Monthly Meeting
Time: 7 p.m.
Third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted

**********Meet at train station********
November 21
Mr. David Straka
“History of Trains in Clarksville”

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3
2011 HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER/PROGRAM
WHERE: MADISON ST. METHODIST FELLOWSHIP HALL
TIME: 5:30 - 8:30
PARKING: AVAILABLE BACK OF CHURCH
MUSICAL PROGRAM: BILL & CAROL MORRIS & CO
CATERER: MARGIE CRAIN, COST: $20.00
RESERVATIONS BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
CONTACT: BILLYFRANK MORRISON 648-2383
OR RUBYE PATCH 647-4104

November meeting:
Monday, November 21, our scheduled program is: "History of Trains in Clarksville" to be presented by speaker, David Straka. This meeting will be held (where else?) at L&N Train Station. David, born and bred in Louisville, the birthplace of L&N, chartered in 1850, cut his teeth on train whistles, as he could hear them blowing morning, noon and night from his baby crib. Never losing a love for that comforting sound, he, even today, owns toy trains. As his mother's family is Swedish, David sits on a branch of our own Inga Filippo's family tree.

Society's Program Committee:
"It takes a village" to plan on-going interest-grabbing programs and we are blessed with such "villagers", including: C. David Elliott; Joe Filippo; Pam Gadsey; Don Horton; Reber Kennedy; Jim Marshall; Marjorie Wade; Barbara Wilbur and our newest committee member, Mary Nell Wooten. Mary Nell, as you know, is active in oodles of volunteer community planning, which number, among others, both Roxy Theatre Board and Arts & Heritage Development Council. A retired head librarian at Fort Campbell, she also has lent valuable and faithful leadership, as former chair of the River Commission. Welcome to this "village think tank", Mary Nell.

December Christmas party:
Saturday, Dec 3 (5:30 - 8:30) the society's Christmas dinner plus musical program are to be enjoyed from Madison Street Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall, courtesy of both the church and business administrator, Phil Whittinghill. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED: Your reservation is your check for $20. (made to Historical Society Christmas Dinner) which may be handed in, if not already, to Glenda Angus at the Nov regular meeting, Monday, Nov 21. Caterer is Margie Crain, Music, as always, graciously will be provided by our multi-talented society members. And yes, Santa will again appear! (Billyfrank, phone #: 648-2383, has agreed to be available for late phone calls BUT PLEASE DON'T WAIT! Deadline for checks "in hand" is BEFORE Thanksgiving)

By Rubye Patch
COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT
Billyfrank Morrison

Our last meeting was productive in that we approved a number of significant items that had been worked on throughout the year.

First were the revised by-laws – Tracy Jackson did most of the work on these before presenting them to the board. The board members then spent more than an hour reviewing them one night. They were accepted by a majority vote. The most important change, in my opinion, was ensuring all members of the board had a voice and vote.

The second issue was the board’s proposal that we make a $13,600 contribution to Sevier Station (the history of which remains uncertain). But, of this we are certain, the structure is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, structures in Montgomery County. Cindy Marczak chaired the Preservation Committee which has worked with the City Parks & Recreation, the people in the community surrounding Sevier Station, potential contractors and our own Society throughout the year. Identifying a builder with the expertise to restore the hand split cedar shakes was difficult but they managed. So as Tracy Jackson, our treasurer says, “We own the roof and of the structure and make a gift of it to the city. Both the city and DAR have agreed to do some landscaping and clean up of the site in the future.

We also voted by acclamation to accept the slate provided by Nominating Committee Chairperson, Marjorie Wade who was in Canada with her golfing husband, Buddy. It was jokingly said at the meeting that as soon as I made her Chair of the committee – she fled the country. The new officers for 2012 are: President, Sandra Stacey; VP James Moore; Secretary, Linda Nichols; Corresponding Secretary, Molly Cook; Treasurer, Glenda Angus and Member-at-Large, Marjorie Wade. This group will take office on 1 January 2012.

Eleanor, Reber, Ruby and others made contributions to, Who is Coming for Dinner, but the two who went above and beyond to make this fundraiser such a success were Joe Filippo and Sara Gotcher. Thanks to all of you for your tireless efforts.

