

## Welcome . . .

. . . to the second issue of the Summitt Quarterly Newsletter. We've been very pleased with the response to this endeavor. We've had phone calls, letters, and e-mail messages from relatives that Paul hasn't heard from in ages. The result is that we are looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion. We're going to bring our video and still cameras and would like to interview all of you. For the fall issue we'd like to include pictures from the reunion as well as some information about all of us. We'd also like to use the video camera to create the beginnings of an audio/video history of the family. If you have any ideas about this project please let us know.

This issue we're going to look at Jonathan Summitt, James Lee Summitt's father. We'll also take a look at some pictures of James Lee that people brought to our attention since the last issue.

Anytime you have anything that you think other Summitts would be interested in, please bring it to our attention. We'd all like to see what you have. We now have subscribers in Arkansas, Missouri, and Virginia. We'd like to see other states, particularly Indiana and Tennessee, represented. Also, if any of you have information concerning James Lee's bounty land here in Kansas, let us know.

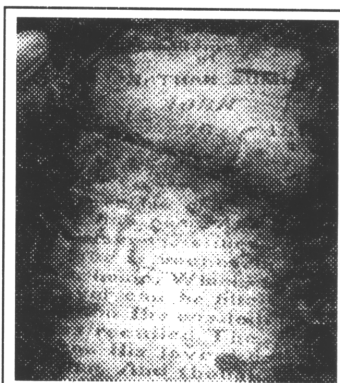
See you at the reunion.

Paul and Mary

## Jonathan Summitt

Born: January 26, 1817  
 Father: Daniel Summitt, April 5, 1795  
 Mother: Sarah Moser, May 24, 1795  
 Married: November 5, 1837  
 Betty Saphiro Butler, Born July 1, 1816  
 Children: James Lee Summitt, October 1, 1840  
 Nancy Jane Summitt, August 22, 1842  
 Mary Muhaly Summitt, November 8, 1849  
 Death: Monroe County, TN, June 17, 1896  
 Buried: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Old Cemetery, Monroe County, TN

*(Paul found Jonathan's gravestone in the Old Cemetery at St. Paul's Lutheran Church there in Monroe County, TN. This picture was taken in July of 1988. The gravestone had been shoved over and broken. If anyone knows if it has been restored or is still in this same condition please let us know.)*



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# Census Data

1850

## 1840

The first census that Paul was able to find Jonathan in is the 1840 census for Monroe County, TN. The date of Paul's search was August 22, 1977 and he looked at a microfilm copy, Reel #168, Frame # 21, that he found in the Genealogical Library of the Arkansas Historical Society in Little Rock, AR. Paul's notes say that the following information was taken from page 194 of the original census. At the point in time of the 1840 census there were only Jonathan and his wife, although she must have been pregnant with James Lee. Both were listed as between the ages of twenty and thirty. The census spells Jonathan's last name with only one "t". Also listed in this census are Sarah Summit and Esnos Summit. Sarah, of course, was Jonathan's mother. Daniel, his father, had died in 1838. The census lists three males ages five to ten, one male age ten to fifteen, one male age fifteen to twenty, two females ages ten to fifteen, one female age twenty to thirty, and one female age forty to fifty living in Sarah's household. Esnos Summit is listed with one male age thirty to forty, two females age under five, and one female age twenty to thirty. Paul's notes question if this is Esavias/Eusabius Summit, Jonathan's brother.

