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# *The Thrasher Newsletter*

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## **Thrasher Family Reunion**

The Thrasher Family Association returns to Virginia May 4-6 for the 2018 TFA Reunion. The Holiday Inn & Suites Gateway in Williamsburg will be our headquarters for this year's reunion. The cutoff date for the special group rates (Thrasher Family Reunion) is midnight on April 4, 2018. Note: There is a two-day minimum on all reservations. Please contact the Holiday Inn & Suites at 757-229-9990 to make your reservation. A meeting room is being provided by the hotel (James Room) which will serve as Reunion Central during the weekend.

On Friday evening, May 4, we are planning an outing to Historic Williamsburg for dinner. We will meet in the hotel lobby at 5:30 PM and car pool to the restaurant. An optional "living history" program is planned for those interested. This will be a separate, reservation only, event for those wishing to experience Historic Williamsburg. Afterwards we will return to the hotel and the James Room will be open for those wanting to visit with their cousins.

After breakfast on Saturday, May 5, we will depart at 9:00 AM for Jamestown to tour the oldest continuous English settlement in the New World which was established in 1607. After lunch we will tour Yorktown and learn about the decisive battle of the American Revolutionary War that took place in October of 1781. The annual meeting of the Thrasher Family Association will commence at 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 5, in the James Room. After the annual meeting we will have a catered dinner and program at the hotel. After dinner, the James Room will be open for visiting and sharing. Breakfast will be served in the James Room on Sunday morning. Be sure to complete a registration form.

**The reunion registration form is on the last page of the newsletter**

## **Will I see you at the Thrasher Reunion?**

I sincerely hope that the answer to my question is a resounding YES! At this short time before the annual reunion, I begin to get excited just knowing that before long I will see you all. The past reunions have been such fun and also important in getting to know Thrasher and Thrasher related cousins. (I believe that also includes those “adopted” cousins like Vicki Mills who rarely misses out.)

Last year, a real hit at the reunion were the individual genealogy charts for many of you, tracing your family line back to your earliest ancestor that was known. That as well as placing your own “leaf” on the Family Tree chart.

Knowing that the reunion would be in the Jamestown/Williamsburg area encouraged several of our TFA members to work with their genealogy to trace to a settler in Jamestown. Because of Bonnie Schmidt’s work, both Bonnie and I are new members of the Jamestowne Society, joining Dr. David Thrasher and Bonnie Bolin (and who knows who else) as members. You might want to join us.

I would appreciate it if you will let me know in advance of any presentation that you would like to make at the business meeting portion of the gathering. There is so much to see and do in the Jamestown area! Please, don’t forget to return to the motel for our gathering at 4:00 PM on Saturday. See you there!

John E. Thrasher

## ***A Changing Wind: Commerce and Conflict in Civil War Atlanta***

Wendy Hamand Venet

Yale University Press, 2014. 305 pages paperback.

Book review by Joseph Stine

*A Changing Wind: Commerce and Conflict In Civil War Atlanta* explains how Atlanta grew from a transportation center into a major industrial, commercial and medical center during the war and how different levels of its society were affected. The author is a professor of history at Georgia State University. Atlanta’s businessmen, both Confederate and Unionist, some who opposed secession, cast their lot with the Confederacy and their gamble paid off in profits during the first two years of the war. After the war they gambled on Atlanta’s economic recovery and starting from scratch they built the New Atlanta. Others were not so lucky. Wives of soldiers had to provide for their families with little income and no help from their husbands at war.

This review centers upon Thrasher’s that appear in the book: S. S. Thrasher, J. J. Thrasher and John S. Thrasher. Of course, J. J. Thrasher is John J. Thrasher better known as “Cousin John.”

