BY GLADYS ELIZABETH DOTSON SPIVEY

Back in the 1930s, there was no electricity out in the country, a kerosene lamp was our source of light. Our heat came from a fireplace. Dad cut the wood for the fireplace and cook stove. Our food was cooked on a wood stove or in a Dutch oven in the coals of the fireplace. Mom would put potatoes in the coals to bake. I remember that they were so good. She baked bread in a Dutch oven in the coals.

When Pauline and I were young we had to wear ugly knee high granny stocking to keep our legs warm. We kept them up with a garter Mom made from a piece of rubber. I remember there was a rolling store that came through the neighborhood. Mom would buy lemon pie filling and make some of the best pies. She would buy Watkins Salve when she had the money which was used to treat scrapes and bruises. The rolling store had all kinds of things for sale. The rolling store was a wagon with a cover. The wagon was pulled by two big horses.

The area around where great-grandma and Aunt Millie Jane lived was known as “Punkin Center”. It got its name from people gathering in the fall with their pumpkins and other produce to exchange or sell. The method of buying and selling back then was the barter system.

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An older cousin of ours told the story that a man named Doc Townsend first called the place “Punkin Center”. There was a grist mill and a blacksmith shop that was still in operation when I was a kid.

I remember Grandpa had a row of gooseberries. There was a Yellow Rose of Texas on the road bank that led to the lower field. On the trail to the spring, Grandma had a row of yellow and white jonquil. Grandpa and Grandma had sugar all summer as well as yate apples. Grandma canned the fruit and made jelly from the fruit. She always had leftover biscuits. When us kids were there she always fixed us jelly biscuits. She mad a stack cake with the apple sauce and cold biscuits, us kids thought it was the best thing we had ever eaten. There were three big walnut trees in the pasture just below the corn crib. Grandma and us kids would crack walnuts and eat and eat. They were so good. Out behind where the truck shed was located in the woods was a spot of white clay. Grandpa would get the clay and white wash the apple tree trunks.

I remember sitting on Dad’s lap in the wintertime while Mom was busy with the other kids and coking supper. Dad always whistled while he was busy doing his work. When he had a moment to rest he would sit under a shade tree and whistle. Dad always called me “sister”. He called Mom “woman” until he got mad at her then he would call her Jewell.
Wilderness Roots

SUBMITTED BY LAUREL BRENDA COCHRAN

There are many stories which show the path our ancestors took in their journey from Europe to settling the wilderness of the New World. Jonathan Haynes is an ancestor of the Cantrell family. He was born in Salem, Massachusetts in 1646 and married Sarah Moulton. These stories are about the captures of Jonathan and his children.

15 Aug 1696, Haverhill, Massachusetts:

Jonathan Haynes and four of his children were captured by Indians. Reverend John Pike recorded the events of the capture.

Jonathan was captured while reaping his field within six feet of his house. Four of his children (Mary aged 19, Thomas aged 16, Jonathan aged 12, and Joseph aged 7) were also captured while they picked beans in a nearby field close to Bradley’s Mills. The Indians took them to Penacook (Concord), New Hampshire, where the group was divided.

Jonathan (the son), Mary, and Joseph were taken to Canada and sold to the French. Mary was redeemed for 100 pounds of tobacco which was carried up on a hand sled. Jonathan and Joseph remained in Canada. They married and became wealthy farmers. The two brothers lost their native language to French.

Jonathan (the father) and Thomas were taken to Maine where they escaped. After traveling two or three days with no food, Jonathan collapsed in exhaustion. Thomas could not get his father to rise, so he went after help. He climbed a tall tree on a hill to see if he could see any signs of civilization. At first, Thomas thought he had failed and could not determine which route to take, but then he heard a sawmill. He followed the sound and found himself at the settlement of Saco in Maine. He relayed the events which had transpired, and was assisted back to his father with a bottle of milk. Jonathan was revived, and reached Saco with difficulty. The two remained in the settlement until their strength was restored and then they returned to Haverhill, Massachusetts.

