

# PELL CITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO WAR VETERANS

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A granite monument (left) was unveiled at Pell City Saturday by Miss Mary Ashley Greene, whose father, Capt. Gardner Greene, recruited and commanded the Pell City war men, in whose honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars erected the monument. In the group are former members of the overseas unit, Waspat Harmon, commander of the local V. F. W. post, is on the extreme right.

The unveiling was witnessed by Mrs. Maggie Ashley Greene, widow of Capt. Greene (left) and the mother of Miss Greene who is on the extreme right. The young lady was born on the Mexican border while her father was helping chase Villa. She was 11 months old when her father sailed for France and 22 months old when he fell in the Argonne.

## Thousands Pack City For Second Annual "Good Neighbor Day"

BY DEVEREAUX ENNIS

PELL CITY, Ala.—A gay throng of holiday funmakers estimated at 10,000, gathered here Saturday for the second annual "Good Neighbor Day" celebration, sponsored by the business and professional men of Pell City.

The pleasure-bent crowds began flocking here shortly after sunrise and long before noon the streets were packed from curb to curb with visitors from five counties. The crowds were so dense that at a safety museum the State Highway Department officials closed the Bankhead Highway for three blocks and routed traffic around the business area.

The celebration, inaugurated last year to further cordial relations between the city-dwellers and industrial and farm neighbors, was produced by the members of the committee in charge & tremendous success.

### Monument Unveiling

The feature of the day was the unveiling of a granite monument in the memory of those St. Clair County soldiers who lost their lives in the World and Spanish-American wars.

The monument is located on the corner of Main and Market streets and is a tribute to the brave men who gave their lives for their country.

guardsmen, Miss Mary Ashley Greene, the only daughter of Capt. Gardner Greene, who recruited the Pell City war units, slowly lifted the veil which disclosed the memorial.

The monument is adorned by a bas relief in bronze of an American doughboy and among the front panel the following names are engraved: Capt. Gardner Greene, Lieut. A. G. Teague, Lieut. Joseph Cornell, Sergt. Jessie Scoggins, Corp. Austin Patterson and Russell Bowlin, Fred Chambers, H. L. Elliott, James I. England, James C. Farley, Grady Gramam, Berry Higgenbotham, Claud W. Jones, Ewing Jones, Oscar Jones, Guernsey McLaughlin, Austin Myers, Theo E. Sims, Harrison I. Wade, William Mize, William F. Braden and Fred S. Moncrief, the two latter of the Spanish-American War.

### Mrs. Green Present

Mrs. Maggie Ashley Greene, widow of Capt. Greene, was present at the ceremony, as was Capt. R. F. Ashley, of Odenville, a nephew of Mr. Greene, Gov. Starbuck's mother.

present included Mrs. Emma Mize, Mrs. Lida Teague, Mrs. Maggie Farley, Mrs. Mary Wade, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Nancy Chambers, Mrs. Sylvia Jones, Mrs. J. W. R. R. and many other ladies.

The unveiling ceremony was held at the corner of Main and Market streets and was witnessed by a large crowd of people. The monument is a tribute to the brave men who gave their lives for their country.

and productive friendship.

The crowds also witnessed two baseball games played between Pell City and Alexander City while the crowds were tarried during the afternoon by a parachute jump by Walton Peeler. During the afternoon boxing and wrestling matches were held and a soap box derby, in which many youngsters participated.

The evening was packed with further fun which included a beautiful fireworks display lasting one hour and a street dance with a 12-piece orchestra furnishing the music. The festivities ended at midnight following a floor show in which several were given.

# ORIGINAL ROSTER CO. "A" 10th ALABAMA INFANTRY

The people of Ashville are planning Sunday, June 4, commemorating the day exactly 100 years ago on this day when the First Ashville company marched away to join General Lee's army in Virginia.

On June 4, 1861, Co. "A" of the 10th Ala. Regiment, was mustered into the Confederate army on the courthouse square at Ashville.

On this same spot, June 4, 1961, a century later Ashville folk will have a program in memory of those who went away to war, many never to return to their homeland.

Program on the courthouse square will get started at 3 p.m. Previous to the program graves in the old cemetery will have been decorated. Miss Sally V. Inzer, chairman of the county commission will preside.

Dr. Jack Boozer of Jacksonville, will be guest speaker. He will be introduced by Judge Hoyt Hamilton.

