

The Bugle

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ANNUAL FOUNDER’S DAY EVENT!

Note our special date February 7th, and join us as the Brentwood Historical Society celebrates its 7th year of community service in historic preservation and education. The Society has been busy during the past year, and we look forward to celebrating our recent accomplishments, and the contributions of so many historically minded citizens in Brentwood.

The mid-winter celebration will once again be held at the Marriott on Cool Springs Boulevard on the first Saturday in February. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the buffet will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Following our dinner, those in attendance will enjoy our guest speaker, Font Smothers, President of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a descendant of the Andrew Crockett family of Brentwood. He will speak on the subject of General Lafayette and his (continued on page two)



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contributions to the American Revolution-ary War, as well as his later visit to the United States in the early 1800's. Font Smothers' ancestor was an aide to General Lafayette during this interesting historic period, and also accompanied Lafayette during his later tour of the young country.

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We look forward with great interest to hearing Mr. Smothers' story of these early days of the United States, and Brentwood's connection to this water-shed period in history.

As has been our tradition for Founders' Day, live mu-sic will follow the speaking presentation. This year Paula Chavez and City Lights has been scheduled to provide a mellow mix of tunes for your enjoyment. We were most impressed with this band

during earlier listening opportunities, and were able to arrange for their participation in Founders' Day 2004.

So, place your reservation now for the big event! The cost for members will be \$30 per person. You are encouraged to bring along your friends and neighbors, and introduce them to the organization. Make your reservations by mailing your check to:

Suzanne Burns, 6042 Wellesley Way
Brentwood, TN 37027

The reservation should reach us by Febru-ary 2nd to help us ensure proper planning for the dinner. Checks should be made payable to: Brentwood Historical Society. For more information, contact Suzanne Burns @ 373-1614 or Wendell Edison @ 377-1083. We look forward to spending time with you next month.

"BUGLE" FORMAT CHANGED...

Doubtless, you have noticed a change in the format of this issue of "The Bugle." The Brentwood Historical Society has ex-perienced several problems with the previ-ous format, with respect to production, as well as related costs and volunteer time on

the project. The new format will actually enlarge the content of the publication while reducing production problems asso-ciated with the large sized sheet of earlier versions. We hope you like the new for-mat!!

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BOILING SPRING UPDATE...

Those of you who have driven past the Boiling Spring Academy in recent weeks no doubt have notice the new roof and ongoing exterior repairs to our historic gem. Re-cently, the City has secured the services of the Center for Historic Preservation at Mid-dle Tennessee State University. Nationally recognized for its historic preservation and research efforts, the Center will be engaged in certain support activities with the Boiling Spring renovation project.

Guided by project manager, Caneta Hankins, a host of preservation profession-als and MTSU students will conduct de-tailed research on the historic timeline of

activities within the structure. This infor-mation will then be assembled in the form of interpretive exhibits and literature for public education on the history of the site.



Archeologists from MTSU survey the ground area below the first floor of the building during temporary removal of floor boards. Many Native American pottery shards and arrow-heads were found, along with early writing implements.

E.C. “BUDDY” YOKLEY—A MOST VALUED VOLUNTEER

The story of most citizen organizations is written by its volunteers, those individuals who donate their valuable time and energy toward meeting the goals of the organization. One year ago long-time Brentwood resident, Buddy Yokley,



stepped up to assist the Brentwood Historical Society on an ongoing basis.

For those of you who do not know Buddy Yokley, he is Vice President of the Long Foundation Drilling Company. Buddy is a resident of Brentwood Hills, and nearing retirement.

Wanting to give something back to the Brentwood community, Buddy decided on a more active role in our organization. He has become a participant in our historical marker effort, and recently assisted in the cemetery marker project for the David Johnston Cemetery at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

You will certainly see Buddy at many of

our upcoming community events. Stop by and speak with him on the interesting projects that he is involved in this year. You too might find the Brentwood Historical Society as a fulfilling way to contribute to Brentwood while pursuing your historical interests. We encourage any interested members to contact any of our listed Executive Council members for more information on volunteer opportunities!



COMMENTS ON “DOCTOR QUINTARD, CHAPLAIN C.S.A. AND SECOND BISHOP OF TENNESSEE,” BY SAM DAVIS ELLIOTT

BY T. VANCE LITTLE

There is a new book out (2003) called *Doctor Quintard, Chaplain C.S.A. and Second Bishop of Tennessee*. It is a memoir and Civil War diary of Charles Todd Quintard, Civil War chaplain and Second Bishop of the Tennessee Diocese of the Episcopal Church. The new book is extensively edited and annotated by Civil War authority Sam Davis Elliott, a practicing attorney of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Bishop Quintard was born in Connecticut, the son of a prominent New England family of Huguenot descent. He received his medical degree from the University of New York City. After graduating he moved to Mem-



phis. There he met James Hervey Otey, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Tennessee. He received his Holy Orders and

became rector of the Church of the Advent in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bishop Otey had substantial local connections. He came to Franklin, Tennessee in 1821 to head up the Harpeth Academy, a prestigious private academy. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and

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founded St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin in 1827. It was the first Episcopal Church founded west of the Alleghenies.

