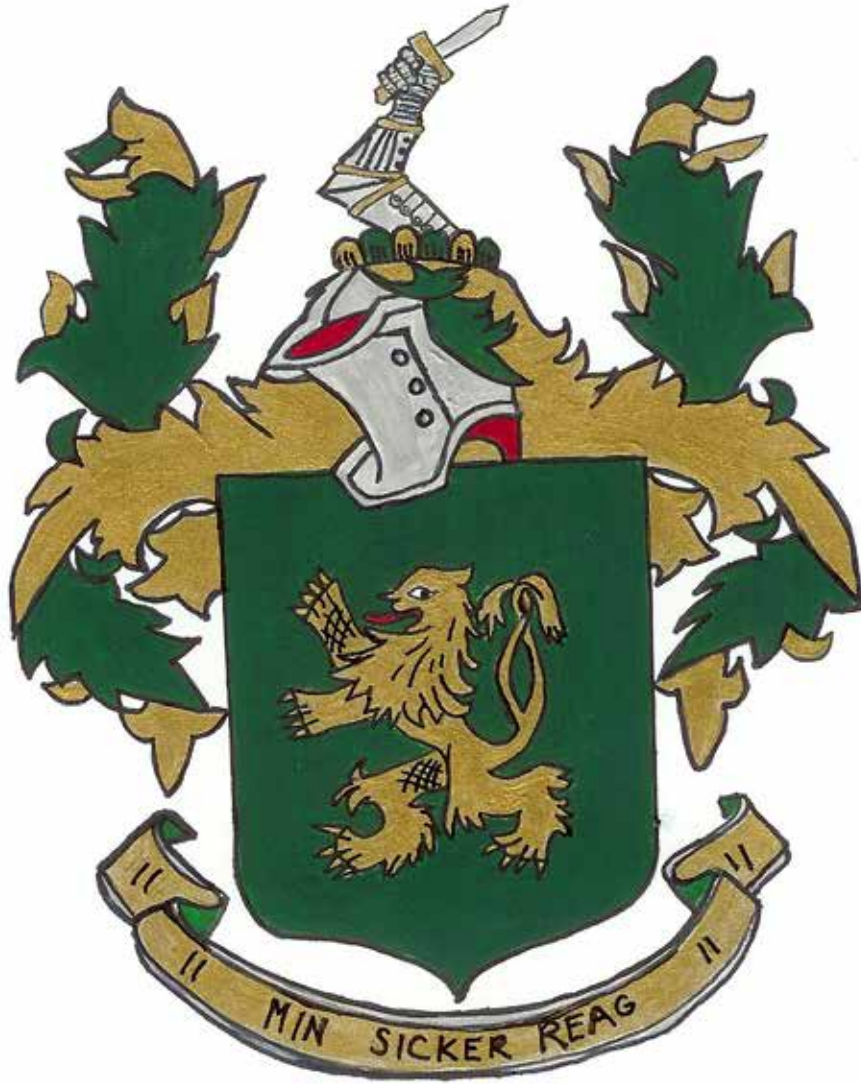
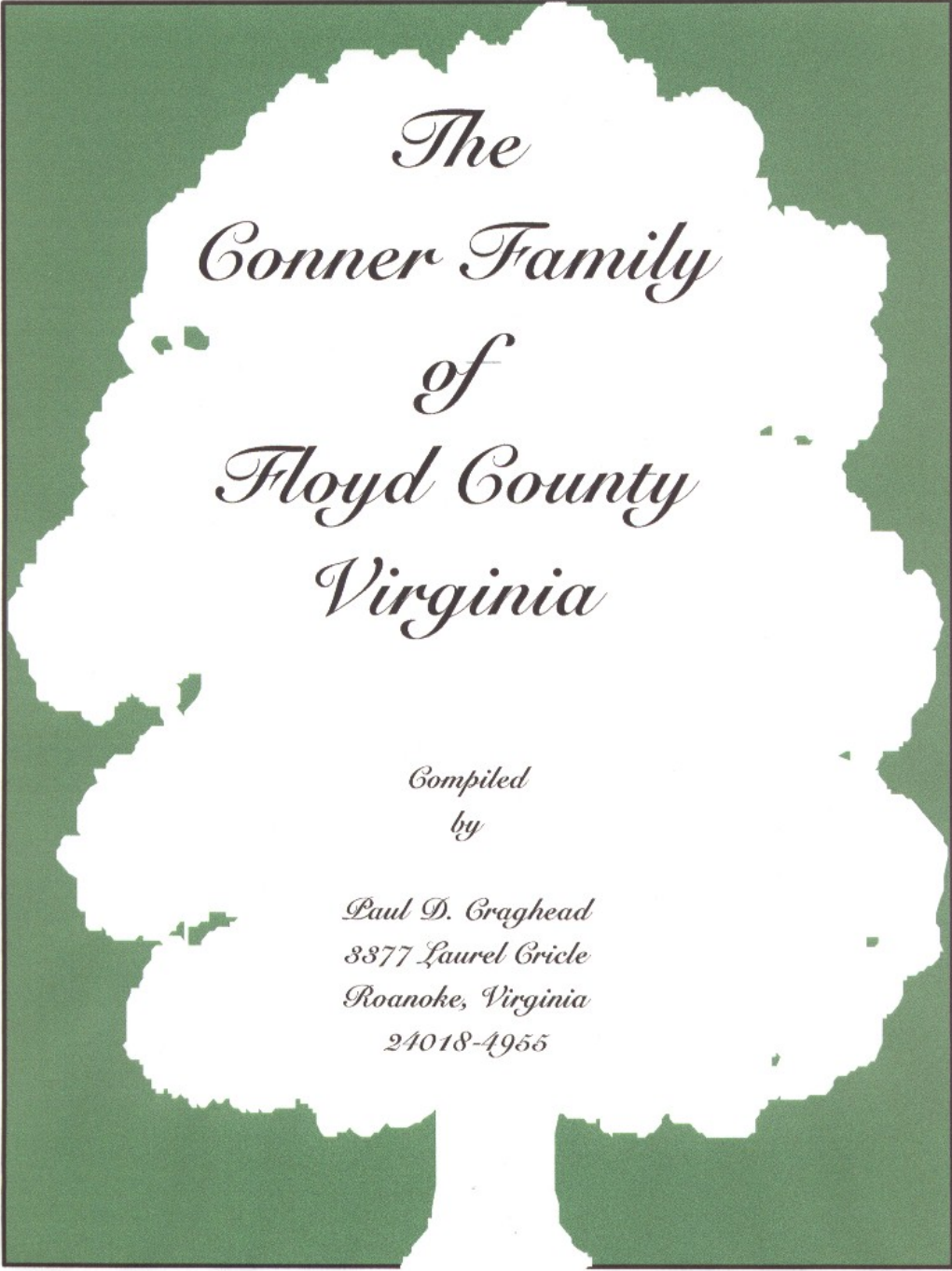


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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Conner family is quite large and many of its members are living in several locations in the United States, which makes it impossible to know all members of the family. In the 1970's a family reunion was held a few times at the home place of George B. and Wilmuth J. Conner, which provided an opportunity for family and friends to gather and visit. Interest was expressed at that time in compiling a list of all family members and I attempted to do that at that time. Since then, I have tried to update the list (or book) as additional information was found or provided by one of you. I know there are omissions and corrections that should be made to this book and I will be happy to pick up that information if you will send it to me at the address listed below.

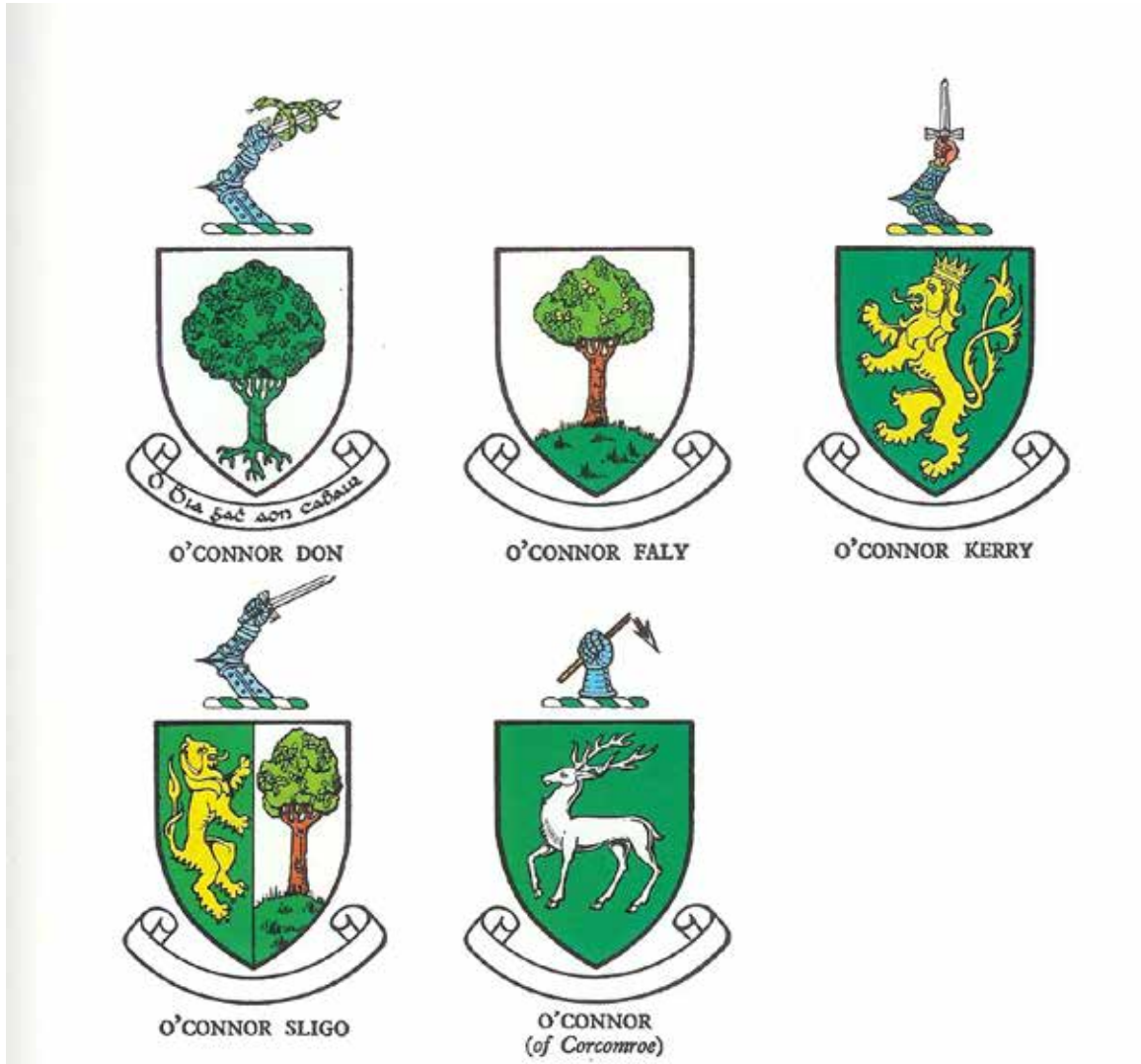
I had conducted some research prior to this time on some of the family history and had received help from several family members on more recent generations. Information contained in this book was obtained from courthouse records, census records, family bibles, members of the family and other reliable sources. Family history is always changing with marriages, births and deaths, so I would appreciate knowing of any changes so they may added to a later revision.

I am sure I speak for all members of the family in expressing appreciation to those who have taken the time to contribute information to make this book possible. A special thanks is given to Bessie Conner Craghead who has made so many phone calls and written so many letters and encouraged me to continue with the book.

The original issue of this book was in 1971 and has continually been updated as changes have been made known to me. Fifty copies of the book was reissued in 1991 when a reunion was held at Vergie Jamison's home. Since that time, computers have become more available and it is easier to provide copies on a CD rather than have books printed. I can provide CD's that would cost less than a printed copy to anyone who would like to have a copy.

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## The O'conner Lineage



There are five different Coat of Arms for the O'Connor lineage and until the lineage of Daniel I. Conner can be traced back to one of the above lineages, the exact family Coat of Arms can not be determined. The O'Conner Kerry is very common and I have used it in this book until such time as further research can be completed.

## The O'conner Lineage

The Genealogy of the House of O'Conner in which was vested the sovereignty of the Province of Connaught can be traced from Feredach the Just, about 75 AD, through Turlough Mor O'Conner, Monarch of all Ireland, to the present time. Roderic O'Conner, made King in 1156, was the last Native King of all Ireland.

The early people of Irish Colonies came from Scythia. Driven from their homes there, they wandered from one country to another, and legendary history tells us that four colonies attempted to make a settlement in Ireland but failed. The fifth colony, after much wandering finally settled in Spain. From these Milesian people descend all the modern Irish who have, or have had a "O" or "Mac" prefixed to their Surnames.

After reaching Ireland, they made Eremon their first King, and thence forward Ireland was ruled by a succession of Milesian Kings. Duagh Galach was the first christian king of Connaught, who died AD 438. Conchobhar, alias Conor, who died king of Connaught in 936, was the eighteenth generation from Duagh, and his descendants took the name O'Conor. They have continually been distinguished by that name from the year 1012.

The name Conchobhar is written "Ui Conchobhar" in Irish. The "ch" and "bh" are silent; thus it, in time, became O'Conner. It has been Anglicized into O'Conner, and Americanized into Conner or Connor.

Sometime later the Anglo-Normans began to make trouble in Ireland, and in 1171, the army of King Henry II landed with a large force and most of the Irish Princes and Chiefs made their submission to him. Peace was not long, however and we soon find the O'Conors firmly established in Connaught.

In the year 1200, while Sir John DeCourcy was Viceroy of Ireland, he tried to wrest the throne from the O'Conor Princes but failed. Connaught, however, was itself in a state of strife for many years as the struggles of the several claimants of the O'Conor family for the throne went on increasing. Finally, Felim O'Conor, nephew of old King Roderic, established himself on the throne of Connaught in 1249 by sheer force of energy and bravery, and without interruption reigned as King of Connaught until his death in 1265.

In 1249 England and Scotland united under the name of Great Britain, and protestant parliament continued to subject the people of Ireland to very severe penal laws. They suppressed their commerce and confiscated their land. It was during this century that the Irish people left their country in great numbers, many of them going to the continent and many others coming to America.

### The O'conner Lineage (continued)

The surname of Conner or Connor is derived from the Irish O'Conchobhar or O'Conchobhair, meaning "of the family of the counselor or helper", and is taken from the words conn, meaning "wisdom, counsel", and cobhair or cobhar, meaning "help,aid". Some writers, however, have translated the name as "the helping warrior or endowed with strength". Sometimes, too, the name was given to it's first bearers because of their occupation as coiners of money. In these cases, it was a variant of the English Cuner. In ancient records the name appears in various forms of Cunerer, Cunator, Cunner, Cunnor, Conor, Coner, Connour, O'Coner, O'Conor, O'Conner, O'Connor, Conner, Connor. Of these the last two spellings mentioned are those most frequently in evidence in America today. There are also two other forms, Conners, Connors, which have grown up in comparative in recent times and are in general use today, although they are seldom, if ever, found in ancient records. The final "s" means "son of".

## Census Records

The first census records, in the United States, was taken in 1790 and has been continued at ten year intervals. The 1790 census records for Montgomery County Virginia are not included in books published containing other Virginia counties, so it is assumed these records for this county were listed in Botetourt County as it was about this time that Montgomery County was formed. The census of 1800 is also not available so the census of 1810 is the first census taken which provides any information about the location of families of this area. The census of 1810, 1820, 1830 and 1840 lists only the head of the household by name and gives an age range of all males and females living in the household. Also given by age range are male and female slaves living in the household. Other items listed are occupation, value of property and number of persons over 21 who can not read or write.

The census of 1850 is the first census that gives the name of family members and year of birth which had not been given previously in census records.

Census records are usually not released for public use until approximately 100 years after they were taken.

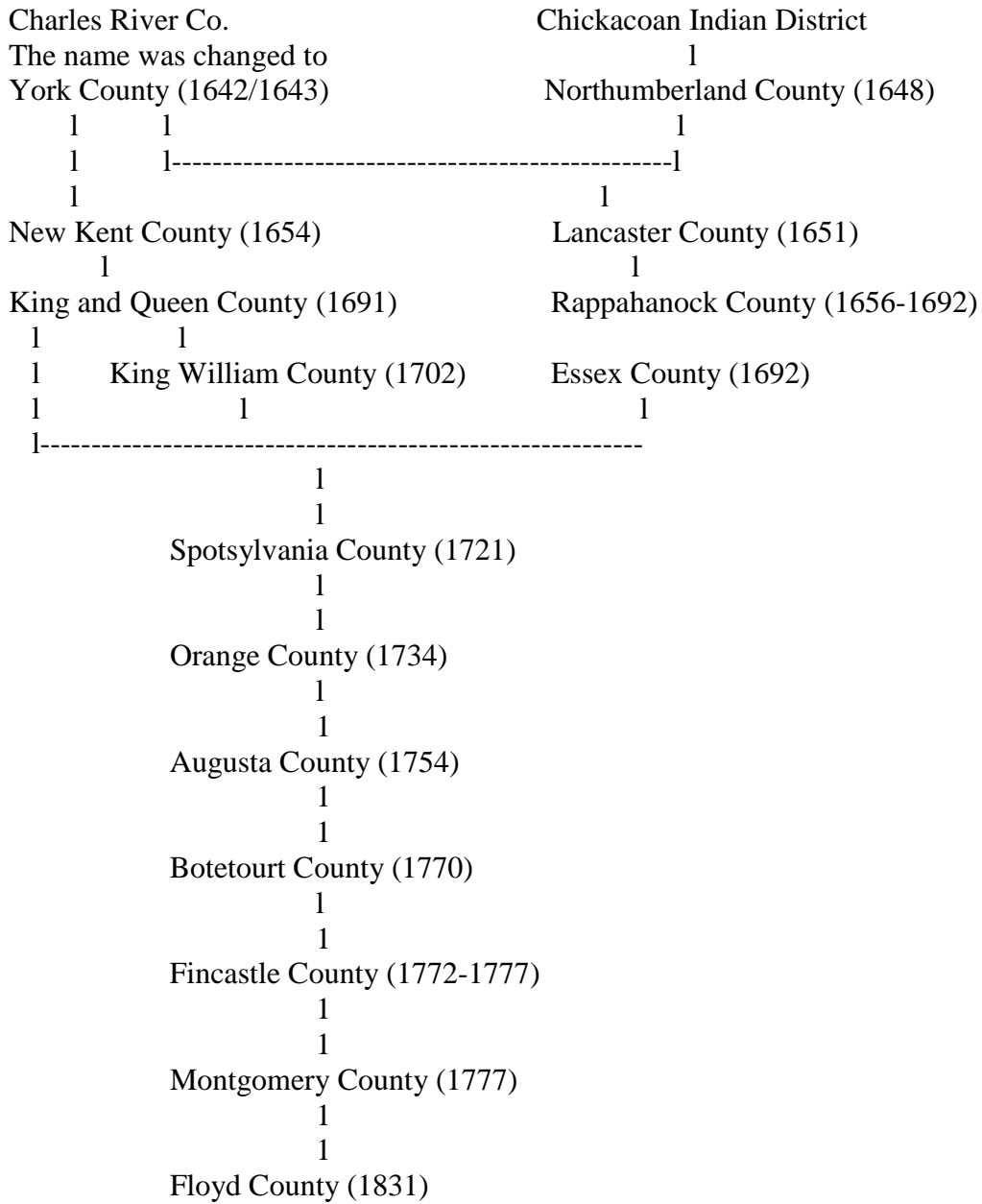


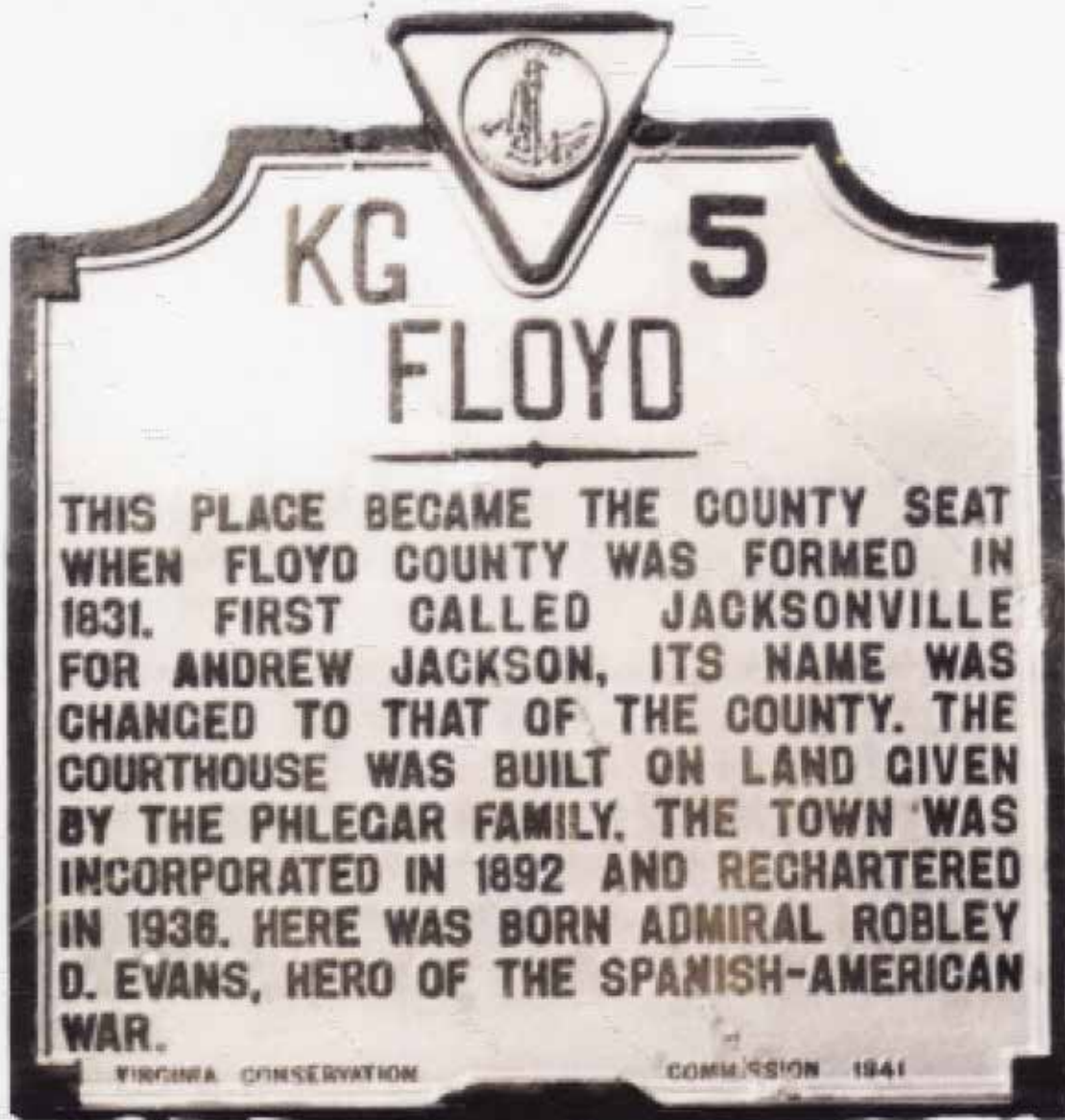
## Land Boundries

In an attempt to trace the origin of this family from one branch that settled in Floyd County Virginia, land boundaries were found to play an important roll in finding historical data about the family. Floyd County was formed in 1831 from parts of Montgomery and Franklin Counties. The major part of Floyd County was previously Montgomery County. Montgomery County was formed in 1776-1777 from Botetourt and Pulaski Counties.

Botetourt County was formed by an act of the Virginia Assembly on October 15, 1770. It was named for Lord Botetourt, a popular governor acting as a representative of the English Crown. Botetourt (Fincastle) County orginally contained all or portions of seven of today's states: Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indinia, Illinois and Wisconsin. The boundaries of this county can be established in general as follows: draw a vertical line from the southern Virginia state line to the northern Virginia state line and passing through the town of Fincastle, this Establishes the eastern boundary. The southern boundary Follows the southern Virginia State line (at the vertical Line) west and along the southern Kentucky state line to the Mississippi River. The western boundary then follows the Mississippi River north from this point into Wisconsin. The North boundary of the county is a straight line from the north Virginia state line (at the vertical line) northwest to the Southern tip of Lake Michigan and on to the Mississippi River.

The history of the formation of Floyd County





O'Conner and Conner lineage  
first Conner's in Virginia

Various reasons have been given for the dropping of the "O" by the Irish people. An act of parliament during the reign of Henry VIII required them to, and many of them did, give up their Irish names. Some of the sons leaving home, wanted to lose themselves in the new country. Of those who came to this country, many dropped the "O" because of the intense feeling of the Quakers against the Irish people. At the beginning of the last century, many branches of the family put the "O" back in their names. At this time, I have been unable to trace the Conner family to the time this branch came to America. In checking through records, I have found many Conners that entered America at different times. Quite often, in tracing family entries into this country, one man is the source of all the descendants of the same name. This is certainly not true of the Conner family.

As a point of interest, the following Conners were early settlers in America:

Phillip Conner left the port of London, England at the age of 21 for America January 2, 1634. The ship was scheduled to arrive about Christmas.

The Parish of St. Michaels (Virginia) records the burial of John Conner November 18, 1678. He was the son of John Baily and Jane Conner. Teag Conner's burial was also recorded here August 18, 1679.

The Parish of St. Michaels also records that Bryen Conner owned 6 acres of land there December 22, 1679 and had no white or black servants at the time.

Elizabeth Conner married Samuel Taylor February 29, 1792. The name of the surety was William Conner. (Franklin County Virginia)

Mary Conner buried September 26, 1718 Christ Church Parish, Virginia. She appears to be the daughter of John and Anne Conner.

Christ Church Parish, Virginia marriages, 1653-1812 states that John Conner died April 3, 1718 and buried April 4, 1718.

Early marriage records of Conner's  
Montgomery and Floyd County Virginia

Jonathan Conner married Sarah Reed August 7, 1798. The name of the surety was Cornelius Reed.

Rebeckah Conner married John Reed December 11, 1799. The name of the surety was Cornelius Reed.

Jacob Conner married Barbara Furrow December 6, 1803. The name of the surety was Allen Simpson.

Zadock Conner married Jane Smith August 6, 1808. The name of the surety was William Rose Smith.

William Conner married Catherine Poff May 7, 1811. The name of the surety was Peter Poff.

Sally Conner married William Iddings October 18, 1818. The name of the surety was Jonathan Conner.

Christinia Conner married Joshua Wilson January 5, 1819. The name of the surety was Jonathan Conner.

William Conner married Betsy Poff June 7, 1822. The name of the surety was Jonathan Conner.

William Conner married Polly Poff June 9, 1822.

Ruth Conner married Peter Smith October 3, 1822. The name of the surety was William Conner.

Polly Conner married Issac Booth March 1, 1825. The name of the surety was Jonathan Conner.

Phia Conner married David Hoback October 2, 1826.

Sophia Conner married David Hoback October 25, 1826. The name of the surety was Andrew Conner. (it could be that Phia and Sophia are the same person and the marriage license was returned to the courthouse October 25, 1826 ?)

William Conner married Lucinda Cole May 14, 1831.

Early marriage records of Conner's  
Montgomery and Floyd County Virginia

William Conner married Debora Lucas June 3, 1833. The name of the surety was Samuel Lucas.

Costly Conner married Lydia Hall march 15, 1834.

Welly Conner married John Hall October 11, 1839. Name of surety was Jonathan Conner.

Daniel Conner married Martha E. Craghead December 28, 1850. Name of surety was William Craghead.

William N. Conner married Cynthia Otey October 18, 1855. He was 19 and born in Floyd County and she was 16 and born in Montgomery County. His parents were Jacob and Mary Conner.

William Conner owned 120 acres of land on the headwaters of Jack's Creek on June 11, 1834.

## Births of Conner's in Floyd County from 1853 thru 1858

Elvira S. Conner; born December 10, 1853 was the daughter of Daniel O. and Martha Conner.

Samuel J. Conner; born April 16, 1854 and was the son of Aaron and C. Conner.

William M. Conner; born November 6, 1854 and was the son of Jacob R. and E. A. Conner.

Jemme P. Conner; born August 8, 1855 and was the daughter of William P. and C. Conner.

E.I. Conner; born February 2 1855 and was the son of Albert and E. Conner.

F.A. Conner; born July 27, 1855 and was the son of John O. and L. Conner.

Nancy D. Conner; born March 2, 1855 and was the daughter of Daniel O. and M.E. Conner.

A.J.L. Conner; born May 15, 1856 and was the son of William and S.J. Conner.

M. Conner; was born July 2, 1856 and was the daughter of A. and M. Conner.

Mary Conner; born November 1856 and was the daughter of Daniel O. and M. Conner.

Octavia Conner; born November 5, 1856 and was the daughter of A. and E. Conner.

Bethany F. Conner; born July 24, 1858 and was the daughter of Daniel O. and Martha E. Conner.

Ervin C. Conner; born July 24, 1858 and was the son of John O. and Lucinda Conner.

Sarah Ann Conner; was born November 29, 1858 and was the daughter of Nathan Conner.

Joseph A. Conner; born July 17, 1858 and was the son of William and Sarah J. Conner.

## Conner's in S. W. Virginia prior to 1800

Several Conner's have been found scattered in the south western part of Virginia in the late 1700's through various documents. As a point of interest the following information is listed by county about these Conner's.

### Botertourt County

At a court held for Botertourt County at Millers Mill (Fincastle) April 10, 1770. Ordered that the church wardens for the infant orphan of Ann Conner deceased, do bind out Martha Conner to James Campbell according to law.

At a court held February 8, 1774, Peter Conner was listed as serving on a jury.

At a court held February 10, 1780 - Samuel Conner and John Tygert's claim who served in the "Old Virginia Regiment" each as a soldier (1759) is ordered to be certified.

At a court held April 14, 1780 - Ordered that it be added to the former order of this court that Samuel Conner (and several others), granting lands to them severally proved to this court that they respectively served in their several stations till legally discharged, and that they never before proved such service nor obtained any land in consideration thereof under the King of Great Britain's Proclamation of 1763 and that they and their heirs are still inhabitants of the state and hath been ever since their discharges and never before proved the said service nor obtained any land in consideration thereof under the King of Great Britain's Proclamation of 1763.

At a court held May 8, 1783 - Samuel Conner was listed as serving on a jury.

The following court actions were taken in regards to Lawrence Conner: April 12, 1782 - Ordered that Lawrence Conner, a wounded Continental Soldier, be provided for at present by the county and if Mr. Samuel Woods will maintain him this court shall make full provision for the same at the next levy.

March 14, 1783 - Ordered that John Tatham be allowed five pounds for maintaining Lawrence Conner, a continental wounded soldier, ten months at 10 shillings per month.



Conner's in S. W. Virginia prior to 1800  
Botetourt County

February 13, 1784 - David McClenachan and Lawrence Conner bound for their good behavior for 12 months and 1 day from this date. Order by which David McClenachan and Lawrence Conner were to be bound for good behavior, for reasons appearing to the court, is set aside.

February 14, 1786 - Lawrence Conner considered a pensioner at 6 pounds a year.

April 11, 1787 - Lawrence Conner allowed 900 pounds as a pensioner.

March 11, 1788 - Lawrence Conner, pensioner, commencing January 1, 1786 to be paid 6 pounds yearly out of public money.

December 9, 1788 - Lawrence Conner pension raised 12 pounds.

February 11, 1790 - Lawrence Conner summoned to appear at the court respecting continuance on the pension list.

April 9, 1791 - Lawrence Conner, Botetourt County, purchased 200 acres on the waters of the Catawba Creek, a branch of the James River, adjoining the lands of James Scantler & Thomas McGeorge.

The Virginia Taxpayers 1782 - 1787 lists a John Conner and Daniel Conner of Botetourt County. John owned 9 slaves at that time. Both a John and Daniel owned land in Amherst Count 1768 - 1773. Do not know if there is a relationship.

A book titled "A Seed Bed of the Republic - Early Botetourt" lists an order book (1780 - 1784) that Daniel Conner furnished materials and service in the war effort.

A book titled "Botetourt County, Virginia Early Marriages, Wills and Some Rev, War Records" lists the following Conner's:

Daniel Conner married Hannah McDonald January 15, 1786  
Dennis Conner married Sarah Fanning November 11, 1773  
Lawrence Conner married Margaret Bane February 3, 1783  
Terrance Conner married Anna Boone January 26, 1786

. Conner's in S. W. Virginia prior to 1800  
Washington County

Court held March 21, 1781 listed William Conner as being on a jury.

Court held August 23, 1782 listed John Conner as being on a jury.

Court held March 17, 1784 - John Conner was plaintiff against Daniel McCoy. McCoy was found guilty and was assessed 30 pounds besides cost.

Rockbridge County

Church records of this county from, Smith Creek and Linville Creek, indicate that a John Conner was quite a rounder with the ladies.

August 6, 1774 - This day met together the members of our church, living on Smiths Creek, in order to examine into an affair between John Conner and Susannah Ray, the wife of John Ray.

August 13, 1774 - John Conner was suspended for unseemly behavior with Sister Sarah Porter.

May 10, 1775 - Sarah Porter excommunicated

Linville Creek March 9, 1776 - John Needham appointed to hear reason from John Conner for absenting himself from church meeting.

November 9, 1776 - Church at Big Spring, John Ray and John Conner were excommunicated.

Franklin County

Elizabeth Conner married Samuel Taylor February 29, 1792. The name of the surety was William Conner.

Bedford County

Mary Conner and James Hackworth were married March 5, 1788. John Conner was the father of Mary.

Bedford County Deed Book 1 - October 1, 1755 William Conner was listed as one of the appraisers for the estate of Thomas Banks.

Conner's in S. W. Virginia prior to 1800  
Monongalia County (now WV)

John Conner Sr. on April 20, 1784 bought 365 acres on Big Sandy Creek including Big Sandy Lick and his settlement made thereon in the year of 1775.

. Conner's in Loudoun County Virginia prior to 1800

In 1764 the county clerk maintained a book in which fees are entered for various activities.

Page 10: Robert Conner Admr. Edward Conner (cert. of Admon 40.)

Page 11: John Conner Garn. of John Winn (Fredrick)

Page 47: Daniel Connor (Conner)

Loudoun County Deed Book C (part II)

At a court held May 10, 1763 Page 570-572, James Conner's name is mentioned.

September 16, 1802 Amelia Conner married Presley Cordell.

Conner's in Montgomery County prior to 1831  
(prior to the formation of Floyd County)

The 1810 census is the first complete census that would list the Conner's living in Montgomery County Virginia. Several Conner's were listed as being head of the household. Their relationship to each other was proven by a Will of Daniel I. Conner which shows they were brothers and sisters. The following Conner's were found in the 1810 census except for Rebeckah and Jacob, who were listed in the Montgomery county marriage records. Barbara, Mary, Sarah and Christinia were mentioned in Daniel's Will.

1. Andrew Conner - born about 1762 married Priscilla Aldridge
2. William P. Conner - born September 1768, married Catherine Poff
3. Jonathan Conner - born 1770 to 1780 married Sarah Reed
4. Daniel I. Conner Jr.- born about 1770, married Rebecca Smith (moved to Indiana)
5. Zadock Conner - born February 10, 1781, married Jane Smith
6. Rebeckah Elizabeth Conner – born Aug. 11, 1775, married 1799 to John Reed
7. Jacob Conner - married 1803 married Barbara Furrow
8. Barbara Conner- born about 1774, married a Shelor
9. Mary Elizabeth Conner-born abt. 1772 in Cameron Parish, Loudon County Virginia, married Samuel Hill and went to Indiana
- 10.Sarah “Sally” Conner- born about 1773 in Montgomery County, Virginia. Sarah was listed in the Patrick County census of 1850 with her husband Edward H. Hylton, they were married December 26, 1816.
- 11.Christina Conner- born abt. 1791, married Joshua Wilson

The Conner's listed above are the forefathers of most of the Floyd County Conner's. Information on all of them is limited, but I am including as much information as I have been able to obtain at this time about them. The dates of birth of Daniel and Mary Conner's children are not easily confirmed with official records. The “Will” of Daniel lists his children in an order, but it is not sure if he placed them in the order of eldest to youngest.

## A SHORT HISTORY OF FLOYD COUNTY

- Details contained below were found in a book titled “Kiss The Doorknob” by Julia Woodbridge Oxrieder and a Historical map of Floyd County prepared by Pat Lawson and Maruerite Tice.

Floyd County was carved from Montgomery County in 1831 and named for John Floyd who was the Governor of Virginia from 1830 – 1834. This area is believed to have been a favorite hunting ground of the Canawhay (Kanawha) Indians as well as the site of at least one Indian fort. Three sites have been found in Floyd County that apparently was used for hunting or war camps. The western part of Virginia was first explored by hunters and Indian traders. One government-authorized Indian trader, Colonel Abraham Wood, is believed to have crossed the mountains in 1654 through a gap which has since carried his name. This gap is located in Floyd County. Wood found what is now called New River and called it Wood’s River in 1654. Several decades lapsed before settlers came. A Captain Wade, with a company of rangers, visited the Eason plantation on Terry’s Creek in 1758.

It was more than a hundred years later that expeditions in search of enemy Indians traversed the entire breadth of Floyd County, first in 1758 and again in 1765. Members of the expedition recorded in their journals the meeting of two settlers, Francis Eason and Richard Rattlecliff, in the area of Floyd. There were undoubtedly others living in even more remote areas.

Indian Ridge and Indian Valley derived their names from the many Indian relics found on their slopes. There were no recorded skirmishes of consequence with Indians in this area. The first hunters and explorers, in their many expeditions, never found any wigwams or Indian villages. However, this area was said to be a good hunting ground for the Indians.

The land was settled by Lutheran and Brethren families of Pennsylvania Dutch origin. They came from the vicinity of York, Pennsylvania and bore such names as Slusher, Phlegar, Morrice, Zentmyer, Shelor and Goddykoontz. In addition to the Pennsylvania Dutch, the English, Scotch-Irish, and French also settled in the county. They practiced the beliefs and upheld the faith of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations. Hence there was established a Western European Protestant culture in the area that became Floyd County in 1831.

The county seat was first named Jacksonville in honor of President Andrew Jackson. The name was later changed from Jacksonville to Floyd in 1896. Abraham Phlegar and Manasseh Tice donated one acre of land to the county as a site for the courthouse. They laid off town lots adjacent to it and retained every other lot and gave the other lots to the county to help build the courthouse.

People living in what is now Floyd County supported the Revolutionary War. The following is a list of those who served in some capacity:

Men from Floyd County who served in the Revolutionary War in some capacity.

Thomas Alley	John Mitchell
John Banks	William O'brien
Henry Bishop	Tobias Phillips
John Bishop	Christian Richards
John Boone	Samuel Ridinger
Joseph Cole	John Rutrough
Daniel Conner	Matthew Scott
Elijah Dickerson	Daniel Shelor
Moses Dickerson	Charles Simmons
John Duncan	Christopher Slusher
Benjamin Edwards	Humphrey Smith
Thomas Goodson	Jacob Sowder
Jacob Graham Sr.	George Sowers
John Heard	Philip Stigleman
Peter Howard	George Sumpter Sr.
Daniel Howell	Thomas Trail
William Hungate	Benjamin Weddle
John King	

At the beginning of the Civil War, Floyd's population was reduced to old men, women, children and Negroes. The men between the ages of 18 (later lowered to 15) were called to the field of battle, and they responded in greater numbers than those from any other Virginia county in proportion to population. Those remaining at home feared Negro uprisings, but there were none. The names of those who served in the Civil War are documented in a book "54<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry" by George L. Sherwood and Jeffrey C. Weaver.

Dr. John Stuart, brother of J.E.B. Stuart, served as a surgeon in the Army of Northern Virginia. After the war, he practiced medicine in the town of Floyd.



## FAMILY OF DANIEL AND MARY CONNER

by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

(additional Information from page 36.3.4)

Ira Shelton Conner was born March 27, 1906 in Floyd County, Va. And married Nannie Byar Poff, daughter of James Samuel A. Poff and Lucy Mahaley Manning Nov. 18, 1926. Nannie died in 1937 and is buried in Church Hill Cemetery (Palmer & Crandall), Salem, Va. Ira married a second wife, Ida M. Unknown. Ida was born Nov. 10, 1910 and died Mar. 10, 2002 and is buried next to Ira in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Chesapeake, Va. (see obit. Below)

A. Mary Elva "L.V." Conner was born Sep. 17, 1927 in Va. She married Unknown Sarratt. She then married Joseph Cassell Lowe. (see page 36.3.4.0.1)

1. David Sarratt, born Nov. 30, 1945
2. Louis Sarratt, born July 17, 1948,
3. Arnold E. Sarratt, born August 1949
4. Mary Jo Lowe, born Feb. 16, 1959, married Unknown Ange .

B. Ira Dillon Conner, born May 29, 1929 in Va. He married Betty Nichols in 1951 in Roanoke, VA. ( see page 36.3.4.0.1)

1. Susan Lisa Conner
2. Sharon Conner, married Unknown Paulson
3. Kimberly Conner, married Unknown Colbert
4. Ira D. Conner Jr.

C. Joseph Arlington Conner, born May 5, 1932 in Va. He married Lorraine Unk.

D. Hazel Irene Conner, born Nov. 27, 1933 in Salem Va. And married James C. Horne. Hazel died July 7, 2014. (see page 36.3.4.0.2)

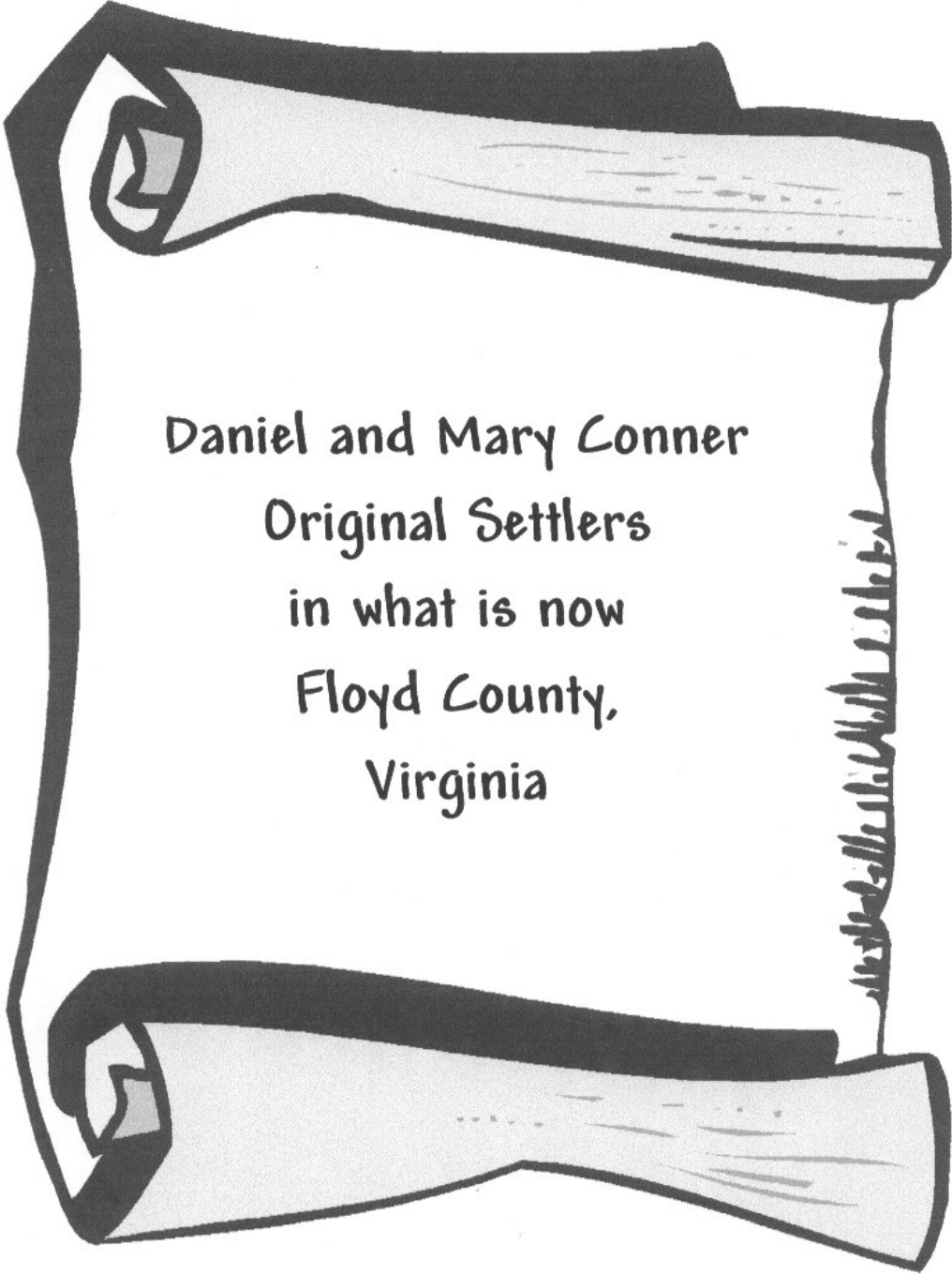
1. Joan Darlene Horne, married Unknown Leonard
2. Patsy Horne, born Jan. 10, 1956, married James D. Leffler.  
(a) Aaron Leffler.

Virginian-Pilot, The (Norfolk, VA) – Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Deceased, Ida M. Conner

Ida M. Conner Chesapeake – Ida "Miss Ida" Conner 91, formerly of the 1400 block of Deep Creek Blvd., died March 10, 2002. Mrs Conner, a native of Henry County, Va., was the widow of Ira S. Conner and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was the hostess for the past 14 years at Wayne's Body Shop on Saturday night for the Bluegrass and Country Music Jam Session. Survivors include two daughters, Mary L.V. Lowe of Chesapeake and Hazel Irene Horne of Salem, Va.; two sons, Ira Dillon Conner and wife Betty of Beckley, W.Va., and Joseph Arlington Conner and wife Lorraine of Denver, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; 24 great grand children; 12 great-great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 pm Wednesday in Foster Funeral Home, Portsmouth, by the Rev. Allen Dooley. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 pm.





Daniel and Mary Conner  
Original Settlers  
in what is now  
Floyd County,  
Virginia

## Daniel Conner

Daniel I. Conner Sr. is the first known Conner to have settled in the area of Montgomery County and is probably responsible for all Conner's later coming from Montgomery and Floyd Counties. Records in Loudoun County Virginia show a Daniel and Mary Conner living there in 1766 and are probably the same couple that arrived in Montgomery County about 1773. Daniel was born about 1736 and died before January 1815 (April 12, 1814 ?). He probably migrated from Pennsylvania to Loudoun County Virginia, then on to Montgomery County Virginia. The family of Daniel Conner has been established by a Will probated January 1815. This Will was found in a book titled "Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Va. Wills and Marriages 1773 - 1831". The will names the following children: Andrew, Jonathan, William, Daniel, Jacob, Zadock, Mary Hill, Barbara Sheilor(Shields), Rebecca Read(Reed), Sarah Conner and Christinia Conner (married Joshua Wilson). Daniels wife's name was Mary and was deceased at the time the Will was probated. Mary was born about 1740. Daniel and Mary's marriage was about 1761.

The following information is provided from a book "Floyd County a History of its People and Places" by Dr. Amos Wood:

The Conner family of Floyd County is of Scots – Irish descent. Daniel Conner, the emigrant ancestor, settled near The "Head of the River" in the East End of the county about 1773, and his descendents are numerous in the county today. Daniel Conner's deed to the 300 acres shows that he gave a Valuable shotgun for the land. In 1784 he acquired a Land grant which was written on deerskin and signed by Robert Brooks Governor of Virginia (probably acting governor). Soon after this he founded a church in the neighborhood. Daniel Conner deeded a plot of ground on which the Salem Primitive Baptist Church was built, "to be for the use of the church forever". This deed was also written on deer skin. Andrew, son of Daniel Conner, acquired land near his fathers grant. Andrew's grant bears the date of September 1799, and was signed by James Monroe, Governor of Virginia. This deed is written on a skin, and these parchments are in the possession of the Conner relatives in Floyd County.

The deed book in Loudoun County (Cameron Paris) first shows a Daniel Conner having made land ownership transactions May 9, 1763. Deed books there also show land transactions being made by Daniel and Mary Conner in October and November of 1766. This could mean that Daniel was single in 1763 and he and Mary were married prior to October 1766. I am assuming that this is the Daniel and Mary Conner who settled in Montgomery County a few years later, as their son William P. Conner states that he was born in Loudoun County Virginia.

Daniel Conner signed his Will March 15, 1810, in the presence of Hubert Smith, John Smith, Olivia Smith, Elizabeth Smith and Henry Iddings. A codicil was added to the Will on April 12, 1812 after the death of his wife Mary. This Will was probated at a January term of Montgomery County Court in 1815. Daniel's death probably occurred in the latter part of 1814.

## THE WILL OF DANIEL CONNER

In the name of God Amen: I, Daniel I. Conner of the County of Montgomery being of sound mind memory and understanding calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed unto all men once to die do therefore make ordain this my last will and testament in manner and from the following to wit:

Item 1 – I recommend my soul to God in hope of a joyful resurrection at the last day and my body to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors herein after named.

Item 2 – I will and desire that all my just debts be paid and my funeral charges defrayed.

Item 3 – I bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Mary Conner one horse suitable for her to ride, two cows and calves and the dwelling house wherein I now live during her life for her own proper use and benefit and receive from my four sons herein after named twenty dollars from each of them annually during her life.

Item 4-I give and bequeath unto the Baptist society the land enclosed wherin the fence round the meeting house entering the front square of the fence down to where the Bent Mountain road the branch to them and their successors forever.

Item 5 – I bequeath to my son Andrew Conner one hundred and fifty acres of land part of the home place including the improvements within his number of acres, beginning at a corner white oak at the mouth of Muster Run.

Item 6 – I bequeath to my son Jonathan Conner the balance of that tract of land whereon the meeting house is and as much of the tract he now lives on as will make the whole one hundred and fifty acres.

Item 7 – I will and bequeath unto my son William Conner my tract of land known by the name of McClary's containing one hundred and fifty acres.

Item 8 – My will and desire is that the remainder of that tract of land whereon my son Jonathan now lives should be equally divided between my sons Daniel and Jacob Conner.

Item 9 – I give and bequeath the whole the residue of the tract of land, part whereof I have given to my son Andrew to my son Zadock Conner.

Item 10 – I give and bequeath to my daughter Barbara Shelor one cow.

The Will of Daniel Conner

Item 11 – I give and bequeath unto my other four daughters, Mary Hill, Rebecca Reed, Sarah Conner and Christianna Conner and their heirs four hundred acres being the survey lying down Meadow Run to be equally divided among them.

Item 12 – I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Conner all and singular my household furniture during her life.

Item 13 – My will and desire is that all my stock except what is heretofore named and bequeathed be sold by my executors and the amount thereof to be paid to my youngest daughter Christianna Conner.

Item 14 – I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Conner a bay horse which is not intended to be included with all my stock as I have before mentioned to be sold.

Item 15 – I desire and my will is that my four sons Jonathan, William, Andrew and Zadock Conner to pay their mother twenty dollars each to be paid annually to her during her life according to a former Item in this my last will and testament.

Item 16 – I nominate appoint and make my two sons Jonathan and Andrew Conner, my true and legal executors of this my last will and Testament, March 13, 1810.

Witness were

H. Smith

John Smith

Oliver Smith

Elizabeth Smith

Henry Iddings

Daniel Conner (seal)

The following codicil I Daniel Conner do make to my last will and Testament being dated March 13, 1810. My will and desire is that all my movable property as mentioned in the 12<sup>th</sup> item of my \_\_\_\_ last will and testament that was to go to my wife should be sold as she has departed this life and the amount thereof be equally divided between my children, except my two daughters Sarah and Christianna to whom I desire to give two shares each and the provisions made for my daughter Christianna in the 13<sup>th</sup> Item of said will I do hereby annul and revoke this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1814.

Witness were

H. Smith

William (X) Iddings

Henry Iddings

Daniel Conner

The Will of Daniel Conner

At Montgomery January Court, 1815 this last will and Testament of Daniel Conner deceased was presented in court and together with the codicil thereto annexed were proven by the oaths of Humphrey Smith and Henry Iddings and ordered recorded and on the motion of Jonathan Conner one of the executors therein named (the other executor Andrew Conner refusing to act) who made oath thereto as the law directs and with security entered into the acknowledged bond in the penalty of four hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs artificate is granted him for obtaining a probate \_\_\_\_\_of in due form. (in item 5, Andrew was willed one hundred and fifty acres, then in Item 9, this land was willed to Zadock. Perhaps this is why Andrew refused to act as one of the executors. – E.C.S.)

Appraisers for the estate were Peter Poff, James Light and Allen Simpson on January 15, 1815.

Some of the purchasers at this sale were, James Light, Jonathan Reed, Isaac Booth, Peter Reed, Sarah Conner, Andrew Conner, Christianna Conner, Henry Galloway, Joshua Wilson, Jonathan Conner, Jonathan Helms, Zedk Conner, Thomas Helms, Abner Dobbins, H. Smith, Jacob Smith, Isaac Wilson, Hannah DeWeese and Henry Shockey.

Settlement for this estate made January 24, 1824.

In 1817, paid Crockett Ingles for taxes on Daniel Conner deceased	\$3.05
Cash paid for whiskey at the sale	3.00
Coffin made by Walters and Simpson, cost	2.00

Each legate received \$14.05 from the sale except Sarah and Christianna, who received double shares.

## Daniel I. Conner

The following letter was written to Dr. A.D. Wood from Noah Wilson in 1922: "Daniel Conner lived 1/4 mile from Salem Church on the main road running from Floyd Courthouse to Roanoke City. The farm is known as the Albert Conner farm. The land grant or title to Daniel Conner is written on a deerskin, signed by Robert Brooks, Governor of Virginia, dated 1784. Another grant to Andrew Conner was on a deerskin, also and was dated September 1799, signed by James Monroe, Governor of Virginia. Salem Church grounds was deeded to the church by said Daniel Conner to be church property forever, also written on the same sort of skin. This was known as Botetourt County and embraced Floyd, Montgomery and other lands. I have tried to count up the Conner families. There are over forty families of Conner's living in Locust Grove district at this time. The Conner's are of English and Irish descent, are large and well built, a very industrious people and strictly honest and truthful."

First land warrants and surveys in what is now Floyd County. 1782-1785 Daniel Conner laid land warrants on 665 acres on Meadow Run.

Land Office Patents and Grants in the State of Virginia for Daniel Conner July 20, 1768 Amherst County, 98 acres on the branches of Dutch Creek.

July 10, 1787 Botetourt County, 230 acres on the waters of Meadow Run a branch of Little River adjoining the lands of James Cooper.

August 20, 1795 Montgomery County, 245 acres on the waters of Little River adjoining Henry DeWeese.

October 19, 1796 Botetourt County, 300 acres on the waters of Meadow Run a branch of Little River adjoining land of Humphrey Smith & Andrew Harkness.

October 19, 1796 Botetourt County 43 acres on the South West side of Laurel Branch of Little River adjoining the land of Daniel Spangler & his own land including the Baptist Meeting House. Surveyed Nov. 24, 1784 then in the county of Botetourt, now supposed to be in Montgomery County.

October 20, 1796 Botetourt County, 100 acres on Meadow Run a Branch of Little River.

November 13, 1798 Montgomery County, 508 acres on the waters of Little River a branch of New River adjoining the land of James Cooper deceased.

November 15, 1798 Montgomery County, 150 acres on Meadow Run a branch of Little River waters of New River adjoining the lands of James Cooper deceased

History of Salem Primitive Baptist Church  
Received from Mary E. Poff  
Church Clerk  
(published April 4, 1994)

The Salem Primitive Baptist Church, also known as “Head of the River Church”, is marking its 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The church is located near the head of the Little River, which is the origin of it’s second name.

Much of the early history of the church was lost, when a fire destroyed records up to the year 1838. According to information gathered and written by Mary Poff for the church’s 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and dedication of the new building in 1984, the clerk R.W. Kropf in 1907 made a list in the records of the past ministers. This church has always had a co-pastor through the years. The pastor himself would even sometimes make the suggestion to the church of whom he would like for a co-pastor.

Elder William Howard served as the first pastor; his son, Peter Howard, was the second.

Elder Michael Howery, who served from 1864 to 1867, was the third pastor. A little joke on Elder Howery has been passed down. It was said the church was getting a new roof put on and the carpenter wanted his money, but had to get Elder Howery to O.K. his work. Elder Howery came to look at the roof and said to the carpenter, “Some thick shingles and some thin”. The carpenter said “Yes, Mr. Howery, they are like your preaching, some thick and some thin”.

Fourth pastor of the church Elder John C. Hall was chosen co-pastor to Michael Howery in 1864 and then pastor in 1867. He served until 1901, making his service 37 years. Elder Hall lived in Franklin County near Little Creek Church, and he walked or rode a horse up here to serve this church.

The 5<sup>th</sup> pastor, Elder Asa D. Shortt, was chosen co-pastor in 1887 and pastor in 1901. Elder Shortt resigned November 1915, due to afflictions making his service 28 years.

The 6<sup>th</sup> pastor, Elder H.V. Cole was chosen as co-pastor May 1901 and pastor in November 1915, and served until his death in December, 1935, making his service 34 years.

The 7<sup>th</sup> pastor, Elder S. L. Moran was chosen co-pastor February, 1918, and pastor in 1936. He served until his death in February, 1960, making his service 43 years.

The 8<sup>th</sup> pastor, Elder B. O. Thompson was chosen co-pastor in June, 1939, and served until his death making his service 36 years.

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The 9<sup>th</sup> pastor, Elder J. L. Roy Agee called as co-pastor October 1961 and served until his death in August, 1984, making his service 23 years.

10<sup>th</sup> and present pastor, Elder Hale Terry, has served 12 years. He also serves at the Payne's Creek Church in Floyd on the first weekend, the Old Union Church in Indian Valley on the fourth weekend, and at his home church, Bells Spur (in Carroll County) on the third weekend.

Daniel I. Conner gave the Primitive Baptist their first portion of land in a will written in 1810. Daniel was the great, great, grandfather of Brother Tiras Conner. The first building stood in back of the present one and was built of a log structure with a gallery to accommodate large crowds. During the Civil War, slaves were allowed to unite with this church and did so until they organized churches of their own. This building must have been built around 1784 on Daniel Conner's land and was used until 1810 before they were given ownership. William and Elizabeth Conner sold the church another small portion of land in 1865 for the sum of \$1.00. In 1876 Peter and Mary Poff sold the church an acre for \$10.00, which is believed to be the part on which the new building now stands.

Through the omnipotent hand of God the new building here was constructed in four months. It was completed and paid for in 8 months from the month the church made the motion to build a new building. The hand of God could be seen in many ways along the way. The members give praise to Him for all the brethren and friends who have shown so much love and interest in helping them.

The church believes that salvation is by the grace of God and grace alone.

The church, which has an outdoor picnic area and a fellowship hall in the basement, is located on U.S. 221, one mile north of Check. Services are held on the second Sundays and the Saturday before at 11 a.m.

(The William & Elizabeth Conner who sold land to the church in 1865 was probably William Nathan Conner, son of Jacob P. Conner and grand son of William P. Conner. William's wife was Elizabeth Light).



Salem Primitive Baptist Church (Head of the River), Floyd Co. Virginia  
Land for the church was given by Daniel Conner soon after 1784



The benches in the foreground were used for outdoor communion at the church. This church is over two hundred years old. This church building was torn down and rebuilt in 1984.

Family of Daniel I. And Mary conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldrige Conner

1. Andrew Conner; born 1760-1770

Andrew was born between 1760 and 1770 (abt. 1762) and died between 1841 and 1845. Andrew married Elizabeth (Priscilla) Aldridge, daughter of William Aldridge. Elizabeth was born in 1779 and died sometime after the 1850 census. The date of the marriage is unknown but was probably around 1800. Census records show the following children living in Andrew's household:

A. Female born 1802-1804

B. Female born 1802-1804

C. Female born 1804-1810 (Sophia)

Montgomery County records show Andrew Conner as the surety for Sophia Conner who married David Hoback October 25, 1826. They may have a daughter Nancy Ann Hoback.

D. Female born 1804-1810(Mary Sandra Conner, (1808-1884) married John Jackson Light March 19, 1832. (An Elizabeth Conner, age 18, was living with James Light Jr. in 1850). Julia Ann Light is the Daughter of John and Mary Light.

E. Male born 1810-1815 - Aaron M. Conner was born October 18, 1810 and died September 1868. Aaron went out to cut wood and was found dead sitting on a stump. He was 57 years and 2 months. He was born in Giles County and Eli Dickerson was the informant. Aaron married Keziah "Cuzzie" Cole October 19, 1833. Cuzzy was born October 6, 1814 and died September 18, 1900. She was the daughter of Massa Cole. Both are buried at the Head of the River Cemetery. They had the following children:

a. Andrew James (James Andrew) Conner; born March 5, 1835, married Mary Ann Furrow February 1, 1856. Mary Ann is the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Furrow. Andrew died of fever December 13, 1881. Mary Ann was born April 4, 1837, died November 7, 1925.

(1). Lucy J. Conner, born about 1857, married John Floyd Poff, born 1859, February 16, 1882. John was the son of Peter R. and Mary A.(Polly) Poff.

(2). Aaron T. Conner, born 1859, died June 9, 1862

(3). Ira P. Conner, born March 22, 1861, died June 26, 1862.

(4). Keziah Ann Conner, (1866-1924), married Wiley P. Blankenship October 30, 1884. Wiley was born in 1863 and died in 1906.

(a). Algia Brlnkenship, born about 1905 and married December 25, 1924 to Clarence Norman Conner who was born about 1901.  
+ Arletha Conner, born May 3, 1932, died December 3, 1997 and married Carl J. Old.

(b). Flora Blankenship married \_\_\_\_\_ Tinsley

(c). Cassie Blankenship married \_\_\_\_\_ Smith

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- (5). Elmira Miriam Conner, born July 17, 1869, died August 13, 1949, married Charles Ballard Poff December 23, 1885. Charles was born June 30, 1864, died April 6, 1929. He was the son of Isaac and Ruth Lucy Gray Poff. They are buried at the Head of the River cemetery.
- (a). William Archie Poff, married Lula Sonya \_\_\_\_\_ march 10, 1918, Floyd Co., VA. Lula was born September 19, 1901, Floyd Co., and died August 11, 1987 at Roanoke, VA.
- (6). Daniel Adam Conner born January 20, 1872, died 1955, married Lydia Amanda Conner, age 20, December 24, 1895. Lydia is the daughter of Samuel R. and Elizabeth King Conner. Lydia was born in 1875 and died in 1959. The marriage license shows Daniel's middle initial as "H."
- (a). Nellie J. Conner, born March 1897, died in 1972, married Harvey L. Ferris February 28, 1923. Harvey was born November 14, 1897 and died February 1983. They have a son Carlton Ferris. Nellie and Harvey are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
- (b). Hettie A. Conner, born September 7, 1899 and married William Carey Valentine Manning February 18, 1920. William was born September 5, 1892 and died October 5, 1967. He is buried at Restvale Cemetery.
- (c). Rosa L. Conner, born March 20, 1903
- (d). Irving Blaine Conner, born February 28, 1906, died October 6, 1997, married March 22, 1962 to Uba Lue Sowers. They had no children.
- (e). Roy L. Conner, born September 19, 1908.
- (f). Virginia "Vergie" Gladys Conner, born June 20, 1912, died March 17, 1977, married Willard J. Conner September 5, 1931. John is the son of John Cassel and Jimima Wilson Conner.
- (g). Stephana Conner, born May 18, 1916.
- (7). Maranda Alice Conner, born 1875, died in 1950, at age 22, married Joseph William Aldridge, age 26, March 10, 1897. William was born in 1871, died in 1943.
- (8). Armenda E. Conner, born July 8, 1876, died May 15, 1950, at age 18, married Isaac Daniel Wilson, age 21, January 25, 1894. Isaac is the son of Labon and Eliza (Elzira) C. Conner Wilson.
- (a). James Laban Wilson, born June 29, 1906, died October 8, 1983, and married Ethel Lenna Farris November 28, 1928. Ethel was born August 7, 1911 and died June 15, 1996. They are buried at Copper Hill Brethern Cemetery.

# MARRIAGE \* LICENSE

Virginia, Flays County to wit:

To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Daniel H. Corner

and Lydia A. Corner

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Flays County this 23 day of December 1895

B. P. Ellworth Clerk

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,  
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, ENACTED BY SECTION 2550 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Time of Marriage, December 24 1895	Place of Husband's Birth, Flays County Va
Place of Marriage, Flays County Va	Place of Wife's Birth, Flays County Va
Full Names of Parties Married, Daniel H. Corner & Lydia A. Corner	Place of Husband's Residence, Flays County Va
Color, White	Place of Wife's Residence, Flays County Va
Age of Husband, 23 years	Names of Husband's Parents, Andrew Mary J. Corner
Age of Wife, 20 years	Names of Wife's Parents, Samuel R. & Elizabeth J. Corner
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single	Occupation of Husband, Farmer
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single	

Given under my hand this 23 day of December 1895

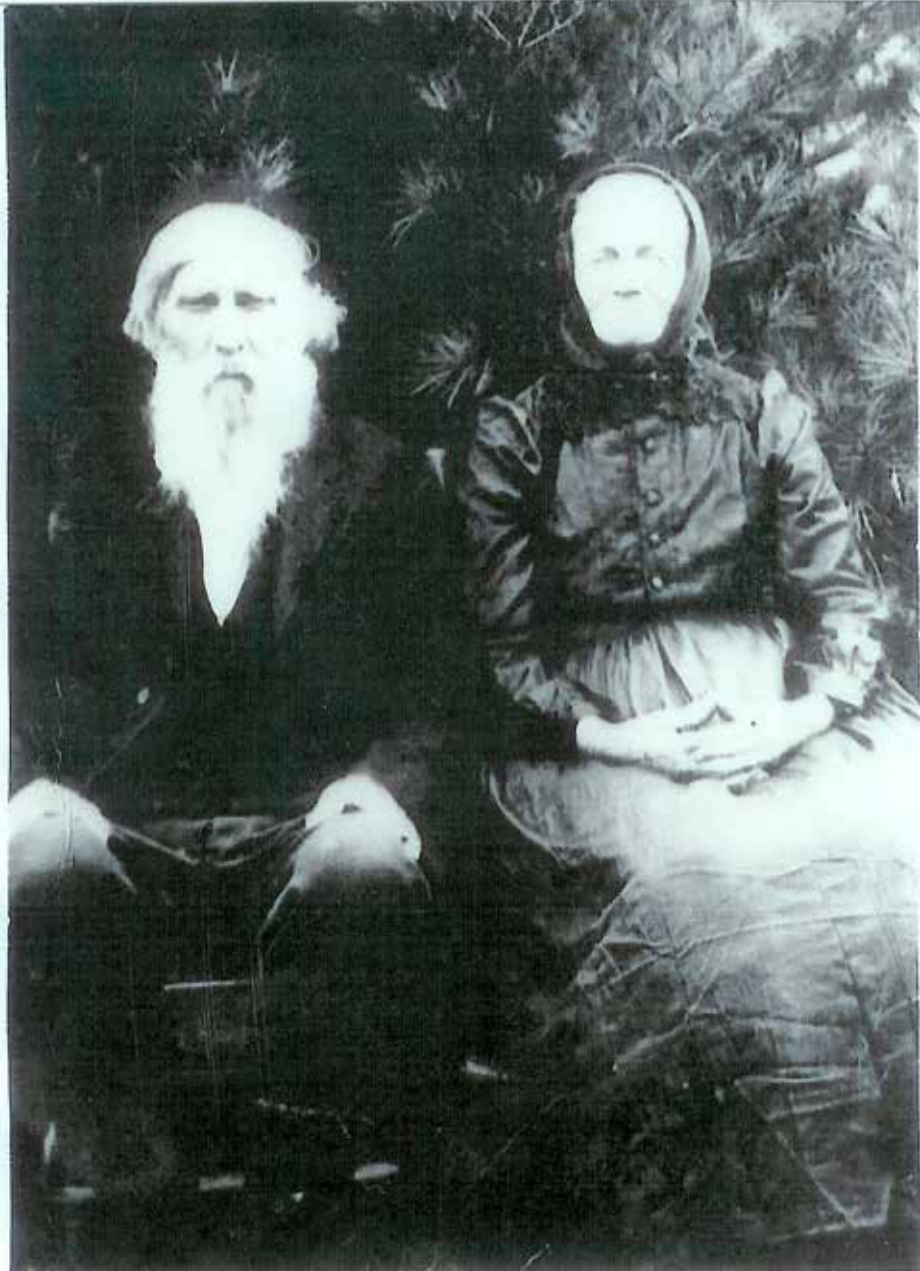
B. P. Ellworth Clerk

## MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1895  
at Simpson I united in Marriage the  
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

G. H. Prosser

Family of Daniel I. and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldrige Conner



Labon D. and "Eliza" Elzira C. Conner

Family of Daniel I. And Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldrige Conner

- (9). Archer F. Conner, born December 17, 1879, died April 22, 1939.
- (10). Laura Arminda Conner, married Charles Otey Craghead March 14, 1889.  
Charles is the son of James Robert and Sarah Conner Craghead.
- b. Eliza M. Conner, born 1837, married Jonathan Conner May 15, 1856. Jonathan is the son of Cornelius and Ann Poff Conner.
- c. Daniel O. (A.) Conner; born 1840, died in the Civil War March 1863
- d. Nathan F. Conner; born 1842, died in the Civil War March 1863
- e. Miranda B. Conner; 1844-1933, married James M. Vest, born October 30, 1842, November 30, 1865. James was sheriff of Floyd Co. VA and died October 4, 1882.
- (1). Missouri Melvina Vest, born December 17, 1866 in Floyd Co., VA and married John C. Akers November 27, 1884 in Foyd Co., VA. Missouri died in Young Co., Texas in 1928. John was born May 24, 1861.
- (2). Alzora Ann Vest, born June 28, 1868, Floyd Co., VA. She married Sidney L. Bradbury November 29, 1898 in Floyd Co., VA. She died before April 3, 1910.
- f. John Aaron Conner; born November 18, 1845, died July 6, 1910, married Mary Ellen (Polly) Vest January 3, 1867. Mary Ellen was born March 23, 1850, died December 18, 1930, and is the daughter of Samuel L. and Sarah Iddings Vest.
- (1). James William Conner, born March 31, 1868, died September 29, 1928. He married Lenora A. Vest, January 19, 1902. Lenora was born September 4, 1872 and died June 29, 1929.
- (a). Hobert Conner, born April 30, 1904, died July 14, 1905.
- (2). Sarah Keziah M. Elvina Conner, married Joseph Fleming Valentine Conner, April 10, 1890. Valentine was born May 11, 1871, and died February 12, 1963. He is the son of Samuel and Martha Poff Conner. Cuzzie was born June 10, 1872, and died March 12, 1950.
- (3). Tempa T. Patrey Conner, born February 17, 1877, died December 28, 1920 and married Joseph Letcher Woodward, age 22, December 27, 1894.
- (4). Miranda Caldora E. Conner, born June 18, 1879, died August 6, 1960, married A. G. Blackwell, age 70, October 1, 1918. She was his second wife.
- (5). Joseph Nathan (Bud) Conner, born December 26, 1882, died December 26, 1940.
- (6). Mary Lee Conner, born March 4, 1888, died May 25, 1888.
- (7). Alfred Letcher Conner, born June 10, 1892, died August 7, 1965, married Evie Florence Lawrence, born May 30, 1890, died September 9, 1959.
- (a). Mowyer Lawrence Conner, born May 2, 1922, died May 12, 2004 and was preceded in death by his wife Garthie Aldridge.
- + Anita Conner  
+ Myra Conner

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- (b). Maizie Virginia Conner, born July 18, 1925, married Elbert Kent Wimmer. Elbert died at age 70, February 9, 1994.
  - + James Wimmer, deceased
  - + Vernie Kay Wimmer, died with cancer at age 17
  - + Carl Wimmer, married Sheree \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ++ Brandi Wimmer
    - ++ Aaron Wimmer
- (c). Maurice Conner married Eva Epperly and Maruice is now deceased.
  - + Edwin Conner married Norma \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ++ Sandra Conner, married Bobby Huff and have 2 children
    - ++ Teresa Conner, married Andrew Martin
  - + Clinton Conner, married Dianne Vest (no children)
  - + Harvey Conner married Lessie Bolt
    - ++ Chris Conner
    - ++ Jessica Conner
    - ++ Erick Conner
  - + Peggy Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Bain. Peggy was killed in a car accident.
    - ++ John Bain
    - ++ Shirley Bain
  - + Marcia Conner married James Turner
    - ++ Angie Turner
    - ++ Monica Turner
  - + Penny Conner
- g. Elizabeth Ann Conner; born November 7, 1847, died in 1887, married William F. Vest, son of Samuel L. and Sarah Iddings Vest, November 29, 1866. William was born in 1844 and died in 1921.

Family of Daniel I. and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldrige Conner

CONNER

Eva E.

Eva E. Conner, 94, of Check, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, August 16, 2013. She was born of the late Hiley and Blanche Epperly, of Huffville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice H. Conner; and one daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Calvin Bain.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin C. and Norma Jean Conner, Harvey L. and Lessie B. Conner, and Clinton L. and Diann V. Conner; daughters and sons-in-law, Helen C. and Earl Hubbard, Marcia C. and James Turner, and Penny E. Conner; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sister, Margie Beckleheimer; sisters-in-law, Mazie Wimmer and Jewell Pannell; special friends and caretakers, Ann Bower, Rose Rakes, Deidra Webb, and Kelly Mcallistor; and her cat, Tiger.

A private graveside service will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2013, at Jacksonville Cemetery with Pastor Roy Turpin officiating. Interment will follow in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com)



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Family of Daniel I. and Mary Conner  
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- h. Ailsa (Elsa) Melvina Conner; born 1850 and died July 21, 1862 of diphtheria.
  
- i. William Valentine Conner; born February 6, 1852, died August 11, 1918 and married Sarah Ann Vest January 8, 1874. Sarah was born April 27, 1854 and died November 6, 1934. She is the daughter of Samuel L. and Sarah Iddings Vest. They had four children.
  - (1). Rose M. Conner, born April 4, 1879, married Louis Morgan Keaton, born January 10, 1872, January 3, 1900. Louis died September 20, 1942 and is buried at the Head of the River Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA. They had 14 children.
  - (2). Matilda M. "Tidy" Conner, age 17, married Grover Cleveland Mills, age 24, September 13, 1911. Grover was born June 23, 1886.
  - (3). William Daniel Conner, born June 8, 1885, died August 26, 1963, married September 6, 1905 Eliza Louella Manning, born April 30, 1886, died June 21, 1978. William was buried at the Head of the River cemetery.
    - (a). Leonard Jackson Conner, born about 1906 and married Margie Maxey.
      - + Bobby Ray Conner
      - + Leslie Conner
      - + Harvey Daniel Conner, born September 10, 1933 and died November 15, 1998. He married Ailene Maurene Pacetti July 31, 1953.
        - ++ Barbara Conner married Terrence O'Hara.
        - ++ Lewis Howard Conner, born June 22, 1953 and married Kelli Jane Dolby August 10, 1985
    - (b). William Mowyer Conner born about 1924 and married Frances Juanita Perdue in 1946.
      - +Deloris Conner
  - (c). Garland Wade Conner, born December 1926 and married Eunice Carter June 28, 1947.
    - + Jennifer Conner
    - + Danny Wade Conner
  - (d). Mrs G. C. Mills (Grover Cleveland)
- (4). Samuel Millard Conner, born May 5, 1889, died November 4, 1949 and never married.

Family of Daniel I. and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldrige Conner

**CONNER**  
**William M.**

William M. (Bill) Conner, 87, of Salem, passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. He was born on July 11, 1924, in Floyd County, to Daniel and Lovella Conner.

He proudly served his country in the Army during World War II, participating in the Second Wave at Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. He felt great pride in taking part in the liberation of the concentration camps. Upon return from World War II, he began his life long career as an electrician, working for Delta Electric Company for 13 years, S&W Cafeterias, and Macke Vending Company from which he retired after 25 years of service. Along with his many accomplishments, he served in the Civil Air Patrol for more than 50 years. He was a Free Mason of the Taylor Lodge in Salem for over 50 years. He was also, a member of the American Legion Post #3.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Alta Wade Conner; brother, G. Wade Conner and wife, Eunice, of Vinton; daughter, Dolores Leed and husband, Stephen, of

Yorktown; one grandson; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by the Wade family and the best neighbors in the world.

Special thanks to the VAMC, Salem and the doctors, nurses and other staff who have provided excellent care over the last several years. Also, to the Good Samaritan Hospice staff for their care and support over the last three months. Your compassion and care are greatly appreciated.

Funeral Service will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012, at Lotz Salem Chapel with Pastor Marvin Wade officiating. Interment to follow at 2:30 p.m. at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at Lotz Funeral Home Salem.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Good Samaritan Hospice, 2408 Electric Road, Roanoke, Va. 24018.

Online condolence may be sent by visiting [www.lotzfuneralhome.com](http://www.lotzfuneralhome.com).



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## ANNIVERSARIES



### Conner 65th Anniversary

G. Wade and Eunice Carter Conner celebrated their 65th anniversary on Thursday. They were married on June 28, 1947, at Belmont Baptist parsonage by the late Rev. E.D. Poe.

They have one son, Danny Wade Conner, his wife Jennifer Dodde Conner, and two granddaughters, Emma and Allison, all of Vinton.

Family is very important to them, and their devotion to a life-long marriage is truly an inspiration.

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldrige Conner



**CONNER**

**Eunice Carter**

Eunice Carter Conner, 88, of Vinton, passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilton and Annie Carter; three brothers; and two sisters.

Eunice is survived by her husband of 66 years, G. Wade Conner; son, Danny Wade Conner and wife, Jennifer; two granddaughters, Emma and Allison Conner; sister, Inez Fletcher and husband, Hubert; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Ronnie Palmer officiating. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Monday, February 17, 2014 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com).

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- j. Samuel Joseph Conner, born April 17, 1854, married Sarah Jane Smith, born September 20, 1853, November 28, 1878. Sarah Smith was the twin daughter of Bird Smith and Lydia Iddings. Sarah Smith died January 1, 1896. Samuel married a second time to Sarah Jane Stump, age 35, January 20, 1898. Sarah Jane was the daughter of Cebret and Rhoda Stump. Sarah Jane was first married to Dennis Hall son of Henry and Alley Iddings Hall. Dennis and Sarah Jane were married April 7, 1874 and Dennis died in 1885.
  - (1). Eva Conner, twin, age 24, married Walter Jackson Wimmer, age 28, December 25, 1913. They had a daughter Geneva J. Wimmer who had a son Gene Francis Wimmer and the father of Gene is unknown.
    - (a). Marvin Hampton Wimmer, married Mabel Gay Epperly August 9, 1941.
  - (2). Laura Conner, age 20, married Trigg Mosby Lucas, age 24, November 1912.
  - (3). Louella Lydia Conner, married James Waskey Conner, age 20, September 23, 1908. James died May 24, 1922. At age 38, Louella married her second husband David Byrd Sisson, age 47, November 4, 1924.

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- (4). Jasper Conner, born October 20, 1879, died October 11, 1957, married “ Betty” Elizabeth Ann Bowles November 19, 1903. Betty was born March 17, 1883 and is the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Christina Conner Bowles.
- (a). Etta Gay Conner, born September 30, 1904
  - (b). Pauline Ethel Conner, born October 24, 1905, married \_\_\_\_\_ Shorter, then George Tyler Rakes November 8, 1958.
  - (c). Golda Christina Conner, born July 26, 1907, married \_\_\_\_\_ Bartlett.
  - (d). Lee Ward Conner, born February 10, 1909
  - (e). Samuel Henry Conner, born February 28, 1910
  - (f). Hazel Sarah Conner, born March 6, 1912, married \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris.
    - + Paul Ferris
    - + Frances Farris
  - (g). Belva Carman “Velva” Conner, married Henry Marshall Davis, born September 11, 1919, died May 9, 1990. He is buried at the Head of the River Cemetery.
  - (h). Mabel Arlington Conner, born October 29, 1915, died July 24, 1994, married Edmond Ezra Poff.
    - + Winston Poff, married Carolyn Weddle and have tow sons Richard and Mark Poff.
    - + Rex Poff married Elizabeth Radford
    - ++ Crystal Poff
  - (i). Virginia Dare Conner, born April 10, 1918 and died January 21, 2004, buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (j). Woodrow Blane Conner, born March 31, 1920 who married Reba Odessa Collins (born 1920) July 8, 1939. Woodrow died November 2, 2002.
    - + Barbara Jean Conner, married Frank Joyner.
    - + Elizabeth Ann Conner, married Clifford Worldslanger and then Walter Morey.
    - + Larry Wayne Conner, married Pat \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - + Glenn Conner, married Dorothy Eisenhower
      - ++ Dawn Conner
    - + Woodrow B. Conner, was born and died in 1954.

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Obit from the Roanoke Times November 5, 2002

Conner, Woodrow Blain, 82 formerly of Copper Hill, passed away Saturday, November 2, 2002 in Sarasota Florida. He was a veteran of World War II. Surviving are his wife, Reba Collins Conner of Sarasota; two sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Dottie Conner, Larry and Pat Conner, all of Baltimore, Md.; two daughters and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Walter Morey of Sarasota, and Barbara Joyner of Delaware; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren; six sisters, Georgiana Link of Bristol, TN, Bonnie and Arthur Conner of Copper Hill, Velva Davis, Virginia Conner and Iva Morgan, all of Roanoke, and Dexter Sowers of Copper Hill. Funeral services 11 am Thursday at Salem Church (Head of the River). Interment in the Restvale Cemetery.

Obit from the Roanoke Times August 25, 2004

Conner, Reba Collins, 84, of Copper Hill, passed away August 23, 2004 at her home in Sarasota, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow B. Conner. She is survived by her two sons, Glenn and Dottie Conner of Baltimore, Md. And Larry and Pat Conner of Baltimore, Md.; two daughters, Elizabeth and Walter Morey of Sarasota, Fla., Barbara Joyner and Paul Morgan of Delaware; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Millard and Georgie Collins of Chesapeake, Va.; two sisters Edna Mills of Copper Hill and Mary and Leo Ernkas of Perry Hall, Md. Funeral services will be 11 am Friday, August 27, 2004 at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Olen Gardner officiating with interment in the Restvale Cemetery.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner



**MORGAN**  
Iva Lillian

Iva Lillian Morgan, formerly of Copper Hill, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 13, 2004. At 90 years young, and known for her wittiness, she was a devoted wife and mother of seven children; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Copper Hill Church of the Brethren and was a Sunday School teacher and a long time faithful member of the Women's Fellowship. Born March 14, 1914, she was the daughter of the late Jasper and Elizabeth (Betty) Conner. She is preceded in death also by her husband, Robert (Bob) Morgan; three brothers, Lee, Sam and Woodrow Conner; five sisters, Pauline Rakes, Goldie Bartlett, Mabel Poff, Hazel Ferris and Virginia Conner; two

sons-in-law, Alton Shaver and Walter (Bob) Poff. She is survived by two sons and their wives, Wilburn Harris (Will) and Diane Morgan of Hardy and Robert (Bobby) and Joan Morgan of Roanoke; and five daughters and three sons-in-law, Ruby Poff, Sylvia and Wayne Wimmer of Salem, Betty Shaver of Roanoke, Phyllis and Richard Phillips of Richmond, Dorma and Lowell Yeatts of Check. She is also survived by four sisters, two brothers-in-law, Dexter Sowers and Bonnie and Arthur Conner of Copper Hill, Velva Harris Davis of Roanoke, Georgianna and Leon Link of Bristol, Tenn. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. We loved her very much and will miss her dearly. The family wishes to especially thank the staff at Raleigh Court Health Care Center for their loving care. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, August 16, 2004 at 11 a.m. at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Rev. Jim Worline and Rev. Doug Jones officiating. Flowers are welcome, as well as memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, Adventa Hospice, Bent Mountain Rescue Squad, or Copper Hill Church of the Brethren. The family will receive friends Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Oakey's South Chapel.



Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

- (k). Georgiana Conner married Arnold Leon Link. (See page 24.0.0.2)
- (l). Bonnie Jasper Conner married Arthur Allen Conner May 28, 1948,  
(see Arthur Conner for Family). Bonnie died June 14, 2005.
- (m). Dexter Marie Conner born May 30, 1922, married Arnold F. Sowers.  
Dexter died Jan. 15, 2011. See page 24.0.1.
- (n). Iva Lylian Conner, married Robert J. Morgan. Iva was born in 1914  
and died August 13, 2004.
  - + Ruby Dare Morgan married Robert Poff, Bob died July 18, 2004.
  - + Betty Morgan married Alton Shaver, Alton died June 22, 2003.
    - ++ Vincent Shaver
    - ++ Kirk Shaver
    - ++ Jennifer Shaver
  - + Sylvia Lenna Morgan (17) married David Wayne Wimmer (21)  
November 7, 1958.
  - + Wilburn Harris Morgan, married Diane \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + Phillis Morgan, married Richard Phillips
  - + Dorma Morgan married Lowell Yeatts and have a daughter.
  - + Robert "Bobby" Morgan, married Joan \_\_\_\_\_.

- (5). Aaron Conner, born November 2, 1883, married Ora D. Perdue, born June  
19, 1893, December 2, 1908.
- (6). Albert Conner, born August 30, 1888, twin, married Ora A. Conner, age  
16, April 13, 1910. Ora is the daughter of Charles Oty and Sarah Conner.

F. Male born 1810-1815 (John O. Conner) December 8, 1814, died December 17,  
1910. John married Lucinda Poff January 17, 1841. Lucinda was born June 8,  
1822 and died July 9, 1915 and is the daughter of Henry Poff and his wife Sarah  
"Sally" Sowder. In Henry's will dated January 1, 1854, he left his daughter \$1.00.  
The Floyd County Census lists John was a farmer and purchased 17 acres June 30,  
1845 on Meadow Run, one of the branches of little River. John and Lucinda had  
the following children:

- a. Sarah Elizabeth Conner; born January 25, 1843, died May 28, 1918, married William H. Aldridge  
November 15, 1866, son of Anderson E. and Beulah Elizabeth Smith Aldridge. They are buried at  
Restvale.
- b. Charity E. Conner; born 1846, died of diphtheria at age 18
- c. Henry Poff Conner; born 1848, died of diphtheria August 25, 1862 at age 16.
- d. Samuel Joseph Landon Conner; born March 23, 1849, died January 31, 1932 and  
married Mary Catherine Oakes (Okes) April 2, 1868. Mary was born September  
1, 1848 and died February 3, 1922. Joseph married again at age 75 to Julia P.  
Bell Meadows, widow, age 77, September 17, 1924.



## SOWERS

### Dexter Marie Conner

Dexter Marie Conner Sowers, 88, of Copper Hill, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2011. Dexter was born in Copper Hill, Va. on May 30, 1922 to Jasper and Elizabeth Conner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold F. Sowers in 1998; family members, Pauline Rakes, Goldie Bartlett, Lee and Margaret Conner, Sam and Elzora Conner, Hazel and Coy Ferris, Iva and Bob Morgan, Mabel and Edmund Poff, Virginia Conner, Woodrow and Rheba Conner, Velva and Henry Davis, and Bonnie Conner. Dexter is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Brenn and Alene Sowers, Bruce and Wanda Sowers, Joel Sowers and fiancé, Geanna and Gabriel Mullins; one daughter, Carmen Manning; one sister and brother-in-law, Georgianna and Leon Link; one brother-in-law and spouse, Arthur and Ilene Conner; eight grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Medi Home Health and caregivers, Angie Manning and Phyllis Donathan. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at Head of the River Church with the Reverend Olen Gardner officiating. Interment will follow at Restvale Cemetery. Friends may call Monday, January 17, 2011 where family will receive from 6 to 8 p.m. Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd, 745-2007. Friends may send condolences to the family at [www.gardnerfuneralhome.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhome.com).

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

**SOWERS**  
**Joel Lee**

Joel Lee Sowers, 56, of Max Meadows, passed away Friday, February 6, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Geanna Sowers; two daughters, Jessica Radford and Tasha Stout; eight grandchildren; one sister, Carmen Manning; two brothers, Brenn Sowers and Bruce Sowers; many nieces; and nephews.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home with Pastor Kelly Marshall officiating.

Interment will follow in Restvale Cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour before service time. There will be no other visitation at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). The family is being served by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, VA (540)745-2007.

(see Dexter Marie Conner page 24 and 24.0.1)

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

**LINK**  
**Georgianna Bell**  
**Conner**

Georgianna Bell Conner Link, 80, of Bristol, Tenn., passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. She was preceded by her parents, Jasper and Elizabeth Ann Conner; and by her 13 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold Leon Link; sons, Wayne Link, Dwight Link (Debbie Phillips), and Terry Link; daughter, Melinda L. Combs; brother-in-law, Arthur Conner (Ilene); and grandchildren, Brian Combs and Angela Combs.

Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2015, at Salem Primitive Baptist Church (Head of the River) with Elder Alan Terry officiating with interment in Restvale Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2015, at Maberry Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com)



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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner



Photo by Kevin Hurley

### Conner 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Conner celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 30, 2012, at the National Harbor Gaylord Hotel. Their sons and their families thoughtfully surprised the couple by upgrading their room to a suite and sending up a tray of fruit and cheese. The couple were married on June 30, 1962, by Dr. R.P. Downey at Salem Baptist Church. She's the former Martha Poage.

They have two sons, Lt. Col. Fred Conner of San Antonio,

Texas, and Steve Conner of Santa Barbara, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Mr. Conner is retired from the Office of Drinking Water, Virginia Department of Health. Mrs. Conner is a retired registered nurse. They are members of Salem Baptist Church.

They feel blessed by the love and support they have received from their family and friends throughout the last 50 years.

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### Family of Daniel and Mary Conner by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

- (1). Lucinda Abigail Conner,(1870-1964 ) age 20, first married Silas Edward Stump,( born October 3, 1871, died July 15, 1903), July 10, 1890. Lucinda then married William M. White October 19, 1904. Lucinda was born May 17, 1870 and died October 19, 1964. Lucinda and Silas had seven children.
- (2). John William Conner, (1872-1959) age 20, married Mary Elizabeth Hall, age 17, October 13, 1892. John was born February 4, 1872 and died June 4, 1959. Mary is the daughter of Dennis and Sarah Jane Stump Hall. Both are buried at the Restvale Cemetery.
  - (a). Isaac Eldridge Conner, born January 20, 1894 and died December 16, 1985. He married Ila Gay Poff September 20, 1916. Ila was born June 29, 1898 and died May 11, 1992.
    - + Lucy Elizabeth Conner was born June 6, 1918. She married Raymond Leon Hibbits February 7, 1936.
    - + George Washington Conner, born April 8, 1919 and married Lucy Myrtle Richardson, daughter of John Edward Alexander Richardson and Annie Walters Brookman, Jan 20, 1940. George died April 1995.
      - ++ Ronald Eugene Conner, born November 5, 1940. He married Martha Ann Poage, daughter of Clarence O. Poage and Alma Geraldine Travis June 30, 1962.
        - +++ Frederick Allan conner, born January 15, 1969, and married Aniela Irene Bukowski May 15, 1993.
        - +++ Stephen Randal conner, born June 8, 1970 and married Paula Leigh Marcus September 30, 2000.
      - ++ George Richard Conner, born December 20, 1941 and married Judy Rae Young, daughter of Charles R. Young and Hattie Unknown, February 2, 1962.
        - +++ Patrick Ian Conner, born February 15, 1966, and married Jennie Anne Chester February 23, 1991.
        - +++ Mark Brian conner, born July 30, 1968 and married Sarah Louise Roberts May 30, 1992.
      - ++ Annie Gay Conner, born February 12, 1943 and married Ira Kimble Furrow, son of John Eldridge Furrow, Sr. and Velira Gaines Walton August 28, 1959.
      - ++ Jerry Lynn Conner, born March 8, 1947 and married Karen Webb. Jerry died January 29, 1987.
        - +++ Christopher Gaven Conner, born May 18, 1970 and married Michelle Janette Adams May 24, 1997.
        - +++ Temple Olivia Conner, born January 12, 1973 and married Justin Mark Kinsey.
        - +++ David Webb Conner, born November 5, 1985. She married Kenneth James Parker October 3, 1981.

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

- + Eva Mae Conner, born February 27, 1921 and married David Anthony Hines May 29, 1944. Eva married Raymond Buddy Burton.
  - ++ Sharon Ruth Conner, born October 4, 1951 and married David Coffey September 17, 1971.
  - ++ Lisa Annette Conner, born April 23, 1960 and married Bruce Gerritsen January 31, 1964.
- + Nannie Rubybell Conner, born July 2, 1923 and married Warren Carlton Andrews October 12, 1946.
- + Thelma Violet Conner, born April 23, 1925 and married Claude Watson Carter March 14, 1942. (see page 24.1.0.0)
- + Mary Elizabeth Conner, born March 3, 1927 and married John Lloyd Barbour, Jr. October 14, 1946.
- + Anna Ellen Conner, born December 17, 1928 and married William Ford Mayhew July 27, 1946.
- + Betty Jane Conner, born February 17, 1930 and married Herbert Hoover Andrews July 3, 1948.
- + James Willard Conner, born March 2, 1932 and died June 8, 2004. He married Carolyn Sue Poff March 9, 1963. He is buried at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park in Roanoke Co., VA.
  - ++ David Samuel Conner Born November 5, 1974
- + Mable Irene Conner, born February 21, 1934, married Robert Lee Smallwood Jr. on July 18, 1953
- + Norma Jean Conner, born Nov 20, 1937, and married Clarence E. Terry in 1954 in Roanoke, VA. She married Ronald Welford Thomas August 29, 1958.
- (b). Emma Roxie Conner, born September 18, 1896 and died May 21, 1977. She married Ezra Granville Martin in 1915. Ezra was born January 17, 1898, died November 5, 1985.
- (c). Jessie Lewis Conner, born May 13, 1902 and died June 25, 1981. He married Elva Mae Melton.
- (d). Hozie Lonzie Conner, born April 18, 1905 and died September 1, 1942. He married Izola Angeline Hylton July 31, 1927. He was electrocuted while working on the job for Norfolk and Western railroad. He is buried at Jacksonville Cemetery. (see page 24.1.0.1)
  - + Bobby Hylton Conner, born June 19, 1928, married Deloris Lee Gallimore July 3, 1949.
  - + Billy Curtis Conner, born May 14, 1931, married Carolyn Virginia Ahart January 31, 1959.
  - + Donald Jerry Conner, born June 30, 1938, married Opaldeen Faye Conner July 26, 1963.

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
By Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner



### Obituary for Thelma Conner Carter Holland

Thelma Conner Carter Holland, 86, formerly of Roanoke and Rocky Mount, died Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Berkshire Health Center in Vinton following a brief illness.

Mrs. Holland was born in Roanoke April 23, 1925 and lived in the area all of her life. She was the daughter of the late Isaac E. and Ila G. Poff Conner.

Mrs. Holland was a homemaker and caregiver. She enjoyed reading and read her Bible everyday. She was a member of Sandy Ridge Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Holland was preceded in death by her husbands Claude Carter and Odus Holland; sons James Carter, Gerald Carter, and John Carter; grandson Jeffrey Hawley; two brothers George W. Conner and James Conner; and a sister Mae Burton. She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law Marvin and Florence Carter of Salem, Larry and Sandy Carter of Topeka, Kansas; daughters and sons-in-law Ercell Shepherd of Roanoke, Ila and Donnie Kelley of Franklin County, Judy and James Williams of Troutville, Shirley and Roger Hawley of Vinton, and Wendy and Gary Newcomb of Roanoke; 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren; sisters Lucy Hibbits of Salem, Nancy Andrews of Roanoke, Betty Jane Andrews of Roanoke, Ella Mayhew of Vinton, Norma Jean Thomas of Salem, Mary and her husband J.L. Barbour of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Mable Smallwood of Roanoke; and special friend Iris Lloyd of Vinton.

A celebration of her life will be Saturday, 11:00 AM at Lotz Funeral Home, 1001 Franklin Road, Roanoke with Pastor Joe Dillon officiating. A private burial will be Monday at Carter-Foster Family Cemetery in Franklin County. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday (TODAY) from 2-4 and 6-8 PM.

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
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- (e). Benjamin Valentine Conner, born July 14, 1913 and died April 20, 1965. He married Grace Virginia Palmer May 18, 1940. Grace was born September 6, 1923 and died December 1, 1991. Benjamin is buried at Head of the River Cemetery. They had two sons.
- + Richard David Conner, born June 13, 1942, married Almeda Jackson Whitlock July 17, 1971. She was born August 29, 1946.
  - + Larry Glenn Conner, married Florence Beverly Arron. They applied for their marriage license in Roanoke Co. June 4, 1973. She later married Guy J. Holley September 16, 1995.
- (f). Joseph Otey Conner, born September 29, 1899 and died December 26, 1966. He Married Mary Lucinda Sowers April 3, 1921, who was the daughter of Frazier Tuggle and Flora Ann Martin Sowers.
- + Infant girl born December 14, 1921
  - + Dorothy Anna May Conner, born November 21, 1922 and married Ezra Roy Craighead December 23, 1946. Roy died August 6, 1986.
  - + Junior Lee Conner married Nancy Geraldine Wimmer June 10, 1961.
- (g). Ruby May Conner was born April 26, 1910 and died March 25, 2008 at the age of 97. Ruby is buried at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens in Roanoke, VA. She married Joseph C. Woods and they had the following children: (see page 24.1.0.1)
- + Joseph C. Woods Jr.
  - + Douglas Woods
  - + Clarence T. Woods, married Hazel \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + Edward L. Woods, Married Betty \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + Randall W. Woods, married Lois \_\_\_\_\_.



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## WOODS

### Ruby Conner

Ruby Conner Woods, 97, of Roanoke, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. She was the widow of Joseph C. Woods and

predeceased by her parents, John and Eliz Conner. The last of seven children, she was also preceded in death by five brothers, Ike, Otey, Hosea, Jess and Benny Conner; a sister, Roxie Martin; and two sons, Joe Jr. and Doug Woods. Mrs. Woods was a longtime and devoted member of New Life Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church. Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence T. and Hazel Woods, of Roanoke, Edward L. and Betty Woods, of Rocky Mount, and Randall W. and Lois Woods, of LaGrange, Ky.; seven beloved grandchildren, Michael Woods and wife, Susan, Clarence Woods Jr., Robin Bowen and husband, Larry, Daniel Woods and wife, Gwen, Anthony Woods and wife, Becky, Keith Woods and wife, Tracey and Christina and husband, Bob; 17 great-grandchildren; seven great - great - grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March, 28, 2008, at New Life Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Rev. Daniel G. Woods will officiate. Interment will be in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Oakey's North Chapel, 540-362-1237.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner



CONNER  
Michael Allen

Michael Allen (Mickey) Conner, 60, of Copper Hill, passed away on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. He was born November 5, 1951, a son of Arthur Allen and the late Bonnie Jasper Conner.

In addition to his father and stepmother, Ilene Vest Conner, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Jeaneen and James Ingram of Floyd, and his son, Landon Conner of Christiansburg. He is also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law, Brenda and Luther Galyean of Copper Hill, Katherine and Clay Giles of Copper Hill, Sandy Dehart, of Roanoke, and Mary and Leon Elkins, of Statesville, N.C. He is also survived by his brothers, Tommy Conner of Elliston, and John Conner of Bent Mountain, grandchildren Jolie, Jordan and Jonah Ingram of Floyd, special friends Shirley Sumner and Polly Hall, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mickey began playing music at age 10, teaching himself by emulating bluegrass masters on his mandolin in between bicycle rides and fishing trips. By the time he was a teenager, he and his brothers and sisters were picking together as a band and began competing at bluegrass festivals and fiddle and banjo clubs all around. Making appearances on local tv and radio programs, Mickey recorded bluegrass albums along with his brothers, Tommy and John, and other bluegrass professionals with band names including The Conner Brothers, Floyd County Boys, Clinton King and the Virginia Mountaineers and the Bluegrass Brothers. He was an accomplished mandolin and fiddle player, as well as harmony singer.

In addition to being a talented musician, Mickey was a skilled tool maker, retired from Medeco Security Lock in Salem. He also enjoyed collecting Native American Indian relics and arrowheads.

Funeral services will be arranged by Oakey's Funeral Service, South Chapel on Brambleton Ave, Roanoke. The family will have private visitation Friday, August 10 at 5 p.m. Public visitation is scheduled for Saturday at the funeral home at 5 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 12, 2012, also at Oakey's South. Pastor Greg Mills and Pastor Marty Moyer will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner



**CONNER**  
**John William**

John William Conner, 48, of Bent Mountain, passed away on Thursday December 6, 2012. He was born October



10, 1964, the youngest of seven children of Arthur Allen Conner and the late Bonnie Jasper Conner, of Copper

Hill. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Mickey Conner.

In addition to his father and stepmother, Hene Vest Conner, he is survived by his daughter, Meghan Claire Conner, who lives in Louisiana. He is also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law, Brenda and Luther Galyean, of Copper Hill, Katherine and Clay Giles, also of Copper Hill, Sandy DeHart of Troutville, and Mary and Leon Elkins of Statesville, N.C. John is also survived by his brother, Tommy Conner, of Elliston; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John began playing bluegrass as a young boy, quickly learning banjo tunes by the time he was 10 years old. He joined his older brothers, Mickey and Tommy to record with the bluegrass band, "The Conner Brothers", at age 12. Music played a dominant role in John's life as he spent much time practicing, performing and competing at bluegrass festivals and fiddle and banjo clubs. John is sadly missed by his family and friends, and we are grateful for John's belief in Jesus Christ for his salvation.

Services will be at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Ave. at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2012. The Rev. Marty Moyer will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. Friends may call at Oakey's South Chapel from 4 till 7 p.m. Saturday December 8, 2012. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

- + Vivian Ilene Conner, born April 8, 1925.
- + Ortha Gay Conner, born March 1, 1926, married Howard Nelson Hundley July 29, 1947.
- + Juanita Lura Conner, born January 27, 1928 and married Samuel Lee Semones September 30, 1946. She later married Elmer Lawrence Belcher May 6, 1981.
- + Alpha Conner, born May 25, 1934 and died August 28, 1935.
- + William Tuggle Conner, born August 30, 1935, married Shelba Jean Rierson October 15, 1954. (see page 24.1.2.4)
- + Junior Lee Conner, born September 15, 1938, married Nancy Wimmer June 10, 1961.
- + Opaldeen Faye Conner, born May 16, 1943, married Donald Jerry Conner July 26, 1963.

- (3). George Lewis Conner Sr., born January 16, 1874, died May 20, 1948 and married Sarah Jane Stump in Nov 16, 1897. She was born in October 1858. At age 49, he married Mary Della Moran November 10, 1923. Mary was born February 8 1890.

Children with his first wife Sarah Jane Stump

- (a). William Conner, born about 1898
- (b). John A. Conner, born about 1900
- (c). Sally Conner, born about 1902
- (d). George Lewis Conner Jr., about 1906
- (e). Claude S. Conner, born about 1909

Children with his second wife Mary Della Moran

- (f). Arthur Allen Conner, married Bonnie Jasper Conner May 28, 1948 in Floyd Co., Va. Bonnie was born July 25, 1927 and was 20 when she married Arthur. Bonnie died June 14, 2005. (see pages 24 & 236-238)
  - + Brenda Conner married Luther Galyean
  - + Katherine Conner married Clay Giles
  - + Mickey Conner
  - + Sandy Conner married Richard DeHart (see page 24.1.2 )
  - + Thomas Jasper Conner was born August 2, 1954 and married Brenda Unknown. He also married Dolly Katherine Phillips Jan 16, 1982 in Floyd County VA.
  - + Mary Conner married Leon Elkins
- (g). Harvey Lewis Conner, born August 21, 1925
- (h). Lemmie Ray Conner, born 1927, Died Sep 23, 2007
- (i). Emmie Mae Conner
- (j). Minnie Gaye Conner born February 3, 1932 in Floyd County, Va

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

Lemmie Ray Conner, 80, of Copper Hill, passed away on Sunday, September 23, 2007. He is survived by his brother, Arthur A. Conner of Copper Hill, and a sister, Emmie Mae Conner of Check; several nieces and nephews including special niece, Katherine. Graveside funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at the Salem Church Cemetery (Head of the River) Copper Hill, with Pastor Greg Mills officiating. The family will receive friends from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd.



**DeHART**  
**Richard Jackson**

Richard Jackson DeHart, 65, of Troutville, born May 19, 1945. On Monday, February 28, 2011, we lost our much beloved husband, father and friend. After a courageous battle with cancer, he has gone to be with the Lord where there is no more pain or sickness. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Callie Brumfield DeHart; and his brother, James Robert



DeHart. He leaves behind his loving wife, Sandra Conner DeHart; son, Richard Wayne DeHart; stepson, Shannon Akers; grandchildren, Tori Akers and Nick Akers; nephew, James Daren DeHart; nieces, Sharon and Karen DeHart; stepsister, Diane Sink; sisters-in-law, Polly DeHart, Nancy DeHart, Brenda Galyean and husband, Luther, Katherine Giles and husband, Clay, Mary Elkins and husband, Leon; brothers-in-law, Mickey Conner, Tommy Conner, John Conner; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Ilene Conner; wonderful neighbors and friends, Chris, Adam and Ryan Peterson. Services will be at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Ave., 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2011. Pastor Greg Mills will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. Full Military Honors by Floyd VFW Post 7854 and American Legion #127. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge



**PHILLIPS**  
**Jacob Coburn**

Jacob Coburn Phillips, 16, of Floyd, passed away on Monday, July 15, 2013. He was an upcoming Junior at Floyd County High School, he played football for the Floyd County Buffalos, he was an avid Hunter and loved fishing and skateboarding. He enjoyed playing video games, movies and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Theron A. Phillips and James G. Slusser; and an aunt, Patsy G. Phillips. He is survived by his mother, Dolly Phillips Conner, of Floyd; his father, Glen "Barry" Slusser, of Christiansburg; his grandmothers, Agnes C. Phillips, of Floyd, and Virginia "Sally" Slusser, of

Christiansburg; his brothers, Zachery Conner and Christina Galanes, of Bedford, and Joshua and Ashley Conner, of Floyd; his sisters, Kelsey C. Slusser and Ryleigh N. Williams, of Christiansburg; soon to be nephew, Jasper Allen Conner; special uncles and aunts, Joe and Peggy Quesenberry, and Kenny and Nancy Page, of Christiansburg; uncles and aunts, Mark and Teresa Slusser, of Christiansburg, Bob and Tammy Falter, of Luray; special cousins, Kristy Orange, Brittney and Mikey Howell, Joey and Emily Kaylor, and their daughter Lavannah Kaylor, Bradley Newbie; a special friend, Jacob Nester; and many other cousins and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Roy Bentley Jr. and the Rev. Michael Pugh officiating. Interment to follow at the White Rock Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at Maberry Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com).



**Maberry Funeral Home**  
367 S. Locust St., Floyd, VA  
540-745-2121

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**CONNER**  
**William Tuggle**  
*February 10, 2017*

William Tuggle (W.T.) Conner, 81, of Salem, passed away Friday, February 10, 2017. He is Survived by his wife of 62 years, Shelby Rierson Conner; one son, Dennis Conner (Lynda); two daughters, Jennifer Conner Harris (Melvin), Melissa Conner Harden (William); foster daughter, Audrey Rierson Levicki (George); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother; and four sisters.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Salem Church (Head of the River) Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Junior Conner and Elder Larry Hollandsworth officiating. Interment will follow in Restvale Cemetery.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. Monday February 13, 2017 where the family will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home.

Flowers will be appreciated or a donation may be made to Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church 524 Doyle St. Salem, VA. 24153. Online condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com), or on Facebook @gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.



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Arthur Allen and Bonnie J. Conner

- (4). LaEula Anne Lavina Conner, (1876-1902) age 16, married Peter Sigmon Stump, age 22, September 15, 1892. LaEula was born December 5, 1876 and died April 11, 1902. They had five children.
- (5). Wiley Alexander Conner, born February 12, 1880, died April 3, 1966. He married 1<sup>st</sup> Harriet "Hettie" Belle Spangler, born August 23, 1885, December 20, 1902. He was a preacher in the Shawsville area.
  - (a). Roy Conner, born November 23, 1905 and died December 17, 1980. He married Mamie Marie Cook.
  - (b). Lelia La Verna Conner, born January 25, 1907 at Shawsville, VA. She married Charles Edward Hutchens April 23, 1922. Lelia died March 10, 2002 at Princeton WV. She is buried at Hutchen's Cemetery at Camp Creek.
  - (c). Ester Evelyn Conner, born September 16, 1908 in VA, and died July 16, 1983. She married Beatrice Hatcher.
  - (d). David Arno Conner, born June 8, 1911 in Floyd Co. VA and died March 30, 1930.
  - (e). Unknown Conner, female
  - (f). Euodias Conner (female) born April 18, 1915, died January 19, 1916.
  - (g). Gephah Daniel Conner, born March 3, 1917, died March 17, 1919.

Wiley married 2<sup>nd</sup> Louisa Annie Nutter July 31, 1926 in Montgomery Co. VA. Wiley married 3<sup>rd</sup> Ada Frances Doyle, born July 2, 1920 on November 27, 1941.

- (6). Ardella Armintha Conner, born November 22, 1883, married William Wingfield Spangler, born June 19, 1884, October 7, 1903.
- (7). Ora Alice Conner, twin, born August 6, 1889, died in 1973, married James Moses Moran, (born March 28, 1880, died in 1965), October 25, 1906.

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- (8). Elzora Jane Conner, twin, born August 6, 1887, died December 30, 1954 and married Peter Everett Craighead April 21, 1904. Peter is the son of William Crawford and Mary E. Funk Craighead.
  - (a). Jerry Luther Allen Craighead, born November 8, 1905, died January 20, 1972 and married Alma Gaye Hall in 1932. Alma was born November 2, 1909 and died June 8, 1996. They are buried at Blue Ridge Memorial Garden.
  - (b). Lula Clara Mary Catherine Craghead, born October 5, 1907, married Clifton Ford Pruett in 1925. Clara died February 24, 2004.
  - (c). Ethel Beatrice Craighead, married Isaac Eldridge Spangler (her first cousin). Ethel was born July 3, 1910 and died May 23, 1991.
  - (d). Augusta Main Craighead, born February 26, 1914, married Lawrence Z. Pacetti in 1930, and died April 11, 1996.
  - (e). George Dennis Craighead, born April 29, 1909, died August 17, 2002, George first married Odessa May Gillie and then married Earsie Faye Bowling and they had 14 children. Earsie was born in 1919 and died January 5, 1995. Both are buried at Blue Ridge Memorial Garden in Roanoke, VA.
  - (f). Billy Howard Craighead, August 31, 1917 – July 1981. He first married Martha Blankenship April 27, 1940 and second to Mary Frances Craighed (daughter of Edward P. Craighead) in 1962.
  - (g). Elbert Lewis Craighead, married Ruby Jane Gerthie.
  - (h). Marshall Levi Craghead, born July 4, 1921, died March 23, 1945. He married Evelyn Margaret Blankenship January 15, 1940.
  - (i). Ardella Gay Craighead, born August 30, 1926, married Albert Jones Nichols December 15, 1941. Ardella later married Unknown Holt.
  - (j). Stella Geraldine Craighead, born July 22, 1934 and married Lewis Freeman February 2, 1953. Lewis was born in 1923. Stella married second to Ernest Maynard Green and third to Unknown Freeman.
  - (k). Roberta Maudia Craighead.
  - (l). David Eutaw Craighead, born September 13, 1919 and died April 27, 2002. He married Hazel Ruth Harris.
  - (m). Florence Gertrude Craighead, born July 10, 1924, married Amos Washington Spencer in 1943. Amos was born March 15, 1918 and died January 8, 1990 in Yadkin, NC.
  - (n). Trixie Mae Virginia Craighead, born Movember 6, 1930, married first to Hobson G. King December 20, 1947. She married second to Sherman Lee Poff December 30, 1979, and third to Randolph G. Midkiff.

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- (9). Moses Allen Conner Born March 30, 1890, died April 5, 1985, married May 17, 1916 to Nettie Gay Conner, born January 1891, died August 12, 1969.
  - (a). Loys Raburn Conner, born March 9, 1917
  - (b). Madeline Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Cousins
  - (c). Evadene (Deane) Conner, born about 1926 and died February 13, 2008.  
She married Henry Dockery.
    - (1). Richard Dockery
    - (2). Catherine Dockery, married Barry Cumbie
  - (d). Avon Mancil Conner
  - (e). Florestine Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Blankenship
- e. James L. Conner; born 1851, died August 12, 1862 from diphtheria.
- f. Mary A. Conner; born 1852 and died August 14, 1862 from diphtheria
- g. F. A. (Fleming) Conner; born July 27, 1855 and died from Diphtheria August 25, 1862
- h. Ervin (Erwin)C. Conner; born January 4, 1858
- i. Valentine Conner; born late 1858 and died from diphtheria August 20, 1862
- j. Lydia N. Conner; born 1859; and died from fever February 11, 1861.
- k. Lydia E. Conner; born March 27, 1860 and died from fever March 30, 1860
- l. G.E. Conner; born 1844 and died from diphtheria July 25, 1862
- m. Lizenia (Elzena) Conner, born 1864, married Andrew Jackson Hale, August 9, 1882. Andrew was born November 1858.

