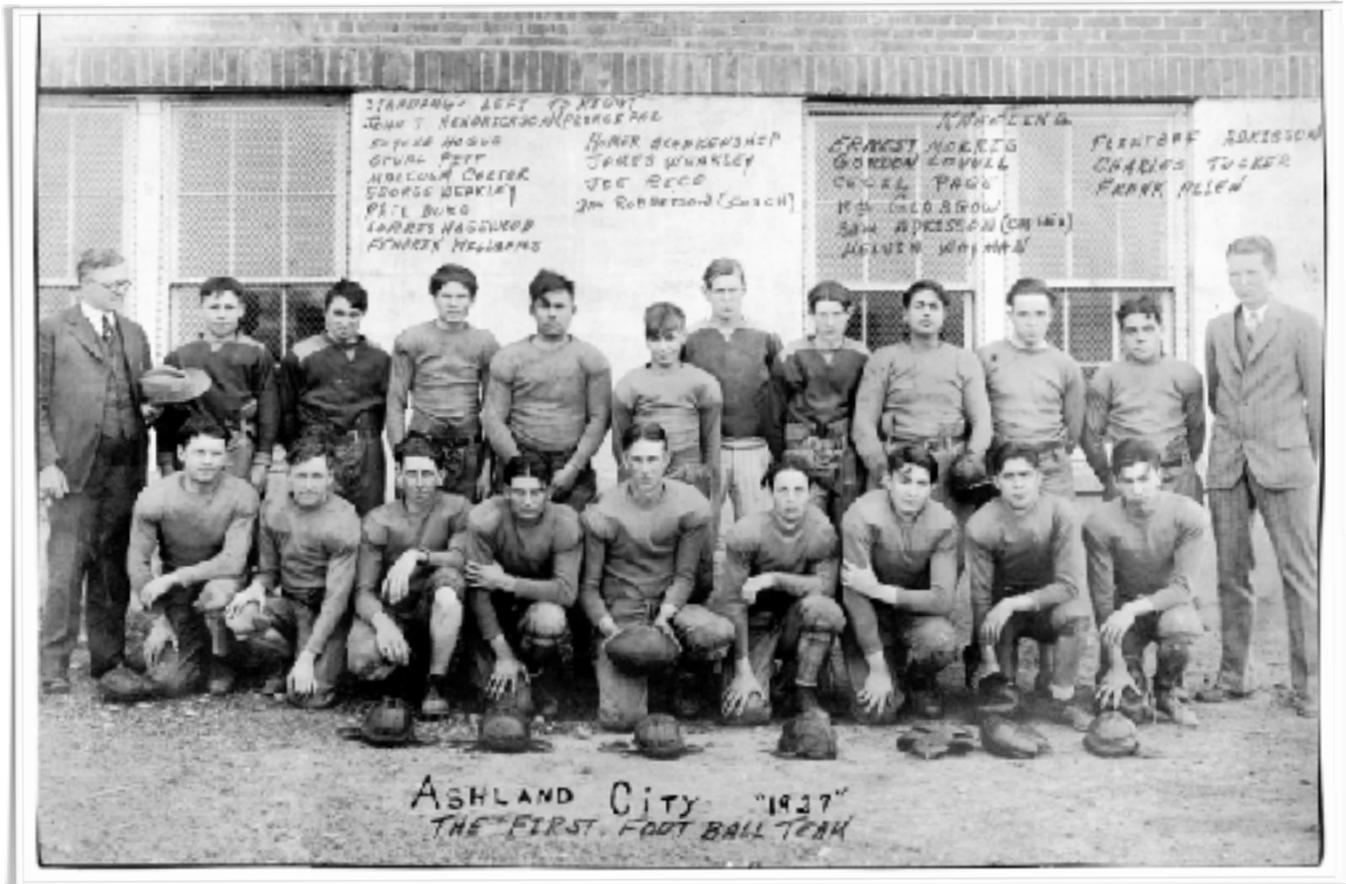
Please email Greg Miller at [Jackson.Purchase.KY@twc.com](mailto:Jackson.Purchase.KY@twc.com) if you have any information on the men of the 50th!

