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From The Editor

Well, it's reunion time again. I believe the Beasley's of Dyersburg, Tennessee had their reunion about the time I was writing this in late June. They're connected to the Summitt name via Cordelia Summitt (daughter of James Lee Summitt) who married Charles A. Beasley in 1903.

And Bob Shuping has been talking about the Shupings getting together this weekend too. The Shupings are tied to the Summits through the descendents of Isaac and Perlve Summit.

Then, of course, the first National Reunion of Summitt(t)s to be held in Conover, North Carolina the 13th through the 15th of July. I have heard from a lot of you recently and you've told me that you are looking forward to meeting me there. Well, I'm looking forward to meeting each and every one of you! I am doing everything in my power to be there and I hope you are too. Give Bob a call and confirm that you are coming. The t-shirts are going to be great, too! \$10 for a shirt commemorating the Ultimate Summitt(t) Family Gathering. Be sure and ask Bob for one of those too.

Speaking of people contacting me, I have been hearing quite a bit from people who have found things on the

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Who is Squire Summitt?

Got this email from Glen Summit a while back:

Subject: Who is Squire J.T. Summit of Bruceville Tennessee?

Hi,
Do any of you know who this person is? I am trying to save this into my file, but cannot figure out who he is. Thanks, Glen

STATE GAZETTE DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE 42ND YEAR-NO.9
FEBRUARY 28, 1907

"SQUIRE SUMMIT'S BARN BURNED--The large barn of Squire J.T. SUMMIT at Bruceville was destroyed by fire Friday morning at day light. About three hundred bushels of corn, a quantity of hay, two valuable mules, wagon and buggy and tools were destroyed. Squire SUMMIT was aroused in time to save one horse and colt. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. Loss was \$2,000, no insurance."

I replied - "I'm guessing here because I can't find but one J.T. Summit in my files and he was born in Kentucky about 1901. James Lee Summitt (my great-grandfather) was in the Dyersburg area about this time. Bruceville is south of Dyersburg. James Lee had several sons with similar initials who may have been in the area about the time also: Jonathan Lee (DOB - Mar 15, 1862), John Franklin (Paul C.'s grandfather - DOB - Sept 26, 1870), James A. (DOB - Nov. 30, 1883), and Joseph Homer (DOB - Jan 26, 1889). I'll see if I can find if any one of these were ever a squire. I think I remember James Lee being referred to as Squire in something. I'll look for it. James Lee is in the Census for Dyer County in both 1910 and I think 1920. I don't think he arrived in Cardwell to live with my grandfather (Chester A) until around 1925. (He died in 1927). I'll do some more checking but I suspect you'll find that most Summitt(t)s around Dyersburg are going to trace back to James Lee somewhere."

Shortly I received the following email:

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