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William Trousdale:

## The Early Years (1790 to 1811)

By Beverly Bragg

**Editor's Note:** This is the first part of story about Gov. William Trousdale of Gallatin. An additional story will follow in the May edition of *Days of Old Sumner County*.

William Trousdale was born September 23, 1790, in Orange County, North Carolina. His parents, Revolutionary War veteran James Trousdale and Eliza Dobbins Trousdale, moved their family of nine children to Sumner County, Tennessee, in 1796 and settled on James Trousdale's land grant of 640 acres, awarded to him by the state of North Carolina for his military service.

In 1802, when William was 11 years old, the Tennessee General Assembly appointed commissioners to purchase more than 42 acres of land from James Trousdale in order to lay out the county seat town of Gallatin, and before William's twelfth birthday construction of the town began.

Information is limited regarding William Trousdale's childhood in Tennessee. In the booklet *The Life of William Trousdale: Soldier, Statesman, Diplomat*, historian Walter Durham speculates as to how Trousdale may have felt during his formative years: "certainly, he must have been excited by the creation and

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Trousdale Place is pictured in the book *Historic Sumner County*

## A Governor's Mansion at Gallatin's Heart

By Beverly Bragg

At the intersection of Gallatin's West Main and North Locust Ave. in a park-like setting, you will see Trousdale Place, the two-story brick house that was the home of William Trousdale, the thirteenth governor of Tennessee. If a governor's mansion in the heart of downtown Gallatin seems a little out of place, consider that before stoplights and donut shops became part of the landscape, the Trousdale family not only lived in Gallatin, but they also provided the land on which the city was built.

For his service in the Revolutionary War, Capt. James Trousdale—Gov. William Trousdale's father—received a 640-acre land grant from the state of North Carolina. In 1796, the captain moved there, taking his family with him, including his six-year-old son William.

In 1802, Capt. Trousdale sold more than 42 acres to the state of Tennessee for \$490, and the city of Gallatin was established. Plots of land were sold and businesses built, including the first general store in Gallatin, which was opened by Andrew Jackson.

### Who Was William Trousdale?

For most of his adult life, William Trousdale was a soldier. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, the Creek War, the Seminole War and the Mexican American War, earning him the nickname the "War Horse of Sumner County." He married Mary Ann Bugg in 1827 when he was about 37, and they had seven children. Five reached adulthood: Maria Louisa, Valeria, Charles, Julius, and Frances. Trousdale served as Tennessee's governor from 1849 to 1851, and in 1853, he was appointed to a four-year term as Minister to Brazil by President Franklin Pierce.

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The Bradford-Berry House, photographed by Bob Dulany is pictured in *Historic Sumner County*

## Historic Bradford-Berry House Given to Hendersonville

By Jan Shuxteau, Editor

To the delight of local history enthusiasts, the 220-year-old Bradford-Berry House was donated to the City of Hendersonville in January, helping ensure its preservation. Located on Main Street a few hundred yards from Hendersonville City Hall, the house has been unused for about 20 years and was in danger of simply falling apart.

“The first step in saving the house was getting it under the city’s ownership,” said Hendersonville Mayor Jamie Clary. “The previous owners allowed the house to decline from livable to dangerous. Now that the city has ownership, we can look for partnerships with other organizations. They might want to restore the house for some use or provide grants for the city to use the house. We are open to any ideas at this point.”

Formerly the home to the Hendersonville Arts Council, the house had some remodeling over the years that disqualified it for historic registries. It came on the radar for Hendersonville leaders in 2003 when Wal-Mart considered opening its super store on the property. Fearing that the house would be demolished, city officials created an ordinance to prevent developers from tearing down historic sites. Wal-Mart chose a different location, but developers continued to own the house and surrounding property. The historic site ordinance did not require them to repair or maintain the house, and they didn’t.

During the last five years, the city received several plans for restoring the house, but all

plans were rejected by the property owner. The latest plan, from commercial developer Oldacre McDonald, gives the house and some surrounding land to the city and allows the company commercial development nearby.

According to Clary, a complete rehab of Bradford-Berry House could cost as much as \$1.5 million.

### The Tale of Henry Bradford

The Bradford-Berry House, originally called Hazelpatch, was built by Henry Bradford, circa 1796, adjacent to property owned by Henry’s friend, Daniel Smith of Rock Castle. Hazelpatch was nearly a hundred years old when it was purchased in 1886 by Horatio Berry, a Smith descendant, on the day his daughter, Sarah Berry, was born. From that point, it was called Bradford-Berry House.

Henry was born in 1758, the son of William Bradford and Mary Morgan of Virginia. William Bradford died when Henry was only two. He left the toddler, whom he referred to in his will as his “well beloved son,” 206 acres of Virginia land.

According to a family history, *Salt of the Earth*, written by Bradford descendant Sara Bradford Saunders, Henry was apprenticed when he was 12 years old to a tailor—John Cooke of Fauquier Co., Va. When the Revolutionary War broke out, Henry, 18, left his apprenticeship and enlisted in April 1776. He was wounded and discharged.

Saunders wrote that “after independence from Britain, he [Henry] joined the growing tide of westward expansion” in 1784 at the age of 26.

He left Virginia with a group that included John Carr, who described the journey in his book, *Early Times in Middle Tennessee*. Carr wrote that Bradford and at least 14 others lagged behind the main body of travelers and were ambushed by Indians at Hazel Patch, Ky., “At the time of the attack, he [Bradford] was sitting in a small tent and the Indians, bursting into it seized him behind by a short coat he wore, but throwing out his arms behind he slipped out of it and fled.

“He made an effort to catch one of two fine mares, satisfied that if he got one the other would follow, but he could only get hold of an old horse. Twisting a grapevine for a bridle, he struck the trail again and had gone but a little distance when he saw a wounded man sitting by the roadside. He took him up before him and carried him all that night, arriving at our camp the next morning where his clothes were changed, they being all bloody from contact with the wounded man.”

His heroism, war record, powerful friends and character got Bradford a good government job as a revenueur in Sumner and Davidson counties shortly after arriving in Tennessee. His auspicious name may have helped. According to a report by Emma Carroll Tucker, a descendant of Cecilia Bradford Carroll, in *The American Historical Magazine & Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, the Bradfords’ were descendants of the famed governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony, Mass.

