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# *The Thrasher Newsletter*

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## **Athens Reunion Draws a Good Crowd**



Thanks to Bill H. Thrasher's skill at photo manipulation this group picture includes all of the reunion attendees with the exception of Nancy Van Etten's daughter Katie. His choice of background for the group is one of the sites visited on the bus tour.

Back row, l. to r. Janna Losciale, Alice Thrasher, Vicky Mills, Albert Thrasher, Cheré Thrasher Athey, Joe Stine, Sue Q. Thrasher, Jim Moule, Paula Thrasher, John Paul Thrasher, Celestea Sharp, Joe Grooms, Juanita Thrasher and Bill H. Thrasher

Second row, l. to r. Peggy Thrasher, JoEllen LaVeigne, Janie Mosley, Judy Aleman, Bonnie Bolin, Nancy Thrasher Cherry, Barbara Eger and Glenda Thrasher

Third row, l. to r. Nancy Thrasher Van Etten, David Escamilla, Jill Van Etten, Doralee Thrasher, Montana Thrasher, Jennifer McGrath, David R. Thrasher, Warren Thrasher, Robert P. (Buddy) Thrasher, Caroline Thrasher and Don Athey

Bottom row, l. to r. Kathy Prescott, Grady Thrasher, Richard B. Davidson Jr., Richard B. Davidson III, Joan Stine, Whitney Thrasher, Peggy Thrasher Law and Emily Thrasher



## **2013 Reunion a Success in Spite of Rain**

It may have rained on our parade in Athens, but it definitely didn't dampen anyone's spirits! Friday night's dinner was supposed to be outside on the University of Georgia campus, but the rain had other ideas. Caroline Thrasher (Mrs. Warren Thrasher, Sr.) very kindly came to the rescue, graciously offering her home as an alternative. Dinner was a delicious buffet, the setting was ideal, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Hosts John Paul Thrasher, Grady Thrasher and Celestea Sharp provided an excellent schedule of events, highlighted by a Saturday morning bus tour of several sites historically significant to the Thrasher family. What comfort -- the bus would have fit right in on a cross-country tour.

Highlights of the tour included a talk in the Salem Methodist Church by Mr. Hale, a caretaker of the church for generations, and lunch at Kumquat Mae's bakery and café, the treat of Grady Thrasher and Kathy Prescott.

Almost as fascinating as the historical highlights was watching the very skilled bus driver maneuver that huge bus down narrow country lanes and through turns that were never meant for such a vehicle. Warren Thrasher, Jr. and his brother John Paul Thrasher provided exterior "extra eyes" for the driver as she negotiated turn-arounds and sideways slopes.

John Paul and Celestea served as narrators for the tour and Celestea had put together a very informative handout for each of us. Saturday afternoon's program included presentations by Bill H. Thrasher on the Find-a-Grave website and a computer software program for image viewing and manipulating and by Jim Moule on Thrashers in the California Gold Rush. Montana Thrasher shared a video from America's Most Wanted; it was a reenactment of his father's suspected smuggling activities and his disappearance, and Celestea Sharp showed one on the search for John Thrasher's residence in Oconee County, which they hoped would provide clues to the location of his grave.

The program was followed by the TFA business meeting. Current officers were reelected, with a working committee to assist President John E. Thrasher because he had asked for help due to the stress of Eleanor Thrasher's illness. John and Eleanor were sorely missed at the reunion; they have been the heart of past reunions and it wasn't the same without them. Other regulars Dale and Trudy Thrasher were not able to be there due to health issues and were also missed. In other business, Robert (Buddy) Thrasher presented the treasurer's report and long-time newsletter editor Barbara Eger passed the baton to incoming editor Sue Q. Thrasher. Barbara will finish out the year with Sue taking over the task early in 2014.

The grand finale of the evening was a trip to Ciné, a downtown theatre, where we were treated to a private showing of Grady Thrasher's documentary, "The World's Smallest Airport." The film was followed by a buffet in the theater's private dining room, again the treat of Grady and Kathy.

After visiting over Sunday morning breakfast, everyone headed home -- it was still raining but people's faces were smiling!

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*David R. Thrasher, Buddy Thrasher and Celestea Sharp compare notes on research.*



*This bus definitely did not fit a compact parking slot!*



*Vickie Mills, Bonnie Bolin, Janie Mosley and Judy Aleman at the Friday dinner*



*Caroline Thrasher welcomes Bonnie Bolin to Friday's dinner. Sue Thrasher is behind Caroline.*



*Peggy Thrasher Law, Barbara Eger, David Escamilla, Doralee Thrasher, Nancy Thrasher Van Etten and Katie Van Etten relaxing after Friday's dinner.*

## **Editor's Corner**

The next newsletter will go out in early October -- the last one in Volume 31, and my "swan song" as editor. If you have any items to contribute to that issue send them to me, Barbara Eger, 13318 Omega Ct., Dade City, FL 33525; or send an e-mail to <beger@earthlink.net>. After that, material should go to Sue Q. Thrasher, the new editor, either by snail mail at 1101 Christian Dr., Watkinsville, GA 30677 or by email to susiethrasher@gmail.com. Remember that no one can put together a newsletter without news, so be helpful and send Susie your news!!



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## **2014 Reunion Will Be in the Tarheel State**

Joe Grooms has volunteered to host the 2014 Thrasher Family Reunion in North Carolina. Joe says it will be in Greensboro or Reidsville at a date to be announced later. That is a lovely part of the state and will be the first reunion held in North Carolina.

Greensboro is in Guilford County and Reidsville is in Rockingham County; both have a lot of historical significance. According to Dorothy Sturgis Pruett's "Our Thrasher Heritage" John Thrasher came to Georgia from Rockingham County with his family in the late 1700s. Guilford Courthouse, the site of a famous Revolutionary battle, is not far from Greensboro.

There will be plenty to see and do in the area, so when the dates are set make your plans to join in the fun.

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## ***In Memorium***

### ***Dorothy Wright Thrasher***

Dorothy Wright Thrasher, 89, of Huntsville, Ala., passed away Sept. 13, 2012. She was born Nov. 1, 1922. Mrs. Thrasher was the daughter of the late Josephine and Clay Wright of Belmont, Miss. Her husband, Tom Goodman Thrasher, also preceded her in death..

Survivors include daughters Sharon T. Langley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Carol T. Mayo (Donald) of Silverdale, Wash.; Amanda T. Segrest (Michael) of Huntsville; and Anne T. Swain (Albert) of Huntsville; grandchildren Anne Langley of Baltimore, Md.; Kasey Langley Grothe (Nathan) of Seattle, Wash.; Alex Mayo of Silverdale, Wash.; Justin Mayo (Jodi) of Lynchburg, Va.; Jordan Segrest Bishop (Harrison) of Vestavia; Ellen Segrest of Huntsville; Clay Segrest (Corie) of Vestavia; Anna Swain of Durango, Colo.; and Thomas Swain of Huntsville; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Coy Hallmark officiating.

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### ***Martin Thrasher***

Martin Thrasher, 87, of Burkesville, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday March 24, 2013. He was born on May 16, 1925, son of the late Uriah and Lula Spears Thrasher.

Survivors include his wife, Jamah Crawley Thrasher, of Burkesville; a daughter, Ronda Chandler, and her husband Delbert of Tompkinsville; and a sister, Alice Taylor, of Weldon, Illinois.

Services were held on March 26 at Ballou & Stotts Funeral Home, with burial in the Modoc Cemetery.

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THRASHER FAMILY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT 06/01/2012 THRU 03/31/2013		
FINDS AVAILABLE TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 06/01/2012		\$2,545.90
DEPOSITS 06/01/2012 THRU 03/31/2013		\$1,215.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 06/01/2012 THRU 03/31/2013		\$3,760.90
<b>DISBURSEMENTS 06/01/2012 THRU 03/31/2013</b>		
1. NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$480.41	
2. FAMILY TREE DNA SCHOLARSHIP	\$153.00	
3. 2012 REUNION EXPENSE (BUDDY AND GLENDA THRASHER)	\$200.00	
<i>NOTE: Expense for April/May 2013 news letter and Reunion expense not included this report.</i>		
TOTAL EXPENSES 06/01/2012 THRU 03/31/2013	\$833.41	\$833.41
FUNDS AVAILABLE TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 04/01/2013		\$2,927.49
<b>"NOTE"</b>		
INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND \$300.00 FOR YEARLY DNA SCHOLARSHIPS		

Robert Thrasher, Treasurer

## Genealogy of Benjamin Thrasher & his wife, Sarah White Part III

### Descendants of Thomas "Jack - Jason" Thrasher

You may wish to refer to the December 2012 and April 2013 issues of the Thrasher Newsletter to refresh your memory about this family's genealogy which we are presenting in several parts. This is the third part and follows the descendants of Benjamin & Sarah White Thrasher's grandson, (son of Benedict Randal Thrasher) Thomas "Jack - Jason" Thrasher & his wife Kessiah Bailey.

Two members of the Thrasher Family Association, Paul Wesley Thrasher and John Anthony "Tony" Thrasher, as well as Luther Leroy Thrasher participated in the TFA's DNA program and were "matches" in this family line. Their contribution of information for inclusion in this genealogy was very valuable and appreciated.

John E. Thrasher III



## *Descendants of Thomas "Jack - Jayson" Thrasher*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*BENEDICT RANDAL*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born September 19, 1831 in Franklin County, Georgia, and died Aft. January 12, 1904 in Conns Creek, Cherokee County, Georgia. He married KESSIAH BAILEY February 19, 1852 in Franklin County, Georgia, daughter of JOHN BAILEY and NANCY. She was born February 1830 in South Carolina, and died Aft. 1900 in Conns Creek, Cherokee County, Georgia.

