

CCHGA Bytes

June 2007

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Nearby Heritage Celebrations

submitted by Cleo Hogan

June 14-15-16, Guthrie, KY:
"Guthrie Heritage Days";

June 14, 5pm: Skit: Price Holloway: "Black Patch War Hero", at the Museum; and "The Great Mail Robbery of 1938", on Main Street, downtown Guthrie;

June 15, afternoon: Quilt show and rides & amusements for children with live music

June 16, 9am: Tractor Parade and quilt show

Call 270-483-2511 for more information

July 20 & 21, Adams, TN:
"TN-KY Threshing Show"

38th annual show, \$5 admission

Wheat Threshing, sawmilling, grinding of flour and corn meal, arts & crafts, flea market, blacksmithing, mule pull, tractor pull, exhibits.
Glenn Childers, President, 931-237-1680.

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Summerfest

**Riverbluff Park
Ashland City
June 13-16, 2007**

*Carnival Rides & Concessions

*Wed. entertainment
Nashville Jazz workshop
Rose on Vibes
Monica Ramey
Somba Nove

*Thursday entertainment
Music City Blues Society w/Debbie Ritter
Blue Mother Tupelo
Nick Nixon

*Friday entertainment
Mary Grace Williams
The Chill Jammers
The Valentines

*Saturday entertainment
Powder Mill Bluegrass
Richard Allen Jones
Wade Gwen
Ted Thompson
Tarryn Smith

Saturday there will also be living history booths where you can watch wood working, blacksmithing, basket weaving, quilt making, candle making and more.

A fireworks show is scheduled for 9 pm Saturday night.



News from the Communities— *submitted by Greg Poole*

Kingston Springs: A sensational killing occurred near Kingston Springs yesterday, when Will Jordan, a well known farmer, emptied two loads from a shotgun into the body of Morris Duke, a young lumberman. Jordan, who is a bachelor, about 45 years old, lay in wait for Duke. He was accompanied by his brother, Shelt Jordan, about whose daughter the killing is said to have occurred. Duke was only about 30 years old, and of good character. He was a crosstie inspector. The Jordans, who are well-to-do farmers, started toward Ashland City after the killing. *Nashville Banner*, June 21, 1904

Marrowbone Creek: Bluford Crockett died at his home on Marrowbone Creek in Cheatham County last Wednesday in his 83rd year. *Clarksville Semi-Weekly Tobacco Leaf Chronicle*, November 4, 1904.

The Steamer, Richardson – *submitted by Greg Poole*

The Steamer, Richardson ran aground yesterday at Harpeth Shoals in Cheatham County, but has safely got off. She will arrive at the wharf today. The Harpeth Shoals are considered the worse place on the river for steamboats. The water is more shallow here than at any other point on the lower Cumberland, and the rocks are a menace to navigation. It is the custom during low water to send an empty barge to the shoals to lighten the up-bound steamers of a part of their cargo, and help them over the reefs. This was done yesterday afternoon, and the *Richardson* was relieved of a part of her heavy load. *Nashville Daily American*, June 22, 1904.

The Building of Lock A— *submitted by Greg Poole*

The building of Lock A, six miles below Ashland City, is a work of wide scope and great magnitude, owing to the greater width of the river and fall in the water as it rushes swiftly over the noted shoals, the costs being at least \$50,000 more than Lock No. 1.

Lock A is built near the north bank of the river, the north wall being just the bank, and has a total length of 308 feet, width of 52 feet and depth of 32 feet. The dam of Lock A, which reaches from the upper end of the lock to the south bank of the river, is a huge structure, being over 600 feet in length, and 18 ½ feet in height. *Clarksville Semi-Weekly Tobacco Leaf Chronicle*, October 26, 1904.

