



THE CORNSHELLER

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Historical Society



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*** MCHS Programs will be held in the Gentry Auditorium,
Kimbrough Bldg, APSU unless otherwise noted ***

Monthly Meeting
Third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted
Time: 7 p.m.

Scheduled Programs 2009-2010

December
NO MEETING

January 18

David Britton, Port Royal Conservator
"First White Settler of what-is-now Clarksville
NOT John Montgomery!"

February 15

Joy Norwood Bland, 4th Great Granddaughter of Davy Crockett
"Davy Crockett"

*****March 15**

William Turner, Christian Co. Historian
"The Psychology and Personality of Dr. David Amoss, Night Rider
leader"

April 19

Lawson Mabry, Clarksville Resident of many generations
"Witty Things about Clarksville, mainly Mabrys"

May 22 PICNIC SATURDAY

Hach House, 403 Greenwood Avenue
Marlin & Lisa Huddleston, current owners
Lap lunch catered by Phila Hach

Program: Phila lending stories of former Hach family days.
Reservations required: 931-647-4104 or 647-6094

June 21

Tracy Jackson, MCHS Treasurer
"Cave Johnson, Postmaster General from Clarksville during
James K. Polk's Administration", a bio in progress

July 19

Michael Doubler, Historian
" Interesting Things You May Not Know about the Civil War"

*****August 16**

Dr. Antonio Thompson, APSU history professor
"WWII German POW's" (some who were farm laborers in Mont-
gomery & Christian Counties during war)

LOCATION

L&N Train Station
10th & Commerce Streets
Clarksville, TN 37040
931.553.2486

Officers:

President Dr. Harold Vann
Vice President C. David Elliott
Recording Secretary Carolyn Vann
Correspondence Secretary Rubye Patch
Treasurer Tracy Jackson

Historical:

County Historian Eleanor Williams
County Archivist Jill Hastings Johnson
County Genealogist Randy Rubel

Members at Large:

Susan Paisley
Joe Filippo
Rick Hollis

September "Surprise"

October 19

Billyfrank Morrison MCHS Vice-President
"Dorothy Jordan, Famous Hollywood Movie Star from Clarksville"

November Harvest Diner

or

December Christmas Diner

*** **Program changed**

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Members of the MCHS have accomplished the following during 2009:

- ◆ More experts in web site development have volunteered to expand our web page
- ◆ Update by Revision of by-laws accomplished
- ◆ Continued DVD production of our monthly meetings
- ◆ Continued the development of Society scrap book
- ◆ Continued renovation of caboose
- ◆ Painting of the engine and caboose
- ◆ Successful Train Fest in May 2009
- ◆ Arranged for meeting facilities large enough for the number of attendees
- ◆ Patronized our successful farmers market
- ◆ Sale of products from train station
- ◆ Rental of train station for functions.
- ◆ Inventoried publications and other items for sale at train station
- ◆ Added decorations and improved the arrangements in the office at train station
- ◆ New tables and chairs at train station
- ◆ Improvement in landscaping outside train station
- ◆ Developed the CornSheller into a truly historical publication
- ◆ Awards presentation for:
 - Robert Thompson Award for Cemetery Preservation
 - Cave Johnson Stamp of Approval Award
 - Col. John Montgomery Historic Preservation Award
- ◆ Arranged for excellent programs in 2009 on a wide variety of subjects
- ◆ Placed Historic Markers and Civil War Markers

Needs of MCHS and Train Station during 2010

- ◆ Train station manager to coordinate rentals and attend to details of operation of station
- ◆ Attract more volunteers in order to staff the Train Station three full days per week
- ◆ Attract more volunteers who will work on revenue producing products already identified
- ◆ Conduct better marketing of our books, prints and memorabilia
- ◆ Attract more rentals of train station
- ◆ Encourage more vendors to the farmers market
- ◆ More volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments for monthly meetings
- ◆ Placement of "CornSheller" online as a good method of preservation and for those who live out of town
- ◆ Additional historical information on the web page
- ◆ Additional storage space for MCHS
- ◆ Expansion of number of items in the train museum with written history on each of the items
- ◆ Develop a mechanism for selling the DVD's of monthly meetings

We can fill these needs by motivating members who have not participated while maintaining the same level of work by many who have participated during the last year.

NOTICE:

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

This is a friendly reminder that it's time to pay dues. This will be the last issue for this year. January I will give everyone a month leeway to catch up. February I will only mail out the "Cornsheller" to active (Paid) members. Please don't let your membership expire. You are important to the society.

When filling out the membership application, please remember to check the box new or renewal member.

Checks can be mailed to:

MCHS

P.O. Box 262

Clarksville, TN 37041-0262

Remember to write dues on the bottom of your check.



