



The Tipton Family Association of America Newsletter

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President Comments

Hello Family, we at TFAA hope everyone is happy, healthy and safe. Your board members have been trying to get things back to normal after the past couple of years of total chaos, but I believe we are on the road to making TFAA the best it can be!

Our 2022 Conference/Reunion [*October 7, 8, 9—ed.*] is quickly approaching and we are not only excited to meet new cousins but are happy to say the three day agenda is filled with so much exciting information and presentations. There is a banquet planned for Sunday evening and a Tipton Talent show. ***If you are planning on attending and are not on the list of attendees please let us know ASAP*** so that we may include you. peachyrose56@gmail.com

TFAA VP Kathy Brewster Price will be leaving her position on the board and starting a different chapter of life. Thank you Kathy for your time, talent and energy while serving on the board and happy trails!

We are growing by leaps and bounds and are excited! Thank you to all of our new Facebook and TFAA members. Some of the new members are just starting their research and have tons of questions or are looking for a specific person and ask for our help but of course we do NOT have all of the answers and seek your help, so if you have information pertaining to Tipton research and/or family please share with them and TFAA so we may share it on the website or in the newsletter.

See you in October.

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NOTES FROM OUR RESEARCH DIRECTOR

CHARLOTTE'S TIPTON GENIE TIP

Many of our Tiptons descend from those who migrated to Georgia. An Internet site which may be helpful in finding records for our Georgia Tiptons is the Georgia Archives Virtual Vault.

The Georgia Virtual Vault provides access to historical Georgia manuscripts, photographs, maps, and government records that are housed in the state archives. These documents range from 1733 to the present.

In addition, images for marriage records and death records from 1919 through 1927 with some from 1914-1928 are available. Bible and church records, military records, wills, and others may be found in the vault. Another category is Vanishing Georgia, a collection of photographs depicting life in Georgia with the intent of documenting the lives of Georgians from all walks of life.

You will not need to login to the Virtual Vault in order to search for the collections. You may start your search by entering a keyword in the “search” box, or by selecting the collection you wish to search. It will take a little practice to learn how to use the site effectively. Also, you will need to be careful how you use the images you are able to obtain. Be sure to read the guidelines for use of the materials you retrieve.

The URL link is **<https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/>**

I hope you find this site helpful as you research any of your Georgia ancestors.

Charlotte West Dade

Director, Tipton Family Research

Administrator, Tipton Family Research Group on FB

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tipton Family Association of American Annual Conference/Reunion

October 7, 8, 9, 2022

Hotel address is:

Fairfield Inn & Suites Franklin Cool Springs

7086 Bakers Bridge Ave

Franklin, TN 37067

Here's your reservation link and you can use it to make reservations:

[Book your group rate for Tipton Family Reunion](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask.

Event Summary:

Tipton Family Reunion

Start Date: Friday, October 7, 2022

End Date: Monday, October 10, 2022

Last Day to Book: Friday, September 2, 2022

Very few block rooms left. The hotel may have other rooms available at other rates.

FEATURES

How Tipton, PA was named

I {Brad Tipton} FINALLY found how Tipton, PA was named. I have been searching for history in Tipton, PA for many weeks. Tipton is located in Blair County, due west of State College, PA.

Open the following link: <<http://www.bellwoodantis.net/earlyset.html>>

Caleb Tipton is named at the bottom of the second paragraph.

The town's name source is described in the 24th paragraph.

From what I scanned, there is not much more mentioned about our distant

relatives. If one of you has the time and patience, maybe read the entire history or you may have information that was not published. You can let us know.

THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF ANTIS TOWNSHIP

By Larry D. Smith, *150th Anniversary of Blair County, PA*, pages 262-269

I. Daniel Rupp's book included a small paragraph on the village of Davidsburg. It was noted as a village west of the [Brush Mountain](#), in Antes Township, lying along the west bank of the Little Juniata River. At that time the village was noted as containing approximately eight houses, a store, a tavern and a tan-yard.

The village of Bell's Mills grew up around the gristmill, sawmill and store, which Edward Bell established along the Bell's Gap Run in the east-central portion of the township about the year 1800. John Bell emigrated from Scotland in 1763 and arrived in Virginia. He then proceeded by boat to Nova Scotia. There he met and married (in 1765) Elizabeth Hunter, an immigrant from Ayrshier, Scotland. The Bells made their way southward, eventually settling in the Hartslog settlement in Huntingdon County. They resided there between 1767 and 1769. In 1767 Edward Bell was born while the family was at Hartslog settlement. John and Elizabeth bore three other children: Margaret, born in 1767 and later married to Robert Edington; Mary (or Polly), who was born in 1772 and later married Caleb Tipton; and Jane (or Elizabeth), who was born in 1774 and married John Glasgow.

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Edward Tipton had homesteaded in the northeast corner of present-day Antis Township. His descendants also settled in that region where the Tipton Run converges with the Little Juniata River. When Herman Haupt decided to sell tracts of land he named the village "Tipton". The town plat was laid out on 21, January 1856 and contained one hundred and fifty-four lots. The village was laid out in a rectangular fashion with north-south streets named Forest, Sassafras and Spruce and east-west streets named Mulberry, Willow, Chestnut, Oak, Clearfield and Pine.