The Cheatham County Poor Asylum— *submitted by Greg Poole*

The asylum for the poor is located on Cumberland River, two miles south of Ashland, at the mouth of Marrowbone Creek, it being the place known as Harris' Sulfur Springs. The farm consists of fifty acres with a dwelling house thereon, 16x82 feet, and the asylum is a frame building, 16x82 feet, with an L 16x28 feet. And the whole cost the county \$3,700. The asylum was built in 1874. There are only two paupers there at the present writing. The number annually cared for ranges from two to four. The asylum is conducted at an annual cost to the county of about \$400. Before the asylum was built the few paupers there were in the county were kept by appropriations made at the quarterly sessions of the county court. From Goodspeed's History of Cheatham County (1887)

The Early County Court – submitted by Greg Poole

Considerable mention has already been made of this court in the organization of the county. It met and held its regular sessions until the Civil War compelled it to suspend business-the last session being held in February, 1862, with James W. Hunt, chairman, and James H. Lee and W. H. Scott associates. The usual amount of business seems to have been done at this term, but the adjournment was informal-the record not being signed. This court did not convene again until June, 1865, and the officers then composing it received their authority from the governor, who appointed them to resume business under the new regime after the close of the civil war. The magistrates thus appointed and present at this term were John A. Hudson, P. H. Woodson, J. H. Binkley, W. B. Nichols and Randolph Simmons. They organized the court by electing John A. Hudson chairman, and P. H. Woodson and Randolph Simmons, associates; and to raise the county revenue, they levied 20 cents on each \$100 of taxable property, \$1. on each poll and .50 cents per \$100 on all purchases over \$1,000, and fixed the price of a merchant's license at \$5; peddlers on foot, \$5; peddlers in wagons, \$10; selling goods at auction, \$25; tipplers, \$25, and 10 per cent on all sales over \$250.

The court then appointed W. B. Nichol, J. H. Binkley, P. H. Woodson, Jack B. Turner, B. B. Gibbs, R. T. Gupton, R. H. Weakley, A. S. Williams, G. W. Maxey, Joseph Harris, J. M. Thompson and William Jones as revenue commissioners, to list and appraise the taxable property of the county; and thus the local government was again restored. In 1866 and sexennially since then, full corps of magistrates have-been elected who have composed the county court and performed the duties thereof. The magistrates at the present writing are as follows: First District, A. Boyte, J. J. Lee, J.M. Etherly; Second District, P. J. Johns, J. R. Binkley; Third District, D. C. Cullum, William Sterry; Fourth District, J. J. Wilson, G. W. Shaw; Fifth District, B. F. Stewart J. E. Teasley; Sixth District, J.J. Gupton, G. W. Weakley; Seventh District W. H. Plaster, W. L. Robertson; Eighth District, L. F. Smith, S. W. Patterson; Ninth District F. P. Lovell, D.M. Jordan; Tenth District, John Finch, L. L. Pack; Eleventh District, J. P. Clark, 5. B. Winbourn: Twelfth District, J. W. Pegran, I. N. Jones; Thirteenth District, G. W. Hiland, S. L. Scott; Fourteenth District, J. J.. Bradley, J.L. Girard: Fifteenth District, D. B. Hunter, W. H. Frazier.

The first term of this court was held at Sycamore Mills, beginning on the third Monday in October 1857, with Hon. Wesley W. Pepper judge of the Seventh Judicial District presiding. The court being opened by proclamation the following named persons were selected as grand jurors, to-wit: J. W. Hunt, J. M. Lee, William Clifton, P. H. Woodson, W. J. Gossett, B. L. Darrow, B. T. Gupton, Thomas Bell, Sr., J. W. Pennington, Henry Hunter, B. F. Walker, John Forbes, B. F. Binkley, with J. W. Hunt as foreman. The attorney-general, James M. Quarles, being absent, E. F. Mulbury, Esq., was appointed attorney-general pro tem. *From Goodspeed's History of Cheatham County (1887)*

June CCHGA Program

June 28, 2007

6:30 Cheatham County Public Library

LinnAnn Welch

Harpeth River Sites, Mound Bottom, Pre-History

LinnAnn is a 1989 Harpeth High School graduate (valedictorian of her class) and a state biologist.