The prologue tells of a slave named Bill who was the last slave buried in Oakland Cemetery's Slave Square. Cemetery records tell us that he was owned by S. S. Thrasher and that he died at the age of forty-one on June 19, 1864. I have researched the census records for 1860 and cannot find a S. S. Thrasher in Georgia much less in Fulton County. I also researched the slave census records for 1860 and did not find S. S. Thrasher. When the Oakland Cemetery handwritten records were read, it is quite possible that J. J. Thrasher looked like S. S. Thrasher. I have experienced this in my research of deeds finding that "J" looked like an "S." In fact, J. J. Thrasher is used about as much as John J. Thrasher on deeds.

Although J. J. Thrasher is not mentioned, Dr. John G. Westmoreland, who arrived in Atlanta in 1853 founded the Atlanta Medical College in 1854. Dr. Willis Westmoreland followed his brother and became Professor of Surgery. In the 1860 census W. F. Westmoreland, age 33, Professor Surgery, is listed with the J. J. Thrasher household along with his wife, Maria Westmoreland, age 19.

On page 66 J. J. Thrasher is said to have made cartridge boxes, cartridge belts, bayonet scabbards, and shoulder straps.

After the war, the Reconstruction Acts imposed military rule on the South and decreed that states would not be readmitted to the Union unless they gave voting rights to black men. On March 4, 1867, after the passage of the first Reconstruction Act, a group of Atlantans met to discuss the "political troubles which now agitate the country." In a second meeting on April 20 other local luminaries, including J. J. Thrasher, were joined by prewar Unionists to endorse cooperation and reconciliation and appeal to Atlanta's citizenry to move beyond "our present unsettled and paralyzed conditions." This unity shows how former Confederates and former Unionist cooperated to support a common business-based vision for the city's future.

Atlanta was the news gathering center of the lower South. In the fall of 1862, western journalists formed the Press Association of the Confederate States of America and hired John S. Thrasher as its superintendent. Thrasher was formerly a correspondent for the *New York Herald*. Atlanta was selected as headquarters as it was the obvious choice because of the city's central geographic position. I could not identify this John S. Thrasher. The only John S. Thrasher in the 1860 census for the country was J. J. Thrasher's thirteen-year-old son. The 1860 census lists fifty-two John (no middle initial) Thrashers in the country. Because he was correspondent for the *New York Herald* means he could have lived any place in the country prior to the war. Who is this mysterious John S. Thrasher?

This book is a good read for someone interested in the history of Atlanta during the war.

*(This review was edited for space)*

Descendants of David Thrasher and Polly Hughey Thrasher  
An update

We were honored at the Thrasher Reunion last May to have descendants of William Wilson Thrasher (son of David, John, John) with us for the first time. Claudia Wynn and Lana Caroline Sirmon have worked with me during the past couple of years to gather their Thrasher genealogy and here is the up-date.

John E. Thrasher III



## *Descendants of William Wilson Thrasher*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER (*DAVID*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 May 1829 in Morgan/Newton Co. Ga, and died 15 September 1917 in Montgomery, Alabama. He married SARAH ALATHA GREER. She was born 10 August 1831 in Georgia, and died 08 March 1905 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Notes for WILLIAM WILSON THRASHER:

Find a Grave 14099913

1880 Census for Mitchells, Pike Co. AL

William W. Thrasher , Private, Co. C., 26th Regiment Alabama Infantry, CSA. Enlisted 8 May 1862 at Loachapoka, Lee Co. AL. He was appointed hospital steward, 4 July 1867 and ordered to report to duty at Atlanta, Ga. On 12 August he was reported as on duty in Atlanta.

"Our Thrasher Heritage" 1986 by D. S. Pruett

"Thrasher - Barton Descendants of Georgia" 1977 by Vessie Thrasher Rainer

More About WILLIAM WILSON THRASHER:

Burial: Confederate Cemetery #2, Chilton Co. Alabama

More About SARAH ALATHA GREER:

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery, Alabama

Children of WILLIAM THRASHER and SARAH GREER are:

