



# WCGHA Newsletter

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***Come Join Us  
on October 19***

***Tour of the Dibrell  
Museum***

We will meet in the **Magnolia Room**  
located in the Warren County  
Administration building,  
201 Locust Street  
prior to leaving for the tour

No refreshments will be served.

*Mary Don Bixby, WCGHA President*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

Fall is upon us, and it can't come soon enough! I've noticed a little color appearing on some of the maple trees. One of the interesting things about Fall is that we never know how it will turn out. When we have a very colorful fall, people say it is a result of all the rain. Then others say it is because it has been so dry. Regardless, let's hope for a beautiful season.

There is a wonderful program scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19. We'll have a short business meeting and then travel to the Dibrell Museum. Join us for this field trip to see what the Dibrell volunteers have accomplished.

Looking ahead to our November meeting, we will be hosting Raven Young who will be sharing the story of the Fraley's building from the beginning until the present. Raven is an interior designer who is responsible for the remodeling and restoration of this building owned by her grandfather Ken Roberts and family.

Looking forward to seeing you on Oct. 19th !

Mary Don

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 10th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

October 16th—**WBMC's Town Talk**

October 19th—**Tour of Dibrell Museum (we will have our business meeting first in the Magnolia Room**



Books covering VA, WVA, KY and Europe, donated by Kathy Finn



# 20th Annual Heritage Day at Hard Times, USA

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Ann and JB Brown, and Susan Driver attended this event to represent the WCGHA. Ann had received a call inviting us to participate in the celebration this year, so we were set up in the Saloon with membership information and some of the books published by the association for sale. The weather and food were great, the activities were fun, we sold quite a few books and more importantly, signed up a new member! If you have never been, consider putting on your calendar for next year; it's well worth the trip.

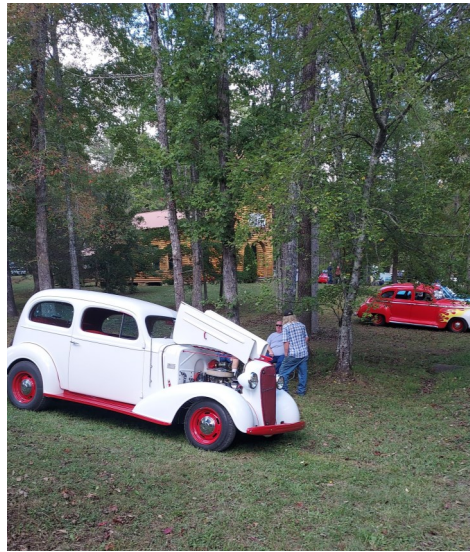








And for antique car buffs.....





JAMES FORREST: REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER by Wanda Gant

James Forrest was born 24 January 1751, Chester County, PA to John Forrest and Ann Davies, and died 11 April 1836, Warren County, TN burial Shellsford Cemetery. Married Mary Catherine Tyler.

State of Tennessee Warren County. On this the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, now in Session, James Forrest aged about 82 years a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he resided during the Revolutionary War in the County of Orange State of North Carolina and that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated - The first tour of duty that he performed in defense of his Country, he entered the Service in Captain Thomas Thompson's Company but cannot recollect the date. General Butler was the Commander - these troops were raised for the purpose of defending their Country against the Tories and a small detachment of the British who about that time invaded Orange County. The Tories and British were commanded by Colonel Fannin (sic, David Fanning) - the Whigs as before stated by General Butler - the two parties engaged for Battle in Orange County near Lindley's Mills 1 on Cain Creek of Haw River - in a short time the Whigs were overpowered by numbers and compelled to retreat - the enemy also retreated in the direction of Wilmington. On the next day General Butler collected his little Band together with some reinforcements and marched in pursuit of the Enemy but was not able to overtake them until they were succored by a large detachment of the British from Wilmington - General Butler finding himself unable to contend with a force so greatly superior to his, retreated, after firing a few Guns - This applicant was drafted and continued in service this term for three months, which time having expired he was discharged near Wilmington and returned home. He was almost constantly engaged against the Tories from that time until the Battle of King's Mountain, sometimes for a few days only, and never more than a few weeks at any one time. These services were generally rendered under Captain Thompson. Some short time before Ferguson's defeat He states that he belonged to the Militia and that he never was in Company with any Continental Troops - He believes that he received written discharges but cannot recollect from whom for both his three months Tours which he performed - but they are long since either lost or destroyed, he therefore has no documentary evidence and does not know of any person - that he this applicant was again drafted for three months and marched from Orange County to Salisbury where he was placed in Captain Johnston's Company, Colonel Bell Commander of the Regiment - after remaining there some time, part of the prisoners taken at King's Mountain were brought to Salisbury and there confined in Jail, and this applicant assisted in guarding them - - after his three months expired he was discharged and returned home and did not enter the service again: can conveniently procure that can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. S/James Forrest Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid S/Jos. Colville, Clk (James Walker, a clergyman, and William McGregor gave the standard supporting affidavit.) Answers to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court:

