

History of Chapman Clearing

1797 James Chapman came to Tennessee from Virginia.

1799 James Chapman bought 200 acres from John Laurance.

[James Chapman was an officer in the Revolutionary War]

1800 Martha Chapman, James's wife, inherited 100 acres from James Chapman upon his death. One hundred acres was offered to James's eldest son Phillip if he would come to Tennessee, however Phillip never came. James and Martha had nine children.

1833 Benjamin Chapman bought 100 acres from his mother, Martha Chapman. William Chapman bought the other 100 acres. Benjamin had previously bought additional property before buying the 100 acres from his mother. Benjamin eventually acquired William's acreage and bought other land, accruing over 700 acres between the years 1830-1859. Benjamin and his wife, Rebecca Bull, had three children, two living to adulthood.

[Benjamin Chapman was at the Battle of New Orleans with General Andrew Jackson]

1862 William Anderson Chapman inherited 370 acres from his father Benjamin Chapman. He had also previously bought additional property. Son Richard, inherited the remainder of father, Benjamin's, land, but sold it and moved to Texas. William and wife, Mildred Fry, had six children, three living to adulthood.

[William Anderson served with Morgan's Raiders during the Civil War]

1916 William Anderson Chapman's property was divided into four lots. John Fry Chapman inherited 150 acres, TN Lot #3, as shown on survey, 1916. John Fry built the white farm house located at 345 Odoms Bend Road. His sister, Sally M. Chapman, inherited Lot #1, 80 acres. Sister Amanda Henley and husband, H. D. Henley, inherited Lots #2 and #4. John Fry's 150 acres were part of the original 200 acres belonging to James Chapman. This has been researched through the Sumner County archives.

1928 John Fry Chapman sold his farm of 150 acres to Clay Dodson.

1945 Clay Dodson sold the farm to Odell Gregory.

- 1983 Odell Gregory sold the same farm to Robert Marshall.
- 1994 Vicki Kesling inherited this farm from her father, Robert Marshall.
- 2004 David Cantrell Chapman bought 2 lots of this farm and in the same year Bought three additional lots, accruing 40+ acres of the original 200 Acres of James Chapman.

[David Chapman is a veteran of the Vietnam War]