



# Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society

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## **April meeting:**

Our April meeting will be held on April 26, 2012. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Historic Daugherty Furniture Building 307 N. Main Street in downtown Clinton TN (parking in the rear of the building). Reid Gryder, of the John Rice Irwin-Anderson County Chapter Tennessee Society, Sons of the Revolution will be our featured speaker. Be sure to check our website or facebook page for updated information.

## **IDENTITY CRISIS!**

Thanks to the many people who contributed ideas for a name change for our society. Although there wasn't any common theme in these ideas, we will continue to evaluate the different possibilities. Keep watching our newsletter, web site and facebook page for additional information.

## **Old Pellissippiian Journals:**

We are pleased to announce that the 1980, 1982 & 1983 issues of the Pellissippiian are now available on CD (one year per CD). Each CD includes all 4 issues of the year in PDF format. The CDs are available for \$20.00 (includes shipping). We will be continuing the project of digitizing the journals from the 1980s and 1990s.

## **Query:**

### **John I Harrell (correction from last month)**

In last month's query from Reid Gryder of the JRI-Anderson County Chapter Tennessee Society, Sons of the Revolution, the email address was incorrect. If you have any information on Rev War Veteran, John I Harrell, please contact Reid at [tnsor@comcast.net](mailto:tnsor@comcast.net) or [reidgryder@comcast.net](mailto:reidgryder@comcast.net)

### **Lucy Williams**

I'm writing to inquire about my ancestor, Lucy Williams. All I know is that she was born in 1827 in Tennessee -- but I have no other information about where or to whom. There are 5 Williams households in the 1830 census, but I'm having trouble deciphering the related information of each (included below). I understand that the numbers after the dash represent the females in the household, and the numbers before it the males; however, I'm having trouble with the rest.

Your help and feedback is greatly appreciated! Thanks, Jessica Savage [jessicacesavage@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicacesavage@yahoo.com)

### **Alexander Crockett**

Alexander Crockett was the son of David Crockett the Elder (grandfather of the Davey). There wasn't much info on him and it's only been a couple of decades that he's been accepted as being a part of the Crockett family. However, we've always claimed him.

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### **Alexander Crockett (from page 1)**

He is said to have died in 1816, in Anderson County, he married an Elizabeth Watkins in NC. His youngest son, Joseph is said to have been born in Anderson County the same year as his father died. The family then removed to Greene County, IN. However, I am wondering if there is a burial site for Alexander. Please let me know if Alexander Crockett is a familiar pioneer to your area. Thank you, Margaret Heller in Michigan [margaretbooking@charter.net](mailto:margaretbooking@charter.net)

### **William Curnutte**

I'm searching for information concerning the Curnutte family, and in particular, William Curnutte, born about 1810; and William's wife, Malinda, born in November, 1814. Both were born in Anderson County. They had at least one child, James Henderson Curnutte, born in 1839. Thanks, Mark Curnutte Vinita, OK 918-256-7511 [mcurnutte@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcurnutte@sbcglobal.net)

### **Carden Farm Mural**

Looking for a good quality photo of the Carden Farm Mural in the Clinton Post Office. Does anyone know of a photo of the mural? Thanks for any help. Carolyn Johnson [mamawcarolyn@peoplepc.com](mailto:mamawcarolyn@peoplepc.com)

## **Events:**

### **First Saturday at the Library**

Members of the Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society will be available at the Clinton Public Library in downtown Clinton TN to assist with your research on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from Noon - 3 pm. Hope to see you there!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Genealogy Jamboree - Cumberland Gap,**

The 2nd annual Genealogy Jamboree will be held June 7-9, 2012 in the streets of the town of Cumberland Gap, Tn. Last year was a huge success, having people from 29 states and 2 countries coming. First of its kind: an event having Genealogy, Living history and the Traditional trades coming together. For more information visit <http://genealogyjamboree.us/>

### **Fraterville Mine Disaster Tour, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> FREE PUBLIC**

David R. Thomas, a key character in the book, *The Welsh of Tennessee*, was a leader of the miners during the Coal Creek War. He retired from the Fraterville Mine three months before the 1902 explosion and donated a unique collection of Welsh-language books to Harvard University, which Dr. Eirug Davies translated into English. Those translations serve as references in *The Welsh of Tennessee*.

