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## 2017 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

### Jul 17 – History of Burt High School:
Joe Ann Mallory Burgess will soon see the culmination of years of dedicated research with the publication of her book *The Odyssey of Burt High School: The Evolution of Education of a Small High School in a Small Southern Town*. She will share some of the many events, insights and stories of accomplishment she discovered during her research.

### Aug 21 – Ratification of Woman’s Suffrage, Tennessee’s Special Role:
2020 Vision Committee reminds us that it was only 97 years ago that Tennessee ratified the 19th Amendment ensuring women’s right to vote in the entire United States. It was a hard fought battle and passed the House by a one vote majority. Learn more about this tumultuous era in Tennessee history and plans for the State to commemorate the 100th anniversary in 2020.

### Sep 18 – It Happened at Porter’s Bluff:
Jim Long is a well-established source of reliable research, transcription and indexing of historical records. Now he focuses his attention on the Clarksville neighborhood of Porter’s Bluff to reveal its history and transformations through the years, once again turning his research into an interesting and information presentation.

### Oct 16 – Mt. Zion Baptist Church:
Carr Johnson will present information about his great, great great grandfather, Horace Carr, and other ex-slaves who founded Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Port Royal, Tennessee, in 1867. The church is still in existence today. His presentation includes an introduction to and readings from *Pioneer Colored Christians* by Harriet Parks Miller.

### Nov – To be announced

### Dec – Christmas Dinner & Awards

### Committees
If you haven’t done so yet, please sign up to serve on a committee. The society is resurrecting the committees again and we need people to serve.

Also needed are people to sign up to bring refreshments. I know we all enjoy them, plus the opportunity to fellowship with our friends we may see only once a month.
Liberation and Reconstruction 1860-1880

"Liberation and Reconstruction in Clarksville, Montgomery County, 1860-1880" is a long-term research project on the demise of slavery and the transformation of the area. Join a panel or do a paper. Participants will present their findings to date on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Civic Hall.

Possible topics include: African American experiences in transition from slavery to freedom; white experiences in transition from slavery to freedom; local politics; local economic and demographic shifts; founding of local African American churches, farms, businesses and communities; changes in public and private education; local diaries, letters, and memoirs; local role of Union occupying units; local recruitment and deployment of USCT; local Union League; local KKK; Role of CSA and USA veterans in politics or economy after 1865; local cultural movements and events.

Anyone interested in participating should please send a written proposal to Professor Kelly Jones, Department of History and Philosophy, Austin Peay State University, PO Box 4486, Clarksville, TN 37044.

If there are any questions, please call Professor Jones at 221-7932 or 221-7919 (Department office) Or Richard Gildrie 648-4317

Descendants of Joseph "Joe" L. Krantz

Joseph "Joe" L. Krantz was born in Nov 1810 in Greenbier, Robertson CO TN and died in 1880 in Cheatham CO TN at age 70. He worked as a Fisher-man in 1880 in Cheatham CO TN. Joe married Frances Virginia Hooper "Jenny" Allbritton. Jenny was born in 1836 in TN. They had children: James "Jim" Brown and G. B.

Son James "Jim" Brown Krantz was born on 20 Jun 1869 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN., died on 22 Dec 1966 at age 97, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. The Clarksville City Directory listed him as residing at 2104 Golf Club Lane in 1957 in Clarksville.

Jim married Emily Ellen Perry. Emily was born in Aug 1867 in Cheatham CO TN and died in 1904 in Davidson CO TN at age 37. Jim next married Alice Ada Forbes on 18 Jun 1905 in TN. Alice was born on 14 May 1885 in TN, died on 19 Apr 1971 in Davidson CO TN at age 85, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. They had children: Vernia Lillian, Mattie Mae, Louie Lester, Zella Tennessee, Junious "June" B., Woodrow Wilson, Corrien Bertha "Connie," Emma L., and Thomas Earl