We are planning a wonderful Christmas Program this year and you will not want to miss it. Make your reservations soon. Here is what we know now and there is more to come on this:

Date – Saturday 3 December
Time - 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Location - Madison Street Methodist Church’s Fellowship Hall
Caterer - Margie Johnson Crain
Music Program - Bill/Carol Morris and guest singers/musicans
Tickets - $20 per person
Reservations - Need to be made by 23 November
Ticket Availability - See Glenda Angus at the November meeting, visit the Train Station Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, or call Billyfrank Morrison (H) 648-2383 or (C) 551-6906

For anyone inconvenienced by the change of venue for the October meeting I apologize. I learned late that the rooms at APSU were not available and we did our best in announcing the change. One other glitch I want to mention. Two groups of members did something good and it went wrong. Margie and Tom Pressler have served all year as co-chairs of the Hospitality Committee. They manage our refreshment after every meeting but because they first went to APSU, they were late arriving at the train station for the October meeting. So on this night we found two groups. The October Guest Speaker, Mr. Carney Wright provided us with a good history of hospital care in Montgomery County and told some great stories. We now look forward to the November meeting with guest speaker David Straka and the, History of Trains in Clarksville. We will meet AT THE TRAIN STATION! Thanks again to everyone.

CAPTAIN JAMES HAMLETT

For this month’s issue I continued to research the Masons of lodge #89 Clarksville, TN. I chose James M Hamlett to research. He was Worshipful Master of lodge #89 in 1909 and 1910. There are other Hamlett men with the same name, so it is hard to place which James M. was the Mason.

James M. Hamlett

During my research I found a Captain James Hamlett who according to his obituary, was born 25 Nov. 1795 in Warren County NC. His tombstone has his birth date engraved as 2 Dec. 1795. Captain James died 1 May 1887 at the age of 92 in Montgomery County TN. Captain James is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery County TN. His obituary is below:

HAMLETT, James
Born in Warren County, North Carolina on 25 Nov. 1795. Age 92 yrs. Died 1 May 1887, at the home of his son, J. J. Hamlett, on First St. Probably the oldest citizen of Montgomery County, both as resident and actual age. Came to Montgomery County at age of ten years and settled in Port Royal, TN. Served in the War of 1812. Fought British under Jackson's command, at New Orleans. Named oldest son for Andrew Jackson. President Andrew Jackson presented him with a silver half-dollar which still remains in the family. Lived under all presidents of the United States until time of his death. Had ten children, seven of whom are still living. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery.
Semi-Weekly Tobacco Leaf. (3 May 1887 p.1)

Captain James Obiutary was also in Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate, 1897-1899.

Captain James married Jane Culton Atkins 13 Aug. 1823 in Robertson County TN. He was 27 and Jane was 18. They had a short life together. Jane was born 27 June 1805 in Robertson County TN and died 4 Oct. 1824 in Port Royal, Montgomery County TN at the age of 19. After Jane’s death Captain James married Jane’s sister Mary. Mary was born 27 June 1812 and died 7 June 1875 at the age of 62.

Captain James Hamlett

After they married, Captain James and Mary moved to a little cottage home on the Hopson Estate near Port Royal, Montgomery County TN (The Bell Witch of Tennessee by Charles Bailey Bell). Jane and Mary were the daughters of James Thompson and Margaret Patterson Atkins. Captain James and Mary had children: James Joseph, Francis Marian, Andrew Jackson, Mary Jane, Josephine, Maria Louise, Susan, and Margaret A.

James Joseph son of Captain James was born 24 Oct. 1824 in Port Royal, Montgomery County TN and died 29 May 1902 in Clarksville, Montgomery County TN at the age of 77. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery County TN. Below is his obituary:

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HAMLETT, James Joseph.
Born in Port Royal, TN. on 24 Oct. 1824. Died 29 May 1902, at the home of his son, James M. Hamlett on Union St., of pneumonia. Moved to Clarksville in 1856 from Port Royal. Married Miss Sue Morrison. A Mason, I.O.O.F. and filled several high offices in same. Survivors are: James M. Hamlett, R. L. Hamlett, Mrs. B. M. Barksdale and Joseph Hamlett. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

Daily Leaf Chronicle. (30 May 1902 p.1 and 3 June 1902 p.5)

James Joseph married Susan Elizabeth Morrison 1 Feb. 1855 in Salem, Montgomery County TN. James Joseph was 30 and Susan was 16. Susan was born 8 Feb. 1838 in Salem and died 27 Aug. 1900 in Clarksville, Montgomery County TN at the age of 62. Below is Susan’s obituary:

HAMLETT, Mrs. Susan.

