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Notes from the Editor

Yes, friends and family (no this is not an ad for that long distance company), as most of you already know, we have moved again. We're back in Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas.

The main reason we moved back is to be closer to our families. We are settling down comfortably and, of course, getting ready for the cold weather that we escaped last year by moving to Las Vegas.

We have some really exciting things in this issue. Just take a look at the list of things in this issue below on this page. To start, Beverly Tippet sent us a picture of Charles and Delia (Summitt) Beasley. You'll also find pictures of some of the Beasley children on page 5. Also starting on this page, John Allen Summitt of Indiana has provided us with a fantastic look at Christian Summitt. Paul C. Summitt is providing us with a look at what happened to James W. Pardue. We also have contributions from Julia

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This photograph of Charles Andrew (Sr.) and Cordelia Elizabeth (Delia) (Summitt) Beasley was probably taken in the early 1900's. The photograph was provided to us by Beverly Tippet who says her mother, Myrtice Beasley Grossklaus, doesn't think the photograph was a wedding picture. Charles was born about 1882 and Delia was born September 2, 1885. (See Volume 3,

Christian Summitt - May 30, 1769 to April 18, 1865

By John Allen Summitt

Christian Summitt was born in Lincoln County (at that time, Tyron County), North Carolina on May 30, 1769. He died in Stinesville, Monroe County, Indiana on April 18, 1865 and was buried at the old Dutch Cemetery located between the small German communities of Stinesville and Ellettsville, Indiana. My research on Christian is far from complete but I am providing this information in the hopes of generating further contributions and research on this early Summitt(t) family.

Christian is believed to have been the oldest child of a Francis Summitt (Johannes Frantz Sammet) (1741 - 1818), an early German Lutheran immigrant who settled in the lands of North Carolina west of the Catawba River, to whom all Summitt(t)s tracing their lineage back to North Carolina apparently owe their heritage. (See

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The Summitt Family Quarterly Volume 1, Issue 4, Winter, 1996). This Francis Summitt was married to a woman known only by the name "Dolly" and they apparently had 12 children, 6 sons and 6 daughters, over an almost three decade period. [Another line of Summitts consisting of a Christian and George Summitt settled in frontier Kentucky beginning around 1780. While some have speculated that both early North Carolina and Kentucky Summitt(t)s had a common ancestor named Jacob Sammet who entered the port of Philadelphia in September 1753. No proof of such a connection has surfaced so far.]

Christian was born on the frontier of current Lincoln County, North Carolina on land purchased from the Abernathy. This land was located "on the waters of" Leepers Creek probably located somewhere southeast of current Lincolnton. This area was home to many other German Families. In 1802 Francis bought land "on the waters of" Lyles Creek to move his family close to the newly established St. John's Lutheran Church north of Conover, North Carolina in current Catawba County. They were apparently active Lutherans, with children off and on appearing in Lutheran records over the years. Christian served as executor of his father's estate upon Francis' death in February 1818 and probably remained in North Carolina until his mother died (date unknown). In any event, about 1827, at an approximate age of 58, Christian sold his land inherited from his father in 1818, packed up his family and, with several of his neighbors, moved to what is now Stinesville, Monroe County, Indiana. This fast growing German Lutheran community would later become known as the Old Dutch Community and is located northwest of Bloomington, Indiana in Monroe County between current Stinesville and Ellettsville.

All of Christian's children had been born in North Carolina before the move to Indiana but all apparently came with him, including his eldest daughter by his first wife born in 1802. Other families who joined this journey included the family names of Stines, Grounds and Littens. The reason for this relocation is not known but it may have been more than a Pioneering spirit. It is said that the Littens were members of the North Carolina "Regulators" and were dissatisfied with the "lawlessness" and Political unrest following the Revolutionary War. Christian's brother Henry had moved his family to the

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Miller, Dan & Beaver Summitt, and others. Of course, as you can see in the picture below, I'm always working hard at something.

I'm now using a video camera, my laptop computer, and an accessory called the Snappy to quickly copy old pictures into the computer for use in this newsletter, on my web site, and in other productions. The point is, plan on seeing a lot more photographs in this newsletter from now on. Send pictures, video tapes, or floppy disks. I'll return them after I get copies for the news letter.

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Paul Moody Summitt, about 1955, Kingsville, Texas.

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On another note, several of us are now exchanging email about the family history. If you'd like to take part, send an email message to **PSUMMITT@MSN.COM**.

Several of you who are on the internet will also be interested in Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. Dick is the author of *YOUR ROOTS: Total Genealogy Planning on Your Computer* and the forum manager of the Genealogy forum on CompuServe. To subscribe to the newsletter, send an email message to **listserv@peach.ease.lsoft.com**. The first line of your message needs to say SUBSCRIBE ROOTSCOMPUTING followed by your first and last name. Back issues of the newsletter, as well as the current issue, are available on the World Wide Web at **<http://www.ancestry.com/home/times.htm>**.

Speaking of web sites, John Allen Summitt has a site located at **<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/s/u/m/John-Allen-Summitt/>**. Check it out.

News has it that AOL has bought CompuServe. For those of us that dislike AOL's business practices, this is a dark day for online access. I tried to get along with them but AOL has already messed up my billing so, after over ten years of being on CompuServe, I have cancelled my membership. I can no longer be reached via the CompuServe email address.

Later - paul



Here's who these people are according to my sources. If I'm wrong, let me know so that I can list everyone correctly. Starting from the top left and working our way to the right: I've been unable to identify the first man; Chester A. Summitt; Amos Carter; E. C. Frie; Bill Harrison; the man on the right has been identified as Jess Burcham by two out of three people I asked. Second Row, from the left to the right: this woman has been identified as Annie Graham? (mother of Rose Mary Burcham); Katie Summitt; Mrs. Carter; Mary Ellen Frie; Myrtle Bell. Harrison; identified as Hattie Burcham by 2 out of 3 people I asked. Finally, the front row from the left to the right: this young girl could be Amy Beth Summitt; the baby could be James Nathan Summitt; and the woman has been identified as Virgie Burcham

Documenting Family History

by Julia Miller

Have you ever looked at old family photographs and been disappointed to discover that no name is written on the back to identify them? It is equally important to document your family research.

