



# THE CORNSHELLER

Newsletter of the Montgomery County  
Historical Society



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**Sandra J Stacey, Editor**

**May 2013**

*All programs meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 \*\*\***

*\*May 16 Thursday 5:00 Executive Board Meeting\**

**May, 4 SATURDAY "Spring Outing at Charlie's Hill" 1:30**  
Civil War RR's, Tracy Jackson RR's in general, Gary Ostlund

*\*June 13 Thursday 5:00 Executive Board Meeting\**

**June 17 Bob Welch & Co 'Historic McFadden Inn Documentary'**

*\*July 11 Thursday 5:00 Executive Board Meeting\**

**July 15 Kurt Bryant (grandson) "Hod Lisenbee, Major Leaguer"**

*\*August 15 Thursday 5:00 Executive Board Meeting\**

**August 19 Billy Frank Morrison "Bird Cage at Camp Campbell"**

*\*September 12 Thursday 5:00 Executive Board Meeting\**

**September 16 (4-member panel) "Trail of Tears"**

*\*October 17 Thursday 5:00 Executive Board Meeting\**

**October Saturday Fall Outing to Montgomery Bell State Park**  
"History of the Place and the Man"

*\*November 14 Thursday 5:00 Executive Board Meeting\**

**November 18 Drs. Richard Gildrie & Howard Winn**  
"History of Early Colleges situated on Campus of APSU"

**LOCATION**

L&N Train Station  
10<sup>th</sup> & Commerce Streets  
Clarksville, TN 37040  
931.553.2486

**\*\*\*MAILING ADDRESS ON BACK\*\*\***

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**Civil War Era  
Wet Plate Photography**  
at Port Royal State Historic Park

Come and learn about mid 19th century  
Collodion wet plate photography and  
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equipment.

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10:00 a.m.**  
at the Historic 1859 Masonic Lodge  
in Port Royal State Historic Park

*Demonstrations by The Vacant Chair Studio*

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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

sandra.stacey@charter.net.

There are many activities taking place in Montgomery and Stewart counties during the months of May and June, so be sure to check out the "Cornsheller" for the dates.

April's meeting was a huge success with many Donelson relatives attending. James "Buddy" Caldwell III took us through his trip of the John Donelson re-enactment with his crew dressed in authentic gear. They went in flatboats that "Buddy, Allan Bass and Don Patterson Barnes oversaw the building of. Buddy's slides brought the trip to life and kept everyone interested.

Dear Society Members and Guests:

WHAT: Historical Society May Outing

WHEN: Sat, May 4, 2013

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Charlie's Hill, Palmyra

PROGRAM: Tracy Jackson, "Civil War Railroads" and Gary Ostlund, "Railroads in General"

RAIN DATE: Sat, May 11

QUESTION? 647-4104

Just in time to remind you of our **RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** Spring outing, **Saturday, May 4 at CHARLIE'S HILL, Palmyra, 1:30 in the afternoon.** CHARLIE and KRIS have invited us. Truly! Just bring yourself, a friend and come dressed for the weather as it may be warm (very warm) or it could be coolish. We will be outside in Charlie's carport but no need to bring a chair as **BILLY FRANK**, bless his soul has offered to do so for us. Wear walking shoes but **JOE FILIPPO** has volunteered to once again haul us up the hill from the parking lot in a van which **MOLLY** has finagled for us. **TRACY JACKSON** has agreed to enlighten us on Civil War Railroads (as we will be looking down on one of them from the top of the hill). In addition, our guest speaker is scheduled to be Mr. Gary Ostlund from Murray, KY, father-in-law of Kris, Charlie's bride. He will tell us a bit about railroads in general. There will be a cold drink waiting for you (if it's hot and a cold drink waiting for you even if it's cold).

So many society members working for you. PLEASE COME~ There should be something new and interesting for you to see and hear.