#### Notes for THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON" THRASHER:

Thomas "Jack - Jayson" Thrasher is found in the U. S. Census:

1850 - Franklin County, Georgia. His father listed under the name of Randal Thresher. He is listed as Jayson.

1860 - Hartwell, Hart County, GA

1870 - Shoal Creek, District, Hart County, GA. P. O: Parker's Store

1880 - Cherokee County, GA ( Cross Roads district 1000, Ed 26, sheet 19 )

1900 - Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, GA. In this Census, Thomas Jack and family are living next door to Thomas E. ( b. 1870 ) and Mamie Thrasher Sr. and their family. This Thomas E. is the son of Thomas Jack-Jayson Thrasher.

In the 1900 Census, Thomas' daughter Kissiah Emilis Thrasher is living with him and five grandsons.

Thomas' occupation is listed as "farmer." He is able to read and write.

The marriage of Thomas Jack Thrasher and Kessiah Bailey is found in the Franklin County, Georgia marriage records. He is listed as, John Thrasher. ( Remember, Jack is a nick name for John! )

He is also listed as "Jayson" Thrasher in the 1850 Census. In a family tradition he was called "Jack."

#### Found in the U. S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profile:

Name: T. J. Thrasher

Residence: Hart County, Georgia

Rank at: Private

State served: Georgia

Survived the War? Yes

Service record: Enlisted in Company H, 15th Infantry Regiment , ( Benning's Brigade ) Georgia Volunteers on 15 July 1861. Mustered out ( retired ) on 17 July 1864. He was wounded in the Battle of Malvern Hill in Virginia, 2 June 1864. ( Sources : Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861 - 1865 )

Thomas J. applied for Pensions from 1888 through 1904. He may have applied each year, but most records show a two year application. He applied in Bartow, Forsyth, Dawson and Cherokee Counties. The pension records are available and found in "Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879 - 1960." When applying, in some years he sometimes signed the requests as Thomas J. Thrasher and some years as T. J. Thrasher.

Among these papers is the report from the office of Dr. H. P. Clark - Physicians \* and \* Surgeon - office in the Houser House

"Dawsonville, Ga. March 12, 1888

This is to certify that we have this day examined Thomas J. Thrasher and find that he is wounded in the following manner. He has been struck with a Shell at the rist joint of the left arm. The shell ranging up to the Elbow fracturing ulna bone of the forearm and doing enough injury to both the elbow and wrist-joints to render them permanently Stiff or Andi — when the arm is extended to the fullest extent. It hangs down, the forearm extending across the breast and he has not the power to extend it any farther. He has also lost the Sight of the left Eye almost entirely. He cannot distinguish any printed Letters. He cannot distinguish any object at any distance from him. We will Say that his left-Arm is rendered Substantially and essentially useless to perform any manuel labor. We deem him incompetent and practically incompetent to perform the manuel activities of life. His eye is permanently injured and if it was not for the sight of his right eye, he could not perform any normal labor that would require any traveling about.

Signed H. P. Clark, M D

Sworn to and subscribed before me - March 12, 1888. J. S. Taylor, Ordinary"

In another sworn statement on 21 January 1897 ( Dawson County, Georgia ), Drs. Looper and Clark give



almost the same description with this added bit of interest: " - - - shattering the bone of the arm and permanently disabling the arm more severely \_\_\_\_ cannot chip with an axe or hoe - - - ."

In the Pension Applications, Thomas J. signs saying that he had been a citizen of the State ( Georgia ) since 19 September 1831. In one he says, 1830.

Deed Book B, Hart County, Georgia. Page 265. 17 January 1859

Larkin H. Thrasher, Sobina Thrasher, Bidy C. Thrasher and Thomas J. Thrasher to Jeremiah Askea  
For \$25 To each of them paid in hand, sell a parcel of land situated on the west prong of Payne's Creek,  
bounded by N. Lindsey ( and others. ) Witness: Clark T. Thrasher  
Signed: Larkin ( his mark ) H. Thrasher

Sobina ( her mark ) Thrasher

Bidy ( her mark ) C. Thrasher

Thomas ( his mark ) J. Thrasher

Clark T. Thrasher appeared and swore that he did see the ( named ) sign. 30 July 1859

Registered 2 August 1859

Deed Book C, Hart County, Georgia. Pages 145 - 146. 18 July 1864

Thomas Fisher to Thomas J. Thrasher for \$725, 72 acres. Recorded 12 September 1864.

Deed Book C, Hart County, Georgia. Pages 313 - 314. 22 January 1867

T. J. Thrasher to John Linder. For \$132, T. J. Thrasher sells 66 acres more or less, exempting 6 acres Basaba Baily, the corner near her house. "Except the six acres to Mrs. Baily in Witness there of - - - . " Signed: T. J. Thrasher

#### Notes for KESSIAH BAILEY:

Kessiah is listed in the 1900 Census for Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, GA as being a mother of seven children, six still alive in 1900.

Kessiah Bailey Thrasher and Basheba Bailey Thrasher are sisters.

#### Children of THOMAS THRASHER and KESSIAH BAILEY are:

2. i. NANCY<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, b. October 1856, Hart County, GA; d. Aft. 1928, Prob. Bartow County, Georgia.
- ii. LUCY A. THRASHER, b. Abt. December 1859, prob. Hart County, GA.
- iii. JOSEPHINE J. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1862, Georgia.
3. iv. KIZZIAH EMILIS THRASHER, b. June 1863, Georgia.
4. v. WILLIAM WASHINGTON THRASHER, b. September 17, 1865, Banks County, Georgia; d. July 05, 1939, Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA.
5. vi. THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER, b. July 10, 1870, Hart County, Georgia; d. March 20, 1920, Marietta, Cobb County, GA.
- vii. NO NAME KNOWN THRASHER.

#### Generation No. 2

2. NANCY<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>) was born October 1856 in Hart County, GA, and died Aft. 1928 in Prob. Bartow County, Georgia. She married JAMES M. ROBERSON Abt. 1878. He was born November 1857 in Alabama.

#### Notes for NANCY THRASHER:

Nancy is found in the 1860 and 1870 Census for Hart County, Georgia with her parents.

In the 1900 census she is found with her husband and two children in Bartow County, Georgia.

In 1900 Nancy and James had been married for 22 years.

She was the mother of three children, two living in 1900.

In the 1920 Census Nancy and James M. Roberson were living in Adairsville, Bartow County, Georgia.

#### More About NANCY THRASHER:

Burial: Racoon Creek Baptist Cem., West Cartersville, Bartow County, GA.



Children of NANCY THRASHER and JAMES ROBERSON are:

6.
  - i. LELA<sup>5</sup> ROBERSON, b. July 1885, Bartow County, Georgia; d. Abt. 1923.
  - ii. GARDIE ROBERSON, b. March 1887, Bartow County, Georgia; d. May 02, 1955, Bartow County, Georgia.

Notes for GARDIE ROBERSON:

Gardie ( Guardie ) Roberson is first found in the 1900 Census for Bartow County, Georgia living with his parents.

Gardie is listed in the "Georgia Deaths, 1919 - 1998" file.

- iii. CHARLIE ROBERSON, b. 1889, Bartow County, Georgia; d. 1896, Bartow County, Georgia.

More About CHARLIE ROBERSON:

Burial: Racoon Creek Baptist Cem., West Cartersville, Bartow County, GA.

3. KIZZIAH EMILIS<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"*<sup>3</sup>, *BENEDICT RANDAL*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born June 1863 in Georgia.

Notes for KIZZIAH EMILIS THRASHER:

It is believed that Kissiah E. and Emilis are the same person, one listed in the the 1870 Census and the other name in the 1900 Census.

In the 1900 Census, K. Emilis is living with her parents in Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, GA. She is listed as "divorced" and the five children also living there are listed as "grandsons" of Thomas and Kessiah Thrasher. The grandson's names are all "Thrasher" which indicated that perhaps there was no marriage to the father whose name is unknown.

Children of KIZZIAH EMILIS THRASHER are:

7.
  - i. WILLIAM T.<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, b. August 1881, Georgia.
  - ii. ASBERRY B. THRASHER, b. June 1882, Georgia.
  - iii. JOSEPH P. THRASHER, b. February 1884, Georgia.
  - iv. GEORGE F. THRASHER, b. December 1886, Georgia.
  - v. ERMIN N. THRASHER, b. July 1894, Georgia.

4. WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"*<sup>3</sup>, *BENEDICT RANDAL*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born September 17, 1865 in Banks County, Georgia, and died July 05, 1939 in Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA. He married ELDORADO "ELLA" VICTORIA HULSEY Abt. 1888, daughter of GEORGE HULSEY and SARAH WILLIS. She was born November 12, 1866 in Dawson County, Georgia, and died May 27, 1961 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.

Notes for WILLIAM WASHINGTON THRASHER:

W. W. Thrasher, called "Bud," 11q is first found in the 1870 Census for Shoal Creek, Hart County, GA with his parents.

In the 1880 Census for Cherokee County, Georgia, he is listed with his parents, being 14 years of age.

In the 1900 Census W. W. and family are found in Civil District 10, Polk County, Tennessee.

In the 1920 Census W. W. Thrasher and family are found in Sugar Creek, Fannin County, GA.

In the 1930 Census W. W. Thrasher and family are still located in Sugar Creek, Fannin County, GA

W. W. Thrasher is able to read and write. His occupation was as a miner in 1900, but as a farmer after that.

William Thrasher is listed in the "Georgia Deaths, 1919 - 1998" as William M. Thrasher; died 05 July 1939, in Fannin Co. GA. Gender M; race W; age 73 years.

