

# CCHGA BYTES

The next CCHGA meeting is October 27, 2005 at 7:00 - Cheatham County Public Library

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## HAVE YOU HEARD THIS GHOST STORY?



October,  
November,  
December and  
January are  
designated

new CCHGA membership  
drive months.

New members joining  
CCHGA in October 2005  
(for individual membership  
of \$15.00) will get 3 extra  
months and membership  
will run until January 2007.

Membership will include  
CCHGA's monthly  
newsletter and help go  
toward funding the new  
Cheatham County  
Museum.

If you have any questions,  
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### Welcome New Members:

**Terry and Janice Allen**  
**Heidi Graham-Aparicio**  
**Marjorie Currin**

At the next CCHGA meeting on Thursday October 27 at 7:00 at the Cheatham County Public Library, bone up on your history and folklore and discover the origins and traditions of Halloween past. Come hear others tell ghost stories and tall tales of fright, don't be scared, bring your own stories to share! There are no known Cheatham County ghost stories but if you have one we would love to hear it! Refreshments will be served, dress in costume if you are brave enough!

### *Ghost Sightings Close to Cheatham County*

*contributed by Lisa Walker Tinch*

**Adams, TN:** The home of one of the most famous ghost stories in American History.. the Bell Witch

**Clarksville:** Smith Trahern Mansion - The ghost of Mrs. Smith is said to be seen on the widow's walk on moonlit nights. The house overlooks the Cumberland River where her husband was a Riverboat Captain. In life, she sat on the balcony overlooking the river waiting for him to come home. He died in an accident on the river, and never returned to her. She still stands in vigil, waiting for her husband to come home.

**Clarksville:** Trahern Fine Arts Center home to Ms. Margaret who is mostly heard on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Sometimes she rides the elevator up and down, slams doors and plays jokes on students.

**Hurricane Mills:** Loretta Lynn's antebellum house is said to be haunted. Several ghosts which include a confederate soldier and a lady in white are said to haunt the graveyard on her property.

**White Bluff:** One of the most well known tales from Middle Tennessee is that of the White Screamer in Dickson Tennessee. The White Screamer is said to be a misty apparition with a horrible loud pitch scream.

**Ashland City:** Never before has Cheatham County produced such a crop of wild persimmons and Tennessee opossums as it has the present fall. One night last week two young sportsmen of Ashland City captured 16 opossums in six hours each and every one of which was fat and fine. Others in various sections report similar records. Nashville *Banner*, October 21, 1906.

**Ashland City:** Ben Jordan and H.W. Bennett, two well known citizens of Cheatham County, engaged in a difficulty this morning at the livery stable at Ashland City, in which Bennett was seriously cut on the left arm. The trouble was over money matters and after a heated argument the two men got together and Jordan pulled a knife and cut Bennett on the left arm, inflicting a serious wound. They were arrested for fighting and will be tried in the court. Nashville *Banner*, October 23, 1906.

**Ashland City:**

- Society News- Miss Irene Shaw, who is attending school in Nashville, spent the weekend with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H.E. Shaw in Ashland City.
- Mrs. D.G. McKnight of Clarksville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Lenox.
- Miss Bessie Herald has returned to Neptune.
- Mr. and Mrs. James Major of Pardue were in Ashland City Thursday.
- Miss Grace Wilson is visiting relatives in Houston, Texas. Nashville *Tennessean*, July 3, 1915.

**Ashland City:** The Ashland City Cubs won a double-header from the Bellsburg baseball team on the latter's diamond Saturday afternoon. The score in the first game was 4 to 1 with Binkley and Crocker the batters from Ashland

City and Johnson and Crewes from Bellsburg. The second game resulted in the score of 4 to 0 with Harper and Burkholder playing the leading role for the locals and Johnson, Mitchell and Crewes for Bellsburg. The locals play Pleasant View next Saturday. Nashville *Banner*, July 12, 1915.

**Ashland City:** G.W. Dozier, a prominent citizen of Ashland City died Sunday afternoon in a Nashville hospital, where he recently underwent an operation. He was 72 years of age, and is survived by his wife and the following children: Miss Lela Dozier, Rome Dozier, Shirley Dozier, Hubert Dozier, all of Cheatham County. Interment took place yesterday afternoon at the family burying ground near Greenbrier. Nashville *Banner*, July 24, 1915.

**Ashland City:** Died Monday morning, July 16, 1923, at a local infirmity, Mrs. Lillie Duke, widow of the late J.M. Duke. Remains were taken to Ashland City where the funeral will be held at the home of John Duke this afternoon by the Rev. J.E. Hudgens. Interment at Forest Hill. Nashville *Tennessean*, July 17, 1923.

