

The Thrasher Newsletter

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Don't miss the fun - make those reunion plans now!

This is the 40th Thrasher Family reunion - let's make it a memorable one! Remember that people are what make a family, and reunions are the glue that keeps far-flung branches and twigs connected to the trees. Stay connected and plan now for Reidsville.

Having missed out on about seeing you all and Joe and Angie Grooms us. We will have several have not been able to time attendees and some Thrasher Family of holding a reunion is Thrasher-related folks and seeing old acquaintances again.



Friday nights just sort of happen. Since more and more folks had to travel quite a distance to attend the Saturday gathering, many of us decided to arrive early: what do you do then? You have dinner with the other early bird Thrashers. We can meet at the motel about 6:00 PM to go to dinner. Friday nights have been lots of fun for those who can attend. Joe is finding a place for us to eat and it may be a pizza or hamburger place. Nothing fancy! We end up back at the motel to visit and get acquainted.

Our main gathering has always been on Saturday afternoon in the meeting room at the motel. This is the most important time for everyone to be together. Please bring your family records, posters, book, genealogy charts, and pictures - family memorabilia -anything that you would like to display for sharing, discussion, and enjoyment. You can set them up in the meeting room early in the day. Jim Moule and Albert Thrasher will make interesting presentations before we begin the official business meeting about 3 PM. I'll have my "sort of an agenda" ready. If you would like to make a presentation too, please let me know right away!

Last year the TFA invited the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Family association to merge with us. This is one of the important issues, which will be discussed at the business meeting. There will be several members of that organization present whom you already know (Nancy Cherry, Jim Moule and me) in addition to some other members who will be with us for the first time.

Following the business meeting, before we break for dinner, Bill H. Thrasher will again work his magical camera and shoot our entire group!

We always end up back at the motel meeting room after dinner for relaxing and telling tall stories. Usually too there are some serious genealogy discussions going on. It's a fun time! See you in Reidsville.

the fun last year, I am excited visiting the Reidsville area. Hosts have made some great plans for members who attend for a long time, some first members of the Mid-Atlantic Association with us. A great part meeting new Thrashers and

- John E. Thrasher III

Our Reunion Schedule is Shaping Up !

FRIDAY – June 20

Anyone who has already arrived will meet at the Holiday Inn in Reidsville on Friday night at 5:00 and caravan to taste local BBQ fare at Short Sugars Pit Barbecue at 1328 South Scales Street in Reidsville. They do not have a private dining area but the BBQ is good and has been personally tested prior to this recommendation. If folks don't eat BBQ there are some other dining options in town.

SATURDAY – June 21

FIELDTRIPS - We will gather at the conference room at the Holiday Inn on Saturday morning at 9:30. We have the conference room at the Holiday Inn all day on Saturday for folks to gather, visit and catch up with all our cousins. There are two field trip options for the morning. Transportation will be in your own vehicles. We will carpool for those interested in the Ruffin trip, leaving the Holiday Inn at 10:00am.

1. A driving trip to Ruffin (located about 15 minutes from the Holiday Inn), a small community where the Thrashers lived, including a tour of the Lick Fork Creek Baptist Church located on the land deeded by Joseph Thrasher in 1793. The current Minister will provide the tour and church history. Joseph Cloud Thrasher, Isaac Thrasher, Thrasher McCollum and the Stubblefields all lived within 2 miles of the Lick Fork Baptist church.
2. Revolutionary War Battlefield at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park with Visitors Center, exhibits, film and a self-guided driving tour of the battlefield. Located about 35 minutes from the Holiday Inn.

LUNCH -Lunch on your own, we will have information on local restaurants.

MEETING - The meeting of the Thrasher Family Association will be held about 3:00 in the conference room at the Holiday Inn. Remember to bring your memorabilia to display, and, if you would like to make a presentation, contact John E. right away at fish_jet@bellsouth.net

DINNER - A buffet dinner will be held on Saturday night at the Farmers Table in Reidsville at 6:00. The restaurant will be open solely for our reunion group. The cost will be \$18.00 per person in advance. This includes food, beverage, and gratuity. If you have not already sent your reservation in, please use the form attached to the newsletter to send your dinner reservations and check to Joe Grooms, Box 1137, Davidson, NC 28036.

