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# *The Thrasher Newsletter*

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## ***Breaking News about the Thrasher Family Reunion***



### ***Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown***

The Thrasher Family Association is headed to Virginia, Friday, May 4th to Sunday, May 6th, for the 44th annual TFA Reunion. Our headquarters will be:

The Holiday Inn & Suites - Williamsburg Historic Gateway  
515 Bypass Road  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
757-229-9990

On Friday evening, May 4th, we are planning an outing to Historic Williamsburg for dinner at Shields Tavern. We will meet in the hotel lobby at 5:00pm and car pool to the restaurant. Our dinner reservation is for the restaurant's first seating from 5:15pm-7:15pm. Drawing influences from every corner of the former British Empire, the cuisine at James Shield's Tavern offers an authentic taste of the cosmopolitan nature of the Colonies in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Our group will be served a fixed-price menu that includes a choice of either soup or salad for the first course and three main course options with side dishes. A dessert course is included as are Tavern breads and your choice of coffee, tea or fountain beverage.



*Shields* TAVERN

## Adult Group Menus for 2017/2018

### First Course

Crayfish and Shrimp Stew

18<sup>th</sup> century recipe of tomatoes, vegetables, sherry, shrimp and crayfish

Or

Colonial Wedge Salad

Wedge of baby gem lettuce with toasted almonds, grapes, red onion and goat cheese  
served with a herb champagne vinaigrette

### Main Course Choice

#### **Option 1**

\$36.95 ++

Herb crusted Rotisserie Chicken  
with finger potatoes and charred garden vegetables,  
served with a braised red pepper jam

#### **Option 2**

\$41.95++

Inlayed Atlantic Salmon Fillet  
with spinach and feta, served with wild rice medley,  
charred vegetables and a Williamsburg Winery white  
wine butter sauce.

#### **Option 3**

\$50.95++

Molasses Grilled Beef Tenderloin  
served with tri-colored fingerling potatoes, charred garden vegetables  
and a herb red wine reduction.

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All include a dessert course with a choice of  
Wild Berry Crumble, seasonal fresh berries with a crispy crumble topping  
OR

Cinnamon Apple Crisp, cinnamon spiced apples with a caramel butter topping.

All selections include Tavern breads and choice of coffee, tea or fountain beverage.

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Vegetarian Options are also provided upon request.



After dinner at Shields Tavern, an optional living history program, “Cry Witch,” is scheduled for 7:30pm at the Capitol General Court. The popular “Cry Witch” program is an historical reenactment of the 1706 witchcraft trial of Grace Sherwood and has been performed in Williamsburg for a number of years. The audience is an active participant in the trial. You decide! Is Grace Sherwood a witch? Question witnesses. Weigh evidence. Finally, cast your vote for the guilt or innocence of “the Virginia Witch.”

This is a separate, reservation only, ticketed event for those wishing to experience Historic Williamsburg. Tickets for the one-hour program are \$19 and must be purchased in advance. Those wishing to return to the hotel instead will be able to enjoy fellowship with their cousins in the James Room.

On Saturday, May 5th, breakfast will be served in the James Room from 7:00am-9:00am. Those participating in the tour will depart the hotel at 9:00am and carpool to Historic Jamestowne for a guided tour of the oldest continuous English settlement in the New World. After lunch we will have a guided tour of Yorktown Battlefield Park and learn about the decisive battle of the American Revolutionary War that took place in October of 1781. The cost of both guided tours, including a box lunch, is \$38. We plan to depart Yorktown in time to be back at the hotel no later than 3:30pm.

The annual meeting of the Thrasher Family Association will commence at 4:00pm Saturday, May 5th, in the James Room. Thrasher Family Association president, John E. Thrasher is in charge of the agenda. After the annual meeting we will have a short break to allow members to freshen up for dinner. A buffet dinner is scheduled for 6:30pm in the James Room. After dinner, the James Room will be open for more visiting and sharing.