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Jonathan and his family can be found in the 1850 census for Monroe County, TN. Again, Paul's search was dated August 22, 1977, and he originally looked at a microfilm copy found in the Genealogical Library of the Arkansas Historical Society in Little Rock, AR. Paul's notes for the date of the original census say it was done on October 9, 1850, but a photocopy of the census page gives the date as September 11, 1850. What happened here may be that the census taker interviewed Jonathan on September 11 and the information was enumerated on October 9. Jonathan and his family are listed as living in dwelling #453, family #453. Jonathan is listed as being a white male aged thirty-three. His occupation is listed as farmer. The value of his real estate is placed at \$250. He is listed as having been born in Tennessee. Paul's notes question this listing both South and North Carolina as possibilities. He is listed as not being able to read or write. His wife is listed as Betsey S., a white female age thirty-three, born in Tennessee, and not able to read or write. Paul questions this just a little bit as the family Bible we have was hers. Maybe she learned how to read and write later but the Bible was published in the 1830's. James Lee is listed as a nine year old white male born in Tennessee and having been in school during the current year. Nancy Jane is listed as a seven year old white female born in Tennessee and also having been in school during the current year. Mary M. is listed as being a seven month old white female born in Tennessee.

There are a couple of other interesting entries in this census that I'd like to bring to light here. First, dwelling #452, family #452, belonged to a Jesse Butler, aged fifty-five.

Jesse Butler is listed as a white male farmer born in South Carolina. His real estate is valued at \$200. His wife was Mary, a white, fifty-three year old female born in Tennessee. Both are listed as being able to read and write. One child, John, a thirteen year old white male currently in school and born in Tennessee, is also listed. Our question here is are these Betty S. Butler's parents and brother?

Second point of interest: dwelling # 27, family #21 lists a M.L. Summit, age nineteen. His is listed as a white male student having been born in Georgia. Where does he fit?

And lastly: Roll #891, Sheet # 134, entry #952, lists a Francis Summit, age twenty-four. He is listed as a white male farmer born in Tennessee. His wife is listed as Emaline, a white female age twenty-two born in Virginia. They have two children, Daniel, a two year old white male, and Louisa, a three month old white female. Where do they fit?



The above photo is of James Lee Summitt and James Mack Burcham. James Lee is on the left. It was scanned in from Rose Horner's History and Genealogy of Buffalo Township (1973). Does anybody know who has the original photograph?

## 1860

Jonathan and his family can be found in the 1860 census for Monroe County, TN. Again, my search was dated August 22, 1977, and I originally looked at a microfilm copy found in the Geneological Library of the Arkansas Historical Society in Little Rock, AR. My notes say that this information was taken from the 5th district Post Office in Sweetwater, TN, June 1860, Vol. 14, p. 64, entry #457, family #478.

Here Jonathan is listed as being a white male forty-two year old farmer. His real estate is valued at \$1500 and his personal property at \$500. His birthplace is listed as Tennessee. His wife is listed as Saphiro, a forty-two year old white female also born in Tennessee. Only one child, Mary M., a nine year old white female who was currently in school, is listed.

Other listings that are of interest include Peter Summitt, Joseph Summitt, Esarbius Summet, and John Summitt.

Peter Summitt can be found in Volume 14, page 72, entry #529, family #540. Peter is listed as being a twenty-five year old white male farmer born in Tennessee. His real estate is valued at \$500. His wife is Nancy J., a twenty-four year old white female born in Tennessee. There are three children listed: James O., a four year old white male born in Tennessee, Joseph S., a three year old white male born in Tennessee, and Susanna, a four month old white female born in Tennessee. There are also two other people living in the house, G. W. Vincent, a fourteen year old white male probably born in Massachusetts, and Hannah Glemmer, a seventy-three year old white female born in Tennessee.

## Summitt Family 1913 Cardwell, MO

This photograph was also scanned in from Rose Horner's book. The picture was taken sometime in 1913 and shows many of the Summitts who lived in Cardwell, MO, at that point in time. Does anyone know where the original photograph is located?



Left to right -- Emma (Barbara) Summitt, Olané, Anna and Cha with baby, Jim Buchanan, Charles, Katy holding Raymond, Herbert, John, Aust. Mollie (Mae), George, Nathan, -- Children in front row, Doris Beasley, Kean Summitt, Paul Summitt, Florence Summitt's sons, Robert Paulson, Elsie Young and children. -- Grandpa and Grandma James L. Summitt holding young baby. Behind Grandpa is Aunt Della holding baby John Young, Mrs. Elsie's husband, Earl Summitt. -- Children in front row with Bob Paulson.

