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Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association



The Civil War Diary of Anna Lowe of Cheatham County - *submitted by Greg Poole*

The following diary excerpt was taken from the "Papers of Jeanette Sloan Warner" located in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. It is the diary of Anna M. Lowe (born 1846), the youngest daughter of Gideon Harris and Delana Dowlen Lowe. After the war, she attended school at Corona Institute for Young Ladies at Lebanon, Tennessee. Her brother, Gideon Harris Lowe Jr. "Giddie" was a captain in the 18th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, known as the "Ashland City Guards."

January 14th, 1864 Brother William returns and Bro. Smith with him. Tony remained over there, also Mr. Felix Smith spends the night; vaccinates us all. Cousin Edmund Felts calls. Sis Mary and Tishie return from visiting Mrs. Crockett bringing word from Brother Giddie (her brother, Gideon H. Lowe, who was in the army ed.), though nothing definite more than we have heard. Mr. Boyd, one of the company, brought the news.

January 15th Today is mother's 60th birthday. The gentlemen all leave. Brother William goes down to Uncle Jim's. Several of the Negroes being sick, I prepare dinner.

January 17th, Sunday Bro. Porter has an appointment to preach today, but as it rains all day, do not attend. Bro. William gets back from Uncle Jim's. Uncle Wash Lowe sends for Sis Tenn, several of the family being sick. Rumors which have been afloat for several days of another battle in Virginia have been confirmed. A bloody battle has been fought in which the Confederates are said to be victorious. Sis Tenn and Richard leave in the rain.

January 18th Brother William left for White's Creek and Nashville very early. Mrs. Felts left. Spun all day. Three wood cutters stay all night.

January 20th Kill hogs today. Mr. Lee and Cousin Edmund Felts take dinner with us. Sheperd (a slave, ed.) left Saturday, went as far as the river, when Mr. Mayberry (the ferryman) told him if he went to Nashville, Mother would sell him to the government, and have him put in the service. He came back.

January 21st Brother William goes down to Uncle Jim's. Mr. John Smith came down today. It is reported there is to be an armistice of six months. I hope it is true. Mr. Hale called to buy flour.

January 22nd Tishie returns today. Bro. William also. Mrs. Crockett offers to carry me through the remainder of the Latin course, and Mother says I may begin as soon as the weather permits.

January 23rd Spin in the morning. Go with the children to get sugar-water this evening. Get some ice. Still rumors of peace. Have headache and pain all day.

January 26th Mr. Simpkins and some other gentlemen call. He brings word of Mr. Robertson's death. This is another one of the heroes of Civil War. A benevolent, religious, honorable man, and a worthy and respected citizen, is torn from his family and murdered by piecemeal by being incarcerated for 12 months in a military prison, on account of his political opinions. This is our once free and happy America!!!

January 27th Tony starts to Nashville very early this morning. Sis Lou and Brother William return from White's Creek. Smallpox still raging violently, principally among the Negroes, hundreds dying daily. Beautiful weather.

February 1st Tom Pardue comes today. Dr. Mallory moves to Springfield tomorrow. Bro. Smith came over today and brought us a letter from my darling Brother Giddie, the first we have had since last June. Oh, how I wish this cruel war was over that he might come home. Says "although we may never regain our lost territory, we are determined to contest inch by inch their further progress until we teach them it is a useless task to try and subdue us." He was wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga, and has not yet recovered, says that when he is on duty he feels at home, but now does he indeed feel he is "an exile from home and loved ones." He sends for a horse and some clothes and we are afraid to send him anything for fear the Federals will find it out. He is staying with Dr. Cox's family, and they have been so kind to him. I hope they will be repaid for their kindness if not in this world, "that which is to come." I hope he will continue to find such friends as long as he is far from home. He thinks this year will close the war, but there is not much appearance of peace now. He is on General Joseph Brown's staff.

February 9th Brother Smith came over after Sis Lou and Tishie, all leave after dinner, and we would be so lonesome if it were not for Cousin Bob. He is paying us a farewell visit and will leave for Arkansas in a week.

February 10th Report says that General Longstreet has taken Knoxville. I hope it is true.