A year after leaving Virginia, Bradford went back to Virginia and married a young widow, Elizabeth Paine Blakemore, whom he brought to Sumner County along with her three-year-old daughter Molly.

According to an interview with Bradford’s descendants that appeared in the *Nashville Tennessean*, March 21, 1948, Bradford “saved the money he made from the government job, the job he got because he had the confidence of [John] Adams and [Thomas] Jefferson. They knew the record he made as an 18-year-old lad in the Revolutionary war, and they considered him a good judge of men, a good businessman if he had the chance...A thick-set, well-made and handsome man, ‘somewhat aristocratic in his manners,’ young Bradford liked the kind of people who settled this area and the rugged grandeur of their life. He saved enough money to buy a farm and build the brick house in Sumner County and build the brick house for his growing

family of four sons and two daughters [Larkin, Ira, Henry, Priestley, Cecilia and Sophia].”

His decision to use brick, rare back then, showed him to be a man of substance. He asked his stepfather in Virginia—his mother Mary had long since remarried William Nash—to loan him slaves to come to Tennessee and make the brick. This was arranged; slaves fired bricks on the site. In *Salt of the Earth*, a former slave, Rachel Walker, reported that her husband was one of the slaves Nash sent from Virginia.

By the time he started building, Bradford was well known in the area. As a revenueur, he travelled the countryside, learning every farm and cabin in the Cumberland settlement. Most landowners made wine or whisky in those days, and Bradford kept precise records in a leather-bound book, passed down through the family.

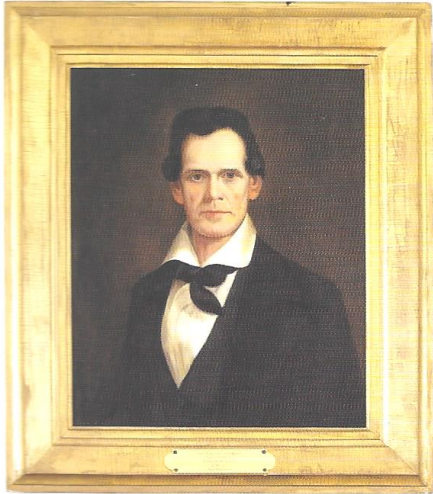
### **The House Was Splendid**

The house was built in the Federalist style. Outer walls were two-feet thick, and the front entrance opened directly into a long hall with a circular stairway. There were three large rooms upstairs and four rooms downstairs: a parlor, dining room, family room and kitchen. Windows were ordered from back East and brought down the river. There was a huge basement of native stone with a large fireplace on one wall. Carved mantles and woodwork existed throughout the house.

The house was originally a showplace. Filled with the sparkle of candles and chandeliers, it was the elegant setting for the 1813 wedding between Tennessee’s longest-serving governor—William Carroll—and Henry’s daughter, Cecilia. Carroll was governor from 1821-1827 and 1829-1835. According to *Salt of the Earth*, the wedding took place in front parlor, and the bride wore a “billowing white gown” and was attended by her sister. A large company attended and were treated to a mid-day meal of baked ham, beaten biscuits, pumpkins and other vegetables, cake and pie.

Henry Bradford died in 1815 at age 57. His possessions were divided equally among his children, with the Hazelpatch homestead going to Sophia and Priestly. Priestley and his wife, Elizabeth, lived in the house. Sophia married a man named George Grant and moved to Pittsburg.

The first post office and stage coach stop in Hendersonville were located on a small corner of the property.



Portrait of William Trousdale

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development of a town on his father's land... [and] joined his elders as they cut the logs and burned the brick to erect the first buildings of the town."

Research does reveal, however, that Trousdale called several influential military leaders neighbors in those early days, including General Andrew Jackson, Commandant of the Tennessee militia; General James Winchester, Commandant of the Mero District Militia; and U.S. Senator Daniel Smith. Durham notes that Trousdale undoubtedly learned from them "something of the expansive character of frontiersmen and, like them, he became a Westerner and a hawk." Thus, the stage was set for the beginning of Trousdale's brilliant military career.

**A Legend in the Making (1812-1836)**

In 1812, the second war with Great Britain loomed, and Trousdale eagerly answered the call. As a member of Captain William Edward's company of volunteers in the Fourth Brigade, Tennessee Militia, he and his fellow volunteers responded to General Jackson's call of March 7, 1812. Although it would be three months before war was declared with Great Britain, Trousdale would soon participate in active service. As one of 1,300 Tennessee Volunteers ordered by General Jackson to travel southward in response to the massacre by the Indians at Fort Mims, he fought in the Battle of Tallushatchee on Nov. 3, 1813, and just a few days later the Battle of Taledaga between the Tennessee Militia and the Red Stick Creek Indians. Subsequently, he was elected as a lieutenant.

In the summer of 1814, Trousdale volunteered as a private soldier under the command of General Jackson and General Coffee and saw action again in Pensacola in Spanish Florida. After securing a victory in Pensacola, the army was

ordered to march to New Orleans and arrived there the 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 1814 and continued to march through New Orleans on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet the British army. Trousdale was part of the company that initially attacked the British, took prisoners and participated in the main battle of New Orleans on Jan. 8, 1815.

When the Treaty of Ghent officially ended the war with England, Trousdale returned home to Gallatin. He was 25 years old.

**A Career Move and Marriage**

With no foreseeable military endeavors at hand, Trousdale began studying law with teacher John Hall and was admitted to the bar in 1820. As his law practice grew, so did his influence. Durham notes that in time "he became an important public figure in Middle Tennessee," and "before the end of the decade, he would be recognized throughout the state as one of the foremost leaders of the Democrat party." This set the stage for his forthcoming political career.

Trousdale's reputation was also benefited his personal life. On Jan. 30, 1827, he married Mary Ann Bugg, whose family was originally from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, but then resided in Sumner County. The two complimented each other. Trousdale was tall, distinguished and poised for a career in politics. Local historian and author Judith Morgan describes Mary Ann Bugg as "a worthy figure in her own right...educated with beautiful penmanship and expression" she had "connections with several prominent families in both Sumner and Davidson Counties."

Their first home in Gallatin sat on the south side of the public square. Several years later, they moved to the house now known as Trousdale Place at 183 West Main Street. They had seven children; five reached adulthood: Louisa, Valeria, Frances, Charles, and Julius. Morgan's research for her book, *The Lost World of Langley Hall* reveals William and Mary worked diligently to provide the best for their family, and they, in turn, were loved and respected by their children.