DIRECTIONS

*Go down Riverside Drive, turn at Matthews' Motors, continue on Dickson Hwy until Hwy 149 (Palmyra Road) on your right. Go until you cross the John Wyatt Bridge and then travel almost to the "city" of Palmyra where balloons will mark the driveway (will be on your right).*

See you then and there!  
Ruby Patch

ADDITIONAL PICKERING FAMILY INFORMATION

FROM

MEMBER BOB WEATHERSBY

Good Morning Ms. Stacey:

I'm Bob Weathersby, MCHS member in northern Georgia. I enjoy your numerous columns and other contributions to the Cornsheller. I would like to respond to a few things--mostly more information--from recent issues.

The December, 2012, issue featured an article on Thomas McCulloch. You mentioned that you did not know much about Mary Jeanette Pickering, Thomas' first wife. Nor do I, but I know a bit about her parents.

The W. G. Pickering (William Garaldus) family Bible found in the Tennessee Archives (MS. Div. ac No. 67-85), a xerox of the front matter is, I believe, in the Clarksville Archives, says that Mary J. P. Pickering was born 8 October 1821. She was one of 12 children born to Garaldus/Geraldus and Mary Marshall Pickering, early Montgomery County pioneers. W. G. Pickering was one of Mary Jeanette's brothers. Your "Mary Jeanette" name, complete with proof in Robert Emmett McCulloch's death certificate was a welcome addition to my knowledge. I cannot read who gave the death certificate information. Can you? My mother, Priscilla Pickering Weathersby, was president of the Historical Society for 1979-1981 and published the Corn Sheller from our family home on Greenwood Avenue for most of those 3 years. She wrote "Mary Jane Pati/Patie" in the margin of her xerox of the Bible pages, but she does not cite a source. The Bible front pages also say that "Mary J. McCulloch died 14th December 1842."

I don't know how the Bible got to the Archives. The last family date in it is 1927, but there are no family members or dates named from 1872 until 1927. W. G. Pickering died 25 February 1908.

If you really get the energy for a puzzle, try finding out more about Garaldus Pickering. Ralph Winters' book, Historical Sketches of Adams, Robertson County, Tennessee and Port Royal, Montgomery County, Tennessee From 1779 to 1968, places Garaldus in upper east Montgomery County, District 5 or so, between 1810 and 1820. Another of Gar's sons, Robert Henry Pickering, writes of his father's Bell Witch contact in M. V. Ingram's Authenticated History of the Bell Witch, which places Gar in that above-referenced area in the mid to late teens of the 1800s. Gar signed a 28 March 1825 Bill of Sale as a witness in Montgomery County Court as "Gar Pickering." He is "Garcy" in the 1850 Federal Census. He is "G. Pickering in the 1860 Census, and he died in 1864.

Robert Henry Pickering's (1828-1915) name appears on the top of the right-hand tablet of the names of the 1882 trustees who contributed to the magnificent Madison Street Methodist Church that was destroyed by the 1999 storm. The two tablets, to the right and left of the walk up to the front door, survived the tornado. One of R. H.'s grandsons was another Robert Henry Pickering who was the last resident that I know of who lived in the Cave Johnson home on Madison Street not far from the train depot. I remember my Uncle Henry well.

Robert W. Weathersby, II, Ph.D.  
Professor Emeritus of English  
Chair Emeritus, Division of Humanities  
Dalton State College

P.S.: Your McCulloch story, p. 3, col. 1 under "1861" lists "M. C. Pitman" as one of McCulloch's partners. That would be M. Collins Pitman, whose name follows R. H. Pickering's name on the Madison Street Methodist tablet. Pitman and Pickering married Ely sisters.

**SAWYERS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

When I decided to feature the Sawyer family this month, I wanted to use Fred Mora Sawyer and his family. In the year 1923, Fred was Worshipful Master of Clarksville, TN Masonic Lodge # 89. In 1900 Fred worked on the railroad as a brakeman, in 1910 as a Good Master and in 1920 as a Yard Mooter. In 1930 his occupation changed and he was listed as Custodian at the Masonic Temple. Fred was born 10 Sept. 1875 in TN. I have no death information for him. He married Bertha L.



Meek. They had daughter Mary Elizabeth. Mary Elizabeth's picture is from the 1928 Clarksville High School Purple and Gold May Edition. The family lived at 335 Academy Avenue in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN.