*Vernia Lillian Krantz* daughter of James Brown and Alice Ada Forbes Krantz was born on 7 Apr 1900 in Cheatham CO TN, died on 25 Apr 1976 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN, at age 76, and was buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Hopkinsville, Christian CO KY. Enclosed is Vernia’s obituary:

MRS. BEN CARROLL CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. '96 Services for Mrs. Vernie L. Carroll, 76, Clarksville, Tenn., and formerly of the Elmo community in Christian County, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at McReynolds Funeral Home in Clarksville. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke. Mrs. Carroll died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday at her home after a long illness. A native of Cheatham County, Tennessee, she was born April 7, 1900, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Krintz. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville. Survivors include two children; five sisters; four brothers; 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Kentucky New Era Monday, Apr 26, 1976

Vernia married Benjamin Thurman Carroll. Benjamin was born on 5 Feb 1899 in Christian CO KY, died on 8 Nov 1956 in Russellville, Logan CO KY at age 57, and was buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Pembroke, Christian CO KY. Enclosed is his obituary:

B. T. Carroll, Former Resident, Dies Thursday
Ben T. Carroll, formerly of Christian County, died at his home in Russellville yesterday morning at 10:20. He was 57 years old. Mr. Carroll was born and lived in this county most of his life. He moved to Russellville five years ago. He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Maloy Halderman of Clarksville, Tenn., Mrs. W. E. Wilkerson of Fort Bliss, Tex., and Mrs. Joseph Boisvert, who lives in France with her husband who is stationed there; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sons, James Thurman, Chester Gilbert and Frank Bassett Carroll. Funeral arrangements were incomplete today. The body was taken to Richardson Funeral Home in Russellville. Kentucky New Era Friday, Nov 9, 1956

They had children: Gertrude Moloy, James Thurman, Chester Gilbert, Lillie Mae, Marjouie Lillian, and Frank Bassett.

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(Descendants of Joseph "Joe" L. Krantz Cont. From page 2)

+Gertrude Moloy Carroll+ daughter of Vernia Lilian Krantz and Benjamin Thurman Carroll was born on 5 Oct 1918 in Christian CO KY. Gertrude married Maloy Halderman. Gertrude next married Willard Dewitt Sanders on 9 Feb 1957 in Robertson CO TN.

+James Thurman Carroll+ son of Vernia Lilian Krantz and Benjamin Thurman Carroll was born on 4 Oct 1920 in Hopkinsville, Christian CO KY and died on 10 Sep 1954 in IN at age 33. James married Dorothy Carroll.

+Chester Gilbert Carroll+ son of Vernia Lilian Krantz and Benjamin Thurman Carroll was born on 10 Jun 1923 in Christian CO KY, died on 10 Sep 1954 in IN at age 31, and was buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Hopkinsville, Christian CO KY. His obituary is enclosed:

Crash on 41
2 Brothers Coming Here For Week-End Are Killed
A traffic accident near Hammond, Ind., last night took the lives of James Thurman Carroll, 33 years old, and his brother, Chester Gilbert Carroll, 31, both natives of Christian County who have recently been working in Chicago. James was a resident of 144 North McPherson Avenue in Hopkinsville but for the past two years had been employed on a paint contract job in Chicago. He had formerly worked as a painter at Fort Campbell.

Gilbert Carroll had been making his home in Chicago for the past eight years. He was also a painter. The brothers were on their way back to Hopkinsville to spend the week-end when their automobile, a Buick, got out of control and crashed. The scene of the tragedy is on Highway 41 not too far south of Chicago.

The bodies of the accident victims are expected to be brought to Hopkinsville for funeral services at Keightley Funeral Home Tuesday morning at 10 o’clock. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery at Pembroke. Other details of the services had not been worked out today.

The Associated Press quoted Illinois state police today as saying the Carroll car got out of control 20 miles south of Hammond while apparently traveling at a high rate of speed. Troopers told the AP the Buick tore out 12 feet of guard rail and struck a utility pole before overturning. The police report said the car finally came to a stop 367 feet from where it left the highway. Neither of the occupants lived to reach a hospital, reports said.