Questions for Joe: 704-451-4355, grooms75@bellsouth.net or, as a back-up: Angie: 704-996-1611 angie.grooms750@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Emmett B. Thrasher

Emmett Bruce Thrasher, age 86, of Trussville, Alabama, passed away on July 22, 2013. A veteran of the U. S. Navy, he had retired in 1986 from the United Steelworkers of America. He was a member of the Pinson United Methodist Church and past President of East Lake Lion's Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife JoAnn Thrasher, two sisters and a brother. He is survived by his daughters Karen Wilson (Lamar) and Kathy Meacham (Bill); son, Mike Thrasher (Amanda); grandchildren Brandon Meacham (Amanda), Krista and Lauren Thrasher; great grandson Clay Meacham and brother, Thomas Calvin Thrasher (Hazel).

Services were held at Jefferson Memorial Chapel with entombment at the Abbey mausoleum at Jefferson Memorial Gardens East.

(Thanks to Edie Eader for spotting this in the Birmingham News, July 23, 2013. Emmett and JoAnn were long time members of the TFA.)

War of 1812 - Battle of Horseshoe Bend

The Battle of Horseshoe Bend is identified with Andrew Jackson and the War of 1812, but it was also part of the Creek War of 1813-14. The battle took place two hundred years ago on a 100-acre peninsula formed by a horseshoe bend in Alabama's Tallapoosa River, and **John Cloud Thrasher** was a soldier in that battle.

If you like exploring the military service of our ancestors, there is a website that is a rich archive of US military records called Fold3, and it is worth becoming a member: <http://www.fold3.com/>



Genealogy Query

Sheila Harden (smhardin@att.net) is searching for information about her Thrasher heritage which is, for sure, through a German Thrasher emigrant. Sheila's grandfather, Theodore Thrasher, whose tombstone is in the cemetery in Piggott, Arkansas, lists his dates as 13 November 1859 - 13 June 1913. He married Mary Ann Davis.

Theodore is found in the 1880 Census for Pulaski County, Illinois as a single young man. Later he and his family are found in the 1900 and 1910 census in Clay County, Arkansas.

All three Census records indicate that Theodore's father was born in Germany and his mother in North Carolina. Sheila said, "One record indicates that his parents were John and Levina residing in Illinois."

Sheila is hoping that some of you who have a Thrasher/German connection and are researching might have some information that will solve her big question as to just who were Theodore's parents

Our Grandmothers' Lessons

by Julie Thrasher Stuckey



Our grandmothers' laps were warm and plush, and our grandmothers' lessons for us were profound. My grandmother, Lorraine Dodson Thrasher, lived in Flovilla, Georgia, and taught me to treasure time in the kitchen – and that every dish tastes better wrapped in butter and love, and that children need very special birthday cakes.

My mother, Peggy Pleasants Thrasher, couldn't wait to get to her Grandma Tallulah Edwrds Arrendale's rock house in Tiger, Georgia after school. There she learned how to braid, crochet, fold exactly right, sew perfect little stitches, and put a tablecloth on a table so that it was precisely the same length on all sides.

My cousins and I all learned about service and caring for the less fortunate from our grandmother, Clyde Arrendale Pleasants English, also of Tiger.

I've written a book, under the pen name Mirabelle Butterfield, that pays tribute to the wise lessons that grandmothers pass on to their granddaughters. The name of the book is *Cloud*, and it is tender and charmed, just like the time many of us spent with those remarkable women who loved us so.

In the book, our plucky young heroine, Lucinda, has many adventures with her grandmother, her Mimi. Lucinda learns to sing while she efficiently cleans house. She also learns to sew a glamorous scarf, stir up a stunning stew, grow a gracious garden, arrange the beautiful flowers she gathers, and paint quiet country lanes on a canvas by the window.

I wrote the page about Lucinda's painting lessons as a tribute to Vessie Mae Thrasher Rainer. She wasn't my Aunt Carmie Thrasher Cochrane's grandmother, but she was her beloved aunt, and my Aunt Carmie spoke fondly all her life of painting lessons Aunt Mae gave her in her youth in her lovely home in McDonough, Georgia.

In *Cloud*, Lucinda learns lessons of economy and plenty. Her Mimi teaches her of faith and goodness. Mimi's ultimate lesson for Lucinda is that to leave this world is a transition that is not to be feared. *Cloud* would be a wonderful book for a child who has lost a loved one or who may be facing such a loss.