Certificate of Death, State of Georgia

Also, information received from John Anthony Thrasher, great, great grandson of W. W. Thrasher.

More About WILLIAM WASHINGTON THRASHER:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA

Notes for ELDORADO "ELLA" VICTORIA HULSEY:

In the 1900 Census, Ella and W. W. reported that they had been married for 11 years ( Ca 1888-1889 ).

John Anthony Thrasher wrote: All nine of Ella V. and W. W. Thrasher's children are listed on the Cherokee rolls as Ella V. was part American Indian from the Cherokee Indian tribe.



The listing of Ella and her children can be found in "Cherokee Roots" Volume 1: Eastern Cherokee Rolls by Bob Blankenship. Official United States Government Census of the Cherokee Indian from 1817 through 1924 residing East of the Mississippi River. This is the Guion Miller Roll - 1909. The children listed are: Claud, Ethel, Etta, Flora, Lee, Myrtle, Paul, and Thomas. Ella V. is also listed there. Her son Raymond would also be eligible to be listed, but was not born until 1911. Also listed on later rolls are two grandsons, sons of Ethel Thrasher: Lester D. Thrasher and George Thrasher Vestel.

More About ELDORADO "ELLA" VICTORIA HULSEY:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and ELDORADO HULSEY are:

8. i. ETHEL B.<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, b. August 31, 1889, Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia; d. December 19, 1974, Port Angeles, Washington.
- ii. ETTA THRASHER, b. July 29, 1891, Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; d. April 01, 1966, Fannin County, GA; m. WILLIAM E. WIMBERLY; b. 1885; d. 1949.
9. iii. ROBERT E. LEE THRASHER, b. May 23, 1894, Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia; d. December 12, 1937, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.
10. iv. ANNA MYRTLE THRASHER, b. April 24, 1895, Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia; d. December 15, 1982, Fannin County, GA.
11. v. GEORGE THOMAS THRASHER, b. June 19, 1899, Georgia; d. May 30, 1966, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.
12. vi. WILLIAM PAUL THRASHER, b. May 26, 1901, Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; d. November 1942, Jefferson County, Alabama.
13. vii. CLAUDE MICHAEL "MIKE" THRASHER, b. April 06, 1903, Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; d. July 29, 1973, Fannin County, Georgia.
14. viii. FLORA THRASHER, b. January 04, 1907, Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; d. December 05, 1986, DeKalb County, Georgia.
15. ix. RAYMOND CARL THRASHER, b. August 11, 1911, Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; d. July 29, 1973, Fannin County, Georgia.

5. THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 10, 1870 in Hart County, Georgia, and died March 20, 1920 in Marietta, Cobb County, GA. He married MAMIE ESTELLE GROVER November 24, 1892 in Cherokee County, Georgia, daughter of RAFORD GROVER and MARY SHUTLEY. She was born February 11, 1876 in Georgia, and died April 05, 1963 in Bartow County, GA.

Notes for THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER:

Thomas E. is first found in the 1880 Census for Cherokee County, GA ( District 1000, Ed 26, sheet 19 ) with his parents. He was listed as 9 years of age. In the 1900 Census Thomas E. and his family were in Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, GA. In 1910 he is found in Glenwood, Floyd County, GA.

Thomas and Mamie were listed as "renting a home" in the 1900 Census. His father, Thomas John "Jack" Thrasher, owned the property.

In the 1920 Census, which was taken on 9 January 1920, Thomas E. and his family were living in Marietta, Cobb County, GA. Thomas died on the 20th of March, just two months later.

Cobb County, Georgia Death Certificate #77332.

More About THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER:

Burial: New Hope United Methodist Ch., Wiley Rd., Marietta, Cobb County, GA.

Notes for MAMIE ESTELLE GROVER:

In the 1930 Census for Pine Grove, DeKalb County, Alabama, Mamie is listed as a widow and head of the household.

"Georgia Deaths, 1919 - 1998" lists Mamie's death as 5 April, 1963 in Bartow Co. GA.

More About MAMIE ESTELLE GROVER:

Burial: New Hope United Methodist Ch., Marietta, Cobb Co. GA

Children of THOMAS THRASHER and MAMIE GROVER are:

16. i. RALPH GRADY<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, b. July 13, 1895, Georgia; d. March 15, 1964, Jackson County, Alabama.
17. ii. RAFORD JACKSON THRASHER, b. August 26, 1896, Canon, Georgia; d. May 1971, Dutton, Jackson County, Alabama.
- iii. ERNEST D. THRASHER, b. May 23, 1900, Georgia; d. January 1982, Summerville, Chattooga Co. Ga.; m.



PEARL E.; b. Abt. 1910, Alabama; d. November 22, 1999, Summerville, Chatanooga County, Georgia.

Notes for ERNEST D. THRASHER:

Earnest is first found with his parents in the 1900 Census for Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, GA. listed as "Earnest L. Thrasher." In the 1910 Census he is with his parents in Glenwood, Floyd County, GA listed as "Earnest D. Thrasher." In the 1920 Census for Marietta, Cobb County, GA, he is listed as Earnest Thrasher. Earnest D Thrasher is listed in the 1930 Census for Pine Grove, DeKalb County, Alabama, with a new wife of about one year.

He is listed in the Social Security Death Index.

He was a peddler of merchandise.

Earnest and Pearl were living with his widowed mother in 1930.

Notes for PEARL E.:

Found in the Social Security Death Index. : Pearl J. Thrasher

- iv. JAMES WASHINGTON THRASHER, b. January 16, 1903, Georgia; d. June 15, 1992, Trion, Chattooga County, Georgia; m. ALMA.

Notes for JAMES WASHINGTON THRASHER:

James "Jimmy" W. Thrasher is first found with his parents in the 1910 Census for Glenwood, Floyd County, Georgia. In the 1920 Census for Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, Jimmy is still with his parents.

References: Georgia Deaths, 1919 - 98 lists James' death as being 15 June 1992. He died in Floyd County, GA. His last residence was Trion, Chattooga County, GA. His age was 89.

The Social Security Death Index also lists the same facts.

- v. BULA J THRASHER, b. Abt. 1905, Georgia; d. Aft. 1910.

Notes for BULA J THRASHER:

According to Thelma Thrasher on 6 December 2008, Bula was supposed to have died in a fire.

18. vi. FRED A. THRASHER, b. January 04, 1908, Georgia; d. December 27, 1992, Henagar, DeKalb County, Alabama.  
19. vii. THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER JR., b. August 04, 1910, Georgia; d. February 05, 1973, Rising Fawn, Dade County, Alabama.  
20. viii. LENA PAULINE THRASHER, b. August 04, 1910, Georgia; d. January 20, 1993, De Kalb County, Alabama.  
ix. WILLIAM T. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1914, Alabama; d. Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

Notes for WILLIAM T. THRASHER:

William is first found in the 1920 Census with his parents in Marietta, Cobb County, GA. He is listed as "Willie" Thrasher. In the 1930 Census for Pine Grove, DeKalb County, Alabama, he is listed as William Thrasher and living there with his widowed mother.

- x. CHARLES H. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1916, Alabama; d. Georgia; m. IRENE.

Notes for CHARLES H. THRASHER:

Charles is first found in the 1920 Census for Marietta, Cobb County, GA living with his parents and listed as "Charlie" Thrasher. In the 1930 Census for DeKalb County, Alabama, he is listed as Charles H. Thrasher and living with his widowed mother.

### Generation No. 3

6. LELA<sup>5</sup> ROBERSON (*NANCY<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 1885 in Bartow County, Georgia, and died Abt. 1923. She married FLOYD H. KEITH. He was born Abt. 1892 in Georgia.

Notes for LELA ROBERSON:

Lila is found in the 1900 Census in Bartow County, Georgia with her parents. She is next located in the 1910 Census with her husband and two children in Cassville, Bartow County, Georgia.

Children of LELA ROBERSON and FLOYD KEITH are:

- i. LUCILE<sup>6</sup> KEITH, b. Abt. 1904, Georgia.  
ii. HOWARD KEITH, b. Abt. 1908, Georgia.



7. WILLIAM T.<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*KIZZIAH EMILIS*<sup>4</sup>, *THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"*<sup>3</sup>, *BENEDICT RANDAL*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born August 1881 in Georgia. He married (1) MINNIE. She was born Abt. 1879 in S. C.. He married (2) ETTA. She was born Abt. 1899.

Notes for WILLIAM T. THRASHER:

The 1910 Census for Corner, Anderson County, S. C.

The 1930 census for Savannah, Anderson County, S. C. William has a second wife, Etta. The younger children from the first marriage are living with him.

William was a farmer. He could not read or write.

Notes for MINNIE:

In the 1920 Census for Corners, Anderson County, S. C., Minnie is listed as the head of the household and married, but William is not in the household. Minnie is listed as a farmer. She could not read or write.

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and MINNIE are:

- i. JESSIE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1898, S. C..
- ii. JULIAN THRASHER, b. Abt. 1901, S. C..
- iii. FRANK THRASHER, b. Abt. 1903, S. C..
- iv. CARRIE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1905, S. C..
- v. FANNY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1907, S. C..
- vi. LEVI/LEROY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1911, S. C..
- vii. OZIE/OLE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1913, S. C..
- viii. ALLEEN THRASHER, b. Abt. 1915, S. C..
- ix. FLORINE THRASHER, b. Abt. August 1919, S. C..