On Sunday, breakfast will be served in the James Room from 7:00am-9:00am for those wanting to enjoy some food and conversation with their cousins before returning home.

Here's an overview of our Schedule:

### **Friday, May 4, 2018**

5:00 pm	Meet in the lobby to carpool to dinner at Shield's Tavern in Historic Williamsburg
5:15 pm-7:15 pm	Dinner at Shields Tavern
7:30 pm-8:30 pm	"Cry Witch" performance at the Capitol General Court

James Room will be open for TFA members

### **Saturday, May 5, 2018**

7:00 am-9:00 am	TFA breakfast buffet in James Room
9:00 am	Depart for Jamestown and Yorktown
9:30 am-11:30 am	Guided tour of Historic Jamestowne
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Depart Jamestown for Yorktown
12:00 pm-12:45 pm	Boxed Lunch at Yorktown Battlefield Park
12:45 pm-2:45 pm	Guided tour of the Yorktown Battlefield Park
2:45 pm	Depart Yorktown for hotel
3:30 pm	Arrive back at hotel
4:00 pm	TFA Business Meeting in the James Room
6:30 pm	TFA Dinner in James Room

James Room will be open for TFA members

### **Sunday, May 6, 2018**

7:00 am-9:00 am	TFA breakfast buffet in James Room
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## **A Review of our Y-DNA Testing Project**

By Nancy T. Cherry

In 2004 our TFA men enthusiastically supported the idea of DNA testing, which at that time meant testing the Y-chromosome for genetic markers passed from grandfather to father to son with very few changes. Other types of DNA testing, such as mitochondrial testing for inheritance on the maternal line and autosomal testing for cousins or any relationship, had not yet been introduced.

Our men wanted to confirm their paper research or have their DNA results show where they had made mistakes and suggest new possibilities for research. I wanted to see why decades of looking by Dot Pruett, Jim Moule, John E., my father and me -- and others

before us – had not produced a shred of evidence that the Thrashers in central Maryland were related to the Thrashers in the South.

At our 2005 TFA meeting, we decided to test with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), a company in Houston, TX. We settled on the highest resolution test offered at the time, the Y-37 (testing on 37 markers on the Y-chromosome). A “project” was set up for the surname Thrasher/Thresher/Threasher, and between August 11 and September 13, 2005, fifteen men submitted samples taken by mopping their inner cheeks. By February 2006, four more men had tested. The Original 19, all carrying the surname (listed here in alphabetical order), were Albert A., Amos (of the Maryland clan), Barton E., Bill Shelah, Buddy (Robert Patton), Calvin (of the Maryland clan), Craig Stephen, Dale, Jodie T., John E., John Paul, Kenneth Thomas, Lester, Patrick David, Steve (of the Maryland clan), Thomas Neal, Warren Jr., William Boyd, and William Thomas (of unknown lineage at that time).

Our Project now includes 58 men who have tested their Y-chromosome. Y-37 remains our entry-level test, but now many of our men are starting with or upgrading to the higher-definition Y-67 or Y-111 tests. The Y-37 and Y-67 tests require that a man have a Genetic Distance of three or fewer for him and his match to possibly share a recent common ancestor. At the 111-marker level, though, he may show up to a genetic difference of five to presume that he and his match have a common ancestor at or before eight generations in the past.

We’ve had our share of surprises – what the testing company used to call NPEs or “non-parental events,” but I think “Not the Parent Expected” is a better way to express it. We’ve had cases where someone with the Thrasher name turned out not to be a Thrasher and other cases where someone with a different surname found out or confirmed that he was a Thrasher.

There are many more Thrasher men out there that we need to bring into our project. Each one sheds a little more light on the tangled web of Thrashers across our country. Who knew that the Thrashers in western Maryland would not be of the same haplotype as the central Maryland Thrashers, or that a long-lost branch of the central Maryland Thrashers would be found in roughly the same area as the lineage followed in [Our Thrasher Heritage](#)?