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!**



CHRISTMAS again dawns on the whole world... full of the peace and spiritual happiness that is its innermost significance. In every part of the globe, even in war-torn areas, Christmas Day carries a special feeling of warm fellowship that finds its material being in the friendly custom of gift giving. We join the rejoicing multitudes observing this custom and spirit. We're filled with heartfelt sentiment appropriate to the occasion... we feel an urge to carol, to give our voice to our inner feelings, to slap friends, family, anyone on the back and shout for everybody to hear...

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

1808 -- Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle -- 1938



Reunions are a good source of information for Genealogists. Reunion articles have a list of names of individuals who are somehow related . The article will be written by a relative and not a reporter, so the article will be pretty accurate. The Davenport family reunion is a prime example.

DAVENPORT FAMILY REUNION SUNDAY
Clarksville leaf-Chronicle
13 August 1930

Hamilton Springs near Hampton Station was the scene of the Davenport family reunion Sunday, August tenth.

A delicious basket dinner with barbecue and lemonade was served at noon and swimming was a diversion in the afternoon.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Davenport and family, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Davenport and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davenport and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davenport and family, Ernest Davenport and son, Thomas, Mrs. J.P. Davenport and family, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Price and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Binkley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Butler, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adams Price and family, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Robison and family Misses Vydellie and Dorothy Shelton, Lillian Flemings, Clara price, Robbie Gilbert, and John Dudley Taylor, Scott Flemings, Richard Compton, Felix Davis, Kermit Smith, Staten Waller, Dr. Young, Percy Randle, A.P. Price and J. Trice and son.

The progenitor of this family can be traced back to King William CO VA. Stephen, son of Thomas Davenport Sr., purchased 200 acres of land on Tearwallet Creek in 1756. He married Mary Slaughter, daughter of Martin and Jane Elliott Slaughter. Stephen's first born son William, married Patsy Martha Wallis. Their son Thomas Henry married Margaret Elizabeth Wallis. She may have been his cousin.

Thomas and Margaret's son Joseph Fird was born in Trigg CO KY, 31 March 1849. Joseph moved to Trenton, Todd CO KY when he married Catherine Jones Butler. Thomas Henry lived there until he died 10 May 1887.

Most of the Davenport family remained in Todd CO. Some of the family crossed the border into TN where they resided at Hampton Station, Hampton Station is located off of the Guthrie Hwy. close to the KY border. In 1894 Hampton Station was large enough to have a post office There were many post offices in Montgomery County in 1894: Bellamy, Carmel, Cherry Grove, Clarksville, Corbandale, Cunningham, Dotsonville, Fredonia, Glenellen, Grantville, **Hampton Station**, Jordan Springs, Louise, Mcallisters Cross Roads, New Providence, Oakwood, Orgains Cross Roads, Palmyra, Peachers Mill, Pleasant Mound, Port Royal, Rattlesnake, Ringgold, Rossview, Sailors Rest, St. Bethlehem, Sango, Shiloh, Southside, Woodford and Woodlawn.

John Henry (J.H.), Robert Walker (R.W.) and Joseph Ferd (Joe) Jr., were brothers. They were the sons of Joseph Ferd and Catherine Jones Butler Davenport. The brothers were all born in Todd CO KY. John Henry and Joseph moved to Montgomery County where they lived until they died. Robert Walker lived in Trenton, Todd CO KY until his death.

Mr. and Mrs. **John Henry (J.H)** Davenport and family were the first attendees listed at the reunion. John. Henry was born 6 Jan 1874 in Todd CO KY and died 17 July 1959 in Montgomery CO. In the 1920 Census he lived on State Line Rd. in Montgomery CO TN.



Oakland School 1915

In 1927 John Henry's address was listed as Guthrie RR #3 on his children's school record. Children Paul, John W, Gene, Stella, Vella, Margaret and Lucie attended Oakland School in Montgomery CO. At one time, students from Guthrie crossed the state line to attend school in Montgomery CO. Kennedy , Harris, Seay, Haley, Smith and Suiter were a few of the families that also attended Oakland School.

In 1930 according to the census record, John Henry lived in District 2 of Montgomery CO, He was listed as a widow. I am not sure about this, because the reunion article said his wife Mrs. Davenport attended the reunion. In the 1930 census, his cousin Tommie Butler a widow, was listed in John's household. John was married two times. He married Louise Hyams 20 Feb. 1892 in Montgomery CO TN. John Henry and Louise had four children: Louis Ervin, Fannie L, Robert and Ella Bell. John Henry married Marie Alice "Hattie" Haley next. They had ten children: James Earnest, Stella H., Paul Kern, Vella, Margaret, John W., Frances, Gene, Lucie and Louise. Marie died 3 October 1924, which would make the census correct. It's possible John married a third time.