8. ETHEL B.<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON*<sup>4</sup>, *THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"*<sup>3</sup>, *BENEDICT RANDAL*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born August 31, 1889 in Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia, and died December 19, 1974 in Port Angeles, Washington. She married (1) CHARLES SMITH FORTNER. He was born August 21, 1895 in Fannin County, GA, and died May 25, 1961 in Polk County, TN.

Notes for ETHEL B. THRASHER:

Living with W. W. Thrasher in the 1920 Census is Lester Thrasher, grandson, born ca 1905 in Georgia. He is the child of Ethel B. Thrasher and Mr. McCay.

Lester had a half brother named George Vestel.

Lester is found in the Georgia Death's Index, 1919 - 1998: Lester D. Thrasher; Death date: 09 Dec. 1989; Co. of Death: Fannin; Gender: M; Race: W; Age: 84; Co. of residence: Fannin.

Lester is also found in the Social Security Death Index: Name: Lester D. Thrasher; SSN: 410-01-4729; Born: 12 August 1905; Died: 9 Dec. 1989.

Notes for CHARLES SMITH FORTNER:

Information received from Roy M. Powers.

Children of ETHEL THRASHER and CHARLES FORTNER are:

- i. CLAUDIA<sup>6</sup> FORTNER.
- ii. EVELYN FORTNER.
- iii. REED FORTNER.
- iv. ROY MARSHALL FORTNER, b. September 04, 1920; d. May 24, 2004, Portland, Oregon.

Child of ETHEL B. THRASHER is:

- v. LESTER DAVID "GUS"<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. August 12, 1905, Georgia; d. December 09, 1989, Fannin County, Georgia.

Notes for LESTER DAVID "GUS" THRASHER:

From Tony Thrasher: "Lester David 'Gus' Thrasher was the illegitimate son of Ethel B. Thrasher. She was 14 at the time of the pregnancy. At 15 her mother, Ella, took the child and raised the baby as her own. Gus was more like a brother rather than a child to Ethel. The father is believed to be A. B. McCay. He was the son of a local 'wealthy' merchant who did not want a scandal or a marriage between Ethel and his son. I was told some



money changed hands between Mr. W. W. Thrasher and the senior Mr. McCay to keep things quiet. Years later Anna Myrtle Merrell ( Ethel's sister ) had a chance encounter with Mr. A. B. McCay. She said he greatly regretted what had happened all those years ago and said he truly loved Ethel and always would. He died shortly there after."

Child of ETHEL B. THRASHER is:

- vi. GEORGE<sup>6</sup> VESTEL, b. Abt. 1908.

Notes for GEORGE VESTEL:

From Tony Thrasher: "Four years after the birth of Gus Thrasher, Ethel became pregnant out of wedlock. Again this time the father was from another wealthy family. He was George Vestel. He and Ethel were about 19 years old. When the senior Mr. Vestel found out about the pregnancy, he and his son were riding horses at the time. A fight began between them and the young Mr. Vestel fell from his horse - the resulting fall was fatal ending his life. The child was named George Vestel. At 13 George was adopted by some relatives of the Vestel family who were childless. They sent George to Rome, Georgia, to Berry School ( now Berry College ) where he got into some trouble. He was disowned by his adopted parents. He then just vanished. Years later he came back to Fannin County to visit his grandmother and mother. He was married and had a child, a little girl. He went away and has not been heard from since."

9. ROBERT E. LEE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 23, 1894 in Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia, and died December 12, 1937 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA. He married FLORA THOMAS. She was born 1895, and died 1969.

Notes for ROBERT E. LEE THRASHER:

The information on the children of Robert Lee Thrasher was received from John Anthony Thrasher. Nov. 2007

More About ROBERT E. LEE THRASHER:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

Children of ROBERT THRASHER and FLORA THOMAS are:

- i. GLADYS<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. November 09, 1914, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; m. ISAAC MCVEY.
- ii. CAROLINE THRASHER, b. March 30, 1916, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; m. DAVIS.
- iii. EDGAR THRASHER, b. July 14, 1918, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; d. April 18, 1989.
- iv. ADDIS THRASHER, b. March 04, 1921, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; m. ROY GIBSON.
- v. WILLIAM EARL THRASHER, b. March 30, 1934, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.
- vi. ROBERT "BOB" THRASHER, b. August 20, 1935, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.

10. ANNA MYRTLE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 24, 1895 in Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia, and died December 15, 1982 in Fannin County, GA. She married (1) JAMES ROBERT MERRELL SR.. She married (2) ALTON L. THOMAS.

More About ANNA MYRTLE THRASHER:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

Notes for JAMES ROBERT MERRELL SR.:

From Tony Thrasher: "( Anna Myrtle ) Her first husband Mr. Merrell was killed in a mining accident in Alabama. He was working a shift for my great grandfather, George Thomas Thrasher, who was too sick to work that day. I was told this greatly troubled my great grandfather so much that he took responsibility for his sister's family for some time."

Children of ANNA THRASHER and JAMES SR. are:

- i. ERMIL<sup>6</sup> MERRELL, m. (1) HOMER PATTERSON; m. (2) BOB THOMAS.
- ii. HAROLD MERRELL.

Notes for HAROLD MERRELL:

Harold died at age 21 in a CCC Camp.

- iii. JAMES ROBERT MERRELL JR..
- iv. WILMA MERRELL, m. RENI GODFRY.



Child of ANNA THRASHER and ALTON THOMAS is:

vi. OTHELLA<sup>6</sup> THOMAS.

11. GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 19, 1899 in Georgia, and died May 30, 1966 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA. He married ELSIE VELIDA CARROLL May 14, 1922 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, daughter of WILLIAM CARROLL and NORA PHILLIPS. She was born August 16, 1904 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and died April 28, 1985 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia.

Notes for GEORGE THOMAS THRASHER:

George is first found in the 1900 Census for Polk County, Tennessee at age one and a half. From John "Tony" Anthony Thrasher, 26 December 2007: "You have my great grandfather ( George Thomas Thrasher ) listed as being born in Polk County, Tennessee. I live in extreme north Georgia right on the Fannin County, Georgia and the Polk County, Tennessee line . . . where all of my family have lived for many years. George Thomas Thrasher was born on the Georgia side. His father, W. W. Thrasher, used all of Ella V. Thrasher's Indian money to buy property . . . lots of property! However he lost it all in 1929!"

George is found in the 1930 Census for Flint Hill, Fannin County, Georgia.

George is listed in the Social Security Death Index: SSN: 410-01-4731; Last residence: 30513 Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; Born 19 June 1899; Died May 1966.

World War I Draft Registration, 12 September 1918. It states that he was a farmer; Eyes, gray; Hair: brown; Residence: Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA.

Most of the genealogy for the children of George Thomas Thrasher was provided by John Anthony Thrasher.

More About GEORGE THOMAS THRASHER:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

More About ELSIE VELIDA CARROLL:

Burial: Barns Chappel, Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

Children of GEORGE THRASHER and ELSIE CARROLL are:

- i. SUDDOSKY THOMAS<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. April 06, 1923, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; d. June 09, 1923, Fannin County, GA.

Notes for SUDDOSKY THOMAS THRASHER:

He was named for his father's WW I friend in France.

21. ii. WILLIAM LESTER THRASHER, b. August 23, 1924, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; d. June 08, 1986, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.
22. iii. THELMA LOUISE THRASHER, b. September 18, 1926, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; d. February 16, 1995, Fannin County, Georgia.
23. iv. BOBBIE OTHEL THRASHER, b. January 28, 1928, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.
24. v. JOHNNIE ORBRY THRASHER, b. January 27, 1930, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; d. July 03, 2003, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia.
- vi. BABY THRASHER, b. August 19, 1936, 19 August 1936.
25. vii. VELMA LOUWANDA THRASHER, b. May 09, 1938, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.
26. viii. WANDELL WALLACE THRASHER, b. February 24, 1940, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA.

12. WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 26, 1901 in Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, and died November 1942 in Jefferson County, Alabama. He married CLARA BELLE WOOLEY Abt. 1926. She was born October 29, 1910 in Alabama, and died June 17, 2003 in Alabama.

Notes for WILLIAM PAUL THRASHER:

William Paul and his wife, Clara, are found in the 1930 Census for Jefferson County, Alabama. Their two first sons are listed with them as well as three brothers ( Robert L., Claude M., and George ). All of the men



worked in the coal mines.

William is found in the Social Security Death Index - Alabama

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and CLARA WOOLEY are:

27. i. WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER<sup>6</sup> SR., b. October 28, 1926, Jefferson County, Alabama; d. July 25, 2006, Alabama.
- ii. JAMES ROBERT THRASHER, b. November 18, 1928, Jefferson County, Alabama; d. November 29, 2001, Brent, Bibb County, Alabama; m. MAUDEAN H.; b. March 13, 1917; d. May 22, 2004, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Notes for MAUDEAN H.:  
Social Security Death Index

28. iii. RALPH "BUD" THRASHER, b. July 24, 1932, Alabama.
29. iv. EUGENE "GENE" THRASHER, b. December 07, 1936, Alabama.

13. CLAUDE MICHAEL "MIKE"<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 06, 1903 in Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, and died July 29, 1973 in Fannin County, Georgia. He married (1) KATIE MAE DAVIS. She was born August 09, 1914 in Fannin County, GA, and died May 30, 1958. He married (2) SARAH SISSON DILLARD. He met (3) DOROTHY STELLA CARROLL.

Notes for CLAUDE MICHAEL "MIKE" THRASHER:

Claude is found in the Social Security Death Index: Name Claud Thrasher; SSN 417-01-0076; Last residence: 30513 Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA USA; Born 6 April 1903; Died: July 1973.

From John Anthony Thrasher: Claude and his brother, Raymond, died on the same day, only hours apart.

