CCHGA Bytes

May 2009
R.D. Huffines - President
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Judy Mayo - Secretary
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News and Updates

- On **May 16** if you are interested in touring Sycamore Mills, please meet at the CCHGA office at 10:30. Those going on the field trip will car pool from there.
- **May 16** is Armed Forces Day! Several nations of the world hold an annual **Armed Forces Day** to recognize, venerate, and honor their military forces. It is similar to the Veterans Day of the United States or the Remembrance Day in many other nations.
- The PALS Chapter is having a picnic for their May meeting and it will be on Saturday, **May 23 at 1:00 p.m.** at Earl and June Nixon's home on Sams Creek Road. All local PALS members are urged to come out and be active members! Call June Nixon at 792-1658 for information about what you can bring to share.
- The next CCHGA meeting will be held on **May 28, 2009** at 6:30 at the Cheatham County Public Library. This will be a business meeting. Every one is invited to attend!
- Condolences to the family of CCHGA member Donald Hudgens.
- Thank you **Mary Ellen Lewis**, Perrysburg, Ohio for your memorial contribution to CCHGA. This tribute in loving memory of **Wilma Hollis Clifton**, who died 27 Feb 2009 in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. She was the daughter of Melvin Baker Hollis and Annie Mae Wall and the wife of Joseph Lee Clifton. Wilma always loved telling stories and sharing her memories of growing up in Cheatham County.

CCCHS Class of 1952 50th Anniversary Class Reunion
May 25, 2002, Montgomery Bell Inn, *Continued from April 2009*

From the printed program:

Classmate **David Fambrough** *Died August 19, 1999, Clarksville, TN*

Classmate **Carlos Ford**
After graduation, I spent two in the United States Army. Norma and I married in 1963 and have lived in Springfield since, then, where I own and operate S & F Pickup and Delivery Service.

I have two step-children and four grandchildren.

Classmate **Roy Gower** *Died April 15, 1988, Springfield, TN*

Cheatham County in the 1960s
Important News Taken from the Ashland City *Times*

Mrs. Margaret Mahala Allen, aged 90 years old, of River Road, died
Herbert Lester Hagewood, aged 62 years, the retired 8th District Ferry Boat Operator died
Mrs. Dana Estelle England, aged 42 years, of Petway, died
All above Oct. 18, 1961

Advertisements

Palisades Cafe: "On Scenic Cheatham Lake"
Tucker Brothers Supermarket. Fresh Pork Picnics, .29; Ice Cream .49 cents
Boyd's Market Rudy's Sausage .49 cents
Eagle Court Restaurant for Sunday Dinner, Highway 41-A, Two Miles South of Pleasant View, $1.25 per plate.
"See Us for Car Check-up, Jennette's Service Station, Intersection 41-A and 49, Pleasant View

West Tennessee Department Store, Main Street, Ashland City
Ashland City *Times*, Oct. 11, 1961

Showing at LaCrosse this Week. “Atlantis: The Lost Continent” “Dark at the Top of the Stairs” and “The Curse of the Werewolf”

Died Mrs. Josephine Knox Stewart, 82 years old, of Thomasville
Died Nannie Sanders Batts, aged 69, of Neptune
Died Mrs. Addie Greer, aged 89, of Kingston Springs

The Greenbrier Community will have a Barbeque Supper and Womanless Fashion Show at the Greenbrier School House.
Ashland City *Times*, Oct. 7, 1961

Advertisement: Brad and Joe’s Body Shop, Mulberry Street behind the County Highway Department.
Showing this week at La Crosse, “Gorgo” and “Giant”
Beautiful, Distinctive Monuments, R.E. Morris, Ashland City.
Ashland City *Times*, Oct. 4, 1961

Thirty-six cars of a Louisville and Nashville Train No. 56, a through freight from Memphis to Nashville jumped the track near Kingston Springs on Sept. 13, 1961. No injuries reported.

Died Margaret Elaine Dyce, aged 3 years, of Henrietta.
Died Mrs. Essie Knox Majors, aged 73, of Henrietta.
Ashland City *Times*, Sept, 20, 1961

BENNETT CEMETERY, BENNETT ROAD

LASTNAME--FIRSTNAME--MIDDLE--MAIDEN--BORN--DIED--SPOUSE
BENNETT--BABY--?--?--02-1938--02-1938--
BENNETT--BABY--?--?--12-07-1938--12-07-1938--
BENNETT--BABY--?--?--1940--1940--
BENNETT--BABY--?--?--NO DATE--NO DATE--
BENNETT--BABY--?--?--NO DATE--NO DATE--
BENNETT--BABY--?--?--NO DATE--NO DATE--
BENNETT--BABY--?--?--NO DATE--NO DATE--
BENNETT--BETTY--?--?--02-16-1898--03-23-1965--
BENNETT--BILL--?--?--05-12-1852--01-19-1934--REDIKER, AMANDA
BENNETT--JOHN--HENRY--?--NO DATE--NO DATE--
BENNETT--MARTHA--JANE--?--06-09-1922--06-09-1922--
BENNETT--MINNIE--F--?--03-12-1915--09-08-1978--BENNETT, MOSS
BENNETT--MOSS--?--?--09-05-1899--06-10-1972--?, MINNIE F
BENNETT--PHILLIP--?--?--09-12-1893--07-02-1898--
BENNETT--TENNESSEE--?--?--05-1922--06-1922--
BESS--JENNIE--?--BENNETT--02-09-1895--10-01-1989--BESS, ?
BLANTON--KENNY--RAY--?--07-05-1961--07-06-1961--
FERGUSON--ALICE--?--BENNETT--03-22-1891--05-30-1959--FERGUSON, JOE HENRY
FERGUSON--JOE--HENRY--?--12-06-1849--04-16-1960--BENNETT, ALICE
FIELDER-- LOUISE--B--?--07-15-1922--09-27-1996--FIELDER, FLOYD E
FIELDER--FLOYD--E--?--07-18-1926--01-07-1982--?, LOUISE B
GARRETT--BETTY--JEAN--BENNETT--09-06-1952--05-02-1993--
NEWMAN--ERNEST--J--?--03-25-1920--01-08-1990--?, MARGARET V
NEWMAN--MARGARET--V--?--04-24-1918--NO DATE--NEWMAN, ERNEST
PERRY--KIZZIE--?--BENNETT--07-04-1908--06-02-1978--PERRY, ROBERT
PERRY--ROBERT--?--?--10-06-1905--08-16-1984--BENNETT, KIZZIE
REDIKER--BABY--?--?--1800'S--1800'S--
WALKER--JULIAN--C--?--06-01-1902--10-10-1960--?, LOUISE B
WALKER--LOUISE--B--?--07-15-1922--NO DATE--WALKER, JULIAN C