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**22 Feb 1698, Haverhill, Massachusetts:**

An Indian party attacked Andover, Massachusetts. Five settlers were killed and more were captured. While traveling through the Haverhill area, the same party killed Jonathan Haynes and Samuel Ladd, and captured Thomas Haynes. Reverend John Pike recorded the events of the second capture.

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As they returned home, they were surrounded by 14 Indians who concealed themselves in the bushes on each side of the path. The Indians had guns presented and cocked. The fathers, seeing no escape possible, begged for ‘quarter’. The Indians replied “Boon quarter!" (good quarter). Samuel Ladd’s son did not want to be taken prisoner, and asked his father if he could mount the horse and try to escape. His father forbid the attempt, saying it was better to risk remaining a prisoner. However, the young man cut his father’s horse loose, and used the lash to take off at full speed. The Indians repeatedly fired, but he was able to reach home and give an immediate and general alarm.

Two of the Indians stepped behind the fathers, and dealt them a heavy blow on the head. Jonathan Haynes was killed instantly, but Samuel Ladd was not. An Indian stepped before Samuel and raised his hatchet. Samuel closed his eyes, but the blow did not come. When he opened his eyes, the Indian was laughing and mocking his fears. Another immediately stepped behind him and killed him with a blow. The Indians later said that they killed Haynes because he was “so old he no go with us” (too old and infirmed, he was 51 years old), and Ladd because “he so sour” (fierce looking - stern man). Thomas was taken to Penacook (Concord), New Hampshire. He was held captive for a year and upon his redemption was given an ornamental cane by the Indian chief as a token of respect for good conduct as a prisoner. The cane is archived at the New England Historical Genealogical Society in Boston, Massachusetts.

- William Haynes (England) + Sarah Ingersoll (England)
- **Jonathan Haynes** (Salem, MA) + Sarah Moulton (Hampton, NH)
- John Heath (Haverhill, MA) + Hannah Haynes (Haverhill, MA)
- Joseph B Cantrill (Philadelphia, PA) + Catharina Heath (Haverhill, MA)
In Focus: Oakland Academy

This photograph of the sixth grade class was taken in 1936 at Oakland Academy. Names provided by E. W. Forrester.

4th row (back) - L to R: Leonard Farist, Willis Jones, Henry Ballew, Quinton Fowler, E.W. Forrester, Fairley Oliver, Elisa May Brown. On the far right in the back is the teacher, Bell Reece.


2nd row - L to R: Oleta Henson, Nola Reece, Anna Lou Johnson, Winnie Lee Mealer, Eula Lou Mulkey, Estelle Simmons, Ethel Forrester, Maybelle Simmons, Edith Smith.

1st row (bottom) - L to R: Johnny Cantrell, Hoyt Ballew, Everett Reece, Paul Garrett.
New Books In The Library

By BETTY RIDDLE and JOHN DAVIS

We have exciting news! The GCGSI has added several books to the Gilmer County Library in the Genealogy Research Center.

- Cobb County Georgia Deed Book A, Volume 1
- Cobb County Georgia 1840 Census
- Cobb County Georgia The History of the 7th District A&M School
- Cobb County Georgia Early Marriages Records
- Cobb County Georgia Marriage Index Addendum
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- Coldham - Complete Book of Immigrants (1607 - 1660)
- Coldham - Complete Book of Immigrants (1661 - 1699)
- Coldham - Complete Book of Immigrants (1700 - 1750)
- Coldham - Complete Book of Immigrants (1751 - 1776)
- Coldham - More Immigrants (1614 - 1775)
- Reaman - Trail of the Huguenots
- Dawes Comm - Final Rolls of Five Civilized Tribes
- Bowen - Easter Cherokee by Blood Vol 7
- Bowen - Easter Cherokee by Blood Vol 8
- Bowen - Easter Cherokee by Blood Vol 9
- Bowen - Easter Cherokee by Blood Vol 10
- Bowen - Easter Cherokee by Blood Vol 11
- Bowen - Easter Cherokee by Blood Vol 12
- Austin - GA Frontier (three Vols.)
- Coldham - Settlers of Maryland (1679 - 1763)
- Skordas - Early Settlers of Maryland
- Tracy - Pioneers of Old Monocacy
- Eshleman - Swiss and German Settlers of SE PA
- Hinke - PA German Pioneers
- Gwathmey - Twelve VA Counties
- Wulfeck - Marriages of VA Residents (1607 - 1800)
Last Quarter Highlights

