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As we close yet another year, we must reflect on the major events that took place, and we feel we should comment on one of them. The Bi-centennial of the birth of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, the greatest nation the world has ever known. In the late 1700's, the critics said it would never work, referring to the basic concept of democracy, but it certainly did, and why? PEOPLE, that's why! Some of them were surnamed TULLIS, our honored ancestors. Today, the Nation is facing tremendous problems, and we hear negative comments about the future, but, a lesson that went unlearned by the so-called critics, was the fabulous showing made by the AMERICAN PEOPLE to call attention to our Countries two hundredth birthday. It was a spontaneous celebration, no governing body directing the activities. Communities, big and small, individuals and groups all helped to put it together. One man, a sailing ship buff, thought it would be great to have the world's surviving sailing ships visit the United

States as both a tribute to the Bi-centennial and to the past, which their very presence would recall. He got the "ball" rolling, and on July 4th, one of the biggest, if not the biggest show ever witnessed by the world was staged in New York harbor. An estimated three million people lined the shores of the Hudson River to watch the ships parade up that river. Another one hundred and twenty five million watched the event on television.

And yet, a city such as New York, with it's alleged reputation for crime ridden streets and lawless gangs, had three million people participate in a single event and NOT ONE REPORTED incident requiring the Police to take action. Why? Because the PEOPLE would not stand for a disturbance of any kind!

There was much talk of violence and protests, and some officials feared we would have terrorist attacks and bombings, etc. THERE WERE NONE! Why? The terrorists could see long before the 4th of July, that the AMERICAN PEOPLE would not stand for it, so there weren't any acts of violence.

Today, while walking along a Southern California shopping mall, with hundreds of busy Christmas shoppers running about, we could not help but notice the number of people wearing miniture American flags. We counted over forty such pins in less then half an hour. Where were those so-called experts who claim patriotism is dead?

We also noted with interest that not a single family newsletter (such as this publication) failed this year, inspite of rizing costs, and we further understand there are quite a few new ones. The critics say that the traditional family is dying out and we are a people without roots. Where were they this year, did they not see what kind of people we AMERICANS are?

The TULLIS TRACER is not the proper forum for this type of editorial, but it does have a direct bearing. The TULLIS TRACER is a family newsletter aimed at preserving the history of four families bearing the surname TULLIS. Families with roots in colonial America, who's forebearers helped shape this Country. The mailing list of this publication has grown to over three hundred, and yet, the critics of the American Family say the family system is breaking up. This publication and others like it, prove,

without a doubt, that the American family system is not only alive and well, but increasing in it's strength.

The hope of the future of this Country, and for that matter, the entire world, is the AMERICAN PEOPLE, People like the TULLIS Family, and by the people's actions this year, 1976, we can look forward to the Tri-centennial with the assurance that it will be bigger and better then then this years celebration. Our descendants will be prouder than we are, if that's possible.

So this Holiday Season, give thanks that we have so much to be thankful for, and then say, GOD BLESS AMERICA.

