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*1888 – Dukes's Distillery on the Walnut River. One of the largest distilleries in North Georgia. A newspaper article in 1895 said Mr. Duke never took a drink of whiskey in his life and never advised anyone else to drink.*

## **The Jackson County Historical Society Ramble**

Date: Sunday, October 17, 1999

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: Braselton City Hall to the Duke Homeplace

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**NEWSLETTER**

The Jackson County Historical Society News is published quarterly and mailed before the next meeting. Back issues can be obtained for \$1.50 each plus postage. Please send your Jackson County family connections with your dues and they will be published in the next newsletter.

**DUES**

The Jackson County Historical Society's Dues Year runs from July to July. *A notice is enclosed in newsletters of members who have not as yet paid next year's dues.* Checks should be written to the Jackson County Historical Society and mailed to:

JCHS, 28 College Street, Jefferson Georgia 30549.

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Life Member	\$100.00

**DONATIONS**

Thanks to Ola Webb for donating books of the early census of South Carolina to the Historical Society library.

Thanks to Mrs. Sam Hall Flint for a donation made to the Historical Society honoring the birthday of Ann Jarrett.

**NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED**

Clarke Co. (Athens) GA, Newspaper Abstracts, 1826-1829, Vol. 2 by Faye Poss is now available for \$36.00

Mrs. Poss is currently working on Vol. 2 of the Deeds for Jackson County 1808-1829.

**CALENDAR**

October 17 - 2:30 - JCHS Ramble beginning at Braselton City Hall - 4982 Hwy 53, Braselton, GA

October 30 - Crawford Long Museum - Opening of the Mulberry Tree Gift Shop and Trains, Trains, Trains - an exhibit of Railroad photography and model trains. Model train village by Len Purdy

November 18, 12:00-1:30 P. M. - Crawford Long Museum - Book signing by Damon Gause Jr. of The War Journal of Damon Gause Sr.

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS**

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*The Braselton City Hall was the former home of the first mayor of Braselton, William Henry Braselton. Built in 1909, it was renovated this year for a city hall and community center.*

## QUERIES

### SHIELDS

Does anyone have knowledge of Robert Fredrick Shields who married Elizabeth Espy. Married in Jackson County, GA. Parents were Martha Jane and Robert William Shields, born in Jackson County. Contact: George Shields, 403 First St, Blountstown, FL 32424.

### CRONIC

16th GA. Infantry/ Cavalry

Looking for any Civil War letters from men in these units for copying. Hopefully to be published in a book. Contact: Paul Cronic, 1339 Hwy 124, Hoschton, GA 30548, (770)867-7746, (770) 962-3261, E-Mail Paul.Cronic@GTE.NET

### ANGLIN

Does anyone have information on Sarah E. Anglin. Born in Jackson County, July 30, 1858; Died July 8, 1918. She was half Indian. Contact: Maggie Jr. Brown, 155 Holman Ave., Athens, GA 30606

## WALNUT DISTRICT

excerpt from Treasured Memories of the Braseltons

Jacob Braselton, Sr. took the oath of allegiance in North Carolina. Jacob and his wife, Hannah Green, are buried at old Walnut Fork cemetery in Jackson County, Georgia. The church was originally a Pedo Baptist-that is, it was the practice to wash the feet of the members, and was kept up as late as 1870. At one time, Jacob had nine grown sons visiting him and he carried them all to church one Sunday. It is said-they broke loose from the Quakers and took part with the Confederates in the Civil War.

*Apr. 18, 1907*

Walnut School District, No. 12. Begins where new Jefferson and Hoschton Road crosses Indian creek, thence up creek to head 1/2 mile E. of Zion church on railroad, thence a straight line (crossing road at Charley Humpries) to Zion spring branch, thence down said branch to Walnut River, Thence down river to 1 1/2 miles below Maddox Mill, thence a straight line to

Duke's Gin on Hog Mountain Road, thence a straight line to top of hill 1/2 Mile N. E. of Drew Robert's place. Thence a straight line to Federal road 200 yards S. E. of J. C. DeLaperriere place, thence a straight line to cross roads 1/4 mile south of Gid Edward's place, thence with road to beginning.