**Lockertsville:** Mrs. Harrie Wall was found dead in her bed early Saturday morning. She resided near Lockertsville and was 86 years of age. She was the widow of Captain Wash Wall, one of the old settlers of Cheatham County. Her oldest son is over 60 years old and she leaves a number of great grandchildren. It is said that she retired Friday night apparently in good health and it is supposed that heart trouble caused her death. Nashville *American*, January 13, 1903.

**Lockertsville:** Gordon, son of Riley Allen of Lockertsville, Cheatham County, is dead, aged 22 years old. Nashville *Banner*, October 21, 1906

**Marrowbone:** Willie Carney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Carney of Marrowbone, is dead. He was about 22 years old. Nashville *Banner*, October 21, 1906.

**Petway:** Saturday evening, November 6<sup>th</sup>, an old Fiddler's contest was given at Idlewild School under the auspices of Misses Sallie Hale and Lola Smith to a large audience. A nice sum of money was raised and will be used for the benefit of the school. Ashland City *Times*, November 12, 1926

**Craggie Hope:** J. Duke Treanor, a member of a well known Nashville family died this morning at 6 o'clock at the residence of his brother, William O. Treanor, near Craggie Hope, Cheatham County, death coming after a brief illness and following a stroke.

Mr. Treanor was 80 years old, having reached that age June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was a native of Ireland, coming to Nashville in his boyhood with his parents and brothers. He learned the trade of tinner and worked at the bench with the late W.F. Phillips, one of the founders of Phillips and Buttorff Manufacturing Company.

Most of his life was spent in Memphis and in San Francisco following the Civil War. He served throughout the war in the Confederate service, having first enlisted in the First Tennessee Cavalry, McNairy Regiment and at the organization of the Fourth Tennessee Cavalry became a member of the noted "Cedar Snag" Company, which served at Forrest's escort. He served to the end as orderly sergeant of the "Cedar Snags." At the surrender he was one of 13 men that was left out of the 82 at the beginning.

Said Captain Frank Anderson, Commander of Troop A, Forrest's Cavalry, "We were in all of the important engagements under Colonel Baxter Smith, and at Perryville, Kentucky when our flag-bearer was shot down, Sergeant

Treanor grabbed the colors and as orderly directed me to carry the flag of our company. He was captured near Franklin before the battle of Murfreesboro and escaping in the night captured a Federal cavalryman at point of an ear of corn and taking his horse and saber, and rejoining us."

He was a brother of the late Thomas O. Treanor and John O. Treanor and is survived by one son, Paul W. Treanor, and one daughter, Mrs. A.M. Wooten of Memphis. Another son, Louis Albert Treanor was killed in a railroad accident in New Orleans a number of years ago. The wife of Mr. Treanor, who was Charity Wallace, was also a native of Ireland and died in Memphis in 1872. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. *Nashville Banner*, July 9, 1915.

**Pleasant View:** Repair work on the Methodist church has been completed. The church has been newly covered, concrete steps built, the inside has been attractively papered, metal ceiling, all the woodwork newly painted and new runners for aisles. *Ashland City Times*, November 12, 1926.

**Craggie Hope:** A marriage that came as a pleasant surprise to their many friends and relatives was that of Miss Marie Louise Linton of Pegram and R.W. Hannah of Kingston Springs, which was solemnized at Craggie Hope Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Will C. Fountain. The bride is the young daughter of Mrs. Minnie Pegram Thompson of Pegram and the niece of John Pegram of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will K. Hannah of Kingston Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Hannah left for Lookout Mountain. *Nashville Banner*, July 13, 1915.

**Half Pone:**

-Mr. Odell Knox has moved to his new home with Jesse Pool on the Tobe Gupton farm.

-Miss Emma Poole, daughter of Bennie Poole was laid to rest Monday in the Pardue Cemetery.

-The school at Bethel will have a Christmas tree Saturday evening at 2 o'clock. *Ashland City Times*, December 17, 1926

**Kingston Springs:** The death of Thomas Fulgrum occurred at Kingston Springs, Tuesday morning. He was born in 1815 and was 98 years old on February 15<sup>th</sup>. "Uncle Tommie," as he was familiarly known, came from Davidson County more than 50 years ago and settled near this place.

He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for about 85 years and was known far and wide in Cheatham County for his devoutness and fidelity to the church. Several children survive him as follows: Offie and Billie Fulgrum of Kingston Springs and Billie Fulgrum of Nashville; Mesdames Lena Tidwell of Burns, Mary Stratton of Boston; Harriett Sneed of Nashville and Sallie Payne of Nashville. Miss Tabbie Fulgrum died some 25 years ago. Mr. Fulgrum was united in marriage to Miss Martha Woodard in Davidson County and their married life reached through a period of about 75 years. His remains were buried near the old home place. (A good photograph is included with the article. ed.) *Nashville Banner*, April 23, 1914.