February 12th Bro. William and Tony leave very early for his farm. Spooling and reading "Horace and May, or Unconscious Influence." I am very lonesome. It seems as if presentiment of evil were weighing on my mind. I don't know whether it is right to feel as I do, but I can't help it.

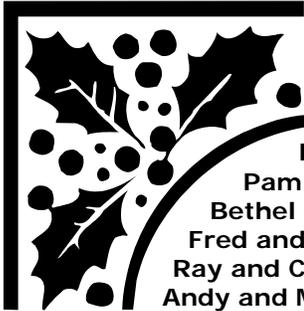
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NEXT CCHGA MEETING IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2003 6:00 AT CHEATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cumberland County: The Ancestor of Cheatham County - submitted by Greg Poole

Cumberland County was the ancestor of Cheatham County. The unsuccessful efforts to organize a county north of Nashville to be named for the river, extended back to 1837, when a county was removed from parts of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery and Dickson, and was called Cumberland.

Cumberland County was not officially organized, owing to its failure to comply with one or more of the constitutional provisions for its establishment. A second effort was made in 1844, and the county was re-created with some changes in proposed boundaries, but it failed again of ratification. The third attempt was successful in 1856. A year earlier another county had been created on the Cumberland Plateau and it had taken the name of Cumberland, so the new county became Cheatham. Ed



Mark your calendars! CCHGA's 10th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be on November 30, 2003 from 1:00 - 4:00. Tickets to this annual event will be \$8.00.

Homes on tour in the Bethel Community:

**Perry and Linda Tilghman
Pam Brown
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
Fred and Rosemary Tedescucci
Ray and Cathy Holland
Andy and Melody Fleming**

Contact Linda Tilghman or the CCHGA office 792-3623 for additional information.



Autobiography of Nannie Mai Morris, Ashland City, Tennessee, February 26, 1970 - submitted by Lisa Walker Tinch

I was born October 14, 1892, at Lockertsville in the fifth district of Cheatham County. My parents were George Hunt and Etta Teasley Hunt. I had two sisters, Lula Hunt and Essie Hunt. My Grandparents on my mother's side, were Lynn Teasley and Mary Ann Wall Teasley. Granddaddy was a Confederate soldier and lived till a ripe old age. He got much joy from spoiling us grandchildren and our two boys. Grannie Teasley, was some younger than Grandddaddy. She lived twelve months after Granddaddy passed away.

My mother was an only child and lived on the same hill for ninety two years. She then lived with us for two years and died at the age of ninety four.

My father was a farmer and worked hard. He died early in his life at the age of sixty. He had a brother, Jim Hunt, three sisters, Mary Owen, Matt Shearron, Emma Jarrell. All are dead, except Emma.

My Grandparents, on my Daddy's side, lived and died I the same neighborhood.

We children, helped with the farm and home work. We walked two miles to school at Water Valley and carried a basket full of home cooked food. We were a lively bunch of school kids and had more fun during our school days than you can imagine. Even though I was cripple, I had my share of fun.

We attended a subscription school at Cheap Hill. Mr. Mitchell was our teacher. Lula was the oldest and married after I did. She married Jack Hunter and had two children, Bob and Jo Betsey. Lula had the misfortune of breaking her hip which resulted in a blood clot causing her death.

Essie, the youngest, married Sterling Shearron, had two children, Harland and Iris. Sterling died when the children were small and Essie went to our mother's and lived until she died with a lung hemorrhage. After that we brought her to our home until her death two years later.

I was married when I was twenty years old to a wonderful husband, Sidney Morris. We had two boys, Paul and Dorris and four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We are still living a happy life in Ashland City at the age of seventy seven and eighty years old.