*Aug. 2, 1888*

SINGING CONVENTION WALNUT CHURCH JULY 30, 1888

The Jackson County Musical Convention met in the above named church house today, by invitation of the same, and was called to order by the president.

The opening song "Golden Light," led by Prof. A. H. Brown, of Madison County; prayer led by brother J. Y. Pharr. The convention then proceeded to organize.

First appointed a committee on credentials, viz: M. G. Wilhite and H. B. Mathis.

Second, heard report of committee as follows:

Academy Church S. S. — delegates Viz: Misses. J. C. Roberts, M. C. Blackstock, Mrs. Lula Niblack and Miss Winnie Roberts.

Beauford's Academy M. S. — Messrs. Steve Carington, W. D. Lancaster, / Misses Howington and Mollie Oakes.

Line School House S. S. — Misses M. L. Chandler, T. F. Anderson and Miss M.W. Faver

Called for verbal reports which were as follows:

Oconee Church S. S. — Misses M. G. Wilhite, R. S. Blackwell.

Camp Ground S. S. — Messrs. Chas. Allen, James Quadlebam, Allen L. Venable and Weatherly.

Mountain Creek S. S. — Sikes, Lovic Martin, Misses H. A. Mitchell and D. L. Martin

Pond Fork S.S. — J. N. Hill.

Apple Valley S. S. — J. C. Bennett, J. F. Wilhite, S. C. Potts and D. C. Roberts.

*Dec. 20, 1906*

JACKSON COUNTY SINGING CHOIR

Met at Walnut Fork church, on Dec. 9 at 10:30

Song by H. F. Baird

Andrew Evans spoke in behalf of the committee for dinner, and complimented the good singing. Also, Scott Davis of Apple Valley for the excellent music rendered on his horn.

The following were organists during the day: Misses Etta Evans, Lizzie May Baird, Maybel Cooper, Juetta Hill, Mrs. Belle Mathis

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*Oct. 1910*

OBITUARY—Wade Hampton Banks was born June 7, 1888 and departed this life Oct. 31, 1910. Age 22 years, 4 months and 36 days. Died within half mile of where he was born. Joined the Walnut Fork Baptist Church, Aug. 1904; lived a faithful and consecrated member until death. He was elected clerk of the church in 1908 and served about 18 months.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. S. P. Higgins and G. H. Collins. It was a touching scene to see the singing class, in which he had sung so often, gathered around his coffin, and hear them sing the last song he ever sang at Walnut. It's sad to think we have lost one of our sweetest singers, but we feel sure he is singing around the Great White Throne of God, where singing choirs are never broken up and where there is no sickness, sorrow, or sad partings.

#### **FAMILY VS. LOVE**

*Nov. 29, 1889*

Mr. Scott Jackson and Miss Mary Jarrett of Rocky Branch have been sweethearts for some time, but have now entered a holier estate, and will walk life's pathway hand in hand mid storm and sunshine, sorrow and joy. Scott's suit had not met the approbation of Miss Mary's father, which fact was very depressing to him. Last Saturday night Miss Harrett staid at Mr. Andrew Williamson's. On Sunday morning her plighted lover met her true to appointment, and they repaired to Squire George Bennett's and were married about 9 o'clock and went away happy as two singing birds.

When two loving hearts want to get united they are going to do it, and that's all there is to it. The young generation is very wise, and when a girl loves a fellow he knows it, and it is a difficult thing, for her parents to convince her that she doesn't.

