



THE BURKETT FAMILY

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We have a new look !

For some time I have had a new Publishing Program and haven't had the time to learn it but now I think I have so here is the first issue with some of what I have learned. In case we have some computer folks who might be interested, the program is Version 3.0 of Express Publisher for MS-DOS. OK, big deal, you say! So what does it do for us? Hopefully, it will provide more eye appeal and be easier to read. It also has the capability to import images and photo's which I hope will make it much more interesting.

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With this added flexibility I hope to be able to present things much more clearly than I could with the other program. Also, I had in mind the Burkett image which is, if we're going to do it, let's do it as good as we possibly can. As we go down the road and locate more of our relatives, we want them to know we are serious in our efforts to locate and document as much information as possible about our family. ■

We also have a new name!

That's right! Even though this newsletter will continue under the title "The Burkett Family", we have formed "The Burkett Heritage Foundation" for the purpose of managing our activities which include publishing this newsletter, organizing our annual reunion, locating and documenting relatives unknown to us at this time, assisting in the maintenance of some cemeteries where relatives are buried (see article in this issue), doing research about our ancestors and their lives, gathering as much information as possible about all of our relatives in order to write a book about the Burketts, joining Associations which can be helpful to us in pursuit of some of the objectives just stated, and managing and

accounting for our money in accomplishing all of this.

Later in this issue is an Application to become a member of The Burkett Heritage Foundation plus a list of the dues, etc. I hope all of you will join in helping to continue this important and interesting research about our family. ■

The Bogle Reunion

. . . and a rainy day!

(In reading the following article keep in mind that Almon Lee Burkett married Nancy

Caldonia Bogle)

Well, there was a whole bunch of us who went to the Bogle Reunion in Woodbury, Tennessee on Saturday October 9. Driving up from Jasper, Alabama was Kenneth Wayne and Janie Burkett - and you'll read more on him later. From the Birmingham area came John Almon and Betty Carroll and then we had the "Huntsville Bunch". First, was an Uncle and Aunt to most of us - Gentry J.B. and Bessie Burkett. (Along with some of the others, they had been to this reunion before and were well known to the Bogles.) Next in no particular order was Buddy Burkett with wife Joanna, Loretta Chisholm Patterson, Audy Majors and wife Sandy, Martha Majors Teague, Danny Banks, Herman Chisholm and wife "Sitch", Deborah Sue Burkett Howard with husband Dale and daughter Dayna, and myself.

Mildred Trapp Banks with husband Basil along with Alma Trapp Edgemon and husband Bill - Alma and Bill drove up to Huntsville from their home in Jasper, Ala. - had planned to attend but by late Friday afternoon Mildred was not feeling well enough to attend so Alma and Bill stayed at home with Mildred and Basil. We missed them as did a lot of the Bogles because they had attended some of the past Bogle reunions.

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The reunion was held in the basement of the Bank on the town square in Woodbury and was set up very nicely with long tables for the food - and we *did* have food! And we met a lot of nice relatives - too numerous to list here - so I believe they can expect to see us again next year. Two of the Bogles live down here in Florida near me but I didn't know it until this reunion. In fact, I didn't know them until this reunion. One of them, Fred, lives in Orlando and the other one is Thurman who lives just north of Tampa in Brooksville, Florida. I enjoyed meeting them both and expect to visit with them during the coming months and learn more about the Bogles. I also met Catherine Gannon Hutchison who lives in Nashville and has a lot of Bogle information which she graciously shared with me. Catherine was prepared for requests for information because she had made extra copies of each page she had. While I haven't had the time to review all of it as yet, I will be doing so and will be including a lot of it in our history.

But here we were with nice people, nice food and plans to go to Sugar Tree Knob, visit the cemetery, and walk around to the old homestead after the reunion. So what happens? *It rained!* Several of us had brought our walking shoes and we were really looking forward to making the hike because, while a few had made the walk, most of us had not. Some of us had been referring to it as the old Burkett homestead since our Grandfather Almon Lee Burkett had lived there but the property itself was owned by our Grandmother Nancy Caldonia Bogle Burkett's father.