FRED'S DRAFT CARD

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| <b>REGISTRATION CARD</b><br>NAME: Fred Mora Sawyer<br>RESIDENCE: Clarksville, Tennessee<br>DATE OF BIRTH: 10 Sept 1875<br>RACE: White<br>U.S. CITIZEN: Naturalized<br>EMPLOYER'S NAME: Good Works R.R.<br>PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Clarksville, Tenn. |  | <b>41-3-25 REGISTRAR'S REPORT</b><br>DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRATION: No<br>LOCAL BOARD: 707<br>COUNTY: Montgomery County, Clarksville, Tenn. |
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Since this family didn't lead any further, I changed my focus to another family line. Robert Sawyer is the progenitor of this family. After many hours of research I ran across **The Sawyer Bible in The Montgomery County (Tenn.) Genealogical Journal Vol. IX June 1980 No. 4 p.105** which was actually written by our own member Ann Alley. The Bible not only confirmed what I had found but added much more.

Robert Sawyer was born 5 Jun. 1770 and died 11 Dec. 1839. He married Allatha Agatha Sims daughter of George and Zebiah Rice Sims. Allatha Agatha was born 10 Feb. 1776 in Orange CO VA and died in NC. Robert and Allatha Agatha had children: John, Henrietta, Nathan S., and Lenie V.

**John** son of Robert and Allatha Agatha was born 15 Jan. 1799 in Caswell CO NC and died 18 Aug. 1854 in Montgomery CO TN. **John** married Zebiah Mallory 11 Oct. 1835 in Montgomery CO TN. She was born 29 May 1813 in Montgomery CO TN and died abt. 1852. **John** and Zebiah Mallory had children: Alatha, Robert, Cornelius, John, Cowen Lulleton (C.L.) and Laurana Lorainah.

- **Alatha** daughter of John and Zebiah Mallory was born abt. 1838 in TN.
- **Robert** son of John and Zebiah Mallory was born abt. 1840 in TN.
- **Cornelius** daughter of John and Zebiah Mallory was born abt. 1842 in TN.
- **John** son of John and Zebiah Mallory was born abt. 1847 in TN.
- **Cowen Lulleton (C.L.)** son of John and Zebiah Mallory was born 8 Jun. 1847 and died 29 Oct. 1890. He is buried in Port Royal Cemetery; Montgomery CO TN. **Cowen Lulleton** married Louisa Jane Senseney 23 Dec. 1873. Jane was the daughter of C.B. and Dora Tinsley Senseney. She was born 1 Oct. 1846 in KY and died 27 Jan. 1925 in Port Royal, Montgomery CO TN. She is also buried in Port Royal Cemetery. In the 1850 census **Cowen Lulleton** was found in Montgomery CO TN, but in the 1860 – 1880 he was found in the Stewart CO TN census. **Cowen Lulleton** and Louisa Jane had children: Wiley B., John Mallory Peter, Henrietta (Etta) Redford, Allie Jane and Mary Annie James (Jamie).

- ◆ **Wiley B.** son of Cowen Lulleton and Louisa Jane was born 21 Sept. 1874 in KY and died 23 Jul. 1939 in Nashville, Davidson CO TN. He is also buried in Port Royal Cemetery. Mail routes were started in Port Royal in 1902. Wiley B. Sawyer was the only Rural Carrier.



Wiley B.'s Headstone

- ◆ **John Mallory Peter** son of Cowen Lulleton and Louisa Jane was born 16 Apr. 1877 in KY and died 17 Jun. 1932 in Montgomery CO TN. He is also buried in Port Royal Cemetery. In 1904 the Cumberland Telephone Co. opened an exchange in Cotter's Store in Port Royal. John's occupation was listed as service man (Historical Sketches of Port Royal).

- ◆ **Henrietta (Etta) Redford** daughter of Cowen Lulleton and Louisa Jane was born 13 May 1879 in KY and died 22 May 1952 in Montgomery CO TN. She is also buried in Port Royal Cemetery.



