

# The Thrasher Newsletter

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## ***What a Great 2018 Reunion in Williamsburg – Jamestowne, Yorktown, Virginia***

*Front Row:* Joe Grooms, Joe Stine, Jeff Thompson, Tom Kozel, John Paul Thrasher, Bill H. Thrasher

*Second Row:* Terry & Glenda Thompson, Judy Aleman, Janey Mosley, Celestea Sharp, Chere Athey, Ivy Darnall, Juanita Thrasher, John E. Thrasher

*Back Row:* Pocahontas (Nametag says: Mrs. John Rolfe) Linda Bishop, Nancy T. Cherry, Dena Archer, Albert Thrasher, Caroline Thrasher Sirmon, Peggy Thrasher, Katheryn & Jim Moule, Claudia Thrasher Wynne, Angie Grooms, Julie Kozel, Alice & David Thrasher, Susie Thrasher & Jennifer McGrath, and, of course, Captain John Smith!

## MINUTES

# The Thrasher Family Association

## Meeting of May 5, 2018

### Williamsburg, Virginia

Host: John Paul Thrasher & Susie Thrasher

**Attending:** Judy and Abel Aleman of Sherman, TX; Chere and Don Athey of Sanibel, FL and Cumberland, MD; Linda Bishop of Atlanta, GA and friend Sandra Hammond of Atlanta, GA; Nancy Cherry of Beltsville, MD; Ivy and Klaus Darnall of Atlanta, GA; Angie and Joe Grooms of Davidson, NC; Julie and Tom Kozel of Clarksville, Ohio; Janie Mosely of Rockwall, TX; Jim and Kathryn Moule of Oakland, CA; Celestea Sharp of New York, NY; Caroline Thrasher Sirmon of Newland, NC; Joan and Joe Stine of Orlando, FL Jacksonville, FL; Glenda and Terry Thompson of Pflugerville, TX; Jeff Thompson and girlfriend Dena Archer of Clayton, DE; Peggy and Albert Thrasher of Tiger, GA; Juanita and Bill H. Thrasher of Live Oak, FL; Alice and David Thrasher of Montgomery, AL; John E. Thrasher III of Micanopy, FL; John Paul Thrasher of Newnan, GA; Susie Thrasher and daughter Jennifer McGrath of Watkinsville, GA; Claudia Thrasher Wynne of Pensacola, FL.

**Pre-meeting Activities:** On Friday, the group traveled back in time to dine at Shields Tavern (which first opened its doors in 1705) on Duke of Gloucester Street. After dinner and a short stroll to the Capitol building, the time travel continued with a performance of *Cry Witch*, a dramatic re-enactment of a trial from 1706 in which a woman was accused of witchcraft by her neighbors. The drama was heightened by the candlelight and hard benches in the Capitol. On this evening, the audience members, in their role as jury, found the defendant guilty.

On Saturday, the group traveled to historic Jamestown for a guided tour. After the tour and a visit to the National Park Service Visitor Center there, the group enjoyed a box lunch before traveling to the Yorktown Battlefield. Following an introduction at the NPS Visitors Center to learn more about this important event in American history, a guide led the group on a tour of the battlefield.

**Call to Order:** The annual meeting of the Thrasher Family Association (TFA) was called to order by the Chair, John E. Thrasher III, at 4:12 p.m., on Saturday, May 5, 2018 in the James Room of the Holiday Inn and Suites Gateway, Williamsburg. Posters, photo albums, books and memorabilia, brought by TFA members, were displayed around the room.

John E. welcomed returning members and the new attendees Jeff Thompson and Dena Archer and Tom and Julie Kozel. Jeff is the son of Terry and Glenda Thompson. Like Jeff, Julie is from the William William Thrasher line. Julie's great grandmother Antha Thrasher was the daughter of Jessie Fielding Thrasher and the sister to Glenda's great

grandmother Sarah Leona Thrasher. John E. thanked John Paul for arranging the day's tours and for hosting this year's reunion.

