



# Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society

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## **March meeting:**

Our March meeting will be held on March 22, 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). Cheryl Henderson, Director of the East Tennessee Historical Society will be presenting a slide show on the "First Families of Tennessee". Be sure to check our website or facebook page for updated information.

## **Reminder - 2012 Membership fees are due.**

Don't forget ... membership is from January to December. 2012 membership fees are due. If you've already paid your 2012 dues, we appreciate your continued support. Annual membership is \$16, sustaining membership is \$25 per calendar year. Support our society by inviting your family and friends to join.

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

## **IDENTITY CRISIS!**

After over 30 years of being a chartered society, we still come in contact with many people (both local and distant) who are not aware that there is a historical society in Clinton and Anderson County. We have proudly been called the Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society, but we feel the need to make our presence better recognized. We're asking for your assistance on ideas to help improve our recognition. Here are a few ideas we're bouncing around:

1. Remain the Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society, no changes
2. Change our name to Anderson County TN Historical Society
3. Adopt "Anderson County TN Historical Society" as an alternate name ("PGHS doing business as ...")

Let us know your thoughts. We welcome any additional suggestions.

## **Query:**

### **Jacob Sharp**

I'm looking for information on my grandfather, Jacob Sharp. He was born in Anderson county in about 1849. I was told by my father, Charlie Sharpe, that Jacob drowned at Massengill Ferry. . We found him in the 1910 census but not in the 1920 census. As I understand it the Massengill bridge was built in 1916. A Mrs. Stooksbury told us that she knew Jacob and that he was on his way to the county fair in Lake City.. Thank you, Geraldine Sharpe [gsharp@frontiernet.net](mailto:gsharp@frontiernet.net)

### **Minnie Whaley Thompson**

I am looking for my great grandmother who died in Anderson County May 9-11, 1911. Her name is Minnie Whaley Thompson. She was only 22 when she passed away from tuberculosis. I would like to find her burial location. No family has any idea. Can you please help?

Thanks, Darlene Thompson Weaver, 11073 Highway 110, Hortense, GA 21543, 912-281-0384 [darlenew37@hotmail.com](mailto:darlenew37@hotmail.com)

### **William Severs**

William Severs was born CA 1752 and was in Anderson Co from its beginning with Phillip Seiber and worked with him regularly in the early minutes. I have information on him and would like more. I particularly, would like info on his ancestry and origins and DOB. He may have been a deserting Hessian soldier from the revolution named Johannes Wilhelm Siebert. Only 3 sons are verified and 2 or 3 more are unproven but suspected. Any advice or info greatly appreciated. \$50 reward for proof on probable sons William 1797, Daniel 1804, and James 1788, or George found in early censuses. \$50 reward for his DOB month and day. He was buried in Nodaway Co Mo and his stone says age "100" but 1752 is suspect of being 1751. Recommendation for a paid researcher appreciated. Charles Severs [S9359338@aol.com](mailto:S9359338@aol.com) (Louisville, Ky)

### **Tillman - Gibbs**

I am the great, great, great, great granddaughter of Tobias Tillman and Nicholas Gibbs from Anderson and Knox counties. The daughter of Tobias Tillman married the son of Nicholas Gibbs. I am planning to stop at the Historical site for Nicholas Gibbs on our way home from Florida in March. I am trying to find out if there is an historical site for Tobias Tillman. How can I find this information? Nancy Nylander, [nylander@hotmail.com](mailto:nylander@hotmail.com)

### **John I Harrell**

In discussing Revolutionary War Soldiers who came to Anderson County, Tennessee Clifford Seeber wrote in his 1928 University of Tennessee thesis, History of Anderson County,

"The most notable of these veterans was John I Harrell who had served as Captain under George Washington. He was present when Washington took command of the army at Cambridge and was said to have been one of the twelve captains to accompany him when he crossed the Delaware. He served in Green's army when the war was transferred to the South, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis."

In a footnote Mr Seeber attributes this information to a "Letter by Asa Herrell to William Miller, 1905". This information has been copied almost exactly in every History of Anderson County written since. But in researching Revolutionary War documents for justification to include John Harrell on the monument, the Sons of the Revolution has found NO SUPPORTING EVIDENCE for this story.

Please help us verify this information so that we may add John I Harrell to the monument. Reid Gryder, JRI-Anderson County Chapter Tennessee Society, Sons of the Revolution [admin@tnsor.org](mailto:admin@tnsor.org)

## **Events:**

### **Free Genealogy Workshop to be Offered at Clinton Library**

Our Free Genealogy Workshop is a great success. Enrollment of the 25 seats was filled quickly. We are planning on another workshop in the fall of 2012. Keep watching the newsletters for additional information.

### **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/>