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cedure for adopting a child so as to render it capable of inheriting or a procedure to change a name and the procedure for the father of an illegitimate child to render a child legitimate.

Name Changed To	Name Changed From
Adkinson, Shadrack	Chastain, Shadrack
Adkinson, Susan	Chastain, Susan
Adkinson, Elizabeth	Chastain, Elizabeth
Adkinson, Henry	Chastain, Henry
Adkinson, Sarah Ann	Chastain, Sarah Ann
Adkinson, Martha Ann	Chastain, Martha Ann

Each name above carried the statement: "Child of Hiram Adkinson, Decatur County, Georgia." Date given for the first two names was 12-27-1831 while the date for the next four was 12-21-1835.

Chastain, Mary Frances Faircloth, Easterena
Child of Morgan Chastain, Baker County, Georgia 12-30-1847

Chastain, Mary Margaret Whitlock, Mary Margaret
Child of Abraham Chastain, Hall County, Georgia 12-9-1841

There was no explanation of the dates for the above 2 names.

Beverley Chastain Larrous
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CASTANEA DENTATA

R. Murray Chastain

Donald Wyman, in his wonderful *Gardening Encyclopedia*, says "...the Chestnut in the United States is a member of the *Castanea* genus, which is a small group of nut-producing timber trees. One native species *Castanea dentata*, the American Chestnut, was probably the most valuable timber tree in this country. Certainly it was the dominate tree in the vast hardwood forests [of Eastern United States]. Unfortunately an Asiatic fungus... gained entrance to N.Y. about 1900... has all but exterminated the American Chestnut in this country... only an occasional sucker from the live root system is now seen from Maine to Michigan and south to the Gulf of Mexico. Sometimes these suckers become large enough to bear nuts arousing hope that eventually the American Chestnut may acquire resistance to the blight."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year. Publication dates of *The Chestnut Tree* do not lend themselves to season's greetings, but to all Chastain cousins, I wish you a very happy and prosperous year for 1987. A special thanks for all the officers who served during the past year.

Our losses among officers during 1986 were most severe. First, the untimely death of Genealogist, Elby Bowman; followed by the resignations of David Chastain III, Treasurer, and Dallas Chastain, Executive Vice-President. The change in the bylaws to eliminate the several vice-presidents cost us Loring Chastain. Last, the resignation of Barbara "Babbs" Chastain as Editor of *The Chestnut Tree* was the crowning blow. Babbs has done an out standing job as the Editor and although we will miss her in that role, we know she will be helping her husband, Frank, as he assumes the job of Executive Vice-President.

To our new Editor, R. Murray Chastain, we say "Welcome Aboard."

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Arkansas. Watch the April 1987 issue for details.

Sincerely,

Granville

William Chastain Charlotte Chastain
Feb 22, 1831-May 1, 1885 April 1826-Dec 22, 1907
James W. LaRue
Oct 25, 1848-May 30, 1908

I hope this information is useful.

From 1905 Census of Linn County, Oregon

Transcribed by Harley and Helen Haskin and Harry and Elsie Youngblood in 1981

Page 160 Halsey City
Chastain, Charlotte, 79 widow KY
LaRue, James W, 56, single, invalid IL
LaRue, John H, 52, single OR
LaRue, Mary E., 49, single OR

Page 219 Lebanon
Shastain, John F, 46, farmer KY
Shastain, Clarissa, 43 IN
Shastain, Luther F, 21, Laborer, farm MO
Shastain, Carrie L, 18, Housekeeping OR
Shastain, Homer K, 16 OR
Shastain, Mary E, 11 OR
Shastain, John C, 8 OR

Page 304 Crabtree, Rt 2
Chastain, George R, 34, day laborer MO
Chastain, Mattie, 29 CA
Chastain, William, 11 OR
Chastain, Orville E, 6 OR
Chastain, Oliver C, 9 mo. OR

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Editor:

I am forwarding this small contribution I came upon while researching in the Anderson Genealogy Library, Gulfport, MS (Highway 90) two weeks ago.

This might help some folks unravel a mystery.

Names Changed Legally in Georgia 1800-1856

National Genealogy Society Quarterly, September 1967, Vol 55, No. 3

In Georgia alterations and changes in names and legitimizations were made by a legislative act of March 6, 1856 which gave this power to the Inferior Court of the county of residence. This act established the proce-

Chastern to James Crouch, 11 November 1869.

Cemetery Inscriptions, Ballenger, *Runnels County*, Tx; Section 2, Row 2, Chastain, J.L., 1877-1942, Lily Marie, wife of J.L., 1881-1955; M.D. Chastain, 25 October 1854-9 March 1931, Ellen Josephine, wife of M.D., 27 May 1859-21 November 1928.

I found elsewhere J.L. Chastain's full name is James Littleton Chastain. He was born in Texas as was his wife. M.D. Chastain is Maxwell Denton Chastain (see above).

Hoodie Wellington Chastain died in *Runnels County*, Texas on 20 September 1940.

I hope all of this will be useful to someone.

Christy Myers
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The following two letters were directed to our person in charge of membership, Violet W. Cook.

Dear Violet,

I am sending a check for a lifetime membership for myself. My husband, Henry, died on Feb. 21, 1986 of a massive coronary.

I hope to retire next year, and I'm assuming my lifetime membership will last for a few more years. Just wish I could start this year (1986) over and only the good things happen.

Hope to see you next year in Arkansas.

Billie Chastain Jones
Box 10
Trezevant, Tennessee 38258

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cook,

Enclosed are my renewal dues for the Pierre Chastain Family Association.

I received *The Chestnut Tree* for October 1986 and read the article about William and Charlotte Chastain.

The Halsey Pioneer Cemetery is also known as The Smith Cemetery. This is noted on page 56 of the book *Halsey*, by Margaret Standish Carey and Patricia Hoy Hainline. It is the cemetery shown on an 1878 map. I visited in May this past year.

I am a great-granddaughter of John Howard Bond (pg 70 of Little Otter to Lost River), and went to the cemetery to find the graves of his parents, my great-great-grandparents.

The cemetery is in disrepair, but I found his tombstone. It was lying on the ground. I noted the information on some other stones, including that of William and Charlotte Chastain and their son, James LaRue.

