

# *Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association*

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The next **CCHGA** meeting is Thursday **May 26, 2005** at the Cheatham County Public Library at **7:00**. No program this month.

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Donations: Angela Kavanagh has donated a CD with Shivers, Stuart, Eatherly, West genealogy and photos. Thank you Angela!

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CCHGA is now accepting donations for the museum. Please contact the CCHGA office (615) 792-3623 for additional information.

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The next Museum Committee meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on June 6, 2005 at the CCHGA office in Ashland City.

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If you have items of Cheatham County interest and would like to publish in newsletter, please contact Lisa Tinch (ltinch@bellsouth.net)

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## **Ashland City Fire Chiefs from the early years to now:**

- James (Chuck) M. Walker, Jr. 1994-present
- Donald Howard Walker
- Ronnie Boyd
- John "Preacher" Poole
- Howard Walker
- Ervin Pace
- Jake Lockert
- Tom Stump
- Tom Barker

## **Cheatham County One Hundred Years Ago**

*Continued from April - contributed by Greg Poole*

The Tennessee Central Railroad people have changed the name of Taylor's Landing (on the border of Cheatham and Montgomery Counties) to Shelton. The new name is in honor of Colonel John F. Shelton of Clarksville, who formerly lived there. *Nashville Banner*, June 29, 1905.

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Felix Woodson, aged 17, son of Arch Woodson, a prominent planter of near Pleasant View, Cheatham County, was drowned yesterday morning while in bathing in Sycamore Creek near Pinnacle. Young Woodson in company with several companions was bathing when suddenly cramped and before his companions reached him, had sank the third time. *Nashville Banner*, July 3, 1905.

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A petition to Governor James Cox has been circulated in Ashland City asking the pardon of Tom Stewart, who killed a man named Albright in Cheatham County some six years ago, and who was given a sentence of ten years in the pen. *Nashville Banner*, July 7, 1905.

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A large party of young people spent the day at Sycamore Tuesday. Dinner was served on the ground in picnic fashion. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Dr. C.B. Lenox and Mrs. William Adkisson. *Nashville Banner*, July 8, 1905.

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The people of the Thomasville community have reaped the benefits of a very large blackberry crop, which is now nearly exhausted. They have been in good demand at 15 cents a gallon which is higher than they have ever been before, caused by the scarcity of other fruit. *Nashville Banner*, July 19, 1905.

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While engaged in removing the roof of the Central Hotel, Ed Long lost his balance and fell to the ground, a distance of 23 feet. He received several bruises and one ugly cut on his right thigh, but no bones were broken. *Nashville Banner*, July 19, 1905.

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The tobacco factory at Ashland City has shut down after prizing 249 hogsheads. So far as is known none of the tobacco prized at this place has been sold, but it is thought by those who have charge of the tobacco that it will only be a short time until all of the Association's tobacco will be disposed of. *Nashville Banner*, July 20, 1905.

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### Ashland City Society Notes:

Mrs. Sarah Winn of Clarksville is with Miss Inez Binkley.

Mrs. J.C. Wilson has returned from Nashville after visiting her father, Dr. H.R. Shacklett.

Mrs. William Nance of Nashville visited the family of her brother, Colonel P.P. Pickard.

Mr. Joe Justice of Nashville has moved his family to Ashland City, where he accepted a position as Superintendent of the lock and dam near here. *Nashville Banner*, July 24, 1905.

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## Cheatham County One Hundred Years Ago - continued from first page

The Colony at Craggie Hope. In the fall of 1865, the Woods family whose name is inseparably linked with the history of Craggie Hope, moved to the neighborhood where is now located the popular summer resort. James G. Woods, now the veteran and patriarch of Craggie Hope and Turnbull was a young man then. He had joined the army when a mere strapping 16 years of age and had served with distinction in Morton's Battery under General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He was captured on Hood's retreat, and taken to Camp Chase and after the war the Woods family moved from their home in Nashville and settled on Turnbull.

The historic Woods and Campbell families representing the two sides of the J.C. Woods household had figured prominently in the early life of Nashville. Mr. Woods' grandfather, Robert Woods, started the first bank in Nashville, and Woods and Yeatman conducted the first iron store in Nashville. Before moving to Nashville the Woods family had lived near Winchester and their home in Franklin County had been named for Mrs. Woods' home in Scotland, so that far away land the Campbell homestead was known as the "Craggie Hope" and dear it was to the hearts of its owners. The name Craggie Hope was transferred from the Winchester home place on to the new and last home on Turnbull. The crags that overlook beautiful Turnbull are wild and picturesque as the ones she knew in Scotland.