William Trousdale's impressive military career, thriving law practice and stable home life, however, did little to help his initial ingress into the political arena. From 1827-1845, he ran for Congress five times and lost five times.

In 1831, he had some success and was elected to the board of aldermen of the city of Gallatin, a position he kept until 1835. Then, he was elected to serve in the State Senate. However, approximately two months later, his political career was put on hold when he once again answered the call for volunteers and prepared to fight in the second Seminole War.

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In 1836, Trousdale purchased the house now known as Trousdale Place, two blocks west of the Gallatin Public Square. The home is a handsome Federal style, two-story brick house, built circa 1813 by John H. Bowen, a local attorney and member of Congress. Bowen died in 1822, and the house was acquired by William P. Rowles, the Superintendent of the Gallatin Female Academy and a Methodist clergyman.

### **Windows and Additions**

The front of the house features tall windows topped by semicircular openings that were filled with brick when the house was updated with traditional windowpanes in the 1870s. An attached annex was added to the main house for the Trousdale boys who were too old to share a bedroom with the Trousdale girls. This addition resulted in a beautiful breezeway that connects the house to the annex and now serves as an attractive walkway for pedestrians. The kitchen, a free-standing log building, sat behind the house and contained a room for the Trousdale servants. It burned down in the early 1900s. A flower and herb garden was close to the kitchen, as well as a smokehouse and a privy.



**The parlor at Trousdale Place**



**The square grand piano in the parlor**

Governor Trousdale lived at Trousdale Place until his death in 1872, and Mary remained until her death in 1882. The house was left to their

youngest son Julius Trousdale and his wife Annie Berry Trousdale. In 1899, Julius and the couple's only living daughter, Mary, passed away within weeks of each other. Annie Berry Trousdale was so overwhelmed by grief, she moved to Nashville to live with her sister. In 1900, in memory of her husband Julius, who was a Confederate veteran, and in memory of veterans of all wars, she left the house to Clark Chapter #13 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

### **Trousdale Place Incarnations**

As time progressed, the legacy of service that the Trousdale family had established in Gallatin was carried on by the Daughters. The house served the community of Gallatin in one capacity or another. Early on, it was used as a small library. During World War II, the house was used as a USO, where dances and events were held for soldiers in Gallatin on maneuvers. And for a period, it was a community center.

Today, Trousdale Place is managed by Trousdale Place Foundation, Inc., and operates as a museum open for tours and special events. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Tennessee Civil War Trail. Visitors can walk through the hall of governors and admire the Empire mahogany sideboard and pier table, circa 1835. In the parlor, they can see a gold Empire sofa that came from Langley Hall, the home of the Trousdale's granddaughter, Katie; and a mahogany Empire secretary, original to the house and made by Meeks of New York City in 1835.

Visitors can use the house's small research library, which contains Civil War military correspondence, information on property seizures in the southern states and field operations and a collection of books compiled by the Department of War about 14 years after the Civil War and given to the Trousdale family in 1906 by Tennessee Senator Thomas Turley.

In September 2020, to ensure that Governor Trousdale's service to Gallatin and his country are always remembered, Trousdale Place Foundation, Inc. worked with Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown to draft a proclamation that declares September 23<sup>rd</sup> of each year "Governor Trousdale Day."

The foundation, in conjunction with other historic homes and attractions in Sumner County, strives to preserve and promote Gallatin and Sumner County history. And by donating to charitable organizations that support veterans, as well as giving veterans a speaking platform at Trousdale Place, the foundation carries out Annie Berry Trousdale's wishes that the house and grounds be used to honor veterans of all wars.

**Days of Old Sumner County from 2013-2021: A Listing of Hundreds of Historical Stories Published Here Over Nine Years**  
By Jan Shuxteau, Editor

Sumner County Historical Society published its first *Days of Old Sumner County* quarterly in January 2013. The quarterly has provided hundreds of stories by many writers about historical events and people from Sumner County. I have been honored to be its editor. Below is a list of the stories published, all of which are available to SCHS members at ([www.sctnhs.org](http://www.sctnhs.org)):



This painting, *Drifting Down River*, by artist David Wright of Gallatin. Portrays pioneers moving down the Cumberland as they did in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It was printed on the first page of the first edition of this newsletter, January 2013.

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- Page 3-**Who was the Real Col. Harry Berry?** He graduated West Point, ran Hazelpath (the 5,000-acre family farm), commanded the 115<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery in WWI, commanded the transport base at Camp Luna, N.M., in WWII. By Judith Morgan.
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Page 4,5-**Tragedy in Sumner County: The Liberty Cyclone.** 1925 storm killed 27. By Paula Shannon.

Page 7-**Genetic Testing for Genealogical Use: It Worked for Me.** By Randy Tatum.

Page 8-**Renovation Underway on Portland's Temple Theater.** By Al Dittes.

Page 10,11-**1914 Diary: Callin' on Folks in Simpson's Gap.** Second part of Rural Fountain Head. By Al Dittes.

#### January 2016

Page 1,8-**Smithsonian Features Thomson About Ancestor.** SCHS President Ken Thomson interviewed by Smithsonian magazine about his ancestor Isaac Franklin. By Jan Shuxteau.

Page 2,11-**Kerley Fire in Archives Collection.** By Bonnie Martin.

Page 2,3-**Grasslands Demise: Great Depression Victim.** Part 2 of story of Grasslands. By Jan Shuxteau.

Page 4,5-**Bishop McKendree: An Apostle on the American Frontier.** William McKendree of Fountain Head was first American-born Methodist bishop. By Al Dittes.  
Page 6,7-**Williams: The Best of Sumner Turf Men.** The story of Col. Green Berry Williams, 1778-1874. By Ken Thomson.  
Page 10-**Bradford-Berry House: Can It Be Saved?** French Lick Chapter of the DAR hopes to save the 220-year-old historic Hendersonville house. By Jan Shuxteau.