William P. Dysart, of the firm of Dysart & Lloyd, was an early resident of the village; he owned a large number of lots. Dysart & Lloyd built the Antes Forge in 1828 to the east of the site where the village would be laid out. That iron works operated until 1855 using iron ore from the farmland nearby. William Dysart also constructed a gristmill, the Cayuga Flour Mill, on the stream, which flows today through Bland Park. William's son, Edward Dysart, lived on the family's tract of 1,000 acres and made a living as the proprietor of a general store in the village.

The small village had three churches in its midst when the town plat was surveyed. In 1841 a Baptist Church was erected. A Presbyterian Church was erected in 1845. The Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church was constructed about the same time.

In 1923 Tipton became famous in the region for its racetrack. The Altoona Speedway at Tipton was the brainchild of George Long. Mr. Long organized the Altoona Speedway Association in 1921. Stock was sold to finance the project. The Association, which set about locating a suitable site for their racetrack. The site that eventually was chosen near Tipton fit all the requirements. Jack Prince was given the contract to build a wooden track, which was the type then fashionable. A wooden track composed of roughly four million board feet of lumber was

laid in a large oval sixty feet wide. The track base consisted of two-by-fours standing on end. The track comprised a one and one-quarter mile course. The ends were banked at a 32-degree angle. Arrangements were made with the American Automobile Association to set up dates for race events and the first race was held on 9, September 1923. That first race was a complete success, and the Altoona Speedway at Tipton became an overnight sensation for racing enthusiasts nationwide. The cost to stage each racing event was high for the times; it rose as high as \$55,000, which was a rather staggering price for the 1920's.

The Altoona Speedway at Tipton was not destined to last long. In 1927 the A.A.A. determined that a fourteen -foot center section, the entire length of the track would have to be replaced. The two-by-fours were set on edge and nailed to two-by-twelve sills. The usual Labor Day race went for a total of 250 miles, or 200 laps around the track. The constant pounding during the raced tended to rip up bits of the wood. Small red flags would be placed in the holes to warn the drivers of dangers, but by 1927 the track had to be replaced. The repair work was completed by the following year at a cost of \$30,000. The repair costs were paid by track funds, but financial problems arose in a different way. Various banking institutions had lent the Altoona Speedway Association sums of money for the initial construction of the track. Those loans had never been fully paid. The collapse of the stock market and many banks in 1929 forced the confiscation of many of the directors' individual funds and caused many of them to declare bankruptcy. The banks could not be convinced to allow the speedway to continue operations in order to generate the dollars needed to repay the loans. The track remained closed until 1935 when an attempt was made to revive the business. The wooden track, despite the repairs made in 1928, had deteriorated from nonuse to the point that it was no longer safe for the races. A one-mile dirt track was built inside the wooden one. The 1936 flood added insult to injury with the string of bad luck, the track was refurbished and racing events were again held at the facility. A new circuit, the Central States Racing Association, used the track in 1938. It was considered the best of its kind in the east in the one-mile class. It continued to be used until the end of World War II.

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[For more information about this township in Pennsylvania follow the links found at <<http://bellwoodantis.net/history.html>>, ed.]

QUERIES

On Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 9:09 AM Jay Tipton <btipton61@icloud.com> wrote:


Kathy,

My name is Jay Brent Tipton. I am the son of Thomas H. Tipton, Jr., the son of Thomas Tipton Sr., the son of David Spencer Tipton, the son of William, the son of Joseph, the son of Joseph, the son of Major Jonathan Tipton III.

I am interested in becoming a part of the association. I have two brothers and two sisters. My dad died in 2011. I really do not know much about the family beyond David Spencer Tipton. Does the association have records, family information of my lineage? I would love to know more about the personal information. I know Major Jonathan had 3 wives. Supposedly we are through Kesziah Robertson Sevier. I know there is confusion of whose grandson was from which son of Major Jonathan.

My Information from William Tipton back is based on Jewel Tipton's research. He was from Gilmer County, Georgia where David Spencer was born. I found where my William was a soldier in the 39th Georgia Infantry but later appeared on federal rolls. Family legend reported that he was captured at Chickamauga, Georgia after watching one of his sons being killed. The legend states that they were offered the chance to galvanize and fight Indians out west. Legend has it he accepted and, while en route out west, the Union backed out of them going west and turned the train around for them to fight against the South. He and several other of his regiment deserted and then began to bounty jump, regiments to have money to send home to family. I have found no evidence of this, but it is an interesting story.

At some point he returned to Gilmer County and signed the oath of allegiance. In late 1870 they left Gilmer County Georgia and settled in Calf Creek Township in Searcy County, Arkansas near Snowball, Arkansas.



The newsletter of the Tipton Family Association of America is a quarterly online publication that encourages submission from members to share results of their research into Tipton family lines, stories and pictures of ancestors, news of events that feature Tiptons or Tipton history, and other useful and interesting information about Tiptons.