We need to recruit men with the surname for our project. Last year the TFA bought a few Y-37 test kits to give to individuals who might find the price prohibitive, and we still have one or two available. TFA also offers buy-downs for those willing to pay some of the cost of their test kit. Decisions on use of these “scholarships” are made by a panel of three TFA members. Retail prices for the kits are \$169 for the Y-37; \$268 for the Y-67; and \$359 for the Y-111, but prices for men in our project run about \$20 less. The company offers sales at least twice a year and holds occasional pop-up sales when the price is significantly reduced.

Women cannot take the Y-chromosome test, but they can recruit or help male relatives with the cost or donate to our “scholarship” fund. Women without a brother or father to

test may reach out to descendants of a brother to their father, grandfather, great-grandfather, or beyond. We should all be on the lookout for men named Thrasher who are not known to fit into one of our established lineages. In fact, we should encourage any Thrasher male we come across to enter the project.

Our testing company, Family Tree DNA, is one of the few – if not the only – companies testing the Y-chromosome for surname projects. Ancestry.com, 23andMe, and others offer only the autosomal tests. Family Tree DNA's autosomal test is called the "Family Finder" test.

### **Collecting DNA samples at death**

In her blog of January 28, 2018, Judy Russell, writing as The Legal Genealogist, at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/> informed us that our testing company, Family Tree DNA, will accept DNA swabs collected after death. This is important, as so many of us put off testing relatives, and then regret our procrastination. It is also important to note that testing companies requiring a saliva sample, rather than a cheek swab, cannot offer this service.

You will probably work with the funeral home on this. Some of them are stocking test kits these days or are willing to swab the cheeks of the deceased. Judy recommends that if the funeral home balks at collecting or allowing you to collect the sample, you may remind them that if you have the legal right to be making the arrangements for disposition of the remains, you have the legal right to collect that DNA sample. You may want to print Judy's blog of June 30, 2013 for them.

***Please continue to share your news and photos with your  
"cousins by the dozens"***

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Be sure to visit our website: <http://thrasherfamilyassociation.com/>

## Descendants of Charles Thrasher, a Former Slave

I can't remember just how many years ago it has been since Alma Jean Parker made a contact with first, Nancy Cherry and then with me. I'm guessing it has been at least ten years or more. Alma had a most interesting story to tell, but also with the hopes and expectations that her ancestor, Charles Thrasher, might be a descendant of one of the Thrasher family of Georgia.

Over the years we worked piecing together as much information as we could find with Alma supplying her family's oral history and current documentation. A couple of years ago Alma took part in the TFA's DNA project, testing with the Family Tree DNA test. Unfortunately the results did not show a blood connection for this African-American family to other Thrashers who have participated in the program.

The TFA DNA program clearly showed us that there are quite a number of Thrasher named families in the US who are not related to each other. We have made a concerted effort to share the genealogy of the various family groups who make up our TFA membership by printing the genealogies in the Thrasher Family Association's newsletters. Here is the first genealogical research that has been compiled for this particular Thrasher family.

John E. Thrasher III



## *Descendants of Charles Thrasher*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. CHARLES<sup>1</sup> THRASHER was born Abt. 1830 in Georgia, and died Bet. 1901 - 1910 in Probably Georgia. He married MARTHA DAVIS. She was born March 1832 in Virginia.

Notes for CHARLES THRASHER:

1870 Census for Military District 221, Watkinsville, Clarke County, Georgia. Listed as Charles Thrasher, Black Male, b. c 1830 in Georgia.

1880 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Listed as Charles Thrasher.

1900 Census for Mars Hill, Oconee County, Georgia.

"Bishop, Georgia" by Celestea Gentry Sharp, 1996. Pages 160 - 161: From the Georgia Tax Digests are listed the names of Freedmen along with their employers in 1869. In addition to Charles Thrasher being listed as a Freeman, five other Black Thrasher males are listed. Charles was employed at that time by J. B. Patman. (Census for District 222, Clarke Co. Ga., P. O. Watkinsville.)