The Ashville commemoration will be the first of several such programs planned throughout St. Clair by the Civil War Commission. People from throughout St. Clair are invited and urged to attend.

Below are listed the names of the men who were members of that company. Names are from a copy of the original muster roll of Co., "A" and were furnished the News-Aegis by Mrs. Irene Hodges.

## Co. "A" Muster Roll FROM ASHVILLE

Company A-10th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Mustered into service June 4th, 1861. (Age about)

Caldwell, John H. Captain, 34; Hayden, Thomas. 1st. Lieut., 34; Brewster, W. L. 2nd. Lieut. 25; Williams, Roger M. 3rd. Lieut., 34; Wyatt, Samuel A. 1st. Seargt., 29; Box, Leroy F. 2nd. Seargt., 24; Cobb, W. Harvy 3rd. Seargt., 40; Green, John F. 4th. Seargt., 25; Pardue, Daniel 1st. Corp., 28; Kendric, David 2nd Corp., 33; Watson, Wm. 3rd. Corp., 24; Early, Wm. 4th. Corp., 22; Floyd, Levi. Asst Seargt., 29.

### PRIVATEES

Ausborn, R. Y., 25; Ashton, J. H., 23; Aubry, Dickson, 29; Aubry, C. F., 25; Bradford, A. M., 22; Bradford, J. F., 24; Bradley, Joseph, 25; Brewster, Vincent, 29; Brown, John C., 28; Brown, Robert, 24; Byers, Banks., 22; Brandon, Thos. Jr., 23; Brandon, M., 21; Blair, Edward., 23; Blair, Thomas., 21; Cox, Oliver, 25; Cox, Samuel, 22; Cox, Fred, 19; Cast, Mor-

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## ORIGINAL ROSTER CO. "A"

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gan, 30; Crow, John, 21; Crow, Thomp., 21; Crow, Jeff, 21; Crump, Reuben, 26.

Dean, Wm. H., 17; Dobbs, Joe, 24; Danly, George, 24; England, Doc., 18; Freeman, Foster, 20; Fulghum, Morgan M., 29; Gibson, Lacy, 30; Green, John F., 25; George, James, 21; Griffin, H. H., 21; Hood, Noah A., 17; Hughes, James, 21; Harris, M., 37; Harris, Philip, 24; Jones, Marcus, 21; Jones, W. F., 23; Jones, Issac, 22; King, Frank, 20.

Lee, Ed., 23; Lee, Grig, 22; Lee, James, 19; Lee, Polk, 17; Lawley, Jack, (No age given); Lawley, Wm. H., 40; Lankford, Wm., 21; Looney, W. H., 18; Morris, John S., 18; Muburn, Jas., 22; Mostilla, Jas., 21; Minyard, J., 19; Moore, Joseph F., 18; Melton, \_\_\_\_\_, 24; Mitchell, Thomas, 21; Newton, John, 20; Neely, Lafayette, 22.

Oldham, John, 17; O'Barr, John, 24; O'Barr, Thomas, 21; Parker, George, 23; Philips, Pinckney, 21; Patterson, Joseph, 22; Pope, Riley, 21; Riggs, Scott Jr., 18; Riggs, John H., 17; Reeves, Harvey, 24; Reeves, Jesse, 22; Summers, Gene, 20; Sargent, Wm. P., 18; Strange, B. F., 18; Strange, Jas. F., 20; Story, Thom. H., 19; Simmons, Rufus, 18; Treece, D. A., 21; Turner, T. J., 21; Turner, E. M., 20; Truss, Enos., 24.

Watson, Wm. H., 23; Watson, Clem, 20; Watson, Thos., 18; Watson, Obediah, 35; Woolley, Basil E., 21; Wooley, M. Lafayette, 18; Wright, Newton E., 60; Wright, William, 35; Wright, James, 27; Wright, Jack, 20; Zellner, M. H., 34; Zellner, Elisha, 28.

### RECRUITS

Brandon, Thomas Sr., 50; Brandon, Dave, 17; Bradford, Harvey, 18; Brown, Frank, 18; Byrd, \_\_\_\_\_, 35; Crump, Riggs, 18; Cox, John, 18; Chandler, Wm., 26; Carden, Perry, 20; Denson, C. C., 26; Freeman, Robert, 18; Harris, Henry, 18; Hammett, Jesse, 28; James, Joseph, 34; James, Albert, 32; Kendrick, Cad, 16.