However, even though it rained and spoiled our walk, we did receive one very welcome and pleasant surprise. Remember I told you at the beginning of this article you would hear more about Kenneth Wayne Burkett? Well, we had just arrived and were still out in the Bank parking lot unloading the cars when I noticed another car drive in and pull up to Audy Majors. Turns out it was *the other* Kenneth Wayne Burkett - he goes by

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the name of Ken - and his wife Alice who had driven over from their home in Lebanon, Tennessee! Kenneth Burkett from Jasper was also still in the parking lot so I had the fun - and the privilege - of calling him over and introducing them as "Kenneth Wayne Burkett meet Kenneth Wayne Burkett". It wasn't a surprise to either of them because they already knew about each other but it was nice that they had the opportunity to meet. Ken and Alice have a daughter Vicki who also lives in Lebanon and is married to Larry Pearson.

Not only did Ken Burkett and wife Alice come, they brought along his brother Ronald Burkett with wife Brenda and daughter Rhonda Burkett Greer. They also live in Lebanon, Tennessee and we have now added them to our list of relatives and hope they will be able to attend our reunion next year in Huntsville.

In spite of the rain, it turned out to be an interesting and enjoyable trip and well worth the time spent driving up to Woodbury. I'm sure that those of us who are of Bogle descent will be attending in the future. ■

About the Boggles . . .

(This information is through the courtesy of and provided by Catherine Gannon Hutchison, a granddaughter of George Paschal Bogle who was a brother to Nancy Caldonia Bogle Burkett.)

The name Bogle originally was named for Bowgyhill, a parish of Monkland in Lanarkshire, Scotland. The spelling was changed several times and was spelled Bogyll, Bagill, and Bougle until about 1519. Families split due to religious disagreements and, at times, would change the spelling of their name to break all family ties. The first family to spell it Bogle was found in Glasgow, Scotland around 1519. Lanarkshire and Glasgow are in the southern part of Scotland. The Boggles began to migrate into England in the middle

1500's. The Boggles have also carried some of their given names all the way from Scotland to Cannon County, Tennessee. For example, a "Margaret" Boygll was living in Glasgow in 1487; "Robert" and "James" Bogyle lived in Glasgow in 1520; "Thomas" and "Isabella" Bogle lived in Glasgow in 1552.

The Boggles were in Pennsylvania in the early 1700's. In 1790, William and Joseph Bogle, both over 60 years of age, were in York County, Pennsylvania. (Some Burketts were also there at this time.) Samuel and Robert, believed to be sons of William, were in Iredell County, North Carolina in 1790.

William, Samuel and Joseph served in the Revolutionary War. During this period Tennessee was owned by the British as was North Carolina and they gave the land to the United States in 1789. Later that same year, Tennessee became the sixteenth state. Land grants were given to anyone who would migrate to the area and were also given as a bonus for service during the war. Boggles were found in Greene County, Tennessee in the late 1780's and there are still many Boggles in Greene County.

Joseph Bogle, son of Samuel Bogle and Jane Leech, received a land grant in Greene County in 1787 but sold it in 1789 and moved to Wilson County. Samuel Bogle is believed to have moved directly to Wilson County from Iredell County, North Carolina about the same time. The area they moved to was changed from Wilson County to Cannon County in 1836 when Cannon County was established from parts of Wilson, Warren, and Rutherford Counties. Warren County covered the town of Woodbury and the area to the east and north *including the Sugar Tree Knob and Short Mountain area.* (The italics are mine because this now explains why I have seen in one document that our relatives lived in Warren County and, in another document, in Cannon County.) ■

Congratulations

To Hal Durham whose Mother Laura Burkett Durham advises that Hal has been promoted from General Manger to President of the Grand Ole' Opry in Nashville, Tennessee!

Dear Cousins . . .

I have looked at a couple of other Family Newsletters and both of them had a "Dear Cousins" column for letters written by a relative to all of the other relatives. This can be for the purpose of seeking information about relatives, donating an artifact or photograph to the family collection, submitting a detailed account of the life of an immediate relative, reciting an amusing or unusual happening or for any other reason you wish to communicate with all of the cousins. As an example, here is a letter from me.

Dear Cousins,

I have heard it said all my life that my Grandfather Almon Lee Burkett was called "Aud" but I can't find where that nickname came from. Does anybody out there know?

