



graduating from Northwest High School in 1973. He is employed by The Trane Co., a manufacturer of air conditioning and heating equipment in the CACD Division. He has for a hobby, Nascar racing and has been past Cub Scout leader and baseball coach. He has served as past chief of the St. Bethlehem Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, and is currently serving on the board of directors. He is a member of the Clarksville Masonic Lodge Number 89.

One night while cruising around Shoneys Restaurant (a local hangout in the early 70s) he met a nice young girl named Carol Lynn Gibson. On Sep. 29, 1973 they were married. She was born Dec. 16, 1953, the daughter of Earl and Mary Davis Gibson. She was born in Clarksville, TN. She graduated from Clarksville High School in 1972, and is currently working at Jostens Printing Co. in Clarksville. They are the parents of two children, Chadwick Graham Bryant (b. Feb. 22, 1975) and Amber Lynn Bryant (b. May 18, 1984). Chad was married on Dec. 18, 1999 to Shannon Marie Salyer. He currently works for Precision Printing Co. and Shannon teaches at Northeast High School. Amber currently attends Northeast High School where she is a sophomore. Her interests are speech and drama and she is also in the choir.

BRYANT-GRIMMER. Nicholas Bryant, the first Bryant to come from Scotland Neck, Halifax County, NC, to Montgomery County, TN was born Jul. 14, 1788 in North Carolina, a son of Arthur Bryant and Jemima Daffin. When Nicholas came to Montgomery County, he brought with him his wife, Nancy Grimmer, and four children. Six more children were born in Montgomery County. In order of birth the children were 1) Marina who married Silas Stamper; 2) Arthur married first, Mrs. Free, second, Frances Cordle (mother of all his children, we think) and third, Mary A. Lowe; 3) Nancy, died at age 12; 4) Felicia may have married a Stamper; 5) George Washington married Nancy Rose; 6) John Jackson married Nancy Monroe; 7) Thomas Jefferson married first, Sally or Nancy Gilbert, and second, Amelia or Permelia Terrell; 8) James Madison; 9) Henry; and 10) Nicholas, married Melinda Ainsworth. George Washington and John Jackson were twins, so were Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

Nicholas married on Sep. 28, 1806 in Montgomery County, Nancy, his wife, died in 1857 and Nicholas died in 1865. They are buried in the Nicholas Bryant Cemetery in the Fort Campbell Reservation.

George Washington Bryant was born May 26, 1817 in Montgomery County. On Jul. 31, 1845, he married Nancy E. Rose, daughter of Theophilus or Richard Rose and Sarah Harrell. Nancy was born Dec. 31, 1829 in Trigg County, KY. George W. and Nancy had 10 children, namely: 1) Nathaniel (b. 1847, d. 1849); 2) Milas Alexander (b. 1850, d. 1928) married Eliza Jane Harrell; 3) Mason (b. 1853, d. 1916). His first wife was Maggie Stamper and second wife Martha Phillips; 4) Sarah Emma (b. 1855, d. 1906) married 1877 Peyton Dallas Skinner. He died around 1924; 5) Eliza Jane (b. Apr. 29, 1858, d. Jan. 8, 1918) married May 9, 1887 to Charles Thomas Marion Shrader (b. Apr. 16, 1861, d. Sept. 22, 1938; 6) Addie Thompson (b. Sep. 17, 1860, d. 1931) married William Henry Overton Shrader (d. 1932); 7) John Richard (b. Feb. 23, 1863, d. 1931) married first, Georgia Taylor, second, Genie Bell Shemwell (d. 1983); 8) George Washington "Gee" (b. 1866, d. 1914) never married; 9) Robert Nicholas (b. 1868/69, d. 1934) married Hattie Rogers; 10) Cordelia "Cordie," (b. 1871/72, d. 1952 in Evansville, IN) married Edward J. Morris.

Most Bryant descendants in this area are descended from these children of George Washington Bryant and Nancy Rose. Other Bryant descendants are scattered across the whole country. Margaret Green Shepherd, a genealogy enthusiast known to many local residents, descends from Eliza Jane Bryant and lives in Stewart County. Joe Bryant, who has done so much research on the Bryant family, descends from John Richard Bryant and lives in Texas. Carl Shrader, who de-

scends from Addie Thompson Bryant, has extensively explored his Shrader line and lives in Maryland.

BRYANT-GRIMMER-NEEDHAM, Charles Edward Bryant, who married Carolyn Lisenbee, daughter of Horace and Carrie West Lisenbee, is the son of Blair Leonard and Beulah Todd Bryant. Blair was the son of John Hickman and Ellie Shepherd Bryant. John H. Bryant was the son of Mason and Maggie Stamper Bryant. Mason Bryant was the son of George Washington and Nancy Ross Bryant. George Washington Bryant was the son of Nicholas and Nancy Grimmer Bryant who came to Montgomery County, TN in 1815.

