

# CLEMMONS FAMILY

## NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1999

### CLEMMONS SURNAME

"In my 'Dictionary of Surnames' there is no actual Clemmons, but Clemons with one 'm' appears, which I think was the same name. It is one of many variants of the name Clements or Clemence. Clement and Clemens were popular fore-names in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and from these the surnames developed. There were early examples in Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Oxfordshire and Huntingdonshire, so it would appear to be fairly well spread about the country. There were several Popes by the name of Clement or Clemence."

-Lynne Tann-watson, Volunteer Researcher with Genuki ([www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)), Leicestershire, England in email of 4-3-99 — [lynne.tann-watson@virgin.net](mailto:lynne.tann-watson@virgin.net)

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2000 IN Lebanon, TN

Mark your calendar now to celebrate the  
**Clemmons Family Reunion**

on Saturday, July 1, 2000

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### THELMA'S HISTORY

In 1981 we received the history of "Samuel Thompson Clemmons and His Descendants," which had been many years in the making by a descendent, Thelma Caraway Landrum of Columbus, GA. She had started the search for her own roots which had begun in Illinois and her birthplace in Columbus, GA.

The 216 page book contains photos and personal stories of the eleven children and their descendants of Samuel Thompson Clemmons and Martha Coggin who left Montgomery County, North Carolina coming to Wilson County, TN about 1805.

Thelma collected much material as she and her husband Bernard Landrum traveled and put together our Middle Tennessee connections. All of the material she collected was lost when she died in 1993 and the tragic death of her son a few years later.

So now it is time for the generation that has inherited her research to put together a new family history. Interest and commitment has been shown by those who have placed Thelma's history on the Internet and with the many Family Genealogical

Societies. Many thanks to them, and now let's begin the new work of keeping the memories alive for the next generation.

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**Committee of Clemmons Cousins:** This group of the Clemmons Family plans our Annual Gathering: John and Christine Clemmons, Anne Sloan, Edna Rhea Vaughn, Jo Smith, Faye Van Hook.

## AMONG THE FAMILY

**Tom and Dolores Clemmons**, Fairfield, Il send their greetings and report the birth of Tyler (Ty) Nolin Lowell Thomason, grandson, born to Gina L. Clemmons and Tony Thomason.

**Edward Skipper**, Lebanon, TN, who was married to Earline Clemmons, daughter of Edwin Clemmons, sends his greetings. He is 95 and does not travel much any more.

**Eric and Cathy Hoagland** of Mt. Juliet, TN, (Mother is Emma Ruth Clemmons Hoagland) report two births: Emma Anne Hoagland (b. Jan 31, 1994) and Hugh Eugene Hoagland (b. Oct. 28, 1998). Also the following deaths: Emma Ruth Clemmons Hoagland, Jan 19, 1998 in Shepardsville, WVA - daughter of Howard E. Clemmons; and Joseph Edwin (Joe) Clemmons, March 20, 1996, Lebanon, TN, son of Howard E. Clemmons.

**John and Christine Clemmons** have a new great granddaughter, Elizabeth James Jewel, parents are Christine and Chad Jewell, (b. May 13, 1999); and they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Nov. 19, 1995 — we were late in announcing that but congratulations!

**Evelyn Craddock Jackson** (daughter of Lila Grace Clemmons Craddock) had open heart surgery in April and is recovering. She directed one of her many weddings a few weeks later. She reports the birth of Dallas Paige Jackson, daughter of Scott and Sherry Jackson on April 20, 1998. Also, Nancy Paige Jackson, married Richard Dale Shelton May 2, 1992. And, John Bailey Jackson, son

of Keith and Belinda Jackson, graduate from Shelbyville Central High School on May 29, 1997.

**Anne Sloan** (great-grandmother was Nancy Elizabeth Tennessee Clemmons) reports the death of her father, Eugene Holloway Sloan, emeritus professor of business at Middle Tennessee State University on May 21, 1997, and her mother, Lillian White Sloan on May 27, 1998. She also reports the marriage of Matt Sloan (son of Bill and Sharon Sloan of Murfreesboro, TN) to Megan Fröhlich Nov 15, 1997 in Cleveland, OH, and the birth of Adam Jed Barrett, Eugene and Lillian's 13<sup>th</sup> g-grandchild and grandson of Joseph White Sloan, June 1997.

**C.E. "Don" Wright, Jr** of Daphne, AL reports the death of his father, C. Eldon Wright, Sr, on April 7, 1998 — buried at Greenwood Cemetary in Knoxville, TN (g-grandmother was Rachel Ann Rhoda Clemmons, daughter of Jephthah).

**Jo (Clemmons) and Dave W. Smith** report on the marriage of their daughter, Jody Lynn Smith to Charles (Chuck) Gorre II on March 7, 1998 (granddaughter of John and Christine Clemmons).

**Wendell Edward Edwards** (of the Nancy Clemmons line who married Edward Edwards) is head of the Dept of Accounting at Texas A&M University-Commerce, TX. He is married to Linda Lucille Yeats and they have two daughters Karen Lynn Edwards married to Kevin Lowell Raumaker and live in George West, TX; and Kathryn Michele Edwards married to Kristopher Phillip Myers and they live in Round Rock, TX. Wendell (to page 4)

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# INFORMATION FOR CLEMMONS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Which Samuel Thompson Clemmons/Martha Coggin children are you related to?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jephthah    | <input type="checkbox"/> Priscilla           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John        | <input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Thompson Jr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary(Polly) | <input type="checkbox"/> James               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Etheldred   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lavina      | <input type="checkbox"/> Susannah (Suky)     |

Your nearest Clemmons relationships (Father/Mother and Grandfather/Grandmother)

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## CURRENT INFORMATION

NEW BIRTHS (Give date and where born and to whom and how related)

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RECENT DEATHS (Give date and where buried and to whom and how related)

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RECENT MARRIAGES (Give date and where married and name/birthdate/ and parents of spouse)

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NOTEWORTHY (Any information about RECENT happenings in your family: graduations, honors, family get-togethers, etc. Include clippings.)

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(From *Among the Family*, p2) won't make it to the reunion this year in Middle Tennessee but will attend the Clemmons reunion in Texas in June. They send their greetings.

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**NOTE** that I haven't done this newsletter in a couple of years so some things sent to me in the interval haven't made it in. If there is something that you want included and not put in since the last full newsletter in 1995, please let me know and I will include it. I hope we can keep up with the family in this way. Note also the new address. It is my daughter's and son-in-law's address. They are letting me use it for awhile.

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### Revolutionary War

A group of men, small dirt farmers, garbed in rough mountain-style clothes and carrying the barest of utensils, each shouldering a Kentucky long rifle, met the force of the British Army in small battles that helped defeat the British and win the war of liberation. Samuel Thompson Clemmons, after serving 6 months of a 1779 enlistment, was drafted again in 1780 and served 3 months under General Rutherford. They were a mounted unit, furnishing their own horses. His last enlistment involved a march from Charlotte, NC to Charleston, SC. For his service he received land in Middle Tennessee to which he moved his family in 1805.



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