The Editors

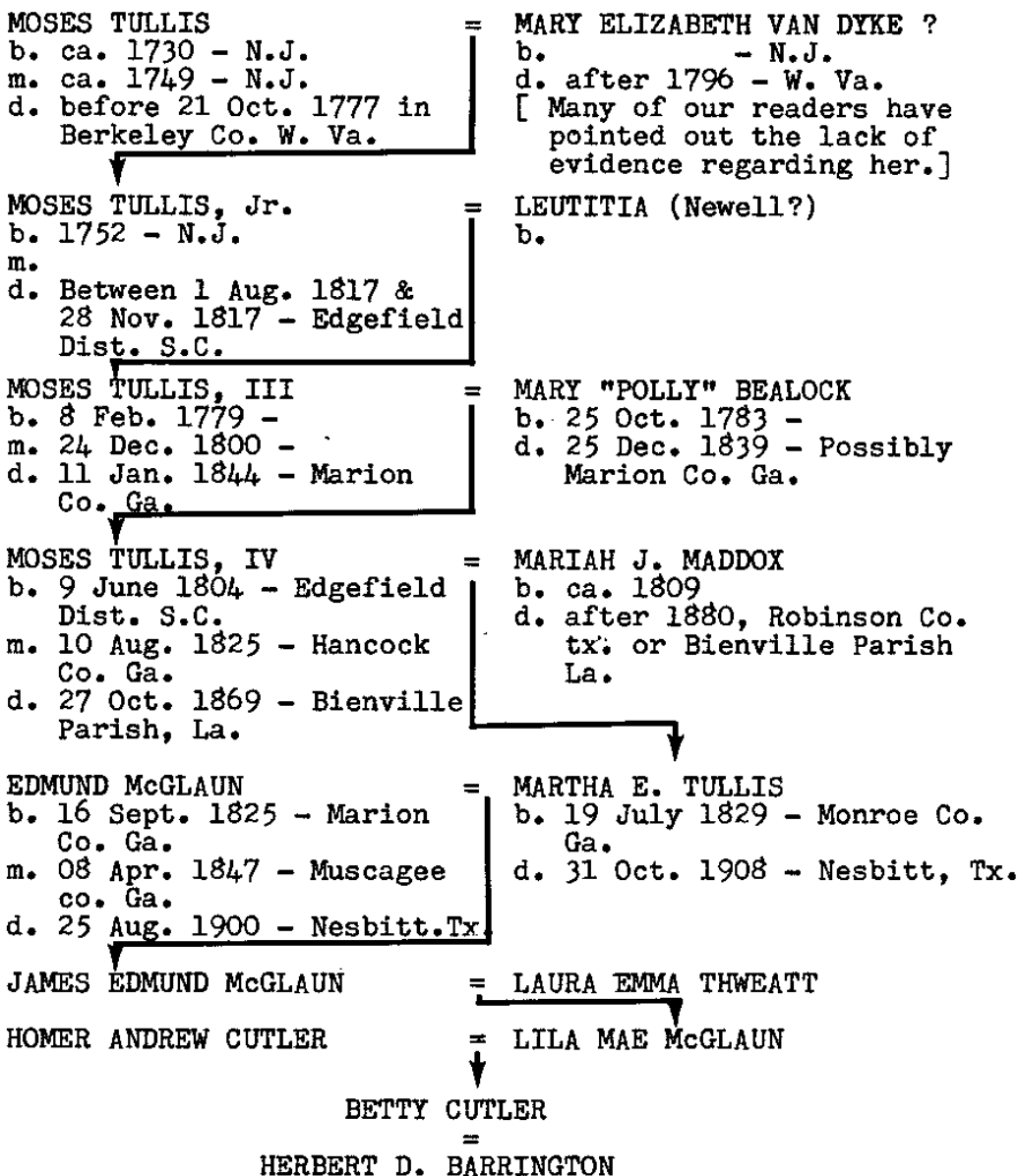


We regret that we are unable to publish all four issues this year, but circumstances beyond our control intervened. We will endeavor to maintain the promised schedule this forthcoming year, with one issue every three months. The problem has been one of both time and economics. When we first started this project, we intended to reach as many members of the TULLIS family as possible. To that end we decided not to charge a subscription fee. Well intended, but unworkable. Last year we were forced to establish a \$3.00 per year subscription fee, which has helped greatly. But, we are still carrying many of the individuals who's names we found prior to the institution of that charge. Over forty of those people have never acknowledged receipt of the TULLIS TRACER, accordingly, we are herein advising, that we will not go back on our word, and there will not be a subscription fee for those people on our mailing list prior to January 1st, 1976, but if we do not receive a note/letter/post card from those individuals mentioned above, they will be dropped from the mailing list.

We regret this action, but it is absolutely necessary for the survival of this publication. We can no longer carry those who will not even advise us whether or not they wish to receive it.

The Editors

A Tullis Line



Lt. John W. Tullis, c.s.a.

Among the names conspicuous in the commercial circles of Barbour County, Alabama, none added more luster to the city of Eufaula than that of JOHN W. TULLIS. For a number of years he was one of the leading merchants of Southern Alabama. John Tullis was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina, on October 3rd, 1839, and was the son of Pleasant Thurmond Tullis (1807-1884) and Mary A. Beall (1812-1886) [See Vol. 1 no. 2 - "A TEXAS TULLIS" for additional information]. P. T. TULLIS was a planter by occupation, and moved his family to Macon County, Alabama when John W. was but six months old, and after residing in that part of the State until 1859, moved to Pike County, where he died in 1884 and his wife two years later.

