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This is the official newsletter of the Savannah River Valley Genealogical Society which has been published monthly since March of 1987 (except July & August). Our dues are **\$15.00 a year** for individual or family membership receiving one newsletter. The expiration date of your membership is on the top line of your address label. **Please be sure and pay your dues by the date on your label.** Information for the newsletter is greatly appreciated. Queries are free, so get yours in today.

**The SRVGS meeting will be held  
Monday night, November 18, 2019  
7pm at the Community Clubhouse  
519 Howell Street, Hartwell, Georgia.  
We will have as our guest speaker,  
Veteran, Bill Fogerty, who will tell  
us about His years in service and  
his recent trip or Normandy.**

**We will not have a meeting or a Newsletter in  
December. Enjoy this time with your family.**

**Below is Cleveland Reunion that was found in the  
newspaper and also a birthday celebration of W. F.  
Clark.**

*The Hartwell Sun*, Hartwell, Georgia  
Issue: Friday, 19 Jul 1935

### **Cleveland Family Reunion Held Wednesday, Jul 3**

On Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, a reunion was held in Hart county of the Cleveland family descendants of **George W. Cleveland**, who has a most interesting history. Mr. Cleveland, his father and three brothers were all in the Confederate army in the 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Regiment and the father was killed in battle near Macon.

His brother, **Jasper**, died in service at Suffolk, Va., and Mr. Cleveland was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., April 3, 1863. For some years Mr. Cleveland was tax recorder for Hart County, also tax collector a short time before his death.

He was twice married. His first wife was **Miss Martha Allen**. There were three children by this marriage, **Mrs. Asa Skelton, Mrs. Tensley Vickery and T. M. Cleveland**, of Hackleburg, Ala.

His second marriage was to **Miss Evelyn Smith**. There were ten children by this marriage. Five of these are living: **John, Reuben, Anderson, Ira and Mrs. A. J. Crawford**, of Williamston, S.C. There are about seventy grandchildren and a large number of great grandchildren.

The home where this reunion was held was deeded by the government to the great-great grandfather of Mr. Cleveland in 1774, and is still in the Cleveland family. This ancestor came from Virginia in 1770, settling near Knox Bridge on the South Carolina side of the Tugalo river.

At King's Mountain, N.C., there is a monument in honor of **Captain Ben Cleveland**, a relative of George W. Cleveland. This family has been traced back thirteen generations to England, where they found many of the family names which have been used in the families of Clevelands until this day.

The coat-of-arms of the Cleveland family bears these words: Once your friend; always your friend.

Before Mt. Hebron church was organized, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland were members of the old Line church where the first criminal court in the county of Hart was held. It was from this church that four young men went into service of the Confederacy; all came back together and all were preachers; one of these was the brother of Mrs. Cleveland.

For eight years, Mrs. Cleveland has been an invalid. She has a remarkable memory, and talks interestingly of the days before and after the war. Her home is a gathering place for the community and all in the community call her "Granny." They love her and love to go see her.

At this reunion she seemed to enjoy it as much as any of the younger generation, although it was her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. She could not join them around the table; she sat on the porch and took an interest in all the proceedings.

There were representatives of this family from South Carolina as well as Georgia, and it was a great day of reminiscences also of historical information.

This bit of history of the Cleveland family was sent in by Rufus Waters.

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*The Hartwell Sun*, Hartwell, Georgia  
Issue: Friday, 23 Aug 1935

**Mr. W. F. Clark Honored**

Mr. W. F. Clark was honored on August 18<sup>th</sup> with a birthday dinner. Mr. Clark celebrated his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday. He received many useful gifts from friends and relatives.

The birthday dinner was served in the open. The center of the table held a large pink and white cake lighted with candles.

There were about a hundred and fifteen present to celebrate this occasion.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clark, Imogene, Adron, Guy, Ralph and Theron Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vollrath, Ruth, Inez, Junior and Paul Vollrath, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Betty Mae Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Clark, Mrs. Vinnie Clark, Miss Norcy Clark, Mr. Berry Clark, Mr. Aubrey Clark, Mr. James Harold Clark, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clark, Miss Elizabeth McClellan, Miss Stella McClellan, Mr. Jonathan McClellan, Master Johnny McClellan, Master James

McClellan, Miss Ruby McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Temples, Mary Catherine Temples, William Reece Temples, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jenkins, Mrs. L. J. Herring, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hays, Earlene Hays, Joe Fred, Marjorie, Mary Lester Hays, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jowell, Woodrow, Lindsey, Gene, Frank, Dan Roy, Harold Powell, Misses Christine, Martha, Ruth, Polly, Genette Powell, Erskine Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Ginn, Alton, Ralph, Edna Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ray, Billy, Charles, Wilmer, Inman, Alton Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lunsford, Ellie, Erskine, Orin Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Temples, Imogene and Amos Cleveland, Gerald Temples, Mrs. Ora Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moorhead, Hugh, Charles, Ralph and Peggy Moorhead, Mr. and Mrs. John Moorhead, Mrs. Waco Bowers, Miss Elsie and Miss Marjorie Bowers, and Chapman Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saxon, George Saxon, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Saxon, Mrs. Alec Elrod, Miss Virginia Elrod, Miss Lorene Elrod, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Morris, Miss Lillian Applewhite and Master Roy Applewhite.

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The Abstracts of Obituaries and Marriages will continue in the January Newsletter.

If you have anything to contribute to the Newsletter please email David Ray at [davidr@hartcom.net](mailto:davidr@hartcom.net).

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**Genealogical Items for sale from SRVGS**

Please send your request to SRVGS, PO Box 895, Hartwell, GA 30643. All prices include shipping & handling.

<i>The Hart of Georgia, A History of Hart County, Georgia</i> .....	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<i>The Cemeteries of Hart County, Georgia</i> .....	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<i>Obituaries Abstracted from the Hartwell Sun Newspapers, 1903-1922</i> (by SRVGS) .....	\$20.00
<i>Obituaries Abstracted from the Hartwell Sun Newspapers, 1877-1902</i> (by SRVGS) .....	\$20.00
<i>Pioneers of Hart County</i> by Travis Parker .....	\$27.00
<i>Roots of Cooking Along the Savannah River Valley,</i> <i>cookbook of old area recipes, including a chapter on Cherokee cooking</i> .....	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<i>Hart County Marriages (white), 1854-1898</i> (by SRVGS).....	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<i>Black Marriage Records, Hart County, Georgia 1866-1923</i> (by SRVGS) .....	\$12.00
1889 Map of Hart County, Georgia .....	\$14.00
1903 Map of Hart County, Georgia .....	\$14.00
1928 Map of Hart County, Georgia .....	\$14.00

**NOTE:** *The Hart of Georgia* book, Cemeteries of Hart County and Hart County Marriage Book (white) is now **SOLD OUT**. If you wish for a look-up and copy of what is found on your request please email your request to [brharbin@hartcom.net](mailto:brharbin@hartcom.net). Write Lookup in subject line. I will email you back about what is found and the number of pages to be copied. Cost of copies 25 cents per page plus postage. Money goes to SRVGS.