Daily Leaf Chronicle. (27 Aug. 1900 p.1 and 29 Aug. 1900 p.6)

In the 1870 census record, James Joseph’s occupation was listed as Gloves and Tinware salesman. In the 1900 census his occupation was listed as painter. James and wife Susan had seven children: Robert Lee, Clara B, James “Jim” Morrison, Nancy “Nannie” J, Mary, Charles “Charley” Barker, and Joseph H.

Robert Lee son of James Joseph was born around 1856 and died in Fort Worth, Tarrant, TX. Robert Lee married Phebe D. Stanley in 1883. He was 28 and Phebe was 27. Phebe was born 25 Mar. 1856 in Simpson County, KY and died in 1926 in TX. Robert Lee and Phebe had children: Minnie, Charles Stanley, Lena, Henry D. and James “Jim”.

Robert Lee was found in the 1860, 1870 and 1880 Montgomery County TN census records. In the 1900 and 1910 census records he was found in Justice Precinct 2 (Alvord Voting Precinct 5 & West Part of Voting Precinct 22), Wise, TX. In the 1920 census record he was found in Fort Worth Ward 9, Tarrant County TX.

Clara B daughter of James Joseph was born Apr. 1857 and died 1 Dec. 1914 in Lafayette, KY; Clara B is buried in Powell Cemetery, Lafayette, KY. Below is her obituary:

BARKSDALE, Mrs. Bailey M.
Born in Apr. 1857. Died 1 Dec. 1914, at the home of her son-in-law, R. S. Wooten in Lafayette, KY. Maiden name was Miss Clara Hamlett. Daughter of the late J. J. and Mrs. Elizabeth Hamlett. Married Bailey M. Barksdale in Sept. 1877. Had ten children, but only two survive her: one daughter, Mrs. Graham Renfro and one son, James Barksdale. Mentions the name of oldest child the late Ester Barksdale, Mrs. R. S. Wooten. Methodist. Leaves three brothers: Robert, Joseph and James M. Hamlett. Interment at Powell Cemetery, in Lafayette, KY.

Clarksville Daily Leaf Chronicle. (1 Dec. 1914 p.1)

James “Jim” Morrison son of James Joseph was born 31 Jul. 1864 in Clarksville, Montgomery County TN and died 27 Aug. 1948 in Kingsport, Sullivan County TN. I feel like “Jim” may be the Mason I was researching; “James” would have been 45 years old at the time he

he held office. The census records list “Jim” as living in Clarksville until 1920 when he had moved to Kingsport, TN. In the 1900 census record “Jim’s” occupation was listed as Furniture Salesman. In 1910, the census lists his occupation as Undertaker. The undertaker establishment was called the Hamlett-Tarpley Company. I found the obituary of Henry Marklin dated 7 Dec. 1912 that verifies that the Hamlett-Tarpley Company did exist. “Jim” married Maude Clifton 4 June 1901 in Montgomery County TN. Jim was 36 and Maude was 29. Maud was born 28 Aug. 1871 in Clarksville and died 29 Apr. 1959 in Kingsport. Jim and Maud had children: C. Clifton, Elizabeth, Clara I. and James Morrison Jr.

Nancy "Nannie" J daughter of James Joseph was born about 1869 in TN. She married Terrell Collins.

Mary daughter of James Joseph was born about 1869 in TN.

Charles "Charley" Barker son of James Joseph was born 21 Sept. 1872 in TN and died 25 May 1877 in Clarksville, TN. “Charley” is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Plot: Sec 1, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. Below is his obituary:

HAMLETT, Charles Barker.
Age 2 yrs. 8 mos. 4 days. Died 25 May 1877, of meningitis, in Clarksville. Son of J.J. and Mrs. S.E Hamlett.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle. (2 June 1877 p.3)

Joseph H son of James Joseph was born Aug. 1877 in TN. In the 1900 census record his occupation was listed as Salesman for a Drug Company. He moved to TX then to CA.

⇒ Francis "Frank" Marion son of Captain James was born 7 May 1827 in TN and died 10 Nov. 1908 in Harrison County TX. "Frank" is buried in Marshall Cemetery, Harrison County TX. He was a Confederate Veteran and enlisted in the army April 1861. “Frank” enlisted as a Private in Lays Texas Rangers. “Frank” was Captured June 1863 and released Aug. 1863. He was paroled May 20, 1865. “Frank’s” rank at the close of war was 2nd Corporal.