#### April 2016

Page 1,10-**SCHS to Present WW I Memorabilia.**  
Page 1,11-**Hawthorn Hill: Researched, Restored.** New facts uncovered and house restored in 2015 to open in May 2016. By Jan Shuxteau  
Page 2,3-**Henry Bradford's Legacy: Bradford-Berry House.** By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 4,5-**Wynnewood: Not a Stagecoach Inn Afterall!** New research sets the Wynnewood story straight. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 6,7-**Looking Back to Storm of 1890.** Story comes from *The Lost World of Langley Hall* by Judith Morgan.  
Page 8,9-**Hendersonville: City Government Starts in 1969.** By Jamie Clary.  
Page 9-**DuPont Connected to Local Steeplechase and Grasslands Club.** By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 10-**1866 Lawsuit Shows a Need for Coffins.** By Shirley Wilson.

#### July 2016

Page 1,5-**Life Stories to be Told at Cemetery 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour.** By Ken Thomson.  
Page 1,11-**Portland Strawberries in the White House.** In the heyday of Portland's strawberry industry, berries were shipped everywhere, including the White House. By Bonnie Martin.  
Page 2,3-**How the City of Portland Was Born.** By Al Dittes.  
Page 4,5-**Portland's Fascinating Physician: Dr. Thomas Lanier.** By Paula Shannon.  
Page 6,7-**Cecilia Bradford Carroll: Wife of Governor, Mother of Mayor.** She was raised and married in the Bradford-Berry House. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 8,9-**Beyond Elmore and Emma: Other Owners of the Douglass-Clark House.** On Station Camp Road, the 230-year-old house opened to the public in July 2015. It was once a court house and a residence. By Taryn Hill.  
Page 10-**Wirt Seminary: Sumner's First College.** By Jan Shuxteau.

#### October 2016

Page 1-**Franklin Cemetery Now Restored.** Jethro Sumner DAR remarking ceremony at James Franklin cemetery on Station Camp Creek. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 1,11-**Telephones Come Here in 1883.** Just seven years after Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated his invention in public, Sumner got its first phones. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 2,3-**New Book Highlights WW I Memories.** Judith Morgan's new book, *Sumner County in the Great War: Let Us Remember*, gives stories of Sumner soldiers. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 4,5-**Portland: Infrastructure Gives Rise to Industry.** After the strawberry industry winds down in 1951, the city lays the foundations to attract industry. Part 1. By Al Dittes.  
Page 5-**Jack Masters' Land Grant Book Is For Sale Now.** This edition places North Carolina and Tennessee land grants on the Elk River in the counties of Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Grundy, Lincoln, Marshall and Moore.  
Page 6,7-**Brinkley Book Opens Her Family's Past and Present.** Velma Brinkley talks about her search for family. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 8, 9-**Finding Historical Connections: 'Six Degrees of Separation.'** Court documents in the county archives show connections among historical figures. By Bonnie Martin.  
Page 10-**The Mysterious Case of Solomon Mitchell.** This story shows the migration of Portland's prominent Mitchell and Moore families to Sumner County. By Shirley Wilson.

#### January 2017

Page 1,7-**Clary Brings Sense of Local History to Job.** Newly elected Hendersonville mayor, Jamie Clary, is the author of *City by the Lake Vol. II: A History of Hendersonville from 1968 to 1988.* By Jan Shuxteau.

Page 1,8-**Educating Girls Here 200 Years Ago.** Gallatin Female Academy. The academy, the equivalent of an elementary and high school, opened in the 1820s and continued until the 1920s. By Jan Shuxteau  
Page 2, 3-**What Happened to the Zigler Family?** This is the story of the Indian attack on Jacob Zigler's Station, kidnapping and ransom of the Zigler children and the family's later history. By Bonnie Martin.  
Page 4,5-**Shannon Traces Holmes' Family History.** This is the history of the Portland Holmes family, dating back to Nathaniel Holmes who immigrated from Scotland to Philadelphia in 1771 and whose son, Albert, came to Sumner County 1797. By Paula Shannon.  
Page 6,7-**Portland's Rise of Industrial Growth Started in the 1950s.** By Al Dittes.  
Page 9, 10,11-**Days of Old Sumner County Stories from January 1913-December 2016.**

#### April 2017

Page 1-**SCHS Annual Dinner, Meeting.**  
Page 1, 11- **Archives Receives Glass Negatives.** SC Archives received for preservation the collection of about 7,000 negatives made by photographer E.M. Stark and owned by County Historian John Garrott. By Bonnie Martin.  
Page 2,3-**Did Dresser's Spirit Linger? The Haunted Piano.** This is part one of the story of Gallatin music teacher Prudence Dresser, who taught piano and was a pillar of the community in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. By Judith Morgan.  
Pages 4,5- **A Recipe Book from Louisa Trousdale Allen.** She lived from 1828 to 1906. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Pages 6,7-**Fires Destroy the Only Hospital in the County.** Fountain Head Sanitarium burned in 1928 and again in 1935. By Al Dittes.  
Pages 8,9-**Fowler: From Howard Educator to U.S. Senate.** Joseph Smith Fowler was the president of Howard Female Institute in 1836 and became a U.S senator in 1865 as Tennessee worked to restore itself back into the Union.  
Pages 10,11-**Howard Academy During and After the Civil War.** This is part two of the story of Howard Female Academy. By Jan Shuxteau.

#### July 2017

Pages 1,11-**John Garrott:Sumner Benefactor Dies.** This is the story of John Garrott of Gallatin whose love of local history, philanthropy and leadership were the moving forces behind most historical preservation in Sumner County. By Jan Shuxteau  
Pages 1,10-**Facelift for Portrait.** The nearly 190-year-old portrait of Col. A.R. Wynne of Wynnewood has been restored. By Jan Shuxteau  
Pages 2,3,4,5-**Identify and Plot Early Sumner County Land Grants, Tennessee and Kentucky Land Grants.** By Jack Masters and Shirley Wilson.  
Page 6-**Prudence Dresser: A Lady Ahead of the Times.** This is a continuation of the story of this early 20<sup>th</sup> century Gallatin lady who owned a music school and was an activist for health issues and women's suffrage. By Judith Morgan.  
Page 7-**The Rest of the Story of Senator Joseph Fowler.** This is the conclusion of the story about the controversial years of Sen. Joseph Fowler, who cast the deciding vote against prosecuting President Andrew Johnson during Johnson's impeachment trial. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Pages 8,9- **The Colorful Past, Promising Future of Rose Mont.** This is the story of Rose Mont and Judge Josephus Conn Guild of Gallatin, the 19<sup>th</sup> race horse enthusiast and legislator who built it.

