



# Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society

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## **January meeting:**

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009, 7 p.m., at the Clinton Public Library, 118 S. Hicks St., Clinton, TN.

**Snow Schedule:** We will follow the Clinton School System with regard to snow. If they are closed due to weather conditions, our meeting will also be cancelled.

## **Membership Fees:**

**\*\*\* Happy New Year \*\*\* – 2009 Membership fees are due.**

Don't forget ... membership is from January to December. 2009 membership fees are due. If you've already paid your 2009 dues, we appreciate your continued support. Annual membership is \$16, sustaining membership is \$25 per calendar year.

Our society is a tax-exempt educational organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all monies to us are tax-deductible.

## **We Need Your Help:**

As we start 2009, we find several of our officer positions vacant. We need volunteers to support the society in these positions:

***Vice President:*** We need someone to volunteer for the vice president position. This position works with our president to schedule featured speakers for our monthly meetings. In addition, the vice president will become the 2010 president.

***Newsletter assistant:*** The newsletter assistant will assist in collecting news articles, printing and mailings and maintaining the mailing list.

Please consider volunteering for these positions to help make 2009 our best year yet.

Thank you,  
Ron Evans, President 2009

## Queries:

### **Leinart and Queener and Bruce**

I am searching for information about a Mary "Polly" Clotfelter or Mary Brenner 1802-1875, married to a Daniel Bruce, Caryville, Tennessee, whose daughter, Olive Bruce born 1822, married Sampson Queener, a sheriff of Jacksboro, Tennessee- Sampson Queener is a direct line of Leinart and Queener family. Can u help me?? Thank you very much!!  
Lois Jackson-(g g grandaughter of Daniel and Mary Bruce) Merced, California lojackson1@juno.com

### **Clinch River (Pellissippi)**

We in Russell and Scott Counties, Virginia are designating the Clinch River as a Blueway. A young man in Oak Ridge has come up with a web site called the Pellissippi Blueway. We would like to hitchhike on his idea and call our section of the Clinch the Upper Pellissippi Blueway. This would give continuity to our efforts. The Clinch is deemed navigatable from Cedar Bluff in Tazwell County all the way to the Tennessee/Virginia State Line.

We are wondering, was the entire length of the Clinch River labeled as the Pellissippi by the Indians?

I would appreciate your help. Thanks, Reggie Childers, Lebanon, Virginia 276-889-4227 betregchil@yahoo.com

### **Sutherland Ferry (and Common History of Clinton, TN and Decatur, AL)**

I am writing you in an effort to hopefully start a conversation in which we can exchange information. I am a local historian in Decatur AL. While now living in Decatur, AL, I grew up on Hicks Circle in Clinton, attended First Baptist Church in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High in 1973.

Clinton and Decatur have some unique common history that I am willing to share with the Pellissippi Genealogical and Historical Society. John Menefee who founded Menefee's Station near Powell would move to Decatur where he became the first Chief Justice of the Morgan County Court (where Decatur is located) and made his home here in Decatur. Some of his descendants were recently here in Decatur and we went and cleaned up his family cemetery and took pictures of his grave. Buried her also is Stephen Heard who was the first court clerk in Clinton and later when Stephen moved to Decatur he was one of the first two lawyers practicing in Decatur.

Most notable was the Sutherland family who operated a ferry six miles south of Clinton which I believe was located on the Emory Road across the river from the Oak Ridge Marina. John Suntherland, Sr. is buried just west of Decatur in Tuscumbia and his son Dr. John Sutherland, Jr. became the first president of the Old State Bank here in Decatur and later became known as the Messenger of the Alamo.

I am currently trying to verify the location of the Sutherland Ferry and am wondering if you have any information on the ferry. From Goodspeed we know that John Sutherland was neighbors of Stephen Bradley (buried in Bradley Cemetery, east of river and north of the marina) and Colonel Joseph Black whose home was at the junction of the Clinch River and Bull Run Creek. Thanks, Phil Wirey (256)-566-9005, pdwirey@aol.com

## The Pellissippiian.

Issue #4 of the 2008 Pellissippiian is at the printers and should be available soon.

### **HELP! WE NEED ARTICLES FOR THE PELLISSIPPIAN JOURNAL!**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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