

## The Thomas-Bridges Association

The Thomas –Bridges Association was founded in 1971 by descendants of James Thomas, Sr., and Drury Bridges, two of Trigg County, Kentucky's early pioneers. The purpose of the Association, a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Kentucky, is to pass along family heritage from one generation to another, to foster family pride, and to unite family efforts to (1) serve humanity in areas that will benefit mankind, including education, public health and welfare, and (2) gather, preserve and restore possessions, places and data of historical interest associated with the Thomas and Bridges families, for the education and benefit of the general public. Among the accomplishments is the award each year of a scholarship based on need, ability and citizenship to a graduating senior at Trigg County High School; work on an amphitheater at the Trigg County Recreation Complex; contributions to the needs of the Trigg County Hospital, various projects of the Trigg County Historical and Preservation Society, and encouragement in the improvement and establishment of perpetual care for various family cemeteries scattered throughout the county. All descendants of James Thomas, Jr., and Drury Bridges, their wives or husbands, children and foster children are eligible for membership in the Association. Annual dues are payable during the reunion held at Cadiz the third weekend in July each year. The present membership is scattered throughout some 20 states. The far-flung membership is kept informed on Association and family related matters through its quarterly newsletter. The association's sole financial support comes from membership dues, various fund raising projects and by private contributions.