Cloud is a full-color picture book. The fine artist, Irena Sophia, created the enchanted and imaginative illustrations. Her style of work is greatly influenced by a combination of vintage illustration, folk art, and modern design. Irena Sophia completed the images in her studio in Croatia.

My desire as a children's book author is to take children to magical places and to help them understand that they are not of this world, not bound by this world. I want them to believe they can fly among the clouds, because I believe they can.

Cloud may be purchased at rainymountainbooks.com or from me directly by sending a check for \$20 (\$17.50 for the book and \$2.50 for shipping) to Julie Thrasher Stuckey, 1881 Behrens Road, Byers, Colorado 80103. I'll be happy to sign your copy for you.



The Story of John J. Thrasher, founder of Norcross

by Todd Cline, editor, *Gwinnett Daily News*, Dec. 4, 2013

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John J. Thrasher is known through history for a lot of things. A railroad builder, he started the settlement that would eventually become Atlanta. Later in life, after disagreement over whether to incorporate what is now Georgia's capitol city, he moved northward and founded the city of Norcross.

A gregarious sort, he was known as "Cousin John" by both friends and strangers because of his generosity and affable nature. But it wasn't until about 20 years ago that he became known by David Sumner as great-great grandfather. After making the family connection, Sumner, now a journalism professor at Ball State University, became enthralled with his ancestor's history. Two years ago he published a short book titled "Railroad Man" — which the city of Norcross now distributes at its welcome center.

Sumner said he wrote and self-published the book to share with nieces and nephews and other family members. But the professor is happy to be able to re-tell the stories of his great-great grandfather for others as well.

"Being a writer, I got very interested in him," Sumner said. "He seems to be a very colorful personality, an intriguing person. I had never even heard of him until 20 years ago. My dad never talked about him. He never said anything about our genealogy."

Sumner was content with writing the short book for himself and his relatives, but that changed during a visit to Atlanta last year. The professor visited a friend in Decatur, and mentioned the book. The friend — Tony Callaway — said he knew Norcross Mayor Bucky Johnson from Oak Grove United Methodist Church. After an introduction, 100 books were ordered for the visitor center in Norcross. But there was one problem.

"I only had about 10 copies left," Sumner said.

A second publishing was ordered and some updates made and now Thrasher's story is being shared with more people interested in Norcross and Atlanta and the connection between the two cities. Those with basic knowledge of the man recognize that Norcross' Thrasher Park is named in honor of the city's first mayor. But even for someone as knowledgeable about Norcross as Johnson, the book is enlightening.

"I had never gotten all the connections between Thrasher and starting Atlanta," Johnson said. "(Sumner's book is) a short read, but it's fascinating information. The depth of that (book) was amazing. I grew up in this area and didn't know a lot of that stuff."

Despite his easygoing nature, Thrasher left Atlanta after objecting to its incorporation. That led to him purchasing property about 20 miles northeast of Atlanta. There he built the first commuter train — named the "Airline Belle" — that ran from Atlanta to Norcross — named for his friend, fellow merchant and one-time Atlanta mayor Jonathan Norcross. Thrasher also built the Brunswick Hotel (later torn down to make room for the post office) and wealthy Atlantans rode the train and stayed at the hotel for weekend getaways to the country.

"We were basically a summer retreat for Atlantans," Johnson said of the early days of Norcross. "Things have changed a lot since those days."

According to Sumner, Thrasher "made a whole lot of money and lost a whole lot of money" but what never changed was his love of the railroad. It was the railroad that led to the formation of both Atlanta and Norcross and it's near a railroad where "Cousin John" now rests. His tombstone in Dade City, Fla., sits no more than 40 feet from a railroad track. It's a fitting resting spot for Thrasher, a "railroad man" to the end.

Order from the author for \$6 plus \$3 shipping and handling. Call for discount on bulk orders. Checks payable to: David E. Sumner, 4009 Colonial Drive, Anderson, IN 46012 • (765-617-3890) Davidesumner@gmail.com

My Day With Joe

By John E. Thrasher III

After many years of relying on computer-generated information, it was a fun day recently when I drove down to Sanford, Florida to meet Joe Stine and do some “hands -on” Thrasher research.

Joe is one of the descendants of “Cousin” John James Thrasher who brought his family to Dade City, Florida following the Civil War. A number of “Cousin” John’s descendants moved into the Sanford area, lived there for many years and are buried there.

