



# CCHGA Bytes

The next CCHGA meeting is September 22, 2005 at 7:00 - Cheatham County Public Library

R.D. Huffines - President  
 Cleo Hogan - Vice President  
 Judy Mayo - Secretary  
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October, November, December and January are designated new CCHGA members drive months.

New members joining CCHGA in October 2005 (for individual membership of \$15.00 or \$25.00 for family) 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, please contact the CCHGA office at 615-792-3623, Betty Cannon at 615-792-5205 or Lisa Tinch ([ltinch@bellsouth.net](mailto:ltinch@bellsouth.net)).

## 1920 Cheatham County TN Census W. Charley Harris Family – 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil District

9-137

STATE Tennessee  
 COUNTY Cheatham  
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil District

DEPARTMENT FOURTEENTH CENSUS

NAME OF INSTITUTION

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Street, house, or place of abode	Name of abode	Name of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family	Relationship of this person to the head of the family	Sex	Color or race	Age at last birth	Married, widowed, or divorced	Year of immigration to the United States	Married in United States	Year of naturalization	Year of immigration to the United States	Married in United States	Year of naturalization	Year of immigration to the United States	Married in United States
		Harris, W. Charley	Head	M	W	35	M								
		Blatter, K.	Wife	F	W	35	M								
		Hayle, F.	Daughter	F	W	14	S								
		Estlin, J.	Daughter	F	W	12	S								
		Winstford, J.	Son	M	W	10	S								
		Mable	Daughter	F	W	8	S								
		Christine	Daughter	F	W	6	S								
		Mary L.	Daughter	F	W	4	S								
		Mary J.	Daughter	F	W	2	S								

**Ashland City:** G.H. Binkley of Ashland City, who has been with the fleet around the world as a first-class cook on the "Louisiana: and who was recently discharged at Hampton Roads, Virginia, will enlist as commissary steward in the Navy. Mr. Binkley states that the fleet on leaving Gibraltar brought with it to home shores about 65 deserters from the British Navy, who had hidden themselves on the American vessels. *Nashville American*, March 24, 1909.

**Ashland City:** Considerable excitement was created in Ashland City on the steamer, "Robert Rhea", upon which a party of excursionists were traveling. While a male passenger and one or two ladies were cooling several bottles of pop in a large tub, one of them exploded with such force that several were cut by the broken fragments of glass. When others gathered around after hearing the explosion and saw the blood, they thought someone had been shot. *Nashville Banner*, July 26, 1912.

**Half Pone:** Jeff and Will Nicholson, two young men who live near Half Pone in Cheatham County, confined in jail at Clarksville will be charged with the murder of Rufus Hunter last November. They were arrested about 10 days ago on warrants charging conspiracy in connection with the burning of a barn owned by a man

named Frazier in Cheatham County, and another owned by Boze Williams in Montgomery County. Evidence has developed since which is said to connect them with the murder of Hunter. *Nashville American*, March 3, 1909.

**Craggie Hope:** Down at Fresh Air Camp Thomas, Craggie Hope, a large number of children and grown people are being cared for during the hot days and a splendid work is being done. As the facilities of the camp have been increased, Miss Fannie Battle, General Secretary has been able to care for more persons this year than ever before. The plan provides that each person remain two weeks and at the end of this time, they are brought back to the city, and others are taken down. However, in case of fullness or when it is thought necessary by Miss Battle, they are kept for a longer stay. Within the past two days, 28 persons have been brought home, and 16 others will be taken to the camp by Miss Battle tonight. The United Charities is in receipt of 20 baby dresses from Mrs. John Frank and the gift is greatly appreciated. *Nashville American*, August 1, 1912.

**Lockertsville:** The body of Green W. Maxey, who died at a local infirmary Thursday afternoon in the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of his age, was taken to Lockertsville this morning for

burial. The body was removed to the home of his son, J.W. Maxey at 1709 St. Louis Street, Nashville from which the funeral was held. The services at Lockertsville will be conducted by the Rev. Jesse Hudgens. Mr. Maxey is survived by one son in Nashville and two daughters, Mrs. W.F. Teasley of Nashville and Mrs. J.H. Bracey of Adams. *Nashville Banner*, April 15, 1921.

**Mound Bottom:** Two images, one made of granite, one of flint and a stone image pipe recently excavated from a mound in a Harpeth River bottom in Cheatham County are declared by the owner, the Rev. W.R. Wilson to be idols of the prehistoric age. Mr. Wilson, who has collected Indian relics for a number of years declares that the images recently found were not made by Indians. W.E. Meyer has arranged to make a photograph of Mr. Wilson's collection of mound builders and Indian relics, which he values at \$2,000. *Nashville Banner*, April 16, 1921.