From Tony Thrasher: Claude Mike Thrasher had an illegitimate child with Dorothy Stella Carroll ( Sister of my great grandmother Elsie Velida Carroll ). The child's name was Claudia Carroll. She was never called by the name Claudia Thrasher although she was accepted and loved by both the Thrasher and Carroll families. It ( her birth ) wasn't a secret to everyone in the family; it just was never talked about."

More About CLAUDE MICHAEL "MIKE" THRASHER:

Burial: Mt. Morriah Cem., Old HWY. #2, Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA

More About KATIE MAE DAVIS:

Burial: Mt. Morriah Cem., Old HWY. #2, Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA

Child of CLAUDE THRASHER and DOROTHY CARROLL is:

- i. CLAUDIA<sup>6</sup> CARROLL, b. May 22, 1933, Georgia; d. August 27, 1996, San Bernardino, California.

Notes for CLAUDIA CARROLL:  
California Death Index, 1940 - 1997: Claudia M. Bruce ( Claudia M. Thrasher )

14. FLORA<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 04, 1907 in Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, and died December 05, 1986 in DeKalb County, Georgia. She married SPENCER PHILLIPS, son of GREEN PHILLIPS and MAHULDIA BURNETTE. He was born June 06, 1880 in Fannin County, GA, and died July 01, 1953 in Fannin County, GA.

More About FLORA THRASHER:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

More About SPENCER PHILLIPS:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

Child of FLORA THRASHER and SPENCER PHILLIPS is:

- i. SPENCER PHILLIPS<sup>6</sup> JR..



15. RAYMOND CARL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 11, 1911 in Sugar Creek, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, and died July 29, 1973 in Fannin County, Georgia. He married (1) GUSTA PATTERSON. He married (2) GRACE SISSON FAIN.

Notes for RAYMOND CARL THRASHER:

Raymond is found in the Social Security Death Index: Name: Raymond Thrasher; SSN: 256-14-1398; Last residence: 30513 Blue Ridge, Fannin Co. GA; Born 11 Aug. 1911; Died July 1973.

From John Anthony Thrasher: Raymond and his brother, Claude, died on the same day, only a few hours apart.

More About RAYMOND CARL THRASHER:

Burial: Barns Chappel Cem., Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

Child of RAYMOND THRASHER and GUSTA PATTERSON is:

30. i. PAULETTE POLLY<sup>6</sup> THRASHER.

16. RALPH GRADY<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 13, 1895 in Georgia, and died March 15, 1964 in Jackson County, Alabama. He married SERENA O.. She was born February 24, 1900 in Alabama, and died July 21, 1931 in Jackson County, Alabama.

Notes for RALPH GRADY THRASHER:

Ralph N. G. Thrasher is first listed with his parents living in Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, Georgia in the 1900 Census. In the 1910 Census he was with his parents in Glenwood, Floyd County, Georgia and listed as "Ralph G. Thrasher." In the 1920 Census he was listed as "Rolph G. Thrasher" in Dutton, Jackson County, Alabama. In 1930 he was still living in Dutton, Jackson County, Alabama and listed as Ralph G. Thrasher.

Ralph is found in the Social Security Death Index.

Ralph was a farmer.

More About RALPH GRADY THRASHER:

Burial: Chaney's Chapel Cem., Dutton, Jackson Co. Alabama

More About SERENA O.:

Burial: Chaney's Chalel Cem., Dutton, Jackson Co. Alabama

Children of RALPH THRASHER and SERENA O. are:

- i. CLARENCE R.<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. October 1918, Alabama.
- ii. VALERIA E. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1920, Alabama.
- iii. CLARA E. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1927, Alabama.
- iv. WILLARD J. THRASHER, b. Abt. December 1928, Alabama.

17. RAFORD JACKSON<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 26, 1896 in Canon, Georgia, and died May 1971 in Dutton, Jackson County, Alabama. He married LOIS E. Abt. 1916. She was born Abt. 1897 in Alabama.

Notes for RAFORD JACKSON THRASHER:

Raford Jackson Thrasher is first found with his parents in the 1900 Census for Conn's Creek, Cherokee County, Georgia. In the 1910 Census he was with his parents in Glenwood, Floyd County, Georgia. In the 1920 Census "Rayford J. Thrasher" was in Dutton, Jackson County, Alabama. In the 1930 Census he was still in Dutton, Jackson County, Alabama and listed as Raford J. Thrasher.

He is found in the Social Security Death Index listed as Rayford Thrasher.

Raford was a farmer.

Raford registered for the Armed Services on 3 June 1918. Registration No. 169. Name: Raford Jackson Thrasher. Address: Dutton, Alabama. Where were you born? Cannon ( Canon ), Georgia. Date of birth: 26 August 1896. Father's birth place: Georgia, USA. Name of employer: Z. B. Brompet. Place of employment: Dutton, Alabama. Name of nearest relative: Lois Thrasher ( wife ), Dutton, Alabama. Signed: Raford Jack Thrasher.

Registrar's report: Color of eyes - Gray. Color of hair - Light Brown. Has this person lost a leg, arm, eye etc? - No. Signed: D. O. Austin, 3 June 1918.



More About RAFORD JACKSON THRASHER:

Burial: Chaney's Chapel Cem., Dutton, Jackson Co. Alabama

Children of RAFORD THRASHER and LOIS E. are:

- i. DOYLE J.<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. June 1917, Alabama.
- ii. ANNIE H. THRASHER, b. Abt. November 1919, Alabama.
- iii. THELMA E. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1922, Alabama.
- iv. THOMAS A. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1925, Alabama.
- v. DENNIS E. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1927, Alabama.

18. FRED A.<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 04, 1908 in Georgia, and died December 27, 1992 in Henagar, DeKalb County, Alabama. He married MAMIE L. YOUNG January 10, 1926 in Alabama. She was born July 11, 1908 in Alabama, and died January 21, 1979 in Cartersville, Bartow County, GA.

Notes for FRED A. THRASHER:

Fred is first found with his parents ( at age 2 ) in the 1910 Census for Glenwood, Floyd County, Georgia. In the 1920 Census Fred is still with his parents in Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia and listed as 10 years old. In the 1930 Census for Pine grove, DeKalb County, Georgia, Fred had married and had his own family. He is listed as being born ca 1908. His occupation was listed as "farmer."

The Social Security Death Index lists birth and death dates.

Information from his grandson, David Cornet, January 2008.

More About FRED A. THRASHER:

Burial: Unity Bapt. Missionary Cem., Henager, DeKalb County, Alabama

Notes for MAMIE L. YOUNG:

Birth and death dates are found in the "Social Security Death Index" and the "Georgia Death's 1919 - 1998."

More About MAMIE L. YOUNG:

Burial: Unity Bapt. Missionary Cem., Henager, DeKalb Co. Alabama

Children of FRED THRASHER and MAMIE YOUNG are:

- i. FRANCES<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1927, Alabama.
- ii. BILLY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1929, Alabama.

Notes for BILLY THRASHER:

Died in infancy.

31.      iii. JANE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1932, Georgia.

19. THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER<sup>5</sup> JR. (*THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 04, 1910 in Georgia, and died February 05, 1973 in Rising Fawn, Dade County, Alabama. He married NELLIE FRANCES LACY. She was born August 23, 1918 in DeKalb County, Alabama, and died September 05, 2002 in Henagar, DeKalb County, Alabama.

Notes for THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER JR.:

Eugene is first found with his parents in the 1920 Census for Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia at age 8. In the 1930 Census he is listed as Eugene T. Thrasher and living with his widowed mother in Pine Grove, DeKalb, County, Alabama at age 19.

Social Security Death Index lists him as Thomas Thrasher. Last residence: 30738 Rising Fawn, Dade County, Georgia; born 4 August 1910; died February 1973.

More About THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER JR.:

Burial: Unity Missionary Baptist Ch. Cem., DeKalb Co., Alabama

Notes for NELLIE FRANCES LACY:

Nellie is found in the Social Security Death Index.



More About NELLIE FRANCES LACY:

Burial: Unity Missionary Baptist Ch. Cem., DeKalb Co., Alabama

Children of THOMAS JR. and NELLIE LACY are:

- 32. i. RUTHIE FAYE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. April 20, 1936, Alabama.
- 33. ii. HERMAN DAVID THRASHER, b. December 08, 1938, Alabama; d. November 24, 1999, Alabama.
- 34. iii. LUTHER LEROY THRASHER, b. August 13, 1945, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

20. LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 04, 1910 in Georgia, and died January 20, 1993 in De Kalb County, Alabama. She married OLVIE LEE SHANKLES September 13, 1930 in Henegar, DeKalb County, Alabama, son of GREENBERRY SHANKLES and MINERVA. He was born September 27, 1911 in DeKalb County, Alabama, and died April 1985 in De Kalb County, Alabama.

Notes for LENA PAULINE THRASHER:

Lena Pauline is found in the 1930 Census for DeKalb County, Alabama at age 19 and listed as Pauline L. Thrasher. She was living with her mother.

All other information about Lena Pauline and her descendants was received from Cheryl and Charles Owens. Charles is her grandson.

More About LENA PAULINE THRASHER:

Burial: Town Creek Cem., Rainesville, DeKalb Co., Alabama

Notes for OLVIE LEE SHANKLES:

Olvie lee Shankles is found in the 1930 Census for Pine Grove, De Kalb County, Alabama at age 18.