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**DOCKERY**

**Evadene Conner**

Evadene (Deane) Conner Dockery, 82, of Salem, went to Heaven to join her Lord, husband, and son on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. As an expression of her love to sew and make crafts, she made over one-thousand lap robes for nursing homes and turbans for cancer patients. She was a member of many organizations including the Fort Lewis Women's Club, Eastern Star, Women of the Moose, American Legion Women's Auxillary (through which she volunteered at the V.A. Medical Center), and was a charter

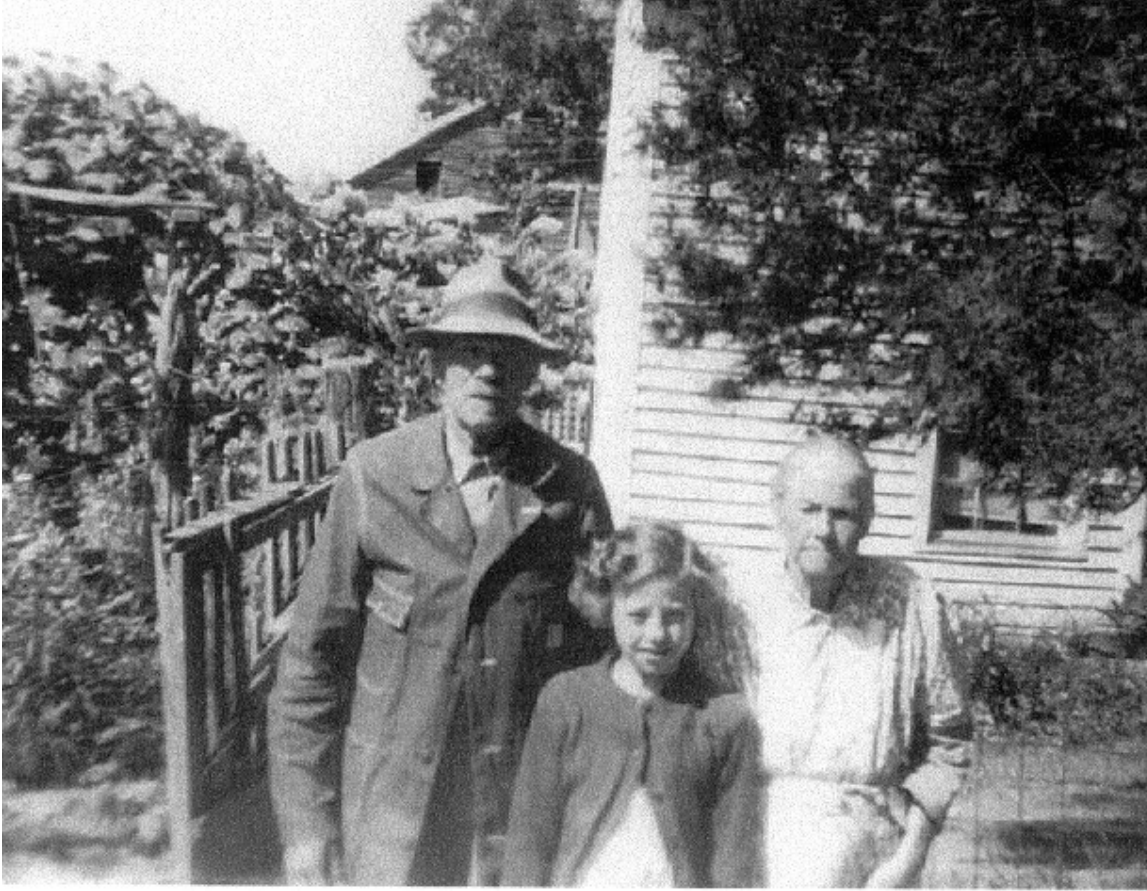
member of the Fort Lewis Rescue Squad Ladies' Auxiliary. She was also retired from Eaton Corporation after many years of service. Preceding her in death were her parents, Moses and Gay Conner; husband, Henry Dockery; son, Richard Dockery; brothers, Avon and Loys Conner; and sister, Madeline Cousins. Her surviving family includes her daughter, Catherine (Kitten) Cumbie and husband, Barry; sister, Florestine Blankenship; sister-in-law, Helen Conner; grandchildren, Celeste Scarzello and husband, Paul, Kerri Cumbie, and Andrea Wills; stepgrandchildren, David Barbour and Lisa Carr; and great-grandchildren, Danny, Ashlen, Anna, Kori, Emily, Hayle, Justin, and Erika. The family will receive friends on Friday, February 15, 2008 from 3 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home's chapel. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem. The Rev. Larry Atkin and the Rev. Charles Fisher will officiate. In lieu of

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- G. Male born 1805 (William A.) married Lucinda Cole (born about 1811 in NC) May 14, 1831. Lucinda was the daughter of William Byrd Cole and Marla/Massie Underwood. It is thought that they moved to WV sometime after 1850.
- a. Elizabeth Conner, born 1832, married Benjamin Whitenack ( born about 1833) March 11, 1854. Elizabeth was 23 and Ben was 21 when they applied for the marriage license. Ben is the son of William Harry Whitenack Sr. and Betsy "Bidsy" Lambert.
  - b. Sarah Amanda Conner, born April 1834 and married John Likens (born about 1827) November 6, 1851. John is the son of Andrew Likens and Nancy Unknown. They lived in Kanawha Co., WV.
    - (1). Alminta Linkens was born about 1863 in WV. She married Andrew Jackson Graley about 1883. Alminta died before 1888.
      - (a). Mary Lee Graley was born Aug 25, 1884 at Cobbs Creek, Lincoln Co., WV. She married James Steven Pauley about 1902.
  - c. Mary Conner, born 1836, married Phillip J. Likens January 19, 1853. Mary married John T. Sheppard June 21, 1863. John was born in Raleigh Co. June 4, 1842.
    - (1). William Thomas Likens born, Sep 23, 1884 in WV. He married Ida E. Burnham about 1911. Ida was born in Illinois September 30, 1889.
  - d. Nancy Conner, born 1837
  - e. Lydia Conner, born 1839
  - f. Evaline Conner, born February 1843, twin, married Jacob Kingery July 24, 1867 in Montgomery Co., VA. Evaline married Pinkney N. Pegram about 1869.
    - (1). M. Blanch Pegram born about April 1870 Mason Co. WV.
    - (2). Maggie W. Pegram, born Oct 1875 in WV
    - (3). W.J. Pegram, she was born about 1879 in WV.
  - g. Adaline Conner, born February 1843, twin
  - h. Patients Conner, born 1845
  - i. D. L. Conner, born 1848
  - j. Virginia "Jennie" Conner, born March 1852 in VA. No marriage record was found until she married Isaac Mullins about 1896.
    - (1). Andrew Conner, born about 1865 in WV.
    - (2). Aaron Conner, born about 1867 in WV.
    - (3). Burke R. Conner, born July 1874 in WV. He married Darcie Hazey Mullins, Daughter of Isaac Mullins, about 1894.
    - (4). Arminda Conner, born November 1888 in WV. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Hambrick. She married Richard Pliant Smith about 1908. Richard was born April 25, 1878 and died May 19, 1940 Clay Co. WV.
  - k. Angeline Conner born abt. 1855

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John William Conner and his wife Mary Elizabeth Hall Conner  
And their Grand daughter Opaldeen Conner.

Photo was taken about 1953

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- H. Female born 1810-1815 (Nancy Ann Conner, married Samuel Otey February 18, 1845).
- I. Male born 1815-1820 (Daniel Otey Conner born September 7, 1813 and died January 14, 1897. He married Martha Emmaline Craghead, daughter of William and Susannah Maxey Craghead, December 28, 1850. Martha was born February 17, 1828 and died July 30, 1888. In 1850, Elizabeth, Daniel's mother was living with them. Daniel purchased 200 acres July 1, 1857 on the South Fork of the Roanoke River. Daniel and Martha had the following children:)
- a. Elvira Susan Conner; born December 10, 1853, died February 17, 1883 and married James W. Walton February 1, 1872. James was born December 14, 1847 and died July 22, 1934. James is thought to be the son of James W. Walton Sr., born January 23, 1804 and died January 16, 1900. They had the following children:
- (1). Martha Walton married \_\_\_\_\_ Rierson.
  - (2). Daniel W. Walton, born May 16, 1876 and died May 17, 1960. Daniel married Eliza J. Richards, born May 6, 1876 and died January 10, 1950. They were married February 10, 1897.
  - (3). Laura Byar Walton; born December 2, 1877, died October 16, 1937 and married James M. Conner. They are buried at Restvale cemetery.
  - (4). Nora Frances Walton; born July 2, 1880, died March 21, 1950, married Joseph Cephas Wilson April 23, 1900. Joseph was born March 24, 1870 and died June 16, 1957.
  - (5). Elva G. Walton, born December 10, 1881 and married Ned Wilson. Joseph and Ned were brothers and the sons of Labon Wilson. \* (25.1)
  - (6). Kennis Walton; born February 1883, never married, buried at Salem Baptist Church, Restvale
- b. Nancy Darthula Conner; born March 2, 1855 and died April 25, 1921, married Elija H. Furrow January 15, 1874. Elija was born April 4, 1850 and died May 11, 1930 and was the son of Adam and Eliza Elizabeth (Poff) Furrow. Adams parents are Mathais Furrow, born 1775, died 1860, and Barbara Weaver, born 1778. Adam was born September 27, 1815, died September 22, 1865. Elizabeth was born 1818, died November 18, 1893 and married Adam December 17, 1835. Nancy and Elija had the following children:

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- (1). Minnis Furrow; born November 28, 1874, died April 13, 1952, married Lou Emma Poff.
- (2). Ella Furrow born February 20, 1876, died March 5, 1952 and married Riley Poff January 26, 1910.
- (3). Carrie Jane Furrow; born August 3, 1878, died May 4, 1937. She was crippled
- (4). Claude Furrow; born January 11, 1880, married Jemima (Dinah) Bell.
  - (a). Altha Vane Furrow born December 17, 1907 and died October 18, 1997. She married Roy L. Guilliams.
  - (b). Lena Furrow married \_\_\_\_\_ Custer
  - (c). Alma Iris Furrow, born August 11, 1912, died April 4, 1998, married Melvin Jackson Jones who was born August 16, 1912, and died January 7, 1997.
  - (d). B. L. (Bill) Furrow
  - (e). B. W. (Pat) Furrow

The census of 1860 provides some additional information on Labon Wilson. His father and mother are Daniel and Elizabeth Wilson. The 1860 census data is as follows:

Daniel Wilson age 40 (born in 1820)  
Elizabeth Wilson age 34 (born in 1826)

Labon Wilson, age 15 (born June 4, 1844 and died January 13, 1920. He married Elzira \_\_\_\_\_, born February 15, 1850, and died November 3, 1934. Both buried at Restvale.)  
William R. Wilson, age 13 (born in 1847)  
Martha L. P. Wilson, age 12 (born in 1848)  
Isaac D. Wiulson, age 10 (born in 1850)  
Sarah C. Wilson, age 6 (born in 1854)  
John J. Wilson, age 4 (born in 1856)  
Samuel C. Wilson, age 2 (born in 1858)  
Doctor E. Wilson, age 2 mo. (born in 1860)  
There may be additional children.



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- (5). Zora Frances Furrow; born January 8, 1882, married Joseph Poff October 14, 1900.
- (6). Jane Essie Furrow; born June 5, 1884, died September 14, 1886.
- (7). Maude Iris Furrow; born June 7, 1889, married Henry Dodd Dewitt.
- (8). Eunice Elvira Furrow; born June 11, 1892, married James Strickland Dewitt.

c. Mary Jane Conner was born November 1856 and died May 4, 1937 and married James W. Walton (her brother-in-law) March 6, 1884. James was born December 14, 1847 and died July 22, 1934. At the time of his death "The Floyd Press" said he was survived by his widow Mary Walton, two sons, Donald Walton of Roanoke, and Kennis Walton of Copper Hill, Four daughters Laura B Conner, Mrs. Ned Wilson, Mrs, Nora Wilson and Mrs. Martha Rierson. He served in the Civil War as an officer.) Mary and James had the following children:

- (1). Enzo L. Walton; born October 10, 1884, died March 3, 1901.
- (2). Wyoming Walton; born April 2, 1886 and died April 3, 1901. Enzo and Wyoming shared the same tombstone.
- (3). Purley Walton born May 11, 1887 and died the same day.
- (4). Dary E. Walton, May 12, 1882 and died May 8, 1888
- (5). Ulis B. Walton, born June 27, 1890, died July 12, 1890.
- (6). George A. Walton, born and died May 6, 1892
- (7). Baby, born and died April 6, 1893

Cephas L. Walton had a daughter Liza Lee Walton, who had two sons and never married. James W. Walton took the two nephews and raised them. Liza is buried in the Walton cemetery and the only information on the head stone is L.L.

Walton.

- (8). Alonzo Curtis Walton, born May 26, 1892 and married Mamie Conner. (listed as nephew on census)
  - (9). Lewis W. Walton, born August 1893 (listed as nephew on census)
- d. Bethene (Bethania) Frances Conner was born July 23, 1858 and died June 24, 1947, married William Tazewell Simpson January 8, 1891, who was born in 1838 and died November 1898. Tazewell was first married to Sarah Barbara Furrow November 15, 1866. Sarah was born February 8, 1845 and died from cancer June 15, 1888. She was the daughter of Adam and Eliza Poff Furrow. Tazewell had the following children:

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- (1). Mary Ann "Ara" Simpson, born July 28, 1867, died January 23, 1931, and married Charles Otey Craighead April 30, 1891. Charles was born March 28, 1866 and died September 4, 1959.
- (2). James Willam Simpson , born February 9, 1870
- (3). Eliza Elnora Simpson, born February 17, 1872, married James Fleming Poff February 13, 1890. James is the son of Fleming Henry and Mary Peradine Conner Poff. James was born March 19, 1866 and died March 8, 1943. James is buried at the McNiel Cemetery off Diamond Knob Road in Floyd County, Virginia.
- (4). Ross Alford Simpson, born January 17, 1874
- (5). William A. Simpson, born March 1878
- (6). Jesse F. Simpson, born March 24, 1877
- (7). Sarah Laura Simpson, born September 20, 1883, died May 5, 1958, married Robert Oscar Sisson.

The following two children were by Tazwell and Bethanie

- (8). Mary E. Simpson, born November 11, 1891 and died March 12, 1962, married Erie Lavid Poff.
- (9). Willard Charles Simpson I, born December 25, 1895, died August 23, 1958 and married Garnett Elois Poff who was born March 22, 1898, died June 16, 1991.
  - (a). Basil Poff Simpson Sr. born March 24, 1918
  - (b). Miriam LaFrance Simpson, born about Aug 1919
  - (c). Mary Elizabeth Simpson, born 1927, died 1928
  - (d). Hilda Bea Simpson, born May 6, 1930

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- e. James Preston Conner was born March 22, 1864 and died February 17, 1949. James married Alice Flora Holt February 16, 1888. Alice was born July 14, 1873, died June 9, 1953, and was the daughter of Charles and Amanda (Furrows) Holt. James and Alice had the following children:
- (1). Arminta (Minnie) Conner, born August 30, 1889 and died April 3, 1953, married Joseph Daniel King November 1, 1911. Joe was born July 21, 1871 and died January 31, 1960. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (2). Nettie Gaye Conner, born in 1891 and died in 1969, married Moses Allen Conner who was her second cousin and was born in 1890 and died in 1985. They were married May 17, 1916. Moses is the son of Samuel Joseph Landon and Mary Catherine Okes Conner. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (3). Okey Mae Conner, born August 10, 1893 and died May 18, 1967, never married. Okey was injured in an auto accident. She is buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (4). Troy Conner, born September 10, 1895, died March 8, 1970, married Annie Ferris November 24, 1921. Annie was born August 9, 1898 and died October 7, 1987. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
    - (a). William Edsel Conner, age 22, married Frances Mae Barnes, age 21, January 25, 1940. Frances is the daughter of Robert and Willie Kelly Barns.
  - (5). Paradine Conner, born November 18, 1897 married William Vance Poff, born June 9, 1898, October 15, 1919.
  - (6). Cleo Patra Conner, age 21, married Warner B. Poff, age 23, December 25, 1921.
  - (7). Dedith Lizzie Conner, born March 9, 1903, married Maynard Akers and died May 18, 1962 at age 59. She is buried at Salem Church, Restvale Cemetery.
  - (8). Roy Clarence Conner Sr. married Effie Pearl Anderson who was born July 29, 1909 in Floyd County, Virginia. Effie married J. Galen McAvoy before she married Roy. Roy and Effie married June 23, 1928 at Floyd Cpounty, Virginia. Effie died June 20, 2004 at Roanoke, Virginia. Galen died June 11, 1996.
    - + William Bruce Conner, born abt. 1929 in WV. And married Sally \_\_\_\_\_.
    - + Glenwood Hugh Conner married Lynn Ann Logan
    - + Roy Clarence Conner Jr. married Vickie \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- (9). Charles Tiras Conner, born January 12, 1908, married Irene Janney. Tiras died March 24, 2002. Irene was born July 25, 1910 and died December 12, 1971. They had an infant son to die in 1939. All are buried at Restvale Cemetery.

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Tiras and Irene had the following children:

Bobby Conner (died prior to 2002)

Paul Conner (died prior to 2002)

Mary Conner married Wade Marshall Poff (see pages 27.1.1 & 27.1.1.0)

Mae Conner married Alvin Vest

June Conner married Dean Conner

Obit from the Roanoke Times March 26, 2002

Conner, Charles Tiras, 94, of Check, Va., passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2002, at Skyline Manor Nursing Home in Floyd, Va. He was a longtime member and deacon of the Salem Primitive Baptist Church (Head of the River), also trustee of the church and church cemetery. He is preceded in death by his wife, Irene Janney Conner, and two sons, Bobby and Paul Conner. Survived by, three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Wade Poff, Copper Hill, Mae and Alvin Vest, Copper Hill, June and Dean Conner, Roanoke; thirteen Grand children, twenty great grandchildren, three great-great-Grand children, four step grand children, six step-great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law and husband, Sylvia and David Whitlow, Check; one foster brother and wife, Fordsell and Margaret Ferris, Roanoke; four sisters-in-law, Sylvia Conner, Check, Effie Conner, Roanoke, Edna Janney, Roanoke, Chlorine Conner, Bent Mountain; one brother-in-law, Charles Janney, Roanoke; many nieces and nephews; and many friends. Funeral services will be held Wednesday March 27, at 11 a.m., at Salem Church.

- (10). Oneda Alvis Conner, born September 20, 1910 and died May 8, 1983, Alvis married Sylvia Wilson, born Oct. 20, 1916, December 26, 1932. Alvis is buried at Restvale Cemetery. Sylvia died July 5, 2008 and is buried also at Restvale Cemetery Floyd Co., VA. (see 27.1.2) Sylvia is the daughter of Zingle Garfield Wilson and Cynthia Annie Wickham.
- (a). Berkley Garfield Conner, born March 25, 1934 and married Sadie Webb. Berkly died 1966.  
+ Donna Lynn Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Reynolds  
+ Jeffery Garfield Conner married Ginger \_\_\_\_\_
- (b). Rushie Oneda Conner, born December 2, 1943 (page 163)  
Married William Benjamin Conner

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**POFF**  
**Wade Marshall**

Wade Marshall Poff, 79, of Copper Hill, was called away from his earthly home on December 14, 2004. He was a loving husband and father. He believed that salvation was by God's grace and His grace alone. He was a member of the Salem Primitive Baptist Church and served as a deacon and trustee for many years. He was also Vice-President of the Floyd County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Wade was a farmer at heart and a carpenter for most of his life. He was drafted into the U.S. Navy on January 11, 1944 and served until April 16, 1946. He was a Seaman First Class serving on the USS Wisconsin. He was a member of Floyd V.F.W. Post # 7854. He was preceded in death by his parents, William "Will" and Ora Rierson Poff; and a brother, Waynard "Jake" Poff; and a foster sister, Ester Mae Hawkins. Survivors include his wife, Mary

Conner Poff; five daughters and their husbands, Judy and C.J. Ravan, Cathy and Elwood Holden, Cindy and Wayne Sutphin, Candy and Charles "Bubba" Creasy, all of Copper Hill, Va., and Vicky and Stewart Childress of Ararat, Va.; eleven grandchildren, Joshua, Erin and Jesse Ravan, Chelsa Yoder and Riley Sutphin, Shannon Vivier, Zane and Amber Childress, Courtney, Carla and Mary Creasy; and two great-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Richard Janke, Seattle, Wash.; one niece, Dawn Grey of Dundee, Ore.; and one nephew, Derek Janke, of Edmonds, Wash. His body will rest in the Salem Primitive Baptist Church for viewing from 2 p.m. Thursday, December 16, 2004 through the funeral services that will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, December 17, 2004 with Elder Hale Terry and Elder Lane Carter officiating. Interment will follow in Restvale Cemetery with flag ceremony by Floyd V.F.W. Post # 7854. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church after the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Floyd Rescue Squad or Bent Mountain Rescue Squad, or to the church he loved dearly, Salem Primitive Baptist Church, 7360 Floyd Highway North, Copper Hill, Va. 24079. Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd. 540-745-2007

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Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner



**POFF**  
**Mary Elizabeth Conner**

Mary Conner Poff of Copper Hill, left her earthly home on Friday, December 2, 2016, making her stay on earth 85 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Wade M. Poff. She was born the oldest daughter of the late Tiras and Irene Conner.

Mary is survived by her five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy P. Ravan (C.J.), Cathy Holden (Elwood) Vickie Childress (Stewart), Cindy Sutphin (Wayne), Candy Creasy (the late Charles "Bubba" Creasy); 11 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; seven step great-grandchildren; one great-great step grandchild; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mae Vest (Alvin), June Conner (Dean); sister-in-law, Silvia Whitlow; several nieces and nephews.

Mary has been a member of the Salem Primitive Baptist Church for 51 years. She served as clerk for Copper Hill Post Office and retired from the post office with 26 years of service. She was a member of the VFW Ladies auxiliary 7854.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2016 with Elder Carl Terry and Elder Alan Terry officiating with interment to follow at the Restvale Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2016 at Maberry Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salem Church or Floyd County Rescue Squad.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com)



**Maberry Funeral Home**  
367 S. Locust St., Floyd, VA  
540-745-2121

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

CONNER

Sylvia Odell Wilson

Sylvia Odell Wilson Conner, 91, of Check, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 5, 2008. She was predeceased by her parents, Annie and Garfield Wilson, her husband, Alvis Conner, her son, Berkley G. (B.G.) Conner, two sisters, Elzie Wilson and Blanche Custer, and a brother, Raymond Wilson. Mrs. Conner loved to quilt, and made many beautiful ones. She also enjoyed visiting her friends, working in her garden, and growing beautiful flowers. She was a member of Salem (Head of the River) Primitive Baptist Church. She loved her Church and church family, and was loved by all. She is survived by a daughter, Rushie Conner and her husband, William (Benny), Check, Va.; a sister, Rushie Violet Smith, Roanoke, Va.; six grandchildren and spouses, William Glenn and Sue Conner, Calvin Ray and Barbara Conner, Leslie Dale and Shawn Conner, Randall B. and Melissa Conner, Donna Reynolds, Jeffrey and Ginger Conner; 12 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a very special friend, Frances Conner. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Salem (Head of the River) Primitive Baptist Church, with Elder Junior Conner and Mr. Don Wilson officiating. Interment will follow at Restvale Cemetery. Friends may call on Monday after 2 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home, where the family will be from 2 to 4 and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The family would like to thank the staff and wonderful nurses at Skyline Manor Nursing Home for the excellent care given to her while she was there. A special thanks goes to Frances for her love, support, and special care given to her during her illness and while she was in the nursing home. Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner



**GRAHAM**  
**Paul Earl**

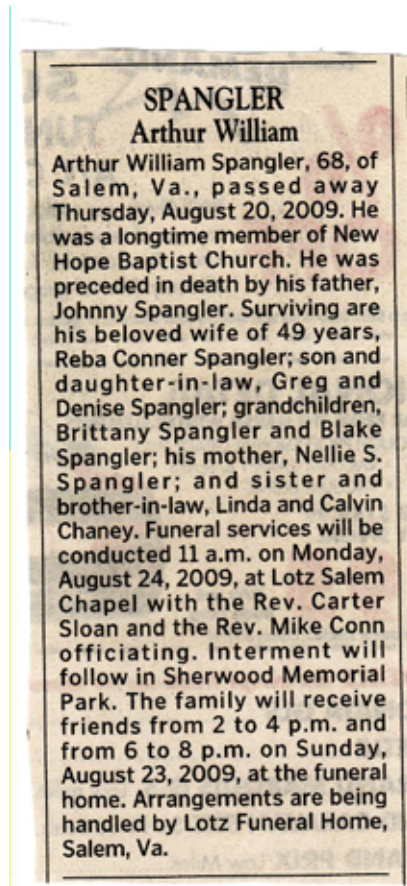
Paul Earl Graham, 73, of Rocky Mount, passed away on Saturday, March 27, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Martha Graham and one sister, Barbara Cox. A beloved husband and father, he is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Shirley Conner Graham; one son, Richard Graham; one daughter, Norma Saferight and her husband, Robert W. Saferight; grandchildren, Bryan Graham, Corbin Blair Saferight, Alex Ozuna; brothers, Homer Graham and his wife, Ruth, of Rocky Mount, Wendell Graham and his wife, Marcella, of Punta Gorda, Florida, R. Neal Graham and his wife, Kathy, of Richmond; sisters, Bonnie Hawks, of Christiansburg, Beatrice Belcher and her husband, Guy, of Floyd; and many nieces, nephews, wonderful brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and friends. The family wishes to thank everybody for all the help and support given. A funeral service will be held at 12 noon Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Joe Dillon officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's Vinton Chapel, 540-982-2221.

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

- (11). Preston Daye Conner born Oct., 1913 age 21, married Theodra Helen Blankenship (1914-1996) (1<sup>st</sup> wife), age 21, October 21, 1933. Theodra died November 30, 1966. Divorced in 1953. Preston is buried at Willis Churches Cemetery.
- (a). Flora Christine Conner, born November 20, 1934, married Homer Elmore Graham July 2, 1955. Died Jan. 2, 1973
  - (b). Shirley Anne Conner, born February 28, 1938, married Paul Earl Graham age 19, December 29, 1956. ( see page 27.1.3)
  - (c). Reba Ellen Conner, married Arthur William Spangler son of Johnny Spangler, about 1960. Arthur was born about 1941 and died August 20, 2009. Arthur was buried at Sherwood Memorial Park.  
+ Gregory Spangler married Denise \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d). Dianne Conner
  - (e). Lillian Conner
  - (f). Betty Conner
- (12). Fordsel Ferris (foster child) married Margaret Wilson
- f. Charles Oty Conner was born January 11, 1862 and died January 30, 1912 and is buried at Salem Church Cemetery (Head of the River). Charles married Sarah E. Amanda Conner, born July 9, 1866, and died May 13, 1936, They were married October 23, 1890. Sarah is the daughter of William P. Conner Jr. and Emmira T. Furrow. Charles and Sarah had the following children:
- (1) Girley J. Conner; unmarried, born August 13, 1889, died January 18, 1977, buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (2) Fred Lee Conner; unmarried, born August 26, 1896, died September 23, 1896 he shares a head stone with his brother Lee at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (3) Leonard Jackson Conner; unmarried, born December 5, 1897, died July 7, 1954. Buried at Restvale Cemetery next to his brother Fred.
  - (4) Ora A. Conner; born November 4, 1893, died March 20, 1957 and married Albert Conner. Albert was born August 30, 1888 and died March 31, 1947. Albert is the son of Samuel Joseph and Sarah Jane Smith Conner. They are buried at Restvale Cemetery.  
(see page 50.1 for their children)
  - (5). William Sherman Conner, born August 6, 1902 and died July 16, 1916, buried at Restvale Cemetery.

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g. Gilly Bruce Conner; born October 22, 1865, died February 7, 1942. The census of 1900 lists Gilly as being 35 and his wife Nannie F. as being 29. They were married January 1, 1893. Nannie is the daughter of Nathaniel Osborne and Mary Walton Conner.

h. Drucilla (Zula) Ann Conner; born May \_\_, 1869, died March 4, 1950, married William Nathan Poff, age 24, November 2, 1893. They had no children.

J. Female born 1815-1820 (Bethany Conner, born 1817 married Gordon Fletcher Hall Sr. April 22, 1845) Gordon Hall was born 1817 in Indiana. Bethany is buried on a farm in Waiteville, WV. Bethany and Gordon had the following children:

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- a. William Harvey Hall, born May 1, 1848 in Montgomery Co., Va., he married Ruth Ann Oyler November 3, 1870, died January 31, 1929 in Idaho.
- b. Peredine Hall, born 1850 in Montgomery Co., Va., married Dr. John Henry Moses November 9, 1876.
- c. Emeline Hall, born 1852 in Montgomery Co., Va., married Henry L. Sheppard January 5, 1876.
- d. Floyd Hall, born November 11, 1855 in Montgomery Co., Va. (twin), married Eliza A. Graham November 14, 1878.
- e. Montgomery Hall, Born November 11, 855 in Montgomery Co., Va.(twin), married Louisa Lee December 24, 1878.
- f. John Ballard Hall, born July 2, 1857 in Montgomery Co., Va. Married Nancy Walthall April 11, 1878, He died December 6, 1931.
- g. Paris Hall, born January 10, 1860, Montgomery Co., VA, married Henrietta Duncan about 1881. He died September 21, 1924.

These 10 children were living in Andrew's home in 1820 but five had left by 1830. Montgomery County marriage records show Andrew as the surety for Sophia Conner who married David Hoback October 25, 1826. Andrew's Will was probated in Floyd County May 1845 and names his wife and children. These are John, William, Aaron, Nancy, Bethany, Daniel and Nancy Ann Hoback.

List of land tax 1831 made by Joseph Howard, Commissioner of revenue.

Name	Residence	No. Acres	Description of Loc.
Andrew Conner	Floyd Little River	245	Meadow Run Wat.

Land Patents and Grants for Andrew Conner

November 14, 1801 Montgomery County, 340 acres, a small part on Meadow Run and the greater part thereof on the waters of the South Fork of Roanoke River.

August 1, 1834 Floyd county, 140 acres on drains of the South Fork of the Roanoke River.

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldrige Conner

In the very early days of Floyd County, William Aldridge came from North Carolina and settled at Copper Hill, where his daughter Elizabeth married Andrew Conner Sr., son of Daniel and Mary Conner. William had three sons, Samuel (who returned to North Carolina), Ezekiel, and Leonard.

1, Ezekiel Aldridge (his wife unknown) was the father of the following children:

A. John Aldridge married \_\_\_\_\_ Mills.

B. Anderson Aldridge married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Humphry Smith, and had the following children:

a. William Aldridge married Sallie Conner, daughter of John O. Conner, who lived to be 96 years of age.

b. Sallie Ann Aldridge married David Link

b. James Peter Aldridge married Mary Elizabeth Aldridge. James was born in 1845 and died April 19, 1931. Mary was born in 1846 and died September 1928.

d. John Taylor Aldridge

e. Samuel Aldridge

C. William M. Aldridge; born October 8, 1826 and died July 16, 1916, married Lucy Aldridge, daughter of Leonard Aldridge.

D. Sallie Aldridge

E. Malinda Aldridge

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

Walton Cemetery

Since the descendants of Andrew and Elizabeth Conner married into the Walton family, I will list this information at this place in the book. The location of the Walton cemetery is in Floyd County Virginia, off Pee Wee road (state route 791). The cemetery is up on a hill and the fence around the cemetery can be seen from Pee Wee road. This is a gravel road connecting the Blue Ridge Parkway and Hummingbird Lane (State route 610). Hummingbird Lane connects to route 221 at Janney's store. The following Walton family members are buried there.

James W. Walton Sr. Born January 23, 1805 Died January 16, 1900	Louisa W. Walton (wife of James) Born 1808 Died December 14, 1871 (dau. Of Cephas Walton and Nancy Richards)
James W. Walton Born December 14, 1847 Died July 22, 1934	Elvira S. Walton (1 <sup>st</sup> wife) November 28, 1853 February 17, 1883

Mary Jane Conner Walton (2<sup>nd</sup> wife)  
Born November 24, 1856  
Died May 6, 1937

Enzo L. Walton Born October 10, 1884 Died April 3, 1901	Wyoming Walton Born April 2, 1888 April 3, 1901 (year may be 1904)
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These two boys shared the same tombstone. One name written above the other.  
Sons of James and Mary Walton.

Dary E. Walton Born May 12, 1882 Died May 8, 1888	Ulis B. Walton Born June 27, 1890 Died July 12, 1890
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Purley E. Walton Born May 11, 1887 Died May 11, 1887	George A. Walton Born May 6, 1892 Died May 6, 1892
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Baby of James and Mary Walton Born April 6, 1893 Died April 6, 1893	Lewis Napoleon Walton (son of Cephus) Born January 16, 1870 Died December 30, 1937 (husband of Melvina)
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Melvina Elizabeth Walton (daughter of Isaac and Ruth Poff)  
Born August 24, 1868  
Died December 20, 1937

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Walton Cemetery

Pearl Emmo Walton  
Born March 29, 1900  
Died January 11, 1938

Lynwood Jackson Walton  
Born April 5, 1921  
Died November 27, 1938

Ruth Mary Tubman (Medical Doctor and daughter of Lewis and Melvina)  
Born April 14, 1896  
Died July 6, 1983

Cassie Ann Austin (daughter of Lewis & Melvina)  
Born November 19, 1901  
Died August 17, 1964

Lewis Arthur Austin (husband of Cassie Ann)  
Born June 6, 1896  
Died February 17, 1966

Daniel W. Walton (husband)  
Born May 16, 1876  
Died May 17, 1960

Eliza J. Walton (wife)  
Born May 6, 1876  
Died January 10, 1950

Myrtle Snow Walton  
Born 1919  
Died 1965

Frank E. Walton  
Born December 7, 1912  
Died April 15, 1971

James Wellington Walton  
Born February 11, 1909  
Died December 5, 1972

Flora Walton Meadows  
Born 1902  
Died 1999

Earnest Ephrey Meadows  
Born 1902  
Died 1976

James Washington Walton (nephew to Flora Walton Meadows)  
Born January 14, 1923  
Died April 29, 1989

Kenneth Duane Walton (son of James Washington Walton)  
Born 1955  
Died 1976 (motorcycle wreck)



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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

Walton Cemetery

There were three Walton head stones with only initials L.L. Walton, M.E. Walton,  
And G.E. Walton.

The following names were listed as being buried in the Walton Cemetery that was listed on the  
internet and I did not pick them up when I visited the cemetery:

James W. Walton Jr.	Lavina Shockly (husband might be Giles W. Shockley)
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Born November 24, 1856	Born June 4, 1863
Died May 6, 1937	Died September 5, 1884
His wife was shown as Mary Jane Conner	

Cephas L. Walton	Nancy A. Walton
Born October 1840	Born January 20, 1884
Died ____ 24,1884	Died 1890

Ann LaCook Walton	Nina Mary Walton
1931-1976	1906-1922

Minnie Eva Walton	George Ellis Walton
1904-1920	1898 – 1926

George Walton born 1819 .

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by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

## Walton family census records

## CENSUS OF 1860

Doctor Lee Walton age 48  
Lynna T. Walton 39  
James Walton 17  
Jesse (Isom) Walton 16  
Mary J. Walton 15  
Charles Walton 8  
Nancy M. Walton 7  
Elijah Walton 6  
Alice V. Walton 2

## CENSUS OF 1920

James W. Walton age 72  
Mary J. Walton 63  
Kennis K. Walton 36 son  
Roxie A. Conner 18 grand daughter  
W. Ora Rierson 8 grand daughter  
Alonzo Walton 27 great nephew

The above family was also shown in the 1870 census

## CENSUS OF 1870

Cephas L. Walton age 30 (born 1840 in Pittsylvania County Va. )  
Nancy Ann Walton 28 (born 1842)  
Louisa Mary Walton 9 (born 1861)  
Lavina Jane Walton 7 (born June 4, 1863, died September 5, 1884)  
Lexana (Lyrean) Ann Walton 4 (born 1866)  
Lizzie Lee Walton 3 (born 1867)  
Lewis Napoleon Walton 3 months (born 1870)  
Luemma O. Walton born 1872 (from 1890 census)

James W. Walton age 65  
Lousia W. Walton 60  
James W. Walton Jr. 22

## CENSUS OF 1880

James W. Walton age 35  
Mary Jane Walton 43  
Virginia Walton 13 (born May 12, 1867)  
Biah A. Walton 9 (born August 1 1869)  
Cara E. J. Walton 8  
Hattie M. Walton 6  
William J. Walton 3

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Walton family census records

CENSUS OF 1880

Doctor L. Walton age 69  
Lirena P. Walton 63 (Lynna T.)

James W. Walton age 32  
Elvira T. Walton 26 (Elvira Susan)  
Martha W. Walton 5  
Daniel W. Walton 4  
Laura B. Walton 3  
Nora F. Walton 11 months

WALTON FAMILY ADDITIONAL RECORDS

Jesse L Walton and Sarah J. Walton had an infant born dead in October of 1867. Jesse served in the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company I during the Civil War. He enlisted on October 1, 1861 at Floyd Court House. He deserted at Campbell Station, Tennessee on August 24, 1863.

James W. Walton served in the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company I during the Civil War. He enlisted October 1, 1861 at Floyd Court House. He deserted at Campbell Station, Tennessee on August 24, 1863. He enlisted in Company I reserves on January 1, 1865. He was born in Pittsylvania County Virginia and was a member of the Salem Primitive Baptist Church. His name was on a 1920 pension list in Floyd County and was born in 1847.

The parents of Doctor Lee Walton, born December 14, 1810, were Lewis and Nancy Walton. He died of pneumonia April 27, 1885. Lewis and Nancy were born in Pa.

James W. Walton, born about 1805 in Halifax County and married Lousia M Walton, a cousin, who was born in Pittsylvania Co. Va. His parents were James Walton (born 1740 and died Feb. 2, 1804) and Sally Goodman Walton. The census shows James and Louisa having a son James W. Walton Jr. They also had sons Jesse N. Walton, William H. Walton (born about 1834) and Cephas L. Walton, born about 1840. The census of 1860 shows Louisa as being age 53 and helpless.

Lewis N. Walton, married Melvina E. Poff December 21, 1921, he was 28 and she was 22. Lewis's parents were Cephas L. and Nancy A. Walton. Melvina's parents were Isaac and Ruth Poff. Lewis died Thursday December 30, 1937 at his home on Bent Mountain.

Interment was held in the Walton Cemetery at Graysville in Floyd County, Va.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Andrew and Elizabeth Aldridge Conner

WALTON FAMILY ADDITIONAL RECORDS

James Wellington Walton Jr. was born December 14, 1847 in Franklin County Virginia, and died July 22, 1934. James married Elvira Susan Conner. Elvira was born November 28, 1853 and died February 17, 1883. James then married his second wife Mary Jane Conner, who was a sister to Elvira. Mary Jane was born November 24, 1856 and died May 6, 1937. The sisters were the daughters of Daniel Otey Conner and Martha E. Craghead. James served in the Civil War and was wounded at the battle of Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia when he received a bullet to the back of his head. A doctor stated that a part of his skull bone had been shot away. He received \$60.00 May 21, 1887 for commutation money allowed by the General Assembly of Virginia. He was a private in Company I, 54<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment.

1. Arletta J. Walton, born July 3, 1873 and died July 2, 1875. She is buried at the Head of the River, Restvale Cemetery.
2. Martha Woodie Walton, born December 14, 1874 and married James W. Rierson.
- 3 W. Walton, born May 16, 1876, and married Eliza J. Richards.
  - A. Charles R. Walton, born July 21, 1908, died March 4, 2000 in Deland FL. He married Maggie Lura Manning. Maggie was previously married to \_\_\_\_\_ Morris and had a son Charles A. Morris, born in 1929 and died December 16, 1999.
4. Laura Byar Walton, born December 2, 1877 and died October 16, 1937. Laura married James Merman Conner November 4, 1895. James was born September 16, 1874 and died March 2, 1917. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
5. Nora Frances Walton, (1879-1950) and married Joseph Cephas Wilson (1870-1957).
  - A. Artis L. "Red" Wilson married Bessie Willet who died January 1991. Artis died December 29, 2000 at age 90 and is buried at Restvale Cemetery.
    - (1). Linda Wilson, married Jack Craighead and have two sons.
      - a. Robert Craighead of Wilksboro NC
      - b. Richard Craighead, married Annette \_\_\_\_\_, of Roanoke VA
6. Nancy Elvira Walton, born December 10, 1881, died in 1953. She married James Edward Wilson, son of Labon D. and Elzira C. Conner Wilson.
7. Kennis K. Walton, born February 6, 1883 and died May 5, 1960 and never married. He is buried at Restvale Cemetery.
8. Enzo L. Walton, born October 10, 1884
9. Wyomy W. Walton, born April 2, 1888
10. Pearl Emmo Walton, born March 29, 1900

Cephas L. Walton served in the Civil War and received a gunshot wound to the left foot in the line of duty at Petersburg, Virginia on July 5, 1864. The Commonwealth of Virginia paid him \$30.00 for his wound April 24, 1882. His address was listed as Graysville in Floyd County Virginia.

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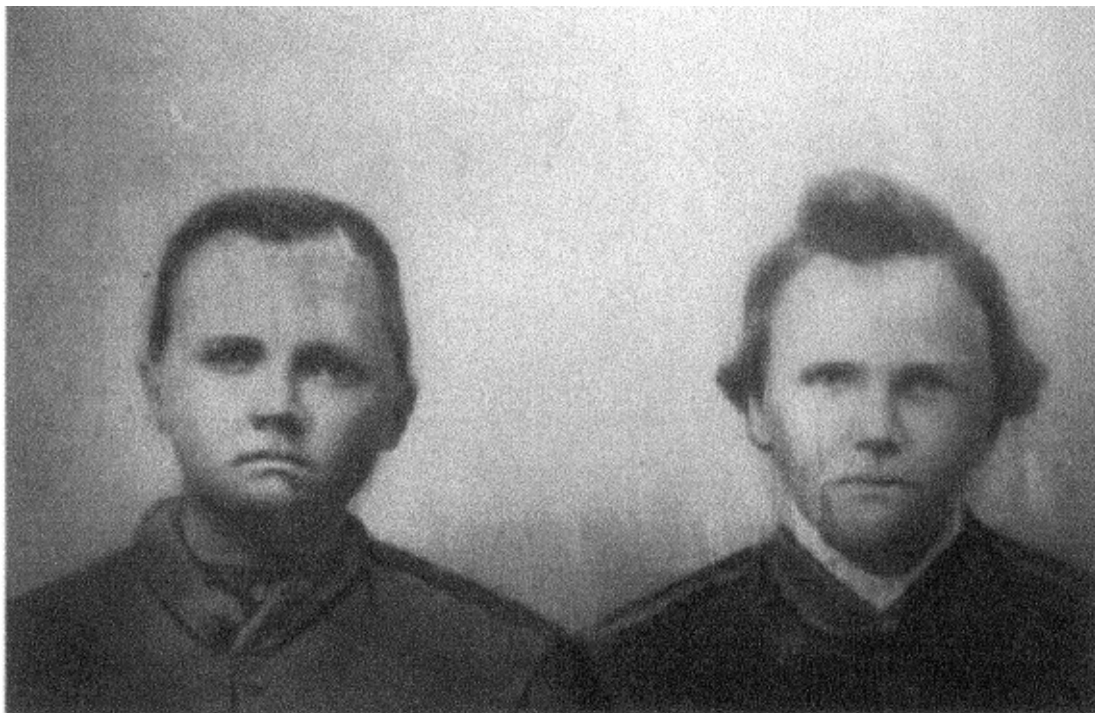
WALTON FAMILY ADDITIONAL RECORDS



Doctor Lee Walton, born December 14, 1810

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WALTON FAMILY ADDITIONAL RECORDS

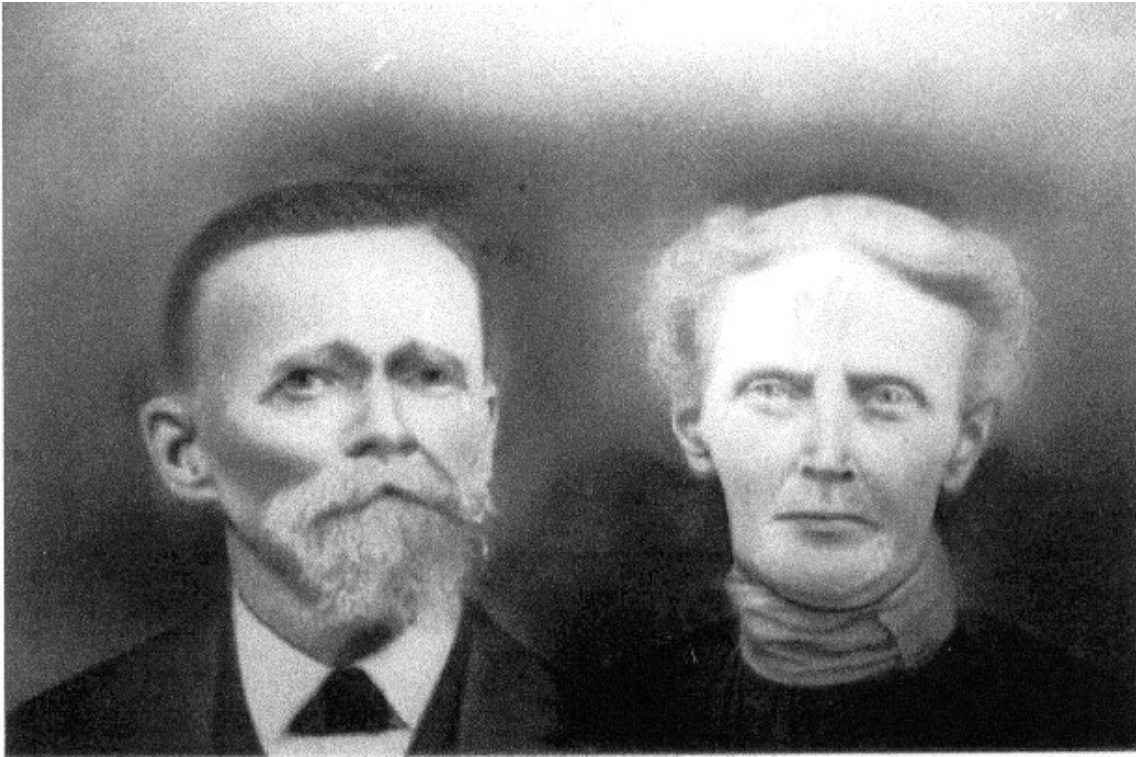


James William Walton, born February 8, 1842

Jesse Lee Walton, born August 7, 1843

Photo taken about 1861

WALTON FAMILY ADDITIONAL RECORDS



James William Walton, born February 8, 1842

Mary Jane Lancaster Walton, born in 1836

They were married in 1866

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

2. Jonathan R. Conner Sr. (born 1770-1780 died 1840-1850)

Jonathan was born between 1770 and 1780 (probably 1780) and died between 1840 and 1850. His wife Sarah was born about 1782 and the date of her death was unknown, but she was still living in 1850. Jonathan and Sarah Reed (Read)'s marriage bond was dated August 7, 1798 at Montgomery County Courthouse. The name of the surety was Cornelius Reed, who was probably her father. Jonathan was a farmer and a carpenter. Jonathan was Justice of the Peace and also one of the executors of his fathers Will. According to census records Jonathan and Sarah had the following children living with them:

- A. Female born 1784-1794
- B. Female born 1794-1800
- C. Male born 1800-1802
- D. Male born 1800-1802
- E. Male born 1800-1804
- F. Female born 1800-1810
- G. Female born 1802-1804
- H. Female born 1804-1810
- I. Female born 1804-1810
- J. Female born 1810-1820
- K. Female born 1810-1820
- L. Male born 1810-1820
- M. Male born 1810-1820

Jonathan also served in some type military capacity. "Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800" by Summers, records under Montgomery County two entries for Jonathan Conner. "May 3, 1796 Jonathan Conner appointed Constable, Captain James Renfro's Company." "November 6, 1798 John King recommended as Captain, 1st Battalion 75th Regiment, Jonathan Conner Lieut."

The Floyd County census of 1850 shows Sally Conner living in the household of William and Elizabeth Conner, this is probably Jonathan's wife.

Children of Jonathan & Sarah:

- A, Sally (Sarah) Conner, born Sep. 26, 1802 (died December 23, 1881 age 79) married William Iddings October 18, 1818. William's parents Henry and Abigail Iddings.
- B. William R. Conner Jr., born April 9, 1801, married Betsy Poff June 7, 1822
- C. Mary "Polly" Conner, born 1806, married Isaac Booth March 1, 1825. Isaac was born in 1803 and was the son of Abner Booth.
- D. Eleanor Nelly Conner, born abt. 1818, married John L. Hall October 11, 1839. John was born about 1822 and died before June 4, 1900. They had eight children.



Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

1. Cornelius Hall, born September 7, 1840 in Floyd Co., VA.
2. Charles D. Hall, born September 1, 1843 in Montgomery Co., VA. He married Adeline F. Spangler October 31, 1867 in Floyd Co., VA.
3. James Richard Hall, born June 8, 1845 in Floyd Co., VA and died in Floyd Co. January 30, 1944. His first wife was Susannah Catherine Simpson July 17, 1867. He then married Lucy Jane Aldredge February 27, 1890.
4. Bird Jessie Hall, born February 8, 1850 and died September 29, 1924. He married Hannah Emaline Sweeney August 6, 1874.
5. William Booker Hall, born January 21, 1853 and died October 10, 1872.
6. Doctor R. Hall, born June 20, 1855 and died May 16, 1941. He married Sarah Liz Prilliman January 19, 1882.
7. Sarah Byar Hall, born February 24, 1857 and died March 4, 1956. She married Shelton Leek Conner January 31, 1878. See page 36.3 for family.
8. Stanton R. Hall, born April 22, 1861 and died February 21, 1942. He married Nannie O. Turner about 1888.
9. Anna Elizabeth Hall, born July 1883 and married Silas Marcus Kelly December 21, 1899. See page 67 for additional information.
10. Mary Prudence Hall, born November 12, 1884 and died February 20, 1932. She married William Crawford Vest January 11, 1900.
11. Julina Catherine Hall, born October 25, 1886.
12. John Lee Hall, born March 17, 1891. He married Minnie Emma Hall February 10, 1901.
13. Salina C. Hall, born November 5, 1893.

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- E. Elizabeth Conner (1810-1892) married Cyrus R. Iddings September 15, 1833. Cyrus was born 1815-1816 and died September 8, 1890. Elizabeth died about 1898 and is buried in the Iddings cemetery at Terry's Fork. Cyrus served in the Civil War.  
(1). Nancy A. Iddings, married Hosannah B. Lawrence October 1, 1865.
- F. Costly Conner, born October 10, 1812 and died May 5, 1873. He married Lydia Hall June 3, 1833 (marriage bond). Costly was a farmer and a Methodist Minister. Both are buried in Piedmont Cemetery near Shawsville, Va.
- G. Cornelius Conner, born about 1808, died June 4, 1893, married Anna Poff December 19, 1836 (marriage bond). Anna was born about 1809 and is the daughter of Peter Poff and Elizabeth Pickle.
1. Sarah J. Conner, born about 1837
  2. Christina Conner, born about 1838
  3. Jesse Conner, born about 1841
  4. Elizabeth R. Conner, born about 1843, died May 22, 1895 of Consumption, married William . King August 23, 1866.
    - a. Mary F. King married John William Martin March 10, 1892 in Floyd Co.
  5. Andrew Conner, born about 1845
  6. Jonathan Conner, born March 1845
  7. William Morgan Conner, born October 1847
  8. Peter Lendy Conner, born May 1849
  9. Mary Magdaline Conner, born about 1853
  10. Lydia Margaret Conner, born about 1855
  11. Valentine Wise Conner, born March 14, 1856
  12. China Alice Conner, born March 1, 1858, died 1938 and married Jacob Peter Mills.
  13. Joseph Lawson Conner, born August 1, 1860

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John R. Conner was thought to be the son of Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner, but at the present time I am not sure. John R. Conner, born about 1810 (the census of 1860 gives his age as 49) and died about 1880. He married Louisa Doshia Conner, who was also born about 1810 (the census of 1860 also lists her as being age 49) and died March 20, 1890. The total number of their children is nine.

1. Daniel R. Conner, born December 15, 1832 (see page 176)
2. Samuel R. "Sam Conner, born February 6, 1834 and married Elizabeth Jane King, the daughter of Michael and Mary King January 31, 1867 in Floyd Co., VA.
  - a. Asa L. Conner, born December 31, 1868, Floyd Co., VA.
  - b. Mary E. Conner, born June 15, 1870, Floyd Co., VA
  - c. Lina D. Conner, born June 7, 1872, Floyd Co., VA
  - d. Michael J.R. Conner, born about 1875, Floyd Co., VA
  - e. Lydia Amanda Conner, born June 2, 1875, Floyd Co., VA
  - f. Doshia D. Conner, Born April 18, 1877, Floyd Co., VA
  - g. Eliza Conner, born March 1880, Floyd Co., VA
3. Levica Luvena Conner, born about 1837 and married Giles Blankenship July 24, 1860.
4. Emeline Conner, born about 1840, married June 20, 1860 to William Carr, the son of Henry Wiltz Carr and Mary DeWeese.
5. Sarah R. Conner, born 1845, married George Anthony King January 26, 1866 who is the son of Anthony King and Margaret Wright. George was born in 1843.
6. John Floyd Conner, born July 1846, died December 28, 1925, married April 23, 1868 to Doshie Adeline Poff, born May 1848 and is the daughter of Anthony Poff and Sarah Wilson. Doshie died July 7, 1925. Both are buried at Huffville Methodist Church Cemetery.
  - a. William Hosea J. Conner, born February 12, 1869 and died September 15, 1947. He married Mary Ann Carr, born February 13, 1867, died September 20, 1932. He then married Susan Becklheimer December 20, 1932 in Montgomery Co., VA. Susan was born April 21, 1872 and died September 21, 1951. They are buried at Huffville Methodist Church Cemetery.
    - (1). Ethel Jane Conner, born August 1893 and married Jacob William McNeil.
    - (2). Winston Clanamore Conner, born April 1897, married Annie \_\_\_\_\_, born about 1900.
      - + Raymond O. Conner, born about 1923
      - + Lonnie R. Conner, born about December 1925
    - (3). Floyd Oliver Conner, born June 10, 1901, died January 1978, married Gertrude Sadie Alley August 16, 1934. Gertrude was born August 22, 1906, died November 14, 1991. Floyd also married Angeline Carrol. Floyd and Gertrude are buried at Huffville Methodist Church Cemetery.
      - + Margaret Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Taylor.

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- (4). John C. Conner, born May 1895 and died August 2, 1918 in WWI.
- b. Giles Alexander Conner, born February 28, 1874, died December 6, 1932, married Laura L. Martin December 28, 1895. Laura was born 1871 and died in 1950. They are buried at Wilson Cemetery in Floyd Co. VA.
- (1). Monerva Eugenia Tempy Jane Conner, born October 28, 1896 and died July 19, 1974. She married Archie W. Hollins and had nine children. Archie was born September 5, 1896 and died September 14, 1955.
- (a). Herman Archie Hollins, born October 18, 1926 and died January 30, 1996. He married Bessie Chandler .
- (b). Emory Hollins married Della Unknown
- (c). Ida Katherine Hollins, born about 1924 and died March 17, 1997 and married John J. Hardy.
- (d). Virgie Hollins married Unknown Bowers.
- (e). Delores Hollins married Billy Smithson.
- (f). Malory Hollins
- (g). Clythus Hollins born abt. 1921 and died June 24, 1995. She married Floyd Thompson
- (h). Unknown
- (j). Unknown
- (2). Minerva A “Minnie” Conner, was a twin to Monerva. Minerva married Harper Freeman Gearheart.  
+ Hilda Gearheart was born April 15, 1921 and died September 4, 1988.  
Hilda married Lewis Campbell, born July 9, 1916 and died April 1985.

- + Eliza H. Conner, born September 28, 1899, died April 23, 1983, married August 31, 1919 to William Thomas Minton, born November 26, 1891, died January 12, 1976.
- + Alice O. Conner, born about 1902, married September 19, 1922 to Boliver B. Young.
- + Coy Harvey Conner, born June 27, 1905 and died September 19, 1966 in Floyd Co. He is buried in Wilson Cemetery. He married Sylvia Sisson December 24, 1927.
- ++ Dorris Lee "D. L." Conner, born October 9, 1928 and died July 19, 2000. He married Peggy Underwood.



- c. Rosabell B. Conner, born March 15, 1877 and died September 1, 1938. She married Samuel Bower July 14, 1904. Samuel was born March 9, 1851 and died June 4, 1954. Samuel is the son of Lewis and Nancy Bowman Bower. Samuel is buried at the Bower Cemetery near Riner, VA.
  - (1). Elsie Bower, born October 12, 1912, died December 17, 1999 and married Joseph Chymer Sowers.
  - (2). Frieda W. Bower, born about 1905
  - (3). Hazel Nannie Bowers, born November 8, 1907, died March 26, 2000 and married Willie Lee Epperly about 1925. Willie wasd born September 13, 1902 and died October 18, 1990.
  - (4). Nellie C. Bower, born January 15, 1909, died June 18, 2002 and married Joseph L. Kelley.
  - (5). Mosby M. Bower, she was born about 1912
- d. Erasmus E. Conner, born December 7, 1882 (see page 176.2)

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e. Booker Lemon Conner, born October 17, 1884 and died January 22, 1964. He married Lura C. Woolwine March 25, 1906. Lura was born November 9, 1884 and died June 1936. Booker then married Lawey Edith Hall May 17, 1941. Lawey was born January 13, 1894. Booker and Lura are buried at Huffville Methodist Church Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.

7. William Riley Conner, born May 1847 and married Mary Eleanor Martin December 19, 1868. William died in 1910. Mary was born August 1843 and died in 1910. (see page 47.3.1 for their children)
8. Mary E. Conner, born about 1852, married April 18, 1872 in Floyd Co., VA to John William Martin, born about 1851, son of Jonathan Martin and Eliza J. Wright. Mary was 20 and John was 21 at the time of their marriage. John was shown as a shoe and boot maker.
  - a. Sarah Jane Martin
  - b. James W. Martin
  - c. Samuel H. Martin
  - d. Nannie Martin
  - e. John R. Martin
  - f. Victoria Martin
9. Catherine Conner, born about 1854

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

Virginia, Floyd County to wit:  
 TO ANY PERSON LICENSED TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGES:  
 You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia  
John M. Martin  
 and Mary E. Coomes  
 Given under my hand, as Clerk of the Floyd Court  
 of Floyd this 17 day of April 1872.  
J. Bradley D. Clerk.

**CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,**  
 To be annexed to the License, required by Act passed 15th March, 1861.

Time of Marriage, 18<sup>th</sup> April 1872  
 Place of Marriage, Floyd County Va  
 Full names of Parties Married, John M. Martin & Mary E. Coomes  
 Colour, White  
 Age of Husband, 28 years  
 Age of Wife, 20 "  
 Condition of Husband (widowed or single) single  
 Condition of Wife (widowed or single) "  
 Place of Husband's Birth, Franklin Co Va  
 Place of Wife's Birth, Floyd  
 Place of Husband's Residence, " " "  
 Place of Wife's Residence, " " "  
 Names of Husband's Parents, Jonathon & Elizabeth Martin  
 Names of Wife's Parents, John R. & Polly Coomes  
 Occupation of Husband, Doct & Shoemaker  
 Given under my hand this 17 day of April 1872.  
J. Bradley D. Clerk.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy taken from the records of said Court  
 I, Wendell G. Peters, Clerk thereof, seal my hand and affix the Seal of said Court  
 This the 5 day of July, 20 1872  
Wendell G. Peters

By: Clerk/Deputy Clerk  
 Circuit Court, County of Floyd, Virginia

**MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.**

I, John R. Coomes Justly, that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1872, at The House  
 of John R. Coomes I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.  
George W. Kelley

BY The minister celebrating a marriage is required, within ten days thereafter, to return the License to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same, with an endorsement thereon of the DATE and PLACE of celebrating the same.

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**TRUMP**  
Peggy Conner

Peggy Conner Trump, 80, of Pilot, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 28, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alton and Myrtle Underwood; her first husband, D. L. Conner; and her brother, Calvin Coolidge Underwood. Peggy is survived by her husband, Charlie Trump; stepsons and wives, Ricky and Tracy, David and Patty, and Mark and Donna Trump; special stepgrandson, Tayt Trump; stepgranddaughters, Katie and Ellie Trump; sister, Emma Underwood Fallin; very special niece, Frances Rigney; nephew, Ed Fallin and his children, Parker, Hanna, Nicole, and Kiefer Fallin; special great-nephew and niece, Hayden and Paige Rigney; sisters-in-law, Ruby and Joe Sowers, and Louise and John Hutchins; as well as special friends, Donnie and Renee Worrell, Linda and Gerald Holt, Gwinn Eanes, and Mary and Bob Cole.

Peggy attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Riner and was retired from VDOT with over 40 years of service. She volunteered for the American Cancer Society at the Discovery Shop and was an avid gardener who loved flowers and being outdoors. Peggy was a classy, strong-willed woman with strong Christian roots. All who met her were touched by her generosity and compassion. The whole family was truly blessed to have had Peggy in their lives and be a part of their family.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 3, 2014, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Horne Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 2 p.m. in the Horne Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Fred Austin and Pastor James Bradley officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Flowers are welcome, or you may make a donation in Peggy's name to Fellowship Baptist Church, P. O. box 409, Riner, VA, 24149. Online condolences may be left by visiting [www.hornefuneralservice.com](http://www.hornefuneralservice.com).

**HORNE** 

Since 1870 \* 540-382-2612  
1300 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg, VA

(see page 35.2.1)



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- B. William R. Conner (called Billy Strong) married Elizabeth (Betsey) Poff, June 7, 1822. William was born April 9, 1801 and died in 1866. Elizabeth was born April 1799, died December 30, 1888. Elizabeth was the daughter of Peter R. Poff, and Betsy Pickle Poff.( a copy of William's Will follows)
- a. Peggy (Margaret) Conner, born 1825.
  - b. Jacob R. Conner; born 1827 married Elizabeth Ann McGee March 20, 1848, who was born in Goochland County about 1824. At age 80 Jacob married Matilda DeWeese Poff, age 78, (widow of Samuel Poff) November 24, 1904. Jacob R. Conner enlisted in the Civil War at Richmond, Virginia April 6, 1862. He was transferred to a company of Sappers and Miners by order of General Buckner August 6, 1863. This company became part of th 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Confedrate Engineers Troops.
    - (1). William Mitchell Conner, born November 6, 1854, died in 1930, He was age 27, when he married Sarah Poff Shanks (widow), age 28, June 6, 1878. Mitchel and Sarah had five children and two step children.
      - (a). Mariam A. Conner,(born 1893) age 16, married Doctor Coy Graham, (born 1889) age 19, December 18, 1908, and had four children.
        - + Hobart Graham
        - + Ida Graham
        - + Ocie Graham
        - + Mamie Odel Graham, married Roy Morris Light
      - (b). Madge (or Madgie) M. Conner, born October 1885 married George H. Willis. They had 12 children, the oldest being Roscoe Willis, born November 29, 1903 and married Bonnie Vest. Mage was 18 and George was 23 when they married December 25, 1902.
      - (c). Minnie M. Conner, born 1889, married Dallas B. Clower, age 28, July 4, 1907. They had seven children.
        - + Clint Clower
        - + Elmon Clower
        - + Hester Clower
        - + Stanley Jewel Clower, Sr. born about 1919
        - + Lewis Clower
        - + Paul Clower
        - + Vernon Clower
      - (d). Lucy A. Conner, born August 1879, died May 14, 1887 of heart dropsy.
      - (e). James Burke Conner, born October 1881, died May 17, 1948, married Sarah Armenia Poff August 1, 1906. Sarah was born March 30, 1886, died October 11, 1972.
        - + Olgie Peredine Conner, born October 27, 1907

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- + Altrice O. Conner, born March 9, 1909 and married Volie Pendleton September 8, 1926. Volie was born in 1907.
- + Golda Ethel Conner, born April 26, 1911 and died January 18, 1991. She married Robert Newman and later William Seldon Smallwood.
  - ++ Ken Maynard Smallwood married Julia Ann Delinger.
  - ++ Virginia Edna Smallwood married Theodore Wilson.
  - ++ Dorothy Kate Smallwood married Jimmy Ishmal Ryder and Jimmy Fritter.
  - ++ Harry William Smallwood married Shirley Unknown and Roni Unknown.
  - ++ Richard Henry Smallwood married JeriLynn Unknown and Barbara Bowers.

- (f). Audrey Mae Conner, born June 16, 1913, died September 3, 1948. She was enumerated as a 16 year old niece living with Joseph Jasper Poff ,and his wife Nancy in the 1930 Floyd Co. Virginia Census. She later had a child out of wedlock with him and ended her life by committing suicide. She later married Joseph Jasper Poff, son of Asa Poff, and Nancy A. Manning. She also married Albin E. Spaulding, son of W.H. Spaulding and Elizabeth Moore, on March 8, 1948 at Floyd County VA.
  - + Eleanor Lorene Poff, born about 1933 and married Ralph Maynard Stump son of Isaac Newton Stump and Rosa Bell Wilson January 11, 1950.
  - + Thelma Tootsie Spaulding, her father is her uncle Joseph Jasper Poff. She married Ralph Stump.
    - ++ Wayne Stump
- (e). Bertha Gay Conner, born March 26, 1915
- (f). Rueben Lee Conner, born May 1, 1920
- (g). Horace Ray Conner, born January 24, 1923
- (h). unknown
- (i). unknown
- (j). unknown
- (k).unknown
- (l). unknown

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- (2). John Quincy Allen Conner, (born 1857) age 17, married Sarah "Sally Ann" Ferris age 16, May 18, 1876. John died in 1935, Sally died in 1936.
  - (a). Bertha Lizbeth Conner, born 1877, died 1945, and married John Carson Rierson. John was born November 24, 1872, died in 1937.
  - (b). Jacob Valentine Conner, born November 3, 1880, married Mary Elizabeth Hill, born November 15, 1880 and died September 9, 1948. They were married January 11, 1900. Mary was the daughter of John and Margaret Hill. Jacob and Mary had nine children.
    - + Lucy Annie Elizabeth Conner, born May 30, 1902 and died November 20, 1965. Lucy married George Horace Conner August 30, 1927. George is the son of John Cassell Conner and Jemima Alice Wilson. George also was married to Lottie Neighbors. George and Lucy had five children.

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**GRAY**  
**Ruby M.**

Ruby M. "Ma" Gray, age 97, of Floyd, passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2014. She was born to John C. and Bertha Conner Rierson on May 24, 1917 in Check, Va., the youngest of eight children.

Mrs. Gray was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Douglas A. Gray, whom she loved and missed deeply.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Bobby L. Gardner; grandson and wife, Bobby L., Jr. and Joy Gardner; granddaughter and husband, Elizabeth and Andy Reynolds; Four great-grandsons, Adam Gray Gardner, Baily Douglas Gardner, Zachary Shane Reynolds and Nathan Ryan Reynolds.

She married on September 29, 1940 and moved to Floyd where she and Douglas owned and operated Gray's Store. Later, she worked along side her daughter, Mary in Mary's Beauty Shop. In 1974, they opened the Little Dress Shop, and in 1997, Her granddaughter, Elizabeth joined them. She served the public for 73 years. She enjoyed her work and the people she met.

She loved her Church family at Red Oak Grove and their visits and cards. Her enjoyment was her family, working, gardening and cooking. She enjoyed her many potted flowers (200 +), and picking out black walnuts "always a busy lady". She looked forward to special holidays and cooking her large meals, cakes and pies (a bed full).

She always expressed her blessings from God for watching over her all her many years. "I would like to live my life over just as it was. God is good." Now she has an even better life.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Elbert Naff, Reverend Jimmy Cannaday and Reverend Hebron Quesenberry officiating.

Interment will follow at Jacksonville Cemetery. Friends may call anytime after 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2014 where the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Red Oak Grove Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 513 Floyd, VA. 24091 or The Floyd Fire Department, P.O. Box 33, Floyd, VA. 24091 or The Floyd Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA. 24091.

Online condolences may be made to [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, VA. (540) 745-2007.

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- ++ Mildred Lauraine Conner married John Cecil Craighead in 1946. Mildred was born in 1929 and died June 10, 2006. John was born June 7, 1927 and died July 12, 2005.
- ++ Edgar Lawrence Conner married Nancy Mae Hall. Nancy was born about 1937 and died August 30, 1997.
  - +++ Edgar Lynn Conner
  - +++ David Allen Conner
  - +++ Bentley Ray Conner, born 1959, died September 25, 2005 and is buried at Coyner Springs Cemetery, Roanoke Co., VA
  - +++ Janice Elaine Conner
  - +++ Keran Sue Conner, Married \_\_\_\_\_ Cofer
- ++ Margaret Ramona Conner married Shelton Carlton Beckner

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CONNER  
Polly Ann

- ++ Orville Henry Conner, born 1938, died November 7, 2002, married Polly Ann Young. Polly was born about 1941 and died August 12, 2005. Burial at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren Cemetery.
  - +++ Andrew Hank Conner, born October 17, 1966, died October 19, 1997.
  - +++ Basil Allen Conner, married Stephanie Ellen Krause.
  - +++ Lola Ann Conner, married David Bush.
  - +++ Helen Frances Conner married Charles Lamb.
- ++ Alice Elizabeth Conner married Kendrick Hartman Stevens
- + Dorothy Naomi Conner, born September 23, 1903, died April 24, 1998 and married Gaston Aruna Sink May 11, 1929.



**CRAIGHEAD**  
**Mildred Lauraine**

Mildred Lauraine Craighead, 77, of Roanoke County, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, June 10, 2006. She was a Faithful Member of Poages Mill Church of the Brethren for over 50 years. Mildred was a retired employee of the Roanoke County Schools, working in the cafeteria at Penn Forest Elementary. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she was (Granny) to all who knew her. She was born on June 25, 1928 to the late Horace and Lucy Conner. She was predeceased by her husband, Cecil, of almost 60 years, and by her two brothers, Lawrence and Henry Conner. Surviving are her children, Lauraine (Sissy) (Robert) Broadwater, Pat Driver, Ray (Lisa) Craighead and Debbie (Rob) Tavenner; grandchildren, Amy Broadwater (Scott) Akers, Angie Broadwater (Greg) Wasylak, Shawn Driver, Jason, Stacey and Shannon Craighead and Ryan, Brandon and Austin Tavenner; and sisters, Margaret (Shelton) Beckner, and Alice (Kenny) Stevens. Services will

be conducted at Poages Mill Church of the Brethren at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2006. The Rev. E.B. Shoemaker and the Rev. Maurice Wright will officiate. Interment will follow in Copper Hill Cemetery, Floyd County. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2006 and Monday, June 12, 2006. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Poages Mill Church of the Brethren, 6550 Bent Mountain Road, Roanoke, Va. 24018, or the American Heart Association in care of Poages Mill Church. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, 989-3131.

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- + Clarence Eldridge Conner, born May 8, 1905, died January 30, 1954. He married Rosie Lee Dooley in 1934. Rosie was born February 6, 1909, in Floyd Co. and died November 29, 2001. Rosie was married also to William Charlie Cundiff. Rosie is buried in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Roanoke, VA.
- + Guy Banks Conner, born March 16, 1907, died July 25, 1967, married Alabama Doris Holland, who was born May 29, 1912, and died July 26, 1968. They have three children.
  - ++ Geneva Ardell Conner married Roy Gerald Bell
  - ++ Almeta Mable Conner married Freddie Marvin Thompson. Almeta died February 15, 2010. See following page for obit.
  - ++ Jesse Woodrow Conner married Betty Sue Hale August 23, 1952. Betty was born March 20, 1936.
    - +++ Peggy Sue Conner born September 29, 1953. She married Rodney Lynn Kesler September 16, 1972.
    - +++ Connie Anne Conner, born August 14, 1955, married Freddie Douglas Pugh Jr. September 30, 1972. Connie married Edward Daniel Light March 28, 1992.
      - ++++ Freddie Douglas Conner born March 23, 1973. He married Rhonda Jean Vest April 8, 1995.
        - +++++ Jacob Ryan Conner born September 9, 2000.
        - +++++ Jonah Lee Conner born November 19, 2002.
        - ++++ Daniel Travis Light born February 28, 1990.
    - +++ Jessie Woodrow Conner, Jr. born August 13, 1956 and died November 18, 1989. He married Anne Coleman Borders August 29, 1981.
      - ++++ Jessie Conner born August 18, 1982
      - ++++ Emily Conner born January 19, 1984
      - ++++ Benjamin Conner born February 20, 1986
  - +++ James Banks Conner born June 24, 1959 and died June 28, 1980
  - +++ Jeffrey Lee Conner born July 12, 1961
- + Emma Elzora Conner, born July 15, 1909, died October 15, 1982. Emma married Samuel Henry Conner son of Jasper and Elizabeth Bowles Conner. Samuel was born February 28, 1909 and died November 3, 1980. Emma and Samuel were married November 26, 1930. Emma and Samuel had seven children.
  - ++ Miriam LaVerne Conner married Maynard O. Manning September 10, 1949. Maynard, son of Charles A. Manning and Zilphia Ann Frances Craghead, was born November 26, 1927. Maynard and Miriam were divorced August 11, 1977.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner





**THOMPSON**  
**Almeta**

Almeta Thompson, 80, of Bent Mountain, Va., went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, February 15, 2010. She was born on February 11, 1930, the daughter of the late Guy and Allie Conner of Copper Hill, Va. She was ever faithful in her love for the Lord and a faithful member of Mount Union Church of the Brethren for over 60 years. She was a loving and devoted wife to her late husband of 49 years, F. Marvin Thompson, and a loving and caring mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren. Her life was lived as a testimony of her faith and she was a living example to others. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Jesse Conner. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Geneva and Paul White; her son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Susan Thompson; her daughter and son-in-law,

Cindy and Jay Windel; and her daughter and son-in-law, Robin and William Walters. The grandchildren that will cherish her memory are Erin Dickerson, Ashley (Chad) Bane, Sarah Thompson, Leah Thompson, Jamie Windel, Kristie (Matthew) Neighbors, Joey (Magen) Windel, Jenny Walters, Jared Walters and Jacob Walters; six great-grandchildren, Tatyana, Jonathan, Jasmine, William, Caleb and Luke; sister-in-law, Betty Conner; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Howard and Christine Thompson, Dalton and Ocie Thompson and Betty and Joe McCoy; special neighbors, Willie and Nancy King; and honorary grandchildren, Stephanie Perdue and Bradley King. A special thanks to the Adult Day Care Center of Roanoke Valley for all the loving care that they provided to our mother. Flowers will be appreciated, or please make donations to the League of Older Americans or Mount Union Church of the Brethren. Services will be held 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at Mount Union Church of the Brethren on Bent Mountain. The Rev. Greg Fleshman will officiate. Interment will be in the Copper Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Oakey's South Chapel from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, 540-989-3131.

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- ++ Maynard Odell Conner married Elizabeth Ann Hurst(see pg. 36.1.1.1)
- ++ Harold Edward Conner married Hilda Lee Stump
  - +++ Dreama Kay Conner married Terry Steven Vest March 26, 1983. Terry died June 5, 1998.
- ++ Jerry Dewayne Conner married Barbara Ann Richards Conner. They applied for their license in Roanoke Co. March 10, 1980.
- ++ William Clyde Conner married Reeta Gail Hylton
  - +++ Anita Diane Conner, born March 18, 1973 married August 16, 1993 to Michael Eugene Gucciardo, born March 2, 1954 who was previously married.

++ Roger Wade Conner

++ Andy Roland Conner

+ Shirley May Conner, born October 19, 1910, died June 22, 1959 and married William Theodore Wilson November 22, 1930. William was born April 2, 1908 and died April 2, 1998. William is the son of James Edward "Ned" Wilson and Nancy Elvira Ganes Walton. William was also married to Alice Lorena Lilly.

+ Frazier Lee Conner, born July 28, 1912, died July 5, 1966.

+ Sylvia Goldie Conner, born May 3, 1915, and married McKinley Peter King in 1930. McKinley was born February 1, 1897 and died December 25, 1971.

++ Rosalie King married Steven Allen Moran August 30, 1985.

+ Lillian (Louise) Irene Conner, born August 23, 1921 and died the same day.

(c). Allen Elbert Conner, born August 27, 1884, married Mattie Ellen LaPrade.

+ Wallace Allen Conner, born January 16, 1912, died November 8, 1997. Wallace was married twice. Omega Arlington Poff and Christine W. \_\_\_\_\_.

++ Christine W. Conner

++ Michael A. Conner

++ Patricia Conner

(d). Ernest Robert Conner, born December 13, 1887.

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner

by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



# Marriage License

Virginia Roanoke County to-wit:

To Any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages.

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Jack Conner and Tina Blankenship

Given under my hand, as Clerk of Crimin's Court of Roanoke County (or City) this 22 day of Dec, 1924. Chas. D. Dink, Clerk.

## Marriage Certificate

To be annexed to the License, required by Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia, 1919, as amended by Act of February 16, 1919.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Crimin's Court for the County (or City) of Roanoke

Date of Marriage Dec 25, 1924 Place of Marriage Salem, Va

(FULL NAMES OF PARTIES)

Jack Conner and Tina Blankenship

Age of Husband 23 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) Single

Age of Wife 19 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) u

Race (White or Colored) White

Husband's Place of Birth Blond L. Va (PRESENT) Mailing Address Blindman, Va

Wife's Place of Birth Montgomery, Ala Mailing Address u

Names of Husband John Conner and Joseph A. Conner

Parents Wife W. H. Blankenship and Cynthia Blankenship

Occupation of Husband Farmer

Given under my hand this 22 day of December, 1924

Chas. D. Dink Clerk.

## Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I, G. W. Headen, a Minister of the Church of Christ

Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 25th day of Dec, 1924,

at Salem, Virginia, under authority of the above License, I joined together in the Holy State of

Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing

me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the County (or City) of Roanoke, State of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 25th day of December, 1924.

G. W. Headen

(Person who performs ceremony sign here.)

5074 The Minister or other person celebrating a marriage is required, within thirty (30) days thereafter, to return the License and Certificate of the Clerk and his certificate of the time and place at which the marriage was celebrated to the Clerk who issued the License; failure to comply with these requirements of the law makes the Minister or other person celebrating the marriage liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each offense (see Section 5074 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Act approved February 16, 1919, Acts 1919, chapter 28, pages 36 and 37).

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(e). Oliver "Ollie" Lee Conner, born June 29, 1890 and married Effie May Doyle February 8, 1911. Effie was born April 16, 1886 in Iowa and died January 17, 1948 in Roanoke Co., VA. Ollie died March 30, 1981 in Roanoke, Co., VA. Effie is the daughter of George Perry Doyle and Lucy Admonia Brumfield of Montgomery, Co., VA.

+ Georgia Conner married Fred Anderson Brumfield

+ Inice Irene Conner married Robert Monroe Hodge and then Ernest Edward Johnson

+ Norma Jean Conner married Clarence Edward Terry then Roger Hedge

+ Vivian Conner married T.O. Martin

+ Neva E. Conner, born May 23, 1922 and died in 1933.

+ Oliver Lee "Olie" Conner Jr. born about 1933, died March 1981. He married Daisy Maude Taliaferro July 1, 1955. Daisy was born in 1931 and died July 15, 2006. Daisy is the daughter of Walter Yeatman Taliaferro and Ruby Ellen Graham.

++ Scott Conner married Sharon Unknown

++ Neil Conner married Liza Unknown

(f). Volena Grace Conner, born June 18, 1893

(g). Minnie Ellen Conner, born October 1, 1895, died August 9, 1979. She married Scott H. Doyle Sr. December 24, 1911.

(h). Roy Jackson Conner, born 1901 married Lena Blankenship.

(i). Ina Conner, born April 14, 1901.

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
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- (3). Sarah Ann Conner, born 1860, married James M. Radford March 24, 1887.
- (4). James W. Conner, born 1862, died November 2, 1887 in Franklin Co. of a tumor, married Mary Susan Via (born 1861?) August 23, 1881. I do not know the total number of children James and Mary had at this time, but they had two son's Walter Elmore Conner, and James Washington Conner. Mary is the daughter of George and Hannah Via.
- (a). Walter Elmore Conner, born July 20, 1882 and died June 12, 1957. On December 22, 1901 he married 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy Elizabeth Hill who was born February 28, 1880 and died November 24, 1952. Walter married 2<sup>nd</sup> Beatrice Elizabeth Janney. Walter was the father of the following children:
- + Clara Martha Conner, born October 2, 1901, married Luther Clyde Falkner October 27, 1920
  - + Gomer F. Conner, born October 1, 1903 and died August 18, 1970, married 1<sup>st</sup> Altha Bell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Sigmon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Juanita Hackler.
  - + Emma Sue Conner, born April 15, 1905 and died March 3, 1985. She married 1<sup>st</sup> Everette Caleb Hill Sr. November 1922. He was born March 9, 1898 and died March 3, 1985. Emma married 2<sup>nd</sup> Norvel Francis Martin.
  - + Grover Lee Conner, born May 9, 1906, and died February 6, 1989, married October 4, 1929 to Letha Lou Spangler, born February 11, 1910 and had a daughter, Dolly Lee Conner, born April 16, 1931.
  - + Lila Ethel Conner, born June 9, 1907 and died November 12, 1969, married Charles W. Gathercole, born May 6, 1894
  - + Sherman Jacob Conner (S.J.) born Sept. 8, 1908, died Dec. 24, 1992, married Susie Hollins, born Feb. 21, 1908, died June 4, 2002. (See page 36.1.1.1) Children: James W. Conner married Mary F. \_\_\_\_\_ and Georgie R. \_\_\_\_\_ and Sherman Jackson Conner married Joyce T. \_\_\_\_\_. Susie is the daughter of James P. Hollins and Alice Chaffin.
  - + James Elbert Conner, born March 6, 1910, died February 25, 1924.
  - + Annie Bell Conner, born abt. 1911, married Samuel Wilson Radford.
  - + Audrey May Conner, born December 17, 1916, married Isaac Edward Bolling April 2, 1931. Audrey died Nov. 16, 2014. See page 36.1.1.0.0.1 for obit.

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- + Everette Hillman Conner Sr., born about 1919, married Katherine Eleta Flanagan and had the following children: Everette Hillman Conner Jr., Janet Katherine Conner, Eddy Arnold Conner, Nancy Elizabeth Conner, Leonard Samuel Conner, married Ginger Elain Bower May 23, 1978, Jill Kathleen Conner, and Matthew Walter Conner.
  
- + Elvin Walter Conner, born June 23, 1923, died March 16, 1993, married Reda Elizabeth Alderman October 19, 1946. Reda was born about 1919 and died April 14, 2008 and they had the following children:
  - Brenda Conner, Carl Randal Conner, Elvin Walter Conner Jr., Judy Conner and Jeanette Conner.
  
- + Albert Buford Conner, born June 24, 1926 and died June 20, 1994, married Margie Lee Akers July 16, 1948, and was born November 7, 1932.
  - ++ Albert Lee Conner, born December 16, 1949, died 1998, married Joan Johnson.
    - +++ Jonathon Avery Conner, married Pamela Darnell Reed July 24, 1999.
    - +++ Derek Lee Conner, born August 8, 1974, married Tracy Lea Collins September 12, 1998.
  - ++ Tony Darell Conner, born November 7, 1954, married Lena Dian Scott June 22, 1978. Lena was born February 16, 1959.
  - ++ Mark Davis Conner, born June 20, 1960, married Cecilia Sue Reed June 14, 1989
  - ++ Sandra Kay Conner, born January 28, 1963, married Richard Eugene Harris December 24, 1979
  - ++ Timothy Wayne Conner, born January 26, 1970, married Martha Carol Meredith February 17, 1990.
- + Vickie Conner, born September 17, 19\_\_, married \_\_\_\_ Moore

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**FAMILY OF DANIEL AND MARY CONNER**

by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



### CONNER

#### Reda Elizabeth Alderman

Reda Elizabeth (Granny) Alderman Conner, 89, of Roanoke, passed away Monday, April 14, 2008. Mrs. Conner was born in Willis, Va., a daughter of the late Leroy and Lydia Alderman. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Evin Walter Conner Sr. Surviving are her five children, Brenda Tuten and husband Donald, Judy Morgado, Evin Walter Conner Jr. and wife, Susan, Carl Randall Conner and wife, Diane, and Jeanette Blair and husband, William; five grandchildren, Angela Marie Cooper, Carl Randall Conner II, Karen Ellen Sartin, Jeremiah Walter Blair and Krista Nicole Conner; four stepgrandchildren, Murphy, Dennis, Chad and Shelly; 20 great-grandchildren; one sister, Eula Weeks; and her special friend, "Baby." Funeral services will be conducted at 12 noon Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Doug Witt officiating. Burial will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 9 p.m. at Oakey's Vinton Chapel, 540-982-2221.

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**BOLLING**  
**Audrey Conner**

Audrey Conner Bolling, of Roanoke, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, November 16, 2014. She was born December 17, 1916.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Nancy Hill Conner; 11 brothers and sisters; her youngest daughter, Joyce B. Roden; her loving husband, Isaac; and granddaughter, Sherry Ferguson.

She is survived by her devoted daughter, Geneva King Fleenor; five grandchildren, Glenna Dunn (Mike), Sonny King, Debbie Bobbitt (Herbert), Eddie Roden (Joanne) and Walter Roden (Missy); 18 great and 30 great-great grandchildren; half-sister, Vickie Moore; sister-in-law, Margie Conner and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Audrey (Granny) was a true prayer warrior. She was a member of Roanoke's First Church of the Nazarene for 77 years. She loved her church family and attended faithfully as long as her health permitted. She enjoyed working as a turner at Kenrose for many years. She loved working in the yard and cooking for her ever growing family.

A special thanks is extended to the staff at Berkshire Nursing Home for the compassionate and loving care in the last 2 years.

Funeral Services will be conducted 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Bret Layton officiating. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at Oakey's Vinton Chapel, [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com).



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(b). James Washington Conner, born October 16, 1887, died September 17, 1927. He married Clista Ella Martin April 18, 1906. Clista was born about 1889 and is the daughter of James Asa Martin (1861-1927) and Sarah Ellen Keith (1867-1944).

+ James Edward Conner, born April 6, 1911, died May 4, 1995.

He married Ruby Irene Mills, then Trula Marie Giberson.

++ Rev. John Edward Conner, born abt. 1941, married 1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Aycock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy \_\_\_\_ .

++ Judith Ann Conner, born about 1943, married David L. Ritter, born November 12, 1944. Judith died November 22, 1998.

++ Wallace Bruce Conner, born May 25, 1945 and has married twice.

+ Honard Hampton Conner, born April 5, 1914, died in 1932, married Lucy P. Hassay.

+ Stella Ellen Conner, born October 10, 1916, died May 27, 2001, married 1st Lonzie Harmon Linkous March 5, 1932 in Mercer County WV, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lloyd Garland Davis November 5, 1947.

+ Zula Mae Conner, born July 3, 1908, died January 1, 1983 at Bluefield WV. She married Clarence C. Gibson.

(5). Elizabeth Conner, born 1853, married William McGee October 7, 1869. William is the son of Jack McGee and was a widower when he married Elizabeth.

(a). John C. McGee born about 1870 and married Malinda Alice Richards March 9, 1892.

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Maynard Odell Conner, born May 18, 1933, died June 5, 1997, married Elizabeth Ann Hurst. They applied for their marriage license in Roanoke County January 20, 1977. Elizabeth was born in 1936 and died May 13, 2002. Both are buried at the Restvale Cemetery in Floyd County, Virginia. Elizabeth is the daughter of Jacob Wesley Hurst and Clytie C. "Ora" Craighead Hurst. They had the following children:

1. Deborah Conner, born April 23, 1954, married Phillip Lovelace
- 2 James Randall (Ronald) Conner, born April 30, 1957, married Nancy Lee (Marie) Sink. They applied for their marriage license in Roanoke Co. July 16, 1976.
3. Samuel Lee Conner, born January 3, 1959, married 1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ramona.
4. Rodney Lynn Conner, born February 23, 1960, married Sandy \_\_\_\_\_. Rodney died December 9, 2011.
5. Perry Randall Conner, born November 30, 1961, married 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer \_\_\_\_\_ and 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Lee Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup> Valerie \_\_\_\_\_.

Obit in the Roanoke Times May 14, 2002

Conner, Elizabeth Ann Hurst, 66 of the Bradshaw Community, Roanoke County, passed away Monday, May 13, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard Odell Conner. Surviving are her children and their spouses, Deborah and Phillip Lovelace, James and Nancy Conner, Samuel and Sandra Conner, Rodney Conner, Perry and Jennifer Conner; numerous Grandchildren and great grandchildren; one brother, D.C. "Sam" Hurst; four sisters, Mozelle Walters, Lillian Howard, Irene DeWeese, and Phyllis Agee; and several other loving relatives. Interment will be in Restvale Cemetery, Floyd County.

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Obit Roanoke Times June 5, 2002

Conner, Susie Hollins, 94, of Roanoke, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, June 4, 2002. She helped start and was a charter member of East Gate Church of the Nazarene. She and her late husband, Sherman J. Conner, co-founded S.J. Conner & Son, Inc. in 1939. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James W. and Mary F. Conner, Moneta, S. Jack, Sr. and Joyce T. Conner, Troutville; granddaughter and husband, Dana M. and Michael T. Millsaps, Roanoke; grandsons and their wives Sherman Jackson, Jr. (Jackie) and Sheri W. Conner, Brandon, Miss., Darrin T. and Tammy E. Conner, Franklin county; great-grandchildren, Ashley Millsaps, Lindsey Millsaps and Cameron Conner; two sisters, Aderine Phillips of Kansas and Reba Bowman of Ohio. Burial will be in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

Sherman and Susie are buried side by side at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

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**CONNER**  
**Rodney L.**

Rodney L. Conner, 51, of Roanoke, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, December 9, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, Maynard O. and Elizabeth Hurst Conner. Rodney was an avid outdoorsman with a special love of animals of all kinds. Surviving are his sister, Deborah Lovelace and husband Phillip of Gretna; brothers, James "Jim" Conner and wife Nancy of Salem, Samuel Conner and Remona of Coeburn, Perry Conner and wife Valerie of Roanoke; and a number of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorials be made to Berkshire Health Care Center 705 Clearview Drive Vinton, Virginia 24179. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Monday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at Simpson Funeral Home 5160 Peters Creek Road. Arrangements by Simpson Funeral Home & Crematory, 366-0707.



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- c. Mary Ann Conner, born about 1826 and died after 1890. Mary married Peter R. Poff III October 24, 1844. Peter was born 1824-1826 and died after 1892. Mary and Peter had about nine children.
- (1). Greenville Tuggle Poff, born February 20, 1870, married 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Hale, 2nd Lizenia Hall June 15, 1889.
- d. Peter Conner; born about 1829 and married Mary Jane Martin March 8, 1849. The 1860 census shows Peter was a Blacksmith, and Mary being 32 years old.
- (1). Sarah Ann Conner, 1850-1914, married James Matthew Collins (1840-1920) August 10, 1865.
    - (a). Minnie Odell Collins, married James A. Garfield Yopp February 5, 1903 in Floyd County, VA. James is buried at Moran-Agee Cemetery about mile marker 150 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. James died January 3, 1955.
    - (b). James P. Collins, born April 1876, married Minnie C. Stump.
    - (c). Robert Walter Collins, married Martha Ellen Stump, born June 14, 1886 and died April 23, 1980.
  - (2). Christopher A. Conner (born September 1854) age 6 (1860) married Nancy Ferris, age 17, (born March 1854) April 7, 1870.
    - (a). Bertha J. Conner, born 1875, married Silas Reed Stewart January 16, 1896
    - (b). Luther P. Conner, born June 2, 1881
    - (c). Leslie O. Conner, born September 1883
    - (d). Mary J. "Molly" Conner, born March 1886
    - (e). Effie G. Conner, born September 1888
- e. Jonathan J. Conner was born April 20, 1831 and died April 18, 1914 and was buried at Salem Church cemetery. He married Mahala Thrash July 27, 1852, who was born July 15, 1830 and died December 23, 1907 Mahala was the daughter of Valentine and Harriet Gray Thrash. Jonathan joined the Civil War September 16, 1861 at Floyd Court House. Deserted from a Montgomery County hospital December 15, 1862 and again from Ringgold Georgia on September 8, 1863. In the war he was "Captain of the Forge". It is said that he had two or three slaves with him when he served, and furnished his own horse. Supposedly when General R.E. Lee came into camp one day he asked for Travler to be shod. Jonathan replied he would have it done in five minutes. Lee could not believe it, but the job was completed under that time. They has the following children:
- (1). Valentine Thrash Conner; born May 22. 1853, died October 11, 1925 and married Nancy Ellen Akers March 16, 1880. Valentine is buried at East

Hill Cemetery, Salem, Virginia. Valentine was married October 20, 1895 in Floyd County, VA to Kate E. Tice, born September 22, 1872 and died July 20, 1954.

(a). Ida M. Conner, born January 4, 1881, married J. David Webster, age 22, October 17, 1900 in Floyd County, VA. David was born in Franklin Co. VA about 1878.

+ Rodney M. Webster, born September 12, 1901.

+ John T. Webster, born August 10, 1908

+ Josephine Nannie Webster, born February 21, 1911

+ Aberdeen Webster, born December 4, 1915

(b). Harry E. Conner, born in 1896 and died August 5, 1936

(c). Kate Pauline Conner, born June 7, 1898 died September 4, 1953 and married Gaynor Harmon.

(d). Robert T. Conner, born February 25, 1903, died June 12, 1981.

(e). Ollie L. Conner, born abt.1901, died August 11, 2002, married \_\_\_\_\_ Wilkinson.

(f). Mary K. Conner, born January 12, 1906 and died March 9, 1982

(g). Eva C. Conner born about 1908

(h). Andrew L. Conner, born June 30, 1909 and died June 3, 1944 in Italy. His wife's name was Garnett.

(i). Joseph M. Conner, born about 1911

(j). Valentine Tice Conner, born February 14, 1915 and died November 8, 1973.

(2). Pricilla Ann Conner; born August 3, 1855, died 1931, and married William Pleasant Manning November 14, 1872. Pleasant was born August 13, 1856, and died in 1906.

(a). Walter G. Manning, born October 2, 1892, died May 10, 1927.

(b). Elena H. Manning, born September 1889, died June 24, 1927, married Cassell Bud Hall, born July 26, 1889, died April 1975.

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- (3). Shelton Leak (Leek) Conner; born March 4, 1858, died April 3, 1937 and married Sally Byar Hall January 29, 1878. Sally was born February 24, 1857. They had the following children:
- (a). Maurice L. "Morris" Conner, born January 1, 1879, married Carrie A. Spangler, age 18, January 5, 1898.
    - + Audrey Conner, born December 12, 1898.
    - + Maitland Gray Conner, born August 16, 1900.
    - + Vernon Leak Conner, born December 3, 1902, married Jessie McCraw. Jessie died at age 82 in FL September 1986.
    - + Percy Reginal Conner, born May 21, 1905.
    - + Tracey Dean Conner, born January 27, 1908.
    - + Unknown
    - + Unknown
  - (b). Omar Eldridge Conner, born April 22, 1880, died February 1961, married Etta Gay Conner, age 16, November 5, 1898. Etta is the daughter of James Nathan and Melvina Poff Conner. After Etta died, Omar married Pearlle Annie Conner April 17, 1954, daughter of George Ben Conner. Omar is buried at a family cemetery near Otey.
    - + Ralph Edward Conner, born July 15, 1901, died in 1991, married Alpha Carnegia King April 8, 1921. Alpha was born Sep 1, 1901.
      - ++ Annie Lee Conner, born July 18, 1922, died May 13, 1999 and married Paul Timothy Huffman September 25, 1943. Paul was born May 30, 1924 and died June 23, 1995.
      - ++ Raymond Paul Conner, born January 26, 1934, died September 25, 1987
      - ++ Howard Royal Conner, born Feb. 17, 1932, died December 10, 2004, married Deborah Willson . Howard was a plumber and a Korean Vet.
        - +++ Richard A. Willson, step son.
      - ++ Douglass Ralph Conner, born December 9, 1938.
      - ++ Ruby May Conner, born March 3, 1937, Married Charles Stuart Smith February 13, 1954. She later married \_\_\_\_\_ Gibson.
      - ++ Wilmer Andrew Conner, born February 8, 1924 and died August 10, 1994. He married Christine Lewis Tinsley Feb. 7, 1948. Christine was born October 2, 1924. (see page 36.3.1)
      - ++ Roy Meldon Conner, born October 27, 1925 and died Nov. 19, 1946.
      - ++ James Robert Conner, born March 15, 1930 and died Sep. 25, 1997. He married Margaret Lois Argabright Dec. 25, 1948. Margaret was born May 15, 1932 and died Aug. 30, 1972. James Later married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.

++ Roy Meldon Conner, born October 27, 1925 and died November 19, 1946.

James Robert Conner, born March 15, 1930 and died Septmter 25, 1997. He married Margaret Lois Argabright December 25, 1948. Margaret was born May 15, 1932 and died August 30, 1972. James Later married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONNER

#### Christine Lewis Tinsley

Christine Lewis Tinsley Conner, 87, of Roanoke, formerly of Shawsville, passed away Saturday, March 10, 2012. She was born October 2, 1924 in Williamson, W.Va., daughter of the late John Terrell and Ora White Tinsley. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer Andrew Conner; brother, John Terrell Tinsley Jr.; sisters, Claudine Roberts, Ernestine Tinsley and Thelma Reese. Mrs. Conner was a homemaker and a member of Gospel Baptist Church in Dixie Caverns.

She is survived by sons and daughter-in-law, Elmer A. and Roberta Conner and John Edward "Eddie" Conner; daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth E. and Roger Crockett and Nancy C. Linkous-Bandy and Mike Bandy; four grandchildren, Susan Bell and husband, Doug, David Linkous

and wife, Christy, Dallas Ray Richards and wife, Mary and Andrew Conner; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Edna Donahue; nieces, Joan Morgan, Joyce Roberts, Barbara Majors, Darlene Sloan, Annette Donahue, Brenda Smith, and Molly Kay Hicks; and two nephews, Donnie Tinsley, Jimmy Tinsley, and Michael Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at Gospel Baptist Church in Dixie Caverns with the Rev. Sam Huntley officiating. Interment will follow in Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at John M. Oakey and Son, Salem. 540-389-5441

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- + Joyce Louise Conner, born September 8, 1904 and married Thomas Elbert King.
- ++ Bertha King, born February 10, 1926, died May 4, 1995, married Roger C. Dodson.
- ++ Inus King, married \_\_\_\_\_ Hudson
- ++ Martha Mary King
- ++ Ervine E. King
- ++ Melvin L. King
- ++ Thomas A. King
- ++ Kenneth N. King married Betty Booze
- ++ Norman King



Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA

Wilmer A. and Christine Lewis Tinsley Conner  
(see page 36.3)

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner





**CONNER**  
Daisy M.

Daisy M. Conner, 43, of Roanoke, went to her Creator Saturday, July 12, 2008. She is preceded in death by her father, William A. Harden and mother-in-law, Aida Conner. Mrs. Conner was a loving mother and wife, member of Community Advent Christian Church, and was a devoted employee of Avante Roanoke nursing home for 18 years. She

is survived by her husband of almost 21 years, David O. Conner; having just recommitted their marriage vows on their 20th wedding anniversary; son, David W. Conner; mother, Mabel Harden; brothers, John, Jim, William, Bobby and Ronnie Harden; sisters, Tammy Sauer, Bonnie Robertson, Ilene Adkins, Janet Conner, Betty Perdue; father-in-law, Owen Conner, brothers-in-law, Eric, Wes, and Wayne Conner; sisters-in-law, Elaine Mowbray, Cynthia Conner, Peggy Conner, Susan McGee, and Diane Bosta. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday from Oakeys Roanoke Chapel with the Rev. T.G. Ayers officiating. Interment will follow in Coopers Cove Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Oakeys Roanoke Chapel.

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- + William B. "Billy" Conner, born February 10, 1907 and died February 25, 1991, buried at Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA. William married Ocie Elizabeth Worrell, born October 13, 1914. Ocie died June 24, 2009 and buried next to her husband.
- ++ Joseph Odean Conner, born in 1934, died March 11, 2003. He married Janet \_\_\_\_\_ and they had 3 daughters and 4 sons. Joseph is buried at Rosewood Memorial Park, VA Beach, VA.
- ++ Pauline Conner, married William Sutphin
- ++ Audrey M. Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Dickerson
- ++ Kathleen Conner married Robert Gravell
- ++ Owen Wesley Conner, married Aida Theresa Bosta
  - +++ David O. Conner married Daisy M. Harden. Daisy was born abt. 1965 and died July 12, 2008. Daisy is buried at Cooper's Cove Baptist Church Cemetery.
  - ++++ David W. Conner
  - +++ Eric Conner
  - +++ Wesley Conner
  - +++ Wayne Conner
  - +++ Elaine Conner
  - +++ Cynthia Conner
  - +++ Peggy Conner
  - +++ Diane Bosta
- ++ Sylvia Jean Conner, born 1942, died September 2, 1996, Married Thurman Claude Wyatt. Sylvia is buried at Piedmont Cemetery.
  - +++ Paul Douglas Wyatt, born March 24, 1971, married his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife December 15, 2003 Carmen Stuck, born July 3, 1971 in Germany.
- + Ivan Wade Conner married Laller Christine Overstreet June 11, 1947. Laller died February 11, 1954.
- + Ilean Simmons Conner, married Russell Charles Perdue June 28, 1940. Russell died July 23, 1941, struck by lightning. See page 36.3.3.3

After Etta died Omar married Pearlle Annie Conner April 17, 1954.  
(see page 107)

- (c). Earnest Wilton Conner, born May 25, 1882, died July 1969 and married Addie Jane Foley about 1903.
- (d). Lemuel Delton Conner, born September 22, 1884, married October 14, 1903 to Arlene Susan Violet Thomas born about 1881.

### 36.3.3

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



**CONNER  
Ocie Worrell**

Ocie Worrell Conner, 94, of Shawsville, Va., passed away peacefully at home and went to be with the Lord on June 24, 2009. She was born in McDowell County, W.Va., on October 13, 1914, to the late Rev. George Charles Worrell and Eura Spangler Worrell. She was preceded in death by her husband, William B. Conner; daughter, Sylvia J. Wyatt; and son, Joseph O. Conner. Ocie was a woman of great strength and character. She always put the needs and comfort of

others above herself and was dearly loved by her family and friends. Ocie was also preceded in death by 10 siblings and survived by sisters, Ethel McPeak, Mildred Barnett, Gessie Stevens, and Willie Marie Hill; and sister-in-law, Edna Motrell, all of Virginia, and Dorothy Keating, of Pipestem, W.Va. Ocie is survived by four children, Pauline Sutphin and husband Bill, Wesley Conner, Kathleen Gravell and husband, Bob, all of Shawsville, and Audrey Dickerson, of Bedford. She is also survived by 40 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren. We wish to express our thanks to a special nephew, the Rev. J.P. Hale; and two special nieces, Beanie Cardwell and Evelyn Vest, for all their love and assistance during this time. The viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the Home Funeral Home. The funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday in the Home Funeral Home Chapel affiliated by the Rev. J.P. Hale. Interment to follow at Piedmont Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, Christiansburg. The Conner family is in the care of Home Funeral Services. Online condolences may be sent to [www.homefuneralservice.com](http://www.homefuneralservice.com).

**Pauline Conner Sutphin Obit**

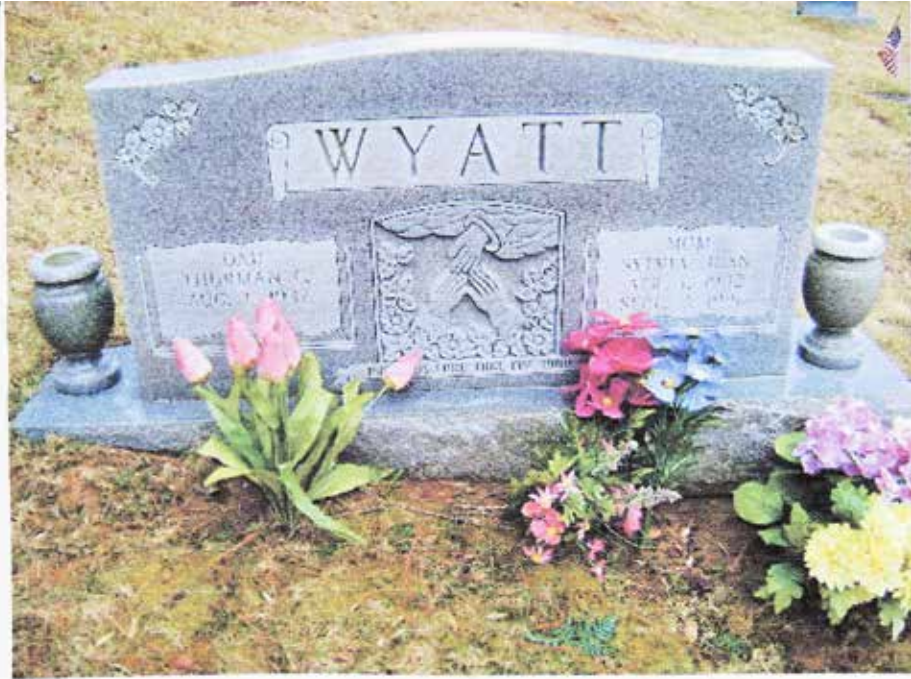
January 9, 1935 – December 21, 1935

Pauline Conner Sutphin, 80 of Shawsville passed away on Monday December 21, 2015. She was Preceded by her parents, William “Bill” and Ocie Elizabeth Worrell Conner, brother Joseph Odean Conner and sister Sylvia Jean Wyatt. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband William “Bill” Sutphin; Dau.’s Catherine Sutphin, Rebecca Sutphin Harrison and husband Tim; bro. Owen Wesley Conner; Sisters Audrey M. Dickerson, and Kathleen Gravell (Robert).

Buriel is at Piedmont Cemetery near Shawsville, VA.

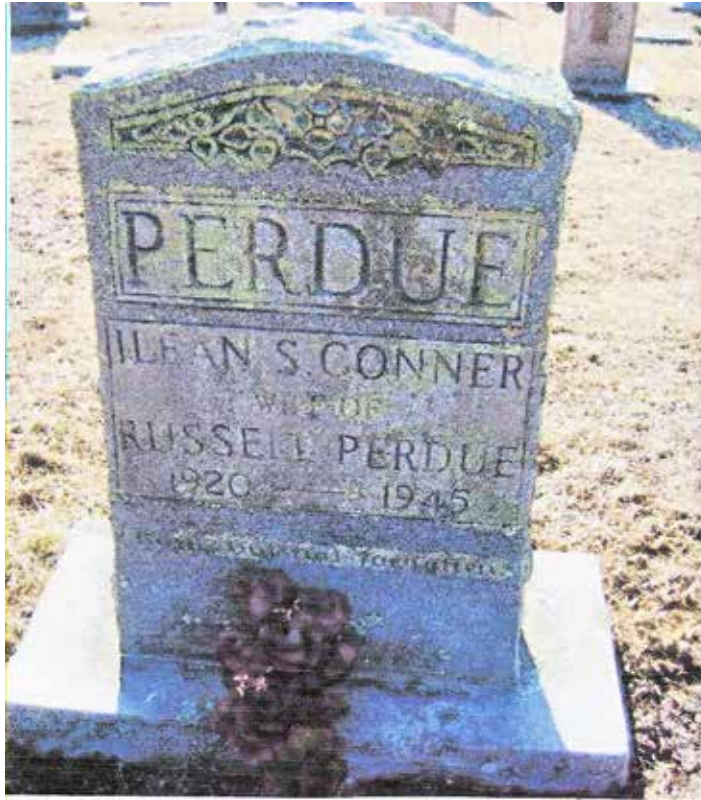
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**Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner**



Thurman Claude and Sylvia Jean Conner Wyatt  
B. August 1, 1937    B. April 4, 1942  
D. September 2, 1996

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
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Ilean Simmons Conner , born 1920 and died 1945  
Russell Charles Perdue, born unknown and died June 23, 1941

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- + Earl Arlington Conner, born September 21, 1904 and married Ada Glen Rhodes.
  - ++ Jerry D. Conner
  - ++ Lemuel Leek Conner, born November 19, 1933 and married Geneva Webb. Lemuel died July 21, 2005 at Natural Bridge, VA. Interment was at High Bridge Presbyterian Church.
    - +++ Gary W. Conner
    - +++ Carolyn Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Tomlin
    - +++ Scott A. Conner
  - ++ Wyatt N. Conner
  - ++ Herschel Wayne Conner, married Reba Charlene Hix November 4, 1961
  - ++ Russell G. Conner
- + Ira Shelton Conner, born March 27, 1906, married November 18, 1926 to Nannie Byar Poff, who was born December 16, 1906.
  - ++ Hazel Conner, born November 27, 1933 in Salem, Va., and died July 7, 2014. She married James C. Horne. (see page 36.3.4.2)
    - +++ Patsy Conner married James Leffler
    - +++ Joan Darlene Conner married Unknown Leonard.
- + Lula Eva Conner, born March 29, 1908, died February 1996, married Robert Bryant Anderson.
  - ++ John Mason Anderson, born April 16, 1946 Shawsville, VA and died of cancer in Bedford Co. VA July 23, 2008.
  - ++ Rebecca Anderson
  - ++ Robert Anderson
  - ++ Lou Anderson
  - ++ Vicky Anderson
- + Aaron J. Conner, born August 26, 1911.
- + Noel Fally Conner, born 1912, died September 24, 1999. He married Nellie Houchins, born 1914 and died October 9, 2003. Noel was an Elder in the Countyline Primitive Baptist Church
  - ++ Dianne Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Mitchel
  - ++ Sonora Jean Conner
  - ++ Arlene Conner, married Russell Blevins
- + Calvin Conner, married Doris \_\_\_\_\_.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

(additional information from page 36.3.4)

Ira Shelton Conner was born March 27, 1906 in Floyd County, Va. And married Nannie Byar Poff, daughter of James Samuel A. Poff and Lucy Mahaley Manning Nov. 18, 1926. Nannie died in 1937 and buried in Church Hill Cemetery (Palmer & Crandall), Salem, Va. Ira married a second time to Ida M. unknown. Ida was born Nov. 10, 1910 and died Mar. 10, 2002 and is buried next to Ira in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Chesapeake, Va. (see Obit below)

A. Mary Elva "L. V." Conner was born Sept. 17, 1927 in Va. She married Unknown Sarratt. She then married Joseph Cassell Lowe. (see page 36.3.4.0.1)

1. David Starratt, born November 30, 1945
2. Louis Starratt, born July 17, 1948
3. Arnold E. Sarratt, born August 1949
4. Mary Jo Starratt, born Feb. 1959, married unknown Ange.

B. Ira Dallon Conner Sr., Born May 29, in Va. He married Betty Nichols in 1951 in Roanoke, Va. (see pages 36.3.4.0.1 & 36.3.4.0.3)

1. Susan Lisa Conner
2. Sharon Conner married Unknown Paulson
3. Kimberly Conner married unknown Colbert
4. Ira Dallon Conner Jr.

C. Joseph Arlington Conner, born May 5, 1932 in Va. He married Lorraine Unk.

D. Hazel Irene Conner, born Nov. 27, 1933 in Salem, Va. She married James C. Horne. Hazel died July 7, 2014. (see page 36.3.4.0.2)

1. Joan Darlene Horne married Unknown Leonard.
2. Patsy Horn, born Jan. 10, 1956, married James D. Leffler.  
(a) Aaron Leffler

Virginian- Pilot, The (Norfolk, Va.) Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Deceased, Ida M. Conner

Ida M. Conner Chesapeake – Ida "Miss Ida:" Conner 91, formerly of the 1400 block of Deep Creek Blvd. died March 10, 2002. Mrs. Conner, a native of Henry County, VA., was the widow of Ira S. Conner and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was the hostess for the past 14 years at Wayne's Body Shop on Saturday night for the Bluegrass and Country Music Jam Session. Survivors include two daughters, Mary L.V. Lowe of Chesapeake and Hazel Irene Horne of Salem, Va.; two sons, Ira Dallon Conner and wife Betty of Beckley, WV., and Joseph Arlington Conner and wife Lorraine of Denver, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren.. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 pm Wednesday in Foster Funeral Home, Portsmouth, by the Rev. Ally will receive friends from 1 to 2 pm. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to Temple Baptist Church Building Fund.

**FAMILY OF DANIEL AND MARY CONNER**

by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

Portsmouth, by the Rev. Allen Dooley. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 pm. Prior to the service. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial. Donations may be made to Temple Baptist Church, Building Fund, 1322 N. George Washington Highway, Chesapeake, VA 23323.

Joseph C. Lowe: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice, Virginian-Pilot, the (Norfolk, Va.) – Wednesday, July 5, 2000.

Joseph Cassell Lowe, 87, of 900 block of N. George Washington Hwy., died July 3, 2000, in Chesapeake. Mr. Lowe a native of Portsmouth, was retired from the Naval Air Rework Facility as an aircraft mechanic. He was Catholic and a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife Mary L.V. Lowe; a daughter, Mary Jo Ange of Raleigh, N.C.; three stepsons, David T. Saratt of Driver, Louis J. Sarratt of Chesapeake and Arnold E. Sarratt of Suffolk; a sister, Rose Little of Chesapeake, four brothers, Robert Lowe of Chesapeake, Edward Lowe of Suffolk, Phillip Lowe of Chesapeake and Cecil Lowe of Suffolk; 11 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Phillip Lowe. A funeral will be conducted at 11 am, Thursday at Foster Funeral Home, Portsmouth, by the Rev. Allen L. dooley. Burial will be in Chesapeake Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the service hour. Memorial donations may be made to Temple Baptist Church, Building Fund, 1322N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA 23323.

Obituary: 2-12-2013 Herald-Mail

Betty Lou Conner, 78, of Hagerstown, formally of Berkeley Springs, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013. Born on Nov. 4, 1934, in Roanoke, Va., she was the daughter of the late Worley Delbert Nichols and Eva Alline (Chumbley) Nichols. In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Lisa Conner, and two brothers, Jerry Nichols and D.M Nichols. She is survived by her loving husband, Ira D. Conner Sr.; two daughters, Sharon Paulson of Hagerstown, and Kimberly Colbert of Leesburg, Va.; one son Ira D Conner Jr. of Martinsburg; and one brother, Charles W. "Billy" Nichols. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. The family asks that contributions be made in their honor to Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742.



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By Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**CONNER SR.**

**Ira Dallen**

Ira Dallen Conner Sr., 86, passed away Thursday, May 19, 2016. Born May 29, 1929 in Roanoke, Va., he was the son of the late Ira Shelton and Nannie Conner. Ira was retired Navy, and was baptized a Jehovah's Witness.

He is survived by his son, Ira D. Conner Jr., and wife, Nancy; his daughter, Kimberly Colbert and husband, Richard; grandchildren, Amanda Gross and husband, Davey of Hagerstown, Md., Joey Conner of Georgia, Emily Hoffman and husband, Andrew of Hagerstown, Md., Jessica Talbot of Augusta, W.Va., Abigail Paulson and lifelong friend Josh of Hagerstown, Md., Megan Colbert and husband Dale of Winchester, Va., Michaila Colbert of Leesburg, Va.; great-grandchildren, Courtney Gross, Zachery Paulson, and Zoey Paulson; and son-in-law, Bruce Paulson.

In addition to his parents, Ira was preceded in death by his wife, Betty L. Nichols; and two children, Sharon A. Paulson and Susan L. Conner.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Berkeley Springs.

Condolences may be sent to [www.rosedalefuneral.com](http://www.rosedalefuneral.com)

(see Page 36.3.4.0).

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By Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Ira S. Conner

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**ANDERSON**  
**John Mason**

April 16, 1946 - July 23, 2008

He was sweetness and sunshine, this youngest child of the late Robert Bryant and Lula Conner Anderson. He was loving kindness and caring and Dad to Angela, Allen, and Adam Anderson and Granddad to Jarred. Neither dark days, nor harsh people, nor hard work, nor even the war in Vietnam where he was a wounded teenage paratrooper who won a Purple Heart could take away his smile and cheerful disposition. He was helpful and good and generous to old people and little children and animals and anyone in need. He was best friend and husband and sweetheart to Carol Goodwin Anderson, and she stood by him faithfully and laughed with him in the good times and cared for him tenderly through the bad times. He treasured Carol's grown children, Cynthia Marie Dixon, Debbra Lyn Haven, and Timothy Blankenship. He was the best Uncle Johnny to Cindy Ross; Paula, Sandra, Sonny, and Susan Smallwood; Vicki Pris Sears, Edie Sears, Brandy Anderson, and Andee Sears and remembered how to have fun and played board games and war games and Cowboys and Indians with them. He was little brother to Rebecca Sears, Robert Anderson, Lou Lowder, and Vicky Ellett, whose mother said to her, "Take care of your little brother," because she was the oldest child. And Vicky did take care of her baby brother from the cool April morning when he was born in Shawsville to the hot July evening when he died in Bedford County. Cancer took Johnny's life, but it could not touch his sweetness nor dim his sunshine. Our world is sweeter and brighter because he passed through it.

Arrangements are being handled by Lotz Funeral Home, Vinton. The family will receive visitors Friday, July 25, 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Lotz Funeral Home, Vinton Chapel and burial with Military Honors will follow at Cedar Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Johnny's name may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner  
(see page 36.3.4)



**HORNE**  
**Hazel Conner**

Hazel Conner Horne, 80, of Salem, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 7, 2014 surrounded by family and friends. She was born on November 27, 1933 in Salem to the late Ira Shelton and Nannie Poff Conner.

Hazel had been employed as a cafeteria worker by Roanoke County schools, and had spent the majority of her time at Glen Cove Elementary prior to her retirement. She was a faithful member of Faith Baptist Church in Salem and was fully aware that she would be in Heaven for when the Lord called her home!

She enjoyed listening to gospel music, gardening, bird watching, working with flowers, and yard selling was certainly a favorite past time. However spending time with her family was at the top of her list! Hazel was considered a "Favorite Mom" to everyone! In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, James C. Horne; cousins/brothers, Aaron Conner, Noel Conner, Earl Conner and Calvin Conner; and cousin/sister, Lula Conner Anderson.