### **Program:**

Thrasher Connections to the Williamsburg area: While TFA members speculated about Robart/Robert Thrasher and Isabell Thrasher who landed in Elizabeth City (now Hampton, VA) in very early days, Jim Moule found a connection to early settlers in his family tree. He spoke of his third great grandmother, Mary "Polly" Thrasher (1813 – 1873), of Pendleton County, KY. Her great grandfather was Gaberial Mullins of Albemarle Co., VA who served through the whole Revolutionary War and was present at Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown.

He was the great grandson of Gabriel Maupin, a Huguenot (French Protestant) who landed in Virginia with his family in 1689 and settled in Williamsburg. Gabriel and his descendants were innkeepers in Williamsburg for several generations.

There was another connection to the Maupin family, through Mary Polly's great grandfather John Thrasher. John's brother Josiah Thrasher had a daughter who gave birth to an illegitimate son fathered by Charles Turner. Turner's mother was a Maupin.

Following Jim's presentation, John E. mentioned that he, David R. Thrasher, and Bonnie Bolin are members of the Jamestowne Society. He urged others to explore their eligibility.

Regarding "Cousin John": Joe Stine directed attention to his review of *A Changing wind: Commerce and Conflict in Civil War Atlanta* by Wendy Hamand Venet which appeared in the April 2018 issue of *The Thrasher Newsletter*. Joe felt that important facts from the review were lost in editing – namely that Cousin John owned 24 slaves as reported on the slave census of 1860 for Fulton County. Slaves' names are not listed on the census. The last slave buried in the Oakland Cemetery was named Bill and was forty-one years old. If the slave died in 1864 at the age of forty-one, he would have been thirty-seven in 1860. A male thirty-seven years old is listed on the slave census for J. J. Thrasher. That combined with the confusion of the initials "S. S." on the cemetery record likely being "J.J." leads Joe to the conclusion that Bill was the property of Cousin John.

**Business Meeting:** The business portion of the meeting began at 4:35.

### **Reports:**

Minutes: The minutes of the 2017 TFA meeting at Montgomery were approved unanimously. John Paul made the motion and Jim Moule seconded it.

Newsletter report: Susie reported that she is adding more newsletters to the website. Hershel's son Lee Thrasher and Lee's daughter Kirsten copied the newsletters digitally and sent them to Susie, but the resulting database was too large to load, so he's now sent the newsletters as individual entities to her. Newsletters are accessible on the website only with the password which Susie provides to TFA members upon request. She reminded everyone that articles and pictures for the newsletter are always welcomed.

The intention is to send copies of our newsletters, which have been indexed by John E., to repositories around the world. Jeff Thompson, Terry's son, will work with Susie on this.

Treasurer's report: With Buddy unable to attend because of medical issues, John E. presented the report, a copy of which is attached. John Paul moved to approve the report; Bill seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous vote.

<b>THRASHER FAMILY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		
<b>04/01/2017 THRU 03/31/2018</b>		
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 04/01/2017</b>		\$6,006.32
DEPOSITS 04/01/2017 THRU 03/31/2018		\$1,180.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 04/01/2017 THRU 03/31/2018</b>		\$7,186.32
<b>DISBURSEMENTS 04/01/2017 THRU 03/31/2018</b>		
1. NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$390.26	
2. FAMILY TREE DNA SCOLARSHIP KITS PURCHASED	\$935.60	
3. 2017 REUNION EXPENSE	\$300.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES 04/01/2017 THRU 03/31/2018</b>	\$1,625.86	\$1,625.86
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK COL. MS 03/31/2018</b>		\$5,560.46
<b>"NOTES"</b>		
1. INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND \$300.00 FOR YEARLY DNA SCHOLARSHIPS		
2. SCALARSHIP KITS WERE PURCHASED WHILE ON SALE BY FTDNA		

Robert Thrasher Treasury



Anyone who did not pay dues for the year at the reunion, or has not sent them in, is encouraged to do so by sending contact information and \$20 to:

Mrs. Peggy Thrasher  
TFA Treasurer  
P.O. Box 491  
Tiger, Ga 30576

New members are asked to include a short description of their Thrasher connections.