Charles and Carolyn Lisenbee Bryant - 50th anniversary, Jun. 20, 1998

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Arthur Needham Bryant who died in 1785 in Halifax County, NC, was the son of Arthur Bryan(t) and Mary Smith. Arthur Needham Bryant's wife, Jemima Bryant, who died after Aug. 5, 1807, married John Williamson after Arthur Needham's death. Arthur Needham Bryant's father, Arthur Bryan(t) married Mary Smith, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Drew Smith, before 1762 and Arthur and Mary Bryan had five children: Arthur Needham, Nicholas, Mary, Priscilla and James Smith. Arthur Bryan(t) was the son of John Bryan and Elizabeth Joyner. John Bryan of Isle of Wight County, VA (b. Jan. 2, 1692, d. after Sep. 14, 1735 in Edgecombe County, NC) married Elizabeth Joyner, daughter of Bridgeman B. and Anna Joyner. Their children were Arthur, William and Elizabeth. John Bryan was the son of William Bryan (b. ca. 1650 in Ireland), coming to Isle of Wight County, VA about 1690. He died in 1742. His father was Frances Bryan, who died in Belfast, Ireland in 1694. His mother was Sarah Brinker, cousin of the Prince of Orange. William Bryan married Lady Alice Needham, daughter of Sir Charles Needham and Bridget Drury. Sir Charles Needham was son of Sir Robert Needham and Lady Eleanor Burton. Mary Smith Bryan, wife of Arthur Bryan, was the daughter of Nicholas and Mary Drew Smith. Nicholas Smith, born prior to 1698 in Surry County, VA, died in 1743 in Edgecombe County, NC, married after 1711, Mary Drew, daughter of John Drew who died circa 1703 in Surry County, VA and Elizabeth Swann Drew. Nicholas Smith was the son of Richard and Mary Smith, who was born prior to 1682 in Surry County, VA, and died Feb. 24, 1712 in Surry County, VA. Nicholas Smith's wife, Mary Drew, died ca. 1815 in Edgecombe County, NC. Her father, John Drew was the son of Richard and Mable Drew and her mother, Elizabeth Swann Drew was the daughter of Matthew and Mary Harris Swann of Surry County, VA. Mary Harris Swann was the daughter of Robert and Mary Claiborne Harris.

Those in attendance at the 50th wedding anniversary of Charles and Carolyn Lisenbee Bryant: were William Bryant, Kurt Bryant, Paul Bryant, Cindy

Briggs Bryant, Elizebeth Bryant, Jimmy Winters, Grant Winters, Henry Winters, Miriam Bryant Winters, Catherine Winters, Andrew Winters, Charles Bryant, Anna Bryant Murray, Louisa Murray, Tracie Murray, John Bryant, Carrye Murray, Barry Murray, Lauren Bryant, Nancy Peeler Bryant, Charles Bryant III, Charles Bryant Jr.

BRYANT-HARGROVE, Graham Robert Bryant (b. Aug. 9, 1924 in Stewart County, TN), the son of Lacey Edgar and Ora Lancaster Bryant. The father was the son of John and Georgia Taylor Bryant of Stewart County, TN.

It is general knowledge that tobacco was the "King" of all money making crops in Montgomery County and all surrounding counties also. Clarksville was built beside the Cumberland River and used the river for shipping and all surrounding areas brought their crops to Clarksville for sale and provided huge amounts of dollars and trade for Montgomery County. Graham Robert Bryant became a buyer for a tobacco loose floor (where they sold the tobacco), named Hail and Cotton Tobacco Co. and worked there until he retired.

On Jun. 26, 1950, he married Dorothy Ophelia Hargrove (b. Sep. 7, 1924), the daughter of Almont and Clara Walton Hargrove. She lived most all of her life in Montgomery County and was a hair stylist for many years in downtown Clarksville. She was a member of The Eastern Star and a member of the New Providence Methodist Church. Graham Robert and Dorothy Ophelia had three children: Nancy Sue (b. Jan. 3, 1947) currently works for the Montgomery County school system as a teachers aid; Robert Graham (b. Feb. 10, 1955) is currently employed by The Trane Co., a commercial air conditioning and heating equipment manufacturing company; and James Lacey (b. Apr. 10, 1957, d. Oct. 25, 1996). Graham Robert died Mar. 17, 1998, and Dorothy Ophelia died on Apr. 27, 1969.