- Oliver Webb

From now on this will be a regular column and you are cordially invited to send in your letters. ■

Cemetery Maintenance

Earlier in the article about the functions of The Burkett Heritage Foundation, I pointed out that cemetery maintenance was one of the activities. At this time, through contributions by a few of our relatives, funds have been donated into an interest bearing account and the interest used to maintain the Oak Grove and Sugar Tree Knob cemeteries. However, as everyone is aware, interest rates have

fallen very low and the Sugar Tree Knob account has not produced enough to pay for the maintenance. Therefore, a portion of the funds collected from our membership applications will be allocated to cover our portion of the shortfall until interest rates are again back at a high enough level. Obviously, we do not pay for all of the maintenance but since we have relatives in both we do feel obligated and want to assist in preventing these cemeteries from becoming overgrown and rundown. ■

Age is like underwear. It creeps up on you.

I Remember . . .

from Oliver Webb -

I can't vouch for the accuracy of this story but if it isn't true I'm sure at least one of my relatives will be quick to tell me so here goes. I remember wondering how Granddaddy Almon Lee Burkett started chewing tobacco and I asked somebody and this is the story as I remember it. Seems that when Granddaddy was a younger man he heard a rattlesnake out in the back one night. Taking a lantern he went out to hunt it and found it. Looking around for something to kill the snake with, he spotted a piece of a bed frame that connects the headboard to the footboard. It was long enough to stay at a safe distance and still hit the snake so he picked it up. However, it was metal and he didn't realize that it had rusted pretty badly. Anyway, he lifted the piece over his head and hit at the snake but he misjudged and the piece of metal hit the ground behind the snake. Since it was rusted so badly, it broke and he fell forward with his arms outstretched and the snake bit him on the wrist. I don't remember all that

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the Doctor is supposed to have said or done but what I do remember is that he supposedly gave Granddaddy a drink of bourbon, a chew of tobacco and told him he would have to chew tobacco *the rest of his life or the snake poison would come back on him and kill him!* Well, true or not, it makes a pretty good story and it's going to be interesting to find out who has heard this or another story about Granddaddy's chewing tobacco. As the story goes, by the time he found out the Doctor was wrong he was addicted to chewing.

from John Almon Carroll -

One summer when John was up visiting in Huntsville, he and Herbert Majors were playing in a field next to a cornfield. Seeing the corn and since it was noontime, they decided to cook their lunch. Well, John was hungry and decided the corn was done so he ate it. But it wasn't. Aunt Ova and Grannie Burkett had to take care of him because by the time he got home he was sick. It is not known at this time what happened to Herbert. Hey, John! I heard from a "usually reliable source" that it not only wasn't done, it was *popping corn!* Any truth to that?

from Catherine Gannon Hutchison -

(This was taken from Catherine's remembrance of her grandfather who was George Paschal Bogle, a brother of Nancy Caldonia Bogle Burkett.)
Papa (this is what she called her grandfather) always kept a double barrel shotgun loaded and laying under his bed in case he heard a fox, raccoon, polecat or whatever in the chicken house at night. One Sunday morning after I had spent Saturday night with them, I was helping Mama make up the bed. At home, Daddy never kept the gun loaded so I picked up Papa's gun and it went off and shot a hole in the floor. I have never liked guns since that happened! (Catherine doesn't say what her age was at the time nor whether she managed to fire *both* barrels or just one!) ■

THE Football Game! . . .

Now here's a little story to tickle your fuunnybone - unless you happen to be Almon Majors, Jr. - because it shows what can happen when you have a lot of relatives like we do there in Huntsville.

Let me start off by telling you that, among his other activities, Almon Majors, Jr. is a Referee for high school football games. (Almon Lee Burkett was his Great Grandfather). Now he has a cousin, Loretta Chisholm Patterson, who not only has a son, Greg, who coaches football at Huntsville High but also has a son-in-law, Paul Parvin, who coaches Grissom High. Probably by now, you've guessed what's coming.

" . . . any thought to getting into politics, Almon?"

Yep! That's right! Not only is Huntsville scheduled to play Grissom but Almon is scheduled to work that game! Comes the night of the game and all of our relatives who are going are all abuzz about who Almon will throw the first penalty flag against - so they are all watching closely. Finally - **and I have this from several reliable witnesses** - Almon threw the flag *but only after another Referee threw one first!* Was he smart or what? Have you ever given any thought to getting into politics, Almon? ■

FLASH! FLASH!

