Dr. Wallace (Wally) Cross

Dr. Wallace (Wally) Cross our guest speaker for the month, is a distinguished professor of history at Austin Peay State University. Dr. Cross, earned a Master’s Degree in History in 1975 from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville and his PhD from Vanderbilt in British Empire and English history. From 1983 to 1987 he was employed as a scholar in residence with the Tennessee Humanities Council in a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Cross then joined the APSU History Department as an Assistant Professor of History. In 1990, he took over the History program at APSU’s Fort Campbell satellite campus. He has published three books, two of which are regimental histories on the Civil War and a bibliography of local Tennessee history and is presently teaching on the APSU main campus.


As our guest speaker Dr. Wally Cross will talk about Fort. Donelson. Fort Donelson was an extensive Confederate fortification on the Cumberland River adjacent to Dover, TN. It was part of the Confederacy’s grand strategy to protect the Volunteer State from Union invasion. The fall of Fort Donelson was a catastrophe for the Confederates. The capture of Fort Donelson opened up the Cumberland River valley to Union invasion. Clarksville, which had been flooded with sick and injured soldiers from Fort Donelson, surrendered without a fight on February 19. Then Nashville became the first Southern capital to fall to Union forces on February 25. From there, Union soldiers fanned out across the state. They would control much of Tennessee for the remainder of the war.

This month I featured the Quarles Family. Gen. William Andrew Quarles a member of this family, was present at the Battle of Fort Donelson where he was forced to surrender.
Meet Montgomery County Historical Society Member
Dr. Joe Ann Mallory Burgess

Dr. Joe Ann Mallory Burgess, professor, healthcare provider, researcher, author, gardener, homemaker, and native of Clarksville spends her time these days commuting between Tallahassee, Florida and her hometown. There is no question that Dr. Burgess’ roots run deep in Clarksville. She was born to the late Mr. James Rudolph Mallory, Sr. and Mrs. Virgie Mallory. The oldest of five girls and the second oldest of eleven siblings, she was raised and educated in the Walnut Grove community and graduated from Burt High School (BHS).

“Children should obey their parents” is a motto by which Dr. Burgess lives. Just as her parents instilled into their children the core values of love of God and family, sharing, and hard work, Dr. Burgess and her husband, Arthur, have done the same. Her natural, everyday language is sprinkled with thanks for God’s blessings, bible verses, and allusions to bible stories. The Burgess’s’ love for family is legendary. They have frequent family gatherings for traditional occasions, of course. But it is not unusual for Dr. Burgess to create her own special reasons to gather the family. When the family convenes, they are always accompanied by friends who are adopted members of the Burgess clan. So when Dr. Burgess calls, the four children and their spouses (who are never referred to as illegitimate), five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild come running. And Dr. Burgess’ 89-year-old mother keeps up with the most energetic of her family. Everybody knows they are in for a treat. Last year the family went deep sea fishing off the coast of Currabelle, Florida beach resort.

Education has always been a hallmark of the Burgess family. Dr. Burgess has demonstrated with her own life the high value she and her husband place on education. With the full support of her husband, Dr. Burgess has earned degrees from Austin Peay State University (APSU) and Tennessee State University (Nashville). Too, she earned the Family Nurse Practitioner certificate from Meharry Medical College (Nashville). A backward glance reveals that Dr. Burgess has had an eclectic career as a medical surgical nurse at Fort Campbell Hospital in Kentucky, as a public health nurse for 21 years with the Montgomery County Health Department, as interim director of nursing at APSU, and as Associate Professor of Nursing at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee. It is noteworthy that Dr. Burgess earned accolades along the way—one being voted as Teacher of the Year while at APSU.

Although these days Dr. Burgess makes her home in Tallahassee, her retirement years are as active as her pre-retirement years. She and her husband spend time working in their garden raising corn, green beans, okra, squash, watermelon, and sweet potatoes, among other produce. She is quick to talk about Mr. Burgess’ prize 4 ½ lb. sweet potato. They love to share their rich harvest with neighbors, church members, homeless shelters, family, and friends. Since moving to Tallahassee five years ago, the Burgesses have given themselves the challenge of growing citrus fruit—particularly Satsuma tangerines. When not working in the garden, Dr. Burgess is consumed with working on BHS projects—class reunion and Burt High Reunion Association Scholarship activities. Recently she joined her husband in organizing his class reunion activities, being as helpful to him as he has always been helpful with her class activities.