Says he was Born the 24th of January 1751 in Chester County Pennsylvania. That he copied from his Father's Bible a Record of his age into one of his own. That some years ago he purchased a large Family Bible and copied the Record of his and that which is all the Record evidence he heads. Says he lived in Orange County North Carolina when he was called into Service - and continued to live there till about the year 94, when moved to Jefferson County, East Tennessee, and remained there seven or eight years, and removed to Claiborne County about the year 1813, he removed to Warren County, where he has lived ever since. He was drafted the two 3 months tours which he performed - the short excursions after the Tories. He always served as a Volunteer - he never served with any A regular Troops, and refers to his declaration for the general Circumstances of his service. He thinks he received written discharges for both these three months tours but cannot recollect Whom, or what has become of them, but supposes they are lost or destroyed. He is acquainted with William McGregor, Aaron Higginbotham, John Cain & Locke Stubblefield.



## REVERAND RICHARD ALBERT FORREST by Wanda Gant

Richard Albert Forrest was born 4 October 1783 in Orange County, North Carolina, to James and Mary Catherine Forrest. He was married 4 June 1803 to Sarah Matlock, born 22 September 1783 in Grainger County, TN to John Wesley Matlock and Sarah McPherson, and died 16 September 1827 in Warren County, TN. Buried in Shellsford Cemetery.

In 1802, Richard, at age 19 was counted in Captain Jeffery's Company of Anderson County, Tennessee. The Big Springs Baptist Church, Claiborne County, Tennessee Minutes of January 1803 - September 1805: March the 2nd Saturday, 1803 opened a door for the reception of members & received by experience Samuel Cox, Richard Forrest, Rebecca Gibson, Mark Shelton. July the 2nd Saturday, 1803 Richard Forrest dismiss. (Knox County, Tennessee tax list 1799; Jefferson County, Tennessee 1803; Franklin County, Tennessee 1812; 1820 residence in Warren County, Tennessee.

Richard Albert Forrest made a deed agreement in Warren County, TN on 3 August 1928 to marry Lucy Wilcher England, widow of Joseph Grant England, and they married 13 August 1928. Lucy was born in 1783 in Virginia to Thomas Wilcher and Nancy Ann Walton.

