



“THE CORNSHELLER”



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*All programs meet on the 3rd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.*

*All regular meetings will be held at the
Civic Center located in the Veterans' Plaza*

- Apr 18 BRENDA HARPER
THE NARCISSA LETTERS -
D.M. WOOD COLLECTION OF DANNY PERRY
- May 16 JIM LONG
SECRETS FROM THE STEWART COUNTY ARCHIVES
- Jun 18 REVEREND VON W. UNRUH
DIARIES OF REVEREND JEREMIAH W. CULLOM OF THE
ASBURY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OUTING AT MT. CARMEL METHODIST CHURCH
- JUL 18 BARBARA WILBUR AND OTHERS
MEMORIES OF FT. CAMPBELL 1941-1942
- Aug 15 RANDY RUBEL
HISTORY OF THE MONTGOMERY CO. FIRE DEPT.
- Sep 19 ELEANOR WILLIAMS, ELLEN KANERVO,
MINOA UFFLEMAN & PHYLLIS SMITH
SEREPTA JORDAN DIARY
- Oct 17 BILLYFRANK MORRISON
HIGH PROFILE MURDERS "BACK IN THE DAY"
- Nov 21 KURT BRYANT
RURAL ROUTE 7, THE LONGEST RURAL ROUTE IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CARRIED BY MY DAD
- Dec 12 CHRISTMAS DINNER**
CIVIC CENTER

"The underlined items will take the place of our regular meetings. On these months there will be no other meetings, just our outings."

LOCATION

L&N Train Station
10th & Commerce Streets
Clarksville, TN 37040
931.553.2486

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Officers:

PresidentKurt Bryant
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Correspondence SecretaryOpal Kennedy
TreasurerAl Irby

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County HistorianEleanor Williams
County ArchivistJill Hastings Johnson
County GenealogistGail Longton

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Molly Cook
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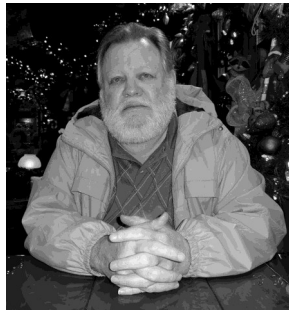


**Congratulations to member Hazel Goodlett.
Hazel celebrated her 94th birthday in February**



MCHS MEMBER OF THE MONTH
Frederick (Fred) William Stacey III

This month's member of the month Frederick (Fred) William Stacey III, is the spouse of Sandra J. Stacey the "Corn-sheller" Editor. They have been married 34 years and have a combined family of six children; three girls Shannon, Heather and Melissa are his and three boys Chuck, Mark and Steve May are hers. They met while he was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. She was the daughter of a retired MSGT.



Fred, the name he goes by was born in Jacksonville, Florida. During his time of service he served in Vietnam with the first Air Calvary during the TET-68. Fred's father served with the 3rd Armored Division during WWII. One of Fred's Grandsons served with 4th Infantry Division in Afghanistan. One of his G-G-Grandfather's served in the revolutionary war. His name was SGT Theodore Adriaance a guard at the prison that held Benedict Arnold. Fred's family wasn't entirely military, he also descends from Joel Jewel a famous Presbyterian Minister.



As an army brat, in the 50's and early 60's Fred traveled to Germany, Okinawa, Japan and different Army posts throughout the Southeastern United States until his Dad retired in the mid 60's at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Something Fred and Sandra both have in common; she was an army brat and traveled to Germany, Okinawa, Japan and different Army posts until her father became stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky where he retired after 31 years. After Fred's father retired Fred joined the service in Louisville, Kentucky in 1966 .

After Fred completed his military service he attended Austin Peay State University. While attending Austin Peay he was hired by the Clarksville - Montgomery County school system to work in the maintenance department where he rose to the position of Operations Foreman. After 27 years Fred retired in 2011. Today his step-son Mark May works for the school system in the maintenance department in small engine repair.