A little bird tells me that William LaVerne (Buddy) Burkett - son of Gentry J.B. Burkett and grandson of Almon Lee Burkett - and his wife JoAnna just might become grandparents in a few months! They have two (2) children, William Earl Burkett and Martha Ann Burkett Waldrup. According to my information, they expect to become *double* grandparents at about the same time. Got that figured out? ■

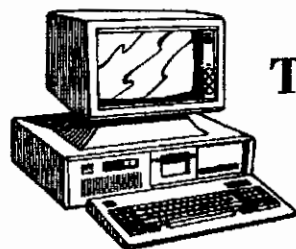
Guesses and ... This 'n That

In reviewing the Bogle information, I believe I have found where Audy Sampson Burkett, son of Almon Lee Burkett and Nancy Caldonia Bogle Burkett, got his middle name of Sampson. One of his Uncles, a brother of his Mother Nancy, was Henry Sampson Burkett. While I have no proof, I would *guess* that is where he got it . . . Also, I would *guess* that my Mother, Martha Caroline Burkett - sister of Audy Sampson Burkett - got both of her names from her Grandmothers. Her maternal Grandmother was Martha Elizabeth Wilson Bogle and her paternal Grandmother was Rebecca Caroline Rigsby Burkett so by taking "Martha" from maternal and "Caroline" from paternal gives you Martha Caroline. Now am I clever or what!? . . . Teachers could not be married when Mildred Trapp Banks went to Rison School in Dallas Village! And I'm sure it was true when I was going to Rison because Mildred and I can't remember any who were other than Mr. Fain and he was the Principal. Why? I don't know. I *guess* it was a policy of the Mill Owners. Incidentally, did you know that Rison School was named after one of the earlier Mill Owners, Mr. J.T. Rison?. . . . Until Federal Law changed it in the 1920's, children worked in the cotton mills in Huntsville, Alabama as young as the age of six (6) according to Uncle Gentry J.B. Burkett. Mothers could not afford baby sitters back then so, if they didn't have a relative to look after them, they took the children to work with them. The real young picked up empty spindles and did other very simple things which required no skill or physical strength. My Mother tells me she quit school and went to work in the Mill at the age of 13. When I asked about Aunt Ova and the age she went to work, Mother said she "couldn't remember when Aunt Ova *didn't work!*" . . .

Some of you may be wondering why I give details such as the above reference to cotton mills in "Huntsville, Alabama" when you know I'm talking about Huntsville. But somebody reading this 25 - 50 years from now or even a distant relative reading it today might not so I try to be fairly specific when I refer to persons and places so bear with me. . . . Hardly had I finished writing above that teachers could not be married at the time Mildred Trapp Banks went to Rison when what happens? I pick up the Tampa Tribune which periodically has an article entitled "I Remember It Well" and here is an article by Nellie Truxal (no relation) who grew up in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. In this article she says "*Few women worked outside the home. School boards would not employ women teachers who were married and a lot of banks and stores had the same policy. If a single teacher married during the school year she was immediately asked to resign*". So now I'm forced to take back what I said when I *guessed* it was a mill policy. Based on this article, which covered the period of World War I and the early 1920's, it seems to have been a practice pretty much followed around the country - or at least I *guess* that was the case. ■

Ahnentafel Chart . . .

Ahnentafel is a German word meaning *ancestor table*. While it has a very specific use by Genealogy specialists, I don't expect you to remember it but I did think you might be interested in seeing one of these charts. You will recall that, for a lot of us, Henry Burkett, Sr. was our third great grandfather. But which one? A look at this chart shows we have 16 third great grandfathers - and grandmothers, 8 second great grandfathers, 4 great grandfathers, and 2 grandfathers. I just thought you might find this interesting and I'll give you more data as we go down the road and I get it entered. ■



The Historian's Corner

In each issue I will use this column to keep you advised of what's happening in the way of progress. In this issue, I want to discuss the three (3) associations we are in the process of joining and our reason for joining. *The Ancestry Research Club* is primarily a publishing association which keeps me up to date on new software programs plus updates on existing programs. *The Florida Genealogical Society* meets here in Tampa once a month and gives me the chance to meet people who have years of experience in genealogy. *The Genealogy Club of America*

gives me the opportunity to learn about family ancestor research on a national level. From this you can see my objective which is to learn how to do this research professionally. ■