ANECDOTES

Back in old days when wemon had to weave cloth for clothes. So George's wife weaved him a new suit. So Geo. wore it to church on Sunday. Back in those days men chewed tobacco & of course Geo thought he raised about the best, so he was working down to their church they'd built—had split logs for seats and dirt floor. He was a paster at this new church. So he doned his new suit & started for the new church. He had to pass a farm house—the man lived there come out with a twist of tobacco to give uncle Geo. for him to try out his tobacco, so uncle Geo. thanked him for the twist of tobacco & went on his way. His nephew was also in church so uncle Geo. had a visiting Rev. so he ask the visitor to preach that day, so he did & uncle Geo. set in the amen corner. He was gitting tired so crossed his legs & he felt something move in his pocket & he thought it was a scorpion. He turned pale, looked at his nephew & the nephew new something was rong. So it wasn't polite for people to get up & leave the church while the pastor was preaching, but uncle Geo. couldn't stand it no longer. So he got up and moshened for his nephew to fallow—he did & when he got out of church house, he said what's rong uncle Geo? So Geo. said I've got a scorpion in my pocket, cut it out. Nephew said uncle Geo. that's your new suit. George said cut it out there is a scorpion in my pocket. Geo. was holding onto his pocket with tight grip so nephew cut the pocket out & out fell a twist of tobacco. They never let uncle George forget the exident—there was many a laugh afterward.

Submitted by 81-year-old Mrs. Ruth Gaddy,
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Memories of a Childhood Vacation Dale Chastain

In the summer of 1936, my mother, two brothers, an aunt, and an uncle motored from our homes in nothereastern Ohio to visit members of my father's (Chastains) in South Carolina and my mother's (Smarts) in North Carolina and Tennessee families. I was eight years old. Memories of the drive south consist mostly of tourist homes at nights and of my oldest brother always riding in the front seat, having persuaded the adults that he would get car sick in the back seat. At the time, and ever since, I wished that I had thought of such a clever story. I never knew my oldest brother to experience motion sickness in a car, an airplane, or a ship.

The Chastains in the group were deposited in Greenville; my aunt and uncle journeyed on, my older brother remembers Florida while I remember Texas which was celebrating its centennial of independence from Mexico. In, and around Greenville, we began the visits with my father's and mother's families, most of whom we had never met and

would never meet again. Our base was my grandfather's (John Tillman Chastain) farm outside Greenville. We were welcomed with memorable hospitality by him, my uncles and aunts, their spouses, and their children. It is this cordial reception that lingers in my memory after more than fifty years; they genuinely enjoyed children, a trait I always found absent in my northern uncles and aunts.

Symbolic of the hospitality was the food. Breakfasts sometimes had three meats, always fresh biscuits, lots of potatoes and grits, gravy, milk for the children and buckets of coffee with chicory for the adults. Adults, beginning at six in the morning, prepared all this food on a wood stove. Uncle Clifton and Aunt Mattie, brother and sister of my father, orchestrated these morning feasts. The mid-day meal, served to those who could stagger back from the huge breakfast, included potato salad, cold chicken, cole slaw, and baked ham. The evening meal was a repeat of breakfast without eggs but with the addition of roast beef, mashed potatoes, and pies, fresh baked with fresh fruit. Saturdays and Sundays were a time for ice cream, home made and hand cranked, and lemonade, both made with the participation of the children. It was the easy incorporation of the children in the routines of the adults that distinguished these southern kin from their northern counterparts.

Running wild in the fields of my Grandfather's farm, I was stung by wasps, those kind that hunker in mud puddles and carry the dirt to some hidden place for a nest. The older children ran faster than the wasps; I was stung. Wimpering, I reached the farm house where my Grandfather promptly emptied his mouth of his chewing tobacco and slapped the chaw on my bites. The slap combined with the surprise of the cud on my neck worked magic. My Grandfather's therapy may be medically disputed, but the hurt stopped and I stopped sobbing.

During the visit, I developed the mumps, a disease thought conveyed by Mickey McGuire, a great friend back in Ohio, but his family insisted that Mickey had swollen glands, not mumps, a fiction forever with my mother who insistently placed blame. None of these southern adults seemed to mind my sickness. Aunt Mattie checked me with a dill pickle, homemade of course, and as I screeched, she concluded that I had the mumps. The feather bed in which I would now rest was raised at the foot with bricks. Elevated like this would prevent the mumps from going down. Aunt Mattie looped and tied a silk thread around my waist, yet another precaution to keep the mumps from going down. Her efforts were successful; I fathered seven children later in life. the mumps did not go down.

The good visit ended. I rode back to Ohio with the mumps and probably made the other passengers miserable with my complaints, but I rode in the back seat while my oldest brother, still threatening car sickness, rode the front seat. It was no longer important. I had met good people, been welcomed as a child, allowed an abandon, and cared for when needed. And I had been fed, lordy how I had been fed.

LETTERS

Editor:

I am seeking proof of ancestry.

Marriage of Rebecca Chastain, born ca. 1799; died 1841-50, daughter of Elijah Chastain, to George Patterson.

Marriage of Rachel Chastain, born 3 June 1820; died 14 September 1892, daughter of Abner Chastain, to Eldred Cornett.

I would like to correspond with descendents and will exchange information.

Aileen Russell Mantooth
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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Editor:

I find on page 60B, page 28, sup. Dst. 3 Ed. 113 Prct. 2, 10 June 1880, Denton Texas, by J.M. Camell 198-99: Sion G. Chastain, 30 Miss; Nancy, 27, his wife, Tx; daughters Laura J., 9, Tx and Leona, 6/12, Tx; nephews Elisha Dyer, 18, Ark L.D. Sawyers, Ark.

We find death records of W.E. Chastain, male, married, white; died 16 May 1920; parents were W.D. Chastain and Neoma Roberts Chastain: Rosa Ann Chastain, female, widow, died 3 June 1939; parents were F. Simms and Mary Callahan Simms.

We find marriage records of Lucy Chastain and A.H. Ross; of Rosalie Chastain and R.D. Ammons; of Lula Chastain and E.H. Logan; and of Lola Chastain and Mitchell Ellis.