BRYANT-LANCASTER, Lacey Edgar Bryant (b. Dec. 21, 1892 in Stewart County, TN) was the son of John and Georgia Taylor Bryant. Lacey was married to Ora Lancaster around 1920/21. Not long after they were married, they moved from Stewart County to Montgomery County, TN.

He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion and the AMvets. When Camp Campbell (later named Fort Campbell) became a military installation, Lacey went to work on post. He was a post engineer when he retired from Fort Campbell, KY. Lacey and Ora had four sons: James Ralph (b. Mar. 21, 1923, d. Feb. 9, 1981); Graham Robert (b. Aug. 9, 1924, d. Mar. 17, 1998); Fentress and Billy. They had one daughter, Robbie, who was born in 1928. Lacey had one half-brother whose name was Joe and no sisters.

Lacey and Ora lived a long life together, and in December of 1975 she died and on Apr. 13, 1977 Lacey departed this life also.

Top: Fentress, James R., Robbie, Graham R. Bryant. Center: Ora Lancaster and Lacey E. Bryant. Bottom: Billy Bryant

BRYANT/STAMPER. Nicholas and Nancy Grimmer Bryant with their four children came to Montgomery County, TN from Halifax County, NC. They began their journey from James Smith's home in Scotland Neck, Halifax County, NC on Oct. 22, 1815 and arrived at Gen. Nick Carney's, near Port Royal, Montgomery County, TN, on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1815, after eight weeks of travel. Their four children were Marina, Arthur, Nancy and Felica. Nicholas and Nancy Bryant married on Sep. 28, 1806, and their children were Marina (b. Jul. 16, 1807) who married Silas Stamper; Chester Arthur (b. Dec. 31, 1809); Nancy (b. Mar. 1, 1812); Felica (b. May 7, 1814); twins, George Washington and John Jackson (b. May 26, 1817); twins, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison (b. Aug. 30, 1818); Henry (b. Jul. 14, 1821) and Nicklas (b. Sep. 15, 1824).

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Bryant-Stamper Families. Benjamin F. and Anna Griffin Edwards and family

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Eleanor Gayle married Harry Lee Williams Jr. had two sons, Wade Warren Williams and Jacob Lee Williams. Donna Patricia Williams married Jerome James Page and had one son, James Noble Page.

WILLIAM THOMAS BUCKINGHAM. Records indicate that the Buckinghams were some of the earliest settlers of Stewart County. WGT Buckingham married Nancy Gardner and they had 13 children. Peter Terry Buckingham (b. 1835) was one of these children.

Peter Terry married and they had six children. After his first wife died, he married Martha Buchanan and together had six children: Clarissa (P.H. Smith), Ida (Jeff Myers), Betsy (Ples Boone), Belle (Huge Allen), Ann (Bill Gilbert) and William Thomas, the head of our family.

William Thomas Buckingham (b. 1869) later moved to Montgomery County and married Ollie Harris. They had four children: Deward, Julius, Lyman and Mabel. When Ollie died from TB, he took the three

boys and went to Texas to find work. His daughter was cared for by relatives during his absence.

Upon his return from Texas, he took his young daughter to a dressmaker who was a widow he knew previously to have some clothes made. Eula Lomax Dority had three children: Foy Dority (Marie Lyle), Ethel Dority (Leslie Rye) and Eunice Dority. She and William Thomas married in 1913 and combined their families. They quickly added three more children: Rex Cornell Buckingham (Clara Biter), Dorris Elmo Buckingham (Jennie Lowry) and Edwin Dale Buckingham (Juene Haley) to their household.

William Thomas was a sharecropper, but later bought a small farm in the area of Shiloh known as Possum Hollow. He and his family built a log house and farmed the land, raised food for the family, some tobacco and other things they could sell. Most of his sisters and their families lived in the same area of Montgomery County.

Times were hard in the 1930s and opportunities seemed few, so several children moved to Michigan to get jobs. Others went to Nashville where opportunities seemed more plentiful. One went out west and another went to North Carolina. Two of the children, Lyman and Cornell, made their home in Montgomery County all their lives. All the other children returned to Montgomery County often and kept their ties to family and friends there.

BUCKNER-LEIGH-GENTRY, Martha (Jo)

Buckner was born in the Ringgold Community at the home of her grandparents, Walter Washington Leigh (b. 1846, d. 1927) and Lillian Wilson Leigh (b. 1859, d. 1932). Leighs came to Montgomery County from Orange County, NC, in 1803, and the Wilsons came from Pennsylvania. (See *Nineteenth Century Heritage, Clarksville, TN*, p. 237, Drane-Leigh House).

