BRASHEAR FAMILY PAPERS
1918-1943

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INTRODUCTION

The Brashear Family Papers are centered around the family of John Quincy Adams Brashear and his wife, Martha Lusk Brashear of Pelham, Grundy County, Tennessee. The bulk of the papers are related to Esther Brashear, daughter of John Quincy Adams Brashear, a teacher in the Pelham and Valley Home communities. The donor is Charles A. Sherrill, Cleveland, Tennessee.
The collection occupies .48 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 100 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Brashear Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Brashear Family Papers center around the John Quincy Adams Brashear family of Pelham, Grundy County, Tennessee. The bulk of the papers relate to Esther Brashear, daughter of John Quincy Adams Brashear, who taught school in the Pelham and Valley Home communities.

The papers include advertisements, business records, correspondence, financial records, greeting cards, a list of students, photographs, postcards, printed materials, and writings.

The correspondence primarily consists of letters received by Esther Brashear and her sister Eula Brashear, who lived together in the family home in Pelham. The majority of the letters are from siblings and nieces of the Brashear sisters. Their brother, Rev. John Ellis Brashear, was a Methodist minister in Tunnel Hill and Dalton, Georgia. Many of his letters refer to revivals and camp meetings at which he preached.

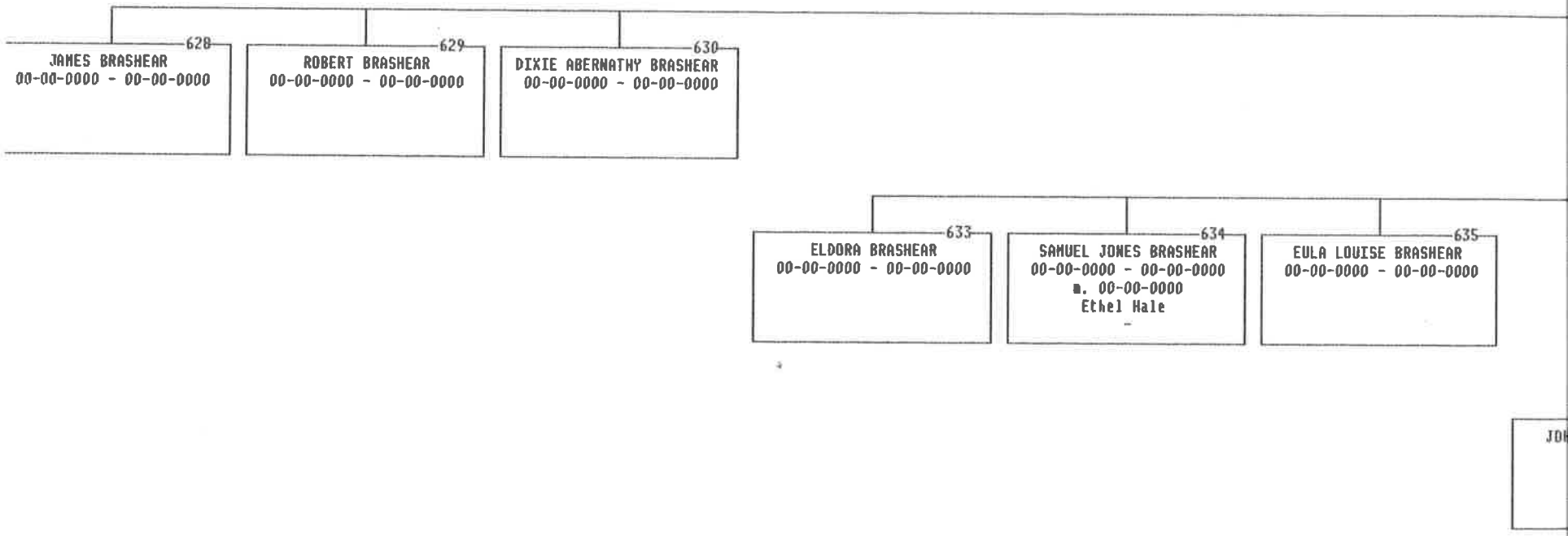
Other items of interest include a list of students (presumably Esther Brashear's pupils) which records birthdates and parents' names; a copy of the "Yellow Jacket," the newspaper of Grundy County High School; an FBI Wanted poster sent to J.Q. Brashear; bank statements of Esther Brashear; postcard advertisements for the Lyric Theatre in Manchester, Tennessee; a postcard advertisement for Dr. C.Z. Bradley, a dentist in Tullahoma, Tennessee; a postcard photograph of Rankin's Ferry on U.S. Highway 41; photographs of the Brashear family and negative images of unidentified groups of children, presumably students; and numerous greeting cards sent to Mr. and Mrs. J.Q. Brashear or Esther and Eula Brashear.

The Brashear Family Papers will be of interest primarily for genealogical research and for the history of Pelham, Tennessee and nearby Elk River Valley communities.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX NUMBER 1