For my side of the Thrasher line, great grandfather Early Wyatt Thrasher came to Florida with three of his sons after Reconstruction and one son, Albert M. Thrasher settled in Sanford where he was a practicing lawyer, businessman and mayor for several years. Joe’s family and my family were living there at the same time.

Joe had done some leg work and found that Wilson L. Thrasher, Albert’s brother, was also in Sanford. Wilson was the black sheep of the family and had “gone under the radar” for most of his life. Very little was known about him except that he was CSA, so I was thrilled to be on his trail.

There was already a Thrasher file at the Sanford Museum and Archives. The 1885 state census listed Wilson and his mulatto son Charlie living there in Sanford. The Sanford City Directories for 1886 & 1887 gave the addresses for both Wilson and Albert. Wilson lived a short distance away from Albert and his wife, Leslie. Wilson had been a deputy sheriff in Sanford! Best of all, there in the archives were records from the Miller Funeral home. Albert had purchased an eight grave plot in 1885 in Longview Cemetery. The records showed that Wilson died on 30 August 1887 and was buried in Longview Cemetery on 31 August 1887.

Joe had lived in Sanford as a child and gave me a real tour of the city, showing me where his parents and various relations had lived and a 1887 brick, two story building which was constructed by Albert. The building is on the National Register and a plaque, attached on the front said:

The Whalers Saloon - erected 1887 - 112 South Palmetto Avenue - Finished in 1887, this building was built by Colonel Albert M. Thrasher who was President of the Sanford Ice and Cold Storage Company. It originally housed a saloon and a sporting goods store. The Romanesque Revival architectural style is typical of many small brick commercial buildings of the late 1800's and is distinguished by it's rather crude and shallow decorative brickwork. The ground story facade was plain brick, now covered (with wood paneling.). Above the marquee are a brick cornice and modillion and piers at the corners. A flat roof with parapet and rectangular floor plan are a part of this building's characteristics.

Joe and I peeked through the almost covered front windows and discovered that the back door was open - light was streaming through. We went around to the alley and, as we approached the back entrance to the building, a workman was coming down the temporary stairs to the second floor. Joe is not shy and met the guy who turned out to be in charge of the restoration of the building. We were shown inside: rotten beams holding up the second floor, rickety stairs that were best avoided, part of the original flooring and even the original dirt underneath. The old building was really getting a make over! Joe and I plan to meet in Sanford again in about a year and see the transformation.

A final important part of the tour was the visit to Longview Cemetery. We visited the graves of Joe’s grandparents and several of his other relations. The location of Albert’s plot was not difficult to find because the manager of the cemetery provided us with maps and

directions. There were no tombstones in the lot. The cemetery's director indicated that there was perhaps a burial in space #2 - that would have been where Wilson was interred.

Wilson was the only one of my Thrasher great uncles or aunts who doesn't have a tombstone so that will soon be remedied.

This kind of day beats armchair research hands down! I'm sure you too have some missing links in your family that need investigating. Give it a try; hit the road, and have a fun time looking for your ancestors. I recommend it.

Welcome to the newest Thrasher Family Association members:

- Frank Gerald Rhodes, 3648 Palo Verde Street, Napa, CA 94558. Frank is the son of Mattie Lee Thrasher and Melvin Rhodes and a descendant of David Thrasher and Mary Hughey.
- William S. Rhodes, 2859 Thornbriar Road, Atlanta, GA 30340-5109. William is the brother of Frank Rhodes.
- Ivy Rhodes Darnall, 881 Vedado Way NE, Atlanta, GA 30308. Ivy is daughter of William Rhodes. This is a real family affair!
- Stephen and Julielynn Stuckey, 1881 Behrens Road, Byers, CO 80103. Julielynn is the daughter of Al and Peggy Thrasher.
- Warren A. Thrasher, Jr. and Emily Short Thrasher, 1850 Brencill Way, Vienna, VA 22182 . Warren is the son of Warren A. Thrasher and Caroline Burson Thrasher of Athens, Georgia. They are in the process of down-sizing and moving to retirement in Savannah, Georgia.

Change of Address:

- Frank Combs, PO Box 714, Hixon, TN 37343

Editor's Corner

It is easy to make reservations for the reunion. Just fill out the form provided in this newsletter and pop it in the mail!