Continued next month: Sidney Jerome Morris Autobiography

Public Acts of the Tennessee, 1837-1838 Chapter VIII - submitted by Greg Poole

Section I: Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That a new county shall be established, to be known and distinguished by the name of Cumberland, to be composed of parts of the counties of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery and Dickson. Beginning on the line dividing the counties of Robertson and Montgomery, at a point 11 miles north of the mouth of Harpeth River; running thence south 66 degrees west; crossing Cumberland River, near the mouth of Big Brush Creek, in all 11 and three fourth miles, thence south 7 and one half miles, to a point in the Dickson County line, near the Family Forge; thence south 77 degrees east, 7 miles; thence south 43 degrees east, 6 and one fourth miles, to the Davidson County line; thence south with said line 4 and one half miles; thence east 9 and one fourth miles; thence north 11 degrees east, crossing said river, in all 17 miles, to the road leading from the Pinnacle Bluff, on Sycamore Creek, to Nashville; thence with said road to Joseph Bradley's, including said Bradley; thence a direct course to the beginning.

Section II That for the due administration of justice, the different courts to be holden in said county of Cumberland, shall be holden at the house of James Stewart, in the county of Cumberland, until the seat of justice for said county shall be located.

Section 5: Be it enacted, that Allen Thompson and Samuel B. Davidson, of the county of Davidson, James Darden, of the county of Robertson, Pleasant Bagwell, of the county of Montgomery, and Rafor Crumpler of the county of Dickson, be appointed commissioners to fix on a suitable and eligible site for the seat of justice, and for the county town to be three miles of the centre; and the said commissioners shall procure by deed at least 50 acres of land for said county seat.

Section 7: Be it enacted, that the commissioners of said county shall sell the lots of said town, on a credit of at least 12 months, first giving due notice thereof in one or more newspapers printed in this state.

Section 9: Be it enacted, that the said commissioners shall superintend the building of the courthouse and jail, and other necessary public buildings.

Section 12: Be it enacted, that the commissioners first appointed by this act, shall receive the sum of 3 dollars for their services for each day they may be absent from home, and necessarily employed in performing the duties required by them by this act.

Section 13: Be it enacted, that Thomas Shaw, of the county of Robertson, be appointed to run and plainly mark the dividing line between the county of Davidson and Cumberland, between the county of Robertson and Cumberland, between the county of Montgomery and Cumberland and between the county of Dickson and Cumberland. And he shall have full power to employ chain carriers who shall receive a reasonable compensation for their services, and Thomas Shaw shall receive the sum of 4 dollars per day, for each day he may be necessarily employed in the business required by this act.

Section 14: Be it enacted that the county of Cumberland be attached to the Seventh Judicial circuit, and the courts shall be held on the second Mondays of March, July and November, in each and every year, at the home of James Stewart until the seat of Justice is established.

Section 15: Be it enacted, that the county of Cumberland shall be attached to the Chancery District, composed of the counties of Montgomery and Stewart, the court to be held at Clarksville as heretofore.

Section 17: Be it enacted, that the county of Cumberland shall form one regiment, and shall assume the place of the 148th Regiment, and be attached to the 15th Brigade. That the Field officer or officers shall meet at the house of James Stewart, on the 1st Saturday in March next, and divide said regiment into battalions and companies.

Section 18: Be it enacted, that on the first Thursday of January next, the Sheriffs of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery and Dickson, shall hold elections, for the purpose of receiving voted of the qualified voters residing in each fraction taken from the several; counties to form said county of Cumberland, at which election the polls shall be opened at 10 o'clock A.M. and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.. Those who wish to vote for the new county shall put "Cumberland" on their tickets, and those against it shall put the words "Old County" on their tickets.

Section 19: Be it enacted, that the election for that fraction which is taken off Davidson, shall be held at the houses of Braxton Lee and John Hooper, for that fraction taken from Robertson, shall be held at the house of John L. Hudgins, for that fraction from Montgomery, shall be held at the houses of Isaac Weakley and Daniel Waller, for that fraction taken from Dickson shall be held at the house of Joseph Morris.

Section 20: Be it enacted, That immediately after the elections, the sheriffs of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery and Dickson, shall make returns to the governor a full statement of all the votes both for and against the new county. If the majority votes in favor of the new county, the governor shall forthwith issue his proclamation, setting forth that the county of Cumberland has become a constitutional county.

John Cocke, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Terry H. Cahal, Speaker of the Senate
Passed November 27th, 1837.