Family remaining to cherish her memory includes her daughters, Patsy Leffler and husband, James, and Joan Darlene Leonard; brothers, Ira Conner and Arlington Conner; sister, L.V. Lowe; grandchildren, Dallas Colley, Todd Glass and Aaron Leffler; great-grandchildren, Noah Colley and Ethan Colley; and numerous nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to cousins Sandy and Kenny Conner for all the love and care that was given to mom during her illness.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 11, 2014 from 6 until 8 p.m. at John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem. Funeral Services to honor Hazel's life will be conducted on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Garnett Jr. Westmoreland officiating. Interment will follow in Cedar Lawn Burial Park in Roanoke. Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to the Faith Baptist Church Ladies Fellowship, 900 E. 8<sup>th</sup> street, Salem, VA 24153. An online guestbook is available by visiting [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).



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- (e). Lula Ellen Conner, born January 22, 1889
  - (f). Ocie L. Conner, born June 17, 1891, married Posey L. Angle, age 23, April 21, 1912. Posey is the son of John H. and Octavia Conner Angle.
- (4). Harriet Elizabeth Conner; born September 17, 1860, died January 11, 1938 and married Samuel Homer Strickler February 28, 1878. Homer was born December 5, 1855, died July 23, 1930, and is the son of Samuel Strickler (1820-1908) and Nancy Ann Helms (1828-1894). Homer died of a skull fracture during a fight at Jaeger W. VA, McDowell Co. They had 13 children.
- (5). Lucy Agness Conner; born October 27, 1866, died June 20, 1932, and married MarQuis Creasy King December 13, 1888.
- (a). Essie Mahala King married Samuel James Pate December 24, 1911.
- (6). Robert Lee Conner born September 6, 1869; married Mary Byrar Yeatts April 25, 1889. Mary was born October 25, 1870, died in 1947. Robert died January 24, 1949.
- (a). Mattie Conner, born 1890
  - (b). William Bruffie Conner, born January 12, 1893
  - (c). Calvin Berkley Conner, born 1894, married Ruby V. Wells, born abt. 1898.
    - + Mada Virginia Conner, born May 1915, died October 18, 1992 and married Henry Thomas Robinson.
  - (d). Mada G. Conner, born April 2, 1898, died 1989 and married Howard C. Nichols.
  - (e). Mary Gladys Conner, born March 29, 1900, died February 2, 1977, married William Franklin Long, born May 1, 1895, died April 15, 1969.
  - (f). Robert Russell Conner Sr., born December 28, 1903, married April 16, 1924 at Briston Tennessee to Hildith Juanita Elmore, born January 21, 1907.
    - + Gladys Marguerite Conner, born Jan. 7, 1925, and married Dr. Allan Blair Schaffer in 1954. Gladys died July 20, 2014.
      - ++. Scott Schaffer, married Debra Unknown
      - ++. Bret Schaffer, married Charlotte Unknown
      - ++. Rick Schaffer, married Margaret Unknown
    - + Robert "Bobby" Conner
      - (see page 36.3.6 for obit for Gladys)
- 36.3.5

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**SCHAFFER**  
Gladys Marguerite Conner  
Gladys Marguerite Conner Schaffer passed away early Sunday morning, July 20, in Van Nuys, Calif. She was born Jan 7, 1925, in Roanoke to the late Robert Russell and Juanita Elmore Conner.

Although she spent the last 59 years in Southern California, she was a Virginian in her heart. Mom loved to share childhood stories about her colorful and numerous relatives in Roanoke and Floyd County.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dr. Allan Blair Schaffer; sons Scott and his wife Debra, Bret and his wife Charlotte, Rick and his wife Margaret; daughter Lisa and her husband Taft Blokzyl; grandchildren Ciana, Conner, Jade, Ray, Violet, Holly, and Lindsey; sister Jane Hevener and her husband Paul. She was predeceased by her brother Robert "Bobby" Conner.

Services will be private and burial will be in Oakwood Memorial Park, Chatsworth,

( See page 36.3.5)



Jonathan J Conner and Mahala Thrash Conner  
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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

From "The Floyd Press" the death of Mahala Conner

Mrs. Mahala Conner, wife of Mr. Jonathan Conner, passed away from this earth on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1907. She was the last surviving child of that noble and generous hearted man, Valentine Thrash, who passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Conner's only sister, Mrs. V.M. Sowder, Mrs. J.B. Strickler and other children, preceded Mrs. Conner to the grave some 3 or 4 years ago.

She was the mother of six children, Valentine Thrash Conner, Shelton Leak Conner, of Floyd County; Robert Lee Conner, of Roanoke City; Mrs. Manning, widow of Pleasant Manning of Roanoke County; Mrs. Harriet E. Strickler of Danville; and Mrs. M.C. King, of Howery, this county. She leaves behind her also 36 or 37 grandchildren, and about 30 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Conner was born July 15, 1830 making her stay on this earth 77 years, 5 months and 8 days. She was married to Jonathan Conner of July 27, 1852. She made a profession of religion many years ago and united herself with the Primitive Baptist Church of which she was a consistent member and always attended her church meetings until her health gave away. She had been a long sufferer and her sufferings had to some extent impaired her mind, but she at all times talked of her blessed Redeemer.

That aged and bowed down in grief husband, Jonathan Conner was by her side only when he went for medicine and for various doctors. He employed the best of doctors and bought all the medicine that his companion desired.

The writer of this lives in the immediate neighborhood and I must her say, within my 61 years of age, I have never known such devotion to his wife as Mr. Jonathan Conner showed to his wife for years. Mr. Conner is now an old man, will be 77 years should he live until April 20, 1908.

Now, husband, children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends, do not weep for mother, and grandmother, for she has paid the debt we all must pay and let us hope and believe she is resting now on the Golden Shore. Let us all try to meet her over there.

Mrs. Conner was buried at Salem Church on December 25<sup>th</sup>, in the presence of a large and sorrowing crowd. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Sumner and Rev. Cole, both preaching able sermons and their sermons were, I thought, very appropriate to the occasion. In other words, nothing could have been added to their sermons.

The husband, the children and other relatives have the deepest sympathy of this whole community.  
T. K. DeWitt, December 27, 1907



## The last Will and Testament of William R. Conner

In the name of God Amen: I William R. Conner of the County of Floyd and State of Virginia being of sound mind and body to make this to be my last will and testament that is to say I desire in the first place that all my just debts is to be paid as soon after my decease as may be convenient out of my estate. In the second place I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Conner all my real and personal estate of which she is to have and to make use of during her life. It is also my will that my son Jacob R. Conner to have a certain boundary of land is all the land that I have on the south side of a road known as the old saw log road which I value at six dollars per acre. It is also my will that my son Peter Conner to have a certain boundary of land that is a boundary that has been surveyed and plated which land I also value at six dollars per acre. It is also my will that my son Albert Conner to have a certain boundary of land. Beginning at the crop roads and running with the road Eastward to my outside line which adjoins Fleming Poff and with my line to the road at the meeting house and with the road to a branch thus leaving the road running up a lane to the top of a hill near an old barn to a crop fence and with the fence at the Pine Spur road and with road to the beginning which land I also value at six dollars per acre.

It is also my will that my son Samuel S. Conner to have a certain boundary of land I have between the boundaries I gave to my two sons Peter and Albert Conner which land I also value at six dollars per acre. I also give to my said son Samuel one other peace of land beginning at the top of the hill at the crop fence near an old barn and running with the land with road to my outside which joins John O. Conner. All the land I have on the South side of the above named road to the above named crop fence which I also value at six dollars per acre. It is also my will that my daughter Mary Poff, wife of Peter Poff, to have a certain boundary of land beginning at the old barn at the top of the hill and running with the road to the meeting house line and with my line \_\_\_\_\_ above the meeting house to a new fence and down the same to a Branch and down said Branch to my outside line and with it to the road leading to the above named Barn which land I also value at six dollars per acre. It is also my will that my grandson Zachariah Carr to have one hundred dollars out of my estate provided he lives to be twenty one years of age. It is also my will that all the above parcels of land to be surveyed and plats made out so as to ascertain the number of acres to each of the above named sons and daughters so they may calculate the amount of my real estate. It is also my will that the foregoing named sons and daughters pay in money to my son Jonathan Conner and my daughter, Julina Carr, wife of John Carr, \_\_\_\_\_ to make them equal with the foregoing named sons and daughters. The amount of estate to be equally divided between all. It is also my desire that my three sons Peter, Albert, and Samuel S. Conner to be my executors and guardian for my grandson Zachariah Carr. It is also my will that my several sons and daughters to have five years to pay my son Jonathan and daughter Julina their part of the estate to be paid yearly equal installments and I do hereby declare these presents to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said William R. Conner have to this my last will and testament affixed my hand and seal this thirtieth day of December, 1865.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Robert W. Knopff, (X)William R. Conner, William P. Conner and Fleming Poff

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

f. Albert Conner was born May 25, 1831 and died January 9, 1913. Albert was married twice (sisters). He married His first wife Ellen (Eleanor) Iddings January 5, 1854 and she died October 26, 1865 from hysteric fits at the age of 33 when her youngest child was four days old. Ellen was born in May 31, 1831 and was the daughter of Thomas and Jane Iddings. Albert married Mary Jane Iddings February 8, 1866. Mary was born December 27, 1841 and died March 26, 1921. They are buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(1). Matilda Conner, born 1854

(2). E.I. Conner (son); born February 2, 1855

(3). Elizabeth Jane Conner: born February 2, 1855 and died March 28, 1927. She married William Isaac Poff. Ike was Born September 14, 1856 and died May 8, 1922. Both are buried at Old Salem Church Cemetery (Restvale).

(a) Emma Dell Poff, born September 8, 1876, died April 24, 1963. Emma married Minnis Wesley Furrrow November 1, 1894

(b) Albert Poff

(c) Joe Poff

(d) Minnie Poff

(e) Lafayette Poff

(f) Alice Poff

(g) Will Poff

(h) Nellie Poff

(4). Octavia Conner; born November 5, 1856 and died November 9, 1949. On December 27, 1881 Octavia married John Henderson Angle, born November 29, 1859, died May 4, 1932.

(a) John Faye Angle, born 1884, died August 24, 1988.

(b) Stanley W. Angle, born 1885, married Flora A. Clower

(c) Leonard Chester Angle, born 1886, married Maude Lena Sisson.

(d) Posey Angle, born 1889, married Ocie L. Conner

(e) William R. Angle, born 1892

(f) Lola E. Angle, born 1900, married Isaac Irvin Martin.

(5). Virginia Ann Conner; born July 18, 1858 and died November 1, 1937. She married Peter Nathan Collins, age 25, October 18, 1877. Peter was born in 1852 and died in 1900.

(a) Isaac W. (Ike) Collins, born 1880, married Hattie B. Hall.

(b) George Collins, born 1894

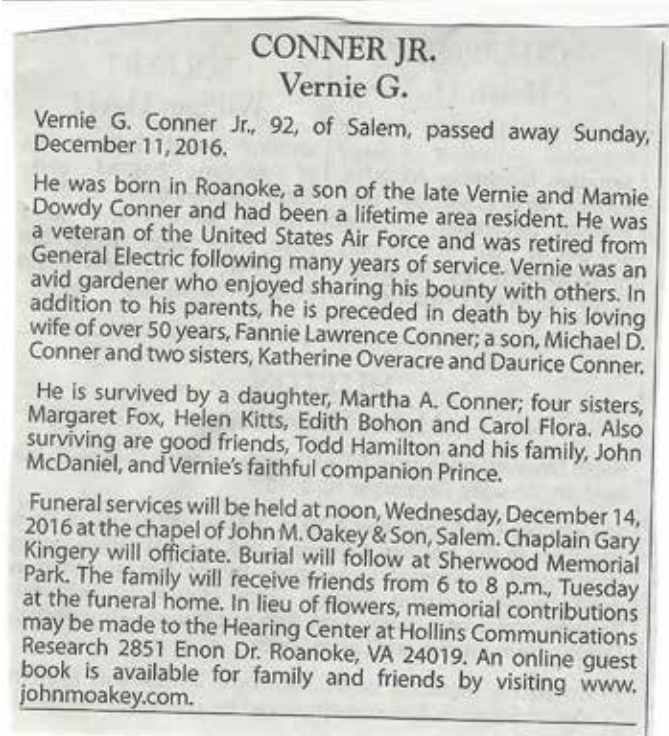
(c) James (Jim) Collins, born 1892

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- (d) Octavia T. Collins, born 1882, married Noah F. Conner
- (e) Electra May "Lula" Collins, born January 24, 1883, died June 8, 1961  
married William Harvey Dobbins, born December 10, 1872, died  
August 7, 1950. They married December 6, 1914.
- (f) Alice Collins, Born 1888
- (g) Mary E. Collins, born August 15, 1879, married William E. Hall.
- (h) Suzy (Susie) Collins
- (i) Irba L. Collins, born February 2, 1895, married Posie Curtis Bell  
December 25, 1913.
- (j) Della Collins
- (k) Arlethia Gay Collins, married William Henry Graham January 24, 1912.
- (6). William T. Conner; born 1863 and died of whooping cough in April 1866.
- (7). Malinda Ellen Conner; born October 22, 1865, and died Feb. 15, 1866.
- (8). Charles Lewis Conner; born November 26, 1866 and married Elizabeth  
Jane Conner. Charles died January 30, 1941. Elizabeth was born October  
16, 1871 and died April 8, 1953. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.  
They were married February 17, 1887 and Elizabeth is the daughter of  
Daniel R. and Lydia Poff Conner (see page 176).
  - (a). Ocie Alice Conner, born about 1893 and married Willie Albert Morgan  
August 20, 1908. Willie was born about 1888.
- (9). Emma Odell Conner, was 18 when she married James W. Wilson May 2,  
1889. James was 24 at that time of the marriage.
  - (a). Luella J. Wilson married Noah William Shorter June 30, 1909 in Floyd  
Co. VA. Noah was born October 1, 1880 at Roanoke, VA.
- (10). Tabitha Frances Conner, age 21, married Joseph Hardin Custer, age 20,  
March 1, 1894.
  - (a). Fred Bain Custer, born about 1909, died April 4, 1995, married Elma  
Custer. Elma was born January 11, 1913, died December 15, 1997.
- (11). Edward A. Conner, born May 25, 1873, died July 16, 1934, married  
Doshea D. Conner, age 17, December 13, 1894. Doshea is the daughter of  
Samuel R. and Elizabeth Jane King Conner, and was born April 18, 1877,  
died January 20, 1963.
  - (a). Hettie Conner, born February 1895
  - (b). Meriman E. Conner, born October 16, 1896, died July 1982 married  
Cornelia J. \_\_\_\_\_.
    - + Lloyd P. "Billy" Conner, born November 19, 1921, died April  
12, 1991. Lloyd married Shirley S. Conner.
    - ++ Karen Conner
    - ++ Deborah Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Mills
    - ++ Lloyd P. Conner Jr.
    - ++ Michael A. Conner
    - + Cecilia E. Conner, born about 1923

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- (c). Vernon Gladden Conner, Sr. born March 1898 and married Mamie Elizabeth Dowdy born about 1901.  
+ Vernon Gladden Conner, Jr., born 1924 and died Dec. 11 2016 and married Fannie Lou Lawrence about 1947, daughter of Herbert Lawrence and Lucy Sisson. Fannie was born April 12, 1929 and died April 20, 2007.  
++ Michael Douglas Conner, died Prior to 2007  
++ Martha Ann Conner



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- + Daurcie June Conner, Born June 18, 1930, died October 5, 2009.
  - + Daurice was never married, buried at Sherwood Memorial Park.
  - + Helen Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Kitts.
  - + Edith Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Bohon
  - + Margaret Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Fox
  - + Carolyn Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Flora
  - + Katherine V. Conner, born December 4, 1921, married \_\_\_\_\_  
Overacre
- (d). Samuel A. Conner, born February 13, 1900, died November 24, 1972,  
married Jessee Evelyn Sloan October 25, 1922.
- + Frankie T. Conner (female) born about 1923
  - + Curtis A. Conner, born about 1926
  - + Alvin H. Conner, born about 1929
  - + Margie Lillian Conner, born April 14, 1935, died Sept. 30, 2011 and  
married James Edison Abbot Sr. (see page 37.1.0.0.0)
  - + Mary Conner married Unknown Bradshaw
  - + Otis Conner
  - + Maynard Conner
- (e). Dira C. Conner, born abt. 1904
- (f). Mary E. Conner, born abt. 1906
- (g). (Elizabeth) Eliza E. Conner, born July 1908 and married Willie B.  
Stump, who was born November 6, 1899.
- + Iris Stump married Jessie Dudley.
  - + Elbert E. Stump married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_
  - + Willard Eldridge Stump Sr. married Dorothy Bowles
  - + Calvin Samuel Stump married Margaret Amanda Beckner.
- (h). Trudy Alice Conner, born May 31, 1914, died November 20, 1996,  
married Ralph Christian Craighead September 3, 1940.
- + Carol Faye Craighead, born July 7, 1941 and married Marshall  
Hodges June 7, 1958.
  - + James Carlyle Craighead, born December 7, 1942, married Lilly  
Elva Hardy April 11, 1964.
  - + Everette Oscar Craighead, born December 13, 1944 and married  
twice, first to Ellen \_\_\_\_\_, second to Patricia \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + Gene Ralph Craighead, born July 14, 1946, married Joy Ann Bates.
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By Johnathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**Roanoke Valley**

**CONNER  
Daurice June**

June 18, 1930 ~ October 5, 2009  
Daurice June Conner, of Salem, Va., passed away early Monday morning, October 5, 2009, at Lewis-Gale Hospital after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late Vernie Conner and Mamie Elizabeth Dowdy. She was predeceased by a sister, Katherine Overacre. She is survived by her brother, Vernie "Junior" Gladden Connor, of Salem; and sisters, Helen Kitts, of Roanoke; Edith Bohon, of Hickory, N.C.; Margaret Fox, of Ironto, and Carolyn Flora, of Abingdon. Daurice, though single all her life, had numerous nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces, to whom she was like a mother. Daurice worked with the Maid Bess Company for well over 30 years before retiring around 15 years ago. Daurice was also a lifelong Presbyterian, a member of New Hope

Presbyterian Church in Salem, Va. Daurice loved children, had an incredible sense of humor, and always put others before herself. She truly had a servant's heart and was a friend to everyone. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; but there is great joy in knowing that she is now before the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The family will receive visitors at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem on Tuesday night, October 6, 2009, from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at the Lotz Funeral Home Chapel in Salem. The Reverend Cameron S. Smith of New Hope Presbyterian Church will preside. Burial will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park. There will be a reception for family and friends following the graveside service at the New Hope Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 101 Keesling Ave., Salem, Va. 24153.

**CONNER  
Marcus R.**

Marcus R. Conner, 87, of Bristol, died Sunday, March 4, 2012. Service 2 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2012, at Sherwood Memorial Park. Arrangements by Akard Funeral Home, Bristol, Tenn. 423-989-4800.

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- + Linda Connie Craighead, born October 2, 1948.  
(i). Bessie M. Conner, born abt. March 1919.

**ABBOTT**  
**Margie Lillian Conner**  
Margie Lillian Conner Abbott, 76, of Bedford, passed away on Friday, September 30, 2011, in Oakwood Manor. Born on April 14, 1935, she was a daughter of the late Samuel Conner and Jessie Sloan Conner. In addition to her parents, Margie was preceded in death by her husband, James Edison Abbott Sr.; two sisters, Frances Amos and Mary Bradshaw; and one brother, Otis Conner. She is survived by two sons, James E. Abbott Jr. and wife, Tina, and Robert C. Abbott; two daughters, Cathy Sue Abbott, and Terri Renee Wheeler and husband, John; granddaughter, Kayla Marie Abbott; and two brothers, Maynard Conner and Curtis Conner. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1742 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228. A private graveside service will be conducted on Sunday with the Rev. Bill Moore officiating. To send memorials online to the family, please visit [www.tharpfuneralhome.com](http://www.tharpfuneralhome.com)  
Arrangements by Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Bedford, Va., (540) 586-3443.

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**Fannie Lou Lawrence**

Fannie Lou Lawrence Conner, 77, of Salem, passed away at home Friday, April 20, 2007. She was born April 21, 1929. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Lucy Sisson Lawrence; son, Michael Douglas Conner; brother, John E. Lawrence; and sister, Mildred L. Carr. She was retired from Kroger Company. She is survived by her husband, Vernie Gladden Conner, Jr., of 60 years and daughter, Martha Ann Conner. Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Lotz Salem Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Gardner officiating. Interment to follow at Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 22, 2007 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lotz Salem Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.



FAMILY OF DANIEL AND MARY CONNER  
By Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



William Isaac "Ike" Poff



Elizabeth J. "Liz" Conner Poff

William is the son of Joshua Wilson Poff and Lydia Rachel Jackson Poff. William was born September 14, 1856 and died May 8, 1922. Elizabeth was the daughter of Albert and Ellen Iddings Conner and was born February 2, 1857 and died March 28, 1926. Both are buried at Old Salem Church Cemetery (Restvale).

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

THE ROANOKE TIMES  
Saturday, July 26, 2008

## In Memoriams



In Loving Memory of  
Michael Lee (Mike)  
**CONNER**  
7/26/1958 - 12/25/2007

**Happy Birthday  
Your First in Heaven**

You touched all the lives of those you met. Oh how you made us laugh with your great sense of humor. We miss you! We love you! We thank God for letting us have you, even for a little while.

*Much love from,  
Your Mom ~ Jeri  
Brothers & Sisters,  
Jerry Aileen, Les & Lisa*

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

(12). George Washington Conner; born March 8, 1868, died September 4, 1940, married Victoria I. Hale, October 10, 1889, daughter of Jereimiah L. and Hanna Carr Hale. Victoria was born April 26, 1871 and died January 15, 1930.

(a). Harley McKinley Conner, born January 2, 1898 and died August 31, 1922. Harlie married Nellie Augusta Virginia Wimmer. Nellie was the daughter of James W. Wimmer and Lettita Creasy. Harley married a second time to Margaret Virginia Bandy March 5, 1924. Margaret was born January 25, 1908 and died April 1969.

+ Marcus B. Conner

+ Jack Junior Conner born 1928, and married Barbara Aldridge in 1959. He died Feb. 5, 2016. (see page 39.0.0.5)

+ Richard B. Conner

+ Boyd Conner

+ Harold Dean Conner

+ Ethel Conner Walker

+ Lurray Conner Foutz

+ Frances Conner King

+ Willie Conner Roberts

+ Emma Conner Sisson

+ Raymond Lee Conner, married Mary Claudine Sisson, born June 18, 1920 and died December 15, 2003. Mary was also married to Aubrey B. Chumney.

++ Judy Ann Conner, born February 1, 1944 and married John Brian Knowles on November 20, 1972 in Milbourne Australia.

++ Linda Faye Conner, born September 30, 1946 and married Thomas Wesley Hart May 28, 1966.

(b). Wayne Alvin Conner, born April 9, 1908 and died November 16, 1975. Wayne married Molly Laird Bandy, born October 22 1909 and died January 6, 1934. (see page 39.0.0.2)

+ Leslie Dudley Conner, born in 1929 and died November 29, 2007.

He married Geraldine Moore about 1953. (see page 39.0.0.4)

++ Loraine Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Denny

++ Phyllis Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Bush

++ Jerry Conner, married Joyce \_\_\_\_\_

++ Aileen Conner, married Kelly Moore

++ Michael Lee Conner, Born July 26, 1958 and died December 25, 2007

++ Les Conner, married Lea Anne \_\_\_\_\_

++ Lisa Conner, married Rev. Danny Newman

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(c). Fred C. Conner, born November 16, 1903 and died April 1, 1921

**CONNER**  
**Don**

Don Conner, 82, of Roanoke, went home to be with Lord on Thursday, April 11, 2013, after a long battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Margaret Conner; and brothers, Morris, Raymond, Mark and Richard Conner.

Don served during the Korean War in the United States Air Force. He retired from GE after 33 years of service, and was a member of Parkway House of Prayer.

He loved working in his yard and garden, also taking care of the wild birds, making sure they were well fed and had nice housing.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Betty Conner; son, Stephen Conner and his wife, Christy, of Winston-Salem N.C.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Barbara, of Moneta, Va., and Harold and Harriet, of Naples Fla.; grandsons, Neil Conner, of Virginia Beach, Va., Jesse Conner and wife, Afton, of Canton, Ga., and Ian Conner, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Annabelle and Rylee; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013, at Oakey's North Chapel. Pastor Ray Campbell will officiate and entombment will follow in the Chapel Mausoleum of Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to either the American Cancer Society, 2840 Electric Road, Roanoke VA 24018, or the local Salvation Army, 724 Dale Ave., SE, Roanoke, VA 24013.

*"The warmth and joy that filled my heart, the love that was meant to be, the greatest blessing of my life, that's what you were to me."*  
by Betty Conner

The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 14, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's North Chapel, 540-362-1237. Online condolences may be made at [www.Oakeys.com](http://www.Oakeys.com).

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North Chapel • 540-362-1237  
6732 Peters Creek Rd., Roanoke, Va.

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- (d). James Everette Conner, born November 16, 1892, died May 10, 1969 and married Annie Elzira Wilson, July 18, 1915. Annie was born January 24, 1897 and died February 25, 1977. Annie's parents were Isaac Daniel Wilson (1872-1962) and Lucinda Armina Conner (1875-1950). They have four children.
- + Mabel Ocie Conner, born May 4, 1916, died August 12, 2002. She married Clarence Alden Cowan December 17, 1938. She then married William Otho Wickham July 23, 1958. She had no children. William was born February 14, 1909 in Roanoke Co., VA. Mabel is buried at the Cole Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.
  - + James Alton Conner, born May 2, 1919, died December 1, 1970. He married Alice Thalia Smith March 24, 1950. He is buried at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg, VA.
    - ++ Angela Conner, born July 12, 1963, lives in Burlington, Vermont. She married Victor Blaine Craighead, Jr. July 7, 1984. Angela married Ralph Lee Collins March 21, 1986,
    - ++ Michael Conner, married Lisa \_\_\_\_\_, and also lives in Vermont.
      - +++ Dallis Conner
    - ++ Malissa Ann Conner, born July 19, 1960
  - + Bonnie Claudine Conner, born November 5, 1923, died February 2, 1985. She married Hobart H. Johnson, Jr. July 10, 1945 in Montgomery Co., VA. They are buried at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg, VA
    - ++ Betty Johnson, married Louis G. Sowers, Sr.
      - +++ Louis G. Sowers Jr.
      - +++ Susan Sowers married Kevin Light
        - ++++ Katy Light, born December 5, 2005
        - ++++ Henry Light (twin)
        - ++++ Haley Light (twin)
    - ++ Gary Johnson, married Sandra \_\_\_\_\_
      - +++ Seth Johnson
      - +++ Candace Johnson

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**CONNER**  
**Michael Lee**

Michael Lee (Mike) Conner, 49, of Roanoke, passed away suddenly Christmas morning, December 25, 2007. He was born July 26, 1958 in Roanoke, Va. He was pre-deceased by his father, L. Dudley Conner, on November 29, 2007. Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Geraldine (Jeri) Conner; brother and wife, Jerry and Joyce Conner; sister and husband, Aileen and Kelley Moore; brother and wife, Les and Lea Ann Conner; sister and husband, Lisa and Rev. Danny Newman; girlfriend, Geri Worrell; four nieces; three nephews; and four great-nephews; and also his friends and co-workers at Summit Helicopters in Cloverdale, Va. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2007, from the Chapel of John M. Oakey and Son, Salem, with the Rev. Danny Newman officiating. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

**CONNER**  
**Leslie Dudley**

Mr. Leslie Dudley Conner, 78, of Salem, Va., passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at The Glebe in Daleville, Va. Preceding him in death were his parents, Molly and Wayne Conner; and sisters, Loraine C. Denny and Phyllis B. Bush. Survivors are his wife of 54 years, Geraldine (Jeri) M. Conner; son and wife, Jerry and Joyce Conner, daughter and husband, Aileen and Kelly Moore; son, Mike Conner; son and wife, Les and Lea Anne Conner; and daughter and husband, Lisa and Rev. Danny Newman; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Dudley was an elevator erector for 45 years at Salem Elevator, Dominion Elevator, and Piedmont Elevator Companies and at one time was president of the local elevator union. His favorite past times were bee keeping, fishing and gardening. He was a honey and produce seller at Salem's Farmers Market for many years. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from the chapel of John M. Oakey and Son, Salem with the Reverend Danny Newman officiating. Entombment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park Mausoleum. The family will receive friends on Friday, November 30, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m. If you so desire, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, 3825 Electric Road, Roanoke, Va. 24018. The Conner family is being served by John M. Oakey and Son, Salem, Va. 540-389-5441.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



In Loving Memory of  
**L. Dudley  
CONNER**

5-18-1929 - 11-29-2007

Remembering you on your 1st  
Birthday in Heaven!  
There is no right time to lose  
you, but lose you we did. We can  
still see your face, no one can  
take your place.

**We Love You,  
Wife, Jeri &  
Children & Spouses, Jerry &  
Joyce, Aileen & Kelley, Les &  
Ann & Lisa & Danny**

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**CONNER**  
**Geraldine Moore**

Geraldine Moore (Jeri) Conner, 81, of Salem, passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Leslie Dudley Conner; and her son, Michael "Mike" Lee Conner.

She enjoyed life by being interested in many things, painting, baking and floral arranging. She sold her baked goods at the Salem Farmers Market for many years. She sold Avon and was in the presidents club and worked at Marezels Flowers, but mostly

Funeral Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2013, at the chapel of John M. Oakey and Son, Salem with the Rev. Danny Newman and the Rev. Jim Walls officiating. Entombment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening, January 9, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The Conner family is being served by John M. Oakey and Son, Salem, Va., 540-389-5441.

*John M. Oakey & Son*

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540-389-5441



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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



CONNER  
Jack J.

Jack J. Conner, 88, of Smith Mountain Lake, Va., passed away on Friday, February 5, 2016, in the VA Medical Center, Salem, Va.

Jack was born in the Alleghany Springs community of Shawsville, Va., on January 9, 1928, to Harley M. and Margaret Bandy Conner. He was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Moneta, Va. He was a proud patriot and served in the United States Navy during World War II aboard the USS Dyess DD-880. He attended Virginia Tech and held football season tickets since 1965. He was a 59 year member and Past Master of Craighill Lodge #160, Elliston, Va., and a member of the Kazim Shriners.

The majority of his career was in management in the petroleum trucking industry. Jack enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family. Special times were spent on Smith Mountain Lake boating and skiing from sun up to sun down. He especially loved pheasant hunting trips to South Dakota with his brothers.

Jack never met a stranger. He always welcomed his children's friends to join the family activities. No matter where he went he always had fun. He was one of a kind.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Maurice, Raymond, Marcus, Don, and Richard; and sisters-in-law, Claudine Chumley, Millie Conner and Carol Mabery.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara Aldridge Conner; daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn and Gregg Holland of Salem; son and daughter-in-law, J. Clay and Christi Conner of Georgetown, Ky.; grandsons, Adam and Grayson Holland; granddaughters, Olivia and Campbell Conner; brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Harriet Conner of Naples, Fla.; brother-in-law and wife, Edward and Doris Mabery of Willis, Va.; sisters-in-law, Betty Conner of Roanoke, and Louise Card of Phoenix, Ariz.; nephews, Maury, Marcus, Stephen, Richard, Rex, Ronnie and Michael; nieces, Linda, Robin and Rhonda; and many cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the VA Medical Center, specifically those working in the Hospice Unit on 2-3, for their excellent care and compassion.

Jack's family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016, at Oakey's North Chapel, 6732 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke. A service celebrating his life will be held at noon on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the funeral home with the Rev. David Lord officiating. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Gardens with Full Military Rites.

If you would like to make a donation in Jack's name please consider the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris St., Greenville, SC 29605 or to Lake Christian Ministries, 13157 S. Old Moneta Road, Moneta, VA 24121. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com).



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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

+ Sharon Gray Conner, born January 28, 1943 and married Gerald Ralph Robinson. Sharon later married Eddie Wayne Yeatts June 3, 1972. Eddie was born in 1947 and died December 31, 2006 from cancer.

++ Chad W. Yeatts married Amber Unknown July 15, 2006.

(e). Celeste L. Conner, born 1891, died 1981, married Shelburn Amos Wickham.

+ George Clifton Wickham, born December 18, 1922, died June 11, 1944 in France. He married Edith Thigpen.

(f). Arthur Eldridge Conner, born September 23, 1895, died December 27, 1969 married Maude Atkinson. Maude was born March 15, 1903 and died March 31, 1987. Both are buried at Piedmont Cemetery. They had ten children.

+ Arthur Eldridge Conner, born December 24, 1923, died May 19, 1987. He married Mary Pauline Dickerson, who was born March 18, 1929 and died February 8, 2002.

++ Arnold Loyd Conner Sr. married Barbara Sizemore.

+++ Arnold Loyd Conner Jr. married Skyline Annette Hall.

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+ Glen Arlis Conner, born September 12, 1934, died March 27, 1995, married Edna Mae Dickerson November 16, 1968.

+ Elva Jeanette Conner, born 1930, married William Boyd Hinkley, born April 24, 1927, died February 15, 1998. They were married June 12, 1948. Jeanette died February 19, 2006. Both are buried at Piedmont Cemetery

+ Robert Luster Conner, married Ruth Agatha Rakes April 20, 1946. Ruth was born August 12, 1922 and died June 1979 and is buried at Piedmont Cemetery.

+ Infant Conner, born December 12, 1926

+ Pauline Conner, born March 8, 1928

+ Infant Conner, born March 9, 1928

+ James Conner, born September 19, 1931

+ Paul Ellis Conner, born September 7, 1932

+ Glen Arlis Conner, born November 12, 1934. (see page 39.0..3)

Glen died March 27, 1995.

+ Maxine Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Sisson

(g). Gracie M. Conner, born 1905.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

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**In Memoriams**



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Arnie**  
**CONNER**  
3/19/1972 ~ 10/31/2009

It's been two long years since you left us. But you fought a long hard battle but you always kept your faith in GOD. We are all so very proud of you and how you kept your faith. In GOD for what you had to go thru. We love you each and every day.

*Dad, Mom, Michelle, Tiffany,  
Christina, Mike and Cayli*

May you now Rest In Peace with God

Arnold Loyd Conner Jr.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



*In Loving Memory of*  
Arnie  
**CONNER**  
3/19/1972 - 10/31/2009

You left us four years ago and it seems like yesterday. Michelle and Tiffany wanted you to know that you were the best Dad in the world. We all love and miss you every day.

*With all our love,*  
Dad, Mom, Michelle, Tiffany,  
Christina, Cayli

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



**HINKLEY**

**Jeanette Conner**

Jeanette Conner Hinkley, 76, of Christiansburg, passed away Sunday, February 19, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, A.E. and Maude Conner; her husband of 50 years, William Boyd Hinkley; brothers, Luster Conner, Junior Connor, Paul Conner and Glen Conner. She is survived by her children, William B. and Janice Hinkley, Jr. of Christiansburg, Paul and Patty Hinkley of Elliston, Janet and Roger Bishop of Christiansburg, Rhonda and William Agnew of Christiansburg, Kimberly and Calvin Lovern of Floyd; her sister, Maxine Sisson of Shawsville; her grandchildren, Susan Mitchell, Andy Hinkley, Tiffany H. Lloyd, Reba Bennington, Melissa Hinkley, Boyd Hinkley, Christopher Agnew, Whitney Blevins, Joshua Blevins; and five great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Horne Funeral Home in Christiansburg. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 22 in the Horne Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Gregory Poff and Pastor Jerry Otey officiating. Interment will follow in the Piedmont Cemetery. The Hinkley Family is being served by Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg, 382-2612. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [hornefuneralservice.com](http://hornefuneralservice.com)

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**In Memoriams**



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Arnie**  
**CONNER**  
3/19/1972 ~ 10/31/2009

Arnie, you left us three years ago on October 31, 2009. There is not a day that goes by that you are not missed. Dad and I still expect you to be home when we get there. I know you would be so very proud of your girls, they are beautiful young women. I know where you are and I know that you have no pain, no heart problems and you can walk without your leg brace. Run for me and Dad. we will be coming to see you at some point and I can't wait. We love and miss you each and everyday.

*Love You Always.*  
*Mom, Dad, Michelle, Tiffany,*  
*Christina, Cayli and Mike*

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA  
(see page 39.0.1)

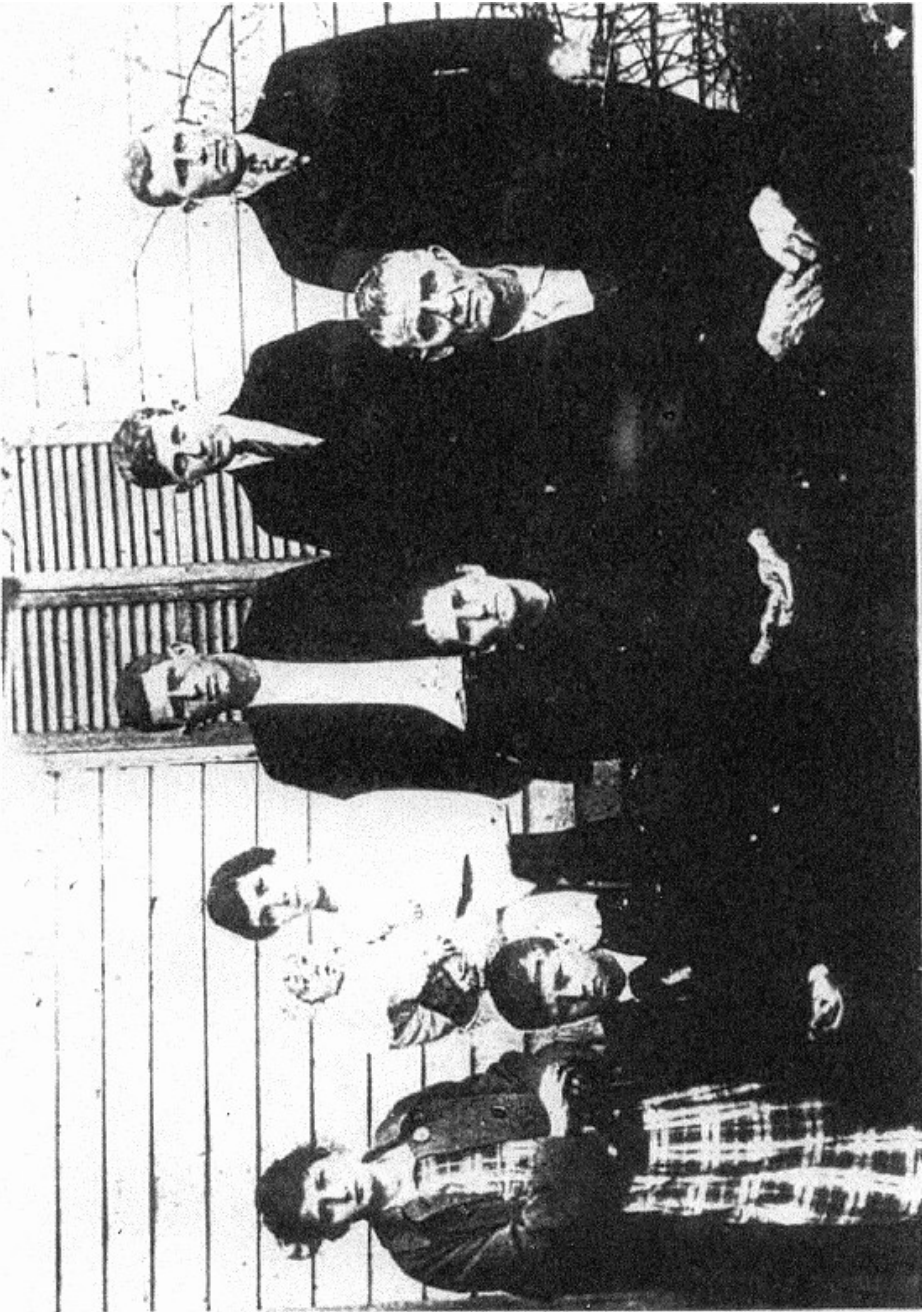


Photo taken about 1918

Wayne Alvin Conner; born 4/9/1909, Victoria I. Hale Conner; born 4/26/1871, George Washington Conner; born 3/8/1868, Grace Mae Conner Bandy; born 9/28/1904, Maurice Edward Conner; born 9/25/1917, Nellie H. Wimmer Conner; born 1/2/1898, Harley McKinley Conner; born 3/8/1898, Fred C. Conner; born 11/16/1903, Arthur Eldridge

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- (13). Elvira Alice Conner; born Nov. 11, 1872 and married William Ira Poff, March 10, 1892. William was born January 1, 1872 and died May 18, 1941.
- (14). James Merman Conner was born September 16, 1874 and married Laura Byar Walton November 4, 1895 and they had three sons and five daughters. Laura was born December 2, 1877 and died October 16, 1937. James died March 2, 1917. Laura's grandparents are James Wellington Walton Sr. born November 3, 1805 and his wife Louisa was born in 1808 and died December 14, 1871. Laura's parents are James Wellington Walton Jr., born December 14, 1847 and died July 22, 1934. James was married twice. His first wife was Elvira Susan Conner, born November 28, 1853 and died February 17, 1883. James second wife was Mary Jane Conner born November 24, 1856 and died May 6, 1937. His two wives were sisters. James and Mary Jane raised at least four other children, Ora Rierson and Alonzo Walton, who married Mamie Conner, Lewis W. Walton, and Roxie Annie Everline Conner, who married Willard A. Conner.
- (a). Elvada Esta Conner was born September 26, 1897 and married John Tyler Prillaman November 27, 1919. Elvada Died April 12, 1990 at age 92. John was born May 18, 1897 and died December 29, 1975. James Thornton Prillaman, born January 20, 1921, died July 19, 1985, married Dorothy Lane Gruber. James also married Wilma McNeese. Wilma died December 30, 1999 and was born June 30, 1914. Alton Wesley Prillaman, born 1922 Virginia Alice Prillaman was born Sept. 30, 1924 And married Frank F. Carmack. (see page 40.2) John Lennis Prillaman, born 1926 Lelah Allah Prillaman born 1928, died August 24, 1943 (see page 40.3) Donald Quinn Prillaman, born 1930

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Elvada Conner Prillaman, age 92, died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Virginia and Frank F. Carmack of 2611 Sweetbriar Ave. S.W. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Tyler Prillaman; a son, James Thornton Prillaman; and a daughter, Lelah Allah Prillaman. Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Alton W. and Pauline Prillaman of Lynchburg; John L. and Peggy Prillaman of Quinton; Donald Q. and Jean Prillaman of Orlando, Fla.; 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law Ollie N. and Hazel Conner, Copper Hill; three sisters, Mrs. Sue Weddle Jenkins of Anderson, SC. (Continued on page 41)

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia, Lays County to wit:

To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together, in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

James M. Comer  
and Laura D. Weston

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court  
of Lays this 4 day of Nov 1895  
J. P. Heath Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,  
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 226 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Time of Marriage, <u>Nov 2 1895</u>	Place of Husband's Birth, <u>Lays Co Va</u>
Place of Marriage, <u>Lays Co Va</u>	Place of Wife's Birth, <u>Lays Co Va</u>
Full Names of Parties Married, <u>James M. Comer</u>	Place of Husband's Residence, <u>Lays Co Va</u>
<u>Laura D. Weston</u>	Place of Wife's Residence, <u>Lays Co Va</u>
Color, <u>White</u>	Names of Husband's Parents, <u>Abner W. May</u>
Age of Husband, <u>21 years</u>	<u>Comer</u>
Age of Wife, <u>17</u>	Names of Wife's Parents, <u>J. W. &amp; Susan</u>
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), <u>Single</u>	<u>Weston</u>
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), <u>Single</u>	Occupation of Husband, <u>Farmer</u>

Given under my hand this 4 day of Nov 1895  
J. P. Heath Clerk.

## MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, that on the 17 day of November 1895  
at J. P. Weston's I united in Marriage the  
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

David Jensen

The Minister celebrating a marriage, is required, within TEN days thereafter, to return the license to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same, with an endorsement thereon of the FACT of such marriage, and of the TIME and PLACE of celebrating the same.

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+ Virginia Alice Prillaman, born September 30, 1924, married Frank F. Carmack.  
Virginia and Frank adopted two children.

++ Jean Ann Carmack

++ Freeman Carmack, who married Iris \_\_\_\_\_.

+++ Branden Carmack, born June 21, 1982, joined the army and was the  
first Ohio soldier killed in the war with Iraq June 5, 2003. He was  
buried June 17, 2003 on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in Worthington, Ohio.

Obit from the Roanoke Times

Donald Quinn Prillaman 74, of Orlando, FL passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, November 21, 2004. He was born at Copper Hill, VA October 4, 1930 to John Tyler and Elvada Prillaman. He was an engineer with Martin Marietta for over 30 years and a Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jean Lumsden Prillaman; daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Marc Benigo, Tampa, FL; son Mark Prillaman, New York City; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Carl Seibert, Oviedo, FL; sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Frank Carmack, Roanoke, VA; brother and sister-in-law John and Peggy Prillaman, New Kent, VA; sister-in-law, Pauline Prillaman, Lynchburg, VA. Funeral services will be held 1 pm Saturday, November 27, 2004 at Gardner Funeral Home with the Rev. Greg Mills officiating. Interment will follow in Restvale Cemetery.

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From the Floyd Press: 1943

**FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR YOUNG GIRL KILLED IN FALL FROM HIGH CLIFT**

The death of Leila Aleia Prillaman, age 15, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Prillaman of Copper Hill vicinity, Tuesday morning about 11 a.m., Aug 25th (Tuesday was on Aug 24), was a shock to all citizens of this county, not only to relatives, near friends, but to every parent hearing of it. A tragedy never exceeded in our history. With a friend, Cornelia Martin, the daughter of Mrs. Flossie Martin of Baltimore, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cannaday of Copper Hill, the two girls went to Carr's Falls (usually known as Twin Falls), two miles west of Copper Hill for an outing. Reaching there they started at the bottom of the falls to climb to the top - a distance of 500 feet. Miss Prillaman had reached about 200 feet upwards, when she lost her footing and with a piercing shriek, she fell to the bottom of the falls in her downward plunge, cutting a gash in her temple. Miss Martin who was within just a few feet of her in their climb, witnessed the fall, and knowing she was unable to do anything to assist, climbed to the top and ran a half mile to the home of John Perdue where she telephoned the father of Leila that "she had fallen over the falls." Rushing to the scene, Mr. Prillaman went to the pool where the body of his daughter lay and with the assistance of John Perdue, who had preceded him to the scene, they carried the body to the bank.

The coroner, Dr. J. M. Harman, Commonwealth Attorney J. H. Poff went to the scene of the accident and the release of the body was ordered. The body was then brought to Maberry Funeral Home, here, prepared for burial and then carried to her home.

Harman stated death was not caused by drowning.

Other than her parents, the survivors are four brothers, Thornton Prillaman, Pittsburgh; John, Baltimore, Sailor Alton Prillaman, Great Lakes Naval Training Station; D. Q. Prillaman at home; a sister, Miss Virginia Alice Prillaman, a student nurse of Jefferson hospital, Roanoke.

Miss Prillaman was a second year student of Check High School, and was a lovable, popular girl with many friends.

The funeral services were conducted Thursday, 4 p.m. August 26th, in the home of her parents, followed with interment in the Cross Roads cemetery, the rites conducted by the Reverends Noah Conner of Riner, and S. F. Friedley of Locust Grove.

In their bereavement the family has the sympathy of every mother and father in this county.

The pallbearers were: Wade Poff, Cleophus Conner, Waynard Poff, Perry Conner, Bill Carr, Layne Board. Flower bearers: Mary Frances Conner, Dianna Lawrence, Marian Jean McNeil, Beulah Austin, Katherine Link, Beulah Mae Conner, Glenna Vest, Juanita Poff, Emmie Lou Weddle, Garnet Austin, Virginia Howery, Grace Settle, Rheba Hutts, June Howery, Pauline Vest and Marie Poff.



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Mrs Ethia (Glenn) Vest, Copper Hill; and Mrs. Geneva (Howard)  
Moore, Columbus, Ohio. Interment will be at Restvale Cemetery.

Alton Wesley Prilliman, 74, of Lynchburg, and formerly of Copper Hill, passed away Sunday December 15, 1996, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Pauline D. Prilliman of Lynchburg; two sons, Alton Wesley Prilliman II, Delray Beach, Fla., James T. Prilliman, Jacksonville, Fla; three daughters Martha Gosnell, Lynchburg, Mary Prilliman, Wilmington, N.C., Melissa Prilliman, Lynchburg; two brothers, John L. Prilliman, Quinton, D.Q. Prilliman, Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Virginia Carmack, Roanoke; Interment will be at Restvale Cemetery.

- (b). Oliver (Ollie) Noel Conner; born October 14, 1899, married Hazel Boone March 17, 1932 and died April 26, 1996. Hazel died March 2, 2006, both are buried at Wilson Cemetery. They had the following children: Mary Frances Conner; born December 27, 1932 and married Fred Lee Williams. Children; Mary Leigh and Mark Steven Williams

Noel Boone Conner; born March 30, 1938 and married 1. Kaye McMillan, 2. Gloria Tononia. Children; Brenda and Jennifer Noelle Conner. Jennifer married Shannon Keith Plummer March 15, 2003. They had a son Chase Alexander Plummer, born July 22, 2007.

Virginia Carol Conner; born December 12, 1941 and married Dale Hamilton Whittaker. Children; Rhonda Dale, Jeffery Marvin, and Craig Hamilton Whittaker.

Obit, Roanoke Times

Conner, Oliver Noel, "Ollie", 96 of Copper Hill, passed away Friday, April 26, 1996, at his home. He was born October 14, 1899. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Boone Conner of Copper Hill; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Frances and Fred Williams of Pulaski, and Carol and Dale Whitaker of Pearisburg; one son and daughter-in-law, Noel Boone and Gloria Conner of Chesapeake; three sisters, Ethia C. Vest of Copper Hill, Sue Weddle Jenkins of Anderson S.C, and Geneva C. Moore of Columbus, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Leigh Williams, Mark Williams, Rhonda Whittaker Gusler, Jeffery Whittaker, Craig Whittaker, Brenda Conner Peyton and Jennifer Conner; five great-grand children; one brother-in-law Clarence "Bud" Boone of Hammett, Idaho; four sisters-in-law, Frances B. Lucas of Rocky Mount, Virginia B. Metzler of Salem, Peg B. Ragland of Newport News and Dare V. Boone of Overland Park, Kansas, and several nieces and nephews. Interment to be in Wilson Cemetery. 41.

## WILLIAMS

### Fred Lee

Fred Lee Williams, 79, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, passed away Saturday, November 24, 2007 at Pulaski Community Hospital. He was born May 16, 1928 in Christiansburg, Va., and was the son of the late Joseph William Williams and Mattie Virginia Stump.

Fred graduated from Christiansburg High School in 1945 and Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1957 with a BS degree in Business Administration, Accounting Option. From 1950 to 1952 Fred served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War in Headquarters Company Fourth Infantry Division, later transferring to the 112th Infantry Regiment, Company K., spending most of his time in Germany. After graduating from VPI, Fred and Mary Frances moved to Richmond, Va. where he worked for an accounting firm for several years, and then moved to Pulaski, Va. in 1962 where he worked for James D. Miller, CPA. Sometime later, he became a partner and later owner of Pharmacy Associates, Inc., a business that owned several drugstores in the area, including Pulaski Drugs, Dublin Pharmacy and Whitehead's Pharmacy in Radford, Va. He and Mary Frances retired in December 1996. In the 1970s and 80s, needing a hobby he discovered bluegrass and old-time music and did many field recordings at various music conventions and also recording for ten years at the Galax Fiddler's Convention, making many new friends along the way. He received producer's credit on several of the album releases. He later contributed his extensive collection of albums, cassettes, and recording equipment to the Blue Ridge Institute at Ferrum, Va. He was a former member of the local Lions Club and Elks Club as well as the treasurer of New River Valley Enterprises, Inc. He was also a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, later transferring to St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Christiansburg. Fred was generous with his time and spirit and was always happy to lend an ear to anyone who needed his help or advise.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Frances Conner Williams of Pulaski; a daughter, Mary Leigh Williams of Dublin; a son, Mark Steven Williams and his wife Martha Frye Williams, of Mt. Airy, N.C., their daughter and Fred's pride and joy, Michelle Leigh Williams now attending Liberty University; a brother, Robert Eugene Williams of Christiansburg; a sister, Margaret Williams Brown and her husband Dennis of Mechanicsville, Va.; a brother-in-law, Noel Boone Conner of Copper Hill, Va.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dale and Carol Conner Whittaker of White Gate Community in Giles County; dear cousins, Jim Williams of Christiansburg, Charles Turner of Vinton, Neal Turner of Christiansburg, Dan Walters of Independence, Va., Nancy Fornes of Valdosta, Ga., and Wayne Turner of San Antonio, Texas; many other cousins; nieces; and nephews also survive including a special friend, Samuel H. Nixon of Christiansburg.

A memorial graveside service will be held Tuesday November 27, 2007 at 3 p.m. in Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg with the Rev. Neal Turner and the Rev. David Goodpasture officiating. Fred requested that his military stone be placed beside his grandfather Leonard H. Stump. At a later date the family will inter his cremains in Wilson's Cemetery at Wilson Cemetery Road in Floyd County. The family will receive friends Monday November 26, 2007 from 4 until 6 p.m. at Thomas M. Seagle & Sons, Pulaski. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Blue Ridge Institute, P.O. Box 1000 Ferrum, Va., 24088. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Thomas M. Seagle & Sons, Pulaski.

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Dale Hamilton Whittaker



Dale Hamilton Whittaker, 72, of the White Gate Community Pearisburg, Giles County, Va., departed this life on earth for Heaven on Sunday afternoon, June 21, 2009, at the family home. Dale was born in the same home on October 31, 1936, at White Gate to the late John Marvin and Nellie Hamilton Whittaker. Dale was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church, a loving husband, father, and grandfather; as well as a dedicated Christian man who never met a stranger. Dale served in the United States Air Force; was employed by Western Union, Burlington Industries; and retired from the Bland Correctional Center, where he was a licensed water treatment plant operator.

Dale was also the fourth generation of his family to continue the family farm operation along the banks of Big Walker Creek. He was also preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Carl Allen (Cap) Whittaker, also of White Gate. He is survived by his wife of over 48 years, Virginia Carol Whittaker; one daughter, Rhonda Dale Gusler and her husband, Mark, of White Gate; two sons, Jeffrey Marvin Whittaker and his wife, Regina, of Goodview, Va., and Craig Hamilton Whittaker and his wife, Clara, of White Gate; one sister, Josephine (Sis) Waller, of Richfield, N.C.; along with 11 grandchildren, Andrew and Molly Gusler, Todd, Maegan, Chana, Rachel, Grace, John, Susanne, Amelia, and Luke Whittaker; several nieces, nephews and cousins; his church family at Mount Zion; and his big black lab, "Bear." Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate, with the Rev. Danny Shortridge officiating. Burial will be held in the Stinson Cemetery, White Gate. The visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at the funeral home after 2 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mount Zion United Methodist, 236 White Pine Road, Pearisburg, Va. 24134.

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Roanoke Times June 23, 2009

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RN degree. She was employed with the Botetourt County Health Department as a Home Health Nurse. In the 1970's, Glenna was selected as Mother of the Year for Roanoke Valley. She was an avid church and choir member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Glenna was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Norman Sprinkle, and sister, Pauline Vest Board. She is survived by her four sons, Gary Sprinkle and his wife, Cate, Gordon Sprinkle, Ronald Sprinkle and his wife, Lynn, and Ricky Sprinkle and his wife, Lisa; seven grandchildren, Drew, Paige, Seth, Kelly, Conner, Travis and Jenna Sprinkle; sister, Sigrid Vest Seiler and her husband, Tom; niece, Laura Seiler; nephew, Shawn Seiler; many special friends, including her beloved dog, Nicholas. Friends are welcome to call Monday, August 4, 2008 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville, where a service celebrating Glenna's life will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Bob Hutchins officiating. Interment Trinity Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Building Fund of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, c/o P.O. Box 596, Daleville, Va. 24083. Arrangements by Rader Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Daleville, Va.



**SPRINKLE**  
Glenna Vest

Glenna Vest Sprinkle, 79, of Botetourt County, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Glenna was born December 29, 1928, in Roanoke, Va. to the late Samuel Glen Vest and Ethia Conner Vest. Glenna graduated from Check High School and Jefferson Hospital Nursing School with a





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- (c). Roxie Annie Eveline Conner, born December 15, 1901, for more information see Willard Conner, son of George B. and Wilmuth Conner.
- (d). Vannoy Susan Conner, born January 31, 1904 and married William McKenley Weddle April 28, 1924. William died in 1944. She married Benjamin Wiley Jenkins in 1951. Sue died December 3, 2001 at age 97.

+Helen Sue Weddle married Leon Malcom Burgess. Lt. Col. Leon M. Burgess, USAF was born August 2, 1916 and died July 5, 2002.

+Emmie Lou Weddle married Raymond Garfield Love

+Roberte' Lee Weddle married Robert Aarol Francis.

- (e). Ethia Vane Conner; born April 15, 1906 and married Samuel Glenn Vest July 14, 1926. Ethia was 20 and Glenn was 31 when they married. Glen was born February 2, 1895. They have three daughters as follows:
  - + Glenna Vest married Norman Sprinkle. Norman was born March 9, 1924 and died March 12, 2002. He was sheriff of Botetourt County for several years.
  - + Pauline Pearl Vest, born in 1932, died December 20, 2003, married John Henry Board
  - + Sigrid Vest married Tom Seiler

Obit, Roanoke Times

Vest, Ethia Conner, 91, of Copper Hill, passed away Monday, April 7, 1997, in a Roanoke Hospital. She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Glenna and Norman Sprinkle, Troutville, Pauline Board, Copper Hill, Sigrid and Thomas Sieler, Long Beach, Miss.; one sister, Sue C. Jenkins, Andersonville, S.C.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Interment will be in Restvale Cemetery, Copper Hill.

- (f). Shirley Alvis Conner; born November 27, 1911 and died June 16, 1933. He was shot and killed by Roy Ferguson. Shirley is buried at Restvale.

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THE MURDER OF SHIRLEY ALVIS CONNER  
Floyd Press, August 3, 1933

Ferguson first killed Zac T. Nalls and then went on toward Copper Hill and ran into Conner's car and damaged the fender, but never stopped. He kept going but they got his license tag number. After going on a little further Ferguson had stopped and when Conner came up with him and spoke to him about it and Ferguson said he did not know that he had struck Conner's car, but he said that they could settle that. Mr. Conner had his sister, Mrs. William M. Weddle and two children in his car taking them to Roanoke on a visit. Conner and Ferguson got out of their car to see how much damage was done.

When Conner come near the Ferguson car Ferguson drew his pistol and fired at Conner, glancing the top of his head, the ball coming through the hat. Conner got behind the car, then Ferguson walked around the car and shot again and it was this shot that killed him. Ferguson got into his car and drove away. He was arrested and lodged in the Roanoke jail at first then brought to Floyd jail. Conner lived until the next day.

Ferguson will have to serve a long period. Twenty years for killing Nalls and then will have to enter upon a life term for the killing of Conner. The two verdicts rendered against Ferguson, seems to have met with the approval of the public in general.

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Shirley Alvis Conner

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(g). Wilford Garron Conner; born March 31, 1908 and died September 16, 1964. He is buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(h). Mary Velma Conner; born February 7, 1915 and died April 6, 1915. She is buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(i). Geneva Thelma Conner; born July 15, 1916 and married Howard Gerald Moore. Howard died March \_\_, 1995. Geneva died May 10, 1996.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Geneva Conner Moore, Columbus, Ohio passed away Friday, May 10, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Moore, in 1994. Geneva is survived by: her son, Ashley Moore, Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Sue Weddle Jenkins, Anderson, S.C., and Ethia C. Vest, Copper Hill.

(15). Angeline Rosabell Conner born June 6, 1878 and married Samuel Johnson Poff, age 19, January 1, 1895. Samuel was born July 2, 1876, died October 7, 1956.

(16), Caldonia “Callie” Green Conner; born June 19, 1880, died January 25, 1962 and married Archie Fleming Conner December 21, 1898. Archie was born December 17, 1879 and died April 22, 1939. Archie is the son of Andrew James and Mary Ann Furrow Conner. Archie and Callie are buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(a). Ocie Gay Conner born May 30, 1908 and died August 10, 1911.

(b). Artie Bernice Conner, age 15, married William Arthur Reed, age 22, January 24, 1916. Bernice was born May 30, and died May 14, 1944, both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(c). Alice Conner, age 18, married W.E. Woodward, age 20, October 27, 1920.

(d). Louise E. Conner, age 18, married Christian Wickham, age 19, April 26, 1922.

(e). Robert Lee Conner, born January 29, 1912, died April 12, 1998 married, May 2, 1931 to Alma Clyde Lindsey, born about 1912 and died January 4, 2004. They are buried at Evergreen Burial Park.

+. Marlene Conner, married Ralph Deacon

+. Joyce Conner, born 1949, married 1<sup>st</sup> Arnold Brenn Sowers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Michael

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- g. Samuel S. Conner; born September 5, 1835, died February 7, 1889, buried at Old Salem Church Cemetery. He was the grandfather of Zack Conner who married Pearlle Annie Conner daughter of George B. Conner. Samuel enlisted in the Civil War October 1, 1861 at Jacksonville, Virginia. He deserted and took an oath at Louisville Kentucky on September 4, 1864 to remain North of the Ohio River the remainder of the war. He was 6ft. and light complexion dark hair and blue eyes. Samuel was a witness on the will of Mathias Furrow. Samuel's wife's name was Martha Ann Poff and they married December 3, 1857. He was 22 and she was 17 when they married.
- (1). Matilda Peredine (Perdine)Conner, born October 13, 1859 first married John H. Prillaman, November 10, 1881. She then married William Benjamin Gray November 13, 1934.
  - (2). William James Conner, born April 17, 1862, died January 5, 1936, married Miriam S. Druscilla Walters about 1895. They moved to Knox County, TN.
    - (a). Mary Elizabeth Conner, born November 11, 1882 and married Micheal Aaron Wade June 28, 1903.
    - (b). Vilena M. Conner born Oct 22,1890, died Nov. 9, 1960 . ( See page 43.2.1) Married John Wesley Hall (1876 – 1944), had two sons.
    - (c). Arah Conner, born December 1895,
    - (d). Joseph Conner, born February 1898
    - (e). Curtis William Conner, born about 1902
    - (f). Cecil Samuel Conner, born about 1903
    - (g). Zack Earl Conner, born November 3, 1905, died November 15, 1972.
  - (3). Sarah Amanda Elizabeth Conner; born January 12, 1863, died January 5, 1947. She married William Hayden Conner Jr. November 20, 1884, who was born August 2, 1863 and died April 5, 1926. Both are buried at Restvale.
    - (a). Noah F. Conner
    - (b). James Waskey Conner
    - (c). William Ira Conner
    - (d). John H. Curtis Conner
    - (e). Trudy Conner
    - (f). Cora P. Conner
    - (g). Zora Conner
  - (4). Julina Prudence Conner; born March 10, 1865, married William Lawson Light November 18, 1885. He was the son of Henry and Nancy Cole Light.
  - (5). Lucinda Ellen Conner; born January 26, 1867, died April 11, 1938, married William A. Bird January 10, 1883. William was born April 22, 1861 and died December 23, 1891.
  - (6). Joseph Fleming Valentine Conner, born May 11, 1871, died February 12, 1963 and married Sarah Keziah Melvina Conner April 10, 1890. Sarah was born June 10, 1872 and died March 12, 1950. Buried in Cole Cemetery.

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- (a). Violen (Vilena) Melvina Conner, born October 22, 1880, died November 9, 1960, married John Wesley Hall, (born August 25, 1876), September 30, 1897.
- (b). Mary Elizabeth Conner, born August 8, 1902, died in 1978, married Wellington Labon Wilson, age 23, June 4, 1924.
- (c). Pearl Mazie Conner, born June 4, 1906, died June 8, 1965, married Luther Hixon Mitchell, age 21, August 22, 1931.
- (d). Willard Horace Conner, born July 25, 1898, died February 26, 1957, married March 17, 1920, Maude Mae Conner, born May 14, 1904. She is the daughter of Peter Lendy and Eugenia Florence Willis Conner. Eugenia is the daughter of Robert and Sarah K. Willis. Willard is buried at the Head of the River Cemetery Floyd, Co. VA.
  - + Dorothy Conner, born about 1923 and married Sherman W. Yates. Dorothy died October 20, 2006 and buried at Head of the River Cemetery Floyd Co. VA.
    - ++ Ralph Yates
    - ++ Barry Yates
    - ++ David Yates
    - ++ Carolyn Yates
    - ++ Brenda Yates
  - + Willie Mae Conner, age 20 married Alfred Lee Ratliff, age 19, January 13, 1946. Both are buried at The Head of the River Cemetery Floyd, Co., VA. Alfred was born in 1926 and died Aug. 30, 2014. (see page 43.2.2)
    - ++ Alfreda Ratliff
    - ++ Patrica Ratliff (Umberger)
  - + Banks Harvey Conner, married Opal Dean McNiel .
- (e). William Ernest Conner, born November 4, 1900, died September 11, 1978 married April 8, 1923 to Minnie P. Blackwell, born June 26, 1903 and died May 26, 1989. Both are buried at Wilson Cemetery.
  - + James Marvin Conner born June 20, 1932, married 1<sup>st</sup> to Shelby Jean Wood September 9, 1955 and divorced March 17, 1977.
    - ++ Brenda Gale Conner, born August 1, 1958  
Brenda had four marriages, Danny Howard Blevins, Claude Wayne Henniger, Rocky Robert Altizer and Kyle Eanes.
    - ++ James Michael Conner, born October 3, 1960, married Anita Kaye Roberson and have five children.

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James Marvin Conner, married 2<sup>nd</sup> Cynthia Arlene Hixon Sowers.

++ Jason Edward Conner, born October 13, 1978. On December 4, 2004 Jason married Laura Ashley Thomas. Laura is the daughter of Jewell DeWitt Thomas and Linda Gail Harmon and was born October 9, 1982.

++ Step son Jeff Sowers

+ Kathleen Conner, married Clarence Jennings



Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA  
(see page 43.1)

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**CONNER**  
Opal Dean McNeil

Opal Dean McNeil Conner, of Roanoke, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the age of 81, shortly after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She was born on March 27, 1934, in Floyd County.

She is survived by her loving husband, Banks Harvey Conner with whom she recently celebrated her 58th year anniversary; their daughter, Deanna Conner Gould and husband, Tim Gould; their son, Jeff Conner and wife, Julie Conner; three grandsons, Harry Gould, Magnus Gould and Jago Gould; a brother-in-law, Paul Duncan, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Eugenia McNeil and all her siblings, Glenna Manning, Marion Lancaster, Luetta Gregory, Elfreda Duncan, and Samuel McNeil.

Opal was known for her kind, honest, reliable nature. She was there for many others during their time of need. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a member of Cave Spring United Methodist Church and worked at CMT Sporting Goods for over thirty years.

The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Avenue from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015. A memorial service will also be held at Oakey's South Chapel on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Freddie Austin and Elder Junior Conner, officiating. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem.

**Oakey's**  
South Chapel • 540-988-3131  
4257 Brambleton Ave., Roanoke, Va.

( see page 43.2)



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**RATLIFF**  
Alfred Lee

Alfred Lee Ratliff, 88, of Copper Hill, passed away Saturday, August 30, 2014. He is preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Willie Mae Ratliff; his daughter, Patricia A. Umberger; grandson, Robert "Scott" McBride; two brothers, Clifford J. Ratliff and Cornell Perdue.

He was a World War II veteran and worked for the railroad for over 40 years. After retiring he worked for Wood Funeral Home. He was a deacon at Salem Head of the River Church. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and neighbors.

He is survived by his daughter, Alfreda R. Cadd; sister, Blanche Walsh; brother-in-law and wife, Banks and Opal Conner; grandson, Stephen L. McBride; granddaughters and their husbands, Bonita and Wes Ingram, Mindy and Jared Campbell; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; companion and dear friend, Mary Janney; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at the Salem Primitive Baptist Church (Head of the River) with Elder Larry Hollandsworth officiating. Interment will follow in the Restvale Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, September 1, 2014, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com).



**Maberry Funeral Home**  
367 S. Locust St., Floyd, VA  
540-745-2121

(see page 43.2)

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# Thomas - Conner marry in Copper Hill

Laura Ashley Thomas and Jason Edward Conner were joined in marriage on December 4, 2004 at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren. Reverend Robert Blackwell, friend of the families officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWitt Thomas of Check. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Thomas of Floyd and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harmon of Roanoke.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Cynthia (Bobbie) Conner and the late James M. Conner of Pilot. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Hixon of Blacksburg and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conner of Pilot.

The bride was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her parents. Kayla Harris of Floyd, friend of the couple, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Rhonda Curtis of Willis, friend of the bride, Crissie Thomas of Copper Hill and Toni Thomas of Copper Hill, both sisters-in-law of the bride.

Flower girl was Jaci Thomas, daughter of Patrick and Toni Thomas of Copper Hill and niece of the bride.

Jason Harris of Floyd, friend of the couple, was the bestman. Groomsmen were Allen Conner of Pilot, friend of the groom, Frank Thomas of Copper Hill and Patrick Thomas of Copper Hill, both brothers of the bride. Ushers were Randall Nester of Pilot, friend of the groom, and Jeff Sowers, brother of the groom.

Ringbearer was Tyler Hazelwood, son of Brian and Carla Hazelwood of Roanoke and cousin of the bride.

Music was provided by violinist Mike Mitchell of Floyd and pianist Cheryl Waldron of Roanoke.

The guest book was attended by Carla Hazelwood of Roanoke and Courtney Conner of Bedford, both cousins of the bride.



**Mr. and Mrs. Jason Edward Conner  
(Laura Ashley Thomas)**

Wedding director was Susan Leonard of Willis, friend of the couple.

The bride wore a long sleeved, white sweetheart gown with a cathedral length train adorned with sequins, pearls and lace and a fingertip length veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses, ivy and pearls.

The couple lit a candle in memory of the groom's father and grandparents of the bride and groom. "Bind Us Together Lord" and "Grow Old Along With Me" were sung by soloist Rachel Wilson of Charlotte, North Carolina during the lighting of the unity candle.

A reception immediately followed in the church fellowship

hall. The seven-tier wedding cake was made by Penny Webster of Copper Hill. She also catered the reception. A rehearsal dinner, given by the groom's mother, was catered by Ray's Restaurant of Floyd on the eve of the wedding. Photography was done by Hylton Photography of Floyd, and flowers were provided by Sue's Florist of Floyd.

The bride, a 2000 graduate of Floyd County High School, is employed by Dr. Krieg Pursifull of Floyd.

The groom, a 1997 FCHS graduate, is employed by Huckleberry Dairy of Floyd.

The couple enjoyed a brief honeymoon and now resides in Check.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- (f). Edie Ephrim Conner, born December 27, 1909, twin, died April 1978, married July 27, 1932 to Vera Sowers, born October 16, 1910.
  - (g). John Cletus (Cledys) Conner, born December 27, 1909, died October 6, 1981, married June 22, 1940 to Willie Oliver Sisson, age 25. Willie is the daughter of Adolphus and Annie Conner Sisson.
    - + Frances Pearl Conner, born December 7, 1946, married Jackie Sowers.
    - + Earl Conner
    - + Kenneth McArthur Conner, born May 11, 1942, died March 16, 2001 and married Barbara Walters.
  - (h). Martha Alma Conner, born January 6, 1894, died April 5, 1915. She is buried in the Cole Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.
  - (i). Samuel Aaron Conner, born 1896
  - (j). Lera Amanda Conner, born December 11, 1904, died June 23, 1972, married Marshall K. Caldwell.
  - (k). Ida Ella Conner, born April 6, 1908, died September 9, 1998 and married Frank T. Simpkins Sr.
  - (l). Callie Melissa Conner, born November 19, 1913, died December 5, 1976.
- (7). Samuel Zacharia Conner, born April 1, 1873, married Pearlie Annie Conner September 30, 1897. Zack is a Grandson, not a son.
- (8). Mary Ann Conner, born June 22, 1869, married Henry Adam Conner, age 20, November 7, 1889. Adam is the son of Daniel R. and Lydia Poff Conner.
- (9). Valentine Conner, born about 1872, married Keziah M. Conner, daughter of John Aaron and Mary Ellen Vest Conner, April 10, 1890.
- (10). John Cassel Conner, born January 11, 1875, died in 1951, married Jimima Alice Wilson, June 20, 1895. Jimima was born September 1, 1874 and is the daughter of Laban and Elzira Conner Wilson.
- (a.). William Alva Conner, born May 17, 1896, married Rosa L. Conner.
    - + Margaret Glenna Conner, married Larry Donald Link May 14, 1949. Larry was born April 11, 1929, died December 11, 1996, buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (b). Samuel H. Conner, born July 25, 1902.
  - (c). George Horace Conner, born August 22, 1906
    - ++ Pamela Pugh

# MARRIAGE \* LICENSE

Virginia, Floyd County to wit:

**To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:**

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

John O Connor  
and Jemima Wilson

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Floyd this 17 day of June 1895  
J. P. Elliott Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,  
TO BE AFFIXED TO THE LICENSE, PREPARED BY SECTION 2226 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Time of Marriage, <u>July 29 1895</u>	Place of Husband's Birth, <u>Floyd Co Va</u>
Place of Marriage, <u>Floyd Co Va</u>	Place of Wife's Birth, <u>Pa</u>
Full Names of Parties Married, <u>John O Connor</u>	Place of Husband's Residence, <u>Pa</u>
<u>Jemima Wilson</u>	Place of Wife's Residence, <u>Pa</u>
Color, <u>White</u>	Names of Husband's Parents, <u>Saml Sr Marka</u>
Age of Husband, <u>19 years</u>	<u>O Connor</u>
Age of Wife, <u>31</u>	Names of Wife's Parents, <u>Taban &amp; Ebyasa</u>
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), <u>Single</u>	<u>Wilson</u>
Condition of Wife (widowed or single),	Occupation of Husband, <u>Farmer</u>

Given under my hand this 17 day of June 1895  
J. P. Elliott Clerk.

## MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I Certify, That on the 20 day of June 1895  
at John Wilson I united in Marriage the  
above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

David Somers

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Frances Pearl Conner  
SOWERS**

*Dec. 7, 1946 – Oct. 12, 2014*

**To Our Amazing Mother In  
Heaven:**

It has been a year since you left us, but the pain of your loss has not diminished. We love, miss and think of you daily. We were so blessed to have you as our mother.

They say there is a reason. They say that time will heal, but neither time nor reason will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache that lies behind a smile. No one knows how many times we've broken down and cried. We try to cope the best we can, but we're missing you so much. If only we could see you and once more and feel your touch. Remembering you is easy. We do it every day. But the pain of your departure just won't go away. We never will stop loving you, count on that without a doubt. You are so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be without.  
*Your loving children,  
Jackie, Teresa and Lisa*



**SOWERS**  
**Frances Pearl Conner**

Frances Pearl Conner Sowers, 67, of Roanoke, passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jackie R. Sowers, Sr; daughter, Sherry Elaine Sowers; mother and father, Willie Sisson Conner and John Cledys Conner; brother, Kenneth Conner; mother-in-law, Dorothy Sowers; Father-in-law, James Sowers; special cousin, Doris Conner; and special friend, William Robertson.

Frances is survived by her son, Jackie and wife, Vicki and their children, Camden and Cole of Fredericksburg, Va.; daughter, Teresa and husband, Mike and their children, Devin and Madison of Cloverdale, Va.; daughter, Lisa of Glen Allen, Va.; brother, Earl Conner and wife, Carol, of Roanoke, Va.; sister-in-law, Barbara Conner; sister-in-law, Lois Hartman and husband, Herman; brothers-in-law, Russell Sowers and wife, Sharon, Bill Sowers and wife, Jeanette, Roger Sowers and wife, Laura; and many special nieces and nephews.

She attended Garden City Baptist Church and worked at ITT Exellus, where she had many friends. Prior to her position at ITT, she was well known as a caregiver to numerous children who kept in touch with her throughout her life.

Funeral Services will be at noon on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Jay Fields officiating. Interment will follow at Red Oak Grove Cemetery in Floyd, VA.

The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at Oakey's Vinton Chapel, 540-982-2221. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com).

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- (d). Willard John Conner, born October 10, 1910, died October 28, 1967, married Virginia Gladys "Vergie" Conner September 5, 1931. Vergie was born June 20, 1912 and died March 17, 1999. She is the daughter of Daniel Adam and Lydia A. Conner.
- + Juanita Conner, born in 1933 and married William M. Pugh in 1953.
    - ( see page 44.0.4)
    - ++Debra Pugh married Jon Layman.
    - ++Pamela Pugh married Matthew Hatter.
  
  - + Howard Wesley Conner, married Cora Evelyn Bowman from Carroll County Virginia. Evelyn was previously married and had a daughter prior to marrying Wesley.
    - ++ Dianne Bowman, married \_\_\_\_\_ Cox
      - +++ Robin Cox married Sampson Underwood
      - They have 3 children.
      - +++ Amanda Cox
    - ++ Mike Conner, married Debbie Clifton. They later divorced and Mike remarried.
      - +++ Jennifer Conner
  
  - + Jackson Lee Conner, married Louise Hale (see page 44.0.3 & page 44.0.5)
    - ++ Chris Conner
    - ++ Greg Conner, married Amanda Cox
      - +++ Luke Conner born January 16, 2001
- h. Julina A. Conner; born 1838 and married Capt. John Carr June 22, 1854. John was 22 and Julina was 17.
- i. Martha Conner; born 1841 and married William O. Carr July 22, 1858 as his first wife. William later married Emeline Conner, Daughter of John R. and Dotia Conner, June 20, 1860.
- (1). Sarah Jane Carr, married James Edward Prater. James was born November 1866 in Franklin Co., VA. They were married December 9, 1886 in Floyd County, VA. James died January 31, 1926 at Oak Hill, West Virginia.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
By Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



HALE  
Robert Lee

Robert Lee Hale, 92, of Roanoke, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2011. He was born on August 29, 1918, to the late Horace and Myrtle DeWeese Hale. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Lilly Hale; and his sisters, Margie Swope and Irene Collier.

He is survived by his son, Gary L. Hale and wife, Debra; daughters, Louise Conner and husband, Jack, Virginia (Ginny) Smith and husband, Mark, and Sandra (Sandy) Perdue and husband, Jim; brothers, William Hale, and Thomas Hale and wife, Janie; sister, Nadine Slusher and husband, Maurice; grandchildren, Christopher Conner and wife, Renee, Gregory Conner and wife, Amanda, Heather Young and husband, Justin, Bradley Hale and wife, Mandi, and Brian Perdue; great-grandchildren, Luke Conner, Allee Hale, Joshua Conner, Noah Hale, and Mason Young; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; his special kitty, Alley; and a special long term friend, Ezera Wertz.

Robert was a member of Copper Hill Church of the Brethren. He worked for Magic City Ford, Fulton Lincoln Mercury, Zeller Lincoln Mercury, and following his retirement, he operated Hale's Produce in Salem, Va., and on Brambleton Ave. in Roanoke.

He had a "Green Thumb" for growing vegetables. His special pride was his tomatoes. When the seed catalogs arrived in the fall, he studied all the varieties to select the best. His special excitement was the arrival of the boxes of seeds he had ordered that always seemed to appear on the coldest, snowy days of January. He loved going through them and studying the seed count and deciding where to place them in the garden. He loved the soil, and was happiest working in the garden.

span of 92 years. He often commented on how things had changed and developed from the 1920s, 30s, etc. He, his father, Horace, and brother, William, cut and delivered by horse and trailer the logs used to build the Coffee Pot on Brambleton Ave.

He remembered the many miles of farms and orchards that are now replaced by subdivisions and shopping malls. On a visit to his doctor in Clearbrook, we passed through the Oak Grove section of Rt. 419 and he stated all of this area used to be peach orchards.

Robert worried about the food and water supply for the next generations. He loved his family and enjoyed all of the calls and visits, and was excited to share them. Also, of much enjoyment was his "walking partners" at Crossroads and Valley View Malls, his neighbors and many close friendships that he had developed over the years.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011, at Oakey's South Chapel. Pastor Marty Moyer will officiate. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2011.

The family would like to express their thanks to Loretta Lucado for all of her visits; his neighbor, Everette Boothe for helping Robert and being his special friend; and a special thanks to Mark for his daily attention, care and love for "Dad." Additionally, a special word of thanks to Dr. Stephen Couture and Adren for their dedication and attention to Robert's healthcare over the years.

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**PUGH**  
**Juanita Conner**

Juanita Conner Pugh, 82, of Roanoke, passed away Wednesday afternoon, August 19, 2015 surrounded by her loving family. Her parents Wilard J. and Virgie Conner preceded her in death.

Mrs. Pugh was employed for 18 years with McKesson Drug Corp. before working for Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works for 10 years before retiring and joining her husband in the family business selling cars at the Kar Korral. She loved her family dearly and spending time with them, and in her free time she enjoyed sewing, making clothes for her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving and devoted husband of 62 years, William M. Pugh; two daughters, Debra Layman and husband, Jon, of Roanoke, Pamela Hatter and husband, Matthew from Botetourt; a granddaughter, Kaitlyn Hatter; brothers, Howard Wesley Conner and wife, Evelyn, of Roanoke County, Jackson L. Conner and wife, Louise, of Copper Hill; sisters-in-law, Mary Board, of Roanoke, and Kathryn Naff, of Ohio. Along with a host of other family and friends.

In Mrs. Pugh's memory, memorials may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

A funeral service celebrating Mrs. Pugh's life will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, August 22, 2015 in Simpson Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Austin officiating. Interment will follow in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday August 21, 2015 at Simpson Funeral Home. You may send your condolences to the family by visiting [www.simpsonfuneral.com](http://www.simpsonfuneral.com). Arrangements handled by Simpson Funeral Home and Crematory, 540-366-0707.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

CONNER

Jackson Lee

On Wednesday, January 20, 2016, God carried Jackson "Jack" Lee Conner, 70, of Copper Hill, Va., to His heavenly home. His work was complete and his reward was awaiting him. He was a good, kind, and faithful steward of all he was given. He was a faithful, reliable, honorable, loving provider, and husband to Louise Conner for 45½ years. He was a wonderful father who lovingly and quietly cared for his children, Chris and Greg Conner. He loved his three grandchildren Luke, Joshua, and Caleb Conner. He treated his daughter-in-law, Amanda, as his own. He was a good friend who enjoyed all of his lifelong friends. Jack will be terribly missed by all who got to know him and loved him.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Willard John and Virgie Conner; in-laws, Robert and Elizabeth (Betty) Hale; sister Juanita Pugh; and granddaughter, Ava Noel Conner.

Jack is survived by wife, Louise Hale Conner; two sons, Christopher Conner of Salem, and Gregory Conner and wife, Amanda, of Indian Valley; three grandchildren, Luke, Joshua, and Caleb Conner; brother, Howard Wesley Conner and wife, Evelyn, of Roanoke; brother-in-law, William (Bill) Pugh of Roanoke; several nieces, nephews, and numerous friends and church family.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2016, at Gardner's Funeral Home in Floyd, Va. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren in Copper Hill with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating. Burial will follow at the Restvale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren Food Bank, P.O. Box 67, Copper Hill, VA 24079.



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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- E. Elizabeth Conner was born 1814 and married Cyrus R. Iddings September 15, 1833. Cyrus was born 1815 and served in the Civil war. He was killed in action in Atlanta Georgia. Elizabeth and Cyrus had the following children.
- a. Henry B. Iddings, born August 9, 1834 and died December 13, 1924. Henry married Martha Whitenack who was born November 19, 1830 and died April 22, 1916. Martha's parents were William Whitenack and Bidsey Lambert. Henry joined the Civil War at Jacksonville October 1, 1861. Henry deserted February 12, 1865. He was a farmer and worked as a brick mason. He is buried at the Iddings Cemetery at Terry's Fork in Floyd County Virginia.
  - b. Sarah Iddings, born 1837
  - c. James D. Iddings, born 1842. James enlisted in the Civil War September 10, 1861 at Jacksonville, Floyd County, Virginia. He was sent to a General Hospital September 19, 1863, reason unknown. He was taken prisoner May 24, 1864 at Dallas, Georgia and sent to Rock Island, Ill. He enlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular U.S. Volunteer Inf. on October 17, 1864. He was Honorably discharged November 29, 1865 at Leavenworth, Kansas. James married Rebecca Sumner February 1, 1866, who was born about 1838.
  - d. Nancy Iddings, born 1844
  - e. Jonathan Byrd (Bird) Iddings, born August 12, 1848 and served in the CSA. He Married Rosa Belle Clower November 12, 1868 in Floyd Co., Va. He died January 25, 1918. They had 5 children
  - f. Lydia Iddings, born 1850
  - g. China E. Iddings, born 1854
  - h. Mary M. Iddings, born 1855

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- F. Costly Conner, born October 10, 1812 and died May 5, 1873. Costly married Lydia Hall, who was born in 1816 and died April 23, 1887. Costly and Lydia were married June 3, 1833 (Montgomery Co. Records). Lydia was born in Indiana and was the daughter of John Hall (1790-1866) and Sarah Tate (1794-1860) and grand daughter of Jesse Hall Revolutionary War soldier from Dutchess County, NY). Costly was a Methodist preacher and a farmer and owned land near William Craghead. Some of Costly and Lydia's children were also Methodist preachers. Costly's farm was located behind the Old Crockett Springs Resort. Costly and Lydia are buried in the Piedmont cemetery, which is located South of Shawsville, Virginia. Costly and Lydia had the following children.
- a. John Conner, born May 12, 1834
  - b. Sarah Elizabeth Conner, born January 3, 1836 in Floyd County, Virginia, died May 4, 1928, married James Robert Craghead born March 17, 1830, died April 22, 1915.
  - c. Elizabeth Jane Conner, born March 3, 1838 and married James J. Stewart February 2, 1870. James was 19 and Elizabeth was 28 at the time. James's parents are A. and M. Stewart.
  - d. William Nathan Conner, born February 1, 1840, died December 19, 1920, 1st married Synthia Jane Otey November 6, 1855, 2<sup>nd</sup> married Rebecca Hall Vest (widow of Henry L. Vest) April 29, 1865. Henry Vest died of typhoid October 22, 1862 at Winchester Virginia while serving in the Civil War. Rebecca was buried at Kellysville WVA and her body later brought back to Eanes Cemetery at Lick Ridge, Virginia.
    - (1). Lucy Otey Conner, born April 7, 1866, married Isaac J. Vest December 3, 1884.
    - (2). Giles E. D. L. Conner, born November 17, 1868 and died June 2, 1869.
    - (3). Noah Adolphus Conner, born January 11, 1877, died December 28, 1953, at age 31 married Abigail Ellen Vest age 29, May 5, 1908  
Noah's first wife was Lillie \_\_\_\_\_. Abigail brought 3 step children into the marriage. Noah was a minister and they had 5 daughters and 3 sons.
      - (a). Beatrice Conner
      - (b). Eugene Barton Conner, born June 1, 1909 in WV, died February 20, 1977.
      - (c). Virginia Boyd Conner, born July 7, 1910 in WV, died October 8, 1910.
      - (d). Ethel Mae Conner, born September 26, 1911 in WV, died September 29, 1959.
      - (e). Willye Morris Conner, born February 15, 1913, died September 28, 1994.
      - (f). Mildred Lucille Conner, born September 14, 1915, died June 12, 2003. Mildred married Dr. Carl A. Collins, minister, about 1938.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



**COLLINS**  
Carl A. Jr.

Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., 95, of Daleville, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Dr. Collins was born in Montgomery County. When he was three years old, his father died, leaving his mother with the burden of raising five children. By the time he was nine, Carl was more or less on his own.

He studied in the public schools in Lynchburg and Christiansburg, and received his higher education at the University of Richmond, Lynchburg College, Harvard University, Union Theological Seminary, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. While in Europe during World War II, Carl was selected by the United States Armed Forces to attend Oxford University. He also attended The Command and Staff University at Maxwell Air Force Base while he was a Chaplain in the United States Air Force. Dr. Collins received his B. A. Degree from Lynchburg College, and his Master's and Doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. In 2003, Carl received an honorary Bachelor of Letters Degree from the University of Richmond.

He was the widower of the former Mildred Conner, who was the daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. N. A. Conner. Rev. Conner, a United Methodist minister, served in the Holston and Virginia Conferences for many years. Carl and Mildred were married for 65 years, until her passing on June 12, 2003. The Collins had two sons who preceded them in death, Carlton Douglas and Dwight Curtis ("Chuck"). Surviving are two granddaughters, Catherine Collins Stennette and Rebekah Collins Pisenti, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to several pastorates in Virginia (including seven years as pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Salem), he served churches in North Carolina and Texas. Carl served Virginia Baptists through the Sunday School and Church Training Departments. For three years he taught Sociology, and was head of the Sociology Department at Wingate College, a Southern Baptist College in Wingate, N.C.

One of his "first loves" was that of the military chaplaincy. He served his country prior to World War II in Panama. He waded ashore on the beachhead in Normandy in World War II, and was in the Southwest Pacific during the Korean Conflict. Carl also served during the Vietnam Conflict. Dr. Collins was in and out of the service, recalled several times for special assignments until his retirement from the military with the rank of Colonel. He served a total of 35 years, receiving three commendations for meritorious service and was a recipient of the Military Cross.

In 1982, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention invited Carl to go to Indonesia to participate in one of the first Volunteer Partnership Evangelism Crusades. In 1983, he, his wife, and two others from the Catawba Valley Baptist Church went to Japan by invitation from the Foreign Mission Board to participate in another Partnership Evangelism Crusade.

Dr. Collins undertook 25 voluntary mission trips overseas, preaching on every continent except the Antarctic. He authored a book, "Paul as a Leader", published by Exposition Press in New York, which was a study of the Apostle Paul's role and influence in the field of Christian education.

Carl was a former vice president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He served two terms as moderator of the Lynchburg Baptist Association, two terms as moderator of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association, and one term as president of Roanoke Baptist Missionary and Social Union. He served two terms on the Virginia Baptist General Board, was a representative from the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association, and was a trustee at Oak Hill Academy. Dr. Collins was a former employee of the Virginia Baptist Sunday School Department, a former employee of Virginia Baptist Training Union Department, a former trustee of Virginia Baptist Children's Home in Salem, and a former trustee of Chaplains Services of Churches of Virginia. Carl organized Truck Stop Christian Ministries in Troutville.

At the end of 1988, Dr. Collins completed almost ten years as pastor of Catawba Valley Baptist Church, and from January thru March of 1989 he was interim pastor at Beulah Baptist Church in Lynchburg. From April 1 thru September 30 of 1989 he was interim pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Salem, and was the interim at Virginia Heights Baptist Church from October 1, 1989 until August 1, 1990. In all, Carl served as an interim minister at least 17 times in his career.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday from Oakey's North Chapel with Carl's nephew, the Reverend Danny Collins officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Oakey's North Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (3806 Monument Avenue, P.O. Box 6767; Richmond, VA 23230).

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- (g). Ruth Conner, married Scott Weaver.
  - (h). Mable Conner, married George Guilliams.
  - (i). Noah Melear Conner, born February 2, 1920, Montgomery Co., VA, and died November 25, 1938.
- (4). Lucy Otey Izetta “Ina J.” Conner, born 1867 and died 1934, married Isaac J. Vest.
- (a). Carrie Iza Vest married Elias Glover Gearheart July 31, 1907.
- (5). James W. Conner, born May 7, 1870
- (6). Lydia Ann Laura Conner, born August 27, 1873, died November 18, 1955, married Joseph Wallace Whitlow, October 29, 1892 in Mercer Co. WV. Joseph was born March 27, 1868 and died August 27, 1958.
- (a). George Willie Whitlow, born March 20, 1893 in Floyd Co., VA.
  - (b). Alonza J. Whitlow, born December 19, 1896, Mercer Co., WV.
  - (c). Noah Curtis Whitlow, born October 26, 1899, Floyd Co., VA.
  - (d). Charles Oakey Whitlow, born October 20, 1901.
  - (e). Robert Lee Whitlow, born May 5, 1904 in WV.
  - (f). William Whitlow, born January 1906, Mercer Co. WV.
  - (g). Lillie Maude Whitlow, born March 4, 1908, Mercer Co. WV.
  - (h). Carl Claude Whitlow, born March 4, 1908, Mercer Co. WV.
  - (i). Paul Emmettr Whitlow, born August 13, 1909, Mercer Co. WV.
  - (j). Joseph Arlie Whitlow, born January 23, 1913, Mercer Co. WV.
- (7). Sarah Sarilda Vest, married Burwell Eanes July 25, 1872, they had 12 children.
- (8). Charles William Vest married Octavia Frances Iddings March 1876.
- (9). Letcher Vest, died young.
- e. Isaac Conner, born about 1841

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- f. Giles Alexander Conner, born March 29, 1842, died November 19, 1918, was a Methodist preacher, married Lucy Ann Showalter October 21, 1873. Giles is thought to have worked at the arsenic mines. Lucy was born in 1854, died 1907, and is the daughter of Phillip and M. A. Showalter. (see page 45.1.2)
- (a). Mary Ann Madison Conner, born February 26, 1875, and married Quinton H. Thornton November 7, 1899. Quinton was born March 23, 1877 and died August 24, 1950. Quinton was a miner and was also married to Maude E. Craighead. Mary Ann (Mattie) died Sep. 1, 1875. See page 45.2
- (b). Philip Alonzo Conner, born about 1878, married Maud G. Shewey, born 1886 and she died in 1953. They had eight children. .
- (1). William Alonzo Conner, born March 28, 1905, died December 21, 1979.
- (2). Giles A. Conner, born about 1906.
- (3). Susan Ellen Conner, born about December 1909 in Floyd Co.
- (4). Crystal Fern Conner, born about 1913 in VA.
- (5). Rana Bay Conner, born about November 1919 in FL.
- (6). Mark W. Conner, born February 21, 1923 in FL.
- (7). Wanda Conner, born about 1924 in FL.
- (8). Lilly Z. Conner, born about 1926 in FL.
- (c). Susan Edward Conner, born June 5, 1880, died January 31, 1962. (see page 45.1.1) married Ellis F. Conner (1874-1907).
- (d). Lavinia Alice Conner, born March 26, 1882, died September 4, 1970. She married Elbert Wilson Pearman Sr. January 24, 1901. Elbert was born February 5, 1880, died October 9, 1925. Elbert managed a coal company store.
- (e). Callie Conner, born May 19, 1883.
- (f). Eugenia Conner, born January 18, 1885, died March 20, 1947, married 1<sup>st</sup> Ellis F. Conner May 6, 1907, 2<sup>nd</sup> Raymond Hensley April 30, 1916, 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Perry. She is buried at Piedmont Cemetery, Montg. Co., VA. (see page 45.2.1)
- (g). Sallie Lee Conner, born July 22, 1890, died April 1986. She married Alonzo Templer Draper December 25, 1906. Alonzo was born February 8, 1875, died February 28, 1937. He was an undertaker.
- (h). Thelma Conner, born July 1894
- (i). Johnson Shank Conner, born August 29, 1897, died November 4, 1978. (see page 45.1.1)
- (j). Grace S. Conner, born May 16, 1900, died January 8, 1906. (See page 45.1.1)
- g. Adaline Virginia Victoria Conner, born September 2, 1844 and married May 16, 1867 to William Washington Maxey (1844-1914), and had 3 children. Adaline died after the 3<sup>rd</sup> child. (see page 45.2.1) she died in 1876.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA  
Susan Edward Conner  
(see page 45.1)



Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA  
Johnson Shank Conner  
( see page 45.1)

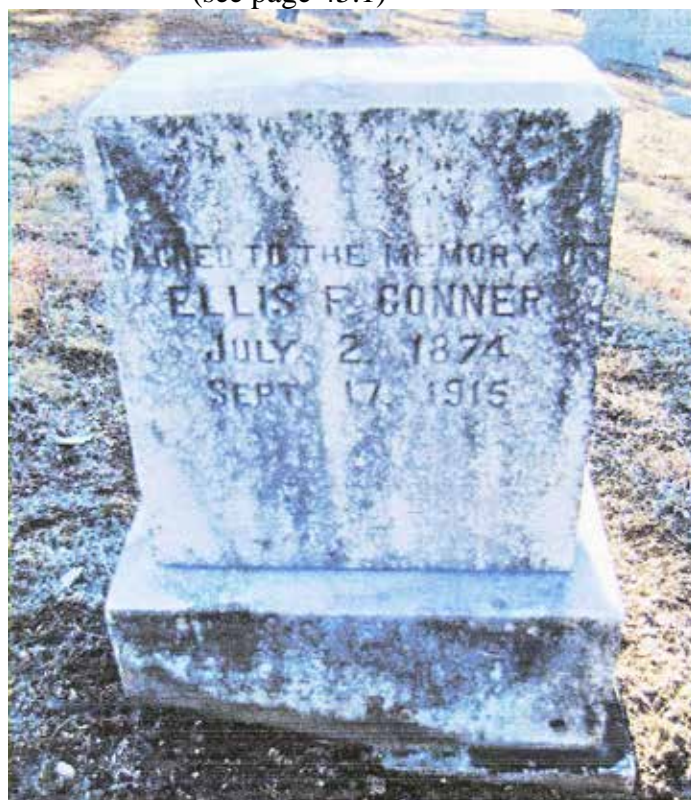


Piedmont Cemetery , Shawsville, VA  
(see page 45.1)

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Piedmont Cemetery at Shawsville, VA  
(see page 45.1)



Ellis Floyd Conner  
45.1.2



Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

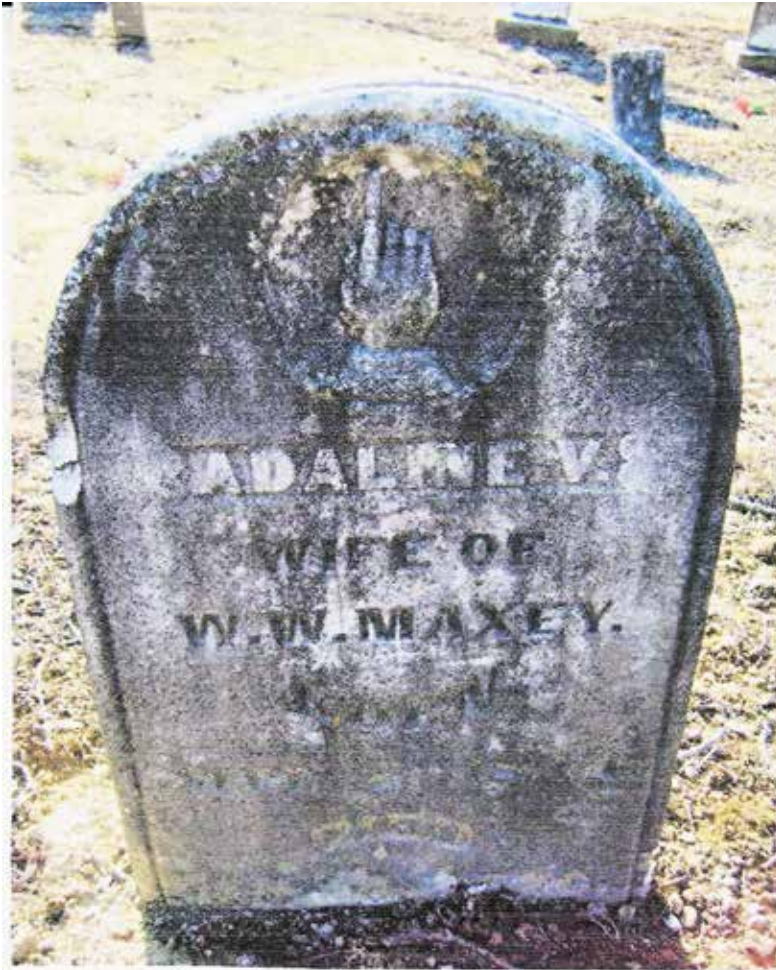
- h. David Burrell Conner, born November 30, 1846, died March 18, 1927, married Mary Alice Pugh July 20, 1881. Mary Alice was born August 28, 1854 and died May 28, 1933. David and Mary had the following children:
- (1). Nina D. Conner, born July 9, 1882 and died April 4, 1966 in Beckly, WVA. She married James Bruster, age 29, July 15, 1903.
  - (2). Josie Lena May Conner, born August 18, 1883 and died December 17, 1956. She married Robert Lee Sturat, age 24, March 24, 1908.
  - (3). Dana Marvin Conner, born November 21, 1885 and died April 17, 1951. He married Margaret Eva O'Dell April 20, 1921. They have a daughter Bettie Conner born 1922 in WV.
  - (4). Mary Myrtle Conner, born April 6, 1887 and died January 15, 1967. She married John Harvey Bane, age 34, June 28, 1911.



Mary Ann Madison Mattie Conner, born Feb. 26, 1874 and Died Sep. 1, 1900  
She is buried at Piedmont Cemetery at Shawsville, VA.

(see page 45.1)

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Adaline Virginia Victoria Conner Maxey  
1844 - 1876  
Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA



Eugina Conner Conner Hensley Perry  
Born Jan. 18, 1885 – Died March 20, 1947  
(see page 45.1)

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1 PLACE OF DEATH (Dist. No. 5-571) (To be inserted by local Registrar) Series No. 21  
 County *Appomattox* West Virginia State Department of Health  
 District *St. Charles* CERTIFICATE OF DEATH (For State Use Only) 4223  
 Town or City *Mullens* No. *18* Ward *1*  
 2 FULL NAME: *Dr. Daniel Bennett Garrison* (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name thereof or street and number)

(a) Residence, No. *18* St. *1* Ward *1*  
 (Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and state)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. days. How long in U. S. A., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. days.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  
 3 SEX *Male* 4 COLOR OR RACE *White* 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) *Married*  
 6a If married, widowed or divorced (or) HUSBAND or WIFE of *Mrs. Mary E. Ruge* (Give full maiden name)  
 6 DATE OF BIRTH *Nov 30 1846* (month, day and year)  
 7 AGE Years *80* Months *3* Days *18* or *19* 1 day... hrs. min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED *Minister*  
 (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
 (c) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) *Pa* (State or country)  
 10 NAME OF FATHER *Booby Cannon*  
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) *Pa* (State or country)  
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Jessie Bell*  
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) *Pa* (State or country)

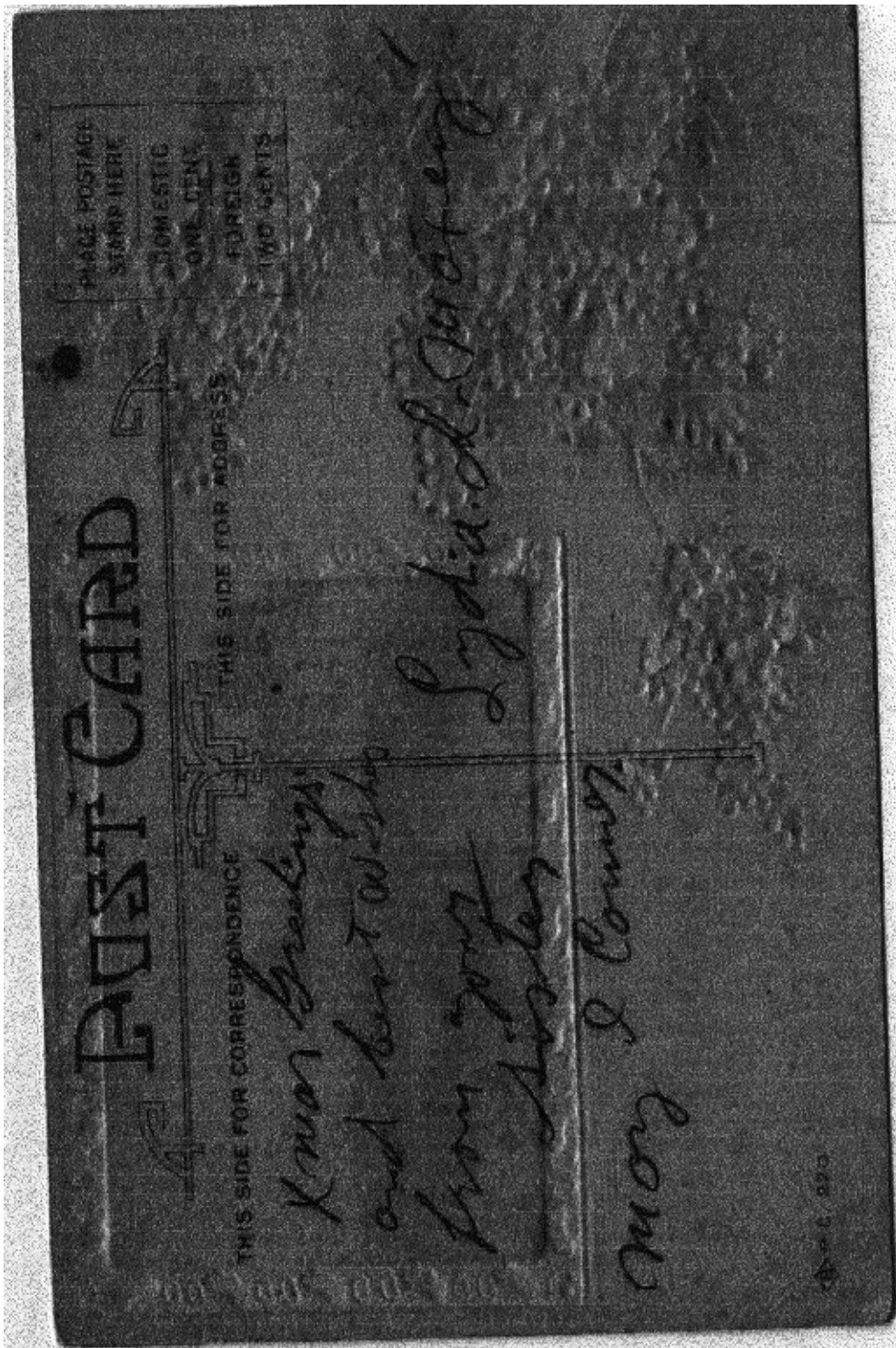
PARENTS  
 14 SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT *Dr. Daniel Bennett Garrison* (Address) *Mullens, W. Va.*  
 15 Received *3-18 1927* Registrar *W. H. Tolson*

16 DATE OF DEATH *Mar 18 1927* (Month, day and year)  
 17 HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from *March 6, 1927 to March 18, 1927* and that death occurred on date stated above, at *10:30 AM*.  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:  
*164 Simulium*  
 Contributor *Gall Stone* (Physician) yrs. mos. days  
 Secondary or filling cause (Duration) yrs. mos. days  
 18 Where was disease contracted? If not at place of death? (Duration) yrs. mos. days  
 Did an operation precede death? (Duration) yrs. mos. days  
 Was there an autopsy?  
 What test confirmed diagnosis?  
 (Signed) *Dr. D. B. Garrison* M. D.  
 (Address) *Mullens, W. Va.*

19 PLACE OF BURIAL *Christian Church*  
 Cremation or Removal  
 Date of Burial *Mar 20, 1927* 20 Undertaker  
*MURPHYSON AND FOGLESONG*  
*MULLENS, W. VA.*



LYDIA HALL CONNER, WIFE OF COSTLY CONNER  
46.



This card was probably written prior to 1913. Mary J. and Lydia A. Conner are Daughters of Costly and Lydia Hall Conner.

**Know all men by these presents...** That we *Leanne*

*and John Hall*

*John Floyd*

Esq. Governor of the

are held and firmly bound unto Commonwealth of Virginia, for the time being, and his successors, for the use of the Commonwealth, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this *2nd* day of *June* 183*3*.

**The Condition of the above obligation is such,**

That whereas, a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between ~~the said~~ *Leanne*

*daughter of said John Hall* and *John Hall*

of this County: Now if there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

*Y. Conner*  
*John Hall*

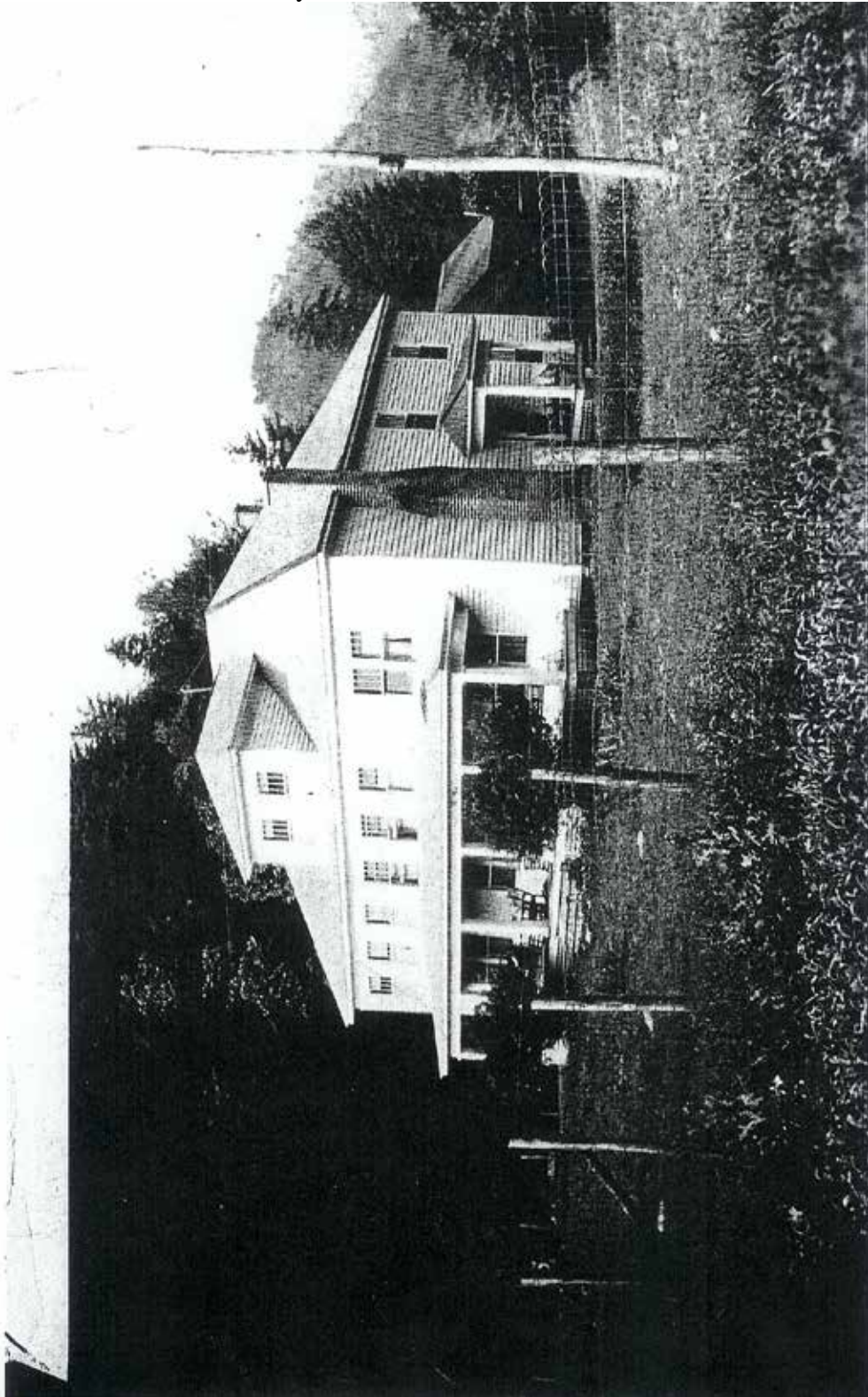
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*R. D. Montague*

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



The home shown on the previous page is that of Costly and Lydia Conner. It was a two story log structure and the picture was taken shortly after the weather boarding was placed on the house to modernize it.

This house, known as the “Old Home Place” was the ancestral home of the Costly Conner descendants. It was located on a parcel of land that was originally a part of the Daniel I. Conner tract given to him by the then acting Governor of Virginia, Robert Brooks. The grant was written on deer skin and consisted of 1000 acres. J.P. Conner, son of Andrew Conner, grandson of Daniel, is said to have had the original deed to the land. J.P. Frederick of Princeton WV has seen the deed and has a copy of it.

Jonathan Conner, second oldest son of Daniel, inherited the land on which the house was built. It later came into the hands of Costly Conner, my great grandfather.

Costly Conner and his wife, Lydia Ann Hall Conner, built the original log house on Spring Branch on the Left Fork of Purgatory Creek in the valley below Huff Mountain, Giles Andrew Conner, my grandfather, (my mother’s father) was born there.

Giles Conner bought the “Costly Conner Estate” and raised his family there. It was also known as “Singing Waters”. He kept the 428 acres until July 31, 1916, at which time he sold it to my father, Elbert Wilson Pearman, who had it remodeled as shown in 1925. It was the only country home in the area that had indoor plumbing (bathroom) and electric lights. This painting was copied from a photograph taken soon afterward.

After my father’s death, my mother sold the farm to J.W. Hall and Z.R. Hall Sept. 24, 1932. It was owned by several others after that before the house burned. The property joined the land on which Crockett Springs is located. Both properties are now owned by the Roanoke District of the United Methodist Church and is known as “Alta Mons”.

Merle P. Wills, March 6, 1992

Shortly after the remodeling, the sixteen year old daughter of Elbert Pearman died of unknown cause. She had fallen and hit her head at school sometime before her death. She was buried in the yard of the “Pearman House”, and soon after Elbert Pearman died. His daughter, Merle Wills, told me the family thought Elbert died of a broken heart. He had loved all his children but this child was very special to him.

Venie Conner Pearman bought a house in Shawsville so her children could be near the school. Her youngest son Jimmy was less than two years old at the time. She hired John Maxey to “take up” the young daughters body buried in the yard and she was reburied in Shawsville.



Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

Elbert Pearman had been Chief Purchasing Agent for the Pocahontas Coal and Coke Co. The family lived in Pocahontas, VA during the school year.

“ the first thing we did when we returned to the house was to run up the hill to see Uncle Washington and Lucy”. Lucy would bake biscuits, put on butter or fresh cherries”.