For copies of marriage licenses send \$5 and for death certificates send \$3 to County Clerk's Office, Quanah, Hardeman County, TX.

Marriages, 1880-1920, *Brown County, TX*: Homer Chastain to Dora Baugh, 3 November 1901, book 4, page 380; J.M. Chastain to Ona Brewton, 3 December 1902, book 6, page 60; T.B. Chastain to Mrs. B.A. Burgess, 9 December 1910, book 7, page 2; T.H. Chastain to Exear Stone, 28 October 1909, book 6, page 537. 1856-1903, *Comanche County, TX*; J.H. Hayes to Miss A.E. Chastain, 30 January 1887, page 128; J.E. Chastain to Miss M.E. Howlett, 18 February 1889, page 121. *Coleman County, TX*; S.J. Slate to Frances J. Chastain, 2 May 1886, vol 1, page 38; W.R.T. Brown to Artie Chastain, 14 August 1887, vol 2, page 50; A.J. Chastain to Ida Haynes, 10 June 1903, vol 3, page 350; D.A. Chastain to Callie Haynes, 25 July 1903, vol 3, page 359; Jim Arnold to Lula Chastain, 23 February 1906, vol 4, page 11; C.P. Chastain to Marguerite M. Edgerton, 11 December 1917, vol 6, page 25. Eura Chastain died 17 January 1929 (white male). *Runnel County, Tx*; G.F. Chaistain (sic) to Miss H.E. Bailey, 10 November 1907, in Winters, Tx.

Marriages, Iuka, Mississippi; E.J. Chasteen to L.A. King, 27 October 1853; Benj. J. Chastine to Catherine Norcot, 25 July 1866; Katherine

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It is traditional for an editor to use *we* when talking of himself; that is probably because it is easier to talk of oneself that way. Also, it is common for him to speak of himself as *your editor*. This editor is going to use both of these devices except when memory or resolution fails. In those cases *I* may slip into print.

Your editor is a biologist by training; however he never achieved his Ph.D., and that degree is the union card necessary to be considered for a college or university faculty position. He became a high school teacher.

As his family grew to six children his teacher's income was ravaged by the expenses of supporting a family of eight. He took a second job. He worked evenings and weekends in a bookstore. It was there that he learned about the world of publishing, and he left teaching behind as soon as he could get a job in book publishing.

After years and various jobs in publishing he became a member of the staff of Harvard University Press. From there he became Editor-in-Chief of Medical Books Division of the Lippincott Publishing Co. Now he and his wife have a typesetting and printing business in Annapolis, Maryland.

This is his first experience at working with a publication such as *The Chestnut Tree*, and he approaches it with trepidation. He knows nothing about the forms and styles of genealogical documentation and reporting. He hopes to learn and hopes that you will be tolerant of his various inadequacies.

He found it hard to begin working on the material submitted. The necessary interest was not there. However when he read submitted information from the Greenville Co. South Carolina Cemetery Survey, he found names of some people he had known, though not well: James Chastain, Jr., Robinson Family Cemetery; James Aler Chastain, Lillie Mae Chastain, and Nelda Ophelia Chastain Howard, Graceland Cemetery—Uncle Aler, his father's brother, and Aler's wife, Aunt Lillie Mae; cousin Ophelia, daughter of Aler and Lillie Mae. He believes that James Jr., mentioned above, was a cousin, son of Aler and Lillie Mae, and of course brother of Ophelia.

He became interested and profoundly effected. He recalled his visit to South Carolina from Massillon, Ohio, where he grew up; it was in 1936, if his memory is correct. In these pages at some later date he will tell of some incidents of that visit.

His mother's family moved to Massillon about 1915, probably from South Carolina though they lived in North Carolina at various times.

In this issue we have included an article by Lionel F. Pinn, Jr. on understanding cousin relationships. As a part of the article Mr. Pinn has included a chart of his own devising. Though he finds that it can be used to understand the complexity of cousinhood, we found that we need Mr. Pinn's explanation in order to use the chart. Perhaps there are among our readers those who will wish to comment.

NEW MEMBERS

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NOTICES

A Reunion of Chastains

V.T. Chastain, of Pickens, SC, President of the Chastain Reunion, wishes all of you to know that the Chastain Reunion will be held on 17 October 1987, which is the 3rd Sunday of that month, he says. In checking a calendar, your editor finds the 3rd Sunday to be on 18 October.

However, the place of the reunion is not in doubt: it is to be at Holly Springs Baptist Church, 8 miles north of Pickens on US highway 178.

Pickens is west and slightly north of Greenville by about 15 miles. Mr. Chastain hopes that many of you will attend the Reunion.

Reverend John Chastain Memorial Fund

A memorial in the form of a family tombstone is being sponsored by the Chastain Reunion. Presently only fieldstones mark the graves of Rev. Chastain and the members of his family buried at Holly Springs Baptist Church. The marker proposed will be inscribed with the names of Rev. Chastain, his two wives, and the names of their children. Other data inscribed will depend upon the donations received. To date \$375 have been collected.

Anyone desiring to contribute may do so by sending donations to the Rev. John Chastain Memorial Fund, c/o Mrs. Pauline Finley, 201 Bivens Street or to V.T. Chastain, Rt. 3, Box 293A, both of Pickens, SC 29671.

Geraldine Brown Buland

Gerre Buland, Mrs. Joe A. Buland, has become Genealogist as well as Corresponding Secretary for the Association. The death of Elby Floyd Bowman, who was Genealogist, made this appointment necessary.

Omissions from the List of Picnic Attendees

In the October 1986 issue of *The Chestnut Tree*, the names of Dan and Mary Foree Reiner were inadvertently omitted from the list of those who attended the picnic event of our 1986 Reunion of The Pierre Chastain Family Association. We apologize for that omission and blame it entirely on some Association officer. By doing so we illustrate one of the basic factors of human behavior: if a mistake is observed by a group of people, the one who is smiling has thought of someone to blame.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Margaret Chastain died at her home near Acworth Ga., on 24 September, 1882 in her 81st year.