### THE NEW ERA

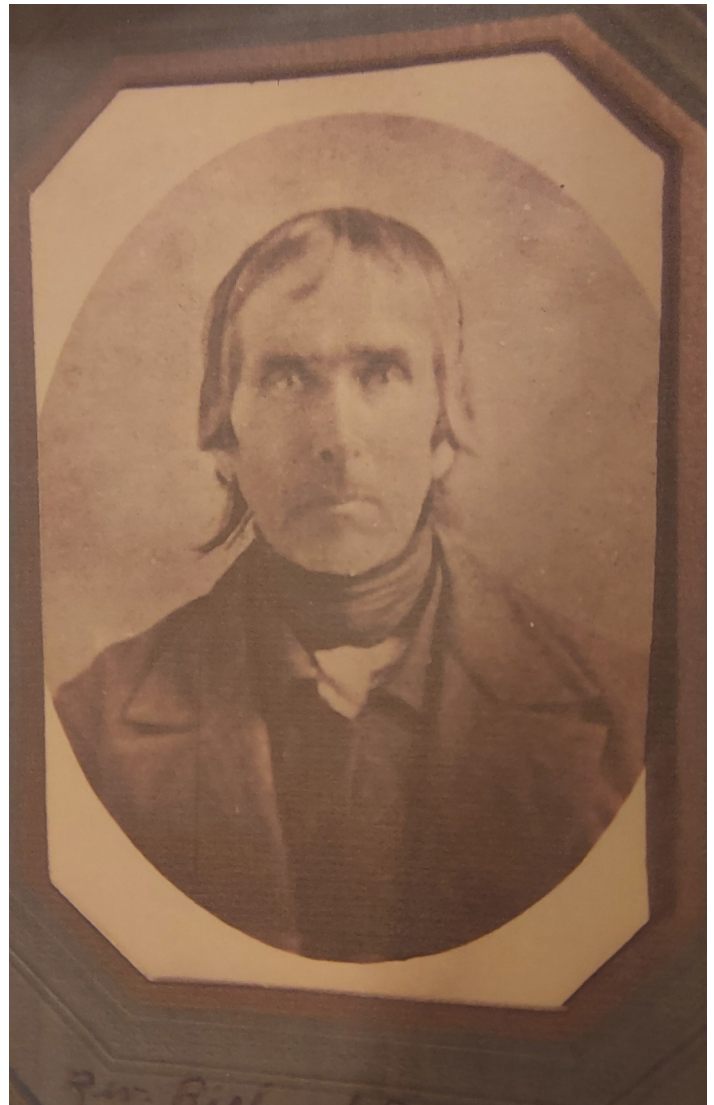
McMinnville, TN August 26, 1869

Richard Albert Forrest

It is with regret that we have to chronicle this death, but doubtless it was with emotions of delight by the recording angel of the other world whence he has happily taken his flight.

This grand man was born in North Carolina on October 4, 1783, moved to East Tennessee when a young man and on 9 June 1803 was married to Sarah Matlock - afterwards in the year 1809 moved to Warren County, Tennessee and located on Collins River where he lived and died. Early in life, he took up the Cross of Christ and was ordained in the ministry October 9, 1842 - and during seventy years a worthy and beloved member of the Baptist Church, and for 27 years labored almost incessantly as a minister of the Gospel, proclaiming the tidings of eternal life to his fellow mortals. He raised twelve children and had great, great grandchildren to rise up and call him blessed. He prayed that he might live and see his country free once more. The closing act of his life was to vote in the late election. He cast it with a feeble and trembling hand from his death bed, he delivered it in trust to those who deposited it according to the law in the ballot box. And when the old man heard it was received, and felt he was instrumental, ere his departure in breaking the tyrants band, he rejoiced, and thanked God and died in peace.

On the 8th day of August, he breathed his last in full faith of a better world in the 87th year of his age.