2.
  - i. LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., b. 14 December 1854, Brantley, Crenshaw Co. Alabama; d. 01 July 1910, Montgomery, Montgomery Co. AL.
  - ii. LAVONIA ADELAIDE THRASHER, b. 14 April 1856.
  - iii. JOSEPH A. THRASHER, b. 22 December 1858.
  - iv. WILLIAM M. THRASHER, b. 10 January 1861.
3.
  - v. GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER SR., b. 16 March 1863, Forsyth, Monroe Co, Ga.; d. 14 October 1931, Alabama.
  - vi. VENIOUS MARCELLO THRASHER, b. 11 February 1867.
  - vii. PHOCIAN PARKS THRASHER, b. 25 October 1869.
  - viii. LEANNAH GREER THRASHER, b. 14 April 1874.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR. (*WILLIAM WILSON*<sup>4</sup> *THRASHER*, *DAVID*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 December 1854 in Brantley, Crenshaw Co. Alabama, and died 01 July 1910 in Montgomery, Montgomery Co. AL. He married (1) MARTHA ELEANOR FINLAY 1882. She was born 24 February 1860, and died 10 April 1905. He married (2) ETHEL MAY DAVENPORT 1906. She was born 30 January 1888 in LaCrosse Co. Wisconsin, and died 02 February 1961 in Escambia Co. Florida.

Notes for LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER SR.:

Find a Grave #178152889

1910 Census for Montgomery Co, AL Lanbert C. Thrasher, age 55  
Alabama Death certificate

"Our Thrasher Heritage" 1986 by D. S. Pruett  
"Thrasher - Barton Descendants of Georgia" 1977 by Vessie Thrasher Rainer  
Oakwood Cemetery records show that Lanfert and G. J Thrasher purchased the cemetery lot. (Probably when their brother Venious Marcello Thrasher died in 1890.)

More About LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER SR.:  
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co., Alabama

Notes for MARTHA ELEANOR FINLAY:  
Find a Grave #23595773

More About MARTHA ELEANOR FINLAY:  
Burial: Elam - Davidson Memorial Cemetery, Goshen, Pike Co. AL

Notes for ETHEL MAY DAVENPORT:  
1900 Census for Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl. She lives with her parents.  
1910 Census for Montgomery Co. AL. (Ethel M. Thrasher)  
1920 Census for Montgomery Ward 7, Montgomery Co. Alabama. With her second husband, Joseph A. Curbow, and children.  
1930 Census for Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl. Ethel was remarried to Joseph A. Curbow. She, her husband and children live next door to her son, Lanfert C. Thrasher Jr. and his wife, Annie.  
Find a Grave #29607747 (Ethel Mae Curbow)  
U. S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936 - 2007 (Mrs. Ethel Curbow)

More About ETHEL MAY DAVENPORT:  
Burial: Saint John's Cemetery, Escambia Co. Florida

Child of LANFERT SR. and MARTHA FINLAY is:  
i. CHARLTON GATEWOOD<sup>6</sup> THRASHER, b. 12 December 1882, Dade City, Pasco Co. Fl; d. 04 March 1943; m. MINNIE HABERCORN, February 1907.

Notes for CHARLTON GATEWOOD THRASHER:  
Find a Grave #602148856

More About CHARLTON GATEWOOD THRASHER:  
Burial: Oakwood Cem. Montgomery Co. AL

Child of LANFERT SR. and ETHEL DAVENPORT is:

4. ii. LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., b. 31 October 1908, Montgomery, Alabama; d. 16 June 1992, Escambia County, Florida.

3. GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR. (*WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 16 March 1863 in Forsyth, Monroe Co, Ga., and died 14 October 1931 in Alabama. He married ALLIE LEONA WALDEN. She was born 19 August 1883 in Speed, Alabama, and died 1965.

Notes for GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER SR.:  
Find a Grave #178288759

More About GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER SR.:  
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co. AL

Notes for ALLIE LEONA WALDEN:  
Find a Grave # 178305878

More About ALLIE LEONA WALDEN:  
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co. AL

Children of GATEWOOD SR. and ALLIE WALDEN are:

5.
  - i. GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., b. 12 September 1903, Alabama; d. 06 February 1985, Alabama.
  - ii. ADELIA THRASHER, b. 12 September 1903, Alabama; d. 17 July 1939, Alabama; m. NORMAN T. SPANN; b. 1904; d. 1964.