Family History:

Charles Thrasher was a slave until the end of the Civil War. It is believed that he was already residing in the Watkinsville District, Oconee County, Georgia, when he met and married Martha Davis. He was a farmer.

Charles' wife, Martha Davis, was also a slave who was sold by landowners in Virginia and brought to Georgia according to recollections of a granddaughter, Mittie Brown, in June of 2001. Martha and her family had a very painful and tearful separation when they were sold in Virginia. Martha was brought to Georgia as was a brother, Henry, who was sold to landowners in Americus, Georgia.

Charles and Martha later married and to this union were born eleven children: six sons and five daughters.

Notes for MARTHA DAVIS:

Census records for some of the children (Melvin, Emory) list their mother as being born in Virginia.

Family tradition.

Children of CHARLES THRASHER and MARTHA DAVIS are:

2. i. MELVINE L.<sup>2</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1855, Georgia.
- ii. MARGARET THRASHER, b. Abt. 1859, Georgia.
- iii. DORA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1861, Georgia.
3. iv. CHARLES THRASHER, b. April 1861, Georgia; d. January 12, 1938, Bogart, Oconee Co. Ga..
4. v. PINKNEY THRASHER, b. August 1865, Georgia.
- vi. ELLA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1868, Georgia.
5. vii. NICHOLAS THRASHER, b. Abt. May 1869, Georgia.
6. viii. WELDON THRASHER, b. January 1870, Georgia.
- ix. MARY THRASHER, b. August 22, 1870, Georgia; m. KENNEY.

Notes for MARY THRASHER:

Social Security Applications and Claims Index 1936-2007: Mary Thr Kenney. S S #255824595. List parents as Charles Thrasher & Martha White.

- x. EMORY S. THRASHER, b. April 1875, Georgia.

Notes for EMORY S. THRASHER:

- xi. LOUBERTY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1876, Georgia.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. MELVINE L.<sup>2</sup> THRASHER (CHARLES<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1855 in Georgia. He married JOSEPHINE. She was born Abt. 1865 in Georgia.



Notes for MELVINE L. THRASHER:

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

1920 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

Children of MELVINE THRASHER and JOSEPHINE are:

7. i. WALTER<sup>3</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1888, Georgia.
- ii. ESTELLA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1890, Georgia.
8. iii. CHARLES THRASHER, b. Abt. 1894, Georgia.
- iv. MUNROE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1898, Georgia.
- v. COSBY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1903, Georgia.
- vi. WELDON THRASHER, b. Abt. 1905, Georgia.

3. CHARLES<sup>2</sup> THRASHER (*CHARLES*<sup>1</sup>) was born April 1861 in Georgia, and died January 12, 1938 in Bogart, Oconee Co. Ga.. He married LIZZIE Abt. 1904. She was born Abt. 1890 in Georgia.

Notes for CHARLES THRASHER:

1900 Census for Mars Hill, Oconee County Georgia. Listed as Charlie, (son of Charles and Martha) in all of the census records. The birth date given is April 1863. The date 1870 appears on two more census records.

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

1920 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

1930 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

Oconee Co. Probate Death Certificates: Charles Thrasher Jr.

Children of CHARLES THRASHER and LIZZIE are:

- i. MISSIE MIDDY H.<sup>3</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1905.
- ii. GLADIS I. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1907.
- iii. MELINE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1908.
- iv. WILMOT B. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1911.
- v. MABEL A. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1915.
- vi. BERNICE S. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1918.
- vii. TALLIE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1922.
- viii. ELLA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1924.
- ix. MARGARET C. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1928.

4. PINKNEY<sup>2</sup> THRASHER (*CHARLES*<sup>1</sup>) was born August 1865 in Georgia. He married (1) LAURA. She was born April 1871 in Georgia. He married (2) FRANCES. She was born in Georgia.