As if gardening and class activities are not enough, Dr. Burgess has undertaken another project associated with her alma mater. She has partnered with Clarksvillian Phil Petrie to write soon-to-be-published, *The Odyssey of Burt High School: The Evolution of Education in a Small High School in a Small Southern Town.*

**Descendants of John Quarles**

John Quarles was born in 1770 and died in Aug. 1824 at age 54. John married Rebecca (Becky) Minor. Rebecca was born 2 Feb. 1775 in Louisa CO VA and died in 1818 in Louisa CO VA at age 43. They had children: Garrett Minor and John Todd.

*Garrett Minor Quarles son of Rebecca (Becky) Minor Quarles was born 7 Feb. 1792 in Louisa CO VA, died on 11 Jun. 1847 in Christian CO KY at age 55, and was buried in Old Episcopal Cemetery, Christian CO KY (Find A Grave Memorial# 79714218). Garrett married Mary Johnson (Polly) Poin- dexter 20 Oct. 1813 in Louisa CO VA. Mary was born about 1790 in Louisa CO VA and died in Jul 1847 in Christian CO KY about age 57. They had children: James Minor and William Andrew.*

*James Minor Quarles son of Garrett Minor and Mary Johnson (Polly) Poin dexter Quarles was born 8 Feb. 1823 in Louisa CO VA and died 3 Mar. 1901 in Nashville, Davidson CO TN at age 78. He worked as a Lawyer, Politician and Judge. He was an American politician and a member of the United States House of Representatives for Tennessee’s 8th congressional district.*

James was admitted to the bar in 1845. He practiced law in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. James married Mary Walker Thomas. They had children: Robert Thomas, Eva Belle, Frances, Ellen Douglas, Lucy M. Elizabeth Lewis, David Watson, Mary Walker, Elizabeth, William Andrew, John Nicholas, and James Minor.

*Gen. William Andrew Quarles son of Garrett Minor and Mary Johnson (Polly) Poin dexter Quarles was born 4 Jul. 1825 in Louisa CO VA and died 24 Dec. 1893 in Meriville, Todd CO KY at age 68 and was buried in Flat Lick Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Herndon, Christian CO KY. When he was five years old, his family moved to rural Christian CO KY and then later to Clarksville. He was admitted to the bar in 1848 and established a law practice in Clarksville. He helped incorporate Stewart College in 1856.*

William was the state’s bank inspector in 1858 and was judge of the circuit court for a year. He joined the Freemasons and became a Master Mason in 1856. He was appointed President of the Memphis, Clarksville, and Louisville Railway Company.

With the outbreak of the Civil War, William organized the 42nd TN Infantry and was commissioned on Nov. 28, 1861 as its first colonel. He was present at the Battle of Fort Donelson where he was forced to surrender. He was sent north to Johnson’s Island prisoner-of-war camp. After being sent to Vicksburg, MS in early Aug. 1862 he was formally exchanged and resumed command of his regiment. William was promoted Aug. 25, 1863, to brigadier general of the Confederate States Army Generals. He was wounded on Nov. 30, 1864, at the Battle of Franklin while leading his brigade against the Union works, and two weeks later captured while recuperating from his wound in a nearby field hospital. William spent the rest of the war as a Union prisoner. He was finally paroled and exchanged at Nashville in May 1865 following the cessation of hostilities.

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+William Andrews (Willie) Quarles son of Gen. William Andrew and Lucy Jones Poincexter Quarles was born 29 Oct. 1853 in Christian CO KY and died 23 Aug 1860 in Montgomery CO TN at age 6, and was also buried in Flat Lick Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

*John Todd Quarles son of Rebecca (Becky) Minor Quarles was born 20 Feb 1805 in VA and died 17 May 1866 in Woodlawn, Orange CO VA at age 61. John worked as a Merchant in 1850 in Louisa CO VA. John married Mary Johnson, daughter of Capt. Joseph Winston 9 Aug. 1826. Mary was born 17 Nov. 1804 in VA and died 9 Jun. 1866 in VA at age 61. John’s obituary: QUARLES, Mr. John Todd. Age 61 yrs. Died 17 May 1866, at Woodlawn, Orange County, of billsious fever. Four of his family have been interred in the little new graveyard in last two years. Clarksville Weekly Leaf Chronicle. (1 June 1866 p.3) John and Mary had children: Mercer Winston, Henry Winston (Harry) Duncan McLaughlin, Joseph Bickerton, James Watson, John Minor, Jane, Virginia Minor, and Richard Overton.