Merle

“Venie gave work to Aunt Sally (widow of Charley Maxey). She paid her and gave her clothes”. We were fascinated by silk stocking etc. Hazel Eanes Callahan

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Piedmont Cemetery near Shawsville, VA.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Wife of Costly Conner

Piedmont Cemetery near Shawsville, VA

Fmily of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- (5). Kimball Paxton Conner, born February 24, 1892 and died May 10, 1892.
- (6). Henrietta Alice Conner, born July 9, 1894 and died January 1975 in Beckly WV. She married Charles Jackson Kingera November 12, 1916. Charles was born May 25, 1862 in VA.
- (7). Gannaway David Conner, born February 22, 1896 and married Georgia Kinzer November 24, 1924. She was born August 28, 1895 and died August 30, 1989 in Princeton WV.
- i. James Harrison Conner, born July 2, 1849, died November 29, 1922 in Mercer Co. WV. He married Louisa Frances Stewart, age 22 (born Aug. 26, 1847), December 28, 1870.
  - (a). Zora Marilla Conner, born February 7, 1871 and married Charles Thomas Doyle.
    - + Ernest Webster Doyle, born Jan 31, 1894 in Mercer Co., WV
    - + Anna Mae Doyle, born March 21, 1896 in Princeton, WV
    - + Lena L. Doyle, born May 19, 1898 in WV, married Bowen Dale Lambert.
    - + Ammon Doyle, born March 1900 in VA
    - + James Herman Doyle, born June 3, 1901 in VA
    - + Edna G. Doyle, born May 23, 1902 in VA
    - + Vincent Thomas Doyle, born February 18, 1905 in VA
    - + Curtis B. Doyle, born July 19, 1907 in VA
    - + Delores Darsce Doyle, born March 3, 1909
    - + Carrie Amy Doyle, born February 6, 1911, married Posie Arthur Altizer about 1941, and died September 23, 1953.
    - + Clara Doyle (twin) born February 6, 1911.
    - + Shirley Lou Doyle, born June 27, 1914
  - (b). Costly Albert Conner, born September 9, 1874, died about 1962 at Princeton, WV. He married Martha Amelia Tiller (born Sep. 9, 1874) November 16, 1902.
    - + Lou Ella Conner, born February 8, 1904
    - + Bernice Taft Conner, born October 31, 1906, married Gracie Ellen Sperling (born abt. 1915) July 14, 1936.
    - + Bernard Craft Conner, born October 31, 1906, and married Anna Lee Knight November 23, 1933. Anna was born about 1912 in WV.
    - + James Willard Conner, born May 3, 1912
    - + Albert Raymond Conner, born October 21, 1919

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- (c). Fredrick Hines Conner, born May 22, 1878, died June 4, 1956. He was born at Alleghany Springs, VA. He married Mary Parthiena Baily December 25, 1901 at Bristol TN. He died June 4, 1956 at Princeton, WV, and was buried at Bethel Cemetery at Princeton.
- + Leona B. Conner, born about 1902 in WV. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Simpson.
  - + Enola B. Conner, born about 1904 in WV. She married Joseph Howard DeWeese September 21, 1925 at Princeton, WV. Joseph was born May 13, 1896 at Roseville, WV, and died June 1, 1961 at Mullens, WV.
  - + Loena E. Conner, born April 9, 1907, and died November 5, 1998. She married \_\_\_\_\_ White. She married William Henry Johnson Dec. 17, 1924 at Princeton, WV. He was born July 8, 1901 at Narrows, VA, and died October 3, 1943 at Princeton, WV.
  - + James Gifford Conner, born February 14, 1909 in WV, and died April 27, 1989.
  - + Oletha Conner, born January 24, 1911 and married James Clyde Martin Sr. March 31, 1929 at Princeton, WV. She died October 18, 2007 at Johnson City, TN.
  - + Sylvia A. Conner, born July 30, 1912 at Crumpler, WV, and married Robert N. Smith. She died January 21, 2007 at Wyoming Nursing & Rehab Center. Sylvia also was married to Andrew P. Martin February 20, 1932 in Princeton, WV.
  - + Martha Lou Conner, born August 7, 1915 at Princeton WV. She married first to Robert Roscoe Ross and second to Tully Graham Reynolds. She died March 21, 2008 in Princeton, WV and buried at the Ross Cemetery in New Castle, VA.
  - + Hubert Mastin Conner, born February 10, 1918 at Princeton, WV, and died June 20, 1997 at Princeton, and was buried at Roselawn Memorial Gardens at Princeton. He married Wilma Louise Keatley.
    - ++ Gary W. Conner
    - ++ Kevin T. Conner
  - + A. Burman Conner, born about 1920.
  - + Fredrick Hines, Jr., born November 8, 1921 in WV, and died December 1986.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- (d). Nora Ann Conner, married William A. Bennett in March 1904. William was born abt. 1875 in WV.
  - + Olga R. Bennett
  - + Basil B. Bennett
- (e). Cora Mae Conner, born June 27, 1881, Montgomery Co., VA. She married James Ira Pennington January 27, 1901 in Mercer Co., WV.
  - + Ruby L. Pennington, born about 1902
  - + Rena B. Pennington, born about 1903
  - + Matilda Pennington, born about 1904
  - + Retha A. Pennington, born about 1910
- j. Mary Isabel Conner, born March 27, 1852 and never married, but had 3 children,
  - (a). Irene Carmen "Cammie" Conner, born April 10, 1881 in Montgomery Co., VA. She married Giles William Robert Stewart December 31, 1899 at Mercer Co., WV. She died February 19, 1978 and buried at Princeton, WV.
  - (b). Ellis Floyd Conner, born July 2, 1874, Montgomery, Co. WV. He married Eugenia Lydia Conner (his cousin) May 6, 1907 in Montgomery, Co., VA. He died September 17, 1915 and is buried at Piedmont Cemetery.
    - + Elmer Conner born about 1907
  - (c). Dora Myrtle Conner, born May 31, 1889 in Montgomery Co. VA and married William Francis Bowen December 19, 1906. Dora died June 28, 1952 in Oxford, N.Y. when she was hit and killed by a car.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

k. Lydia Angeline Conner, born March 29, 1855, married William Washington Maxey December 3, 1876, who had previously been married to her sister Adaline. Adaline died after having three children. William was a widower born in Bedford County VA.

1. Joseph Costly Conner, born June 19, 1858, married Lydia M. Clower, age 25, September 19, 1879.

- (1). David W. Conner Sr., born March 1885, married Kate A. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Charles C. Conner, born about 1915
  - (b) David W. Conner Jr., born about 1922, married Mary Jamison who is the daughter of John Hairston Jamison and Cynthia Elizabeth Akers. Mary was born about 1917 and died January 31, 2010. (see 47.0.0.2)
- (2). Adaline Conner, age 19, married John T. Jones, age 25, October 25, 1900.
- (3). Lydia Ann Conner, age 19, married Charles Daniel Vest, age 21, March 20, 1902.
- (4). Virginia Conner, age 17, married Frank B. Jones, age 19, November 17, 1904. Frank was born in 1884 and died in 1940. Virginia was born in 1886 and died in 1964.
- (5). Elijah Conner, born abt. 1875
- (6). Costly Joseph Conner, born September 16, 1881, died January 7, 1956 Bluefield, WV and married Rosie Elswick abt. 1904.
  - (a). Clyde V. Conner, born February 7, 1906, died October 1973
  - (b). David Raymond Conner, born May 8, 1908, died October 21, 1947. He married Faye Blankenship about 1928.
  - (c). Nellie Fay Conner born about April 1910
- (7). Cora N. Conner, born August 14, 1887
- (8). Benjamin Franklin Conner, born July 17, 1890, married Laura J. \_\_\_\_\_.

Family of Danial and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**CONNER**

**Mary J.**

Mary J. Conner, of Roanoke, Va., died on January 31, 2010, at age 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, David W. Conner Jr.; parents, John Hairston Jamison and Cynthia Elizabeth Akers Jamison; five sisters; and one brother. She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Wells and her husband, Allen; grandchildren, Jack Wells and Allison Krantz; great-grandchildren, Katie Krantz and Rainey Krantz; her son, Mark B. Conner and his wife, Michelle; and grandchildren, Zack Conner and Sam Conner; and her son, Jeff. She was a sensitive loving person devoted to her husband and children and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Services will be conducted at noon on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at Oakey's North Chapel by the Rev. Mike Palmer. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. If you wish to send food the family requests it be given to the Rescue Mission, 402 4th Street, SE. Arrangements by Oakey's North Chapel, 540-362-1237.



Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- G. Cornelius Conner born about 1808 and died June 4, 1893, married Anna Poff December 19, 1836. Anna was born about 1809 and was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Pickle Poff. Their total number of children is Probably about ten. The census of 1900 shows a widow Anna Conner age 84, who has two grand children living with her. They are Lyddie (Lydia) Conner age 40 and James B. Conner age 18.
- a. Christina Conner, born about 1838-1839
  - b. Jesse Conner, born about 1841 and died August 30, 1859 of Quincy.
  - c. Jonathan Conner, born about 1841-1842, married Eliza M. Conner, May 15, 1865. Eliza was born in 1837. Jonathan was 23 and Eliza was 39 when they married. Eliza is the daughter of Aaron and Keziah Cole Conner.
    - (1). Maranda A. Conner, age 29, married David Sumner, age 42.
    - (2). Levena (Lavona F.) Conner, born January 21, 1867

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
By Johnathan and Sarah Reed Conner



CONNER  
Evelyn Poff

Evelyn Poff Conner, of Roanoke, born on April 3, 1919, was received by our Lord and Savior on January 25, 2012. She was born in Floyd County, the eldest daughter to the late James Lafayette and Ocie Wilson Poff. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and was preceded in death by her first husband of seven years and the father of her children, Garwood S. Conner; her second husband of 49 years, Ernest N. Conner; son Clifton W. Conner; brothers, Edmund Poff and wife, Mabel, and Murrie Poff; and brothers-in-law, Namon Vest, Shike King, and Diamond Shortt.

She is survived by her son, Charles G. Conner and wife, Wilma of Troutville; daughter, Margaret C. Jones and husband, Ronald of Roanoke; grandson, Patrick C. Conner; granddaughters Rhonda J. Graham and husband, Brad, Janet I. Conner, Tina L. Worley and husband, Patrick, and Teresa Jones; great-grandchildren, Amanda, Blake and Jacob Graham, Megan Worley, and Cathryn Conner. She also has one great-great-grandson, Eric Holden Mabe. Also surviving are her sisters and brothers, Beulah Vest, Colean King, Jaqueline Blackwell and husband, Harvey, Sylvia Shortt, Louise and Dorsey Thompson, Wilson and Audrey Poff, and Shirley and Emma Poff, sisters-in-law, Joyce Poff and Newassa Conner; brother-in-law, E.G. Conner and wife, Shirley, many nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Melvin Poff.

Services will be at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Ave. at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 29, 2012. The Rev. John Boyles and the Rev. Alan Mason will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. Friends may call at Oakey's South Chapel from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday January 28, 2012. The family would like to give special thanks to Peter and Carla Lewis, friends and former neighbors. They never forgot her birthday or any other special occasion. Also, special thanks to her sister, Sylvia Shortt, who was so faithful to visit "Mom" often, Dr. Matthew Billups, for your care of our mother, Alan and Myrna, and others at Carilion Hospice, you are so special, and were a great help to our family, and very special thanks to the employees at Emeritus Assisted Living at Ridgewood Gardens. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

Family of Daniel and May Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

(3). William Aaron Conner, born July 27, 1870, married Cora F. Poff, born November 16, 1890, April 7, 1910.

- (a). Ernest Nathan Conner, born July 20, 1911 and died June 7, 2001 from cancer. Ernest was married twice. His first marriage was for a very short time. His second wife was Evelyn Poff. Evelyn was previously married to Garwood Sherman Conner and they had three children together. Ernest and Evelyn did not have any children together. Garwood was born January 15, 1916 and died September 21, 1946 when he took his own life. Garwood is the son of Albert Conner and Ora Conner. Evelyn died Jan. 25, 2012.

Clifton Wayne Conner, born June 9, 1944, died July 10, 1983.  
He served in Vietnam in the U.S. Marines.

Margaret Elizabeth Conner, born November 15, 1945, married Ronald Lee Jones, born in 1947.

+ Tina Marie Jones, born May 22, 1973 and married September 26, 1998 in Roanoke, VA to Dyrk Justin Landis, born January 2, 1975.

Charles G. Conner, born February 24, 1941, married Wilma West.

- (b). Rufus Armor (Brown) Conner, born September 23, 1917, died February 19, 2005, and married Newassa Augustine (Peggy) Craighead November 25. Peggy was born August 31, 1926. Brown and Peggy have an infant son and daughter that died June 29, 1949 and are buried at Restvale Cemetery, Copper Hill, VA. Brown is also buried at Restvale.(see pages 47.1.0 & 47.1.0.1)  
+ Delores Conner married Walter Thompson

- (c). Edith Conner married Arvil Sloan  
(d). Doris Conner, married Homer qGilliam.  
(e). Joseph Conner

(4). Cornelius N. Conner, born 1872

(5). Peter Martin Conner, born July 13, 1874, never married

(6). Walter Preston Conner, born April 1, 1877 and died May 6, 1951. He married Julina Patra A. Carr, born July 16, 1885 and died November 17, 1971. They were married October 27, 1901. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(a). Nora Eva Conner, born October 4, 1904, died May 15, 1939, buried at Head of the River, never married.

(b). William Curtis Conner, born June 1909, see page 176.3

d. Elizabeth Conner, born 1844, married William King August 26, 1866.

e. Andrew Conner, born 1846

f. William Morgan Conner, born 1846, died 1913, and married Elsa Emily Manning February 5, 1891. Elsa was born May 1847 and died October 25, 1964.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



**CONNER**  
Rufus Armor

Rufus Armor (Brown) Conner, 87, of Roanoke, formerly of Copper Hill, went to be with the Lord Saturday February 19, 2005. He was a member of Laurel Ridge Primitive Baptist Church. He was a Veteran of World War II, serving as a Military Police in Sicily, Italy, Africa and France. He was preceded in death by his parents William A. and Cora Poff Conner; two brothers, Joseph and Ernest Conner; one sister, Edith Stone. He is survived by his wife, Newassa "Peggy" Conner, Roanoke, Va.; daughter and son-in-law, Dolores and Walter Thompson, Roanoke, Va.; grandsons, Brian and Joseph Scruggs, Roanoke, Va.; sister, Doris Gilliam, Kingsport, Tenn.; sister-in-law, Evelyn Conner, Roanoke, Va.; five nephews and one niece. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Elder Leonard Brammer and Elder Thomas Mann officiating. Interment will follow at Restvale Cemetery with Military Presentation by Floyd American Legion Post #127 and Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday February 21, 2005 at Maberry Funeral Home. Special thanks to the staff on One East at the Veterans Care

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



**CONNER**  
Newassa Craighead

On Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the age of 89, Newassa Craighead Conner went peacefully to heaven to be with the Lord and her husband, Rufus (Brown) Conner. Brown and Newassa were married for 61 years before his death on February 19, 2005. She was born August 31, 1926, to the late Cora and Ivory Craighead. Preceded in death by her infant twins; step-brother, Harry Vest; brothers-in-law and wives, Joe and Doris Conner, Earnest and Evelyn Conner; sisters-in-law and husbands, Doris and Homer Gilliam, Edith and Arvel Slone.

She is survived by her devoted daughter, Dolores Thompson (Walter); grandsons, Brian Scruggs (LeAnn Triplett) and Joseph Scruggs (Kelly); great-grandchildren, Ryan Triplett Watson, Conner Scruggs, Adam Scruggs and Julien Scruggs; nieces, and nephews; two cousins; Jo Ann Maberry and Gwendolyn Angle.

She was a dedicated, loving mother, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother, and a member of Laurel Ridge Primitive Baptist Church.

Thanks to Gentle Shepherd Hospice and special thanks to care giver, Shelby Sullivan who was a God send to Dolores.

Funeral Service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2016; at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Elder Timothy Crane. Interment will follow at Restvale Cemetery. Family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com)



**Maberry Funeral Home**  
367 S. Locust St., Floyd, VA  
540-745-2121

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- (6). Walter Preston Conner, born April 1, 1877 and died May 6, 1951. He married Julina Patra A. Carr, born July 16, 1885 and died November 17, 1971. They were married October 27, 1901. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (a). Nora Eva Conner, born October 4, 1904, died May 15, 1939, buried at Head of the River, never married.
  - (b). William Curtis Conner, born June 1909, see page 176.3
- d. Elizabeth Conner, born 1844, married William King August 26, 1866.
- e. Andrew Conner, born 1846
- f. William Morgan Conner, born 1846, died 1913, and married Elsa Emily Manning February 5, 1891. Elsa was born May 1847 and died October 25, 1964.

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- (1). Vionia Z. Conner, age 20, (born August 31, 1870) married William M. Hale, age 24, (born September 1869) February 18, 1891.
  - (a). Gertrude Hale that married \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers.
  - (b). Charles E. Hale, born abt. 1915 and died March 6, 1995. He married Bessie Pruitt.
- (2). Lydia Perdine Conner, age 20, married Preston Edward Simpson, age 20, December 29, 1892. Lydia was born September 2. 1872 and died March 29, 1959.
  - (a) Maye Louise Simpson married Thomas Amos, who was born about 1901 and they were married about 1929.
  - (b) Meredith Ruben Simpson married Bessie Shockey, born June 20, 1905, in 1928. Bessie died June 19, 1930.
- (3). Mahala Ann Conner, age 22, married John Henry Anderson Aldridge, age 24, March 15, 1894. Mahala was born June 5, 1871 and died March 15, 1936.
- (4). Elizabeth "Bettie" Lee Conner, born August 27 1878, and died February 6, 1970. She married Noah Isaac Wimmer, born December 17, 1879. They were married December 26, 1901.
- (5). Emma Cora Conner, (Aug. 21,1883-Jan. 21, 1959) at age 21, married Joseph C. King,  
(1880-1959) age 23, March 4, 1903.
- (6). William Clemons Morgan Conner, age 29, (born July 12, 1874), died May 1966, married Essie M. Gearheart November 25, 1903.
  - (a). Lillian Ethel Conner, born August 21, 1904 that married Hugh Namon Rakes about 1926.
  - (b). Inez Lydia Conner, born Decemder 10, 1908 never married and died July 26, 1974.
  - (c). Clemons Morgan Conner, born November 30, 1910 and died May 10, 1955.He married . He married Ocie Mae Angle
- (7). Balley Crinshaw Baldi Lumpa Conner, age 28 (born June 5, 1878), died in 1956, married Cammie Ida Puckett, age 20 (born 1889), May 27, 1909.
  - (a). Adeline Conner, born about 1922
- (8). Sarah Cammie Conner, born April 12, 1887 and died May 1898.

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g. Peter Conner, born 1850, married Mary Margaret Poff, age 21, January 28, 1875.

(1). Matilda Conner, born October 1876.

(2). Estilla Odell Conner, Born March 1879

(3). William L. Conner, born April 11, 1881, married Flora D. King, born September 4, 1885, April 2, 1913.

(a). Joseph Amon Conner, born February 18, 1914, died November 22, 1972, married Valery Gay Aldridge.

h. Lydia Margaret Conner, born 1852, married William Patterson Leffew March 31, 1880

i. Mary M. Conner, born 1852

j. Valentine Wise Conner, born March 12, 1856, married Elsira A.

Blankenship March 28, 1878, who was born about 1861. Valentine died March 25, 1940 and is buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(1). Olia L. Conner, born 1879.

(2). Wiley Conner, born in 1883, died July 30, 1886 of Flux.

k. China Alice Conner, 1858-1938, married Jacob Peter Mills (1858-1934) March 27, 1879.

l. Joseph Lawson Conner, born August 1, 1860-1950, married February 23, 1883 to Sarah Lodicia (Dotia) Conner (1864-June 22, 1955), daughter of Daniel R. and Lydia Conner. Buried at Restvale Cemetery.

(1). Alice Maude Conner, born April 1884, married John Walter Carr December 1, 1903. John was born March 1881 and is the son of William Henry Carr and Mary Adeline Perdue.



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- (2). George William H. Conner, born May 1889, married in 1912 to Sarah Eliza King, born November 17, 1894 and died 1965.
  - (a). Emeritte Edward Jacob Conner, born July 25, 1913, died May 14, 1978, married June 8, 1935 to Iris R. Conner.
  - (b). Frank Daniel Conner, born December 29, 1914, died September 22, 1991. He married Vera Mae Conner September 13, 1941 and Opal Mae Stanley November 19, 1983.
  - (c). Windon Cleatis Conner, born December 26, 1916, died October 29, 1968. He is buried in the King Cemetery, Bottom Creek. He served in the Army in WWII.
  - (d). Marshall Alvin Conner, born December 20, 1918, died June 8, 1991 and married Louise Powell in 1948.
- (3). Lydia C. "Minnie" Conner, born October 1891.
- (4). Eitie Clyde Conner, born November 12, 1899
- (5). Robert Roy Conner, born January 23, 1902, died December 22, 1952 and is buried at Restvale Cemetery.

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Children of William Riley Conner and Mary Eleanor Martin, see page 35.2.1

- (1). James Lewis Conner, born February 19, 1869 in Floyd County, VA and died February 23, 1941 in Fayette Co. WV. He married Malinda Rosabell Conner February 26, 1891 in Floyd County VA. Rossa was born August 30, 1874 in Floyd Co., VA.
  - (a). Maude Victoria Conner, born January 1, 1892
  - (b). Ernest Mosbey Conner, born March 27, 1895
  - (c). Alma Gay Conner, born December 9, 1896
- (2). Jordan Walter Conner, born July 7, 1871, Floyd County, VA, and married Julia Ann Blankenship November 17, 1892 in Floyd County, VA. Jordan was also married to Manda Lee Beckner, born about 1883.
  - (a). Clifton Conner, born about 1908.
  - (b). Ruth Conner, born October 27, 1916 in Roanoke Co., VA and married Arzie William Nichols July 16, 1951. Arzie was previously married and had a daughter Lela who married \_\_\_\_\_ Peters. Arzie was born May 25, 1902 in Floyd Co., VA and Died April 30, 2007. Ruth died March 27, 2003 and both are buried at Restvale Cemetery in Floyd County, VA.
    - + Delories Nichols married \_\_\_\_\_ Galliher
    - + Linda Nichols married \_\_\_\_\_ Roach.
    - + Lorena Nichols married \_\_\_\_\_ Switzer
    - + J. W. Nichols
    - + Michael Nichols
  - (c). Walter Lee Conner Sr., born September 1919, died September 1986, married Hattie Lee Shilling(1926-1979) January 22, 1944.
    - + Albert Letcher Conner, born December 7, 1945, died September 1, 1993. He married Harlene Phyllis Hale King. They applied for their marriage license in Roanoke Co. April 3, 1981
    - + Walter Lee Conner Jr. married Margaret Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.  
( see page 47.3.1.0.1)
  - (d). Leona Alice Conner, born December 1893, married George Marion Puckett September 28, 1910.
  - (e). Giles William Conner, born July 1895.
  - (f). Doctor W. Conner, born about 1896-1902, married Bertha \_\_\_\_\_ about 1924. They had a son Roy Wiley Conner born May 3, 1926 and married Isabelle Melton. Roy died April 13, 1997.
  - (g). Elizabeth Conner, June 1898

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- (3). John W. Conner, born September 1873 and married Leona R. Eanes October 31, 1894. Leona was born in 1878.
  - (a). Curtis G. Conner, born July 1896.
  - (b). William Ezra Conner, born February 1898
  - (c). Earlie Conner
  - (d). Opie Conner, born December 24, 1904, died September 1969.
  - (e). Zine Conner
  - (f). Maynard Conner, born October 18, 1909, died April 1984.
  - (g). Maurice Conner
  - (h). Otha Conner, born December 11, 1912, died June 1985
  - (i). Lizzy Conner
- (4). Noah L. Conner, born December 15, 1875, and married Grace E. Correll December 31, 1896. (see page 47.3.2)
- (5). Susan June Conner, born April 1878 and married John V. Light June 12, 1898. John was born August 1873, died about 1937.
- (6). Charles C. Conner, born May 1880 at Floyd Co. VA and married Genwary Cook May 28, 1903 in Fayette Co. WV.
  - + Romonus B. Conner born about 1904
  - + Joseph T. Conner, born December 12, 1907 and died January 1976.
  - + Lelia M. Conner born February 1910.
- (7). Romanus Conner, born October 30, 1881
- (8). Matthew Conner, born November 10, 1883 and married Mary L. Sowers January 26, 1907. Mary was born January 15, 1889.
  - (a). Gladys Conner, born about 1908
- (9). Luellie Conner, born June 1886, and is buried at the Craghead Cemetery, in the Bottom Creek area of Roanoke County, VA.
- (10). Richard Burl Conner, born August 6, 1887
- (11). Samuel Conner, born May 1889, Floyd Co., VA

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



**CONNER**

**Isabelle Melton**

Isabelle Melton Conner, 81, of Roanoke, passed away on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Rebecca Melton; husband, Roy Conner, and 10 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son Richard Conner; daughter, Lora Loving (Robert); three grandchildren, Jason Conner, Valerie Conner, and Rebecca Conner; and eight great-grandchildren. Isabelle enjoyed her faith and loved to pray.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2013, in the chapel of Valley Funeral Home, with the Pastor Andrew Draughn officiating. The family will receive friends an hour before the service. Interment will follow at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be sent to [www.valleyfuneralservice.com](http://www.valleyfuneralservice.com). Mrs. Conner has been entrusted to



**Valley Funeral Home**  
and Cremation Service

1629 Peters Creek Road NW, Roanoke  
543-563-1182

(see page 47.3.1)

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

Roanoke Valley



CONNER

Margaret Elizabeth

Margaret Elizabeth (Margie) Conner, 67, of Roanoke, Va., passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in Roanoke.

She was born on July 28, 1948, in Roanoke and had retired from Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital after 28 years of service.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Lee Conner Jr.; her daughter, Angela Bobbitt; her son, David Conner; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and three sisters, Barbara Peters, Mary Palmer and Carolyn Spangler.

A family visitation will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Family Choice Funerals and Cremations, 4922 Valley View Blvd N, Roanoke, VA 24012.

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(see page 47.3.1)

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**NICHOLS**  
Arzie William

Arzie William Nichols, 104, of Huddleston, Va., passed away on Monday, April 30, 2007 in the Berkshire Health Care Center. He was born Sunday, May 25, 1902 in Floyd County, Va., a son of the late John W. Nichols and the late Kathrin Lorena Agee Nichols. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Conner Nichols. He worked at the M.J. Cox Sawmill until the age of 83. He is survived by four daughters, Lela Peters, Floyd, Delories Galliher of Vinton, Linda Roach of Huddleston, Lorena Switzer of Moneta; two sons, J.W. Nichols, Michael Nichols, both of Huddleston; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at Updike Funeral Chapel, Huddleston on Thursday May 3, 2007 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Murphy officiating. Interment will follow in the Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd, Va. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Updike Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Huddleston.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

Obit of Ruth Conner Nichols

Nichols, Ruth Conner, 86, of Huddleston, passed away Thursday, March 27, 2003 in the Berkshire Health Care Center. She was born October 27, 1916 in Roanoke Co., a daughter of the late Jordan Walter Conner and Octavia Amanda Lee Beckner Conner. She is survived by her husband, Arzie William Nichols; three daughters, Delories Galliher, Vinton, Linda roach, Huddleston, Lorena Switzer, Moneta; a stepdaughter, Lela Peters, Floyd; two sons, J.W. Nichols, Michael Nichols, both of Huddleston; twelve grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. A funeral service will be conducted on Monday, March 31, 2003 at 11 a.m. from the Updike Funeral Chapel, Huddleston, by the Rev. Dr. Carl Douglass, Jr. Interment will follow in the Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. Friends may call after 12 noon Sunday and the family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Updike Funeral Home.



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- (4). Noah L. Conner was born December 15, 1875 in Floyd Co., VA and married Grace E. Correll, daughter of Henry L. and Catherine King Correll, December 31, 1896 at Floyd Co., VA. (See page 47.3.1)
- (a). Annie Beulah Conner was born abt. 1898 in VA and married Ed Hammock about 1915.  
+ Willard H. Hammock born abt. 1916 in WV  
+ Roy L. Hammock born abt. 1921 in WV  
+ Frances L. Hammock born abt. 1925 in WV  
+ Robert A. Hammock born abt. Jan 1930 in WV
- (b). Verna Conner born abt. 1899 in VA
- (c). Edith R. Conner born abt. 1902 in VA
- (d). Raymond Conner born November 4, 1905 in WV and married Elsie May Arrington and also Mae Harris.  
+ Gloria Conner married unknown Kilgore  
+ Geraldine Conner  
+ Charlotte Conner married Paul Shumate  
+ Geneva Conner born abt. May 1929 and married Gene MacMillian  
+ Ray Thomas Conner married Brenda Dalton  
+ Roy Lee Conner married Vennesa Lawrence
- (e). John Conner born abt. 1908 in WV
- (f). Roy Lee Conner born June 24, 1908 in WV and buried at Roselawn Burial Park, Martinsville, VA. He died November 2, 1987.

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- (10). Richard Burl Conner, born August 6, 1887, in Floyd County and died March 21, 1968. He married Vergie Elizabeth Craghead April 17, 1916. The marriage license shows Vergie's name as Virginia. Vergie was born August 13, 1895 and died October 16, 1983. They are buried at the Craghead Cemetery in the Bottom Creek area of Roanoke County, VA. (Bottom Creek Lane)
- (a). Garland Wade Conner, born December 8, 1929 and married Catherine Louise Argabright, who was born April 21, 1932. They were married September 24, 1949. Louise died February 12, 2000, Garland died April 25, 1976 and are buried at The Conner-Craighead Cemetery (Bottom Creek) They had three children.
- + Jason Conner (adopted), married Lourie \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + Freda Elizabeth Conner married 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Hannah, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eddie Lowell Adkins February 26, 1971. Freda was born May 14, 1953 and died June 23, 1998.
  - + Fred Layman Conner, born July 8, 1950 and died January 7, 1971. He fell into a hopper spreading cinders while working.
- (b). Namon Neil Bay Conner, born September 19, 1931 and died January 21, 1992. He is buried at the Craighead/Conner Cemetery at Bent Mountain, VA on Bottom Creek Lane. His wife's name is unknown at this time.
- (1). Ester Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Pierpoint
- + Sandy Pierpoint
- (c). Garney Buford Conner, born November 8, 1917, died May 21, 1990. He married Ruby L. Meador, who was born in 1923, and died November 21, 1999, and buried in Craighead/Conner Cemetery on Bottom Creek Lane.
- (1). Damon "Tony" Anthony Conner married Dorinda Kay Hartman. They applied for marriage license in Roanoke Co. August 5, 1980.
- (2). Sharon Conner, married Gary Jones
- (d). Velma Conner, married Roosevelt Emmett. Thompson. He was born April 11, 1935 and died August 3, 2000. They were married in 1953.
- + David Thompson, married Linda \_\_\_\_\_
  - + Johnny Thompson, married Linda \_\_\_\_\_
  - + Curtis Thompson married Ellen \_\_\_\_\_
  - + Angela Thompson married Robert Flemming
  - + Donna Thompson married Rusty Smith
- (e). Thelma A. Conner, born abt. 1924 married \_\_\_\_\_ Clingenpeel. Thelma died May 26, 1995.
- (f). Alma S. Conner, born 1922 married \_\_\_\_\_ Chocklett

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA  
Fred Laymen Conner – Jul 8, 1950, Jan 7, 1971  
(see page 47.4)

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(g). Icie Elizabeth Conner, born May 9, 1916, died October 1968, married May 11, 1950 to Everett Monroe Reynolds, born April 3, 1913, died March 1968. He is the son of Everett and Minnie Cronk Reynolds.

(11). Samuel "Sampson" Conner, born May 1889 in Floyd County, VA and married Osceola "Ocie" Thompson, born December 20, 1895 in Roanoke County, VA, April 1, 1917. Ocie is the daughter of Fred and Martha Thompson. Ocie died August 1968 at age 72.

(a). James Edward Conner Sr., born in 1919 and died November 19, 2003. He married Ruby Mills in 1939. Ruby is the daughter of Walter Staples Mills, and Elizabeth Cynthia Wimmer. James is a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. He is buried at Copper Hill church of the Brethren Cemetery.

+ Iva Eloise Conner, born September 23, 1940, married Franklin D. Truman. She married Richard Lee Young September 21, 1956 in Floyd County, VA. Richard was born July 27, 1939 and died July 8, 1997. He was the son of Roy Lee Young and Gertrude \_\_\_\_\_. Richard was also married to June Kirby.

+ James Edward (Jim) Conner married Linda \_\_\_\_\_. Jim was born July 12, 1943 and married Ramona Ann Cook April 22, 1967 in Floyd County, VA.

+ Bruce Wallace Conner, born May 25, 1945.

+ Kenneth Dale Conner, born July 27, 1954, married Robin Gale Weaver May 19, 1989 at Floyd County, VA.

(b). Robert Lee Conner, born 1925 and died June 6, 2000. Bob married Edna Pauline "Polly" Johnson. Polly was born about 1924 and died October 8, 2005. (See obit on page 47.5.1)

(c). Ray Thompson Conner ?

(d). Rachel F. Conner, born 1927, died August 23, 1995. She married Herman Underwood in Roanoke County, VA.

(e). Myrtle Mae Conner, married Frank Edward Poff in 1941 in Roanoke County, VA. Frank was born October 11, 1916 and died March 15, 1998. Myrtle was born in 1920 and died August 24, 2009. She is buried in Sherwood Memorial Park.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

**POFF**  
**Myrtle Mae Conner**  
Myrtle Mae Conner Poff, 87, of Roanoke County, Va., passed away at her home on Monday, August 24, 2009. She retired from Lufkin Industries in Salem in 1966 after 43 years of service. Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Frank E. Poff; parents, Samuel and Odie Conner; brothers, Robert Conner, J. Edward Conner Sr., and Ray Thompson; and sisters, Rachel Underwood and Violet Hambrick. Surviving are her sister-in-law, Ruby Conner; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, September 5, 2009, at Oakley's South Chapel with the Rev. Dave Hensley officiating. Interment will follow in Silverwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association, 6217 Park Place Ct., Glen Allen, Va. 23060. Arrangements by Oakley's South Chapel, 840-886-3130.

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

(f). Violet Conner, born about 1929, died August 19, 2006 married Richard "Dick" Hambrick. Dick preceded his wife in death. Violet's burial was private.

+ Patricia Hambrick, married Unknown Snow

++ Shawn Snow

++ Rhonda Snow

++ Kevin Snow

+ Janet L. Hambrick, married Troy Ferguson

++ Logan Ferguson

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by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

- c. Mary E. Conner, born about 1850 and married John W. Martin April 18, 1872.
- f.. Catherine Conner, born about 1854.



**CONNER**  
**Edna Pauline**

Edna Pauline (Polly) Conner, 81, of Roanoke, died Saturday, October 8, 2005. Pauline was a retired real estate sales lady and was preceded in death by her parents, Nash Johnson and Nellie Milton Owen; her brothers, Earl Johnson Owen, Thomason Jessie Owen; her stepson, Randy Davis; and her husband, Robert (Bob) L. Conner. Surviving is her stepson, Robin Jerry Anderson; her stepgrandchildren, Jerry Lee Anderson, Ricky Davis, Jr.; her brother, Maynard R. Owen and wife, Dorothy, of Roanoke County; several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held at Oakey's Vinton Chapel, Tuesday, October 11, 4 p.m. with Pastor Eric Spano officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Building Fund in her memory. The family will receive friends Tuesday one hour prior to the funeral service at Oakey's Vinton Chapel.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
 by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

<b>MARRIAGE LICENSE</b>	
<i>Virginia Roanoke County to-wit:</i>	
<b>To Any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:</b>	
You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.	
<i>Samuel Conner</i> and <i>Osie Thompson</i> Given under my hand, as Clerk of <i>the Circuit</i> Court of <i>Roanoke County</i> (or City) this <i>9th</i> day of <i>March</i> 191 <i>7</i>	
<b>MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE</b>	
To be annexed to the license, required by Section 2220 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Act of February 24, 1904.	
<b>VIRGINIA:</b> In the Clerk's Office of the <i>Circuit</i> Court for the County (or City) of <i>Roanoke</i> Date of Marriage <i>April 1st 1917</i> Place of Marriage <i>Roanoke Co</i> <i>Samuel Conner</i> and <i>Osie Thompson</i> Age of Husband <i>27</i> years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) <i>Single</i> Age of Wife <i>24</i> years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) <i>Single</i> Race (White or Colored) <i>White</i> Husband's Place of Birth <i>Floyd Co</i> Residence <i>Roanoke Co</i> Wife's Place of Birth <i>Roanoke Co</i> Residence <i>Roanoke Co</i> Names of Husband <i>Wm Conner</i> and <i>Mary Thompson</i> Parents Wife <i>Fred Thompson</i> and <i>Messiah Thompson</i> Occupation of Husband <i>Frazer</i> Given under my hand this <i>9th</i> day of <i>March</i> 191 <i>7</i> <i>Wm Weston</i> Clerk	
<b>Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage</b>	
<i>J. H. Shaver</i> Minister of the <i>Worshipful</i> Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the <i>1</i> day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>7</i> at <i>Martha Thompson</i> Virginia, under authority of the above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the County (or City) of <i>Franklin</i> , State of Virginia. Given under my hand, this <i>1</i> day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>7</i> . <i>J. H. Shaver</i>	
<small>(Person who performs ceremony sign here)          The Minister or other person performing a marriage is required, within thirty (30) days thereafter, to return the license and certificate of the Clerk and the certificate of the time and place at which the marriage was celebrated to the Clerk who issued the license. Failure to comply with these requirements of the law makes the license or other papers which bearing the marriage liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each offense (See Section 2220 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Act approved December 14, 1904, Act 1904, chapter 24, pages 22 and 23).</small>	



Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner



**CONNER, James Edward Sr.**

James Edward (Ed) Conner, Sr., 84, of Copper Hill, departed this life and entered into eternal peace on Wednesday, November 19, 2003. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and he was a member of VFW #1264. He was a member of Pippin Hill Presbyterian Church in Callaway. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Ocie Conner; two brothers, Robert Conner and Ray Thompson; and one sister, Rachel Underwood. He is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 64½ years, Ruby Mills Conner; one daughter, Iva E. Turman and husband, Franklin D. of Boones Mill; three sons, James E. (Jim) Conner, Jr. and wife, Linda of Riner, Bruce Conner and good friend, Kathe of Copper Hill, Kenneth D. Conner and wife, Robin of Copper Hill; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Myrtle Poff and Violet Hambrick, both of Roanoke. Services will be at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren, 11 a.m. Friday, November 21, 2003. The Rev. James Worline will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Military honors by VFW Post #1264. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday. Arrangements by Oakey's

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jonathan and Sarah Reed Conner

Monday, November 11, 2013



**CONNER**  
**Ruby Mills**

Ruby Mills Conner, 91, of Copper Hill, departed this life for a better one on Saturday November 9, 2013. She was born February 21, 1922 at Copper Hill, Va. She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Mills; mother, Eliza Wimmer Mills; and also, her husband, James Ed Conner, Sr.; four brothers, Sherman, Ralph, John and Lewis Mills; two sisters, Myrtle Mills and Annie Bunz; and son-in-law, Franklin "D" Turman. She is survived by one daughter, Iva Conner Turman; three sons and spouses, James, Jr. (Jimmy) and Linda Conner, Bruce and Kathe Conner and Kenneth and Robin Conner; one sister,

one daughter, Iva Conner Turman; three sons and spouses, James, Jr. (Jimmy) and Linda Conner, Bruce and Kathe Conner and Kenneth and Robin Conner; one sister, Clara Walters; 11

great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Conner was a member of Copper Hill Church of the Brethren, and was baptized when she was 13 years old. While we are saddened by her passing, we are comforted to know that she is in the loving arms of Jesus, and will suffer no more. The family extends special thanks to Medi Home Health and Hospice for all of their loving care of our mother. Special thanks to Marianne and Roteisha. Services will be at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Pastor Marty Moyer and Pastor Maurice Wright will officiate. Interment will follow in Copper Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday November 11, 2013. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

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4257 Brambleton Ave., Roanoke, Va.

Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner

3. William P. Conner Sr. (born Sept. 1768 in Loudon County and died from palsy September 10, 1853). Montgomery County marriage records show that William and Catherine Poff was married May 7, 1811. The name of the surety was Peter Poff. Catherine was from Augusta County Virginia and was born between 1790 and 1795, and died around 1876 of Diphtheria. Catherine's parents were Peter and Elizabeth Poff. The census of 1860 shows a Catherine Conner age 74 living alone. William and Catherine was involved in some type manufacturing according to census information. William and Catherine had the following children:

A. Jacob Poff Conner; born 1812 and married Addena(Polly)"Mary" Furrow, October 9, 1833. The 1850 census shows two children living in the household W. Conner age 13 and John Haden Conner age 9. Jacob had these two sons and later married his second wife Tabitha Levica (Levisa)Wilson July 19, 1849. Tabitha was born in 1825. The census listed Jacob as a farmer and owned property valued at \$400. The 1860 census provides additional information about Jacob's family.

a. William Nathan Conner born February 2, 1837 and died in October 9, 1911. He was married first to Cynthia Virginia Otey October 18, 1855. This marriage was recorded in Montgomery County, Virginia. Cynthia died from consumption December 3, 1858. William then married Elizabeth Light December 22, 1859. Elizabeth was born November 6, 1841, died September 3, 1910, and was the daughter of John L. Light and Mary Conner Light (married 1832). William was Postmaster of Conner's Mill, Virginia (1870-1872) and Simpson, Virginia (1896-1911). Nathan and Elizabeth are buried in the Link Cemetery, Diamond Knob Road, Floyd Co., VA.

(1). A. J. L. Conner, born May 15, 1856

(2). Samuel Green Conner, born July 1855, married Abigail Oyler April 9, 1874. She was 16 and he was 17. Her parents are Lewis and Lydia Oyler. Marriage license was found in Montgomery County.

(a). Laura Jane Conner, born about 1875 in Floyd Co. VA.

(b). Florence A. Conner, born November 1879, Floyd Co. VA.

(c). Robert Lee Conner, born July 28, 1882, died February 10, 1956 at Hinton WV. He married Eila Dale Upton February 13, 1907.

+ Franklin B. Conner, born July 5, 1907, married Ola Sue Frazier November 21, 1931.

+ Ronald Lee Conner, born September 4, 1910, married Lillian Clinebell January 11, 1930. Lillian was born March 16, 1907 and died February 13, 1954 in Charleston, WV.

+ James Edward Conner, born June 22, 1914, married 1<sup>st</sup> Unknown Donovan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Stennett Payne.

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- + Gilbert Woodruff Conner, born February 23, 1917, married Unknown Garrison. He died May 23, 1987 at Hinton, WV.
  - + Billy B. Conner, born about 1922, married Unknown Kraus.
  - + Jack Lowe Conner, born January 18, 1925, at Hinton, WV, and died April 11, 1941 at Hinton.
  - (d). Luvenia Conner was born February 1887.
  - (e). Irene Conner, born February 1887.
  - (f). James L. Conner, born March 1892 in WV.
- (3). William R. Conner, born April 21, 1858.
- (4). James Nathan Conner, born January 15, 1861, at age 20, married Melvina Poff, age 15, December 21, 1880. James died March 28, 1927 and Melvina was born March 2, 1865 and died March 6, 1933. They had two children, Etta G.T. and Oscar S. Conner.
- (5). Lucy Mary Conner, born May 18, 1867 and married David Wesley Link December 16, 1885.
- (a). Grace Link, born November 8, 1887
  - (b). Coy Link, born December 10, 1888 and married Ada Akers October 23, 1907
  - (c). Guy Link, born April 18, 1891
  - (d). Doctor E. Link, born February 10, 1894
  - (e). Hubert Link, born May 1, 1895
  - (f). Cola Link, born March 20, 1897
  - (g). Bernie Link, born August 1, 1899
  - (h). Roscoe Link, born March 31, 1901
  - (i). Henry Clay Link, Sr., born February 28, 1903
  - (j). Theodore Roosevelt Link, born April 20, 1904
  - (k). Beatrice Link, born June 17, 1906
  - (l). Elizabeth Link, born March 20, 1908
  - (m). Joseph Conner Link, born August 1, 1910. Joseph married Rehba Jane Light. (see page 48.0.2)

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**AKERS**  
**Joan Link**

On Monday, April 4, 2016 Joan Link Akers, 82, of Riner went home to Heaven and entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where she also joined her husband of 59 years, Harless Freeman Akers.

She was born on Mattox Mountain in Check, Va. on August 17, 1933 to the late Joseph Conner Link and Rheba Jane (Light) Link. Joan worked at number of jobs during her life, Blue Ridge Overall Factory, Christiansburg Garment Company, Auburn School Cafeteria, Avon Lady, but her greatest life work was being a faithful, loving wife and Godly Christian mother who raised up five children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Joan is survived by five children, Vicki Painter (Buck), Donna Lucas (Danny), Jerry Akers (Lori), Cindy Hart (Tim), and Mark Akers (Alisa Knapp, fiancé). Grandma Akers was blessed with 11 grandchildren, Tonya Phillips, Melanie Bishop, Monica Percival, Justin and Katie Lucas, Zachary, Seth, Caleb, and Hannah Akers, Matthew and Colby Memitt; as well as 14 great grandchildren, Allison Bishop, Riley Phillips, Therron, Elijah, and Ivy Percival, Amelia and Cooper Lucas, Harleigh Mikels, Micah and Raegan Akers, Paisley Cox, Ava Holt, Aubrey Akers, and Sheila Memitt. Also surviving are four brothers, James (Peggy), Danny, Paul, and Allen Link; three sisters, Betty Reynolds, Mary Richardson, Brenda Hungate (Carl); and one foster sister, Joyce Whitaker (Chris).

Friends may call at Gardner Funeral Home after 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2016 where the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted at Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016 with Pastor Jerry F. Akers (son), and Pastor Ben Whitaker officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg. Online condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). The family is being served by Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd.



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Floyd County state of virginia  
Mr goodson W please let Jacob Conner  
have lisons for my daughter  
Meaththise Gwvior  
Adam Gwvior W

October 12 1858  
will please Mr Conner  
you will give Jacob Conner lison for  
my daughter and in doing you will  
oblige your friend  
William James

Know all men by these presents that we Jacob Conner and Adam Furrow are held and firmly bound unto John Floyd, Governor of the State of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars

Witness  
W. Goodson

Jacob Conner  
Adam Furrow Seal

I do hereby certify that on the 18th day of September last I celebrated the rights of Matrimony bet Jacob Conner and Mary Furrow agreeable to the form of our Church in pursuance of license from the Clerk of the County Court of Floyd given under My hand this 14th day of July 1834.

Michael Bowring  
Minister of the Gospel

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy taken from the records of said Court I, Wendell G. Peters, Clerk thereof, set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb. 1892  
Wendell G. Peters  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk  
Circuit Court, County of Floyd, Virginia



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- b. John Hayden Conner, born November 28, 1840 (field hand) married Isabel Ellen Link age 23,(born Jan. 1844) January 27, 1867.
  - (b). Alice Conner, born April 24, 1868, married Charles A. Smith December 24, 1885.
  - (c). Electa Conner, born April 5, 1870
  - (d). Mary Malinda Conner, born July 14, 1872
  - (e). Bertha S. Conner, born Oct 15, 1874
  - (f). Roscoe K. Conner, born about 1877
  - (g). Pearl M. Conner born June 13, 1879, and died February 16, 1885 and is buried in the Link Cemetery, Diamond Knob Road (SR 808) Floyd Co., VA.
  - (h). Ida Adalene Conner, born July 19, 1883 and married Andrew Allen Carper December 31, 1902. Ida died at Winston-Salem, NC. Jan. 8, 1960. Ida was the mother of 10 or 12 children.
- c. Lydia M. Conner, born October 13, 1852, died June 10, 1940, married Henderson Amstead Spangler September 11, 1870. Henderson was born August 10, 1849. He died June 13, 1928. He was the father of 10 children.
- d. Leona (Liona) J. Ann Conner; born March 6, 1868 ( from 1870 census), died March 28, 1950, married Jobe S. Link

Jacob had a grandson William R. Conner born April 21, 1858. William's mothers name was Cintha J.. Some old records of George B. Conner shows a Miss Jacob Conner (1893) which would indicate she was alive at that time.

B. Nathan Conner, born November 13, 1813 (a detailed report is included later).

C. Isaac Conner; born about 1817, married Caroline Gray Nov. 6, 1841 and she was born about 1827, died in 1890. Isaac died October 2, 1854 from typhoid fever. Isaac was a farmer and he and Caroline had the following children:

- a.(I am still trying to confirm the information on this marriage) Mary Elizabeth Conner; born 1844, died February 24, 1886 of heart disease. She married John William Martin, born about 1851. They were married April 18, 1872. John also married Mary F. King, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth R. Conner King March 10, 1892.
  - (1). Sarah Jane Martin, born about May 1874.
  - (2). James W. Martin, born about 1876.
  - (3). Samuel H. Martin, born about 1878.

b. William D. Conner; born 1845, was murdered (stabbed) December 15, 1862.

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c. Eliza (Elzira) C. Conner; born (1850-1934) married Lebon Wilson January 11, 1866. Lebon was born in 1844.

- (1). Lizena Wilson, born April 5, 1867
- (2). Mary Catherine Wilson, born April 24, 1868
- (3). Joseph Cephas Wilson, born March 24, 1870
- (4). Isaac Daniel Wilson, born June 3, 1872 (see page 23.0.1)
- (5). Jimima Wilson, age 21, married John Castle Conner, age 19, June 20, 1895. John is the son of Samuel S. and Martha Ann Poff Conner and was born January 1876.
- (6). J.H.E. Wilson, born about 1875
- (7). C. Wilson, born January 18, 1876
- (8). Patra E. Wilson, born 1878
- (9). James Edward "Ned" Wilson, born August 1881, died 1949. He married Nancy Elvira Ganes Walton May 8, 1902. Nancy was born December 10, 1881, died 1953.
- (10). Tazwell Wilson, born April 3, 1886

d. Edward J. Conner, born 1853, died 1940, married Lucy Ellen McGee, age 18 December 18, 1873. Lucy was born in 1855 and died in 1952. She is the daughter of William Thomas and Martha Ann Gates McGee. They are buried at the Head of the River Cemetery. The family moved from Floyd to Franklin Co. after 1890 and before 1900.

- (1). Ellen Conner, born October 28, 1874, died before 1880.
- (2). William Daniel Conner, born 1883, married Lucy M. Stump, age 16, January 22, 1905 in Floyd County VA.
  - (a). Callie G. Conner born about 1909
  - (b). Llana Conner born about 1914
  - (c). Noah E. Conner born about 1916
  - (d). Clifford Conner born about 1920
- (3). Lula Conner born about 1888 and married Lemuel Stump.
  - (a). Ina M. Stump, born 1922 and never married. She died October 23, 2008, and is buried at Restvale Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.
  - (b). William J. Stump
  - (c). Beulah Stump married Henry Lewis Walters
  - (d). Lucy Stump married \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson.

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- (4). Theresa Alice Conner, born abt. October 1876. She first married James Henry Guilliams February 15, 1893. James was born about 1875 and died about 1895. She then married Joseph Henry Holland about 1896. She died in 1960 and is buried in the Joseph Henry Guilliams cemetery on Rt. 742 one mile north of Calaway, VA.
  - (a). Joseph Henry Guilliams, born July 30, 1894 and died April 17, 1957, He married Lucy Ann Yopp January 1, 1917 in Franklin Co., VA.
  - (b). Willard M. Holland, born November 7, 1901 and died August 20, 1987. He married Minnie \_\_\_\_\_ and is buried in the same cemetery as his mother.
  - (c). Thomas Malvin Holland, born abt. 1903, died May 17, 1995 and is buried in the same cemetery as his mother.
- (5). Peradine Martha Conner, born about 1878
- (6). Elzira A. Conner, born about 1881.
- (7). Walter C. Conner, born August 17, 1884, died January 1977, married Mary Arlothia Richards February 11, 1906. Mary is the daughter of Berry Rudick Richards and Eva Susannah Craghead Richards.
  - (a). Clarence N. Conner, born about 1907
  - (b). Remon E. Conner, born December 1909.
  - (c). Frank Marvin Conner, born September 24, 1914 and married about 1934 to Mary Frances \_\_\_\_, born in 1915. Frank died September 2, 2000 and Mary died July 23, 2004.  
+ Carolyn Conner, married Robert Porch
- (8). Lemet Blanchet Conner, born about 1886 (son)
- (9). Lula Conner, born about 1888.
- (10). Electra E. Conner, born 1891.
- (11). Carlie V. Conner, born 1894 in Franklin Co. VA., and married John Cephas Austin Oct. 5, 1910. Carlie died Nov. 27, 1982, and she and John Cephas are buried at Mt. View Memorial Park, Wirtz, VA. John Cephas was born July 6, 1892 in Franklin Co., VA and died Dec. 29, 1968 in Rocky Mount, VA. John Cephas is the son of Creed W.J.E.M. "John" Austin and Augusta King. "John" and Augusta were married Dec. 24, 1872. "John" was born Feb. 6, 1855 and died July 10, 1930 in Franklin, Co., Va. "John's" parents were Joseph W. Austin and Rosina "Rosanna" Smith. Augusta was born December 13, 1854 and died Jan. 14, 1923.
  - (a). Dock Austin, (b). Berkley Austin, (c). Okey Austin, (d). Joe J. Austin, (e). Horace Austin.
- (12). Lucy Conner, born 1896.

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D. Andrew C. Conner was born about 1823, died in 1903 and his wife Matilda Walters was born about 1825. Andrew and Matilda were married April 22, 1845. Matilda is the daughter of William Walters and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. William Walters in his will dated February 15, 1848, gave Matilda \$1.00. Census records shows Andrew as being a farmer and having the following children:

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- a. Julia Ann Conner; born 1846, died about 1919 never married.
- b. William Haden Sr. Conner; born October 12, 1848, died December 16, 1932, married Sarah Virginia Wilson June 19, 1867. Sarah was the daughter of James H. and Emily Smith Wilson. Sarah was born April 27, 1845 and died February 19, 1917. They had the following Children and maybe more:
  - (1). Mary A. (Martha) Conner, born March 23, 1868, died December 11, 1918 and married George Vest July 2, 1884.
  - (2). Malinda Rosabell Conner, born August 30, 1872 and died March 19, 1927. She married James Lewis Conner, age 21, February 26, 1891. James is the son of William Riley and Mary E. Martin Conner.
    - (a). Maude Victoria Conner, born January 1, 1892
    - (b). Ernest Mosby Conner, born March 27, 1895, died January 31, 1972. He married Minnie Ellen Jones and lived in WV.
      - + Cletis Carmen Conner, born August 5, 1917
      - + Joel Ernest Conner, born August 7, 1919
      - + Hollis Leroy Conner, born July 9, 1921, married July 25, 1941 to Ella Frances Sexton. Ella was born October 30, 1924, Fayette Co. WV and died July 24, 2001 at Oak Hill WV.
        - ++ Harold Gene Conner, born August 30, 1946 and died April 4, 1990.
        - ++ Randall Conner, born December 29, 1942
      - + Donvin Ellwood Conner, born November 29, 1931, married Mary Anna Brown.
    - (c). Gay Almer Conner, born 1896
  - (3). Sarah Elizabeth Conner, born August 26, 1870 and married John William Lawrence, who was a twin December 4, 1887.
    - (a). Alonzo L. Lawrence, born 1889.
    - (b). Lula Conner Lawrence, born October 2, 1893 and died July 31, 1928, She married James Eli Sisson in 1910. She is buried at the Wilson Cemetery.
    - (c). Ollie Lawrence, born \_\_\_\_.
    - (d). Eliza Lawrence, born \_\_\_\_.
    - (e). Abe John Lawrence, born 1899.
    - (f). Stanley Earl Lawrence, born \_\_\_\_.
    - (g). Weldon Theodore Lawrence, born 1904.
    - (h). Myrtle Lawrence born 1906.
    - (i). Sherman Guy Lawrence, born \_\_\_\_.
    - (j). Ada Pansy Lawrence, born \_\_\_\_.

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- (4). Joanna "Annie" Conner, born March 3, 1875 and married Adolphus D. Sisson, age 30, July 9, 1905. Annie died November 26, 1958 and is buried in the Wilson Cemetery. Adolphus is buried at Wilson Cemetery.
- (5). John William Conner, born May 11, 1878 and died June 29, 1952. He is buried in Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem, Va. He married Laura Udoxey Sisson, age 24, December 9, 1903.
- (6). William Haden Conner Jr., age 21, married Sarah Amanda Elizabeth Conner, age 21, November 20, 1884. Amanda is the daughter of Samuel S. and Sarah A. E. Conner.
  - (a). Cora Conner was born January 20, 1897 and married Ivory Elbert Craighead February 8, 1918. She was 21 and he was 17. They divorced after the birth of a daughter Newassa Augustine Craighead. Chancery book 11 page 369 lists the divorce of Cora and Ivory as January 1933. Cora married Abraham Lincoln Vest July 16, 1933. He was age 70 and had previously been married to Emma Thurman and Sarah Furrow. Cora died November 25, 1981 and Abraham died April 17, 1957. They are buried at Restvale Cemetery. Abraham is the son of Jacob and Jane Shockley Vest.
  - (b). Zora Conner, born 1901, married Everett Hundley, age 18, July 3, 1919. Everett is the son of G.W. and Cora B. Hundly.

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- (7). Melitia (Malisita) Missouri Conner, age 17, married Eady Wade Austin, age 19, December 23, 1897.
  - (a). Chloe Dovie Austin, born November 2, 1898
- (8). Pearl V. Conner, (born November 18, 1889) age 18, married Lewis H. Lancaster, age 22, November 10, 1907.
  - (a). M.L. Lancaster, 21, married Rachel Irene Sisson, 19, September 2, 1940.
- (9). Trudy Conner, age 18, married G. Ellery Blankenship, age 20, October 28, 1908.
- (10). Dennis Haden Conner, born November 7, 1882, died September 23, 1972, married Addie B."Annie" Kingrea, born June 3, 1884, on June 21, 1905. Annie died October 24, 1973. They are buried at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Princeton, WV.
  - (a). Ray L. Conner, born March 27, 1906, Mercer Co. WV
  - (b). Ted O. Conner, born June 23, 1909, Mercer Co. WV, died December 24, 1987 at Princeton, WV, and married Martha Jane Odle, born May 16, 1911 and died August 16, 2002. They were married July 6, 1928 in Mercer Co., WV.
    - ++ Donald E. Conner
    - ++ Michael L. Conner
    - ++ Ricky A. Conner
    - ++ Shawn B. Conner
    - ++ Ted O. Conner
  - (c). Elmer "Eli" Haden Conner, born Jan 13, 1915 at Matoaka, WV, and died July 26, 2011 at Roanoke, VA. He married Gracie Walker. (see page 49.2.0.0.2). Gracie was born May 24, 1922 in Bramwell WVA, and died March 13 2013.
    - + Jeanie Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Miano, she died Nov. 7, 2004.
    - + Elmer Dale Conner born September 21, 1939 and died November 11, 2011. Elmer married Nancy \_\_\_\_\_.
      - ++ Troy Lee Conner Malone
      - ++ Debra Anne Conner Shannon
      - ++ David Wayne Sowers (step-son)
      - ++ Jerry Michael Pettrey (step-son)
  - (d). Arlie Thomas Conner Sr., born July 25, 1911, Floyd County, VA.
  - (e). Buck Conner
  - (f). Allie C. Conner, born August 5, 1925, Mercer Co. WV, married \_\_\_\_\_ Harvey.
  - (g). Frances Conner
  - (h). Unknown Conner
  - (i). Howard Conner, born November 7, 1925, Mercer Co. WV

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- (11). Andrew Louis Conner, (born April 22, 1885) (died August 4, 1964) age 23, married Almeda Elmira Vest, age 20, December 27, 1908. Almeda was born December 13, 1888.
- (a). Erma Conner, born October 10, 1909, married Dossie William Sowers Jr. February 25, 1931. Erma died March 11, 2006. Dossie was born December 15, 1904, died April 25, 1968. They are buried at Wilson Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.  
+ Marie Ann Sowers married Gratton W. Vest  
+ Dossie William Sowers Jr.
- (b). Alvin Edwin Conner, born February 19, 1912, married Ocie Gay Graham. Ocie is the daughter of Doctor and Mariam Conner Graham. Ocie was born March 28, 1915. Ocie died May 6, 2014, and is buried in Wilson Cemetery. They were married in 1935. Alvin died October 12, 2007.  
+ Judith Irene Conner, born Oct. 26, 1936, married Edward Hugh Howard  
+ Macle Lee Conner, born Oct. 12, 1938, married Gerlene Hale  
+ Glenna Jean Conner, born October 4, 1944, married James E. Vest  
+ Edwin Wyane Conner, born in 1954 and died Sep 8, 1914. His wife's name is unknown. (See page 49.2.0.0.1.1)  
++ Missy Conner married Brad Mullins



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CONNER

Ocie Gay Graham

Ocie Gay Graham Conner, 99, of Check, passed away on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

She is survived by four children and their spouses, Judith and Hugh Howard, Macle and Gerlene Conner, Glenna and James Vest, and Edwin (Eddie) W. Conner; four granddaughters and husbands, Teresa and Jimmy Bowman, Sherry and Wayland Bond, Rhonda and Freddie Conner, and Missy and Brad Mullins; two grandsons and wife, Rodney and Sandra Vest, Mark Howard; seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Junior Conner officiating. Interment will follow at the Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call on Friday after 6 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wilson Cemetery in care of Bobby Vest, 1372 Daniels Run Road, NE, Check, VA 24072. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com).

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CONNER

Edwin Wayne

Edwin Wayne Conner, age 60, of Check, passed away September 8, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin E. and Ocie Conner.

Edwin is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Missy and Brad Mullins; brother and sister-in-law, Macle and Gerlene Conner; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Judith and Edward Howard, Glenna and James Vest; two grandchildren, Corey and Cody Mullins; three nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Eddie's pond. The family will receive friends at the home from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Floyd Humane Society or the Floyd County Rescue Squad. Online condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, Va., 540-745-  
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CONNER  
Elmer

Elmer (Eli) Conner, 96, of Radford, Va., passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Va. Born January 13, 1915, on Conner Mountain near Matoaka, W.Va., he was the son of the late D.H. Conner and Addie Anna Kingrea Conner. Eli had lived in McComas, W.Va., until 1955 before moving to Bluefield, W.Va. where he worked for Kersey Manufacturing Company (a mining equipment company). He then lived in Princeton for 10 years and moved to Radford, in late 2002. Eli was a member of Maple View Church of Christ in Green Valley and attended Calvary Baptist Church in Radford. He was a member of the UMWA Local Union 6196 in Keystone, W.Va.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Ray, Ted, Arlie, Buck and Howard Conner; and one sister, Allie Harvey. His only daughter, Jeanie Conner Miano preceded him in death on November 7, 2004. He is survived by his loving wife, Gracie Walker Conner, of Radford; son, Dale Conner and his wife, Nancy, of Christiansburg; his grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Anthony Miano and wife, Heather, Gina Miano, Marc Miano and wife, Sarah, Michelle Valentine and husband, Shawn, Troy Malone and wife, Hope, and Debbie Shannon and husband, Patrick; and seven great-grandchildren. Additional survivors include one sister, Frances Burnette; special friends, Gary and Cathy Gibson, Macle and Gerelene Conner, Agatha Wall, Wilma Shell and Dorothy Kirby.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 2011, at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Tony Reed officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Grandsons and friends will serve as pallbearers. Friends may call at the funeral home from 6 until 8 p.m., Friday, July 29, 2011. On line condolences may sent at [www.seaverfuneralservice.com](http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com). Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton is serving the Conner family.

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CONNER  
Gracie Walker

Gracie Walker Conner, 90, of Wheatland Assisted Living in Radford, Va., and formerly of Princeton, W.Va., passed away surrounded by her loving family as she went to meet the Lord and Master Jesus Christ on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at the New River Valley Medical Center in Christiansburg, Va.

Born on May 24, 1922, in Bramwell, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Henry Walker and Vellie Hill Walker.

Gracie married her loving husband, Elmer Conner, in 1938 and had two loving children, Elmer Dale Conner and Wanda Jean Conner. She lived in McComas with her family until 1955, loving every minute of her life in this little coal camp. She attended McComas Methodist Church later moving her membership to the Maple View Church of Christ in Green Valley.

She moved to Radford, Va., in 2002 to be close to her daughter, Jeanie, and her grandchildren. Gracie worked for Goodykoontz Drug Store in Bluefield for 25 years. She loved bowling, and took many national bowling trips.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Elmer E. Conner; one son, Elmer Dale Conner; one daughter, Jeannie Conner Miano; two brothers, Robert Mabe and Athel Mabe; and two sisters, Hazel Carter and Opal Hankins.

Survivors include six grandchildren, Troy Lee Conner, Debra Ann Conner Shannon, Michael Anthony Miano and wife, Heather, Gina Marie Miano, Marc Christopher Miano and wife, Sarah, and Michelle Miano Valentine and husband, Shawn; four great-grandchildren, Morgan Concetta Miano, Anthony Stephen Miano, Catherine Alexandra Miano, and Tyler Michael Valentine; one sister, Dorothy Holtz, of Omaha, Neb.; and extended family and many friends at Wheatland Assisted Living, that provided her with wonderful care and friendship.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton, W.Va., with the Rev. Tony Reed officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the service hour on Saturday. On line condolences may be sent by visiting [www.seaverfuneralservice.com](http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com). Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton, W.Va., is serving the Conner family.

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New River Valley



**CONNER**  
Elmer

Elmer (Dale) Conner, 72, of Christiansburg, went to be with Our Lord on Friday, November 11, 2011, following a brave battle with cancer. Born September 21, 1939, in Giatto, W.Va., he was the son of Gracie Conner of Radford and the late Elmer "Eli" Conner. Dale grew up in Giatto, where his father taught him to love the game of baseball. An avid player, he continued his play internationally while serving his country. Dale proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Honorably Discharged in 1963.

He worked for Watkins Trucking in North Carolina and volunteered his time to care for local children. He was a former member of Maple View Church of Christ in Bluefield and avid W.Va. Mountaineer fan. During recent years, he relocated to Virginia to care for his loving parents. Dale was preceded in death by his father and sister, Jeanie Conner Miano. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Nancy Conner of Christiansburg; son, Troy Lee Conner Malone of Tennessee; daughter, Debra Anne Conner Shannon of Florida; stepsons, David Wayne Sowers of Virginia, and Jerry Michael Pettrey of New Mexico; and nieces and nephews, Anthony Miano, Gina Miano, Marc Miano, and Michelle Miano Valentine. Funeral services will be

Sunday, November 13, 2011

conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2011, at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Tony Reed officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. The W.Va. National Guard Honor Guard and the Mercer County Veterans Council will conduct military graveside rites. Friends may call at the funeral home from Noon until the service hour Monday. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.seaverfuneralservice.com](http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com). The Conner family is being served by Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton.

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+ Edwin Wayne Conner, married Carolyn Ann Wimmer, married Debra Ann Tuck and married Marsha Ann Vest May 3, 2003 and divorced April 11, 2006

(12). Jackson Vinson "Jackey" Conner, born August 1, 1886, died July 10, 1902 and is buried at the Wilson Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.

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- c. Ellen Elizabeth Conner; born 1851, died February 1937. Elizabeth married William Riley Smith December 26, 1866. William was born December 25, 1845 and died October 30, 1924 at Fayette Co. WV. His father's name is Pete Smith.
  - (1). Lucy Jane Smith, born in Floyd Co. VA about October 1896, and married James B. Patterson December 25, 1894 at Nicholas Co. WV. James died Before January 2, 1920. Lucy died November 16, 1951 and is buried at Pleasant View Cemetery, Fayette Co., WV.
  
- d. John Hiram W. Conner; born July 18, 1852, died May 30, 1929. John married Sarah Rosabell Iddings January 21, 1880. She is the daughter of Henry B. and Margaret Whitenack Iddings. Sarah was born September 5, 1860.
  - (1). Charles Thomas Conner, born February 10, 1881 and died April 17, 1967. He married Mary Imogene Sisson in February 10, 1903. Tom was A Blacksmith in the Terry's Fork area.
    - (a). Goldie Conner, born May 31, 1910 in Floyd Co., VA and died May 17, 1997. She married Edd Thompson and he died July 22, 1982.  
+ Jimmy W. Thompson married Nedra \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b). Ray Conner
  - (2). Noah Dickerson Conner, born August 28, 1883, died May 10, 1961. Dick married Hattie M. Kingrea, born December 4, 1883, died February 3, 1999. They were married February 26, 1905.
  - (3) Willie Lee Conner, born April 12, 1885, died March 14, 1897.

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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner



**SOWERS**  
**Erma Conner**

Erma Conner Sowers, 96, of Check, Va., passed away Saturday, March 11, 2006. She was born October 10, 1909 in Floyd County, Va., to the late Andrew Louis Conner and Almeda Vest Conner. She was of the Primitive Baptist faith, as well as, a generous and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She graduated from Christiansburg High School in 1929. She taught at Goose Creek, a one-room school, and she walked five miles each way for two years. She was known for her beautiful quilts and crochet work and for her dedication to genealogy. She has spent the last 30 years researching family history including Vest, Conner, Sowers, Martin, Iddings and Richardson. She enjoyed reading the "Signs of the Times" published by The Oldest Primitive Baptist of Meadows of Dan passed on to her by her mother, Almeda. Her husband, Dossie William Sowers, Sr. preceded her in death on April 25, 1968 after 37 years of marriage and she thought of him and missed him everyday.

She continued the family farm business for the last 37 years. She leaves behind a daughter Marie Ann Sowers Vest and son-in-law Gratton W. Vest, Salem; and a son (D.W.) Dossie William Sowers, Jr., Salem; five grandchildren and spouses, Rebecca (Becky) Thomas, Salem, Debbie Feury Hakola and Henry Hakola, Shawsville, Janet and Watson Boxley, Atlanta, Ga., Steve and Renee Sowers, Roanoke, Doug and Deanne Sowers, New Castle; five great-grandchildren, Staff Sgt. Jesse Feury, Fayetteville, N.C., Lindsay Thomas, Salem, Hannah Sowers, Roanoke, Kaitlin Sowers and Justin Gable, New Castle; brother and sisters-in-law; Alvin and Ocie Conner, Velvia Agee and Ora Conner, all of Check; and several nieces and nephews, special cousins and friends Elmer and Gracie Conner, Radford, Virginia Absher, Dublin, Robert and Doris Johnson, Cincinnati, Ohio. Special thanks to her caretakers for the last several months, Shirley Thomas, Shelba Kirby, Dolly Vest, and Cheryl Waldron. Special thanks to her neighbors Ray and Judy Vest and other neighbors. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday March 13, 2006 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Elder Junior Conner and Elder W.T. Conner officiating. Interment will follow at Wilson Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Maberry Funeral Home.



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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner

**CONNER**  
**Clara Annabel**

Clara Annabel Conner, 89, of Check, Va., passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Conner, her parents, Hubert and Bernie Link Lawrence, one sister, Blondine Clower, and two brothers, Lee Lawrence and Ray Lawrence. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Calvin and Patricia Conner, Carl and Sharla Conner; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Larry Howell; granddaughters and spouses, Amanda and Matt Witt, Cynthia and Adam Walker; grandson, Chad Conner and fiancée, Eden Collins and son, Hunter; great-granddaughter, Cheyenne Witt; three sisters, Estelle Janney, Erma Jean Vest and husband, Wilford, Glenna Nichols and husband, Clyde; sister-in-law, Lorene Lawrence; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Little White Church with the Reverend Chuck Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at the Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday after 3 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com)

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- (4). James Sampson Conner, born June 7, 1887, died January 12, 1963.  
James married Hattie Vest, born April 7, 1887, died June 24, 1960.  
They were married January 1, 1920.
- (a). James Early Conner, born April 15, 1923, died August 29, 1998,  
married Cora Genova Hundley June 9, 1944. Cora was born  
October 7, 1926, died September 28, 1996.
- + Carolyn Jeanette Conner, born December 29, 1944, married  
Kenneth Hale King November 4, 1961. They divorced Nov. 24,  
1933.
    - ++ Victoria Lynn King married Joseph Edward Davis.
    - ++ Kenneth Hale King Jr. married Kelly Ann Monaghan
    - ++ Joseph Daniel King married Heather \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - + James Earl Conner, born December 18, 1946, married Lillian  
Carol Willis, February 3, 1973.
  - + Joyce Faye Conner, born December 18, 1953, married Lewis B.  
Abbott. They divorced and Joyce died June 17, 2003.
    - ++ Cyndi Abbott married Kenneth Wood.
    - ++ Carol Abbott married Barry Underwood.
    - ++ Sarah Genova Abbott, born December 11, 1978, married Jan  
21, 2006 to Thomas Jonathan Jackson, born Sep. 25, 1983.
  - + Jay Eric Conner, born October 11, 1963, married Janet Diane  
Weddle.
    - ++ Joshua Eric Conner, died at age 14 November 30, 1996.
    - ++ Julianne Elizabeth Conner.
- (b). Elbert Lee Conner, married Clara Annabelle Lawrence.  
+ Calvin Ray Conner, born June 16, 1952 married June 17, 1977 to  
Patricia Ann Poff, born November 9, 1954. ( see page 49.2.3)
- (5). Henry Walter Conner, born June 24, 1889, died August 16, 1961.  
Henry married Arminia "Minnie" Vest, born March 5, 1893, died  
August 13, 1976. They were married October 26, 1919.
- (a) William Marvin Conner, born August 12, 1926, died February 6,  
2000. He married December 18, 1945 to Lillie Mae Vest, born April  
4, 1925. (see page 49.3.1)
- + Barbara Jean Conner, born November 19, 1946
  - + William Michael Conner, born October 27, 1952, married Evelyn  
Therese Newman.
    - ++ Lyndsey Gail Conner, born October 1976 and married Wesley  
Allen Slusher October 16, 1993, and they divorced.
    - ++ Deborah Conner, has been married and divorced.
    - ++ Deanna Conner, has been married and divorced.

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- (b). Clyde Richard Conner, born February 13, 1929 died February 3, 1989 and married Anna Lee Walton (see page 145).
- (c). Robert Henry L. Conner, born Aug 17, 1920, died March 2, 1985 married Nellie Rae Vest. Nellie was born in 1922 and died November 15, 2007. Nellie is the daughter of Andy Vest and Minnie L. Perdue.
- + Paul Conner married Nancy Wodell Sulton
- + Geraldine Conner married Avery Lane



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By William P. and Catherine Poff Conner



CONNER  
Calvin Ray

Calvin Ray Conner, 62, of Pilot, Va., tragically passed away at his home on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Clara Conner.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Poff Conner; daughter and a very special son-in-law, Cynthia and Adam Walker; son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Eden Conner. "Paw Paw" is also survived by three special grandchildren, Brayden Walker, Kaylee Conner, and Hunter C-wack. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Larry Howell; his brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Sharla Conner; niece, Amanda Witt and husband, Matt; and great-niece, Cheyenne Witt; aunt, Erma Jean Vest and husband, Wilford; aunt, Glenna Nichols and husband, Clyde; and many other cousins and family.

We also want to say a special thanks to Floyd Station #3 Fire Department especially Chief Rickie Thompson and Bobby Haynes.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Floyd County Station #3 Fire Department in memory of Calvin, 1710 Kings Store Road, Check, VA 24072.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at Gardner Funeral Home with Pastors Cecil Brown and Leon Alley officiating. Graveside service to follow at Wilson's Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015. Online condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). The family is being served by Gardner Funeral Home.

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Lillie May Conner, 86, of Check, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2011. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Wm. Marvin Conner. She is survived by her children, Barbara and John Graham, Wm. Michael and Evelyn Conner. She was blessed with five (5) grandchildren, Dwayne and Jennifer Graham, Karen and Douglas Lucas, Lindy and Robbie Rupe, Deana and Michael Trail, and Debra and Michael Gallimore; eight (8) great-grandchildren, Crystal, Brandon and Ashley Lucas, Caytlynn and Amber Rupe, Nathan Trail, Matthew and Garrett Gallimore; her sister, Gladys Eanes; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Maberry Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Michael Vest officiating. Interment will follow at the Wilson Cemetery. The Conner family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at Maberry Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [maberryfuneralhome.com](http://maberryfuneralhome.com).



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- (6). Fayette Conner, born January 12, died June 9, 1954. He married Lucy E. Austin, born August 22, 1893, died November 1, 1955. They were married May 4, 1919.
  
- (7). Doctor Huff "Dock" Conner, born July 5, 1894 in Floyd Co., married Gracie Ann Austin October 15, 1919 in Floyd County. Gracie was born July 26, 1899, and died in Hillsboro, Ohio October 25, 1987.
  - (a). Mayda Ataline Conner, born May 29, 1920
  - (b). Garwood Conner, born January 27, 1922
  - (c). Hazel Ruth Conner, born September 14, 1923
  - (d). Roy Huff Conner, born May 6, 1925
  - (e). Ocie Ann Conner, born August 15, 1926, died November 24, 1930, buried in Inddings Cemetery Terry's Fork, Floyd Co., VA
  - (f). John Cebert Conner, born January 5, 1928, died April 11, 1928, buried in Inddings Cemetery at Terry's Fork, Floyd Co., VA
  - (g). Jean Conner, born April 8, 1930
  - (h). Randolph Conner, born October 27, 1931
  - (i). Donald R. Conner, born April 26, 1934 and died February 5, 2008 at Princeton WV. He married Mildred King about 1954.
    - + Donna Conner married Galen Morris
    - + Debora Conner married Unknown Hubbard
    - + Diana Conner married Courtney Fiery
  - (j). Jackie Lee Conner, born September 9, 1940
  - (k).Martha Nannie Conner, born \_\_\_\_\_
  
- (8). Lucy Jane Conner, born July 5, 1894, died June 13, 1981, married Eldridge Kingrea, born December 19, 1892, died April 12, 1962. They were married April 18, 1917.
  - (a). Stella Kingrea married Ralph Wilber Blevins. Ralph was born December 4, 1923 and died March 6, 2006 in Knoxville, TN.
  
- (9). Martha Nannie Conner, Born September 2, 1897, died May 25, 1981.
  
- (10).Rosa D. Conner, born September 2, 1900, died March 4, 1990 married Della Florence Smith, born November 24, 1904.
  - (a). Marshall Vernon Conner married Oweeda Gearheart.(see page 49.4.0.3)
    - + David Vernon Conner married Unknown
    - + William Earl Conner married Margaret Sue Unknown (see page 49.4.0.2)
    - + Tony D. Conner married Sabrina Unknown
    - + Brenda J. Conner married Larry Pickett
    - + Thelma G. Conner married Doug Ratcliff
  
- (11).Jackson Preston Conner, born August 10, 1902, died October 11, 1939. He married Florence Smith. See page 49.4.0.1
  
- (12). Troy Roy Conner, born August 21, 1907, died November 15, 1971 and married Mary Mooney. 49.4

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**CONNER**  
**David Vernon**

David Vernon Conner, 58, of Dublin, Va., went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 30, 2008. He was born on July 20, 1950, and was the son of the late Marshall Tex Conner. David graduated from Pulaski High School and New River Community College. He was a veteran having served in the United States Army. He was employed by Klopman Mills for over 20 years and he was a Supervisor in the Environmental Services Unit at Bland Correctional Center. Surviving are his mother, Oweeda

Conner, of Pulaski; loving daughters and sons-in-law, Shannon and Brett Downey, of Pulaski, and Emily and Thomas Gravely, of Pulaski; brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Margaret Sue Conner, of Pulaski, and Tony and Sabrina Conner, of Dublin; sisters and brothers-in-law, Brenda and Larry Pickett, of Lynchburg, and Thelma and Doug Ratcliff, of Pulaski, nine grandchildren, Racheal Downey, Sarah Downey, Rebekah Downey, Ruth Downey, Tiffany Gravely, Chelsey Gravely, Chase Conner, Tabitha Gravely, and Kellie Gravely; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Mr. Conner will be cremated. A memorial service will be held 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, November 2, 2008, from Stevens Funeral Chapel with Jimmy Vest officiating. Visiting will be held on Sunday from the funeral home where the family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until the service hour. The family will be meeting at his mother's home on Thornspring Road, Pulaski County. Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, Va.

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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner



**BARLOW**  
**Eva Mobie Conner**

Eva Mobie Conner Barlow, 72, of Richmond, Va., stepped in to the light of eternal love on December 17, 2009. She joins her mother, Florence Smith Conner Mabry; father, Jackie Preston Conner; two brothers, Toy Melvin Conner and George Willie Conner Sr.; husband, Robert Earl Barlow; and one son-in-law, Tim Saunders. She is deeply mourned by the families of her sister, Jane Cole; and brother, Ray Mabry, of Pilot, Va. Also grieving is her loving companion, Ivan Owens and family. She is the beloved mother of Bonnie and son-in-law, Myron Kiltz, Penny

Saunders, and Melissa and son-in-law, Richard Anderson. Additionally loved as daughters, include Gail Allen and Kimberly Quinn Barlow and families. She is the cherished grandmother of Jake Ryan and Kyle Saunders, Courtney, Erica, and Mitchell Kiltz and also Thomas Allen. She is also survived by many precious nieces, nephews and cousins. Eva (or Mobie) was a sweet loving soul who touched the lives of so many. She graduated as a Registered Nurse from Grace Hospital and spent many years nursing, mostly at Richmond Memorial Hospital. A Celebration of her Life will be held 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 26, 2009, at Bennett Funeral Home in Mechanicsville, Va. In lieu of flowers, she requested memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2727 Enterprise Parkway, Suite 104, Richmond, Va. 23294 or go to [cff.org](http://cff.org).


*"Mama, you will be greatly missed. Those that didn't love you had yet to meet you. Please know that this world is a much better place because you were in it."*

Eva Mobie Conner Barlow is the daughter of Jackson Preston Conner and Florence Smith Conner Mabry. See page 49.4.



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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner

**New River Valley**



**CONNER**  
William Earl

William (Billy) Earl Conner, 72, died peacefully at LewisGale Hospital on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. He was born July 7, 1942, in Pilot, but lived most of his life in Pulaski. He was the first of five children born to Marshall Vernon and Oweeda Gearheart Conner. He attended Pulaski High School and later received many certifications and licenses in water filtration management from various local community colleges. Billy was a retired employee of the Town of Pulaski with 30 years of service. Prior to accepting employment with the town he was employed by Burlington Industries for many years. He was an avid bowler and instrumental in getting several current league bowlers started in the sport as children. He was an accomplished painter, wood craftsman and gardener. He was never afraid to try his hand at anything and usually mastered it.

Billy was preceded in death by his father, Marshall V. Conner; his brother, David V. Conner; and his grandson, Darrin Matthew Conner. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sue Conner; sons, Jeffrey T. Conner and Matthew T. Conner and wife, Sandy; and daughters, Tami G. Conner and Wendy B. Roope and husband, Charlie. He leaves to cherish his memory grandsons, Christopher J. Conner, Brandon M. Conner, Robert (Andy) Millirons and his wife, Teresa, Larry (Chaz) Roope, Zachary T. Roope, Dustin (Alex) Roope and Dylan T. Conner. He also leaves behind great grandchildren, Nicholas R. Conner, Logan Rice, Keyton Warden, Brooke A. Millirons and Gavin M. Conner. He is also survived by his mother, Oweeda G. Conner; brother, Tony D. Conner and wife, Sabrina; sisters, Brenda J. Pickett and husband, Larry and Thelma G. Ratcliffe and husband, Doug. He also leaves a host of nephews, nieces and many family members and friends.

His funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2015, at Trinity Lutheran Church on 5th Street in Pulaski with the Rev. Terrie Sternberg officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Conner family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford Va.  
[www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

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**CONNER, Oweeda Gearheart**

*May 27, 1923 - March 20, 2017*

Oweeda Gearheart Conner, 93, of Thornspring Road in Pulaski was allowed to "go home" on Monday, March 20, 2017. She was born in Floyd County on May 27, 1923 to the late Curtis and Pearl Gearheart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall Tex Conner and two special sons, David Vernon Conner and William Earl Conner. Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Lynwood, Wayne and Lewis Gearheart of Floyd, and a special sister, Ethelene Vest of Pilot.

She was a hardworking homemaker all of her life. She loved to bake, and cook for her family. She also sewed, loved her flowers, and had many gardens that she used to can fruits and vegetables to feed her family. She was a member of Dora Highway Baptist Church, and loved the people there. She was always willing to help her neighbors and run with her children.

She is survived by one son and daughter in law, Tony and Sabrina Conner of Dublin. Also two daughters and son in laws, Brenda and Larry Pickett of Lynchburg, and Thelma and Doug Ratcliff of Pulaski. Also two daughter-in-laws, Bonnie Mays of Christiansburg, and Sue Conner of Pulaski.

She was blessed with twelve grandchildren, Todd Conner, Tammy Conner, Wendy and Charlie Roope, Matt and Sandy Conner all of Pulaski, Va. Also, Bud and Christine Pickett of Rustburg, Va. and Rusty Pickett and Maggie of Woodbridge, Va., Douglas Ratcliff II of Roanoke, and Sonny Ratcliff of New York, N.Y. Also Shannon and Brett Downey, and Emily and Thomas Gravley of Pulaski. Also Lucas and Amy Conner of Clifton Forge, and Jennifer and Jeff Capehart of Christiansburg. She was also blessed with 23 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family will gather at the home of Doug and Thelma Ratcliff on Rt 11 Pulaski. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Dora Highway Baptist Church in Pulaski, Va. Visitation will be Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday March 24 at 2 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment following at Highland Memory Gardens Dublin.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



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- e. Matilda P. Conner; born 1854 and died of diphtheria June 3, 1862.
- f. Malissa P.(F.) Conner; born 1856.
- g. Lorena Isabell Conner; born May 25, 1858, married George Arbabright January 15, 1893. Lorena was 35 and George was 42 when they married.
- h. Sarah Jane Conner; born April 30, 1864 in Floyd Co. VA, and died January 12, 1929. Sarah, age 28, married Marx Felix Hall, age 16, May 31, 1894. Sarah and Marx were divorced in 1900. Sarah married Robert Lee Ratliff in 1902 in Floyd Co., VA. Robert had also been previously married. Robert was born in May 1874 at Ferrum, VA, and died February 27, 1935 in Fayetteville, WV. Both Sarah and Robert are buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery at Fayette Co., WV.
  - (1) Nannie B. Ratliff
  - (2) Rosa E. Ratliff
  - (3) Myrtle M. Ratliff
- i. Virginia T. Conner, born 1866
- j. female (not named); born September 10, 1870 died of jaundice

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- E. William P. Conner Jr., born February 28, 1821, died January 1, 1906 and buried at Salem Church cemetery, married Clarissa Gray July 24, 1852. Clarissa died and William married Elmira J. Furrow. Elmira was born May 26, 1838 and died October 21, 1919. William and Elmira are buried at Restvale Cemetery. William may have been in the Civil War based on post war records. William, age 38, married Elmira J. Furrow October 6, 1862. The 1860 census shows William and Clarissa had the following Children:
- a. Rosabell Conner, born about 1853 and died of diphtheria May 22, 1862.
  - b. Jemima P. Conner, born February 2, 1855 and died of diphtheria.
  - c. Nathan Conner, born 1856 and died June 22, 1862 of diphtheria.
  - d. Ira P. Conner, born 1861 and died June 26, 1862.
  - e. William Hayden Conner, born August 2, 1863 and died April 5, 1926. He married Sarah Amanda Elizabeth Conner, daughter of Samuel and Martha Ann Poff Conner. Manda was born January 12, 1863 and died January 5, 1947. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
    - (1). Noah Fletcher Conner, born October 19, 1885, died April 22, 1962 and married February 28, 1907 to Octavia Jane Collins, born August 10, 1881.
      - (a). Ray Bell Conner
    - (2). James Waskey Conner, born January 30, 1888, died May 24, 1922,

- married Luella L. Conner (born November 6, 1885) September 23, 1908. They did not have any children.
- (3). William Ira Conner, born March 2, 1892, died July 8, 1965, married Grace Ellen Aldridge September 8, 1925
  - (4). Trudy R. Conner, born July 12, 1890, died September 14, 1965, married Giles Ellery Blankenship October 28, 1908.
  - (5). Cora P. Conner (Mrs. Cora Vest), born January 20, 1897, died November 25, 1981, buried at Restvale Cemetery. Cora's first husband was Ivory Craighead and they were married February 8, 1918. She divorced Ivory and married Abraham Lincoln Vest.
  - (6). John H. Curtis Conner, born February 17, 1898, died October 22, 1964. Curtis married Clytie Ocie Bell. Clytie was born March 12, 1904, died September 15, 1976. They had one child.
  - (7). Zora Conner, age 18, married Everett Hundley, age 18, July 3, 1919. Zora was born April 11, 1901 and died February 2, 1988. They had two children.

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- f. Eliza Alice Conner, married Nathan Valentine Manning November 25, 1880. Eliza's mother was listed as Elmira on her marriage license application.
- g. Sarah Amanda Conner, (born July 9, 1866) age 24, daughter of Elmira Conner, married Charles Otey Conner, age 28, son of Daniel Otey and Martha Craighead Conner, October 23, 1890.
  - (1). Gearldine "Girlie" J. Conner born August 13,, 1891, died January 18, 1977.
  - (2). Ora A. Conner, born November 4, 1892, died March 20, 1957, married Albert Conner, (born August 30, 1888 and died February 3, 1966) son of Samuel J. and Sarah Smith Conner April 13, 1910. Albert has a twin sister Evie Conner.
    - (a). Maynard Conner, born January 6, 1911 and died 36 days later.
    - (b). Veda Bly Conner, born July 6, 1912, died June 20, 2004, married Thomas F. Bowles.  
+ Lawrence W. Bowles.
    - (c). Wilford Harman Conner, born 1914, died 1915 at the age of 5 months.
    - (d). Garwood Sherman Conner, born January 15, 1916. Married twice, his second wife was Evelyn Poff. Evelyn also married Ernest Conner.
    - (e). Marshall Truman Conner, born 1919, died 1956 and never married.
    - (f). Wilson Harvey Conner, born November 10, 1922, died 1982 and married Melvin Shorter.
    - (g). Ileta Aldine Conner, born April 7, 1929, died 1997, married

William Harold Mills.

- (h). Edsel (E. G.) Conner, born July 23, 1932, married Shirley Foster.
- (3). Fred Lee Conner, born August 26 1896, died September 23, 1954, Hung himself.
- (4). Leonard Jackson Conner, born December 5, 1897, died July 7, 1954, hung himself in the same tree.
- (5). William Sherman Conner, born August 5, 1902, died July 16, 1916.
- (6). Jack Conner, born October 19, 1903, died October 28, 1973. Jack is buried at Restvale Cemetery.

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The will of William P. conner, Floyd County Virginia

In the name of God Amen, I, William P. Conner being of sound mind do make this to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say in the first place, it is my will that all of my just debts and burial expenses to be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as may be convenient. In the second place, I will to my beloved wife Elmira J. 65 acres of land enclose, my house and out buildings to commence at a apple tree at the north side of my house, thence west to the( muster ground)? Branch, then down the branch to a chestnut sapling, thence eastward passing a chestnut to the line that I entered for my son Billie, then with that line a north course to a apple tree also all my house and kitchen furniture, two cows and house. At her death, what is not consumed, be equally divided between my children. I will to my son Billie 80 acres of land more or less commencing at a apple tree, thence South to a hickory on top of a north hill, thence southeast to a white \_\_\_\_\_ on the line between me and Bethany Simpson, wife of T Simpson deceased, thence northeastward to a \_\_\_\_\_ corner on top of a hill, thence to a sassafras, thence west to a black oak in a hollow, thence South to a Spanish oak, thence west to a white oak, thence along the big road to the beginning. I also Will to my daughter Alice Manning 80 acres more or less beginning at the Muster Ground branch running with the big road on the north side to a white oak, thence East to a Spanish oak, thence north to a black oak. C\_\_\_\_\_ all the land on the north side of the big road also I Will to my daughter Sarah M. Conner, wife of Charles Conner 80 acres of land more or less beginning at a stake thence to a chestnut, thence a west course to a chestnut sapling, thence running with the \_\_\_\_\_ line down meadow \_\_\_\_\_ branch, thence up a small branch on the line between me and Bethany Simpson wife of T. Simpson, deceased, thence to a white oak \_\_\_\_\_ at Billie's land. It is my desire that each of my children \_\_\_\_\_ one fourth of the proceeds of the land cultivated during my life. \_\_\_\_\_ my hand and seal this 22 day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

William P. Conner

Witness:  
R.W. kropff

The Will was recorded for probate January 12, 1906

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner

F. Daniel Peter Conner was born April 28, 1828 and died November 13, 1912. Daniel was a confederate soldier, serving throughout the duration of the Civil War. He was a Private in I Company, 54th Virginia Artillery, known as "Stuart's Horse Artillery" of which John Pelham was Captain. This information is from Volume 18, page 99 of the Confederate Records: Manuscript Volumes in the Virginia State Library, Richmond. In volume 5, page 453, of the same records, it is stated that he was transferred in 1864 to Company A, 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry under Captain Daniel H. Bruce, which service lasted six months, evidently ending with the close of the war.

Daniel married Elizabeth (Betsy) Wilson April 10, 1850. Elizabeth was born January 9, 1832 and died August 21, 1907. Elizabeth was the daughter of Elijah and Hanna (Light) Wilson. In 1865 Daniel's occupation was listed as a tanner. Daniel and Elizabeth had the following children:

- a. Erasmus A. Conner; born January 10, 1851 and died November 7, 1913. He married Laura G. Smith May 4, 1871, who was born September 21, 1853 and died in 1947. They had the following children:
  - (1). Malona Ulysis Conner; born March 12, 1872 and died August 12, 1872.
  - (2). Malinda Demeris Conner; born May 28, 1873 and married Charles Anderson September 19, 1895. Both were 22 when they were married.
  - (3). Brainard Whitfield Conner; born October 21, 1875 and married Martha Jane Vest January 24, 1900. Janie was born December 23, 1878 and died January 30, 1957. Brainard died November 26, 1945 and they are buried in the Iddings cemetery at Terry's Fork, Floyd Co., VA.
    - (a). R. B. Conner, born October 18, 1900, died October 3, 1941. Married

Clara Bena Wheby June 2, 1923. Clara was born January 16, 1905. R.B. is buried in the Iddings Cemetery and buried near him is Dolly Josephine Conner, born 1928 and died 1930. This may be his daughter.

- (b). Rifton E. Conner, born October 4, 1901, died July 4, 1929 , married Willie Madeline Nolley, November 7, 1924, who was born March 26, 1904, died January 16, 1963. Madeline was also married to S. P. Vest. Rifton is buried at Huffville Methodist Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA
  - + James Edmond Conner, born and died February 6, 1925.
  - + Catherine Elizabeth Conner, born June 18, 1927, died April 16, 1996, married Hubert Bullock Averette November 16, 1946.
- (c). Elmer J. Conner, born November 17, 1903, died October 1976, married Effie Cole, born October 22, 1905 and died April 28, 2001. Effie is the daughter of Jerry Kyle and Inez Mae Cole.
  - + Marlin Edsel Conner, born May 9, 1930 and married Doris J. Crotts May 29, 1949.

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**CONNER**  
**Michael Lynn**

Michael Lynn Conner, 57, of Westminster, Md., died September 17, 2009, at the Carroll Hospital Center after an extended illness. Born July 21, 1952, in Roanoke, Va., he was the son of M. Edsel and Doris Crotts Conner, of Roanoke, Va. He was the husband of Jane Conner to whom he had been married 26 years. He was a Civil Engineer with the Bechtel Power Corporation. He graduated from Virginia Tech, in 1974, with a Degree in Civil Engineering. He loved watching sports and NASCAR and spending time with his family. Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, is son, Thomas Joseph "TJ" Conner, of

Westminster; sister, Sandra J. Conner, of Raleigh, N.C.; and brother and sister-in-law, James M. and Melissa D. Conner, of Roanoke, Va.; niece and nephew, Mindy and Brad Conner. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Pritts Funeral Home and Chapel, 412 Washington Road, Westminster. Officiating will be Monsignor Arthur Valenzano of St. John Catholic Church. Interment will be in Leisters Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Humane Society of Carroll County, 2517 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, Md. 21158 or to Victory Junction, 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, N.C. 27317 or to St. John Catholic Church, 43 Monroe St., Westminster, Md. 21157. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.prittsfuneralhome.com](http://www.prittsfuneralhome.com).

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++ Michael Lynn Conner, born July 21, 1952, married Jane

Drabroselski. Michael died September 17,2009 in Westminster MD.

+++ Thomas Joseph Conner born May 1, 1987

++ Rev. Sandra Jean Conner, born July 1, 1955

++ James Marlin Conner, born April 2, 1963, married Melissa Davis.

+++ Bradley Allen Conner, born May 13, 1987

+++ Melinda Renee Conner, born April 12, 1989

+ Delores Earlene Conner, born February 15, 1941. She married William Lawrence Bauman Jr. September 3, 1960. Delores died February 11, 2014. (see page 51.0.1.1)

++ Debra Leigh Bauman, born April 10, 1962 and married Bobby Lynn Turner June 21, 1986.

+++ Kara Lynn Turner, born March 21, 1990

+++ Marla Cole Turner, born April 17, 1991

++ Dana Lynne Bauman, born October 16, 1964 and married Christopher Horan.

(d). Uray Almeta Conner, born February 17, 1909, married Roscoe Hale, born September 21, 1907.

(e). Hanford Whitfield Conner, (born January 3, 1912, died January 3, 1982) age 22, married Almeda Hazel Clower, age 19, October 31, 1934. Almeda was born March 21, 1915, and died in 1985. They are buried at Huffville Church Cemetery, Floyd Co. VA.

+ Garmon Whitfield Conner, born August 23,1935 and died September 10, 2008. He married Christine Wimmer Lawrence about 1958. Christine had married Clay Earl Lawrence and was pregnate with their first child when Clay died. Christine then married Garmon. (see page 51.0.3)

++ Kerry Clay Lawrence, born August 16, 1952 and married Harvey Griggs. They had one child and divorced.

++ Robin Depora Conner, born February 18, 1958 married Gary Wayne Combs June 2, 1979.

++ Tonya Bee Conner, born March 13, 1964 and married Danny Whitlock born October 30, 1963 and they were divorced.

Tonya then married Unknown Largen

++ Chris W. Conner, born February 12, 1970 and married Barbara Buckland.

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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner

**BAUMAN**  
**Delores Conner**

Delores Conner Bauman of Roanoke, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, February 11, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer J. and Effie Cole Conner, husband, William "Bill" Bauman, nephew, Michael Conner and wife Jane. Mrs. Bauman was a member of North Roanoke Baptist Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Debbie Vaden and husband Richard of Roanoke, Dana Horan and husband Christopher of Fincastle; grandchildren, Kara Marks, Marla Turner, and Haleigh Horan; great-grandchildren, Taya and Melody Marks; brother, Edsel Conner and wife Doris; mother-in-law, Vergie Bauman; sister-in-law, Pat Sledd and husband Mike, all of Roanoke; numerous nieces; nephews; and special friends too numerous to mention.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society 2840 Electric Road, Roanoke, Va. 24018. Weather permitting, funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road by Dr. Darryl G. Crim and the Rev. Sandra Conner.

If the services need to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, you may receive updated information by going to [www.simpsonfuneral.com](http://www.simpsonfuneral.com) or by calling 540-366-0707. Interment will be in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. Thursday until service time. Arrangements by Simpson Funeral Home.

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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner

LAGAN  
Tonya Conner

Tonya Conner Lagan, 50, of Roanoke, ended her battle with cancer Friday, September 19, 2014, and is now at peace in the presence of Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior. She was preceded in death by her parents, Garmon and Christine Conner. She is survived by Tim Webber, an extraordinarily faithful friend who stood by her side through difficult times. She is also survived by her sister, Kerry Lawrence; sister, Robin Combs and husband, Gary; brother, Chris Conner and wife, Barbara; nephew, Stephen Combs; niece, Katie Griggs; nephew, Jonathan Combs; niece, Erin Mitchell; great-nieces, great-nephews, and beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins. Services will be at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Ave. at 1 P.M. Tuesday, September 23, 2014. The Rev. Horace Light will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from Noon Tuesday until service time at 1 P.M.

Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

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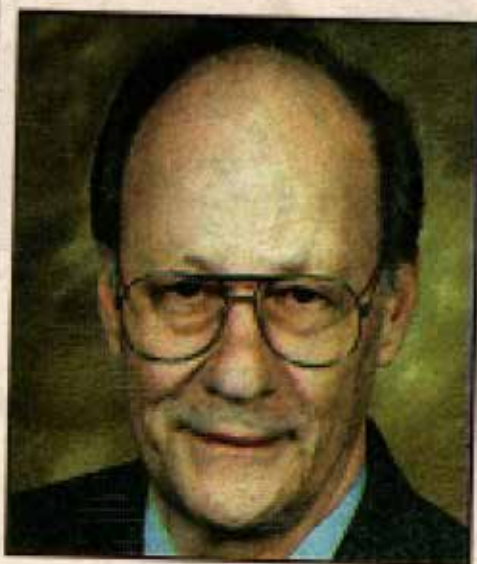
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- + Margaret Aldene Conner, born August 18, 1937 and died March 18, 1940. She is buried at Huffville Methodist Church Cemetery Floyd Co., VA.
- + Martha Emmagene Conner, born February 21, 1943 married John Maurice Bowman, born July 27, 1937.
- + Joyce Elloise Conner born February 22, 1942 married Jacob Darsey Hoback, born February 15, 1940.

(f). William Vaughn Conner, (born May 15, 1914, died July 11, 1952) age 23, married Minnie Whitenack, age 23, October 20, 1937. Minnie was born July 3, 1914 and is the daughter of Joseph Milburn and Callie Whitenack. Minnie died in 1988 and both are buried at Huffville Church Cemetery, Floyd Co. VA.

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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner



## CONNER

### Garmon Whitfield

Garmon Whitfield Conner, 73, of Check, Va., went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. Garmon was preceded in death by his parents, Hanford and Almeda Conner; and sister, Aldene. Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Christine Conner; sister, Emmagene Bowman and husband, Johnny, of Roanoke; sister, Ellouise Hoback and husband, J.D., of Roanoke; daughter, Kerry Lawrence, of Roanoke; daughter, Robin Combs and husband, Gary, of Wilson, N.C.; daughter, Tonya Lagen, of Norfolk; son, Chris

Conner and wife, Barbara, of Roanoke; grandchildren, Stephen Combs, Katie Griggs, Jonathan Combs and Erin Mitchell; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, including Ray and Diann Smith, of Copper Hill, for whom the family is deeply grateful for their constant love and care throughout the years. Garmon was employed by Rowe Furniture in Salem for 35 years and Sam Moore Furniture in Bedford for 14 years before his retirement in 2005. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Floyd. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2008, at Oakey's South Chapel, 4257 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, 540-989-3131. A funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2008, at Oakey's South Chapel with a graveside service to follow at Rest Vale cemetery in Check.

*Garmon, you are and always will be dearly loved. We know Jesus welcomes you home, and we take comfort in knowing we will see you again some day. Until that day arrives, we will miss you and love you always.*

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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner



**CONNER**  
**Christine Wimmer**

Christine Wimmer Conner, 77, of Check, Va., went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 29, 2009. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 51 years, Garmon Conner; parents, Willie and Ida Holt Wimmer; siblings, Gladys Nichols, Raymond Wimmer, Hilton Wimmer, Gertrude Metz, Mazie Lancaster, Pearlie Jones, and Fletcher Wimmer; her first husband, Clay Lawrence; and twin grandsons. She is survived by her daughter, Kerry Lawrence; daughter, Robin Combs and

husband, Gary; daughter, Tonya Lagan; son, Chris Conner and wife, Barbara; grandchildren, Stephen Combs, Katie Griggs, Jonathan Combs, and Erin Mitchell; great-grandson, Nathaniel Combs; brother-in-law, Woody Lancaster; sister-in-law, Glenna Wimmer; and numerous nieces and nephews including Gil and Lisa Lancaster, who visited so faithfully, and Ray and Diann Smith, for whom the family is deeply grateful for their selfless giving and dedication to our Mother. Christine's suffering has ended. Today, she opened her eyes in paradise, where she can walk and sing and glorify her Savior. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at Oakey's South Chapel, 4257 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, 540-989-3131. A funeral service will be conducted at noon on Thursday, December 31, 2009, at Oakey's South Chapel with a graveside service to follow at Restvale Cemetery in Check.

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by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner



**CONNER**  
**Mary Jefferson**

Mary Jefferson Conner, 97, of Salem, passed away Monday, November 21, 2011. She was born August 29, 1914, in Roanoke, to the late Leslie and Nannie Kate Jefferson. She was also predeceased by her husband, Estral Ray Conner; six sisters; two brothers; and a son-in-law, Nicolo LoMascolo. Her surviving family includes her daughters, Geraldine (Gerry) C. LoMascolo and the children and family of her late husband, Nicolo LoMascolo, and Lona C. Downing and husband, Larry; grandson, Troy Downing and wife, Lenora, of Salem; granddaughter, Dawn D. Gartner and husband, Mike, of Vienna; and great-granddaughters, Jordan Downing, Ashley Gartner and Allison Gartner. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, November 25, 2011, in the John M. Oakey & Son Chapel in Salem. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park. There will be no period of visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society at 2840 Electric Road #106, Roanoke, VA 24018-3551. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com). The Conner family is being served by John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, 540-389-5441.

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- (g). Calvert C. Conner, born October 14, 1916, died May 2, 1980, married Delores Stamper, born January 8, 1925.  
 + William E. Conner married Judy \_\_\_\_\_.  
 + Douglas Conner  
 + Johnny Lynn Conner married Donna \_\_\_\_\_.  
 + Daniel Calvert Conner, born 1951 and died July 24, 2008. He married Vicky Fralin ?  
 ++ Michell Conner  
 ++ Melanie Conner married Wayne Shanks.  
 ++ Kim Conner married Mark Kendrick.  
 ++ Becky Conner (Adopted) married Bryan Long.  
 + Anna Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Harris.  
 + Cathy Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Plunkett  
 + Frances Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Campbell
- (h). Ersel Whitfield Conner, born March 27, 1919, died February 21, 1923. He is buried at the Iddings Cemetery, Terry's Fork, Floyd Co., VA.
- (4). Sarah Elizabeth Conner; born June 15, 1880, died November 1, 1968 and married Posey S. Lawrence September 6, 1899. Posey was born July 2, 1877.
- (a). Zettie G. Lawrence, born July 1, 1900, married Gradon L. Martin.  
 (b). Elsie M. Lawrence, born June 1, 1904, married Fred M. Craig. Both died in a fire.  
 (c). Mettie Palmer Lawrence, born February 25, 1907, married Oscar T. King.  
 (d). Alvin Winston Lawrence, died March 25, 1991, age 81. He married Geneva Tate.  
 (e). Roman W. Lawrence, born December 5, 1912, married Mary Lou LaPrad. Roman died April 24, 1996.  
 (f). Gertrude Lawrence, born June 22, 1916, died January 7, 1922.
- (5). Robert W. Conner; born July 21, 1882, died February 5, 1946 and married Marcella Mase Vest December 26, 1906. Marcella was born March 7, 1891, died February 22, 1987.
- (a). Estral Ray Conner, born September 9, 1907, married 1<sup>st</sup> Delma Whitenack (no children). 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Jefferson, born August 29, 1914.  
 + Geraldine Francis Conner, born October 6, 1936  
 + Lona Jean Conner, born September 25, 1945  
 (b). Sabra Jene Conner, born August 28, 1909



**CONNER**  
**Daniel Calvert**

Daniel Calvert (Delta Dan) Conner, 57, of Vinton, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 24, 2008. Dan was retired from Roanoke City after 31 years as a site inspector. He was currently employed at Delta Airline Consultants. Dan was an avid Nascar fan and was a devoted family man. He was preceded in death by his father, Calvert C. Conner, and a grandson, Jeremy Kendrick. Surviving are his wife, Vicky Conner; three daughters, Michelle Conner and her

sons and husband, Wayne, and Kim Kendrick and husband, Mark; eight grandchildren, Chasity, Dana, Justin, Mason, Skylar, Jarrett, Lacey and Tonya; an "adopted" daughter, Beckley Long and husband, Bryan; and their two children, Kaitlyn and Nehemiah; his mother, Delores Conner; three sisters, Anna Harris, Cathy Plunkett and her boyfriend, Tommy, and Frances Campbell and her boyfriend, Gerald; three brothers, William E. Conner and wife, Judy, Doug Conner and Johnny Lynn (Bodie) Conner and wife, Donna; a former sister-in-law, Joyce Conner; a special mother-in-law, Delia Fralin; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law in the Fralin family; and many nieces, nephews and friends. A funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2008, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Dr. John Reynolds officiating. Dan's request was for people to dress casually for his funeral service. The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 26, 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's Vinton Chapel, 540-982-2221.

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**CONNER**  
**Mabel Laprad**

Mabel Laprad (Molly) Conner, 99, of Salem, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 27, 2011. She was born on March 16, 1912 in Roanoke to the late George and Nannie Boothe Laprad. Ms. Conner will be remembered for her dedication to the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Elliston, as well as her cooking, as she loved to cook for her family. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hancil P. Conner;

son, Ray Preston Conner, Sr.; two brothers, and 12 sisters. She is survived by her son, Roger Wayne, and Deborah Conner; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Irene Thompson of Christiansburg. The family wishes to offer a special thanks to Ortha Gay Hundley, and Ruby Dyer for their loving kindness over the years for Ms. Conner. The family will receive friends on Monday, August 29, 2011 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Friends and family wishing to offer their condolences may do so by visiting [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com). John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home, & Crematory, Salem is serving the Conner family. (540) 389-5441.



305 Roanoke Blvd., Salem, VA  
540-389-5441

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### **Mabel Ruth Conner**

**Mabel Ruth Conner, 93, from Shawsville, passed away on August 28, 2012, at Richfield Recovery Care.**

**She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvel Conner.**

**She is survived by her daughters, Mary Sue Farris and Mildred (Millie) Hall (Wes) from Salem; son, Joseph Conner of Roanoke; grandson Anthony Farris (Maggie) of Salem; three step-great-granddaughters; sister, Thalia Linkous of Shawsville; sister-in-laws, Ethel Smith of Shawsville, Frances Smith of Orange, VA. She is also survived by many special nieces and nephews.**

**She was affectionately known as "Tootie" to her family. She will be remembered as a loving Christian mother and friend that loved everyone. She was employed by Montgomery County School system for over 20 years and at Camp Alta Mons for 25 years.**

**The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 30, 2012, from 5-8 pm at Horne Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Friday, August 31st at 11 am at Horne Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Dan Carawan. Interment will follow at Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville.**

**The family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff at Richfield, Third Floor East for their many years of care and dedication.**

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- (c). Hancel Preston Conner, born September 14, 1911, married Mabel Laprad, born March 16, 1912. Hancel died February 21, 2005 and is buried at Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem VA. Mable died August 27, 2011. (see page 51.1.2)
    - + Ray Preston Conner, born May 6, 1934
    - + Roger Wayne Conner, born July 9, 1946, married Deborah Waldron.
  - (d). Bacil Charlie Conner, born April 29, 1914, married Mary Edna Simmons, born December 24, 1918.
    - + Janet Marie Conner, born August 31, 1938
  - (e). Adalynn Marie Conner, born April 23, 1923
- (6). James Alfred Conner; born August 22, 1884, died May 27, 1940 and married Nannie Maude Lawrence April 6, 1910. Maude was born January 15, 1887 and died June 30, 1924. (see page 51.2.1)
- (a). Arvel Elwyn Conner, born 1913 died 1977, married Mabel Ruth Smith. (see page 177.9.1)
  - (b). Vera Conner, born 1919 died 1971, married \_\_\_\_\_ Shanks.
- (7). Infant Conner, born July 21, 1887, died July 22, 1887.
- (8). Gilly Conner; born March 5, 1890 and died June 28, 1902.
- (9). Carrie Genie Conner; born November 13, 1894 and married S. Jasper Jones November 23, 1910. Jasper was born September 20, 1888 and Carrie died April 25, 1913.

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**WALDRON**  
**Barbara A.**

Barbara A. Waldron, 77, of Hillsboro Beach, Fla., was born on July 3, 1933, in Roanoke, Va., and passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2010, in Pompano Beach, Fla. Barbara moved to Florida in 1991. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Bob); and parents, Guy and Edna Adkins. She is survived by her sister, Marion Waldron and Dewey, of Richmond, Va.; daughter, Deborah Conner and Roger, of Salem, Va.; son, Oran Waldron and Angel, of Carrollton, Texas; daughter, Becky Gardner and Tony, of Hillsboro Beach, Fla.; son, Jeff Waldron and Cindy, of Roanoke, Va.; son, Chris Waldron and Carolyn, of Coconut Creek, Fla.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

*"We love you and miss you dearly. There will always be an empty place in our hearts without you."*

There will be a graveside memorial service held 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Evergreen Burial Park. Arrangements by Evergreen Burial Park, 540-342-2593.

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Piedmont Cemetery, Shawsville, VA  
James Alfred Conner  
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b. Lucy Marilda Conner; born April 16, 1853 and died September 23, 1857.

c. Irena Demeris Conner; born February 1, 1856, died in 1930 and married Henry Lee Muncy August 28, 1873. Henry was born March 4, 1849, died in 1934. Irena and Henry had the following children:

(1). Joseph Kyle Muncy, born 1874

(2). Rice Muncy, born 1876

(3). Lucy Byar Muncy, born November 25, 1879, died December 5, 1959, married Robert Lee Vest.

(a). Elizabeth Virginia Vest Married William Louis Crouch. William was born December 31, 1934 and died April 8, 2000.

(b). Bessie Aldise Vest, born August 13, 1906, died November 29, 1998. She married in 192 to J. Leonard Craighead, born April 10, 1907 and died May 2, 1979. Bessie married Thomas Albert McDonald, born January 13, 1909 and died February 24, 1988.

(4). Sidney Muncy

(5). Wade Muncy

(6). Ocie Muncy

(7). Henry Lee Muncy Jr.

(8). Gracie Muncy

(9). Bertie A. Muncy

(10). Doris Elizabeth Muncy

d. Sidney Rufus Conner; born January 20, 1859 and married Arminta Lee Akers May 24, 1887. Arminta was born May 15, 1870 and died May 3, 1904. Arminta's parents were William Henry Akers, born June 29, 1817 in Franklin County and Elizabeth Ann \_\_\_\_\_, born April 4, 1825 in Franklin County. They had the following children: (Sidney Conner born January 20, 1864) Floyd Co. births.

(1). Clifford V. Conner, born December 1887, married Lillian Thomas

(2). Vaughan Z. Conner, born June 1889, married Ester Falls

(3). Posey Curtis Conner, born September 2, 1891, married Netta Ruth Calloway. Posey died December 26, 1951. Netta, born May 10, 1895, and married about 1913.

(a). Curtis Calloway Conner, born May 10, 1913, married Marie Alley. Curtis died February 24, 1943 at Beckley, WV.



- (4). Ora E. Conner, born January 10, 1893 and died November 1974. Ora married Charles Edgar Bones about 1909. Charles was born about 1869. Ora is buried in the Bones Family Cemetery at Shawsville, VA.
  - (5). Ida Blanch E. Conner, born April 1894 in Floyd Co., VA, married July 29, 1915 in Montgomery Co., VA to Carl Ellis King, son of Jackson Charles King and Addie Rose. Ida died January 16, 1963 in Floyd Co.
  - (6). Bernice E. Conner, married Bessie Mae Thompson
  - (7). Coe E. Conner, born February 16, 1898 and died September 14, 1901.
  - (8). William B. Conner, (born February 22, 1899, died September 2, 1978) age 28, married Irva Stigleman, age 22, August 2, 1928. Irva was born May 14, 1905, died February 19, 1990. They had two sons Carlton and Donald Wayne Conner.
  - (9). Corbertt R. Conner, born February 2, 1901, died February 17, 1919.
  - (10). Vida Oyler Conner, (born March 13, 1903) age 19, married Noah Bluford Lawrence, age 31, March 11, 1933.
    - (a). Dorothy Alice Lawrence married February 26, 1949 to Sherman Radford. Sherman was born October 2, 1923, died October 19, 1997. Dorothy died August 24, 2006.
    - (b). Allen Lawrence
    - (c). Mary Frances Lawrence married Henry Elmo Saunders
    - (d). Raymond B. Lawrence married Opal \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (e). Garnet Lawrence married Frank Gerland
    - (f). Reba Lawrence married Marvin Jones
    - (g). Irene Lawrence
- e. Franklin Willard Conner; born February 22, 1862, never married.
- f. Gilly Bruce Conner; born April 8, 1865 and married Nannie Alice Conner January 1, 1893. Nannie was born January 29, 1871. Nannie is the daughter of Nathaniel Osborn and Mary J. Walton Conner. They had the following children:
- (1). Curtis Conner, (born november 1893 and died April 9, 1972) age 26, married Hattie M. Board, age 24, May 16, 1920.
  - (2). Dovie Conner, born September 5, 1895, died March 25, 1920

(3). Hugh Conner, born 1905 and married Pauline Hodge. They were divorced and Pauline died January 14, 2002. Pauline then married \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins.

+ Nancy Conner was born August 1, 1940 and died January 27, 2015. She married William Bowman.

++ Cindy Bowman married Kent Jones.