Thank you for sending items for the newsletter to John E. and me. I would especially like some pictures to go with stories. Please continue to share your news with your "cousins by the dozens" by letter to: 1101 Christian Drive, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677 or by e-mail to: drsue@thrasherfamilyassociation.org

Also be sure to visit ***our Thrasher Family Association*** website
at: <http://thrasherfamilyassociation.wordpress.com/>



Susie Thrasher

Genealogy of Benjamin & Sarah White Thrasher

Part 4

Part one of the genealogy of Benjamin and Sarah White Thrasher was included in the December 2012 issue of the Thrasher Newsletter. Their children are listed as: 1. Mary Thrasher, 2. Benedict Randal Thrasher, 3. Thomas Thrasher and 4. John Thrasher. All of the information that could be found for their daughter, Mary Thrasher who married Drewry Boatright, and for their son, Benedict Randal Thrasher was included in that issue.

Part two continued in the April 2013 issue with four of Benedict Randall Thrasher's children: Sabrina Thrasher, Biddy C. Thrasher, Larkin Thrasher and Clark Terrell Thrasher. Before the "Parts" designations were begun, a genealogy was printed for Benedict Randal's daughter, Mary Jane Thrasher in the December 2011 issue.

Part three followed Benedict Randal's son, Thomas "Jack - Jayson" Thrasher. That genealogy includes two of the current members of the TFA.

Part four is included here. It concerns 4. John, who is believed to be the son of Benjamin & Sarah White Thrasher. The only other "John Thrasher" found during the research for this period of time in Georgia is the John who Jodie Thrasher's research shows to be one of the six sons of George Thrasher - the one that lots of us refer to as "Old George" (1755 N. C. – 1849) Gwinnett County, Georgia.

John E. Thrasher III

Descendants of John Thrasher

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN¹ THRASHER was born Abt. 1800 in Georgia, and died Bet. 1860 - 1870 in Georgia. He met NAME UNKNOWN. She died Bet. 1830 - 1850.

Notes for JOHN THRASHER:

John is believed to be the son of Benjamin & Sarah White Thrasher. No record has been found to prove that and no descendants have been found to take part in the DNA study conducted by the Thrasher Family Association. See: Thrasher Family Association's Newsletter, "The Thrasher Newsletter" for December 2012.

John Thrasher is found in the 1830 Census for Franklin County, Georgia; In the 1840 Census for Cedar Creek, Coweta County, Georgia; In the 1850 Census for Division 11, Carroll County, Georgia he is listed as "Jno Thrasher"; and in the 1860 Census for Campbellton, Campbell County, Georgia he is listed as "John Thrasher".

In both the 1850 and 1860 Census, John is listed as being 60 years old. In view of the ages of his children, being born in 1800 is most likely.

He is listed in the 1850 Census as being a miller.

Children of JOHN THRASHER and NAME UNKNOWN are:

- i. SERENA² THRASHER, b. April 1820, Georgia; d. Aft. June 15, 1900.

Notes for SERENA THRASHER:

Serena is shown as living with her father in the 1850 Census for Carroll County, Georgia and 1860 Census for Campbell County, Georgia. After her father died, she lived next door to her brother Thomas H. Thrasher as shown in the 1870 for Campbell County, Georgia and the 1880 Census for Douglas County, Georgia. In the 1900 Census for Douglas County, GA, Serena is listed as "Shernie Thrasher" and was living with her sister -in-law, Sarah, Thomas H. Thrasher's wife and some of Sarah's children.

She does not seem to have married. She could not read or write.

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 - ii. THOMAS H. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1826, Georgia; d. Bet. 1886 - 1900.
 - iii. MARTHA J. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1828, Georgia.

Notes for MARTHA J. THRASHER:

Martha is found with her father in the 1850 Census for Division 11, Carroll County, GA.

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 - iv. HARRIET THRASHER, b. Abt. 1833, Georgia; d. Aft. 1880.
 - v. JUDEA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1832, Georgia.

Notes for JUDEA THRASHER:

Judea is found in the 1850 Census for Campbell County, GA living with her father.

Generation No. 2

2. THOMAS H.² THRASHER (JOHN¹) was born Abt. 1826 in Georgia, and died Bet. 1886 - 1900. He married SARAH. She was born January 1845 in Georgia, and died Bet. 1900 - 1910.