=Dr. Mercer Winston Quarles son of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles was born 18 Jan. 1828 in VA. He worked as a Physician in 1850 in Louisa CO VA. Mercer married Williama (Willie) Anderson 3 Nov. 1855 in Louisa CO VA. Williama was born about 1834 in VA and died in 1884 about age 50. She was educated at Patapsco Institute in Maryland. They had children: Mercer W. born about 1857 in VA. Henry Winston (Harry) Quarles was born 15 Aug 1829 in Louisa CO VA and died 13 Feb. 1906 at age 76, and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Louisa CO VA. He worked as a Merchant clerk in 1850 in Louisa Court House. Harry married Elmira Ann Butler 26 Aug. 1851 in Louisa CO VA. Elmira was born in 1834 and died 1 Apr. 1892 at age 58, and was also buried in Oakland Cemetery.

Henry Winston (Harry) and Elmira had child; Sarah Winston Quarles born 16 Sept. 1850 in VA, and died 8 Mar. 1917 at age 66, and was also buried in Oakland Cemetery. Sarah married Walter Willard Wilson. They had son Clarence Quarles born on 29 Oct 1883 in VA. Henry Winston (Harry) and Elmira also had children; Sallie Todd Quarles born 16 Sept. 1852, Richard Moms Quarles born 8 Oct. 1854, Lucy Virginia Quarles born on 26 Nov. 1836, Elmira Ann (Anna) Quarles born about 1859. Elmira married Roht. L. Brown on 1 Aug. 1888 in Stafford CO VA. Roht. was born in 1862 in Stafford CO VA. Henry Winston (Harry) and Elmira also had sons H. Duncan Quarles born about 1861 in VA and John Minor Quarles born about 1867 in VA.

Vault for Children Sarah, Henry & Elmira Quarles

=Duncan McLaughlin Quarles son of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles was born 5 May 1834 in Louisa CO VA and died 30 Jan. 1905 in Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN at age 70 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery CO TN. His obituary: QUARLES, Prof. Duncan M. Died 30 Jan. 1905, of pneumonia, on Main St. Intemment at Greenwood Cemetery. Clarksville Leaf Chronicle. (30 Jan. 1905 p.1 and 31 Jan. 1905 p.4). Duncan married Martha Ann (Mattie) Peak Spotswood, daughter of William Lawrence W. Spotswood and Catherine Ann Jones 21 Jul. 1857 in Orange CO VA. Martha was born 4 Oct. 1836 in Orange CO VA and died 12 Jun. 1905 in Montgomery CO TN at age 68, and was also buried in Greenwood Cemetery. They had children: Mary Spotswood, Joseph Spotswood, Mercer Winston, Duncan McLaughlin, Ann "Nancy" E., Martha Mattie Peake (Polly), and William Andrew.

=Mary Spotswood Quarles daughter of Duncan McLaughlin and Martha Ann (Mattie) Peak Spotswood Quarles was born 8 Jan. 1859 in Louisa CO VA and died 4 Jan. 1928 in Clarksville at age 68, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

=Joseph Spotswood Quarles son of Duncan McLaughlin and Martha Ann (Mattie) Peak Spotswood Quarles was born 4 Dec. 1862 in Somerville, Fayette CO TN and died 17 Apr. 1927 in Christian CO KY at age 64, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. He died from a self-inflicted pistol shot to the head according to his death certificate.


=Duncan Mclaughlin Quarles son of Duncan McLaughlin and Martha Ann (Mattie) Peak Spotswood Quarles was born 6 Jun. 1867 in Clarksville and died 19 Feb. 1947 at age 79 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. He married Camilla Louisa Powers in 1889. Camilla was born circa 1870 in TN and died in 1940 about age 70. They had daughter: Martha Louise.