## Outline Descendant Report for Richard Albert Forrest

- 1 Richard Albert Forrest b: 04 Oct 1783 in Orange County, North Carolina, d: 08 Aug 1869 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- ..... + Sarah Matlock b: 22 Sep 1783 in Grainger County, Tennessee, m: 04 Jun 1803 in Grainger County, Tennessee Aron Roark Bondsman, d: 16 Sep 1827 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- .....2 Mary Elizabeth Forrest b: 1805 in Tennessee, d: 1881 in Henderson County, Texas
- ..... + George William Martin b: 1804 in Cumberland County, Kentucky, m: Warren County, Illinois, d: 1861 in Henderson County, Texas
- .....2 Sarah Forrest b: Apr 1806 in Virginia, d: 02 Mar 1853 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- ..... + Hamilton Neal b: 26 Sep 1812 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, m: Abt. 1828 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d: Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- .....2 John Matlock Forrest b: 16 Feb 1808 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, d: 09 Jul 1865 in Yamhill County, Oregon
- ..... + Anna Belle Rhea b: 25 Nov 1811 in White County, Tennessee, m: 03 Jan 1827 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d: 07 Jan 1866 in Yamhill County, Oregon
- .....2 James Forrest b: 04 May 1809 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d: 03 Oct 1870 in McMinn County, Tennessee
- ..... + Mary Arnwine b: 22 Jan 1807 in Grainger County, Tennessee, d: 24 Aug 1871 in McMinn County, Tennessee
- .....2 Elizabeth Forrest b: 1810 in Franklin County, Tennessee, d: 22 Sep 1863 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- ..... + Alexander Martin b: 1806 in Wayne County, Kentucky, m: Tennessee, d: 20 Nov 1871 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- .....2 William Franklin Forrest b: 28 Jun 1811 in McMinn County, Tennessee, d: 12 Dec 1871 in Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois
- ..... + Leann Elizabeth Parkinson b: 18 Apr 1819 in White County, Tennessee, m: 30 Jun 1834, d: 01 Dec 1890 in Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois
- .....2 Charles Matlock Forrest b: 21 Jan 1815 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d: 24 Jan 1892 in Pendleton, Bell County, Texas
- ..... + Anna Kell b: 21 Aug 1817 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, m: 24 Sep 1835 in Warren County, Tennessee By William Thompson, d: 1907 in Pendleton, Bell County, Texas
- .....2 Lucinda T. Forrest b: 13 Mar 1815 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d: 31 Jan 1868 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- ..... + Aaron Burleson b: 28 May 1812 in Tennessee to Parents Born In Ohio, m: 10 Nov 1830 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d: 01 Jan 1891 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- .....2 Malinda Forrest
- .....2 Martha Forrest b: 1822 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d:
- ..... + William Mitchell b: 1814 in Tennessee, d:
- .....2 Henry T. Forrest b: 1826 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d:
- ..... + Sarah Neal b: 1828 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d:
- .....2 Rachel Caroline Forrest b: 1826 in Tennessee, d: 18 Mar 1904 in McMinn County, Tennessee
- ..... + Thomas Edward Dodson b: 22 Feb 1821 in McMinn County, Tennessee, m: 23 Jul 1845 in McMinn County, Tennessee, d: 16 Aug 1899 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee
- ..... + Lucy Wilcher b: 1783 in Virginia, m: 13 Aug 1828 in Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee, d: 1863 in Davidson County, Tennessee



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### WARREN COUNTY FAIR

By an action of the Warren County Agricultural and Mechanical Association, at meeting on the 21st, it was received to have their annual exhibition commencing on Wednesday the 13th of October 1869. Our exchanges will confer a favor upon the Association noticing this change, as it had been previously announced that the Fair would commence on the 7th, and continue to the 10th of October.

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### MORTALITY

We are pained to lay before our readers obituaries of several of our citizens this week, four of whom are of the of the oldest inhabitants and earliest settlers of Warren County. Truly, in the midst of life we are in death; and how long, at most, it may please the Great Ruler, to lengthen our days and bless us with the things of this world we cannot tell, but the time will inevitably come, and when here, it has come, quickly, when we must shuffle off this mortality, and leave behind us a world in which we are no more; neither at the rising nor at the setting of the day, neither in the busy haunts of men, nor in the shades of retirement - but, like the pebble cast upon the bosom of a lake, disappear from our accustomed ways forever, leaving behind us simply a ripple upon the surface of the great sea of life - a small wave that must gradually become smaller and smaller until it loses itself wholly in the expanse of infinity and then man will not even know we have lived, only God, and He alone can bring up from the infinite depths.

Persons mentioned in the paper were:

**Richard A. Forrest**, 8<sup>th</sup> of August

Supreme Grand Master Samuel P. Pennebaker died 11 August 1869. He had been a member of Masonic Lodge F & AM since 21 Feb 1855.