More About ADELIA THRASHER:  
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co. AL

Notes for NORMAN T. SPANN:  
Find a Grave #178306282  
Tombstone inscription: "Justice of the Superior Court of Alabama"

More About NORMAN T. SPANN:  
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co. AL

*Generation No. 3*

4. LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR. (*LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 31 October 1908 in Montgomery, Alabama, and died 16 June 1992 in Escambia County, Florida. He married (1) ANNIE BELL TAYLOR 21 December 1929 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida. She was born Abt. 1912 in Florida. He married (2) HARLEY BELLE BOOKER 03 November 1930 in Milton, Santa Rosa Co. Florida. She was born 14 January 1905 in Atmore, Escambia Co. Alabama, and died 25 December 1986 in Escambia Co, FL. He married (3) JULIA ELIZABETH VINCENT 03 December 1940 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida, daughter of CLIFFORD VINCENT and MISSOURI WILLIAMS. She was born 05 February 1925 in Norma, Holmes Co. Florida, and died 28 September 2014 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida. He married (4) LULA ODOM 22 December 1945 in Bay Minette, Baldwin Co. Alabama. He married (5) MARJORIE D. JORDAN 17 June 1977 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida.

Notes for LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER JR.:

1910 Census for Montgomery Co. AL - Lanfert C. Thrasher Jr.

Florida Marriage Indexes, 1927 - 2001 To Annie Bell Taylor

1930 Census for Pensacola, Escambia Co. FL - Lanfert Thrasher & Annie B. Living next door to his mother, Ethel Mae Davenport Thrasher Curbow.

Florida State Census for c 1935: Claude L. Thrasher & Belle and their first three children.

World War II Army Enlistment Records: 1938 - 1946. - Lanfert C. Thrasher. Enlisted 26 April 1944 at Ft. McPherson, Ga; Enlisted for the duration of the war. Private. Served until he came home due to diptheria.

Find a Grave #1253975

"Our Thrasher Heritage" 1986 by D. S. Pruett

"Thrasher - Barton Descendants of Georgia" 1977 by Vessie Thrasher Rainer

Lula Odom & Landfert were divorced on 15 September 1966 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida.

More About LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER JR.:

Burial: Barrancas Nat. Cem. Escambia Co. Florida Sec. 38; Site 535

Notes for ANNIE BELL TAYLOR:

Florida Marriage Index, 1822 - 1875 and 1927 - 2001. Married 21 December 1929 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida. She & Landfert were divorced on 3 November 1930 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida.

From Fort Walton, Florida ?

1930 Census for Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl. Annie B. Thrasher, age 17

Notes for HARLEY BELLE BOOKER:

Find a Grave #71883399

Belle & Landfert were divorced on 3 December 1940 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida.

More About HARLEY BELLE BOOKER:

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Escambia Co. Fl

Notes for JULIA ELIZABETH VINCENT:

1930 Census for Lowrey & Davis Schoolhouse, Geneva, Alabama

1940 Census for Jay, Santa Rosa Co. Florida

Divorced from Lanfert C. Thrasher Jr. on 20 December 1945, Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl

Julia was remarried, c 195\_ to Warren Thomas Welker.

Find a Grave #136623704

More About JULIA ELIZABETH VINCENT:

Burial: Bayview Memorial Park, Escambia Co. Fl

Child of LANFERT JR. and ANNIE TAYLOR is:

6. i. CLAUDE CARLTON<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. 10 July 1930; d. 15 March 1985.

Children of LANFERT JR. and HARLEY BOOKER are:

7. ii. LLOYD CHARLTON<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. 10 July 1931; d. 1975.  
iii. DONALD NAVARRO THRASHER, b. 07 September 1932.