While young she put her trust in the Saviour, and chose that good part which was never taken away from her. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, a devoted Christian mother and friend, and has gone to reap the reward of the righteous.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

The Christian Index, 19 October 1882
submitted by Barbara Register Lofgren,
14195 Foothill Road
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Mrs. Z. Fern Hamilton Chastain, age 82, died 26 November 1986 at a nursing home in Indianapolis. She was the widow of Oran Kenneth Chastain. Survivors include sons, Paul D., Kenneth E., Morris R., Fred R., and Donald and daughters Viola Thienes, Bonnie L. York, and Dollie A. Foland. Her sisters Pansie, Violet Nicholson, and Lillie Corolla, 34 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren survive.

The Indianapolis News, Indianapolis, IN

20 October, 1986 Death Notices
Clarence A. Chastain, age 86, of North Salem, beloved father of Frances Perkins, Danville; Imogene Davidson, Advance; Harvey Chastain, father-in-law of Dorothy Chastain, North Salem; brother of Eugene Chastain, Terre Haute; Tyrrell Chastain, Greencastle; Homer (deceased) Edith Hippler and Stella Bradford, Plainfield; Esther Young of California.

Geraldine Elmore, Ohio, passed away Saturday evening, 18 October 1986, Funeral Tuesday 2 p.m. North Salem Christian Church. Friends invited to call 3 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Porter Funeral Home, North Salem.

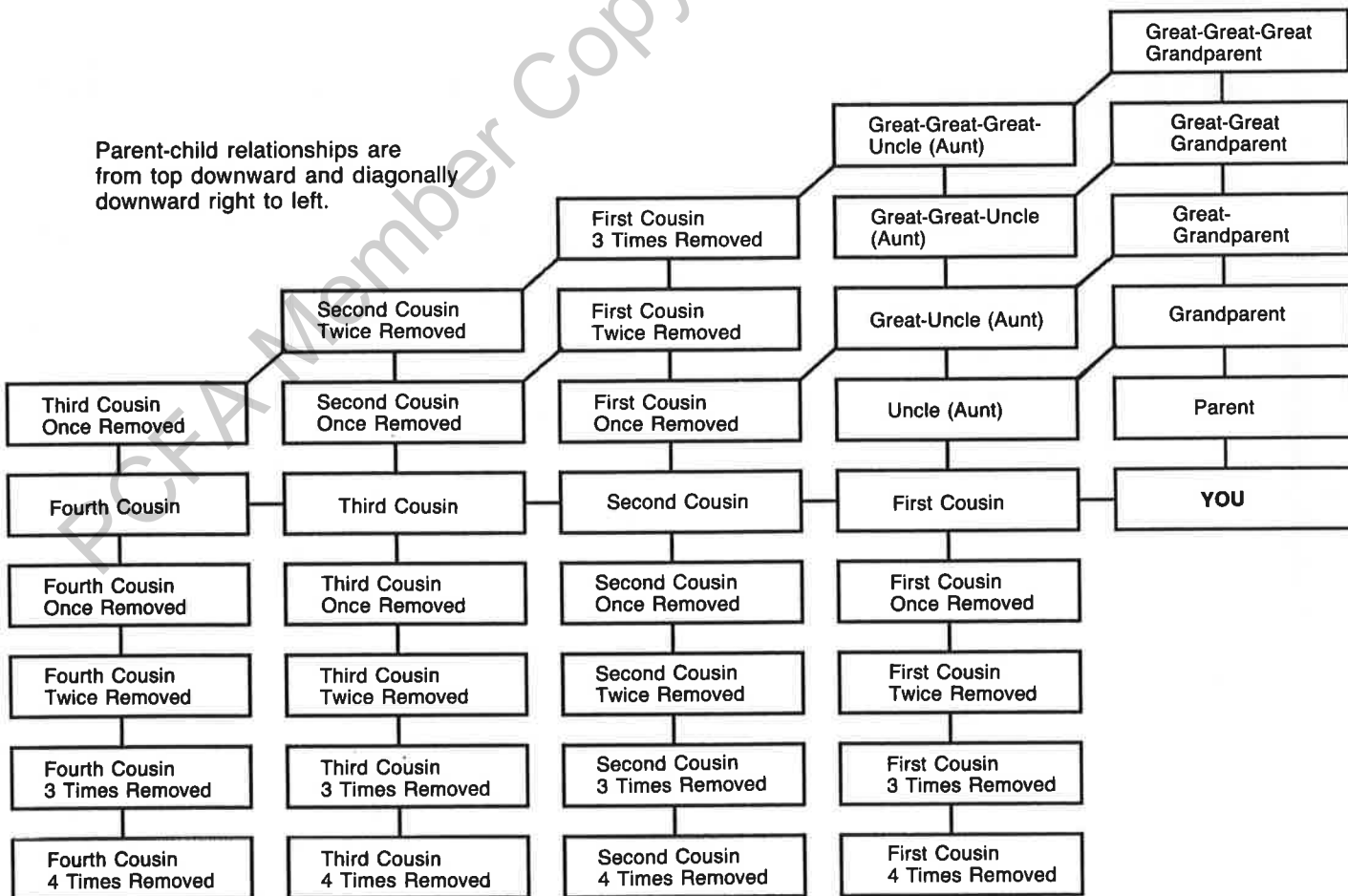
Henry W. Jones died 21 February 1986. He was the husband of Billie C. Jones of Trezevant, Tennessee.

Eugene R. Cooper, Jr. 14 December 1986 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Danville, IL. His wife is Mary E. Cooper.

From the *Salem Leader*, Salem, Indiana

Osborne I. Chastain died 10 October 1986 at Veterans Medical Center in Louisville, Ky. A retired farmer, Mr. Chastain was born on 22 September 1917, a son of Cora Mauldin Chastain and the late Edgar Chastain. He was an army veteran of WWII, a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts at Salem and a member of the Smed-

Parent-child relationships are from top downward and diagonally downward right to left.



On one visit Mr. Salle told him about the troubles the Manakin Episcopal Vestry was having with the Preacher Claude De Richbourg in 1709. But Mr. Byrd never made any comments or took any actions in the matter. Anyway he did not mention any. The Index shows the following visits by Abraham Salle. 1709; May 7, 10; June 30; Sept. 15; Oct. 3, 4, 22: 1710; Jan. 10, 12; Aug. 9; Sept. 22, 23; Nov. 14, 16: 1711: Mar. 5; May 29, 30; Aug. 25; Sept. 10: 1712; Apr. 3, 4; May 31; June 16, 17, 20; son of Abraham on June 30; 1709: and Mrs. Abraham Salle on Oct. 3, 1709.