**NASHVILLE AMERICAN  
Nashville, TN  
July 11, 1909**

**OBITUARY -WM. SHEARON, CHEATHAM COUNTY.**

William Shearon, of Cheatham County, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at an infirmary on Broad street. He had been suffering for the past two months with nervous prostration and last Tuesday his family thought it advisable to bring him from his home, near Ashland City, to an infirmary in Nashville, but the changed proved of no benefit. His remains were taken home yesterday on the steamer Richardson. Mr. Shearon was 82 years old and had lived in the vicinity of Ashland City all his life. He was well known in the upper part of Cheatham and the lower part of Davidson counties. He was a farmer and was in robust health until a few years ago, when he began to grow feeble. In 1851 he married Miss Josephine Nichols, daughter of Charles M. Nichols, an old-time merchant of Nashville. His wife survives him, as well as two sons, Joseph and William, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. John Moore. He was a brother of Sterling B. Shearon and Mrs. John Rundle, both of Nashville. He was a Confederate veteran and served in the Fiftieth Tennessee Regiment.

## Ashland City's 1st Football Team 1927 Told by William Glasgow to his son Mike Glasgow



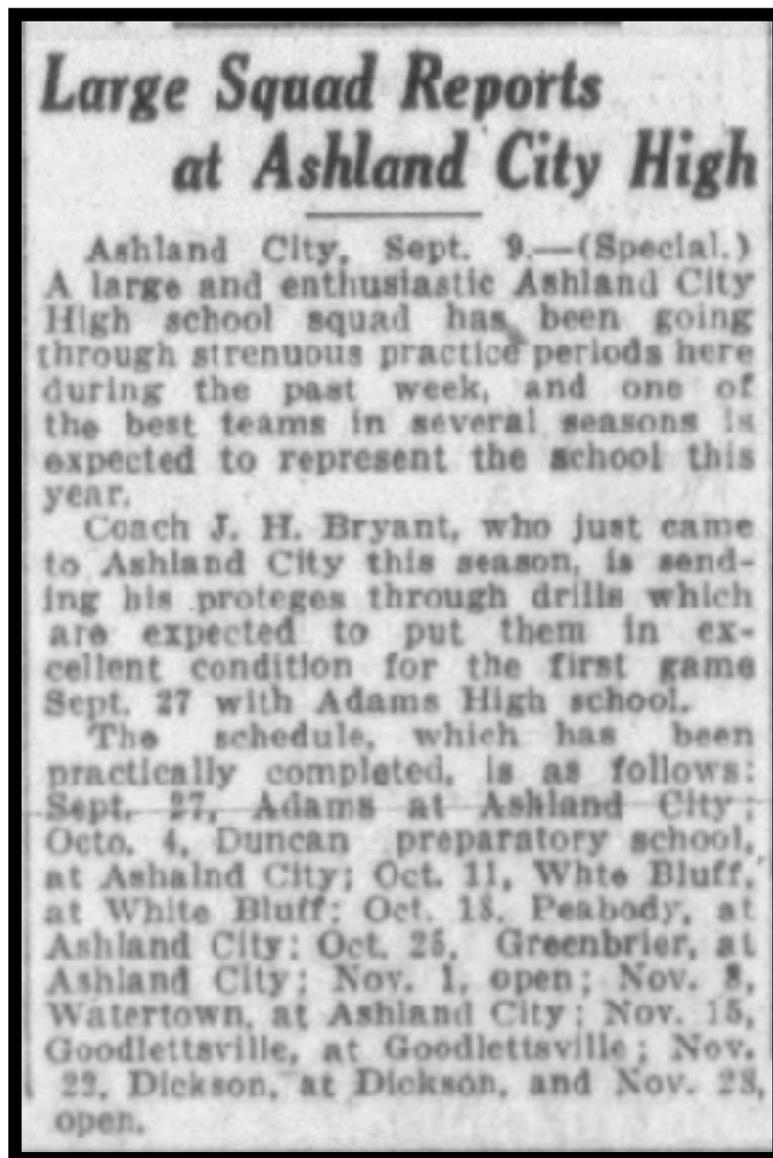
*1927 Football Team Members: Standing left to right- Principal John J. Hendrickson, Eugene Hogue, Orval Pitt, Malcolm Carter, George Weakley, Phil Duke, Lorris Hagewood, Fendrix Williams, Homer Blankenship, James Weakley, Joe Rice, Dan Robertson, Coach. Kneeling - Ernest Morris, Gordon Lovell, Cecil Page, William Glasgow, Sam Adkisson (Captain), Melvin Wayman, Flintoff Adkisson, Charles Tucker, Frank Allen*

The team received their equipment the afternoon of their first game. They had practiced without pads until then. Their first game was played on a freshly harvested soybean field with 3 inch stubble.