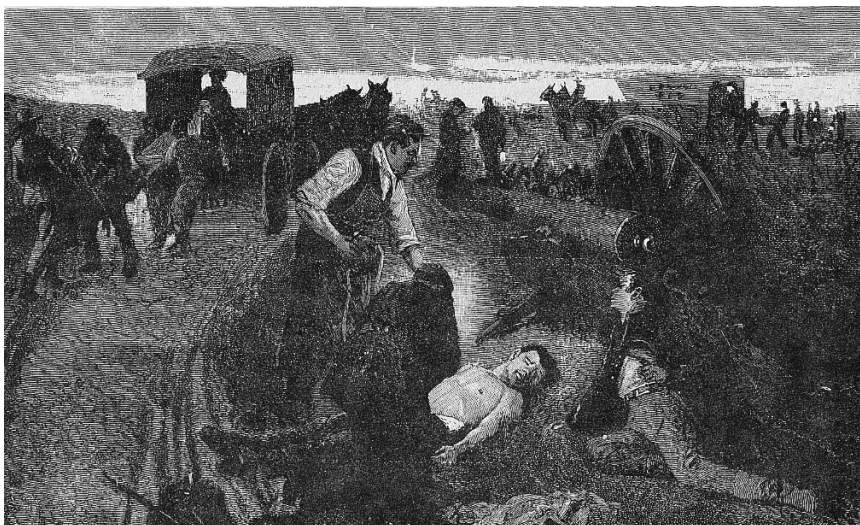


Hardway's Battery in action at Fredericksburg, Virginia

John W. Tullis spent the first sixteen years of his life on a farm. The educational advantages afforded him in youth were not the best nor were they meager, but through the avenues of subsequent years of wide experience, and being naturally of strong intellect and keen discerning powers, he became possessed of a well informed mind, recognized wisdom and sound judgement.

He had the honor of holding a lieutenant's commission in the first company accepted by the Confederate Government, Hardway's Battery (artillery), which he joined in 1861, and immediately thereafter departed for the seat of the Civil War, Virginia.

He received his baptism of fire in the bloody battle of Bull Run. Subsequently he took part in all the principal battles of the Virginia Campaigns, including: Seven Days Fight (around Richmond), The battle of Sharpsburg, the Battle of Fredericksburg, the battle of the Wilderness and then Gettysburg. In the last of which he had his left foot shot away at the ankle, leaving him helpless upon the battle field and a prisoner in the hands of the Union Army, after the Confederate Army under General Robert E. Lee had to retire from that place. He was sent first to the hospital at Gettysburg, thence to Fort McHenry, and later to Point Lookout, where he was exchanged after confinement of nine months' duration.



Returning to Columbus, Georgia, John Tullis was placed in command of an artillery company raised for home protection. Toward the end of the Civil War he was engaged in the Warehouse business at that place until the fall of 1866, at which time he went to Eufaula and began dealing in cotton.

He was one of the largest buyers and exporters of cotton in Southern Alabama, and his success bears unmistakable testimony to his superior business qualifications. He was always identified with public movements of his city and county, his public spirit and being active in the rebuilding of the South denotes his progressive character, and Alabama owes him much of its present prosperity as he was a prime mover, and a leading stock holder in the Electric light and Gas Works. He also established a Cotton factory, of which he was president. He also led the way in founding free schools and served as chairman of the educational board of Eufaula, and also as director in five of the lines of the central railroad system.

It is said of John Tullis, throughout his long and successful business career that his record was untarnished by a single dishonorable transaction. Success had attended him in all his efforts, and, although being crippled by the war, he made a very comfortable life for himself.

John W. Tullis was the father of four children; Charles D. Tullis (Who was a member of the cotton firm of CHAFFIN & TULLIS, Ozark, Alabama: John W. Tullis, Jr. who graduated from the university of Alabama: Clayton L. Tullis who owned a hardware store in Eufaula. A fourth son, Robert W. died in infancy. The mother of these children Mary C. Woods, whom Mr. Tullis married in 1867, was the daughter of Clayton R. Woods, a member of one of the old and respectable families of Eufaula. Mrs. Tullis was born and raised in Barbour County.

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The above biography was taken from the "Memorial record of Alabama" pages 466 thru 468.

A Tullis Bible Record

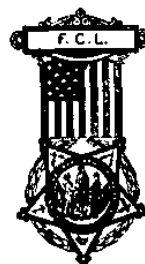


his TULLIS FAMILY BIBLE RECORD is from an old Bible owned by Mrs. Marie Tullis Cole. It was partially destroyed by fire early this century, however, a comparison of some of the entries, with those from Thomas Summerset Tullis' Civil War enlistment documents obtained from the National Archives indicates that this is the very same Bible he showed the Public Notary to prove his age. Our thanks, again, to Mrs. Cole for submitting this interesting record.