*Feb. 21, 1890*

Last Friday evening about 6 o'clock Mr. A. M. Anthony of Nicholson and one of our detectives left here bound for a Jug Tavern, where Miss Annie Pace, the charmer of the former, had gone to spend a while with relatives. For about two years Mr. Anthony had been a constant visitor of Miss Pace, and last Christmas they were to be married, but her people being opposed to Mr. Anthony, the marriage was prevented until last Saturday night. At Dr. Bush's in Jug Tavern Miss Pace was met at the gate by detectives and assisted to the buggy where Mr. Anthony was waiting to take flight as soon as intended bride could be brought to him. They were hastily drawn away to Mr. George D. Bennett's of Apple Valley, where the two hearts were made one at the hour of 11:30 o'clock.

### WALNUT FORK CHURCH MINUTES

The first members of Walnut Fork Church met at the home of Joseph Thompson on May 29, 1802 to form a constitution. The following list of members were transcribed from the original church records to the best of our ability.

#### 1802 – 1805

Joseph Thompson Sr.	Henry Burdine
Jacob Cole	Catherine Hornsby
Littleberry Eppison	Catherine Phillips
William Bennett	Joseph Thomson
Cullivan Clements	Moses Hornsby
Joseph Thomson Jr.	Richard Williamson
Joseph Watts	A. G. Strubling
Ann Thomson	Cissy Watts
Winford Cole	Abraham Menes
Mary Cochran	John Strickland
Agness Clements	Letty Williamson
Hannah Bennett	Margaret Ledford
Nancy Epperson	John McClung
Joannah Clements	Elizabeth McClung

Robert Dowdy  
Cathy Dowdy  
Sarah McCathern  
J.T.Cole  
32nd member  
Ruben McClung  
Elizabeth Thomson  
Nancy Price  
Polly Thomson  
Charles Price  
Randal Burns  
Betty Howard  
John Howard  
Elizabeth Ledford  
Polly Williamson  
John Tidwell  
Winey Tidwell  
Wm. Beal  
Nancy Beal  
Amelia Beal  
Mary Hall  
Mary Thomson  
(black) Bity  
Ferguson  
Celina Faris  
Caty Farrow  
Nancy McClung  
Mary Tallent  
Mary Fipp  
Sarah Beal  
Jemimah Tidwell  
Nancy Burdine  
Henry Tidwell  
Jane Williams  
Ann Ferrell  
Rachel Lafferty  
63rd member  
Celia Tidwell  
Walter Beck  
(black) John  
Lavonia McCoy  
Samuel Langston  
Martha Langston  
(black) Phoebe

#### 1812 – 1827

Mitchell Barron

Elizabeth Cosart  
Luiza Ledford  
Eip Jo  
John Wade  
Polly Griggs  
Wm McWhirter  
Susanna McWhirter  
Edward and Nancy  
John Patterson  
Walter Beal  
Nancy Sanford  
Samuel Herrin  
Benjamin Dowdy  
Ellen Cook  
Polly Smith  
Betty Hancock  
Sally Dowdy  
(black) Toney  
Walton Cook  
Polly Patterson  
Aaron Dowdy  
William Smith  
Edward Wade  
Stephen Caudle  
Polly Glaze  
Nancy McKenday  
Thomson Jones  
Mary Jones, his wife  
Sally Glenn  
William Patterson  
Charlotte Patterson  
Nancy Majors  
Charity Wade  
Kinchin Pikes  
Gus Silver  
(black) Chisy  
Edward Wade Sr.  
Edward Wade Jr.  
Thomas Jones  
William Blake  
John Williamson  
John Inzer  
Robert Inzer  
John Wade  
1812 – 1827 (CON'T)  
Nancy Wade Sr.  
Nancy Wade Jr.