As much as you may dislike the process of documenting your work, and ponder its usefulness -- there are several reasons why it's necessary:

- ◆ Documentation makes your research easier and faster. If you are like me you do your research in bits and pieces, sometime laying it aside for weeks or even years. Noting where you have looked in the past and what you found will keep you from going over ground that you've already traveled.
- ◆ Documentation helps prevent duplication of research. One of the great joys of doing research is finding other "cousins" who are doing the same and sharing information. If you document where you found your information it will save time and the efforts of others

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COMMENT ON THE SUMMITT WOMEN ARTICLE

PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL 1997 ISSUE (VOL. 3, ISSUE 1) OF THE

SUMMITT FAMILY QUARTERLY

By Paul C. Summitt
(greatly assisted by Betty Keirn)

Two of the Summit(t) woman discussed in the above issue were Nancy Jane Summit and Mary Mulhaly Summit. Both were daughters of Jonathan and Bettie S. Butler Summit and sisters to James Lee Summit. I used the one "t" spelling here since their father, Jonathan, apparently with some consistency spelled the surname with one "t" and it was so spelled on his tombstone. Later, James Lee adopted the two "t" spelling, as did all of his children.

As note in the April article, Nancy Jane was born on August 22, 1842 and Mary Mulhaly was born on November 8, 1849. James Lee was born October 1, 1840. Since the article was published, I have found several sources of new information on these two Summit(t) women that I would like to share with the readers of the Summitt Family Quarterly.

MARY MUHALY SUMMIT

Apart from her birth date and a listing of a Nancy June Gunn in a family bible as having been born April 4, 1868 and died September 26, 1868, not much information was given for Mary. In the meantime, records have been found in Monroe County, Tennessee showing that Mary M. Summit was married to an Andrew J. Gunn by Justice of the Peace C.T.P. Davis in Monroe County on September 1, 1867. So it is apparent that the above baby said to have been named Nancy June was a child of Mary M. and Andrew J. Gunn and suggests that the baby's name was probably Nancy Jane after Mary M.'s sister. In addition, records of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Monroe County show that a Margaret E. Gunn was born on April 23, 1870 and baptized on June 1, 1871 under the sponsorship of Jonathan and B. J. Summit. A similar record shows a Daniel S. Gun was born January 30, 1872 and baptized May 10, 1873, also sponsored by Jonathan and B. J. Summit. No record could be found that Mary M. and Andrew J. Gunn were members of this Lutheran church, but it is fair to conclude they lived in this general vicinity and may have been affiliated with the church. No further information is available on the Gunn family or what happened to Andrew Gunn.

The next piece of new information concerning Mary M. was discovered in June 1997 with the finding of Jonathan Summit's will executed on June 9, 1896, about a week before his death on June 17, 1896. In his will Jonathan specifically bequeathed certain lands, including the "home tract", to "my daughter Mary M. Oody and her husband John Oody" on condition that Mary and her husband move in the house with him and his wife or so conveniently near so as to be able to look after them while either of them were alive. Review of the marriage records in Loudon County, Tennessee showed that a marriage license, and accompanying bond, had been issued to John Oody to marry Mary M. Gun on November 19, 1889. We recently discovered a family bible entry to the effect that "Bettie S. Summitt departed this life the 13th day of Sept. 1902 at the age of 86 years 2 mo. 12 days old."

This information leaves a lot of questions to be answered about the fate of the Gunn family and what happened to Mary M. and John Oody following the death of Jonathan and ultimately the widow, Bettie S. Butler Summit. Since a relative of Mary M. Oody might well have possession of pictures and other memorabilia relating to the their family and Jonathan and Bettie S. Summit, it would be of significant interest to this Summit(t) line to continue research on the Mary and John Oody family. Researchers must keep in mind that Jonathan and Bettie S.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

- 2 - Jack Apple
- 3 - Dessie S. Cummings
- 3 - Debbie L. Jenkins
- 6 - Larry K. Jenkins, Sr.
- 7 - Debbie B. Summitt
- 12 - Melissa Wiltse
- 12 - Rickey D. Summitt
- 13 - Luther L. Summitt
- 13 - Shirley F. Hill
- 14 - Roger K. Summitt
- 16 - Jessica M. Lucas
- 16 - Elizabeth C. Clark
- 16 - Jeffrey L. Carter
- 18 - Mary J. Summitt
- 20 - Brenda B. Bass
- 22 - Tessa C. Vance
- 22 - Sharon J. Thompson
- 23 - William S. Summitt
- 23 - Michael K. Kinsella
- 24 - Sean L. Stephens
- 24 - Carman L. Frie
- 24 - Carol C. Vance
- 25 - Eddie L. Summitt
- 25 - David S. Kinsella
- 26 - Carol A. Summitt

November

- 1 - Michael C. McCallum
- 2 - Rachel C. Frazier
- 3 - Howard B. Cloninger
- 4 - Jessie F. Summitt
- 6 - Thomas M. Calhoun
- 7 - Linda L. Summitt
- 8 - Oscar E. Summitt
- 8 - James R. Hart, Jr.
- 10 - Larry Don Frie
- 10 - Harless K. Brakebill, Jr.
- 11 - Celestine Myers
- 13 - David M. Summitt
- 13 - Robin J. Farmer
- 15 - Erin L. Cloninger
- 18 - Myron B. Meechan
- 18 - James R. Boggs II
- 20 - Jonathan Mickelis
- 21 - Alevia B. Summitt
- 22 - Roxann S. Hughes
- 24 - Elisabetha S. KleinKnecht
- 24 - John B. Marrs
- 27 - Mary S. Fry
- 27 - John F. Summitt
- 27 - Irma J. Cloninger

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- 28- Tamara S. & Randall J. Mechan
- 29- Robert Brown
- 29- Barbara Brown