Website: TFA is paying a premium of \$96 a year so that Susie can make our Wordpress website appear without ads. She has also been able to choose a new and less cumbersome domain name for the site. <https://thrasherfamilyassociation.com/>

Membership list: Susie is taking over the membership list from Buddy. She will post the membership directory on the website but is surprised by the number of changes needed during the year. Each of us will be able to access the membership list using the password. John E expressed concern over what to do if people haven't paid or if it is unclear whether

they're up-to-date. Nancy suggested giving a year's grace (with notice), to those individuals receiving newsletters electronically so that there is no cost to TFA.

DNA report: Last year TFA purchased several Y-37 and Family Finder test kits at sale prices to have on hand for when needed. Only one of those kits has been used. Nancy encouraged everyone to recruit for our testing project. She also suggested that men currently enrolled in the Y-37 test upgrade their tests, as further definition may become essential as more men enter the study, and tests cannot be updated after one's death without approval.

Regarding recent media coverage of police using GEDMatch to catch the Golden State Killer, she reminded the group that the DNA testing companies gave nothing away. GEDMatch is voluntary, and the police simply entered the suspect's DNA results in GEDMatch and then followed up on matches the website identified.

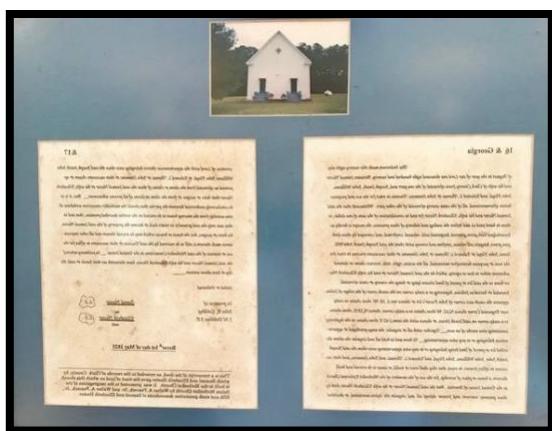
She cited a warning from Jim Bartlett's blog Segmentology (of April 15, 2018): "Contact your Matches soon!" According to Bartlett, AncestryDNA and MyHeritage push for hefty, annual subscriptions which is one of the reasons Matches are dropping out in droves. AncestryDNA, 23andMe and MyHeritage use messaging systems, which means that if your Match drops out, you may miss any opportunity to make contact. Bartlett suggests that you send a message, including your real name and email address, and perhaps a link to your Tree, to your new Matches so that they will have a way to contact you later. In response to this advice, Jeff Thompson, wearing his figurative IT security hat, suggested that you set up a new e-mail address for yourself, to be used exclusively for DNA matching purposes.

There was a suggestion that an issue of the newsletter be devoted to our DNA project.

**Cemetery projects:** These projects have been dormant for a few years. John E. urged group members to think about them for the coming year. In response to a question from Carolyn Sirman, John E. replied that to have a request for financial help with a tombstone considered, TFA needs a written description of the situation and an estimated cost of a new or replacement stone. Bill Thrasher cited his experience with placing/replacing stones.

Salem Methodist Church: John Paul and Celestea gave an update on Salem Methodist Church in south Oconee County. This is the church that the 2013 TFA Athens Reunion

visited. The land that the church and cemetery sit on was donated by the Hester family. The Thrasher connection to the Hester family is that the Hester's daughter Elizabeth became the wife of Isaac Thrasher. Of the 202 graves in the Salem Methodist Church cemetery, 29 are Thrashers. There are also many related families (Bishop, Hester, Middlebrooks and probably others). The church was de-commissioned around 2005.



The North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church has expressed a willingness to transfer the church property to a new entity that would be formed by those that have an interest in preserving the historic property.