Season's Greetings



Thanksgiving has come and gone so it's a little late for that and since I can't possibly extend an individual greeting to each of our family I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and yours a safe and happy Holiday season and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Let me hear from you next year! ■



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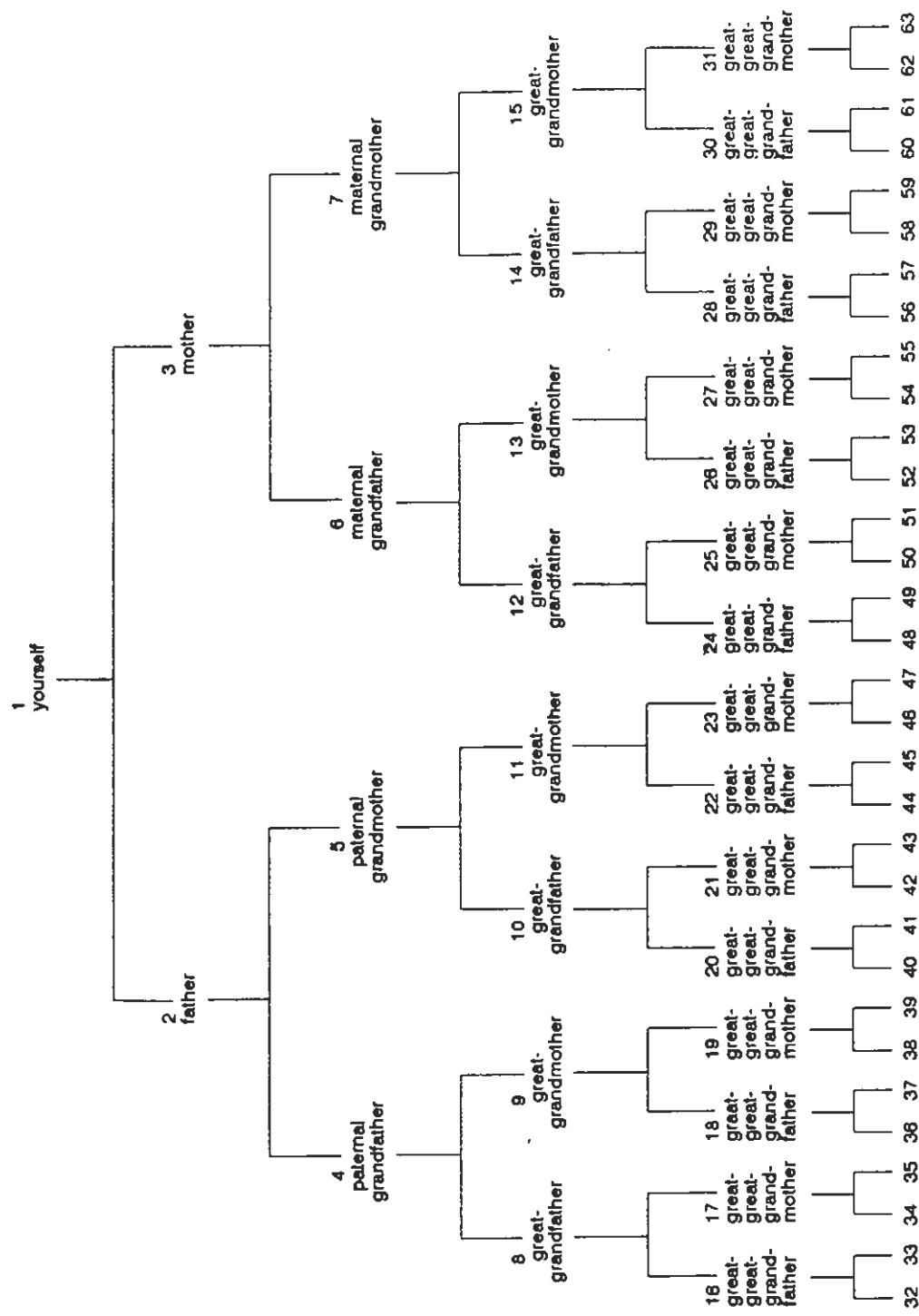
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