#### October 2017

Pages 1,4-**Southern Tradition: Decoration Day.** Decoration Day, is an antebellum, mainly southern tradition to clean and decorate ancestral cemeteries. In Sumner County this day was the last Sunday in May or first Sunday in June. By Bonnie Martin.  
Pages 1, 5- **Sumner's Oldest Colored Fair in America.** Sumner County was the setting of a fair held by and for people of color from 1868 to 1978. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 2,-**Chestnut Hill: Missionary School for All Ages.** Seventh Day Adventist missionaries open Chestnut Hill School In Fountain Head. By Al Dittes.



Pages 6,7-**Memories From the '50s Unfold in Puryear's Book.** This story describes *Letters to Claudia*, a book by Gallatin businessman and author Bill Puryear comprised of letters to his wife Claudia about his youth in Middle Tennessee and stint in the war in Korea. By Jan Shuxteau.

Page 8,9-**WWI Soldiers' Day of Departure Is Not Forgotten.** This is a description of the day when the first wave of local soldiers left for training to fight in WWI. By Judith Morgan.

Pages 10,11-**Rose Mont Hosted Famous Guests.** Gallatin's historic Rose Mont received visitors such as President Andrew Johnson, President James Polk, Gen. George Patton and Gen. Omar Bradley.

#### January 2018

Pages 1,11-**Diary Offers Poignant Account of Gallatin in Civil War.** This is an overview of the diary, *Town in Turmoil*, describing the daily life of Mary Robertson Schell of Gallatin who wrote the diary during the Civil War. It was transcribed and narrated by Judith Morgan.

Pages 1, 8,9-**Almanac: Month by Month, Year by Year.** In his new book, author Bill Puryear writes of the years 2004-2014, weaving descriptions, his paintings, local history and photographs into a colorful and insightful narrative. By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 2,3-**Early Sale of North Carolina Land Grants and New Tennessee Land Grants in Sumner County.** By Jack Masters and Shirley Wilson.

Pages 4,5-**Mollie Herring: 100 Years Remembered.** This Gallatin lady lived from 1834 to 1935 and told stories about the Civil War, her schooling at Bledsoe Female Academy, her parents, husband and daughter. By Ken Thomson.

Pages 6,7-**WWI As the Boys Are Leaving to Fight.** This is a story from Judith Morgan's book, *Sumner County in the Great War*, about how Sumner Countians helped the war effort.

Pages 10,11-**Clinton Cage: A Slave Who Wrote a Will, Esteemed His Owner.** Using Sumner records, genealogist Shirley Wilson traced the slave family of Clinton Cage from about 1800 to 1900. Though a slave, he had a will—something Wilson had never seen before in Sumner records. By Shirley Wilson.

#### April 2018

Pages 1,7-**Crime Didn't Pay for the Paso Kid, Or the Pinto Kid.** Court records show that a scam by two young men, J.D. Perdue (the Pinto Kid), and Thurman Cole (the Paso Kid) was uncovered and prosecuted in 1948. The records were found by Jamie Whetham.

Pages 1, 10-**Bridal House: Open, Fit for a Bride.** Cottontown's Bridal House, built in 1819 by Moore Cotton as a wedding gift for his daughter Elizabeth, is open to the public. By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 2, 3-**WWI: Black Soldier Take Up the Fight.** By April 1918, six black men from Sumner County arrived in Europe as part of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Division to fight against the German offensive at Marne. By Judith Morgan.

Pages 4,5-**Bugg Hollow and Other Good Places.** This is a story about growing up in Sumner County in the 1910s, '20s and '30s. Taken from the writings of Homer B. Collins, Sr.

Page 5-**1990 Book Gives Additional Insight on Bugg Hollow, Cottontown and More.** The late David Collier wrote about Bugg Hollow and small town life in his book, *Tell Me a Story*.

Pages 6,7- **Miss Nannie's School Is Loving Memory.** This is a story about Hendersonville icon Nannie Anderson who ran a well-loved private school for children ages about four to eight from 1944 until sometime in the 1960s. By Kay Hurt.

Pages 8,9-**Portland Was Site of Confederate Training Camp.** Portland, then called Richland, on the line between the Confederacy and the northern states, was chosen as Camp Trousdale, a Confederate training camp. By Edwin L. Ferguson in his book, *Richland from Birth to Death*.

Pages 10,11-**Cottontown: The Legacy of Thomas and Pricilla Cotton.** This is the story of how Cottontown was founded by Thomas and Pricilla Cotton and their 11 children in 1791. From the writings of Gratia Strother.

#### August 2018

Pages 1,10-**Randy's Record Shop Gave Gallatin 'Glam'.** The most famous record shop in the country in the 1950s was owned by Randy Wood, founder of DOT Records, in Gallatin. From stories that appeared in the News Examiner.

Pages 1,11-**'King of Ragtime' Still Unforgettable.** This is the story of Johnny Maddox, 90, of Gallatin, who was America's number one jukebox musician in the 1950s and dubbed "King of Ragtime." By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 2,3-**Robert Espy (Espy) Early Pioneer of Sumner County.** The life of this signer of the Cumberland Company becomes apparent from land transactions seen during research for Vol. I of *Founding of the Cumberland Settlements*. By Jack Masters.

Page 4-**History of Indian Lake Peninsula, Batey Farm.** This is the history of the land grant that now makes up the Indian Lake peninsula where Batey Farm was recently purchased by private citizens and the City of Hendersonville. By Shirley Wilson.

Page 5-**Hendersonville Commandos' Story: How a Team Began.** Hendersonville High School, with only 125 students, no field, no uniforms and no schedule, managed to start a football team shortly after the school opened in 1941. By Jim Lind and HHS students, recorded in a booklet, *The First Commandos*.

Pages 6,7-**Early Residents Leave Fountain Head Memoir.** This is the story of Braden Mulford and the origin of the Fountain Head community. By Al Dittes.

Pages 8,9-**Spanish Flu Devastated the Troops at War's End.** Sumner County soldiers were among the thousands who died of the Spanish flu near the end of WWI. By Judith Morgan from her book, *Sumner County in the Great War: Let Us Remember*.

#### November 2018

Pages 1,2,3-**John Brackin: Sumner Pioneer Strong Man.** A legendary strong man, Brackin purchased land in Sumner County in 1812 and built a cabin of immense oak logs, which was torn down in 1962 and reconstructed near Castalian Spring by the late Gallatin attorney Nathan Harsh. By Johnnie Freedle, Highland Rim Historical Society.