In the 1860 census for the 9th district, Vol. 14, p. 119, entry #860, family #880, Joseph Summitt is listed with his family. Joseph is listed as a thirty-six year old white male farmer, born in Tennessee. His personal property was valued at \$1000. His wife is listed as Isabella, a thirty year old white female born in Tennessee. They had two children, Jacob E., a three year old white male, and David L., a two year old white male, both born in Tennessee. There were also two others living in this household, Leonard Martin, a twenty-one year old white male clerk, born in Tennessee with personal property valued at \$120, and B. F. Growder, an eighteen year old white male clerk born in Tennessee. Both of these young men had attended school during the current year.

Page 121, dwelling #874, family #875, lists Esarbius (is this Eusabius?) Summet. He is listed as a forty year old white male farmer born in North Carolina, having real estate valued at \$1500 and personal property valued at \$600. His wife is listed as Sarah, a thirty-three year old white female born in Tennessee. There are ten others listed in the household. Sarah A., age twenty, a white female laborer born in Tennessee, Hannah, an eighteen year old white female laborer born in Tennessee, Lidia C., a sixteen year old white female laborer born in Tennessee, Susanna, a twelve year old white female born in Tennessee, Daniel, a fourteen year old white male born in Tennessee, Martin, a ten year old white male born in Tennessee, Davious, an eight year old white male born in Tennessee, Lucinda, a six year old white female born in Tennessee, Rachel, a three year old white female born in Tennessee, and James H., a one year old white male born in Tennessee.

Page 124, dwelling #906, family #927, has John Summitt, a thirteen year old white male born in Tennessee living with the John Maiser family.

Note: Dad sent us a copy of a very nice letter from Flora Mae (Summitt) Keene of Knoxville, TN. The letter was addressed to Mary Jo Fry. Mrs. Keene lists her Great-Great-Grandfather as Jacob Eusebius Summitt (see discussion of Eusebius Summitt this newsletter). She also says that she wishes that someone could publish a book on the Summitt family. Paul's long wished to publish one on James Lee. Maybe we can do something about both of these wishes. What do you think? Anybody interested?

## 1870

The fifth civil district census for Monroe County, TN, page 4, spread 45, dwelling #24, family #26, lists a John Summitt, a fifty-three year old white male born in Tennessee. His wife is Sophie, a fifty-three year old white female born in Tennessee. There are two children listed here, Martha, an eight year old white female born in Tennessee, and James, a seven year old white male born in Tennessee. This is Jonathan and the two children, as we will see in the 1880 census, are his grandchildren born to Nancy Jane. Paul's original information was found in the census materials discussed earlier from 1877. He also found information in Paul C. Summitt's notes dated March 26, 1969, which he transcribed on September 11, 1985.

Peter Summitt and John Summitt are also listed in the Monroe County Census for 1870. Peter is listed on page 4, spread 83, dwelling # 21, family #21, 9th Civil District, as a thirty-six year old white male born in Tennessee. His wife, Nancy, is listed as a thirty-three year old white female also born in Tennessee. All seven of the children are listed as being born in Tennessee. They are James, white male age fourteen, Joseph, white male age thirteen, Susanna, white female age nine, Josephine, white female age eight, Elizabeth, white female age five, William, white male age four, and Isabel, white female age two.

John Summitt is listed on page 6, spread 84, dwelling #35, family #35, 9th Civil District, as a twenty-four year old white male living with John and Mary Moses (Moser?), ages seventy-six and sixty-four respectively.