Notes for DONALD NAVARRO THRASHER:

Find a Grave #84647646

More About DONALD NAVARRO THRASHER:

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Escambia Co. Fl

- iv. THOMAS BRYAN THRASHER, b. 23 September 1934.  
v. JAMES LEWIS THRASHER, b. 30 November 1936.  
vi. HERBERT THRASHER, b. 07 November 1937.

Notes for HERBERT THRASHER:

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- vii. ELIZABETH ANN THRASHER, b. 28 January 1939.

Notes for ELIZABETH ANN THRASHER:

Find a Grave #65911281

Children of LANFERT JR. and JULIA VINCENT are:

- 8. viii. CLAUDIA PEARL<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, b. 22 April 1942, Pensacola, Escambia Co. FL.
- 9. ix. ROGER LARRY THRASHER, b. 27 October 1943, Pensacola, Escambia Co. FL; d. 21 March 1971, Pensacola, Escambia Co. FL.
- 10. x. LANA CAROLYN THRASHER, b. 04 March 1946, Pensacola, Escambia Co. FL.

5. GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR. (*GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 September 1903 in Alabama, and died 06 February 1985 in Alabama. He married MARGARET STREBILE. She was born 14 October 1902, and died 19 May 2002.

Notes for GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER JR.:

Find a Grave #178288921

More About GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER JR.:

Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co. AL

Notes for MARGARET STREBILE:

Find a Grave #178305996

More About MARGARET STREBILE:

Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co. AL

Child of GATEWOOD JR. and MARGARET STREBILE is:

- i. GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK"<sup>7</sup> THRASHER III, b. 04 April 1925, Alabama; d. 19 December 1984, Alabama.

Notes for GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER III:

Find a Grave #178289045

More About GATEWOOD JOHNSON "JACK" THRASHER III:

Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Co. AL

#### *Generation No. 4*

6. CLAUDE CARLTON<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 10 July 1930, and died 15 March 1985. He married DOROTHY LEE POPHAM.

Notes for CLAUDE CARLTON THRASHER:

Find a Grave #2955913

More About CLAUDE CARLTON THRASHER:

Burial: Beaufort National Cemetery, S. C.

Children of CLAUDE THRASHER and DOROTHY POPHAM are:

- i. MICHAEL<sup>8</sup> THRASHER, b. 1954; d. 11 May 2012.
- ii. ALAN CARLTON THRASHER, b. 1960; d. September 2008.

7. LLOYD CHARLTON<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN*



THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 July 1931, and died 1975. He married CLAUDINE MCCURDY.

More About LLOYD CHARLTON THRASHER:

Burial: Bayview memorial Park, Escambia Co. Fl

Children of LLOYD THRASHER and CLAUDINE MCCURDY are:

- i. KAREN V.<sup>8</sup> THRASHER, b. September 1949.
- ii. MARLA JEAN THRASHER, b. 03 July 1950.
- iii. MARY THRASHER.

8. CLAUDIA PEARL<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 22 April 1942 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl. She married (1) DEAN M. COOK 16 September 1957 in Hillcrest Baptist Church, Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl. He was born 16 September 1938 in Delta, Fulton Co. Ohio. She married (2) ROBERT M. WYNNE SR. 02 November 1971 in Brewton, Escambia Co. Alabama. He was born 15 September 1944 in Elgin Air Force Base, Okaloosa Co. Florida.

Children of CLAUDIA THRASHER and DEAN COOK are:

- i. RALPH DEAN<sup>8</sup> COOK, b. 30 May 1959, Wauseon, Fulton Co. Ohio.
- ii. JULIE ANN COOK, b. 18 August 1960, Fulton Co. Ohio; d. 02 March 1973, Lucas Co. Ohio.

Notes for JULIE ANN COOK:  
Find a Grave #7875375

- iii. KEITH ALLEN COOK, b. 20 August 1962, Wauseon, Fulton Co. Ohio; d. 02 March 1973, Lucas Co. Ohio.

