



# Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society

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## May meeting:

Our May meeting will be held on May 23, 2013 at 7 pm. 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). At this time we do not have a featured speaker scheduled.

Check our website or facebook page for updated information.

## Queries:

### **Barker**

I am trying to locate information on the murders of Gertrude Nadine Griffith Barker and her husband Leonard Roscoe Barker who were murdered by their son-in-law, Robert G Duke. Duke entered their home in Oak Ridge on Jan 23rd 1954 where he shot Gertrude, who died almost instantly and her husband Leonard who succumbed to his wounds on Jan 24th 1954. Another of their son-in-laws, John P Stephens was shot four times. I am not sure if he survived but I believe so. Also I cannot find marriages for their two daughter, Patsy Nell and Ann who were likely married in Arkansas so am not sure which girl was married to which of the 2 men. Ann may have been married in Tennessee.

Robert Duke was convicted of all three murders as the brother-in-law died several months later (April 1954). Duke actually confessed to the murders. The last newspaper article I found was about a year or so after he was sentenced and serving his time. This article says that he was asking for a pardon and the Gov was not opposed to it. I cannot fathom how that would be possible for someone who committed such brutal cold-blooded murder and confessed to doing it. Dukes two young sons 6 and 8 were witnesses to it. I do hope that someone can fill in the gaps for me.

Thanks! Judy Diaz, [judyanndiaz@gmail.com](mailto:judyanndiaz@gmail.com)

### **Dobbins & Frost**

William Dobbins married Margaret Frost 9/7/1848 in Anderson county. They appear in the 1850 Anderson County census with several of their children. I believe the infant Joseph to be my GGGrandfather who died in Marion county TN. I would appreciate any information on these families especially confirmation that Joseph moved away. Thanks, Tina Elmore, [Tina.Elmore@ingramcontent.com](mailto:Tina.Elmore@ingramcontent.com)

### **Senator Joseph Anderson**

I may be a descendant of Senator Joseph Anderson. My great Grandfather was Joseph Anderson and "I think" my Great Grand Mother was Emma. My Grandmother's name was Cleo Lilly Anderson, born in Indian Territory, Oklahoma She was born Jan. 25, 1902 and died Dec. 8, 1985

Cleo had a brother named Joseph Anderson, sisters including Grace, Laura, Sina and youngest sister Emily .they all lived around Ada, Oklahoma. Cleo was married to B.G. Anderson. They had 2 sons Bernon Gerald Anderson Jr. Key West ,Florida and Robert Joseph Anderson Chickasha, Oklahoma,(my Dad). Any help confirming my connection to Senator Joseph Anderson would be greatly appreciated. Alan Anderson , 4090 North Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale,FL 33308, (954) 638-5164, [aander5881@aol.com](mailto:aander5881@aol.com)

## **Hudson**

I'm looking for anyone with info on James R. C. Hudson born in Clinton 1829. He married Rachil Minerva Long in Knox 1851. They were residents of Halls Cross Road community. I'm trying to verify his parents. There's a lot of faulty info out there. Thank you, Tina Janette Hudson.

Note: Tina contacted us through our facebook page. To respond to this query, you can post to our facebook page, or send an email to [pghs@att.net](mailto:pghs@att.net).

## **Civil War Governors of Kentucky**

We are seeking documents associated with all five Kentucky Civil War governors, including the Union governors, Beriah Magoffin, James F. Robinson, and Thomas E. Bramlette, and the two provisional Confederate governors, George W. Johnson and Richard Hawes. Of interest to us are manuscripts or printed materials written by a Kentucky Civil War governor; documents addressed to a governor; documents endorsed by a governor; documents written by a secretary or assistant but signed by a governor; documents reporting a governor's words (e.g., speeches printed in newspapers). Please let us know if you need any further information regarding our project in order to determine if you have any relevant collections or documents. We would also like to know if you are certain you have no related materials. Sincerely, R. Darrell Meadows, PhD, Director, Civil War Governors of Kentucky Digital Documentary Edition, Kentucky Historical Society, [Whitney.Smith@ky.gov](mailto:Whitney.Smith@ky.gov)

## **Events:**

### **Genealogy Jamboree in Cumberland Gap, TN June 6, 7, 8, 2013**

We would like to invite everyone to the Genealogy Jamboree in Cumberland Gap, TN June 6, 7, 8, 2013. With an estimated 50 million Americans that has ties to the area. Just about every state and county has ancestors that pass through the Gap. In June of this year history will come alive in the streets of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. This FREE one-of-a-kind 3-day event combines genealogy with period re-enactors and craftsmen in an historic setting. Lectures by nationally renowned speakers.

Since genealogy is the primary focus of this event, attendees will be able to research their family trees through pedigree charts, family surname tables and the many genealogical/historical societies, which will be represented. You will learn how to start researching your family tree by attending some of the lectures and talking with other interested parties at the event.

This event is open and free to the public. Come and enjoy all 3 days of the event! For further information about this event go to our web site at [www.genealogyjamboree.us](http://www.genealogyjamboree.us) or , or [facebook.com/genealogyjamboree](https://www.facebook.com/genealogyjamboree)

We ask to send in pedigree charts as over 1000 have been and is a hit at the Jamboree mail to Genealogy Jamboree dept Gap P.O. box 705 Tazewell, TN 37879 any commits can be emailed to [mark@genealogyjamboree.us](mailto:mark@genealogyjamboree.us)

### **Intermediate Genealogy Class**

An Intermediate Genealogy Class will be held Saturday, June 8, 2013, 1pm at the East Tennessee History Center in Knoxville. Learn advanced techniques in genealogical research, with special attention to primary sources. Pre-registration and a valid email address as well as good internet searching skills are required. Instructor Ann Bloomquist, MEd. Call 215-8809 beginning May 28 to register.

### **Secret City Festival (Oak Ridge TN)**

The 11th annual Secret City Festival, June 21-22, 2013, is presented by the City of Oak Ridge, the Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Arts Council of Oak Ridge. The festival features WWII exhibits and memorabilia, special events at the American Museum of Science and Energy, a children's area, arts and crafts vendors, nationally known concert entertainment, and the Living History exhibit, "Life on the Front Lines of WWII, A Soldier's Life." For more information visit their website at <http://www.SecretCityFestival.com>.

## **The Pellissippiian.**

Issue # 1 of the 2013 Pellissippiian has been sent to the printer and should be available soon.