Pages 1,10-**Isaac Franklin: A Man of His Time.** Franklin, a slave trader, became a gentleman plantation owner, built Fairvue Plantation in Gallatin in 1832, eased out of the trade, then married Adelia Hayes. At his death, she became the wealthiest woman in Tennessee and eventually built Belle Monte, which is the nucleus of Belmont University in Nashville. By Ken Thomson.

Page 4-**What Ever Happened to New Roe/Brackintown?** Even though New Roe and Brackintown flourished in northern Sumner County in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, they died out when the railroad bypassed them. By Johnnie Freedle.

Pages 5,11-**Westmoreland's First Football Team: Hilltoppers.** There are numerous stories about the early days of the Hilltoppers (now the Eagles) established at Westmoreland High in 1931. By John Creasy.

Pages 6,7- **Fountain Head, Mitchellville Retain Rural Identities.** By Al Dittes.

Pages 8,9-**Sumner County Celebrates the End of WWI.** In her book, *Sumner County in the Great War: Let Us Remember*, Judith Morgan paints a vivid picture of how families in Sumner County and soldiers still in Europe celebrated the end of WWI.

#### February 2019

Pages 1,7-**What's New at the Archives?** Contributions include Jack Masters' Tennessee land grant project with Tennessee land grant deed transactions issued for Sumner County after 1806.

Pages 1, 10-**Nickelson Family: How Things Return.** Samuel Nickelson family possessions are sent to the Sumner County Museum by descendants. The Nickelson family was prominent here in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. By Ken Thomson.

Pages 2,3-**Searching for Roads Used by Sumner's Early Settlers.** Gallatin businessmen and authors Jack Masters and Bill Puryear explore roads used by early settlers. By Masters and Puryear.

Pages 4 and 5-**Political General Felix Zollicoffer: Well Known in Sumner.** Journalist Confederate Gen. Zollicoffer was put in charge of Camp Trousdale after representing Sumner in Congress for six years. By Al Dittes.

Page 6-**School Boards Have History of Cooperation.** Sumner and Robertson County Boards in the 1920s and '30s sometimes built schools and hired teachers together. By Paula Shannon.

Page 7-**Old Main Street Remembered.** In his 2009 book, *Remember When*, Hendersonville High teacher Jim Lind provided a description and pictures of Hendersonville's Main St., circa 1935-1930. By Jim Lind.

Page 8,9-**Juanita Swann: Portland's Newspaper Lady.** Juanita Swann and John Swann founded the *Portland Leader* more than 60 years ago and Juanita wrote columns about the town from 1959-1969. By Paula Shannon.

#### May 2019

Pages 1,9-**Cairo: Sumner's 'Lost' City.** Only remnants remain of Sumner's first river port. By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 1,10-**Albert Gallatin: The Amazing Founding Father Most People Haven't Heard Of.** This is part one of a four-part series about Gallatin, who ran away from his home in Geneva in 1780 at age 19 and sailed to America with a friend. By Jan Shuxteau from the book, *Jefferson's Treasure How Albert Gallatin Saved the New Nation from Debt*, by Gregory May.

Pages 2,3-**The Mentlo Family Leaves the Legacy of Oakland.** Oakland was built in 1842 and housed family members until 1961, including Confederate spy James Menlo. By Ken Thomson.

Pages 4,5-**Susan Ard Writes of a Mission Accomplished.** This includes some of her experiences growing up in a log cabin and becoming a missionary/ teacher/nurse. By Al Dittes.

Page 5-**Recordings of the Past Are Historic Treasures.** Portland Library has a selection of oral histories compiled by the Highland Rim Historical Society. By Paula Shannon.

Page 6-**Edna Hurt: Hendersonville's Hurt Family History.** This is a story told by family historian Edna Hurt that appeared in the Hendersonville *Star News* circa 1980.

Page 7-**State Line Politics: The Middleton Offset.** The exact location of the state line separating Sumner and Simpson County, Ky., was a controversial subject for decades. By Walter Durham in his book, *Old Sumner*.

Page 8-**19<sup>th</sup> Century Cairo Store Sold a Little of Everything.** Louie E. Spivey wrote this story in 1961 for the *Gallatin Examiner*, the *Star News* and *The Sumner County News*.

#### August 2019

Pages 1,7-**Edward Albright: Minister to Finland.** Editor of the *Sumner County News*, Albright was appointed by Franklin Roosevelt. By Ken Thomson and Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 1,8,9-**Sumner Man Developed Civil War Sub.** Horace Hunley, a native of Sumner County, developed and financed the Civil War submarine C.S.S. H.L. Hunley, the first sub in history to succeed in sinking an enemy ship. By Jan Shuxteau

Pages 2,3-**Cemetery Story: Julia and the Ill-fated W.R. Carter.** Gallatin native Julia Henley Rice perished on her honeymoon. By Judith Morgan.

Page 3-**Alvin York Headlines 1919 Fourth of July Celebration.** In her book, *The Lost World of Langley Hall*, Judith Morgan describes the post WWI celebration in Gallatin.

Pages 4, 5-**Albert Gallatin In the Thick of American History.** This is part of a series about Gallatin's namesake from a book by Gregory May, *Jefferson's Treasure How Albert Gallatin Saved the New Nation from Debt*. By Jan Shuxteau.

Page 6-**Past Medical Treatments: Be Glad You Live in 2019.** This is a 1914 letter from Susan Ard describing a favorite treatment of the day: strychnine. By Al Dittes.

Pages 10, 11-**Five Presidents Spoke from the Old Courthouse.** Gallatin's courthouse, built in 1837 and since replaced, was a presidential venue. From a Nov. 9, 1961 story in *The Sumner County News* by Louie E. Spivey.

#### November 2019

Pages 1,4,5-**Recalling Christmases In Sumner.** George W. Wynne wrote about early 20<sup>th</sup> century Christmases in this Dec. 20, 1962, story in *The Sumner County News*.

Pages 1, 10-**Mexican War Memorial Is Striking Reminder.** Towering over other tombs in Gallatin's Old City Cemetery is Sumner's Mexican War Memorial, carved with the names of 55 Sumner sons who died in the 1846-'48 war. By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 2, 3-**Gallatin: Republican's Rising Star of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.** This is the third in a series about Albert Gallatin, the U.S. Treasury Secretary for whom Gallatin was named. It is from Gregory May's book, *Jefferson's Treasure How Albert Gallatin Saved the New Nation from Debt*. By Jan Shuxteau.