Notes for THOMAS H. THRASHER:

Thomas H. Thrasher is found in the 1850 Census for Division 11, Carroll County, Georgia living with his father; In the 1860 Census for Campbellton, Campbell County, Georgia, he is listed as "Thomas H. Thrasher"; In the 1870 Census for Dark Corners, Campbell County, GA, Thomas H. Thrasher was listed as "Thos Thrasher"; and in the 1880 Census for District 1260, Douglas County, Georgia, he is listed as "Thomas Thrasher".

Thomas was a farmer.

Notes for SARAH:

Sarah is listed as Head of Household in the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA. Her sister in law, Serena is living with her as well as several of her children.

Children of THOMAS THRASHER and SARAH are:

- i. MARTHA³ THRASHER, b. August 1866, Georgia; d. Aft. 1930.

Notes for MARTHA THRASHER:

Martha is listed with her parents in the 1870 Census for Dark Corners, Campbell County, GA; In the 1880 Census District 1260, Douglas County, GA; In the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA; In the 1910 Census for Rivertown, Douglas County, GA; In the 1920 Census for Douglasville, Douglas County, GA; and in the 1930 Census for Fairplay, Douglas County, GA.

Martha worked as a farm laborer. The various census lists her as "single".

- ii. BENJAMIN F.THRASHER, b. September 1868, Georgia; d. Aft. 1930.

Notes for BENJAMIN F.THRASHER:

Benjamin is listed as "Benja. Thrasher" in the 1870 Census for Dark Corners, Campbell County, GA with his parents; In the 1880 Census for District 1260, Douglas County, GA, he is listed as "Benjamin F. Thrasher"; In the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA he is listed as "Benjamin Thrasher"; In 1910 Census for Rivertown, Campbell County, GA he is listed as "Benjamin Thrasher"; In the 1920 Census for Douglasville, Douglas County, GA, he is listed as "Benjamin Thresher"; and in the 1930 Census for Fairplay, Douglas County, GA, he is listed as "Ben J. Thrasher."

Benjamin was a farmer. The various census list him as "single". He could not read or write.

4. iii. THOMAS H. THRASHER JR., b. May 1870, Georgia.
- iv. HIRAM THRASHER, b. March 1872, Georgia; d. Aft. 1920.

Notes for HIRAM THRASHER:

Hiram Thrasher could read and write. Perhaps that is why he was listed as head of the family from after his mother died (before 1910) even though he was not the oldest of the surviving children.

Hiram was a farmer.

In the census, Hiram, his brothers Benjamin and Jerry and his sisters Martha and Julia all lived together and after Hiram's death, the others remained together. None seemed to have married. Looking at the census one can see this family group.

Hiram is found in the 1880 Census for District 1260, Douglas County, GA; In the 1900 Census he is listed in Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA; He is listed as "Hiram W. Thrasher" in the 1910 Census for Rivertown, Campbell County, GA; and as "Hiram W. Thresher" in the 1920 Census for Douglasville, Douglas, County, GA.

- v. JERRY THRASHER, b. July 1873, Georgia; d. Aft. 1930.

Notes for JERRY THRASHER:

Jerry is listed in the 1880 census for District 1260, Douglas County, GA as "Jenize Thrasher"; In the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA, he is listed as "Jerry Thrasher" and living with his sister and brother-in-law, the Strawn family; In the 1910 Census he is with his brother, Hiram and siblings in Rivertown, Campbell County, GA; In the 1920 Census Jerry is listed as "Jerry Thresher" in Douglasville, Douglas County, GA; and in 1930 he is listed as "Jerry Thrasher" in Fairplay, Douglas County, GA.

He was unmarried and worked as a laborer on a farm.

Jerry was not able to read or write.

5. vi. MARY E. THRASHER, b. November 1875, Georgia.
6. vii. GEORGE W. THRASHER, b. October 02, 1880, Georgia; d. March 1970, San Antonio, Bexar Co. Texas.
- viii. NANNIE THRASHER, b. April 1884, Georgia.

Notes for NANNIE THRASHER:

Nannie Thrasher is listed in the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA.

- ix. JULIA THRASHER, b. February 1886, Georgia.

Notes for JULIA THRASHER:

Julia is listed with her brothers and sister after her mother's death.