1. Advertisements--Lyric Theatre, 1938
2. Business records--General, 1918, 1940, 1942
3. Cards--Greeting , 1938-1943
4. Cards--Picture postcards, n.d.
5. Correspondence, A-B, 1920-1943
6. Correspondence, C-G, 1920-1943
7. Correspondence, H-W, 1920-1943
8. Correspondence, unidentified, 1920-1943
9. Financial records--Bank statements, 1935, 1942
10. Lists--School roster, n.d.
11. Photographs, drawings, etc.--Brashear family, n.d. and unidentified schoolchildren
12. Printed materials--FBI poster, 1939
    Grundy County High School, 1949
    newspaper
13. Writings--Student essays--Brashear, Esther 1927, n.d.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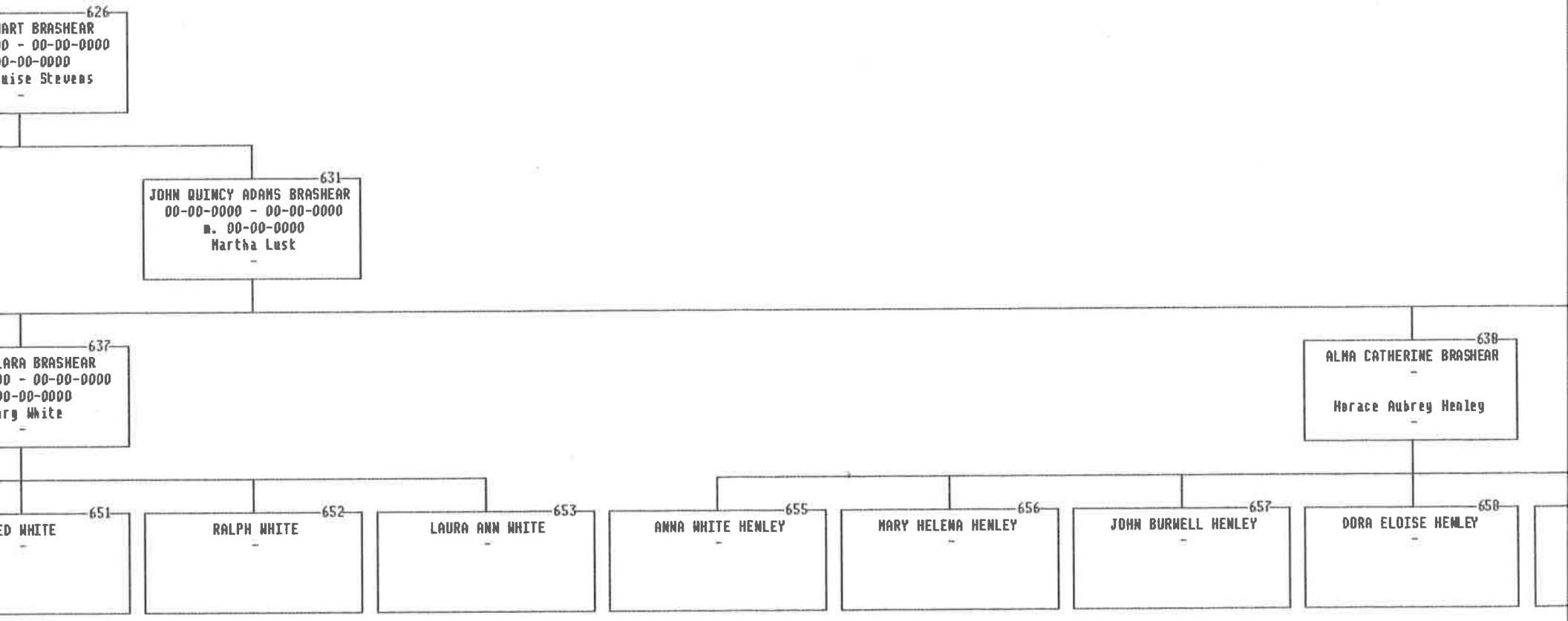
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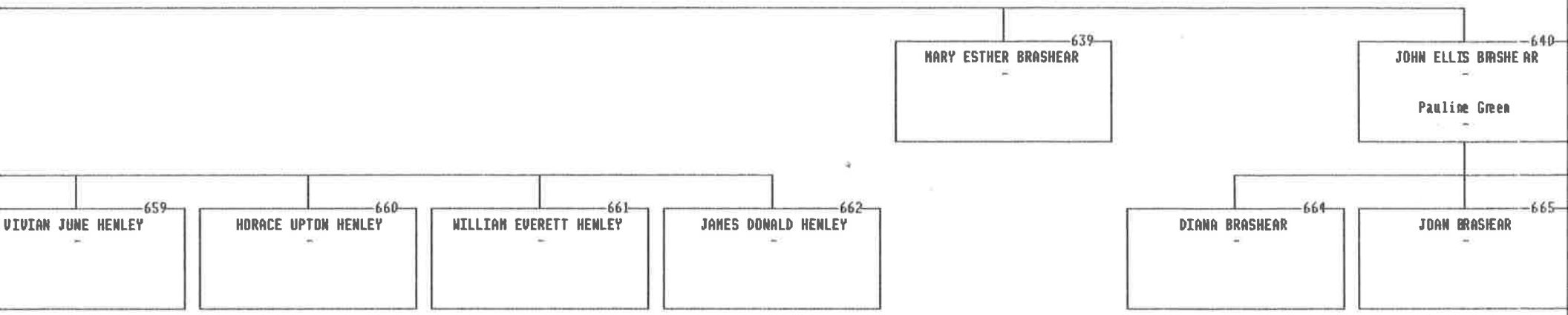
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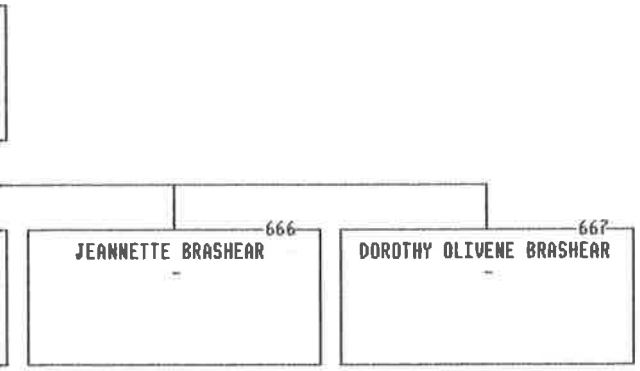
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