Mrs. F. M. Smith died on the 30th of July.

Redin Bonner died \_\_\_ of August. Moved here from North Carolina about 1815; was about 82 years old.

**Elisha Pepper** died 5th of August. He was born in Greenbriar County, VA in 1777, making him 92 years old.

Aaron Higginbotham, born Amherst Co., VA 10 May 1777; died Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. He moved to TN shortly after 1800, or when the country was new. First wife was Elizabeth Christian; 2nd wife Mrs. Mary Allen.

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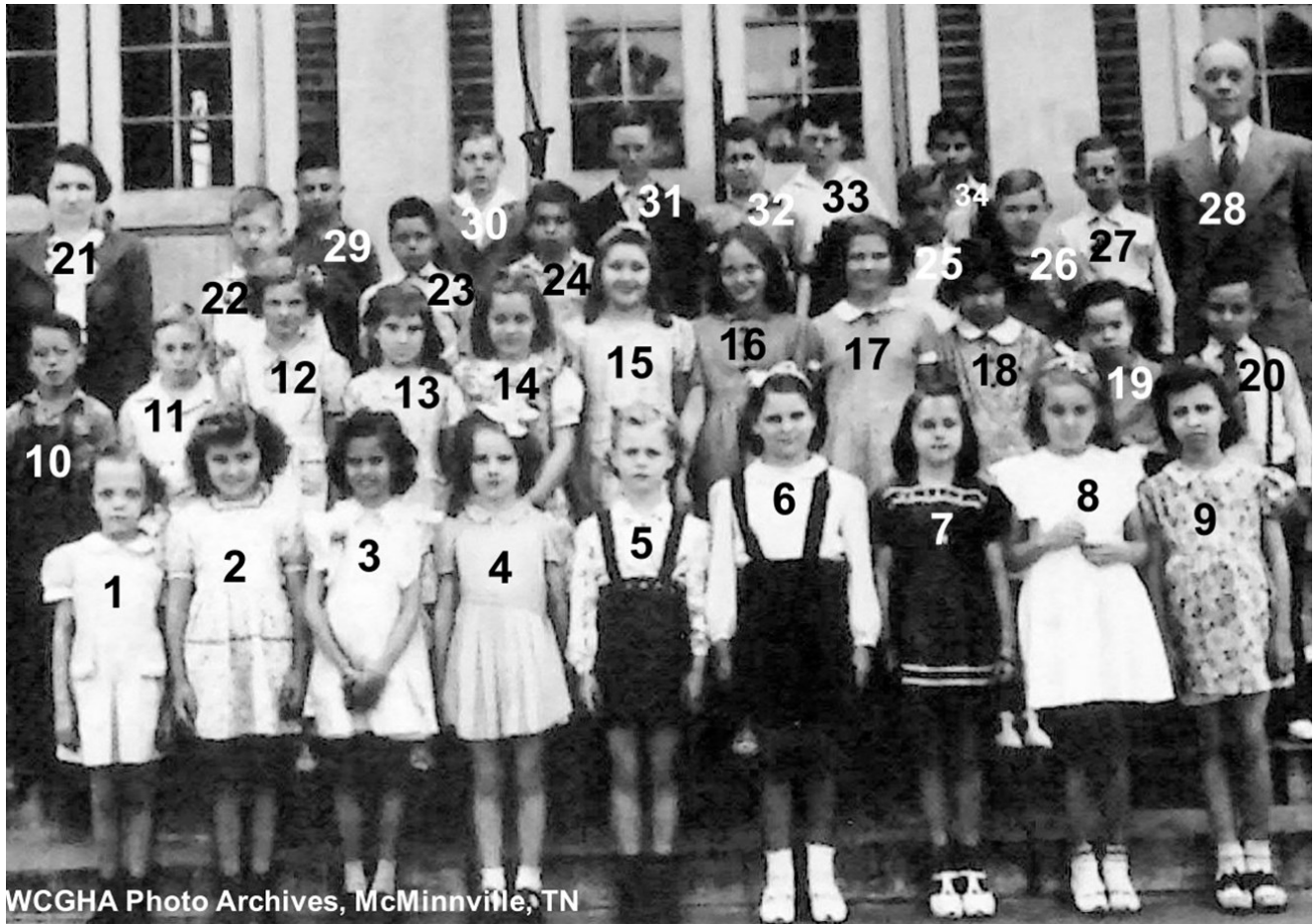
We learned a reward of \$2000 has been offered for the arrest of Bill Hathaway, who killed Mr. Henry Frazier in DeKalb County a short time since.