The bodies were born and reared in Christian County and both served with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. A third brother, Frank B. Carroll, lost his life while serving with the Navy off the coast of Korea three years ago. James Carroll was a member of the Chapel Hill Methodist Church. His brother had his church membership in Chicago. The brothers were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Carroll, formerly of the county but now making their home in the Russellville community. James Carroll is also survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Carroll of McPherson Avenue, and three children, Kathy, Joy, and Betty Jo.

Gilbert’s family, residents of Chicago, includes the widow, Mrs. Jacqueline Carroll, and two children, Paul and Lauretta.

The brothers are also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Boisurent of Dover, N. H.; Mrs. W. E. Wilkinson, who is now in Germany; and Mrs. Maloy Halderman of Clarksville.

Kentucky New Era Saturday, Sep 11, 1954

+Lillie Mae Carroll+ daughter of Vernia Lilian Krantz and Benjamin Thurman Carroll was born on 24 May 1927 in Christian CO KY and died in Apr 1971 at age 43. Lillie married Joseph Boisurent.

+Marjouie Lillian Carroll+ was the daughter of Vernia Lilian Krantz and Benjamin Thurman Carroll. Marjouie married W. E. Wilkinson.

+Frank Bassett Carroll+ son of Vernia Lilian Krantz and Benjamin Thurman Carroll was born on 26 Oct 1931 in Christian CO KY and died on 13 Nov 1950 at age 19. Enclosed is his obituary:

Dies In Orient
Is Drowned Off Coast Of Korea Monday
Frank Bassett Carroll, 19 year old resident of the Oak Grove section of the county who quit school at Pembroke High School a year ago to volunteer for the navy, has been killed in the Orient, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Carroll. Young Carroll drowned after he fell or was knocked from the deck of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Philippine Sea on Monday of this week. His body had not been recovered when the department of defense notified the family. The boy was believed the first navy man from Christian County to lose his life during the Korean war. The youth is thought to have drowned off the coast of Korea. Some of the carrier-based planes which have been bombing North Korean forces on the peninsula have been operating off his ship. The family’s last letter from the young navy man was written on Nov. 7 and mailed from Tokyo. At that time the carrier was believed heading back into the waters off Korea. The boy was a sophomore at Pembroke when he left school in order to enlist in the navy. He was a member of the Pembroke basketball team. Seaman Carroll was born on Oct. 26, 1931. Survivors in addition to the parents include three sisters, Mrs. Maloy Holderman of Clarksville, Mrs. Joseph Boisvert of Louisville, and Miss Margie Carroll of Oak Grove; and two brothers, Chester G. Carroll of Chicago and Thurman Carroll of Oak Grove.

Kentucky New Era Saturday, Nov 18, 1950

*Mattie Mae Krantz+ daughter of James Brown and Alice Ada Forbes Krantz was born on 7 Jun 1906 in Montgomery CO TN and died in Feb 1993 in Old Hickory, Davidson CO TN at age 86. Mattie married Fred McKee. Fred was born about 1908 in KY. They had son: Howard Eugene "Gene". He was born on 3 Feb 1935 in Old Hickory, Davidson CO TN, died on 7 Sep 2007 in Gray, Jones CO GA at age 72, and was buried in Heritage Memorial Gardens, Old Hickory, Davidson CO TN.

*Louie Lester Krantz+ son of James Brown and Alice Ada Forbes Krantz was born on 16 Oct 1908 in TN, died on 9 Aug 1985 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN, at age 76, and was buried in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN.

Louie married Alberta Elizabeth Lisenbee. Alberta was born on 6 Jun 1913 in TN, died on 18 Oct 1994 in Clarksville, at age 81, and was buried in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Clarksville.