UNDERSTANDING COUSIN RELATIONSHIPS

Lionel F. Pinn, Jr.

Until recently I wasn't sure how some members of family were related to me. Specifically, I was interested in cousinhood. The process is simple enough for the veteran genealogist, but for someone new at the game it was like reading one of Dr. Pierre's prescriptions. I also found out was that obtaining an easily understood reference was just as tough! I realize not everyone is interested in who his seventh cousin is but most people are curious about the nearer degrees of cousinhood in their own families.

The chart following shows how you are related to the various levels of cousins on your branch of the family tree. The children of your uncles and aunts are your first cousins. But a first cousin's child is not your second cousin. He is your first cousin once removed. Your second cousin is the grandchild of your great uncles and great aunts. For determining other cousin relationships, follow the lines on the chart; note the relationship both up and down from where you are in the family tree.

The table has been of great benefit to me in understanding cousinhood with in my family. In addition it has helped me better to understand my relationship with all mankind; we are all related in some way and we are all of the same family.

ley Church of Christ. Surviving are his wife, the former Ernestine Eversole; a stepson, Alton Baker, of Salem; two stepdaughters, Betty Cook and Bonnie Burton, both of Salem; two sisters, Naomi Shanks, Campbellsburg, and Margie Roll, Fredericksburg; two brothers, Russell Chastain of Charlestown, and Noble Chastain of Salem; his mother Cora Chastain of Salem and five grandchildren. Burial was in Smedley Cemetery.

Ernest G. Chastain passed away 16 November 1986 at the Washington County (Indiana) Hospital. He was born on 20 January 1903 to Orra and Cora Barnett Chastain in Washington County. He was married 28 February 1925 to Leo Stephenson who survives. Also he is survived by two sons, Donald Chastain of Salem, and Richard Chastain of Crawfordsville; two daughters, Mrs. Jerry B. (Gloria) Rosenbaum of Salem and Mrs. Lloyd (Kathleen) Oldson of Commanche, Iowa: 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Beatrice Hypes of Salem and Elizabeth Farris of Bloomington. He was preceded in death by a brother. Mr. Chastain was a retired farmer, he was a member of the Mt. Tabor Christian Church where he served as a deacon for 30 years. Burial was in Mt. Tabor Cemetery.

From the *Brownstown Banner*, Brownstown, Indiana.

Millard Chasteen died at his home at Seymour Rt. 4 on 22 July 1986. He was born on 14 March 1893 in Jackson County to Robert and Anna Lee Chasteen. In 1920 he married Lessie B. Ault. She died 31 October 1976. A veteran of WWI Mr. Chasteen was a retired log cutter. Survivors include Mrs. Ralph (Florence) Green, Mrs. Howard (Edna) Spiehler, Mrs. Myrtle Flory, and Marshall F. Chasteen, all of Seymour; 17 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, two sons, two sisters and two brothers. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery, Seymour, IN.

Glen Dietz died 26 July 1986 at the Community Care Center, Seymour. Mrs. Dietz was born 9 June 1909 in Scott County to Barnett and Alice Robbins Chasteen. In 1946 she married Hobart W. Dietz. He died in 1954. Burial was in Acme Cemetery.

FAMILY CEMETERY OF JOSEPH CHASTAIN

Located in the northwest corner of Cobb County, GA on the Acworth-Due West road about one half mile East of U.S. Highway #41. This Cemetery is in a strip of woods about 60 feet wide between a clearing for an electric power line on the south and a residence on the northeast.

David Stansell
died 18 October 1864
age 68 years

Elizabeth Stokely daughter of
S H & N A Stokley
born 18 July 1853
died 29 August 1854

Melinda Chastain
born 17 April 1834
died 1845

Joseph M. Chastain
born 9 October 1840
died 11 May 1845

Joseph Chastain 1802-1879
Margaret Chastain 1802-1882

Sahaha Chastain
born 29 January 1843
died 12 May 1845

Mary J. M., daughter of
W. J. & E. E. Strawn
died 1868 age 3 mos. 13 days

Priscilla Stansell
died 18 August 1864
age 67 years

Mrs. Hannah Chastain
born 1779
died 1851

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison
wife of William Harrison
1838-1879

Mary Carruth
died 3 June 1905
age 40 years

Biddia Young
born 24 December 1861
died 7 April 1905

Infant Son of Thomas and C.
Davenport
born and died 1853

Martha C. Hirsch
1827-1851

The above Joseph Chastain was born in S. C. In Habersham Co., GA 4 March 1824 he married Margaret Purcell. He was the fifth Sheriff of Cobb County, GA. He was a son of Elijah Chastain b. 1776 in VA d. 1853 in Gilmer Co. GA. Joseph is a brother of Pricilla Stansell, above. Joseph's daughter, Amanda, married Gree Berry Strawn, who died as a prisoner of war in Camp Chase, Ohio, and is buried in Confederate Cemetery there. Amanda, widow, migrated with two sons to Greenville, Texas.

Troy M. Chastain, 29 December 1979

MRS. PIERRE CHASTAIN DAUGHTER OF A DUKE

Lowell B. Chastain

Over the years I have heard some of the descendants of Pierre Chastain and his wife Magdalene La Rochefoucauld remark that they question that Pierre was married to such a wealthy person. Dr. James Garvin Chastain, a missionary of the Baptist Faith, told of the marriage in his book on the Chastain Family. I believe that Dr. Chastain employed a professional genealogist who traced the family and it was no guess that Magdalene was the daughter of the Duke de la Rochefoucauld. The Duke was reputed by historians to be one of the richest and most influential men in France. The book *History Of The Huguenots*, American Sunday School Union, 146 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, 1844, verifies the statements of these historians. [See pages 53—81.] From page 62 of that work "The Count de la Rouchefoucauld, was a favorite guest with Charles [King of France] and passed that evening with him in free and familiar intercourse. The King detained him as long as possible, and when at last he retired, Charles profanely said "I see clearly that God wills him to perish."

