



# Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society

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## **February meeting.**

Thursday, February 23, 2006, 7 p.m., at the Clinton Public Library, 118 S. Hicks St., Clinton, TN. Our speaker will be Dr. Kurt Piehler. from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Piehler will be discussing oral history.

A special thanks to Albert Lane (Library Archivist from Carson-Newman College) for his presentation of "13 notches", a story about the history of a Confederate pistol that was donated to Carson Newman College.

## **New Members:**

**Mary Kate Smith**, 624 Batley Rd., Clinton, TN. 37716, Phone: 865-435-1668, e-mail: [hmrksmith624@aol.com](mailto:hmrksmith624@aol.com). Researching Smith in Anderson County.

**Robert McGinnis**, Robert is the Knox County Cemetery Historian. Some of his works can be viewed at <http://www.knoxcotn.org/cemeteries/index.html>

## **Reminder ... Membership fees are due:**

Don't get that our membership year is January to December, so if you haven't already paid, your annual membership fees for 2006 are due.

## **Queries:**

### **Wright**

I'm looking for information on my great-grandfather, Joseph B. Wright or his descendants. Joseph and parents were originally from Scotland and settled in the Treeville/Powell Station area of Knox County in the 1840's. I know that he was there before and after the Civil War. Any information that you have would be appreciated. Stephen Buffat [sjbuffat@integrity.com](mailto:sjbuffat@integrity.com)

### **Hicks**

Looking for information on my grandparents. My grandfather is Aaron Hicks and my grandmother is Willie Bell Hicks, we called her Bell, so I'm not sure what her maiden name was. They both died in Knoxville, TN. I'm not sure which county they moved to Knoxville from. Bell may be from Tazewell, but I can't say if that is true or not. As for Aaron he or his family might be traced back to Kentucky, but again I'm not sure. Aaron (Born 21 Jul 1926, Died 16 Nov 1990), Bell (Born 19 Mar 1932, Died 27 Nov 1993). [Jennifer.Hicks.liljenna@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.Hicks.liljenna@gmail.com)

### **Ausbun**

I am looking for marriage/divorce records (or newspaper articles) on Bryan Patrick and Anna Mae Ausbun. Bryan started the divorce proceedings 05 February 1947 in Pueblo, Colorado, but I can't find them here. The records I have found here stated Anna Mae may be living in Oak Ridge, TN. It is possible the divorce transferred there. They were probably married in 1946 but any divorce record should be able to give me that information. Sandra Ritchey [SNDRRITCHEY@aol.com](mailto:SNDRRITCHEY@aol.com)

### **Tunnell**

I am interested in information information about the Tunnell family. I believe all of these individuals, William Tunnell (1751 – 16 Aug 1814) and his wife, Mary Maysey (1753 – 6 Apr 1814) and his mother, Ann Fairfax (1710 – 18 Feb 1814), are buried near Robertsville in Anderson County, Tennessee. I have one distant relative who asserts the burials are near a farm house at approximately 1154 Oliver Springs Highway, Clinton, TN. I am also looking for information about William and Mary's son Calvin who was born in North Carolina (note, two of his younger brothers Luther and Stephen were born in Tennessee). Calvin married Jane Addair (25 Aug 1811) near Robertsville and then moved to Illinois according to family history. Calvin is my great, great, great grandfather. I have the Zella Armstrong book, Notable Southern Families, Vol. III, which has provided significant information, but I would like to get connected with any Anderson County resources to see what additional information I can find on the Tunnell family in Tennessee. Kurtis A. Tunnell 614.227.8837 (office) [KTunnell@bricker.com](mailto:KTunnell@bricker.com)

### **Worthington**

I am trying to complete the first half of our family history and would appreciate any information (if there is a charge for the service, an address to forward payment) on my family's history in Anderson County. My Great Great Grandfather, William Worthington was born in Anderson County in 1801. His father James married Lettice Tunnell and later died in 1813 in the Creek War while fighting with a unit commanded by William Tunnell. Dan K. Worthington, 818 Pecan Ave., McAllen, Texas 78501, 956-632-8293 [dkw@atlashall.com](mailto:dkw@atlashall.com)

### **Leach**

I am having problems locating my great grandmother. Her name was Lena Leach b. 2/29/1880 and d. 6/16/1922. She married a Henry Horace McGhee b. 11/10/1878 and d. 9/11/1975 in Clinton, TN. They were married on 1/11/1903. I am trying to locate a death record or marriage records for Lena to validate who her parents are. She would have come from Anderson Co.

She is turning into a mystery for me. I have been told her family gave the property for the Leach Cemetery. However, I can not find where Any help would be appreciated. Thank you, Lisa Lewis [llewis@medauth.net](mailto:llewis@medauth.net)

### **Crumpton/Crompton/Cumpton/Compton**

Looking for court or land records for Thomas Crumpton/Crompton/Cumpton/Compton from approx. 1800-1826? If you have anything please let me know a fee to get copies. Thank You, Debbie Allen [zeldaallen@juno.com](mailto:zeldaallen@juno.com)

## **Events:**

### **2006 Workshop**

We are making plans for our 2006 Workshop. The tentative date is May 20 2006. Currently, the theme is "Honoring our WWII Veterans". We welcome any ideas and suggestions for possible speakers.

**Great Smokey Mountain Heritage Center:** The Great Smokey Mountain Heriatge Center held its grand opening February 12, 2006 at Townsend, TN.

The mission of the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center is to preserve, protect and promote the unique history and rich culture of the residents and Native Americans who inhabited the East Tennessee mountain communities that were incorporated into the Great Smoky Mountains Nation Park and its surroundings.

Visit them in Townsend, or visit their website at <http://www.gsmheritagecenter.org/>

## **The Pellissippian.**

Issue #3 of the 2005 Pellissippian is at the printer and will be ready to mail soon. Issue 2005 #4 is ready to send to the printer.

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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