John Paul has been communicating with the North Georgia Conference expressing a strong interest in what happens to the property. The North Georgia Conference has also been communicating with representatives of the Salem Methodist Church Perpetual Care Fund regarding future plans. In January 2018 the North Georgia Conference initiated a conference call with the chair of the Salem Church Perpetual Care fund, Dr. Talmadge “Joe” Bowden, and the Thrasher family descendants of Elizabeth Hester Thrasher. The Thrasher descendants expressed a strong interest in serving on any entity that is granted ownership of the Salem Church and cemetery. The Conference will continue to update the Thrasher Family Association on further developments.

Linda Bishop commented that she has so many connections to the Thrasher family; she is probably related to nearly everyone in that cemetery. Joe Grooms has many connections there, too. Celestea commented that it would be viewed as an aggression if we were to proceed with a marker before being given permission. Rastas and Ruth’s daughter Linda Burkhalter in Conyers may be able to shed some light on the situation.

Lick Fork Baptist Church: The Lick Fork Church near Reidsville, N.C., sits on land “sold” to the church for \$1.00. This is the church that the TFA Reidsville Reunion visited in 2014. Joe and Angie Grooms are looking at the possibility of placing a private marker, plaque or framed display commemorating the gift by the Thrasher family.

### **New Business:**

Repository: John E. believes that we need a repository for our books, photo albums and research notes – items we cherish but may not be of such interest to our children. Jeff Thompson stated that these items should be digitized. He is willing to do the digitizing but prefers not to get involved in archiving. Jim Moule spoke of his experience in reducing ten feet of binders to a digital form, only to suffer a setback when his operating system was upgraded. His words of advice: Keep up with hardware and software changes to prevent losses.

John Paul, Jeff, and Celestia suggested the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University in Georgia in Athens as a repository for hard-copy items. Claudia recalled that Indiana University’s Archives has many Thrasher references.

Next Year’s Reunion: John E. asked for volunteers to host next year’s reunion, adding that he hoped it would be in the south. Joe Grooms suggested Kings Mountain near the NC/SC border. He and Angie will look into possibilities. Carolyn Sirman volunteered to help.

John E. suggested that TFA may want to increase the amount, currently \$300, provided to hosts to cover reunion expenses. No action was taken.

2018 TFA Tote bags: Susie had tote bags made commemorating TFA and its 2018 meeting in Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. She suggested that they are a handy way to store material relating to this particular reunion. The bags sold for \$12 each.

Books: Susie had three unsigned copies of Mrs. Pruett's *Our Thrasher Heritage* which she found at her parents' home. She made these available to members who bought them. Peggy has inherited copies of Mrs. Rainer's books and will be selling them in the future.

Losses in the family: John E. reminded the group of those we have lost within the past year: Caroline Burson Thrasher, 10/16/1919 – 9/11/2017, a founding member of TFA, wife of the late Col. Warren Thrasher and mother of TFA members Warren Thrasher Jr., Susie Thrasher, John Paul Thrasher, and Peggy Law; Eleanor Thrasher, 11/16/1925 – 12/18/2017, wife of our Chairman, John E. Thrasher, for 62 years and a cheerful and industrious presence at our annual meetings; and Evelyn Grace Thrasher Ayers, 9/3/1926 – 1/13/2018, daughter of Bascombe Cornelius Thrasher and Louella Bell and aunt of TFA member Joe Grooms. We also learned of the death of Richard Bert Davidson, Jr., 4/15/1950 – 2/22/2016, TFA member and expert on DNA studies.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were awarded at various times during the business meeting. Angie Grooms took home the most valuable prize – a copy of *OUR THRASHER HERITAGE* signed by Dorothy Sturgis Pruett and contributed as a prize by Susie Thrasher and John Paul Thrasher.

Election of Officers: Buddy had requested that a new treasurer be elected, since it is difficult now for him to carry out the duties. Peggy Thrasher as the assistant treasurer said that she would take on the job. Angie Grooms volunteered to take the assistant treasurer position. Motions were introduced, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept Peggy and Angie into the positions.