Julia is found in the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA; In the 1910 Census for Rivertown, Campbell County, GA; the 1920 Census for Douglasville, Douglas County, GA; and the 1930 Census for Fairplay, Douglas County, GA.

She is listed in various census as "single". She was a farm laborer.

3. HARRIET² THRASHER (*JOHN*¹) was born Abt. 1833 in Georgia, and died Aft. 1880. She married STERLING

THOMAS. He was born Abt. 1837 in Georgia, and died Bet. 1870 - 1880.

Notes for HARRIET THRASHER:

Harriet Thrasher is found with her father and siblings, Thomas H. Thrasher and Martha Thrasher, in the 1850 Census for Campbell County, GA.

In 1860 Harriet and Sterling, with their two children, John and Thomas Jefferson Thomas, are located in District 5, Carroll County, GA.

In the 1870 Census Harriet and Sterling are in Dark Corners District, Campbell County, GA.
Her brother, Thomas H. Thrasher, is in household #354.
Her sister, Serena Thrasher, is in household #355.
Harriet and three children are in household #356.
Sterling and two daughters are in household #357.

In the 1880 Census Harriet is found in District 1260, Douglas County, GA, household #391, with four children. Three of those children should have been counted in the 1870 Census and may have been with Thomas relatives. Further research of the Thomas family may locate them in 1870.

In 1880 Harriet's brother, Thomas H. Thrasher, is living in household #385 and her sister, Serena, is living in household #386 - both just a few houses away from Harriet who is now a widow.

Notes for STERLING THOMAS:

Sterling is first found in the 1850 Census for Panterville, Dekalb County, GA, age 13, living with his parents, Joseph and Susannah Thomas. Sterling is found in the 1860 Census for District 5, Carroll County, GA and listed as "Sterling Thomas". In the 1870 Census for Dark Corners District, Campbell County, GA, he is listed as "Starlen Thomas".

Sterling was a farmer. In 1870 his personal property was valued at \$100.

Children of HARRIET THRASHER and STERLING THOMAS are:

- i. JOHN³ THOMAS, b. Abt. 1857, Georgia.
- ii. THOMAS JEFFERSON THOMAS, b. Abt. 1859, Georgia.
- iii. SUSAN THOMAS, b. Abt. 1862, Georgia.
- iv. CYRENA THOMAS, b. Abt. 1865, Georgia.
- v. STERLING THOMAS, b. Abt. 1865, Georgia.
- vi. CHARLES THOMAS, b. Abt. 1868, Georgia.
- vii. CHARLOTT THOMAS, b. Abt. 1869, Georgia.
- viii. JUDAH THOMAS, b. Abt. December 1869, Georgia.
- ix. JULIA THOMAS, b. Abt. 1871, Georgia.

Generation No. 3

4. THOMAS H. THRASHER³ JR. (*THOMAS H.² THRASHER, JOHN¹*) was born May 1870 in Georgia. He married MOLLIE Abt. 1892. She was born May 1861 in Georgia.

Notes for THOMAS H. THRASHER JR.:

Thomas is found in the 1870 Census for Campbell County, GA, one month old. In the 1880 Census he is with his parents in Douglas County, GA. In 1900 he and his wife, Mollie and two sons, were located in Fairplay, Douglas County, GA. In the 1920 Census Thomas is located in Conners, Douglas County, GA. In the 1930 Census for Cobb County, Georgia, Thomas is widowed and living with his son, Edward Thrasher.

Children of THOMAS JR. and MOLLIE are:

7. i. DAVID J.⁴ THRASHER, b. July 05, 1892, Georgia; d. May 14, 1986, Austell, Cobb Co. GA.
8. ii. EDWARD THRASHER, b. July 1896, Georgia; d. October 19, 1954, Cobb Co. GA.

5. MARY E.³ THRASHER (THOMAS H.², JOHN¹) was born November 1875 in Georgia. She married JOHN M. STRAWN Abt. 1897. He was born January 1873 in Alabama.

Notes for MARY E. THRASHER:

Mary is listed in the 1880 Census for District 1260, Douglas County, GA with her parents. In the 1900 Census she is found with her husband in Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA. Living with the Strawns are Mary's brothers, Jerry Thrasher and George Thrasher.

Mary is not able to read or write.

Notes for JOHN M. STRAWN:

John was a farmer. He is found in the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA.

Child of MARY THRASHER and JOHN STRAWN is:

- i. HENRY⁴ STRAWN, b. September 1899, Georgia.

