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8:00	8:00	A		1607 N. Main St, Shelbyville		Econo Lodge
8:15	8:35	B	11	314 New Hope Rd, Shelbyville	 	Hastings Campground New Hope Presbyterian Cemetery - There has probably not been a family in Southern Middle Tennessee that has had as many descendants as the Hastings Family. This family has descendants scattered throughout the four-county area. We were privileged to hold our 2015 meeting in Fayetteville in a building (Ralph Hastings) that is named after a descendant of this original family to the area. Many of us are descended from the original family or by chance connected by an allied/kindred family. The Hastings family migrated from Orange County, North Carolina and settled in the area sometime prior to 1816. They named the church New Hope after the congregation they had left in Orange County, North Carolina. The progenitor of the family that settled here is Joseph Hastings and his wife Susannah Holloway. Joseph served his country during the Revolutionary War. Both are buried here at Hastings Campground. Behind the cemetery is a slave cemetery. Sadly a few years ago vandals came in and burned the church building down and destroyed some of the tombstones.
8:45	9:00	C	22	123 Hart Rd., Shelbyville		Mt. Hermon Cemetery - The late Betty Via had very good historical detail of the families that met at the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church. Buried here are many people with surnames that we are all probably linked to. Among those are Womble, Gammill, Burrow, Murray, Moore, Prosser, Petty, Bartlett, Rees/e, Patterson, Brown, Hart, Warren and many more.
9:25	9:40	D	8	14 Foster Hollow Rd., Petersburg		Hickory Hill Church & Cemetery - More surnames that we are connected to are buried here including Prosser, Murray, Bledsoe, Phillips, Burrow, Steelman, Freeman and many more. Note: As we depart the Hickory Hill Church and Cemetery we will travel the Foster Hollow Road. This road travels along the top of "The Ridge". As you look to the right you see Bedford County and this is the Duck River Watershed. You look to the left and you see Lincoln County and this is the Elk River Watershed. This is a steep hilly ridge road but you will see some of the most beautiful country scenery in the State of Tennessee. Take in mind in the pioneer years Bedford County boys married Lincoln County girls or vice-versa Bedford County girls married Lincoln County boys. "They had some steep hills to climb."
9:50	9:55	E	6	847 Bartlett Hollow Rd., Petersburg		Lost Prosser Cemetery in Bartlett Hollow. Buried here are James Prosser and wife Frances Richardson. It is also believed some of their children are buried here also. Recently Anthony Graves dowsed for graves here. He believes he located 42 graves total here. It has been completely destroyed.
10:05	####	F	16	510 Shelbyville Hwy, Fayetteville		Higgins - Whitaker Cemetery - is one of the oldest and most beautiful of all the cemeteries in Lincoln Co. It features unique markers surrounded by a rock wall containing prominent early settlers of the county. Also unique is that many slaves are buried with the slave owners. These are Carolyn Whitaker Crowley's ancestors buried here. First known burial is 1825 but likely some slave buried prior to this date.
10:45	####	G	13	3 Bolles Hollow Ln., Petersburg		Harkins & King Cemeteries - This is another couple of cemeteries that have surnames connected to many of us including Harkins, King, Sorrells, Barham, Wright, Gammill, Freeman, Bonner and others.
11:15	####	H	4	100 Three Hundred Dollar Rd., Petersburg	 	Joseph Green Cabin, Home place, Cemetery - Joseph Greer was known as the "King's Mountain Messenger." He carried the message of the defeat of the British at King's Mountain in South Carolina to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He was a very tall overpowering individual. The doorman tried to block his path to the hall but he walked on over him to make the announcement. His forefather was known as one of the original cane breakers on the Southern Middle Tennessee Frontier. Today we have two lineage groups that have local chapters named after him. Those are DAR – King's Mountain Messenger Chapter and SAR – Joseph Greer Chapter. The Greer families had land grants of several thousand acres throughout Lincoln and Bedford County, Tennessee. (This stop will be a highlight of our heritage tour.)