Henrietta (Etta) Redford's Headstone

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Henrietta (Etta) Redford's Death Certificate

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS DEATH NO. 52-11123

1. NAME: **Etta** **Sawyer** 2. DATE OF DEATH: **6-22-1850**

3. COLOR OR RACE: **White** 4. SEX: **Female** 5. MARRIAGE STATUS: **Single** 6. AGE IN YEARS: **75**

7. PLACE OF BIRTH: **Montgomery** 8. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: **Clarksville**

9. COUNTY: **Montgomery** 10. DISTRICT: **5** 11. STATE: **Tenn.** 12. COUNTY: **Montgomery**

13. CITY OR TOWN: **Clarksville** 14. LENGTH OF STAY IN THIS PLACE: **Most of life**

15. USUAL OCCUPATION: **Housekeeper** 16. RIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: **None** 17. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: **None**

18. FATHER'S NAME: **John Sawyer** 19. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: **Lucy Waller** 20. ADDRESS: **New Cosby Smith Louisville**

21. CAUSE OF DEATH: **Abdominal Anemia** 22. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION: **451**

23. BIRTH: **June 1850** 24. FURNERAL DIRECTOR: **McKee**

He contributed heavily to the Clarksville Baptist Church.

Samuel married Lucy A. Gray. Samuel and Lucy had children: Albert Gray, Eva, Lucille W. and David Wallace

Albert Gray son of Samuel Albert and Lucy A. was born abt. 1845 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN and died 12 Jun.1847 in Clarksville, TN. The following is his obituary: SAWYER, Albert Gray. Age 2 yrs. 6 mos. Died 12 June 1847, in Clarksville, TN. Infant son of Lucy W. and Samuel Albert Sawyer. Clarksville Weekly Chronicle. (15 June 1847 p.3)

Eva daughter of Samuel Albert and Lucy A. was born abt. 1846 and died 24 Jun. 1847 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. The following is her obituary: SAWYER, Eva. Age 1 yr. Died 24 June 1847, in Clarksville, TN. Daughter of Samuel Albert and Lucy W. Sawyer. Clarksville Jeffersonian. (3 July 1847 p.3)

Lucille W. daughter of Samuel Albert and Lucy A. was born abt. 1848 in TN

David Wallace son of Samuel Albert and Lucy A. was born 26 Mar. 1857 in Brooklyn, Queens CO NY and died 14 Aug. 1917 in Brooklyn, Queens CO NY. David Wallace married Alice Burke 6 Apr. 1901 in Manhattan, Kings CO NY.

Lucius Williard was the son of Samuel Albert and Lucy A.

Samuel Dissolved the business as shown below in 1853. DISSOLUTION April 27,1853---"My connection with the firm G.A. Ligon and Company, ceases from this date: I having sold my interest in said firm to Peter Peacher". S.A. Sawyer

Samuel never stayed in Clarksville long. His family was from new York and that's where he conducted his business. Samuel organized the well-known firm of Sawyer, Wallace and Co., a tobacco firm that also traded in cotton, grain, oil and coffee. The firm was in business for 37 years, and grew to be worth \$1,500,000. The firm was represented by Samuel, Wilfred Wallace Jr. and Robert S. Miller. The company expanded overseas, and that is what brought it down. Samuel's son Lucius Williard was put in charge of the overseas business and made bad decisions that brought the company to bankruptcy. The partners were too old to deal with business any longer and had left the dealings up to the junior members, and that brought the company down.

Allie Jane daughter of Cowen Lulleton and Louisa Jane was born 25 Feb. 1882 in TN. Allie Jane married Lee Hickey 30 Jul. 1911 in Tipton, TN. Lee was born abt. 1800 in TN.

Mary Annie James (Jamie) daughter of Cowen Lulleton and Louisa Jane was born 4 Jun. 1884 in TN and died 29 Apr. 1934 in Chattanooga, Hamilton CO TN. She is also buried in Port Royal Cemetery. Mary Annie James married George R. Rhinehardt. Mary Annie James and George R. had son William Sawyer.

Laurana Lorainah daughter of John and Zebiah Mallory was born abt.1850 in TN.

Henrietta daughter of Robert and Allatha Agatha was born 10 Mar. 1800 in Caswell CO NC and died 2 Apr.1881 in Montgomery CO TN. Henrietta married William Mallory 14 Feb 1845 in Montgomery CO TN. William was born 3 Nov.1791 and died 23 Feb. 1874.