December:

- December 12th: Society’s Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Shriner’s Building & Installation of Officers
- Genealogy Research Center Volunteers - Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Shirley Sluder, Eurilla Hyatt, and John Davis

January:

- January 9th: Society Monthly Meeting, 2 p.m.
- Speakers - Patricia Henson and Brenda Cochran: “How to Organize and Build a Family History Tree Album” “Writing Your Family History” was the subject of the presentation given jointly by Brenda Cochran and Trish Henson. Trish gave the nuts and bolts for the preparation and writing of a family history. Brenda brought examples of some family history albums that she and her daughter Hollyanna had prepared for other family members—explaining how they were done.
- Genealogy Research Center Volunteers - Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: John Davis, Karen Titus, Kathryn Watkins, Patricia Henson and Rebecca Burrell

February:

- February 13th: Society Monthly Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather
- Genealogy Research Center Volunteers - Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Kathryn Watkins, John Davis, Betty Riddle, and Gloria Beaudet

2014 Officers:

- President: Karen Titus, katitus73@hotmail.com
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L to R: Karen Titus-President, Patricia “Trish” Henson-First Vice President, Laurel Brenda Cochran-Second Vice President, Gladys Spivey -Recording Secretary, John Davis-Treasurer. Not Pictured: Leslie Thomas -Corresponding Secretary.
Family Research Corner

Clark: Carolyn Higgins is searching for information on Thomas Jefferson Clark (farmer/clergy), Jemima Angeline Clark, and Moses Carr Clark. Carolyn’s great aunt, Jemima Angeline Clark was born in 1855 in Ellijay and died in 1945 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The 1930 and 1940 Federal Census shows her relation to the Clark family. Carolyn’s great grandfather, Moses Carr Clark, was born in 1833 in South Carolina and he died in 1901 in Bryan County, Oklahoma. He married Nancy Allen Foster of Ellijay, Georgia. If you can help with the Clark family, please contact Carolyn at 917-806-1873. Carolyn Higgins, 422 N. 1st St., Broken Arrow, Ok. 74012.

Allen/Chastain: Carolyn Higgins is searching for information on where the Chickasaw Indian tribe came into the James Allen/Martha Chastain line. They are Carolyn’s great-great-grandparents. Their daughter, Nancy Foster Allen, married Moses Carr Clark. A census shows that Nancy’s a niece, from brother Eppy Morris Allen, had enrollment papers. Several of the Allen family members married several Clark family members. Moses C. Clark was the son of Thomas Jefferson Clark and Martha Harkins. He was one of ten children. Carolyn is hunting for any family photos anyone cares to share. I found one of James B. Clark who was married to Charlotte E. Graham. Thank you. please contact Carolyn at 917-806-1873. Carolyn Higgins, 422 N. 1st St., Broken Arrow, Ok. 74012.

Cantrell: Do you have any information about Swan Cantrell who was born in 1804 in Spartanburg, SC. His wife was Mary J. Tucker. Swan died in 1865 in Gilmer County, GA. If so, Please contact gilmergeotechnology_newsletter@yahoo.com. Thank You.

Edwards: We would love to have information and pictures of Margaret “Ellen” Edwards who married Alfred Cantrell on 7 Aug 1867 in Cartecay, Gilmer County, GA. Ellen was born 30 Apr 1838 in North Carolina. She and Alfred lived in Gilmer County for many years. Ellen and Alfred Cantrell’s children were: Addie, Ina, May, Nathan, Heister, Ellen, and James. Ellen died 10 Apr 1926 in Benton, TN. She was the daughter of Charles M. Edwards and Martha Hendricks. Please contact gilmergeotechnology_newsletter@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Clayton: Suzie Annis is searching for the identify of these two individuals shown in the photograph on this page of the Clayton family. If you can help identify these individuals, please contact Suzie Annie at 3576 N Old Dixie Hwy, Delray Beach, FL 33483.
What We Wore Back When

Ennus, Selma, and Agnes Spivey

Cora Gamblin

Gamblin Relatives
First Families of Gilmer County

An induction ceremony was held for the First Families of Gilmer County at the annual Christmas Luncheon on 12 Dec 2013. After lunch, certificates and pins were presented to E. Eugenia Cavender and Gladys E. Spivey by Betty Riddle (see below).