+++ Brittany Jones (deceased)

+++ Lindsey Jones

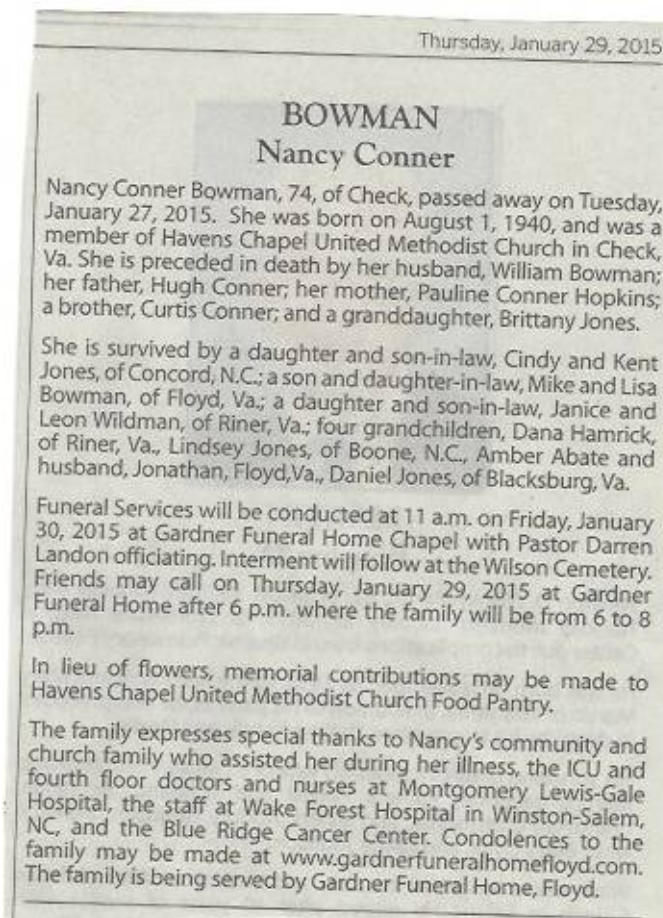
+++ Daniel Jones

++ Mike Bowman married Lisa \_\_\_\_\_.

++ Janice Bowman married Leon Wileman

+ Curtis Conner (Deceased)

g. Admonia (Amanda)Elizabeth Conner was born June 1, 1868, died February 1925 and married David Washington Vest. David was born September 30, 1860, died January 4, 1932. They were married February 18, 1886



Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by William P. and Catherine Poff Conner



**RADFORD**

**Dorothy Alice Lawrence**

Dorothy Alice Lawrence Radford, 82, went to be with her Lord Thursday, August 24, 2006. She had been a resident at the Radford Health and Rehab Center. Dorothy was born in Floyd County on March 22, 1924, a daughter of the late Noah and Vida Conner Lawrence. Dorothy married the love of her life, Sherman

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Radford, he preceded her in death on October 19, 1997. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Darlene in 1956 and a brother, Allen Lawrence and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Buddy Saunders and brother-in-law, Frank Gerland. Dorothy retired from Halmode Sewing Company where she worked as a seamstress. She loved cooking and growing her vegetables for canning and also loved quilting. Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted brother Raymond B. Lawrence and his wife, Opal; three loving sisters, Garnet Gerland of Stewartsville, Reba Jones and her husband, Marvin of Pilot, Va. and Irene Lawrence of Roanoke. Also surviving are her sister-in-law, Reba Lawrence of Christiansburg; her nieces, Donna Vest, Debbie Lawrence, Nancy Jones, Dreama Wilkes and Vickie Brown; and a favorite nephew, Frankie Lawrence. A service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 27, 2006 at the Roanoke Chapel of Lotz Funeral Homes officiated by the Rev. Jay Shaffer. Interment will follow in Wilson Cemetery in Floyd County. Dorothy's family will receive friends on Saturday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home at 1001 Franklin Rd. SW. Online condolences may be made to [www.lotzfuneralhome.com](http://www.lotzfuneralhome.com).

h. Cora Emmaline Conner was born April 3, 1873 and married John W. Board January 16, 1890. Cora died December 29, 1904. John was born May 12, 1869.

(1). Pearlie Gay Board, born October 1895, died 1976, married Samuel Henry Poff March 3, 1918. Samuel was born January 26, 1896 and died in 1961. They had four daughters.

Census records have provided some information about William. The Montgomery County Census of 1810 shows William as head of the household and living with him was a male age 26 to 45, a female age 16 to 26 and two males under the age of 10. Since Montgomery County records do not show a marriage of a William prior to

1810, it is assumed that another couple and their two small sons were living with him. The census of 1820 shows William with his wife and three sons under the age of 10. William was also listed in the 1830 and 1840 census but not in the 1850 census.

Montgomery County records show a marriage between Ruth Conner and Peter Smith October 3, 1822. The names of the surety was William Conner Sr. and William Conner Jr.

List of land tax 1831 made by Joseph Howard,  
Commissioner of Revenue.

Name	Resid.	No._Acres	Descrip._of_Loc.
William Conner	Floyd	190	Adj. Conner
William Conner	Floyd	150	N. Alley
William Conner	Floyd	50	Muster Ground Br

4. Daniel I. Conner Jr.(1778-1841)

Daniel was a minister, born January 10, 1778, Montgomery County Virginia, and married Rebecca Smith February 13, 1806 probably in Sevier County TN, who was born June 29, 1788. The 1810 census of Montgomery County, shows only two children, however, there were 14 children total. Daniel and Rebecca are buried in Fairview Church Cemetery, near Fountaintown, Shelby County, IN. Daniel died July 8, 1841, and Rebecca died December 14, 1847

A. Female; born 1784-1794

B. Female; born 1800-1810

A woman being 45 or older was listed as living in Daniel's household in 1810. The family moved from Virginia to Tennessee and then to Indiana. The following are children of Daniel and Rebecca Conner:

A. Sarah Conner, born March 20, 1807 in Virginia and married Henry Walker November 16, 1826 in Fayette County IN. Henry was born in TN about 1804. They had four children.

(1). William Walker, born abt. 1828, married Elvira \_\_\_\_\_.

(2). Melissa Walker, born abt. 1841, married Thomas Monger.

(3). Mary J. Walker, born May 20, 1831, died June 30, 1831.

(4). Lewis Walker, born October 1832, died July 17, 1833.

B. Christiana/Catherine Conner, born November 20, 1808 in TN and died May 20, 1862 in Vermilion County IL. She married September 8, 1825 to Rhodes Smith Sr., born July 29, 1803 and died April 2, 1882. They had the following children:

(1). William F. Smith, born 1826

(2). Daniel Smith, born 1828

(3). Berryman Smith, born 1830

(4). Fielding Felem Smith, born 1833

(5). James Smith, born 1834

(6). Elizabeth Smith, born 1836

(7). John W. Smith (1838-1919)

(8). Christiana A. Smith, born 1840

(9). Rhodes Smith, born 1843

C. James Conner, born December 24, 1810, in Sevier County TN and died December 5, 1893 in Marion County IN and was a preacher. He married Ruhama Darter October 28, 1830 in Fayette County IN. Ruhama was born in 1813 and died in 1848 in Rush County IN. They had the following children:

- (1). Martin D. Conner, born 1832
- (2). William S. Conner, born 1835
- (3). James Washington Conner (1837-1911)
- (4). Infant, born about 1839
- (5). Infant, born about 1841
- (6). Samuel M. Conner (1843-1923)
- (7). Infant, born about 1845

James was also married to Ruth America Moore, born in 1814 and died August 6, 1861. They married in 1849.

D. Mary Ann Conner, born November 5, 1812 in Fayette County IN, died July 21, 1872 in Mahaska County Iowa. Mary Ann was a twin. Mary married December 15, 1831 to Aaron Oldham, who was born July 17, 1812 in Sevier County TN and died March 23, 1877 in Nuckolls County Nebraska. They had the following children:

- (1). Margaret Oldham (1832-1914)
- (2). George Conner Oldham (1834-1912)
- (3). Levi Oldham (1835-1852)
- (4). James Oldham (1837-1908)
- (5). Daniel Oldham (1842-1847)
- (6). Robert S. Oldham (1842-1870)
- (7). Catherine Oldham (1843-1844)
- (8). Moses A. Oldham (1845-1852)
- (9). Mahala Oldham (1848-1875)
- (10). Nancy Jane Oldham (1850-1853)
- (11). Francis Marion Oldham (1853-1875)
- (12). Infant (1855-1855)
- (13). Infant (1855-1855)

E. Margaret Ann Conner, born November 5, 1812 in Fayette County IN, a twin to Mary. Margaret married April 17, 1834 in Rush Co., IN to Hugh Hamilton.. Hugh was born Sep 25, 1810 and was later married to Margaret Elliot and died Nov 17, 1873. Margaret Ann and Hugh had four children.

- (1). Rebecca Hamilton, born March 4, 1935
- (2). Elizabeth Hamilton, born July, 1836 and died April 28, 1882
- (3). William Hamilton, born January 23, 1839, died July 29, 1840
- (4). James Robert Hamilton, born April 1, 1842, died September 27, 1862

F. William Conner, born October 13, 1814 in Fayette County IN and died after 1884. He married Elizabeth Smith, born January 1816, died July 20, 1857. William is buried in Jasper County IL. William also married March 2, 1858 in Coles County IL to Rose Ann Hedges, born 1837. They had two children.

- (1). Henrietta Conner, born 1866
- (2). Daisy Conner, born 1877

G. Lovisa/Lucy Conner, born October 31, 1818, Fayette County IN, died May 9, 1843. She is buried in Fairview Church Cemetery, Shelby County IN.

H. Nancy Conner, born December 11, 1819 in Fayette County IN and died September 19, 1881 Jasper County IL. She married January 30, 1845 in Shelby County IN to Isaac H. Hendricks. Isaac was born February 22, 1823 and died October 1, 1894. They had a daughter.

- (1). Rebecca Jane Hendricks (1846-1885)

I. Daniel Samuel Conner, born December 11, 1820, Fayette County IN and died December 1900 in Clark County IL. He married January 12, 1843 in Hancock IN to Louisa Hendricks, born April 29, 1821 and died May 27, 1877 in Jasper County IL. They had the following children:

- (1). Martha A. Conner, born Sept 14, 1844
- (2). James Henry Conner (Sep 26, 1848-March 22,1925)
- (3). Mary Jane Conner (1852-1891)
- (4). Sarah E. Conner (Oct. 15, 1853-1882)
- (5). George Eli Conner (July 19, 1857-April 19, 1932)
- (6). Rosee Sarah Conner (1864-1864)
- (7). Daniel Comer Conner, born January 8, 1860 in Illinois (see page 55.2.0)

Daniel married Rachel Unknown abt. 1877 in Ohio. Rachel previously was married to \_\_\_\_\_ Sutherland.

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by Daniel and Rebecca Smith Conner

- (2). James Henry Conner, was born Sep 26, 1848 and died March 22, 1925. He married Mary Ann Short Oct. 21, 1869.
- (a). Cora Olive Conner, born Dec 2, 1870 and died Sep 6, 1896
  - (b). Anna Mae Conner, born January 14, 1880 and died Dec 21, 1931
  - © . Maude Lucille Conner, born Dec 19, 1887 and died Sep 12, 1924
  - (d). George William Conner, born Oct 17, 1873 and died Feb 21, 1876
  - (e). Dora Belinda Conner, born ) Oct 14, 1876 and died 1959
  - (f). Ica Beatrice Elinora Conner, born July 23, 1882, died May 8, 1950
  - (g). Guy Virgal Conner, born Feb 25, 1885, died Oct 9, 1971
  - (h). Harry Leonard Conner, born April 21, 1890
- (5). George Eli Conner, born July 19, 1857, died April 19, 1932. He married Sep 7, 1884 to Dora Isabelle Grubles, born Oct 24, 1861.
- (a). Jessie Orlena Conner
  - (b). Bertha Rogna Conner
  - (c). Clara Lavinia Gertrude Conner
  - (d). Mildred Maudalene Conner
- (7). Daniel Comer Conner, was born January 8, 1860 in Illinois, and married Susannah Amelia Susie Davis, who was born August 16, 1856, in Illinois. They were married, January 27, 1881, in Jasper Co., Illinois.
- (a). Davis Clinton Conner, born July 7, 1882 in Jasper Co., Illinois
  - (b). Myrtie Elsie Conner, born August 21, 1885 in Jasper Co. Illinois
  - (c). Estella Etelka Conner, born August 10, 1887 in Illinois. She married Leander Frank Wright about 1903, who was born September 26, 1882.
    - + Walter Wright
    - + Detroit Clyde Wright
    - + Roy Leander Wright
    - + Russell Alfonso Wright, born Sept 15, 1904 in Illinois
    - + Raymond Elbert Wright, born about 1905 in Illinois
    - + Hazel Alean Wright, born about 1907 in Illinois



K. Rebecca Ann Conner, born January 5, 1823 in Fayette County IN and died March 15, 1849 in Shelby County IN. She married March 15, 1849 in Shelby County to John Christopher Hart. They had a daughter.

(1). Barbara Hart, born about 1849

L. George Smith Conner, born January 17, 1825 in Fayette County IN and died March 14, 1889 in Jasper County IL. He married April 2, 1848 to Jane Davee, born December 3, 1828 and died January 16, 1878. They had the following children:

- (1). Amanda Rebecca Conner (1849-1855)
- (2). Mary E. Conner (1851-1855)
- (3). Maggie E. Conner (1854-1877)
- (4). Nancy Elmira Conner (1855-1860)
- (5). Margaret Elizabeth Conner (1859- )
- (6). George B. M. Conner (1862-1864)
- (7). Alice Martha Conner (1865- )
- (8). Benjamin Conner, born about 1869
- (9). Edwin/ Eddy Conner (1872-1874)

George also married Ruminta A. Ballard October 26, 1876 and they had five children.

- (10). Charley Conner, born 1877
- (11). Lucy Jane Conner, born 1878
- (12). Cora Emmelina Conner (1880-1976)
- (13). Nellie May Conner, born 1882
- (14). Bertha Conner, born 1884

M. Elizabeth Conner, born October 3, 1827 in Fayette County IN and married Zachariah W. Davee, born January 4, 1831 and died September 27, 1873. He is buried in Jasper County IL. They were married March 22, 1849.

- (1). Martha Ann Jane Davee (1850-1883)
- (2). Daniel S. Davee (1851-1929)
- (3). Isaac Benjamin Davee (1854-1881)
- (4). William Thomas Davee (1856-1884)
- (5). Amanda V. Davee (1859-1861)
- (6). Mary G. F. Davee (1861-1862)
- (7). Sarah E. Davee (1864-1884)

M. Eli Conner, born November 9, 1832 in Rush County IN and died December 23, 1875, in Cumberland County IL. He is buried in Jasper County IL. He married Elmira \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1). Elmer Conner, born about 1861
- (2). Wooster Conner, born about 1865
- (3). Edna Conner, born about 1876

N. Martha/Marthey Conner, born December 25, 1834 in Fayette County IN. No other information is known about her at this time.

## 5. Zadock Conner

Zadock Conner was born February 10, 1781 in Montgomery County Virginia. He married Jane Smith August 6, 1808 and the name of the surety was William Rose Smith. Zadock was born February 10, 1780 in Botetourt County and his wife Jane was born in 1788 and died Aug. 16, 1828. Zadock died September 13, 1854. Zadock was apparently missed in the Montgomery County census of 1810 since he was married in Montgomery County. Other census records would indicate they had at least six children as follows:

- A. Male; born 1804-1810
- B. Male; born 1810-1820
- C. Male; born 1810-1820
- D. Male; born 1810-1820
- E. Male; born 1810-1820
- F. Female; born 1810-1820

Zadock sold his property to his brothers Andrew and William in 1822 or 1823 and moved his family to Ohio and then on to Indiana. A book by B.J. Conner, 619 Emerson, Wichita KS has complete information on Zadock Conner. This book is available in the Roanoke Library.

- A. Smith Conner, born October 17, 1808, Montgomery Co. VA.
- B. Mary Conner, born abt. 1812, Montgomery Co. VA
- C. Elizabeth Ann Conner, born abt. 1814, Montgomery Co. VA
- D. Alexander Conner, born April 14, 1816, Montgomery Co. VA.
- E. William W. Conner, born abt. 1819, Montgomery Co. VA \*
- F. Samuel Conner, born 1820, Montgomery Co. VA.
- G. Flemon Conner, born 1821, Montgomery Co. VA,
- H. Martha Ellender Conner, born 1823, in Ohio.
- I. Jane Conner, born 1826, Putman Co. IN. \*
- J. John R. Conner, born 1828, Putman Co. IN.
- K. Andrew Conner, born April 15, 1830 Putnam Co., Indiana
- L. Daniel Conner, born August 17, 1832, Putman Co., Indiana

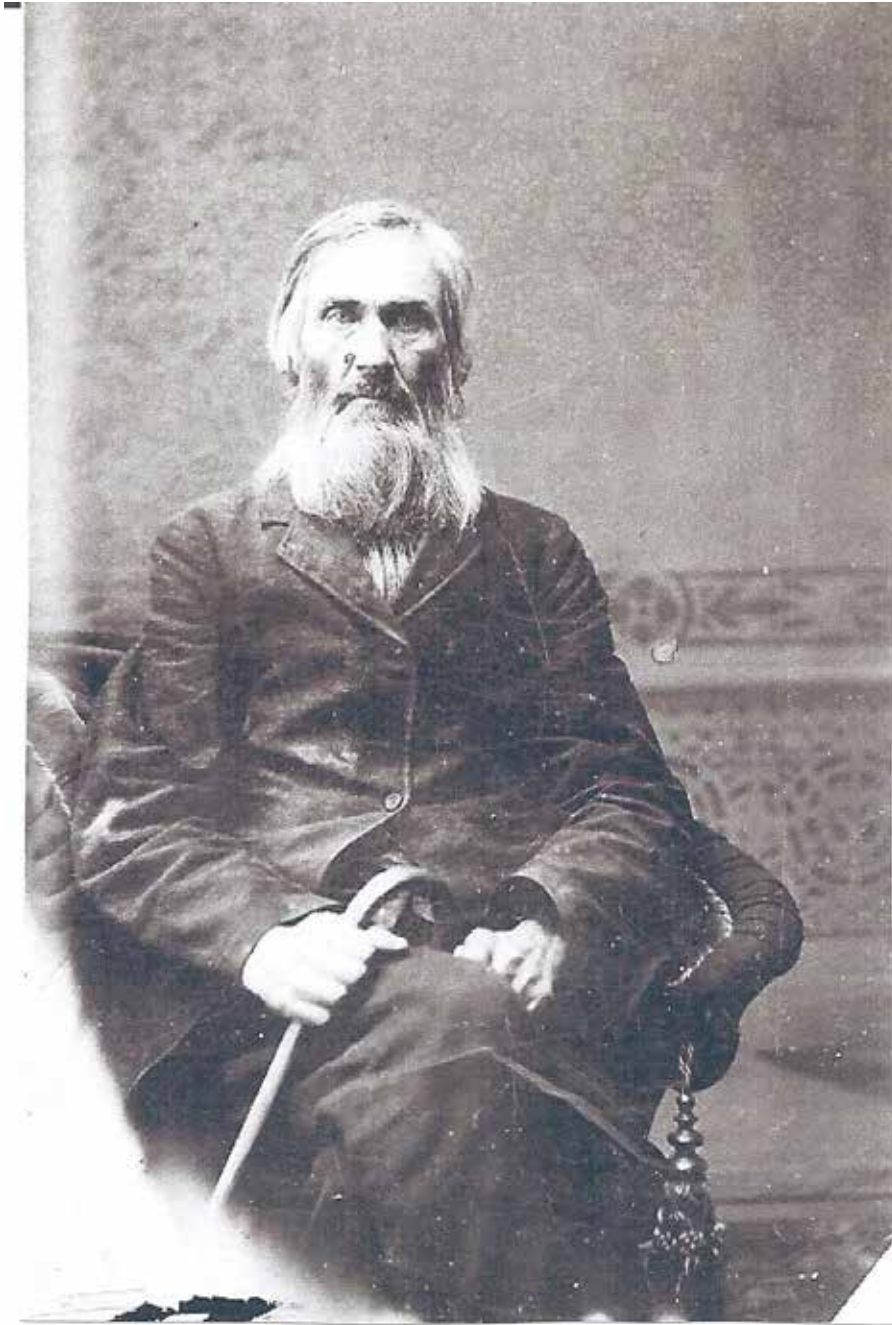
\* other sources do not show them as children?

## 6. Rebeckah Elizabeth Conner

Rebeckah (Rebecca) was born August 11, 1775 in Montgomery Co. VA and died October 24, 1850 in Wabash Co. IN. Montgomery County marriage records show that Rebeckah married John Reed December 11, 1799. John Reed, born May 10, 1777, was probably a brother to Sarah Reed who married Jonathan Conner. Rebeckah and John moved to Indiana.

- A. Benjamin Reed, born about 1801, Montgomery Co. VA.
- B. Mary Ann Reed, born about 1803, Montgomery Co. VA.
- C. Ezra Reed, born about 1805, Montgomery Co. VA
- D. John Reed, born May 30, 1808, Montgomery Co. VA.
- E. Sarah Reed, born March 1, 1811, Montgomery Co. VA.
- F. Eura Emma Reed, born February 21, 1814, Montgomery Co. VA.
- G. Hosea H. Reed, born June 14, 1817, Montgomery Co. VA.

7. Jacob Conner, born February 10, 1781, died April 26, 1870, married Barbara Furrow (born February 12, 1785, died 1863) December 6, 1803, and the name of the surety was Allen Simpson. Jacob was a farmer and a blacksmith, moved to TN., Ohio, and then to Indiana in 1827 to be near other members of his family. He also lived in Iowa.
- A. John O. Conner, born October 11, 1804, Montgomery Co. VA.
  - B. Charles Conner, born abt. 1806 in TN.
  - C. Daniel Conner, born May 4, 1814, in Clark Co. Ohio (see page 58.0.1)
  - D. William Conner, born abt. 1821 in Ohio
  - E. Aaron Conner, born 1824 in Ohio
  - F. Barbara Conner, born abt. 1825 in Tippacanoe Co. IN.
  - G. Jacob "Jake" Conner, born October 31, 1826 at Stillwater Creek, Tuscarawas, Ohio. He died August 26, 1896 at Cove, Union County, Oregon. He married 1<sup>st</sup> Judy Shaffle (Shaver) February 26, 1852. Judy was born April 7, 1825 and died March 1, 1859 in Portland, Oregon. He married 2<sup>nd</sup> Neva E. May in Keokuk County Iowa May 1864. Neva died in 1876. Jack was the father of 11 children. Two by his first wife and 3 by his second wife that lived and six children that died. Jake wrote an article for a newspaper that I will include on the following page.
  - H. Jane Conner, born 1832 in Tippacanoe Co. IN.
  - I. Mary Conner, born 1834 in Tippacanoe Co. IN.
8. Barbara Conner; born about 1785, married \_\_\_\_\_ Shelor.
9. Mary Elizabeth Conner, born about 1779-1782, died after Aug. 19, 1850, married February 1, 1811 to Samuel Hill, born abt. 1772, died December 23, 1851 in Rush Co., IN. They were married in Sevier County Tennessee. They lived in Fayette County Indiana. They had five children.
- A. Sarah Hill, born about 1802, Sevier County TN, married Samuel Stephens October 9, 1836. After Sarah's husband died, she moved in the house with Samuel and Mary.
  - B. Hannah Hill, born about 1807, Sevier County TN, married William Stephens.
  - C. William Hill, born about 1809, Sevier County TN, married Matilda Stephens, January 1, 1837.
  - D. Mary Hill, born about 1817 in Rush Co., IN and died June 19, 1845. She married Charles Madison March 20, 1838.
    - (1). William Madison, born abt. 1838
    - (2). Rebecca E. Madison, born abt. 1839, married William E. Davidson May 1, 1860.
    - (3). John Madison, born November 1840, married Elizabeth Sparks March 13, 1864.
  - E. Rebecca Hill, born May 5, 1817, Rush Co., IN, married Samuel Cass September 13, 1850. She died June 13, 1866 at Bates Co., MO.



(See Page 58.)

The Picture is very old and is of Daniel Conner, son of Jacob and Barbara Furrow Conner. Daniel was born May 4, 1814

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Family of Daniel and Mary Conner  
by Jacob and Barbara Furrow Conner

10.Sarah “Sally”Conner; born about 1783 in Montgomery County, Virginia and was listed in the Patrick County census of 1850 and the wife of Edward H. Hylton.. Edward was born in 1786 in Patrick County. Sally died December 10, 1861 and is buried at the Head of the River cemetery. They had the following children:

- A. Moses Hylton, born in 1818 and died in 1895.
- B. Elizabeth Hylton, born about 1821.
- C. Mary “Polly” Hylton, born about 1823
- D. Hardin Hylton, born in 1829 and died in 1881.

11.Cristinna Conner; born about 1791, married Joshua Wilson January 5, 1819.

Jacob “Jake” Conner sent this narrative to the Cove Oregon newspaper “The Scout” a few weeks before his death. He is buried in Cove Cemetery, Cove, Union County, Oregon and was killed by a horse.

I was born in Ohio on a stream called Stillwater, in the year of 1826, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. My father moved to Indiana in 1827 and settled in Lafayette (Fayette Co.?). Then we moved upon the middle fork of Wildcat in the Eastern part of Tippecanoe County, in 1843 we moved to Iowa and settled in Keokuk, County. We lived there until 1848. Then I went back to Larricut, Indiana. In the spring of 1851 I went down on a flat boat to New Orleans, then up the Mississippi to Burlington, Iowa. From there I walked home, 75 miles in three days. I stayed with my father until I got married. That was on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852. I married Judy Shaffle. We started across the plains in March with one yoke of oxen and one yoke of cows and a little wagon. We got to the Dalles on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, 1852. There I hired an Indian to take us down the Cascade where we packed our things to the boat landing, a distance of eleven miles, and got on James Stevens Flatboat. He took us to Portland. We got here on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. It rained continually. I struck camp on second street, called Washington Street, in the timber. I lived there until I moved to the Slough – Louis Love's place. I logged two years then I moved to Portland. I lived there until my wife died in the year of 1859. Then I went to Jacksonville, southern Oregon. I spent one summer there in the mines, then I spent two years in Ora, Fino and Salmon river.

In the fall of 1862 I settled in Grande Valley, in the Cove, before there was a house built there. I have lived there ever since. I married Neva E. May in 1864. She died in 1876. I have two children by my first wife and three by my last wife that are living and six are dead.

My ups and downs have been many. I went out of this valley to see the first railroad in this country. It was at the Dalles. I had a yoke of cattle and offered to trade my yoke of cattle to the train men for their entire train, even. I came home to the cove and started back to Iowa by stage. When I got to Caldwell, Idaho, I took the cars. I was gone about two months. I have been on the frontier all my life and I thought I would go and see my kin folks. I had been gone about 33 years. They did not know me when I met them. While I was there, they got to calling me "Uncle Jake". I still go by that name.

Here I have two hundred acres of lands, all but forty acres in cultivation. I have a good orchard, three thousand pounds of winter apples in my seller waiting for spring market.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> 1861 I started with two men across the Cascade mountains. We traveled through snow four feet deep and made our way to Ora Fina mines in Idaho. I worked for Owen Barten in the mines until the Salmon River Excitement broke out. A man by the name of Lon Simmons wanted to go with us. I bought a pony, paid \$75 for him. Lon

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bought the grub and we packed the pony and started out on Doc Leatherman's trail. We overtook him that night. He was asleep and we took him up. Next morning we got in



with him to pack his horses. Bridger, his partner, had gone ahead and got lost, but he followed our trail and followed up. One hundred and fifty men were trying to see who would get there first. The third day we got there. I went to work prospecting. For two weeks it snowed so much that I sold my horse and saddle for \$16 for Lon Simmons to go out on. I stayed there until December. The snow was three feet deep. John Parker, Ben Kilburn and myself started out and a man of the name of Bonaparte came to us with a sack of gold that weighed twelve pounds and said he wanted to go with us to Lewiston, Idaho, but at State Creek he got a horse and went on. We walked for five days without anything to eat until we got to Lewiston, Idaho. We carried John Parker in on his knees, having given out going down Craige Mountain so that he could not walk. We got in about 10 O'clock in the night. I went to the fort and got three feet of bologna, one sack of cracker, a piece of cheese and one package of coffee and we went to eating. When the first bell rang in the morning, we got our breakfast and paid three dollars for it. We laid a supply of cheese and crackers and sausages and hired a man by the name of Snapping Andy to take us to Wallulla in Hudson by canoe. Eighteen men paid five dollars a piece at Wallulla we got on a stem (steam?) boat and started for Celilo. We landed there after night. The stages were all full so we had to walk sixteen miles after night to the Dalles. We took the boat the next morning for Portland. I wintered at Portland that winter. In the spring of 1862 I started for Salmon River in company of Adam Macktime. We had three horses packed and one to ride. We went on a steamer to the Dalles and took the train to Walla Walla thence to Lewiston, Idaho, the to Florence. We got to the mountain, going down the head of Slate Creek. The snow was ten feet deep but we got safely into Florence. I traded horses and grub for a claim. It did not pay. I sold it and went to Elk City, where I worked one month. Five men wanted me to go to Warren's diggings. We got lost southwest of Buffalo Hump, but struck a trail which took us to Florence. Then I thought I would go home. I went to Lewiston the next morning. They had three men hung on a pole back of the jail. I started to Walla Walla, Washington, Two men there wanted me to go to Auburn, Oregon. I got there and took a contract to winter 60 head of oxen for Dolph and Downs. I was to bring them to Grande Ronde Valley to winter. I wintered them in Cove. That was how I came to settle in Cove.

Say, Mr. Editor. I am not a pioneer and never will be until they move the graves out of old man Albertson's corral and street where my pioneer friends of 1852 were buried in old LaGrande. I have taken the scout, and enjoyed reading it, ever since it first started. Yours Truly, Jacob Conner

(Copied from B.J. Conner's book, pages 203 and 204)



*The  
Family  
of  
Nathan  
Conner*



## Descendants of Nathan Conner

No  
Picture  
Available!

Eliza Cole



**Nathan Conner**  
*Nathan Conner*  
*Abt. 1855*



**Elizabeth Kelly**  
*Elizabeth Kelly Conner*

No  
Picture  
Available!

**Keszial Catherine Conner**



**Ellen Iddings**  
*Ellen Iddings*  
*Unknown*

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**Mary Peradine Conner**



**George Benjamin Conner**  
*George Ben Conner*  
*October 1895*

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Picture  
Available!

**William Aaron Conner**



**Wilmuth Jane Martin**  
*Wilmuth Jane Conner*  
*October 1895*

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**Nathaniel Osborne Conner**

No  
Picture  
Available!

**Sarah Ann Conner**

No  
Picture  
Available!

**Jacob Joseph Conner**



**Mose Leland Conner**  
*Mose Leland Conner*  
*Unknown*

## THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER

Nathan Conner was born November 13, 1813 and died April 11, 1880. Nathan was married twice and had children by both wives. His first wife was Eliza Cole (daughter of Ersal {Ezra} Cole) and was born in 1817 and died of diphtheria August 24, 1854. Nathan and Eliza were married October 23, 1839 and had five children. He is thought to have served in the Civil War, but no records have been found to confirm this. Nathan's middle name is unknown, but his Will states his name as being Nathan Conner Senior. This could mean that his name is Nathan Osborne Conner as was his son.

- A. Keszial (Kesiah) Catherine Conner; born September 26, 1840; married December 20, 1860 to Moses Greer Kelley
  
- B. Mary Peradine Conner; born May 22, 1842, married Fleming H. Poff August 22, 1865.
  - 1. James F. Poff, born September 19, 1866.
  - 2. Lillie Poff, born January 1, 1868, married Samuel William Martin October 3, 1903.
  - 3. William Nathan Poff, born 1870.
  - 4. Samuel S. Poff, born 1873. He married Berchie Tyree
  - 5. Joseph Poff, born 1874.
  - 6. Riley Poff, born 1876, married Lucy C. R. Mills.
  - 7. Matilda "Tilda" Poff, born 1878, died at age 12
  
- C. William Aaron Conner; born September 29, 1843 and died August 27, 1854 from diphtheria.
  
- D. Nathaniel Osborne Conner; was born July 15, 1845 married Mary Jane Walton. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her husband and she died in 1933. They were married December 6, 1866, he was 21 and she was 19. It is believed they had six children.
  - 1. Willie J. Conner, born September 9, 1867.
  - 2. Liza Lee Conner, born February 25, 1869, died October 23, 1923, married John H. Clower, age 32, widower, June 30, 1895. Buried at Wilson Cemetery.
  - 3. Nancy "Nannie" Alice Conner, born June 29, 1871, married Gilly Bruce Conner. January 1, 1893. Gilly is the son of Daniel Peter and Elizabeth Wilson Conner. Buried at Wilson Cemetery
  - 4. Kyle Kurtis Conner, born August 19, 1873 and lived in Maryland, married Ida  
\_\_\_\_\_.
    - (1). Clarence Edward Conner, born December 17, 1900
    - (2). Clyde Conner, born about 1901
    - (3). Bessie E. Conner, born February 1912
    - (4). Lillian Conner, born about 1915
  - 5. Lawrence Conner
  - 6. Willie Conner

## THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER

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  5. Lawrence Conner
  6. Willie Conner
  7. Luanna J. Conner, born May 9, 1881.
- E. Jacob Joseph Conner; born May 29, 1848 and died August 13, 1854 from diphtheria.

## THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER



**MANNING**  
Perdine Poff

Perdine Poff Manning, 95, of Roanoke County, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Perdine was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel S. and Berchie Tyree Poff; her brothers, Merriman, Hiram, Posey, Harvey, Henry, Jack and Samuel (Gee) Poff; her sisters, Velma Graham, Ada Holliday, and Almeda Bohon; and her grandson, Donnie Wimmer. She is survived by her daughters, Shirley M. Wimmer, of Bent Mountain; Geraldine Faye Hicks and husband, William, of Blue Ridge; her son, Ralph S. Manning Jr. and wife, Donna, of Moneta; her grandchildren, Randy Wimmer and wife, Rosy, Melanie Manning DeLong and husband, Richard, William Hicks and wife, Connie, Patsy Dodd and husband, Larry; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; a sister-in-law, Lelia Poff, of Salem. A Service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 4, 2012, at Oakey's South Chapel, with Pastor Mike Anderson and Willie Green officiating. Interment in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012, at Oakey's South Chapel, 540-989-3131.

THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER  
The Cole Family

The Cole family was moved to Attachment F. page 197.1

## THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER

About three years after his first wife's death, Nathan married Elizabeth Kelley December 10, 1857. Elizabeth was born July 1, 1822 and died July 28, 1900. Nathan is buried at the Head of the River Cemetery, probably with his first wife. Elizabeth is buried at the Wilson Cemetery. Nathan and Elizabeth had three children.

- F. Sarah Ann Conner; born November 29, 1858 and died August 13, 1866.
- G. George Benjamin Conner; born February 6, 1861 and died March 30, 1942. (a detailed report follows)
- H. Mose Leland Conner; born March 15, 1865 and died May 6, 1934. Mose owned a farm adjacent to his brother George and lived with George and his family for some time. Wilmuth took care of him by cooking and washing his clothes etc. and he Willed his farm (107 acres) to Wilmuth at his death. Mose is buried at the Wilson Cemetery. The Floyd Press gave the cause of his death as paralysis. The press also stated he was Justice of the Peace a number of years.



THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER

Mose never married and did other jobs in addition to his farming. He was assistant mail carrier, constable, and sold fire insurance.



Mose Leland Conner taken sometime prior to 1934

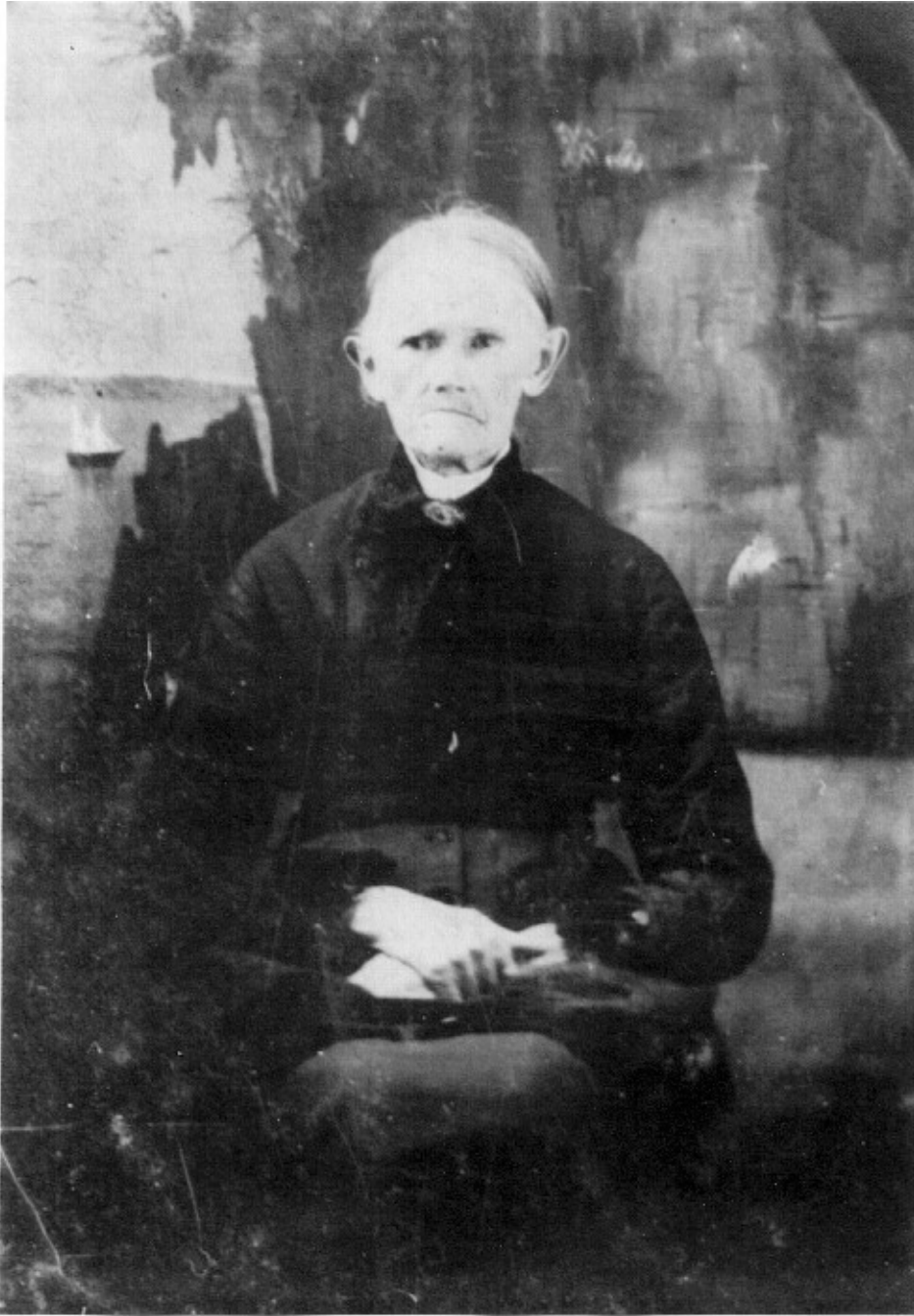
THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER



Believed to be Nathan Conner

This photograph was obtained by Bessie Conner Craghead on the day that the personal property of George Ben Conner was sold. The picture was a tin type and mounted in a small case and the case was dated 1855 behind the picture.

THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER





Elizabeth Kelly Conner, second wife of Nathan Conner  
(Kelley)

**Know all men by these presents, that we** *Nathan Conner and Aaron Conner*  
are held and firmly bound unto *David Campbell Esq*, Governor of Virginia  
in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, and for the payment of which well and truly to be  
made to the said Governor and his successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and adminis-  
trators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.—Sealed with our seals, and dated this *19<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *October* 183 *7*

**The condition of the above obligation is such,** That whereas a marriage is shortly to be  
had and solemnized, between the above bound *Nathan Conner and*  
*Eliza Cole.*

of the county of Floyd. If, therefore, there be no lawful cause or impediment to obstruct said marriage,  
then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

TESTE—  
*Wm. G. Brown* *Nathan Conner*   
*Aaron Conner* 

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Marriage license of Nathan Conner and Eliza Cole

THE WILL OF NATHAN CONNER DATED 1880

The Last Will and Testament of Nathan Conner Senior of the County of Floyd and State of Virginia.

I, Nathan Conner considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory. (Helped by the Almighty God for the same) do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say –

First – I desire to be decently and privately buried in the church yard of Salem Meeting house without any funeral \_\_\_\_\_ with as little expense as will constitute a decent burial.

Second – After all my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath my property as follows – to my beloved wife Elizabeth Conner all my property both real and personal for own use until Moses L. Conner becomes twenty on years of age. Also give and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth Conner a lot or parcel of land bought of D.P. Conner containing about four acres with and orchard adjoining the land of I. B. Lawrence, F. T. Wilson and the said D.P. Conner to have and to hold during her natural life thence to her two Sons George B. and Moses L. Conner and after Moses L. Conner becomes of age. The aforesaid Elizabeth is to have one third of the lands including the building during her lifetime. Choosing the third where she chooses. Also the said Elizabeth Conner is to have one horse, two cows, one third of the sheep and hogs. Also I give and bequeath the legacy that is coming to me from her father George W. Kelly, deceased, to be hers and her two sons alone free from any other claims whatever. Also give and bequeath to my beloved wife after my death twelve months support free of charge whatever. Also I give and bequeath unto my two sons G. B. and Moses L. Conner all my house hold and kitchen furniture for taken care of me Nathan Conner their mother Elizabeth Conner during our natural life time. I Also give and bequeath and desire after my death and my wife choosing her thirds. The remainder to be sold and equally divided between my five children, Catherine Kelly \_\_\_\_\_, Perrydine Poff, Nathan O. Conner, George B. Conner and Moses, and after the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Conner the remaining section of land is to be sold and divided as above to my five children and I also appoint Moses G. Kelly as my administrator. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1879.

Nathan Conner Senior

Witness:

D.P. Conner

E.A. Conner

Sidney R. Conner

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Virginia, in Floyd County Court held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1880 a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Nathan Conner, deceased, was produced in court, and being proven by two of the subscribing witnesses thereto was admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

## The Family of Elizabeth Kelley

The Kelley's (O'Kelley) were from County Clare Ireland and the first of this family came to America about 1700. Elder George Washington Kelley was born March 9, 1794 in Amherst County VA and died November 17, 1878. He was a Primitive Baptist Minister (Elder), who served in the War of 1812 and participated in the battle of New Orleans, married Sarah J. Webster (born about 1797) of Franklin County, December 17, 1819 and moved with his family in 1840 to the East end of Floyd County at the top of Daniel's Run. Sarah died in 1846 and George married Nancy Divers Greer (born about 1812) January 4, 1857 and they had no children. George was the son of James (born about 1758, died about 1835) and Elizabeth Sledd Kelley. James and Elizabeth were married November 6, 1787 in Amherst Co., Va. James and Elizabeth were the parents of 7 sons and 3 daughters. Sarah was the daughter of John Robin and Jennie Akers Webster. George and Sarah's children were as follows:

- A. Elizabeth Kelley; born July 1, 1822, died July 28, 1900, married Nathan Conner December 10, 1857 (see Page 62 for additional information).
- B. Benjamin F. Kelley; born 1824, unmarried, moved to Kentucky.
- C. Ann Eliza Kelley, born June 10, 1825 in Franklin, Co., VA and died March 30, 1897 in Floyd Co., VA. She married James Gray August 3, 1854 in Floyd Co., VA.
- D. Joseph Pedigo Kelley; born 1829, died December 12, 1862, married Sarah Catherine Payne December 24, 1849. Joseph was killed in the Civil War.
  - a. James Marion Kelley, born abt. 1861 and died November 5, 1910. James married Mollie E. Vest May 22, 1889. James developed a large growth on his neck about 2 years prior to his death. James & Mollie had seven children.
  - b. H. H. Kelley
  - c. B. J. Kelley
  - d. J. L. Kelley
  - e. G. L. Kelley
  - f. Daughter (married James Cannaday)
- E. James L. Kelley; born 1829, married Sallie Lester and then Sarah A. Sowder. James served in the Civil War, twin to Joseph. Sallie is said to have hung herself (abt 1862 or 1863) while her husband was serving in the Civil War.
  - a. Nancy Kelley
  - b. Mary Kelley
  - c. George F. Kelley
  - d. Lousia A. Kelley
  - e. J. A. KelleyChildren of James and Sarah Sowder
  - f. Sarah Jane Kelley
  - g. Joseph Lee Kelley
- F. George Washington Kelley Jr.; born 1830, married in Kentucky.

## The Family of Elizabeth Kelly

- G. William D. Kelley; born 1834, died after 1900, married Charlotte Powell December 17, 1858 and served in Co. H, 54<sup>th</sup> Va. Infantry during the Civil War.
- H. Moses Greer Kelley; born September 1839 in Franklin Co., VA, died 1903, married Kesiah Catherine Conner December 20, 1860 and they had the following children:
  - Moses served in Co. H, 54<sup>th</sup> Va. Infantry during the Civil War.
  - a. George Nathan Kelley; born September 29, 1861, died 1927, married Jane Ann DeWeese February 14, 1881.
  - b. Emmazetta (Emma) Kelley; born May 17, 1866, died July 7, 1894, married Jefferson Lafayette Kelley.
  - c. Silas Marcus Kelley; born January \_\_, 1868, married Anna Elizabeth Hall (Born July 1883) December 21, 1899.
  - d. James Osborn Kelley; born December 24, 1869, died August 3, 1896
  - e. Thomas L. Kelley; born February 14, 1873, died June 22, 1946, married Martha Abigail Vest March 28, 1893.
  - f. Lucy Ann Kelley; born May 1875, married George Martin Bell in 1907.
  - g. John Martin Kelley, born Aug 10, 1871.
  - h. Sarah Elizabeth Kelley, born August 6, 1877, married John L. Turner November 15, 1899. She married George Hale after 1918.
  - i. Prudence Jane Kelley; born March 19, 1880, and married April 3, 1907 to John Anthony Okes, born July 18, 1881, was the son of William Winfield Scott Oakes and Catherine Rosabelle Moran. John spelled his name Okes on Social Security and Census data, while his father's spelling was Oakes. Prudence died March 2, 1948.
- I. Margaret West Kelley, born about 1840 in Franklin County VA. She married James Gray about 1860, in Floyd County VA.

After Nathan's death in 1880 George Ben, his son, helped run the farm for his mother until her death in 1900.

The family of Elizabeth Kelley

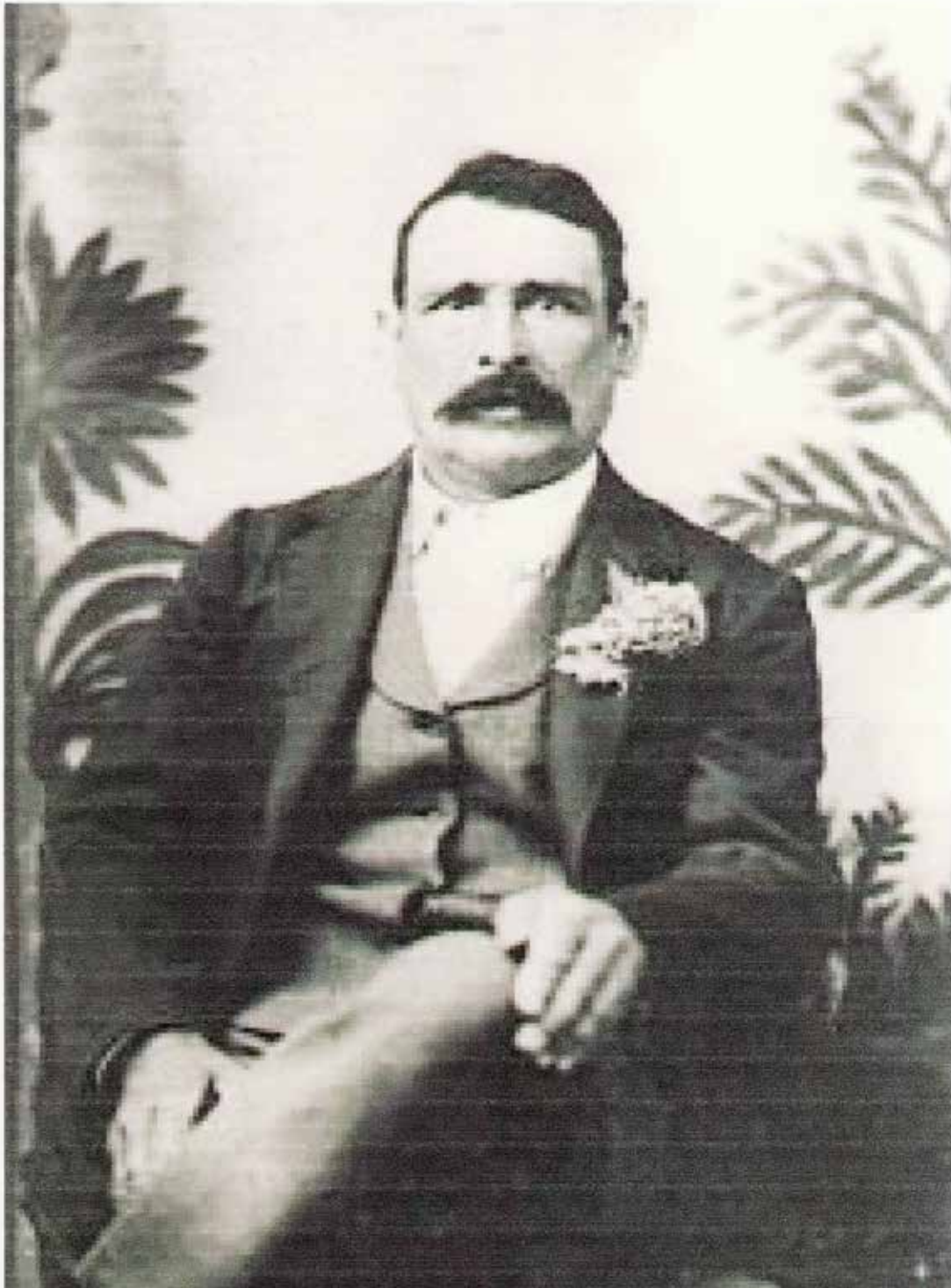


George Washington Kelley, Elder in Primitive Baptist Church  
Born March 9, 1794 and died November 17, 1878

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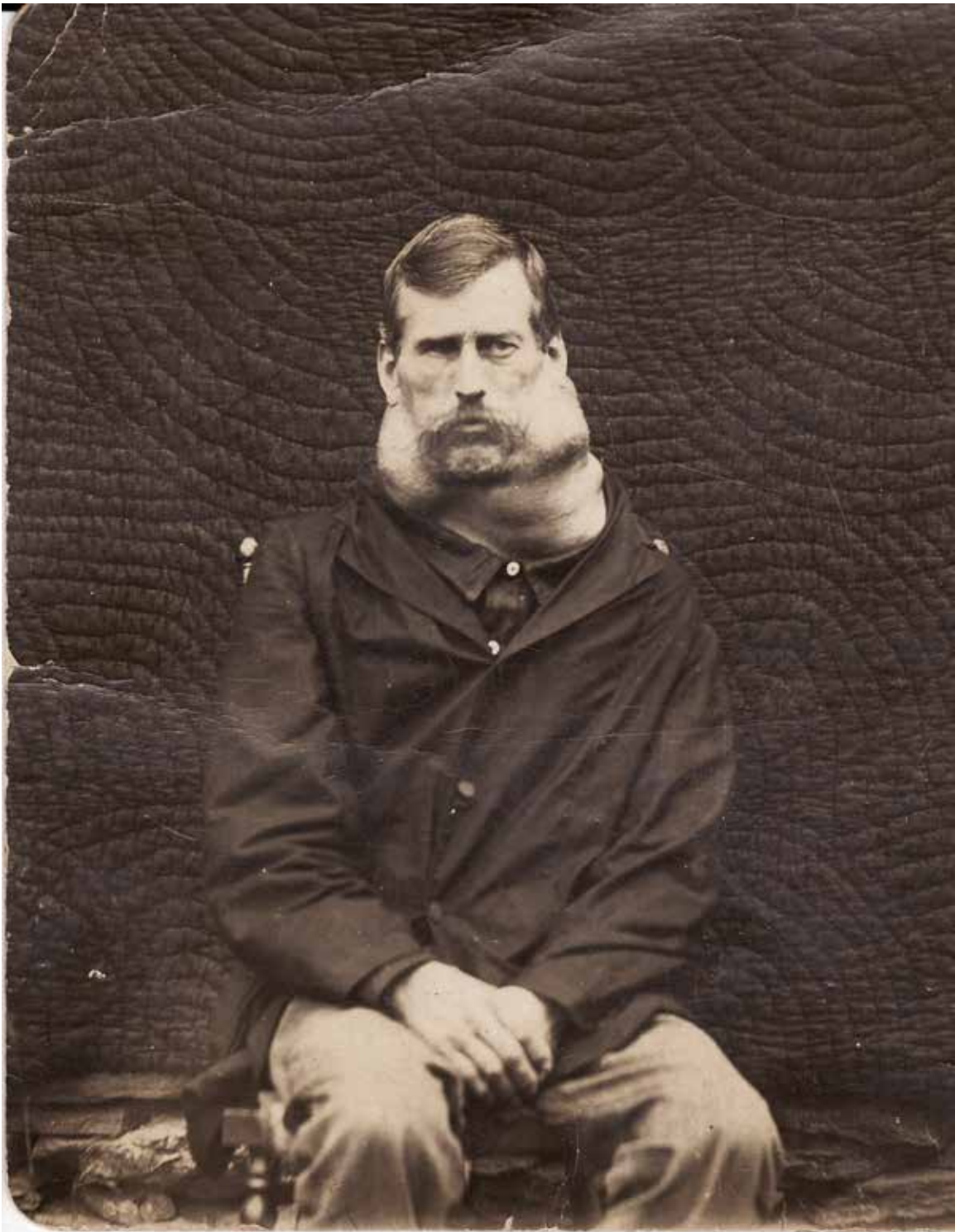


The family of Elizabeth Kelley



Private Joseph Pedigo Kelley, Floyd Co., VA killed in the Civil War  
Born, 1829 and died December 12, 1862

The family of Elizabeth Kelley



James Marion Kelley, born October 12, 1861, died November 5, 1910. He is the son of Joseph Pedigo Kelley. His neck condition was called "Sycoma nest of Tumors"

Will of George W. Kelley, Sr. 1878, Floyd County Virginia

The actual spelling and punctuation has been preserved. The surname Kelly, also spelled Kelley, is found with both spellings.

“I George W. Kelley, Sr., of the County of Floyd and State of Virginia, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament:

Artickual 1<sup>st</sup> – I will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid.

Artickual 2<sup>nd</sup> – I further will that my wife, Nancy, shall have her thirds of my Real Estate laid off in such a way as to imbrace my dwelling house, also that she shall have one horse beast, two milch cows, two beads, and nessary beding for the same, also my best cubbord, and on half of the furnature in the same, one folding table, one dressing table, one trunk which she may like best, six chairs and half of my kitchen furnature, also fully one third part of all the sheep and hogs that I may have on hand at my death, and that she shall have meat and grain sufficient for her support for twelve months after my death. To have and to hold during her natural life. All of which property or so much as she may have at her death shall return to my heirs as hereinafter provided.

Artickual 3<sup>rd</sup> – I will to my son, James L. Kelley, nothing. For the reason that he has already gotten as much or more than any of my children can get.

Artickual 4<sup>th</sup> – I further will that my son, Moses G. Kelley, shall pay after my death fifty dollars to my estate, it being in consideration of a balance for land deeded to him by my self.

Artickual 5<sup>th</sup> – The remaing portion of my estate both Real and personal I wish sold, my personal property to be sold on a credit of twelve months. My Real Estate on such time as executors may think most conducive to the interest of my legatees, and after all nessary expences shall have been paid. My Will and desire is that the proceeds shall be eaqually divided between my children herein after named, to wit. Elizabeth Conner, Ann Gray, Benjamin F. Kelley, George W. Kelly, Jr., William D. Kelley, and Moses G. Kelley, and the heirs of Joseph P. Kelley, dec'd – shall have only one share.

I further will that my son, James L. Kelley, shall not have any interest in my wife's Dowery.

I appoint my son, Moses G. Kelley, and my Son-in-law, Nathan Conner, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament – Given under my had and seal this fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy four – (signed) George W. Kelley.

Signed in presents of us: S.M. Helm, R.W. Knopff, William Aldridge”

The Will of George W. Kelley (continued)

George W. Kelley died November 17, 1878, Floyd County, Va. The Will was proved in Floyd County Court on December 10, 1878.

" The following is from Deed Book P, Page 298, Floyd County Court:  
On December 10, 1879, the Court appointed William M. Aldridge, Mark H. Custer, and Benjamin L. Bell to assign the Dower to Nancy Kelly, Widow of George W. Kelley, "having reference to quantity, quality and improvements thereon and value, and report to the Court."

" On May 23, 1879, the three appointees presented to the Court the following statement:

"We went on the lands of the aforementioned G.W. Kelley and found by a survey made by A. Hogan that the said G.W. Kelley owned at his death 407 acres of land at his residence & 135 acres in the County of Franklin on Snow Creek. Making 542 acres total No. of acres. After examining the land and taking into consideration the quantity, quality and value of above named lands. We assigned the aforesaid Nancy Kelley Ninety fore & One half (94 1/2) acres, including the dwelling house & other improvements about the residence of the aforesaid Geo. W. Kelley as one third value of the whole estate as we could best determine." They included with their report the survey & plat of the assigned Dowery:

"A survey of the Dowery of Nancy Kelley, Widow of G.W. Kelley, containing 94 1/2 acres lying on the Waters of Little River, Floyd County, Va., & bounded as follows. (Viz) beginning at a chestnut near the County line corner to Lot No. 2, N. 28-1/2 W. 56-1/2 poles to locust by a spring. N. 34 poles to a shake (?) in a road, thence road N. 21-1/2 W. 41 poles crossing a branch to a white oak, corner to Wm. Aldridge, thence with his lines N. 31-1/2 W. 32-1/2 poles to a small red oak by a road. S. 59-12 W. 56 poles to a white oak. S. 72-1/2 W. 20 poles to pointers – thence leaving said lines. With James Kelly's lines S. 32 E. 46 poles to a hickory. S. 50 W. 37 poles to white oak by road – S. 19. E. 58 poles to a white oak stump (of Conner) (Corner)?. Thence to a new line. S 69-1/2 E. 43-1/2 poles to a spanish oak N. 75 W. 97. Poles passing Corner of Lots 2 & 3, at 44-1/2 poles to the beginning. May 1879. (signed) A. Hogan. Respectfully submitted this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1879.

Appraisers: Mark H. Custer, Benjamin L. Bell, Wm. M. Aldridge."

## The family of Nathan Conner

Nathan was a clerk of the Primitive Baptist Church at Salem Meeting House (Head of the River) during 1857. This is the same church his grandfather had helped to establish. Nathan was buried in the church cemetery upon his death and is assumed to be buried next to his first wife since his second Wife is buried at Wilson cemetery. In 1853 Nathan bought some land from William P. Conner (his father) in Floyd County for \$110.00. The legal fee for the transfer of ownership was \$0.75.

Nathan was known to be a very serious and somber man and did not like foolishness. He was seldom seen smiling or laughing.

The following is a listing of tax receipts that had belonged to Nathan and Elizabeth his wife:

1836	to one tithe	\$1.50
	to one horse	___.06
		\$1.56
1838	to one tithe	\$0.75
	to one horse	___.08
		\$0.83
1846	1 white tithe	\$0.80
	slave tithe	
	1 horse	.10
	metal clocks	
	wood clocks	
	watches	
	2 tracts of land 106 acres	___.39
		\$1.29
1848	1 white tithe	\$2.00
	2 tracts of land 106 acres	.29
	2 horses	___.20
		\$2.49
1853	total taxes	\$3.01
1856	total taxes	\$4.41
1870	taxes on 161 acres	\$7.34

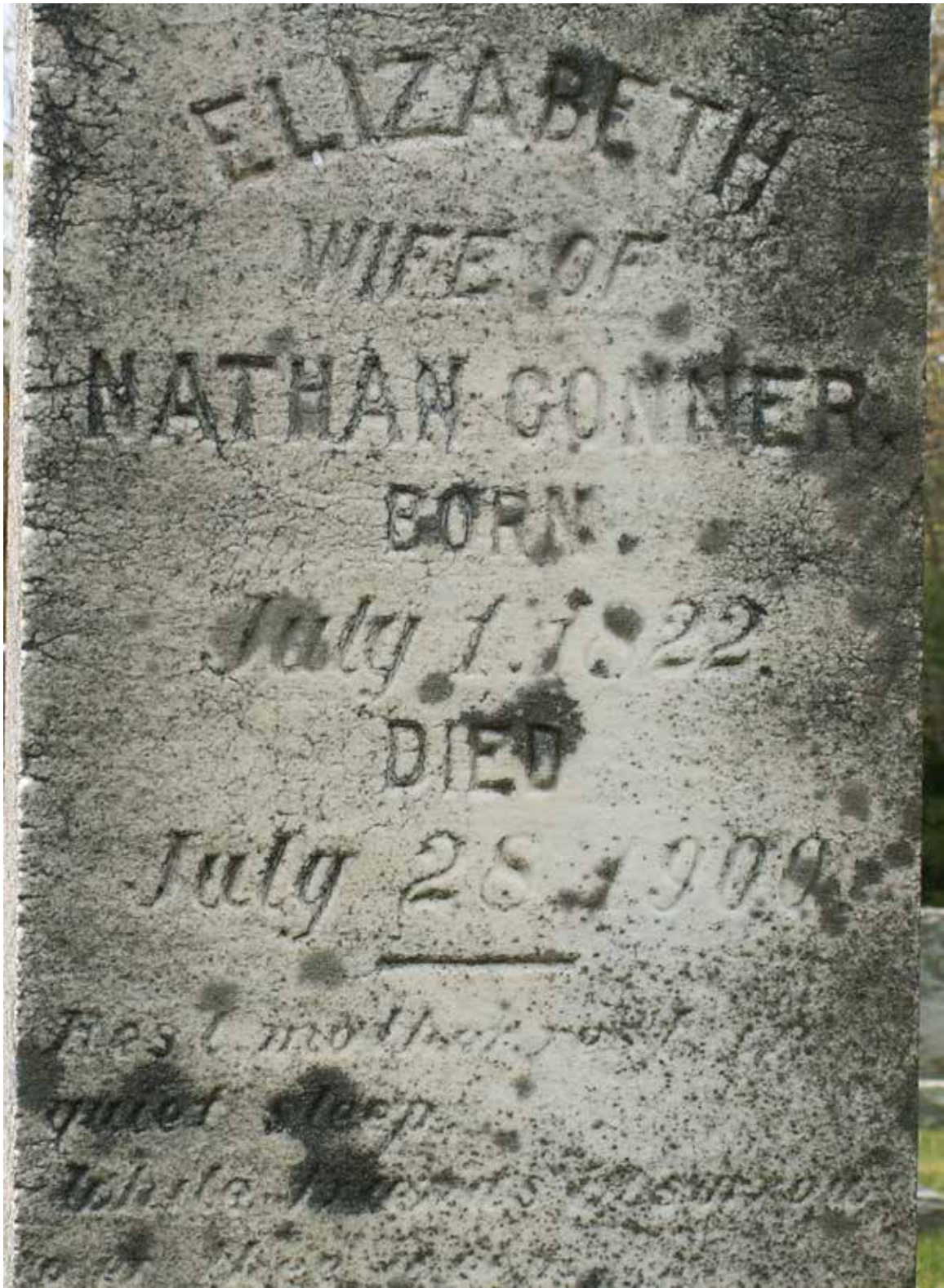
The family of Nathan Conner

1871	taxes on 161 acres	\$0.81	
	property tax	___.46	
		\$1.27	
1872	taxes on 161 acres	\$0.72	
	property tax	.38	
	Capitation tax	___.15	
		\$1.25	
1873	161 acres value	\$805.00	\$ 6.84
	property value	\$438.00	3.72
	poll taxes	__1.35	
		\$11.91	
1875	176 acres	\$0.35	
	property and capitation	___.24	
		\$0.59	
1875	176 acres value	\$880.00	\$7.73
	Capitation tax	___.39	
		\$8.12	
1875	taxes	\$0.18	
1876	170 acres value	\$850.00	\$11.60
	property value	\$276.00	__5.19
		\$16.79	
1882	taxes of 170 acres	\$7.34	
1883	total taxes	\$8.02	
1883	15 acres value	\$60.00	\$0.69
1885	174 acres value	\$773.50	\$10.10
1889	174 acres	\$12.76	
1892	174 acres value	\$711.75	\$9.92
1893	174 acres	\$9.92	

The family of Nathan Conner



Elizabeth Conner - Wilson Cemetery - Floyd County  
(Lady in the background is Eunice Woolwine)



Wilson Cemetery, Floyd County, VA



## THE FAMILY OF NATHAN CONNER

To the Clerk of the *Flay* County Court of  
in the State of Virginia.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the following is a correct Statement of a  
**Marriage** solemnized by me in the County aforesaid:

Date of Marriage, *the 10 day of December 1857*  
Place of Marriage, *at the residence of George B. Kelley*  
Full Names of Parties married, *Nathan Conner and Elizabeth Kelly*  
Age of Husband, *44 years old*  
Age of Wife, *35 years old*  
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single,) *Widower*  
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single,) *single*  
Place of Husband's Birth, *Flay Co Virginia*  
Place of Wife's Birth, *Franklin Co Va*  
Place of Husband's Residence, *Flay Co Va*  
Place of Wife's Residence, *- do do do*  
Names of Husband's Parents, *William and Lidola Conner*  
Names of Wife's Parents, *George W. and Sarah Kelly*  
Occupation of Husband, *a farmer*

Given under my hand as a *Minister of the Baptist Church*  
(legally authorized to solemnize Marriages,) this *10*  
day of *December* A. D. 1857

*Michael George*

## The family of Nathan Conner

The tax information of Nathan's lists a "tithe" so I am including the following which defines the term:

An Act of Queen Anne, October, 1705 provided:

"That all male persons, of the age of sixteen years, and upwards, and all negro, mulatto, and Indian women, of the age of sixteen years, and upwards, not being free, shall be, and are hereby declared to be tithable, or chargeable, for defraying the public, county, and parish charges, in this her majesty's colony and dominion; excepting such only, as the county court, and vestry, for reason, in charity, made to appear to them, shall think fit to excuse."

Basically only males over 16 and all slaves were on the tithe list at this point.

King George I, May 1723 expanded it a bit:

"That all free negroes, mulattoes, or Indians (except tributary Indians to this government) male and female, above the age of sixteen years, and all wives of such negroes, mulattoes, or Indians (except before excepted) shall be deemed and accounted tithables; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding."

The effect of that change was the free blacks and Indians became considered tithable.

In May, 1780, a law was enacted that changed tithables again. This act provided: "for every white male tithable above the age of twenty-one years" there "shall be paid three pounds six shillings and eight pence (except the officers of the line or navy, soldiers or sailors in the service of this commonwealth or of the United States, or persons disabled in such service; except also such of the militia who may be in actual service at the time when the said taxes shall have respectively become due, and those who have been or shall be exempted from the payment of levies by the county court:) for every white servant whatsoever, except apprentices under the age of twenty-one years," there "shall be paid the like tax"

This meant that white male tithables were changed to include only those above 21, instead of 16.

Often payments were made in pounds of tobacco rather than in money.

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The family of Nathan Conner



**IN MEMORY OF NATHAN CONNER SR.**

Was born October 13, 1813, departed this life April 11<sup>th</sup> 1880

Age 67 years 5 months and 26 days

He is buried at Restvale Cemetery in Floyd County. There is no marker beside him, but it could be possible his first wife may be buried next to him as his second wife is buried at Wilson Cemetery. Nathan was active in the Head of the River Church which would also seem likely he would have buried his wife there.

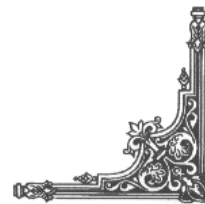
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The family of Nathan Conner





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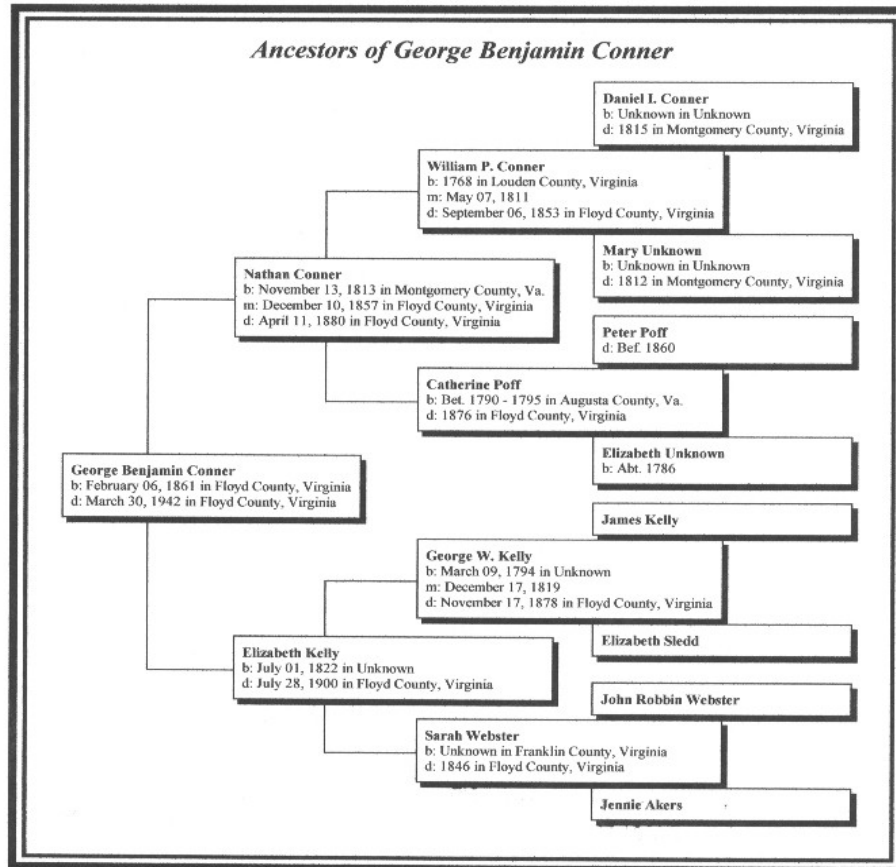




## Double Springs School

Located in the Community of Flint in Floyd County Va.

Many of the Conner family children attended this school



## The family of George Benjamin Conner

George Benjamin Conner was born in Floyd County, Virginia February 6, 1861. George was a farmer and married his first wife Ellen Iddings July 8, 1880. Ellen was born June 16, 1863 and was the mother of five children prior to her death August 7, 1894. See attachment E. for additional information on Ellen Iddings family.

1. Pearlie Annie Conner; born May 3, 1881 and died March 4, 1963.
2. Waller Cleveland Conner; born October 23, 1884 and died Sept. 24, 1947
3. Elbert Leland Conner; born April 18, 1887 and died May 24, 1958.
4. Guy Ezra Conner; born February 8, 1889 and died September 4, 1980
5. Mary Ellen Conner; born July 2, 1892 and died August 24, 1894

George married his second wife, Wilmuth Jane Martin, October 31, 1895. Wilmuth Jane was born April 6, 1872 and was the mother of ten children prior to her death April 29, 1946. Wilmuth was the daughter of John and Cynthia Martin. George and Wilmuth are buried at Wilson Cemetery in Floyd County. George died March 30, 1942.

6. Elmer Edgar Conner; born February 11, 1897 and died April 10, 1958
7. Mamie Virginia Conner; born September 2, 1899 and died March 9, 1990.
8. Willard Austin Conner; born August 15, 1901 and died August 17, 1959
9. Earnest Robert Conner; born August 31, 1903 and died December 7, 1967
10. Bessie Irene Conner; born June 3, 1905 and died January 8, 1996
11. Clarence Monroe Conner; born February 24, 1907 and died August 28, 1981
12. Carl Nathan Conner; born April 29, 1909 and died August 15, 1979
13. Claude A. Conner, born December 13, 1910 and died July 9, 1973
14. Vergie Maye Conner, born May 21, 1913 and died August 14, 1998
15. Posey Herbert Conner, born May 7, 1915 and died June 27, 1959



THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER



Ellen Iddings Conner, first wife of George Benjamin Conner

The family of George Benjamin Conner



The Martin family (Wilmuth's Family)  
Martin family motto: Sure and steadfast

The Martin family and Conner family became united upon the marriage of Wilmuth Jane Martin and George Benjamin Conner. At this time I do not know a great deal about the Martin family. The first Martin ancestor I know was James Martin who married Rebecca T. Ferguson. Rebecca was born May 19, 1808 and died December 6, 1881. James was born February 9, 1797, died June 22, 1892. The total number of children they had is seven. James and Rebecca's names were on Cynthia's marriage license.

1. Cynthia Melissa Martin; born August 17, 1838 and died August 11, 1934. She was 18 on January 19, 1858 when she applied for her marriage license.
2. Susan Martin; born 1852 and died April 6, 1862 from diphtheria
3. Sarah E. Martin; born 1853 and died April 3, 1862 from diphtheria
4. Lutitia (Letica) Martin; born 1855 and died March 31, 1862 from diphtheria
5. Albert R. Martin; born 1859 and died April 8, 1862 from diphtheria
6. Martha J. Martin; born 1860 and died June 24, 1862 from diphtheria
7. M.E. Martin (female); born January 1862 and died April 15, 1862. (This could be Mary E. Martin)?

**TOMBSTONES IN THE MARTIN CEMETERY**  
(The cemetery is located off Stonewall road just past Flint)

John W. Martin: born October 2, 1827, died March 23, 1891  
Cynthia Martin: born August 17, 1838, died August 11, 1934

Alice Martin: born February 18, 1873, died October 1966  
Amos D. Martin: born May 27, 1875, died August 27, 1953

Reubin Lee Martin: born August 18, 1868, died April 15, 1941  
Iola M.C.E. Martin: born May 27, 1879, died September 9, 1894

H.S. Martin: born May 13, 1841, died June 15, 1929  
Hanna Bishop Martin: born July 4, 1845, died March 29, 1917  
Lidda C.F. Martin: born March 1874, died December 1887  
Infant: died 1882, 4 months  
Infant: died 1884, 2 weeks

Tombstones in the Martin cemetery  
(The cemetery is located off Stonewall road just past Flint)

James Martin: born February 9, 1797, died June 22, 1892  
Rebecca T. Ferguson Martin: born May 19, 1808, died December 6, 1881

James M Martin: born August 20, 1848, died March 23, 1930  
Wilmoth Ruth Martin: born April 19, 1846, died February 27, 1935.

Robert Dallas Martin: March 4 (all that was on marker) 71 yrs.  
Rebeca E. Martin: Born April 24, 1864, died November 8, 1865  
Dora C. Martin: still born September 15, 1920

George and Esta Martin's sons  
Alva D. Martin: born September 15, 1910, died August 9, 1911  
Ephriam A. Martin: born January 28, 1904, died April 29, 1904

This cemetery is located near the home of Cynthia and John Martin and about a mile from Double Springs School at Flint. It is located in a pasture field on the left side of Stonewall road going from route 221.

Obit, Floyd Press dated August 11, 1934

Mrs. Cynthia Martin of Laurel Creek died Saturday night at the age of 95 years. She was the widow of the late John W. Martin, who preceded her several years ago. She is survived by two daughters and five sons; Mrs. George Ben Conner and Mrs. Amos Hale, Green, Austin, Lee, Amos and Giles Martin. Two children, a son and daughter preceded her to the grave.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and had been for many years. Her funeral was preached Monday at the home by Elders H.V. Cole, L.A. Cumming and F.T. Sowers, after which she was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER



Cynthia Melissa Martin wife of John W. Martin

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

To the Clerk of the *Hoid* Court of  
*Hoid* in the State of Virginia.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the following is a correct Statement of a  
Marriage solemnized by me in the County aforesaid:

Date of Marriage, *19 January 1858*  
Place of Marriage, *Patrick City*  
Full Names of Parties married, *John Martin Cynthia Mf*  
Age of Husband, *28 years*  
Age of Wife, *18 years*  
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single,) *widow*  
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single,) *single*  
Place of Husband's Birth, *Stokes County North Carolina*  
Place of Wife's Birth, *Patrick County*  
Place of Husband's Residence, *Franklin City*  
Place of Wife's Residence, *Patrick City*  
Names of Husband's Parents, *Elizabeth Martin*  
Names of Wife's Parents, *James Martin, Rebecca Martin*  
Occupation of Husband, *Farmer*

Given under my hand as a *Minister of the Gospel*  
(legally authorized to solemnize Marriages,) this *19* day of *January*  
A. D. 1858  
*Jeremiah Burgett*  
To the Clerk of *Hoid* County

The Clerks of the County Courts will furnish Ministers and others with these Blanks when they may need them.  
 This Certificate must be returned to the Clerk's office by the person performing the marriage ceremony, within two months after the marriage.

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Cynthia Melissa Martin (mother of Wilmuth J.)

1. Cynthia was born August 17, 1838 and died August 11, 1934. She was 18 and John W. Martin was 28 when they were married in Patrick County on January 19, 1858. Cynthia was a Martin prior to her marriage thus her last name did not change. Cynthia's parents were James Martin (1797-1892) and Rebecca T. Ferguson (1808-1881). John was a widower and was born in Stokes County North Carolina October 2, 1827 and also lived in Franklin County Virginia. John's mothers name was Elizabeth. Cynthia is thought to have been born in Patrick County Virginia. After their marriage, John and Cynthia lived in the Little River township of Floyd County Virginia. John died March 23, 1891. John and Cynthia had the following children:

A. Jackson Green Martin; born March 1, 1864 and married Caldora G. "Callie" Basham. They had three children as follows:

a. Minnie E. Martin, born about 1888

b. Eva F.(Evie) Martin married \_\_\_\_\_ Lemon. Eva was born about 1889. Mr. Lemon died in 1979.

(1). Martin Lemon: born in 1927 and is an Evangelist for the Church of Christ. He lives at Franklin Tennessee.

c. Elbert Martin married Ola Dickerson. Ola was raised by the Dickersons, but was not their daughter. Her true parents are unknown. Elbert was a banker.

(1). Richard E. Martin married Helen \_\_\_\_\_. They have two or three children. Richard died from cancer August 31, 1995.

B. Austin C. Martin; born May 25, 1866, died October 26, 1948 and married Eliza L. Weaver December 17, 1891 and they had three sons. Elizabeth was born June 22, 1870 and died March 2, 1959. She was the daughter of John & Mary Weaver

a. Oliver Martin (died at age 3 or 4)

b. Howard L. Martin was born September 16, 1907 and married Dorothy Cole. Dorothy was born August 21, 1910 and died Dec ember 7, 2001. Howard died March 20, 1999, and both are buried at Huffville Cemetery. Dorothy had a sister Elva Cole who married Noah E. Martin. Elva died September 3, 2000 at the age of 99

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Dorothy's other brothers and sisters were Effie Cole who died April 28, 2001 at age 95 and married Elmer J. Conner. Hester Cole married \_\_\_\_\_ Hoback, Carlene Cole, married \_\_\_\_\_ Nixon, Nina Cole, married \_\_\_\_\_ Martin, Archie F. Cole and Marvin L. Cole. The Cole children are the daughters of Jerry Kyle and Inez Mae Sowers Cole.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Howard Lawrence Martin, 91 of Roanoke died Saturday, March 20, 1999. He was born September 16, 1907 to Austin C. and Eliza Weaver Martin in Floyd Co. Mr. Martin dedicated his life to helping others. He retired from Roanoke City Fire Department as a Captain after 36 years. During his fire fighting career, he was injured on several occasions trying to save victims or help his fellow fire fighters. In 1975, Mr. Martin was honored as Good Neighbor of the year. His neighbors and friends in Roanoke and Floyd will remember him for his unselfish acts of kindness. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Cole Martin; his brother, Harley A. Martin of Pilot; and his daughters, Mrs. James P. Jean Saunders and Mrs. Carolyn McCorkindale of Roanoke; four grandchildren, John H. Saunders of Roanoke, Jane S. Miller of Montvale, Mary Catherine M. O'Leyar of Fairport, New York and Matthew M. McCorkindale of Roanoke; five great grand children. Interment was at Huffville United Methodist Church Cemetery in Floyd County.

(1) Jean Martin married James P.(Jimmy) Saunders. Jimmy died September 5, 1999.

- (a) Johnny Howard Saunders
- (b) Jane Saunders, married \_\_\_\_\_ Miller

(2) Carolyn Martin married Jeffery McCorkindale

- (a). Mary Catherine McCorkindale married \_\_\_\_\_ O'Leyar
- (b) Matthew McCorkindale

c. Harley Austin Martin; 1st married Mary King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mabel Christine Creasy Clower, December 24, 1960, they had no children. Harley died September 3, 1999.

C. Ruben Lee Martin; born August 18, 1868 and never married. Ruben died April 15, 1941.

D. Millie R. Jane Martin; born April 15, 1871. She was in the census of 1890.



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- E. Wilmuth Jane Martin; born April 6, 1872 and died April 29, 1946. She married George Benjamin Conner October 31, 1895.
- F. Susan Martin; born \_\_\_\_\_ and had several names but was called "Puss".
- G. James George Alexander Washington Martin was born about 1860. At age 24, married Martha A. Lawrence October 14, 1884. They had several children to die young and are buried in the Cole Cemetery. George taught school for some time. They had the following children who survived their childhood:

Obit, Floyd Press dated June 9, 1932

George W. Martin, of Laurel Creek, died yesterday morning at Christiansburg hospital after a brief illness.

He leaves his wife, who was Miss. Martha Lawrence, also two children, Mrs. Jeff Wood, and Dr. Herman Martin, of Huntington West Va.

The Funeral will be held sometime Thursday and the burial will be in the cemetery near his home.

- a. Alma L. Martin; died a young girl (she was 2 months old in the 1890 census.
- b. Hester R. Martin, born September 12, 1886, Died March 12, 1972, married (1) William Jeff Wood, born January 23, 1884, died October 4, 1935 (2) Joe B. Martin (son of John and Lizzie Martin) and (3) Asa Albert Cochran (1). William Jeff Wood Jr., married Mary Alice Lucas.
- c. Herman Martin (became a Medical Doctor) Herman married Amelia Garnet Duley September 16, 1933. She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Duley.
- H. Giles David Martin, a produce huckster, born December 25, 1876, died April 5, 1965, married Esta Lee Reed March 15, 1903 and had some children to die young. Esta was born May 13, 1884, died May 19, 1969, daughter of John Fleming Reed (1850-1919) and Isadora Charlotte Puckett (1856-1892). They had the following children live to adulthood:
- a. Myrtle Martin; born March 28, 1905, died January 14, 1942. She married James Edgar Epperly.
- b. Melissa Lola Martin, born January 8, 1909, died March 23, 1998, married Rev. Archie Naff April 4, 1926. Archie was the son of Andrew Tazewell and Eliza Ann Howery Naff. Archie was first married to Clara E. McNeil. Archie was a Brethern Preacher and died February 11, 1980. Archie and Melissa were the parents of several children.

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Giles Martin

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Obit – Roanoke Times

Melissa Lola Martin Naff, 89, of Pilot, died Monday, March 23, 1998, in Columbia Montgomery Regional Hospital. She was born January 8, 1909 to the late Giles and Esta Martin. She was a life long member of Red Oak Church of the Brethern, where she served as organist until her illness. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister, her husband of 54 years. Rev. Archie Naff, three sons, Rev. J.T. Naff, Harold Naff, and Bill Naff, three daughters, Dianne Trump, Ruth Zeigler, and Melba Bryant. She is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. and Mrs Preston Naff of Roanoke, Rev. and Mrs Arnold Naff, Rev. and Mrs Elbert Naff, and Paul Naff, all of Pilot; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Harry Moore of Roanoke, Helen Altizer of Riner, and Lola and Harless Clower of Pilot; one brother and sister-in-law Fred and Bettie Martin of Charlotte, N.C.; daughters-in-law, Brenda Naff of Pilot, and Helen Breeding of Christiansburg; a son-in-law Elmer Zeigler of Salem; 34 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Burial will be in the Sunset Cemetery.

c. Alden Martin

- d. John L. Martin married Laura Andrews and moved near Blacksburg Va. after spending several years in New Jersey. John died June 7, 1995 at age 82.

Obit – Roanoke Times

John Lewis Martin, 82, of Blacksburg, died Wednesday, June 7, 1995 (just days short of his birthday) at his home. He was born in Floyd, Virginia, son of the late Esta and Giles Martin. He was previously employed by Union Carbide, Bendix Aviation and Western Electric, before starting his own corporation, Martin Industries, Inc. of Newark N.J. in 1944. Mr Martin was a former member of Western Electric Square Club, and a Past President of Newark, N.J.'s Ironbound Rotary Club. Past Master of St. Albans Masonic Lodge #68 (now merged with Newark Lodge #7, Montclair, N.J.) He was also a member of the Jesters, the Salaam Temple Mounted Guard and Salaam Temple (1975), Livingston, N.J., where he helped create the current yearly circus used to raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. He was also a member of N.J. Northern Valley Consistory, Knights Templars and Royal Arch Masons. After retirement in 1978, Mr. Martin moved to Blacksburg, Va. Close to where he was born in Floyd Co. Wanting to be still active for the Shriners Hospitals, he joined Kazim Temple in Roanoke, where he supported them at football games in Blacksburg and various fund raising events. He is survived by his wife of

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35 years, Laura Andrews Martin; daughter and son-in-law, Andrea (Dree) and Jim Stoodley, Hollywood Florida; son and daughter-in-law, Arthur and Elaine Van Valkenburg, New Providence, N.J., five grandchildren Donna O'Dell, Mirmar, Florida, Laura Dandeneau, Boca Raton, Florida, Debra Matchen, Plantation, Florida, Sherilyn Williams, Chapel Hill, N.C. and Arthur Scott Van Valkenburg, Bridgewater, N.J.: five great grandchildren, David and Dylan O'Dell, Michael and Timothy Matchen, and Nikki Vasko, all of Florida; sister Melissa Naff, Pilot; brother, Fred; many nieces and nephews and his loving pets.

- d. Joseph Harvey Martin was born in 1914 and married Phyllis Hettye. They had two children. Joe died December 22, 1993 at age 79. Phyllis died in the summer of 1994.
1. Robert H. Martin married Patricia Arnold and they have five children.
    - (a). Kathy Martin
    - (b). Kim Martin
    - (c). Bobby Martin
    - (d). Kristen Martin (divorced)
    - (e). Keith Martin (divorced)
  2. Dorothy Martin, married Michael Zevgolis

Obit-Roanoke Times

Joseph Harvey Martin, 79, of Pilot, died Wednesday, December 22, 1993 in Montgomery Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis H. Martin, Pilot; one son, Robert H. Martin, Pilot; one daughter, Dorothy Zevgolis, Hopewell; two brothers, John L. Martin, Blacksburg, Fred Martin Charlotte, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Melissa Naff, Pilot; seven grandchildren. Burial will be at the Wilson Cemetery.

- I. Amos D. Martin married Alice Lucy Spangler and they had two children. Amos was born May 27, 1875 and died August 27, 1953. Alice was born February 18, 1873 and died October 1966. They were married January 18, 1899.
- a. Luke Theodore Martin, born February 10, 1903, married Cecil C. Stevens, born June 8, 1902, died December 27, 1953, and they had four children. Some time after Cecil's death Luke married Gladys Clower. Luke died March 15, 1992 at age 89. Gladys was born in 1911 and is the daughter of William H. and Stella E. Whitlock Maxey Clower.

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Obit from the Roanoke Times

“Luke T. Martin, Sr., age 89 of Salem, died Sunday in Richfield Nursing Center. He retired from the V.A. Medical Center, Salem, in 1962. He was a member of the First Evangelical Methodist Church, Salem Virginia. He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth C. Martin. He is survived by his wife Gladys C. Martin; three sons and their wives, Luke, Jr. and Louise F. Martin, Roscoe D. and June M. Martin, Glenwood L. and Helen W. Martin; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; daughters-in-law, Jean P. Martin and Josephine Steven. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at First Evangelical Methodist Church, Salem. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park.”

Luke Theodore Martin Jr. was born September 30, 1925 and died November 26, 2001. Luke and his wife Louise had four daughters. Julia Martin, married Eugene Dufaj. Janice Martin, married Robert Ciociola. Valerie K. Martin, and Karen Martin who married Steven Jackson. Kenneth Curwood Martin was born August 4, 1927, died April 30, 1954. Luke Martin Jr.'s wife Louise F. Martin was born in 1925.

- b. Martin Rosco, born Nov. 1899
- c. Maude Martin married Irvin Epperly

J. Iola Margaret Celia Emiline Martin was born May 27, 1879 and died September 9, 1894.

K. Rosa Addie (Addie Rosie) Martin was born November 27, 1882, died March 2, 1961, and married Amos Darius Hale March 19, 1903 and they had five children. Amos is the son of William Francis Hale, born October 1, 1849, died November 26, and Louella S. Martin, born November 19, 1852 and died April 28, 1878. Amos was also married to Sarah Roena Cole. William and Louella were married February 25, 1869. Louella is the daughter of James M. Martin.

- a. Artis Edgar Hale, born October 1906, died October 11, 1968, married Tida (Tidy) Cellar Wilson, born March 18, 1912, daughter of John Robert Philander and Minnie Florence Light Wilson.
  - (1). Mary Edith Hale, born December 26, 1935, married George Smith.
- b. Irvin Lee Hale, born December 14, 1909, died August 9, 1992, married Vallie Dottie Wilson September 21, 1932. Vallie was born May 30, 1913 and died August 7, 1968. She is the daughter of John Robert Philander and Minnie Florence Light Wilson.

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- c. Cebert Hale, born September 9, 1912, died April 29, 1983, married S. Algie Conner, daughter of Adam Henry and Mary Ann Conner. She was born May 24, 1912 and died April 29, 1983.
  - (1). Ollie Mae Hale (20) married Harlie Bryant Trail (22) October 29, 1960.
  
- d. Arlen Hale, married Gladys Miller
  
- e. Eula Hale, born abt. 1921 and died August 20, 2006. She married Harold Sowers and he preceded her in death. Eula is buried at Jacksonville Cemetery Floyd Co., VA.
  - (1). Barbara Jean Sowers married \_\_\_\_\_ Taylor.
  - (2). Donald Ray Sowers
  - (3). Walter Sowers
  - (4). Randy7 Sowers

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Left to Right, Wilmuth Jane Conner, Glenna Pearl Conner and George Ben Conner

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The home of George Benjamin Conner, taken about 1941. George is standing by the hedge.



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George Benjamin Conner and Wilmuth Jane Martin Conner

The date of this picture is not known, but is thought to be their wedding picture taken around October 1895.

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Left to Right, Roxie Conner, Wilmuth J. Conner, and George Benjamin Conner

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Date of photo unknown

Back row L to R: Willard, Mamie, Elmer, Annie, Waller, Lee and Guy  
Front row L to R: Posey, Wilmuth, George and Claude.

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A notebook found belonging to George B. Conner contained records showing that he made brandy. This notebook has entries of people from whom he bought fruit and grain and also people who bought his brandy. The notebook is believed to have been written in 1893 and all entries were made during August, September, October and November. The prices paid for the fruit was 10, 12.5, and 15 cents per bushel and he paid 80 cents per bushel for wheat. The following note from the notebook would indicate that he had obtained a license to make the brandy: "October 19, 1893 due G. B. Conner \$9.75 on a license".

The price he received for the brandy could not be determined from the notebook. Totals show that he made 788 gallons of brandy from August 26 through November 23. The following is an alphabetical listing of names that appear in the book.

Aldrige, John	King, Doctor	Smith, Hubert
Aldrige, Taylor	King, J.B.	Smith, John
Aldrige, William	King, Joseph	Smith, M.J.
Board, Dave	King, Thomas	Via, Thomas
Board, Eli	Lawrence, Isaac	Walters, James
Board, Jacob	Light, Brnd.	Walters, John
Board, John	Light, M.P.	Warten, James
Board, Joseph	Light, Rest	Weaver, John
Boon, John	Link, C.M.	Whitenack, D.T.
Boon, L.L.	Link, David	Whitenack, Harris
Boon, Linzy	Link, Jobe	Willis, Bob
Carr, W.O.	Lucous, Andy	Willis, S.J.
Cole, Tiny	Locous, A.J.	Willis, Z.G.
Conner, Andrew	Locous, Daniel	Wilson, Noah
Conner, D.P.	Miles, R.E.	Winfrey, _eck
Conner F.W.	Mosely, Wyett	Winfrey, John
Conner, George B.	Pilgram, Word	Wimmer, Hozy
Conner, Miss Jacob	Poff, Cable	
Conner, N.O.	Poff, Charles	
Conner, S.R.	Prilaman, James	
Conner, W.J.	Prilaman, John	
Conner, William O.	Reed, John	
Dangerfield, Henry	Rierson, Miss	
Gray, Evert	Shank, J.W.	
Hall, J.W.	Simpson, William	
Hall, Noah	Sission, Dolfers	
Iddings, A.	Smith, Emaline	

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A story was told as to why George quit making brandy. The story goes that he was out in the building where he made his brandy when a severe thunderstorm arose. Lightning was dancing all around him and he was afraid for his life. He then fell to his knees and started praying. He told God that if he would spare his life he would never make another drop of brandy. Whether this is a true story or not, one thing is for sure, George quit making brandy.

The following information was copied from the old family bible:

## George W. Kelly

George W. Kelly joined the Pig River Baptist church on the fourth Saturday in September 1819 by letter. He was ordained to the ministry on the fourth Saturday in September 1833 by Elder Joseph Pedigo and Elder Moses Greer. He was chosen pastor of Pig River Primitive Baptist Church of the fourth Saturday in July 1838. He resigned the care of the church in September 1862 and died November 17, 1878.

## Elizabeth Kelly

The church met at the meeting house the fourth Saturday in September 1852 and received Elizabeth Kelly by experience and baptism and dismissed in order.

## Births

Nathan Conner was born November 13, 1813

Elizabeth Kelly was born July 1, 1822

Ellen Iddings was born June 23, 1863

Anderson Iddings was born April 26, 1821

Moses L. Conner was born March 15, 1865

Kesziah C. Conner was born September 26, 1840

Mary Peradine Conner was born May 22, 1842

William Aaron Conner was born September 29, 1843

Nathaniel Osburn Conner was born July 15, 1845

Jacob Joseph Conner was born May 29, 1848

Sarah Ann Conner was born November 29, 1858

George Benjamin Conner was born February 6, 1861

Pearlie Annie Conner was born May 3, 1881

Waller C. Conner was born October 23, 1884

Guy Ezra Conner was born February 8, 1889

Elbert Leland Conner (not given)

Mary Ellen Conner was born July 2, 1892

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Elmer Edgar Conner was born February 11, 1897  
 Mamie Virginia Conner was born September 2, 1899  
 Willard Austin Conner was born August 15, 1901  
 Earnest Robert Conner was born August 31, 1903  
 Bessie Irene Conner was born June 3, 1905  
 Clarence Monroe was born February 24, 1907  
 Carl Nathan was born April 29, 1909  
 Claude A. Conner was born December 13, 1910  
 Vergie Maye was born May 21, 1913  
 Posey Herbert was born May 7, 1915

## Marriages

Nathan Conner married Elizabeth Kelly December 10, 1857  
 Pearlie Annie Conner married Zack Conner September 30, 1897  
 Waller Conner married Arminda E. Poff April 17, 1904  
 Elbert Leland Conner married Lula Aldridge May 12, 1907  
 Guy Ezra Conner married Nellie Poff February 23, 1910  
 Mamie V. Conner married Alonzo Walton December 21, 1921  
 Willard Austin Conner married Roxie Conner November 29, 1922  
 Elmer Edgar Conner married Jean McGee August 29, 1925  
 Bessie Irene Conner married Ellet J. Craghead December 29, 1925  
 Earnest Robert Conner married Mary Blackwell July 3, 1926  
 Clarence Monroe Conner married Louise Keith April 23, 1931  
 Claude Allen Conner married Claudine Whitenack July 3, 1934  
 Vergie Maye Conner married Edward Stanley October 15, 1937  
 Posey Herbert Conner married Ruby Whitlock October 7, 1936  
 Carl Nathan Conner married Jaunita Hampton May 30, 1940  
 Nathan Conner married Eliza Cole October 23, 1839  
 Nathan Conner married Elizabeth Kelly December 10, 1857  
 George Ben Conner married Ellen Iddings July 8, 1880  
 George Ben Conner married Wilmuth Jane Martin October 31,  
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## Deaths

Eliza Conner, Nathan's first wife, died August 24, 1854  
 William Aaron Conner died August 27, 1854, age 10 years 11  
 months  
 Jacob Joseph Conner died August 13, 1854, age 6 years 3  
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Sarah Ann Conner died August 13, 1866, age 7 years 8 months 14 days  
Nathan Conner died April 11, 1880, age 67 years 5 months and 28 days  
Mary Ellen Conner died August 24, 1894, age 2 years 3 months and 14 days  
Ellen Conner died August 7, 1894, age 31 years 1 month 14 days  
Anderson Iddings died October 27, 1893 age 72 years 6 months and 1 day  
George Ben Conner died March 30, 1942  
Wilmuth Jane Conner died April 29, 1946  
Elmer E. Conner died April 10, 1958  
Elbert Leland Conner died May 24, 1958  
Waller Cleveland Conner died September 24, 1947  
Posey Herbert Conner died June 27, 1959  
Willard Austin Conner died August 17, 1959  
Alonzo Curtis Walton died June 24, 1961  
Moses L. Conner died May 6, 1934  
Elizabeth Kelly Conner died July 28, 1900

OBIT FROM THE FLOYD PRESS

Mrs. George B. Conner

Funeral services for Mrs. George Ben Conner, 74 of Check was held at the home Wednesday by Elder Sam Moran and Odel Thompson and Elder Helms.

Survivors are the following children: Elmer Conner, Rich Creek, Mrs. A. C. Walton and Claude Conner of Check. Willard Conner, Buchanan, Earnest Conner, Roanoke, Mrs. E.J. Craighead, Lithia; Mrs. E.D. Stanley, Roanoke, Carl Conner, Galax, Clarence and Posey Conner of Pulaski.

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Ellen Iddings Conner, wife of George Ben Conner, Wilson Cemetery



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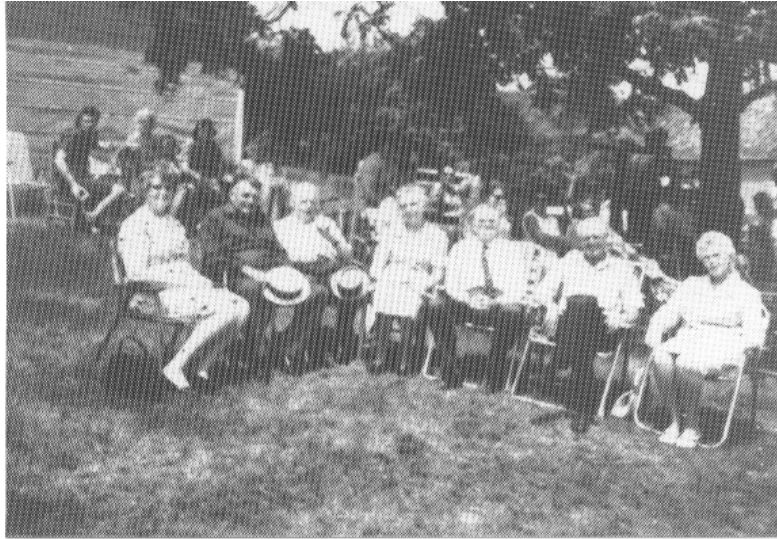
George Benjamin and Wilmuth Jane Martin Conner, Wilson Cemetery

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This photo was taken in the early 1970's at the home place of George Benjamin Conner during a family reunion. The children of George that were in attendance that day were left of right; Virgie, Claude, Clarence, Mamie, Guy, Carl and Bessie.

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# **PUBLIC SALE**

## **Of Valuable Land And Personal Property**

Acting in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Floyd County, entered at the July Term, 1946, in the Chancery Cause therein pending, under the style of Claude A. Conner, in his own right, and as Administrator of Wilmeth J. Conner, deceased, vs. Elmer E. Conner et als, the undersigned Commissioners will sell, by way of public auction, on the premises, about 1 mile Northwest of Simpsons Post Office, in Floyd County, Virginia, at the home of the late George Ben Conner, on

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 1946, at 2:00 P. M.,**

the following tracts of land, to-wit:

- (1) That certain tract of land, containing 107 acres, which was devised to Wilmeth J. Conner under the last will of Moses L. Conner, deceased, probated in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Floyd County and recorded in Will Book 5, at page 152, to which will reference is made for a more specific description of said land.
- (2) That certain tract of land, comprising originally several tracts, containing in the aggregate 203 acres, more or less, which was conveyed to Wilmeth J. Conner, for life, with remainder to her children, at her death, by deed from J. H. Poff and J. E. Proffit, dated October 23, 1943, and recorded in said Clerk's Office, in Deed Book 62, at page 23, to which deed reference is made for a more specific description of said land.

The undersigned Commissioners reserve the right to sub-divide said lands and to offer same for sale in separate parcels, in combination of parcels, and as a whole, and the Court will be asked to confirm the sale of same in the manner in which same bring the most money.

These are valuable parcels of land, well adapted to grain and grazing purposes; they are located in a good community, convenient to churches, schools, mills and stores; and an unusual opportunity is here offered to anyone desirous of acquiring good farming lands in a good community.

### **Terms of Sale:**

One-half of the purchase price will be required in cash and for the balance a credit will be given at one and two years, for which the purchaser or purchasers must execute their interest bearing bonds, in equal installments, which bonds will be secured by a proper lien on said lands.

The purchaser must look to and pay the accrued taxes on said land, if any, as well as taxes hereafter assessed, and must comply with terms of sale on day of sale or the lands will be resold at his costs and risk.

**J. E. PROFFIT,  
LEO S. HOWARD,**  
Commissioners.

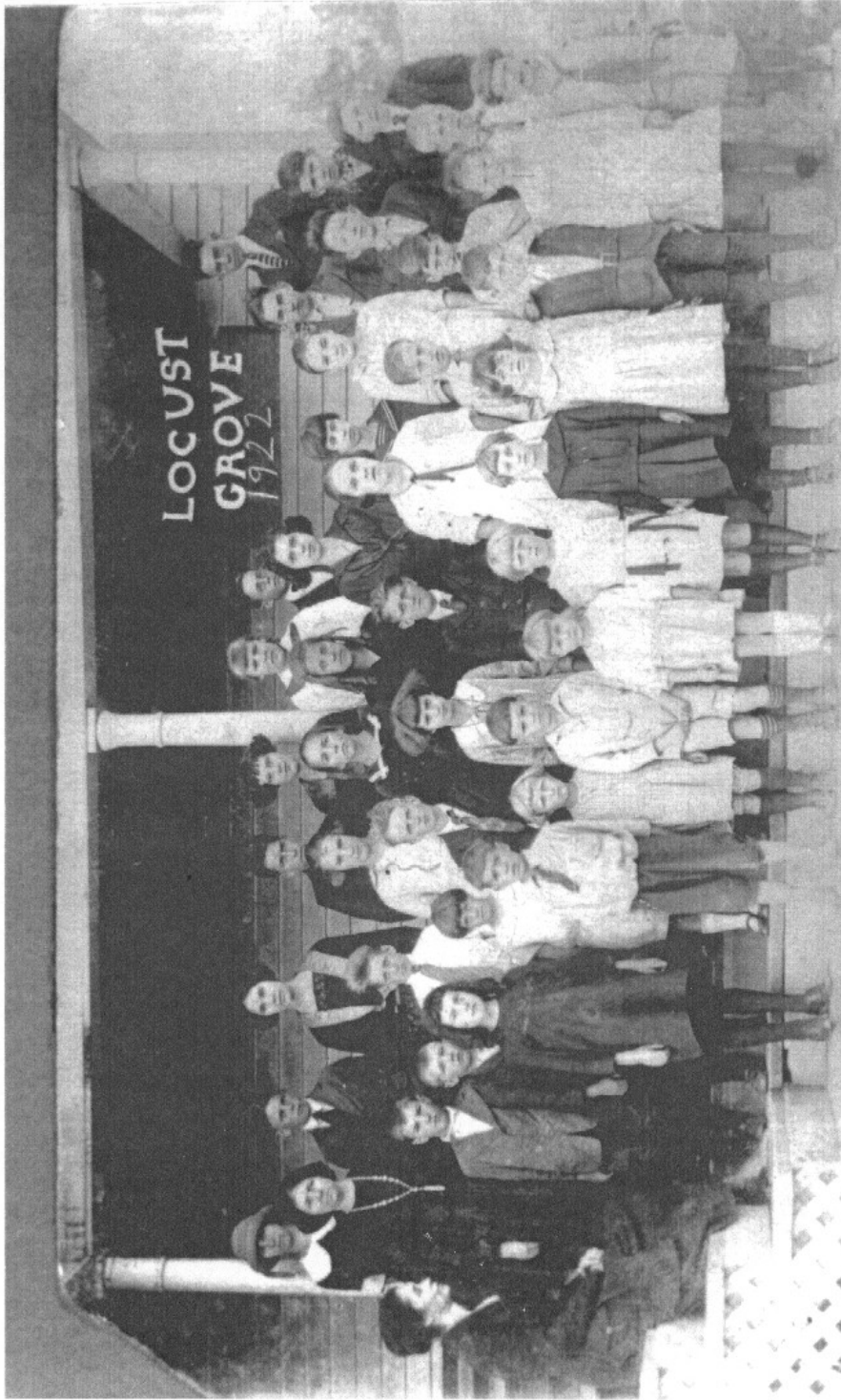
## **Sale of Personal Property**

At the same place, beginning at 10:00 A. M., on November 2, 1946, the undersigned will sell, by way of public auction, the personal property of which the late Wilmeth J. Conner died seized and possessed, consisting of a team of horses, seven years old, with double harness for same; 5 milch cows; 7 yearlings; 9 calves; 3 hogs; household and kitchen furniture; cook stove; Maytag washing machine; mowing machine; hay rake; binder; a lot of antique dishes; and many other articles to be exhibited and sold on day of sale.

Terms of sale will be made known on day of sale.

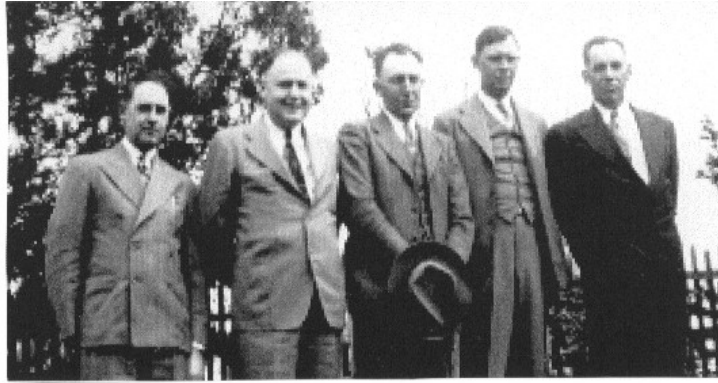
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**CLAUDE A. CONNER,** Administrator  
of Wilmeth J. Conner, deceased.



1922 Locust Grove students pictured are: seated at left- Mrs. Elbert Bowyer, (left to right) first row-Virgie Conner Jamison, Delbert Walters, Annamille Lucas Prillaman, Robert Sisson, Iva Angle Whiteneck, Glenna Angle Runion, Bonnie Board Myer, Myrtle Hall, Posie Conner, Nerva Austin, Jack Light; second row-Earl Walters, Jack Walters, Vera Board Switzler, Day Lucas, May Angle Conner, Clarence King, Ocie Austin Martin, Basil Austin, Cecil Austin, Clyne Angle; third row-teacher-Mrs. Alice Vest Thomas, Moore Light, Lillie Walters-Jenkins, Effie Hall, Virginia Bowyer, teacher-Mrs. Bradford, Ada Board Vest, Ora Walters Nolley, Burton Austin, Arvil King; fourth row-Eunice Board Woolwine, Robert Bowyer, Bessie Conner Craghead, Ercil Austin, Audra Board Coffey, Ilene Whiteneck Carr, Billy Bowyer, Virgil Austin, Estral Hall; top right-Emery Bowyer.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER



SOME OF THE SONS OF GEORGE BEN CONNER  
Left to right, Carl, Clarence, Ernest, Posey and Willard Conner

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

*Virginia, Floyd County*      **To wit:**

To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

*George Benjamin Conner*  
and *Ellen Adkins*

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the *Floyd* County Court of *Floyd*  
this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* 18*80*      *B. P. Elliott* Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE  
To be annexed to the License, required by Acts passed 16th March, 1861, and February 25th, 1866.

Time of Marriage, <i>July 8<sup>th</sup> 1880</i>	Place of Husband's Birth, <i>Floyd County Va.</i>
Place of Marriage, <i>Floyd County Va.</i>	Place of Wife's Birth, <i>Floyd County Va.</i>
Full Names of Parties Married, <i>George Benjamin Conner + Ellen Adkins</i>	Place of Husband's Residence, <i>Floyd County Va.</i>
Color, <i>White</i>	Place of Wife's Residence, <i>Floyd County Va.</i>
Age of Husband, <i>19 years</i>	Names of Husband's Parents, <i>Nathan + Elizabeth Conner</i>
Age of Wife, <i>17 years</i>	Names of Wife's Parents, <i>Anderson + Elizabeth Adkins</i>
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single), <i>Single</i>	Occupation of Husband, <i>Farmer</i>
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single), <i>Single</i>	

Given under my hand this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* 18*80*      *B. P. Elliott* Clerk.

**MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.**

I Certify, That on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* 18*80*, at *Anderson Adkins*  
*near Second Ave Floyd Co Va.*, I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

*J. A. Wesley*

\*If the Minister celebrating a marriage, is required, within ten days thereafter, to return the License to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same, with an endorsement thereon of the fact of such marriage, and of the time and place of celebrating the same.



THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

Virginia, Floyd County to wit:

**To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:**

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

George B. Conner  
and Wilma J. Martin.

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Floyd County, this 30 day of October 1895

B. B. Elliott Clerk

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,  
TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2026 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Date of Marriage, October 31, 1895	Place of Husband's Birth, Floyd County, Va.
Place of Marriage, Floyd County, Va.	Place of Wife's Birth, Floyd County, Va.
Full Names of Parties Married, George B. Conner & Wilma J. Martin	Place of Husband's Residence, Floyd County, Va.
Color, White	Place of Wife's Residence, Floyd County, Va.
Age of Husband, 36 years	Names of Husband's Parents, Father, Elizabeth
Age of Wife, 23 years	Names of Wife's Parents, John W. H. Conner
Condition of Husband (married or single), Married	Married
Condition of Wife (married or single), Single	Occupation of Husband, Teacher

Given under my hand this 30 day of October 1895

B. B. Elliott Clerk

**MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE**

I Certify, that on the 31 day of October 1895 at Syntha, Martins, Floyd County, Va. I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License

Amos Dickerson

2027 The Minister celebrating a marriage, is required, within 90 days thereafter, to return this license to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same, with an endorsement thereon of the date of such marriage, and of the rites and places of celebrating the same.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE B. CONNER

Know all men by these presents that I, George B. Conner of the county of Floyd and the State of Virginia, being of sound mind but weak in body, and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills hitherto by me made.

First – It is my will that all of my just debts that I may owe at the time of my death, together with burial expenses after death be paid.

Second – It is my will that my wife Wilmuth J. Conner have full control of all that I posses both personal and real estate after complying with the first clause of the will, for the benefit of her children of my lawful heirs, to manage and educate and raise, in the same manner as if I were yet living so long as she remains my widow, out in case she should marry she shall have only one third the property divided as though there had been no will, and that she have full privilege to divide said property among said heirs as they come of age as she can spare from the younger heirs until her death when they shall all share equally in what ever property she then possesses except those that have already had advances on same, in which case the same shall be considered in the final division.

I also here state that I have already given the heirs of my first wife what I deem to be their entire interest in my estate except One Hundred Fifty Dollars that I yet owe my son Guy Conner.

Third – I will that my wife be my executor of this will, with out bond or security. Given under my hand and seal, in the presence of these witnesses, this March 11<sup>th</sup> 1912.

George B. Conner

Witnesses:

J.H. Austin

L.V. Austin

Will Book 5 page 267, Floyd County, Virginia

Virginia: In the clerk's office of the circuit court of Floyd County April 6, 1942.

A paper writing dated March 11, 1912, and purporting to be the last will and testament of George B. Conner, deceased, was this day produced before me and upon the testimony of L.V. Austin and J.H. Austin, the subscribing witnesses thereto, the same is admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded as and for the last will of the said George B. Conner, deceased.

Wilmuth J. Conner, the Executrix named in said will, appeared and took the oath required by law and entered into the acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$800.00 conditioned according to law, no surety being required under the will.

List of heirs of Wilmuth J. conner

Virginia: Floyd County, to-wit:

I, C.A. Conner, Administrator, of Wilmuth J. Conner, deceased, do hereby certify that the heirs of Wilmuth Conner, deceased, are as follows:

Elmer E. Conner	Rich Creek, Va.	49
Mamie V. Walton	Check, Virginia	45
Willard A. Conner	Buchanan, Virginia	43
Ernest R. Conner	Roanoke, Virginia	41
Bessie I. Craghead	Lithia, Virginia	39
Clarence M. Conner	Pulaski, Virginia	37
Carl N. Conner	Galax, Virginia	35
Claude A. Conner	Check, Virginia	34
Virgie May Stanley	Roanoke, Virginia	32
Posey H. Conner	Pulaski, Virginia	30

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1946

Will Book 5 page 322

Virginia, Floyd County, to-wit:

I, Kyle M. Weeks, a notary public in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that C.A. Conner, Administrator personally appeared before me and made oath that the above list dated 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1945, of the heirs of Wilmuth J. Conner, deceased, with the residence and age thereto attached, is believed by affiant to be true.

Kyle M. Weeks, Notary Public

Virginia:-In Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Floyd County, May 4, 1946, This list containing the name of the heirs of Wilmuth J. Conner, deceased, presented in Office, and admitted to record.

Isabel Gall\_\_\_e, Clerk

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Pearlie Annie and Zack Conner

1. Pearlie Annie Conner

Annie was born May 3, 1881 and married Samuel Zacharia Conner on September 30, 1897 and they opened their home to two foster children as well as keeping others from time to time. Zack was born in 1873 the grandson of Samuel S. and Martha E. Poff Conner.

A. Roy C. (Day) Gearheart, born September 19, 1915, died March 23, 1970, married Stefana Conner, born May 18, 1916 and they have three children. Stefana is the daughter of Daniel Adam Conner and Lydia (Conner) Conner. After Roy died Stefana married Elder James Leroy Agee.

a. Donald Wayne Gearheart, born December 25, 1943, married Opal Dean Clower, born July 12, 1944 and they have a son and a daughter.

(1). Randal Scott Gearheart married Ann Whitlock

(a). Brandon Wayne Gearheart, born November 22, 1995

(b). Wyatt Andrew Gearheart, born March 8, 1997

(c). Shaylee Beth Gearheart, born January 24, 2001

(d). Coby Lewis Gearheart, born August 8, 2002

(2). Angie Gail Gearheart, born November 25, 1978, married December 14, 1991 to Douglas Grant Vest born March 30, 1966.

(a). Matthew Logan Vest, born Sept. 26, 1997

(b). Hannah Grace Vest, born October 6, 2000

b. Melvin E. Gearheart, born January 27, 1942, married Brenda Faye Board, born May 12, 1943 and they have three children. Brenda is the daughter of Herman and Bessie Marie Hale Board. Herman was born September 29, 1907 and died June 16, 1995. Bessie was born June 1, 1911 and died June 17, 2009. They are buried at Wilson Cemetery.

(1). Darrel Allen Gearheart, born March 18, 1967, married Frances Murray

(2). Michael Benson Gearheart, born June 22, 1969.