John E. suggested that it is time for a new Chair but immediately the group indicated their wish that John E. remain in the position. John Paul motioned that John E. be re-elected as Chair, and the group voted by acclamation. David made a motion that the slate of John E. as Chair, John Paul as vice-chair, and Nancy as recording secretary be retained and that Peggy and Angie be added as treasurer and assistant treasurer. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment: John E. concluded the meeting by thanking our hosts, John Paul Thrasher, who was assisted by his sister Susie Thrasher, and our photographer, Bill H. Thrasher.

**Group Picture:** Bill H. took the group picture. He had been taking shots of individuals all during the reunion. He will create a composite photo, inserting photos of those not present at the time the group picture was taken and adding an interesting background. Bill is to be commended for the wonderful group photos taken over several years and their display at the reunion.

**Kentucky Derby:** When the pictures were taken, several TFA members watched in the hotel bar as Justify won the Kentucky Derby. Twenty-eight TFA members had thrown \$1 each into the pot of prize money and drawn a number. The prize was won by Joan Stine.

**Saturday Dinner:** At 7 pm, a buffet dinner was served in the James Room, allowing more time for our members to socialize.

### **Post-Dinner Activities:**

**Quiz:** Nancy Cherry led a quiz on TFA history, with the answers displayed in a slide show. The group voted to award the prize to Celestea Sharp, because she knew the most answers.

**Quilt display and auction:** Linda Bishop and her guest Sandra Hammond displayed two quilts they had made especially for this reunion. The quilts were auctioned with some of the proceeds going to TFA and were bought by Judy Aleman and Susie Thrasher.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Thrasher Cherry  
Recording Secretary, TFA

### **Save the Dates!**

**May 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2019**

**for the next**

### **Thrasher Family Reunion**

Our next hosts, Joe and Angie Grooms have been to Kings Mountain National Park as discussed in the recent TFA business meeting and were informed that there were no Thrashers at the battle. So, they have decided to have the reunion in Davidson, North Carolina. More details will follow as plans shape up.



## In Loving Memory of Steve Thrasher

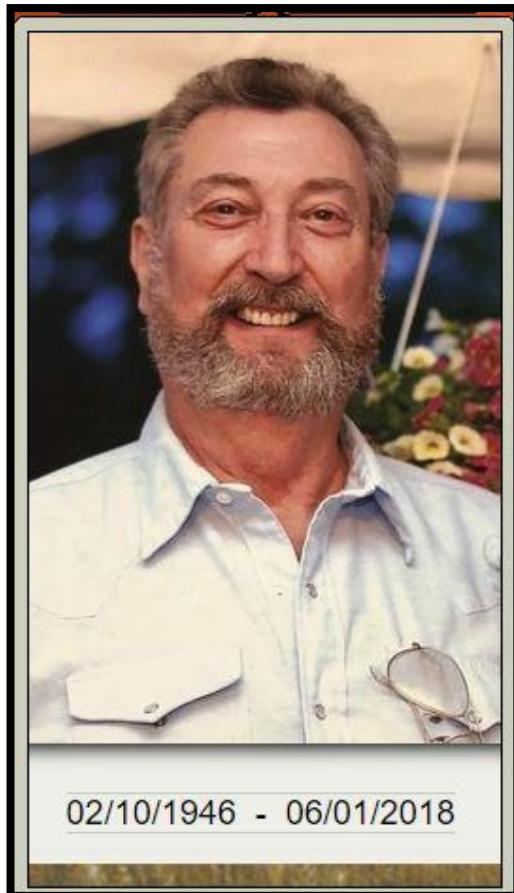
Stephen Edward Thrasher, 72, passed from this life suddenly Friday morning, June 1, 2018, at his home. He was born in Frederick County on February 10, 1946, the third and last child of Thomas Edward Thrasher and Vivian Curtess Callahan Thrasher. He is survived by his daughter Kimberly Thrasher, grandchildren Kemper Jenkins and Claudia Jenkins, sister Nancy Thrasher Cherry, and nephew Christopher Cherry. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Thomas Curtis Thrasher.