The name of Craggie Hope was given to the present well-known summer resort on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad by Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell Woods in the fall of 1865. She was the mother of the James C. Woods, the patriarch of Craggie Hope of today.

In the early 1870s, Mrs. Woods opened a hotel at Craggie Hope and the place soon became a summer resort. The place continued to run as a summer resort by Mrs. Woods until 1886 shortly before her death. After her death quietude reigned for years, but the hills and valley about Turnbull again resound with the echo of joyous laughter, the sign of youth and enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, during all the years since the war, Turnbull has continued to enjoy a widespread reputation as a fishing place. In the 1870s, the old Treanor Mill was built about a mile from Craggie Hope, just at the foot of the point of the Turnbull bend and bluff that encircle and overlook the broad acres of the Treanor farm. The erection of a mill dam at that point caused the water to back up for nearly a mile, almost to the site of the old Napier forge dam, and another big pool, deep and still was formed to constitute a home for the trout. This pond has been stocked again and again and hundreds of big trout have been taken there.

When the Woods family moved to Craggie Hope they found a spring of clear and sparkling water, cool and refreshing. Its water was pleasant to taste and appeared to be most helpful. Little did the family dream, that this spring had medicinal qualities, and it was not until John Treanor of Nashville moved to the Turnbull Valley farm that the fame of Willow Brook water became known. Believing the water had superior virtues, Mr. Treanor investigated and today Willow Brook is much sought after by health-seekers and it can be bought in Nashville and other areas. Hundreds of gallons are shipped from Craggie Hope and Willow Brook water is one of the features of the summer resort today.

Craggie Hope today is more than a summer resort. It is now a good

sized colony of Nashville people, and it is growing all the while. Scattered on the wooded hills about the main hotel are picturesque and rustic cottages, some of artistic taste and in them live Nashville families. To the left of the hotel is the Bennett-Hunter-Baxter cottage, built of rough-hewn chestnut logs and finished inside with that wood. In it live the families of the Nashville City Treasurer, R.A. Bennett and Paul Hunter and John Baxter and their families. On the opposite hill beyond the hotel is the pretentious Cheek cottage, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cheek. This frame cottage is one of the most complete on the hill.

Below the hill and down the railroad is the McLean cottage, owned by the well-known Nashville stove? manufacturer, I.F. McLean of the Arcade. It is the largest of the summer colony being two stories and containing seven or eight rooms. Way back on the hill, nestling in seclusion is the Barr cottage, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Barr. It is a neatly whitewashed cabin and is most picturesque. In the hollow across the railroad is the J.R. Russell cottage.

"The Pines" should not be unmentioned. That place is the pretty summer home and bachelor quarters of Dr. Van Sanders. It overlooks the river bluff, and is nestled in a grove of pine trees. Near the Russell cottage in the hollow by the branch is the Andrew Morrissey cottage consisting of three rooms.

Near the hotel in a row are situated a series of neatly whitewashed cottages. They are occupied by Alex. Erwin and Dillard Goodpasture, T.W. Moore and family, H. Thompson, Mrs. B.W. Hooper and children and Mr. and Mrs. Will Trousdale and Mrs. John Webber and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis. On the hill back of the hotel is the cottage of Mrs. Mabel

## Cheatham County One Hundred Years Ago -

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Webber, postmistress at Craggie Hope. *Nashville Banner*, August 26, 1905.

The residence of G.W. Bracy in the Second District of Cheatham County was destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss was about \$700, partly covered by insurance. *Nashville Banner*, August 26, 1905.

Miss Cornelia Hale died at her home in the Ninth District, Cheatham County from the infirmities incident to old age. *Nashville Banner*, August 29, 1905.

Mrs. R.E. Hicks, a highly respected citizen of Cheatham County died at the home of her son, Mr. J.D. Hicks, near Hoffmansville with flux, aged 84 years. *Nashville Banner*, August 29, 1905.

The members of the Tobacco Grower's Association held a big picnic and rally at Bethlehem, near Ashland City, Saturday. There was something near 800 in attendance. Speeches were delivered by the Hon. Felix G. Ewing, J.E. Hudgens and J.E. Justice. *Nashville Banner*, September 11, 1905.