(3). Sarah Amanda Gearheart, born August 24, 1978.

c. Larry Gearheart, born October 17, 1945, married Margarett Lou Wimmer, born October 20, 1945.

(1). Melissa Shawn Gearheart, born March 7, 1971, married Margarett Lou Wimmer, born October 20, 1945.

(2). Chadwick Gearheart, born December 10, 1973

B. Eileen Gearheart, born October 1, 1917, died September 26, 1968, married Clinton Price, born May 9, 1911, died October 28, 1968.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Pearlie Annie and Zack Conner



**GEARHART**  
Darryl Allen

Darryl Allen Gearhart, 45, of Copper Hill, passed away on Friday, June 29, 2012.

Darryl was a retired firefighter/EMT for Roanoke County Fire/Rescue. He adored his precious cats, Gracie and Gizmo.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Melvin and Brenda Gearhart; wife, Julie R. Gearhart; brother, Michael Gearhart; sister, Sarah Gearhart; uncles and aunts, Larry and Margaret Gearhart, Donald and Opal Gearhart, and Allen and Mary Board; step son, Justin Dofee; step daughter and husband, Amanda and Michael Williams; and step granddaughter, Kenley Grace Williams.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Pastor Tony Gray and Pastor Marty Moyer officiating. Interment will follow in Restvale Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, at Oakey's South Chapel, Roanoke. Online condolences may be made at [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com)

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Pearlle Annie and Zack Conner

- C. Evelene Gearheart, born February 2, 1920, married Alvis Carr and they have two children. Alvis died and Evelene later married John T. Short. Evelene died September 22, 2005. Evelene was an orphan at the age of nine months. Her parents were Melvin and Victoria Gearheart. She is buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Vinton, VA.
- a. Iless Carr married Leonard Ward Gisiner II and they have two children
- (1). Leonard Ward Gisiner III, married Sandra \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2). Laurene Gisiner, married Brian Hamilton.
- b. Shelby Carr married Frank Gisiner and were divorced. Shelby then married Edgar Hodges.

After Zack's death Annie married Omar Eldridge Conner April 17, 1954. Annie died March 4, 1963 and is buried at Head of the River Cemetery. See page 36.3 for Omar's family. Omar died February 1961 and is buried in a family cemetery near Otey.

Obit, Floyd Press dated March 7, 1963

Mrs. Pearl Annie Conner, 81, died at the home of her foster son, Day Gearheart, Copper Hill. Also surviving are a foster daughter Mrs. Evelene Short, Vinton, a brother, Guy E. Conner, Copper Hill; three half-sisters, Mrs. Mamie Walton, Check; Mrs. Bessie Craghead, Vergie Jamison, both of Roanoke; four half-brothers, Ernest Conner, Roanoke; Carl and Clarence Conner, both of Radford.

Funeral was Wednesday at Salem church, by Elders B.O. Thompson and J.O. Conner. Burial was in the church cemetery.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Pearlie Annie and Zack Conner



**SHORT**

**Evelene Gearhart Carr**

Evelene Gearhart Carr Short, of Vinton, departed this earth on Thursday, September 22, 2005 after a long battle with Alzheimers. Born in Floyd County, Va., she was the last surviving child of the late Victoria and Melvin Gearhart. An orphan at nine months of age, Evelene was reared by foster parents, Annie and Zack Conner of Copper Hill, Va., who preceded her in death. She retired from Double Envelope Corporation at 67 years of age, with more than thirty years of service. A member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Salem, she was a dedicated member of the Wesley Sunday School class and a member of the Lighthouse, a group who enjoyed weekly visitation with shut-ins. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener, sharing the bountiful crop with family, friends and neighbors. A wonderful cook, she delighted in taking her famous coconut

pies to church and family gatherings. She will be remembered as a warm and loving lady, a kind and gentle mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Alvis C. Carr; her second husband, John T. Short; two brothers, Casper and Roy Gearhart; and one sister, Eileen Gearhart Price. Left to cherish her memory are two daughters and sons-in-law, Iless and Leonard Gisine, Jr., Vinton, Shelby and Edgar Hodges, Daleville; four grandchildren, L.W. "Len" Gisine III and his wife, Sandra, Goodview, Laureen Gisine Hamilton and husband, Brian, Hardy, Gil W. Hodges, Richmond, Ginger Hodges Yopp and husband, DeWayne, Vinton; three great-grandchildren, Courtney and J.T. Gisine and Nicholas Hamilton. A number of cousins, nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Monday at Lotz Vinton Chapel with the Rev. Emory Tarpley officiating. Interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. The family is deeply grateful to all the people at Springtree Health and Rehabilitation Center for their care and kindness shown during our mother's illness. Our gratitude is also extended to Adventa Hospice. If desired, memorials may be made to Camp Alta Mons, 2842 Crockett Springs Road, Shawsville, Va. 24126. Arrangements by Lotz Funeral Home, Vinton Chapel.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Waller Cleveland and Arminda Poff Conner

2. Waller Cleveland Conner

Waller was born October 23, 1884 and married Arminda Ellen Poff April 17 1904. Waller died in September 24, 1947 and Minnie was born August 7, 1885 and died November 27, 1945 and they buried at Head of the River Cemetery. Arminda is the daughter of William Isaac and Elizabeth Conner Poff. Waller and Minnie had ten children as follows:

Obit, Floyd Press dated October 2, 1947

Waller Cleveland Conner, age 62 of Check, died September 24, 1947 in the Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke. Funeral services were conducted at Old Salem church, September 26<sup>th</sup> by Elders F.T. Sowers and Sam Moran with interment in the church burial ground. Survivors are Mrs. Mary Reed, Mrs. Vera Conner, Roanoke; Raymond Conner, Mrs. Bonnie Goff, Mrs. Ora Walters, Check; Mrs. Bertha Hall, West Va.; Mrs. Ruby King, Bent Mountain and Alfred Conner, Tenn.

- A. Mary Elizabeth Conner, age 17, (born June 19, 1905) married Rosco Cecil Reed, age 22, December 26, 1922 and have four children. They live at Roanoke Virginia. Mary later married Willie Clay Perdue born January 14, 1912. Mary died Aug. 15, 1993 at the age of 88. Willie died March 21, 1995.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Mary Elizabeth Perdue, 88, of Roanoke, died Sunday, August 15, 1993. Mrs. Perdue was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene on Highland Ave., S.E. Surviving are her husband, Willie Clay “Bill” Perdue; a daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Charlie Scott, Roanoke; a daughter-in-law, Pauline Reed, Check; three sisters, Rachel Conner, Shawsville, Ruby King, Bent Mountain, Bonnie Goff, Check; a brother, Raymond Conner, Georgia; a granddaughter, Carolyn McPeak, Hardy; two grandsons, Terry Reed, William Reed, both of Roanoke; two great-grand children, Ken Reed and Aaron Reed. A graveside service will be conducted at Sherwood Memorial Park.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Willie Clay “Bill” Perdue 83, of Roanoke passed away Tues, March 21, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Conner Perdue. He is survived by a stepdaughter, Virginia Scott; Stepgrandchildren, Carolyn McPeak, Terry and Bill Reed; four sisters, Nellie Brown, Mollie Taylor, Hallie Brown, Roanoke, Virginia Smith, Rocky Mount; one brother, Buck Perdue, Rocky Mount. Burial will be at Sherwood Memorial Park.



THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Waller Cleveland and Arminda Poff Conner

- a. Howard C. Reed (19) married Pauline Link (18) April 13, 1943 and they have two children.
  - (1). Caroline Reed married Archie McPeak
  - (2). Carlos Carter Reed (deceased) married Ruby Inez Pratt
    - (a) Kenneth Carter Reed, born December 25, 1970, married February 11, 1989 to Dawn Michelle Dulaney born January 19, 1971. Caleb Carter Reed born Jan.1993.
    - (b) Aaron Matthew Reed
  
- b. Virginia Gladys Reed, born in 1925, died December 28, 2002, married Charlie C. Scott. They did not have any children, but raised the sons of her brother Herbert.
  
- c. Herbert Reed married Mary Overbate and they had two children.
  - (1). William Reed, married Debra \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2). Terry Reed, married Sharon \_\_\_\_\_ .
  
- d. Earl Reed
  
- B. Ida Ellen Conner, (born December 18, 1906) age 17, married Theodore R. Link, age 19, December 26, 1923 and they have six children. Ida died December 7, 1964, and Ted died December 9, 1978.
  - a. Beulah Mae Link married Howard Lutz and they have three children. Howard died May 9, 1979.
    - (1). Carol Lutz married John Carter and have a son David Carter.
    - (2). Shirley Lutz married Jimmy Allen and have two daughters Robin Allen and Lisa Allen. Robin was killed in an auto accident one day after her 16th birthday.

Obit Roanoke Times

Scott, Virginia Gladys Reed, 77, of Roanoke, went to be with the Lord Saturday, December 28, 2002. She was the widow of Charlie C. Scott and was preceded in death also by brothers, Howard, Herbert and Earl Reed. Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Sharon Reed, of Roanoke, William and Debra Reed, of Altavista, sisters-in-law, Peggy S. Webster and husband J.C. Webster, of Seabrook, MD, Pauline Reed, of Check; also a number of nieces and nephews. Interment will be in Sherwood Memorial Park.

## 'Testimony of a handicapped child through mother's heart

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Ruby Reed of Floyd about her son Aaron Matthew Reed.)

Yes, I'm a handicapped child, as the correct terminology would say it. I live in two worlds; one that is normal, one that is not. I entered this world like anyone else, but I'm not considered to be like you. I really wanted to be, you know. I would like to talk like you, sing like you, dance like you, ride a bike like you, express my anger and my sadness like you, cry like you, laugh and be happy like you, and even play with you. I didn't ask to be this way, but here I am and God made me, just like he made you. We're somewhat different and somewhat alike, too. I can't always express the way I feel, but let me try. I'm going to let you know what I see and feel. Would you please listen?

I don't mean this to be offensive in anyway because "I love you" no matter what. I need you, and I need you to need me. I reach out to you to say "Hi" and a whole lot more, but the words don't always come out the way I want them to, and I'm only ignored. I feel as though I'm like a freak or have the plague. I probably do scare you sometimes, but I don't mean to. Some people think my name is "dummy" and you know what? I know what it means. It means I'm different; so just pretend I'm not around, continue to play as though I'm not. So, I sit in my chair watching you--yearning to be a part of you, a part of your laughter, a part of your fun. It's okay, I still love you, because you're my friend. We handicapped people don't have a lot to offer. I



Aaron Reed

guess, or maybe it's because you don't listen to what we have to say. Again, being like this is not by my choice. It doesn't take a lot to make me happy, maybe just a ride in your truck, or a walk in the woods...not much. I don't want your pity, just some understanding, reassurance like anyone else, that things will be alright. I can't change the way I am, so I have to accept it. I can only do this with your help.

I get angry and very frustrated at times because the biggest thing I feel is rejection. Sometimes I even strike out at you. I live in a body that doesn't do what I want it to. Do you know what that would even start to feel like? I'm sure you don't because you don't even want to think about it. We all are handicapped, in some form or fashion. Some are physically handicapped, and some are mentally. There are all kinds. You don't have to be like me to be considered as having a handicap. I think the biggest handicap in this world is not wanting to get involved. We all live in our own little world, protecting them, and we have to sometimes, but would it be

so bad to reach out and feel the deep hurt, the deep pain that someone else is experiencing? Do we ignore the needs of others, other people's worlds that may not be as neat or organized as yours?

Sometimes people, like me, are hidden away because our loved ones can't bear the pain and rejection we're going through. Sometimes I think it hurts them the most. They have dreams and hopes for me--the same kinds of dreams you have for your child, but my mom loves me for who I am and she only wants me to be the best I can be. When she gets down, I try to lift her spirits with a hug. I sometimes distract her by doing things that are bad. She stops crying and realizes we can't stop now, because life must go on. She has a lot of faith in me and God. I need this to keep going. I do things that aren't right, but it seems as though people notice it more because I'm different.

Everyone has problems, but let's pull together in this world. There is no medicine I can take to make my problems go away, but there is something you can do for me and others like me. When I look in your eyes, please don't let me see you laughing at me; but may I see acceptance. When I go through different phases in my life, don't be afraid of me or what I might do to you or your child, just help me. You see, I get scared also, more than you realize. A lot of my emotions are hard to deal with, but if you'll take the time to work with me and talk to me, I'll make it. Please don't make me hide or others like me by going on as though we don't exist. I don't need your pity; I only need your support, love and understanding to help me love myself. Please don't close your eyes and turn away. Take my hand--I need you. Let me or others like me be a part of your life.

Dedicated to my son, whom I'm very proud to be a part of, Aaron Matthew Reed, April 14, 1988.

I love you, Aaron.  
Mom

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Waller Cleveland and Arminda Poff Conner

- (3). Glenna Lutz married Lawrence Hodges and they have two sons Lee and Rickey Hodges. Lawrence died and Glenna later married Curtis Young and have two children, Tammy and Cindy Young.
  
- b. Clinton Link died January 6, 1986
  
- b. Susie Link married Wilmer Leonard Poff and they have five children. Wilmer died October 16, 1991. Susie was born July 27, 1928 and died June 30, 2006. Burial is at Huffville Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.
  - (1). Leonard Poff married Unknown and then Peggy \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - (2). Earl Poff married Dorothy Gail Moser December 26, 1986. He also married Ginger Lynn Bell , born December 11, 1963. They were married September 15, 1984. Earl married Darlene Lewis Woolwine March 3, 1972.
    - (a). Miranda Alene Poff, born June 9, 1994
    - (b). Zechariah Earl Poff, born August 25, 2000
  - (3). Helen Poff married Ricky Childress, then David Barker
    - (a) Eric Childress married Jennifer \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - (4). Michael Poff married Unknown and is engaged to Amy Conner
    - (a) Noah Poff
  
  - (5). Dale Poff married Reva Palmer
    - (a) Evan Leonard Poff born March 19,1992
    - (b) Alex Cordale Poff born Feb. 23, 1995
    - (c) Daniel Joseph Poff born Jul.11, 1997
  
- d. Olean Link married W.B. Vest Jr. and W.B. Jr. died September 3, 1995
  
- e. Lucille Link married Edgar Linkous Jr. and have four children.
  - (1). Nita Linkous married Steve Barley
    - (a) Jon Barley
  
  - (2). Dinah Linkous married Jim Akers
    - (a) Jessica Akers

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Waller Cleveland and Arminda Poff Conner

POFF

Susie Link

Susie Link Poff, 77, of Check, passed away Friday, June 30 2006. Mrs. Poff was born July 27, 1928. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer L. "Dude" Poff. Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Leonard and Peggy Poff, of Salem, Earl and Gail Poff, of Check, Dale and Reva Poff, of Pilot, Mike Poff and fiancé, Amy Conner, of Check; one daughter, Helen Poff, and her husband, David Barker, of Christiansburg; ten grandchildren, Eric, and wife, Jennifer Childress, Noah Poff, Chasity, and husband, Lee Brown, Ronnie Williams, Maranda Poff, Zach Poff, Evan Poff, Alex Poff, Daniel Poff, and Trey Walker; six great-grandchildren, Seth Kemp, Logan Brown, Taylor Williams, Mason Childress, CyMBERly Cressell, and Casey Cressell; two sisters, Beulah Lutz and Lucille Linkous; one brother-in-law, Edgar Linkous; two sisters-in-law, Pauline Poff and Margorie Nichols. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, 2006 at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leon Alley officiating. Interment will follow at Huffville Cemetery. Friends may call Saturday after 3 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Waller Cleveland and Arminda Poff Conner

- (3). Cathy Linkous married Larry Black
  - (a) Donnie Black

- (4). Lesia Linkous

- f. Lois Ann Link, born 1948, died November 20, 2002, married Charlie Gayle “Eddie” Adkins and they have two children.

- (1). Tresa Adkins married Tony Davis

- (a). Tiffany Davis
  - (b). Tracy Davis

- (2). Jerry Adkins

Lois and Charlie were divorced and Lois married Arvil Keith. Lois and Arvil were also divorced.

- C, Bertha Jane Conner married Norris Maree Hall September 1, 1928 and they have four children. Norris was born December 27, 1906 and died December 14, 1993 at age 87. Bertha was born March 17, 1909 and died March 9, 1985 at Check Virginia. They are buried at Restvale Cemetery.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Norris Maree Hall, age 87, died Tuesday night, December 14, 1993, at Montgomery Regional Hospital. He was a retired blacksmith. Surviving are; two sons, Everett W. Hall, Christiansburg. Herman E. Hall, Mechanicsville; two daughters Marie Tolbert, Woodbridge, Betty Jane McFarland, Richmond: 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Interment will be in Restvale Cemetery.

- a. Everett W. Hall married Mary Lou Tolbert and they have three children.

- (1). Eddie Hall married Donna Quesenberry and they have two children.

- (2). Larry Hall married Ann Cox and they have at least one child.

- (a). Nicole Hall

- (3). Charles Hall married Rhonda Gunter

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Obit from the Roanoke Times

Adkins, Lois Link, 54 of Christiansburg, Va., passed away, November 20, 2002, at Montgomery Regional Hospital after a long battle with cancer. She was employed by Litton-Poly Scientific in Blacksburg for 24 years. She is survived by husband, Eddie Adkins, Christiansburg; two children and spouse, Teresa A. and Tony Davis, Christiansburg, Jerry Adkins, Riner; two stepchildren, Tammy Adkins, Charlotte, N.C., Terry and Shannon Adkins, Charlotte, N.C.; two grandchildren, Tiffany Davis, Christiansburg, Tracy Davis, Christiansburg; two step grand children, Jaylin Adkins, Charlotte, N.C., Dalton Adkins, Charlotte, N.C.; four sisters and brother-in-law, Beulah Lutz, Ferum, Olean Vest, Pilot, Susie Poff, Copper Hill, Lucell and Junior Linkous, Riner; brother-in-law, Wayne Adkins, Christiansburg; sister-in-law Carol Adkins Christiansburg. Interment will be in the Wilson Cemetery.

Obit from Richmond Times-Dispatch, Friday, May 2, 2014

Hall, Herman E. of Mechanicsville, Va., passed away April 30, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norris and Bertha Hall; and grandson, Jordan Hall. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Etta Mae Hall; and their four sons, Bruce Hall and wife, Jackie of Ocala, Fla., David Hall and wife, Tanya of Mechanicsville, Tim Hall and wife, Shelia of Mechanicsville and William Hall of Los Angeles. He is also survived by his brother Everett Hall of Christiansburg, VA.; and his two sisters, Marie Tolbert of Boonesmill, Va. And Betty McFarland of Richmond Va. Herman was born in McDowell County, W. Va., June 24, 1933. At the age of 16, he moved to Floyd County, Va., where he met Etta Mae Link at "The Head of the River." They married in 1951 and settled in Christiansburg Va. From 1953-1955, herman served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea for 17 months. Throughout his life, Herman loved anything with wheels. He even made a career with that love, driving for Trailways and Mason Dixon. He also loved wagons, bicycles, motorcycles, go-carts, cars, trucks, tractors and even airplanes. His five grandchildren have all used him as their "mechanic of choice" and his five great-grandchildren, who call him P. Pops, have also acquired his love for things with wheels. Visitation at Bennett Funeral Home on 8014 Lee-Davis Rd., Mechanicsville Va., Friday evening from 6 to 8. Graveside services will be held Saturday, 11 a.m., Rest Vale Cemetery, Copper Hill, Va.

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b. Herman E. Hall married Etta Mae Link and they have four children.  
Herman was born June 24, 1933 in McDowell County, W Va.. He died  
April 30, 2014 and buried at Head of the River Cemetery March 3, 2014.

(1). Bruce Hall married Jackie \_\_\_\_\_

(2). David Hall married Tonya \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Amy Hall

(b) Travis Hall

(3). Jimmy Hall married Shelia \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Joshua Hall (twin)

(b) Phillip Hall (twin)

(4). Bill Hall

c. Marie Hall married James E. Tolbert and they have three children.

(1). James Tolbert

(2). Cathy Tolbert

(3). Carl Tolbert

d. Betty Jane Hall married Rudy McFarland. Rudy and Betty later divorced.

D. Rachel Margret Conner; born May 28, 1911, married Ivan Wade Conner; born  
September 19, 1909 and they lived at Shawsville Virginia. They did not have any  
children. Ivan died February 5, 1995, and Rachel died September 6, 1997.  
Ivan is the son of Omar Eldridge Conner and Etta Gay "Eva" Conner.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Ivan Wade Conner, 85, of Shawsville, passed away Sunday, February 5, 1995, in  
Montgomery Regional Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Rachael M. Conner,  
Shawsville, one sister, Gladys King, Shawsville; several nieces and nephews.  
Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery (Head of the River).

Obit – Roanoke Times

Rachel Margaret Conner, 86, passed away Saturday, September 6, 1997 at Brooke  
Meade Retirement Center. Surviving are one brother, Raymond Conner of

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Roanoke; two sisters, Ruby King of Bent Mountain and Bonnie Goff of Check, and many nieces and nephews. Burial will be in the Salem Church Cemetery.

- E. Raymond Isaac Conner, age 18, married Eleanor Ruth Clower, age 19, September 7, 1932 and they have eight children. Raymond died June 23, 1998 and Ruth died August 18, 1996.

Obit – Roanoke Times

I. Raymond Conner, 84, of Roanoke passed away Tuesday, June 23, 1998. He was a native of Floyd County and pastured the Adney Gap Brethren in Christ Church for many years. He was preceded in death by his son Harold R. Conner, daughter, Eleanor G. Ginder. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Clyde E. and Carolyn Conner; Doug and Betty Conner, Joseph A. and Lois Conner; and John Ebersole, Ester C. and Richard Kiser, Wanda L. Minnick; sisters and brother-in-law, Ruby King, Bonnie and Ray Goff; 30 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren. Burial will be at the Head of the River Church Cemetery.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Ruth Clower Conner, 83, of Salem passed away Sunday, August 18, 1996. A native of Floyd County, her life was unselfishly dedicated to raising her children and grandchildren, while also giving and caring for her church and community. Retired from Community Hospital of the Roanoke Valley, after 7 years of service, and a member of Oak Grove Assembly of God Church. She was preceded in death by her son, Harold R. Conner and daughter, Eleanor G. Ginder. She is survived by her sons, Clyde E. Conner, Riner, Doug Conner, Salem, Joseph A. Conner, Salem; daughters, Ava L Ebersole, Mechanicsburg, Penn., Ester C. Kiser, Salem, Wanda L Minnick, Harrisburg, Penn; brother Harless A. Clower, Pilot; sister Mattie W. Graham, Radford, 30 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery.

- a. Harold Raymond Conner married Mary Jo Nolen and they have four children. Harold later married Maggie Camp and died at the age of 52 in Cumming Georgia.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Harold R. Conner Age 52, died Monday, August 22. He was manager of a retail store. He is survived by his wife Maggie Camp Conner, Cumming, Georgia; Children William Conner, Norcross, Georgia; Linda Faye Horne, Kenny Hale, and Danny Hale, all of Roanoke; three stepchildren, John P. Jones, Virginia Beach; Sandra Jones, Norcross, Georgia; Randy Jones, Clearwater, Florida; six grandchildren; parents, Raymond Conner, Smyrna,



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Georgia; Ruth Conner, Salem; brothers, Clyde Conner, Joe Conner, and Doug Conner, all of Roanoke, sisters, Ava Ebersson, Mechanicsburg; Wanda Minnick, Harrisburg, Pa.; Eleanor Ginder, Petersburg, W. Virginia; Ester Kaiser, Roanoke. Entombment will be at Sawnee View Gardens.

- (1). William Raymond Conner
  - (2). Linda Faye Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Horne
  - (3). Kenneth Lane Hale
  - (4). Daniel Lynn Hale
  - (5). John P. Jones, stepson
  - (6). Sandra Jones, stepdaughter
  - (7). Randy Jones, stepson
- b. Eleanor Glyn Conner married Carl Victor Ginder and they have the following Children.
- (1). Bevin Royce Ginder, born \_\_\_\_\_, 1964
  - (2). Barry Lane Ginder, born June 21, 1966, married December 28, 1991 to Cathy Anne McKenney, born July 24, 1967.
  - (3). Brian Ginder, married Shanna \_\_\_\_\_

Eleanor was living in Texas and was found murdered. She was missing for approximately a week, when her van was found in a ravine and covered with brush. Her death occurred December 20, 1994.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Eleanor Ginder, 56, of 1316 State Street, San Juan, Texas, died Tuesday, December 20, 1994 in Rio Grande City, Texas. She graduated from Check High School, Check, Va. in 1956, was a member of Brethren in Christ Church, attended Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., graduated from Goshen College, Goshen, Ind. And she taught home economics at Manheim Central High School, Manheim, Pa. With her husband, she served as a missionary in Africa from 1962 – 1974, during which time she taught homemaking to your women, served as hostess, pastor's wife and parent in Youngways Hostel for missionary children. Since 1974, she was a pastor's wife and homemaker at Redland Valley Brethren in Christ Church, Yorkhaven, Pa. She was a teacher

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and a pastor's wife in Petersburg, W. Virginia. More recently, she had been activity director at a nursing home in San Juan, Texas. She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Conner, Surviving is her husband, Carl V. Ginder; sons, Bevin, Lindale, Texas, Barry and wife Cathy, Yorkhaven, Pa., Brian and wife, Shanna, Mission, Texas; one granddaughter; brothers, Clyde Conner, Riner, Virginia, Doug Conner and Joe Conner, both of Salem, Virginia; sisters, Ava Ebersole, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Ester Kiser, Salem, Virginia, Wanda Minnick Harrisburg, Pa.; also surviving are her parents, Ruth Conner of Salem, Virginia and Raymond Conner of Roanoke, Virginia. Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery, Floyd, Virginia.

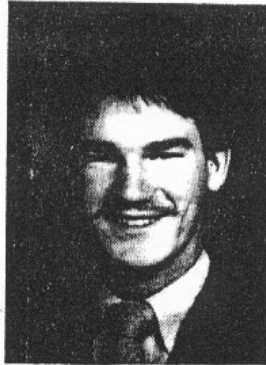
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## Man's ministry helping others

In 1964 The Floyd Press published the picture of a newborn on one of its front pages. The boy was Bevin Ginder born to Carl and Eleanor (Conner) Ginder, daughter of Raymond Conner and Ruth Conner. At that time Eleanor Conner, a graduate of Check High School, was living in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) Africa, where she taught domestic science (home economics).

Bevin Ginder, now 28, spent his younger years in Africa, his mother wrote the Press recently. When he arrived in America from Africa in the 70s, he always felt he was coming to a foreign country, she noted. "Africa was home. After arriving in America, he was adjusting to the new school system and society here. One difficult day he informed his mother, "You know, I think I know my problem—I have an American body but a Zimbabwean brain."

The last years Ginder has taken the love of God in music and kindness to other countries. He helped build an air strip for the Indians to receive supplies in the jungle of Peru. Another year he helped build an orphanage in South Africa. In the Dominican Republic he built a church, in Haiti, a school and in Costa Rica, a



Bevin Ginder

community/school building for the refugees from Nicaragua.

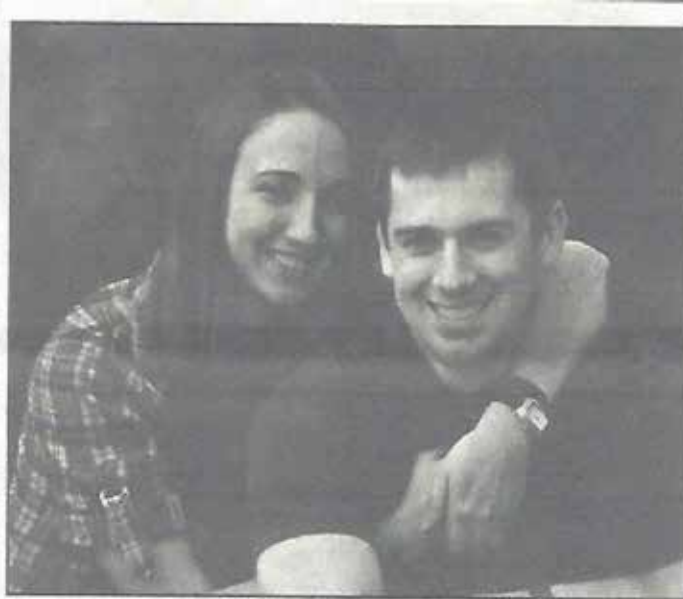
Ginder left last week to help the people of Russia. "As he helps others, he never forgets his roots in Floyd County," his mother wrote. "He feels that being a great-grandson of Walter Conner and a grandson of Raymond Conner is a wonderful heritage full of good southern love and hospitality."

At present, his parents Carl and Eleanor are working among the Spanish American people in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, bordering Mexico.

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- c. Clyde Edsel Conner, born February 19, 1940, married Carolyn Joyce Bower January 23, 1960. Carolyn was born about 1943. They have the following children:
- (1). Edsel Ray Conner
  - (2). Brenda Leigh Conner
  - (3). Kevin Conner married Donna Faye Brewer, who was born about 1970 and died January 24, 2010.
  - (4). Garret Conner
- d. Ava Lois Conner, born February 27, 1942, married Victor Eugene Nichols and they have two children. Victor died and Ava later married John Ebersole. Ava died August 26, 2011 in Mechanicsburg, Pa. (see page 118.1)
- (1). Joy Darlene Nichols
  - (2). Jeffrey Victor Nichols
  - (3). Cynthia Ebersole
  - (4). Neal Ebersole
  - (5). Beverly Ebersole
- e. Paul Douglas Conner, born October 16, 1943, married Betty Joyce Forlieo in 1962 and died June 7, 2015. They have the following children:  
(see page 118.2)
- (1). Michael Anthony Conner, married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2). Randal Glenn Conner married Sharon \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - (3). Steven Conner married Michelle \_\_\_\_\_ .
- f. Joseph Andrew Conner, born November 10, 1945, married Lois Hughes, daughter of Charles Hughes.
- (1). Liana Marie Conner, married Chris Edward Blankenship April 20, 2002.

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### Thornton-Conner

Jim and Missy Conner of Roanoke are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Brad Conner, to Patti Ann Thornton, daughter of Lisa and Ed Thornton of East Amwell Township, N.J.

Patti Ann is a graduate of Rutgers Preparatory School and received a B.S. in psychology from Bridgewater College and certificates in both elementary education and special education. She is employed by Franklin County Schools.

Brad is the grandson of Edsel

and Doris Conner and Don and Daphne Davis, all of Roanoke. He is a graduate of Northside High School and received his B.S. in allied health science from Bridgewater College and a certificate in orthotics from Newington School of Orthotics and Prosthetics in Hartford, Conn. He is a board certified orthotist with Virginia Prosthetics in Roanoke, and is continuing his education in the field of prosthetics.

The couple are planning a June 2012 wedding in New Jersey.

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g. Ester Mae Conner, born April 9, 1947, married Richard Wayne Kaiser and they have three children.

- (1). Richard Wayne Kaiser Jr.
- (2). Tony Kaiser
- (3). Danny Kaiser



Ava Lois Conner Ebersole  
(see page 118)

Ava Lois Ebersole, 69, of Mechanicsburg, passed away Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home, Carlisle. Born February 27, 1942 in Floyd County, VA, she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Ruth Clower Conner. Ava was a graduate of Check High School of 1960 located in Check, VA. Her greatest accomplishment was being a devoted wife and full time, stay at home mother to her children. She was a member of the Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church, where she served on the Women's Prayer and Healing Ministry and volunteered in many capacities with the church. In addition, Ava participated as a hostess with Welcome Wagon and later volunteered as Holy Spirit Hospital's Ministry Coordinator.

Ava is survived by her husband John M. Ebersole, her five children Neal Ebersole of Mechanicsburg, Beverly West of Perkasio, PA, Joy Moore of Chesapeake, VA, Jeff Ebersole and Cindy Pereira of Mechanicsburg, fibbed siblings Clyde, Doug and Joseph Conner, Ester Kiser and Wanda Minnick, 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Ava was preceded in death by her brother Harold Conner and by her sister Eleanor Ginder.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church. Burial will take place at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Joy. Viewing will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, in Malpezzi Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg. There will be no viewing on Saturday morning.

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**CONNER**  
*Paul Douglas*

Doug Conner, 71, of Salem, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 7, 2015. He was born in Check, Va. on October 16, 1943. He was the son of the late Raymond and Ruth Conner. He was preceded in death by brother, Harold Conner and sisters, Eleanor Gender and Ava Ebersole.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Betty Conner; sons and wives, Mike and Elizabeth Conner, Randy and Sharon Conner and Steve and Michelle Conner; grandkids, Cameron Conner and Lynze Conner; brothers and wives, Clyde and Carolyn Conner and Joe and Lois Conner; sisters, Esther and Richard Kiser and Wanda Minnick; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends, Bobby Kelly and Terry Lane.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2015 in the chapel of John M. Oakey and Son with the Rev. Bob West officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Internment will follow at Salem Cemetery, Check, Va.

  
305 Roanoke Blvd., Salem, VA  
540-389-5441

( see page 118)

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h. Wanda Lee Conner, born November 13, 1949, married Barry Minnick and have four children.

- (1). Larry Minnick (twin)
- (2). Leslie Minnick (twin)
- (3). Lee Minnick
- (4) Luke Minnick

i. infant Conner, born and died February 26, 1952

F. Ruby Conner, age 21 (born September 16, 1916) married Morgan King, age 24, (born November 11, 1911) December 26, 1943 and have four children and live at Copper Hill, Virginia. Morgan died January 5, 1994 at age 82. Morgan is the son of Joseph C. King, born June 27, 1880 and died June 10, 1959. On March 4, 1903, Joseph married, Emma Cora Conner, daughter of William Morgan Conner and Elsa Emily Manning. Ruby died September 5, 2006 ( obit on page 119.2).

Obit – Roanoke Times

Morgan King “Preacher”, 82, of Bent Mountain, died Wednesday, January 5, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Ruby C. King; children, Herman and Betty King Walters, Bentley and Cynthia King, Lynda King Sherrill, Robert and Frances King Wood; grandchildren, David Wayne Walters, Daniel Lee Walters, Joseph Morgan Walters, Georgiann King, Tonya Dawn King, and Coral Dee Wood; a sister and brother-in-law, Ercil and Irvin Wickham. Interment will be at King Cemetery, Roanoke County.

a. Betty Lou King, born March 3, 1936, married April 17, 1955 to Herman Wayne Walters, born July 9, 1934 and have three children.

- (1). David Wayne Walters, born October 17, 1956, married September 3, 1994 to Theresa \_\_\_\_\_, born September 8, 19\_\_.
- (2). Daniel “Danny” Lee Walters, born June 19, 1966, married May 20, 1995 to Patricia Ann George, born January 22, 1967.
  - (a). Rebecca Leeann Walters, born June 30, 1996
  - (b). Elizabeth Grace Walters, born January 1, 1998
  - (c). Sarah Dianne Walters, born January 8, 1999
  - (d). Daniel Lee Walters II, born June 16, 2001
  - (e). Jacob Wayne Walters, born December 10, 2002
- (3). Joseph “Joe” Morgan Walters, born January 16, 1968, married in Ireland to Trina Lynn Wood, born July 4, 1970.
  - (a). Hannah Adare Walters, born January 7, 1997
  - (b). Emily Morgan Walters, born January 17, 2001



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- b. Bently Joe King, born May 9, 1937, married Barbara Light and were later divorced. Bently then married Cynthia Vaught.
  - (1). Georgianne King
  - (2). Tonya Dawn King
- c. Linda King, born December 10, 1942, married William Sherrill and were later divorced
- d. Frances King, born July 2, 1948, married William Higginbotham and were later divorced. Frances then married Robert Wood.
  - (1). Coral Dee Wood

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**KING**

**Ruby Conner**

Ruby Conner King, 90 of Bent Mountain died Tuesday afternoon, September 5, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, Morgan King. She was a lifelong member of Mount Union Church of the Brethren. She is survived by her son and three daughters, Betty King Walters and husband, Herman, B. J. King and wife, Cindy, Lynda King Sherrill, and Frances King Wood and husband, Robert. Her surviving family also include six grandchildren, David Walters, Daniel Walters and wife, Patricia, Joseph Walters and wife, Trina, Georgiann King Brown and husband, Daniel, Tonya King Atkins and husband, Craig, and Coral Dee Wood. Also surviving are eleven great grandchildren, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Sarah, Daniel, Jacob and Robert Walters, Hannah and Morgan Walters, Caleb and Mary Grace Atkins, and Emma Brown. Services will be at Oakey's South Chapel, 10 a.m. Friday, September 8, 2006. Interment will follow at King Cemetery, Bent Mountain. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursday September 7. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel (989-3131).

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- G. Ora Conner, born November 17, 1918 married March 24, 1943 to Perry B. Yates, born March 24, 1919, and they lived at Check Virginia. Ora and Perry had five children. Ora died at the age of 71 December 4, 1989 and is buried at Wilson Cemetery. Perry died March 1, 1999.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Mrs. Ora Conner Yates, age 71, died Monday at her home. Surviving are her husband Perry B. Yates, two daughters and one son-in-law, Shirley Jean Yates, Elizabeth and Roger McCloud; three sons and two daughters-in-law, G.W. and Elizabeth Yates, Harry Kenneth Yates, Earl Bayne and Diana Yates. All of Check; ten grandchildren and one great-grandson; four sisters Bonnie Goff of Check; Rachel Conner, Shawsville; Mary Perdue, Roanoke; Ruby King, Bent Mountain; one brother, Raymond Conner of Smyrna, Ga. Interment will be in the Wilson Cemetery.

- a. Shirley Jean Yates, born August 28, 1944, married Cletus Lawson Thomas April \_\_, 1998. Cletus was married (1) Linda Mae Wimmer Sweeney, (2) Shirley Jean Yates. January 21, 1997 Cletus changed his name from Claude Dawson Thomas to Cletus Lawson Thomas
- b. Elizabeth Yates, born July 31, 1948, married Roger McCloud and have three children.
  - (1). Steven Lewis McCloud, born November 17, 1968, married Lesia Sutphin.
    - (a) Vinson McCloud
  - (2). Roger Dale McCloud, born January 15, 1970, married Kimberly Rupe.
    - (a) Katlin Renee McCloud; born August 20, 1996
  - (3). Leigh Ann McCloud, born November 24, 1980, married Michael Blake Zeman June 12, 1999.
    - (a). Madison Elizabeth Zeman, born July 19, 2006.
- c. George William Yates, born March 25, 1946, married Elizabeth Steel and they have five children. George died December 19, 2010
  - (1). Calvin Yates, born April 9, 1963
  - (2). Anglia Yates, born January 29, 1969, married Doug Sowder
    - (a) Amanda Dawn SowderAnglia and Doug were divorced and Anglia later married Jack Muncy
  - (b). Sierra Rose Muncy, born \_\_\_\_\_, 2001
- (3). Donna Yates, born February 2, 1971, married Dexter Jay Wood, son of Franklin Douglas and Donnie Conner Wood.

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- (4). Kenneth Yates, born February 3, 1973, married Stephanie Renee Huff June 10, 1995
  - (a). Presley Kenneth Yates, born September 6, 2000
  - (b). Olivia "Libby" Renee Yates, born October 4, 2002
  
- (5). William Yates married Jennifer Kay Beran April 20, 1996
  - (a). Abbey Danielle Yates, born September 20, 1998
  - (b). Hannah Renee Yates, born July 11, 2001
  - (c). Karly Paige Yates, born April 30, 2007

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**George William (G.W.) Yates | Visit Guest Book**

George William (G.W.) Yates, 64, of Check, Va., passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Steele Yates; five children, Calvin Yates, Angie and Josh Muncy, William and Jennifer Yates, all of Check, Donna and Dexter Wood, of Copper Hill, and Kenny and Stephanie Yates, of Floyd; 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley and Cletis Thomas, of Floyd, and Elizabeth and Roger McCloud, of Check; and two brothers, Earl Yates and Harry Yates, both of Check. Funeral Service will be held 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at Little White Church with the Rev. Chuck Thomas officiating. Interment in the Wilson Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday, December 20, 2010, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd, Va., 540-745-4100.

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d. Earl Bayne Yates married Diane \_\_\_\_\_

- (1). Stephanie Yates, born April 15, 1978 and married Daryn Cockram
  - (a). Brittany Michelle Cockram
  - (b). Jessica Cockram, born October 23, 2000
- (2). Travis Yates, born May 4, 1980

e. Harry Kenneth Yates

- H. Alfred Joshua Conner; born June 10, 1921, married Emma Lois King; born June 11, 1921. They did not have any children and Alfred died May 15, 1973.
- I. Vera Mae Conner, born February 4, 1923 and married Frank Daniel Conner, born December 29, 1914, September 13, 1941 and have two daughters. Vera died January 8, 1982 and is buried at Restvale Cemetery. Frank died September 22, 1991. Frank served in the Navy during WW II.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Mrs. Vera Mae Conner age 58, died Friday in a Winston-Salem, NC hospital. She is survived by her husband Frank D. Conner, Floyd; two daughters, Mrs Joyce Peters, Copper Hill; Mrs, Susan Boothe, Floyd; six sisters, Mrs. Mary Perdue, Roanoke, Mrs. Bertha Hall, Mrs. Ora Yates, Mrs Bonnie Goff, all of Check; Mrs. Rachel Conner, Shawsville; Mrs. Ruby King, Copper Hill; one brother, Raymond Conner, Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren. Burial will be in the Restvale Cemetery.

a. Joyce Marie Conner married George Ellis Peters and they have two sons.

- (1). Gregory Scott Peters, born June 16, 1969 married July 7, 1990 to Raina Dione Duncan born March 5, 1971.
  - (a) Nicholas Scott Peters; born October 6, 1991
  - (b) Leann Marie Peters; born February 14, 1997
- (2). Mark Peters married Karen Gaile Humphries April 23, 1994.
  - (a). Joshua Daniel Peters; born January 5, 1996.
  - (b). Steven Ray Peters; born May 23, 1999

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b. Susan Conner married Jimmy Booth

- (1). Brian Booth (deceased)
- (2). Darin Booth

Susan and Jimmy divorced and Susan later married Keith Nunn.

J. Bonnie Irene Conner; born December 13, 1925, married Ray Gifford Goff, April 24, 1943 and have two children and lives at Check, Virginia. Ray was born October 27, 1916 and died October 13, 2001. Bonnie Died February 8, 2006. Buried at Huffville Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA.

- a. Sheldon Ray Goff, born February 14, 1944 and married Sheila Crosby Whitlock and they have three children. Sheldon died November 25, 2001.
  - (1). Lorrie Ann Goff, born December 9, 1965
  - (2). Wesley Lane Goff, born December 4, 1967 and married Amy Lynette Davis October 20, 1990. They have three children.
    - (a). Tempry Cline Goff, born July 7, 1992
    - (b). Jordan Wesley Goff, born May 8, 1995
    - (c). Kyra Glynne Goff, born September 17, 2002
    - (d). Davis Kade Goff, born January 22, 2005
  - (3). Stacy Wayne Goff, born March 29, 1972. Stacy married Jennifer Ellen Cockram August 29, 1992. Jennifer was born November 29, 1971.
    - (a). Bethaney Rae Goff, born June 24, 1997.
    - (b). Leah Goff, born 2002 and died July 31, 2015. (See page 222.2)
    - (c). Lissie Jane Goff, born June 27, 2007
- b. Melvin Wayne Goff, born June 16, 1956 and married Reba Hatcher. Reba was born March 11, 1955. They have one child.
  - (1). Kristin Rae Goff, born September 26, 1984

Obit from the Roanoke Times

Goff, Ray Gifford, 84, of Check, passed away Saturday, October 13, 2001, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Conner Goff, Check; sons and daughters-in-law, Sheldon Ray and Sheila Goff, Salem, Wayne and Reba Goff, Check; grandchildren, Lorrie Goff, Johnson City, TN., Wesley Goff, Stacy Goff, Kristin Goff, Check; great-grandchildren, Tempry Goff, Jordan Goff, and Bethany Goff. Burial will be October 15, 2001 at Huffville Cemetery.

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Ray and Bonnie Goff

# Goffs wed fifty years

Ray and Bonnie Goff of Check celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 24, 1993. Their choice was to celebrate with their children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter by having a family portrait taken and having dinner at the Golden

In attendance to celebrate with Ray and Bonnie were: Wayne, Reba and Kristen Goff of Check; Sheldon and Sheila Goff of Check; Lorrie Goff of Johnson City, Tennessee; Wes, Amy and Temptry Goff of Check; and Stacy and Jennifer Goff of Roanoke.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Waller Cleveland and Arminda Poff Conner



**GOFF**  
**Leah Crosby**

Leah Crosby Goff, 13, of Copper Hill, went to be with her Lord and Savior in her heavenly home Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Leah was beautiful in every way, with an avid love of sports, especially basketball, and a newfound love of track. She was proud to be a Lady Buff and a part of her travel basketball teams, but greater than that she had a deep sense of love and compassion for others. Until the day she breathed her last breath she gave all glory and praise to her heavenly father and continually showed others a genuine Christ-like love and actively worked to make others happy. From the moment she was born she was always our "Leah bug" and her personality was like no other. An admirable athlete and beloved daughter, sister, family member and friend, her love of life and light for Christ will never be lost as it shines in all who knew her heart.

Leah is survived by her father and mother, Stacy and Jennifer Cockram Goff; sisters, Bethany and Lissie; maternal grandparents, Welby and Patsy Cockram; paternal grandmother, Sheila Goff; many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Sheldon Goff.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2015, at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Pastor Maurice Wright and Pastor Vassie Vaught officiating with interment in the Restvale Cemetery. Family will receive friends 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2015, at Maberry Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren Youth Group

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com).



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THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
by Elbert Leland and Lula Aldridge Conner

3. Elbert Leland Conner was born April 18, 1887 and married Lula I. Aldridge May 12, 1907. Lula was born January 12, 1890 and was the mother of five children. Lee died May 24, 1958 and Lula died July 29, 1972 and are buried at Wilson Cemetery.

Obit – Roanoke Times

Elbert Lee Conner, 71 of Floyd died May 24 in a Roanoke hospital. Surviving are his wife Mrs. Lula Aldridge Conner; three daughters Mrs. Vernon B. Garvin, Jr. Aberdeen, N.C.; Mrs. Clarence Lawrence, Union Springs, N.Y.; Mrs. Frank Lawrence, Roanoke ; two sons, George W. and Harvey Conner, both of Floyd; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Oma Conner, Copper Hill; a brother, Guy Conner, Copper Hill; three half sisters, Mrs. Alonzo Walton, Check; Mrs Elliott Craighead, Fincastle; Mrs. Virgie Stanley,, Roanoke; six half brothers, Willard Conner Roanoke, Clarence and Posey Conner, both of Pulaski; Carl Conner, Radford; Claude Conner, Check. Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery.

- A. Effie Ellen Conner; born June 3, 1908, married Clarence A. Lawrence who was born in Floyd County Virginia on November 4, 1906. Clarence and Effie were married October 16, 1926. Clarence was the son of Simon P. and Sattie Ann Strictler Lawrence. Clarence was a farmer most of his life and he and Effie lived in the state of New York for about 50 years. He was employed by Wells College from about 1960 to 1970. Clarence was the last surviving charter member of Pine Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He died November 14, 1988 at age 82 at Kings Ferry, New York after a long illness. The burial was at Ridgeway Cemetery Venice, New York. He had three brothers and three sisters F. Ray Lawrence, Paul H. Lawrence, L. Dalton Lawrence, Annie P. Kirby, Myrtle I. Jernell and Ruby Lawrence. Effie and Clarence had five children. Effie died Jan. 20, 2002.
  - a. Evelyn Inez Lawrence; born May 8, 1927, married Richard Lusk June 20, 1947 and Richard died July 14, 1986. They had three children. Evelyn died June 13, 2007 at Auburn N.Y.
    - (1). Evelyn Marie Lusk, born March 25, 1948, married Earl Snushall March 26, 1966. Earl was born July 7, 1945.
      - (a). Kelly Lynn Snushall, born January 5, 1970, married Robert Ray Ellison, who was born August 31, 1955. They have a daughter Kaitlyn Mae Ellison, born August 23, 1989.

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- (2). Sharon Inez Lusk, born August 26, 1949 and married Herbert L. Waters may 31, 1969. Herbert was born October 5, 1948. They have two daughters. Sharon last name was listed as Roof in her mother's obit.



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- (a). Rachelle Anne Waters, born May 21, 1970, married Patrick Bryant December 23, 1989. Patrick was born April 14, 1970. They have a daughter Jacquelin Kathleen Bryant, born May 26, 1990.
- (b). Andrea Inez Waters, born October 4, 1974
- (3). Richard Keith Lusk, born December 1, 1952 and married Diane Atkins. They have two children.
  - (a). Tammy Lusk, born January 27, 1973
  - (b). Todd Lusk, born June 3, 1974

Keith later married Mary Muldoon May 2, 1981. Mary was born June 28, 1956. They have four children.

  - (c). Kristen Elizabeth Lusk, born November 13, 1981
  - (d). Keith William Lusk, born May 2, 1987 (twin)
  - (e). Katherine Mary Lusk, born May 2, 1987 (twin)
  - (f). James Michael Lusk, born August 15, 1988
- b. Edna Irene Lawrence, born January 5, 1930 and married Robert F. Samons January 10, 1951. Robert was born June 30, 1929 and died November 19, 1976. They have two children.
  - (1). Lorie Ellen Samons, born June 5, 1954 and married Richard Hare October 11, 1975. Richard was born November 7, 1953. Lorie and Richard have three children.
    - (a). Robert Blake Hare, born October 2, 1980
    - (b). Ryan Bradley Hare, born January 14, 1985
    - (c). Daniel David Hare, born September 3, 1990

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- (2). David Lee Samons, born December 25, 1958 and married Doreen Guard October 10, 1980. Doreen was born October 1, 1960. David and Doreen have two children.
  - (a). Melissa Sue Samons, born May 1, 1981
  - (b). Nicole Christine Samons, born June 15, 1986
- c. Roy Lee Lawrence, born April 25, 1932 and married Julia Chamberlain September 5, 1952. Julia was born August 11, 1935. They have three sons. Roy died in 2001.
  - (1). Martin Wayne Lawrence, born June 20, 1955 and married Valerie DeSanto July 7, 1984. Valerie was born February 24, 1964. They have two children.
    - (a). Matthew Justine Lawrence, born March 24, 1986
    - (b). Ashley Brooke Lawrence, born October 28, 1988
  - (2). Randall James Lawrence, born May 20, 1957 and married Rhonda Marie Bombard April 3, 1982. Rhonda was born May 23, 1956 and was killed January 5, 1984. Randall later married Michelle Feciura September 20, 1986. Michelle was born May 3, 1960. Michelle and Randal have two children.
    - (a). Michael James Lawrence, born July 5, 1988
    - (b). Megan Elizabeth Lawrence, born February 28, 1990
  - (3). Timothy Lee Lawrence, born September 11, 1960 and married Crystal Walters November 22, 1986. Crystal was born June 14, 1965.
    - (a). Sarah Ann Lawrence (step-daughter), born May 30, 1981
    - (b). Jessica Lee Lawrence, born September 5, 1988.

Roy Lee Lawrence, later was married to Anne Axtell Leffingwell August 28, 1981. Anne was born October 18, 1930 and had a daughter from a previous marriage.

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- (4). Tracey Anne Leffingwell, born March 25, 1961, married Russell Harlow August \_\_, 19\_\_. Russell was born February 24, 1953 and has a son from a previous marriage.
  - (a). Christopher \_\_\_\_\_ Harlow, born June 30, 1979
- d. Elbert Lewis Lawrence, born April 11, 1941 and is single.
- e. Judith Ann Lawrence, born March 2, 1945, married Wayne Edward Taylor August 16, 1968. Wayne was born April 7, 1946. They had one daughter.
  - (1). Kristen Michelle Taylor (Wells), born June 21, 1969  
Judith later was married to Donald Lockwood Wells April 21, 1973.  
Donald was born November 2, 1944 and he has a daughter by a previous marriage.
  - (2). Jennifer Lee Wells, born January 27, 1947
- f. Marie Lawrence (no information known)
- B. John Harvey Conner; born December 23, 1910, married Margaret Pugh, born July 19, 1916, October 2, 1935, and they have two children. Harvey died January 28, 1999. Margaret died November 3, 2002.
  - a. Paulette Dean Conner, born May 16, 1946, married Russell W. Hatcher June 1, 1964 and they have three children.
    - (1). Sharon Wynn Hatcher; born April 15, 1969 and married Kenneth Lane Atkins May 5, 1993.
      - (a). Tyler Atkins
      - (2). Jeffrey Wayne Hatcher; born June 6, 1970
      - (3). Stacey Ann Hatcher; born November 2, 1978
  - b. William Harvey Conner; born December 8, 1947, married Bonnie Darlene Turpin March 30, 1969. They have one son.
    - (1). Mark Stephen Conner; born February 27, 1974  
Bonnie married Robert Clifton McDonald June 11, 1979.

William was divorced and married Debbie Bridger May 5, 1990. Debbie had a son prior to their marriage.

(1). Matthew Bridger; born September 25, 1980

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Obit- Roanoke Times

John Harvey Conner, of Floyd, a light in the lives of all his family and friends for 88 years passed on to heavenly peace on Thursday, January 28, 1999 with family lovingly by his side, in the comfort of his home. Many remember him as the welcome smile behind the counter at Conner's General Store, owned and operated by him and his wife, Margaret Pugh Conner for 25 years. He was also an enthusiastic member and Deacon of the Floyd Baptist Church since November 21, 1948. Waiting for him in heaven are his parents Mr. And Mrs. E. L. Conner, as well as his brother George Conner, and his sister, Virginia Garvin. You are our sunshine, our only sunshine, you make us happy when skies are grey. You know how much we love you, in our heart you'll always stay. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Pugh Conner, Floyd; daughter, Paulette Conner Hatcher, Greensboro, N.C.; son, William Harvey Conner, Roanoke; grandchildren, Sharon Hatcher Atkins, Jeff Hatcher, Mark Conner, Stacey Hatcher, Matthew Bridger; great-grandson, Tyler Atkins; sisters, Alice Lawrence, Roanoke, Effie Lawrence, King Ferry, N.Y. Burial will be in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Obit Roanoke Times, November 5, 2002

Conner, Margaret Pugh, 86 of Floyd, took her final earthly breath on Sunday, November 3, 2002 to be reunited with her beloved husband Harvey at Heaven's gate. With her beautiful smile, twinkling eyes, generous actions, and kind spirit, Margaret sewed a seed of love in the hearts of all her family and friends. Throughout her life, Margaret loved to gaze up into the sky and admire the clouds. So now in remembrance of her, we will look upon the clouds, knowing that she has found peace in her Heavenly home, and will be assured; there is no night without a dawn, no winter without a spring, so beyond death's dark silence, her soul will joyfully sing. Margaret has gone ahead of a family that loves and adores her and will miss her deeply. Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Paulette and Russell Hatcher, of Greensboro, NC; one son and daughter-in-law, William "Bill" and Debbie Conner, of Salem, VA; two granddaughters, Sharon Atkins, of Mayodan, NC, and Stacey Hatcher, of Asheville, NC; two grandsons, Jeffrey Hatcher, of Greensboro, NC and Mark Conner, of Roanoke, VA; one step grandson, Matthew Bridger, of Salem, VA; one adorable great grandson, Tyler Atkins, of Mayodan, NC. A celebration of Margaret's life will be held at 2 pm Wednesday, November 6, 2002 at Floyd Baptist Church. Her earthly body will be laid to rest next of Harvey in Jacksonville Cemetery.

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- C. Annie Alice Conner was born February 17, 1913 and completed her education in a one room school. Alice married Frank Ross Lawrence September 12, 1934. Alice and Frank had three children. Frank died October 4, 1985. Alice died April 25, 2000. Alice was 18 and Frank was 19 when they married.
- a. Mary Geneva Lawrence; born December 14, 1936 and married Benjamin Franklin Crouse November 9, 1955 and they have three children.
- (1). Benjamin F. Crouse Jr.; born November 13, 1956 and married Julie Yvonne Compton. Benjamin and Julie have two children.
- (a). Mary Danielle Crouse; born January 8, 1985
- (b). Zachary Keith Crouse; born January 9, 1989

Obit-Roanoke Times

Annie Alice Conner, 87 of Roanoke died Thursday, April 25, 2000. She was the widow of Frank R. Lawrence and also preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Garvin and her brothers; Harvey and George Conner and great grandson, John David Crouse Jr. Surviving are her daughters and son-in-law, Geneva and Benjamin Crouse of Florida, Rheba L. Donahue of Roanoke, Barbara I. Fish of Raleigh N.C.; eight grandchildren, 13 great- grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a sister Effie Lawrence of New York; many loving nieces and nephews. Burial to be at Basham Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Obit- Florida Times – Union, Sept. 19, 2008

Crouse, Benjamin F. Sr., 74, Ft. White, FL, passed away September 17, 2008. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., Branford.

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- (2). John David Crouse, born October 22, 195\_ and married Rose Anna Hughes. John and Rose have three children.
  - (a). John David Crouse Jr., born July 8, 1978 and died July \_\_, 1979.
  - (b). Nicole Crouse, born July 8, 1980.
  - (c). Douglas Benjamin Crouse, born March 3, 1986
- (3). Joy Ann Crouse, born November 6, 1960 and married Sherwood Wright. Joy and Sherwood had a daughter and were divorced.
  - (a). Tasha Ann Wright

Joy later married Tommie Napier and they have a daughter.

  - (b). Stephanie Napier
- b. Rheba Ann Lawrence, born October 10, 1943 and married Eugene Donahue. Rheba and Eugene have three children.
  - (1). Troy Lee Donahue, born October 25, 1963 and married Sabine Schwab. They have one daughter.
    - (a). Sandra Ingrid Donahue, born October 21, 1988.
  - (2). Jamie Lynn Donahue, born August 3, 1976.
  - (3). Dean Eric Donahue, born February 18, 1980.
- c. Barbara Rose Lawrence, born June 25, 1948 and married Frank Donahue and were divorced. Barbara later married Roger Fish and they have two children.
  - (1). Carol Elaine Fish, born September 22, 1966
  - (2). Mark Wilton Fish, born April 9, 1974



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The following poem was written by Alice Conner Lawrence

THE AUCTION SALE

The folks grew old, they were taken away  
 Their work was finished, no longer could they stay  
 Now there's a sale here today, people all rushing around  
 To see if any treasures can be found  
 I look too, and try to see  
 But there's no treasure here for me  
 The bidding starts, Its just great  
 All I can find is emptiness and a great heart ache Mom  
 and Dad are both gone  
 We can no longer call this old house home  
 I looked out across the land  
 On my shoulder, I seem to feel a hand  
 A voice seems to say, child don't you see  
 All this old earth belongs to me  
 Soon again it will go to somebody new  
 For all of you, are just passin through  
 This old house was not their home  
 I chose it for their stoppin place  
 Where they could take care of you  
 and your brothers and sisters too  
 Now don't grieve and don't be sad  
 You all had a wonderful Mom and Dad  
 The love they gave you all to share  
 Nothing in the world will ever compare  
 They raised you up to do what is right  
 And cared for you both day and night  
 So count your blessings one by one  
 And say, oh Lord, Thy Will be Done

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- D. George Willie Conner married Arva Edith Conner, age 17, and they have three children. George was born December 15, 1919 and died April 3, 1990. George and Arva were married July 2, 1938. Arva married Willie Dennis Coleman (born December 3, 1924) November 14, 1992. George is buried at the Jacksonville Cemetery. Arva is the daughter of Martin Thomas and Minnie Elizabeth Hylton Conner. Martin is the son of Daniel T. and Susannah Popejoy Conner.

Obit-Roanoke Times

George Willie Conner age 70 passed away Tuesday, April 3, 1990, at Radford Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Arva C. Conner; two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward L. and Shirley Conner, Fieldale; Charles E. and Beulah Conner, Floyd; one daughter and son-in-law, Joyce C. and Allen S. Faw, Vinton; one brother, Harvey Conner, Floyd; three sisters, Effie Lawrence, Keing Ferry, N.Y.; Alice Lawrence, Roanoke; Virginia Garvin, Hurt; Five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

- a. Edward Lee Conner; born September 12, 1939, married Shirley Jeanne Peters and they have one child and later divorced.

(1). Michael Wayne Conner; born August 19, 1962. Michael married Eleanor Jeanne Peters, July 10, 19\_\_, and they have two children.

(a) Devyn Wayne Conner; born June 5, 1985

(b) Michael Scott Conner; born September 3, 1987

Edward latter married Shirley Bryant, born December 14, 1945. Shirley had one child prior to the marriage.

(1). Katherine Renee Refett; born May 17, 1966 and married \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and they have two children.

(a). Amy Marie Refett; born February 9, 1985.

(b). Brittany Renee Refett; born October 27, 1987

- b. Charles Everett Conner, born August 27, 1943, married Beulah Mae Harris; born March 27, 1947, and they have two children. They were

married December 21, 1963.

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- (1). David Clinton Conner; born February 4, 1967. He married Karen Stech, born September 21, 1967 on March 19, 1991.
    - (a). Matthew Charles Conner; born October 31, 1997
    - (b). Ian George Conner, born August \_\_, 2002
  - (2). Danah Marie Conner; born October 10, 1975, married October 5, 2002 to James Russell Flint Mayes, born August 14, 1974,
  - c. Joyce Conner; born August 10, 1945, married Jose Flores, divorced and later married Allen S. Faw. Joyce and Allen have two children.
    - (1). Travis Faw; born July 12, 1974
    - (2). Tracy Faw; born February 5, 197\_
- Joyce and Allen are now divorced. Joyce later married Rick Gumpert.



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by Elbert Leland and Lula Aldridge Conner

4--The Floyd Press, Thursday, July 28, 1988



George and Arva Conner

## Conners celebrate 50 years of marriage

George and Arva Conner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3, 1988 at the Conner home place in Floyd. They were married by Rev. R.C. Bailey on July 2, 1938.

They have 3 children, Edward and his wife Shirley of Fieldale, Charles and wife Beulah of Floyd and Joyce and husband Allen Faw of Vinton.

George and Arva are the 5th couple in his family to have celebrated their 50th anniversary. His father and

mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Conner, celebrated theirs on May 12, 1957 at the Conner home place in Floyd. George's sister Effie and Clarence Lawrence of King Fenny, N.Y. on Oct. 16, 1976, his brother Harvey and Margaret Conner of Floyd on Oct. 2, 1958, his sister Alice and Frank Lawrence of Roanoke on Sept. 12, 1984.

George and Arva have 5 grandchildren, 2 step-granddaughters, 2 great-grandchildren and 3 step great-grandchildren.

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by Elbert Leland and Lula Aldridge Conner



Ed and Shirley Conner

## Couple awarded degrees at photography convention

Ed and Shirley Conner were awarded the Associate Fellow of Photography degree while attending the Virginia Professional Photographers Convention in Virginia Beach recently.

It was the first time in the history of the association that a husband and wife received the degree at the same time.

The Conners own and op-

erate Ed Conner Photography on Merriman Road in Fieldale.

Mr. Conner is a 1959 graduate of Floyd High School. He is the son of Arva Conner and the late George W. Conner.

The couple specializes in portrait and wedding photography.

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by Elbert Leland and Lula Aldridge Conner

- E. Virginia I. Conner, born June 8, 1927 and married Vernon (Pat) Garvin Jr. June 17, 1947 and they have two children. Vernon was born July 30, 1925. Virginia died February 9, 1995 and Vernon died January 10, 1998.

## Obit-Roanoke Times

Virginia Conner Garvin, 67, of Hurt, died Thursday, February 9, 1995 in Blue Ridge Nursing Home, Martinsville, Virginia. She was a retire elementary school Librarian. She is survived by her husband Vernon Burgette Garvin, Hurt; two sons, Vernon B. Garvin III, Bassett, Dale Lee Garvin, Danville; two sisters, Effie Lawrence, King Ferry, N.Y., Alice Lawrence, Roanoke; one brother, Harvey Conner, Floyd; two grand children, Christina Garvin, Mary Garvin; two stepgrandchildren, Angela Townsend, Dorothy Calaman; and one stepgreat-grandson, Johnathan Townsend. Burial will be in Jacksonville Cemetery.

## Obit-Roanoke Times

Vernon B. Garvin Jr., 72, of 729 Spring Street, Hurt, Virginia, died Saturday January 10, 1998, in Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of the late Virginia Conner Garvin.

Born July 30, 1925, in Rising Sun, Maryland, he was a son of the late Vernon Burgette Garvin Sr. and Sarah Shelor Garvin. He was a member of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church and Hurt Lions Club. Mr. Garvin was a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, a retired mechanical engineer with Montague-Betts, and a U.S. Army veteran of WWII. He is survived by two sons Vernon B. Garvin, III, of Bassett, and Dale L. Garvin of Danville; one sister, Mildred Gorrell of Perryville, Maryland; two grandchildren, Christina Garvin and Mary Garvin; two stepgrandchildren, Angela Calaman and Dorothy Gilbert; one stepgreat-grandson, Johnathan Townsend; and several nieces and nephews. Burial will be in Jacksonville Cemetery.

- a. Vernon B. Garvin III, born October 21, 1950 and married Jean Moore December 31, 1972. They have two children.
  - (a). Christina Marie Garvin, born January 14, 1980
  - (b). Mary Elizabeth Garvin, born September 28, 1982
- b. Dale Lee Garvin, born June 4, 1953 and married Theresa Harmon June 11, 1983 and do not have any children at this writing.

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Lee and Lula have six infant children buried at the Wilson Cemetery.

1915 Laura Inez Conner (burned to death)

1916 unnamed

1919 unnamed

1922 unnamed

1931 unnamed

1937 unnamed

## THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

By Guy Ezra and Nellie Poff Conner

4. Guy Ezra Conner was born February 8, 1889 and married his first wife Nellie Frances Poff February 23, 1910. Nellie was born July 5, 1891. Guy and Nellie had seven children. Guy died September 14, 1980 and Nellie died October 15, 1953. Sometime after Nellie's death Guy married Ora Belle Sowers Nichols. Guy is buried at Head of River Cemetery. Ora previously was married to Clifford George Nichols.

A. Dessie Mae Conner, born January 2, 1911 and died March 4, 1996.

## Obit-Roanoke Times

Dessie Mae Conner, 85, formerly of Copper Hill, died Monday night, March 4, 1996, in a Salem nursing home. Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Aldene C. and Thomas Nichols of Roanoke; a brother and sister-in-law, Alvia E. and Attaway Conner of Bent Mountain, several nieces and nephews; and stepmother, Ora S. Conner of Check, and three sisters-in-law, Juanita P. Conner, Bonnie R. Conner and Nadine Archer. Interment will be in Restvale Cemetery.

B. Arnie Conner, born October 26, 1912, married Walter Welford Dowdy, born September 5, 1907 and they have three children. Arnie died July 2, 1978 and Welford on June 28, 1981. They were married September 3, 1938 in Cambria, Montgomery County, VA.

a. Lura Jean Dowdy married Laymon Miller Williams and they have four children.

(1). Rebecca Jean Williams; married Bobby Shaver and they have two children.

(a). Lura Whitney Shaver

(b). Kellie Leann Shaver

(2). Sheila Ann Williams; married Joel Keith Rader and they have two children.

(a). Amanda Paige Rader

(b). Joshua Keith Rader

(3). Michael Darin Williams (unmarried)

(4). Walter Miller Williams (unmarried)

b. Frances Roberta Dowdy married Robert Franklin Williams and they have two children. Bobby died June 3, 1994 at age 56. Frances married Paul Beverly



Collins July 8, 2000.

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By Guy Ezra and Nellie Poff Conner

Obit-Roanoke Times

Robert Franklin Williams, 56, of Newport, died Friday, June 3, 1994 near his home on Sinking Creek. Born in Newport, he was a son of Ira F. and "Hon" McCoy Williams of Mountain Lake Road near Newport. For many years he operated Lakeway Service Station near Newport and more recently was employed as an auctioneer with his own company, Williams and son Auction Company. Bobby was a 1956 graduate of Newport High School, attended Bluefield State College, was a member of Sherry Memorial Christian Church, Newport Ruritan Club and Virginia Auctioneers Association. He was a brother of the late "Dody" Bonita Cupp. Surviving are his wife, Frances "Fran" Dowdy Williams; a son and daughter-in-law Tony and Cindy Williams; a daughter Robin Williams and her fiance' E. Brian Atkins, Newport; a brother, Gerald "Nonnie" Williams of Newport; a sister, Betty Lou Ratcliff, Pearisburg.

(1). Anthony Franklin Williams; married Cynthia Perkins

(2). Robin Leanna Williams; single and has one son. Robin's fiance is E. Brian Atkins.

(a). Cody Weston Atkins

c. Kenneth Dowdy (died unmarried)

C. Alvin Esmond Conner, (born July 22, 1916) age 22 married Attaway Virginia Board, ( born 1920) age 18, January 2, 1939 and they have two children. Alvin Died May 29, 2002. Attaway died November 7, 2003, and buried at Wilson Cemetery.

a. Alvin Lester Conner, born March 18, 1940 and died October 19,1940.

b. Nancy Frances Conner; married Jerry Lee Shaver in 1961 and they have three children. Jerry was born about 1942 and is the son of Cleophas Franklin Shaver and Ruby Aretta Hill. Nancy was born in 1941 and died from cancer September 4, 2003, see obit page 137.2. Nancy has a step granddaughter Candice Dickerson.

(1). Barry Shaver married Belva Turner

(a). Brittany Shaver born October 7, 1989

(b). Brandon Lee Shaver born November 5, 1994

Barry's wife's name was listed as Teresa in the obit of his brother's death so it appears he remarried.

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By Guy Ezra and Nellie Poff Conner

- (2). Sherrie Lynn Shaver married Robert Elwood Janney December 15, 1990.
  - (a). Lindsey Nichole Janney born October 16, 1996
  - (b). Austin Douglas Janney born September 27, 1999
- (3). Stephen Lee Shaver, born February 13, 1973, married Rebecca Lynn Gardner April 3, 1993. Stephen died in an auto accident October 27, 2001 and is buried at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethern cemetery. Rebecca is the daughter of James Cleveland and Phyllis Ann Turner Gardner.

Obit Roanoke Times, May 30, 2002: Conner, Alvin Esmond, 85, of Copper Hill, passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2002 at his home. Surviving are his wife, Attaway Board Conner of Copper Hill; daughter & son-in-law, Nancy & Jerry Shaver, of Copper Hill; grand children, Barry Shaver, of Shawsville, Sherrie Janney, of Floyd; sister & brother-in-law, Aldene & Thomas Nichols, of Roanoke County; four great-grandchildren; and several other relatives and friends Funeral services will be 11am Friday May 31, 2002 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd. Burial will follow in the Wilson Cemetery.

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By Guy Ezra and Nellie Poff Conner



**SHAVER, Nancy Conner, 62,** of Copper Hill, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Thursday, September 4, 2003, in a Roanoke hospital. She was preceded in death by her father, Alvin E. Conner; son, Stephen L. Shaver; and a brother, Lester Conner. Surviving are her husband, Jerry L. Shaver of Copper Hill; son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Teresa Shaver of Shawsville; daughter and son-in-law, Sherrie S. and Robert Janney of Floyd; daughter-in-law, Becky G. Shaver of Christiansburg; mother, Attaway V. Conner of Floyd; grandchildren, Brittany and Brandon Shaver, Lindsey and Austin Janney; step-grandchild, Candice Dickerson. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, September 7, 2003, at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Rev. Paris Bain officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER  
By Guy Ezra and Nellie Poff Conner



### Collins-Williams

The wedding vows of Frances Roberta Dowdy Williams, daughter of the late Welford and Arnie Dowdy of Newport, Virginia, and Paul Beverly Collins, son of the late Marcus and Lucille Collins of Pembroke, Virginia, were exchanged on July 8, 2000, 5 p.m. at the Pembroke Methodist Church, Pembroke, Virginia. Rev. Jim Lowe and Rev. Eddie Kendall officiated.

Jean Williams, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Cindy Williams, daughter-in-law of the bride, served as bridesmaid. The bride was given in marriage by her son, Tony Williams. Groomsmen were Ken Collins, Mark Collins, Dwight Collins, sons of the groom, and Tony Williams, son of the bride.

Flower girls were Emily Collins and Macarah Collins, granddaughters of the groom. Kayla Collins and Annada Collins, granddaughters of the groom, carried family Bibles topped with white roses in memory of Marcus and Lucille Collins, parents of the groom, and Welford and Arnie Dowdy, parents of the bride.

Joshua Collins, grandson of the groom, was ring bearer. Ushers were Laymon Williams, brother-in-law of the bride, Miller Williams and Joel Rader, nephews of the bride. Annada Rader and Whitney Shaver, nieces of the bride, assisted with the wed-

ding program. Kellie Shaver, niece of the bride, attended the guestbook. Nikki Collins and Teresa Collins, daughters-in-law of the groom, were servers of the wedding cake.

Dari Cupp, niece of the bride, sang I Do, and Wind Beneath My Wings. Tony Williams, son of the bride, sang The Lord's Prayer. Lavelva Stevens, friend of the bride, provided the wedding music. The candle light ceremony was directed by Barbara Lawson, friend of the bride.

The bride wore a white Royal Satin gown with a v-neck, short beaded sleeves and beaded pearl bodice. The skirt was over-laid with French tulle. The v-necked back lead to a dropped waistline with accentuating bows and covered buttons. The flowing Cathedral train was hand-beaded with sequins and pearls that cascaded to a beaded pearl hemline. She carried a cascading bouquet of white Casablanca lilies, red roses, purple asters with accentuating purple statice and purple and white variegated Dendrobium orchids.

Bev and Fraa, accompanied by their grandchildren, were driven to the reception in a white, Italian buggy accented with antique lanterns. After a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside at 372 River Bend Drive, Pearisburg, Virginia.

## THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

By Guy Ezra and Nellie Poff Conner

- D. Cleophas Ezra Conner, born September 18, 1918, died November 7, 1972, married Alvesta Juanita Poff, born August 16, 1925, April 13, 1947 and they have a son.
- a. Clyde Conner married Pamela \_\_\_\_\_ and they have two children.
- (1) Vanessa Dawn Conner, born February 4, 1985
  - (2) Charlcy D. Conner, born May 18, 1989
- E. George Edgar Conner married Lillian Nadine Reed February 23, 1946 and they have three children. George was born July 8, 1922 and died March 31, 1971. Nadine then married May 30, 1979 to Warren Harding Archer and he died November 23, 1981. Nadine was born October 28, 1925. George is buried at Restvale Cemetery.
- a. Linda Conner; born April 13, 1951, married Nelson Wakefield June 8, 1974. Nelson was born October 10, 1950. They have two children.
- (1). Jennifer Lea Wakefield; born November 2, 1979
  - (2). Lee Nelson Wakefield; born June 11, 1983
- b. David Reed Conner; born September 30, 1953, married Vickie Lynn Bond September 7, 1973. Vickie was born August 2, 1954. They have three children.
- (1). John Edward Conner; born September 18, 1977
  - (2). Ellen Marie Conner; born December 11, 1979
  - (3). Travis Scott Conner; born July 7, 1986
- c. Janet Conner; born March 23, 1957, married Gregory C. Ratliff June 19, 1982. Gregory was born October 22, 1955. They have two children.
- (1). Andrew Carl Ratliff; born September 18, 1985
  - (2). Amy Marie Ratliff; born March 7, 1987
- F. Harlie Cletus Conner was born March 18, 1926 and married Bonnie Radford. Harlie died December 20, 1972. Harlie and Bonnie did not have any children.

Harlie and Bonnie are buried at Restvale Cemetery.

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THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

By Mary Ellen Conner

G. Viola Aldene Conner married Thomas Cole Nichols in 1960 and they did not have any children. Thomas is the son of Clifford George Nichols and his first wife (name unknown). Clifford, a widower, then married Ora Belle Sowers Conner. Ora is a step mother to both Thomas and Aldene, which makes Aldene and Thomas step-brother and step-sister. Aldene died February 27, 2009 and is buried at Restvale Cemetery, Floyd Co., VA. (see page 139.3 for obit)

5. Mary Ellen Conner, born July 2, 1892 and died August 24, 1894.



Mary Ellen Conner is buried at Wilson Cemetery Floyd Co. Virginia

## THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

By Mary Ellen Conner



**CONNER**  
**Ora Belle**

Ora Belle Conner, 97, of Check, passed away early in the morning of Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at her home. She was born in Floyd County in 1910 and lived there her entire life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frazier and Flora Sowers; husbands, Clifford Nichols and Guy Conner; brothers, Vollie and Dossie Sowers; and sister, Mary Conner; sisters-in-law, Grace Sowers and Erma Sowers; and brothers-in-law, Otey Conner and Morris Agee; nephews, Marvin, Arnold, and Norman

Sowers; and niece, Lucille Coates. She was a faithful member of Mountain View Primitive Baptist Church for 59 years and served as its Clerk for 56 of those years. She leaves behind a legacy of strength, hope, and love that have influenced friends and family for generations. She shared those qualities throughout her life and worked until she could not work any more. She loved to help farm and garden, to crochet, to work with her hands, and to share that handiwork with others. She was a very genuine person who cared greatly for people. She loved her brothers and sisters of the Primitive Baptist faith, as well as her many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, stepchildren, step grandchildren, and attentive caregivers. She gave all she had to give to each and every one. She will be greatly missed in life and the many happy memories she left us will be cherished. She is survived by a sister, Velvie Agee; nephews, Junior Conner, W.T. Conner, and D.W. Sowers; nieces, Ortha Gay Hundley, Dorothy Holley, Juanita Semones, Opaldeen Conner, Marie Vest, and Karen Edmonds; a foster niece, Judy Guilliams; and stepchildren, Thomas and Aldene Nichols. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 21, 2007 at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Larry Hollandsworth, Elder Junior Conner, and Elder W.T. Conner officiating. Interment will follow at the Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call at Gardner Funeral Home on Thursday, September 20, 2007 after 6 p.m. where the family will be from 6 until 8 p.m. Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

## THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

By Mary Ellen Conner

**NICHOLS****Viola Aldene Conner**

Viola Aldene Conner Nichols, 75, of Roanoke, Va., passed away on Friday, February 27, 2009, at Richfield Care Center. She was born March 22, 1933, to the late Guy and Nellie Poff Conner of Floyd County. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Dessie Conner and Annie Dowdy; and her brothers, Cleophas, Alvin, George and Harley Conner. Mrs. Nichols was of the Primitive Baptist faith. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Thomas Cole Nichols; and a number of

nieces and nephews. Services will be held 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Avenue. Elder Junior Conner will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery in Floyd County. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, 540-989-3131.



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THE FAMILY OF GEORGE BENJAMIN CONNER

By Mary Ellen Conner

NICHOLS  
Thomas Cole

Thomas Cole Nichols, 76, of Roanoke, died Thursday August 9, 2012, at Richfield Retirement Center. He is preceded in death by his wife, Viola Aldene Connor Nichols; parents, Clifford and Bertha Nichols; and brother, George. Mr. Nichols was a member of Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church and was retired from VDOT.

Survivors include a niece, Sherry Smith, Radford; nephew, Elton Nichols, Riner; sister-in-law, Margie Nichols, Floyd; and a number of cousins.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Oakey's South Chapel with Elder Junior Conner presiding. Interment will follow in Restvale Cemetery in Floyd. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Elmer Edgar and Genia McGee Conner

5. Elmer Edgar Conner was born February 11, 1897 and married Genia (Jean) McGee August 29, 1925 at Wolf Creek near Narrows VA. Elmer Graduated from William and Mary College and received his Masters from George Peabody College. He taught school for many years. Elmer and Jean had two children. Elmer died April 10, 1958 and is buried at Burch Lawn in Parisburg Virginia. Jean was born September 18, 1896. In 1962 Jean married Robert G. Chitwood. A few years after her marriage to Robert Chitwood he also died. Jean died June 30, 1998.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Genia Conner Chitwood, 101, of Lakeview, Roanoke, and formerly of Rich Creek, Virginia Passed away Tuesday, June 30, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Elmer E. Conner and Robert G. Chitwood and a son, Wayne J. Conner. Mrs. Chitwood was a member of Bethany Christian Church. Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Roberta C. Rogers and James C. Rogers Sr., of Cloverdale; daughter-in-law, Betty A. Conner of Roanoke; grandchildren and their spouses, Linda Kolnok and husband, Michael Kolnok, Gary W. Conner and wife, Katura Conner, Renee R. Ayres and husband, Scott Ayres all of Roanoke; Lynette R. Smith and husband, Gary Smith of Elliston, and James C. Rogers, Jr. and wife, Allison Rogers of Roanoke; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and special friends, Julia Falls and Mamie Vanlew. Interment will be in Birchlawn Cemetery, Pearisburg, Virginia.

- A. Wayne Johnson Conner was born August 28, 1925 and married Betty Akers January 31, 1947. Wayne and Betty have two children. Wayne died July 27, 1992. after a long bout with cancer.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Wayne Johnson Conner, age 65, of 4022 Drake Circle, N.W., died Monday, July 27, 1992. He was a member of Enon Baptist Church and was an agent for Nationwide Insurance Company for 30 years; a member of and past president of Hollins Lions Club; and Army Veteran of World War II and was a member of John Dove Lodge #78 AF&Am, Peterstown, W. Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Betty A. Conner, one son and Daughter-in-law, Gary W. Conner and wife, Kitura; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda C. Kolnok and husband, Michael J.; his mother, Mrs. Genia M. Chitwood, all of Roanoke; one sister and brother-in-law, Roberta C. and J.C. Rogers, Cloverdale; four grandchildren, Michael and Matthew Kolnok, Interment will be in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

- a. Linda Conner was born June 1, 1948 and married Barry Bunn. They were divorced and Linda later married Michael J. Kolnok. Linda and Michael have two children.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Elmer Edgar and Genia McGee Conner

(1). Michael Joseph Kolnok III was born January 10, 1976.

(2). Matthew Wayne Kolnok was born March 4, 1980

b. Garry W. Conner was born January 10, 1950 and married Mary Lynn Housin. They were divorced and Gary married June 30, 1980 to Kitura Renee Wertz Davis. Gary and Kitura have two children.

(1). Buck Lewis Conner; born April 29, 1976.

(2). Tonya Renee Conner; born November 16, 1974. Tonya married Gregory Keith Pickeral August 21, 1999.

B. Roberta Conner was born April 4, 1935 and married James C. Rogers November 24, 1956. Roberta and J.C. have three children. J.C. was born Dec. 30, 1932 and died July 18, 2016. See page 142.4

a. Renee Rogers; born August 5, 1959 married Scott Ayers June 11, 1983. Renee and Scott have two children.

(1). Sarah Renee Ayers was born December 23, 1985.

Sarah married Tyler Rollins in 2013

(2). Clayton Scott Ayers was born September 10, 1989.

b. Lynette Rogers was born April 4, 1962 and married Gary Smith March 21, 1987. Lynette and Gary have three children.

(1). Sylvia Nicole Smith (Nikki); born November 3, 1989.

(2). Courtney Michelle Smith born; January 10, 1991.

(3). Ashley Elizabeth Smith born; June 9, 1992.

c. James Charles Rogers Jr.(Jay) born; February 1, 1965. James married Allison McWhorter .

(1). Maleah Grace Rogers, born September 5, 1998 Maleah died July 9, 2000 at age 22 months.

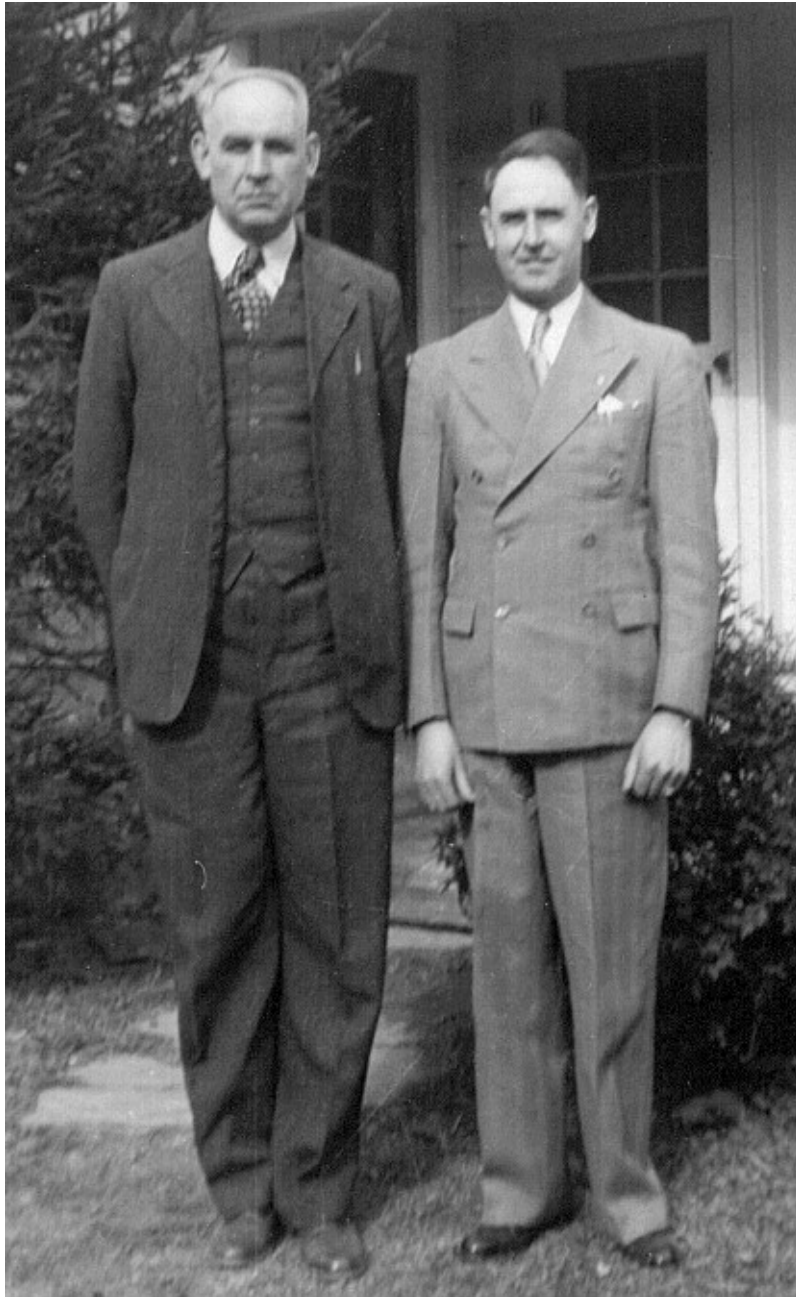
(2). Conner James Rogers, born July 26, 2002

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Elmer Edgar and Genia McGee Conner

Obit-Roanoke Times

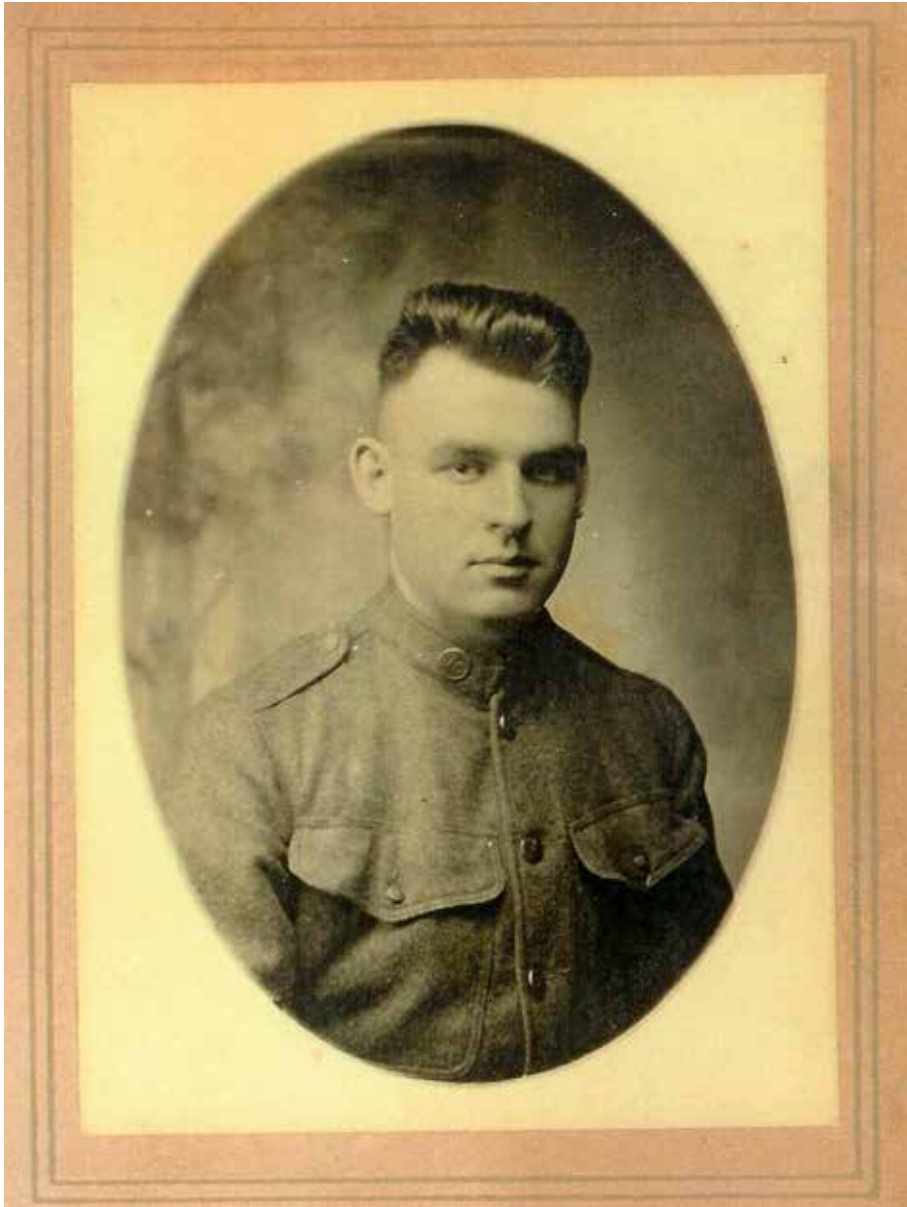
MaLeah Grace Rogers, 22 months, of Roanoke, passed away Sunday, July 9, 2000, after battling a brain tumor. Her determined yet gentle spirit touched many lives. Her family cherished every minute they had with her and will continue to be blessed by her life. Surviving are her parents, James C. Rogers Jr., and Allison McWhorter Rogers; a brother, Cody J. Rogers; grandparents, J.C. and Roberta Rogers, Cloverdale, M.T. "Bud" and Judy McWhorter, Roanoke; great-grandmother, Dorothy Allison, Roanoke; aunts and their spouses, Renee and Scott Ayres, Roanoke, Lynette and Gary Smith, Elliston, and Tammie and David Owen, Salem; several cousins; and her dog, Flint.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Elmer Edgar and Genia McGee Conner



Elmer Edgar and Carl Nathan Conner  
Photo taken 1946-1947

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Elmer Edgar and Genia McGee Conner



Elmer Edgar Conner at William & Mary College

When Elmer arrived, he had never been exposed to electricity. Not knowing how  
To turn the lights off and on in his room, he screwed and unscrewed the bulb.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Elmer Edgar and Genia McGee Conner



Family of J. C. Rogers and Roberta Conner Rogers

Names are from Left to Right

Nikki Smith, Jacob Nolan (Ashley's friend), Ashley Smith, Courtney Smith, Gary Smith, Lynette Smith (middle child of J.C. & Roberta), Renee Ayres (oldest child of J.C. & Roberta), Scott Ayres, Sarah Ayres Rollins (bride), Tyler Rollins (groom), Roberta Rogers, James Rogers Jr. (youngest child of J.C. and Roberta), Conner Rogers ( in front is the son of James), J. C. Rogers, Rhonda Prilliman (friend of James), Cody Rogers (son of James), and Clay Ayres.



The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Elmer Edgar and Genia McGee Conner



**ROGERS SR.**  
**James Charles**

James Charles Rogers Sr., 83, of Cloverdale, Va., went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Monday, July 18, 2016, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born on December 30, 1932, in Sebring, Fla. J.C. was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Gertrude; and granddaughter, Maleah Rogers.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Roberta Rogers, who stood by his side every step of the way as he fought his illness; his brother, Carlton and wife, Audry; children, Renee Ayres (Scott), Lynette Smith (Gary) and James Rogers (Rhonda). J.C. loved spending time with his grandchildren, Sarah, Clay, Nikki, Courtney, Ashley, Cody, Conner and Alexandra. He was blessed to see the birth of three great-grandchildren, Grayson, Riley and Madilyn.

J.C. was a lifetime member of Cloverdale Church of the Brethren, where he was active as a Deacon, served on the Commission of Stewards and Properties and ushered. After retiring, he and Roberta completed over 20 disaster ministry trips, as well as, eight service projects in Jamaica.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Clement Elechi and nurse, Mary Martin, our church family, friends and a heartfelt thanks to Lynette for daytime love and care and to Ashley and Jacob for evening support.

A Celebration of J.C.'s Life will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren with Pastor Patrick Starkey officiating. Visitation and reception following service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in J.C.'s memory to the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren, 4708 Read Mountain Road, Cloverdale, VA 24077 or to the Emergency Disaster Fund, c/o Church of the Brethren General Offices, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120.

Arrangements are being handled by Oakey's East Chapel. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com).



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The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

6. Mamie Virginia Conner was born September 2, 1899 and married Alonzo Curtis Walton December 21, 1921. Alonzo was born May 26, 1892, and died June 24, 1961. Mamie died March 9, 1990 and is buried with Alonzo in Wilson Cemetery. See pages 30 - 34 for additional information about the Walton family. Mamie and Alonzo had seven children.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Mamie Conner Walton, age 90, died Friday in a Roanoke hospital. Surviving are three daughters, Anna Lee Conner of Check; Mary W. Janney of Pilot; Jean W. Rorrer of Afton; four sons, Elwin O. Walton of Portsmouth; Percy A. Walton, Dayton, Ohio; John L. Walton of Vinton; and Ezra L. Walton, Lynchburg; 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters Virgie Jamison, Boones Mill; and Bessie Craighead of Roanoke. Burial will be at the Wilson Cemetery.

A. Elwin O. Walton was born November 8, 1922 and married Augustine Poff February 9, 1946 and they have one child. Augustine was born August 15, 1923. Elwin died from cancer March 30, 1994. Elwin served in the Navy during WW II.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Elwin O. Walton, 71, of Silver Spring, Maryland, formerly of Portsmouth, a native of Floyd County, died Wednesday, March 30, 1994 at the home of his son in Silver Springs, Maryland. He was a veteran of WWII. Surviving are his wife, Augustine Poff Walton; one son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Elizabeth Walton; two grandchildren, Katherine Walton and David Walton, all of Silver Springs, Maryland; three sisters, Anna Lee Conner, Roanoke, Mary W. Janney, Pilot, and Jean W. Rorrer, Afton; three brothers, Percy Walton, Vandalia, Ohio, John L. Walton, Roanoke, and Ezra Walton, Lynchburg. Burial will be at Restvale Cemetery at Copper Hill.

a. Paul Bryant Walton; born January 25, 1958 and married Elizabeth Merrman September 18, 1982. Elizabeth was born September 1, 1959.

(1). Katherine Ann Walton; born July 29, 1988

(2). David Griffith Walton; born May 10, 1993

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

WALTON

Augustine Poff

Augustine Poff Walton, 87, of Copper Hill, Va., and Silver Springs, Md., passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. She is survived by her son, Paul and Beth Walton, of Silver Springs, Md.; grandchildren, Kate Walton, of Rhode Island, and David Walton, of Silver Springs, Md.; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Hilda Poff, of Copper Hill, Jane and Sebert Rorrer, of Radford, Mary Janney, of Pilot, Ezra and Jane Walton, of Lynchburg, Anna Lee Conner, of Salem, and John and Joyce Walton, of Roanoke. Funeral Service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with the Rev. Sebert Rorrer officiating with interment in Restvale Cemetery in Copper Hill. The family will receive friends on Friday, November 5, 2010, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd, Va.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

- B. Percy Allen Walton was born May 10, 1925 and married Jeanne West May 11, 1949 and they have three children. Jeanne was born January 11, 1928. Percy died February 8, 1997. Jeanne died May 12, 2003.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Percy Allen Walton, 71, of Vandalia, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, February 8, 1997. Funeral and burial was held February 11, 1997 in New Carlisle, Ohio.

- a. Leslie Lynne Walton; born April 10, 1951 and married Curtis Ray Carter August 28, 1970 and they have two children. Curtis was born December 29, 1950.
  - (1). Nora Jeanne Carter; born December 29, 1973 Nora married Scott Gruber August 10, 1998.
  - (2). Joshua Adam Carter; born July 29, 1975 and married Tammy Rae Harvey September 4, 1999.
- b. Allan Walton; born June 8, 1952 and married Ann Marie Conture June 15, 1974 and they have two children. Ann was born August 31, 1952.
  - (1). Kellie Ann Walton; born May 30, 1981
  - (2). Christopher Allan Walton; born August 12, 1983
- c. Dale Lee Walton; born December 4, 1955 and married Lesley Suzanne Midlam September 11, 1987. Lesley was born December 29, 1960.
  - (1). Zachary Tyler Walton born April 22, 1991
  - (2). Evan James Walton Born March 11, 1995

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

- C. Anna Lee Walton, born December 16, 1927 and married Clyde Richard Conner June 4, 1949. Richard was born February 13, 1929. Anna Lee and Richard had one daughter. Richard was the son of Henry Walter and Minnie Annie Vest Conner. Richard died February 3, 1989. Anna Lee died Jan. 6, 2013.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Clyde Richard Conner, 59, died Friday in a Roanoke hospital. Surviving are his wife, Anna Walton Conner, Check; one daughter, Anita D. Conner of Roanoke; brother and sister-in-law, William Marvin and Lilie Conner; sister-in-law, Nellie V. Conner, all of Check; several nieces and nephews. The burial will be held at the Wilson Cemetery in Floyd Co., VA.

- a. Anita Dawn Conner, born March 4, 1958 and married Michael Ferguson. Michael and Anita were later divorced. Anita and Todd T. Johnson Jr. had one son Jared. Todd was born about 1959 or 1960, and took his Own life by jumping off a bridge over the Roanoke River on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Explorer Park. The fall was approximately 160 ft. He was pulled from the river and taken to the Roanoke Memorial hospital and died a short while later. He died August 1, 2006, and was cremated. Anita died February 12, 2010 and is buried at Wilson Cemetery in Floyd Co., VA. (see obit on page 145.1)

(1). Jared Todd Johnson, born June 14, 1997

- D. Mary Wilmuth Walton, born November 26, 1929 and married Arnold Edward Janney October 14, 1948 and they have two children. Arnold was born October 31, 1923 and died from a heart attack October 27, 1985. He served in the Army during WW II and is buried at Restvale Cemetery.
- a. Curtis Edward Janney, born July 24, 1949 and married Joan Harman Parker February 10, 1989. Joan has a son Joseph Parker and a granddaughter Dawn Parker. Curtis died July 14, 1995. Joan was also married to Marvin Howard Sowers.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Curtis Edward Janney, 45, of Check, died Friday, July 14, 1995, as a result of a motor vehicle accident. We are heart broken that Curtis has left us, but he will be joining his father, Arnold E. Janney. He is survived by his wife, Joan H. Parker-Janney of Check; his mother Mary W. Janney, Pilot; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Joe and Cheryle Parker, Christiansburg; two grandchildren, Dawn and J.P.; beloved sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Paul Haynes, Christiansburg; two nieces, Amanda Dove and Kathy Haynes; two sisters-in-law, Jeanette Wade, Christiansburg, Patti St. John, Floyd. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

**CONNER**  
**Anita Dawn**

Anita Dawn Conner, 61, of Salem, Va. passed away Friday, February 12, 2020. She was born March 4, 1958 in Floyd County, daughter of Anne Lee Walton Conner, of Salem and the late Clyde Richard Conner. She was a member of Lakeside Baptist Church. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her precious son, Jared Johnson; special caregivers, David and Carolyn Zimmerman; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the chapel of John M. Dakey and Son, Salem. The family will receive friends Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at John M. Dakey and Son. Interment will follow at Wilson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Anita's memory to the trust fund for her son, Jared.

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The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

**CONNER**  
**Anna Lee Walton**

Anna Lee Walton Conner, 85, of Salem, passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2013. She was born on December 16, 1927 to the late Alonza and Mamie C. Walton. She was also predeceased by her husband, Clyde Richard Conner; daughter, Anita Dawn Conner; brothers, Elwin O. Walton and wife, Augustine, and Percy A. Walton and wife, Jeanne; and brother-in-law, Arnold Janney.

Her surviving family includes her grandson, Jared Johnson of Salem; brothers, John L. Walton and wife, Joyce, of Roanoke and Ezra L. Walton and wife, Jane, of Spout Springs; sisters, Mary W. Janney of Pilot, Jean W. Rorrer and husband, Sebert, of Radford; numerous nieces; and nephews; foster parents to her beloved grandson, Jared, Jay and Elizabeth Taliaferro; and special friend, Alfred Ratliff.

Anna spent 16 years at the Richfield Recovery and Care Center in Salem. The family would like to thank those of the staff at Richfield who have been so kind to her and given the care she has received. Thanks to the many people who have visited her and brought her the goodies and other things she so enjoyed. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home's chapel with Elder W.T. Conner and Elder Carl Terry officiating. Anna will be laid to rest at Wilson Cemetery. The Conner family is being served by John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, 540-389-5441.



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The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

- a. Kathy Darlene Janney, born January 10, 1959 and married Leslie Goff. They were divorced. Kathy has one daughter.
  - (1). Amanda Leigh Dove, born November 18, 1987 and married Keven Klash
    - (a). Levi Bralei Klash, born July 24, 2007  
Kathy married Paul Haynes April 3, 1993. They have one daughter.
  - (2). Katie Michelle Haynes born June 30, 1994.

E. John Lewis Walton, born June 15, 1934 and married Geraldine Katherine Hall September 25, 1963 and they have four children. Geraldine was the daughter of Lilly Hall and was born July 19, 1940. Geraldine died September 18, 1993 after a bout with lung cancer. Geraldine had three sons when she married John and John adopted the three boys.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Geraldine Hall Walton, 53, of Goodview, died Saturday, September 18, 1993, in a local hospital. Surviving are her husband, John L. Walton; a daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Robert Cannaday of Vinton; three sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Sandy Walton of Roanoke, Ricky and Tina Walton of Goodview and Gary and Melissa Walton of New London, Conn.; mother, Lillie Hall of Roanoke; two brothers, Wilbourne Hall of Salem and Jimmy Hall of Roanoke; three sisters, Dorothy Wood of Bedford, Betty Bowling of Newport News and Christine Busse of Roanoke; five grand children. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Vinton.

- a. Robert Lee Walton; born December 28, 1956 and married Sandra Kay Hylton October 30, 1976. Sandra was born May 28, 1956 and they have two children.
  - (1). Amanda Marie Walton; born July 2, 1981
  - (2). Holly Michelle Walton; born September 15, 1983





**WALTON**  
Ricky E.

Ricky E. Walton, 49, of Goodview, Va., went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 25, 2010. He was a master carpenter. He was a beloved husband, father, and paw-paw. He is preceded in death by his mother, Geraldine Walton; grandmother, Lilly Hall; and beloved father. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Tina Jamison Walton; son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Ashley Walton; daughter, Jessica Walton; beloved granddaughter, Alexis Sye Walton; father, John L. Walton and his wife, Joyce; brothers, Bobby Walton and Gary Walton; baby sister, Diane Cannaday and her family; special friend and mother-in-law, Frances Jamison; and his best friend, Jerry Woolwine. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2010, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Steven Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel, 540-982-2221.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

- a. Ricky Edward Walton; born September 27, 1960 and married Tina Marie Jamison January 26, 1980. Tina was born August 8, 1958 and they have two children. Ricky died July 25, 2010 and buried at Mt. View Cemetery in Vinton Virginia. Tina's Mother is Frances Jamison.
  - (1). Jonathan Edward Walton; born June 14, 1983. He married Ashsley \_\_\_\_\_.  
+ Alexis Sue Walton
  - (2). Jessica Walton
- b. Gary Wayne Walton; born August 19, 1969. Gary married Melissa \_\_\_\_\_. Gary and Melissa were divorced and he later marries Amanda \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1). Wyatt Conner Walton, born December 1, 2010 to Gary and Amanda.
- c. Virginia Dianne Walton; born November 6, 1970 and married Robert Lee Cannaday March 24, 1990. Robert was born October 11, 1970.
  - (1). Amber Nichole Cannady; born July 28, 1992
  - (2). Morgan Lee Cannaday; born March 20, 1994
  - (3). Hunter Ryan Cannaday, born November 12, 1998.

John married Joyce Lorene Hudgins February 11, 1995. Joyce was born April 11, 1943

- E. Ezra Leon Walton born; April 13, 1936 and married Betty Jane Vest, daughter of Banks Vest, February 15, 1958. Jane was born November 12, 1936. Ezra and Jane had two children.
  - a. Leon Dwight Walton; born November 21, 1959 and died November 26, 1959.
  - b. Sandra Jane Walton; born November 14, 1966. Sandra was married August 14, 1993 at Lynchburg Va. to Edmond George Barton. Ed is the son of John F. and Gertrud Barton.
    - (1). Luke Christopher Barton; born Aug.9,1994
    - (2). Andrew Edmond Barton; born Nov.5,1996

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

- F. Virginia Jean Walton; born November 14, 1939 and married Rev. Sebert W. Rorrer November 16, 1956. Jean and Sebert have four children living. Sebert was born October 19, 1936.
- a. Infant Rorrer, born and died September 8, 1957. Buried at Wilson Cemetery.
  - b. Michael Edward Rorrer; born February 28, 1959 and married Marie Woolwine October 20, 1990. Marie was born May 23, 19\_\_.
    - (1). Ashley Kaye Rorrer; born June 19, 1983 and married Scott Apjok.
      - (a). Margaret Kay Apjok, born July 17, 2010
    - (2). McKinnley Noah Rorrer (Mack); born January 25, 1996
  - c. William Darrell Rorrer; born August 17, 1961. He married Ellen Lamb May 4, 1996.
    - (1). Hannah Nichole Rorrer, born December 10, 1999
  - d. Mark Walton Rorrer; born December 8, 1962 married Deanna Shepherd
    - (1). Brittany Nichole Shepherd
      - (a). Danessa Stafford, born May 12, 2013
    - (2). Lindsey Jean Rorrer; born March 24, 1996
  - e. Debra Ann Rorrer; born June 16, 1966 and married John Darrell Eanes December 27, 1985. They have two children.
    - (1). Brandon Lee Eanes; born January 25, 1989
      - (a). Treavor Eanes, born March 21, 2013
    - (2). Travis Allen Eanes; born March 5, 1992

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton

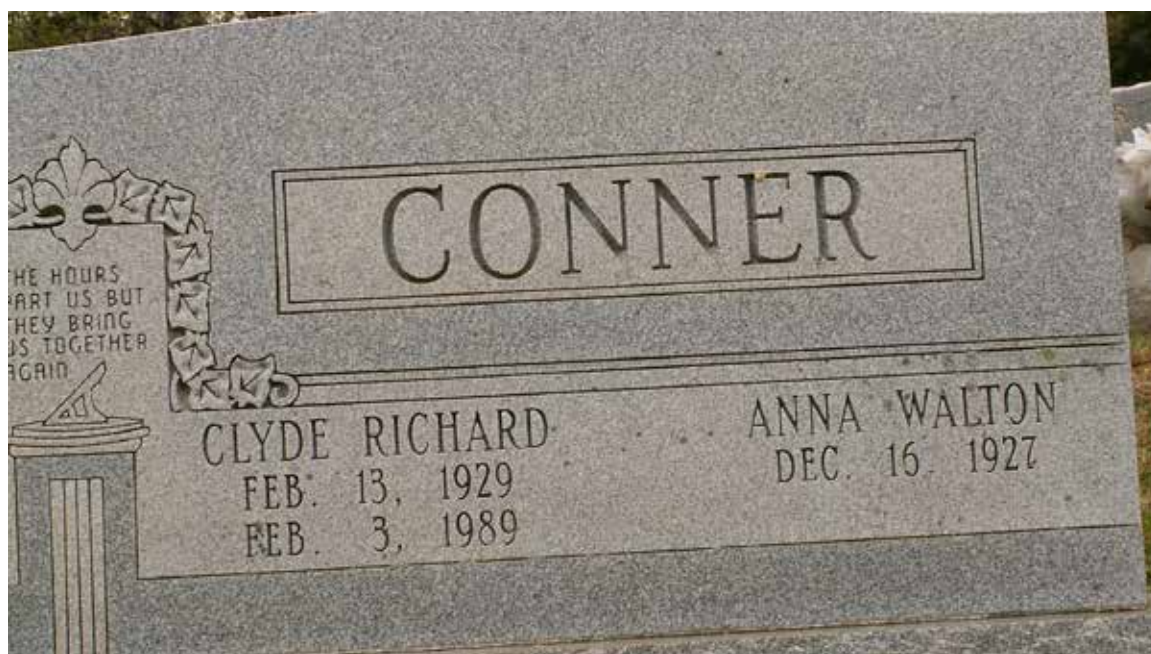


Left to right Giles & Esta Martin and Mamie and Alonzo Walton



Wilmuth J. Conner and her daughter Mamie Walton

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton



The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton



Anna Lee Conner, Aug. 9, 2005

Anna Lee Walton Conner, August 9, 2005



Mary W. Janney & Alfred Ratliff

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton



Betty Jane Vest Walton and Ezra Leon Walton, June 25, 2005



Jean and Sebert Rorrer, September 23, 2005

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Alonzo C. and Mamie Virginia Conner Walton



John L. and Joyce Walton, November 1, 2005



The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner

7. Willard Austin Conner was born August 15, 1901 and married Roxie Annie Eveline Conner on November 29, 1922 in Floyd County Va. Roxie was the daughter of James M. and Laura Walton Conner and was born December 15, 1901. Willard and Roxie had four children. Willard died August 17, 1959 and Roxie died August 16, 1978. Both are buried at Restvale Cemetery (Head of the River).

Obit-Roanoke Times

Mrs. Roxie E. Conner, age 76, of 7111 Loch Haven Road, N.W., died Wednesday at her residence. Mrs. Conner was the widow of Willard A. Conner and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Beulah) Richardson, Roanoke; two sons, J.W. Conner, Roanoke; G.W. Conner, Blue Ridge; a brother, Ollie Conner, Copper Hill; four sisters, Mrs. Vada Prilleman, Mrs. Ethia Vest, both of Copper Hill; Mrs. Geneva Moore, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs Sue Jenkins, Buies Creek, N.C.; 7 grandchildren; 1 great grandson. Interment to be at Restvale Cemetery.

- A. James Warren Conner was born December 8, 1924 at Pilot Va. and married Julia Victoria Thomas June 5, 1946 in Roanoke, Va. Julia was born July 21, 1927 in Roanoke Va. and is the daughter of James Ballard Thomas & Emma Mae Wright. Warren died October 10, 2002. Warren and Julia have three children.
- a. Robert Willard Conner was born February 28, 1947 in Roanoke Va. and married Brenda Throckmartin April 12, 1968 in Roanoke. Brenda was born September 24, 1950 to Ed Throckmartin and Dorothy Simmons.
- b. James Warren Conner Jr. was born August 3, 1949 at Martinsville Virginia and married Susan Nichols July 9, 1976 in Roanoke, Va. Susan was born February 25, 1946 in Roanoke and is the daughter of Carl Nichols and Katherine Foy.
- c. Lynn (Ervin) Conner (adopted) was born July 21, 1957. Lynn has two children.
- (1). Chasity was born November 20, 1975
- (2). Tammy was born June 14, 1980
- B. Perry Brammer Conner was born March 12, 1926 at Pilot, Va. and married Clara Mae Cahoon February 4, 1950 at Fincastle, Va. Perry and Clara Mae did not have any children. Perry died December 23, 1977 at Fincastle, Va.. Clara was born October 28, 1930 in Botetourt Co. Va. and was the daughter of Earl Groves Cahoon and Annie Bell Tucker. Perry's interment was at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens at Roanoke, Virginia. (see page 151.1)

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner

## A PERSONAL EULOGY IN HONOR OF PERRY BRAMMER CONNER

I have asked the Reverend to read these words today because they are important words and should be heard clearly and distinctly. My quivering voice and trembling lips could not do these words justice. So although the Reverend will read these words, they all come directly from my heart.

Perry Conner was a good man. We have all heard this so many times. I cannot recall ever hearing anyone speak of him without using the word “good” at least once or twice; a good husband, devoted son and brother, generous uncle, and dear friend. He was all of these and more.

Perry was not one to attend Church on a regular basis, but I think most would agree that there never beat a more Christian heart; full of kindness and compassion.

It has been said that the true goodness of a man can be measured by how equally well he is loved by both men and children. Perry certainly scored high on both counts. He thought the world of his fellow workers at the Cement Plant and I know the feeling was mutual. I was lucky enough to work at the Plant for three summers and it was obvious that the fellowship and the brotherhood that Perry enjoyed at work far out weighted the many inconveniences such as deafening noise and the ever present cement dust.


Perry was a strong man but he had one great weakness. He could never say “no” to a child. It was a common sight to see him in the garage after a hard day’s work tinkering with some kid’s bicycle. Perry could tolerate anything except seeing a child mistreated. He never had any off springs of his own. But that does not mean he had no children. He was just like a father to many of his nieces and nephews. No one, on one knows this better than I.

Although today my heart is heavy with sadness, it is also filled with a quiet joy and profound gratefulness because my life was so richly blessed because I was loved by this man. He taught me how to swim, ride a bike, throw a football, and all those other things that little boy need to know. He will always be a part of me and whatever good I might achieve in my lifetime will be due in great part to the fact that I was raised under the influence of this good, good man.

The burning question we always ask is “why”? I have no answers, but I cannot help but believe that God, in his infinite wisdom and mercy, saw that this kind and gentle man had suffered long enough and so last Friday He called Perry home for Christmas. May he sleep in heavenly peace.

IN ETERNAL GRATITUDE  
HIS NEPHEW, JIMMY

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner



**CONNER**  
**Clara Mae Cahoon**


Clara Mae Cahoon (Nip) Conner, 84, of Fincastle, Va., entered into her Heavenly home on Monday, August 3, 2015, at the Carrington Place in Daleville where she was a resident for three years.

Clara was born On October 28, 1930, a daughter of the late Earl and Annie Cahoon. Also preceding her in death was her husband, Perry B. Conner; sister, Shirley A. Cahoon; brothers, Jackie and Mac Cahoon; and special nephew, Jimmy McClung.

She was a long time member of the Fincastle United Methodist Church and a member of United Methodist Women. Over the years, she was active in the Girl Scouts and LOA. She retired from Botetourt Intermediate and Cahoon's Florist, was a lover of cats and dogs, and enjoyed socializing with her many friends and family. She touched a lot of lives over the years and was special to many.

She is survived by her brother, Lloyd H. Cahoon; sisters, Dorothy Craft and Charlotte McClung; special nieces, Sandra Harris and Karen Peery; and numerous other nieces, nephews, and special friends. Special thanks to the staff of Carrington Place for their loving care.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan 540-254-3000. Memorial contributions may be made to Fincastle United Methodist Church or Angels of Assisi. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com)



Botetourt  
Funeral Home

Buchanan Chapel - 540-254-3000  
14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan, Va.