Steve was known for his willingness to help his neighbors, and everyone knew he could be counted on when needed. A skilled mechanic and builder, he had crafted his kitchen cabinets and several pieces of furniture as well as making massive renovations and additions to his current home and a former one.

In 1982, his work with AT&T took him to California, but upon retirement he returned to Frederick county. He was a member of the Frederick County Forestry Board, and his farm was designated a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). He was the proud caretaker of the farm, which has been in the Thrasher family since before the American Revolution.

The family received friends on Tuesday, June 5, at the Keeney & Basford Funeral Home, 106 E. Church St., Frederick, Maryland 21701 and the funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, in the Etchison Memorial Chapel at the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Robert Hotes officiated. Interment followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Nancy's comments: Steve was our host at the DAR ceremony and the buffet dinner in 2007 when the TFA held its Jubilee/annual reunion in Maryland. Although he wasn't keen on meeting large groups of strangers, the welcome mat was always out for any Thrasher relatives that wanted to visit him, and he had a good time helping me plan and prep for the Jubilee. TFA members may remember that he carried on the tradition of Al and John E. by building a potato cannon out of scrap metal and demonstrating it at the Jubilee (with the help of his grandchildren).



At his funeral, I heard so many stories from people who loved and respected him. The stories ranged from "best mechanic ever" to the many unexpected kindnesses he had done for people over the years to "best snake-thrower in the county." One couple carried in a six-foot bench made from a walnut slab that he had made them as a housewarming gift after helping them take down the walnut tree.

His daughter Kimberly is now living at the farm.



### **Are you a Family Whiz?**

#### **Take the 2018 TFA QUIZ created by Nancy Thrasher Cherry!**

1. Who created the definitive database for the descendants of John Thrasher and Ruth Cloud?
2. Who created the definitive database for the Central Maryland Thrashers?
3. When was the first meeting of the Thrasher Family Association held?
4. Where was the first meeting of the Thrasher Family Associations held?
5. Where is the Thrasher Carriage Museum?
6. Where is Thrasher Park?
7. Who wrote the TFA song - *Be Like John J. Thrasher*?
8. What year was our DNA study initiated?
9. Which of our current TFA members repairs clocks?
10. What Thrasher ancestor is considered the most colorful and is associated with Atlanta and Norcross in history books?
11. In what year was the earliest known history of the Thrasher Family published?
12. What group merged with the Thrasher Family Association?
13. Whose research on the Thrasher family preceded *Our Thrasher Heritage* (1986) and *Cousins by the Dozens* (1975)?
14. How many editors have there been for *The Thrasher Newsletter*?
15. Who created the TFA website?
16. The *World's Smallest Airport* refers to which of the following? A) a small airport in Tiger, GA; b) Local's criticism of Reagan National Airport; c) Phil Thrasher's private airstrip; d) Thrasher brothers performing their own air circus.

17. What now-deceased TFA member played cards with General Eisenhower?
18. What city has hosted the most TFA annual meetings?
19. What state has hosted the most TFA annual meetings?
20. What is the most western city to host a TFA meeting?
21. What Thrasher (not a TFA member) won the first gold medal awarded at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio?
22. What current TFA member was named his state's Wildlife Federation's Conservationist of the Year in 2016?
23. What now-deceased TFA member was the first of our group to submit his Y-DNA test and had 10 children, more than 30 grandchildren and over 20 great-grandchildren at the time of his death in 2016?
24. What word best describes "Black Bart"? Crusader, Slave, Privateer, Bandit
25. Name a rocket scientist(s) with connections to TFA?
26. What former TFA member has a relative profiled on *America's Most Wanted*?
27. What now-deceased TFA member caused the *Thrasherville* historical marker to be placed in Atlanta?
28. Whose ancestor was honored by having the DAR mark his grave at one of the TFA reunions?
29. What TFA member played *Ocmulgee Al*?
30. Who was instrumental in bringing a museum and archive to his hometown?
31. Who did the research on John Thrasher, Sr., 1717 – after 1789
32. Name the five ingredients in *Thrasher Punch*.
33. Name (non-genealogy) books published by TFA members.
34. Name the participants in the founding of the Thrasher Family Association.
35. Name the TFA members who have produced films?
36. Name the medical doctors in our group.
37. What TFA member presented a slide show of the pictures he took in the Holy Land last year?
38. Name the sons of John Thrasher and Ruth Cloud.
39. Who was scalped in Greene County, Georgia in 1793?

