

PLAIN BROWN RAPPER

News of the Brown Family

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WHAT'S NEW?

MAGIC MARKERS

April 25th marks the 50th Wedding Anniversary for Bob and Nancy Treadway. They were married in Cheyenne at the First Presbyterian Church on April 25, 1948. They will host a family supper on April 10th at Little America. Matt and Mary Ann along with Mary's husband Rick, and Mary's children, Tallon and Micah will help with the celebration. Bob and Nancy are now retired, well, sort of retired and enjoying some well earned pleasure time.



April 4 marks the 56th Wedding Anniversary of Roy and Alice. They were married in Oregon and have three wonderful children and four grandchildren. Haven't heard what kind of celebration is on tap for them.

In March, Anna and Norman celebrated 58 years of marriage and Frank and Marilyn celebrated 51 years.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Frank April 8

Marilyn April 19

(I won't print their ages, 39 I think)



CORRECTION!!

For some reason, when I wrote the article about Martha Brown Wyrsh, I didn't finish. I wanted to say that Martha and Jerry have two wonderful children, Peter 8 years old and Molly, 2½ years old.

VIVIAN'S REMODELING IS FINALLY FINISHED

All of Vivian's remodeling is finished and she is very happy, partly because in was such a hassle but mostly because everything looks so wonderful. It was a major project and as any of you know who have gone through

any changes, a real pain in the neck. But its all done now and she is ready for company. Nancy Beardslee Ek Dahl was a real help with everything, painting, moving furniture and all.

If you don't already have it, Vivian's e-mail address is, <vbeardslee@juno.com>.

EASTER



Can you remember Easter Sunday when you were a little boy or girl? I sure can! I remember that we always had new outfits to wear, inside and out. New shoes, dress, socks, petticoats and even sometimes a hat. June always bought new outfits for Pat and I. It was wonderful. I can remember Leah, Betty and June all dressed up for church on Easter Sunday and thinking how beautiful they were in their elegant clothes. I know that we should be thinking of Easter and it's true meaning, however, I also remember the fun it was wearing all those new clothes and of course, that wet spring snow storm that always came along.

THE SALT STORY

When we reach up into our cupboards to get down the box of salt, we probably don't even give it a thought. Its there and if we run out, its cheap and very available. Our Doctors tell us not to use it and we moan that everything tastes flat without it, but, if we didn't have salt, and couldn't get it, then it would be a crisis.

During the Civil War, salt was a premium. The South was out of nearly every necessity and this one was critical to their preservation of food.

Governor Joseph Brown (no relation) decided each household losing a husband or son should receive one half bushel of salt. According to the salt record, Lucinda Nash, wife of John Walker Nash (our great-great-great grandparents) got hers in July of 1862. Frances Nash, wife of Robert Bolt Nash (our great-great grandfather)

grandparents) got hers in July of 1862. Frances Nash, wife of Robert Bolt Nash (our great-great grandfather) was eligible because Robert's son, William Milton Nash had died due to wounds suffered in the Seven Days Battle. On October 18, 1863 Frances wrote to Robert about a number of things, one being the salt. I am inserting a translation of her letter so that you might enjoy it. In case you have forgotten or haven't received one of my other letters, Robert Bolt Nash was our great-great grandfather on Tandy's side. On this date in 1863 he was serving with a Georgia Volunteer outfit, probably the 10th or 36th. There isn't a record of his service in the Georgia Archives. Alice James told me this was not unusual because often times men joining late in the war did not bother to fill out recruiting papers, they just went to war. Or he might have been fighting for someone else (May's issue). He originally married Nancy (I don't have her maiden name) and they had three children; Lucinda (our great grandmother), William Milton and Thomas Washington. Nancy died sometime between 1850 and 1860 and Robert remarried Frances Osborn. Frances was his wife during the Civil War.

Gwinnett County, Ga

October the 18, 1863

Dear husband I rec your kind letter of the 11th I was glad to hear from you. Thes lines leaves me well and hope when thes lines comes to hand that they may find you well Ive nothing of intrust to rite to you I am geting a long with my work tolerable well This week has bin so wet that I han't gethered our field of corn I am going to gether hit at soon as I can Grissom crop we got thirteen lodes of corn and four hundred bunels of foder.