Notes for PINKNEY THRASHER:

1880 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

1900 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

1920 Census for Bradberrys, Clarke County, Georgia. Pinkney is a farmer. He can read and write.

1930 Census for Mars Hill, Oconee County, Georgia

Children of PINKNEY THRASHER and LAURA are:

9. i. LESSIE<sup>3</sup> THRASHER, b. July 1887, Georgia.
- ii. HALLIE THRASHER, b. September 1889, Georgia.
- iii. ETHEL THRASHER, b. February 1892, Georgia.
10. iv. ALFRED THRASHER, b. January 1894, Georgia.
11. v. EMORY THRASHER, b. July 1896, Georgia; d. 1990, Georgia.
- vi. MATTIE LOU THRASHER, b. August 1889, Georgia.
- vii. EULA MAE THRASHER, b. January 26, 1901, Watkinsville, Oconee County Georgia; d. May 06, 1999, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia; m. WILLIE JACKSON.

5. NICHOLAS<sup>2</sup> THRASHER (*CHARLES*<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. May 1869 in Georgia. He married MAGGIE. She was born May 1877 in Georgia.

Notes for NICHOLAS THRASHER:

1870 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia  
1880 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia  
1900 Census for Mars Hill, Oconee County, Georgia  
1910 Census for Mars Hill, Oconee County, Georgia

Children of NICHOLAS THRASHER and MAGGIE are:

- i. SAM<sup>3</sup> THRASHER, b. May 1895, Georgia.
- ii. SARAH THRASHER, b. May 1898, Georgia.
- iii. LINA THRASHER, b. November 1899, Georgia.
- iv. ARLES OLIVIA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1903, Georgia.
- v. EVIE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1907, Georgia.
- vi. GRADY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1909, Georgia; m. EDDIE L.; b. Abt. 1911, Georgia.

Notes for GRADY THRASHER:

1930 Census for Cooks, Fulton County, Georgia

6. WELDON<sup>2</sup> THRASHER (*CHARLES<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 1870 in Georgia. He married HESTER BROWNING, daughter of VINIE BROWNING. She was born May 1860 in Georgia.

Notes for WELDON THRASHER:

1880 Census for Dark Corners, Oconee County, Georgia. Weldon seems to be one of those rare individuals who were counted twice in a census. In this census he is reported on 12 June 1880 in a Jackson family household working as a farm laborer at age 22. In the 1880 Census for Buncombe, Oconee County, Georgia, taken on 17 June 1880, just five days later, he is located as a servant and farm laborer in the John W. Payne household.

1900 Census for Dark Corners, Oconee County, Georgia.

1910 Census for Militia District 241, Clarke County, Georgia. Weldon has a family.

1920 Census for Bradberrys, Clarke County, Georgia. Weldon is a farmer. He can read and write.

In the 9 & 10 May 1910 Census Weldon has two grandsons living with him: Lloyd, age one & Henry N. age one month (April 1910.)

In the 15 January 1920 Census grandson Henry D. is living with him and another grandson named Leroy, age two years and two months (November 1918.)

Children of WELDON THRASHER and HESTER BROWNING are:

- i. LILLIE<sup>3</sup> THRASHER, b. April 1890.
- ii. VIOLA THRASHER, b. August 1891.
- iii. PINKIE THRASHER, b. December 1895, Georgia.
- iv. EVEY THRASHER, b. April 1898.

### *Generation No. 3*

7. WALTER<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*MELVINE L.<sup>2</sup>, CHARLES<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1888 in Georgia. He married DAISY. She was born 1872 in Georgia.

Notes for WALTER THRASHER:

1920 Census for High Shoals, Oconee County, Georgia

Child of WALTER THRASHER and DAISY is:

- i. JOSSIE<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1912, Georgia.

8. CHARLES<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*MELVINE L.<sup>2</sup>, CHARLES<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1894 in Georgia. He married EULA. She was born Abt. 1898 in Georgia.