The First Families is a stand-alone organization with connections to GCGSI and is a lineage society open to anyone who can prove descent from a resident of what is now Gilmer County during 1840 or before.

We encourage anyone who is directly descended from early citizens listed on the 1840 Gilmer County Census to apply. This program is under the leadership of Betty Riddle of Jasper, Georgia. Applicants are not required to be currently residing in Gilmer County.

Our 2014 springtime plans include having a tea or luncheon in connection with research in the Genealogy Research Center at the Gilmer County Library. A field trip is also being considered. Look for the date to be announced by regular meeting, e-mail or phone.

Come Join Us!

There are four methods to obtain an application and get information:

1. At www.gcgsi.org
2. Email: bsriddle@tds.net
3. Pick-up an application at the Gilmer County Library
4. Mail: Gilmer County Genealogy Society Inc., First Families Program Committee, P. O. Box 919, Ellijay, GA 30540

There is a one-time fee of $10 covering the application, as well as a free one year membership into the Gilmer County Genealogical Society.

First Families Program Committee:
- President: Betty Riddle
- Vice President: Eurilla Hyatt
- Secretary: Estelle Wall
- Treasurer: Shirley Sluder

“"The purpose of the First Families program is to honor the pioneers who were settled in Gilmer County by 1840 or before and to recognize those descendants who became members of this program. “

Bulletin Board

March:
- March 13th: Society Monthly Meeting, 2 p.m.
- Speaker: Robert Jones, Civil War in North Georgia “Battle of Bucktown”
- Genealogy Research Center Volunteers - Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Kathryn Watkins, Shirley Sluder, Eurilla Hyatt, Cleve Greeson

April:
- April 10th: Society Monthly Meeting, 2 p.m.
- Speaker: Sheila Richards, “Searching Your Huguenot Ancestry”
- Genealogy Research Center Volunteers - Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Leslie Thomas, Gladys Spivey, Patricia Henson, Gloria Beaudet

May:
- May 8th: Society Monthly Meeting, 2 p.m.
- Speaker: Reverend Butch Jones, “Stories from the Southern Mountains”
- Genealogy Research Center Volunteers - Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Sylvia Johnson, Rebecca Burrell, Cleve Greeson, John Davis, and Karen Titus

President’s Desk

BY KAREN TITUS

We are off to an interesting start this year. We had a wonderful January meeting, but had to cancel in February due to snow and ice. However, many of us are continuing to plan and work on projects at home and in small groups. I am excited to be involved in the Gilmer County Genealogy Society where so many members are participating in gathering and preserving the county’s history and photos. The photo scanning project will resume in March. The group has also shown great support for associated organizations with similar missions. Some new and exciting things that we would like to do this year is to plan a few field trips. Please share any ideas you have for possible interesting trips. We would like to have at least one Saturday meeting, so that we can include the families that can’t attend on a weekday. We would like to continue to have genealogy programs on Saturdays in the Summer.

We are interested in what you think about this, so give us your opinion: gcgs@etcmail.com
- Our first scheduled event this year is our traditional luncheon in April to recognize the Library Staff during National Library Week.
- Our next big event is the Annual Picnic, in August at the ETC Pavilion.
- We will gather in November to decorate our Christmas tree for the Sequoyah Library Systems Festival of Trees.
- Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be at the Shriner’s Building.

The exact dates and times will be announced later.
What Is Available Online?

- GCGSI Membership
- First Families Application
- Genealogical Links
- Officers
- Book Order Form
- 1834 and 1840 Census
- Contact Information