Fred spends his time now spoiling his wife and his other lady, his dog Alea. He works on his computer and watches television and just enjoys retirement. At Thanksgiving and Christmas he visits with his thirteen or more grandchildren and great-grandchildren and that keeps him happy for the rest of the year. Of course His wife keeps a honeydo list for him that he works on occasionally, and for him life is great!

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT HENRY WEAKLEY

Robert Henry Weakley was born in NC. He married Louisa "Eliza" T. Lewis. She was born in Stewart CO TN. **Robert** and Louisa had children: Thomas Jefferson, Robert Lewis, and George W.

***Thomas Jefferson Weakley** son of Robert Henry and Louisa "Eliza" T. Lewis Weakley was born in 1855 in Montgomery CO TN

***Robert Lewis Weakley** son of Robert Henry and Louisa "Eliza" T. Lewis Weakley was born 12 Nov. 1856 in Cheatham CO TN and died 8 Mar. 1930 in Montgomery CO TN at age 73, and was buried in Adkins Cemetery, Montgomery CO TN. Robert Lewis married Sarah J. Miles 12 May 1887 in Cheatham CO TN. Sarah J. was born about 1865 in TN and died 17 Jul. 1939 in TN about age 74. They had children: Robert Whitfield "Whit" and Mable C.

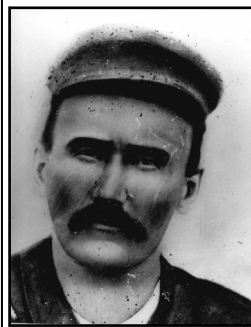
+**Robert Whitfield "Whit" Weakley** son of Robert Lewis and Sarah J. Miles Weakley was born 29 Aug. 1891 in Cheatham CO TN and died 1 May 1953 in Christian CO KY at age 61 and was buried in Atkins Cemetery, Cheatham CO TN. He worked as a Painter. "**Whit**" married Carrie Lee Lollar. Carrie Lee was born about 1906 in TN and died 9 Mar. 1932 in Hickory Point, Montgomery CO TN about age 26. They had children: Robert W. and Jos. Samuel W.

/**Robert W. Weakley** son of Robert Whitfield "Whit" and Carrie Lee Lollar Weakley was born 15 Jun. 1927 and died 25 Jul; 2001 in Elkton, Douglas CO OR at age 74.

/**Jos. Samuel W. Weakley** son of Robert Whitfield "Whit" and Carrie Lee Lollar Weakley was born 3 Mar. 1932 in TN and died 22 Jun. 1932 in Montgomery CO TN.

+**Mable C. Weakley** daughter of Robert Lewis and Sarah J. Miles Weakley was born 30 Oct. 1901 in TN and died 25 Feb. 1991 in Hopkinsville, Christian CO KY at age 89.

***George W. Weakley** son of Robert Henry and Louisa "Eliza" T. Lewis



George W. Weakley

Weakley was born 9 Jun. 1858 in Montgomery CO TN and died 6 Sept. 1900 in Cheatham CO TN at age 42 and was buried in Adkins Cemetery, Montgomery CO TN. **George W.** married Emma Bell Smith, daughter of Jonathan M. Smith and Mary Gupton, 2 May 1878 in Montgomery CO TN. Emma Bell was born 23 Mar. 1861, died 12 Feb. 1955 in Cheatham



Louisa "Eliza" T. Lewis

CO TN at age 93, and was buried in Adkins Cemetery, Montgomery CO TN. They had children: John Wilman and James Walter.

=**John Wilman Weakley** son of George W. and Emma Bell Smith Weakley was born 22 Jul. 1879 in Montgomery CO TN and died 29 Aug. 1948 at age 69. **John Wilman** married Cinderella Simmons 16 Jun. 1900 in Montgomery CO TN. Cinderella was born 20 Jan. 1884 and died 12 Oct. 1958 at age 74. They had children: Lizzie Mable, Alva Lution, Velma Gertrude, and Ernest E.