Notes for CHARLES THRASHER:

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

1920 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia Listed as Charlie Thrasher Jr.

1930 Census for Pittsburg, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Listed as Charles Thrasher.

Children of CHARLES THRASHER and EULA are:

- i. MOENA/MORNA<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. November 1915, Georgia.
- ii. WYMON THRASHER, b. Abt. December 1917, Georgia.
- iii. CLARENCE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1922, West Virginia.
- iv. VIRGINIA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1926, PA.
- v. LENNON THRASHER, b. Abt. 1929, PA.

9. LESSIE<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*PINKNEY*<sup>2</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>1</sup>) was born July 1887 in Georgia. She married MACK ROBINSON Abt. 1903. He was born Abt. 1883 in Georgia, and died Bef. 1930.

Notes for LESSIE THRASHER:

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Listed as Lillie Robinson.

1920 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Listed as Lessie Robison. She is living with her parents.

1930 Census for Military District 243, Barrow County, Georgia. Listed as Lessie Robeson.

Children of LESSIE THRASHER and MACK ROBINSON are:

12. i. ANNIE LAURA<sup>4</sup> ROBINSON, b. August 14, 1903, Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia; d. February 27, 1982, Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia.
- ii. NELLIE ROBINSON, b. Abt. 1908.
- iii. SUSIE ROBINSON, b. Abt. December 1909.
- iv. RUBY ROBINSON, b. Abt. 1911.
- v. ADDIE ROBINSON, b. Abt. 1914.
- vi. J. T. ROBINSON, b. Abt. 1915.
- vii. THEO ROBINSON, b. Abt. 1917.
- viii. ALICE ROBINSON, b. Abt. 1922.

10. ALFRED<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*PINKNEY*<sup>2</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>1</sup>) was born January 1894 in Georgia. He married DAISY. She was born Abt. 1895 in Georgia.

Notes for ALFRED THRASHER:

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee, Georgia. Living with his parents.

1920 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. He is a farmer.

1930 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Rents and lives on a farm. Can read & write.

Children of ALFRED THRASHER and DAISY are:

- i. NINA C.<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1914, Georgia.
- ii. INAS E. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1916, Georgia.

Notes for INAS E. THRASHER:

His name is spelled "Inours" in the 1930 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia.

- iii. NEAVY THRASHER, b. Abt. 1917.

Notes for NEAVY THRASHER:

His name is spelled "Nevie" in the 1920 Censns for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia.

- iv. GLADYS M. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1922, Georgia.

11. EMORY<sup>3</sup> THRASHER (*PINKNEY*<sup>2</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>1</sup>) was born July 1896 in Georgia, and died 1990 in Georgia. He married MAGNOLIA. She was born Abt. 1900 in Georgia, and died 1965.

Notes for EMORY THRASHER:

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Living with his parents.

1920 Census for Bradberrys, Clarke County, Georgia. Emory is a farmer. He can not read or write.

1930 Census for Kenneys, Clarke County, Georgia

Find a Grave #92929280

More About EMORY THRASHER:

Burial: Shady Grove Cemetery, Oconee Co. Ga.

Notes for MAGNOLIA:

Find a Grave #92929352

More About MAGNOLIA:

Burial: Shady Grove Cemetery, Oconee Co. Ga.

Children of EMORY THRASHER and MAGNOLIA are:

- i. JAMES HENRY<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, b. Abt. 1918, Georgia.
- ii. EMORY LEROY THRASHER, b. Abt. August 1919, Georgia.
- iii. FANNIE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1922, Georgia.
- iv. JULIA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1923, Georgia.
- v. LUCILLE THRASHER, b. Abt. November 1925, Georgia.
- vi. EVENOLIA THRASHER, b. Abt. 1927, Georgia.
- vii. RUTH THRASHER, b. Abt. December 1929, Georgia.