The story of David R. Thomas will be told at his grave in Leach Cemetery as part of the free public tour of Fraterville Mine disaster sites scheduled for Saturday, 19 May 2012, as described at <http://www.coalcreekaml.com/Fraterville110thPRESS.htm>

### **SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT COMING TO JAMESTOWN**

The Smithsonian Institution and the National Archives, with support from Humanities Tennessee and sponsored by The Sgt York Patriotic Foundation and the Fentress County Historical Society, with support from Humanities Tennessee, are bringing an interactive traveling exhibit "The Way We Worked" to Fentress County April 28-June 2. Schedule will be: April 28 – A Celebration on Main Street Opening Ceremonies and related activities, 1-5 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. (Reserved for School groups only by reservation)

Saturdays, 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

The exhibit was developed by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Archives as a part of their Museum on Main Street series. A companion exhibit developed by the Fentress County Historical Society under the theme "The Way Fentress County Worked" will utilize photographs and artifacts to illustrate the kinds of work done by Fentress Countians between 1860-1960. The event will be launched with a Celebration on Main Street featuring artisans, craftsmen, demonstrations and music focused on the work theme. Info: 931-879-9948 or 931-265-3427. Willie R. Beaty, Fentress County Historical Society, P. O. Box 1431, Jamestown, TN 38556-1431, [wbeaty@twlakes.net](mailto:wbeaty@twlakes.net), [www.fentresscountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fentresscountyhistoricalsociety.org)

## **The Pellissippiian.**

Issue #1 of the 2012 Pellissippiian has been sent to the printer.

Our Journal prints family histories and photos, Bible records, childhood memories, family reunion notices, and research queries. E-mail to Material may be mailed in clean, scannable copy to: PGHS, Attn: Journal Editor, 307 North Main Street, Clinton TN 37716-3715. 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)

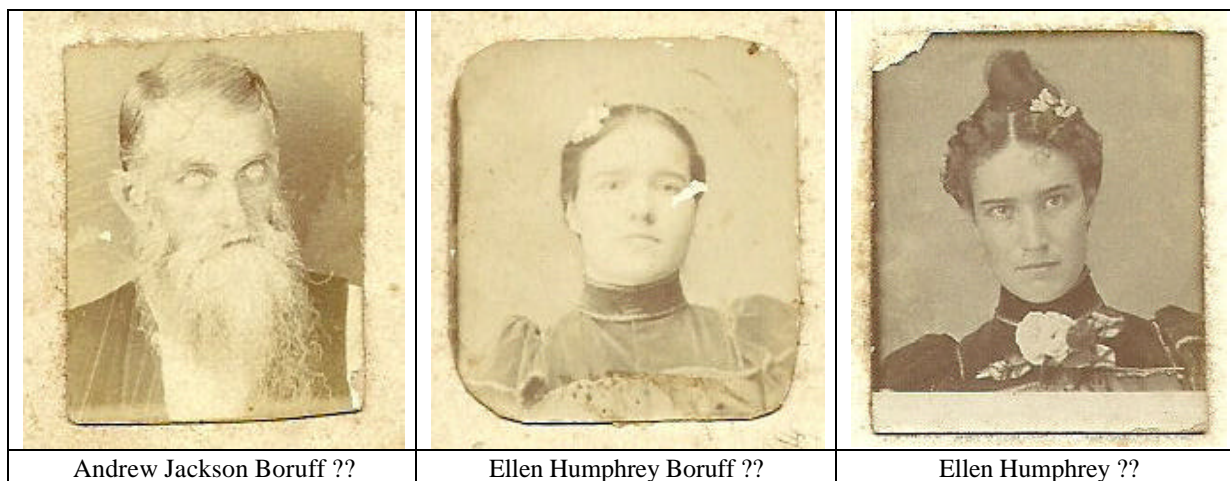
### **Remember to send us an update if you change your USPS mail address or email address.**

USPS requires an annual update of their zip code. The US Post Office is getting real picky...if the address isn't absolutely correct, we may get their journals back as "Undeliverable as addressed...Return to Sender...Postage Due \$1.65." Then we get to send it out again, not at bulk rate, but as first class mail...\$1.82. If the recipient moves to another apartment in the same building, the journal is returned to us, because the address is incorrect.

Thanks Charlie Abner

### **Mystery Photographs:**

The following photographs are thought to be Andrew Jackson Boruff and Ellen Humphrey. If you can identify these people, please contact Peggy Bullard at [tennchild4@comcast.net](mailto:tennchild4@comcast.net) or Ron Evans at [rpevans1@comcast.net](mailto:rpevans1@comcast.net). Special thanks to Peggy Bullard for sharing these.



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The young man playing the fiddle in the following picture is Millard Woodson (Doog) Shell from the Andersonville area of Anderson County. This photo was probably taken in the 1920s. Doog is the son of Millard Fillmore Shell and Parlea DeMarcus. If anyone recognizes the other two people in the photo, please contact Ron Evans at [rpevans1@comcast.net](mailto:rpevans1@comcast.net).