Mr. lanier has sold your apple brandy he got twenty dollars a galon thay was fifteen galons and a half he has paid the money over to me three hundred and ten dolars, I taken up that note the Mr. lanier had on gorge dutton gorge said that if hit was not write with you that he wold rite hit when you come home I want you to come home if you can you dont know how glad I wold be to se you come home Agane our salt have not come yet I send my best respects to walton Camp tel him that I will tel cusin Nancy hody (howdy) the first oportunity so I must close for this time hoping that you will be at home soon So I remaine as ever

your affection wife

*Frances Nash to
R. B. Nash*

The Gwinnett Historical Society printed the list of households receiving salt on July 24, 1863 and Frances Nash was not on the list. Lucinda Nash was on the list and she would have been Robert Bolt Nash's mother. Fun to know. The next list to be printed is the September 21, 1864 list and we'll see if she's on that one.

INFORMATION

In addition to the e-mail addresses we already have are a couple of new ones. Jim Smith, June's pride and joy. He lives in San Rafael, California. <Turbines@pacbell.net> and Charles's Cindy in Connecticut <cindy@kolmar.com> Keep me posted if there are any more.

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Please send any e-mail addresses you might want the family to have and if you think any of your children might like to receive this newsletter, send along their names to me. At this point, I am only sending the news letter to the brothers, sisters and some nieces and nephews who have requested being put on the list. I have an 800 number that is easy to call. 1-800-358-4517. The operator will ask for the p.i.n. which is 436. If you are in an area that does not have touch tone telephone service, then just wait on the line for a live operator (or dial zero) and give her the p.i.n. She will put you right through. Feel free to use it, is generally costs less than the postage stamp.

FAMILY HISTORY

Just found some new information. Mother's grandfather was James B. Davis and her grandmother was Caroline Hall. I also found her as Caladonia Hall. She was always known to us as Cassie. Right now I'm investigating the Cherokee arm of the Family Tree. I have written to the Cherokee Heritage Foundation and they are researching my request. Hope by the time I mail this to have some new information.

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CINDY BROWN

Cindy sent along her e-mail address: <cindy@kolmar.com> and her home address: 244 Rt 209, Port Jervis, NY 12771 (tel. 914-856-4026.

She is anxious to hear from any and all. Send her a card. Her son Brandon graduates in June. He thinks he might take a year off and work before going to school or he might join the Coast Guard. Ryan just turned 16 and wants to drive — (oh woe) — just as soon as he gets his drivers license. He already has his car and he is tired of just looking at it and wants to drive. He has worked all year for an Italian Restaurant and wants to have a better job once he can drive. Tarah (no age given) was just recently accepted into the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) for girls basketball. She's a great player and certainly has the height (5'10"). A real beauty, sweet as can be and an honor student. (Direct quote) Guess maybe this has been the cause for Charles to have to buy a larger hat, these are pretty terrific grandchildren!!!!

NO MORE NEWS

No more news for now. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter and a great spring. Please send articles for the May issue. It will be out about the 25th of April

Lots of love from Bob and Dolfe

No information at this writing but I'll let you know.

DEAR FATHER

The book "Dear Father" is finally in the final phase. If you don't know about the book, I have compiled all the Civil War letters, researched the events surrounding each letter and put them into a book. It is now in the final rewrite, the next step is to put in the copies of the originals, maps and sketches. Then it goes to the printer. Pretty exciting. It will even have a copyright number and a Library of Congress number so no one can use your letters for anything .

Want to thank all my proofreaders. Frank is wonderful, but far too gentle. My writing instructor said, don't use family, they won't want to hurt your feelings. I told him, pooh on that, at least they tell me what I want to hear!!!

Rodney made me sign a disclaimer saying that I wouldn't take him out of the will if he proofed it for me. Susan, Roger's wife and an English teacher, is the best one of all. She is so wonderful and has guided me all the way. What a treasure.

Hope to have the book off the presses in time for Christmas. Had no idea it was such a time consuming project. We've been researching for nearly three years and of course, I had to travel to those places, couldn't use someone else's information.