This narrative is too realistic to me. It fits the lives of our present day politicians, who use the monies of the rich to promote absurd policies over and against the policies and religion of the lower classes of voters. He, Charles, was not as ceremonious in securing the life of his surgeon, Ambrose Pare. He sent for him to enter his chamber, and ordered him not to stir from it without express permission [of Charles]. Charles himself fired upon the Huguenots from the windows of the Louvre, shouting with fiend—like fury, "Kill, Kill". Needless to say that the Duke, to be a favorite guest of the King Of France, must have been a rich and very influential man. My book *Virginia Chastains* is still available, as long as they last, at \$15.86 postpaid, by ordering from Lowell B. Chastain, 331 N. Locust St., Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Also, *Chastain Kith and Kin* is available from the same address at \$28.75 postpaid.

I buy and sell and read many books. This is how I spend my retirement time. I just came across an interesting item concerning the Duke la Rochefaucauld. Page 35 *The Dismal Swamp Canal*, Alexander Crosby Brown, Norfolk County Historical Society, Chesapeake, Virginia, 1970. "In 1796, three years after the first shovel of earth was turned, the French traveler and author, the Duke of la Rochefaucauld inspected the work and reported five miles [of canal] completed in each state. [Virginia and North Carolina.]" Now we know that England originally proposed the Dismal Swamp as the location for the Colony of French Huguenots, but through the influence of William Byrd I, the location as changed to Manakintowne. It seems to assume that the Duke would want to visit the part of the world where his daughter was buried and where she found religious freedom with her family. I just finished reading the *Secret Diary Of William Byrd I*. He mentioned every visit made to him by Mr. Salle.

GREENVILLE CO. SOUTH CAROLINA CEMETERY SURVEY

two of their horses. Nobody killed on our side.

It is no use to try to tell you what sort of country this is. This is the damndest hole I ever saw and how people live, God only knows, for it is nothing but mountains. I expect we will take winter quarters at Charleston in this state. Sometimes we take our heel on a rack sometimes we hang up on a tree.* We have taken the weather as it has come. For four weeks we have not had but two tents with us and don't get half enough to eat. We pressed another hog yesterday. We don't get but one pint of flour a day and don't get any salt at all hardly. There is a good many sick here and some deaths. There was a fellow died here yesterday with typhoid fever. They are going to take his remains back to Dalton, GA. The Chastain boys are all well and send their respects to all their friends. Don't send me or Jim Chastain any clothes without you sending them by J. J. McConnell or someone coming straight on to us. So I must close. Farewell for this time, remains, your Husband,

W. D. Harris

* Unable to figure out what he had reference to?

Maryland July 9, 1863
Camp Near Williamsport
Dear Wife

I sit down this morning after a fatiguing trip into Pennsylvania of twice this week, to let you know a little of the news. We have been through a great deal of hardship and hard fighting since we have been here. We have been fighting ever since we have been over here and lost a great many men, although we have killed a sight of Yankees. Our batallion has suffered severely. We lost five men yesterday killed and several wounded severely. The killed is Alfred Allen, Albert Gains, Joe Ingrem, John Waters, Joe Ray, Sgt. R. Bailey. The wounded are Capt. Dunlap, Lt. Evans, Sgt. Avant, Pearing Brown, Gus Roberts, Frank Cole, Clayton Hood, and the fight is still going on. Allen and Bailey were shot through the head. We are all well at present, although G. Chastain is ill. When we get settled again, will write and let you know all. Write when you can

Your husband till death,

W. D. Harris

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John Chastaine, 90 A. (N. L.) Henrico Co., on S side of James River beg. at his own land and land of Jacob Amonet, 23 March 1715. p. 267. Part of the first 5,000 acres surveyed for the French Refugees.

Vol. I, p. 327, Mt. View Methodist Church Cemetery

J.A. Chastain, b. 30 August 1880, d. 26 January 1919

Hayne Chastain, son of W. H. and Ada Chastain, b. 2 May 1897, d. 20 May 1899

Rachel Caroline Chastain daughter of Joseph Chastain and Mary McMillan, b. 1 June 1837, d. 20 April 1918

p. 158, Robinson Family Cemetery

Donnie R. Chastain, b. 6 September 1950, d. 28 February 1970

S. C. Sgt. US Army Vietnam BSM-PH

p. 326, Mt. View Methodist Church

L. Estelle Chastain daughter of J. A. and E. M. Chastain, b. 27 September 1909, d. 6 January 1912

p. 257, Robinson Family Cemetery

Eunice M. Chastain, b. 29 April 1960, d. 6 September 1960

James Chastain, Jr., b. 8 July 1921, d. 28 September 1966

Eunice W. Chastain, B. 27 April 1922, d. 8 January 1965

p. 328, League Family Cemetery

William Henry Chastain, b. 12 May 1867, d. 20 February 1958

Ida Mae Gilreath, wife of William Henry Chastain, b. 5 October 1883, d. 28 November 1956

Pearl Chastain, wife of Grady Cleveland Lindsey, b. 14 February 1895, d. 2 June 1971

p. 154, Brushy creek Baptist Cemetery

Jerry W. Chasteen, son of W. T. and G Mc Chasteen, b. 13 July 1947, d. 23 July 1954

Infant Chasteen, son of W. T. and G Mc Chasteen, b. 16 June 1950, d. 16 June 1950

p. 260, Rose Hill Cemetery

James R. Chasteen, b. and d. 1935

James T. Chasteen, 1913

Vessie G. Chasteen, 1913

p. 258, Rose Hill Cemetery

Jeanette Dunn Chasteen, b. 8 August 1885, d. 11 January 1962

James W. Chasteen, b. 5 May 1875, d. 18 February 1948

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 Nettie Sue Chasteen, b. 30 July 1905, d. 15 October 1905

p. 262, Rose Hill Cemetery
 William H. Chasteen, b. 1902, d.1967

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 Infant son of Peggy and Dickey Chasteene, d. 23 July 1950
 Fate F. Chasteene, b. 1 February 1936, Pvt. 355 Butchery Co. QMC
 Etta C. Chasteene, b. 3 May 1886, d. 19 November 1964
 Benjamine F. Chasteene, b. 1912, d. 1952