More About OLVIE LEE SHANKLES:

Burial: Town Creek Cem., Rainesville, DeKalb Co. , Alabama

Children of LENA THRASHER and OLVIE SHANKLES are:

- 35. i. BOBBY GENE<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES, b. September 17, 1942, DeKalb County, Alabama; d. June 03, 1884, Fort Oglethorpe, Catoose County, Georgia.
- ii. BETTY JEAN SHANKLES, b. December 19, 1931, DeKalb County, Alabama; d. December 19, 1931, DeKalb County, Alabama.
- iii. GEORGE LEE SHANKLES, b. March 12, 1933; m. SYLVIA.
- iv. TOMMY C. SHANKLES, b. December 31, 1934, DeKalb County, Alabama.
- 36. v. JOANN SHANKLES, b. October 06, 1936, DeKalb County, Alabama.
- vi. R. B. SHANKLES, b. August 05, 1938, DeKalb County, Alabama; m. NORA ROBERTS.
- 37. vii. JIMMY RANDALL SHANKLES, b. October 17, 1940, DeKalb County, Alabama.
- 38. viii. JERRY DON SHANKLES, b. April 26, 1946, DeKalb County, Alabama; d. June 09, 1985, Trenton, Dade County, Georgia.

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21. WILLIAM LESTER<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 23, 1924 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA, and died June 08, 1986 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. He married CORINE CHESTER.

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and CORINE CHESTER are:

- i. BARBARA<sup>7</sup> THRASHER.
- ii. PATTY THRASHER.

22. THELMA LOUISE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 18, 1926 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, and died February 16, 1995 in Fannin County, Georgia. She married (1) JACK HUFFMAN. She married (2) JAMES PHILLIPS.



Child of THELMA THRASHER and JACK HUFFMAN is:

- i. WESLEY<sup>7</sup> HUFFMAN.

**23. BOBBIE OTHEL<sup>6</sup> THRASHER** (*GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 28, 1928 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA. He married ALICE WIESNER September 24, 1998 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Children of BOBBIE THRASHER and ALICE WIESNER are:

- i. BERNICE<sup>7</sup> THRASHER.
- ii. BONNIE SUE THRASHER.
- iii. DENISE THRASHER.
- iv. JOYCE ANN THRASHER.

**24. JOHNNIE ORBRY<sup>6</sup> THRASHER** (*GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 27, 1930 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, and died July 03, 2003 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia. He married RUTH ARLENE CASH December 28, 1947 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia, daughter of HENRY CASH and ARTIE THOMAS. She was born August 15, 1930 in Fannin County, Georgia, and died January 12, 2005 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia.

Notes for JOHNNIE ORBRY THRASHER:

Johnnie O. Thrasher is found in the U.S. Public Records Index: Name: Johnnie O. Thrasher; birth date: Jan. 1930; St. Address: 255 Ash Loop Rd.; Blue Ridge; County: Fannin; State: Georgia; zip code: 30513; Phone number 706-258-2575; Household members: Johnnie O. Thrasher; estimated age 77 ( should be 73 ); Birth year: 1930.

Social Security Death Index: Name: Johnnie O. Thrasher; SSN: 254-36-5105; Born: 27 January 1930; Died: 3 July 2003.

More About JOHNNIE ORBRY THRASHER:

Burial: Kingstown Baptist Cem., McCaysville, Fannin Co. GA.

More About RUTH ARLENE CASH:

Burial: Kingstown Baptist Cem., McCaysville, Fannin Co. GA.

Children of JOHNNIE THRASHER and RUTH CASH are:

- 39. i. JOHN GREGORY<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. October 19, 1949, Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee.
- 40. ii. DEBRA ANN THRASHER, b. April 14, 1953, Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia.
- 41. iii. DAVID GERALD THRASHER, b. January 21, 1956, Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee; d. September 06, 1988, Polk County, Tennessee.

**25. VELMA LOUWANDA<sup>6</sup> THRASHER** (*GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 09, 1938 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA. She married (1) HOUSLEY. She married (2) JAMES WALLACE SISSON. She married (3) KELLY JOE PIERCE.

Child of VELMA THRASHER and HOUSLEY is:

- i. DEREK<sup>7</sup> HOUSLEY.

**26. WANDELL WALLACE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER** (*GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 24, 1940 in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA. He married SUE DILLS.

Children of WANDELL THRASHER and SUE DILLS are:

- i. GEORGE<sup>7</sup> THRASHER.
- ii. ROBIN THRASHER, d. California.

Notes for ROBIN THRASHER:

From Tony Thrasher: "Robin died as an infant in a house fire when they lived in California."

- iii. SHEILA ANN THRASHER.



- iv. TINA LOUISE THRASHER.
- v. WILLIAM CLARK THRASHER.

27. WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER<sup>6</sup> SR. (*WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 28, 1926 in Jefferson County, Alabama, and died July 25, 2006 in Alabama. He married LOIS HELEN WALKER. She was born July 01, 1929 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

Notes for WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER SR.:

William went by his middle name, Herbert.

Information from his son, William Herbert Thrasher Jr.

Children of WILLIAM SR. and LOIS WALKER are:

- 42. i. WILLIAM "BILL" HERBERT THRASHER<sup>7</sup> JR., b. January 28, 1953, Wichta Falls, Wichta County, Texas.
- 43. ii. IRIS GAIL THRASHER, b. August 28, 1954.
- 44. iii. PAUL WESLEY THRASHER, b. March 17, 1958, Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

28. RALPH "BUD"<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 24, 1932 in Alabama. He married LINDA.

Notes for RALPH "BUD" THRASHER:

Ralph adopted Linda's son by a previous marriage. His name is Keith Thrasher. Keith was born 12 April 1957.

Child of RALPH THRASHER and LINDA is:

- i. PAULA IRIS<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. June 16, 1962.

29. EUGENE "GENE"<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 07, 1936 in Alabama. He married SHIRLEY.

Children of EUGENE THRASHER and SHIRLEY are:

- i. KEVIN<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. January 1962.
- ii. KYLE THRASHER.
- iii. KERRY THRASHER.

30. PAULETTE POLLY<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*RAYMOND CARL<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) She married WARREN.

Children of PAULETTE THRASHER and WARREN are:

- i. AMY<sup>7</sup> WARREN.
- ii. KURT WARREN.

31. JANE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*FRED A.<sup>5</sup>, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1932 in Georgia. She married CORNET.

Child of JANE THRASHER and CORNET is:

- i. DAVID<sup>7</sup> CORNET.

32. RUTHIE FAYE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER<sup>5</sup> JR., THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 20, 1936 in Alabama. She married (1) RAYMOND ALEXANDER GREESON. She married (2) HAROLD DEAN MITCHELL.

Children of RUTHIE THRASHER and RAYMOND GREESON are:

- 45. i. MARCIA LYNN<sup>7</sup> GREESON, b. December 10, 1953, Alabama.
- ii. RAYMOND ALEXANDER GREESON JR., b. Alabama; m. VELESHIA FREEMAN.



33. HERMAN DAVID<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER<sup>5</sup> JR., THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 08, 1938 in Alabama, and died November 24, 1999 in Alabama. He married SARAH FRANCES BOHANNON. She was born February 06, 1942, and died February 20, 2003 in Valley Head, DeKalb County, Alabama.

More About HERMAN DAVID THRASHER:

Burial: Unity Missionary Baptist Ch. Cem., Sylvania, DeKalb Co., Alabama

Children of HERMAN THRASHER and SARAH BOHANNON are:

- i. HERMAN DAVID<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. September 20.
- ii. DARRYL PORTER THRASHER, b. February 10, 1967.
- iii. DANA LACY THRASHER, b. August 28, 1971.

34. LUTHER LEROY<sup>6</sup> THRASHER (*THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER<sup>5</sup> JR., THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 13, 1945 in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He married NANCY JOAN BENEFIELD June 03, 1966 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. She was born May 23, 1948 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Children of LUTHER THRASHER and NANCY BENEFIELD are:

46. i. JOHNNY EUGENE<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. June 21, 1972, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.
- ii. LISA MICHELLE THRASHER, b. August 24, 1969, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama; m. RICHARD WAYNE KNIGHTON, August 10; b. January 08, 1966.

35. BOBBY GENE<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES (*LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 17, 1942 in DeKalb County, Alabama, and died June 03, 1984 in Fort Oglethorpe, Catoose County, Georgia. He married JEAN HUGHES.

More About BOBBY GENE SHANKLES:

Burial: Calvary Gardens Cemetery, Walker County, Georgia

Children of BOBBY SHANKLES and JEAN HUGHES are:

- i. BOBBY<sup>7</sup> SHANKLES.
- ii. SHAWANA SHANKLES.
- iii. KAREN SHANKLES.

36. JOANN<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES (*LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 06, 1936 in DeKalb County, Alabama. She married (2) MELVIN JOSEPH OWENS December 20, 1956 in Trenton, Dade County, Georgia. He was born April 20, 1935 in Cherokee County, Alabama.

Child of JOANN SHANKLES is:

47. i. RICKY<sup>7</sup> SHANKLES, b. December 26, 1953, DeKalb County, Alabama; d. August 19, 2006, DeKalb County, Alabama.

Children of JOANN SHANKLES and MELVIN OWENS are:

48. ii. CHARLES RAY<sup>7</sup> OWENS, b. October 01, 1957, Fort Payne, Dekalb County, Alabama.
49. iii. DONNA JO OWENS, b. January 29, 1959, Fort Payne, Dekalb County, Alabama.
50. iv. DEBRAH ANN OWENS, b. December 14, 1960, Fort Payne, DeKalb County, Alabama.
- v. MARY JO OWENS, b. August 05, 1962, Fort Payne, DeKalb County, Alabama; d. August 05, 1992, Fort Payne, DeKalb County, Alabama.