Children of John Wilman and Cinderella Simmons Weakley:

- **Lizzie Mable Weakley** was born on 6 Jul. 1901. She married George Nichols on 24 Dec. 1923 in Cheatham CO TN.
- Alva Lution Weakley was born 25 Dec. 1903.

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(Descendants of Robert Henry Weakley Cont. from p. 2)

- **Velma Gertrude Weakley** was born 27 Jul. 1906. **Velma** married Henry Cleveland Ellis 29 Nov. 1923 in Robertson CO TN.
- **Ernest E. Weakley** was born 20 Mar. 1909. **Ernest E.** married Pearl Hicks 19 Apr. 1929 in Montgomery CO TN. Pearl was born 25 Jan. 1906.

***James Walter Weakley** son of George W. and Emma Bell Smith Weakley was born 13 Mar.



James Walter Weakley

1886 in TN and died 15 Dec. 1928 in Indian Mound, Stewart CO TN at age 42, and was buried in Hall Cemetery, Stewart CO TN. **James Walter** married Lucy Hogan. Lucy was born 26 Sept. 1887 in Stewart CO TN and died 12 Dec. 1923 in Indian Mound, Stewart CO TN at age 36, and was buried in Hall Cemetery, Stewart CO TN. They had one Richard Walter.



Lucy Hogan

Richard Walter Weakley Jr. was born 21 Apr. 1912 in Montgomery CO TN, and died 28 Jul. 1971 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN at age 59, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. **Richard** served in the military. He served in World War II as a PVT with the 82nd Chemical Mortar Battalion in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of Operations as a member of a 42 inch mortar crew. He drew shells from ammunition dumps and distributed them to the mortar crew. **Richard Walter** married Elma Mae Lisenbee. Elma Mae was born 14 Jul. 1912 in Montgomery CO TN and died 17 Jun. 1980 in Cheatham CO TN at age 67, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. They had children: Melba Joyce, Bobby Carroll, and Joseph Howard.



Richard Walter Weakley Jr.



Elma Mae Lisenbee

))**Melba Joyce Weakley** daughter of Richard Walter Jr and Elma Mae Lisenbee Weakley was born 31 May 1932 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. She died 30 Nov. 2002 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN at age 70, and was buried in Shepard Cemetery, Robertson CO TN. Melba married Samuel Junior "John" Shepard. Samuel was born 12 Jun. 1927 in Robertson CO TN and died 16 Aug. 2008 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN at age 81 and was buried in Shepard Cemetery, Robertson CO TN.



Melba Joyce

Samuel's obituary
Samuel Junior "John" Shepard, 81, Clarksville, sadly departed from this life Saturday, August 16, 2008, at his residence. He was a kind, loving, supportive man and will be deeply missed by his family and friends, who will hold his memory forever in their hearts. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at McReynolds-Nave & Larson Chapel with the Rev. Byron Dumas officiating. Burial will be in Shepard Family Cemetery, Stroudsville, Tenn. Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 11 a.m. until the time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Samuel Junior "John" Shepard

Mr. Shepard was born June 12, 1927, in Stroudsville, Tenn., youngest of eight children from the union of the late Samuel Jessie Shepard and Francis N. Morris Shepard. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 24th Infantry during the Korean War, which resulted in injuries that led to his becoming 100 percent disabled later in life. Mr. Shepard was a hero for his country but most of all to his children and grandchildren.

He was a heavy equipment mechanic and welder by trade but later raised top-quality tobacco crops. He was a member of the Cumberland River Archaeological Society, longtime member of Little Hope Baptist Church, gifted multi-instrument musician and violin (fiddle) maker. He had many hobbies and was an avid NASCAR fan. Also, he was overseer of the Shepard Family Cemetery in Robertson County, Tenn., for many years, in which he took great pride.