- WILLIAM HERNY TULLIS, son of Moses & Mary Tullis, was born Oct. 1st, 1842
- MOSES TULLIS, husband of Mary Summerset Tullis died 26 April 1879 aged 74 years, 8 months and nine days at Nahaska Co. Iowa.
- THOMAS SUMMERSET, father of Mary Tullis was born June 15th 1754 and died March 5th, 1834.
- AMOS TULLIS, father of MOSES TULLIS died 11 May 1861, aged 88 years, 9 months.
- J. W. TULLIS and MARGARET TROUP were married May 2nd, 1850 by Rev. Ward at Van Wert, Ohio.
- CATHERINE TULLIS, daughter of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was born 11 July 1844 in Shelby Co. Ind.
- AMOS LANGDON TULLIS son of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was born April 1st, 1852 in Van Wert, Oh.
- MARY ANN TULLIS, dau. of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was born: March 8th, 1857 in Lucas Co. Ind.
- JAMES W. TULLIS, son of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was born Feb. 23rd, 1828 in Highland Co. Ohio.
- REBECCA ANN TULLIS, dau. of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was born Nov. 18th, 1829 in Clinton Co. Oh.
- S. M. TULLIS and MARTHY TULLIS were joined in Marriage on April 2nd, 1870 at Ottumora, Iowa.
- MOSES TULLIS son of AMOS TULLIS, was born Aug. 17th in Warren Co. Ohio. (No year give)
- ISAAC TULLIS, son of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was born June 29, 1837 in White Co. Ind.
- NANCY ELIZABETH TULLIS, dau. of MOSES was born Feb. 23rd, 1839 in Rush Co. Ind.
- THOMAS SUMMERSET TULLIS son of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was born 23 Feb. 1835 in Rush Co. Ind.
- ISAAC TULLIS, son of MOSES died June 30, 1837, age 11 years in White Co. Ind.

MOSES G. TULLIS & MARY SUMMERSET were united in marriage
 June 7th, 1827, in Rufs Co. Ohio
 JOHN S. TULLIS, son of MOSES & MARY TULLIS was married to
 ELIZA WALKER Nov. 13, 1856.
 JOHN S. TULLIS son of MOSES was born March 2nd, 1832 in
 Clinton Co. Ohio.
 MARY SUMMERSET TULLIS, wife of MOSES TULLIS, died May
 24th, 1880 at Nakasha Co. Iowa.

Hereditary Register

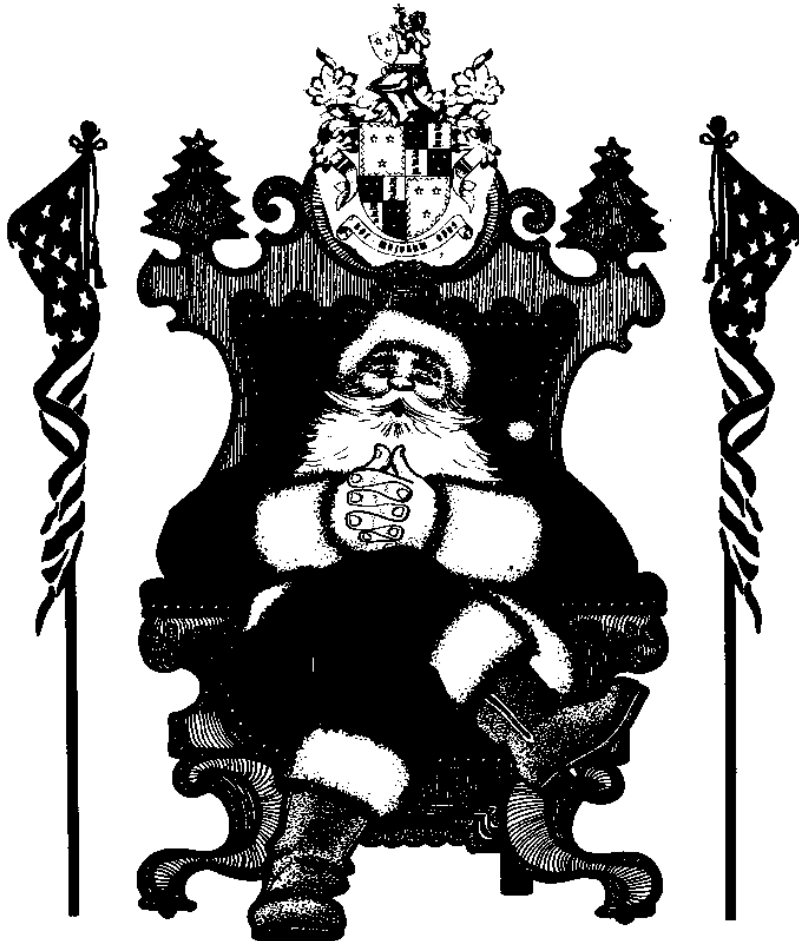


- Mrs. MARY JANE TULLIS BENNETT -- has joined the "Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic on her descent from THOMAS SUMMERSET TULLIS (see Vol. 1 no. 2 for his biography).
- Mr. RICHARD C. HANSEN (See Vol. II, no 2 for his family) has joined the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.
- MRS. LINDA TULLIS MORAN (co-editor of this newsletter) has joined the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION on her descent from Thomas Summerset (grandfather of Thomas S. Tullis mentioned above.)

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