Vol. II, p. 275, Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Traveler's Rest,
 SC
 Callie Eugenia Chastain, wife of B. Robert Fox, b. 13 May 1856, d. 23
 January 1941
 E. C. Chastine, b. 1 November 1825, d. 19 June 1902

p. 113, Cedar Shoals Baptist Church
 Ida May Chasteenin, daughter of E. H. and E. L. Chasteenin, b. 28
 September 1903, d. 6 October 1904
 Mamie M. Chastain, b. 18____, died 1956
 Ester L. Chasteenin, wife of E. H. Chasteenin, b. 9 June 1879, d. 6
 April 1908
 Charles A. Chastain, b. 18 November 1937, d. 6 June 1938

p. 81, Columbia Baptist Church
 Sidney L. Chastain, b. 5 July 1881, d. 11 March 1958
 Edna B. Chastain, b. 20 March 1886, d. 10 January 1935
 Roy T. Chastine, son of S. L. and Edna Chastine, b. 27 May 1919, d.
 14 June 1919

p. 106, Cedar Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery
 Tensie C. Chastain, wife of J. Dauthard Chastain, b. 3 June 1883; m.
 4 November 1900, d. 23 September 1969
 J. Dauthard Chastain, b. 16 October 1878, d. 4 January 1970

p. 112, Cedar Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery
 Jane H. Chastain (no dates)

p. 309, Camp Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville, SC
 Ada Jackson, wife of W. H. Chastain, b. 24 November 1869, d. 30
 September 1901

p. 14, Daventon Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville, SC
 Pvt. Aaron Chasteen, b. 24 May 1896, d. 31 December 1918, M. D.
 Camp Infirmary #1

Greenbrier County Camp Floyd Meadow Bluff September 29, 1861
 Dear Wife,

I drop you a few lines to let you know that we are all well. By this I mean our boys of our settlement. We are expecting a battle constantly. It will come tomorrow or in a few days. At least we have been on a forced march one time last Thursday we marched fifty miles through the mountains. It took us till in the night and it was dark and rainy. We see some of the hardship of soldiers. Now we would have been fighting by this time if the waters had not been so high that we could not march to get to the battlefield. You all need not think our officers are too big-headed, for they will all do they will stand by us in all trials. Colonel Phillips does even take and give up his horse to the boys on (foot), roll up his pants and wade the mud and water and tote the sick on his back. This he did yesterday and day before. You need not doubt them. They are all the best set of officers in the(se) war rimes. 'Is right ticklish here now, but we intend to whip (win) the fight and come home as quick as we can. We live well enough. We killed four hogs yesterday and fed away a field of corn. We press anything we want to eat or feed on. I will write again after fight if I live. So I close for the present. Tell Will Chastain the boys are well. Read this to him as same G. B. wrote it. It is to him and you all. We have received marching orders since I have been writing. We will leave here tomorrow morning at five o'clock to go within two miles of the enemy. They are on Sodels (Sewell) Mountain and we will be with them by twelve o'clock tomorrow.

I have written and written and received no answer yet. Direct your letters to Loosburg (Lewisburg), Virginia. So no more. Only remain yours truly,

W. D. Harris

Greenbrier County Camp Floyd Meadow Bluff October.10, 1861
 Dear Wife,

I take this liberty of dropping you some lines to let you know I am tolerable well only, and hope this will find you all well. I have not got but one letter since I left home. I would be glad if you would write more often and let me know how things are at home. I am at Meadow Bluff in the hospital. But, expect to go on to the army. We will leave here today or tomorrow. Our Legion is about 16 miles from here. We expect to push on after the enemy as they have all retreated from Sewell Mountain. They destroyed lots of their provisions, flour, coffee, soap and other things. Our Company ran them. They got news that the Cherokee Indians had come into (unto) Floyd('s) aide(aid), but it was the Cherokee Dragoons in place of the indians, as some of the Yankee women and there (their) () Told some of our men(.) (and) Some of our men went out the other day on a scouting party got into a skirmish with the enemy and taken

when we will leave here.

I will quit for the present, for this is the worst paper and pen I ever saw. Give our respects to all inquiring friends and tell all to write. Direct your letter to me in the care of (Captain) W. B. C. Puckett, Commander of Company C Cavalry Battalion, Phillips Legion.

W. D. Harris to his wife.

Camp Davis September the 21st, 1861
Lynchburg, Virginia
Dear Wife,

I drop you a few lines this evening to let you know that I am well this evening. Hoping those lines may come to hand and find you all enjoying the same great blessing. We are still at the same place and don't know when we will leave here, for we have been expecting to leave every day for this week, and we can't tell anything about when we will leave. Our Company is pretty near all well at this time. But there is right smart sickness in our Legion. Mumps and measles. Tinkney is here. He is well and sends Howdy to you all. We have to have a uniform. J. J. (Joshua) McConnell will get the cloth, and you must make it. It is to be gray cloth frock coat with one row of buttons before and six on the tale (tail), and two on rispon (wrist or cuff) and black on the shoulder lying from the hollow of the neck to the point of the shoulder. Pants to have a black stripe up the leg, and James, G. B. and A. B. Chastain(s) all want ours cut by the same pattern. We want John Kendrick to be measured for all four of us, as his clothes will fit us all. Tell John that I have been in one scrimmage a taking some robbers in this Lynchburg. We took five of them and they are in jail. I shot at them twice. It was in the night and one of the other boys shot one but we did not hit them. We ran him about two hundred yards and caught them.