**Thomasville:** An interesting community affair was a spelling match between Brewer's Chapel community and Stroudsville, which was held in the Methodist church at Brewer's, Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. A large crowd was present and everyone enjoyed the fun. Brewer's won by a good majority. Those left standing were Mrs. Forrest Shearon, Misses Cecil and Billie Elliott of Brewer's and Miss Mildred Stroud was the last standing on the Stroudsville side. *Clarksville Leaf Chronicle*, December 3, 1926.

**Neptune:** Ab. Page, a leading citizen of Neptune, Cheatham County, died recently, aged 66 years old. He served through the Civil War in the 50<sup>th</sup> Tennessee

Regiment in the company led by the gallant Captain Sam Mays, formerly of Nashville but now of Ennis, Texas. He had many old comrades in Cheatham, Dickson and Davidson Counties. He leaves a large family of grown sons, among them being E.M. Page, a merchant of Dickson, Tennessee, and one daughter, Mrs. William Stewart of Neptune, his wife having died several years ago. *Nashville American*, January 23, 1903

**Neptune:** A serious affair occurred at Neptune, Cheatham County last Friday afternoon. William Green and James Etherley, two schoolboys about 12 or 14 years of age, had a difficulty at the Neptune schoolhouse, which resulted in Green stabbing Etherley with a pocketknife, the blade penetrating the small part of the back leaving an ugly and dangerous wound from which it is said Etherley may not recover.

A warrant has been sworn out for Green's arrest, but as yet he has not been apprehended. The boys were members of prominent families. *Nashville American*, January 27, 1903.

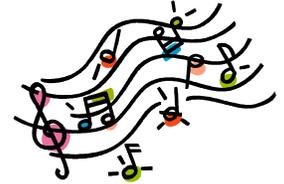
**Neptune:** Mrs. Aaron Smith has returned from the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Earnest Rinehart of Russellville, Kentucky, who is seriously ill with tuberculosis. The many friends of Mrs. Charlie Bobbitt, who is now at Denver, Colorado are glad to hear that she is rapidly improving. *Ashland City Time*, September 4, 1925.

**Clarksville:** Dr. J.E. Justice, a prominent druggist of Clarksville and a member of the State Board of Pharmacy has made application to Governor Tom Rye for appointment as State Pure Food and Drug Inspector. Dr. Justice is an excellent businessman and Christian gentleman of the highest type. He is a native of Cheatham County and has been a resident of Clarksville for four years. *Nashville Banner*, July 12, 1915.



**What Cheatham Countians were listening to in 1926:**  
**Records for Sale at Duke and Shaw's Mercantile Store, Ashland City** - *contributed by Greg Poole*

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| "Gone Again Gal"                                 | "I've Got the Girl"     |
| "Just a Bird's Eye View"                         | "Black Bottom"          |
| "Charleston Hound" by the Bluegrass Foot Warmers | "St. Louis Hop"         |
| "Oh, Lord, I've Done What You Told Me to Do"     | "Everybody Mess Around" |
| "Waltz With the One You Love"                    | "Black Horse Stomp"     |
| "My Cutey's Due at 2 to 2"                       | "Sleep Head"            |
| "Hoodle Dee Doo Dee"                             | "I'd Rather Be Alone"   |
| "Don't Fail Me Dice"                             |                         |
| "The Prisoner's Song"                            |                         |
| "Shake That Thing"                               |                         |



*Ashland City Times*, December 3, 1926

**Politics at the Post Office** - *contributed by Greg Poole*

There is a vacancy in the post office at Ashland City and a lively scramble is now on for the appointment to succeed J.F. Shivers, former postmaster. There are three applicants already: J.C. Pace, Miss Della Sanders and N.N. Binkley. Mr. Pace has been in charge of the office temporarily. Each applicant is backed by a strong petition, which has been sent on to Washington.



This is an office of the Fourth Class and is not considered as a political one. That is, the politics of the postmaster had never been argued until 1897, just after President McKinley's inauguration, when J.F. Shivers was appointed postmaster as a reward for his faithful services to the GOP. Previous to this, W.W. Sanders, a Democrat, had been postmaster for thirty years. Mr. Binkley, one of the present applicants is a Republican and claims the appointment chiefly on this ground.

*Nashville American*, January 19, 1903.

**Cheatham County and the Flood of 1927** - *contributed by Greg Poole*

A steady fall of the Cumberland River has been in progress all this week and it is thought that all the highways leading to Ashland City will be cleared by Sunday. The flood at this point is thought to have passed the record of the 1882 rise when the gauge at Nashville registered 55.3 feet. The high mark at Nashville this time was 56.7 feet. At Clarksville the gauge read 59.77 feet, 1.58 inches below the 1882 level.