Notes for KEITH ALLEN COOK:  
Find a Grave #7875373

- iv. ANDREW RAY COOK, b. 17 June 1966, Wauseon, Fulton Co. Ohio; d. 02 March 1973, Lucas Co. Ohio.

Notes for ANDREW RAY COOK:  
Find a Grave #7875379

Children of CLAUDIA THRASHER and ROBERT SR. are:

11. v. CYNTHIA MARIE<sup>8</sup> WYNNE, b. 16 June 1968, Toledo, Lucas Co. Ohio.
12. vi. DENNIS LEE WYNNE, b. 25 October 1969, Santa Rosa Co. Florida.
13. vii. ROBERT M. WYNNE JR., b. 24 February 1974, Escambia Co. Florida.

9. ROGER LARRY<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 October 1943 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl, and died 21 March 1971 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl. He married BARBARA ANN DAWSON. She was born 21 July 1947 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl.

Notes for ROGER LARRY THRASHER:

Find a Grave #177355196

His sister Claudia said (2017) that Roger attended Vanderbilt University with a full scholarship in the fall of 1961. He was a member of the Vanderbilt Marching Band.

Roger died in an accident with a train.

More About ROGER LARRY THRASHER:  
Burial: Bayview Memorial Park, Escambia Co. Fl

Child of ROGER THRASHER and BARBARA DAWSON is:  
i. ROGER LARRY THRASHER<sup>8</sup> JR., b. 14 December 1964.

**10.** LANA CAROLYN<sup>7</sup> THRASHER (*LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 04 March 1946 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Fl. She married DOUGLAS WAYNE SIRMON 27 June 1964 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida. He was born 21 December 1943.

Child of LANA THRASHER and DOUGLAS SIRMON is:  
14. i. DOUGLAS GREG<sup>8</sup> SIRMON, b. 01 January 1969.

*Generation No. 5*

**11.** CYNTHIA MARIE<sup>8</sup> WYNNE (*CLAUDIA PEARL<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 16 June 1968 in Toledo, Lucas Co. Ohio. She married (1) JAMES FRANCES Abt. 1988. She married (2) DONALD MITCHELL Abt. 1991. She married (3) JAMES PATTERSON Abt. 1998.

Child of CYNTHIA WYNNE and DONALD MITCHELL is:  
i. BRANDT<sup>9</sup> MITCHELL, b. 14 June 1992, Escambia Co. Florida.

Child of CYNTHIA WYNNE and JAMES PATTERSON is:  
ii. CHANCE<sup>9</sup> PATTERSON, b. 17 March 1999, Escambia Co. Florida.

**12.** DENNIS LEE<sup>8</sup> WYNNE (*CLAUDIA PEARL<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 25 October 1969 in Santa Rosa Co. Florida. He married NORMA RAMOS in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co. Michigan.

Child of DENNIS WYNNE and NORMA RAMOS is:  
15. i. ALLEN RAY<sup>9</sup> WYNNE, b. 24 December 1992.

**13.** ROBERT M. WYNNE<sup>8</sup> JR. (*CLAUDIA PEARL<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 February 1974 in Escambia Co. Florida. He married (1) KRISTIN DYESS 11 July 1994 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida. He married (2) KRISTEN MARCOTTE 30 May 2015 in Pensacola, Escambia Co. Florida.

Child of ROBERT JR. and KRISTIN DYESS is:  
i. TYLER<sup>9</sup> WYNNE, b. 14 October 1995, Escambia Co. Florida.

**14.** DOUGLAS GREG<sup>8</sup> SIRMON (*LANA CAROLYN<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup>*

*JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>)* was born 01 January 1969. He married (1) JESSICA LYNN HOLLIMAN (MCCAIN). She was born 13 November 1975 in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He married (2) UNKNOWN NAME.

Children of DOUGLAS SIRMON and JESSICA (MCCAIN) are:

- i. SEAN DOUGLAS<sup>9</sup> SIRMON, b. 27 October 1997.
- ii. KYLE DOUGLAS SIRMON, b. 12 May 1999.