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### Member Stats

45 Ashland City Chapter Members  
34 At-Large Members  
11 KS Chapter Members  
32 PALS Members  
13 PV Members

**1834 Letter from Thomas H. Locke of Halifax County, North Carolina to William J. Nicholson, Montgomery County, Tennessee** - *contributed by Greg Poole*

(William Jefferson Nicholson was born April 29, 1810 in Halifax County, North Carolina and died at Half Pone, near Henrietta, Cheatham County in August, 1879. The following letters were sent to William Nicholson from relatives back in North Carolina. ed.)

Brother William Nicholson

We are all well at this time, hoping this ans may find you all in good health. You want to know how we are all getting along. I mak aplenty and to spare, and William is makng money and Aquilla I have not had a letter from in two years. I have write four letters and has had no answer and he was moving about so I cannot give you a correct postoffice. You want to know how many of the old people there is living. There is mity few. The widow ?ues wishes to be remembered to you all as Williams Parker also and he requests to write how many of Mathew? Parker's children is living and you want to know how our crops is. We have very fair crops, thank God. I have nothing (unreadable) to write to you only we have plenty to live on. We all gitting along very well and I hope you are too. I have nothing more at present only wish to be remembered to all the relations. I received your letter 22 November and was glad to hear from you, but was sorry to hear your (unreadable) was cut off in your crops. So I will close by saying may God save us all.

December the 8th 1834

Thomas H. Lock

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**1854 Letter from Caleb Ward Nicholson of Currituck County, North Carolina to his cousin, William J. Nicholson** - *contributed by Greg Poole*

State of North Carolina  
Currituck County  
Sept. the 5th 1854

Dear Cousin,

I take my pen in hand to answer your letter of the 6th of Aug., which I received the 2nd of Sept. We are all in midling good health at present. I hope these few lines may find you all the same. You stated in your letter, your mother wanted to know, who my mother was before married. She was Harriet Tatum, the daughter of Caleb Tatum & Courtney, his wife. I'll state some of her acquaintance's names that your mother is familiar with, Annis Brumsey, Chloe Miller, Sarah Miller, Lovey Fisher, Fanny Poyner and the above names are all living at this time. My mother is is about fifty three years of age, her sister Eliza is about 48, and her brother Dennis is all that is living. Uncle Dennis Tatum lives in your State, he lives in Gibson County. If you wish to address him, just direct your letter to Gibson County, Eaton P. O. Tenn. I have two brothers living, Joseph and Benjamin. Gideon died about 15 years ago. I have a family. I married Love L. Taylor, daughter of Lemuel Taylor and Lovey, his wife. We have been married Six years the 6th day of July last. You say you have a thought of coming to see us; I should be pleased to see you. You say some of your Neighbours are coming this winter. You had as well come with them and see old Currituck.

Our crops are sorry? wheat and corn. Peas are likely this season. Nothing more at present as I am in a hurry. Please excuse my bad writing. There is one thing I omitted that is North Carolina is democratic. We have elected a democratic Governor and Democratic legislature. We shall have a Majority on Joint ballot of twenty. You are a Whig, I expect, your state is, but your Father was a democrat when here. I come to a close.

Yours, etc.

Caleb W. Nicholson

Please answer this letter as soon as convenient and state your county and post office.

## Some Descendants of Isaac Newton Clifton - *contributed by Lisa Walker Tinch*

**1. Isaac Newton Clifton** was born Apr 12, 1836 in Montgomery County, Tennessee, and died Apr 04, 1905 in Cheatham County, Tennessee. He married **Virginia Booker Knox** Apr 18, 1866 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, daughter of Joseph Knox and Nancy Nicholson. She was born Jan 22, 1838 in Montgomery County, Tennessee, and died Oct 18, 1907 in Cheatham County, Tennessee.

Children of Isaac Clifton and Virginia Knox are:

- 2 i. Obediah Albert Clifton, born Mar 03, 1869 in Tennessee; died Dec 22, 1941 in Dozier Clinic, 2016 West End Ave., Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.
- + 3 ii. Rufus Newton Clifton, born Jul 01, 1867 in Cheatham County, Tennessee; died May 25, 1930 in Cheatham County, Tennessee.
- + 4 iii. Charley Walton Clifton, born Apr 24, 1871 in Cheatham County, Tennessee; died Aug 17, 1928 in Memphis, Tennessee.
- + 5 iv. Joseph Fletcher Clifton, born Aug 02, 1873 in Cheatham County, Tennessee; died Jan 29, 1936 in Memphis, Tennessee.
- + 6 v. William Overton Clifton, born Feb 06, 1879 in Cheatham County, Tennessee; died Dec 21, 1931 in Cheatham County, Tennessee.