#### February 2020

Pages 1,2-**Courthouse to Be Built on Site of Washington Hall Hotel.** Sumner County's new courthouse will be built on the site of this 19<sup>th</sup> century hotel.

Pages 1,10, 11-**Finally Hendersonville's Namesake Gets a Closer Look!** This is the story of William Henderson whose life has not gotten a close look. By Shirley Wilson.

Page 2-**Polk Popular in Sumner.** James K. Polk was a popular candidate for both governor and then president among local residents. By Walter Durham from his book, *Old Sumner*.

Page 3-**The Good, Bad, Ugly: Sumner County Grand Jury Book 1879-1882.** The book, located in Sumner County Archives, quotes witnesses who describe harrowing altercations with lawless men. Transcribed by Bonnie Martin, archivist.

Pages 4,5-**Turpin Murder Trial of 1892, Appeal, Release.** Edward Turpin of Gallatin was convicted of the first degree murder of William M. Carter of Gallatin but was later released after winning on appeal. He pled self defense. By Jan Shuxteau.

Page 6,7-**Gallatin's Later Years: Service All of His Life.** After being Thomas Jefferson's Treasury Secretary, Albert Gallatin was appointed America's minister to France. After that, he pursued other interests including a lengthy book about the linguistics of Indian tribes. From Gregory May's, *Jefferson's Treasure How Albert Gallatin Saved the New Nation from Debt*.

Pages 8,9-**Braden Mulford: Founder of Highland Adventist Community.** Mulford started the experimental farm/school circa 1909. By Al Dittes.

#### May 2020

Pages 1,10-**Mary Bledsoe: A Pioneer Of Sumner County.** Mary, the wife of Anthony Bledsoe, was one of the first pioneer women to live in Sumner County. After Anthony was murdered, she married and divorced Nathaniel Parker. By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 1,7-**H'ville's Oldest Church: 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian.** Four years after the Civil War, the church was established. By Jan Shuxteau from church records.

Pages 2,3-**Gallatin Road Widened to Four Lanes After WWII.** The war stops plans to widen the main street of Hendersonville until 1949. By Jan Shuxteau from Vol. 1 of *City by the Lake* by Tim Takacs.

Page 4-**Freeing Sumner Slaves No Easy Matter in Early 1800s.** The only legal methods owners could use to free their slaves was by their last Will and Testament or by a private act of the State Legislature. From *Old Sumner* by Walter Durham.

Page 5-**Remembering the Old Gallatin Interurban.** The late John Freed described his experiences with the Interurban Railway (1913-1932), which passed by his house. By John Freed printed in *Remember When*, by Hendersonville High School teacher Jim Lind and his students.

Pages 6,7-**More than a Principal: Alden Achieved Wide Recognition.** C.F. Alden founded the Oak Grove Garden School and ended his career as principal of Sumner County High in Portland. By Albert Dittes.

Page 8-This is a photo of the students of **Gallatin's Sunnyside School in 1900.** Names are included.

Page 9-A photo from the Allen Haynes collection shows a view of Gallatin in 1859.

#### August 2020

Pages 1,9-**Bessie, Where Did You Go?** Bessie Dismukes, Gallatin socialite, disappeared in August 1903 after the suicide of her husband on their honeymoon. By Ken Thomson.

Pages 1,10- **Parkers: Quick Marriage, Slow Divorce.** After Anthony Bledsoe died, his widow married Nathaniel Parker, but the honeymoon was quickly over. Hers was the first divorce in Tennessee. Andrew Jackson presided. By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 2,3-**Portland's Kerley Tradition Traced Back.** This is the story of how the Kerley store opened in Portland in 1902, grew and evolved until destroyed by a "double-tail tornado" in 1960. By John and Jane Stegmeier Kerley.

Pages 4,5- **Sumner's Buntin Found a Place in Texas History.** Gallatin attorney John W. Buntin went to Texas in 1833, where he helped draft the constitution of 1836 and was a part of Gen. Sam Houston's staff. By Jan Shuxteau.

Pages 6,7- **Pleasant Grove Began as 'Free for all Denominations.'** The community began in 1844 as land set aside for the Bethpier Meeting House for the use of all denominations of Christians. By John Creasy.

Page 7-**Dominant Trees No More.** Enormous American Chestnut trees dominated the Tennessee landscape for centuries until blighted around 1930. By Jan Shuxteau.

Page 8-**Shivel Drive Is the Heart of Hendersonville.** Shivel Dr., developed in the early 1940s by Walter Shivel, was the first subdivision in Hendersonville. By Jan Shuxteau  
Page 11-In **Tribute to the Life of Nathan Harsh.** Sumner County mourns the death of Harsh on April 10, 2020.

#### November 2020

Pages 1,6,7-**Remarkable Emily Peyton: Secret Foreign Secretary.** Emily Peyton served secretly as her father's secretary when he was Minister of Chile. By Ken Thomson.  
Pages 1,11-**The Age of Sumner County Ferries.** Several ferries operated between Wilson and Sumner Counties in the 19<sup>th</sup> and late 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. By Bonnie Martin.  
Pages 2,3-**Hinton Glass Plate Negatives Show Life in Old Sumner.** This is a series of glass plate negatives of Sumner County in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. By Bonnie Martin.  
Pages 4,5-**Kennesaw: Once a Race Horse Destination.** Kennesaw Blood Stock Farm was once among the best known venues for race horse breeding. By Thomas Richey, Jr., Gallatin Historic Commission.  
Page 7-**Franklin Widow Briefly Wed.** Elizabeth Franklin, the Widow of Capt. James Franklin of Gallatin, married Herr Bernard De Gruenebaum in October 1884 and filed for divorce in December. Recounted from *The Nashville American* in October and December 1884.  
Pages 8,9-**Settlers Fell During the Indian War in 1786-'87.** This is a list of Sumner settlers murdered by Indians. From *Early Times in Middle Tennessee* by John Carr (1857).  
Page 10-**Women's Suffrage Vote Kept Dad from the Wedding.** Hendersonville alderman Eddie Roberson tells the story of his great grandfather, Rep. Jake Simpson, who missed his daughter's wedding to cast the deciding vote for women's suffrage in the Tennessee Legislature.  
Page 10-**Dresser Led Suffrage in Sumner County.** Prudence Dresser is pictured along with a photo of Jane Wright of the Sumner Co. Chapter of the DAR, and Ken Thomson of the SCHS. The organizations paid to have Dresser's name engraved on the tombstone she shares with her husband.