12:20	####	I	5	352 Gingerbread Rd., Peterburg	 <small>Home built by Joseph Greer in 1781, Lincoln County, photograph was taken later</small>	

12:35	1:35	J	7	Railroad St., Petersburg		Tina's Place for Lunch
1:45	1:50	K	9	2727 Twitty Rd., Petersburg (Marshall County)		Brents Cemetery -This is the location that the progenitor of the Brents family is buried. Thomas Brents SR was born 03 September, 1773 and died 12 July 1841. He along with his wife Jane McWhorter are buried in this plot. When the cemetery was inventoried for the Cemetery Book of Marshall County there was one other person that was named in the inventory. Her name was Mary Emmeline Norman. It was also noted that there were also 10 – 12 unmarked graves here. From the biography of Dr. T. W. Brents JR it is noted that T. W. Brents SR. and his wife Jane McWhorter migrated into Marshall County around 1800. They migrated into the area from Kentucky. I am a little confused as to the location of where they settled that was mentioned in the publication. They have the family originally settling near the New Hope Graveyard southeast of Cornersville and that was the location where Dr. Brents was born. There is a New Hope Cemetery near there so I suppose that they were there before they moved to near this location. I do believe that this is the location that the family later settled as it borders what was the Jonathan Prosser Farm and Dr. T. W. Brents' son Dr. T. E. Brents married Orphia Prosser and Dr. T. W. Brents was active with the Cane Creek and Liberty Valley Church of Christ Congregations that are nearby.
2:00	2:15	L	20	1439 Shelbyville Hwy, Petersburg (Moore County)		Prosser Century Farm & Cemetery – Several of the children of James Prosser & Frances Richardson are buried here. They married Bledsoe, Redd, Gowen and others
2:35	2:50	M	2	1 Pierce Rd, Petersburg		This Freeman Cemetery is where Pleasant Henderson Freeman is buried with both his wives, Reese sisters, as well as his father and mother-in-law. This cemetery is totally overgrown and filled with posion ivy! Its spot is nearby where the once beautiful Freeman home was located here at the foot of the Ridge. You can still see the stone fencing. P. H. Freeman's father is buried at the top of the hill near this location.
3:00	3:15	N	3	28 Poor Grab Chestnut Rdg Rd, Petersburg		Bledsoe Church of Christ - Still an active congregation and lists 34 members. The site holds the Muse-Stephenson Cemetery behind the church building. It is just across the street from the Sorrells homeplace where Leonard and Vida Sorrells raised their 3 children: Harold, Fred, and Dorothy Lynn.
3:20	3:45	O	1	145 Bledsoe Rd., Petersburg		PoGrab Store & Schoolhouse Site - The store was operated by Bill and Ada Mae Sorrells Fullerton as Fullerton's Grocery. At one time it was known as the W. T. Whitsett Grocery. (William Thomas Whitsett m Beulah Rees). In 1900 they lived in District 10 of Lincoln County, which is the location of PoGrab. These buildings at one time were the heart of Po-Grab. In the 1960's you could fill up a small bag with candy for only a nickle!
3:45	4:00	P	4	10 Foster Cemetery Rd., Petersburg		Foster Hollow Cemetery - This is where Sherry's mother is buried. Her aunt and Uncle are also buried here as well as her great-great grandmother, Bettie Wagster Redd. Family names: Barham, Barlett, Beck, Bledsoe, Bonner, Burgess, Burns, Foster, Freeman, Grahma, Greer, King, Lambert, Lovett, Melson, Moore, Morton, Muse, Nichols, Redd, Rutledge, Shaddy, Sorrells, Wagster, Warren, and Wells. 1858 is the earliest burial and 2015 is the most recent.
4:10	4:25	Q	6	363 Bledsoe Rd., Petersburg		The McAdams-Sims (Simmons) Cemetery is in jeopardy after its recent owner took over the property. The McAdams heirs took great care in March of 1915 to ensure that the McAdams graveyard would be accessible to their ancestors. John was a War of 1812 Veteran, and son of Revolutionary soldier, Joseph, who is buried in Marshall County.
4:45	5:00	R	8	701 Bluestocking Hollow Rd., Shelbyville		Moore's Chapel Cemetery - Originally Moore's Chapel was Providence Presbyterian Church and Cemetery. All remains here today is the Moore's Chapel Cemetery. Buried here is Jacob Bledsoe a Revolutionary War Soldier. He would be the progenitor of the Bledsoe Family of "The Ridge." Many other surnames that are connected to us that are buried here are Logan, Davidson, Snell, Dryden, Brown, Bledsoe, Gambill, Morton, Moore, Hale and many others.
5:10	5:30	S	18	1607 N. Main St., Shelbyville		Return to Econo Lodge