Jo's parents were Lewis Douglas Buckner Sr. (b. 1884, d. 1957), farmer, and Martha Elizabeth Leigh (b. 1890, d. 1976) who married Nov. 24, 1920. Lewis came to Montgomery County, while still a boy, with his parents, William Francis Buckner (b. 1843, d. 1913) and his wife Harriet Edmonds Elliot (b. 1846, d. 1925), who married Dec. 12, 1867. William Francis was a lieutenant in the Army of the Confederacy. Francis and his wife Harriet were born in the Oak Grove, KY Community. Their families migrated from Virginia. (See *Picturesque Clarksville, Past & Present*, p. 400).

Lewis Buckner and Martha Leigh had four children: Mildred (b. Sep. 27, 1921 (dec.); Lewis Douglas Jr. (b. May 28, 1923); Martha Jo (b. Sep. 24, 1924) and William Leigh (b. Dec. 28, 1926). Martha Leigh met Lewis Buckner in the Leigh home when she was 14. Without Lewis' knowledge she decided then she would marry him. Lewis worked in the Virginias and Carolinas for years. Lewis came back to Montgomery County and 15 years after her 14-year-old decision, Martha married Lewis. She never loved anyone else.

Lewis bought a farm on Lafayette Pike and Martha Jo and her brothers and sister went to Cherry School-8 grades, one room, one pot-bellied stove, one teacher (Myrtle Bearskin and later Catherine Clardy). They rode horseback to school. Doug, Bill and Martha

Jo later attended New Providence Demonstration School. All four graduated from Clarksville High School. Mildred was the smart one, Douglas the hard worker, Bill the funny one and Martha Jo majored in extra-curricular activities. Douglas served in the US Marine Air Corps for 25 years and lives in Concord, NC. Bill served in the U.S. Navy and lives in the Dotsonville Community.

In 1942, Martha Jo went to work, Finance Dept., Ft. Campbell, KY. She moved to Nashville in 1945 and worked for Board of Pharmacy, Western Electric Employment office, five years for an advertising agency and one year *Isaac Fletcher Gentry and as a legal secretary. Martha Buckner Gentry, 1995* She met Isaac Fletcher Gentry Jr. "Ike" when he came back from WWII and applied for reinstatement with Western Electric. They were married Jul. 11, 1946 at New Providence Baptist Church. They have two children, Donna (b. Jul. 13, 1950) and James David (b. Aug. 16, 1960). Donna graduated from UT and married Charles Edward Roberts Jr. of Lewisburg, TN. They have three children: Shelley, Leigh and Mary Catherine. David graduated from MTSU and is a salesman.

In 1950, after the birth of David, Martha Jo became a full-time homemaker and mother. Her husband, Isaac Fletcher Gentry Jr. (b. Feb. 8, 1922) is the son of Isaac Fletcher Gentry Sr. (b. 1887, d. 1969) and his wife Mary Wilder (b. 1892, d. 1988), attended Nashville public schools, volunteered after Pearl Harbor in the U.S. Marines and served until the end of the war. He went to Korea with the Marines in 1950 and served 13 months. He worked within the Bell system for 43 years, Western Electric, Bell South and AT&T as an engineer. He was active within his community, serving as president of Nashville Big Brothers, president of Telephone Pioneers and as state commander of the American Legion. As a junior achievement advisor he took his company to National competition in 1968-69. He is a Mason.

They were charter members of Crieewood Baptist Church, where they are still members, serving in various church programs, most notably "the homeless program."

Martha Jo is a member of Gen. William Lee Davidson Chapter, DAR, and past regent. She is a direct descendant of John Buckner, in Virginia in 1669 and her Revolutionary War ancestor was Major Richard Buckner, brother of Phillip who was ancestor of Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Army of the Confederacy. Her hobbies are traveling, sewing, furniture refinishing, reading, genealogy, gardening and grandchildren.

They have been married 53 years, with the normal ups and downs, troubles and happiness. They have lived in the same home in Nashville for 47 years.

BUHLER-BENNETT-HARDISON, Brandon Lee Buhler (b. Jul. 27, 1928 in Stewart County, TN) was the son of Franklin Rudolph Buhler (b. 1899, d. 1991) and Gladys Georgia Edwards Buhler (b. 1900, d. 1978). His parents were engaged in farming in Stewart County when Fort Campbell was established and they had to leave their land. They bought a farm on U.S. 41 in Kentucky and the farm is still owned by the Buhler brothers. Brandon has one brother Andrew Thomas Buhler (b. May 14, 1942).

Brandon attended elementary school at Buhler School in Stewart County on the land purchased by Fort Campbell. He graduated from Austin Peay State University in 1951 with a degree in secondary education. In June 1951 through August 1951 he joined a Methodist Youth Caravan with three other older youth and an adult counselor. They worked in seven differ-