December

- 1 - Mamie L. Summitt
- 2 - Stephen M. Lucas
- 5 - Paul C. Summitt
- 5 - James K. Summitt
- 5 - Theodore F. Cummings
- 6 - William R. Summitt
- 6 - Margaret F. Carter
- 7 - Sharon S. & Frederick K. Wilkening
- 9 - Kenneth L. Cloninger II
- 10- Rebecca L. Means
- 10- Pleasant E. Calhoun
- 13- John L. Summitt
- 13- Howard Jenkins
- 14- Brandon M. McCallum
- 15- Charles N. Foster, Jr.
- 17- Quinton K. Cloninger
- 19- Michael H. Rachael
- 19- Sharon M. & Harry E. Hansen III
- 21- Harry L. Seavy
- 24- Kenneth C. Hart, Jr.
- 26- Doyle L. Summitt
- 26- James F. Cloninger
- 27- James E. Campbell
- 28- Mary T. Hart
- 28- Virginia F. Hart
- 31- Bruce A. Summitt
- 31- Jessica M. Brown

The Beasley Children

The photograph to the right was taken about 1927 and was provided to us by Beverly Tippet. The two children in the back from the left to the right are Vivian and Vara. The front row from the left to the right are C.A., Myrtice, Horace and Tip.

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Vincennes area in Indiana about 1817 and had surely written his Brother about this great "new" land. Vincennes is about 70 miles South West of Stinesville Indiana.

From the land purchased by Christian in Monroe County, Indiana, he donated a parcel for a church. This parcel became the center for the Old Dutch Community and Lutheran religious affairs in the area. To the interest of genealogists, a cemetery was incorporated into the grounds and many Summitt(s), including Christian and his 2nd wife and mother of all but one of his children, are buried there.

Some of the particulars concerning Christian Summitt and his family are as follows:

Christian was married three times. He and his first wife Catherine Link were married April 6, 1802 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. It is believed that Catherine died in childbirth. They had one child: a daughter named Lavinia Summitt, born on October 21, 1802, Lincoln County, North Carolina. [For those who count and assuming accurate birth information, it appears that the time from marriage to birth was just over six months.] Lavinia married Gilbert Litten on January 16, 1827 in Lincoln County, North Carolina just before they were to accompany Christian and his family to Indiana. Lavinia died on May 1, 1883 in Monroe County, Indiana. This Litten family was to become a prominent part of the German community in that area.

Christian's second marriage was to Elizabeth Masters on June 9, 1803 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. All of their children were born in North Carolina, moved to Indiana with them in 1827, and tended to marry and

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1995 Summitt Reunion in Cardwell, MO The Video

The video of our get-together in July, 1995 in Cardwell is available for those who would like an archive of this event. Tape runs about 40 minutes.



Children of Charles Beasley

with Cordelia Elizabeth Summitt
 James Beasley
 Wilson Doyle Beasley
 Charles Elson (Buddy) Beasley
 Pascal Summitt Beasley
 Vara Cordelia Beasley
 Myrtle Vivian Beasley
 William Horace Beasley
 Myrtice Alyne Beasley
 Charles Andrew (C.A.) Beasley, Jr.

with Vinnie Lee Taylor
 Wava Dean Beasley
 Marie Beasley
 Billy Nash Beasley

James Madison Beasley

by

Beverly Tippet

James Madison Beasley was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee in 1830. It is suggested that his family moved to West Tennessee from Middle Tennessee when the Indian Lands opened up. A whole wagon-train of people left Middle Tennessee during this time period.

James joined the 1 (Fields) Tennessee Infantry of the Confederate States Army in 1861. He was wound at "Devil's Elbow" in Georgia. The story goes that he wouldn't let his company surrender when the war was over. When the Stars and Stripes were run up over the breast works of the Confederate's, he went up and tore it down. The Union soldiers put up the second flag. He went after than one, too. The winning army shot him.

This is documented when he applied for a pension in 1906. He writes that he was shot in the hip and the ball came out in the back. He had chronic dysentery beginning first in a mild way during his service in the army. By the time he applied for his pension he was almost paralyzed and unable to do any kind of manual labor.

He was released from the army at the surrender in North Carolina. When asked if he took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government -- answer: NO. By 1906, he was living at Chestnut Bluff in Crockett County with his wife, Bettie Vaughn. She was born in Murfreesboro in 1844 and they were married on May 21 or June 1, 1867. His pension application states that he was living with his wife, a son (age 23) and a daughter (age 17) on a farm which was not enough to support them. He had no estate and only one cow and two horses.

James died in late 1906 or early 1907 as Bettie applied for a widow's pension. (gravestone says 1904) She stated that they had 10 children -- 5 boys and 5 girls. Bettie (Mary Elizabeth) died in 1913.

The above information was researched by Vera Dale, Scottsdale, AZ. Her great, great grandmother, Balkis Lauvina Beasley Mattis was a sister to James. He had 1 or 2 other brothers: William N. and Harrison. William M. served in the same regiment and company. both made Lt. and one went on to be Capt. and a magistrate in Dyer or Crockett County.

The Summitt Family Quarterly First Year

Due to changes in the software and hardware that we use to produce the newsletter, we are no longer able to make copies of the first year (the first four issues) of the newsletter. To celebrate the ending of three years of publication, we will publish a booklet called **The Summitt Family Quarterly First Year**.