## August—Do You Know?

Photos can be viewed at: <https://tngenweb.org/wcgatn/photo-archives/>

### 1944 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Oak Grove School



(21) Mrs. Locke; (24) Lavern Jones (2024.09.01)

Look closely at the names of students that have not been identified and let's put names to faces!



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### Late 1930s Cambridge School



(1) ?; (2) ?; (3) Joe Charles Dove; (4) ?; (5) ?; (6) ?; (7) Madgalene Roberts Bennett; (8) ?; (9) Betty Sue Boyd Dunlap; (10) Virginia Cotten; (11) ? Fisher; (12) ?; (13) ?; (14) ?; (15) ?; (16) Maxine Fisher Grissom; (17) ?; (18) ?; (19) ?; (20) Charles Cotton; (21) Christine Fisher Gribble; (22) Nodelle Dove; (23) Bessie Breedlove; (24) ?; (25) ?; (26) June Dove Gribble; (27) ?; (28) Annelle Cotten; (29) ?; (30) Aubrey Allen Martin, teacher; (31) ?; (32) Edwin Ray; (33) Bill Atnip; (34) Hattie Jo Atnip; (35) ?; (36) ?; (37) ?; (38) Gordon Breedlove; (39) ?; (40) Guy Templeton; (41) ?; (42) Carmon Fisher; (43) Jean Gillentine Rogers; (44) ?; (45) Dorothy Womack Hash; (46) Juanita Dove; (47) ?; (ID.2024.08.27)