Betty Smith	Charles Daugherty	Charles H. Smith	Mary Braselton
Louisay Wade	Elizabeth Daugherty	John Saxon	Lucy W. Murphy
Polly Jones	Mitchell Austan	T. Murphy	Nancy Porter
Aaron Williamson	(black) Jack	Anderson Diels	Margree J. Carlisle
Mary Inzor	Sister Brazelton	Cicero E. S	Adaline Stone
John Cordill	Brother & Sister Barker	Epson G	Martha Roberts
Jacob Brazelton	Turner	Alvin Yearwood	Christy Dalton
Hannah Brazelton	Elizabeth Ashairn	C. Tenard	Tomeinba Eades
Lucrecia Sanford	Margel Cotten	M. Whitmire	Sarah J. Yearwood
Polly Sanford	Martha Dowdy	Cicero R. Bowles	Lewinner Cheek
Poessy Sanford	(black) Bob	James Milton	Charity Cheek
Thomas Barker	Mahilda Barker	John Oakes	Mary Cheek
Elizabeth Cason	Mingo	Jesse Murty	Malitta Sawls
Thomas Langley	Joe	H. Cowan	Elizabeth Sexton
Sister Nancy Langley	Lucy	P. N. Carlille	Everline Williams
Susanna	Lyda	Charles Belonging	Irma Cheek
Thomson	Jeremiah Reeves	Davy Belonging	Aleatha Lowery
Frances Tidwell	Polly Reeves	Elizabeth Human	Nansa Carliel
John Glenn	Jamima Hearstile	Sarah Attaway	Susan Wood
Miles Langley	Susannah Green	Mahala Lankston	Mary Stone
Sarah Hinton	Moses Roberts	Tabitha Garner	Mary E. Human
Benj Dowdy	Nancy Roberts	Frances Bradley	Margaret White
Charlotte Patterson	Mary O'Dear Sr.	Maryan Oaks	Matilda Kinney
Wm Bennett	Mary O'Dear Jr.	Elizabeth Bowles	Adaline Finch
Caty Dowdy	Drucilla Mann	Saryan Davis	Susan Oaks
John Inzor Sr	Jeremiah Allbright	Mariahhan	Nancy J. Bowles
Patty Inzor, his wife	Fanny	Smith (married Mur-	Rody Grubs
Robert Inzor	William Ward	phy)	Lida Cheek
John Inzor, Jr.	Elizabeth Long	Slena Murphy	Balsore J. Whitmire
Delilah Wilson	Joshua Rainwater	(married Mullins)	Elizabeth Timbs
B. Osburn		Lucinda Irvin	Alah J. Oaks
(black) Jay Thomas		Jane Lowrey	Elizabeth Ward
Charity Wade	<b>1858</b>	Arminda Sexton	Elisabeth Bowles
Sister Barker	J. Human	Elender Irvin Jr	Nancy McEver
Mitchell Bennett	H. Attaway	Elender Irvin Sr	Mary Mattox
Peggy H	Evean Porter	Patty Irvin	Martha Mattox
James Wilkins	W. T. Oaks	Marilla Reynolds	Elisor B. Walis
Susannah Wilkins	Joseph Irvin	Elizabeth Reynolds	Mahalda Porter
Jane Ward	Wm C. Reynolds	Susan Coker	Mary J. Davis
Jacob Brazelton, Jr	James Reynolds	Christiana McElvy	
Sister Ward	Simeon Coker	Cynthia Cheek	
Brother Hurst	J. M. Cheek	Mary Cheek	
Hannah Bennett	Moses J. Clark	Sarah Clark	

## PENSIONS

excerpt from the Jackson Herald

In 1879 Georgia began paying pensions. At that time only such men as had lost a limb or limbs were paid. The price was regulated by the cost of the artificial limb.

In 1885 the constitutional amendment, extending the pension list to include all who had suffered permanent injuries other than the loss of a limb, was adopted.

In 1887, this constitutional amendment was embodied in an act of the legislature, and the halt, the blind, sick soldiers of Georgia were given pensions. The latter law doubled former pensions besides largely increasing the list of those entitled to pensions.