Lands, George, 25; Mangham, Thos., 26; McDill, James, 23; Neely, Byers, 18; Philips, Jack, 20; Philips, James, Jr., 16; Shores, James A., 34; Woolley, Monroe, 26; Bunt, Joseph, 30; Hollifield, Willis, 30; Bice, Hiram, 30; Crow, C., 17; Crump, Isarel, 30; Wysinger, \_\_\_\_\_, 35; Strange, Joe D., 27; Banks, Wade (No age given); Woods, Wm. D. (No age given). (Original number in Co. A was 103)

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# Revolutionary hero, wife commemorated

BY JOY WILLIAMS  
News staff writer

Dedication of a plaque to mark the burialspot of Elizabeth Diamond Thomason, who was born in 1739 and died in 1839, took place recently at Ft. Dr. William D. Partlow Armory in ASHVILLE. Mrs. Thomason was a seventh generation descendant of Mary Queen of Scots. The plaque also commemorates her husband, John Thomason, born in 1724 and died in 1825, Revolutionary veteran who was wounded in the battle of King's Mountain.

Responsible for the marker placed at the Armory was a direct descendant of the Thomasons, Mrs. J. L. Crockett of Valdosta, Ga., the former Marie Greene of Ashville. She was accompanied to

the dedication by her son, Dr. John G. Youmans of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

According to Mrs. Crockett, John Thomason and his wife moved in 1810 from Georgia to SPRINGVILLE where he obtained a large acreage in a land lottery open to men with Revolutionary service. Down through the years all of the Thomason descendants moved away from the Ashville area, with Mrs. Crockett's family leaving there in 1901.

Sixty-five years later on a visit to Ashville, Mrs. Crockett found that an Armory had been built over the site of the unmarked graves of the two Thomasons. It was then that she determined to take steps to properly recognize the site because, as she remarked, "It becomes increasingly

important for each of us to preserve every trace of our heritage."

In accepting the plaque, Ashville's Mayor Joseph Adkins told of the effort made at the time the Armory was built to move all of the graves in the old burial place, but many were unmarked. It was pointed out that graves in the early pioneer days commonly were unmarked because Indians were wont to worry the white man by plundering the graves of their dead.

Mrs. Howard Hill of VINCENT, the former Elizabeth Hodges of Ashville, presided at the dedication, assisted by Mrs. Willis Hodges, Ashville. The Rev. W. L. Franklin of the Old Broken Arrow Church at WATTSVILLE offered the dedication prayer and Mrs. Terry Stewart, Ashville, sang "Faith of Our Fathers.

## Soldiers of the Revolution Lived, Died In St. Clair County

At least twenty-one Revolutionary soldiers are known to have lived in St. Clair County during their lifetime after the American Colonists fought and won their war for independence.

One of the soldiers of the revolution, John Dill, originally from Maryland, is known to have lived in St. Clair as late as 1850. He was 86 years old at the time.

Data on these first American fighters for freedom was taken from the yellowed-with-age pension rolls.

Those listed together with other information are as follows: Joseph or James Garner, came to St. Clair in 1820 from Clark County, Georgia, William Whitfield, originally from Goochland Co., Va., John Ballanger of Maryland, Noel Battles of Virginia, lived with son William in 1820, Capt. Ed Beeson of North Carolina, married Hannah Clay in 1819, Jacob Busbee of South Carolina, William Hall South Carolina, Thomas Johnston of Virginia, died Dec. 29, 1832 at age 75, Arch Maharg of South Carolina, age 71, James Robertson of South Carolina, age 71 in 1816, Robert Reed of North Carolina, age 65, Andrew Townshend of South Carolina, age 71 in 1820, John Dill, Maryland, 86 years old in 1850, James Hardwick, John Hicks, Samuel Reed, John Thomason whose wife was Elizabeth Diamond, Jesse Ginn, born in England in 1760, died in St. Clair County 1840, Jones Hardwick, Willy Pope.

Most of these names have lived in St. Clair County until the present day. Many bearing the above revolutionary names are very likely direct descendants of the early American hero's.