William Glasgow enjoyed playing so much that he graduated and returned to play the next 1928 season! As a result, he received a college scholarship to play at Cumberland University in 1929 and when that program bankrupted he played at Austin Peay on the first football team in 1930. He later became a teacher and coach in Cheatham County.

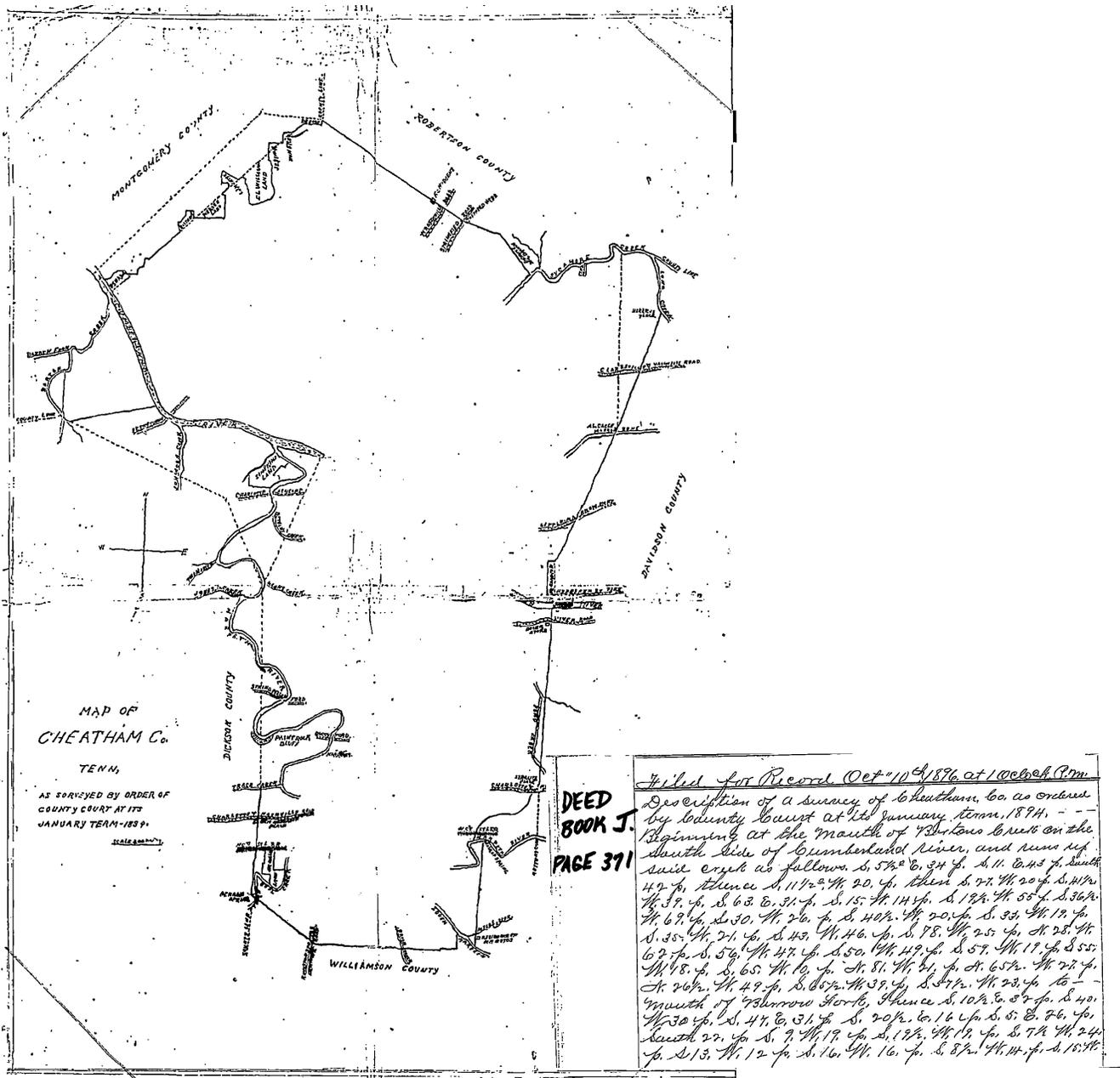
If you have a story about one of the players on the 1927 football team, please contact CCHGA!