Early purchases of this booklet will be available for Christmas 1997. The booklet will consist of replicas of the articles and pictures that made up the issues of the first year with comments and updates. Additional materials are being included that space constraints prevented from being included in the initial issue. The booklet will consist of around sixty pages and will have a clear vinyl cover to protect it. To reserve your copy for Christmas gifts send \$25.00 to

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Summitt, Marvin Cleo - Of Flint, age 82, died Monday, May 26, 1997 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Funeral service will be held at 1 PM Friday, May 30, 1997 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 21111 Flushing Road in Flint, Dr. James E. Tuttle and Rev. Paul L. Amstutz officiating. Burial in Crestwood Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to Calvary United Methodist Church. Visitation 7-9 PM Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-9 PM Thursday at the Swartz Funeral home, 1225 West Hill Road. There will be a Masonic Service by Charles A. Durand Lodge No. 533, F.&A.M. at 7 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Mr. Summitt will be at the church from 12 Noon until the time of service on Friday. He was born in Dyersburg, Tennessee on November 18, 1914. He married V. Leone Ackerman on July 3, 1933 in Flint. He graduated from G.M.I. Mr. Summitt was a member of Lincoln United Methodist Church Men's Group. He was also a member of Advantage Network. He was a life member of both Charles A. Durand Lodge No 533, F.&A.M. and Bay City Consistory. Mr. Summitt retired from General Motors, Chevrolet, as a Tool and Die Maker in 1980, after 47 years of service. Surviving are his wife, Leone; 2 daughters, Jean A. and husband Wilbur Arms of Montrose, Phyllis and husband Charles Aeby of Charlotte, North Carolina; 8 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. (Beverly Tippet sent this from the local



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Summit lived in the same geographic spot most of their lives, but that this "spot" was located in Monroe County prior to 1870 and Loudon County right on the county line thereafter. Anyone who might have further information should contact Paul Moody Summitt, editor of this Newsletter, or Paul C. Summitt, P. O. Box 99, Freeport, FL 32439.

NANCY JANE SUMMIT

A little more information was available in April 1997 on Nancy Jane Summitt. It was noted that she was married to a J. Pardue on April 5, 1860, that they had two children, Martha Pardue born August 30, 1860 and James M. Pardue born December 30, 1864, and that Nancy Jane died December 7 or 9, 1864 as shown in a family bible.

Since that note in the April 1997 Summitt Family Quarterly concerning Nancy Jane Summitt Pardue, Harless Brakebill in Monroe County, Tennessee put me in touch the Betty Keirn in Athens, Tennessee, the granddaughter of the James McClellan Pardue, son of Nancy Jane and James W. Pardue. We are indebted to Betty Keirn for her collection of information over the years on the Pardue family and willingness to take the time to pass it along. This information includes a 1930 letter from James McClellan Pardue concerning the family to his second daughter, Lena Francis Pardue Belden, reproduced below and a wonderful picture of James McClellan Pardue (also published herein).

Here is a summary of the information provided by Betty Keirn on this Pardue family:

James W. Pardue first appears in the 1860 census for Monroe County, Tennessee. His father was Jerry Pardue. His mother was probably named Martha. James was born about 1828, the youngest of a large family, mostly boys.

On April 14, 1856, James W. Pardue was married to Mary Vincent. They had two children. A daughter died in infancy. A son, Hiram Denton Pardue, married and moved to Idaho as a young man. Mary Vincent Pardue died in 1858. She is buried in the Bat Creek Cemetery, Fowler's Mill, Vonore, Monroe County, Tennessee.

On April 2, 1860, James W. Pardue married Nancy Jane Summitt. They had two children. Martha Jane was born in 1860 [the April 1997 newsletter listed date of birth as August 30, 1860]. James McClellan Pardue was born on December 30, 1862. James McClellan was christened on December 18, 1864 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lakeside, Vonore, Tennessee. [I cannot find this event recorded in my St. Paul Lutheran records] Betty Keirn has listed the date of death for Nancy Jane as June 24, 1866 based on the fact that her funeral was preached at St. Paul Lutheran on that date. [Family bible entries indicate that Nancy Jane died on December 7 or 9, 1864. It was quite common for Lutherans to conduct funeral services months after a person was deceased. It also should be remembered that this was at the end of the Civil War.] While one might assume that Jonathan would have Nancy Jane buried in the St. Paul Lutheran cemetery, her burial there has not been confirmed or a grave site identified.

James W. Pardue was elected Constable in Monroe County, taking the oath of office on August 6, 1860. He resigned the position in October 1860. James W. was enlisted as a private in Company C. of the 37th regiment of the Tennessee Infantry, Confederate Army, in May 1863. The prisoner of war (POW) list of the Office of the Provost Marshal General, Union Army of the Ohio, in Knoxville has James W. as "arrested at Athens, in McMinn Co. Oct. 26, 1864 - stealing. Died mil. Hospital. Feb. 10, 1865 at Knoxville." He is believed to have been buried in a national cemetery in Knoxville, but Betty Keirn has been unable to locate his grave. Letters of Administration for the estate of James W. Pardue, deceased, were issued in April 1865 to James Knox and Jonathan Summitt. With both parents dead, Martha Jane and James McClellan are taken in by Jonathan and Bettie S. Summitt, who will become the only parents they really know.

Martha Jane Pardue married a Mark Bright and had three children: Lonnie, Iva, and Ella. Betty Keirn recalled that Lonnie and Iva both had children, but has not kept up with them.

James McClellan Pardue appears to have been quite a prominent person in East Tennessee. A Nashville 1915 article by Morgan Blake and Stuart Towe, entitled "Lawmakers and Public Men of Tennessee" was published as follows:

It is very seldom that a journalist or an editor is elevated to the position of public office in Tennessee. It is his duty to aid and abet in the elevation of others to positions of public trust.

Senator J. M. Pardue, of Sweetwater, representing the sixth senatorial district composed of the counties of Knox, Loudon, Monroe, and Polk, is no exception to the rule. Although one of the quietest members of the Senate, he is one of the best. Senator Pardue is a Republican and hails from a Republican district. In the election of November, 1914, he defeated two

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opponents by a large majority.

James McClellan Pardue was born in Monroe (now Loudon) county, December 30, 1862. He is the son of James W. and Nancy Jane Summitt Pardue. His father was a well-to-do farmer of Monroe and Loudon Counties.

Senator Pardue as a boy attended the public schools of Loudon County, and in 1887 he graduated with honors from Hiwassee College, near Madisonville, Monroe County which is considered one of the oldest and best sectarian schools in East Tennessee. After graduating at Hiwassee, Mr. Pardue studied law under Honorable T.E.H. McCrosky of Madisonville. But his love for the schoolroom and the newspaper ink has surpassed his desire to practice law actively. Accordingly for ten years, after reading law at Madisonville, he taught school in the counties of Monroe and Loudon.