6. GEORGE W.³ THRASHER (THOMAS H.², JOHN¹) was born October 02, 1880 in Georgia, and died March 1970 in San Antonio, Bexar Co. Texas. He married A. PEARL Abt. 1916. She was born Abt. 1889 in Texas.

Notes for GEORGE W. THRASHER:

George is first found in the 1900 Census for Chapel Hill District, Douglas County, GA. He is living with his sister, Mary and brother - in - law, John Strawn.

In the 1910 Census for Justice Precinct 6, McLennan County, Texas, George is living with his in-laws, Charles and Atta Baker. George is listed as "Widowed" at age 28. The name of his first wife is not known.

He is found in the 1920 Census for McLennan County with a new wife (second) named Pearl. and a son, G. Thurman. He is listed as "G. W. Thrasher". In the 1930 Census for Precinct 6, Bell County, Texas, he is listed as "George W. Thrasher". In the 1940 Census George and Pearl are located in McLennan County, Texas.

George is a farm laborer.

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Children of GEORGE THRASHER and A. PEARL are:

- i. GEORGE THURMAN⁴ THRASHER, b. July 30, 1917, Texas; d. September 1986, San Antonio, Bexar Co. Texas.
- ii. W. HARRIS THRASHER, b. Abt. 1920, Texas.
- iii. GILBERT J. THRASHER, b. February 09, 1922, Texas; d. July 09, 2000, Houston, Harris Co. Texas.

Notes for GILBERT J. THRASHER:

Gilbert enlisted for one year in the National Guard during WW II. He was a Private. Enlisted 25 November 1940 in Belton, Texas.

Gilbert completer four years of High School. He was an automobile serviceman.

In 1940 Gilbert was single with out dependents. He was described as height 69 inches and weight 147 pounds.

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- iv. JUANITA P. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1923, Texas.

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7. DAVID J.⁴ THRASHER (THOMAS H. THRASHER³ JR., THOMAS H.² THRASHER, JOHN¹) was born July 05, 1892 in Georgia, and died May 14, 1986 in Austell, Cobb Co. GA. He married DAHLIA L. Abt. 1912. She was born Abt. 1900 in Georgia.

Notes for DAVID J. THRASHER:

David is first found with his parents in the 1900 Census for Fairplay, Douglas County, GA. In the 1930 Census he and his family are living in Coxes, Cobb County, GA. In the 1940 Census David and Dahlia are still in Cobb County, Georgia.

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Children of DAVID THRASHER and DAHLIA L. are:

- i. DORA⁵ THRASHER, b. Abt. 1917, Georgia.
 - ii. ROY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1918, Georgia.
 - iii. WILLIE M. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1925, Georgia.
 - iv. MINNIE F. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1926, Georgia.
 - v. DOROTHY L. THRASHER, b. Abt. November 1929, Georgia.
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8. EDWARD⁴ THRASHER (*THOMAS H. THRASHER³ JR., THOMAS H.² THRASHER, JOHN¹*) was born July 1896 in Georgia, and died October 19, 1954 in Cobb Co. GA. He married RUBY Abt. 1916. She was born Abt. 1893 in Georgia.

Notes for EDWARD THRASHER:

Edward Thrasher is found with his parents in the 1900 Census for Fairplay, Douglas County, GA. In the 1920 Census for Conners, Douglas County, Georgia, he has a wife and daughter. In the 1930 Census Eddie and family are living in Cobb County, Georgia and his father is living with them. His brother, David, lives not too far away.

Children of EDWARD THRASHER and RUBY are:

- i. JEWELL⁵ THRASHER, b. Abt. February 1918, Georgia.
- ii. FRANK THRASHER, b. Abt. 1926, Georgia.

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9. ROY⁵ THRASHER (*DAVID J.⁴, THOMAS H. THRASHER³ JR., THOMAS H.² THRASHER, JOHN¹*) was born Abt. 1918 in Georgia. He married HELEN E.. She was born 1921 in Georgia.

Notes for ROY THRASHER:

1940 Census: Howells District, Cobb County, Georgia. (Census not found on Ancestry, but is on Heritage Quest.) Roy is a carder in a cotton mill.

Child of ROY THRASHER and HELEN E. is:

- i. ROY C.⁶ THRASHER, b. Abt. 1940, Georgia.