Nathan S. son of Robert and Allatha Agatha was born 5 Feb.1803 in Caswell CO NC and died 28 Mar.1874.

Lenie V. daughter of Robert and Allatha Agatha was born 16 Jun. 1818 and died 16 Jan. 1895. Lenie V. married an unknown Shepherd.

There was also a Samuel Albert Sawyer mentioned in Montgomery County. Samuel was a businessman from NY who contributed to the community. Some of his achievements were as follows:

March 3,1846--The following town officers were elected by the people, on Saturday, in pursuance of an order from the Secretary of State, under the new Charter of the town of Clarksville: S.A. Sawyer, Alderman

In 1840 and 1841 S. Albert Sawyer was an orderly in the Clarksville Independent Guards. He became a Capt.

Stewart County All Day Genealogy Seminar  
J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA nationally recognized speaker

Saturday, June 1, 2013  
9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 8:00 a.m.)  
Register today seating is limited

Cost \$35.00; check payable to Stewart County Archives  
mail to: Stewart County Archives. P.O. Box 367, Dover, TN 37058

Seminar Topics:

- Researching on the Kentucky-Tennessee Border
- My Taxes Were Due When (Using Delinquent Tax Lists and Release Books)
- Finding the Hidden Manuscripts of Kentucky and Tennessee
- Following A Case Through A Court System

PORT ROYAL HISTORIC PARK PRESENTS  
 THE 2013  
 HISTORY LECTURE SERIES  
 - REMEMBERING INDIAN REMOVAL -

MEMBERSHIP

Member Carl Gadsey is having unexplained pain. Please keep Carl and Pam in your prayers during this trying time as they await answers to the cause of the pain. Both Pam and Carl were able to attend the last Historical Society

Cost: **FREE**  
 Time: 7:00 P.M.  
 Place: Masonic Lodge at Port Royal State Historic Park  
 Parking: Immediately behind lodge  
 Light refreshments provided

Port Royal State Historic Park in Montgomery CO TN, is offering lots of activities this spring so please take advantage of them.



**18th Century Tennessee Frontier Cooking  
 At Port Royal State Historic Park**

Participate in this hands-on class with every participant doing his or her share of the work, clean-up and sharing in the meal.

**LECTURE TOPICS & DATES**

Topics denoted by \* are part of the Trail of Tears 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary series.

- May 14<sup>th</sup>** – “Tennessee’s Role in the War of 1812”  
 Myers Brown, Tennessee State Museum
- \***July 9<sup>th</sup>** – “Cherokee – European Relations in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century”  
 Kristopher Ray, Austin Peay State University
- \***July 30<sup>th</sup>** – “Andrew Jackson and Indian Removal”  
 Mark Cheatham, Cumberland University
- \***August 13<sup>th</sup>** – “The Town of Port Royal During Indian Removal”  
 David Britton, Tennessee State Parks
- \***September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – “The Trail of Tears in Myth and memory”  
 Evan Nooe, Austin Peay State University
- \***October 1<sup>st</sup>** – “Preservation Efforts on the Trail of tears”  
 Carol Van West, MTSU Center for Historic Preservation

**Cost: \$20.00**  
 Minimum of 6 participants, maximum of 12  
 Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

- Menu :**
- Roasted Venison Collops and sauce
  - Rabbit Stew or Hasenpfeffer
  - Cucumber Ragout
  - Salad and dressing
  - Spring Greens
  - Blackberry Dumplings

- Skills And Information Covered:**
- Fire Starting and Building
  - Dutch Oven Cooking and the Rule Of Two
  - Boiling
  - Roasting
  - Stewing
  - Food prep
  - Spices and Seasonings on the Frontier
  - Tennessee Frontier Food
  - Dismantling a fire and cooking area

**Limited seated**  
 To register please contact:  
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 or email at david.britton@tn.gov

**Directions from Nashville:**  
 Take I-24 W to Exit 11 (Adams/Clarksville). Turn right onto SR 76. After 3 miles, merge left onto Old Clarksville-Springfield Road (look for park sign). In 2 miles the road will end at park next to the Masonic Lodge.