His first dip into politics was when he was elected to the Lower House, (1895-1896), where he served during the famous Turney-Evans contest. Being a Republican Mr. Pardue took the Evans end of that fight.

His record was so clear and honest that President McKinley looked on him with favor and appointed him to the important position of Postmaster at Sweetwater, which position he held for nine years, serving under both McKinley and Roosevelt.

Senator Pardue is editor of the Sweetwater Telephone, an independent paper, published at Sweetwater. He was first elected to the [Tennessee] Senate in 1912 and reelected in 1914. He married Miss Rebecca Moser, daughter of D.M. Moser of Monroe County. He is a Master Mason, chairman of the Sweetwater School Board and sometimes deals in real estate on the side. James McClellan Pardue was married to Rebecca Moser in 1891. Rebecca was the daughter of Daniel Miller Moser and Elizabeth Jane Brakebill. She was born on December 3, 1869 and christened at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church on February 13, 1870. James McClellan and Rebecca had five children: (1) Alta Elizabeth born June 22, 1892 in Madisonville, Tennessee. She married Cloyd Ellis Keirn on June 4, 1920. Cloyd's parents were Winfield Scott Keirn and Ida Viola Cathcart. Cloyd and Alta had two children named Mary Frances Keirn born on June 12, 1921 in Tellico Plains, Tennessee and Elizabeth A. (Betty) Keirn born on February 12, 1929 in Windber, Pennsylvania. Alta Elizabeth died on January 3, 1983 in Athens, Tennessee and is buried in the Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Cloyd Ellis Keirn died on July 23, 1957 in Johnson City, Tennessee and is also buried in Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater, Tennessee. (2) Lena Frances born October 12, 1894 in Morganton, Loudon County, Tennessee. She married Luis D. Belden. They had two children: Louis D. Belden Jr., and James Pardue Belden. Lena died in North Carolina in 1982. (3) Jamie Maude born October 10, 1897. She married James Fletcher Bowman. They has a daughter named Rebecca Ann. Jamie Maude died in Cleveland, Tennessee in 1983. (4) James M. Jr. born September 12, 1900. He was unmarried. He died on March 11, 1928 and is buried in the Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater, Tennessee. (5) William Ira. Ira was unmarried. He died in February 1974 and is buried in the Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater, Tennessee.

It is worth closing this article by duplicating a letter dated November 8, 1930 from James McClellan Pardue in Sweetwater to his second daughter, Lena, relating to the family history, as follows:

Dear Lena,

You asked me to give you something of the history of the Pardue family. As a matter of fact, I must admit in the outset that I know very little about the family. As you know, I was reared by my mother's father and mother, my parents having died when I was but two years old, and I heard and learned practically nothing of importance about my father's people until after I was grown, in fact, learned very little then, my association being almost exclusively with my mothers people in my younger days.

However, tradition has it that the Pardue family is of French extraction, having migrated to America and landed in South Carolina along with the French Huguenots along about the latter part of the Seventeenth Century.

Later, tradition carried down from one generation to another, has it, that here were three brothers emigrated from South Carolina, one going to North Carolina, one to Virginia, and one to Middle Tennessee. From these three brothers descended the numerous Pardue, "Perdue", and "Purdue" families now scattered over the South and West.

So far as I have been able to determine, while there is a variation in the spelling of the name, the families have a common origin and can be traced back to the South Carolina emigrants.

Some of this data was obtained from Dr. A. H. Pardue, who was State Geologist during Governor Hooper's administration, and who died from a minor operation while holding that office, and while I was a member of the State Senate, between the years of 1912 and 1916. Doctor Purdue was a descendant of the Middle Tennessee family, a graduate of Purdue University, of Lafayette, Indiana, his grandfather emigrating to that State in its early settlement, and was the founder of that Institution.

By the way, the doctor insisted that "Purdue" was the correct spelling of the family name, with the emphasis on the first syllable, and showed me while at his home in Nashville a short time before his death some old letter written from South Carolina with the old goose quill pens then in use and insisted that the name was spelled with a "u", but, Pardue insistence-like, I contended that the "u" was an "a" left a little open at the top as was often done by old writers using the old-time goose quill pen. But I am compelled to concede that the doctor was probably right in his contention, as he was a fine scholar and had much better opportunities than I to determine the correct spelling. However, there are a number of his own family, or rather branch of the family, still living in Middle Tennessee, who spell the name with an "a". For instances Wesley Pardue, a prominent lawyer of

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Gallatan, and father of the noted football player "Hub" Pardue of a few years ago, and Sit Jay Pardue, a merchant and noted politician living near Nashville, spell their names with an a.

The Perdue's seem to be mostly in the south, there being a Federal judge "Perdue" in Alabama, and while I was Postmaster here I had a number of his letters from some one who was in the postal business in that State.

But it is the Pardue family, I take it you are mostly interested in. Our immediate family originated from the North Carolina branch. Grandfather Pardue, whose name was Jerry, brought his family to Tennessee from North Carolina a short while before the Civil War and it appears he did not live long after coming into this state. I remember seeing Grandmother Pardue one time only. My Grandmother Summitt took me to see her when I must have been a very small "kid", small enough to ride horseback behind her and so small and bashful that Grandmother Pardue cried when I refused to sit in her lap. This is about all I remember of her, except that she was very old, up in the nineties. I was told afterwards, and very small--just about your size --Father's name was James W. Pardue and the youngest of a large family, mostly boys, some of whom moved to Middle Tennessee and others to the State of Arkansas just after the close of the Civil War. Father died about this time and is burried in the National Cemetery at Knoxville, Tennessee. [Betty Keirn has been unable to find this grave] Mother died about two months later. [This seems to conflict with bible entries placing Nancy Jane's death in December 1864] I was only about two years old when they died and no recollection of ever having seen either of them. Father was married twice, his first wife was Miss Mary Vincent. To this marriage two children were born, a boy and a girl. The girl, Mary died in infancy and the boy, Hiram Denton, grew up to manhood, "went West" about forty five years ago and now lives at Craigmont, Idaho. Father's second wife was miss Nancy Jane Summitt. To this union two children were born, also a girl and a boy--the girl, Mrs. Martha Jane Bright, now living in Sweetwater, Tennessee and the boy James McClellan Pardue, residing at the same place. You know the rest and so "here we rest".