=Ann (Nancy) E. Quarles daughter of Duncan McLaughlin and Martha Ann (Mattie) Peak Spotswood Quarles was born in 1870 in TN and died in 1956 in Montgomery CO TN at age 86. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville. Nancy worked as a Teacher in a Private School in 1930 in Clarksville.

=Martha Mattie Peake (Polly) Quarles daughter of Duncan McLaughlin and Martha Ann (Mattie) Peak Spotswood Quarles was born 23 Apr. 1873 in Montgomery CO TN and died in 1960 in Montgomery CO TN at age 87. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. She worked as an Assistant Clerk in a U. S. Gov. Laboratory in 1930 in Clarksville.

=William Andrew Quarles son of Duncan McLaughlin and Martha Ann (Mattie) Peak Spotswood Quarles was born 6 Aug. 1876 in Montgomery CO TN and died 1 Dec. 1953 in Clarksville at age 77. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. He worked as an attorney and President of MC & L. Railroad in Clarksville. In 1930 he worked as a Salesman in a clothing store in Clarksville. He also died from a Pistol wound to the head caused by depression. The death certificate ruled it Self-inflicted. Suicide.

=Joseph Bickerton Quarles son of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles was born 23 Feb. 1836 in Louisa CO VA and died after 1900. Joseph married Maria L. Nauen (Nunn)18 Sep 1866 in Louisa CO VA. Maria was born in 1843 in Louisa CO VA.

=Dr. James Watson Quarles son of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles was born Feb 1838 in Louisa CO VA. He worked as an attorney at Quarles & Wisdom in 1859 in Clarksville.

=John Minor Quarles son of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles was born about 1841 in Louisa CO VA and died in Jul. 1864 in VA about age 23.

=Jane Quarles daughter of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles was born about 1847 in VA.

=Virginia Minor Quarles daughter of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles was born on 18 Aug 1847 in VA and died in Jul 1864 in VA at age 16.

=Richard Overton Quarles son of John Todd and Mary Johnson Winston Quarles no info.
Texas is not a very healthy state for horse-thieves just at present, no less than fifteen having been lynched there within the past two weeks.

Daily Tobacco Leaf-Chronicle., July 01, 1890

Pete Johnson is digging a cave at Idaho Springs, across the branch from the hotel. He has struck "wind" and is of the opinion that by judicious use of dynamite he can make a second Dunbar's cave out then.

Daily Tobacco Leaf-Chronicle., July 12, 1890

Sam Rosenfeld and Alexander Campbell, a fakir, engaged in wool-pulling yesterday, on first street, on account of a cap which, the street merchant had bought from his neighbor anti forgotten to pay for. Sam wanted the fifty cents, and on being refused the money tried to take the cap, when Alex, objected, and they then proceeded as stated above. No damages.

Daily Tobacco Leaf-Chronicle., July 18, 1890

Marriage Licenses.

Notwithstanding the extreme hot weather, the number of marriage licenses for July has not fallen short of an average. During the month the following couples have been licensed to wed:

WHITE.
Robt. Chaney and Ida Pitts; W. H. Thompson and Nancy Shoemaker; Geo. Offutt and Ellen Thornburg; W. R. Tucker and Maggie Reed; W. H. Clark; and Louis Bennett; Jas. W. Sherron and Mary B. Smith; Jesse Shaw and Maggie Darling; R. B. Harris and Mary Bailey; B. G. Harper and Mrs. O. A. Barton.

COLORED.
Wm. Taylor and Maggie Howard; Toney Hunter and Albertha Johnson; Frank Martin and Mary Moore; Sandy Ragsdale and Jane Moore.

Daily Tobacco Leaf-Chronicle., July 21, 1890

City Court

Recorder Bailey held city court this morning and dispensed Justice to several offenders. Dave Moore was arrested for cursing, but was released, the proof going to show that Dave and some of his associate; had engaged in a political discussion only. Jere Wilson, colored, charged with fighting in Harry Gupton's barber shop, was fined $4.00 and costs. Jere made his defense upon the ground that Gupton had cut his hair too short and that he wanted him to remedy the mistake. John Moss and Pete Bradley were fined $4 and costs each for fighting on strawberry street yesterday.