More About MARY JO OWENS:

Burial: Henegar Cemetery, DeKalb County, Alabama

- vi. JAMES MARTIN OWENS, b. February 11, 1970, Fort Payne, DeKalb County, Alabama.



37. JIMMY RANDALL<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES (*LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 17, 1940 in DeKalb County, Alabama. He married LINDA DELORIS BRYANT.

Children of JIMMY SHANKLES and LINDA BRYANT are:

- i. CARMON DENISE<sup>7</sup> SHANKLES.
- ii. JIMMY TOM SHANKLES.

38. JERRY DON<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES (*LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 26, 1946 in DeKalb County, Alabama, and died June 09, 1985 in Trenton, Dade County, Georgia. He married MARTHA CLARK.

Notes for JERRY DON SHANKLES:

Died from injuries received in a car accident.

More About JERRY DON SHANKLES:

Burial: Town Creek Cem., Rainesville, DeKalb Co., Alabama

Children of JERRY SHANKLES and MARTHA CLARK are:

- i. ANNATTE<sup>7</sup> SHANKLES.
- ii. JERRY DON SHANKLES.
- iii. PAMELA SHANKLES.
- iv. RICKY SHANKLES.
- v. SHARON ELIZABETH SHANKLES, b. August 30, 1969, Alabama; d. March 18, 1970, Alabama.

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39. JOHN GREGORY<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*JOHNNIE ORBRY<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 19, 1949 in Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee. He married JOAN FRANCES FAIR March 30, 1970 in Murphy, Cherokee County, N. C., daughter of WINFRED FAIR and ADDIE ROSS. She was born March 20, 1953 in Berwyn, Ill..

Children of JOHN THRASHER and JOAN FAIR are:

- i. JOHN ANTHONY<sup>8</sup> THRASHER, b. June 18, 1971, Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee.
51. ii. LISA RENE THRASHER, b. April 30, 1976, Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee.

40. DEBRA ANN<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*JOHNNIE ORBRY<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 14, 1953 in Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia. She married (1) VAN PATTERSON June 25, 1971 in Fannin County, Georgia. She married (2) JEWELL HUNTER JR. November 02, 1977. She married (3) MICHAEL BAIN June 27, 1988. She married (4) JOHNNIE MATHEWS 2000.

Children of DEBRA THRASHER and VAN PATTERSON are:

- i. DANA ANN<sup>8</sup> PATTERSON.
- ii. BRANDON PATTERSON.

Children of DEBRA THRASHER and JEWELL JR. are:

- iii. MELISSA<sup>8</sup> HUNTER.
- iv. WILLIAM HUNTER.
- v. JOHN WESLEY HUNTER.

41. DAVID GERALD<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*JOHNNIE ORBRY<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 21, 1956 in Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee, and died September 06, 1988 in Polk County, Tennessee. He married (1) DECEMBER DAWN DYCUS. He married (2) MARY LAIL.



Child of DAVID THRASHER and DECEMBER DYCUS is:

- i. COLT<sup>8</sup> THRASHER.

42. WILLIAM "BILL" HERBERT THRASHER<sup>7</sup> JR. (*WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER<sup>6</sup> SR., WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 28, 1953 in Wichta Falls, Wichta County, Texas. He married CATHY TYLER.

Children of WILLIAM JR. and CATHY TYLER are:

- 52. i. JENNIFER LYNN<sup>8</sup> THRASHER, b. August 11, 1976.
- ii. DEBORAH LEIGH THRASHER, b. February 12, 1979.

43. IRIS GAIL<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER<sup>6</sup> SR., WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 28, 1954. She married JEFFREY KENT ISLEMAN August 13, 1976 in Bessemer, Alabama. He was born January 25, 1953 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Children of IRIS THRASHER and JEFFREY ISLEMAN are:

- i. MATTHEW AARON<sup>8</sup> ISLEMAN, b. September 30, 1982, Midland, Midland County, Texas.
- ii. MICHAEL ANDREW ISLEMAN, b. September 24, 1986, Plano, Collin County, Texas.

44. PAUL WESLEY<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER<sup>6</sup> SR., WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 17, 1958 in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He married LESLIE JANE BROWN May 30, 1980 in Annapolis, Anne Aundel County, Maryland. She was born November 21, 1956 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Children of PAUL THRASHER and LESLIE BROWN are:

- 53. i. WILLIAM THOMAS "TOM"<sup>8</sup> THRASHER, b. April 26, 1981, U. S. Naval Hospital, Ceiba, Puerto Rico.
- ii. DANIEL PAUL THRASHER, b. July 12, 1987, Annapolis, Anne Aundel County, Maryland.

45. MARCIA LYNN<sup>7</sup> GREESON (*RUTHIE FAYE<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER<sup>5</sup> JR., THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 10, 1953 in Alabama. She married EDDIE RAY WHEELER.

Children of MARCIA GREESON and EDDIE WHEELER are:

- i. JEREMY EUGENE<sup>8</sup> WHEELER.
- ii. JANNA SUSANN WHEELER, b. October 19, Jackson County, Alabama.

46. JOHNNY EUGENE<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*LUTHER LEROY<sup>6</sup>, THOMAS EUGENE THRASHER<sup>5</sup> JR., THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 21, 1972 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. He married KRISTIN MARIE BEST. She was born May 06, 1976.

Children of JOHNNY THRASHER and KRISTIN BEST are:

- i. ALEXIS HOPE<sup>8</sup> THRASHER, b. January 10, 1995, Jefferson County, Alabama.
- ii. CAMRYN NICOLE THRASHER, b. December 23, 1998, Jefferson County, Alabama.

47. RICKY<sup>7</sup> SHANKLES (*JOANN<sup>6</sup>, LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 26, 1953 in DeKalb County, Alabama, and died August 19, 2006 in DeKalb County, Alabama. He married CATHY GILES.

Children of RICKY SHANKLES and CATHY GILES are:

- i. MICKEY<sup>8</sup> SHANKLES, b. October 10, 1975, Alabama.
- ii. SHANNON SHANKLES, b. April 17, 1977, Alabama.
- iii. MISTY SHANKLES, b. July 09, 1979.

48. CHARLES RAY<sup>7</sup> OWENS (*JOANN<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES, LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 01, 1957 in Fort Payne, Dekalb County, Alabama.



He married (1) DEBORAH WALKER. He married (2) REBECCA SHEPHERD. He married (3) CHERYL ANN CLARK June 11, 1993 in Town Creek Baptist Church, Rainsville, DeKalb County, Alabama, daughter of REUBEN CLARK and JANE WHITTLE. She was born August 13, 1959 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Children of CHARLES OWENS and DEBORAH WALKER are:

- i. CHARLES TRAVIS<sup>8</sup> OWENS, b. April 08, 1985, Fort Payne, Dekalb County, Alabama.
- ii. DEREK H. OWENS, b. February 08, 1988, Fort Payne, Dekalb County, Alabama.

Child of CHARLES OWENS and REBECCA SHEPHERD is:

- iii. CRYSTAL R.<sup>8</sup> OWENS, b. May 22, 1981; m. THOMAS ANDREW SANDERS, November 04, 2005, Seiverville, TN; b. May 25, 1981, Scottsboro, Jackson County, Alabama.

**49.** DONNA JO<sup>7</sup> OWENS (*JOANN<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES, LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 29, 1959 in Fort Payne, Dekalb County, Alabama. She married QUENTIN POE in DeKalb County, Alabama. He was born in DeKalb County, Alabama.

Children of DONNA OWENS and QUENTIN POE are:

- i. JONATHON<sup>8</sup> POE, b. May 31, 1990, DeKalb County, Alabama; d. May 31, 1990, DeKalb County, Alabama.
- ii. HANNAH POE, b. October 31, 1993, DeKalb County, Alabama; d. October 31, 1993, DeKalb County, Alabama.

**50.** DEBRAH ANN<sup>7</sup> OWENS (*JOANN<sup>6</sup> SHANKLES, LENA PAULINE<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, THOMAS EUGENE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 14, 1960 in Fort Payne, DeKalb County, Alabama. She married WAYNE DALTON.

Children of DEBRAH OWENS and WAYNE DALTON are:

- i. KIMBERLY<sup>8</sup> DALTON, b. January 26, 1990, Jefferson County, Alabama.
- ii. DUSTIN DALTON, b. May 20, 1992, Jefferson County, Alabama.
- iii. DONOVAN DALTON, b. May 20, 1992, Jefferson County, Alabama.

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**51.** LISA RENE<sup>8</sup> THRASHER (*JOHN GREGORY<sup>7</sup>, JOHNNIE ORBRY<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 30, 1976 in Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee. She married CLARENCE BART DOCKERY November 11, 1998 in Fannin County, Georgia.

Children of LISA THRASHER and CLARENCE DOCKERY are:

- i. CHRISTIAN ELIJAH<sup>9</sup> DOCKERY, b. August 10, 1998, Hamilton County, Tennessee.
- ii. ELLA VICTORIA DOCKERY, b. July 03, 2005, Jasper, Pickens County, Georgia.

**52.** JENNIFER LYNN<sup>8</sup> THRASHER (*WILLIAM "BILL" HERBERT THRASHER<sup>7</sup> JR., WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER<sup>6</sup> SR., WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 11, 1976. She married TILLERY.

Children of JENNIFER THRASHER and TILLERY are:

- i. ALEXA MARIE<sup>9</sup> TILLERY, b. April 10, 1995.
- ii. CHASE NICOLE TILLERY, b. August 15, 1996.
- iii. JUSTIN EDWARD TILLERY, b. May 19, 2000.