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WHAT WOULD YOU FIND IF YOU LOOKED IN THE "WINDOW INTO THE PAST" IN JUNE:

Clarksville Chronicle (Clarksville, Tennessee) • 15 Jun 1860, Fri • P. 3
Now that the "hot term" is upon us our spirited young men are celebrating the event by animated contests at marbles. Get on the shady side of any tenement—a grocery we notice is preferred—and you will find the elite of Providence engaged in the dignified pastime.

Clarksville Chronicle (Clarksville, Tennessee) • 15 Jun 1860, Fri • P. 3
A well-known Providence gentleman returning from Clarksville with a barrel of lager received somehow considerable injury, and as his account is considerably mixed, the question—will lager intoxicate?—has been revived among our savans. Should they decide that it will, or can, it will follow as a reasonable inference that the barrel became somewhat obfuscated, and struck the aforesaid gentleman on his nasal protrubrance, and thereby disfigured it. This is his theory, but some persons are ungenerous enough to dub it.

Clarksville Chronicle (Clarksville, Tennessee) • 27 Jun 1874, Sat Page 3
A Beautiful little child, the daughter of Mr. Donelan, of Council Bluffs, Iow, was stolen last week by a party of gypsies infesting that vicinity, and has not yet been found. From two to three hundred persons have been hunting for the lost one several days, but in vain.—Exchange.

A party of gypsies passed through this city last week, and we learn they were on their way to Paducah. A gentleman informs us that he noticed a very pretty little girl in one of the wagons, who looked dejected and had the appearance of having been badly treated. We state this fact, as it "may be a tale unfolded."

The Tennessean (Nashville, Tennessee) • 06 Jun 1914, Sat • Page 3
MONSTROSITY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY
CLARKSVILLE. Tenn., June 5.—(Special.)—Lura Bush, an old colored woman residing on the south side of the river, near Edmondson's Ferry, brought a freak of nature to the city today, it being a chicken with four perfect feet and legs. In addition to this multiplicity of feet and legs, its beak was forked. but otherwise the head and body were perfect.

HOUSE ON STATE LINE DOING LIQUOR BUSINESS
Officers from Tennessee and Kentucky Make Joint Raid.
CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., June 29, 1917.—(Special.)—For some weeks, grave complaint has been made here that a disorderly house was being run on the state line near Guthrie, Ky. The house, it is said, was so built that the state line ran directly through it, one-half being in Kentucky. Intoxicating liquor, it is said, was kept here for sale. If the officers came from Tennessee it would be claimed that the sale was in Kentucky, and if the officers were from Kentucky, it would be claimed that the sale was in Tennessee. Last night the sherriff of Todd County, Kentucky, with deputies and also officers from Tennessee met them and raided the place and found a quantity of beer and whisky. Three persons were also arrested and brought to Clarksville.
Surveyors under the direction of county officials of Montgomery county, Tenn. and the mayor and other officials of Guthrie today surveyed the land on which the house stands. and tonight, they declared that four-fifths of the building is in Montgomery county, Tennessee. Following completion of the survey a conference was held for the purpose of deciding whether or not the house should be torn away. Officials are determined that no liquor shall be sold in Montgomery county, and it is probable that the building will be destroyed in an effort to stop the illicit traffic in liquor. Feeling is running high as a result of the incident.

VIOLATION OF AGE OF CONSENT CASE STARTS
(Special to The Tennessean.)
CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., June 8.—With over fifty witnesses summoned, the trial of Milford Tucker on a charge of violating the age of consent law, against Annie Mae Stanley, which began in Criminal Court Tuesday afternoon, promised to be of long duration. The Jury was selected after considerable difficulty Tuesday afternoon. and Shields Stanley, father of the girl, was the first witness as the prosecutor. The defendant is represented by HON. Austin Peay and W. M. Daniel, Jr., Attorney-General Matt O. Lyle is assisted in the prosecution by Hon, Danzey Fort.