As ever,
"Papa Pardue"

Final note: Anyone who might have further information on the Pardue family, particularly the burial place of James W. Pardue, please contact Paul Moody Summitt, editor of this Newsletter, or Paul C. Summitt, P. O. Box 99, Freeport, FL 32439. Either of us will ensure that Betty Keirn get information supplied.



James McClellan Pardue

Summit/Summitts in the War between the States

by Paul M. Summitt

As some of you may know, I am currently working on a book project called *The Summitts in the War between the States*. So far I haven't found a publisher for it but that doesn't stop me from working on it when I can. What follows here is some of the information I have gathered concerning our ancestors during the 1860 to 1864 war. I would like to thank Daniel and Beaver Summitt, John Allen Summitt, and Paul C. Summitt for their assistance and the information that they have helped to provide in this search.

It is estimated that over one million people may be the descendants of soldiers who fought in that war. So far, in my research, I have found fifteen of our ancestors who spelled their names either Summit, Summitt, or Summet. I'll begin here with those who came from Tennessee.

Tennessee

Those of your who have a copy of the first issue of this newsletter where we discussed James Lee Summitt (*The Summitt*

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Family Quarterly, Issue 1 - Volume 1, April 1995) already know most of the information concerning James Lee Summitt's experience during the War. Last issue (*The Summitt Family Quarterly*, Issue 3 - Volume 2, July 1997) you read about how James Lee Summitt's father, Jonathan Summitt, was arrested for treason by the Confederate government. I won't go into detail on those two individuals again here.

Daniel Summitt

Daniel Summitt was eighteen years old when he enlisted as a private in Company E of the 59th Tennessee Mounted Infantry. Company E was commanded by Captain John R. Stradley and was part of Cooke's Regiment, 1 (Eakin's) Battalion. This was a confederate unit. Daniel enlisted on February 12, 1862 in Madisonville, Tennessee, just a short ride from Sweetwater, Tennessee.

This Daniel could possibly have been the son of Eurebius and Sarah Summitt as described in the next section.

Daniel Summitt

Daniel Summitt enlisted as a private in Company A of the 2nd (Ashby's) Tennessee Calvary. Captain John H. Kuhn commanded this company which was part of the 2nd Regiment of the Tennessee Calvary Volunteers. This was a confederate unit. Daniel was about twenty years old when he traveled from Monroe County to Knoxville to enlist that first day of June, 1863.

Daniel was possibly the son of Eurebius and Sarah Summitt of Blount County, Tennessee. In fact, the 1850 census for this county shows a Daniel, born about 1844 or 1845, as a member of the Eurebius Summitt household. It is extremely possible that this Eurebius Summitt listed in the 1850 census and the Jacob Eusabius Summitt/Summitt found in our family records may be the same person.

Joseph Summitt

Joseph Summitt enlisted as a private in Company D of the 62 Tennessee Mounted Infantry. This was in Rowan's Regiment of the 80th Tennessee Infantry. His tour of enlistment was for three years and began March 1, 1863 near Sweetwater, Tennessee.

This was probably Joseph Ewing Summitt, son of Daniel Summitt and Sarah Moser, born May 19, 1824. He was captured by the Union forces at Grant's capture of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. He signed an amnesty paper where he promised to go home and received a federal parole on July 8, 1863.

Peter Summitt

Peter Summitt joined Company G of the 59th Tennessee Mounted Infantry, Cooke's Regiment, 1 (Eakin's) Battalion. He enlisted for a three year tour that began on March 15, 1862. He was twenty-eight at the time. He seems to have been attached to Captain Josiah I. Wright's Company, 1st Battalion Tennessee Infantry.

Peter, according to Confederate records, appears to have deserted at Loudon County, Tennessee, December 1, 1863. This is interesting in that Peter was captured on July 4, 1863, along with his older brother Joseph, at the battle of Vicksburg and signed a parole on July 10, 1863 where he agreed to go home and not fight anymore.

As I said, Peter was Joseph Summitt's younger brother

and therefore the son of Daniel Summitt and Sarah Moser.
North Carolina

Pinkney Summitt

Pinkney Summitt enlisted April 16, 1862 in Captain Adolphus T. Bost's Company H, 46th North Carolina Infantry (State troopers). This was a confederate unit. Pinkney was thirty-three years old and five foot nine inches tall when he enlisted. His occupation was listed as tanner. Pinkney was born in Catawba County, North Carolina. At some point, Pinkney was wounded and, after contracting pneumonia, died on July 4, 1862 in Petersburg, Virginia.

Heglar P. (Henry P.) Summitt

Henry Summitt was twenty-one years old when he volunteered for service in Company C of the 28th North Carolina Infantry Regiment. This was a confederate unit. Henry enlisted on September 2, 1861 at Camp Fisher in Catawba County, North Carolina. He was probably the son of John Summitt and Rebecca Robinson.

Henry was reported missing in action at Spottsylvania Courthouse, Virginia on May 12, 1864. He's listed on the Union prisoner rolls as having been captured in the Wilderness, Virginia battle on May 12, 1864. Held as a POW at Point Lookout, Maryland, Henry was transferred to Elmira, New York on August 10, 1864. He died of chronic diarrhea on November 16, 1864 and is buried in Elmira in Woodlawn National Cemetery.

Daniel F. Summitt(t)

Daniel Summitt(t) enlisted in Lincoln County, North Carolina on August 3, 1861. Daniel was about thirty-five when he enlisted and was another of Daniel Summitt and Sarah Moser's sons who served for the confederacy.