Children of DOUGLAS SIRMON and UNKNOWN NAME are:

- iii. KAYLANA<sup>9</sup> SIRMON, b. 22 May 2003.
- iv. ZACHERY SIRMON, b. 29 May 2009.

*Generation No. 6*

**15.** ALLEN RAY<sup>9</sup> WYNNE (*DENNIS LEE<sup>8</sup>, CLAUDIA PEARL<sup>7</sup> THRASHER, LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>6</sup> JR., LANFERT CLAUDIAN THRASHER<sup>5</sup> SR., WILLIAM WILSON<sup>4</sup> THRASHER, DAVID<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>)*) was born 24 December 1992. He met HEATHER KUHLITZ. She was born 05 August 1993.

Children of ALLEN WYNNE and HEATHER KUHLITZ are:

- i. TAMBRY RENEE<sup>10</sup> WYNNE, b. 10 April 2009, Floyd Co. Georgia.
- ii. ALAYNA PEARL WYNNE, b. 08 September 2014, Escambia Co. Florida.



## In Loving Memory of Eleanor Gretchen Thrasher



Eleanor Keller Thrasher, aged 92, of Micanopy passed away on December 18, 2017 at Hope Haven Hospice. Her parents, Frederick G. and Marie H. Keller, and sister, Marilyn Keller, passed away years ago. Eleanor was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania on November 16, 1925. She grew up in Philadelphia, Mt. Vernon, and Yonkers, New York and worked as a banker before meeting and marrying John E. Thrasher III in 1955, and moving to Florida. She was a graduate of Tusculum Presbyterian College in Greenville, Tennessee, studying voice

and majoring in Home Economics. Eleanor and John lived in Jacksonville, Florida for 36 years. Eleanor continued working in banks and as a substitute teacher in Lake Shore Junior High School.

She was a member of the St. John's Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir. When John retired, they moved to Micanopy and built their home 'in the woods'. Eleanor was a founding member of the Micanopy Historical Society in 1983 and served as its Historian and museum docent for nearly thirty years. She was a member of the Micanopy 'Farmers' club and was President of both the Micanopy and Alachua County Homemakers. She was also an active member of the Gainesville Camellia Society. Eleanor was a gracious and wonderful hostess – a great cook! She was a loving wife and a super mom to her children.

Eleanor is survived by her husband of 62 years, John E. Thrasher III of Micanopy, Florida; her son, John F. Thrasher and Kathy Thrasher of Newberry, Florida; daughter, Gretchen Thrasher Harris and Bill Harris of Del Mar, California; and grandchildren, John Patrick Thrasher, Anna Marjory Thrasher, William Patrick Harris IV, Paige Christine Harris, and Kelly Rae Harris.

Services were held on Friday, December 22, 2017, in the Milam Funeral Home Chapel, Gainesville, Florida. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Presbyterian Thornwell Home for Children, 302 S. Broad St., Clinton, SC. 29325; The Micanopy Historical Society Archives, Box 462, Micanopy, Florida. 32667, and Hope Haven Hospice in Gainesville, Florida.

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## **Bishop Family Stories**

Submitted by Celestea Sharp

Linda Bishop of the Oconee County, Georgia, Bishop family has been kind enough to let us reprint a charming family history she has inherited through the Bishops. Written by Reverend Irwin L. Bishop in 1971, it represents his memories of the stories his mother told him about her family. His mother, Mattie Asenath Thrasher (1858-1925), married Albinus Bishop in 1876 and lived almost her entire life in Oconee County. Her parents were Barton Cloud Thrasher and Mary Celestia Bird Elder. Among her five siblings were Judge B.E. Thrasher, Frances Pamela (Thrasher) Baxter, and Ola (Thrasher) Jackson.

Our ancestress, Mattie Asenath (Thrasher) Bishop was born in Oconee County near Bishop, Georgia, July 24, 1858 and died, May 17, 1925. She was married to Albinus Bishop of Greene County, July 24, 1876. His record: Born: November 7, 1849. Died: August 17, 1936

They were third cousins through the Hester sisters. Her parents were Mary Celestia Bird Elder and Barton Cloud Thrasher.