## Nashville Banner, September 9, 1929



**Mark your calendars for upcoming 2020 CCHGA Meetings and Events  
@ Cheatham County Public Library**

- March 12 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
  - March 21 - 9:30 - 1:00 - Museum Work Day
  - April 9 - 6:30 - Program Meeting/Graham Perry - Tennessee Historical Commission
  - May 14 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
  - June 11 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
  - July 9 - 6:30 - Program Meeting/Whit McMahan portrays Abraham Lincoln
  - August 13 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
  - September 10 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
  - October 8 - 6:30 - Program Meeting
  - November 12 - 6:30 - Business Meeting
  - November 20 - Bake Sale
  - December - No meeting and Museum & CCHGA office closed
- <http://www.facebook.com/cheathamcountyhistory/>



The above map and surveyor’s description was filed for record at 1:00 o’clock p.m. on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1896 in Deed Book “J”, Page 271 in the Cheatham County Register of Deeds office. F.M. Hooper was the Register of Deeds at the time serving from 1894-1898. The Cheatham County Court ordered that the survey be taken by action at its January term in 1894.

The surveyor’s description accompanying the map is approximately six legal size pages obviously written entirely in longhand. The description starts with “Beginning at the Mouth of Barton’s Creek on the south side of the Cumberland river...”. Also included are references to such points as “Bethany Creek”, “Buggy ford”, “the Charlotte and Nashville road”, and “Walkup’s spring”. The last line states that the county contains 307 square miles.

Contributed by Patrick Smith

**A JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER EXPEDITION - GIDEON H. LOWE**

Continued

**Wed., Jan. 5, 1848.** Commenced this morning visiting from house to house, find the citizens generally well disposed toward our mission, yet there are some would-be infidels and skeptics who said we could not sell books in town without a license. We applied to the legal authorities and obtained full permission to proceed, which we done accordingly.

The Presbyterian Minister of the place (Bro. Campbell) is very sick, nigh unto death. The stationed Methodist preacher, here we find remarkably kind and friendly, cordially invited us to occupy his pulpit at discretion during our stay.

We accept his kind offer and preached and gave a talk on the nature of our books and mission. Sold near 60 vols today. Feel that we are engaged in the work of the Lord. Therefore, we fear no evil.

**Thursday, Jan. 6.** Clear and cold. Busily employed with our baskets, went aboard a steamboat, found the crew and ? playing cards. There were delighted when they saw our baskets, with expectation of providing new cards from us, but they were shocked when they ascertained the character of our books and the nature of our visit. they endeavored to waive the subject, and deter us from our duty, but feeling it was the Lord's work, we were engaged in, we felt confident and ? the subject. Finally we prevailed upon them to desist. We sold them several vols which they promised to read; we left them ardently praying that God may bless the effort.

We find the citizens kind and friendly, less dissipation and drunkenness than we anticipated. They have a Division of the Order of the Sons of Tennessee (numbering more than 100) which is found and in a very ? condition.

There is also a Division called the ? composed of the youth under 18 years of age, also prospering.

We distributed more than 60 vols today. Preached again at the Methodist Church to a very attentive and serious congregation.

We feel assured that our visit here will prove a blessing to many of the inhabitants of Paducah. This shall be our constant prayer.

**Friday, Jan. 7.** Fine day, visited a new manufacturing establishment one mile above Paducah, on the ? River, where there are some 20 families, mostly from the state of New Jersey; among whom there are some pious Christians, but there are others, and a goodly number too, wretched infidels.

We called at all their houses, conversed freely with them on the subject of Religion. Distributed nearly 100 vols, and returned to the Bethel, not without hope that the Lord will bless the feeble effort made today.

**Sat., 8, Jan., 1848.** Raining hard all day. In the evening, blow up a tremendous snow storm, and continued to blow a ? hurricane all night.

The Bethel was tossed by the waves, most alarmingly, but it was with much care and difficulty that we pro? her until morning.

A large flat boat near where we lay, was blown over, and broken to pieces.

**Sun., Jan 9.** Wind still blowing, but not so hard as on last night. Extremely cold, closely confined to the Bethel all day, attended church at night.

**Monday, Jan. 10.** Bro. Campbell, the Presbyterian minister, of this place, died last night. We sold more than 400 vols during our stay at this place. Preached several times. Put out at 3: o'clock.

**Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1848.** Stopped at Old Fork Massac, 10 miles below Paducah, on the Illinois side of the river last night. The French had a fortification here many years ago, since which time the American had an army station at this place, many of whom were massacred by the Indian.

To be continued in next CCHGA newsletter.

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**Museum Work Day - March 21, 2020 - 9:30 - 1:00!**  
**Come and help out any time during these hours!**

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