**53.** WILLIAM THOMAS "TOM"<sup>8</sup> THRASHER (*PAUL WESLEY<sup>7</sup>, WILLIAM HERBERT THRASHER<sup>6</sup> SR., WILLIAM PAUL<sup>5</sup> THRASHER, WILLIAM WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS "JACK - JAYSON"<sup>3</sup>, BENEDICT RANDAL<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 26, 1981 in U. S. Naval Hospital, Ceiba, Puerto Rico. He married THERESA CALALA September 24, 2005.

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and THERESA CALALA are:

- i. ELIZABETH GRACE<sup>9</sup> THRASHER, b. November 26, 2007, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
- ii. WILLIAM "LIAM" GARRICK THRASHER, b. February 24, 2009, Ohio.



## MINUTES

### The Thrasher Family Association Meeting of May 4, 2013 Athens, Georgia

**Attending:** (List includes those attending the Friday and/or Saturday dinners, and/or the bus tour on Saturday and/or the business meeting): Judy Aleman of Sherman, TX; Cheré Thrasher Athey and Don Athey of Cumberland, MD and Sanibel, FL;; Bonnie T. Bolin of Fayetteville, GA; Nancy Cherry of Beltsville, MD; Richard B. Davidson, Jr. of Huntersville, NC; Richard B. Davidson, III of Atlanta, GA; Barbara Eger of Dade City, FL; Joe Grooms of Davidson, NC; Peggy Thrasher Law and Don and Donald Law of Watkinsville, GA; JoEllen Laveigne of Gainesville, FL; Janna Losciale of New Smyrna, FL; Janie Mosley of Rockwell, TX; James C. Moule of Berkeley, CA; Celestea Sharp of New York City; Joseph and Joan Stine of Orlando, FL; Albert and Peggy Thrasher of Tiger, GA; Billy H. and Juanita Thrasher of Live Oak, FL; Buddy (Robert P.) and Glenda Thrasher of Columbus, MS; Caroline Burson Thrasher of Athens, GA; David R. and Alice Thrasher of Montgomery, AL; Doralee Thrasher and David Escamilla of Austin, TX; Grady Thrasher and Kathy Prescott of Watkinsville, GA; John Paul and Paula Thrasher of Newnan, GA; Montana and Whitney Thrasher of Jefferson, GA; Sandice Adina Thrasher of Athens, GA; Sue Q. Thrasher and Jennifer McGrath of Athens, GA; Warren and Emily Thrasher of Vienna, VA; Nancy Thrasher Van Etten, Jillian Van Etten and Katie Van Etten of Locust Grove, GA.

Vickie Mills, a guest of Bonnie Bolin, also attended. Guests of Grady Thrasher included Matt DeGennaro of Watkinsville, GA, who produced and directed the "World's Smallest Airport" documentary, and Michele Castleberry of Watkinsville, GA, production coordinator for the documentary.

**Pre-meeting Programs:** On Friday evening, May 3, the group enjoyed a lovely buffet dinner at the home of Mrs. Caroline Thrasher in Athens. On Saturday morning, May 4, in spite of rain, the group boarded a motorcoach for a tour of Thrasher family sites in Oconee County, GA, narrated by John Paul and Celestea. The tour included comprehensive informational handouts by Celestea and a talk by Mr. John Hale, who takes care of the Salem Methodist Church. Lunch at Kumquat Mae's Bakery and Café was provided by Grady.

**Call to Order:** The annual business meeting of the Thrasher Family Association (TFA) was called to order at 3:10 pm, on Saturday, May 4, in the Athena room of the Holiday Inn, 197 E. Broad Street, Athens, Georgia. In the absence of the Chair, the secretary, Nancy Cherry, presided. Peggy Pleasants Thrasher agreed to serve as secretary for this meeting. The room was lined with members' displays, photo albums, research notebooks, and interesting memorabilia of Thrasher families.

New members or first-time-attendees Cheré Thrasher Athey and Don Athey from Cumberland, Maryland, and Sue Q. Thrasher from Watkinsville, Georgia, were welcomed.

Appreciation was expressed to our hosts, John Paul Thrasher, Grady Thrasher, and Celestea Sharp for the excellent planning of the reunion and the grand tour of the Thrasher family historical sites in Oconee County, Georgia. Special thanks were expressed to Grady Thrasher for the tour's "box lunches," and to Grady and his wife, Kathy Prescott, for cleaning and providing flowers at the Watkinsville City Cemetery, for hosting the screening of his documentary film "The World's Smallest Airport, and for the Saturday evening dinner following the film.



**Program:** The program consisted of short presentations and videos. Bill H. Thrasher gave a presentation on "Find-A-Grave" and "Fast Stone" (software for image viewing and manipulation). Jim Moule talked on the Thrashers in the California Gold Rush. Montana Thrasher shared a video of the reenactment of his father's "vocation" as a pilot and subsequent disappearance. Celestea Sharp showed a video on the search for the place of John Thrasher's residence to give them a clue as to the location of his grave in Oconee County.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 2012 Thrasher Family Association's reunion, which had previously been published in the newsletter, were distributed. The minutes were approved with a motion by Buddy Thrasher and second by Barbara Eger and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Buddy distributed copies of the treasurer's report as of 3/31/2013. He reported a balance of \$2927.49 in the treasury as of the end of March 2013. Of this, up to \$300 is set aside annually for DNA "scholarships." The report was approved, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

**Election:** President John E. Thrasher is extraordinarily busy at this time with Eleanor's illness and would like someone else to take over leadership of TFA. This was not accepted by the group; instead, it was suggested that an acting Chair, a Chair *Pro Tem*, be appointed and John Paul Thrasher, Celestea Sharp, and Bill H. Thrasher were nominated. Upon reading the by-laws which were copied onto the back of the minutes distributed earlier, the group decided that this would not be feasible. Instead, David Thrasher made a motion to form a working committee to assist John and look at ways to relieve the stress (which could even include making John *President Emeritus*). The motion was seconded by Albert Thrasher and passed unanimously. The committee consists of John Paul Thrasher, Bill Thrasher, Celestea Sharpe, and Jim Thrasher.

Barbara Eger made a motion for Nancy Cherry to remain secretary, seconded by David Thrasher, and passed unanimously.

Barbara Eger made a motion for Buddy Thrasher to remain treasurer, seconded by Celestea Sharp, and passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Newsletter:** Barbara Eger will not serve as newsletter editor after having served for eighteen years. Sue Thrasher agreed to serve for a "trial" year.

**Directory:** Barbara will continue to publish the directory every other year. She asked that everyone remember to send her name, address, e-mail and phone number changes.

#### **Old Business:**

**DNA:** Nancy Cherry reported on the DNA studies she administers and encouraged more Thrashers to participate. She will include a more thorough report in a future newsletter. FamilyTreeDNA is now offering the basic DNA test of 12 markers for \$49.00. Nancy urged all members to recruit any Thrasher men they could find to enter the study, preferably at the 37-marker test, but at the 12-marker level if necessary. Buddy Thrasher reminded us that scholarships are available. Nancy also suggested that members consider taking the Family Finder test to widen their genealogical searches.

**Newsletters:** John E. continues to index past issues of the newsletter, but he would like a volunteer to help with the effort. Sue volunteered to try indexing by computer software as a step toward her suggestion to put the old newsletters on her Thrasher website. She has developed a website, [thrasherfamilyassociation.wordpress.com](http://thrasherfamilyassociation.wordpress.com).



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**New Business:**

**Donations to Salem Methodist Church:** Rather than make a group donation to the fund for Salem Methodist Church, the group decided to allow individuals to make donations as they wished. Checks should be made payable to "Salem Perpetual Care Fund" and mailed c/o Stephanie Wright, 2511 Watson Springs Road, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677.

**Merging the Associations:** Jim Moule asked the group to consider the pros and cons of merging the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association with the Thrasher Family Association. Warren Thrasher made a motion to make an offer to the Mid-Atlantic group to be a part of a single association, pending their members' agreement. The motion was seconded by Buddy Thrasher and passed unanimously.

**Next year's reunion:** Joe Grooms invited the Thrasher Family Association to have their 2014 reunion in Greensboro or nearby Reidsville, NC. The date will be determined by the hosts.

**Family News:** David and Alice Thrasher have 2 1/2 month old grand twins, Reynolds and Mae Magee Thrasher. Mae is the first girl in their family since 1873. Celestea Sharp has a new grand-daughter, Margaret Avery Hinson, born February 27, 2013 in Texas, and Sue Thrasher has 2 new grands, Corin Golding, born July 28, 2010, and Felix Golding, born December 10, 2012.

John and Eleanor and Barbara Eger recently had lunch with Dale and Trudy Thrasher in Leesburg, Florida; Dale and Trudy had planned to attend this reunion but health issues prevented it. Eleanor Thrasher had been planning on knee surgery after the reunion, but the problem intensified and Eleanor is now in a rehabilitation center, awaiting surgery. We lost Roy Thrasher on May 14, 2012; Dorothy Wright Thrasher on September 13, 2012; Ashley Thrasher on October 7, 2012; and Ray Rainer on February 17, 2013.

**Wrap-up:**

**Door prizes:** Janna won the only door prize awarded – a bottle of wine from Tiger Mountain Vineyards, donated by Peggy and Albert.

**Group picture:** Billy H. took the group picture in the conference room. He will use an appropriate background to create a composite picture inserting photos of those not available at the time the group picture was taken.

**Close of Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm and everyone departed for Ciné, the theater downtown where Grady Thrasher was hosting a private showing of his film followed by a buffet dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Thrasher, acting TFA secretary,

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