#### Generation No. 4

**12.** ANNIE LAURA<sup>4</sup> ROBINSON (*LESSIE<sup>3</sup> THRASHER, PINKNEY<sup>2</sup>, CHARLES<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 14, 1903 in Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia, and died February 27, 1982 in Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia. She met LUCAS "TOBE" WALKER, son of WILLIAM WALKER and MARY SIMS. He was born April 18, 1895 in Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia, and died September 05, 1980 in Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia.

Notes for ANNIE LAURA ROBINSON:

Called "Annie Laurie."

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia.

1920 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Listed as Laure Ribison.

1930 Census for Military District 243, Barrow County, Georgia. Listed as Laura Walker. Willie Walker is listed as son-in-law in the household.

1940 Census for Rocky Creek, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Listed as Laura R. Walker.

Find a Grave #60413724

More About ANNIE LAURA ROBINSON:

Burial: Shadowlawn Cemetery, Gwinnett Co, Ga.

Notes for LUCAS "TOBE" WALKER:

1900 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Listed as Lucas Walker.

1910 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. Tobe is listed as Lobie L. Sims. (His sister Daisy and brothers, Marshall and Solomon are also incorrectly listed as Sims.) The L (Lobie) is a mistake as read by the census transcriber.

1920 Census for Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia. He and his first wife, Millie Griffith Walker, are living with his in-laws as Tobe is listed as "son - in - law."

1930 Census for Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. Listed as Toby Walker. Toby is living alone. He works as a brick man at odd jobs. He rents. Personal value: \$16.00.

1940 census for Rocky Creek, Gwinnett, County, Georgia.

Social Security Death Index: Lucas Walker. Last residence was Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia.

Georgia Deaths: Lucas T. Walker. Black male, age 85.

Dept. of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death file 1850 - 2010

WW I Service Cards, 1917 - 1919

More About LUCAS "TOBE" WALKER:

Burial: Shadowlawn Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. Ga.

Children of ANNIE ROBINSON and LUCAS WALKER are:

- i. HALLIE AGNES<sup>5</sup> WALKER, b. August 08, 1922, Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia; d. October 09, 1996, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia; m. ROBERT CRAWFORD.
- ii. DOROTHY VIRGINIA WALKER, b. May 15, 1924, Oconee County, Georgia; d. February 15, 2010, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia; m. JOHN EDWARD MAYWEATHER, September 18, 1946.
- iii. RUBY BEE WALKER, b. June 29, 1929, Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia; m. DANIEL.

- iv. MARTHA NELL WALKER, b. February 14, 1931, Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia; m. THOMAS GLOVER JR..
- v. THELMA WALKER, b. January 04, 1934, Auburn Barrow County, Georgia; d. January 14, 2008, Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia.

Notes for THELMA WALKER:  
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More About THELMA WALKER:  
Burial: Shadowlawn Cemetery, Gwinnett Co. Ga.

- vi. HAZEL WALKER, b. November 11, 1935, Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia; m. (1) NAVARRO ANTHONY HASTINGS; m. (2) WILLIAM EDWARDS WATTS JR..
- vii. MARY FRANCES WALKER, b. April 18, 1938, Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia; d. 2013; m. S. T. DUNCAN.
- viii. EDWARD WALKER, b. January 04, 1941, Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia; d. May 27, 2014, Gwinnett Co. Ga.; m. JETTIE M. DAVIS.

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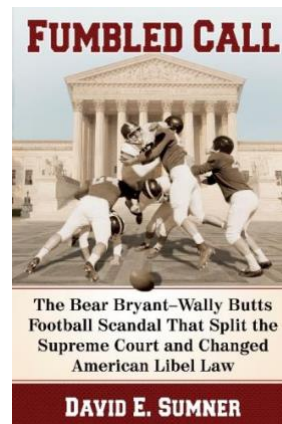
- ix. ALMA JEAN WALKER, b. June 15, 1944, Auburn, Barrow County, Georgia; m. (1) GERALD MOBLEY; m. (2) HUBERT LEE PARKER, April 13, 1991, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.
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