Daniel apparently deserted during the summer of 1863 and returned to service September 30, 1863 after forfeiting one month's pay by order of a court-martial. Daniel was wounded in the forearm while serving with Ewell's Corps in the battle of Paynes' farm and operations on Mine Run, Virginia during November 27th and 28th, 1863. He was sent to Camp Winder General Hospital in Richmond, Virginia on November 29, 1863 and died there of Vulsus Sclopet on January 13, 1864.

Isaac L. Summitt

Isaac Lanford Summitt enlisted in Company K, 46th North Carolina Infantry at Camp Mangum on April 16, 1862. Isaac was 30 years old and had been born in Catawba County, was five foot six and a half inches tall and was listed as a tanner.

Isaac was wounded in the battle at Reams Station, Virginia. Isaac was the color bearer and "was shot in the charge with the colors in his hands." Transported to Camp Winder Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, Isaac died of his wounds and Vulsus Sclopet on September 9, 1864. He was probably another of the sons of John Summitt and Rebecca Robinson.

Kentucky

James L. Summitt

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James L. Summitt
was born in Spencer County, Kentucky sometime around 1844 and was the son of William and Sarah Summitt. He enlisted in Captain W.H. Harrison's Company B of the 15th Kentucky Infantry. This was a Union unit. James joined for a three year term at Camp Sherman on September 20, 1861.

James contracted a disease while on duty at Huntsville, Alabama and was discharged at Murfreesboro, Tennessee on February 21, 1863.

James R. Summitt

James R. Summitt was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky. He enlisted at the age of twenty-nine in Company D, 26th Kentucky Infantry as a private on September 20, 1864 in Lexington. This was a Union unit and he was apparently drafted. He was mustered out at Salisbury, North Carolina on June 30, 1865.

John Summitt

John Summitt apparently joined the union forces in Company D, 6th Kentucky Infantry as a private on October 23, 1861 at the age of fifteen. He joined at Camp Sigel in Jefferson County, Kentucky for a three year term. He was sick at Chattanooga, Tennessee on May 15, 1864 and was mustered out at Nashville on December 31, 1864 at the age of eighteen.

Francis (Frank) Summitt

Frank Summitt joined Company C of the 2nd Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles as a private in October of 1862 in Fleming County, Kentucky for a three year term. This

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remain in the vicinity of the Old Dutch Community all of their lives. Elizabeth died March 14, 1845 in Monroe County, Indiana. The children of Christian and Elizabeth were as follows:

John Summitt was born March 15, 1804 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He married Lydia Simmons on January 21, 1836. He died on September 21, 1845 in Monroe County, Indiana.

Jacob Summitt was born September 30, 1807 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He married Esther Kirby on March 3, 1832 in Monroe County, Indiana. He died in 1862 in Monroe County, Indiana.

Delila Summitt was born on September 13, 1809 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. She married Jacob Litten on February 18, 1830 in Monroe County, Indiana. Delila died January 28, 1870 in Monroe County, Indiana.

Daniel Summitt was born on September 28, 1811 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He married Mary C. Taylor November 19, 1835 in Monroe County, Indiana. Daniel died October 15, 1880 in Monroe County, Indiana.

Joseph Summitt was born March 31, 1817, Lincoln County, North Carolina. He married Catharine Cline on September 25, 1870 in Monroe County, Indiana. Joseph died November 27, 1856. [There is a question as to if he died in Cumberland County, Illinois or in Monroe County, Indiana.]

Catherine Summitt was born on August 25, 1818 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. She married Valentine Cline on March 13, 1839 in Monroe County, Indiana. Catherine died on December 12, 1890 Monroe County, Indiana.

Mary S. Summitt was born April 01, 1821 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. She married Henry A. Ground on June 11, 1843 in Monroe County, Indiana and died on August 07, 1909 in Monroe County, Indiana.

Lawson Alexander Summitt was born March 15, 1823 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He married Malinda Adeline Stine on March 8, 1855 in Monroe County, Indiana and died sometime around 1864.

After Elizabeth died, Christian was married the third time to the Widow Hannah Cornwell Elliott, April 12, 1846 in Monroe County, Indiana. No

was a confederate unit. He was captured at Triplett Bridge in Kentucky in June of 1863. Frank was five foot ten inches tall, had gray eye color, a fair complexion, and was forty years old. He was released on his oath on April 12, 1864. More than likely, this was Francis M. Summitt, born May 29, 1823, son of John R. Summitt and Margarette Ricketts.

Summary

I have some information concerning other family names who fought in the War between the States but have not more room in this issue. I am currently looking for any and all information, pictures, documents, or stories about these and other Summitt(t)s who fought in this war. Were there any Summitt(t) women who fought or served in any way?

If you have any information concerning ancestors who fought in this war please contact me at P.O. Box 635, Cardwell, MO 63829.