**ANSWERS:**

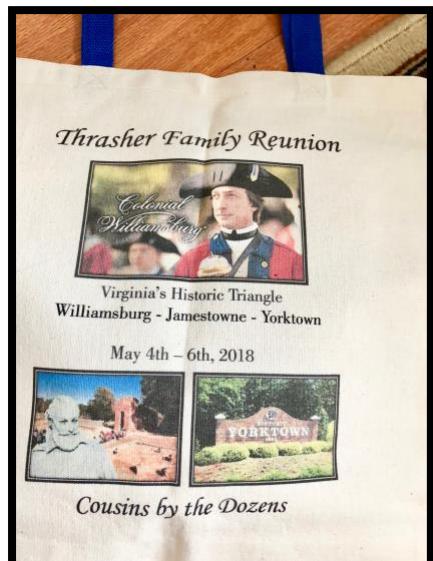
1. Dorothy Sturgis Pruett 1916 – 2013. *Cousins by the Dozens* (1957) and *Our Thrasher Heritage* (1986)
2. Jim Moule of Oakland, CA. [http://jmoule.com/ball/wc\\_toc.htm](http://jmoule.com/ball/wc_toc.htm)
- 3 and 4. At Cag's Restaurant, Macon, Georgia. September 1974.
5. Frostburg, Allegany County, Maryland
6. Norcross, Georgia
7. Elise Sumner introduced us to the song at the 1994 reunion in Micanopy and led us in singing it again in Norcross in 2015.
8. 2005. At that time, only Y-DNA tests were available.
9. Bill Thrasher and his wife Juanita live in Live Oak, Florida.
10. Cousin John J. Thrasher.

11. 1895 by Dr. Marion Thrasher. He was living in San Francisco at the time. <https://archive.org/details/historyofthrasherothra>. Jim Moule has made a study of which facts in the book are accurate.
12. In 2013, the TFA invited the Mid-Atlantic Thrasher Association (MATA) to join them, and in 2014, the MATA merged with the TFA.
13. Vessie Thrasher Rainer, 1898 - 1987. *Henry County Georgia – The Mother of Counties*, published in 1971 and historical articles for a newspaper.
14. Dot Pruett, from 1974 (and before) through Summer, 1995. Barbara Eger, from 1995 through 2013. Sue Thrasher, since 2014.
15. Sue Q. Thrasher, in 2014
16. d) Thrasher Brothers performing their own air circus.
17. Col. Warren Atticus Thrasher of Athens, GA. 1914 – 2008. Be sure to read about him in Mrs. Pruett's *Our Thrasher Heritage*.
18. Macon, Georgia. 6 times.
19. TFA meetings by state, including 2018. Virginia 2, Tennessee 2, North Carolina 1, Mississippi 1, Maryland 1, Georgia 28, Florida 6, Alabama 4.
20. Vicksburg, Mississippi in 2009. Hosted by Buddy and Glenda Thrasher.
21. Ginny Thrasher is a student at West Virginia University, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. She continues to rack up awards for her rifle-shooting while maintaining an academic 4.0.
22. Dr. David Thrasher of Montgomery, Alabama
23. Dale Thrasher of Leesburg, Florida. 1932-2016.
24. d) Bandit.
25. Roy Conway Thrasher, 1940 – 2012. Another possible answer is Bill H. Thrasher. In Roy's brother Al's words, "Bill H. Thrasher's 'top secret' work with satellite surveillance of the USSR's missile sites furnished the necessary information to enable Roy's mathematical algorithm to function as well as it did."
26. Montana Thrasher's father, Wallace "Squirrel" Thrasher, of Bland County, VA, illegally trafficked drugs during the 1980s. In 1984, his plane, loaded with 1300 pounds of marijuana, crashed. It is believed that the pilot killed in the crash was not Wallace. Despite occasional sightings, Wallace has not been found. His son Montana believes him to be dead.
27. Warren A. Thrasher. Located on the west side of Marietta Street at the Atlanta State Bar Building. "In 1839 'Cousin John' Thrasher built a settlement called *Thrasherville* at this then forested site near the peg marking the planned terminus of the Western & Atlantic RR."
28. Nancy Cherry's fifth-great grandfather was honored for sending money to the Revolutionary cause. The ceremony was held at the 2007 reunion which was part of the TFA/MATA/Lee Jubilee held in Jefferson, Maryland.
29. Albert Thrasher took on the persona of "Ocmulgee Al," a stagecoach driver, and presented a program describing Indian trails and stagecoach roads across the state.
30. John E. Thrasher.
31. Dr. Helen Raye Thrasher and Cherie Lynn Knight Jones, sometime around 2006.