When the Civil War came along, Bishop Quintard cast his lot with the Confederacy. He joined the First Tennessee Infantry Regiment and became its chaplain. In his position of chaplain, he became intimately acquainted with many of the general officers in the Confederate Army and was welcomed into the homes of the landed gentry of the South.

After the Civil War, Bishop Quintard wrote his memoirs of his experiences during the war. He also kept a journal from mid-October of 1864 through January of 1865. He spent this period of time in

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Middle Tennessee. His writings bring into new perspective the war and those in command. He brings new insight into the characters of such general officers as General John Bell Hood. In those days when few people were privileged to have their own bed, he once shared his bed with General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He said of the event: *Tonight General Forrest shares my bed. Haggerty says, "It is the lion and the lamb lying down together." He is certainly an uncut diamond—of remarkably fine personal appearance and great native vigor of thought and expression.*



in the Battle of Franklin.

Bishop Quintard was in Middle Tennessee for the Battles of Franklin and Nashville. His descriptions of those encounters

are somewhat different from traditional accounts. During the lull between the Battle of Franklin and the Battle of Nashville, the good bishop performed a wedding ceremony that should be of interest to Brentwood people, especially members of the Brentwood United Methodist Church. On December 12, 1864, Bishop Quintard entered into his journal the following:

Today in the Methodist meeting house at Brentwood, I united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Major William Clare, Inspector General, and Miss Mary Hadley of Nashville. The attendants of the Major were Dr. Foard, Medical Director and Major Moore, Chief of Commissary. Miss Hadley's attendants were Miss Allison of Nashville and Miss White May. A large assembly of officers was present. After the ceremony, the party retired to the residence of John Overton, Esq. where a grand dinner was given. My empty purse was replenished by a fee of \$200, beside which my friend Mr. Plater sent me this morning, \$50 in greenbacks. Lieutenant Wigfall and my self walked to Brentwood but took a seat in Major Ayers' ambulance on our return.

Editor Sam Davis Elliott notes in a footnote that he has not identified Miss Allison and Miss White May. This writer would like to shed some little light on that subject, especially the identity of Miss White May, which is to say the least a very unusual name for a young lady. It is a long story,

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but one worth telling.

Miss White May was the step granddaughter of John Overton, Esq., whose home Travelers Rest was the scene of the *grand dinner* that followed the wedding of Maj. Clare and Mary Hadley. The story goes something like this: John Overton, law partner, friend and confidante of Andrew Jackson, was a bachelor most of his life. At the age of 50-something he married a local widow lady, Marry McConnell White May. Her first husband was Francis May, a physician, who too was a friend and confidante of Andrew Jackson. The Mays lived on a plantation on what is now Hill Road. It was what is now Heathstone Subdivision. Dr. May died leaving his wife with several small children. When she married John Overton, he took in his wife's children by her first marriage and treated them as his own. By the way, he and his wife had three children of his own.

Miss White May was the daughter of James May, one of Mrs. Overton's children by her first marriage and John Overton's step child. She and five of her friends received a good bit of notoriety for standing along Franklin Road when Hood's troops were marching to Nashville after the Battle of Franklin. They were waving the Confederate flag and cheering the troops on to victory. Among the other

girls cheering the troops along were Mary Hadley, who was to marry Maj. Clare ten days later at the Brentwood Methodist Church. The other girls were Rebecca (Buck) Correy, Rebecca (Becky) Allison, Mary Bradford, and Mary Maxwell.

Another local landmark that editor Sam Davis Elliott was unable to identify was the home of Mrs. James Johnston. The bishop wrote in his journal that he left on December 9, 1864, that after attending the funeral of General Carter in Franklin, he left his horse *at Mrs. James Johnston's, six miles from Franklin.* This, no doubt, was what we know today as Isola Bella on the corner of Franklin Road and Concord Road. It was the home of James Johnston, grandson of Revolutionary War soldier David Johnston, who is buried on the grounds of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. He settled on the land in the early 1800's.

General Carter was severely wounded in the Battle of Franklin. He was taken to the Harrison House on Columbia Pike south of Franklin where he died some 10 days later. Bishop Quintard visited him several times at the Harrison House.

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