We want our coats with pockets in them behind the breast inside. You must all do the best you can. Father knows what to do as well as I can tell him. Give mine and James Chastain's best respects to all our friends and relatives. So, no more at present. Only remain, yours truly until death,

W. D. Harris

I forgot to say anything about you writing. I have received one letter by mail, and a few lines in another. I think you might write some more than you have. I look for a letter every day and write one every four or five days, but get none. Tell James' folks that he is well and when one writes, it is not necessary for all to write the same.

p. 110, Cedar Shoals baptist Church Cemetery
Susannah Chasteen, wife of B. F. Chasteen, b. 2 November 1853, d. 4 June 1896

B. F. Chasteen, b. 27 July 1851, d. 24 November 1911

p. 18, Daventon Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville, SC
Ernest L. Chasteen, b. 6 May 1896, d. 29 March 1960
Beatrice C. Chasteen, b. 24 December 1897
Frank W. Chasteen, b. 1900, d. 1961
Leila W. Chasteen, b. 1903

p. 15, Daventon Baptist Church Cemetery
Lehman S. Chasteen, b. 1873, d. 1930
Emma C. Chasteen, b. 1876, d. 1961

p. 177, Princeton Baptist Church Cemetery
Eugene Chasteen, b. 1960, d. 1960
Luther D. Chasteen, b. 10 February 1909, d. 5 July 1974
Lillian Scott Chasteen, b. 3 January 1913

Jerry W. Chasteen, b. 13 April 1947, d. 10 February 1968, SC Pfc, 8 Trans Co. TC

p. 113, Cedar Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery
"Little" Raven Chasteen, son of J. D. and Tina Chasteen, b. 6 August 1907, d. 25 July 1908

p. 370, Rabon Creek Baptist Church Cemetery
Margaret Chestein, b. 9 June 1837, d. 9 September 1908
Warren A. Chestein, b. 4 February 1860, d. 13 July 1870
William W. Chestein, b. 10 November 1857, d. 24 March 1892

p. 376, Rabon Creek Baptist Church Cemetery
W. L. Chestein, b. 4 October 1864, d. 25 June 1939
Mary f. Graden, wife of W. L. Chestein, b. 6 June 1870, d. 26 September 1922

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Susan Bramlett, daughter of John F. and Caroline Chastain—no date
Elizabeth Chastain, daughter of John F. & Caroline Chastain—n.d.
Henry T. Chastain, son of John F. and Caroline Chastain—n.d.
Caroline Chastain, wife of John F. Chastain (no date)
Joseph Chastain, son of John F. & Caroline Chastain (no date)

p. 4, Grandview Memorial Gardens, Travelers Rest, SC
Olis G. Chastain, b. 1929
Louise S. Chastain, b. 1935

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Claude E. Chastain, b. 1922

Grace A. Chastain, b. 1928

p. 228, Graceland Cemetery, Greenville, SC

Lillie Mae Grogan, wife of Comer Chastain, b. 21 November 1913,
d. 13 May 1962

p. 168, Graceland Cemetery

Comer O. Chastain, b. 6 June 1904, d. 21 April 1967, SC Pvt. Co. A
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Robert L. C Chasteen, b. 31 March 1919, d. 10 January 1980

Quilla D. Chasteen, b. 8 January 1929

p. 271 Graceland Cemetery

Willis R. Chastain, b. 1946

Erlene K. chastain, b. 1948

p. 22 Graceland Cemetery

J. Waymon Chastain, b. 2 February 1897

Ida C. Chastain, b. 26 October 1897, d. 15 December 1960

p. 27, Graceland Cemetery

James Aler Chastain, b. 20 December 1896, d. 11 March 1948

Lillie Mae Shirley Chastain, b. 22 June 1898, d. 30 September 1956

Nelda Ophelia Chastain Howard, b. 5 February 1927

p. 254, Graceland Cemetery

Kenneth Raymond Chastain, son of M/M Raymond Chastain, b. 3
May 1942, d. 25 July 1944

P. 255, Graceland Cemetery

Raymond Barton Chastain, b. 2 March 1914, d. 14 April 1960

p. 271, Graceland Cemetery

Willis R. Chastain, b. 1946

Erlene K. Chastain, b. 1948

P. 302, Graceland Cemetery

Grady Chasteen, b. 1926

Frances A. Chasteen, b. 1931

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Nellie H. Chasteen, b. 30 April 1900, d. 11 October 1968

Jack Chasteen, Jr., b. 10 May 1924, d. 19 October 1925

Jack Chasteen, Sr., b. 26 June 1897

Abbeville District, South Carolina Marriages, 1777-1852, ed. Rev. S.

Emmett Lucas, Jr.

Jude and Fannie Chastain m., Winfree, 1786

Bersheba Chastain m. Henry Hoes, 1834

From the Jefferson Davis Shrine Museum, Gulfport, MS

Submitted by Barbara B. Chastain

Camp Davis August 20, 1861

Mrs. W. D. Harris

Dear Wife,

I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well and well satisfied and hope these lines may find you and the children all well. We arrived here safe with but little trouble. We are camped near a town called Lynchburg. The people around us are fine. They treat us with kindness and respect. We do not know how long we will stay here, but perhaps a month or two. I want you to write me as quick as you receive this letter. Tell Robert Kendrick and Lady and all inquiring friend to write also.

A. B. Chastain says to give his best respects to all inquiring friends and would be glad to have them write him if it comes convenient. James Chastain says that you may tell his family he is well and satisfied. He wants them to write to him soon and he wants his wife to send him some clothing. A vest or two, and some pants and to do the best she can and tell brother Friend to see to the business which I left in his hand, and tell her that I want her to take good care of herself and the baby.

All the Big Shanty boys are here, but the First Regiment. They are gone to Richmond.

W. D. Harris

N. B. direct your letters to Lynchburg, Va., in care of Captain Puckett. W. D. H. & W. A. B. (BROOKS?) we have received some blue pants and shirts. They are a good fit, and we thank the lady that sent them.

Lynchburg, Virginia September 1, 1861

Dear Wife,

I drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well at this time. Hoping these lines may find you all well at home. I have not had the opportunity to write you. We are all well at this time except a few complaining with diarrhea. There are two of our men sick, Lt. (2n.) (Phillip J.) Evans and (W. D. *) Rusk are both right sick. G. B. Chastain has been sick a few days, but he is better today. We have lots of beef to eat here. We eat beef for breakfast, dinner, and supper, for a rarity and bacon in the morning.

A. B. Chastain and James (Chastain) are well and lively. I was at church last Sunday. We went ten miles to preaching. I will say something about you all writing so much. You bother us with your many and long letters. I would be ashamed if I were you all at home. We have written and written and get not a line yet. If you think anything of us, write. I write this that I may get a letter from you before we leave here. For we don't know