Miss Jennie Perry and Mr. Bradford Dowlen, both of Pleasant View were united in marriage Sunday night at the home of Esq. Dick Williams at Pleasant View. Mr. Williams performed the ceremony. *Nashville Banner*, September 23, 1905.

C.C. Stewart died Tuesday evening from injuries sustained by a fall from a roof of a house last Friday morning. He was about 40 years of age. He leaves a wife and six children and was a highly respected citizen. *Nashville Banner*, September 28, 1905.

The damage suit of the Duke Brothers of Jones Creek against William and Shelton Jordan of near Pond Creek for the killing of Morris Duke, their brother, a year ago, was brought before the Circuit Court at Charlotte yesterday and continued. The Jordans have been tried by the Ashland City Courts and sentenced to prison for 10 years but have taken an appeal to the Supreme Court and are out on bond. *Nashville Banner*, July 25, 1905.

A very exciting baseball game was played at White Bluff Saturday when the White Bluff baseball team crossed bats with the Pond Creek team, resulting in a score of 12 to 7 in favor of White Bluff. The game was witnessed by a very large crowd. *Nashville Banner*, July 25, 1905.

Will Asher, who deserted the U.S. Army, has been captured at the home of his father in the Second District of Cheatham County by Sheriff S.L. Harper and Constable R.J. Glasgow. Asher was stationed at Key West, Florida and had been in the service only a short time when he deserted. He is now in jail in Ashland City awaiting orders from the War Department. *Nashville Banner*, July 27, 1905.

The management of Craggie Hope is making preparations for a large crowd of Nashvillians to attend the weekend ball, Saturday evening. Large parties will leave on the 5:00 and 8 P.M. trains. One of the features of the evening will be a cake walk. A splendid band has been engaged for the season, which will furnish music for dancing every night. *Nashville Banner*, July 28, 1905.

Mrs. Eliza Duke, wife of J.M. Duke, died yesterday evening of consumption, aged 61 years. Her death was not unexpected as she has been very low for some time. *Nashville Banner*, August 21, 1905.

## Grandma's Apron



The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood cook stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls.

In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out into the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.



L to R: Volunteer Ashland City Fireman - 1960  
CEMC employee Walter Louis Sanders assists volunteer firemen Jimmy Lockert, Howard Walker

## Ashland City Volunteer Fire Department

Photos and documents donated to CCHGA by Chuck Walker, Ashland City Fire Chief  
The Ashland City Fire Department was established in 1935. Prior to 1935, there was a bucket brigade. There was a loud siren which was set off to call volunteers to the fire hall. In 1963, the Town of Ashland City purchased a 1948 Howe 500 GPM Triple Combination Pumper Body fire truck from the FMC Corporation for \$4,500.



### Description of 1948 GMC Special Fire Chassis purchased in 1963

- 3 Man Standard cab
- 5 speed transmission
- Hydraulic brakes with Hydro-Vac booster
- Auxiliary Hydraulic Hill Holder brake lock
- 9:00 x 20 – 10 ply tires, dual rear mud and snow tread
- Engine oil filter
- Engine carburetor air cleaner
- Cab heater and defroster
- Extra accessory speed defroster fan, rubber bladed mtd on cab dash
- Cab dome light
- 2 speed rear axle

- 2 spotlights through top of cab, 360 degree type, chromed
- Full width adjustable cab seat and back
- Left side rear view mirror
- Chromed radiator grille and headlight rims
- 2 Heavy duty front tow hooks
- 1 Heavy duty rear tow eye
- 6 Stud disc wheels
- 100 Ampere Leece-Neville alternator with 110 volt AC 250 Watt transformer
- Dual battery system with selector switch on cab dash panel

### Description of Fire Fighting Equipment

- 1 – Siren, Federal model WL with flasher light mounted on left front fender. Chromed
- 1 – Beacon Ray light 360 degree Federal Model 17 red, mounted on cab roof, cp.
- 2 – Hose bed 360 degree lights mtd. One on each rear Stanton
- 1 – Red tail light and 1 6" read rearward light
- 1 – Rear platform to cab warning buzzer
- 1 – Riding platform tool compartment
- 2 – 6 lb. fire axes mtd
- 2 - 1 ½ " rear discharge outlets
- 1 – 2 ½" Rear Suction inlet
- 1 – Rear Platform tool compartment
- 1 – Rear platform assist step to hose bed.
- Aluminum body side railings, rear cross rail and vertical back rails.