The Tennessean (Nashville, Tennessee) • 28 Jun 1925, Sun Page 5
"Dumbest Hen" Tries Hatching Her Roost Pole.
(Special to The Tennessean) Clarksville, Tenn., June 21—Trustee Hartwell Marble of this county is laying undisputed claim to the dumbest hen in this section. A large Plymouth Rock in his flock, according to the trustee, has laid a score or more of eggs from a roost pole in the henhouse at his home, and after completing the egg-laying course, began setting on the pole, registering indignation whenever another member of the flock sought rest near her. A score or more of eggs were crushed by the fall to the ground.

The Tennessean (Nashville, Tennessee) • 17 Jun 1932, Fri Page 4
GETS SERVICE BUTTON
CLARKSVILLE. Tenn., June 16—(Spl)—A 35-year silver service button to replace one given him 10 years ago, for a Quarter of a century of continuous work for the Louisville & Nashville railroad, has been received by W. Carl Ingram, draughtender on the Cumberland river trestle here since 1903. from U. P. Walden of Paris, supervisor of bridges and buildings. Before coming here Mr. Ingram served with the bridge and building department of the railroad.

The Tennessean (Nashville, Tennessee) • 17 Jun 1932, Fri Page 4
On Trial for Son's Death
CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., June 16.—(Spl)—Trial was begun in Montgomery County Criminal Court Thursday morning for Freeman Sutter. District 18 farmer, indicted for second degree murder in the slaying on the night of August 30, of his 6-year-old son, J. W. Huller. A charge of assault and battery with intent to kill in connection with the wounding of Wesley Moats, tenant on the Suitor farm, is to be heard along with the other case. Sutter. accusing Moats of intimacy with Mrs. Sutter, fired a charge from a shotgun at him when he found them together in the home. The child sleeping on a bed in the room was killed by the shotgun charge which went wild. Sutter chased Moats on to the road and inflicted a flesh wound on him, and was unaware of the child's death until he returned to the house.

The Tennessean, 19 Jun 1935, Wed, Page 11
ROBBER ESCAPES AS TRAP SPRINGS
CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., June 15—(Sp)—A chicken thief narrowly escaped death early Tuesday morning at the home of Howell Gholson in the suburbs of Clarksville when a trap set to catch him was set off; causing the explosion of two sticks of dynamite. Gholson stated that his chicken house had been visited four previous times by a thief and his fowls were disappearing rapidly. He rigged up a trip consisting of wires connected with the dynamite. The trap was expected to catch the thief as he entered the chicken yard. but in some manner, he failed to touch the wires until he was leaving with a sack of chickens. The two sticks of dynamite placed about six feet from the ground exploded blowing the chickens in all directions for more than a hundred yards and slightly injuring only a few. An investigation revealed that the robber had escaped. Whether or not he was injured has not been learned. No arrests have been made. A large number of petty thefts have been reported in the community for the past year including chickens, tobacco, corn, potatoes and tools.

THIS MONTH, THE "WINDOW INTO THE PAST" IS CLOSED.
MEMBERSHIP
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If you missed May’s program you missed out on an important part of Clarksville’s history. Guest speaker Carolyn Stier Ferrell presented a program on Clarksville’s Hotels. She captured the audience, and I noticed there was no shifting or moving around like you find when an audience is bored. I know I was left wanting to hear more. Carolyn mainly focused on the Franklin House. The Franklin House welcomed guests from all walks of life, from the powerful and notable to the ordinary. Each was received with the warm hospitality legendary from the hotel’s hosts, Billy and Sallie Bringhurst.

Carolyn Stier Ferrell is a fourth generation resident of Clarksville, Ms. Ferrell is familiar with the stories and images of the people as well as the events of the town she loves to call home. She taught Biology 25 years in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System and has written 7 books on the history of Clarksville and Montgomery County. Frequent guest speaker at civic clubs and organizations. She is the guest host for multiple "History and Heritage" TV Shows and is currently working on several projects for the city. She can be reached at carolynsferrrell@hotmail.com.

At the May historical society meeting MCHS Treasurer Jeff Harris presents Kali Mason, representative for the Custom House Museum, a check for $500 to go toward the restoration of the Serepta Jordan Diary.
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