As the pension law stands today, the following are the allowances for different injuries:

For total loss of sight, \$150. For total loss of sight, one eye, \$30. for total loss of hearing, \$30. For loss

of a foot or loss of a leg, \$100. For loss of all of a hand or loss of arm, \$100. For loss of both hand or both arms, \$150. For the loss of one hand or foot and one arm or leg by same person, \$150. For permanent injuries from wound whereby a leg is rendered substantially and essentially useless, \$50. For permanent injuries from wound whereby an arm is rendered substantially and essentially useless, \$50. For the loss of one finger or one toe, \$5. For the loss of two fingers or two toes, \$10. For the loss of three fingers or three toes, \$15. For the loss of four fingers or four toes, \$20. for the loss of four fingers and a thumb, or five toes, \$25.

An important change in the law was as follows:

For other permanent injury from wounds or disease contracted during the service, and while in line of duty as a soldier, whereby the person injured or diseased has been rendered practically incompetent to perform the ordinary manual avocations of life, \$50.

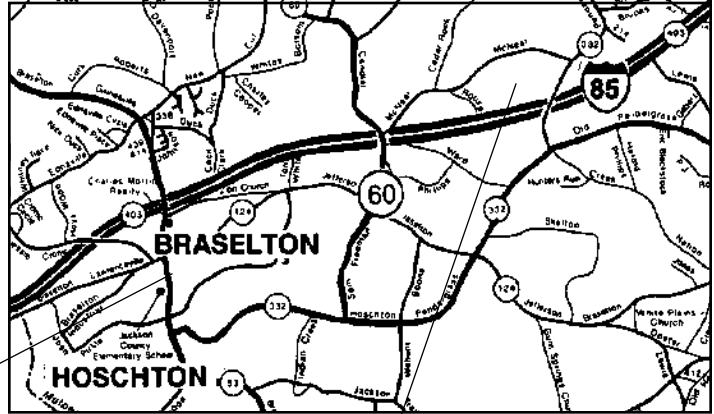
## CEMETERY

The Nash Family Cemetery will be moved for the Highway 441 widening. Three graves are marked but many more people are known to be buried there. Listed below are the known burials:

James Nash Born 1803 Died 1897	Born 1831 Died between 1850 and 1855	granddaughter of Reuben L. Nash Born April 27, 1897 Died June 18, 1899
Mary Ann Ledbetter Nash Wife of James Nash Born 1807 was in the 1860 census	George V. Nash son of Reuben and Elizabeth Nash Born 1858 Died between 1860 and 1870	Twin Children of James and Lucelia Nash Died at birth
James R. Nash son of James and Mary Ann Nash born March 10, 1837 Died June 6, 1913	Eddie Nash son of James and Lucelia C. Nash Born 1867	Colored Tom Freed slave, stayed with the family
Lucelia Collins Nash wife of James R. Nash Born August 19, 1843 Died April 18, 1917	Susie Whitehead Nash wife of Eddie Nash	(maybe) Nancy Katherine Chandler Nash, Second Wife of Reuben L. Nash Born April 20, 1846 Married 1885
Reuben Long Nash son of James and Mary Ann Nash Born 1835 was in 1880 census	James W. Nash son of Reuben and Elizabeth Nash Born 1871 Died 1892	<i>Information was compiled by Lois T. Straubagh. Lois took Irene Nash Bolton and Addie Nash Thurmond to the cemetery and taped their conversation. Lois lives at 100 West Mariana Ave, North Fort Myers, Florida 33903.</i>
Elizabeth Nash wife of Reuben L. Nash	Willie Myrt Tolbert daughter of W.H. & Mary Ann Tolbert	

*The Fall Ramble will begin with a tour of the Braselton City Hall, located at 4982 Highway 53. Then the group will then travel to the Duke Homeplace (now called the Hallelujah Farm, 2078 McNeal Road) to tour the house, cemetery and remains of the distillery.*

Braselton City Hall



Duke Homeplace

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