All members and guests are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Fox Cemetery, Thomasville, Cheatham County – submitted by Greg Poole

DIRECTIONS: Located on Old Clarksville Pike 5 miles from Pleasant View or 1 1/2 miles from Thomasville. On left side of road immediately past 1500 Old Clarksville Pike. Well maintained.

1. ALLEN Annie Mai 5/23/1895 - 9/29/1962 "Gone but not forgotten"
2. ALLEN Charlie L. 9/25/1892 - 9/23/1926 "Gone but not forgotten"
3. ALLEN Clarice L. 4/30/1903 - 7/2/1904 "A fair bud has faded to bloom in heaven"
4. ALLEN George Riley 9/17/1897 - 12/21/1981
ALLEN Ora Batts 9/23/1900 - 4/27/1976 "Wed 2/28/1922"
5. ALLEN Hope Ames, Dau of Gilbert & Pauline Allen 2/5/1936 - 6/28/1938
6. ALLEN Lillie M. 11/27/1894 - 1/6/1895 (Stone broken)
7. ALLEN Rufus W. 3/5/1890 - 7/18/1904 "Bright gems for his crown"
8. ALLEN Infant of W.E. & M.Z. Allen died 1896 (one date)
9. ALLEN W. G. 3/25/1882 - 10/17/1906
10. ALLEN Maranda Z. L. 5/5/1868 - 2/4/1931 "A faithful wife and a good mother"
11. ALLEN William E. 4/24/1864 - 6/19/1984 "His memory is blessed"
12. BELL Richard 2/2/1875 - 11/13/1904
13. BINKLEY A. H. 6/11/1899 - 7/11/1901
14. ELLIS Robert Earl 8/11/1921 - 5/19/1939
15. EVANS L. J., wife of R.A. Evans 5/26/1876 - 2/18/1898
16. EVANS Maggie 4/9/1879 - 9/18/1948
17. EVANS R. A. 1/26/1868 - 7/20/1945
18. EVANS Infant daughter of R. A. & Maggie Evans B&D 10/11/1914
19. EVANS ? Warner (cannot read first name) 12/19/1895 - 12/24/1917
20. ***FOX Chesterfield Dempsey 1/1886 - 9/1915 (see annotations below)
21. FOX Elizabeth H. 9/23/1853 - 8/10/1914
22. FOX George 6/13/1852 - 4/3/1928
23. FOX H. C. 5/17/1817 - 6/24/1910
24. FOX Lorenzo 5/20/1805 - 6/17/1883 "Faith hath no sorrow that heaven cannot hear"
25. FOX M. E. 10/17/1871 - 10/27/1881
26. FOX Mary M. 3/4/1814 - 11/17/1895
27. FOX Mrs. Sarah 10/15/1851 - (one date)
28. GOWER Martha Louisa, Dau of WL & Efafe Gower 11/10/1914 - 11/18/1914
29. OWEN James 7/7/1917 - 10/31/1935 "Gone but not forgotten"
30. OWEN Isa Dora 9/19/1875 - 7/9/1945
31. OWEN W. Charlie 9/20/1870 - 6/26/1948
32. PACE Martha Ann 4/24/1857 - 5/10/1939 "Asleep in Jesus"
33. PACE T. James 10/30/1854 - 2/21/1931 "Gone but not Forgotten" (See annotations, below)
34. STEEL H. R. 1807 - ??? (can't read death date)
35. TAYLOR Malcolm "Paw Paw" 5/25/1929 - 12/12/1991
36. TAYLOR Sadie Mai "Nanny" 4/7/1933 - (one date) "Married 12/31/1953" (Note: Death Date for Sadie Mai is 3/8/2000)
37. TAYLOR Ronald Joe 3/18/1956 - 8/12/2002
38. TEASLEY Dempsey G. 3/26/1822 - 8/26/1897
"Remember this as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now you soon shall be
So then prepare to follow me."
39. TEASLEY Judith J., Wife of D.G. Teasley 3/18/1822 - 12/19/1903
40. VANHOOK Carl 1906 - 1963 (shares tombstone with William VanHook)
41. VANHOOK Charles William, 12/7/1937 (one date) Infant son of WD & Mary VanHook
42. VANHOOK Georgia L. 3/29/1883 - 8/31/1908
43. VANHOOK Gilbert F., Son of DW & Birdie VanHook 7/16/1902 - 7/2/1904
44. VANHOOK M. L. 12/21/1844 - 10/18/1912
45. VANHOOK Walton D. 8/4/1872 - 12/10/1910
46. VANHOOK Birdie 5/12/1880 - 6/19/1948
47. VANHOOK William 1904 - 1945 (shares tombstone with Carl VanHook)

