



# Anderson County Historical Society

Anderson County, Tennessee

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& Historical Society

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## **July meeting:**

Our July meeting will be held on July 24, 2014. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Clinton Public Library. There is no speaker scheduled at this time. Check our website or facebook page for updated information.

## **Queries:**

### **Caswell & Maggie Gropp Smith**

With regard to my previous query about Caswell Smith and his wife Maggie Smith, some additional research has indicated that Maggie Smith's maiden name was Gropp, which is a Germanic language surname. These records indicate that she was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and that she married local Robertsville native Caswell Smith in Vigo County, Indiana in 1881.

The question: "How in the Sam Hill would a local Robertsville-Oliver Springs young man meet a girl born in Louisville, Kentucky, and marry up to her in Vigo County, Indiana (of all places) in 1881?"

That sounds like a stretch to me, but the names and ages of their children (that we know of) match up in the 1910 census records. Does anyone know if there is some historical connection between Anderson County, Tennessee, and Vigo County, Indiana, that makes any sense? Could Caswell have met Miss Gropp when her family came down from Indiana to stay at the first (1873) mineral springs resort in Oliver Springs? Is the Germanic name Gropp one of the surnames of the German-speaking Swiss folks who settled Wartburg and some parts of Oliver Springs? Is Gropp a surname that shows up in the history of Anderson County?

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## **New Projects:**

The Anderson County Historical Society has partnered with the Anderson County Office on Aging in the My Life Story Project. 2-member teams from the Society will visit with senior citizens in Anderson County to conduct and record oral history interviews. These oral histories will be transcribed and deposited in the archives of the Society for future use by genealogists and historians. Anyone who knows of a senior citizen/s interested in participating in this project, please contact Lisa Trentham Brock at [lisa527@bellsouth.net](mailto:lisa527@bellsouth.net).

## **Events:**

### **Valley of the Dams: TVA Symposium at NARA Atlanta**

National Archives, 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, Georgia, Saturday, September 20, 2014, 9:00 – 4:00

The National Archives at Atlanta is the repository of approximately 13,000 cubic feet of records documenting the impact and legacy of the Tennessee Valley Authority. These historic sources are ripe for new scholarship and discovery. This year's symposium encourages research in these diverse records, features scholars whose published works were based on these holdings, and promotes the discovery of new scholars from universities and colleges across the Southeast and the nation. Several keynote speakers are scheduled.

Pre-registration is required. Registration is free and limited to 200 participants.

To register online, go to: <http://www.archives.gov/atlanta/tva-symposium/>

To register by email: [atlanta.archives@nara.gov](mailto:atlanta.archives@nara.gov)

### **Early Settlers of Washington County Tennessee**

The Jonesborough Genealogical Society will publish the first of a three volume full colored set of books in its Early Settlers of Washington County, Tennessee series. The Early Settlers of Washington County, Tennessee: (pre) 1768-1777, edited by Jan Teinert, Joani Range-Douglas, Chad Fred Bailey, and Elaine Scott Cantrell, with paintings by Vivian Meitron, will be published later this year, but you may pre-order this book beginning on Sunday, June 1, 2014, for \$90 a copy. Only five hundred copies will be available! Contact Chad Fred Bailey at [chadfredb@gmail.com](mailto:chadfredb@gmail.com), or Joani Range-Douglas at [joani1234@gmail.com](mailto:joani1234@gmail.com) or by visiting the Jonesborough Genealogical Society at the Washington County-Jonesborough Library, 200 Sabin Drive, Jonesborough, TN, or visit our website at <http://jgstn.wordpress.com/early-settlers-of-washington-county-tennessee/> for more information on this volume.

## **The Pellissippiian.**

Issue # 1 of the 2014 Pellissippiian is currently at the printer. It should be available soon.

Issue # 2 of the 2014 Pellissippiian is in process.

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

If the address or zip code isn't absolutely correct, we may get their journals back as "Undeliverable as addressed...Return to Sender...Postage Due." Even if the recipient moves to another apartment in the same building, the journal is returned to us, because the address is incorrect.

To cover the 'postage due penalty' and the cost of re-mailing the journal, if a member's issue of The Pellissippiian is returned to the society as undeliverable to the address we have on file, that member will have to pay \$6 to ACHS in order to have that issue re-mailed to the corrected address. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we must do so, as postage costs continue to increase