They lived in a very substantial house. Once the stage-coach had a stop at this house, it's reported. It stands today, 1971, on the old Thrasher plantation, and it has withstood Indian attacks.

Mattie and some of her sisters were taught to sew, weave and make candles and did other chores around the house. She told us of her many experiences. She remembers when the Union soldiers came by on the march to the sea; the girls put on all their best dresses so they could hardly be seated in their little rocking chairs. This amused the soldiers very much.

Her father had the care of four of his deceased brother's children, two boys and two girls. He was the local Methodist Preacher. He and his wife died from typhoid fever. She and her cousin, Florence Thrasher, later Mrs. Wise, often disagreed. One time they were down in the pasture; the discussion was who would dare to ride the milk cow. Mattie was elected first. The results: the cow threw her over its head and ran down the hill with her skirts caught in its horns. The whole experiment was quite painful before it ended.

Mattie recalls the nasty trick of a Union soldier. He threw a grain of corn on a hook and line out to the finest turkey gobbler, which swallowed it. Then as he dragged it away, he said, "Stop following me, to be killed and cooked."

When a soldier demanded cooked food. Her mother said, "There's plenty of watermelon out there under a tree – help yourself. They replied, "Watermelons don't stop hunger." Mattie thought that was funny. She always saw humor in everything.

Most all her brothers and sisters went to college, Emory, Georgia University and a Church school in Madison – now non-existent. Mattie stayed at the Glenville parsonage with her elder sister and attended high school.

In her youth Mattie lead the singing at Ray's Methodist Church where her father was a steward for many years. She had a marvelous voice and high sense of music.

She was married July 24, 1876 after her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 17. The first year she and her husband lived in Morgan County with her husband's Uncle Brice Bishop. Of the nine children born to this couple, only six reached adulthood. Both parents were very anxious that their children receive the best education they would take. She said she was not worried about leaving them any wealth – only education. Her husband was a good producer and had considerable land property. Even rated by Dunn & Bradstreet at one time.

She delighted her children and grandchildren with stories from the Bible, Mother Goose rhymes and Aesop's fables. On Sunday afternoon the boys from town would gather around on the door steps to listen. She taught the primary class for years at the Watkinsville Church Sunday School.

She, on her side, was descended from a fine line of people: The Elders, Tigners, Halls and Williams, Thrashers, Hesters, Bartons, Matthews, Rittenhouses and others. Polly Reed was descendent of George Reed from England. George Washington and the Lees of Virginia also were from his family.

This is only some of the line of Mattie Asenath Thrasher and does not take in any Bishop line except the Hester line. She had five sons, one daughter, twelve grandsons, two granddaughters, and many great grandchildren and now great-great grandchildren.

NOTE: This is to give to the best of my knowledge a few stories of Mattie T. Bishop as known by the writer, her son.

Irwin L. Bishop

**REMINDER:** Be sure to renew your Thrasher Family Association Membership for 2018. 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 Treasurer, Robert P. "Buddy" Thrasher at: 1047 Old McCrary Road, Columbus, MS 39702

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

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## Registration for the Reunion



### **REMINDER: Call the hotel to make your room reservation**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit payment for the following meal functions:

Saturday Breakfast: \$12.50 per person: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Dinner: \$30 per person: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Breakfast: \$12.50 per person: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you plan to join the group for the followings outings:

*(There will be more details available when we have an idea of how many want to attend)*

Friday Evening Dinner in Historic Williamsburg: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening History Program in Historic Williamsburg: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Tours to Jamestown and Yorktown: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions or if you need additional information about TFA Reunion 2018, please contact John Paul Thrasher (770-328-3991). If planning to attend, please scan and email this registration form to: [john.thrasher@numail.org](mailto:john.thrasher@numail.org) or mail it to: John Paul Thrasher at 5 Woodridge Place, Newnan, GA 30265.