The next CCHGA meeting is October 23, 6:00 at the Cheatham County Public Library. Members and guests spirited by Halloween should dress in costume. Please bring your choice of something good to eat to share with others for the party! For more information call the CCHGA office at 792-3623

News from the Communities - submitted by Greg Poole

Ashland City: Yesterday evening two colored female tramps, hailing from Nashville, struck Ashland City. As they came in they passed the home of a colored man, whose wife takes in laundry, and one of them appropriated a lot of clothing belonging to one of our lady inhabitants. They were arrested this morning and the clothing recovered. One of them, Lula Chambers, turned states evidence.

*T.A. Turner, County Clerk and his wife, will accompany excursionists as far as Clarksville, where he goes to attend the tobacco sales. Nashville *Daily American*, May 4, 1888

* Dr. Thomas Foster, formerly of the *Republican Farmer* of Loudon, got out the first number of the *Farmer and News* as successor to *The Reporter*, formerly published at Ashland City by S.W. Barbee, so that we will again have a county paper.

*Mr. G.W. Adams, proprietor of the City Hotel at Ashland City left Tuesday morning with his family for west Nashville, where he will take up his future abode. Their Sunday school teacher regrets to give up his 2 sons, Rufus and James, as there are not two better boys than they are.

*Mrs. W.A. Eatherly has moved back from Nashville where she went the first of the year. She returned on account of ill health.

*To such an extent has the patronage of Mrs. G.W. Chambliss increased that she has concluded to build an addition to her already commodious boarding house.

*Dr. Foster will soon take charge of the City Hotel, recently vacated by G.W. Adams. He proposes to make considerable improvements to the property, as to make it a first-class hotel.

*Mr. W.T. Bright of Ashland City is suffering severely from an attack of erysipelas and his recovery is doubtful. Nashville *Daily American*, May 20, 1888

*This morning when our Jailer went in to give his only prisoner, Belle Williams, colored, her breakfast, he found her cell empty. At some time during the night his bird had flown.

*W.R. Ennis, who raided W.C. Hooper's corn crib was arrested some days since and brought before Esq. J.M. Eatherly. He waived examination by his attorney, J.J. Lenox and was committed to jail.

*Mr. Thomas O'Brien, an old and respected citizen of Ashland City, father-in-law of our Postmaster, W.W. Sanders, died some days since after a long and painful affliction. Mr. O'Brien was a native of Limerick, Ireland. He came to this country in 1838 and commenced work with Cheatham and Watson at Sycamore Mills and remained there until the war. During the war, he was a Union man, but never turned against his neighbors, and many an ex-Confederate and Confederate sympathizer had cause to rejoice that he was a Union man, as whenever one of them got into trouble with the Federal authorities, he always found a friend in Mr. Thomas O'Brien. Nashville *Daily American*, June 2, 1888.

Kingston Springs: Quite a sensation was created at Kingston Springs in Cheatham County, a station of the Northwestern Railroad, the latter part of last week, by the finding of a white male infant in a well on the Ament place. Dr. J.N. Bagwell, who was employed by the jury of inquest, ruled that the child was born alive and had been in the well some 3 weeks. No circumstances as yet point to the maternity of the child. Nashville *Daily American*, June 7, 1888

Pleasant View: A very sudden and peculiar death occurred at Good Springs Baptist Church near Pleasant View. Revival services were being held by Mr. Welch at the church, and during the course of his sermon some excitement and feeling manifested among the members. Mrs. A.G. Duke was wrought up to such a high pitch of religious enthusiasm her nervous system was overcome to such an extent as to arrest the heart's action. Restoratives were applied, but she could not be resuscitated. Nashville *Daily American*, June 18, 1888.

*Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Gossett was born in Cedar Hill, Tennessee in October 1831, and died August 31, 1929 near Pleasant View, aged 97 years. She was the wife of the late W.J. Gossett, to whom she married 82 years ago. Her husband died 25 years ago at the age of 86 years. Her maiden name was Miss Susan Elizabeth Ayers. She was a member of the Methodist church. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. W.T.S. Cook and Mrs. V.T. Wilson, and one son, J.E. Gossett. Interment was in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Clarksville *Leaf Chronicle*, September 5, 1929

Thomasville: Mr. George R. Fox, aged 73 years old, died April 3, 1927, of pneumonia, at his home in Thomasville, Tennessee. He was a member of the Baptist church. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sarah Fox, and two sons, B. Fox and Will Fox, three daughters, Mrs. Mattie Reeder, Mrs. Nannie Reeder and Mrs. Rowena Shearon. Interment was in the family cemetery at the old home place. Clarksville *Leaf Chronicle*, April 4, 1927

*H.M. Jackson, known affection ally as "Uncle Rufe," who was born in Thomasville, Tennessee 82 years ago, died March 1, 1928 at his home near Thomasville. He was the father of 17 children, of whom three survive, R.C. Jackson, Mrs. C.B. Fox and Miss Eddie Jackson. He was the father of W.N. Jackson, former register of Cheatham County, who died about a year ago. Interment was in the family cemetery. Clarksville *Leaf Chronicle*, April 2, 1928

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Come in costume if you are brave enough!**

Ashland City in 1874 - submitted by Greg Poole

Ashland City, the county seat, is situated on the north bank of Cumberland River, about one mile above the head of Harpeth Shoals. It contains about 250 inhabitants. It has one church, a Masonic hall, and the usual county buildings. The courthouse is justly the pride of the citizens of the county. During the past scholastic year the town had three public schools, two white and one colored. There are three dry-goods stores, in all of which groceries and family supplies are kept; one shoe and boot store, in connection with family groceries; with blacksmith, shoe and boot maker, cooper, saddler etc., and three drinking saloons. There is a tobacco establishment for putting up tobacco in hogsheads, from which about 200 hogsheads are shipped to Clarksville, Tennessee, annually. Also one establishment for the manufacture of chewing tobacco. (J.B. Killebrew, *Introduction to the Resources of Tennessee*, (Nashville, Tennessee: Tavel, Eastman and Howell, 1874), pg. 641.



NAME THAT STREET!

CCHGA is compiling information on how the streets in Cheatham County got their names. If you know why a street in Cheatham County was named what it is, please mail in a 50 word summary for the street name biography to CCHGA, P. O. Box 703, A.C., TN 37015.

Example:

Henry Smith Drive was named for Henry Odell Smith, 1905-1970, m. Jane Doe, 1908-1965; Ashland City High 1922; U of Tenn 1926 (B.S. Degree); farmer; county commissioner 1930-1946; 1st Lt. WWII Army (Germany).



A good time was had by all who attended the PALS Chapter Fall Back in Time held at the Harvest Fields Baptist Church, Sams Creek Road. At left, PALS member Ben "Bo" Jordan, at right PALS member Adrian Sircy. Contact Judy Mayo for info on how to hold such an event!



Represent CCHGA and attend the 4th Annual Tennessee Archives Institute

The 4th Annual Tennessee Archives Institute will be held at the Maury County Archives in Columbia, TN on November 5-7, 2003. The Institute is designed to be a 2 ½ day introduction to basic archival principles for local government records keepers. This year's session will focus on hands-on techniques for processing, preserving, and indexing original documents.

The Institute offers an opportunity for records keepers to meet and exchange information with archival staff from around the state.

Participants who complete the program will receive joint certification as an Archives Manager from the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the University of Tennessee Center for Government Training.

Reservations are required. The fee for the Institute is \$75 per person and includes two-nights lodging and lunch for each day. CCHGA will pay the fee.

CCHGA would like to send a CCHGA member to this institute. If you are interested, please contact the CCHGA office at 615-792-3623.

Encourage your family and friends to join CCHGA!
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Membership is due in January and runs thru December.

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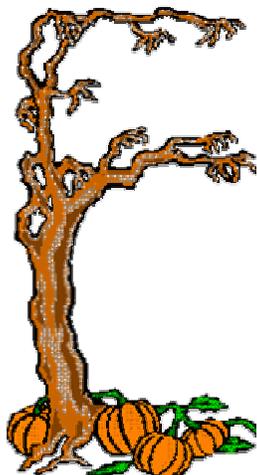
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