(see page 150)

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner

- C. Beulah Mae Conner was born May 2, 1929 in Roanoke Va. and married Ralph Thomas Richardson September 29, 1947 at Roanoke. Ralph was born September 29, 1927 in Roanoke the son of John Thomas Richardson and Virgie Ann Basham. Beulah Mae and Ralph have two sons. Ralph died from cancer October 21, 1996. Beulah died March 2, 2006

Obit-Roanoke Times

Ralph T. Richardson (Cotton), 69, of Roanoke, died Monday, October 21, 1996. He was a member of Lakeland Lodge #190 A.F.& A.M., Scottish Rite and Shrine. Mr. Richardson was a retired mechanic for Valley Metro. Surviving are his wife, Beulah C. Richardson; sons Barry Richardson and special friend Gwen Wells, and Earl Richardson and wife Bonnie Hodges Richardson; Grandsons, Wesley Richardson and wife Dawn Richardson, and T.C. Richardson; brother, Don Richardson of Roanoke; special friends, Barry ("No. III Son") and Wylene Bratton, all of Roanoke, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Warren and Julia Conner, and George and Mary Ann Conner of Roanoke and Clara Conner of Fincastle. Interment will be at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

- a. Earl Austin Richardson; born November 2, 1954 at Roanoke, Va. Earl married Bonnie Hodges August 24, 1974 at Roanoke, Va. and have a son. Bonnie was born April 17, 1955 in Roanoke, Va. and is the daughter of Walter Herbert Hodges and Ethel Aldenne Pagans.
    - (1). Thomas Christopher (T.C.) Richardson born November 19, 1993 in Roanoke, Virginia.
  - b. Barry Lee Richardson; born November 25, 1952 in Roanoke, Va. and married Margaret Kathie Thomas January 9, 1972 in Vinton, Virginia. Kathie was born June 12, 1952 in Roanoke to Edward Allan Thomas and Marjorie Virginia Biggs.
    - (1). Wesley Alan Richardson; born March 5, 1973 in Roanoke, Virginia. He married Dawn Alissa Fisher September 14, 1996 in Moneta, Virginia. Dawn was born April 30, 1975 in Roanoke, Virginia to David Roy Fisher and Joyce Pagans. Wesley and Dawn are expecting a son in August 2001.
- Barry and Kathie were divorced and Barry has married three times since.
- (2). Susan Gearheart, they divorced and had no children.
  - (3). Nita Fidler, they divorced and had no children.
  - (4). Gwen Unknown

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner

Obit from the Roanoke Times March 4, 2006

Richardson, Beulah Mae Conner

Beulah Mae Conner Richardson 76, of Roanoke, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2006. She was born on May 2, 1929 in Roanoke to the late Willard A. Conner and Roxie E. Conner. Beulah was a charter member of Riverland Road Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Thomas "Cotton" Richardson and two brothers, James Warren Conner and Perry Conner. She is survived by two sons, Barry Richardson and his wife, Gwen, of Salem, and Earl Richardson, and his wife, Bonnie, of Roanoke; two grandsons, Wesley Richardson, and his wife, Dawn, and T.C. Richardson; a stepgrandson, Jason Wells; and two great grandchildren, Kennedy and Camden Richardson, all of Roanoke. Beulah is also survived by a brother, George Willard "G.W." Conner of Roanoke; special friends, Barry and Wylene Bratton of Roanoke, and two sisters-in-law Julia Conner of Roanoke and Clara Conner of Fincastle. Interment will be in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

## *Beulah Mae Conner Richardson*

*Born*

*May 2, 1929*

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*Passed Away*

*March 2, 2006*



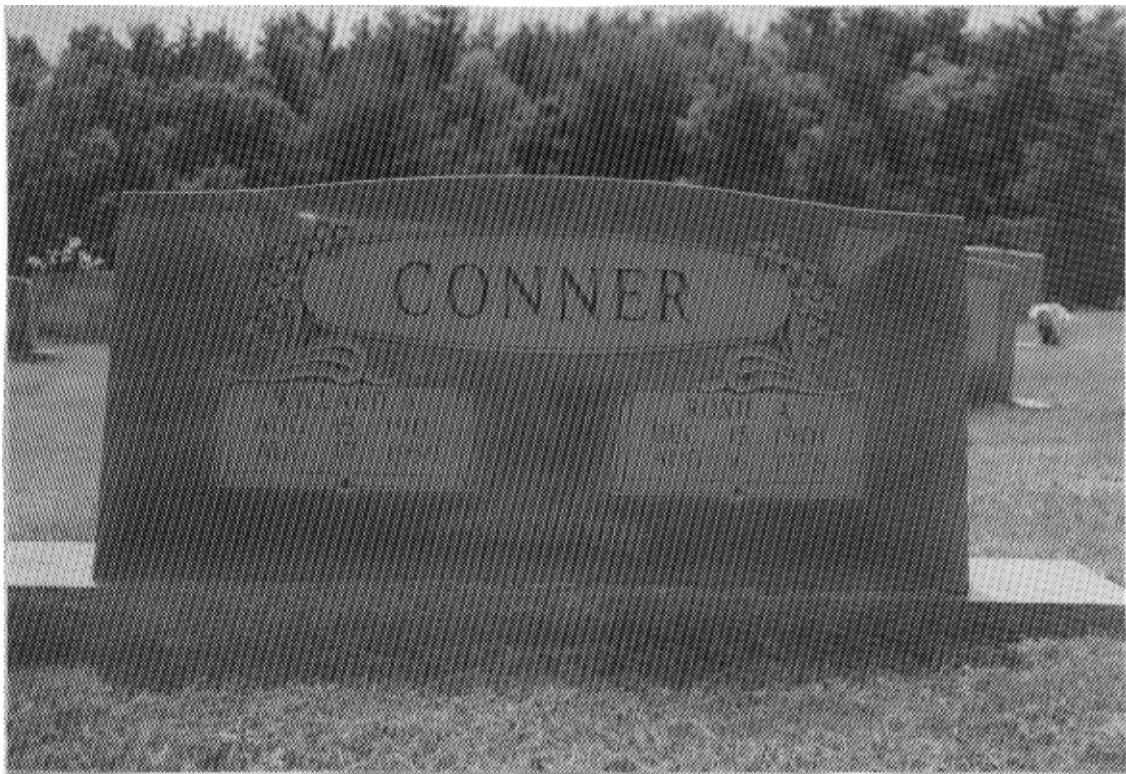
The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner

- D. George Willard Conner (G.W.) was born April 12, 1936 in Roanoke Co., Va. and married Mary Ann Brammer July 22, 1961 in Henry County, Va. Mary Ann was born July 15, 1943 in Henry County, Va. and is the daughter of Elder Leonard Jackson Brammer, born Patrick Co. Va., and Violet Mae Spencer, born in Henry Co., Va. G.W. and Mary Ann have two children.
- a. George Leonard Conner (Lenny) was born June 7, 1962 in Roanoke Co., Va. and never married.
  - b. Dianne Leigh Conner was born July 24, 1963 in Roanoke Co., Va. and married Calvin Lee Carr September 26, 1987 Roanoke, Va.. Calvin was born October 6, 1955 in Roanoke, Va. Calvin was the son of Glen L. Carr and Florence Lucy Izetta Beckner, both born in Roanoke, Co. Va. Calvin's parents were seperated or divorced when Calvin was young and his mother worked and raised Calvin and his brother by herself. Calvin and Dianne did not have any children.



G. W. and Mary Ann Conner, June 24, 2006

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner



Tombstone of Willard and Roxie Conner  
At Restvale cemetery in Floyd County

- E. Patrick Allen Gillespie (Pat) was never adopted by Willard or Roxie, but lived with them for sometime and Willard's family considers Pat as a family member. Pat was born December 12, 1946 and died August 18, 1991. Pat married Scarlette Ann (Tina) \_\_\_\_\_. Pat's father was Dave Gillespie and he had a brother Bennie Gillespie.
- a. Melissa Cunningham (Step-daughter)
  - b. Trina Gillespie
  - c. Carmen Gillespie

The Family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner



**Conner 50th Anniversary**

Congratulations to George W. Conner and Mary Ann Brammer Conner on their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, July, 22, 2011.

Wishing you love and happiness on this very special occasion!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Love, Lenny Conner and Dianne Conner Carr

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Violet Mae Spencer**  
Violet Mae Spencer Brammer, 92, of Vinton, formerly of Bassett, died Wednesday, September 14, 2011. The funeral service will be held Friday, September 16, 2011 at 12PM at Collins Funeral Home in Bassett.

Mary Ann's mother





**BRAMMER**  
**Violet Mae Spencer**

Violet Mae Spencer Brammer, 92, of Vinton, formerly of Henry County, died Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Berkshire Health Care in Vinton. Born in Henry County September 7, 1919, she was a daughter of the late Lewis Green Spencer and Queenie Dillon Spencer. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Harvey Spencer, Wise Spencer, Orris Spencer, Robert Spencer and David Spencer; sisters, Goldie Clark and HESSIE BARKER; and a grandson, Gerald R. Lemons. She was a homemaker, a loving mother, a pastor's devoted wife, and she was a member of Laurel Ridge Primitive Baptist Church in

are her husband of 71 years, Elder Leonard Jackson Brammer of Berkshire; three daughters, Peggy B. Hill (W. Carlton) and Mary Ann B. Conner (G.W.), both of Roanoke, Va., Carol B. Lemons (Roy) of Salem, Va.; her son, Lloyd J. Brammer (Dianna) of Largo, Fla.; a sister, Sadie Ashley of Martinsville, Va.; a brother, Joseph Truman Spencer of Greensboro, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Kimberly J. Brooks, Lennie Conner, Dianne Conner Carr, Angela S., Joshua J., and Jordan L. Brammer, Leann Frith and Kevin Lemons; and eight great-grandchildren, Tyler and Aaron Brooks, Bethany, Ryan, Daniel and Jacob Lemons, Gregory and Zachary Frith. The funeral service will be held at noon on Friday, September 16, 2011 at Collins Funeral Home in Bassett with Elders Tim Crane and Sam Lilly officiating. Interment will follow in Old Center Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Laurel Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, 3016 Bonsall Lane, Roanoke, VA 24014. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon prior to the service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [collinsmckeestonebassett.com](http://collinsmckeestonebassett.com).

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner



**BRAMMER**  
Leonard Jackson

Elder Leonard Jackson Brammer, age 92, of Vinton, and formerly of Henry County, died Saturday, November 10, 2012, in Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born in Patrick County August 11, 1920, he was a son of the late Jasper M. Brammer and Malinda Mize Brammer. Also preceding him in death was his wife of 71 years, Violet Mae Spencer Brammer, who died September 14, 2011, and a grandchild, Gerald R. Lemons. Elder Brammer was the last of seven siblings.

He began his ministry at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church, Bassett, in 1955, was ordained in 1956, and began his pastorate of Laurel Ridge Primitive Baptist Church where he was a member and served as pastor until the Lord called him home. He served six other churches over his ministry of 56 years. During this time he also worked at Fieldcrest Mills for 27 years.

daughters, Peggy B. Hill and her husband, Carlton, of Roanoke, Mary Ann Conner and her husband, G. W., of Roanoke, Carol B. Lemons and her husband, Roy, of Salem; his son, Lloyd J. Brammer and his wife, Dianna, of Largo, Fla.; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at Collins Funeral Home in Bassett with Elders Tim Crane and Sam Lilly officiating. Interment will follow in Old Center Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Laurel Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Mary Ann Conner, 3016 Bonsall Lane, Roanoke, VA 24014. The family would like to offer special thanks to the girls of Berkshire Health Care, Vinton. The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. prior to the service at Collins Funeral Home, where online condolences may be made to: [www.collinsmckeestonebassett.com](http://www.collinsmckeestonebassett.com).

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner



### Conner 55th Anniversary

Warren and Julia Conner celebrated their 55th anniversary on June 5, 2001. They celebrated with a quiet day at home due to Warren's illness. The couple moved to Roanoke in 1952. They are long-time members of Peters Creek Church of the Brethren. Julia has made a career as homemaker and Warren is retired from Norfolk Southern.

Obit, Roanoke Times, October 12, 2002

Conner, James Warren, 77, of Roanoke, passed away Thursday October 10, 2002. He was retired from the Norfolk-Southern Railroad. He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Julia Thomas Conner; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert W. and Brenda Conner, Jim W. and Sue Conner; adopted daughter, Lynn Ervin; sister, Beulah Richardson; brother, G.W. Conner. Interment in Cedar Lawn Burial Park.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner



Mary Ann Brammer Conner and Clara Mae Cahoon Conner, June 25, 2005

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Willard Austin and Roxie Annie Everline Conner



**CONNER**  
Julia T.

Julia T. Conner, 84, of Roanoke, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, after a long illness, at Snyder Nursing Home. She was born on July 21, 1927, to the late James B. and Emma Wright Thomas. She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Conner; brothers, James Irwin Thomas, Lewis E. Thomas, Raymond C. Thomas, Herbert A. Thomas, Emmett J. Thomas and Roy M. Thomas; sister, Ella Mae Ribble; brothers-in-law, Perry Conner and

Ralph Richardson; and sister-in-law, Beulah Mae Richardson. Julia is survived by sons, Robert W. Conner and wife, Brenda, and James W. Conner and wife, Susie; brother-in-law, G.W. Conner and wife, Mary Ann; brother-in-law, Jim Ribble; and sisters-in-law, Betty Thomas, and Clara Mae Conner. Julia was a lifelong member of Peters Creek Church of the Brethren. She enjoyed receiving visits from family members and she especially looked forward to visits from her relatives in Tennessee. Funeral Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 4, 2011, at Lotz Salem Chapel with the Reverend Lewis Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at Cedar Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 3, 2011, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lotz Funeral Home Salem. Online condolences may be sent to [www.lotzfuneralhome.com](http://www.lotzfuneralhome.com)

**LOTZ**

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The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ernest Robert and Mary Blackwell Conner

8. Ernest Robert Conner was born August 31, 1903 and married Mary Blackwell July 3, 1926. Mary and Ernest lived at Roanoke Virginia and had two daughters. Mary Blackwell was the daughter of Eliza E. Martin, born February 7, 1883 and died October 14, 1976. Mary's father was William Isaac Blackwell, born March 22, 1867 and died March 10, 1948. Ernest died December 9, 1967 and Mary died December 12, 1975. They both are buried at Cedar Lawn Cemetery at Roanoke Virginia.
  - A. Pauline Conner; born August 20, 1927 and married John Dragan and they have three children.
    - a. Yvonne Dragan; born November 15, 1958 (lives in Ohio)
    - b. Michael Dragan; born April 28, 1960 (lives in Michigan)
    - c. Tanya Dragan; born March 15, 1966 and married Tommy Jackson. (lives in Winston-Salem NC)
      - (1). John Henry Jackson, born April 9, 1997
      - (2). Fletcher Conner Jackson, born October 20, 2000
  - B. Claudine Edna "Deanne" Conner; born July 2, 1929 and married Charles Dickey Koontz. Claudine and Charles have four children. Dickey died January 29, 2002 at age 77. He retired from the Roanoke Gas Co. after 32 years of service. He was the son of Robert D. and Isabelle H. Koontz. Pauline died December 24, 2005.
    - a. Cathy Virginia Koontz; born March 26, 1955 and married Alaric Gene "Ric" Heinemann
      - (1). Carrie Heinemann born; March 12, 1981
      - (2). J. William Heinemann born; July 4, 1985
    - b. David R. Koontz; born December 12, 1957 and married Sharon Duncan. (live in Charlotte NC)
    - c. Glenn Mart Koontz; born September 28, 1959 and married Sandra Cunningham. (live in Richmond Va.)
      - (1). Laura A. Koontz
      - (2). Michael D. Cunningham
    - d. Mary Dickey Koontz; born June 25, 1964 and married Todd VanHoose. (lives in Alexandria Va.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ernest Robert and Mary Blackwell Conner

- (1). Kendal Marie VanHoose
- (2). S. Conner VanHoose

e. Kenneth Blackwell born; October 20, 1944 and married Susan Ostrum. They had twins and one died at birth. Kenneth was raised by Ernest and Mary and died August 10, 1969. He was Mary's brother's son

- (1). Douglas Robert Blackwell



Ernest and Mary Blackwell Conner

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ernest Robert and Mary Blackwell Conner

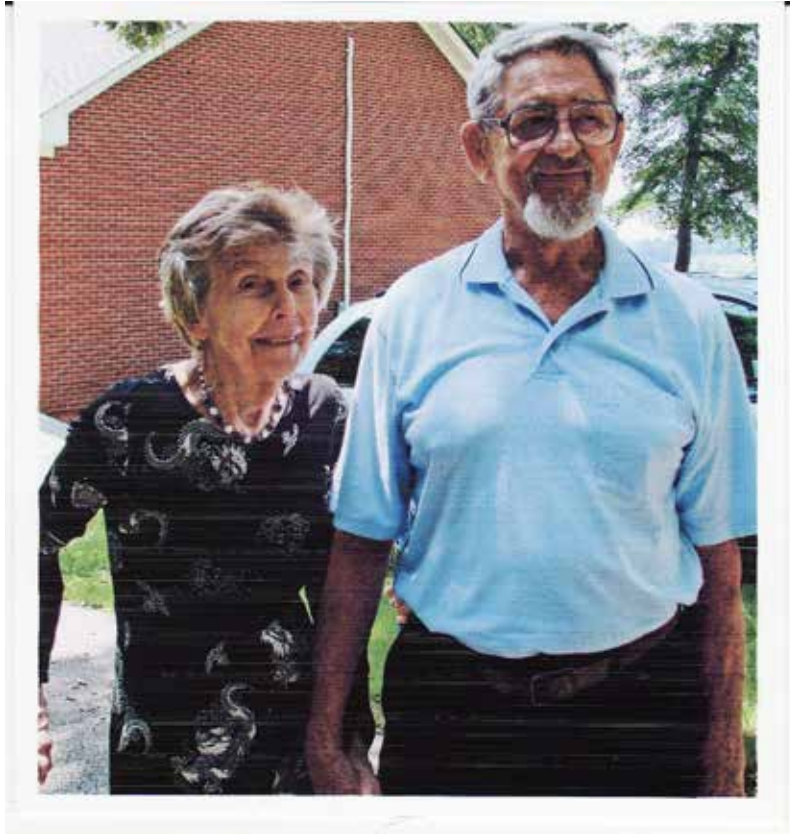
**KOONTZ**

**Claudine Edna Conner**

Claudine Edna Conner (Deanne) Koontz, 76, of Roanoke passed away Saturday December 24, 2005. She was born on July 2, 1929 in Roanoke and was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Charles Dickey Koontz. She is survived by four children and their spouses, Cathy and Ric Heinemann, David and Sharon Koontz, Mart and Sandy Koontz and Mary Dickey and Todd VanHoose; one sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and John Dragan; six grandchildren, Carrie and Will Heinemann, Kendall and Connor VanHoose, Laura Koontz and Michael Cunningham. She was an active member of Grandin Court Baptist Church, several bridge groups and PEO. She and her husband were avid travelers and had visited all 50 states. She loved antiquing and her grandchildren. Services will be at Oakey's South Chapel at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2005. The Rev. Kevin Meadows and the Rev. Cindy Meadows will officiate. Interment will follow in Evergreen Burial Park. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday December 27th. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Grandin Court Baptist Church or the PKD Foundation. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, 989-3131.



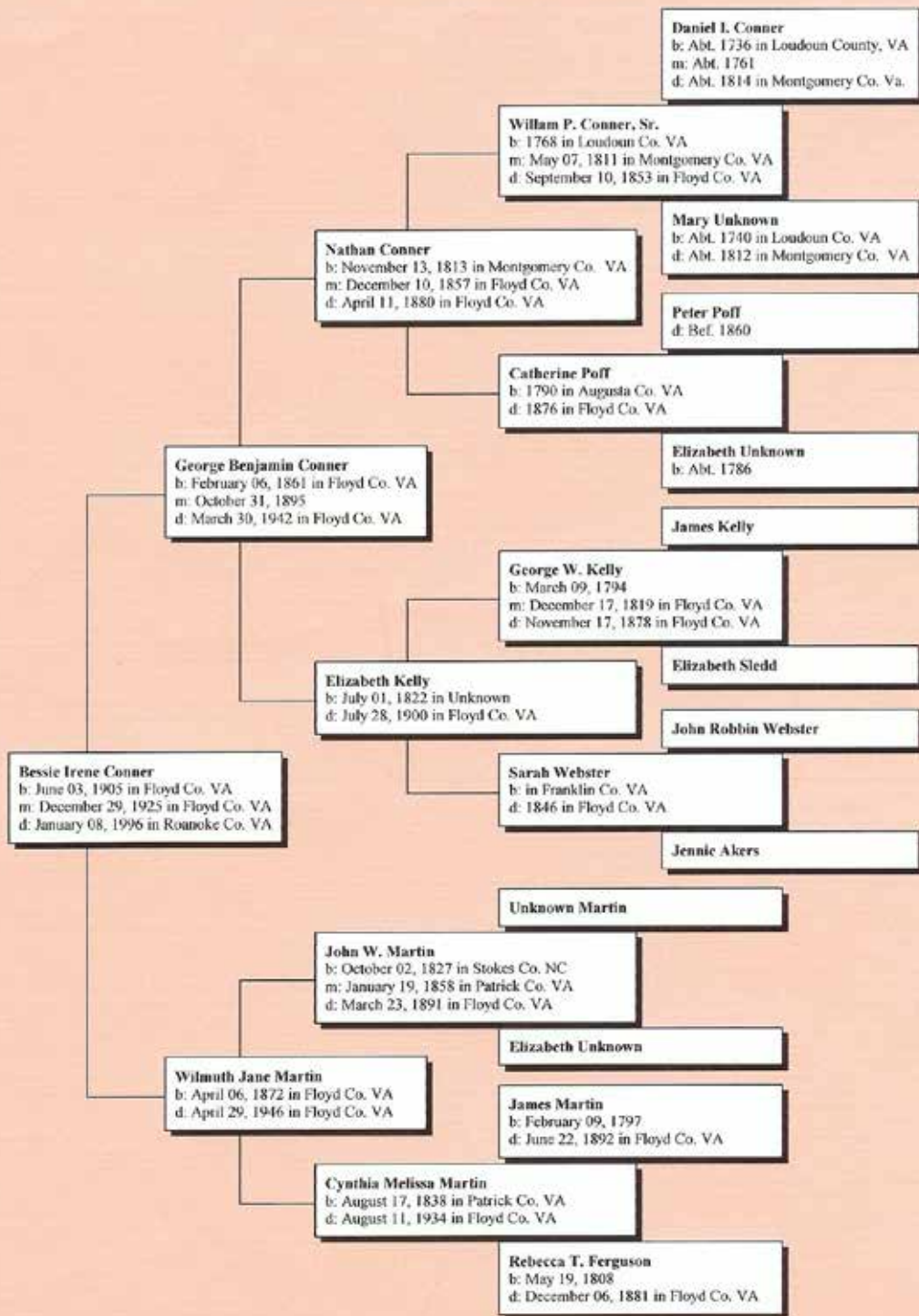
The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ernest Robert and Mary Blackwell Conner



John and Pauline Dragan, taken June 27, 2009 at the  
Conner Reunion.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
 By Ellet J. and Bessie Irene Conner Craghead

*Ancestors of Bessie Irene Conner*



The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ellet J. and Bessie Irene Conner Craghead

9. Bessie Irene Conner was born June 3, 1905 and married Ellet J. Craghead December 29, 1925. They lived in and around the Roanoke Virginia area and had two children. Ellet was born October 30, 1898 and was the son of J.D.S. Craghead and Ellen Whitlock Craghead. Ellet died November 19, 1972 and is buried at Sherwood Memorial Park at Roanoke Virginia. Bessie died from a stroke January 8, 1996 and is buried beside her husband.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Bessie Conner Craghead, 90, of Roanoke, died Monday January 8, 1996, at Friendship Manor. She was the widow of Ellet J Craghead and was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Salem. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Katherine Beeler. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Almeta C. and J. Edward Angel; one son and daughter-in-law, Paul D. and Maxine K. Craghead, all of Bedford; one sister, Virgie Jamison of Boones Mill; six grandchildren, Sandra Angel, Bedford, Brenda Phillips, Forest, Sherry Marker, Granger, Ind., Mark Angel, Roanoke, Karen Rotton, Westminster, MD, 10 great-grandchildren. Interment will be at Sherwood Memorial Park.

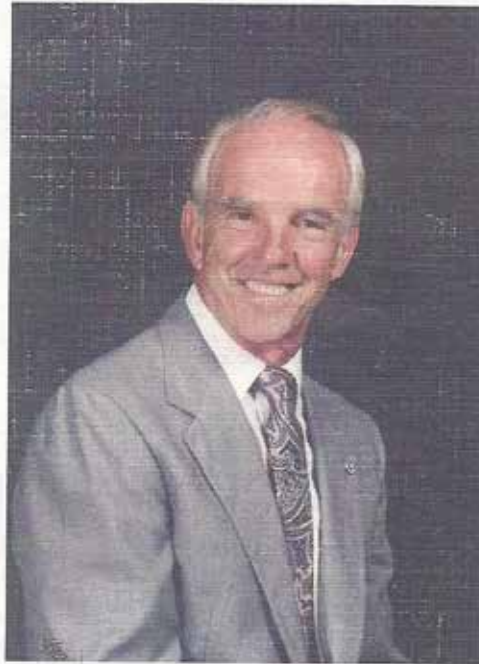
- A. Almeta Fern Craghead was born October 21, 1929 at Roanoke Virginia and married James Edward Angel from Bedford County Virginia October 16, 1948. Ed was born March 9, 1927 and died March 21, 2011. Ed and Almeta have four children. Ed is buried at Virginia Memorial Park at Forest, VA.
- a. Sandra Fern Angel was born August 26, 1949 and married Danny Hylton. Sandra and Danny have two children and were later divorced. Sandra married Keith Campbell November 28, 1992.
- (1). Heather Leigh Hylton; born January 17, 1974. Heather married Todd Patrick Jones February 14, 1998.
- (a). Eliza Angel Jones, born June 14, 2006
- (2). David McCabe Hylton; born June 25, 1978, married July 10, 2004 to Christina Lee Palm, who was born February 15, 1977.
- (a). Conner James Hylton, born November 3, 2008.
- (b). Wesley Monroe Hylton, born Sept. 21, 2013
- b. Brenda Gail Angel was born January 19, 1954 and married Robert M. Phillips September 13, 1975. Bob and Brenda have two children.
- (1). Robert Mathew Phillips; born July 23, 1982.
- (2). Shannon Melissa Phillips; born May 31, 1984. She married Bradley Stephen Fairbanks May 16, 2009. Bradley was born Dec. 7, 1982.
- (a). William Bradley Fairbanks born July 4, 2014
- (b) Braden James Fairbanks, born July 6, 2017

## ANGEL

### James Edward

James Edward (Ed) Angel, 84, of Bedford, passed away on Monday, March 21, 2011, at Carriage Hill Retirement Home. He was born on Wednesday, March 9, 1927, in Bedford County, a son of the late Augustus M. Angel and Nellie E. Witt Angel. He was a retired employee of Wheelabrator Corporation where he was Plant Superintendent, was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, a veteran of World War II having served in the United States Navy, a member of the Bedford Moose Lodge #1897, and B.P.O. Elks Lodge #321. Following Ed's retirement, he was employed as a funeral assistant at Updike Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Surviving is his wife, Almata Craghead Angel; three daughters, Sandra F. Angel and husband, Keith Campbell, of Bedford, Brenda A. Phillips and husband, Bob, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Sherry A. Marker, of Granger, Ind.; a son, Mark E. Angel, of Roanoke; three sisters, Audrey A. Witt and Emily A. Citty, both of Bedford, and Rachel A. Coward, of Covington, La.; a brother, Allen M. Angel, of Lynchburg; as well as 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The family requests those wishing to make memorials consider donations in Ed's name to Medi Home Health & Hospice, 5369 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019 or to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 823, Lynchburg, VA 24505. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011, at Main Street United Methodist Church with the Rev. Les Trail and the Rev. Wayne Murphy officiating. Interment will follow in Virginia Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 2 until 4 p.m. and from 6 until 8 p.m. at Updike Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Bedford, Va., and other times at the home of Sandra Angel, 1235 Windsor Drive, Bedford.

## *James Edward Angel*



*1927 - 2011*



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### Almeta's Ancestry Composition

Almeta's genome tells the unique story of her ancestry: where her ancestors lived, when they contributed to her family tree, and how their DNA was passed down to her through her parents.



**Almeta Angel** **100%**

● European	<b>99.5%</b> ▾
● European	<b>99.5%</b>
● Northwestern European	95.5%
└ British & Irish	63.0%
└ French & German	9.0%
└ Scandinavian	0.1%
└ Broadly Northwestern European	23.4%
● Southern European	3.2%
└ Italian	3.2%

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— Iberian	0.7%
└ Balkan	0.4%
└ Broadly Southern European	1.9%
● Ashkenazi Jewish	< 0.1%
● Broadly European	0.8%
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See all 31 tested populations

Select each population to learn more about Almeta's ancestry.

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### Almeta's Ancestry Timeline

How many generations ago was Almeta's recent ancestor for each population?

#### Generation



1 - 2

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French & German

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Balkan

6 - 8+


Mongolian

6 - 8+

Iberian

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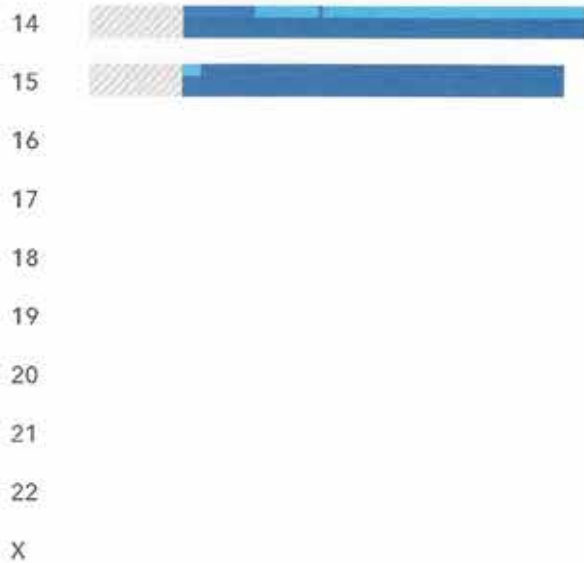
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### Explore which parts of Almeta's DNA are assigned to each of her ancestries.

Ancestry Composition can determine which of Almeta's DNA segments in her 23 chromosomes are linked to her different ancestries. You can explore Almeta's Ancestry Composition by clicking on the different ancestries below.

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**Almeta Angel** **100%**

● **European** **99.5%**

● Northwestern European 95.5%

└ ● British & Irish 63.0%

└ ● French & German 9.0%

└ ● Scandinavian 0.1%

└ ● Broadly Northwestern European 23.4%

● Southern European 3.2%

└ ● Iberian 0.9%

└ ● Balkan 0.4%

└ ● Broadly Southern European 1.9%

● Ashkenazi Jewish < 0.1%

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The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ellet J. and Bessie Irene Conner Craghead

c. Sherry Lynn Angel was born January 3, 1956 and married John Marker October 19, 1974. John has a daughter Shelly by a previous marriage. John and Sherry have two children. John was born July 8, 1950, and died February 6, 2005.

- (1). Shelly Marker; born July 3, 1969
- (2). Craig Edward Marker; born December 24, 1979. Engaged to Lacey Hertz.
  - (a). Kallie Lynn Marker, born May 18, 2005
- (3). Angela Nicole Marker; born September 16, 1981 and married Christian Jacob Felabom May 17, 2003. Christian was born April 30, 1980
  - (a). Kenley Angel Felabom was born Oct 21, 2012.
  - (b). Kira Nicole Felabom was born August 10, 2015

d. Mark Edward Angel was born August 22, 1962. Mark married Karen Lynn Snow September 2, 1988. Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonnie J. Snow. Mark and Lynn were divorced March 1995. Mark then married Shannon Cavendish, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon F. Cavendish, July 20, 1996. Mark and Shannon were divorced.

- (1). Hannah Nicole Angel; born February 5, 1991.
- (2). Abigail Irene Angel (Abbey), born December 29, 1999
- (3). Grace Fern Angel, born July 1, 2003

B. Paul David Craghead was born November 21, 1935 and married Maxine Kay Periman December 4, 1959. Maxine was born November 21, 1940. Paul and Maxine had two children. Maxine died from cancer May 9, 2004 and is buried at Thaxton Baptist Church Cemetery in Bedford County Virginia.

a. Katherine Kay Craghead was born October 3, 1961 and married Rev. David Lawrence Beeler June 23, 1979. David was born March 7, 1957 and is the son of S.E. and Mary Nell Beeler. S.E. died of cancer April 22, 2009 and is buried at Oakland Methodist Cemetery near Greenback, Tn. David and Kay had two sons. Kay died July 30, 1986. She was buried at Sherwood Memorial Garden at Alcoa Tennessee.

- (1). Daniel Marcus Beeler; born August 9, 1982, and married Pamela Cheri Skates October 13, 2007.
- (2). Andrew Jordon Beeler; born March 13, 1986, I was told he was briefly married in the summer of 2007. His wife's name is unknown. Andrew married Cynthia Jane Vaughn November 7, 2015. She was born Sept. 27, 1976, and they live in Knoxville, Tn.
  - (a). Christopher Isaac Beeler, born Dec. 10, 2015 at 10.57 pm and weighed 8 lbs. and 3 oz.

David married Stacy Chelf December 17, 1988 and they had a son Gabriel Elias Born November 15, 1989. David and Stacy were later divorced and he married A woman with a boy and a girl about 2006.

b. Karen Renee Craghead was born April 12, 1967 and married Stephen Royce Rotton May 27, 1989. Stephen was born June 24, 1963 and is the son of Royce and Betty Rotton.

- (1). Stephen Curtis Rotton, born April 14, 1995.
- (2). Kendra Renee Rotton, born December 27, 2001.

The Family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ellet J. and Bessie Irene Conner Craghead



Bessie Irene Conner Craghead

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ellet J. and Bessie Irene Conner Craghead



**CRAGHEAD**  
**Maxine Kay**

Maxine Kay Craghead, 63, of Roanoke, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2004. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Katherine Craghead Beeler, her parents, Clifford and Lillie Vanfossen Periman, seven brothers and two sisters. Surviving is her husband, Paul Craghead; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Stephen Rotton of Westminster, Maryland; four grandchildren, Curtis and Kendra Rotton, Daniel and Andrew Beeler of Cleveland, Tennessee. Maxine was born at Galena, Missouri on November 21, 1940. She moved to Virginia after her husband's retirement from the Tennessee Valley Authority. You may wish to consider sending a memorial gift to the American Cancer Association or to Good Samaritan Hospice in lieu of flowers. A closed casket visitation will be held Monday, May 10, 2004 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road. A graveside service will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2004 in Thaxton Baptist Church Cemetery by the Rev. Michael DuVal. Arrangements by Simpson Funeral Home & Crematory, 366-0707.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Ellet J. and Bessie Irene Conner Craghead



Bessie Irene Conner Craghead 1989



The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Clarence Monroe and Louise Keith Conner

10. Clarence Monroe Conner was born February 24, 1907 and married Louise Keith April 23, 1931. Louise was born in Alabama. Clarence and Louise had three sons and adopted a daughter. Clarence and Louise divorced after the children were grown and Louise moved to Kentucky. Louise died from lung cancer August 16, 1987 and is buried at Nicholasville Kentucky. Clarence married Vera Boone Mundy who had a daughter Elizabeth from her previous marriage. Clarence died from cancer August 28, 1981 and is buried at Radford Virginia. Vera died January 3, 1981.
  - A. Clarence Monroe Conner Jr. was born; January 31,1932 and married Betty Jean Slate August 23, 1952. Clarence is a lawyer and lives at Richmond Virginia. Clarence and Betty have two daughters. Clarence Jr. died November 6, 2008.
    - a. Susan Conner; born September 23, 1960
    - b. Katherine Keith Conner; born September 18, 1964. Katherine married Edward Lewis Cook Dec. 5, 1992 Edward was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Cook.
      - (1). Elizabeth Cook
      - (2). Caroline Cook
      - (3). Anna Cook
  - B. Thomas Logan Conner was born February 19, 1938 and married Trudy O'Connell June 16, 1967 and they have two daughters. Thomas and Trudy live at Nicholasville Kentucky.
    - a. Rachael Ann Conner; born October 24, 1970
    - b. Karen Louise Conner; born September 28, 1973
  - C. Franklin Keith Conner was born October 13, 1940 and married Nancy Morgan June 28, 1963 and they have two daughters. Franklin and Nancy live in Pasadena, California. They moved to Knoxville, TN. Franklin died December 14, 2016. (see page 160.3)
    - a. Hunter Marie Conner; born November 26, 1965
    - b. Martha Ann Conner; born September 30, 1968

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Clarence Monroe and Louise Keith Conner

- D. Evelyn Conner was born \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_ and married David Saunders and they have two daughters. Evelyn's last known residence was N. Palm Beach, Fl.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Saunders; born \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Saunders; born \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_
- E. Elizabeth Mundy (daughter of Vera from a previous marriage) married William Graham and they have two children.
- a. William Christopher Graham
  - b. James Andrew Graham



Clarence and Vera Mundy Conner

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Clarence Monroe and Louise Keith Conner



Betty, Clarence Jr. and Franklin Conner, June 25, 2005



Rachel and Thomas Conner, June 24, 2006

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Clarence Monroe and Louise Keith Conner

Obit from the Richmond paper.

Clarence M. Jr. "Clem", 76 of Richmond, passed away peacefully at his home, November 6, 2008, surrounded by his family. He graduated from Roanoke College, and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. After service in the Army during the Korean War, he went to T.C. Williams School of Law (University of Richmond), and received his J. D. He was an attorney for the IRS, Virginia chemical, and Legislative Services, which he retired from in 1995. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Betty Jean Slate Conner; two daughters, Susan S. Conner and Katherine Conner Cook (ED); three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Caroline and Anna Cook; two brothers, Thomas L. Conner of Kentucky and Franklin K. Conner of California; a brother-in-law, James R. Slate Sr. (Liz); and a sister-in-law, Martha S. Thornhill, all of Richmond; and many nieces and nephews. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the home of Katherine & Ed Cook. The family wishes to thank the many caregivers at Bon Secours Hospice, and in lieu of flowers, requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Bon Secours Hospice Fund, 8580 Magellan Parkway, Richmond, VA 23227.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Clarence Monroe and Louise Keith Conner



**FRANKLIN CONNER**  
OCTOBER 13, 1940 TO DECEMBER 14, 2016

*Please join us January 28, 2017 at 12 noon  
Pasadena Presbyterian Church in the Freeman Chapel  
585 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, California  
Reception to follow in the Gamble Lounge*

( See page 159)

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Carl Nathan and Sylvia Vaughn Conner

11. Carl Nathan Conner was born April 29, 1909 and married Jaunita Hampton May 30, 1940. Carl and Jaunita did not have any children and were later divorced. Carl then married Sylvia Vaughn November 25, 1948, Sylvia was born August 21, 1920 and they adopted two children. Carl died August 15, 1979 at the age 70 and is buried at Felts Memorial Cemetery at Galax Virginia. Sylvia later married Cassel Lee Quesenberry July 25, 1987. Cassel was born February 25, 1919, and died September 18, 1993. Sylvia died March 20, 2004 from cancer, and was buried beside her husband Carl. Cassell was previously married to Deloris Portie.
  - A. Lynn Vaughn Conner was born September 26, 1961 and married Patricia Ruth Parker December 31, 1983. Pattie was born September 16, 1962. Lynn and Pattie have three children and are divorced.
    - a. Nathan Parker Conner; born October 10, 1987
    - b. Melissa Ruth Conner; born October 1, 1989
    - c. Sylvia McKay Conner; born September 22, 1992
  - B. Carl Allen Conner was born January 9, 1965 and married Rhonda Leigh Dickson June 22, 1985. Rhonda was born July 16, 1965.
    - a. Christopher Carl (CC) Conner born; June 10, 1989
    - b. Rachel Nicole (Nickie) Conner born; July 5, 1990

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Carl Nathan and Sylvia Vaughn Conner



Carl and Sylvia Vaughn Conner

The Family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Carl and Sylvia Vaughn Conner



**QUESENBERRY**  
Darrell Evins

Darrell Evins Quesenberry, 55, of Willis, went into the loving arms of the Lord on Monday, October 8, 2012. Born April 17, 1957, he was the son of the late Cassell and Delois (Deloris) Quesenberry. He was also preceded in death by his infant brother, David Quesenberry; sister, Louise Tillman; and stepmother, Sylvia Conner Quesenberry.

He is survived by his much beloved family, wife, Wilma Lampey Quesenberry; stepdaughter, Melissa Keith; stepgranddaughter, Tiffany Keith, all of Willis; brothers, Roger Quesenberry and wife, Linda, of Fancy Gap, Richard Quesenberry and wife, Diane, of Williamsburg, and Melvin Quesenberry, of Willis; sister, Juanita Callis and husband, Bill Tanger, of Roanoke; stepbrothers, Lynn Conner and wife, Terry, of Galax, and Allen Conner and wife, Rhonda, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Longest officiating. Interment will follow at Big Sand Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091. Online condolences may be made at [www.maberryfuneralhome.com](http://www.maberryfuneralhome.com)



**Maberry Funeral Home**  
367 S. Locust St., Floyd, VA  
540-735-2121



The Family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Carl and Sylvia Vaughn Conner



Paul Craghead and Allen Conner taken May 12, 2017 in Denton North Carolina at a Bluegrass Festival. Allen was running the sound system for the Lonesome River Band

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner

12. Claude A. Conner was born December 13, 1910 and married Claudene Beta Whitenack July 3, 1934. Claude and Claudene had seven children. Claude died July 9, 1973 and Claudene died October 31, 1989 and both are buried at Restvale Cemetery, Floyd County Virginia. Claudene was born December 22, 1915 and is the daughter of Chester William and Gracie Eller Vest Whitenack. Chester was born March 12, 1895, Gracie was born September 9, 1896, died August 25, 1971. Gracie is the daughter of David and Admonia Conner Vest.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Floyd, Claude A. Conner, age 62, died at his home Monday, Route 1 Check. He is survived by his wife, Claudine Whitenack Conner; two sons, W. Benny Conner, Check; David Conner, Stafford Va; five daughters, Mrs. Joyce Poff, Check; Mrs. Weeta Wilson, Roanoke; Mrs. Gracie Smith, Copper Hill, Mrs. Donnie Wood, Copper Hill; Mrs. Jeanette Simmons, Floyd; three sisters, Mrs. Mammie Walton, Check; Mrs. Bessie Craighead, Roanoke; Mrs. Vergie Jamison, Boones Mill; two brothers, Clarence Conner, Radford; Carl Conner, Galax; a half-brother, Guy E. Conner, Copperhill; 21 grandchildren. Interment will be at Restvale Cemetery.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Check, Claudene W. Conner, 73, died Tuesday at her home. She was the postmaster at Check Post Office for twenty-three years, retiring in 1975. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Murrie (Joyce) Poff of Check; Mrs. C. D. (Weeta)Wilson, of Roanoke; Mrs. Charles (Gracie) Smith and Mrs. Douglas (Donnie) Wood, both of Copper Hill; and Mrs. Bob (Jeanette )Simmons of Floyd; two sons and one daughter-in-law, W. Benny and Rushie Conner, Check; David Conner, Stafford, Va.; twenty two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Hazel Austin, Christiansburg; and Wanda Vest of Check; one brother, Mason Whitenack of Roanoke. Interment will be at Restvale Cemetery.

Floyd Press July 12, 1934

Conner – Whitenack

Mr. Claude Conner, son of Mr. & Mrs. G.B. Conner, and Miss. Claudine Whitenack, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. C.W. Whitenack, all of Check, were united in marriage at the home of Elder and Mrs. J.M. Dickerson, July 3, 1934, Elder Dickerson officiating.

- A. Joyce Conner was born February 25, 1935 and married James Murrie Poff and they have three children. Murrie was born July 21, 1928, died March 4, 2002. Murrie is the son of Fayette and Ocie Wilson Poff.
- a. Martha Ann Poff; born August 27, 1957 and married Mike Mull September 7, 1980. They have one child.
    - (1). Holly Michaela Mull; born January 13, 1989
  - b. Linda Marie Poff; born January 22, 1960 and married David Goad. They have two children.
    - (1). Kara Leanne Goad; born July 21, 1989
    - (2). Robyn Alana Goad; born November 12, 1992
  - c. Melvin Murrie Poff; born June 25, 1962

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner

Obit from the Roanoke Times September 5, 2002

Poff, James (Murrie), 73 of Check, passed away Monday March 4, 2002, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was retired from V.D.O.T. after 33 years of service. Mr. Poff was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was preceded in death by a brother, Edmund Poff. Surviving are his wife, Joyce Conner Poff; son, Melvin Poff; two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Mike Mull, Linda and David Goad; grandchildren, Holly Mull, Kara Goad, Robyn Goad; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wilson and Audrey Poff, Shirley and Emma Poff; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Evelyn Conner, Collen King, Beulah Vest, Sylvia Short, Jacqueline and Harvey Blackwell, Louise and Dorsey Thompson. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 2 pm at Gardner Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment will follow in Restvale Cemetery.



Joyce and Melvin Poff

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner



**KING**  
**Colean Poff**

Colean Poff King, 89, of Bent Mountain, passed away early Monday morning, November 19, 2012. She was a homemaker and avid quilter, making hundreds of beautiful quilts. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward (Shike) King; her father and mother, J. L. (Fate) and Ocie Poff; sister, Evelyn Conner; and two brothers, Edmund Poff and Murray Poff.

She is survived by her son, David King and wife, Kathleen; three daughters, Mary Ellen Hale and husband, Dewey, Judy Ann Horsley and husband, Roger, and Sandra Wilson and husband, Don; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her brothers, Shirley and Emma Poff, and Wilson and Audrey Poff; her sisters, Beulah Vest, Jacqueline and Harvey Blackwell, Louise and Dorsey Thompson, and Sylvia Shortt; a sister-in-law, Joyce Poff; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Ave. at noon on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. The Rev. Olander (Red) English, the Rev. Horace Light and Lay Minister Don Wilson will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

**Oakey's**

South Chapel • 540-989-3131  
4257 Brambleton Ave., Roanoke, Va.

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner



**VEST**  
**Beulah Poff**

Beulah Poff Vest, 94, of Copper Hill, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Beulah was born on January 27, 1921, in Floyd County, daughter to the late James Lafayette and Ocie Wilson Poff. She attended Crossroads Church for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Namon R. Vest; brothers, Edmund Poff and wife, Mabel, and Murrie Poff; sisters, Evelyn Conner and Colean King; and brothers-in-law, Harvey Blackwell, Shike King, and Diamond Shortt.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte V. Brown and husband, Wayne, of Roanoke; and son, Donnie Jack Vest and wife, Carol, of Copper Hill. Also surviving are her sisters and brothers, Jaqueline Blackwell, Sylvia Shortt, Louise and Dorsey Thompson, Wilson and Audrey Poff, and Shirley and Emma Poff; sister-in-law, Joyce Poff; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at Oakey's South Chapel on Brambleton Ave. Pastor John Early will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. Friends may call at Oakey's South Chapel from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. The family would like to give special thanks to her sister, Sylvia Shortt, who was so faithful to visit "Mom" often, and also to friends and former neighbors. The family extends special thanks to the many kindnesses shown Beulah by employees and staff at South Roanoke Nursing Home and also Gentle Shepherd Hospice.

Flowers are welcome or donations may be made in her honor to Floyd County Fire Department, Station #3, 1710 King Store Road, Check, VA 24072.

Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, 540-989-3131. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com)

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The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner



William Benjamin and Rushia Oneda Conner, June 25, 2005

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner



Wedding picture of  
Benny and Rushia Conner

The Family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude and Claudene Whitenack Conner



L to R, Posey Conner and Claude Conner

Taken in the front yard of their father's home, George Ben Conner  
Near Check, in Floyd County Virginia



The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner



Hucksters like Claude Conner (right) covered regular routes buying eggs, butter, chickens, and other farm produce for resale in nearby trade centers and selling staple groceries, chicken feed, and items special-ordered from town. Many farmers were still without automobiles or decent roads despite increasing farm prices in the early 1940s. Romney and Ada (Harmon) Slusher enjoy this

The above picture appeared in the following book:  
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The Family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner



L to R: Jeanette, Weeta, Joyce and Donnie, Daughters of Claude & Claudene Conner. Taken at a family reunion June 28, 2014.

The Family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner

- (1). Holly Michaela Mull, born January 13, 1989
  - b. Linda Marie Poff, born January 22, 1960 and married David Goad.  
They have two children.
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    - (2). Robyn Alana Goad, born November 12, 1992
  - c. Melvin Murrie Poff, born June 25, 1962
- B. William Benjamin Conner (Benny) was born May 26, 1937 and married Rushie Oneda Conner, born December 2, 1943. Rushie is the daughter of Alvie and Sylvia Wilson Conner. Benny and Rushie have four children.
- a. William Glenwood Conner (Glenn); born June 26, 1960. Glenn married Karen Sue Thompson August 9, 1980 and they have two children. Sue was born August 11, 1962 and is the daughter of Harry Dalton Thompson and Ocie Marie Martin.
    - (1). Sabrina Sue Conner; born May 8, 1984, married Levi Steven Cox January 10, 2004.
      - (a). Emily Michelle Cox, born July 3, 2006
      - (b). Hayden Levi Cox, born June 20, 2008
    - (2). Bradley W. Conner; born May 2, 1988 and married Melissa Cantrell May 30, 2009. Melisa was born May 21, 1988.
      - (a). Emmit William Conner, born September 2, 2011.
  - b. Calvin Ray Conner; born July 13, 1962 and married Barbara Faye Collins July 23, 1982 and have two children. Barbara was born June 18, 1964 and is the daughter of Isaac William Collins and Linita Christine Martin.
    - (1). Allen Ray Conner; born June 2, 1988, and married Elishia Elkins August 2012
    - (2). Katrina Elaine Conner; born Jan. 12, 1993
  - c. Leslie Dale Conner; born May 5, 1964 and married Shawn Derrie Zeman June 23, 1989. Leslie died March 6, 2015. Shawn was born May 2, 1969 and is the daughter of Thomas Burns Zeman and Sheila Dean Deaton. (see page 163.1& .2)
    - (1). Victoria Shawn Conner; born May 25, 1993, married Daniel Bergman June 1, 2013. Daniel is the son of David Bergman.
    - (2). Blake Isaac Conner; born February 26, 1998

d. Randy Berkley Conner; born November 30, 1967 and married Melissa Lynn Agee September 20, 1990. Melissa was born January 2, 1972 and is the daughter of Ralph Marvin Agee, Sr. and Phyllis Jean Hurst.

(1). Dustin L. Conner; born February 1, 1993

(2). Lauren Paige Conner; born July 22, 1997



**CONNER  
Leslie Dale**

Leslie Dale Conner, 50, of Check, passed away Friday March 6, 2015, at his home, after a Courageous Battle with cancer. He was driven by a Strong Faith In God, with much Love for his wife, children and family. Mr. Conner is survived by his wife of 25 years Shawn Conner; two children and son in-law, Victoria and Daniel Bergman, Blake Conner; parents, Benny and Rushie Conner; brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Sue Conner, Calvin and Barbara Conner, Randy and Melissa Conner; in-laws, Tommy and Shelia Zeman; brothers-in-law and spouses, Shannon and Sharon Zeman, Brian and Sheleen Zeman, Micheal and LeighAnn Zeman; and numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces and Nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday March 9, 2015, at 2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church in Check with the Rev. Warren Brown officiating. Interment will follow at Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call after 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Baptist Church or The American Cancer Society. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). The family is being served by Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd.

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**ZEMAN**  
**Sheila D.**

*May 23, 1943*

*April 3, 2017*

Sheila D. Zeman, 73, of Alum Ridge, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 3, 2017, surrounded by her family. She was born May 23, 1943 in Mooresville, N.C., daughter to the late Marvin Deaton and Nannie Fred Deaton. Her precious son-in-law Leslie, Conner, whom she adored, precedes her in death.

She enjoyed gardening, canning and cooking for her family that she so cherished. Her loving, nurturing, compassionate nature toward all she knew and the kindness she exhibited to her family was the greatest gift she gave to all her loved ones. Sheila's legacy as devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, caring sister, aunt and friend to many will be infinitely missed.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 54 years, Thomas Zeman of Alum Ridge; her children, son, Shannon Zeman and wife, Sharon

Zeman of Willis; daughter, Shawn Conner of Check; son, Brian Zeman and wife, Shelleen Zeman of Goodview and son, Michael

Zeman and wife, Leigh Ann Zeman of Alum Ridge. Also, she is survived by her adored grandchildren, Jessica Zeman, Victoria Bergman and husband, Daniel Bergman, Blake Conner, Haley Zeman, Audrey Zeman, Joshua Fultz and wife, Tori Fultz, Kristin Fultz, Madison Zeman, Bethany Zeman and great-granddaughter, Ellie Fultz; and by her sister, Sharon Henson and husband, Roger Henson of Cornelius, N.C.; and brother, Stephen Deaton and wife, Liz Deaton of High Ridge, Mo.; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday April 7, 2017 at Gardner's Funeral Home in Floyd, Va. and the memorial service at Gardner's Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday April 8, 2017 at 11 a.m., followed by a burial service at Topeco Church of the Brethren Cemetery. The services will be officiated by the Reverend Jeff Dalton and the Reverend Ted Turner Jr.

Online condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com), or on Facebook @ [gardnerfuneralhomefloyd](https://www.facebook.com/gardnerfuneralhomefloyd).

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- C. Westa Angela “Weeta” Conner was born November 20, 1938 and married Carroll Dabney Wilson Jr., born February 3, 1932, and they have two children. Carroll is the son of Carroll Dabney Sr. and Lottie Wilson. Weeta married Richard Eugene Small September 7, 2009. Richard was born July 24, 1944.
- a. Michael Wayne Wilson: born May 8, 1963
  - b. Russell Ray Wilson; born May 24, 1967

Obit Roanoke Times March 11, 2003

Wilson, Carroll Dabney Jr., (C.D.), 71 of Roanoke, died Sunday, March 9, 2003. He was a United States Army veteran stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He was a graduate of Virginia Tech in Architecture and a retired architect of over 33 years with the former firm of Smithey & Boynton, Architects, Engineers and Planners in Roanoke. He was an avid Tech fan, bowler and pool player. C.D. was a current member of Roanoke Elks Lodge #197 and Rebo Club. He is survived by his wife, Weeta C. Wilson of Roanoke; two sons, Michael W. Wilson of Roanoke and Russell R. Wilson of Panama City Beach, Florida; two brothers, Ray B. Wilson of Jupiter, Florida and Robert B. Wilson of Newport News; four sisters, Carolyn L. Starks of Williamsburg, Sandra J. McCraig of Virginia Beach, P. Dale Bryant of Newport News and Denise W. Stanfield of Poquoson; one uncle, Frank W. Wilson Jr. and wife, Susan of Puyallup, Washington; two aunts, Ethel R. Roop of Roanoke and Ruby R. Stanford of Stanford, California. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at Oakey’s South Chapel, Brambleton Ave., Roanoke. Cancer was the cause of his death.

- D. David Allen Conner was born August 18, 1940 and married Barbara Brooks and they have four children. David and Barbara are now divorced.
- a. David Allen Conner Jr.; born June 24, 1961 and married Mary Forbush (now divorced). David married Kathy Dunn January 21, 1994.
    - (1). David Allen Conner III, born Nov. 5, 1991
    - (2). Katen Marie Dunn Conner, born July 27, 1995
    - (3). Halley Brook Conner; born February \_\_, 1998
  - b. Bruce Edward Conner; born August 23, 1962 married Carla Gordon and has a step daughter Kesha Conner and they are now divorced.

- c. Michael Wayne Conner; born October 11, 1964 and married Christy Coles and have two children.
  - (1). Michael Wayne Conner Jr.; born 2-5-1990
  - (2). Taylor Kaye Conner; born June 23, 1994
- d. Kelley Renee Conner; born May 2, 1969 and married Jack Dulax February 6, 1993. Jack was born February 12, 1958. Kelly and Jack were divorced a short time after their marriage.
- E. Gracie Juanita Conner was born September 9, 1942 and married Charles Monroe Smith, born April 17, 1940, and they have two children.
  - a. Kathy Louise Smith; born November 30, 1963, married September 7, 1984 to Darrell Kenneth Nolen, born January 29, 1962, and is the son of Dallas and Betty Jean Agee Nolen.
    - (1). Jacob Kane Nolen; born March 31, 1991
    - (2). Jordan Paige Nolen; born March 18, 1994
  - b. Terry Lee Smith; born July 2, 1966 married Sara Brooks May 3, 1991
    - (1). Courtney Rae Smith; born April 5, 1992, married Gareth Warren Stephenson Jan 5, 2013
    - (2). Bailey Eden Smith; born January 21, 1994, married Jacob Wade, Feb. 2013
      - (a). Luke Jacob Wade, born August 17, 2013.
      - (b). Kabesh Wade, born Dec. 12, 2016
    - (3). Levi Jackson Smith; born May 20, 1998
- F. Donnie Jane Conner was born January 20, 1944 and married Franklin Douglas Wood January 27, 1962. Franklin was born January 26, 1942, and is the son of Willard and Adaline Clarissa Nichols Wood. Donnie and Franklin have four children.
  - a. Dale Ray Wood was born June 5, 1965. Dale married Jana Krkoskova August 25, 1994. Dale and Jana were later divorced
    - (1). Naomi Jennifer Wood, born April 1, 1995Dale married Dana Molnarova' October 20, 2000
    - (2). Denisa Zdena Wood, born July 28, 2001
    - (3). Daniel Douglas Wood, born September 14, 2007

- b. Dean Wade Wood was born July 9, 1966 and married Dena Lynn Huff March 21, 1986. Dena was born May 29, 1966.
  - (1). Dillon Matthew Wood, born April 25, 1992
  - (2). Drew William Wood, born December 17, 2000
  
- c. Dawn Carolyn Wood was born March 23, 1969 and married Douglas Poff Thompson July 21, 1990. Douglas was born May 25, 1967, and is the son of Dorsey Hale and Mary Louise Poff Thompson. Dawn and Douglas are divorced. Dawn married Christopher Saltus.
  - (1). Drake Andrew Thompson, born Jan. 30, 1992, and married Amber \_\_\_\_\_.  
+ Camden Thompson born March 28, 2013
  
- d. Dexter Jay Wood was born April 16, 1970 and married Donna Doreen Yates April 17, 1993. Donna is the daughter of George William and Elizabeth Steel Yates.
  - (1). Tyler Jay Wood; born April 6, 1997
  
  - (2). Taylor Michelle Wood, born October 30, 1999
  
- G. Martha Jeanette Conner was born January 8, 1948 and married Bob Harris Simmons. Bob was born February 23, 1944. Bob and Jeanette have three children.
  - a. Karla Annette Simmons; born June 21, 1970, and married William Clayton Moran Jr. May 14, 1994. Clay was born July 5, 1971
    - (1). Zane Abram Moran; born October 11, 1996
    - (2). Luke Andrew Moran; born September 21, 1999
  
  - b. Amy L. Simmons; born April 20, 1972 and married Matthew Graziani.
    - (1). Kayla Nichole Graziani; born June 7, 1993.
    - (2). Conner James Graziani; born December 13, 1998
    - (3). Callie Lynette Graziani, born August 15, 2002
    - (4). Caroline Grace Graziani, born June 2, 2010
  
  - c. Megan Nannette Simmons: born March 1, 1979, married Jason Lewis Nichols February 9, 2002. His parents are Lewis Gregory and Florence Madalone Hammond.
    - (1). Paige Myranda Nichols born November 15, 2005.
    - (2). Leah Faith Nichols, born December 29, 2006



By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner

The following poem was written by Claudene Conner

In nineteen hundred and thirty four  
Times were hard and people poor  
In the summer we married, very bold  
You will never make it, we were told

Away back through the woods we moved  
Into an old house that was cold and used  
Through the cracks in the floor we saw the ground  
And the wind came through, all around

We borrowed chairs on which to sit  
And for other furniture we had only a little bit  
A home made table from fresh sawed wood  
An old bed, from parents, that was still good

We had plenty of love for each other  
And a cow that gave us milk and butter  
Little navy beans were three cents a pound  
So we ate lots of those without a frown

Through the years we worked hard and long  
Raised seven children that brought many a song  
He was a good father and husband to boot  
Working hard thinking long, to bring in the loot

After thirty nine years together  
He was taken away  
Leavin me to face the weather  
and watch the grand children play

Claudene Conner

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By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner

The following poem was written by Kathy Nolen about Claudene Conner (her grandmother) and both Claudene's poem and Kathy's poem appeared in the Floyd Press December 20, 1990.

Her watching us play was only the beginning  
For the things which she done for us was never ending  
She centered her life around the church and family  
Giving to them her best entirely

I can remember the Sundays we gathered in the kitchen  
Grandma would play the spoons and we'd all sit and listen  
Sometimes she would play the autoharp too  
Some songs she played were old, other's fairly new

As children we were blessed, she liked sewing for us all  
She made us new clothes for winter, summer, spring and fall  
As we grew she made us things for our hope chest  
She made us dollies and such, each done at its very best

All of us grandchildren received an afghan for graduation  
Love, care, and pride went into each preparation  
They were done in many designs and colors  
So that each one was individual and not like any other

She handmade quilts for each of us and put them away  
She saved them for our special wedding day  
The double wedding ring, Lone Star, and Tumbling blocks  
to name a few  
Of the quilts she made for us, as we began life anew

Christmas was a time, which grandmother prepared for year round  
Store bought presents at her house were not to be found  
Instead she made us in ceramics all our favorite things  
Porcelain dolls, vases, people and animal figurines

By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner

As I look around my home today  
Grandma's presence is still here even though she's passed away  
The homemade dollies and all the other things made with love  
She couldn't take with her up above

memories of her smiling face and good cheer  
Which kept her through every year  
Linger in our hearts and minds  
For you were a special person grandma, you were one of a kind

In nineteen hundred and eighty nine, you were taken away  
Leaving us here behind, to watch our children, your great  
grand children play

Kathy Nolen



Charles and Gracie Smith, June 24, 2006



Weeda Wilson, June 24, 2006

By Claude A. and Claudene Whitenack Conner



Donnie and Franklin Douglas Wood, June 24, 2006

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13. Vergie Maye Conner was born May 21, 1913 and married Edward Stanley October 5, 1937. Edward was born April 29, 1913. Vergie and Edward had three children. Edward died November 22, 1953 and Vergie died August 14, 1998.

Obit-Roanoke Times

Vergie C. Stanley Jamison, 85, of Boones Mill, died Friday, August 14, 1998, in a Roanoke hospital. She was the last surviving daughter of the late George Ben and Wilmouth Martin (Sis) Conner of Check. She was preceded in death by her husbands Edward D. Stanley and Dennis N. Jamison. Mrs. Jamison was a long time dedicated member of Boones Mill Baptist Church, where she was active with the Friendship Club. She was also a member of the Willing Workers Quilter's Circle of the Antioch Church of the Brethren. Surviving are seven children (three by Edward D. Stanley), Thomas L. and Reva Stanley, of Mineral, Janet S. Thompson of Roanoke, Reba S. and Fred Campbell of Daleville, (four children by Dennis N. and Katherine S. Jamison). Donald R. Jamison of Richmond, Joel D. and Carroll Jamison of Richmond, Rita Kay and Ron Martin of Vinton, Timothy O. and Robin Jamison of Rock Hill S.C.; 10 grandchildren, Ed L. Stanley and Jeanette S. and Randy Brewer, Michael M. and Sophia Thompson, Jennifer L. Thompson, Krystena D. and Gary Lee, Jeffery D. Jamison, Melissa J. Jamison, Gregory L. Martin, Olivia D. Jamison and Ross C. Jamison; three great-grandchildren Erin E. Brewer, Nathan T. Brewer, and Lauren A. Lee; several nieces and nephews also survive. Interment will be in Mountain View Memorial Park. The parents of Dennis N. Jamison are buried at Antioch Church of the Brethren Cemetery at Calloway, VA.

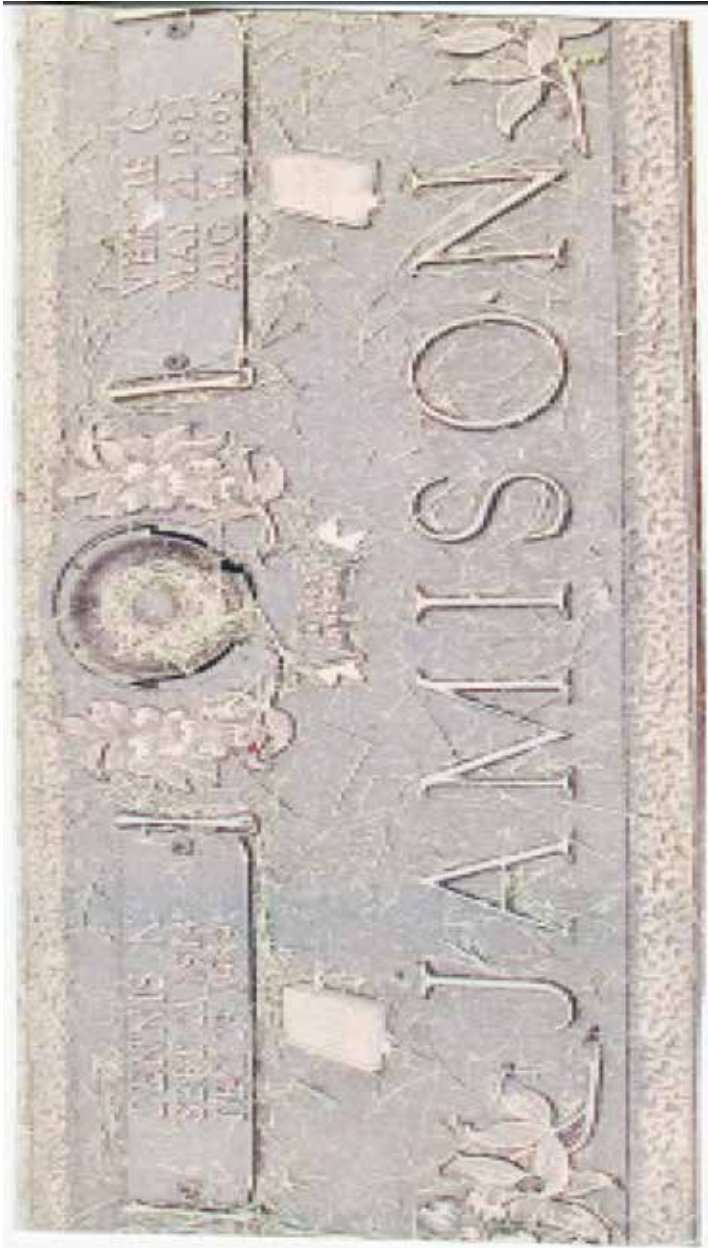
A. Thomas Lewis Stanley was born November 3, 1938 and married Reva Walker March 17, 1955. Reva is the daughter of Lynwood and Minnie Mitchell Walker. Thomas and Reva have two children.

a. Edward Lynn Stanley was born September 12, 1956

b. Jeanette Faye Stanley was born February 2, 1961 and married Randy Brewer October 1, 1983. They have two children.

(1). Elizabeth Erin Brewer; born June 19, 1984

(2). Nathan Thomas Brewer; born April 18, 1986



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B. Iva Janet Stanley was born May 27, 1940 and married Dudley Leonard Thompson December 9, 1961. Dudley is the son of Minnie Frances Ferguson and Harold Mason Thompson. Dudley and Janet had two children and later divorced.

a. Michael Mason Thompson was born June 11, 1963. Mike married Sophia Orange, daughter of Harold and Judith Orange, August 24, 1991.

(1). Morgan Michelle Thompson, born April 9, 2001

b. Jennifer Lynne Thompson: born December 31, 1975. Jennifer married Justin Ryals.

(1). Addison Ryals

C. Reba Maye Stanley was born May 19, 1941 and married Fred Houston Campbell June 20, 1959. Fred was born August 8, 1938 and is the son of Tincie Amanda Huffman and Lee Houston Campbell.

After Edwards death, Vergie married Dennis Newton Jamison October 17, 1959. Dennis was born September 21, 1914 and is the son of Nettie Frances Laprade and Claude Dennis Jamison. The following four children were by Dennis and his previous wife. Dennis died December 28, 1989. Interment was at Mountain View Memorial Park. Dennis was survived by one brother J. Harley Jamison, Portsmouth and one sister Mrs. Frances J. Fisher, Vinton.

A. Donald R. Jamison; born August 22, 1938 and married Gelene Ford January 1, Gelene is the daughter of Krystina and Beverly Ford (divorced). Donald and Gelene had one child prior to her death.

a. Kristina Dawn Jamison; born July 12, 1967. Kristina married Gary Francis Lee May 27, 1995. Gary is the son of Mary B. Lee (Nashville Tn.) and the late Dr. Robert E. Lee (Greenville Miss).

(1). Lauren Alexandra Lee born August 25, 1997





**THOMPSON**

**Iva Janet**

Iva Janet Thompson, 69, of Roanoke, Va., passed away peacefully at South Roanoke Nursing Home on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. She was preceded in death by her father, Edward D. Stanley, mother, Vergie C. Stanley Jamison, and stepfather, Dennis N. Jamison. She is survived by her son, Michael and wife, Sophia Thompson; daughter, Jennifer and husband, Justin Ryals and two beautiful grandchildren, Morgan Thompson and Addison Ryals. Also surviving are her brothers, Thomas and wife, Reva Stanley, Don Jamison, Joe and wife, Carroll Jamison and Tim and wife, Robin Jamison; sisters, Reba and husband, Fred Campbell and Rita and husband, Ron

Martin. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. She had many special friends who she enjoyed spending time with and going on shopping trips to Lynchburg and Myrtle Beach. Janet retired from Anthem after 20 years of service. She was a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and enjoyed helping at the Relay for Life every year. She was a 10 year survivor of breast cancer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald house in Roanoke, or the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford. Special thanks to the staff at South Roanoke Nursing Home and the staff at Gentle Shepherd Hospice for their wonderful care during this difficult time. Funeral services will be conducted 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road, by Dr. J. Michael Palmer. A luncheon will follow at the funeral home. A graveside service will be conducted 4 p.m. Saturday in Antioch Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Callaway, Va. At her request, she is being laid to rest alongside her father. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, at Simpson Funeral Home, 366-0707.

- A. Joel Dennis Jamison; born March 4, 1945 married Caroline Roberts June 17, 1966. Caroline is the daughter of Elizabeth Gregory and Frank Eugene Roberts. Joel and Caroline had two children and were divorced. Joel married Ann Carroll Waldrop January 14, 1995. Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Waldrop.
  - a. Jeffery Dennis Jamison; born August 14, 1968
  - b. Melissa Joel Jamison; born January 11, 1970
- B. Rita Kay Jamison; born July 17, 1951 and married Ronald Leon Martin August 6, 1971. Ronald was born December 18, 1950 and is the son of Carrie Brogan and Howard Martin. Ronald and Rita have one child.
  - a. Gregory Leon Martin; born January 15, 1975
- C. Timothy Otis Jamison was born June 1, 1958 and married Robin Renick June 28, 1980. Robin is the daughter of Barbara Reynolds and Leo Renick. Tim and Robin have a daughter and a son.
  - a. Olivia Denise Jamison; born April 7, 1990
  - b. Ross Conner Jamison; born November 12, 1995



Edward Stanley  
Worked for Clover Creamery in  
Roanoke, Virginia

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Edward D. and Vergie Maye Conner Stanley



Vergie Maye Jamison, June 1996

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Edward D. and Vergie Maye Conner Stanley



Vergie and Dennis Jamison



Vergie Jamison and Bessie Craghead "Sisters"

The family of George Benjamin Conner  
By Edward D. and Vergie Maye Conner Stanley



Edward Stanley and Dennis Jamison “Cousins”



Edward Stanley and Vergie taken about 1937



Fred and Reba Campbell

Fred Campbell and Reba Maye Stanley Campbell, June 25, 2005



Thomas & Reva Stanley

Thomas and Reva Stanley, June 25, 2005



Iva Janet Thompson, September 3, 2005





Appeared in the Roanoke Times July 19, 2009



**CAMPBELL**  
**Fred H.**

Fred H. Campbell, 72, of Daleville, passed away on Sunday, August 7, 2011, just a few short hours prior to his 73rd birthday. He was born in Roanoke County on August 8, 1938, a son of the late Lee Houston and Tincie Amanda Huffman Campbell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters-in-law, Barbara U. Campbell and Janet Thompson. Fred worked as a plumber in the Roanoke Valley for 45 years making many friends and acquaintances. Fred was an avid hunter, but his favorite past time was going to the Saturday night races at the Franklin County Speedway with his racing buddies. He was a member of Valley Christian Church. Left to cherish his memory are his wife and best buddy of 53 years, Reba S. Campbell; brother, Willard L. Campbell and wife, Marie, of Catawba; aunt, Merita Williams, of Covington; brothers-in-law, Thomas Stanley and wife, Reva, of Mineral, Va., Don

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Jamison, of Richmond, Joel Jamison and wife, Carol, of Richmond, and Tim Jamison and wife, Robin, of South Carolina; sister-in-law, Rita Martin and husband, Ronnie, of Vinton; and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011, at Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road by the Rev. Johnny Tickle and the Rev. Robert Brown. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at Simpson Funeral Home.



**SIMPSON**

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14. Posey Herbert Conner was born May 7, 1915 and married Ruby Whitlock October 7, 1936. Posie and Ruby had two daughters. Posey died June 27, 1959 and is buried at Highland Memory Gardens at Dublin, Virginia. Ruby was born January 27, 1919, and is the daughter of Della Lawrence, born May 6, 1893 and married George Fred Whitlock who was born February 3, 1895 and died July 8, 1966. Fred was the son of Willie Whitlock who married Otilera (Lou) Epperly.

A. Glenna Pearl Conner; born March 3, 1939 and married Maynard (Jiggs) Sutphin and they have two children.

a. Tamara (Tami) Sutphin; born January 6, 1964

b. Steve Sutphin; born May 2, 1962

B. Barbara Jean Conner; born March 1, 1950 and married May 28, 1972 to Rev. David Brian Witt, born in 1950. They had one son and were latter divorced.

a. David Brian Witt II; born December 11, 1977. Brian married Alicia Lee McCraven May 31, 2002

C. Harvey Newton Bowles (Harry) was raised by Posey and Ruby. He came to live with them at age 9 and stayed until he was 18 or 19. He married Nina \_\_\_\_\_ and they have 3 children and live at Linesville, Pa.

a. Michel Bowles

b. Chuck Bowles

c. Marie Bowles

After Posey's death Ruby married Narbra J. Ridpath April 20, 1968. Narbra was born May 20, 1907 and died March 26, 1990 and is buried at Sunrise Burial Park Radford, Virginia.



Ruby Ridpath  
Ruby Whitlock Conner Ridpath



Jiggs & Glenna Pearl Sutphin



Barbara Jean Conner Witt



**EANES**  
**Lucille Whitlock**

Lucille Whitlock Eanes, 66, a lifetime resident of Check, Va., went to be with the Lord Wednesday, February 6, 2008. She was a devoted loving mother and grandmother. She was an avid supporter and member of the Women of the Moose for 35 years. She was born July 15, 1941 in Check, Va. to the late Sherman L. and Frances Whitlock. She had recently retired from Wolverine Gasket in Blacksburg, Va. after 11 years of service. With her cheerful smile and attitude she touched the lives of countless people. She will be deeply missed by her Moose Lodge family, her work family, and most of all by her immediate family. Lucille is survived by her son, Marvin B. Eanes, Jr. of Check, Va. and daughter-in-law, Becky Eanes, of Copper Hill, Va.; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Richard Olmo, Jr.; beloved granddaughter, Mykayla Eanes, of Copper Hill, Va.; sister, Glenna W. Turner, of Pilot, Va.; special niece and her husband, Beverly and David Herring, of Pilot, Va.; special nephew, Michael W. Turner, of Narrows, Va.; several great-nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2008, at Gardner Funeral Home, with Elder W. T. Conner officiating. Interment will follow in Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Thursday at Gardner Funeral Home, where the family will be from 6 until 8 p.m. Arrangement by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, VA.

Lucille is the niece of Ruby Whitlock Conner Ridpath

## CONNERS IN THE CIVIL WAR

### Company B. 42nd Infantry

1. John H. Conner, 4th Corporal
2. Daniel Conner, wounded and died at Caroline Courthouse March 1863.
3. Nathan F. Conner, Private, died September 21, 1864 in a yankee prison, Elmira, New York

### Company B. 54th Regiment Infantry

1. Jacob R. Conner, Private

### Company I. 54th Infantry

1. Samuel R. Conner, Private \*\*
2. Daniel Peter Conner, Private
3. David R. Conner, Private
4. W.M. Conner, Private
5. William Conner, Private

### Company G. 21st Virginia Cavalry

1. Creed Conner, Private; died, date and place unknown

### Col. R.L. Preston's Reserve Corps

1. John A. Conner, Private
2. John O. Conner, Private

### Roll of Veterans who served with Stuarts Horse Artillery

1. William Conner
2. Jonathan Conner Sr.
3. Daniel R. Conner \*

### Company D.

1. Alexander Conner
2. George W. Conner

## CONNERS IN THE CIVIL WAR

A lot of the young men from Floyd County joined in the Civil War effort by joining the 54<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. A good reference book is titled "54<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry" and written by George L. Sherwood and Jeffrey C. Weaver. This book gives information on each of the Companies as to their battles and accomplishments as well as information on those who served in each of the Companies.

\*\* Samuel R. Conner enlisted October 1, 1861 at Jacksonville. He was present on January 1, 1862 and December 31, 1865. Deserted, took oath at Louisville Kentucky September 4, 1864. He agreed to remain North of the Ohio for the rest of the war. He had Light complexion, dark hair and blue eyes. He was born September 31, (1835-1836) and buried at Salem Church Cemetery.



## Misc. CONNER FAMILIES

· A tombstone found in a private cemetery on Conner Road at Copper Hill Virginia, shows a Daniel R. Conner born December 15, 1832 and died January 6, 1887. A Lydia Conner, born August 20, 1832 and died July 24, 1917, was buried near him and is his wife. Lydia's parents were Henry and Sarah Sowder Poff. Daniel and Lydia were both 22 when they were married November 23, 1854. Daniel R. Conner's parents were John R. and Dosley (Dotia) Conner. Daniel and Lydia had the following children:

1. Emily "Emma" Conner, born February 1857, married Robert Woods Hall (Jan 1856>1935) December 5, 1877 in Floyd Co., VA. They had six children. Robert married Rhoda Jane Light after April 2, 1930. Rhoda is the daughter of John Wilson Light and Catherine Rose.
2. Elizabeth Jane, (twin) born October 16, 1871 Conner married Charles Lewis Conner February 17, 1887.
3. Charles was born November 26, 1866 and died January 20, 1914. He is the son of Albert Conner and Mary
4. Jane Iddings.

A.Naomie A. Conner, born 1888

B.Luel A. Conner, born 1890, married Eula Belle Hodges April 29, 1914 in Roanoke County. Luel was 24 and Eula was 21. Luel was born in Floyd County and Eula was born in Franklin County. Her parents are W. & Virginia Hodges.

- (1). Albert Conner, born about 1915
- (2). Douglas Conner, born about 1917
- (3). Burlin Conner, born about 1920, died November 1980
- (4). Shewatha Conner, born about 1922
- (5). Herad Conner, born about 1924

C.Unknown W. Conner, born about 1891

D.Dorothy E. Conner, married Lewis R. Higgins March 22, 1913. Lewis was born in Rockbridge Co. and Dorothy in Roanoke Co. He was 23 and she was 21 and both listed as single. His parents are J.M. & L.M. Higgins.

E.Ethel Lewis Conner married Ernest Jernell December 20, 1917. She was 18 and he was 19. He was born in Montgomery Co. and Ethel in Roanoke Co. His parents are L.J. & Debey? Jernell. Ethel also married John F. Henry born about 1855.

F.Audrey D. Conner, married Luther M. Palmer October 19, 1916 in Roanoke County. He was 18 and she was 16. He was born in Floyd County and she was born in Roanoke County. His parents are G.N.(not sure) and D. Palmer.

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G. William Alvin Fletcher Conner Sr., born 1902 and married Ida Stanley , born about 1905. They had the following children:

- (1). Alvin Otey Conner, born April 9, 1922, died August 24, 1995, married Marie Bush.
- (2). Pauline Conner, born May 17, 1924, married Hugh Main.
- (3). Annie J. Conner, born about 1926, married Charles Thacker
- (4). William Alvin Fletcher Conner Jr., born March 21, 1928, and died March 21, 2007. He married Regina Page, daughter of Tony and Andera Page, about 1950.
  - a. Amanda Conner married Reid Halva
  - b. Melanie Conner, married Dan Campbell
- (5). Bobby L. Conner, married Becky \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6). Hasseltine (Tennie) Conner, married Guy V. Funk in 1948 in Roanoke Co.
- (7). Galen Conner, married Laura \_\_\_\_\_.



**CONNER**

**William Alvin Fletcher Jr.**

William Alvin Fletcher Conner, Jr. (Bill), of Raleigh, N.C., passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2007. He lived to be 79. Bill was born March 21, 1928 in Roanoke County, Virginia, the fourth child to William A.F. Conner and Ida Stanley. Bill was a graduate of William Byrd High School, where he was a star athlete participating in baseball, track and football. He continued his education at Duke University, graduating in 1955. While attending Duke on a football scholarship, he was a member of the 1954 Orange Bowl team. After graduation, Bill and Regina made their home in Raleigh. Upon settling, he started the Bill Conner Insurance Agency, specializing in life, health and group insurance. Bill held a keen interest in the community by being a charter member of North Hills Club, as an avid tennis player. He was a member of the Optimist Club, the Sports Club and the Lions Club. He also served as devoted coach to the Pepsi sponsored Little League

football team for many years. After retirement, he developed many hobbies in the arts, showing his talent for carving, painting and drawing. Bill also continued his enthusiasm for sports by playing golf and supporting his grandchildren's activities. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William A.F. Conner and Ida Stanley; brothers, Alvin and Bobby; and sister, Pauline Main. He is survived by his high school sweetheart, and wife of 57 years, Regina; daughter, Andrea and husband Tony Page, their daughter, Amanda and her husband Reid Halva; daughter, Melanie Conner Campbell and husband Dan Campbell and his children Daniel and Eryn; daughter, K-Dee and husband Chris Leith, their children Caitlin and Conner. Bill is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Annie Thacker, "Tennie" Funk and Galen Conner of Roanoke. The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 23, 2007 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, Six Forks Road officiated by Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts. A visitation for friends and family will be held one hour before the service at the Church. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the staff of Wake EMS Three, Wake Med 6th Floor staff, the Wake Med Critical Care staff and Dr. Jeff Roberts. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 4815 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

Misc. CONNER FAMILIES

- H. Ira? Conner, born about 1905
- I. James L. Conner, born about 1907
- J. Murrel O. Conner, born about 1912
- K. "Mersey" (Lydia D.) Conner (twin) married George William Palmer  
December 1887. Mersey was born October 16, 1871 and George about 1870.
- L. Adam Henry Conner, born June 13, 1869, married Mary Ann Conner, November 7, 1889. Mary Ann was born January 22, 1869 and is the daughter of Samuel S. and Martha Ann Poff Conner.
- M. John Posey Conner, born September 9, 1892, died February 14, 1962 and married Ada Marie Nichols, daughter of James Ira and Teressa M. King Nichols October 6, 1923. Ada was born January 7, 1903 and died May 11, 1973. They are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
- (1) James Everett Conner, born April 1, 1935, died from cancer November 3, 1996, married Marcie E. Austin. They are buried at Restvale Cemetery.
    - (a). James Ricke Conner
    - (b). Elizabeth Conner married Jay Perdue
    - (c). Ellen Sue Conner married John Alton Poff February 19, 1987 in Roanoke County, VA.
    - (d). Freda Conner married Bryan Burr
  - (2) Albert Eugene Conner, born 1942, died July 28, 1996, married Janet Sue Harden.
    - (a). Michael Eugene Conner
    - (b). Marjorie Sue Conner
    - (c). Eric Benton Conner
  - (3). Henry Lewis Conner was born in 1933 and died September 21, 2005 and married Geraldine McDaniel in 1960. (see obit on following page)  
Geraldine is the daughter of Claude Ellis and Leona Beverly McDaniel.
    - (a). Linda Conner, married Tommy Carter
      - + Thomas J. Carter
      - + Jessica R. Carter
  - (4). Fressie Conner, born about 1929 with a handicap, never married.
  - (5). Mary Louise Conner, born 1940, married Paul Nichols September 12, 1964. Paul was born in 1942.
    - (a). Patricia Ann Nichols, born October 14, 1965, married Frank Darrell Whittaker Jr. September 19, 1998. Frank was born November 26, 1947 in WV.

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**CONNER**  
**Fressie Addie**

Fressie Addie Conner, 82, of Copper Hill, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2012. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister-in-law, Henry Lewis and Gearldine Conner, James Conner and Albert Eugene Conner. Miss Conner is survived by her sister and caregiver, Mary Louise Nichols; two devoted nieces and spouse, Patricia and Frank Whittaker and Janet Nichols; two sisters-in-law, Macie Conner and Janet Sue Conner; several loving nieces and nephews; Special thanks to friends of the family, Joann Willis and Dr. Bonnie Culkin. Funeral services will be held at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, on Monday, January 9, 2012 with the Rev. Greg Fleshman officiating. Interment will follow at Head of the River Cemetery. Friends may call on Monday, January 9, 2012 where the family will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, Va.



**CONNER**

**Anna Walters**

Anna Walters (Annie) Conner, 88, of Roanoke, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born on Bent Mountain on May 18, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Walters and Nellie Schilling Walters. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel W. Conner; two brothers, Frank Walters and Edgar Walters; and two sisters, Reecie Lancaster and Monie Damewood.

Left to cherish her memory forever are a very special great-niece and caregiver, Renee Brown and husband, Russ Brown; nieces, Shelby Rexrode and husband, Rex, and Janice Cooper and husband, Howard; nephews, Fred Damewood, and Buddy Lancaster and wife, Sandra; brother-in-law, Garland Conner; sisters-in-law, Doris Conner and Wilmoth Clark. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you and sincere appreciation to Gentle Shepard Hospice, especially Marcia Troyer, for her loving care.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 7, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lotz Funeral Home, Salem. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2012, at Lotz Funeral Home Chapel with the Pastor Jim Morris officiating. Burial will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lotzfuneralhome.com](http://www.lotzfuneralhome.com)



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**CONNER**  
**Doris Agee**

Doris Agee Conner, 85, of Roanoke, and formally of Copper Hill, widow of William Alvin Conner, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 13, 2015. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and David Greene, Mary and Kenneth Beckner, Carol and Don Atkins, Linda and Jimmy Jefferson; sons and daughters-in-law, Billy and Gracie Conner, William and Sarah Conner; two sisters, Mary DeWeese and Vannie Sue Hale; one brother, Kaney Agee; brother-in-law, Garland Conner; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several nieces; and nephews.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Maurice Wright and Pastor Kenneth Beckner officiating. Interment will follow in Salem Cemetery (Head of the River). Friends may call after 6 p.m. Wednesday at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 6 until 8 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at [www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com](http://www.gardnerfuneralhomefloyd.com). The family would like to thank the staff of Carilion Hospice for all the care they provided for Mrs. Conner during her illness.

The family is being served by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, VA.



(see Page 176.0.1.0)

Misc. CONNER FAMILIES

- N. Samuel Harley Conner, born January 22, 1891, died February 22, 1974. He married Mamie Arbelle Conner October 11, 1914, she was born December 29, 1895, died November 18, 1951.
- (1). Stafford Conner, born July 22, 1916, died May 1986
  - (2). Samuel Wilborn Conner, born March 29, 1920 and died April 15, 1992
  - (3). Alvin Conner, born about 1921
  - (4). Evelyn A. Conner, born March 29, 1925 and married Jackson L. Wimmer December 24, 1946. (see pages 176.0.1.2 and 176.0.1.3)
  - (5). Theodore Rudolph Conner, born about July 21, 1927, died January 9, 1990 and buried at Restvale Cemetery.
  - (6). Frank Conner, born about September 1929
  - (7). Dochia Conner, born
  - (8). William Alvin Conner, born 1923, married July 3, 1947 to Doris Jane Agee. William died December 3, 2003 and was buried at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren in Floyd County. William was a WWII veteran. Doris is the daughter of George Lee Agee and Abbie Thompson Agee and was born in 1930. Both William and Doris were born at Copper Hill, VA. A note was on the marriage license that "Father in Hospital in Staunton". Since Abbie signed the license, I would assume George was the one in the Hospital.
    - (a). Betty Conner, born in 1949, married April 6, 1969 to Roger Lee Richards also born in 1949. Betty was married also to David Green.
    - (b). William A. Conner Jr., "Willie" married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (c). Linda Conner, married James Jefferson
    - (d). Mary Conner, born April 4, 1950, married Kenneth Houston Beckner July 3, 1970.
    - (e). Billy Conner married Gracie \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (f). Carolyn Conner married Donald Atkins
  - (9). Garland Conner

Obit, Roanoke Times May 18, 2006

Geraldine McDaniel Conner, 62, of Salem, went to be with her Lord and to join her beloved husband of 46 years, Henry Lewis Conner, on Tuesday, May 16, 2006. She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles McDaniel; and brothers-in-law, Victor Huffman, James Conner and Gene Conner. Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Tommy Carter; grandchildren, T.J. Carter and Jessica Carter; sisters and brother-in-law, Geneva Huffman, Vivian and Sonny Kessler; brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl and Ola McDaniel, Mary Albert, Lou Nichols, Fressie Conner and Macie Conner; very special friend, Mary McDaniel; special nephew and wife, Gene and Pat Maxey; special nieces and nephews, Patricia Whitaker, Janet Nichols, Meagan Franklin, Sheila Franklin, Tammy Journell, Crystal Martin, David Stultz, Teresa Shepard and son Timmy,



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Debbie Perdue and son Daniel, Ricky McDaniel and Pete McDaniel, and Tracy Price. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 am Friday May 19, 2006 at Lotz Salem Chapel. Burial will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park.

Any statement made by such applicant, under oath, with reference to the age, condition before marriage (whether single, widowed or divorced), the race of either party, whether white, colored or otherwise, is hereby declared to be a material matter or thing in any prosecution for perjury for any violation of this section. (Acts of 1928, Chap. 49 P. 314) A white person, under Chapter 371, Acts of 1924 Assembly, is one with no trace whatsoever of colored blood.

Father in Hospital in Staunton.

**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY Roanoke  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME OF GROOM William Alvin Conner CLERK'S NO. 302

GROOM				BRIDE			
AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED	AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED
24	White	Single	None	17	White	Single	None
OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u> INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____				OCCUPATION <u>None</u> INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____			
BIRTHPLACE <u>Copper Hill, Va.</u>				BIRTHPLACE <u>Copper Hill, Va.</u>			
FATHER'S FULL NAME <u>Samuel Harley Conner</u>				FATHER'S FULL NAME <u>George Lee Agee</u>			
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Mamie Arbell Conner</u>				MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Abbie Thompson</u>			
RESIDENCE: CITY OR COUNTY MAILING ADDRESS <u>RFD #2 Copper Hill, Va.</u>				RESIDENCE: CITY OR COUNTY MAILING ADDRESS <u>RFD #2 Copper Hill, Va.</u>			

Date of Proposed Marriage July 3, 1947 Place of Proposed Marriage Salem, Va.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OR CITY-OF Roanoke, TO-WIT

We hereby make application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Roanoke Virginia for a Marriage License and solemnly swear that all of the statements contained in the above writing are true. We further make oath that neither of the parties named above who are to be married is an habitual criminal, idiot, imbecile, hereditary epileptic, or insane person. Acts 1918, Chap. 300, P. 473

I mother of girl give my consent

Abbie Agee William Alvin Conner MAN  
Doris Jane Agee WOMAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July 19 47

REMARKS: G. M. Brown



**WIMMER**

**Evelyn Conner**

Evelyn Conner Wimmer, 83, of Roanoke, went to be with her Lord, December 13, 2008. She was preceded in death by two sons, Luke and Bruce, one daughter, Sandra, five brothers, Stanford, Rudolph, Wilburn, Alvin and Frank Conner. Surviving, her husband, Jackson L. (Jack) Wimmer, her husband of 62 years; three sons, Richard and Brenda Wimmer of Bedford, James Wade Wimmer and Jackson Lee and Kathy Wimmer, all of Roanoke; one daughter, Marsha Marie and Mark Weddle of Roanoke; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Garland and Virginia Conner of Christiansburg; a special sister-in-law and friend, Annie Mae Conner of Roanoke. Funeral service Tuesday 2 p.m., December 16, 2008 at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Dr. John W. Lowe Jr. officiating with interment in the church cemetery. Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home in Floyd.

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(4). Evelyn A. Conner, born March 29, 1925 and married Jackson L. Wimmer December 24, 1946. Evelyn died December 13, 2008 and is buried at The Copper Hill Church of the Brethern.

- (a). Luke Wimmer
- (b). Bruce Wimmer
- (c). Sandra Wimmer
- (d). Richard Wimmer married Brenda \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e). James Wade Wimmer
- (f). Jackson Lee Wimmer married Kathy \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g). Marsha Marie Wimmer married Mark Weddle.

**CONNER**  
**Helen Marie Maxey**

Helen Marie Maxey Conner, 89, of Salem, passed away Monday, May 11, 2015. She was born in Floyd, Va., to the late Vernon and Edith Maxey. Preceding her in death was her beloved foster brother, Cline Adam Conner, and special friend, Roy Britt.

She is survived by Mary Conner, her foster sister-in-law; Jenny Conner Hale, granddaughter and husband, Jason Hale; Melissa Conner Saville, granddaughter and husband, Mitch Saville; Nathaniel Cline Hale and Serenity Faith Hale, great-grandchildren; Geraldine Conner Hill, niece and husband, Gene Hill; Brenda Conner Surber, niece and husband, Breece Surber; Kathy Conner Haley, niece and husband, Jimmy Haley; Kenneth William Conner, nephew, and wife, Wanda Conner; Renee Hill Abshire, great-niece and honored friend and husband, Darryl Abshire; and many other great-nieces and great-nephews. One very special companion, Buddy, will miss her too.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2015, at Wilson Cemetery, Check, Va. Tim Hill, great-nephew, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Central and SW Va, P.O. Box 662, Forest, VA 24551.

Arrangements by Lotz Funeral Home, Salem, 540-389-9208.

(see page 176.0.2)

Misc. CONNER FAMILIES

- C. Lovella Elizabeth Conner, born July 13, 1894, married George Washington Gearheart.  
(1). Beulah Irene Gearheart married Russell Edward Chittum, who was born January 7, 1922 and died July 29, 1992 at Vinton, VA.
- D. Lydia Matilda Conner, born May 19, 1896, died December 30, 1972 and married Wes Wiley Poff November 22, 1914.
- E. Martha Caroline Conner, born April 8, 1899
- F. Daniel Lawson Conner, born 1902, married December 18, 1935 to Myrtle Mae Vest who was born November 10, 1917.  
(a). Cline Adam Conner, born Jan. 31, 1955 and died October 9, 2005. Cline married Mary R. \_\_\_\_\_.  
+ Jenny Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Hale  
+ Melissa Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Saville



- (b). Helen Conner (foster child, Helen Marie Maxey) 1926 - May 11,2015  
(c). Kenneth William Conner married Wanda \_\_\_\_\_.  
(d). Geraldine Conner married Gene Hill

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- (e). Brenda Conner married Breece Surber
- (f). Kathy Conner married Jimmy Haley
- (g). Opal Conner married Bob Waldecker
- G. William Ennis Conner, born June 30, 1905, died November 7, 1997. He married Dessie Isebel Sink February 28, 1923. Dessie was born March 30, 1905 and died July 22, 1979, buried at Copper Hill Church of the Brethern Cemetery. William is buried at Head of River Cemetery. See page 176.0.2.2.
  - (a). Virginia May Conner, born January 21, 1924, died December 22, 1975, married Carl Mitchell Dinkins.
  - (b). William Herman Conner, born October 21, 1925 in Floyd Co., VA and died September 25, 2005 in North Brook, Illinois. He married Audrey \_\_\_\_\_, and was buried at Copper Hill Cemetery at Floyd Co., VA October 8, 2005..
    - + Freda Sink Conner married Gilbert Carpuz.
  - (c). Mary Aberdeen Conner, born August 24, 1928, died January 21, 1947 and married Winfred Wimmer.
  - (d). Thelma Lee Conner, born May 5, 1931, and married J. Lynwood Poff. Thelma died April 2, 2007 at Salem, VA and is buried at Sherwood Memorial Park at Salem.
    - (1). Mike Poff, married Arlene \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (2). Phillip Poff, married Jane \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (3). Lisa Poff married David Oliver
  - (e). James Wesley "Buster" Conner, born April 26, 1942, married Bonnie Louise Creasy. Bonnie is the daughter of Walter Otie Creasy and Zenna Ash. Zenna was born February 8, 1927 and died Jan 1, 2009.
    - (1). Tena Conner married Dan? Jones
    - (2). Jimmy Conner
- H. S. Algie Conner, born May 24, 1912, married Cebert Hale.
- 5. Rosee Lee Conner, age 19, married William D. Morgan, also 19, April 17, 1893. Rosee's mother's name was listed as Jane and her father's name was Daniel R. Conner on her marriage application. This child may not belong to the parents shown above.
- 6. Susan V. Conner, age 21, married F.L. Slusher, age 26, February 20, 1902. Susan's mothers name was listed as Mary Jane and her father as Daniel R. Conner on her marriage application. This child may not belong to the parents shown above.
- 7. John F. Conner, born September 8, 1857

THE ROANOKE TIMES  
Wednesday, April 4, 2007



**POFF**

**Thelma Lee Conner**

May 5, 1931 - April 2, 2007

Thelma Lee Conner Poff, 75, departed this life on Monday, April 2, 2007, at her home in Salem, Virginia. Mrs. Poff was the widow of J. Lynwood Poff to whom she was married for 30 years. Her parents, Dessie and Ennis Conner of Check, Virginia, preceded her in death. She was also predeceased by her grandson, Dennis Michael Poff, Jr.; her sisters, Mary Wimmer and Virginia Dinkins; and a brother, William Herman Conner. Mrs. Poff is survived by two sons, Mike and his wife Arlene, of Asheville, North Carolina, Phillip and his wife Jane, of Rocky Mount, Virginia; a daughter, Lisa Oliver and her husband David, of Salem; one brother, James (Buster) Wesley Conner and his wife Bonnie, of Roanoke. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Clayton, Wesley and Hannah Lee Oliver,

Salem; two great-grandchildren, Chad and Rachael Poff, Atlanta, Georgia; two stepgrandchildren, Emily Pierce of Southeast Asia and Jennifer Little of Wayne, New Jersey; and adopted grandchildren, Elizabeth Craighead, Braden and Bryn Burns of Salem. Also surviving are many beloved nieces and nephews. Her care and concern for those experiencing distress in their lives were beyond comparison and she will be sorely missed, as will her sense of humor. Many lives have been touched by the generosity and graciousness of Mrs. Poff. She was a beautician for several years and said she enjoyed her work because of the friendships formed, most of which lasted for the remainder of her life. The love and dedication she displayed as a grandmother were immeasurable; no task, request or even crisis ever went unanswered. She was a member of Cave Spring United Methodist Church. Arrangements are being handled by Oakey's South Chapel. Friends may call Wednesday, April 4, 2007, between the hours of 2 to 4 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Oakey's. Art Wingfield, Pastor Emeritus of Cave Spring Methodist Church, will conduct the funeral services from the graveside at Sherwood Memorial Park on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 3959 Electric Road, Roanoke 24018. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, 989-3131.

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8. Samuel J. Conner, born December 1859, married Louisa M. Massie October 24, 1888 in Mercer Co., WV.
  - A. Murrell Hamilton Conner, born October 15, 1893 at Athens, WV.
  - B. Frank Dunkley Conner, born March 31, 1894 at Wikel, WV
  - C. Claude Conner, born August 8, 1895 at Salt Well, WV. He died February 11, 1934 at Bluefield, WV.
  - D. Ellet Waitman Conner, born July 30, 1897, Mercer Co., WV. H married Delilah O. \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (1). Louise V. Conner, born about 1921, WV
    - (2). Ruth N. Conner, born about 1922, WV
    - (3). Wilma O. Conner, born about 1926, WV
  - E. John D. Conner, born about 1899 in WV
  - F. Ezra Herbert Conner, born June 21, 1899, WV, Ballard, WV. He married \_\_\_\_\_ Ballard, and died January 4, 1932.
  - G. Ina M. Conner, born about 1903, WV
  - H. Eura M. Conner, born about December 1908 in WV
  
9. William Hayden Conner, born December 1, 1861, died November 12, 1935. He married April 5, 1888 to Virginia Arrista Clemmons, born March 17, 1865.
  - A. Maud M. Conner, born May 1891
  - B. Carrie conner, born March 1893
  - C. Lola Conner, born June 1891
  - D. Carl F. Conner, born May 1897, married Annie L. \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (1) Oakie Junior Conner, married Alma Jean White, born abt. 1930. They were married November 12, 1948 in Princeton, WV.
  - E. Chauncey H. Conner, born May 20 1898
  - F. Clownie Elmer Conner, born April 5, 1902, died April 19, 1950 in Mercer Co., WV and married Onie Mae Pettrey about 1926. Onie was born about 1908.
    - (1). Forest emory Conner, born May 23, 1936, died September 11, 2006 and married Brenda Ford, and also married Katerine \_\_\_\_\_.
      - a. Scotty Conner
    - (2). Coy Conner
    - (3). Troy H. Conner, born April 18, 1931, died November 20, 2006 He married Anna Jean \_\_\_\_\_.
      - a. Sharon R. Conner, married Darrel Lilly
    - (4). Virgil Clifford Conner, married Clara Maude Crews born abt. 1933 at Pettry, WV. They were married April 6, 1953 at Princeton, WV.
    - (5). Ross Conner
    - (6). Louise Conner, married \_\_\_\_\_ Bowles
  - G. Zinnia E. Conner, born about 1903, married Leonia Hazelwood April 15, 1932. Leonia was born Nov. 12, 1915 in WV and died Dec. 1985.
  - H. Dewey E. Conner, born about 1906
  - I. Donzie Clay Conner, born March 28, 1910

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10. Sarah Docia Conner, born March 1865, married Joseph Lawson Conner.

11. Lucinda Conner, born about 1866.



Restvale Cemetery at Salem Church, Floyd County. Virginia

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ATTACHMENT A



Misc. CONNER FAMILIES

12. William Riley Conner, born March 1867, died 1943, married March 13, 1890 to Lucy Virginia Custer born October 1872 and died in 1955.
  - A. Joseph H. Conner, born February 1891
  - B. Lydia Ann Conner, born February 3, 1893
  - C. Arista Hester Conner, born September 1894
  - D. Ernest Vaten. Conner, born March 8, 1896, died April 18, 1892. He married Charice Cecil Holland October 18, 1917. Charice was born in 1895 and died May 15, 1971.
    - (1). Ernestine Ailian Conner, born 1919 and died July 4, 1919.
    - (2). Leander Vaten Conner married Cathy \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (3). Christine Conner married Edgar Thomas Gibson.
    - (4). Virginia Mary Catheryn Conner born May 12, 1926 and died January 8, 2014 and married Robert C. Howell who died in 2012. (see page 176.0.3.3)
    - (5). Irene Conner married \_\_\_\_\_ Thacker
    - (6). William Riley Conner Born February 19, 1932 and married Kathryn Adams June 27, 1953 in Grayson Co., VA. Kathryn was born in Maryland May 23, 1931.
      - a. Kathy Ann Conner
      - b. Deborah Rose Conner
      - c. William James Conner
      - d. Brenda Conner
      - e. Becky Conner
      - f. Howard Conner
    - (7). Myrtle Louise Conner
    - (8). Cassie M. Conner married John Paul Lowe. (see page 176.0.3.4)
  - E. Minnie J. Conner, born October 1899
  - F. Maude C. Conner, married Merriman Flemon Poff December 29, 1920. Merriman was also married to Fannie Bell Bowles January 3, 1959.
    - (1). Marvin A. Poff, born about 1927, Harford Co. MD.
  - G. Grover Jasper Conner, born October 19, 1903, died October 28, 1933 and married Ora Alma Janney March 21, 1929. Ora was born June 6, 1906.
    - (1). Erskine Dale Conner
    - (2). Burnice Malcom Conner age 21, married April 8, 1954 to Margie Florence Schillen, age 21. Margie is the daughter of Cassell Estell and Flora Mae Schillen and was born August 22, 1884 in Franklin County VA. Cassell Estell Shilling is the son of George Pareston and Lucy Calla Mills Shilling. He married 1<sup>st</sup> Ellen E. Lancaster March 15, 1916 in Franklin County. She was born February 19, 1884. D/O Joseph M. and Martha E. Lancaster. Ellen died October 19, 1918. Estell married 2<sup>nd</sup> Flora Mae Shilling, his cousin, June 16, 1926. Flora was born May 15, 1907 D/O Joseph Walter and Mahala Florence King Shilling. Estell Died December 2, 1971, Flora died February 15, 1998. There was one child by Ellen and 10 by Flora. Burnice died April 10, 2008.



**J CONNER**  
**Burnice M.**

Burnice M. (B.M.) Conner, 74, of Rocky Mount, died Thursday, April 10, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents, G.J. "Jack" and Ora Janney Conner; an infant daughter; and brother, Dale Conner. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Margie Conner; his children and their spouses, Grover and Betty Conner, of Roanoke, Caroline and Daryl Walker, of Rocky Mount, Steve and Tamey Conner, of Rocky Mount, Warren Conner, of Boones Mill, Denna and Jacob Atkinson, of Hardy, and Robin and Chad Boyd, of Rocky Mount; grandchildren, Brent and Shawn Conner, Ryan Conner, Jasper Conner, Broc and Katie Walker, Bradley Walker and fiancée, Kristie Overstreet, Jessica and Brad Nichols, Laura Conner, Kristina Atkinson, Daniel Atkinson, Anna Conner, Ashley Conner, Heather Boyd and fiancé, Chris Seidell, and Angel Boyd; great-grandchildren, Karla, Cody, Tyler, Ella and Braxton; brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Mary Conner, of Roanoke; sister and brother-in-law, Alma Lou and Vestler Manning; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted from Flora Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2008, with the Rev. Leonard Martin officiating. Interment will follow in Franklin Memorial Park. Friends may call after 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, with his family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Flora Funeral Service, 665 South Main Street, Rocky Mount, Va.

GIBSON

Christine Conner

Christine Conner Gibson, 87, of Troutville, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2009. She was born on January 24, 1922 in Roanoke County, Virginia to Ernest B. and Charice Holland Conner. Christine is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Charice Conner, husband Edgar Thomas Gibson, her sons Paul, Ralph and Carl Gibson, her brother, Leander Conner, her sister, Irene Thacker and sister-in-law, Cathy Conner. She is survived by her sons, Wayne Gibson, of Bedford County, Virginia, Eugene Gibson, of Roanoke County, Virginia and Ronald Gibson and his fiancée, Amanda O'Brien, of Lawrenceville, Georgia; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; her brother, Riley Conner and his wife, Kathryn, of Cloverdale, Virginia; her sisters, Mary Howell and her husband, Robert, of Montvale, Virginia, Myrtle Conner and Cassie Lowe, both of Nace, Virginia. A graveside service celebrating Christine's life will be held on Monday, May 11, 2009, 11 a.m. at Troutville Cemetery in Troutville, Virginia, where Pastor Roy Heinlen, Jr. will officiate. In lieu of flowers, all memorial contributions can be made to the Troutville Rescue Squad, 20 Sunset Ave., Troutville, VA 24175 in Christine's memory. Arrangements entrusted to Rader Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Daleville, Virginia 540-992-1212. "Serving Every Family as if Our Very Own".

Misc. CONNER FAMILIES

- (3). Alma Lou Conner, age 19, married July 23, 1955 to Vester Lee Manning, age 22. Vester is the son of William Cury and Hettie Ann Conner Manning.
  - (a). Vicky Manning married Gregg Spangler and they have 3 children.
  - (b). Penny Manning married Edward Webster and they have 3 children.
  - (c). Crystal Manning, died of cancer.
- (4). Douglas Calvin Conner, born 1938 and died November 1, 2008, married Mary Roseman Agee daughter of Obie K. born June 1, 1918, died April 9, 1976 and Mabel Hylton Agee, born September 7, 1920 and married April 26, 1938.
  - (a). Marvin Douglas Conner, born August 19, 1960, married July 18, 1980 to Faye Louise Stout born June 30, 1963. Faye is the daughter of Charles Alfred and Alice Faye Carter Stout. Marvin was killed by a car January 16, 2004 and buried at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren Cemetery.
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I. Cassie M. Conner, born abt. 1907


J. Dora V. Conner was born October 9, 1909. Dora married \_\_\_\_\_ Holloway and died November 1982.

K. Daniel Riley Conner, born October 5, 1911

L. Edward Oscar Conner, born abt. 1915

13. Minnie I. Conner, born about 1875

14. Catherine E. Conner, born April 12, 1876



**LOWE**  
**Cassie Conner**

Cassie C. Lowe, 79, of Nace, died Monday, February 22, 2016 at Avante' in Roanoke following a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Cassie was born in Botetourt March 22, 1936 and lived in the area all of her life. She was the daughter of the late Ernest V. and Clarice C. Holland Conner.


Cassie retired from General Electric after more than 20 years of service. She was a member of New Bethel Church of the Brethren, was a certified nursing assistant, midwife, and enjoyed gardening.

In addition to her parents, Cassie was preceded death by her husband, John Paul Lowe; several brothers and sisters. She is survived by her sons, Jackie Guilliams (Patsy Standifer) and Ernie (Janice) Guilliams all of Bonsack; daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Richard Hull of Cloverdale; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Riley Conner of Cloverdale; and a sister, Myrtle Conner of Nace.

A celebration of Cassie's life will be 11 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Troutville Church of the Brethren, 5133 Lee Highway, Troutville with Pastor Terry Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 3959 Electric Road, Roanoke, VA 24018; or to Turning Point Services, The Salvation Army of Roanoke, 724 Dale Ave SE, Roanoke, Virginia 24013.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at [www.rader-funeralhome.com](http://www.rader-funeralhome.com).



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**HOWELL**  
Virginia Mary Catheryn  
Conner

Virginia Mary Catheryn Conner Howell, 87, of Blue Ridge, died on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at her home following a long illness.

Virginia was born in Vinton on May 12, 1926, and lived in Blue Ridge since 1956. She was the daughter of the late Ernest V. and Clarice C. Holland Conner.

Virginia was baptized in the Church of the Brethren and enjoyed crocheting and sewing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Howell in 2012; and her great-grandson, Jackson Aliff.

Virginia is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis and Wanda Howell, of Montvale, and Robert and Lynda Howell, of Franklin County; daughters and sons-in-law, Rosemary Donaldson (Paul Porgorzelski) of Dallas, N.C., and Dorothy and Ronnie Whorley, of Bedford; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Riley Conner, of Cloverdale; and sisters, Myrtle Conner and Cassie Lowe, both of Nace.

The family would like to acknowledge, with special thanks, her caregiver and granddaughter, Stephanie Howell.

Funeral Services honoring Virginia's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville with the Reverend Jerry Naff officiating. Burial will be held at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home, today, Friday, January 10, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Virginia's wishes were in lieu flowers, memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 2840 Electric Road, Suite 106A, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.rader-funeralhome.com](http://www.rader-funeralhome.com).



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CONNER  
Douglas C.

Douglas (Doug) C. Conner, 70, of Roanoke County, died Saturday morning, November 1, 2008. Doug was a retired electrician with IBEW Union and was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ora Conner; his son, Marvin D. Conner and his brothers, Erskine Dale Conner and Burnice M. Conner. Surviving are his loving wife of 50 years, Mary Agee Conner; his daughters, Katherine C. Carter and husband, Ricky, Peggy C. Lucas and husband, Perry, all of Floyd County; his grandchildren, Shawn Carter and wife, Melanie, of York, S.C., Ashley Tracey, Brandy Conner, Nicole Ulrich and husband, Brad, Amanda Lucas, all of Roanoke County, Brittany Lucas of Floyd County; six great-grandchildren; his sister, Alma Lou Manning and husband, Yester, of Floyd County; his mother-in-law, Mabel Agee of Ridgeway; his sisters-in-law, Margie Conner of Rocky Mount, Blanche Compton, of Ridgeway; his brother-in-law, Ralph Agee and wife, Phyllis, of Floyd County; numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren, Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Maurice E. Wright officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. The family will receive friends on Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's South Chapel, 909-3131.



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The following information on John R. Conner was found the census of 1860:

John R. Conner age 49  
Louisa Doshia (Dotia) Conner age 49  
Levisa Conner age 22 (married Giles Blankenship July 24, 1860)  
Sarah R. Conner age 18 (Married George Anthony King, January 26, 1866)  
    1. John Radford King

John Floyd Conner age 15 (married Dotia Adeline Poff, age 21, April 23, 1868)  
{they had a son Giles Conner who married Laura L. Martin Dec. 28, 1895}  
William Riley Conner age 13 (married Mary E. Martin, age 21, December 19, 1868  
William was 20)  
Mary E. Conner age 10 (married John W. Martin April 18, 1872)  
Catherine Conner age 6.

The 1850 census included the following two older children.  
Eveline Conner, married William O. Carr June 20, 1860

Samuel R. Conner, (1833-Jan.7, 1920), married Elizabeth Jane King, (June 1843-1920), January 31, 1867. Samuel is the son of Jonathan R. "John" Conner Jr., born about 1805 and Louisa Doshia \_\_\_\_\_, born about 1810.

1. Asa L. Conner, born December 31, 1868, married Calla A. Poff
  - A. Eldridge Asa Conner, born January 1900, married Flossie G. Wilson August 16, 1924. Flossie died October 3, 1994 at age 92.
    - (1). Marvin E. Conner, born October 1927.
2. Mary E. Conner, born June 15, 1870
3. Lena Dameris Conner, born June 7, 1872, married James Noah Warfield Manning son of Charles A. Manning and Zilphia Ann Frances Craghead. They were married September 27, 1894. James was born November 9, 1869.
  1. Lydia A. Conner, born 1874
  2. Michael J. Conner, born 1875, died November 20, 1886 of fever.
  3. Dochia Conner, born April 18, 1877
  4. Eliza Conner, born March 1880

Paul Samuel Conner, born 1939, died 1972, married Sylvia Ruth Moran, born 1940.

1. Katherine Irene Conner, born August 24, 1962, married September 26, 1981 to Clay Earl Link, born February 28, 1958.
  - A. Kathy Link
  - B. Justin Link married Lisa \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Andy Link married Laura \_\_\_\_\_

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Edward Oscar Conner, born June 5, 1914, died January 5, 1991, married Cora E. Janney, born April 18, 1920 and died September 14, 2002. They are buried at Restvale Cemetery in Floyd County. Cora is the daughter of Charles Janney and Mary Lou Agee Janney. Edward is the son of William Riley Conner, born March 1867 and Virginia Lillie Custer, born October 1872.

1. Lester William Conner, born 1948 at Bent Mt. VA, and died April 20, 1997 at Salem, VA. He married Bonnie Dale Underwood and were later divorced.
  - A. Rebecca Conner, born June 3, 1981
2. Jo Ann Conner married Larry Alton Hartman
  - A. Larry Anthony Hartman, born September 14, 1968. He was married and divorced and then was married October 29, 1988 to Kimberly Carol Mills, born October 4, 1965.
3. Dennis Wayne Conner married Betty Elois Thompson. See page 176.2.1 for more info.
  - A. Edward Wayne Conner, born July 22, 1963 and married Charlotte Beckner July 2, 1983. Charlotte was born May 20, 1959. They divorced April 3, 2001.
    - (1). Rodger Wayne Conner, born May 17, 1986
    - (2). Amanda Marie Conner, born September 6, 1988
  - B. David Conner married Pamela \_\_\_\_\_

Obit Roanoke Times September 16, 2002

Conner, Cora Janney, "Chlorine", 82 of Bent Mountain, passed away Saturday, September 14, 2002 at her home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Conner and son, Lester Conner, her parents, the late Charles and Mary Lou Agee Janney. She was born April 18, 1920 in Floyd county, Va. Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Larry Hartman of Boones Mill; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Betty Conner of Bent Mountain; four grandchildren, Anthony and Kim Hartman of Floyd, Edward "Eddie" Conner and David Conner, both of Bent Mountain and Rebecca "Becky" Conner of Vinton; four great-grandchildren, Kayla Hartman, Brandon Hartman, Roger Conner and Amanda Conner; one brother Charles Janney of Roanoke; also several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Annie Martin, Ruby Duncan and other friends. Funeral services will be held 2 pm Tuesday at Salem Church, with Elder Hale Terry officiating. Interment will be in Restvale Cemetery, Copper Hill.