Notes for Fox Cemetery

2. Notes for Charlie L. Allen:

Obituary: Died at his home at Lockertsville on Thursday. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Allen of Cheap Hill and was about 34 years old. He was a veteran of World War I, and was at the front when the Armistice was signed. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, a wife and two small children. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J.E. Hudgens and the Rev. C.P. Givens. Burial was in the Fox Graveyard near Thomasville. *Ashland City Times*, Sept. 30, 1926.

16. Notes for Maggie Evans:

Obituary: Maggie Evans, aged 67 years, died at her home in the Oaklawn Community in Dist. 4, Saturday morning. She was born April 9, 1879 in Cheatham County and resided in the same district all of her life. She was the widow of the late Richard A. Evans, who died July 20, 1945, and the daughter of the late Isaac W. and Ameta Teasley Wilson. She is survived by two sons: Isaac Evans, Thomasville and James Evans, Ashland City; stepson, B.W. Evans, Chapmansboro; two daughters, Mrs. Laura Hewitt, Adams, Miss Lucille Evans, Chapmansboro; six brothers: Ed, Raymond Wilson, I.T., Paul, Ben, and Gower Wilson, and three sisters, Mrs. Matt Watts, Mrs. Beulah Winters, Mrs. Myrtle Nolan. She was a member of Mallory's Church. The funeral was held at Oaklawn Baptist Church by the Rev. Will Davenport with burial in Fox Cemetery. *Ashland City Times*, Sept. 23, 1948.

17. Richard A. Evans, see above.

20. Notes for Chesterfield Dempsey Fox:

From Cheatham County Death Records: Male, White, Married; Occupation: farmer; died Sept. 25, 1915 in 4th Dist., Cheatham Cty.; Cause: tuberculosis; burial: Fox Cemetery; Father: George Fox, born Cheatham Cty.; Mother: Sarah Allen, born Cheatham Cty. (Death Certificate 1915, No. 357.)

21. Notes for Elizabeth Fox:

From Cheatham County Death Records: Female; White; Widowed; Occ. housekeeper; born Sept. 28, 1852 in Cheatham Cty.; died Aug. 9, 1914 in 4th Dist.; Cause: tuberculosis; burial Fox Cemetery; Father: Benjamin Walker, born Cheatham Cty.; Mother: Annie Durham, born Cheatham Cty.; informant: John Fox. (Death Cert. No. 75)

22. Notes for George Fox:

Obituary: George R. Fox died at his home near Thomasville, Sunday, of pneumonia. He was 73 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Fox, two sons, D. Fox of Thomasville and Will Fox of Oklahoma, three daughters, Mrs. Mattie Reeder and Mrs. Nannie Reeder of Howell, Indiana, and Mrs. Rowena Shearon of Nashville. The funeral was held at the residence by the Rev. E.U. Robinson and the Rev. D.T. Armstrong. Burial was in the family cemetery. *Ashland City Times*, April 8, 1927.