⇒ Andrew Jackson son of Captain James was born 1 Jul. 1832 in TN and died 27 Sept. 1880. Andrew is buried in Hamlett Cemetery, Port Royal, Montgomery County TN. Andrew was the owner of the farm the cemetery was on. Below is his obituary:

HAMLETT, Mr. Andrew Jackson.
Age ca. 50 yrs. Died 28 Sept. 1880, in Dist. #5. Deacon in Harmony Baptist Church. Named for Gen. Andrew Jackson. Had a silver half-dollar in his possession at the time of death, which was given to him by Gen. Andrew Jackson.

Semi-Weekly Tobacco Leaf. (5 Oct. 1880 p.1)
Clarksville Weekly Chronicle. (9 Oct. 1880 p.3)

Andrew married Rachel Winifred "Winnie" McNeill 14 Feb. 1855 in Montgomery CO TN. “Winnie”. Andrew was 22 and Rachel was 16. Rachel was born 7 Feb. 1839 and died 26 Jan. 1913. She is also buried in the hamlet Cemetery. Andrew and Rachel had the following children: Andrew Jackson II, Theodore S., and James Henry.

⇒ Mary Jane daughter of Captain James was born 16 Nov. 1833 in TN and died 3 Apr. 1883.

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⇒ Josephine daughter of Captain James was born 5 Apr. 1838 and died 20 June 1917 in Dix, IL. Josephine married Benjamin Franklin Norfleet 10 Oct. 1855 in Montgomery County TN. Benjamin was 23 and Josephine was 17. Benjamin was born 29 May 1832 Montgomery County TN and died 21 Jan. 1916 in Marion, AL. Benjamin and Josephine had the following children: Thomas Meritt, Erma, James Marmaduke, Edgar, Jefferson, Sidney, Endora J, Beulah, Uslah, Benjamin F and Starkey Barnard.

⇒ Maria Louise daughter of Captain James was born Sep. 1840 in TN.
⇒ Susan daughter of Captain James was born about 1843 in TN
⇒ Margaret Ann daughter of Captain James was born 4 May 1844 in TN and died 9 Aug. 1918 in Nashville, Davidson County TN at the age of 74. She is buried in Clarksville, TN. Margaret married Dave Halliburton. Dave’s occupation was listed as a Carpenter in the 1880 census record.

Margaret Ann Hamlett Halliburton Death Certificate

There are other branches of Hamletts, but I chose this family, because I think it is related to James M Hamlett.

LIVING HISTORY EVENT SCHEDULE
Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park
Nashville, TN

“Struggle for the Heartland”
Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th, 2011
*Schedule is for both days*

Demonstrations:
10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:00 p.m.
♦ U.S. and C.S. Infantry and Artillery Drills – Area D
♦ Blacksmith Demonstration – Area C
♦ Civil War Photography Demonstration – Area C – Friday only
♦ Civil War Music Demonstration – Area C
♦ Civil War Civilian Activities – Area C
♦ Civil War Medical Demonstrations – Area C

Tactical Demonstration – Area D:
11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
♦ Civil War Musketry and Artillery Demonstrations

Speakers – Area D Stage:
10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.,
♦ Confederate Private Sam Watkins Speaks Friday Only
♦ Tennessee Governor Isham Harris Speaks Saturday Only
10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
♦ General U.S. Grant Speaks
11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
♦ General George H. Thomas Speaks
11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

All Living History Activities Conclude for the Day at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by Randy Rubel

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome new members:
Carolyn Tate
3100 Holly point
Clarksville, TN 37043
tate9075@bellsouth.net
Lifetime Member

Mallie & Edward Goostree
208 South Cove Terrace Dr.
Panama City, FL 32401
goostree@gmail.com

Deborah Gail Stanfill
968 Todd PREIS Dr.
Nashville, TN 37221
debstanfill@comcast.net

2012 ELECTED OFFICERS

At October’s meeting, the following individuals were elected to serve the Montgomery County Historical Society for the year 2012.

President – Sandra Stacey
VP – Jim Moore
Secretary – Linda Nichols
Corresponding Secretary – Molly Cook
Treasurer – Glenda Angus
Member-At-Large – Marjorie Wade
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Gold Star Wives/Eagles Chapter is working to get donations for wreaths across America for the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery. If you would like to donate call Hazel Morrison at 931-920-2775 for more information. Below is a form with prices listed and an address to send your donation to.

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Please check type of membership
(Membership period is January to December)

Please make checks payable to MCHS

Individual ☐ $20  Family ☐ $30  Student (K-12) ☐ $5  Life ☐ $200
Corporate ☐ $250  Institutional ☐ $500  Preservation Society (2 years) ☐ $2,000

New Member ☐  Renewal Member ☐  Changing Membership ☐