Who Are These PALS People, Anyway*? – contributed by Judy Mayo*

PALS is short for Pond Creek and Lillamay/Sams Creek for these are three closely connected communities along the southern edge of the Cumberland River in Cheatham County. All three communities are quite old, being settled in the late 1700s, and many of the members of the PALS Chapter are related to each other, sometimes through several different family connections.

The Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association was begun in 1994 and the PALS Chapter was begun on August 20, 1996 at a meeting at the Harvest Fields Baptist Church on Sams Creek Road. The idea was from Jim Allen, one of the many cousins in our group. Our first president was June Crouch Nixon whose roots are deep on Sams Creek and who has been dedicated to the chapter since its' beginning. She and her husband, Earl, welcome us into their home for most of our meetings.

The main goal of the PALS Chapter is to collect and preserve the history of our area. PALS members are dedicated to cleaning and restoring old family cemeteries that are otherwise neglected. This has been our main focus for several years and, in our efforts to do this, we have taken on the cleaning and restoration of several old cemeteries including the Hooper and Vick Cemeteries on Sams Creek and the Allen and Lovell Cemeteries on Pond Creek. Though we are few in number, we do our best to keep down the heaviest growth and do more extensive restoration as time and workers permit. Much has been done to restore the Hooper Cemetery including fencing, leveling the soil and placing small markers at each unidentified gravesite. Signs and benches have been placed there and at the Allen Cemetery and our hope is to restore and maintain as many old cemeteries as we can in the years to come and to encourage others to do the same.

We started with 29 members and now have 33 individual and family memberships at the present time, some as far away as California and Florida. Our current officers are: President Marie Murphy Garland; Vice-President Ben (Bo) Jordan; Treasurer Brenda Richardson Curtis and Secretary Judy Vick Mayo. Our regular meetings are on the third Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November. When we meet, we talk about the good old days when life was simpler and times were hard and the way everyone helped each other and pulled together to make life better. We also plan cemetery cleanings and sometimes field trips and yard sales and, once in a while we have the annual home tour that CCHGA holds before Christmas. Our members are active in CCHGA and we always do our part in their activities which include some of us serving on the museum committee and others being officers from time to time as called on.

Our PALS Chapter has held two events open to the public to create interest in our local history. On Sunday, April 21, 2002, we held "Spring Into the Past" and the highlight of that event were the 'old-timers' who came and spoke to us of how things were in their day. Ed Gibbs, Rachel Gibbs Crawford, Luradean Sadler Pardue, Jim Murphy, Lucille Stevens Hooper, Roger Allen and Rebecca (Tootsie) Cox Webb entertained us with their stories and Harold Lovell, Tennessee Artist in Residence and Dry Creek resident, brought his paintings and stories about them to share with us. PALS Members also brought lots of historical items to display and 65 to 70 local area people came to this event.

On Sunday, September 14, 2003, we held an event called "Fall Back in Time" and this event showcased an amazing display of old things belonging to our members. You would have thought you'd gone back in time just to walk around the room and see all the antiques and pictures. Attendance was lower at this event (it was football season!) but those who came and our members themselves had an absolutely great time together and welcomed all who came to see our stuff! (over)

Our most ambitious endeavor in the effort to collect and preserve our history is the book called "Life on the Creeks" – which we call The PALS Book - and it was published on our chapter's 10th anniversary, 2006. The book committee consisted of Marie Garland, June and Earl Nixon, Barbara Heggie, Ben Jordan, Brenda and Gerald Curtis and Judy Mayo. We collected articles and photos from many people in the three local communities and we've had a great deal of success, selling 660 copies so far. We published our book through Westview Publishing and can order copies at an time, so we keep some on hand and get requests quite often.

Recently we were privileged to co-host a 25th Anniversary open house at the Penuel Ridge Retreat which is located on Sams Creek Road and we felt privileged to share in that effort. Seven members took part and we enjoyed it very much.

And so, this is who "these PALS people" are. We'd be happy to have you join us as we journey through this thing called life, treasuring our past but still working to make things better for the future of our children and our grandchildren and all our neighbors in this special place we call home.

If you would like to join CCHGA and our PALS chapter, we'd be most happy to have you in our group. For more information, you may call any of the following PALS members: Marie Garland at 646-6473, Ben Jordan at 746- 5736, Judy Mayo at 352-4408, Barbara Heggie at 792-7178, June & Earl Nixon at 792-1658, Brenda Curtis at 352-1263, Betty McCool at 792-4088, Jerry Allen at 883-0195 and Beverly Warren at 934-7248.

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