Robert Walker (R.W.) and wife Irene Rene Hyams were attendees. Irene was the sister of Louise who was the wife of Robert's brother John Henry. Robert married Irene about 1893 in Montgomery CO. He was born 4 March 1870 in Todd CO KY and died 11 Dec. 1941 in Trenton, Todd CO KY. In the 1900 census the children of Robert's brother John Henry, are listed in Robert's household. In the 1900 census Robert and Irene had a daughter Ada, niece Fanny L, nephew Joe, nephew Robert, and niece Ella in the household. It's possible John Henry's first wife Louise, had died and he needed help to raise his children. In the 1910 census the children were back with their father and his second wife Mary Alice.

Joseph Ferdinand "Joe" and wife Missouri Holland Price Davenport were attendees. Joe was born 27 June 1880 in Todd CO KY and died 24 may 1964 in Montgomery CO. Joe married Missouri 2 Dec. 1897 in Montgomery CO. They had four children: Joe Jr., Ruby Bell, Bessie Catherine, and Charles Fird. In 1927 his address was listed as Clarksville RR #3 on his children's school record. In 1927, children Joe Jr. and Catherine attended school at Oakland School in Montgomery CO. Joe was the brother of John Henry and Robert Walker. (Continued on page 4)

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Attendee **Robert William** was the son of John Henry and Louise Hyams Davenport. Robert was born 7 Oct. 1896 in KY. He married Louise Hooper. They had six children: Clarence, Hazel, Rybart, Mildred, Dorothy and John.

Attendee **Fred L. Hooper** was the brother of Louise, wife of Robert Davenport. Fred L. and Louise were the children of Fred C and Ethel L Johnson Hooper.

Benjamin (B.A.) Cushman was an attendee. He was married to Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bowler. I have not found their connection to the Davenports. **J.D. Bowler** attendee was possibly Elizabeth's relative.

Joseph "Joe" Ferdinand son of Joseph Ferd Davenport married Catherine Jones Butler. She was the daughter of Nathan and Mary Dukes Butler. It is possible that attendee **Laurence Butler** was Catherine's relative..

James **Ernest** and son Thomas Edward Davenport were attendees. James was the son of John Henry. He was born 27 June 1905 in Todd CO KY. He was married to Minnie Mae Jeffries

Melvin and Fannie L Davenport Price were attendees. Fannie was the daughter of John Henry. She was born around May 1892. Fannie and Melvin had three children: J.W., Douglas and Gladys. It is possible that Attendees **Clara Price** and **Adams Price** were Melvin's relatives.

Charles **Emanuel** and wife Ella Bell "Ellie" Davenport Binkley and family were attendees. Ella was the daughter of John Henry. The family of Ella and Emanuel included four sons and three daughters: Emanuel, Charles O, Ralph, Richard H., Mildred, Billie and Eleanor. Ellie was the daughter of John Henry and Louise Hyams Davenport.

Paul Kern son of John Henry Davenport, married Minnie Robinson. It is possible that attendee **Miller Robinson** is Minnie's relative..

The rest of the attendees play a minor role in the genealogy of the Davenport family. They are probably friends, children or grandchildren. I tried to do research on them, but there is not a lot of information available. It was interesting to try to trace Kermit Smith. I traced the Smith's back to Scott CO TN where I was born. Then I realized it was time to quit that I was getting way off base.

EDITORS COLUMN

The year 2009 is ending, and the society has accomplished many things under the leadership of our President Harold Vann and Vice-president C. David Elliott. (See comments from the President). Thanks to their leadership we have had a very successful year. The programs have been outstanding. As a result we acquired many new members. The society thanks Harold and C. David for all the hard work and leadership they have given us.

ACOLADES TO DR. VANN

Dr. Vann,

Thanks to your inspiring leadership, we have truly had a banner year. I look forward to your wise counsel on the Board during the next year as we continue to serve the community, disclosing its virtues past and present, and by assisting in its future development.

Joe Filippio

Dr. Vann,

You, not only have worked hard and diligently, but also led us in a very organized and disciplined way. We thank you sincerely.

Rubye Patch

This all happened because of your outstanding leadership Dr. Vann.

Thanks for a great year.

Reber Kennedy

Dr. Vann

You and the officership of 2009 has set the bar high for the in-coming group. Congratulations on a job well done.

Billyfrank Morrison

Alessandro Sorbello

Subject: last Train to Clarksville

Recently my camera operator and I were in Clarksville filming for a film regarding the musician Louie Shelton, who was the guitarist on the Boyce and Hart hit 'Last Train to Clarksville. After we left Clarksville, we went to interview Bobby Hart and had the opportunity to confirm that the song was written about your city.

As promised, I am taking this opportunity to thank you for your assistance and to fulfill my promise to confirm.