Loss on this community by the flood was considerable, as the rise was so rapid that farmers having corn and hay in pens and sheds in the bottoms were unable to remove them before the overflow. Many farmers were not through gathering their corn, and it will now be practically useless, unless fed to hogs within the next few weeks. L.J. Pardue and T.A. Turner were perhaps the largest losers, their crops on the Gower's Island, estimated at 400 barrels having been caught in the overflow.

*Ashland City Times* January 7, 1927

**\*\*\*\*\*Cheatham County Historian to be selected October 17, 2005\*\*\*\*\***

On October 17, 2005 at the Cheatham County Courthouse in the courtroom at 7:00 (when facing the courthouse the entrance is on the left side of the building), the Cheatham County Commissioners will select the next Cheatham County Historian. Lisa Tinch's name has been tossed in the hat!

## Constance Bannister: Cheatham County Photographer - *contributed by Greg Poole*

Constance Bannister of Laurel Hollow, N.Y., well-known baby photographer, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at the White Oaks Nursing Home in Woodbury, N.Y. She was 92. Born Constance Louise Gibbs in 1913 in Ashland City she was the second of 17 children and was inspired toward baby pictures by her 15 younger siblings.

Ms. Bannister, whose baby photography books were published in several languages, was a society photographer for The Associated Press in Palm Beach. She was born Feb. 11, 1913, in Ashland City, one of 17 children. She moved to New York City in the 1930s and enrolled in the School of Modern Photography. After her stint in Palm Beach, she returned to New York and opened a studio on Central Park South. She later worked for the Chicago Tribune, photographing Broadway shows on tour. She also was a photographer for the NYC Ballet and the Ice Caspades.

She began photographing babies and Bannister Baby Photos with amusing captions became her signature and were published in books, magazines, calendars, billboards and posters worldwide. During World War II, her baby posters helped sell war bonds, enlist servicemen and women and boost morale. Her photos were published on the covers of Woman's Day, McCall's, Country Gentlemen and Look magazines, as well as featured on television. Jack Parr called her "the world's most famous baby photographer." Her comic strip, Baby Banter, was a syndicated newspaper feature for six years. She designed baby dolls fashioned after her photos and marketed by Sam Rubber Company of Barberton, Ohio. More than a million were sold and the antique dolls are still being auctioned on the Internet. She produced movie shorts that ran with first-run movies, Bannister's Bantering Babies, Babies by Bannister and Babies in Bannister Land. She won trophies for tennis, swimming, dancing and advertising package design and was an author and an inventor with several patents.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Hatcher; two daughters, Lynda Hatcher of East Northport, N.Y., and Lisa Kelley of Laurel Hollow, N.Y.; six grandchildren; two sisters, Edith Bliss of Lake Worth, Fla. and Elsa Lockert of Ashland City; and three brothers, Hester Gibbs of Lebanon; and Bruce Gibbs and John Gibbs of Ashland City.

A wake was held Aug. 19, 2005, at the Francis Devine Funeral Home in Oyster Bay, N.Y. Interment was the Gibbs family plot in Ashland City.

*Ashland City Times*, September 1, 2005



J. R. Nicholson

*Calling card from collection of Azalea Jones', provided by Sandra Cantrell.*

## Record Vote Predicted Thursday - *contributed by Lisa Walker Tinch*

A record vote is predicted tomorrow in both the Democratic Primary and the general election to be held in the County. Seeking the offices in the County races will be Charles E. Boyte, Walter Maxey, Granville Pack, and E. C. (Carmack) Suell, for County Court Clerk, the post held by J. W. Caughron for 16 years and who is not seeking re-election.

George H. Gibbs, incumbent, opposed for the Circuit Court Clerk's Post by A. A. Travis.

T. A. Turner, incumbent in the registers office is opposed by Z. B. Balthrop.

George Vanhook county road supervisor is opposed by Perry Corlew.

In the Sheriff's race, Bruce Bradley, incumbent, has two opponents, Verner Harper and L. J. Matlock.

Millard Shearon, incumbent in the Trustee's office is opposed by Nelson Perry.

Forty five candidates are seeking magistrate's post in hotly contested races with two to be elected from each district except the first, which elects three and one city magistrate, Millard Harris, incumbent, is asking re-election to the city post.

Leonard Harris, and Norman Fallis, incumbents, are opposed by Robert Driver for 1st District constable.

The Governor's race, with Governor Frank Clement and former Governor Gordon Browning vieing for the office, is one of the most heated political campaigns in the history of the State. Raulston Schoolfield is also a candidate.

Senator Estes Kefauver, opposed by Congressman Pat Sutton for the Senate seat has also been a heated race.

John R. Long, Tom Fox and Ross Bass, are seeking Congressman Sutton's post.

Ashland City *Times*, August 3, 1954

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