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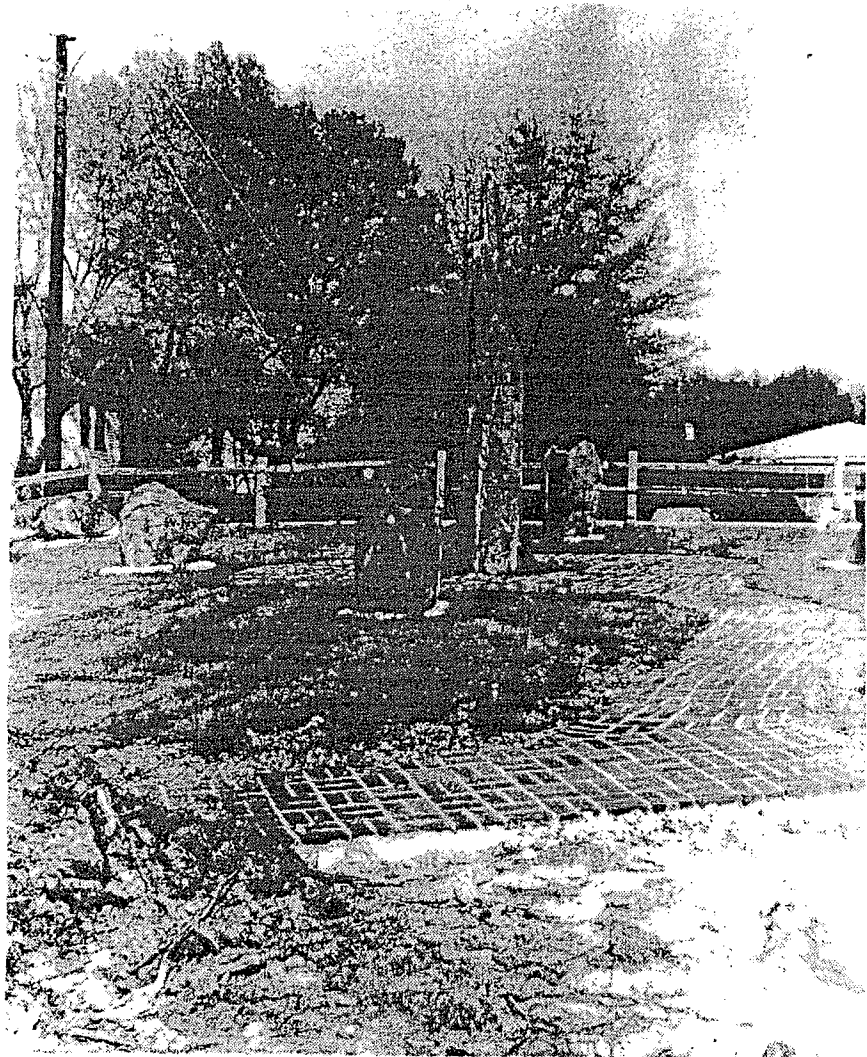
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To Civil War Soldiers -

# Cropwell Marker



Cropwell Historical Marker

# Pays Tribute

BY AUGUST LEHE

Soon after Alabama formally seceded from the Union on January 7, 1861, the call for volunteers went out across St. Clair County. Those men who chose, many with broken hearts, to take the field against almost certain Unionist aggression came from every corner of the county as the trumpets sounded the opening chapters of the American Civil War.

When completed, the Cropwell Memorial Marker will immortalize an important page in the history of St. Clair County during the Civil War period. The monument, which is nearing completion, will eventually list the names of all members of Company F of the 10th Alabama Infantry Regiment and all ancestors of St. Clair County Citizens who fought in the War Between the States, according to Mary Mays of Pell City.

The committee, which has been charged with the task of making the monument a reality is composed of W.D. Jackson,

James E. Ingram, George Williams, Charles Abbot, Bob Cornett and Mary Mays.

At present, all five St. Clair-quarried monoliths have been erected, curbing and lighting have been installed and landscaping is virtually complete. But without additional funding for the erection of the all important plaques, the project may be slowed to a standstill.

The monument's site was donated two years ago by the county. This particular location was selected because it is believed the original volunteers of Company F mustered beneath an ancient apple tree which grew near the present monument area.

In any event, the Cropwell markers may someday pay fitting tribute to the more than two hundred men who left their homes and families to march off to waiting trains at Montvello. Men who fought, fell and died in the snowy battlefields of Northern Virginia alongside the troops of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