## 1880

Jonathan is listed in the fifth civil district census for Loudon County, TN, page 7, dwelling #42, family #42, according to notes Paul copied from Paul C. Summitt on September 11, 1985. Our photocopy of the census page looks like page 4. He is listed simply as J. Summitt (this is the first time Paul's found any census spelling Summitt with two "t's"). He is listed as a sixty-four year old white male farmer born in Tennessee. His father and mother are listed as having been born in North Carolina. His wife is listed as B. S. Summitt, a sixty-four year old white female homemaker whose parents were born in South Carolina and Tennessee.

Two others are listed as living in the household. They are M. J. Pardew, a single nineteen year old white female granddaughter born in Tennessee, and J.M. Pardew, a single eighteen year old white male grandson also born in Tennessee.

Their mother, Nancy Jane Summitt, born August 22, 1842, married a J. Pardue on April 5, 1860. She died December 9, 1864. According to Betty S. Butler Summitt's Family Bible, Martha Pardew was born August 30, 1860, and James Pardew was born December 30, 1862. Nancy's husband, J. Pardue, disappeared after Nancy's death from any records Paul has been able to uncover. His name was scratched through in the Bible. He apparently left the two children to be raised by their grandparents, Jonathan and Betty Summitt.

## 1890

The 1890 census was almost totally destroyed by fire. Paul has not found any records pertaining to Jonathan during this period and he died in 1896 so there would be no record of him in 1900. Paul also has no record of when Betty S. Butler Summitt died. We have not been able to look through the 1900 census information yet to see if she is listed there in Monroe or Loudon County.

A couple of items pertaining to Jonathan were in the Family Bible. One was a grocery bill dated 1840 in the name of Jonathan Summitt, Sr. On February 15th the bill reads:

|           |                 |     |      |     |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|------|-----|
| To Credit | 3 qts whiskey   | gd  | .37  | 1/2 |
| To Credit | 3 qts           | 1/h | .75  |     |
| To Credit | 3 gal whiskey   | 4/h | 2.25 |     |
| To Credit | 1 qt brandy     |     | .25  |     |
| To Credit | 1/2 gal whiskey |     | .31  | 1/4 |

On April 26th the bill reads:

|           |        |            |
|-----------|--------|------------|
| To Credit | Crocks | 2.00       |
| To Cash   |        | .50        |
|           |        | \$6.43 3/4 |

There was also a bill for some apple trees in the Bible as well as a statement reading:

IN LOUDON COUNTY, TENN. on Feb. 2, 1891, Jonathan Summitt paid eight dollars in full for taxes for the year 1890 in District No. 5 in cash to W. H. Anderson, Trustee.

There was also a post card addressed:

To Jonathan Summitt of Tiney, Tenn.

From Eve Mills, Tenn.

June 18, 1889.

Dear Sir:

Father's and Mother's funeral will be preached next Sunday. Tell anyone that you think would like to come. It will be preached by Summitt and Rogers.

Yours Truly:  
W.H. Davis

The picture to the right was sent to me by Jeanne Peel. Actually, she sent a photocopy of a picture and I have scanned it in to include here in the newsletter.

The man with the #1 on his chest is identified as James Lee Summitt. The woman to his left is Lucy Francis White Young Summitt. John Franklin Summitt is the man standing to her left with the X over his head. #4 is not identified. Chester Alba Summitt is #5, Nathan H. Summitt is #6, Nancy Summitt is #7, #8 is identified as Virgil, #9 is identified as Cordelia or "Aunt Delia," and #10 and #11 are not identified.

Jeanne also sent the following list of James Lee's children.

William Henry - died at age 39

Jonathan Lee - died at birth

Nancy Jane - died at age 34

Nathan H. - died at age 47

John Franklin

Robert Francis

James A.

Chester Alba

Cordelia Elizabeth

Joseph Homer

George Weekly

Virgil Anderson

If you can identify the three individuals in the picture, let us know. Also, Jeanne, where can we get a copy of the original photograph?



## James Lee and his family

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