Descendants of Christian Summitt

1	Christian Summitt	1769 - 1865	
..	+Catherine Link	About 1770 - About 1803	
..... 2	Lavinia Summitt	1802 - 1883	
.....	+Gilbert Litten		
	*2nd Wife of Christian Summitt:		
..	+Elizabeth Master	1781 - 1845	
..... 2	John Summitt	1804 - 1845	
.....	+Lydia Simmons	1813 -	
.....	3	Marcus	1838 -
.....		+Mary Catherine Stine	1843 -
.....	4	Sarah Summitt	1862 -
.....	4	Dora Summitt	1864 -
.....	4	Austin B. Summitt	1881 -
.....		+Zella May Griffith	1891 -
.....	5	Jack Benjamin Summitt	1924 -
.....		+Martha Elizabeth Buckler	1933 -
.....	6	John Allen Summitt	1945 -
.....	3	Mary Elizabeth Summitt	1839 -
.....	3	Marion Summitt	1841 -
.....	3	John Calvin Summitt	1842 -
.....	3	Coburn J. Summitt	About 1843 -
.....	3	Lawson Alexander Summitt	1844 -
..... 2	Jacob Summitt	1807 - 1862	
.....	+Esther Kisby	About 1812 - WFT Est 1838-1907	
.....	3	Jeremiah Summitt	About 1834 -
.....	3	Alice Summitt	About 1837 -
.....	3	Easter Summitt	About 1841 -
.....	3	William Summitt	About 1841 -
.....	3	Henry Joel Summitt	About 1844 -
.....	3	Sarah Summitt	About 1850 -
..... 2	Delila Summitt	1809 - 1870	
.....	+John Litten	WFT Est 1792-1812 - 1870	
..... 2	Daniel Summitt	1811 - 1880	
.....	+Mary E. Taylor	About 1816 - WFT Est 1842-1911	
.....	3	Louisa Summitt	About 1836 -
.....	3	Rachael Summitt	About 1838 -
.....	3	Julia Ann Summitt	About 1841 -
.....	3	Mary E. Summitt	About 1842 -
.....	3	America C. Summitt	About 1844 -
.....	3	Sarah Catherine Summitt	About 1846 -
.....	3	Margaret W. Summitt	About 1848 -
.....	3	David M. Summitt	About 1851 -
.....		+Victoria	
.....	4	Eliza Summitt	1878 -
.....	3	Daniel P. Summitt	About 1852 -
.....	3	Christian Summitt	About 1855 -
.....	3	Isadora Summitt	About 1857 -
.....	3	Caledonia Summitt	About 1859 -
..... 2	Anna Summitt	1813 -	
..... 2	Joseph Summitt	1817 - 1856	
.....	+Catherine Cline	About 1823 - WFT Est 1848-1916	

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.....	3	Elizabeth Summitt	About 1837 -
.....	3	Christian Summitt	About 1841 -
.....	3	Linny Summitt	About 1842 -
.....	3	Mary A. Summitt	About 1844 -
.....		*2nd Wife of Joseph Summitt:	
.....		+Letitia	About 1820 -
.....	3	Henry Summitt	About 1846 -
.....	3	John Summitt	About 1852 -
.....	2	Catherine Summitt	1818 - 1890
.....		+Valentine Cline WFT Est 1801-1821 - WFT Est 1846-1907	
.....	2	Mary S. Summitt	1821 - 1909
.....		+Henry A. Ground WFT Est 1804-1824 - WFT Est 1849-1910	
.....	2	Lawson Alexander Summitt	1823 - 1909
.....		+Melinda Adeline Stine About 1834 - WFT Est 1857-1926	
.....	3	Amanda A. Summitt	About 1857 -
.....	3	Mary J. Summitt	About 1858 -
.....	3	Lula Summitt	1871 -
.....	3	Rosie Summitt	1874 -
.....	3	George Dan Summitt	1877 -
..		*3rd Wife of Christian Summitt:	
..		+Hannah Cornwell	About 1801 -

Late Birthday Information:

Oct 11 - Emily Ann Downs
 Oct 28 - Clifford (Ford) Vernon
 Bissell Summitt
 Dec 4 - Kaleb Summitt

REUNIONS

In June, the decedents of Alexander Commadore and Laura Dora Bollinger Summit met at Salem Lutheran Church, Salisbury, North Carolina. Approximately 60 people attended. The family is spread accross the country, but primarily in North Carolina, Ohio, and New England. All the children of Alex and Laura Summit have now passed. The first cousins decided to continue a Summit tradition of gathering. On the last weekend of June

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who are looking for the same information.

- ◆ Documentation gives others confidence in your research. We all use the resources of others to add to the branches of our family tree. We expect that the information others share is accurate and therefore, it is our obligation to provide the same.

The process of genealogical research involves collecting information and then drawing conclusions based on that information. We get our family history information from a variety of places: official records such as vital, census, and legal records (known as "sources"); and publications such as books and articles, unpublished sources such as personal letters, oral interviews, photographs, unexplained notes and computer online sources (all known as "citations"). A "source" is the actual record from which you get your information. A "citation" is a link between a recorded event and a source. When citing a publication you need to list the author, title, publisher, publication date, and page numbers. When citing unpublished sources such as personal letters, oral interviews and photographs it's important to include the name of the person who is in possession of the original, the location/date of oral interviews and photographs.

So, where do you start? I suggest keeping a research log. The log should include the author, title, publication information, date of the information, location of the source you use, reference number to the specific information, and condition of the document. It's also a good idea to keep a record of the sources that you search that are not helpful because it may keep you from duplicating your search efforts.

Don't be overwhelmed by all that is needed to document your research. Remember, a goal of documenting your research is to make your work easier. For more information on the proper format of your sources see *Cite Your Sources - A Manual for Documenting Family Histories and Genealogical Records* by Richard S. Lackey. Happy Hunting!

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each year, the family will gather at Salem Church, and will continue to do so until changed. Next year, the gathering will be on Saturday, at 5:00 p.m. to allow those traveling a day for returning.

This year, the first cousins had a grand time in reestablishing contacts. The past several years did not see much visiting as parents were aging and declining in health. Weddings, deaths, and other reasons kept many from attending this reunion, but next year promises to be different.

Everyone is invited to attend our gatherings. We have great fun and even greater FOOD. The Summit's of North Carolina origin are known for their cooking, even though it is said that Grandmother preferred to work in her garden. Granddad would have enjoyed our event, and even more so if cousins from elsewhere joined us.

Please mark your calendars for next year, the last weekend in June. Call me if you wish. I enjoy meeting family members and would gladly speak to anyone.

(Bob Shuping, 3021 Irish Potato Road, Concord, N. C. 28025, 704-786-5252)

The 1997 Cardwell, Missouri Summitt Reunion was held July 5th at the Paragould, Arkansas 7th & Mueller Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Ninety-three people, some from as far away as Maryland, attended the event this year. David Summitt catered the reunion again as he did two years ago. A good time was had by all.

Mary Jo Fry and Jeanie Peel arranged the event and are planning for another reunion in 1999.

We want to list information about all the reunions when possible so please send information concerning your reunion to us.