

Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society

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January meeting:

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2007, 7 p.m., at the Clinton Public Library, 118 S. Hicks St., Clinton, TN. We will have the "Boxes Under the Bed" program. We invite you to bring things to share with the group ... pictures ... letters ... old documents ... family heirlooms, anything that you want to share that pertains to your Genealogy and Historical research.

Previous meetings:

A special thanks to Sue Mainez for sharing her Bicentenial quilt project at our October 2006 meeting.

*** Happy New Year *** - 2007 Membership fees are due.

Don't forget ... membership is from January to December. 2007 membership fees are due. If you've already paid your 2007 dues, we appreciate your continued support.

Obituary:

Our sympathy goes out to Don Raby, (2007 PGHS President) with the passing of his father.

Earl Frederick Raby 88, born June 11, 1918 on Vermont Ave in Lonsdale.

Died peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Earl lived in Fountain City since his marriage to Sarah Vise in 1942.

He completed High School at Knoxville High in 1936 and Draughon Business College. He first worked for Gray Knox Marble before taking a drafting job at Ft Bragg NC. He returned to Knoxville to start his career and family in 1941. He worked 45 years as a tooling design draftsman for Fulton Sylphon Division of Robertshaw Controls Inc. He retired in 1983 after 42 years service. He worked at Fulton during WWII on Steam Valves for US Navy Ships. He was involved in many historic projects including parts for automotive controls, Apollo Space Program and Oak Ridge Nuclear Energy, .

Earl was an avid sports fan of UT Men's and Ladies Basketball, UT Football and Baseball. He was a perennial supporter of Atlanta Braves. Earl worked on gates at Neyland Stadium, Stokely Athletic Center and Thompson Boling Arena for 55 years, missing only a few events taking tickets.

Earl was baptized at Laurel Church of Christ in 1932. He and Sarah were married in 1942 and they are charter members of the Arlington Church of Christ. Earl enjoyed fellowship and worship with his brethren and especially liked to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

He was a wood craftsman and restored many clocks etc.and his wood toys and whirlygigs have been the delight of children.

He was a tennis player, bowler and golfer. He played chess and enjoyed puzzles and board games. He repaired golf equipment for many years. He loved young people and coached little league baseball 9 years at Fountain City Ball Park. He

also began award winning painting after he retired in 1983. His favorite passtime was shooting pool with his friends at the Senior Center as well as volunteering in the gift shop.

He is preceded in death by his father Fred S. Raby and mother Nettie Raby and son Terry.

He is survived by wife Sarah, dau-in-law Sue Udhe, son and daughter in law Fred P. and Elizabeth Raby, and son Donald Raby and brother and sister in law Ken and Mickey Raby. He also leaves four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren who he loved very much. He leaves a number of nieces and nephews and host of friends that always liked to have him around. Interrment Wednesday 9:30am at Highland Memorial Cemetery Sutherland Ave.

Gentry-Griffey is in charge. Receiving friends 5pm-7 pm Tuesday followed by Funeral Service in Gentry-Griffey Chapel

Change of email address:

Patricia Watson Wayne palmat40@bellsouth.net

Queries:

Children's Home - Tullahoma TN 1900

Am trying to find information on a children's home, maybe Knights of Pithius home that was in Tullahoma sometime in the early 1900's. Or it could maybe have been an orphanage. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Peggy Clark Pegclark55@woh.rr.com

Irwin – Blount County

Hi. Online there is listed your 1984 vol. 5 #1 regarding an IRWIN bible. Also it says that in the 1984 vol. 5 #4 there is a continuation of the Blount co. Records (from where I don't know).

The person that put this as a source says that Robert IRWIN b. 1745 in PA. was married to Mary McFall and had children George, Matthew, Francis Marion, and Margaret. I am trying to straighten out the "Watagua James IRWIN" in Washington co. who died there in 1796 with other IRWIN descendents presently in TN. I think from courthouse records I just found in the PA. Franklin co. Court deeds, that part of this above information is incorrect and would like to obtain a copy of the Irwin Bible.

Could you tell me how much is costs to get a copy and also a copy of the Blount co. records referred above???? Thanks so much since I live in CA. and am too far away to come there. I appreciate it. Gayle JCUBEDG@aol.com

Events:

Reunion announcements:

Dear PGHS,

My name is Abby Sain and I am one of the planners for the Stooksbury reunion to be held July 7,8 2007 in Norris, Tn. We will have several speakers covering such topics as Stooksbury's in the military, origins of the Stooksbury's and genealogical issues. A professional musician, Richard Stooksbury, will perform and we will also have a group photo taken with the old-timey camera. Of course fun stuff is planned for the whole family, but we will be focusing on the ancestry of the Stooksburys. Presently our guest list exceeds 800 people and we are working daily to make this a professional and exciting event.

I am writing to you to see if you would like to partner with us in any way. We are seeking qualified speakers and anyone interested in helping. Of course anyone from your organization is welcome to attend. I thought someone there might be interested in documenting the reunion as well. We plan to have several booths and I thought you might be interested in having one, for free, and promoting your organization and/or selling materials. The reunion is free to anyone. We are planning to compile a book sometime after the reunion also. Please let anyone know who might find this pertinent to their interest as well. I look forward to hearing from you.

Abby Sain

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Book Release:

EVANS Family History Project

A manuscript of John and Robert Evans (ca. 1630s) and related New England families has been delivered to the NH Historical Society Library in Concord. Included are notes of historical interest.

Connecting INFORMATION will be gracefully accepted into this over 50 year ongoing project and greatly appreciated, as we know there may now be someone related to an Evans in each and every state of the USA.

Any library or individual wanting a copy at cost (\$45.00) S/H included or (\$35.00) email copy, please contact Bill Copeley at NH Historical Society Library **or** reply by email to the author.

Thanks much.

Dr. Richard C. Evans, Sr. (Dick) Member of NH Historical Society drdick@dr.com

The Pellissippian.

Issue #4 of the 2006 Pellissippian is at the printers and should be available soon.

Our Journal prints family histories and photos, Bible records, childhood memories, family reunion notices, and research queries. E-mail to Charlie Abner: abnerc799@aol.com Material may be mailed in clean, scannable copy to: PGHS, Attn: Journal Editor, 118 South Hicks St., Clinton, TN 37716-2826. Sharing your e-mail address with PGHS members makes it easy for others who are researching the same surnames to correspond with you. Please send to Charlie Abner at: abnerc799@aol.com Remember to update if you change your address. We are happy to print your queries in the Journal and on the society's web site: http://pghs.home.att.net/ To maintain the society's bulk mail status, the US Postal Service requires us to verify recipients' zip codes once a year. If your postal address has changed in any way, please let us know. An incorrect address means that you'll miss receiving your Journal.

Newsletter - eNewsletter

Please note that the frontiernet email addresses are no longer valid. For any email correspondence to the Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society, please use pghs@att.net.

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