Her research is available on the TFA website: <https://thrasherfamilyassociation.com/>.

Click on the RESEARCH tab and then on the link for Dr. Raye's Research.

32. Thrasher Punch: 4 oz. Svedka Strawberry Lemonade Vodka; 1 oz. Blue Curacao; 4 oz. Sprite; 4 splashes Orange juice; 4 splashes Cranberry juice. Bonnie Thrasher Bolin obtained the recipe from the Historic Cotton Gin in Norcross – 2015.
33. *Cloud* by Julie Thrasher Stuckey; *Railroad Man* and the revised and expanded version, *John Thrasher: Georgia Pioneer, Politician and Philanthropist*, by David Sumner; *Fumbled Call: The Bear Bryant Wally Butts Football Scandal that Split the Supreme Court and Changed American Libel Law* by David Sumner; *Jesus, The Early Years* by Ken Sutherland; *Tim and Sally's Vegetable Garden* by Grady Thrasher; *Tim and Sally's Beach Adventure*; *Tim and Sally's Year In Poems*; *Color The Year With Tim and Sally* and *Bishop, Georgia: The Ancient Roots, Rich History and Enduring Spirit of a Southern Crossroads Community* by Celestea Gentry Sharp.
34. Warren and Caroline Thrasher, Robert Rainer and his mother Vessie Thrasher Rainer, Tom and Dorothy Thrasher, Elizabeth and Asbury Baldwin, Dot and Joe Pruett.
35. Grady Thrasher, *World's Smallest Airport* and Celestea Gentry Sharp, *Carving Up Oconee*
36. Helen Raye Thrasher-Long, MD of Birmingham and David Thrasher, MD of Montgomery, AL.
37. Bill H. Thrasher, the person responsible for our group pictures each year.
38. Joseph Cloud; Isaac who married Ruth Barton; John who married Susan Barton.
39. The wife of Richard Thrasher (son of Joseph Cloud Thrasher abt 1750-1810). From *Historical Collections of Georgia* by White, Recounted in *The Thrasher Newsletter* of September 2012.



## **It's not too late to get a 2018 Thrasher Reunion Tote Bag**

I have about 12 unsold tote bags from the reunion. It is made of sturdy canvass and pictures Virginia's Historic Triangle – Williamsburg- Jamestowne – Yorktown.

If you would like one, mail and check made out to me for \$12 and I will mail it to you FREE!

Susie Thrasher  
TFA Newsletter  
1101 Christian Drive  
Watkinsville, GA 30677

## CALLING ALL THRASHERS AND THRASHER COUSINS



We invite you to join or renew your Thrasher Family Association Membership for 2018-19. Dues are collected at the annual reunions each year. Those of you who weren't able to attend the last reunion or just haven't renewed yet, please make your \$20 membership fee check to the Thrasher Family Association and mail it to:

Mrs. Peggy Thrasher  
Thrasher Family Association Treasurer  
P.O. Box 491  
Tiger, Ga 30576

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

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