23. Notes for Henry C. Fox:

Cheatham County Death Records: Male; White; Married; Occ. farmer; born TN; died June 24, 1910 in Thomasville, Cheatham Cty. aged 53 years, 1 mo, 7 days; Cause: stomach trouble; Physician: Dr. J.M. Harris. (Death Cert. 1908-1912, No. 7483)

25. Notes for M.E. Fox:

Cheatham County Record of Deaths: Martha E. Fox: female; White; died October 27, 1881, aged 2 years; Father: H.C. Fox; Mother: Elizabeth Fox. (TSLA Microfilm)

31. Notes for William Charlie Owen:

Obituary: William Charlie Owen, aged 77 years, died Saturday at his home in Joelton. He was a native of Cheatham County and had lived in the Thomasville community prior to moving to Joelton a few years ago. He has been in failing health for the past several years. He is survived by one son, William Thomas Owen of Joelton and one daughter, Mrs. Ed Perry of Ashland City; five grandchildren and sisters, Miss Rena Owen of Nashville and Mrs. J.T. Power of Ashland City. The funeral was at the grave in the Fox Cemetery at Thomasville by the Rev. A.J. Bunn. *Ashland City Times*, July 1, 1948.

33. Notes for Thomas Jefferson and Martha Ann Easley Pace.

THOMAS JAMES⁸ PACE, son of William Hackney and Judith Pardue Pace (was born October 30, 1854 in Montgomery County, Tennessee, and died February 21, 1931 in Cheatham County, Tennessee. He married MARTHA ANN TEASLEY²²⁶.

Obituary for T.J. Pace:



"Thomas James "Jimmie" Pace died at his home in the Poplar Ridge Community. He was 75 years old. He was a lifelong resident of Cheatham County. He was a Methodist and a member of the Methodist Board of Stewards. He was also an Odd Fellow. He was the son of William Hackney and Judy Pardue Pace. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Teasley Pace; four daughters, Mrs. Ruby Shaw of Ashland City, Mrs. Bessie Lee Gower, Mrs. Lucy Puckett of Pleasant View and Mrs. Nina Hudgens of Chapsmanboro; two sons, Allen and Dempse Pace of Chapmansboro; four brothers, Henry J. Pace of Thomasville, the Rev. J.C. Pace of Nashville, F.P. Pace of Ashland City and Jeff Pace of Chapmansboro. The funeral was held at Clifton's Methodist Church by his pastor, the Rev. F.G. Dickson and the Rev. G.M. Davenport of Pleasant View. Burial was in the Fox Family Cemetery near Thomasville." *Ashland City Times*, February 26, 1931.

Children of THOMAS PACE and MARTHA TEASLEY were:

- i. RUBY⁹ PACE.
- ii. BESSIE LEE PACE.
- iii. LUCY PACE.
- iv. NINA PACE.
- v. ALLEN PIERCE PACE, b. Abt. 1887, Cheatham County, Tennessee; d. September 18, 1965, Springfield, Tennessee.
- vi. DEMPSE PACE.

42. Notes for Georgia L. VanHook:

Cheatham County Death Records: female; white; single; born Cheatham Cty.; died August 31, 1908, Thomasville, 4th Dist., aged 25 years, 5 months and 2 days; Cause: consumption; Physician: Dr. M.L. Dowlen. (Death Cert. 1908-1912, No. 7511)

45. Notes for Walton D. VanHook:

Cheatham County Death records: male; white; married; Occ.: farmer; born TN; died Dec. 14, 1911 at Thomasville, 4th Dist., Cheatham Cty., aged 38 years; Cause: tuberculosis; Physician: Dr. J.M. Harris. (Death Cert. 1908-1912, No. 7866)



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Don't forget the program meeting June 28, 2007 at Cheatham County Public Library @ 6:30!