Best Regards
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TOMBSTONES

Cleo Hogan just completed a 2.5 day seminar/workshop by the National Park Service titled "Nationwide Cemetery Preservation Summit, 2009" in Nashville. He is also a member of the "Association for Gravestone Studies". Cleo offers the following advise:

It continues to be the position of preservationists that marble and slate grave markers should NOT be scrubbed with wire brushes, NOR rubbed with crayon or anything else. It is my opinion that granite markers are not so susceptible to this kind of damage, and could be rubbed.

However, the less damaging method of studying markers is to rub common household flour onto the stone by handfuls, then gently brush it off with the hand or a bristle brush. It brings out the inscription so it can be photographed. Somehow, some folks have the idea that chalk rubbed onto the stone is useful, but flour far exceeds chalk in bringing out the inscription so it can be photographed successfully. Shaving cream canNOT be used, as it contains oils that seep into the pores of the marker from the residue left behind, and causes the surface to "shale" off over time--not the next day, but eventually.

I am of the opinion that marker rubbing with crayon or chalk onto paper creates a medium that is momentarily interesting, but which is discarded shortly thereafter. Photographs of the floured inscription are much smaller, and can be preserved in an album, or a project folder, so I suggest you consider that, rather than the momentarily interesting "rubbing".

Now, where to go: You will need to consult with the sexton of each of these, Greenwood in Clarksville, Riverview in Clarksville, Riverside in Hopkinsville, and Old City in Hopkinsville about whether rubbing is permitted, should you prefer to continue with that plan. The Mt. Olive Cemetery in Clarksville contains hundreds of black burials and some legible stones, if a visit there is desired. There are also two black cemeteries across the street from Greenwood in Clarksville that are adjacent, and appear to be one cemetery, I believe. The Montgomery County Archives can point the directions out for you, if you are not familiar with sites in Clarksville.

I am of the opinion no permission is necessary if only photographing is planned, even if flour is used, since it is organic and washes off with the next rain.

If you wish to clean any stone before studying it, use plain water, or a solution called "D/2", which is a biological cleaner. NEVER use any kind of bleach or household cleaner! Sometimes the lichen or mold is so attached in the crevices of the inscription that cleaning is necessary prior to photographing.

Several sites with photographs are linked to the Montgomery County historical Society webpage, so browse around on there before going into the field.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Cleo Hogan

MEMBERSHIP

Our prayers and sympathies go out to member Bob Parker on the loss of his uncle Dr. J.F. Burney, his mother's brother. Within the past four months, Bob lost his mother, father and his uncle.

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New Member:

Welcome new member:
John & Dixie W Scaife/Wer935 Clark St.
Clarksville, TN 37040
WEBBD@APSU.EDU
ACAIFEJW@GMAIL.COM

Thanks:

Out of the goodness of her heart, member Cindy Marczak is framing the "Roaring Twenties", "Dinner with the Dead" and "Famous and Forgotten" posters for the train station. The posters were created and printed through the generosity of Glenda Angus and Gloria Davis. We thank these three ladies for all they do for the Society.

Chairperson:

Are you interested in being the next Dolly Madison? The Society needs someone to chair the Refreshment Committee for this coming year. If you are willing to do so, please let me know at your earliest convenience. Joe Filippo 647-6094

Oops!

Inadvertently, *Tracy Jackson and Opal Kennedy* were left out of tribute to those society members who helped organize and execute "Famous and Forgotten". We thank Tracy and Opal for their untiring efforts.
RUBY PATCH

Harvest Dinner:

We would like to thank the following for making the Harvest Dinner a success:
Bill & Carol Morris, musical directors plus soloist/pianist
Orchestra: Sally and John Doubler; Carl Barton; and the student trumpeter "Elvis" (aka Bruce Kennedy)
Brenda Radford, soloist
John and Lib Laida, WWII couple
"Andrews Sister" aka Marjorie Wade; Sally Doubler; Brenda Radford
Dee Boaz; Eleanor Williams for presenting the preservation awards
Tracy Jackson, reservations
Don Horton; Wayne Long; David Schuff, the Color Guard
Molly Cook and Mary Ann Hansen, table decorations
Wanda Burchett, Linda Long, Reber and Opal Kennedy, greeters
Lynn Dallas, Caterer
Servers ATO Fraternity boys
Uncle Sam aka Rick Hollis
and of course Ruby Patch for all she does.

Elected Officers:

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President: Joe Filippo

Vice President: Billyfrank Morrison

Secretary: Ellen Kanervo

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Bonnington

Treasurer: Tracy Jackson

Members at Large:

Gloria Davis

Cleo Hogan

Rachel Pace

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please check type of membership
(Membership period is January to December)

Please make checks payable to MCHS

- Individual \$20 Family \$30 Student (K-12) \$5 Life \$200
Corporate \$250 Institutional \$500 Preservation Society (2 years) \$2,000

New Member **Renewal Member** **Changing Membership**