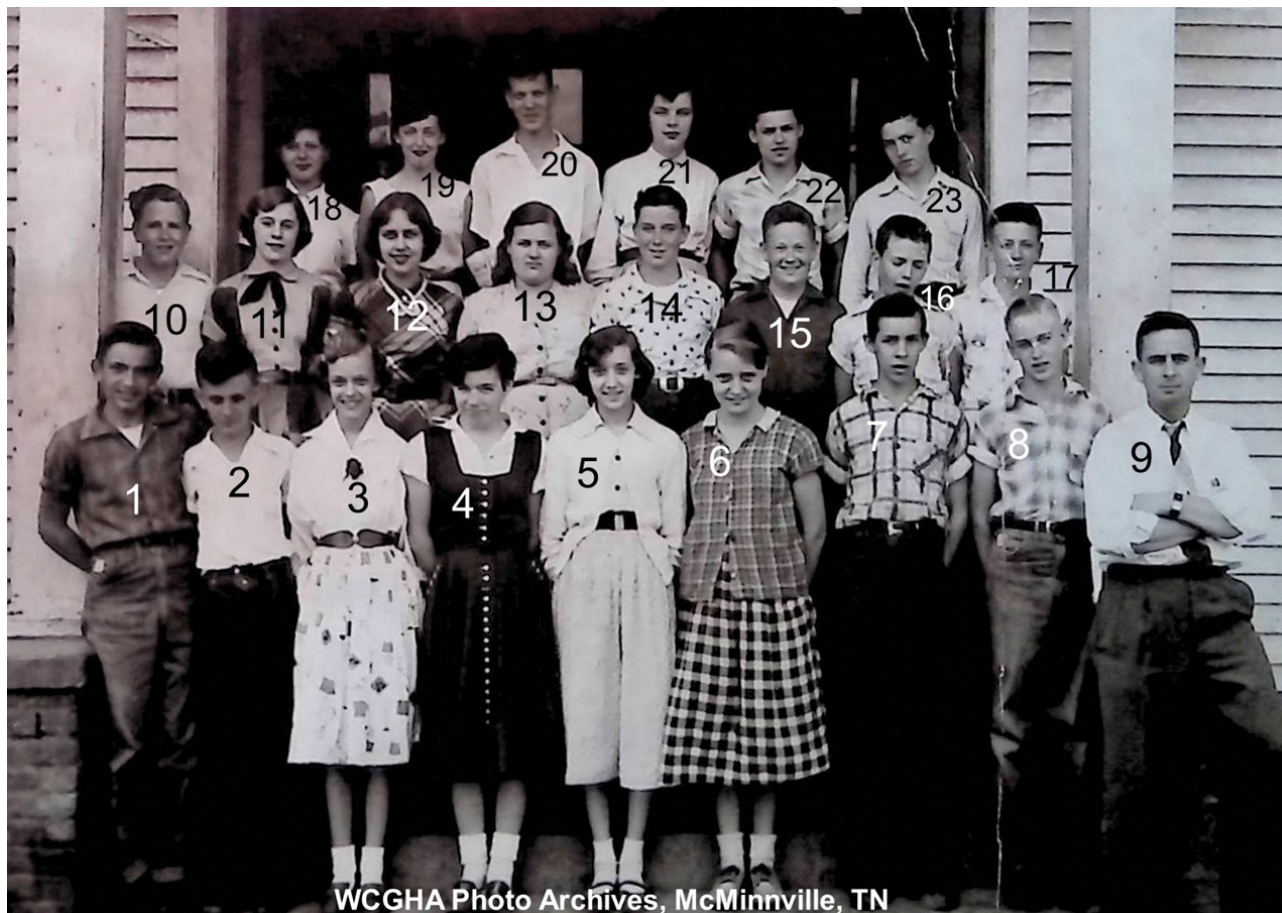
Can you identify the missing students in this photo?



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### April, 1955 Fairview School – Class # 9



(1) Carl H. Bond; (2) Freddie Ware; (3) Joyce Tittsworth; (4) Linda Powell; (5) Johnnie Sue McCormick; (6) Alice Cummings; (7) Leonard Tanner; (8) Cordell Beard (9) Gordon Smith, teacher; (10) Pete Tenpenny; (11) Betty Jo Madewell; (12) Sally Robinson; (13) Jennifer Lawson; (14) Wayne Priest; (15) ?; (16) Johnny Sullivan; (17) Donnie Barnes; (18) Nadine Christian; (19) Frances Shields?; (20) Carl Bouldin; (21) Mildred Roberts; (22) Beachel Curtis; (23) ?; (2024.09.27)

Can you identify any of the other students?



## Office News

The office was closed for Labor Day but we still logged an impressive 175 volunteer hours. Thanks to Bonita, Evelyn, Mary, Mary Don and Ann for manning the office on Mondays and Fridays. Others who helped in the office this month include Marie, Gail, Kerry, Chris, Susan, Robert, Freda, Bettye, J.B. and Lynette. If you think you'd like to get involved, stop by and let us show you around! We would love to have you!

## Research

We have five visitors this month:

Wanda Holt (Tabitha Hennessee and Alex Turner)

Jimmy King (King's)

Leah Prater (Warren County fashion 1807-current)

## Contributions

Eddings-Muncy Family Families	Family Files	Wanda Gant
Digital Family Files (Bouldin, Bright, Campbell, Chatley, Clark, McCormick, Grissom, Hankins, McLaughlin, Mitchell, Roberts)	Family Files	Kenneth Grissom
Pathfinder, Vol 29, No 3, Sep 2024	Resource Library	Grundy County Historical
122 books on Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky	Resource Library	Kathy Finn

## Welcome New Member!

Elizabeth Boyd Myers, McMinnville, TN





## **Come Visit Us**

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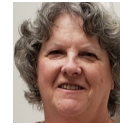


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