Daily Tobacco Leaf-Chronicle., July 30, 1890

AT IDAHO SPRINGS

A Pleasant Affair There Last Night, Which was Enjoyed by a Large Crowd

The hotel at Idaho Springs last night presented a scene of gayety seldom surpassed. The attraction was Pete Johnson's Micawber party. There was a large crowd present, which had gathered to do honor to the occasion.

The crowd was kept waiting several hours expecting supper to "turn up," and when a tap of the bell announced the start a general rush was made to the dining room. Here they found the tables heavily laden with ginger snaps, which were the irrepressible Micawber's favorite "spread." Pete Johnson as Wilkins J. did his part well, and looked very much like that worthy munching at a ginger snap and trying to keep the children straight. Now, a few ginger snaps only made the hungry crowd hungrier. They would try to eat them, and would be heard to mutter something about being ready for supper to show itself. When they were least expecting it, a crowd of young ladies who had been delegated as waiters began filling the table with every delicacy of the season, and it truly made one think of the supper that Mr. Micawber had after he had snowed Mirah Heap under and proposed to make merry by celebrating the event with one of his ideal meals.

The waiters were Misses Sallie Owen, Lucy White, Maude Roach, Josie White and Cuttie Roach. After the supper had been eaten a contest came up as to who was the most popular waiter in the service. The election was hotly contested only. Jere Wilson, colored, charged with fighting in Harry Gupton's barber shop, was fined $4.00 and costs. Jere made his defense upon the ground that Gupton had cut his hair too short and that he wanted him to remedy the mistake. John Moss and Pete Bradley were fined $4 and costs each for fighting on strawberry street yesterday.

The windows to the past are now closed.
PIERRE CHASTAIN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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TO; Genealogical and Historical Societies ---Please share the below information with your members.

All descendants of Dr. Pierre Chastain are invited to the 2015 Annual Reunion, October 16-18 at Lebanon, Tennessee.

Headquarters for the Reunion will be The Comfort Suites, 904 Murfreesboro Rd., Lebanon, TN.

To make reservations for the event, call 615-443-0027. The Association has a block of rooms set aside at $74.95 (Plus Tax) first come, first served basis.

If you or your ancestors have any of the following variations of Chastain as: Chasteen, Chastaine, Chasten, Castine or Shastid then you are likely to be in the Pierre Chastain lineage. The Pierre Chastain Family Association began in 1975 so this year we will be celebrating 40 years of our Association!

Event schedule will include a visit to the home of Elisha Chastain, who moved to the area about 1812, and the annual banquet on Saturday Night. As always there will be the "famous" Brown Genealogy Books and in-house help with your genealogical questions.

To register for the Reunion please send request for information to:
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Siloam Springs, AR 72761.
E-mail is: idchastain@centurvtel.net.

A family membership in the Association is currently $20 per year or $200 for lifetime membership.
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NEW STATION MANAGER

Please welcome Anthony Stabile (as in “Mobile”), our new L&N Station Manager. Anthony will serve clients on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9AM-1PM. He has served as a volunteer at Fort Defiance greeting visitors, participating in reenactments, providing information, and setting up activities. Anthony is in the final stages of his undergraduate studies at Austin Peay State University, where he has a consuming interest in geography and history. He plans to be a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Thursdays at the station will continue to be staffed by volunteers in the Society. Members are urged to consider spending a half-day on Thursdays (9AM-1PM), if at all possible. Just call Anthony at the station (553-2486) on Tuesday or Saturday to identify Thursdays in which we need help.
(Submitted by Vice President Joe Filippo)

*** PRINTED CORNSHELTER REQUESTS ***

As stated in recent meetings, the Montgomery County Historical Society’s treasury in the past few years has been declining. In an effort to restore a favorable balance sheet, we ask Society members to consider options regarding The Cornsheller.

If you want to continue receiving the printed edition of The Cornsheller, just let President Kurt Bryant, Vice President Joe Filippo, or Editor Sandra Stacey know of your wishes. For all others, the electronic edition will be available through the MCHS website in lieu of the printed edition.
(Submitted by Vice President Joe Filippo)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM
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