#### February 2021

Pages 1,10-**Coming Again: 'Billy the Goat's Tales of Two Cities'.** Parts of a collection of columns by Luther Ralph, who wrote for the Hendersonville *Star News* and the *Goodlettsville Gazette* from 1949-1976. Compiled by Annelie R. Huggins.  
Pages 1,8-**Patrick Youree Jr.: A Morgan's Raider.** He fought as a teenage member of Morgan's Raiders in the Civil War, was imprisoned, survived and was known in later years had a hole in his head sealed by a silver dollar. By John Aaron Wade.  
Pages 2,3-**Tracking the Life and Mystery of Jordan Gibson.** Jordan Gibson was one of the few Sumner County black pioneers who was not a slave. From research by John A. Wade and the Gibson family.  
Pages 4,5- **Memories of Gallatin's 'Splendid' Social Night.** This flowery story comes from the *Gallatin Examiner* on April 10, 1890, and describes a big social event, Merchant's Carnival Night. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 6-**A Glimpse of Sumner 30 Years Before Civil War.** From Vol. 1 *The City by the Lake* by Tim Takacs.  
Page 7-**Buggy Dispute Escalates to Peyton Murder.** Robert Holmes Peyton of Gallatin, brother of Bailie Peyton, was murdered on Oct. 7, 1851, by his neighbor John McElwrath over a borrowed buggy. By Jan Shuxteau.

#### May 2021

Pages 1,10-**Dr. Robert Buchanan: Remembered.** This is the story about Buchanan that originally appeared in the 1960s in the *Star News* and *Goodlettsville Gazette* by Louie Spivey.  
Pages 1,9-**Abraham Bledsoe: African American Pioneer.** Gallatin artist David Wright was commissioned to paint Anthony Bledsoe's slave, Abraham Bledsoe, who accompanied him to Tennessee as a pioneer in his own right. By Jane Wright.  
Page 2-**Memories of Wild Rides in Days of the Model T.** The transition between horse and buggy and automobile in Sumner County was a wild ride! By Luther Ralph from a 1969 story in the *Star News* and *Goodlettsville Gazette*.  
Page 3-**New Evidence about the Naming of Castalian Springs.** By Kevin E. Smith, Professor of Anthropology, MTSU.

Page 4-**Portrait of a True Southern Gentleman: Vernie Hawkins.** By David Collier in his booklet, *Tell Me a Story*.  
Page 5-**These 'Bean Day' School Lunches Remain a Legend.** Ninety or more years ago at a one-room Sumner school, teacher 'Aunt Em' cooked a hot bean lunch for students about once a week in winter. By Tom Hawkins, submitted by Annelie Huggins.  
Pages 6,7-**'Depression' Struck Portland Early When Bank Failed.** The failure of the Portland Bank on Oct. 4, 1926, led to the fall of local businesses, jobs and savings. By Al Dittes.  
Page 7-**The Bridal House Restored.** The 18<sup>th</sup> century Cottontown cabin restored for public visits. By Jane Wright.  
Page 8,9-**Who First Called 'Station Camp' by Name?** Station Camp got its name from longhunters who camped there in the 1760s. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 11-**Gallatin Hit By Epidemic in 1849.** Cholera spread and several thousand residents fled the city. By Jan Shuxteau.

#### August 2021

Pages 1,4-**That Extraordinary Mound at Bledsoe's Lick.'** Herds of mastadons and other extinct animals as well as Native Americans were attracted to the mineral-rich springs in Sumner County. By Kevin E. Smith, Professor of Anthropology, MTSU.  
Pages 1, 10, 11-**Daniel Smith of Rock Castle: Early Years.** This is the first story in a series about pioneer statesman Daniel Smith, who built Rock Castle in Hendersonville, the subject of a new painting by Bill Puryear, Gallatin businessman artist and historian. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Pages 2,3-**Vol State Celebrates 50 Years of Classes.** This is a look back at the college's 50 years in Gallatin. By Eric Melcher.  
Page 5-**H'ville Police Department Begun 50 Years Ago.** The city-run police department began operating on July 1, 1971 from 112 Shivel Dr. with Chief Henry M. Heer.  
Pages 6,7-**Beech Church: The Past Set in Plain Stone.** Founded in 1798, Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church still exists in the Shackle Island community on land where settlers came for days-long camp meetings. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Page 7-**Taylor Bible Donated to Church.** The 18<sup>th</sup> century Bible that belonged to Robert Taylor, builder of Beech Church, was donated to the church by David Bowden, a longtime resident of Shackle Island. By Jan Shuxteau.  
Pages 8,9-**Timing Mattered In the Bank Trial of G.D. Moore.** Moore, vice president of Portland Bank, was tried for accepting a deposit after the bank failed on Oct. 4, 1926. He won, arguing that the bank had not failed when he deposited. By Al Dittes.  
Page 9-**Indian Lake Road: A Little History of a 'Fisherman's Dream.'** A small natural lake was on what is now Indian Lake Rd. By Mrs. Willie Ellis in her 1973 book, *Historic Rock Castle*.

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Page 2-**With the Wizard of the Saddle: Lt. Francis William Youree.** Francis Youree of Gallatin joined the Confederacy and his wife, also named Frances, went with him. They survived the war though she was briefly captured and held as a spy in a Nashville prison. By John Aaron Wade.  
Page 3-**South Tunnel Owed Its Life to the Railroad.** Work began on a portion of the Sumner railroad and tunnel in 1853 and was completed after great effort due to rough terrain in 1859. Confederate Gen. John Morgan destroyed the south tunnel, several trestles and bridges, interrupting supply trains coming from the North to Union troops. From the *Gallatin News Examiner*, 1986 bicentennial edition.  
Page 4,5-**Daniel Smith: Secretary of the Southwest Territory.** Smith, a natural leader, is second in command in the Southwest Territory before it became the state of Tennessee and thwarted a war with the Cherokees in 1793. By Jan Shuxteau.  
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