Mr. Shepard was a loving and devoted husband to his late wife, Melba Joyce Weakley, for over 50 years. He is survived by one son, and four daughters. He had seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Jewel Holt of Clarksville, Tenn. and Esther Douglas of Springfield, Tenn.

Pallbearers will be John Shepard, David Wall, Christopher Stavropoulos, T.J. Keller, Rusty Shepard and Donnie Douglas. Honorary pallbearers will be Cameron Schmittou, Jerry Holt and Frank Holt. Clarksville Leaf Chronical

))**Bobby Carroll Weakley** son of Richard Walter Jr and Elma Mae Lisenbee Weakley was born 5 Sept. 1935 in Christian CO KY and died 25 Jan. 2014 in Montgomery CO TN at age 78, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN.

His obituary:
Bobby Carrol "Buddy" Weakley, age 78 was born in Christian County KY passed from this life to his eternal home on Saturday, January 25, 2014 He was the son of Richard Walter Weakley and Elma Mae Lisenbee, both of whom preceded Buddy in death. Buddy was a lifelong farmer and cattleman. He was of the Baptist faith. He loved fishing, Nascar racing, baseball, various television programs, and he read the Leaf Chronicle newspaper faithfully For the past thirteen years, Buddy resided at South Central Village and made a lot of good friends, and will be missed.

He is survived by his caretaker and niece, Robbie Keller. Buddy had no children, but helped raise his nephew, Jimmy Taylor and nieces, Pam Shea and Robbie Keller. In total, he is survived by fifteen nephews and nieces, along with numerous great nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at the chapel of McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home, with Pastor Scott Hall officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 11 a.m. until the hour of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

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WINDOW INTO THE PAST

BY

SANDRA J STACEY



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

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 24 Apr 1857, Fri. Page 2

An Irishman was found dead, on the railroad grade, last Wednesday morning, within the limits of the Corporation. There were no external marks of violence, and it is not known whether he died of the National Hotel malady, or whether he took too much water with his whiskey and it froze in him.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 6 Apr 1860, Fri Page 3

It is a singular coincidence, brought to mind by Mr. Ed. Thomas's late loss by fire, that he, his brother, T. A. Thomas, and Mr. Geo. Leigh, have all three been burned out within a comparatively short time past, the latter two having their residences de-stroyed by fire, and the first named, his; factory. They are all three, brothers-in-law, having married three sisters.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 6 Apr. 1860, Fri. Page 3

During the raging of the fire, Tuesday night houses, in nearly every quarter of town, were at different times on fire, from the burning brands, scattered abroad by the wind. It was with difficulty that many of them were saved, and, indeed, had it not been for the timely fail of rain, that occurred it is probable that half the city would have been destroyed.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 6 Apr. 1860, Fri. Page 3

On last Friday night another shanty, near the railroad was consumed by fire – and as proof of its bring the work of an incendiary, the house had been uninhabited for some time. On the same night, the carriage shop of Mr. Monroe of New Providence was burnt down. In this connection we would call upon the proper authorities to have our fire bell put up at once, so as to give the alarm – and think it would be well to put out an extra number of nightwatch now that fires have become so frequent. frequent.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 1 Apr 1871, Sat. Page 3

Wolves! —We learn that a gentleman in Houston County, near Erin was out hunting, a short time ago, and had two dogs killed by wolves. A party or huntsman were to have were to have gone in pursuit of them last Saturday, but because of the rain, it was postponed until some future time. Better kill them and help pay your Taxes with the skins, by presenting them to the comptroller of the state.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 1 Apr 1871, Sat. Page 3

The steamer Fannie Brandies has been in port here for some time awaiting the manufacture of a chimney, she having smashed one on her last trip. Our worthy copper and sheet iron workers, Messrs. Barclay and son on Commerce street, put up the job for her, and it is pronounced equal to any done at any point in the west. This Is another exhibition of what our mechanics can do when occasion offers to bring their capacity to the test.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 8 Apr 1871, Sat • Page 3

Change.—Mr. W. L. Wheatley has bought the Omnibus line from Mr. Smith, and will continue this accommodation between Clarks-ville and New Providence. He has made a change in his schedule, and his patrons are referred to printed cards for time and price. Mr. Wheatley is an accommodat- ing, clever gentleman, and we hope he may realize a good living in his "line".

