

Meet the Author  
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Steven Lee Denney, Senior History Major, Tennessee Technological University, write about Colonel William Walton. *Story not included in this sketch.*

Steven Lee Denney, born on June 19, 1969 in Smith County, Tennessee, to parents Carolyn (Young) and Donald Lee Denney. Steven, an adorable baby, was referred to by loving family members as Steven Lee Denney Boy. The Denney family lived in Gordonsville, Tennessee until 1979, when they built a new home located in the community known as Pear Ridge.

Steven completed his elementary and secondary grades at Gordonsville Elementary and Gordonsville High School. He has two younger sisters, Rachel and Sarah. Currently enrolled as a Senior History Major at Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee, Steven expects to graduate in June of this year. An avid history buff, he is the youngest member of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society.

Active in campus affairs, he is an officer and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Theta and Alpha Mu Samma Honor Societies. He is a charter member and president of the Tennessee History Club. He has served in the Student Government Association as a Senior and as Secretary of State for three years and is a Student Admissions Representative assisting in the recruitment of students for the University.

Steven has served as a member of several of the University's advisory committees, currently serving on the Academic Council and in the University Assembly. He has also been a delegate to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, where he received a Douglas Carlisle Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Also active in community affairs, he is Vice President of the Gordonsville High School Alumni Association. Steven is a loyal and faithful member of the Gordonsville United Methodist Church, where he serves as Assistant to the Pastor and Church Historian.

Steven's work on William Walton was undertaken because of a strong desire to chronicle the life of a man who made such unselfish and valuable contributions not only to Carthage and Smith County but also to the State of Tennessee as well; but who, in the

scheme of events, has largely been forgotten. He entered this paper into the competition for the \$1500.00 Georgia Hood Scholarship at Tennessee Technological University during the fall of 1990, which he won. His paper, detailing the life and accomplishments of William Walton, will be included in the upcoming "Readings in Tennessee History" to be published as a supplement for Sophomore Level American History Classes.

Currently, Steven is working on a comprehensive study of the involvement of Smith County and its citizens in the Wars of these periods: The Creek, Seminole, Cherokee and Mexican Wars. He solicits assistance, documents, pictures, maps or any information from fellow members for this project.

Steven is commended not only for this historical contribution to the "Newsletter" but also for his various other research projects related to Tennessee and, especially, to Smith County. An ardent student of history and an honor student, Steven is a personable, outgoing young man, a well-rounded individualist, who enjoys life to the fullest and is always considerate of others. During holidays and summer months, he has worked at a local furniture and appliance store. If, and, when he has time for a hobby, it is researching his family lines and attending auction sales in search of historical memorabilia that otherwise might end up on the scrap heap. The University and students who secure Steven as an instructor will indeed be fortunate.

Visit Steven's Genealogy Website at: <http://www.stevendenney.com>  
Excellent website all about the Denny's and related branches...



FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONORS – Three Putnam County students at Tennessee Tech are among several selected for membership in the campus chapter of Alpha Mu Bamma, national foreign language honor society. From left are Victoria Sluka, an honor society member from Yugoslavia; Lisa Campana, an interior design freshman from Cookeville; Katy Banker, a freshman in Spanish from Silver Point; society member Steven L. Denney of Elmwood; society president Deanna Light of Hendersonville; and, in the photo at right, Angela Trivett, a computer science junior from Cookeville. Students invited to join Alpha Mu Gamma have earned at least two A's in foreign language courses and have attained a grade point average of at least 3.2 on TTU's 4.0 scale. (TTU Photos)

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