### Generation No. 2

**3. Rufus Newton Clifton** (Isaac Newton) was born Jul 01, 1867 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, and died May 25, 1930 in Cheatham County, Tennessee<sup>9</sup>. He married **(1) Judith Lovinia Pace** Sep 04, 1895 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, daughter of William Pace and Judith Pardue. She was born Jun 20, 1869 in Tennessee, and died Apr 27, 1913 in Tennessee. He married **(2) Georgia Mai Murphy** Dec 13, 1915. She was born Jan 09, 1886 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, and died Jan 05, 1964 in Cheatham County, Tennessee.

Children of Rufus Clifton and Judith Pace are:

- 7 i. Joseph Eugene Clifton, born 1908; died 1975.
- 8 ii. Maud Pace Clifton, born Jul 08, 1897 in Cheatham County, Tennessee; died Jul 13, 1897 in Cheatham County, Tennessee.
- 9 iii. Nancy Judith Clifton, born Aug 26, 1898 in Cheatham County, Tennessee; died Jan 29, 1945 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. She married Phineas E. Holt Nov 14, 1930; born 1890 in Montgomery County, Tennessee; died Mar 1945 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Children of Rufus Clifton and Georgia Murphy are:

- 10 i. Rufus Edmund Clifton, born Aug 13, 1916; died May 08, 1981.
- 11 ii. Mary Idell Clifton<sup>13</sup>, born 1920.
- 12 iii. Cora Lee Clifton<sup>13</sup>, born Dec 27, 1921 in Tennessee. She married (1) John Edward Johnson Bef. Apr 06, 1984. She married (2) Lloyd Carlton Balthrop Apr 06, 1984; born Apr 17, 1914 in Pleasant View, Cheatham County, Tennessee.

**4. Charley Walton<sup>2</sup> Clifton** (Isaac Newton) was born Apr 24, 1871 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, and died Aug 17, 1928 in Memphis, Tennessee<sup>15</sup>. He married **Lizzie Belle Pinson** Oct 17, 1897 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, daughter of George Pinson and Anna Eatherly. She was born Jan 20, 1873 in Dickson County, Tennessee, and died Feb 06, 1950 in Cheap Hill, Cheatham County, Tennessee.

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. - Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Pinson Clifton, 77, who died yesterday at her home in Cheap Hill community of a heart attack, will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at Clifton Methodist church.

The Rev. J. K. Fides, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the family cemetery.

A native of Dickson county, she was the daughter of the late William and Anna Eatherly Pinson. She had lived here most of her life. She had been ill health for about a year.

She was a member of the Clifton Methodist church.

Survivors include two daughters, Miss Anna Clifton of Cheap Hill, Miss Mildred Clifton of Washington, D. C.; two sons, Buford Clifton of Detroit, Mich., and Alvin Clifton of Hobbs, N.M.; one brother; two sisters, and six grandchildren.

**Encourage your family and friends to join CCHGA!**



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## Calling Cards - contributed by Lisa Walker Tinch

When visiting friends, or "making calls," in the late 1800's people would leave a card at the front door or parlor, even if the person they were visiting was home. They were used as a reminder about who had visited recently and deserved a visit in turn.

In order to make one's own card special, the printers, or makers of the cards, provided several different styles of writing and many colorful images from which to choose. Sometimes, color pictures on the cards helped to turn the art of calling into a game by "hiding" the name of the caller amongst a group of flowers or even under a flap. Beyond the decoration and name on the card, folding the cards certain ways told different messages. For example, if a card was received with the left corner folded down, it meant that the caller had come in person. And because calling cards were such special things, they were often carried in small, beautiful boxes that were many times more decorative than the cards themselves!

A card used in calling should have nothing upon it but the name of the caller. A lady's card should not bear her place of residence. The street and number always look better upon the card of the husband than upon that of the wife. When necessary, they can be added in pencil on the cards of the wife and daughter. A business card should never be used for a friendly call.

A physician may put the prefix "Dr.," or the affix "M.D.," upon his card, and an army or navy officer his rank and branch of service.

<http://www.victorianaonline.com>

The human hand, especially a lady's hand, is a common motif in both Victorian jewelry and calling cards.



From Azalea Jones' collection 1885-1890. Submitted to the CCHGA myfamily.com website by CCHGA member Sandra Cantrell

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