The 1¢ stamp in the 1880's featured the Omnibus. It was pulled by horses.



Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 4 Apr 1874, Sat • Page 2

An Earthquake. The Nashville Banner of Tuesday says: "An earthquake occurred at Franklin Saturday night, which caused great excitement among the citizens. A low rumbling sound was heard, jarring the houses and causing much fright. W. Campbell who had recently erected a house worth \$8,000, heard the noise, and thought burglars were attempting to break into his domi- cile, but on making an examination discovered that one of the walls had been cracked. Captain Winston's house was so jarred, that he thought also that cracksmen had invaded his premises. Others supposed the rumbling sound to be that produced by the running of a train, but no train was due at that time. There was in fact, a general shaking up of things. A few earthquakes have, at various times, occurred in Tennessee, but none that brought about worse re- sults than that in 1811, when the earth sank and Reelfoot lake was made."

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 11 Apr 1874, Sat. Page 3

Our Corbandale correspondent informs us that during the heavy storm on the night of the 6th inst., the lightning (the most severe of the season) entered the telegraph office at that place. ruined the switchboard, melted the ground wire and set the wall on fire. The noise woke the operator, Mr. B. J. Corban, in time to extinguish the flames before any serious damage was done. The instruments in the Danville and Big Sandy offices were also damaged, and communications stopped on the R. R. wires during the night.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 18 Apr 1874, Sat. Page 3

On Monday last the County Court declared our prison, both a jail and work- house. Judge Tyler, Dr. Cobb and Thomas Ogburn Esq., are a committee to prepare by-laws for the government of the workhouse department. There are grave questions of law and equity emerging from this action, which we care not to discuss at this time.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 25 Apr 1874, Sat. Page 3

A Gentleman was here examining the advantages that Clarksville offers for manufacturing, said to us a few days since, that it had many, but that it could never become a manufacturing place without a good city system of free schools. Vote for "Schools" today.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 3 Apr 1875, Sat. Page 3

On the 30th ult., the Louisville and Nashville railroad company compro-mised a suit for damages, growing out of an accident on the road, in which an em- ployee named Jacobs was killed, by paying the sum of \$7,500.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 3 Apr. 1875, Sat. Page 3

Our Railroad Passenger Depot.

The Clarksville correspondent of the Courier-Journal, in a recent letter states that it seems to be the wish of the citizens of this place that the passenger de- pot should be removed to the old freight depot on the river. This is a great mistake. We have heard of but four or five persons who would favor such a change, and if the question were submitted to our people it would be voted down with an almost unanimous vote. Our people feel greatly aggrieved at the removal of the passenger depot, which is now conveniently situated, whereas, if it should be placed at the river it would be almost inaccessible except by carriages and horseback. We earnestly hope the L. & N. R. Co., will not hazard the friendship of this people by an act which would seem to indicate a total indifference to their interest and convenience. The good will of a whole community is worth something to a company which claims so many ad- vantages from those relations. Let the passenger depot remain where it is.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 17 Apr 1875, Sat. Page 3

An umbrella has been invented to have a pane of glass inserted into one of the breadths of cloth for the person to see through, and enable the holder to carry it so as to keep off the rain entirely.

Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 24 Apr 1875, Sat. page 3

MT. VERNON LODGE, G. U. O. of O. P. , (colored) of this city, will have a steamboat excursion and basket picnic on the 12th of May, and a Festival and installation of officers at Franklin Hall, the night of the same date. The excu- sion will be to King and Queen Bluff, nine miles above the city, where the picnic will be held. Several distinguished orators from a distance will be pre- sent and will deliver addresses during the day and night. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Lodge.

