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## **September meeting:**

Our September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2007, 7 p.m., at the Clinton Public Library, 118 S. Hicks St., Clinton, TN. Our featured speaker will be Ron Jones of the Sons of the Confederacy.

Our October meeting will feature Don Hunnicut and Ed Wescott. They will be presenting Ed's photos and slides of the development of the Oak Ridge area during the Manhattan Project.

Special thanks to Jack and Myra Mansfield for their presentation of "The John Hendrix Memorial Prayer Walk" at our July meeting. There is a photo of Jack dressed as John Hendrix printed later in this newsletter.

## **Expression of Deepest Sympathy:**

The Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society expresses its deepest sympathy to Carole Krummel and her family on the death of her husband, John, September 19 2007. Carole is a former member, librarian and newsletter editor for the PGHS.

## **New email address:**

Edwin O'Brien- [edlobrien@dslextre.me](mailto:edlobrien@dslextre.me)

## **Queries:**

### **Follow up to the Westview School in Claxton Query from last month:**

(Photo of the Westview School building is printed later in this newsletter).

I clearly remember the school: it was an unpainted wood structure, a single-room school. It was located immediately behind what is presently the telephone company service building.

My grandmother told me about the building being an old schoolhouse; in my lifetime it served as a hay barn (don't know who used it for that purpose or who owned it). It burned in the early to mid-1960's. It is possible that someone in the Swanner family owned the building and/or used it for hay storage. Lester Swanner owned the property across the highway from the telephone company building, and he had cattle. The only other thing I know about Lester Swanner is that he was an exceptionally nice man who attended Zion Baptist Church when I was a child. He handed out gum to the kids every Sunday (and, my baby book contains a piece of gum that he gave my mother on my first Sunday at church). Lester passed away in the 1960's (late 60's, I believe), and someone unrelated to the Swanner family took over his farm. (Presently, the house appears unoccupied and the property untended, although I've seen cattle in the fields.) Hope this helps. That's all I remember for now. . Jackie Baird McCrary [JBaird1000@aol.com](mailto:JBaird1000@aol.com).

## New Book Release:

Lynn Gray has released her new book “**THE FAMILIES OF THE OLD STONE MANSION**” about her great grandmother, Florence Crank Snodderly's line from Virginia - and the house on highway 58 in Virginia where they all lived at one time or another. Family names include the Cranks, McPherson's and Sayers. Lynn's other book “Trees, Branches, Twigs & Stumps” is about her Snodderly Grandparents (William Francis and Mary Love Bollinger Snodderly) and tells about both sides of the family. Other family names include Woodruff. Lynn can be contacted at [Lyndeejane@aol.com](mailto:Lyndeejane@aol.com)

## EVENTS:

October is an active month for Genealogical and Historical events!

**Family Reunion: De Marcus Family Reunion**, Big Ridge State Park, Anderson Co., TN. **October 7, 2007**. Contact Sam DeMarcus for additional information [samdemarcus@prodigy.net](mailto:samdemarcus@prodigy.net)

**Tennessee Fall Homecoming** at the Museum of Appalachia, **October 11 – 14**. For more information call 865-494-7680, or e-mail [museumappalachia@bellsouth.net](mailto:museumappalachia@bellsouth.net). The Museum is located 16 miles north of Knoxville, one mile east of I-75, exit 122. <http://www.museumofappalachia.com/>

Here is the schedule for manning the PGHS table:

Thur. Oct. 11,	AM - Robert and Mary Harris,	PM - Don Raby
Fri. Oct. 12,	AM – Ralph & Jackie Goodman,	PM - Pete and Barbara Vowell
Sat. Oct 13,	AM – Fay Taylor & Carolyn Johnson	PM – Desta & Diane Holder
Sun. Oct. 14,	AM - Robert Marlowe,	PM - Ron and Patty Evans.

**David Hall Days** will be held on **October 20 and 21** at the David Hall Cabin, 830 Edgemore Lane in the Claxton Community (near the TVA Bull Run Steam Plant). We will have a live bluegrass band & square dancers, flintlock shooting plus there will be other entertainment (maybe even Elvis). Also food, crafts and books will be available for sale. Bring your lawn chairs. For more information and directions, contact Libby Bumgardner at (865) 945-3807 or email [libbyb865@comcast.net](mailto:libbyb865@comcast.net)

**2008 PGHS Workshop.** Plans are being made for the 2008 PGHS Workshop. The event is scheduled for May 24, 2008. We will be presenting tutorials for basic genealogical research and documentation. We will keep you updated as more details are defined.

## The Pellissippiian.

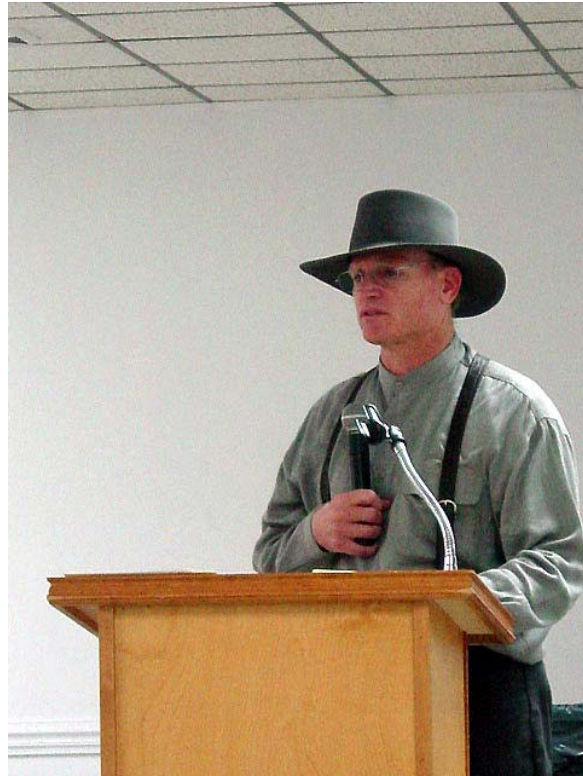
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Jack Mansfield dressed as John Hendrix



Westview School in Claxton Community (burned in the 1960s)  
Located behind the Claxton Telephone Exchange Building