- 1 – Right side storage compartment with side door over pump area
- 2 – Cast aluminum rear fender steps
- 1 - 4" Suction strainer
- 1 - 24' 2 Section wood extension ladder
- 1 – 12' Roof ladder with folding hooks
- 1 – Water main shut-off tool
- 1 – Set of Crow bar holder brackets
- 2 - Hardie Fog guns
- 1 - 500 gallon water tank with rear fill hopper
- 1 - Rochester water tank gauge
- 1- Extra center hose roller guide for taking hose to either side of apparatus
- 2 - 4" x 10" Hard suction hose with mounting trays and spring type hold down clamps

#### Did you know?

- Years ago, fire trucks in Ashland City were not equipped with tall enough ladders. Cumberland Electric (CEMC) trucks were used prior to the 1960's to run the hoses up their ladders to put out fires.
- In 1960 Mr. Charlie Shoemaker's Chevrolet dealership burned where sits today Danny Holder Chevrolet dealership. This fire prompted awareness for better fire trucks and equipment.
- Two of the largest fires were located at the Royal Oaks Apartments and when the log truck ran into the auto parts store where currently the Bethesda Center is located.

## 2005 CCHGA Members

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Albright, Corky  
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Allen, Roger E. & Elda  
Allen, Sydna & Chris  
Andrews, Sarah  
Asbury, Art  
Ash, Suzanne  
Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Leo  
Batey, Mary Sue  
Batson, Nancy  
Batts, Jr., Henry Floyd & Glenda  
Bowker, Robert Lester  
Bracey, Randell  
Bradley, Herman & Billie  
Bradley, Judy  
Brennan, Thomas H. & Joyce  
Brown, Paul J.  
Burkholder, Linda M.  
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Carruth, Gail  
Clement, Frances  
Cox, Deobrah Oeser  
Crabtree, Jeanetta  
Crawford, Rachel  
Crouch, Bobby L.  
Crouch, Leonard & Wanda  
Curfman, Bob. R.  
Curtis, Elizabeth Garton  
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Davidson, Allen & Betty  
Davidson, David and Dreama  
Dillworth, Dora Jane  
Dolph, Harry & Linda  
Duke, Edna  
Duke, Phillip & Janyce  
Dyer, Dr. Herbert R.  
Fambrough, Eugene & Delma  
Farrington, Bettie J.  
Flippen, Jeanette  
Fort, Robert  
Fox, Joan  
Garland, Marie  
Garrett, Bill  
Gibbs, M. E. (Ed)  
Glasgow, Michael and Mary  
Gourley-Churchill, Jean

Groves, Margie  
Gupton, Mabel L.  
Gupton, Ruth  
Hallums, James B.  
Harding, Judy  
Harper, Garrett  
Harris, Howard F.  
Harris, Reba  
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Harris, Virginia  
Hayeland, Richard E. & Family  
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Heggie, James & Barbara  
Hemmer, Gerald  
Henges, Anne  
Henry, Senator Douglas  
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Hooper, Barbara & Michael  
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Keith, Dixie  
Lewis, Mary Ellen  
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Lunn, Anita Goldtrap Johnson  
MaCrae, Mary  
Magruder, Carolyn  
Martin, David E.  
Maxey, Phillip  
Maxwell, Leslie  
Mayfield, John E.  
Mayo, Donald E.  
Mayo, Judy  
Mayo, Novella  
McCool, Clayton & Betty Jane  
McGee, Lynn B.  
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McMahan, David  
McMahan, Josephine  
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Monahan, Mary Sue

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Patten, Mary Jane  
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Perry, Robert D. & Lue  
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Pollard, June  
Poole, Greg  
Read, David & Marilyn  
Rhea, Robert E.  
Robb, Tracy V. & Betsy  
Roberts, Margie. A.  
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Sircy, Adrian  
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Sullivan, Joanne  
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Van Hook, Virginia  
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Visconti, Loretta Marie  
Wade, George & Shirley Jean  
Walker, Agnes  
Walker, James Russell  
Walker, Mary Helen  
Watts, Judy Lee  
Williams, Thomas

**Prayers for Mr. Bud Hallums, Cheatham County Historian who is real sick.**

**Our condolences to CCHGA member Tracy Robb who recently buried his wife, Betsy Jennings Robb.**

On May 17, 2005 Tennessee State Library and Archives' new website URL will be:

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