THIS MONTH, THE "WINDOW INTO THE PAST" IS CLOSED.

(Descendants of Robert Henry Weakley Cont. from p. 3)

Joseph Howard Weakley son of Richard Walter Jr and Elma Mae



Lisenbee Weakley was born 16 Sept. 1939 in Montgomery CO TN and died 23 Jan . 1978 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN at age 38, and was buried in Shrine of Memories Mausoleum and Chapel, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN.

Joseph served in the military: He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He died from an injury he received while serving in Vietnam. He worked as a barber by trade.



MEMBERSHIP

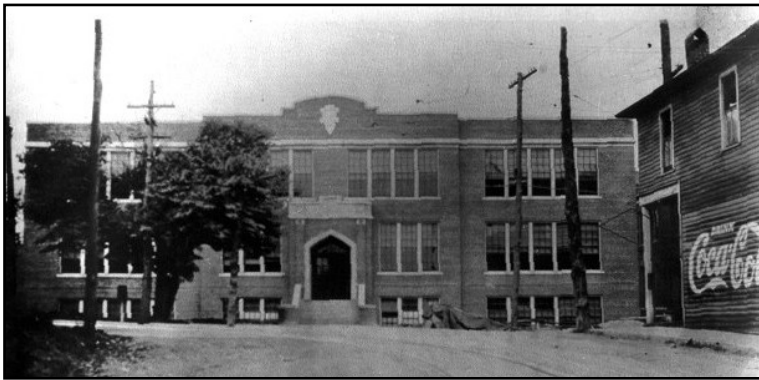
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Sick list:

Please continue to keep member **Mary Lu Persinger** in your prayers. She has problems with her port and other health issues.

Our Corresponding Secretary, **Opal Kennedy** is up and walking about from two knee replacements. Way to go Opal.

BURT HIGH SCHOOL HISTORICAL MARKER



Front of Burt High School 1923



Side View of Burt High School 1923

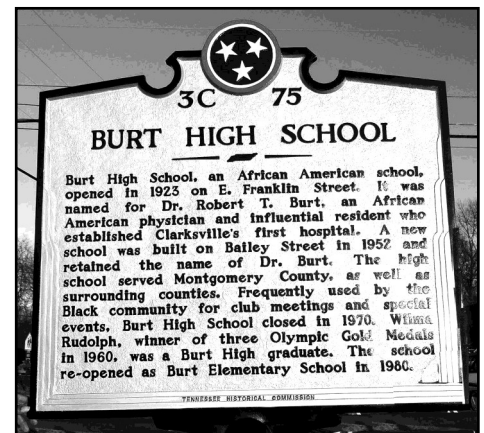
February 26th marked the ending of a dream for member Jackie Collins. He worked tirelessly along with members County Historian Eleanor Williams and County Archivist Jill Hasting Johnson to get a Historical Marker for Burt High School. The occasion was well attended with guest speakers past graduates from Burt. Burt was named after Dr. Robert T. Burt, a black local physician. His grandson Ted Thompson attended the ceremonies. The motorcycle group the Buffalo Soldiers were their in all their splendor—and what a site to see.



Grandson Ted Thompson

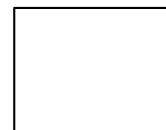


Buffalo Soldiers



Historical Marker

Montgomery County Historical Society
P.O. Box 262
Clarksville, TN 37041-0262



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**** (Membership period is January 1 to December 31) ****

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ DATE: _____

Please make checks payable to MCHS
Please check type of membership

Individual \$25 Family \$35 Student (K-12) \$10 Life \$500

Corporate \$255 Institutional \$500 Preservation Society (2 years) \$2,000

New Member **Renewal Member** **Changing Membership**