Lucy May Conner (1867-1938, married David Wesley Link (1864-1943).

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**HARTMAN**

**JoAnn Conner**

JoAnn Conner Hartman, 65, of Boones Mill, passed away Saturday, March 10, 2012. She worked at Tultex for 34 years and retired from Home Shopping Network. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Cora Conner; brothers, Dennis and Lester Conner. She is survived by her life long husband of 49 years, Larry Hartman, of Boones Mill; her son, Larry Anthony Hartman and daughter-in-law, Kim; two grandchildren, Kayla and Brandon Hartman, all of Floyd. Also surviving are a number of brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at Flora Funeral Chapel with the Rev. James Steele officiating. Interment will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park. Her family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Flora Funeral Service and Cremation Center, Rocky Mount.

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& CREMATION CENTER  
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Erasmus Eller Conner (1882-1943), married Callie Lee Epperly (1884-1957).

Erasmus is the son of John Floyd and Doshie Adeline Poff Conner. Both are buried at Huffville Methodist Church Cemetery.

1. Cauley William Conner, born November 29, 1903, died in 1905, buried at Huffville.
2. Okey Raymond Conner, born September 22, 1906 and died August 24, 1969. He married Vada V. \_\_\_\_\_, born January 25, 1909 and died March 1974.
3. Ivan Booker Conner, born December 10, 1909, died in 1922, buried at Huffville.
4. Carnell Lewis Conner, born July 24, 1913, died in 1926, buried at Huffville.
5. Arnel Edward Conner, born July 24, 1913, and died Feb 19, 1964. He married Stella Maude King August 15, 1936 in Montgomery Co. VA. Maude was born December 9, 1918 in Montgomery, Co. VA and died June 26, 2009 at Roanoke, VA. They both are buried at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens at Roanoke, VA.
  - a. J. Edward Conner married Ruthie \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. James A. Conner married Donna \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Nellie Evolene Conner, born May 10, 1919.
7. Clyne Lewis Conner, born February 5, 1925, died in 1926, buried in Huffville.

Elmira Miriam Conner, married Charles Ballard Poff December 13, 1885.

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CONNOR

Maude King

Maude King Conner, 91, of Roanoke, Va., passed away on Friday, June 28, 2009. She was a member of Huntington Court United Methodist Church for over 40 years. She worked for a number of years at Holstonus, in Crossroads Mall. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Maude was preceded in death by her husband, Arnel E. Conner, two sisters, and five brothers. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, J. Edward "Ed" and Rubie W. Conner, of Bassake, and James A. "Jim" and Donna Conner, of Roanoke; grandchildren, Binny Dyer and husband, Mark, Julie Roberts and husband, Greg, Angela Fisch and husband, Brian, and Jeffrey Conner and wife, Doris; and great-grandchildren, Austin Dyer, Margal Dyer, Lauren Fisch, Chase Conner and Camp Conner. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2009, at Oakey's North Chapel with the Rev. George W. Stewart officiating. The interment will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will be receiving friends from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2009, at Oakey's North Chapel, 548-362-0297.

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**CONNER**  
**Dennis W.**

Dennis W. Conner, 63, of Bent Mountain, passed away suddenly on Sunday morning, February 12, 2006 at his residence. He was an employee of John W. Hancock, Jr. with 33 years of service. He was a member and Deacon at Mount Union Church of the Brethren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Cora Conner; and a brother, Lester Conner. Surviving is his wife of 45 years, Betty Thompson Conner; sons, Eddie Conner and fiancée, Terri Little, David Conner and wife, Pamela; grandchildren, Rodger Conner, Amanda Conner, Tyler Chumbley and Julie Chumbley; sister, JoAnn Hartman and brother-in-law, Larry Hartman. Services will be at Mount Union Church of the Brethren, Bent Mountain at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2006. The Rev. Greg Fleshman and the Rev. Gary Edwards will officiate. Interment will follow in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County. The family will receive friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mount Union Church of the Brethren or Bent Mountain Vol. Fire Department. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, 989-3131.

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William Curtis Conner, married Golda Elizabeth Mason. William is the son of Walter Preston Conner and Juliana Patra Carr. They had the following children:

1. Carol Elizabeth Conner, born 1945, died October 6, 2002, married Tilton E. Wimmer February 1, 1964. Carol is buried at Sherwood Memorial Park.
2. Phoebe Conner, married Floyd Schuyler
3. William Curtis Conner Jr., born July 23, 1940, died October 6, 1966

Lydia Ann Conner, born February 3, 1893, died April 14, 1982, married Doctor Lemuel Wimmer. Lydia's parents are William Riley (1867-1943) and Virginia Lillie Custer Conner (1872-1955).

1. Clydie Emma Wimmer, born May 28, 1914, died November 18, 1978. She married Dennis Beckner in 1928.
2. Virginia Elizabeth Wimmer, born January 11, 1916, married Tilden Walter Gray.
3. Ella Minnie Wimmer, born January 17, 1917, died March 14, 1946.
4. James William Wimmer, born January 8, 1919, died September 15, 1984, married Virginia Linkonger.
5. Jonnie O. Wimmer, born June 22, 1921, married Lindell Mary Linkonger.
6. Joseph Henry Wimmer, born October 5, 1923, died July 16, 1947.
7. Irene F. Wimmer, born April 6, 1928 (twin) married Harry King
8. Infant Wimmer, born & died April 6, 1928 (twin).

George L. Conner married Sally J. Hall in 1897.

Virginia E. Conner, (abt. 1868-bef. 1930) married William Harvey Gearheart (1864-1956). She is the Daughter of James Conner and Christina Unknown. They were married April 10, 1884 at Foyd Co., VA. William was born in Floyd Co. and is buried at East Hill Cemetery in Salem, VA.

1. Maurice Morgan Gearheart, born Feb. 11, 1885 and married Bertha A. Branson about 1910 in Roanoke Co., VA.
2. Pearl Beatrice Gearheart, born July 1886 and married Charles L. Altice Aug. 27, 1903 in Roanoke Co., VA.
3. Effie May Gearheart, born March 17, 1887 and married Joseph Newton Mills Feb. 5, 1908 in Roanoke Co., VA. Joseph is the son of Jacob Peter Mills and China Alice Conner.
4. John Clinton Gearheart, born August 10, 1889 and married Margaret McKinley Bales October 29, 1917 in Giles County VA.
5. Gibon Andrew Gearheart, born August 16, 1894 and married Evelyn F. Unknown.
6. Peter Motton Gearheart, born February 6, 1895 and married Mary Emma Powell May 18, 1917 in Roanoke Co., VA.
7. Sarah Ellen Gearheart, born May 10, 1897 and married Lewis William Wimmer May , 15, 1919 at Salem, VA.

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8. Charlie Herbert Gearheart, born July 24, 1899 and married Violet Unknown about 1923.
9. Lonnie A. Gearheart, born about 1901 and married George Frank Roop September 13, 1920 in Salem, VA.
10. Dorothy L. Gearheart, born about 1904 and married Robert Lee Gibson February 2, 1922 at Salem, VA.
11. Clarence C. Gearheart, born about 1910.

Cassie M. Conner, born October 17, 1907, died August 17, 1998 married Guy Campbell. Cassie is the daughter of William Riley and Virginia Custer Conner.

Daniel Riley Conner, born October 5, 1911, died March 27, 1991 is the son of William Riley and Virginia Custer Conner. Unmarried

1. Donald Conner
2. Ellen Sue Conner, married Virgil N. Sestito
3. Betty Jean Conner, married Elwin Kotary

Myrtle Ray Conner, born abt. 1906 and is the daughter of William Riley Conner and Virginia Lillie Custer. Myrtle married Floyd Alonzo Campbell, born about 1900.

1. Juanita Campbell, born about April 1927.



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**CONNER**  
**Golda Elizabeth Mason**

Golda Elizabeth Mason Conner, 88, of Copper Hill, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. She graduated from Radford College and had been a school teacher for over 30 years, mainly in Floyd County. She had been very active in the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren for many years, especially in music activities. She was born February 10, 1916, the daughter of the late Hay and Inez Mason. She was also preceded in death

by her husband, W. Curtis Conner, a son William C. Conner, Jr of Ambridge, Pa., a brother William A. Mason, of Martinsville, a daughter, Carol C. Wimmer of Roanoke, and a sister, Loraine M. Thomas, of Bluefield, W.Va. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Phoebe and Floyd Schuyler, Roanoke, one grandson Travis A. Schuyler, Roanoke; five granddaughters, Sherri E. Schuyler, Roanoke, Amanda W., formerly of Roanoke and Greg Sward, Mendham, N.J., Vicki C. and David Lines, Pasedena, Md., Charlotte C. and Alan Graham, Stafford, Va., Cheryl C. and Paul Fowler, Plano, Texas and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday, October 9, 2004 at 11 a.m. at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Paris Bain officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial in Salem, Va. The family will receive friends Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's South Chapel. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren, Copper Hill, Va. 24079.

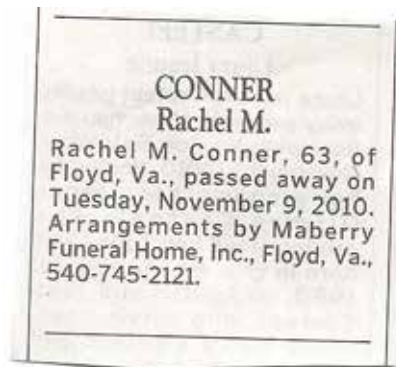
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Obit from The Roanoke Times, October 16, 2003

Conner, Kevin Douglas, 19 of Floyd County, passed away Tuesday, October 14, 2003 as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors include his mother, Carolyn Harman, Floyd; father and stepmother, Glenn and Susan Conner, Floyd; brother, Jason Conner, Floyd; sisters Kasie Conner and Joanie Conner, both of Floyd; maternal grandparents, William and Earnestine Radford, Floyd; paternal grandmother, Nellie Eva Conner, Floyd; great-grandparents, Elsie Radford, Venedith Boyd, both of Floyd; step-grandparents, Larry and Beulah Bishop, Floyd. Funeral services will be 11 am Friday, October 17, 2003 at the Maberry Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Conner Cemetery.

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The Roanoke Times listed an obit for Rachel M. Conner November 10, 2010. The obit, shown below contained very little information so I called the funeral home at Floyd and they were kind enough to provide additional information, but not enough at this time to connect the family with those contained in this book. Maybe at a future date I can find additional information about this family. A graveside service only was held.



Maberry Funeral home provided the following information:

The parents of Rachel were Jabe Conner and Millie Belcher Conner and they were the parents of a total of 11 children as follows:

1. Jabe Conner
2. Henry Conner
3. Oral Lee Conner
4. James Ray Conner
5. Glen Conner
6. Rachel M. Conner
7. Irene Conner Goad
8. Ester Conner
9. Rebecca Conner Sowers
10. Brenda Conner Hickman
11. Mary Conner Wood (deceased)

ATTACHMENT B  
CONNERS BURIED AT SALEM CHURCH CEMETERY IN 1922

This list was compiled by pupils of Check High School and at this time contained over 100 unmarked graves.

Aaron Conner; born 1811 and died 1887

Albert Conner; born 1831 and died 1913

Charles O'Conner; born January 11, 1862 and died January 30, 1912

Connie Conner; born 1887 and died 1898

Daniel O. Conner; born 1813 and died 1897

Elmira J. Conner; born August 2, 1838 and died October 21, 1910

Elson Conner; born November 12, 1849 and died July 21, 1916

James M. Conner; born September 16, 1874 and died March 2, 1907

Jonathan Conner; born 1831 and died 1914, his wife born 1830 died 1907

Levicy Conner; born 1812 and died April 26, 1909 age 97

Lucinda Conner, wife of J. O. Conner, born 1822 and died 1915

Martha E. Conner, wife of Daniel O. Conner, born 1828 and died 1888

Nathan Conner Sr. born October 13, 1813 and died April 11, 1880 age 67

Samuel Conner, born September 1835 and died February 7, 1889

Sarah J. Conner, wife of S.J. Conner, born 1853 and died 1896  
(Sarah was born September 20, 1853 and died January 1, 1896)

William P. Conner, born 1821 and died 1906

Conners in Restvale Cemetery - July 10, 2001

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Born	Date Died	Notes
Aldridge	Joseph	W.	May 2, 1871	Dec. 30, 1943	Husband of Alice Conner
Barnes	Frances		Mar. 8, 1930		Wife of William Edsel Conner
Carr	Patra		Jul. 16, 1885	Nov. 17, 1971	Wife of Walter Preston Conner
Conner	Aaron		Nov. 2, 1883	Aug. 6, 1947	Husband of Ora O. Conner
Conner	Aaron		Nov. 14, 1811	1867	Husband of Elsa Conner
Conner	Ada	N.	Jan. 7, 1903	May 11, 1973	Wife of John Posey Conner
Conner	Adam	Henry	Jun. 13, 1869	Mar. 1, 1950	Husband of Mary Ann Conner
Conner	Albert	L.	Dec. 7, 1945	Sep. 1, 1993	Husband of Harlene P. Conner
Conner	Albert		Aug. 30, 1888	Mar. 31, 1947	Husband of Ora A. Conner
Conner	Albert		May 25, 1831	Jan. 9, 1913	Husband of Mary Conner
Conner	Alfred	J.	1921	1973	
Conner	Alice		Jun. 8, 1875	July 1, 1935	Wife of Joseph W. Aldridge
Conner	Alvis		1910	1983	Husband of Sylvia W. Conner
Conner	Andrew		Mar. 5, 1835	1882	Husband of Mary Conner
Conner	Annie	F.	Aug. 9, 1898	Oct. 7, 1987	Wife of Troy Conner
Conner	Archie	F.	Dec. 17, 1879	Apr. 22, 1939	Husband of Callie G. Conner (m. 1898)
Conner	Arminda	E.	1885	1945	Wife of Waller C. Conner
Conner	Arminda		Jun. 8, 1875	May 15	Wife of Isaac Daniel Wilson
Conner	Baley	L.	1878	1956	Husband of Ida Puckett
Conner	Benjamin	V.	Jul. 4, 1913	Apr. 20, 1965	
Conner	Berkley	G.	1934	1966	Husband of Sadie W. Conner
Conner	Bertha		Mar. 17, 1909	Mar. 9, 1985	Wife of Norris Hall, mar. Sep. 1, 1928
Conner	Bethain	Frances	Jul. 23, 1858	Jun. 24, 1947	Wife of W.T. Simpson
Conner	Bobby	J.	Oct. 4, 1934	Oct. 3, 1961	
Conner	Callie	G.	Jun. 19, 1880	Jan. 25, 1962	Wife of Archie F. Conner
Conner	Callie	M.	Nov. 19, 1913	Dec. 5, 1976	
Conner	Cammie		Apr. 12, 1887	May 1898	
Conner	Charles	L.	Nov. 26, 1866	Jan. 30, 1941	Husband of Elizabeth J. Conner
Conner	Charles	O.	Jan. 11, 1862	Jan. 30, 1912	Husband of Sarah M. Conner

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Date Born</u>	<u>Date Died</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Conner	Claude	A.	Dec. 1910	Jul. 1973	Husband of Claudene Whitenack
Conner	Clifton	Wayne	June 9, 1944	Jul. 10, 1983	U.S. Marines, Vietnam, son of Garwood
Conner	Clythe	Ocie	Mar. 12, 1904	Sep. 15, 1976	Wife of Curtis Conner
Conner	Cora	E.	Apr. 18, 1920		Wife of Edward O. Conner
Conner	Cora	F.	Nov. 16, 1890		Wife of William A. Conner
Conner	Curtis		Feb. 17, 1898	Oct. 22, 1964	Husband of Clythe Ocie
Conner	Cuzzie		Oct. 6, 1814	Sep. 15, 1900	
Conner	Daniel	Adams	Jan. 13, 1872	Mar. 12, 1955	Husband of Lydia (A.) Conner (son of Andrew James & Mary Ann)
Conner	Daniel	O.	Sep. 7, 1813	Jan. 14, 1897	Husband of Martha Craghead
Conner	Dedith	Lizzie	Mar. 9, 1903		Buried next to Okey Mae Conner
Conner	Dessie	M.	Jan. 2, 1911	Mar. 4, 1996	
Conner	Edie	E.	Dec. 27, 1909	Apr. 21, 1978	Husband of Vera S. Conner
Conner	Edward	J.	1853	1940	Husband of Lucy Ellen (McGee) Conner
Conner	Edward	O.	Jun. 5, 1914	Jan. 5, 1991	Husband of Cora E. Conner
Conner	Elizabeth	Ann	May. 13, 1936		Wife of Maynard O'Dell Conner
Conner	Elizabeth	J.	Oct. 16, 1871	Apr. 8, 1953	Wife of Charles L. Conner
Conner	Elizabeth	J.	Mar. 17, 1883	Mar. 31, 1981	Wife of Jasper Conner
Conner	Elmira	J.	May 26, 1838	Oct. 21, 1919	Wife of William P. Conner
Conner	Elsa		Nov. 12, 1845	Jul. 21, 1862	Wife of Aaron Conner
Conner	Elsie		Feb. 18, 1843	Oct. 25, 1930	
Conner	Elsira	A.			Buried next to Valentine Wise Conner
Conner	Elsira	J.	May 25, 1861	Sep. 25, 1936	
Conner	Elzora	E.	Jul. 15, 1909	Oct. 15, 1982	Wife of Samuel H. Conner
Conner	Emeritte	E.	Jul. 25, 1913	May 14, 1978	Husband of Iris C. Conner
Conner	Ernest	N.	Jul. 20, 1911		Husband of Evelyn P. Conner
Conner	Etta	Gay	Sep. 30, 1904	Dec. 9, 1904	Dau. of Jasper and Elizabeth Conner
Conner	Eugenia	W.	1883	1961	Wife of Peter L. Conner
Conner	Evelyn	P.	Apr. 3, 1919		Wife of Ernest N. Conner
Conner	Evie	N.	Oct. 4, 1904	May 15, 1939	Registered Nurse
Conner	Fannie	B.	1910		Wife of Fred A. Conner

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Date Born</u>	<u>Date Died</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Conner	Fannie	Bowles	Feb. 10, 1902	Aug. 17, 1979	Mother of Junior Lee Conner
Conner	Flora	K.	Sep. 4, 1885	Dec. 9, 1959	
Conner	Frank	J.	Aug. 31, 1929	Jun. 8, 1957	
Conner	Frank	D.	Dec. 29, 1914	Sep. 22, 1991	Husband of Vera M. Conner, U.S.N. WWII
Conner	Fred	A.	1906	1973	Husband of Fannie B. Conner
Conner	Fred	L.	Aug. 26, 1896	Sep. 23, 1954	Stone shared with L. Jack Conner
Conner	G.	J. "Jack"	Oct. 19, 1903	Oct. 28, 1973	Husband of Ora A. Conner
Conner	Garwood	S.	Jan. 15, 1916	Sep. 21, 1946	Father of Clifton Wayne Conner
Conner	George	E.	Jul. 8, 1922	Mar. 31, 1971	Husband of L. Nadine Conner
Conner	Giles	H.	No Date	No Date	Infant son of Fred A. & Fannie B. Conner
Conner	Girlie	J.	Aug. 13, 1889	Jan. 18, 1977	
Conner	Guy	E.	Feb. 8, 1889	Sep. 14, 1980	Husband of Nellie F. Conner
Conner	Harlene	P.	Feb. 14, 1938		Wife of Albert L. Conner
Conner	Harlie	Cletus	Mar. 18, 1926	Dec. 20, 1972	Husband of Bonnie Radford
Conner	Harvey	L.	Aug. 21, 1925	Sep. 1, 1925	Son of George L. and Della Conner
Conner	Ida	N.	Jan. 7, 1903	May 11, 1973	Wife of John Posey Conner
Conner	Infant	Son & Dau.	Jun. 29, 1949	Jun. 29, 1949	Rufus A. and Newssa Conner
Conner	Infant		Oct. 10, 1925	Son of Aaron and Ora O. Conner	
Conner	Infant		Nov. 5, 1895	Child of S. J. and Sarah J. Conner	
Conner	Infant		No Date	Child of W.M.H. & Amanda Conner	
Conner	Infant		Oct. 10, 1925	Oct. 10, 1925	Son of Aaron and Ora Conner
Conner	Infant son		Jul. 25, 1910	Dec. 12, 1971	Wife of Tiras Conner
Conner	Irene	C.	Jun. 10, 1914	Mar. 9, 1968	Wife of Emeritte E. Conner
Conner	Iris	B.	Feb. 28, 1906	Oct. 6, 1997	Husband of Una S. Conner, Mar. 3/22/62
Conner	Irvin	Raymond	Sep. 17, 1913	Feb. 5, 1995	
Conner	Isaac	W.	Sep. 19, 1909	Feb. 5, 1995	Husband of Rachel M. Conner
Conner	Ivan	Amon	Feb. 18, 1914	Nov. 22, 1981	
Conner	J.	Cassel	1876	1951	Husband of Jemema A. Conner
Conner	J.	L.	Sep. 1, 1848	Feb. 3, 1922	Husband of Julia P. Conner
Conner	J.	Lawson	1860	1950	Husband of Sarah D. Conner
Conner	J.	Otie	Sep. 29, 1899	Dec. 26, 1966	Husband of Mary L. Conner, Elder

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<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Date Born</u>	<u>Date Died</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Conner	J. (James)	Waskey	Jan. 30, 1888	May 24, 1922	Husband of Luella Lydia Conner
Conner	James	E.	Apr. 1, 1935	Nov. 3, 1996	Husband of Macie A. Conner
Conner	James	M.	Sep. 16, 1874	Mar. 2, 1917	Husband of Laura B. Conner
Conner	James	Preston	Mar. 22, 1864	Feb. 17, 1949	Husband of Flora Holt
Conner	Jasper		Oct. 20, 1879	Oct. 11, 1957	Husband of Elizabeth Conner
Conner	Jermima	A.	1874	1960	Wife of J. Cassel Conner
Conner	John	Posey	Sep. 9, 1892	Feb. 14, 1962	Hub. of Ada N. Conner, Army WW I
Conner	John	W.	Feb. 4, 1871	Jun. 4, 1959	Husband of Mary E. McDaniel Conner Son of James & Malisha Conner Married August 11, 1886
Conner	Jonathan		Apr. 20, 1831	Apr. 18, 1914	Husband of Mahala Thrash
Conner	Joseph	L. (Lawson)	Mar. 23, 1849	Jan. 31, 1932	wife is Sarah Leodicia Conner
Conner	Julia	P.	Oct. 4, 1846	Jul. 22, 1927	Wife of J. L. Conner
Conner	Junior	Lee	June 12, 1924	Jul. 6, 1990	Son of Fannie Bowles Conner
Conner	L.	Jack	Dec. 5, 1897	Jul. 7, 1954	Stone shared with Fred L. Conner
Conner	L.	Nadine	Oct. 28, 1925		Wife of George E. Conner
Conner	Laura	B.	Dec. 2, 1877	Oct. 16, 1937	Wife of James M. Conner
Conner	Lernuel	L.	1894	1958	
Conner	Lester	W.	1948	1997	
Conner	Levicy		1812	Apr. 26, 1909	
Conner	Lillian	I.	Aug. 23, 1921	Aug. 23, 1921	
Conner	Lucy	A.	Oct. 27, 1866	Jun. 20, 1932	Wife of M.C. King
Conner	Lucy	Ellen	1855	1922	Wife of Edward J. Conner
Conner	Lydia		Jun. 23, 1875	Feb. 22, 1959	Wife of Daniel Adams Conner
Conner	Macie	A.	Apr. 14, 1937		Wife of James E. Conner
Conner	Mamie	C.	Dec. 29, 1895	Nov. 18, 1951	Wife of S. Harley Conner
Conner	Manard		Jan. 16, 1911	Feb. 20, 1911	Son of Albert & Ora Conner
Conner	Manda	E.	Jan. 12, 1863	Jan. 5, 1947	Wife of William H. Conner
Conner	Marshall	A.	Dec. 20, 1918	Jun. 8, 1991	Vet. WW II
Conner	Marshall	T.	Aug. 25, 1919	Apr. 27, 1957	WW II, Army
Conner	Mary	Ann	Jan. 22, 1869	Feb. 4, 1959	Wife of Adam Henry Conner



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Conner	Mary	D.	Feb. 8, 1890	Mar. 11, 1935	
Conner	Mary	E.	Jun. 2, 1873	Jun. 4, 1956	Wife of John W. Conner
Conner	Mary	L.	Jul. 6, 1901	Feb. 15, 1992	Wife of Elder J. Otie Conner
Conner	Mary	V.	Feb. 7, 1915	Apr. 6, 1915	
Conner	Mary		Dec. 27, 1841	Mar. 26, 1921	Wife of Albert Conner
Conner	Mary		Apr. 4, 1837	Nov. 7, 1925	Wife of Andrew Conner
Conner	Matilda	P.	Oct 13, 1859	unknown	? married to a Prillaman and Gray
Conner	Maude	Mae	May 14, 1904	Sep. 12, 1966	Wife of Willard Horace Conner
Conner	Maynard	O'Dell	May 18, 1933	Jun. 5, 1997	Husband of Elizabeth Ann Conner
Conner	Michael	Dean	Apr. 7, 1954	Mar. 5, 1955	
Conner	Minnie		Aug. 30, 1889	Apr. 3, 1953	Wife of Joseph Daniel King
Conner	Mitilda	P.	unknown	unknown	Wife of Gray Prillaman
Conner	Moses	A.	1890	1985	Husband of Nettie Gay Conner
Conner	Nathan		Oct. 13, 1813	Apr. 11, 1886	
Conner	Nellie	F.	Jul. 5, 1891	Oct. 15, 1953	Wife of Guy E. Conner
Conner	Nettie	Gay	1891	1969	Wife of Moses A. Conner
Conner	Noah	D.	Oct 24, 1892	Dec. 6, 1981	Husband of Lilly Walters
Conner	Noah	F.	Oct. 19, 1885	Apr. 22, 1962	Husband of Octavie J. Conner
Conner	Ocie	Gay	May 30, 1908	Aug. 10, 1911	Dau. of Archie and Callie Conner
Conner	Octavie	J.	Aug. 16, 1881	Aug. 26, 1961	Wife of Noah F. Conner
Conner	Okey	Mae	Aug. 10, 1893	May 18, 1967	Buried next to Dedita Lizzie Conner
Conner	Ora	A.	Jun. 6, 1906	Jan. 29, 1986	Wife of G. J. "Jack" Conner
Conner	Ora	A.	Nov. 4, 1892	Mar. 20, 1957	Wife of Albert Conner
Conner	Ora	O.	Jun. 19, 1893	Jan. 3, 1948	Wife of Aaron Conner
Conner	Paul	S.	1939	1972	Husband of Sylvia M. Conner
Conner	Pearl	A.	May 3, 1881	Mar. 4, 1963	Wife of Samuel Z. Conner
Conner	Perecline		1881	1941	
Conner	Peter	L.	1881	1967	Husband of Eugenia W. Conner
Conner	Rachel	M.	May 28, 1911	Sep. 6, 1997	Wife of Ivan W. Conner
Conner	Richard	H.	1946	1946	Baby
Conner	Robert	Roy	Jan. 23, 1902	Dec. 22, 1952	

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<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Date Born</u>	<u>Date Died</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Conner	Roger	Wade	Jan. 1, 1949	Aug. 24, 1984	
Conner	Rosa	M.	Apr. 18, 1879	Nov. 10, 1932	Wife of L. M. Keaton
Conner	Roxie	A.	Dec. 15, 1901	Aug. 16, 1978	Wife of Willard A. Conner
Conner	Roy	L.	Sep. 19, 1903	Jan. 4, 1909	Son of D.A. & Lydia Conner
Conner	Ruben	Lee	1920	1987	
Conner	Rufus	A.	Sep. 23, 1917		Husband of Newassa Craighead
Conner	S.	Harley	Jan. 22, 1891	Feb. 23, 1974	Husband of Mamie C. Conner
Conner	S.	J.	Apr. 17, 1854	Mar. 17, 1928	Husband of Sarah J. Conner
Conner	Sadie	W.	1941		Wife of Berkley G. Conner
Conner	Samuel	G.	Sep. 5, 1885	Feb. 7, 1889	
Conner	Samuel	H.	Feb. 28, 1910	Nov. 3, 1980	Husband of Elzora E. Conner
Conner	Samuel	H.	Jul. 25, 1902	Jan. 2, 1904	
Conner	Samuel	Z.	Apr. 1, 1873	Jan. 1, 1953	Husband of Pearl A. Conner
Conner	Samuel	Millard	May 5, 1891	Nov. 4, 1949	
Conner	Sarah	D.	1864	1955	Wife of J. Lawson Conner
Conner	Sarah	J.	Sep. 20, 1853	Jan. 1, 1896	Wife of S. J. Conner
Conner	Sarah	M.	Jul. 9, 1866	May 13, 1936	Wife of Charles O. Conner
Conner	Shirley	A.	Nov. 27, 1911	Jun. 16, 1933	son of James M. & Laura B. Conner
Conner	Sylvia	M.	1940		Wife of Paul S. Conner
Conner	Sylvia	W.	1916		Wife of Alvis Conner
Conner	Theodra	B.	Jan. 4, 1914	Nov. 30, 1996	buried next to Graham Conner
Conner	Tiras		1939		Husband of Irene Conner
Conner	Troy		Sep 10, 1895	Mar. 8, 1970	Husband of Annie F. Conner, Army WW I
Conner	Una	S.	Oct. 3, 1919	Dec. 31, 1998	Wife of Irvin B. Conner
Conner	Valentine	Wise	Mar. 12, 1856	Mar. 24, 1940	Buried next to Elsira A. Conner
Conner	Valry	A.	Oct. 29, 1907	Aug. 18, 1999	
Conner	Vera	M.	Feb. 4, 1923	Jan. 8, 1982	Wife of Frank D. Conner
Conner	Vera	S.	Oct. 16, 1910	May 29	Wife of Edie E. Conner
Conner	Virgie	G.	Jun. 20, 1912	Mar. 17, 1999	Wife of Willard J. Conner
Conner	Virginia	D.		Apr. 10, 198	only one date on tombstone
Conner	W.	Ennis	Jun. 30, 1905	Nov. 7, 1997	

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Conner	W.	Garron	Mar. 31, 1908	Sep. 16, 1964	
Conner	W.	Sherman	Aug. 6, 1902	Jul. 16, 1919	
Conner	Waller	C.	1884	1947	Husband of Arminda E. Conner
Conner	Walter	Preston	Apr. 1, 1877	May 6, 1951	Husband of Patra Carr
Conner	Waskey		Jan. 30, 1888	May 24, 1922	
Conner	Willard	A.	Aug. 15, 1901	Aug. 17, 1959	Husband of Roxie A. Conner
Conner	Willard	Horace	Jul. 25, 1898	Feb. 26, 1957	Husband of Maude Mae Conner
Conner	Willard	J.	Oct. 8, 1910	Oct. 28, 1967	Husband of Vergie G. Conner
Conner	William	A.	Jul. 27, 1870	Mar. 24, 1958	Husband of Cora F. Conner
Conner	William	Daniel	Jun. 8, 1885	Aug. 26, 1963	Husband of Eliza Manning
Conner	William	Edsel	Jun. 28, 1926	Nov. 14, 1978	Husband of Frances Barnes
Conner	William	Ennis	Jun. 30, 1905	Nov. 7, 1997	
Conner	William	H.	Aug. 2, 1863	Apr. 5, 1926	Husband of Manda E. Conner
Conner	William	Ira	Mar. 2, 1892	Jul. 8, 1965	WW II Vet
Conner	William	L.	Apr. 11, 1881	Feb. 13, 1967	
Conner	William	P.	Feb. 28, 1821	Jan. 1, 1906	Husband of Elmira J. Conner
Conner	William	V.	Feb. 6, 1852	Aug. 11, 1918	Husband of Sarah A. Vest
Craghead	Martha		Feb. 17, 1828	Jul. 30, 1888	Wife of Daniel O. Conner
Craighead	Newassa		Aug. 31, 1926		Wife of Rufus A. Conner
Graham	Flora	C.	Nov. 20, 1934	Jan. 2, 1973	buried next to Graham Conner
Hall	Norris	Maree	Dec. 27, 1906	Dec. 14, 1993	Husband of Bertha Conner
Holt	Flora		Jul. 14, 1873	Jun. 9, 1953	Wife of James Preston Conner
King	Joseph	Daniel	Jul. 21, 1871	Jan. 31, 1960	Husband of Minnie Conner
Light	Minnie	Conner	Oct. 26, 1891	Mar. 17, 1977	
Manning	Eliza		Apr. 30, 1886	Jun. 21, 1974	Wife of William Daniel Conner
Prillaman	Gray		Dec. 12, 1859	19__	Husband of Mitilda P. Conner
Prillaman	J.	H.	Aug. 17, 1858	Apr. 20, 1932	Buried next to Matilda P. Conner
Puckett	Ida		1888	1964	Wife of Baley Conner
Radford	Bonnie		Feb. 25, 1948		Wife of Harlie Cletus Conner
Thrash	Mahala		Jul. 15, 1830	Dec. 23, 1907	Wife of Jonathan Conner
Vest	Sarah	A.	Apr. 27, 1854	Nov. 6, 1934	Wife of William V. Conner

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Whitenack	Claudene		Dec. 1915	Oct. 1989	Wife of Claude A. Conner
Wilson	Isaac	Daniel	Jun. 3, 1872	Sep. 23, 1961	Husband of Arminda Conner

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ATTACHMENT B  
Conner's buried at the Piedmont Cemetery

1.                                CONNER  
    Robert L.                                Ruth R.  
    1922 – 1968                                1922 – 1979
  
2.                                CONNER  
    Arthur E.                                Maude A.  
    September 23, 1895                                March 15, 1903  
    December 27, 1969                                March 31, 1987
  
3.                                CONNER  
    Arvel Elwyn                                Mabel Ruth  
    April 14, 1913                                December 26, 1918  
    December 25, 1977
  
4.                                CONNER  
    William B.                                Ocie W.  
    February 10, 1907                                October 13, 1914  
    February 25, 1991
  
5.                                CONNER  
    Arthur E. Jr.                                Mary Pauline  
    December 24, 1923                                March 18, 1929  
    May 19, 1976                                February 8, 2002
  
6.                                CONNER  
    Wilmer Andrew                                Christine T.  
    February 8, 1924                                October 2, 1924  
    August 10, 1994
  
7.                                CONNER  
    Lucy Showalter                                Giles A., Rev.  
    June 6, 1854                                March 29, 1842  
    May 15, 1907                                November 19, 1918
  
8.                                Paul Ellis Conner  
    September 7, 1932  
    March 25, 1967
  
9.                                Glen Arlis Conner  
    September 12, 1934  
    March 27, 1995

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Conner's buried at the Piedmont Cemetery



Arvel Elwyn and Mabel Smith Conner  
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Conner's buried at the Piedmont Cemetery

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| 10.<br>May 14, 1953<br>June 23, 1998       | Fredia Conner Hannah                |
| 11.<br>July 8, 1950<br>January 7, 1971     | Fred L. Conner                      |
| 12.<br>April 21, 1932<br>February 12, 2000 | Louise Conner                       |
| 13.<br>July 2, 1874<br>September 17, 1915  | Ellis F. Conner                     |
| 14.<br>January 18, 1885<br>March 20, 1947  | Eugina Conner Perry                 |
| 15.<br>June 5, 1880<br>January 31, 1962    | Susan E. Conner                     |
| 16.<br>May 16, 1900<br>January 8, 1906     | Grace S. Conner                     |
| 17.<br>August 22, 1884<br>May 27, 1940     | James A. Conner                     |
| 18.<br>January 15, 1887<br>July 1, 1924    | N. M. Conner (wife of J. A. Conner) |
| 19.<br>(No other information given)        | Children of J. A. and N. M. Conner  |
| 20.<br>October 10, 1812<br>May 5, 1873     | Costly Conner                       |

ATTACHMENT B  
Conner's buried at the Piedmont Cemetery

21. Lydia Hall Conner  
1816 - 1888

22. Ilean S. Conner  
1920 - 1945  
wife of Russell Perdue 1910 - 1941



ATTACHMENT B

Conner's buried at the CONNER/BELCHER CEMETERY

Located in Floyd County, VA on route 758 east of Blue Ridge Parkway beside Woodberry Inn.

Jonathan Conner, born April 8, 1814, died June 8, 1888

Rozina Ingram Conner, born October 11, 1817, died October 4, 1909

Daniel R. Conner, born January 28, 1851, died July 21, 1935

Mary J. Terry Conner, born July 14, 1853, died October 31, 1952

Bettie Ruth Conner, born 1876, died 1960

Conner's buried at Cole Cemetery

Located route 612 and 673 intersection, near Flint in Floyd County, VA

Joseph F.V. Conner, born May 11, 1871, died February 12, 1963

Melvina Conner, born June 10, 1872, died March 12, 1950

Martha A. Conner, born June 6, 1894, died April 5, 1915

Conner Marriages - Roanoke County

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Conner Last Name	Conner First Name	Middle Name	Spouse Last Name	Spouse Middle Name	First Name	Middle Name	Marriage Year
Conner	George	L.	Hall		Sally	J.	1897
Conner	Ollie	L.	Doyle		Effie	M.	1911
Conner	George	W. H.	King,		Sarah	E.	1912
Conner	L.	Alfred	Hodges		Eula	B.	1914
Conner	Jordan	W.	Snodgrass		Amanda		1915
Conner	David	W.	Jones		Katie	A.	1915
Conner	Elbridge		Wampler		Lephia	D.	1915
Conner	Richard		Craghead		Virginia		1916
Conner	Samuel		Thompson		Ocie		1917
Conner	William	R.	Bruce		Nannie		1919
Conner	Giles	W.	Wimmer		Minnie	E.	1920
Conner	Booker	T.	Callahan		Beatrice	R.	1921
Conner	Guy	D.	McKee		Vola		1922
Conner	Jack		Blankenship		Lena		1924
Conner	Oliver	N.	Boone		Mary	H.	1932
Conner	Daniel	R.	Howell		Beulah	M.	1932
Conner	Hancil	C.	Laprad		Mabel	T.	1933
Conner	Wallace	A.	Poff		Omega	A.	1934
Conner	Charlie	B.	Simmons		Mary	Edna	1935
Conner	Lionel	C.	Dew		Leona	C.	1935
Conner	Andrew	W.	Graybill		Louise	L.	1936
Conner	Mearl	O.	Perdue		Dorothy	E.	1936
Conner	Roy		Rucker		Bertie	Mae	1937
Conner	Noll	F.	Houchins		Nellie	A.	1939
Conner	George	W.	Richardson		Lucy	M.	1940
Conner	Alvin	O.	Bush		Marie	C.	1940
Conner	Leander	V.	Howell		Christine	O.	1941
Conner	Wiley	A.	Doyle		Ada	F.	1941
Conner	Samuel	W.	Walters		Annie	M.	1942
Conner	Isaac	C.	Clifton		Iva	R.	1942
Conner	George	L.	Rucker		Helen	I. L.	1942
Conner	Walter	W.	Shcillen		Hattie		1944
Conner	Harvey	W.	Shorter		Melva	E.	1947
Conner	James	W.	Thomas		Julia	V.	1946
Conner	Robert	R. Jr.	Bennett		Martha	L.	1946
Conner	William	M.	Perdue		Frances	J.	1946
Conner	Lloyd	P.	Savage		Jeanne	S.	1947

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Conner	William	A.	Agee	Doris	J.	1947
Conner	Avon	M.	Sink	Marie	I.	1947
Conner	Loys	R.	Maxey	Helen	M.	1947
Conner	Vernie	G.	Lawrence	Fannie	L.	1947
Conner	Wilmer	A.	Tinsley	Christine	L.	1948
Conner	James	R.	Argabright	Margaret	L.	1948
Conner	Marshall	A.	Powell	Louise	V.	1948
Conner	Marvin	E.	Vincent	Evelyn	E.	1949
Conner	Marlin	E.	Crotts	Doris	J.	1949
Conner	Ira	D.	Nichols	Betty	L.	1951
Conner	Roy	W.	Melton	Isabelle		1952
Conner	Jesse	W.	Hale	Betty	S.	1952
Conner	Burnice	M.	Schillen	Margie	F.	1954
Conner	Jimmy	L.	Buchanan	Mary	A.	1954
Conner	Olie	L.	Taliaferro	Daisy	M.	1955
Conner	Marvin	E.	Scott	Virginia	L.	1955
Conner	James	E.	Austin	Macie	E.	1956
Conner	George	H.	Harvey	Bertha	M.	1957
Conner	James	R.	Burch	Elizabeth	A.	1957
Conner	Michael	A.	Garrison	Gayle	C.	1958
Conner	Bobby	R.	Janney	Joyce	E.	1959
Conner	Lecta		Lemon	Urban	T.	1898
Conner	Ocie	A.	Morgan	Willie	A.	1908
Conner	Leona	A.	Puckett	George		1910
Conner	Minnie	E.	Doyle	Scott	H.	1911
Conner	Dorothy		Higgins	Lewis	R.	1913
Conner	Lizzie	J.	Martin	Lee	J.	1915
Conner	Roxie		Martin	Ezra		1915
Conner	Audrey	D.	Palmer	Luther	M.	1916
Conner	Ethel	L.	Jernell	Ernest		1917
Conner	Grace		Smith	George	L.	1919
Conner	Mamie		Gould	George	E.	1920
Conner	Minnie	J.	Mills	Terry	P.	1921
Conner	Georgia		Brumfield	Fred		1927
Conner	Ruby		Woods	Joe	C.	1927
Conner	Lera	M.	Caldwell	Marshall	K.	1928
Conner	Olgie	P.	Poff	Albert	H.	1929
Conner	Ruth	A.	Griggs	John		1931

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Conner	Gladys	L. E.	Johnson	Preston	E.	1931
Conner	Pauline	E.	Shepherd	Roy	Lee	1934
Conner	Pauline	V.	Gardner	William	J. C.	1935
Conner	Amanda	L.	Argabright	Adam	B.	1935
Conner	Lucy	E.	Hibbitts	Raymond	L.	1936
Conner	Inice	I.	Hodge	Robert	M.	1936
Conner	Adalyn		Saul	Paul	J.	1940
Conner	Myrtle	M.	Poff	Frank	E.	1941
Conner	Thelma	V.	Carter	Claude	W.	1942
Conner	Annie	L.	Huffman	Paul	T.	1943
Conner	Florastene	A. M.	Blankenship	James	M.	1943
Conner	Rachel	F.	Underwood	Herman		1944
Conner	Annie	J.	Thacker	Charles	B.	1945
Conner	Anna	E.	Mahew	Ford	W.	1946
Conner	Nannie	R.	Andrews	Warren	C.	1946
Conner	Mary	E.	Barbour	John	L. Jr.	1946
Conner	Helen	M.	Kitts	Leonard	N.	1946
Conner	Evelyn	A.	Wimmer	Jackson	L.	1946
Conner	Vivian	L.	Martin	Thomas	O.	1948
Conner	Margie	C.	Cummings	George	W.	1948
Conner	Hasselitine	V.	Funk	Guy	V.	1948
Conner	Betty	J.	Andrews	Herbert	H.	1948
Conner	Katherine	V.	Overacre	Hubert	C.	1951
Conner	Hazel	J.	Horne	James	C.	1953
Conner	Edith	E.	Bohon	Robert	J.	1953
Conner	Velma	P.	Thompson	Roosevelt	E.	1953
Conner	Ruby	M.	Smith	Charles		1954
Conner	Norma	J.	Terry	Clarence	E.	1954
Conner	Opal	G.	Swiney	Jesse	W.	1954
Conner	Shelby	J.	Mowles	Fred	R.	1954
Conner	Lois	M.	Deacon	Ralph	L.	1954
Conner	Alma	L.	Manning	Vester	L.	1955
Conner	Minnie	W.	Lawson	Garley	R.	1956
Conner	Darlene	F.	Yates	William	H. III	1957
Conner	Betty	C.	Via	Malcom	R.	1958

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#### Parents and children

##### Conner, A. and E.

1. Octavia (female) born November 5, 1856

##### Conner, A. and M.

1. M. (female) born July 2, 1856  
(Matilda) died June 3, 1862 from diphtheria at age 8 years 3 months.

##### Conner, A.J. and Mary A.

1. Ira P. born March 22, 1861 and died June 26, 1862 at age 1 year 6 months from diphtheria
2. Daniel A. was born January 20, 1872
3. Aaron was born 1858 and died June 9, 1862 at age 4 from diphtheria

Conner, Aaron died September 1867, the cause was unknown at age 57 years 2 months. He was born in Giles County. Eli Dickerson was the informant.

Conner, Aaron and C.(Keziah) Aaron was born November 14, 1811 and died in 1867.

Cuzzie was born October 6, 1814 and died September 15, 1900.

1. Samuel J. was born April 16, 1854. (The 1900 census shows Sarah L. as his wife)
2. Elsa M. died July 21, 1862 from diphtheria

The 1900 census lists Cuzzie (Keziah) as a widow age 87.

##### Conner, Albert and Eleanor

1. Virginia N. was born July 18, 1858

##### Conner, Albert and Ellen

1. Malinda Ellen was born October 22, 1865
2. E. I. (male) was born February 2, 1855 (Ellen died October 26, 1865 from hysteric fits at age 33. Ellen was the daughter of Thomas and Jane Iddings)

##### Conner, Albert and Mary

1. Charles L. was born November 26, 1866
2. George W. was born March 8, 1868
3. Emma was born April 22, 1869
4. Tabithia (female) born August 31, 1870
5. Elvira Alice was born November 11, 1871
6. Malinda E. was born November 1865 and died at age 3 months from whooping cough February 15, 1866
7. William T. was born in 1863 and died April 1866 from whooping cough (Albert was born in 1831 and died in 1913)

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Conner, Anderson and Mary

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (male) was born in September 1860 and died December 10, 1860 from fever at age 3 months

Conner, Andrew and Matilda

1. Lorrena E. was born May 25, 1858
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (female) not named was born July 10, 1861
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (female) not named was born September 22, 1866
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (male) died August 20, 1861
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (male) died from Jaundice September 12, 1870 age 2 days.

Conner, Cornelius and Ann (Anna)

1. China E. (female) born July 5, 1858
2. Jesse (male) born 1840 and died August 30, 1859 from quinsey
3. Sarah was born 1837 and died September 30, 1859 from quinsey
4. China (female) born June 14, 1859  
(A China Conner died August 1865 from a chest complaint at age 45. Her parents are unknown and the death was reported by William Iddings a member of the family)

Conner, Daniel O. and Martha E.

1. Elvira S. was born December 10, 1853
2. Bethany F. was born July 24, 1858
3. Nancy D. was born March 2, 1856
4. Mary was born November 1856
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (male) died June 5, 1860 from fever at age 5 days

Conner, D.R. and Lyddia

1. Luncinda was born January 26, 1867
2. Liddia D. was born in 1872 (twin)
3. Elizabeth was born in 1872 (twin)

Conner, Daniel P. and Elizabeth

1. Gilley Breed was born March 8, 1865
2. Cidny (Sidney) was born January 20, 1859
3. Amanda E. was born June 1, 1868

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Conner E.A. and Laura G.

1. Malinda N. was born March 12, 1872
2. Malon U. (male) was born March 1872 and died August 12, 1872, cause unknown

Conner, Isaac and Caroline

1. Edward Conner, born about 1844
2. William D. was born 1845 and died at age 20 December 15, 1865. He was murdered (stabbed).
3. Eliza Conner, born about 1850

Conner, Isaac was the son of William P. Sr. and Catherine Conner. Isaac died from typhoid fever October 2, 1854 at age 36.

Conner, Jacob P. and Luisa

1. Leona J. was born March 6, 1868  
(Jacob's occupation was listed as a miller)

Conner, Jacob R. and E.A.

1. William M. was born November 6, 1854

Conner, James and Catherine

1. Lucinda A. born May 17, 1870

Conner, John A. and Mary

1. James W. was born March 31, 1868
2. Sarah C.M. was born June 10, 1872

Conner, John H. and Isabella E. (Isabel)

1. Alice was born April 24, 1868
2. Election (female) was born April 5, 1870

Conner, John L. and Catherine

1. Female born dead April 7, 1869

Conner, John O. and Lucinda (1822 - 1915)

1. Ervin C. was born January 4, 1858
2. Fleming .A. (male) was born July 27, 1855 and died from diphtheria August 25, 1862

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3. Lydia E. was born March 27, 1860 and died from fever March 30, 1860
4. Lydia N. was born in 1859 and died from fever February 11, 1861
5. G. E. (female) was born in 1844 and died from diphtheria July 25, 1862
6. H.P. (male) was born in 1846 and died August 25, 1862 from diphtheria
7. J.L. (male) was born in 1850 and died Aug. 12 1862 from diphtheria
8. Mary A. was born in 1852 and died August 14, 1862 from diphtheria
9. Valentine was born in 1858 and died August 20, 1862 from diphtheria

Conner, Jonathan and Eliza

1. Maranda A. was born June 16, 1866
2. Levena was born January 21, 1867

Conner, Jonathan and Mahala

1. Shelton L. was born March 4, 1858
2. Lucy A. was born October 1866
3. Robert was born September 10, 1869

Conner, N.O. and Mary J.

1. Willie J. (male) was born September 19, 1867

Conner, Nathan and Eliza

1. William A was born in 1843 and died from flux August 27, 1854
2. Joseph T. was born in 1844 and died from flux August 13, 1854  
(Eliza was the daughter of Ersa Cole and died from flux August 24, 1854)

Conner, Nathan and Elizabeth

1. Sarah Ann was born November 29, 1858 and died from flux August 15, 1866
2. G.B. (male) was born February 6, 1861

Conner, Osburn W. and Mary Jane

1. Liza Lee was born February 25, 1869
2. Nannie Alice was born June 29, 1871

Conner, Robert and Eliza

1. John R. was born June 2, 1871



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Conner, Samuel R., born February 1834, and Elizabeth Jane King, born June 1843 (Samuel's parents may be John R. and Doshia Conner)

1. Asa L. Conner was born December 31, 1868, married Callie Poff, age 19, January 17, 1893.
- A. Troy Conner age 24, married Essie DeWeese, age 23, December 8, 1919
- B. Eldridge A. Conner, age 24, married Flossie G. Wilson, age 23, August 16, 1924.
- C. Fred Alton Conner, age 26, married Fannie Blankenship, age 22, November 16, 1932. Fannie died at age 93 September 17, 2003 preceded in death by 3 sons. Fred and Fannie are buried at The Head of the River church cemetery.
- (1). Harold Wayne Conner, born June 26, 1933 and married Frances Fay Epperly December 24, 1953. Harold died May 15, 1899.
- (2). Giles Howard Conner
- (3). Infant son
- (4). Fred Alton Conner Jr., married Janice \_\_\_\_\_
- (5). R. Dean Conner, married June \_\_\_\_\_
- (6). Barbara Conner, married Jake Poff
- (7). Joyce Conner, married Jim Coates
- (8). Joan Conner, married Robert Wimmer

- D. Roy Conner, born January 1893, died March 21, 1893.
2. Mary E. was born June 15, 1870, married David Henry Poff, age 22, (born 1871) December 21, 1893.
3. Lena D. Conner was born June 7, 1872, married James W. Manning, age 24, September 27, 1894.
4. Doshea A. Conner, age 17, married Edward A. Conner, age 21, December 13, 1894.  
Edward is the son of Albert and Mary Jane Conner.

The 1900 census shows Samuel as age 66 and Elizabeth as age 56.

Conner, Samuel S. and Martha A.

1. Persedine (male) born October 13, 1859
2. Amanda E. born January 12, 1864
3. Julia Prudence born March 10, 1865
4. Ellen R. born March 1867
5. Joseph Fleming Valentine born May 10, 1871

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Conner, W.R. and Mary

1. Jordan Walter was born July 7, 1871, married Julia C.A. Blankenship November 17, 1892.

Conner, William N. and Cintha J.

1. William R. was born April 21, 1858 and was the grandson of J.P. Conner. (Cintha died December 3, 1858 of consumption at the age of 19. She was the daughter of Samuel and C. Otey)

Conner, William and Elly E.

1. Liddia P. was born September 2, 1872

Conner, William and Emily

1. Lavina was born April 4, 1870

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#### Parents and children

The 1900 census lists William C. age 52 and Emily E. age 53

Conner, William and Sarah Jane

1. Joseph A. was born July 17, 1858
2. Robert was born June 10, 1865
3. A.J.L. (male was born May 15, 1856

Conner, William H. and Sarah

1. Martha (female) was born March 1, 1868
2. Sarah A. was born August 25, 1870
2. Malinda R. was born August 30, 1872

The 1900 census shows William age 51 and his wife Sarah V. as age 54.

Conner, William N. Jr. and Rebecca

1. Lucy O.J.J. was born April 7, 1866
2. Ja E.M. (male) was born May 7, 1870
3. Giles E.D.L. died June 2, 1869 at 7 months, cause unknown

Conner, William P. Sr. and Catherine (Katherine)

1. William P. Jr.
2. Isaac died October 2, 1854 from typhoid fever age 36  
(William P. Sr. was the son of Daniel and Mary  
Conner. He died from palsy September 10, 1853 at age 85. He was born in  
Loudon County Virginia)

Conner, William P. Jr. and Carrisa

1. Jemme P. (female) was born August 8, 1855
2. Nathan was born in 1855 and died June 22, 1862 from diphtheria at age 7
3. Rosabell was born in 1853 and died May 22, 1862 from diphtheria at age 9  
(Carrisa died June 22, 1862 from diphtheria at age 37.  
Her parents were J. and E. Gray)

Conner, William P. and Elmira

1. Sarah M. was born July 9, 1866

Conner, William R. and Elizabeth

1. Margaret was born in 1822 and died December 1, 1858 from fever at age 36.

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### THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES WRITTEN BY BESSIE IRENE CONNER CRAGHEAD

(The following was written by Bessie sometime before her death and was given to Brenda Phillips (her granddaughter) to be typed. Brenda put it away and forgot to type it and ran across the information in 1996)

I was remembering back when I was growing up and a few of the things that happened when I was a youngster. Living on a farm with a big family means a lot of things can happen. The first new shoes I remember getting, was when I was 3 or 4 years old. Mamma dressed me to go to a neighbor's house. There had been a death in the neighbor's family and Mamma was holding my hand as we went down the path to visit the neighbors. My only interest was in my new black patent leather shoes. I kept my eyes on them and was afraid I would get them dirty. There was a crowd of people there at the neighbors, and all I could remember was my new shoes and how proud I was of them.

Soon after that, Mamma told me that she was taking me in the double buggy to a baptizing. I couldn't understand because I didn't know what was meant by baptizing. Mamma said this couple was going out in a pond to be baptized. I just thought it was awful that they were getting in this water wearing their Sunday clothes. We only had one outfit for Sunday and two for every day wear. We were raised to take care of our clothes and most were passed down to the younger children.

We usually went to church in the double buggy. The Primitive Baptist went to church on Saturday and Sunday. Mamma always had to rush around to get ready and would always bring a wet wash cloth with her. She would look us over to be sure we were clean and if we weren't, out would come the wash rag. We were always clean by the time we got to church. At home we were always taught to keep ourselves clean both outside and inside. We had better not come up with any dirty words. I never heard my Mother or Dad ever use a curse word.

I remember my first horse back ride. My half brother Lee put me up on a horse and he walked along holding my leg so I wouldn't fall off. He turned loose of my leg for some reason and I slid off under the belly of the horse I remember looking up and seeing the horse step over me. When I told Mamma about what happened, she said the horse was very gentle and would have never stepped on me.

My first year in school was when I was five years old. We had a lot of snow most winters and the snow would drift. Those that could would shovel out a place in the drifts in the road wide enough for a horse to get through. Papa would put three or four of us on a horse and lead the horse to school. We would hold on to each other as we rode the horse a mile or so to school. We went to a one- room school and I was with older boys,

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and girls. Mamma was a good speller and would help all of the children at home with their spelling. In school we would have a spelling bee in which the children would line up and if you spelled the word correctly you moved up in the line. One day all of the children misspelled the word "acknowledge". I was able to spell the word and was ahead of the older children that day. I got along so well my first winter, my teacher gave me a pin. Mamma was always busy, but would always find the time to help us with our studies. Papa liked arithmetic and would get us in the corner of a room and wouldn't let us go until he was sure we understood our lesson. Papa would also study history with us when we were studying that.

When we were small and have a program at school at night, Papa would take us even if we had ice and snow. When some of the older children were big enough to take us Papa stopped going.

We had box suppers and several things for entertainment. Papa was concerned about us and wanted all of us to get an education. He furnished wood for the school to burn in the heaters, which kept us warm. He was always there when things were needed for the school. All the people in the community with children, had to work together to keep the school going. Some of the school teachers boarded in our home.

We all had our chores to do when we got home from school. We only went to school in the winter which was 5 or 6 months. When spring came we were needed at home. We didn't have a lot of time to fuss and fight and that wouldn't be allowed to go on around Papa. He was the head of the family and let us all know it. Both my parents knew how to use a switch and they used it whenever it was necessary.

Lee and Guy (half Brothers) got married when I was five years old. I remember them moving away from home. Papa and Mamma tried to give the children a cow, chickens, bed and chairs to start house keeping along with some canned food.

My uncle Mose, the only brother of Papa, stayed with us until he died and never married. He had an adjoining farm and raised sheep and cattle. He also was a Constable, sold insurance and carried the mail. He had his own horse and buggy. He was kind to us children, but didn't give gifts. Vergie, the youngest girl, did get a doll from him, but there were just too many children in the family (14). Mose Willed Mamma his farm, but he lived almost as long as she did. Uncle Mose had a good education. He also made harness for horses and stayed busy on up until his death.

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We as children had to make most of our toys or play things. We always had a "see-saw". We had a board fence near the house and would put a board through the fence and sometimes would have two on each end playing. We played jack rocks and would find us some pretty white rocks to play with. The boys would make their own balls. Mamma knit socks and stockings and when the feet would wear out, the boys would unravel the top, put a rock in the center and wind the yarn around it until it was the right size. They would then take old worn out shoe tops and cut out pieces of leather and would sew the leather together using thread that uncle Mose had to sew his harness with. There were always enough children to have a ball game.

Mamma and Papa always liked for us to have company. We grew popcorn and always had molasses to make candy, so we could always do things to entertain. We made about 75 gallons of apple butter in the fall and 50 gallons of molasses. Papa would buy honey five gallons at a time. Sometimes my brothers would have a boy friend spend the night and Papa and Mamma wouldn't know they were there until breakfast the next morning. Neighbor girls came when I was home and we would all want to sleep together, so we would sleep cross ways in the bed.

My half brother Lee and his wife Lula brought their family and would spend the night as they lived a good distance from us. A few years ago I went to New York to visit Effie (Lee's daughter) and she remembered that Mamma and Papa letting her crack walnuts on the hearth and her other grand parents made her crack walnuts at the barn. I often talk to those children and they tell me how much they loved to visit their grandparents.

We all stayed healthy and didn't have any doctor bills. We thought they were rough on us, but with fourteen children, Papa and Mamma could not have stood it without being strict. I grew up with the boys and I guess I got more whippings because I tried to keep up with them. I don't think any of them had a scar on us from being mistreated. Papa and Mamma were both quite concerned with our welfare and didn't want any of us to do anything that was wrong.

My parents were good neighbors and the surrounding neighbors were also good to them. I never knew of them to fuss with anyone. I remember so well when we used to have workings, which were thrashing grain, corn shucking and lots of other things. The neighbors helped one another. They would come in to eat laughing and joking with one another, eat a big dinner and go back to work. I remember so well when our family was down with the flu. No one had to ask for help. I was the only one that wasn't sick. The neighbors came in on Sunday and got in wood to keep the fires going. I closed all the

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doors and the neighbors ate dinner and when they left there was plenty of wood on the porch and at the wood pile for us to use for a good while.

I recently talked to the daughter of one of the men that helped with the wood, and she remembered Papa having a heart attack at the Head of the River Church during a communion service. They were all seated in the church yard in a circle where they took communion once a year. Papa had his heart attack and fell out on the ground and Mr. Joe Board, one of our neighbors, was the first to him and held an umbrella over him until he could take his medicine and was able to sit up.

Papa's first heart attack was at home sitting in front of the fire place. He fell out of his chair. Mamie (my sister) was making the bed and it scared me so I ran about a quarter of a mile to a neighbors house to get help. The neighbor didn't take time to ask any questions, he just ran as hard as he could to see if he could help in any way. All in our community were good neighbors both young and old. Papa loved his neighbors and they were always good to him.

Mamma use to go to Grandma's house every week or two to help Grandma and Papa would usually get sick while she was gone and she would have to come back home. She wouldn't be home long until he started improving. We were not a family that showed a lot of affection, but I think we all cared a lot for each other and have a lot for which we can be proud. No one was ever in jail and no one smoked around home or was in any major trouble. After we were all grown and scattered and our parents had died, I don't think our parents could have done a better job of raising us.

I often remember Mamma sewing for all the family. She made shirts, pants, coats, dresses, knit stockings and socks by hand until she got a knitting machine. She could knit a pair of socks or stockings in about an hour with the knitting machine. That sure saved her a lot of time.

We all had to do our part to have food to eat. We had lots of canning, drying of fruit, and we butchered 8 to 10 hogs that had to be cut up and salted down. What a time we had and how thankful we should be for parents that cared so much about us.

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#### TEACHING IN A ONE ROOM SCHOOL

I taught school at Flint (Double Springs, at state roads 612 & 670, Stonewall Road) in a one room school and had about 20 pupils on roll (the time is estimated to be about 1921-1922). We had six months of school so the children had to study hard during that time. Besides learning to read and write, they had arithmetic, spelling, history and geography. The children had to be home in the spring to help on the farm. Our parents always had plenty of work for us to do. We had to be real sick to get out of work. If we could carry a half gallon of water we were big enough to work.

The schoolhouse was heated with a wood stove. The parents cut the wood and the children would bring it in. It was only hot close to the stove so we had to wear lots of warm clothes in case we sat away from the stove. Some times our heels would freeze, but we didn't complain. There was no need to as every one faced the same problem. That was just the life we all lived at that time. The temperature was really cold and we had lots of snow.

Our parents raised plenty of food so we carried our lunches in buckets or little baskets to school. The lunch got right cold before lunchtime, but there was no need to complain about that either. We had an hour for lunch and the children could play after they ate their lunch. We also had a ten minute recess in the mornings and another in the afternoon.

I boarded with my Grandmother (Cynthia Martin) until the bad weather started. She was the only Grandmother I ever knew. I thought she was the best person any one could have ever had for a Grandmother. She watched after me real close and told me the dangers around. She told me not to go out with certain boys and told me about her life when she was young. She told me about her and Grandpa having a disagreement and she told him that it was not worth his while to come back. I liked her way of telling him to stay away. He sure didn't listen so he was a determined person. I enjoyed staying with my Grandmother. She tried to give me good advice. I was getting ready to leave for school and she was pulling my dress down and neckline up and said there was going to be a lot of calves out in the cold that winter, but there was not much of my calves showing. I didn't want to disappoint her as she was very special to me. I loved staying with her and she was a wonderful cook. I will never forget her biscuits and sweet potato pies. Her special ingredient, in the sweet potato pie, was two spoons of brandy and of course cream and nutmeg. They were really special in my memory



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#### TEACHING IN A ONE ROOM SCHOOL

One of my jobs when I got up in the morning was to grind the coffee. She also had a pepper mill fastened to the mantel and I ground her pepper when she needed it.

She had a gentleman friend (long after her husband died) she liked a lot. They decided to visit the family and see what they thought about their getting married. Grandma got the buggy and old Molly (her horse) out and they visited all around and not any of the family were agreeable about them getting married. They went back home, put the buggy in the barn and turned old Molly out in the field. Grandma was really hurt by the family not accepting her intentions to marry again. If the family could have come in and seen and heard them singing in the front of the big fireplace with the Baptist Hymnal and seen how they really enjoyed each other, I am sure they would have changed their minds. Grandma hung one of his pictures at the end of the mantel and one over her bed. He ask me to call him Grandpa Dickerson. I thought that was real nice, since my Grandpa had died a long time before I was born. I remember once he tied a towel around his waist and helped me churn. These are a few of the good memories I had while staying with Grandma.

After the first part of school, I stayed closer to school with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Vest. They were very nice people. Mr. Vest hauled things from Floyd to Roanoke and from Roanoke back to Floyd. He would gather up a wagon load of what they use to call produce. He would buy up butter, eggs, chickens and all kinds of things the people in the country had to sell. He brought the things to Roanoke to the market and would sell them. I use to send punch work that I made to Roanoke to sell to make a little extra money. He was out in all kinds of weather, good and bad. It took him all day to come from his home to the foot of Bent Mountain. He would camp out and sleep in his wagon. He had lots of heavy quilts to keep him warm. He built a fire and did his own cooking. No one had places to eat along the way at that time. He would bring back some oranges, bananas and raw peanuts for his Dads store. They would put the peanuts in the oven and bake them until they were a light brown and they sure were good. I loved the Vest family, they were so good to me. After they moved to Roanoke to live, we visited them quite often until they died. Mrs. Vest died suddenly and Mr. Vest was in a nursing home before his death.

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#### MY CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

When Ellet and I were first married we had some friends we would visit on Sunday morning. They were not Christian and did not attend church. We visited them almost every Sunday morning for awhile. I would see people going to church and we would drive by on our way to visit our friends. I began to feel like we should make a change in our lives and start going to church instead of visiting our friends. God dealt with me and I just had to stop visiting our friends on Sunday. I began to pray and ask God to forgive me of my sins. After a period of time I still felt convicted and I realized God spoke to me one night in a song after I had gone to bed. These words came to me "Take the World, But Give Me Jesus". I realized I had been holding on to the same things and expecting forgiveness. I turned loose and took Jesus as my Savior. I had a wonderful peace and God filled my life and it is a peace and joy that can come from no other source. I went to the nearest church and made a public confession of my decision. This was at the Garden City Baptist church and was baptized at Waverly Baptist Church in S. E. Roanoke. The love of God has been the greatest thing in my life.

#### MY MEMORIES AFTER I WAS MARRIED

I married Ellet J. Craghead December 29, 1925. We boarded with Maye (Ellet's sister) and her husband Lincoln Underwood for about a year. Maye and Lincoln had their first daughter Oneeda who was born February 13, 1926. I helped Maye for a couple of weeks after Oneeda was born, until I was employed at the silk mill in Roanoke.

We then moved to a house we rented from the Hartsook's on Riverland Road in Roanoke. Ellet and his two brothers Eldredge and Tannie had bought a grocery store and garage in Roanoke. The business went under after some time and left several debts. We then moved to Iroquois West Virginia in search of work. We could not find work so we only stayed a short time.

When we came back from West Virginia, Ellet picked up odd jobs where he could find them. We then bought a house on Williamson Road and had a loan on it. In order to keep the house Ellet went back to West Virginia and found work. The job in West Virginia did not last very long so Ellet returned to Roanoke. He was soon able to get a job with the bus company and stayed with them until he retired about 39 years later.

Due to the debts still owed on the store, garage and house, we sold the house and went to work paying off the debts. We then rented an apartment on Riverland road from Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Chambers. The Chambers and all the neighbors were very nice to us.

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Our first daughter Almeta was born while we were living there on October 21, 1929. When Almeta was four months old a friend of the Chambers, Julia Meador, had a down stairs apartment for rent in Virginia Heights so we decided to move in with her. Julia was a very wonderful person and became quite attached to Almeta.

When Almeta was about two years old we moved into an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hudleston. We did not stay very long as a house was for rent two houses up the street became available. This would give us more room and we also had gotten Almeta a little dog. The house rent was \$20.00 per month. Not long after we moved in the house the silk mill closed for awhile.

We had some friends who also worked at the silk mill and they had a house in Roanoke and a farm in Franklin County. Not knowing how long the mill would stay closed they asked us to move in their house and look after it and they would move back to the farm. We agreed and moved into their house. The mill reopened sometime later so we found another house close and let the Meadors move back in their house. The new house was on Garden City Blvd. And was a brick cottage owned by Mr. and Mrs. Tom King of Botetourt County.

While we were there we bought five acres, most of which was an apple orchard, at Salem on Mill Lane Road. We built a brick garage and divided it into two rooms and moved into it. We added a smokehouse and chicken house. I became pregnant about the time we moved into the garage and was sick for the entire nine months. Paul David was born November 21, 1935 while we were in the garage.

We started building the house in a few months. The house was a two story six room English style house, brick trimmed in Catawba stone. Before the house was started Ellet's mother died. His dad came home with us after the funeral and never did go back home very often to stay after that. A bed was set up in the smokehouse and he stayed there until the house was finished. He was a wonderful person and visited with friends and family for several years until his death.

During Almeta's first year in school, she had a kidney problem so we rented an apartment from Mrs. Tom Phlegar on Main Street in Salem to be closer to school. After school was out we moved back to the garage and started on the house. We hired two carpenters at \$0.50 per hour and contracted the brick and stone work. The house was finished before the next fall. I was so proud of our new home and when we moved in I sang "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow". We fenced in 3 acres for a cow and left 2 acres in orchard around the house. We kept chickens as well as hogs.

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We always seemed to have people who stayed with us from time to time. Soon after the house was complete, Ellet's brother Eldredge, his wife Gladys and their daughter Martha Ellen came to live with us. This was at the start of World War II and housing was difficult to find in areas where defense activities were being conducted. Eldredge was an electrician and worked at the Radford Arsenal. He also brought four other men that worked at Radford who could not find housing. They commuted between Salem and Radford by train. Ellet's father Stape was staying with us at this time and I don't know where every one slept.

We rented the garage to Charlie and Margaret Lee, newly weds, and the garage has remained as living quarters for years. Its original purpose was to be changed back into a garage after the house was finished.

We sold this place, which was paid for, to a Mr. Basher who worked for the N&W railroad. His health was bad and died before he could move in.

Our next home was a farm at Lithia Virginia. The farm bordered on Back Creek and had a good spring. The seven room house was situated between tow hills and some distance from the road. I didn't want to leave our home at Salem and moved to the farm with a big chip on my shoulder. I learned a big lesson after walking over the farm and thinking over the situation. I came to realize the farm was God's creation and the land was not really ours. We couldn't change it very much or move it, it was there to stay. I made up my mind to enjoy the farm and be as good a wife and mother as I could.

We kept milk cows and usually had about 10 which I milked by hand. We bought a cream separator to process the milk. The cream was sent to the dairy one day and I made butter the next day. It took two electric churns and a hand churn to make butter out of the cream. We sold the butter to regular customers and the milk was fed to calves bought from a dairy. We kept all types of farm animals including turkeys.

We had wonderful neighbors. Ellet worked in Roanoke and just didn't have much time at home, so when there were big jobs to do the neighbors were always there to help. We had a road built on the farm as the old road had a creek across it that caused problems. When the work started on the road I looked out and a neighbor with his truck was hauling rock and was insulted if you offered to pay him. All they wanted for pay was a good meal at meal time and I made sure they were fed. When the hay was down and it looked like rain the neighbors were right there to help get it in the barn. Life on the farm taught me a lot about people with a heart and deep feelings for others.

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### THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES WRITTEN BY BESSIE IRENE CONNER CRAGHEAD MY MEMORIES AFTER I WAS MARRIED

I learned a real lesson on being a good neighbor one day when I started putting up wall- paper. One of my neighbors came to help and I saw her legs were in real bad shape. She had veins standing out on her legs as big as my fingers. I know she was in pain when she was on her feet but she stayed until the last sheet was hung. She did not help for money, but just wanted to be a good neighbor.

There was a Methodist church within walking distance so we attended church there. It was a one room church that was heated by a coal stove. A Mr. Fitzgerald would always go to the church early in the winter and build a fire to have the church warm. When Stape was with us he would go early in order to visit with Mr. Fitzgerald. When there were revivals at the church the preacher always stayed at our house. We also boarded railroad workers and power line crews that came through the area.

We sold the farm after the end of World War II and moved back to Salem with Mrs. Phlegar while we looked for another home. When we were packing to move from the farm we had a thousand cans of meats, fruits and vegetables. We stayed with Mrs. Phlegar for a few months and then bought a store and an eleven room house in the Flint Hill community of Bedford county.

The house was structurally sound, but was filthy dirty and in bad need of repairs. Chickens had actually been kept in the upstairs rooms. We got busy and started cleaning up the place. Ellet worked in Roanoke during the day, worked late into the night sanding floors and helping paper and paint. We got the house in pretty good shape and installed running water. Maye and Lincoln Underwood agreed to move in upstairs which was a big help for us.

The house was not insulated and was hard to heat. We stocked the store and did a pretty good business. We did not install a bathroom and used the little house out back. The biggest excitement we had was when the gas pump caught on fire while Almeta was pumping gas and we had to call out the fire department. We did a good business when people from all over came to see what had happened.

We had some land with the store and were able to keep a cow. We shared the cow with Maye and Lincoln. I would milk the cow in the morning and Maye milked at night. Maye and I have always been close all through my married life and I couldn't have had a better sister-in-law. Lincoln was like a brother and a wonderful person. That again is where I have been blessed to have married into such a wonderful family.

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We had purchased the store thinking we could fix it up and sell it for a profit. We sold it at auction and did make some money, but not as much as we had expected. The people that bought the store lived on top of a mountain near Vinton. The Meadors did not have a road to their house and Mrs. Meador had not been off the mountain, but twice since they moved up there. They moved up on the mountain by sled. Mrs. Meador had eleven children and did not have a doctor with any of them. They walked down the mountain the day of the sale to their car they kept at the foot of the mountain. They found an advertisement in their mail box and decided to come to the auction. Mr. Meador had worked at the silk mill and when they came back to pay for the place he brought a shoe box that was filled with pay envelopes that had never been opened. He sat down and opened the envelopes and started counting his money. They had made enough farming on the mountain that he didn't need the money the silk mill paid him. He had a son that deserted from the army and they never did send any one up on the mountain to look for him.

We moved back to Salem and rented from Mrs. Phlegar again for awhile. We bought a house in S. W. Roanoke, but never did move into it. Paul was unhappy about living in town and wanted to be able to keep a dog. We sold that house and bought a farm between Troutville and Fincastle. The house was in need of repair, and we fixed the house and made several other improvements. We stayed there several years until Ellet was near to his retirement.

Again we were blessed with fine neighbors. There were several Brugh families in the area and all of them were exceptionally nice. The Frank Brughs were our close neighbors and treated us like members of the family. Whenever they were coming to Roanoke they always called and asked if I would like to go with them. We attended Troutville Baptist Church together and would go out to eat with them quite often. Their death was a real loss to us.

We became good friends with the Max Brughs at Nace. We stayed on their farm several weeks while they took a trip to Europe and Nova Scotia. We enjoyed looking after the cattle and doing the farm chores for them. We probably enjoyed our visit as much as they did their trip. His death has been a great loss to me as they came to see us often. We still visit with Mrs. Max Brugh, but not as often since transportation is now a problem.

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### THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES WRITTEN BY BESSIE IRENE CONNER CRAGHEAD MY MEMORIES AFTER I WAS MARRIED

We sold the farm and bought a house in Roanoke. I have been in Roanoke now for 23 years (1982) and Ellet died November 19, 1972. We had 46 years together and they were good years. We had our ups and downs like everyone does, but God blessed us with good health. Six years prior to his death Ellet had a stroke and was never able to do but very little work. He was able to go to church some, but began to fall a lot. He stayed at home until he had his last stroke on Tuesday and died on Sunday morning November 19, 1972. He was 74 years old at the time of his death.

My church friends have really been good to me since Ellet's death. They come to take me to church every Sunday and I seldom miss going. Macha Conner, a close friend, takes me to Bible class every Wednesday morning and is one of the high lights in my life. We have also traveled some together and she has been a real lifesaver to me.

Warren and Julia Conner have been just like my own children to me. I could have never had any one that was better to me. They were so kind and good to Ellet while he was living and just so good to call and take me places. They are always asking me about taking me to get my groceries. I could never praise them enough.

I was left standing on the porch after Ellet's funeral, the children had gone and I never had felt so alone. I am so thankful for good neighbors and church friends that have helped me so much. God had blessed me with good health and with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that also have good health. I am proud of all of them.

Since this has been an end to all my moving, a friend asked me to write about all the places we have lived. So this is my attempt at trying to put it all on paper. I have had a wonderful life and enjoyed all of the places we have lived.

ATTACHMENT E  
The family of Ellen Iddings

The marriage license between George B. Conner and Ellen Iddings listed Ellen's parents as Anderson and Elizabeth Iddings. The family bible from George B. Conner's home lists Anderson Iddings as being born April 26, 1821 and Ellen as being born June 23, 1863. Under marriages Anderson's name was not listed. Anderson's death was listed in the bible as October 27, 1893 at age 72 years 6 months and 1 day. There was no mention of a wife for Anderson in the Conner Bible. Anderson was the son of Henry Iddings Jr. and Lydia Wilson. Anderson is buried in the Wilson cemetery. Anderson was married twice, first to Elizabeth Smith, born about 1803, and they were married December 20, 1841. Elizabeth died December 25, 1885, at age 82. She is buried at Smith Chapel cemetery. Elizabeth was 17 years older than Anderson, and was the mother of seven children when she and Anderson were joined in wedlock. Elizabeth was the widow of Jabez Smith.

The census records provide some additional information on Anderson's family and also some questions.

1850 Floyd County Census

Anderson Iddings age 29  
Elizabeth Iddings age 47  
Ellen Smith age 19  
Elizabeth Smith age 14  
Matilda Smith age 12  
Lafayette Iddings age 7

1860 Floyd County Census

Anderson Iddings age 39  
Elizabeth Iddings age 57  
William A. Lafayette age 17  
Sarah E. Iddings age 6

1870 Floyd County Census

Anderson Iddings age 49  
Elizabeth Iddings age 67  
Adeline Jackson age 37 Domestic Servant  
Sarah E. Iddings age 16  
Daniel Rice Jackson age 9  
Ellen Jackson age 7 (born June 23, 1863)

1880 Floyd County Census

Anderson Iddings age 59  
Elizabeth Iddings age 77  
Adeline Jackson age 40  
Daniel Rice Jackson age 19  
Ellen Jackson age 17

The 1890 census showed Adeline Jackson as being 44 and alone or with a family of a different sir name. William A. Lafayette Iddings died from typhoid fever, while a soldier in Richmond, Virginia July 26, 1862. It was also noticed that Adeline's age did not increase correctly in the census.



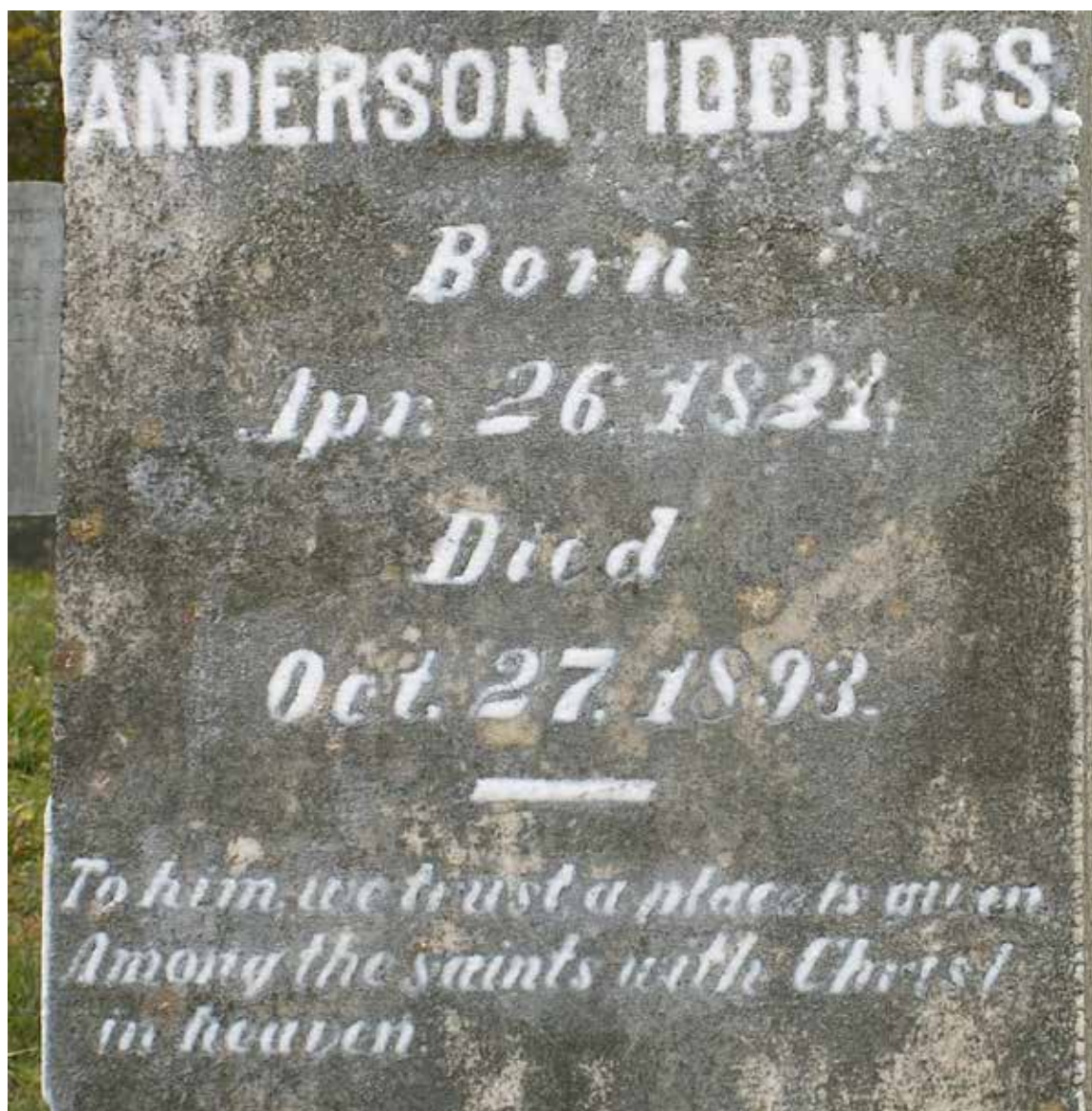
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Adeline Jackson, born in 1833 in Virginia, was the mother of two children that lived in the Anderson Iddings household. The first child was Daniel Rice Jackson/Iddings, born in 1861 and the second child was Ellen Jackson/Iddings born June 23, 1863. These two children appear to be the children of Adeline Jackson and the father is unknown. Since Anderson was listed as the father of Ellen on her marriage license and also Anderson's name appearing in the family Bible of Ellen's husband it could be possible for Anderson to have been her father. Elizabeth's name appeared as Ellen's mother on her marriage license, but she would have been too old to have been Ellen's mother so her mother was more likely Adeline Jackson.

Guy Conner, son of George B. Conner and Ellen Iddings, said that his grand mother was Adeline Jackson. Bessie Conner Craghead, daughter of George B. Conner, said that when she was a small child, Adeline Jackson stayed in the home of George B. Conner for some period of time. Bessie remembered that one day she packed her belongings and left. Nothing more was ever said as to where Adeline had come from or where she went.

Anderson Iddings married a second time to Mary M. Rutrough January 15 (19?), 1889. This marriage ended in divorce on August 15, 1890. She was given 42 acres of land in the alimony settlement.

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ATTACHMENT F  
The Cole Family

Joseph Cole, born about 1740, died about 1832, married a Miss Cooper and settled near Laurel Ridge about 1805. They had three children William Byrd (Bird) born September 1792, Joseph Jr. and Lydia who married John Thrash. Byrd Cole married twice, both times in the Underwood family, first to Marla Underwood. Byrd and his first wife (Marla) had two children, Lucinda Cole, born about 1811 and who married William A. Conner born May 14, 1831 and moved to West Virginia and James Cole born 1813 who married an Underwood. Sarah Elizabeth Underwood 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, (may be the sister of Jesse Underwood as he signed the marriage bond) was born in Franklin County Virginia in 1798 and died from epilepsy at age 65 March 30, 1859. The marriage bond is recorded in Montgomery County Va. and dated October 21, 1818. Byrd and Sarah had the following children:

A. Harvey Cole, born September 15, 1826 was a farmer and his wife's name was Cynthia Winfrey, born 1832. Harvey and Cynthia were married October 30, 1850. Harvey died May 13, 1908. They had the following children:

1. Mary Rosabell Cole; born August 1851 and died 1877. She married Noah Bluford Graham about 1876.
2. Ellen Julina Cole; born October 31, 1852 and died May 9, 1904. She married Christian A. Wickham.
3. Pleasant T. Cole; born January 18, 1854, died May 18, 1934 and married Nancy Wickham in 1874
4. James Darius Cole; born May 16, 1855, died August 5 1893, and married Molinda Alice Basham.
5. Sarah Roena Cole; born June 30, 1857, and married William Hale in 1879.
6. Noah Bird Cole; born June 20, 1862, and married Mary Link in 1885.
7. Harvey Cole Jr., born June 23, 1862, died young when a tree fell on him.
8. Cynthia Paradine Cole, born April 16, 1864, died July 18, 1883, married John Blackwell.
9. Bailey Cole, born September 23, 1866, died September 26, 1964, married Bertie Lee Blackwell.
10. Elizabeth Abrigail Cole, born October 17, 1869 and died in 1890.
11. Valentine "Tiny" Cole, born September 16, 1871, died June 16, 1969, married Isabell Vest
12. Jerry Kyle Cole, born June 27, 1875, died January 29, 1975, married Inez M. Sowers.

B. Flemming Cole, born June 28, 1828, died May 14, 1888, married Abigale Vest, August 26, 1852 who was born September 14, 1833, died December 9, 1924. She was the daughter of Charles Vest and Martha Iddings. They had one son.

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(1). Henry Valentine Cole; born June 7, 1853, died December 12, 1935, married Temty Lawrence, born March 14, 1858, died March 27, 1937. He was a Primitive Baptist Elder and started the Locust Grove Telephone Company.

C. William Byrd Cole Jr. enlisted in the Civil War at Richmond, Virginia April 7 1862, He was at a Petersburg hospital from December 21, 1862 till February 16, 1863 and returned to duty. He was AWOL from August 8, 1863 till October 21, 1863. He died at White Sulphur Springs October 21, 1863. He was born about November 1835 and married Sarah J. Iddings about 1857. Sarah was born January 17, 1837 and died in 1915, she is the daughter of Cyrus R.(1815-1890) and Elizabeth Conner Iddings (1810-1892). They had four children John W. Cole, William Loyd Cole, Rosetta Mildred Cole and Eliza Bird Cole. Sarah married George W. Moore January 26, 1869 and they had four children.

D. Pleasant Cole, born June 4, 1842 ; married Sarah Jane Lawrence in 1868. Sarah was born about 1851. They had seven children as follows:  
Sarah died about 1933. Pleasant served in the Civil War and lived on his Grandfather's farm in the Laurel Creek neighborhood. He lived 91 years or more. Pleasant enlisted in the Civil War October 1, 1861 at Floyd Court House. He was in Bell hospital in Rome Georgia November 1, 1863 and Buckner hospital November 11, 1864. He was on the pension list of 1920. The census of 1900 shows Pleasant age 57 and his wife Sarah age 49. Pleasant died December 7, 1933.

(1). Meredith Luther Cole; born February 10, 1869, died 1884

(2). William "Willie" Letcher Cole; born May 21, 1871, died May 28, 1965 at Bedford, VA. He married Pearly Flinchman December 24, 1892 and they had 8 children.

(3). Dallas (Dalas)L. Cole; born December 31, 1872 and died October 19, 1933. Dallas was a traveling photographer for 35-40 years. He and his wife had three sons and a daughter. He married French Lucinda Dosha Altizer, born about 1872.

- (a). Douglas Cole
- (b). Irvine Cole
- (c). Harmon Cole
- (d). Claudine Cole

(4). Lula Odell Cole, born September 13, 1874, died August 17, 1967, and married James Riley Reed, born March 8, 1869, died July 13, 1956. They had 5 children.

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- (5). Evie Victor Cole, married Asa Albert Cochram. Evie was born February 25, 1886, died August 3, 1959. Asa was born September 24, 1884, died September 18, 1968. They are buried in the Jacksonville Cemetery.
  - (6). Tannie Gaye Cole, born November 6, 1873, died May 9, 1950.
  - (7). Ida Mae Cole, born June 2, 1880, married Albert Frank King about 1900 and they had 3 children.
- E. Mary Ann "Polly" Cole, born about 1820, died May 28, 1867, married John M. Hall in 1843. John was born about 1815
- F. Lydia (Lucinda?) Cole, born July 1823, married James L. Wilson April 1845. James was born about 1825.
- G. Elizabeth "Eliza" Cole, born about 1830-1831, married Charles M. Hall January 12, 1852. Charles was born about 1830. Eliza was married a second time to Thomas McGee.
- a. Eveline (Evelyn) Cole, born about 1832, married William Martin January 22, 1867.
  - b. Nancy Cole, born June 3, 1821, died November 26, 1896, married Henry Washington Light January 20, 1848. Henry was born October 29, 1826 in Montgomery County and died February 4, 1904. They had 8 children.
  - c. John (James?) W. Cole; born October 29, 1861
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- H. Sarah Cole, born 1835, died 1836

My Memories of Grandpa and Grandma Conner  
By Paul D. Craghead

I would guess I was around 4 or 5 years old before I could remember going to visit my grand parents. Grandpa (George Ben Conner) at my first memory was getting white headed and a very strong man. I am pretty sure that by the time I remembered visiting him, he already had some heart problems. My mother told me that I may have caused him to have a heart attack once, but I didn't really know what was happening. Grandpa was sitting in his big chair in their bedroom/sitting room by the fireplace. I was playing with him by getting behind his chair and would reach around and pull on his shirt and he would reach behind to get me and I would go to the other side of his chair and pull his shirt and again he would reach back and try to catch me. After we had played for a few minutes, he had a heart attack and just rolled out of the chair and into the floor. I was too small to know what had happened, but he recovered and probably had several heart attacks before he finally died from one

Another game grandpa and I played was with corn cobs. I would go up to the corn crib and bring back about a dozen corn cobs. Grandpa was very strong and would interlace his fingers and place two corn cobs at right angles at the back of his palms and squeeze them tight and the cobs would stick together. He would continue to put them together and make me a pen with them. I would play with it and the pen would stay together for a long time. I was always amazed at how those cobs would stick together that way. I tried squeezing cobs together when I was an adult and I did not have any success with sticking the cobs together like he was able to do.

I remember my grandma as having a curved spine, but never knew what caused it. Usually as soon as we got there, she would fix me a honey biscuit. She kept biscuits in the warming closet of her wood burning stove. The honey was still in the cone when she put it on the biscuit. I would take the biscuit outside to eat it so I didn't drip it on the floor. I didn't care much about the taste of honey at that age, but I wasn't going to tell grandma that I didn't like her honey. I would eat all the biscuit and then give Dixie (their collie dog) the honey and he really enjoyed the honey.

Grandma did have one treat that I really liked and that was soft peppermint sticks. She kept a box of them in a closet that was built under the stairs that went upstairs. She would go in the closet and bring out half of a stick and give it to me. That sure did taste good to me. I don't think anyone ever found her hiding place where she kept the candy in the closet.

Grandma was an excellent cook and I always enjoyed eating lunch when we visited. Grandma had a special touch with her green beans that caused them to taste better than anyone else when they cooked them. None of her daughters or daughters-in-law could prepare green beans that tasted as good as grandma fixed them. When we ate at

grandma's I got to sit on a bench that was on one side of the table. You could sit more people at the table by using a bench rather than chairs. That was a treat for me as we didn't have a bench to sit on at my house, only chairs.

Getting to grandpa's and grand's house was an ordeal for me. Dad drove a 1930 DeSota and we had to go up Bent Mountain. All the curves and going up the mountain always made me car sick. Dad smoked a cigar which I'm sure didn't help either. The old car would overheat going up the mountain and we would have to stop and let the car cool down. Sometimes there would be water running off the rocks beside the road and you could catch some and pour it in or over the radiator to cool it down. The main road was surfaced at this time, but after you turn off of it, the road was graveled to my grand parents home.

Electricity was not brought to the area (Simpson's/Locust Grove) until sometime after WWII. A springhouse was used to keep their food and milk cool and also supply water for the house which had to be carried from the springhouse to the house. Some of grandpa's and grandma's children decided to bring spring water into the house to make it easier for grandma. They built a rectangular concrete box in the meal room with an overflow drain that took excess water back outside. They installed a ram (mechanical pump) at a spring up from the house and piped it into the concrete box in the house. The water flow was continuous and the excess flowed back through the drain to the outside. This provided a place to keep things cool and provide fresh water in the house. The old spring house had two concrete boxes in which they could store things. They use stone jars or crocks to set in the cold spring water and put something heavy on them to keep them in place.

I remembered the old dinner bell that was mounted on a tall pole outside the kitchen door. Grandma would ring the bell when dinner was ready and people were not close to the house. Mom and dad bought the dinner bell at the auction sale and kept it for several years. My sister now has the dinner bell at her house. They also bought grandpa's anvil at the sale and I now have it.

Aunt Mamie and her family moved into grandpa and grandma's house and that provided me with someone to play with on my visits. I had a good time playing with Ezra and John. I remember a mulberry tree that had the top cut out of it and the limbs came out of the top of the trunk and back to the ground like a weeping mulberry. That provided a good place to play as no one could see you when you were behind the weeping limbs.

One year, after grandpa could no longer get his winter supply of wood, several of the children and neighbors came and worked all day getting in wood for them. I was too small to help so G.W. and I were playing near the road and some one stopped and asked us if someone was sick or died as so many cars were there. I think I told them no that they were having a "wood getting".

I remember grandpa and grandma's house had wooden shingles on it. They had another out building next to the road that had been a carriage house that had wooden shingles on it. I remember going in that building when it started to rain and you could look up and see daylight through the shingle cracks, but no water dripped through. It amazed me that it didn't leak.

One story I didn't see, but my mother told me about it. Grandpa kept sheep and grandpa went to the wood pile to get some firewood to bring in the house. Mom said he was stooped over picking up wood and his old ram sheep took advantage of a golden opportunity. The ram got a running start and centered him, knocking him over into the wood pile. I imagine grandpa could have killed the ram if he could have got his hands on him.

I always enjoyed visiting my grandparents and am glad I got to know them although they died when I was pretty young.



# Misc Conner Obit

At this time I have not been able to tie the obit to the family

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PAULA GOAD CONNER | OBITUARY

## Paula Goad Conner

September 4, 2014

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**CONNER**  
**Paula Ann**  
Paula Ann Conner, 48, of Roanoke, died Thursday, September 4, 2014. Memorial Service will be 7 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2014, at Elliston Church of God. Arrangements by Oakey's Roanoke Chapel and Crematory, 540-982-2100.

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### Life Legacy

On Thursday, September 4, 2014 Paula Goad Conner of Roanoke, went to be with the Lord in the arm's of her daughter. She is preceded in death by her Father, Dean Goad, a Special Aunt, Linda Eanes as well as other family members. Survivors are, but not limited to, Mother, Geneva Eanes Goad Flowers, Stepfather, David Flowers, Daughter, Ashley Nicole Conner, Son, Edsel Conner Jr, Sisters, Wendy Dee and Angel Annell and 7 Grand kids. Despite her struggles with Multiple Sclerosis, etc, Paula fought until her last breath. Paula had a contagious smile and was a gem we will always treasure in our hearts. Memorial Services will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, 7pm at Elliston Church of God with Pastor Chuck Pauley. Special thanks to the ICU Department at Montgomery Regional Hospital, especially, Jordan Mann. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Elliston Church of God, 4756 Calloway Street, Elliston, VA 24087. We love you Paula Ann and look forward to seeing you in Heaven.

ATTACHMENT F  
MISC. PHOTOGRAPHS



Five Generations, L to R: Photo taken about 1915

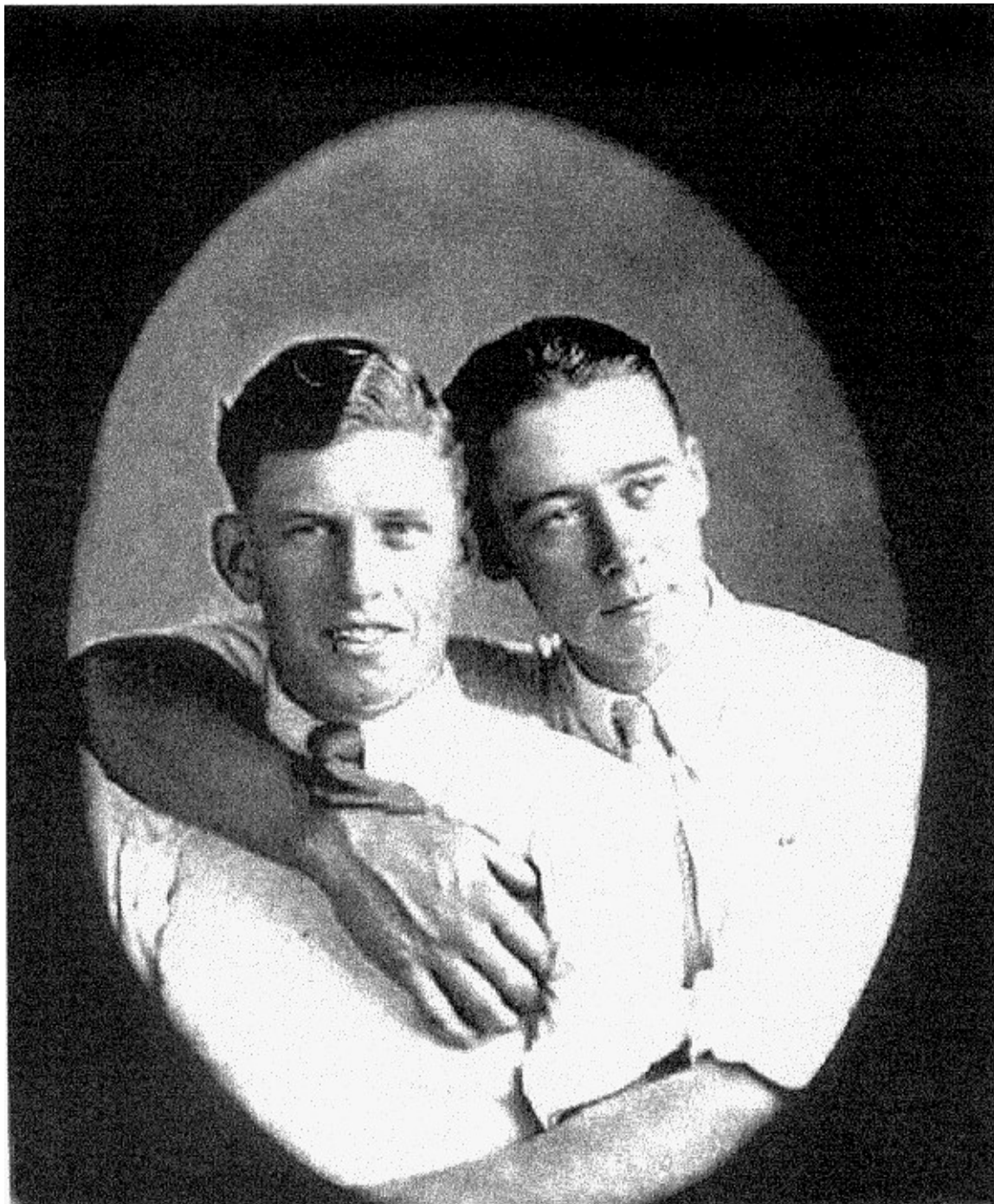
Lucinda Poff, 6-8-1822 to 7-9-1915, married John O. Conner in 1841

Sarah E. Conner, 1-25-1843 to 5-28-1918, married William Aldridge 1866

Lucy Ellen Aldridge 11-8-1871 to 8-23-1969, married Ham B. McNeil in 1890

Wilda McNeil 2-9-1891 to 10-5-1981, married Albert W. Vest in 1907

Bonnie Vest 4-6-1908 to 2-27-2000, married Roscoe Willis son of Madge Conner Willis

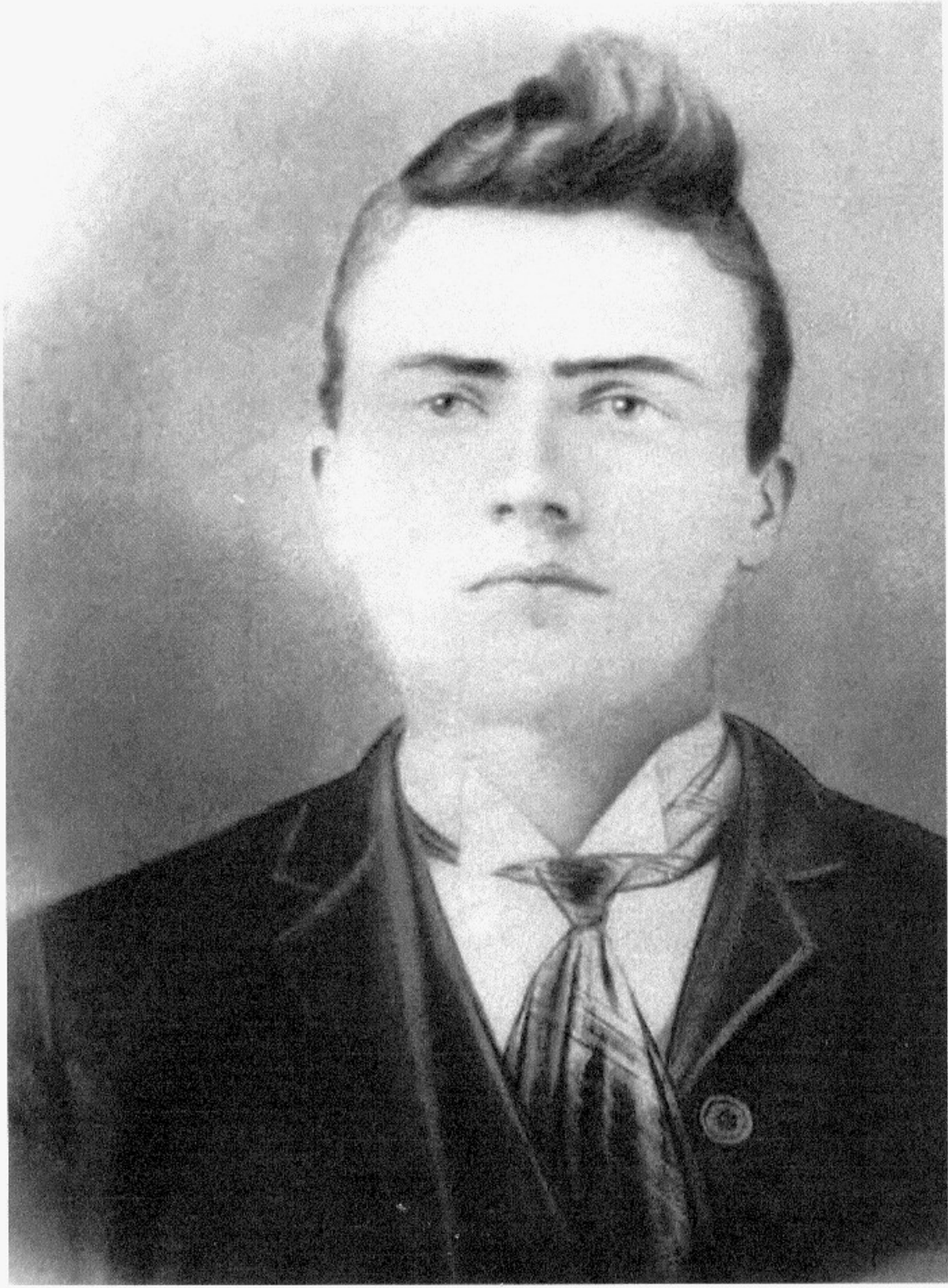


Posey Conner, son of George  
Ben and Wilmuth Jane Conner

Wilford Garron Conner, son of James  
Merman and Laura Byar Conner



Elvira Susan Conner, first wife of James Wellington Walton Jr., daughter of Daniel Otey Conner and Martha Craghead



James M. Conner, son of Albert and Mary Jane Iddings Conner and husband of Laura Byar Walton.



Laura Byar Conner, Elvada Ester Conner, Oliver Noel Conner, Roxie Annie Conner,  
Vannoy Susan Conner, Ethia Vane Conner, Wilfred Garron Conner, Geneva Thelma Conner.



Albert and Mary Jane Iddings Conner (Albert's second wife). Albert is the son of William R. and Elizabeth Poff Conner. Albert's first wife was Ellen Iddings and a sister to Mary Jane. 203.



Roscoe W. Willis, husband of Bonnie Vest. Was the son of Madge Conner Willis. Roscoe operated a general store near the home of J. D. S. Craghead in Floyd County.





James Peter and Mary Elizabeth Aldridge



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The picture on previous page is James Wellington Walton Jr. and Mary Jane Conner Walton seated.

Standing L to R. are Martha Woodie Walton Rierson, Laura Byar Walton Conner, Nora F. Wilson, Kennis Kelsey Walton, Elva Walton Wilson and Daniel W. Walton.

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Dear Son I am glad to hear that you  
are particular about writing on meeting  
days the ~~mind~~<sup>mind</sup> of a man is the work man  
shop of the whole system this being meeting  
day and must drive your quill in a hurrah  
if you can get a furlough send me at what  
point I can meet you we have had some  
rain and your crop of corn looks very  
likely James Poff has got home and laid  
about fifteen days out of his head your  
uncle doctors little Ellis fell out of the bed  
and broke its arm the bone has been set  
and is now on the mend the old magis  
trates time is out and the new ones have not  
received their commissions the old men and  
boys are generally at home the desertors  
are in Roanoke Hills just like they was  
when you left you must not think hard  
nancy moving back in the House the very  
and robbers are still going on James good  
has received a letter from his wife and sent  
a letter to your uncle James a few days ago  
there been a great drouth in the east and  
part of South Back more is at home and James  
an Idmes Hope you will return home <sup>again</sup>

James W. Walton r33

The above letter is thought to have been sent from James W. Walton to his son Cephas Walton while Cephas served in the Civil War.



L to R: Dora Conner, Mary Isabel Conner, Baby is Cammie Conner, and Ellis Conner. (located under Costly Conner)



Left, Cammie Conner, married William R. Stewart, Seated Mary Isabel Conner, age 88, Right, Dora Conner



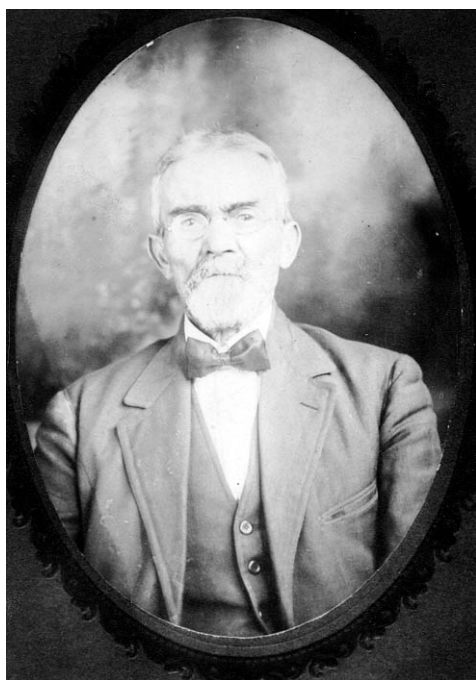
Robert Russell Conner  
Born December 28, 1903



Robert Lee Conner  
Born September 6, 1869, married Mary Byrar Yeatts  
Father of Robert Russell Conner



Mary Byrar Yeatts Conner, wife of Robert Lee Conner



Robert Lee Conner



Robert Russell Conner Sr. his wife Juanita and their children

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Typical Wash day prior to gasoline and electric washing machines  
Picture taken in East Tennessee in 1933





Typical Country Kitchen of the mid 1930's to mid 1940's



The family of Daniel W. and Liza Richards Walton  
One child Jesse was not born when the photo was made  
Photo was thought to have been taken about 1918 or 1919



L to R: Ethel Palmer Sowder and Elzora Conner  
Just having some fun



L to R: Elzora Conner (married Samuel H. Conner), Dorothy Conner (married \_\_\_\_\_ Sink), Ethel Palmer (married \_\_\_\_\_ Sowder), Shirley Conner (married Theodore Wilson), Lucy Conner (married Horace Conner, son of Cassell Conner).

All the Conner girls are the daughters of Joseph Valentine Conner and Mary Elizabeth Hill Conner.



The family of Jacob Valentine and Mary Elizabeth Hill Conner



Ruben Lee Martin, son of John W. and Cynthia Martin



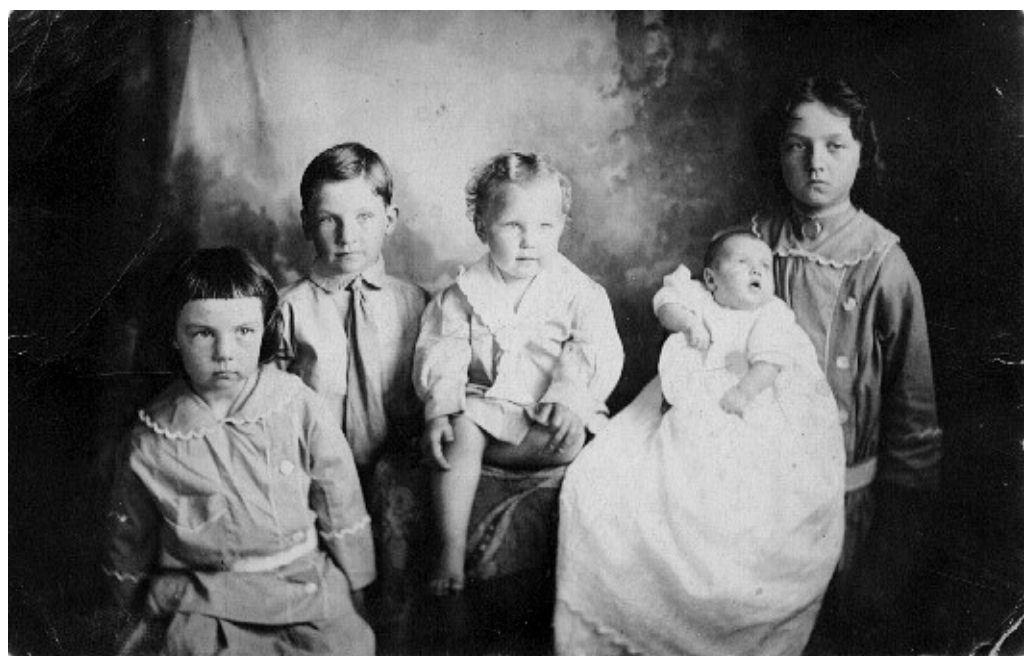
George Benjamin Conner



Glenna Pearl Conner & Wilmuth Jane Conner



Artist Hale, Irvin Hale and Seabert Hale  
Children of Rosa Addie Martin Hale and Amos D. Hale



Myrtle Martin holding Joe Martin in her arms, Alden Martin, John Martin and  
Melissia Martin ( Children of Giles David Martin and Esta Reed Martin)

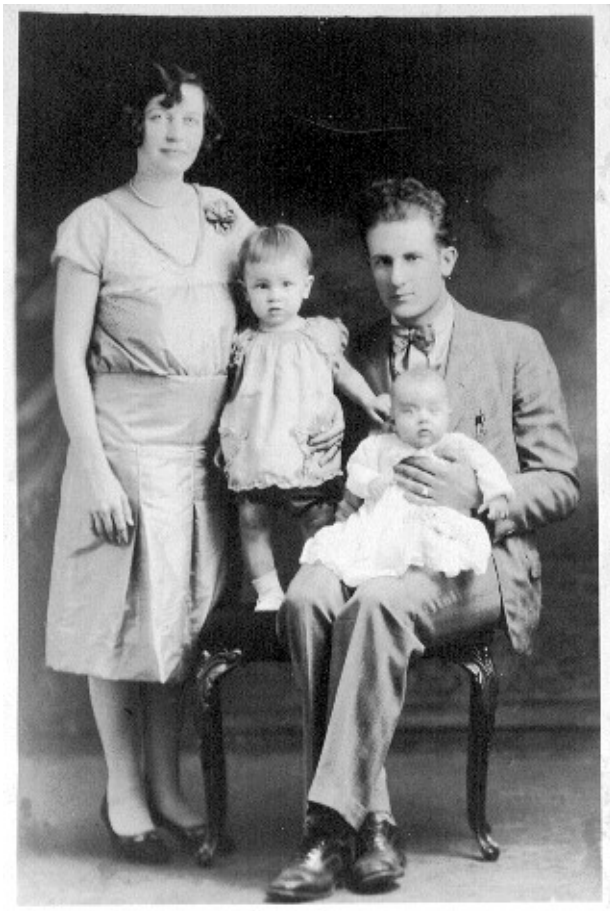




John Harvey Conner and Arlie Hall



Effie Ellen Conner, daughter of Elbert Leland and Lula I. Aldridge Conner



Maude Martin (daughter of Amos D. and Alice L. Spangler Martin) and husband Irvin Epperly with two of their children.



### Double Springs

This picture, supplied by Mrs. A.P. Allen of Floyd, shows students at the Double Springs School, still standing near Stone wall, around 1907. Pictured are: (left to right) front row—Raymond Cole, Roy Martin, Bud Vest, Ervin Martin, Ernest Conner, Brethard Vest, "Bud" Gearhart, Earnest Lawrence, Willard Conner; middle row—Ollie Whitenack (Hale), Essie Vest (Sisson), Alma Conner, Genie Whitenack (McNiel), Maggie Vest (Collins, Gray), Mary Liz Conner, Leland Hall, Chester Whitenack; back row—Bertha Whitenack (Rutrough), Clara McNiel (Naff), Ethel Vest (Vest), Glynn Shank (Wright), Gertrude Vest (Shark), Pearl Vest (Whitenack), Della Lawrence (Whitlock), Flossie Vest (Wright), Shirley Whitenack, Rob Vest, Edgar Vest and Alfred Conner.



**1920  
wedding**

This picture was taken April 18, 1920, on the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kyle Cole. The picture was presented by Melissa Naff. Pictured are: front row—sitting (left to right) Maude Martin, Woodie Moore, Esta Martin, John Martin, Harman Cole, Douglas Cole, Herman Martin, Palmer Cole, Alden Martin, Chymer Sowers, Alfred Sowers. Second row—(left to right) Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hale and daughter Garnet, Leona Board, Mattie Ridenger, Tanny Cole, Evelyn Sowers, Curtis Conner and Hettie Board (waiters), Eugenia Whitenack, Dewey Board and Virgie Ridenger (waiters), Sylvia Whitenack, Nina Cole, Dorothy Cole. Third row—(left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wood and daughter Pauline, Abby Sowers, Annie Lura Board, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Moore, Effie Cole, Myrtle Martin, Alice Cole, Mrs. Martha Martin, Mrs. Callie Martin, Iva Clower, Evie Martin. Fourth row—standing (left to right) J. Kyle Cole, father of the bride, Green Martin, Cynthia Cole, grandmother of the bride George Martin, Arilla Graham, Joe Graham, Hester Cole Elsie Hale, Lizzie Graham, Alverta Cole, Edmond Ridenger Luke Martin, Edgar Gasham, and Silas Graham.

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### Dinner guests

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Martin hosted these dinner guests at their home in the county in 1910. The picture, taken by Dallas Cole, was supplied by Melissa Naff of Christiansburg. Pictured are: (left to right) back row—Mrs. Harvey Hale, Mrs. Roy Lee, Mrs. H.R. Board and husband, Roy Board, Mrs. Frank Clower and baby, Mary Paul, Mrs. Amos Martin, Mrs. William Dickerson and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Martin,

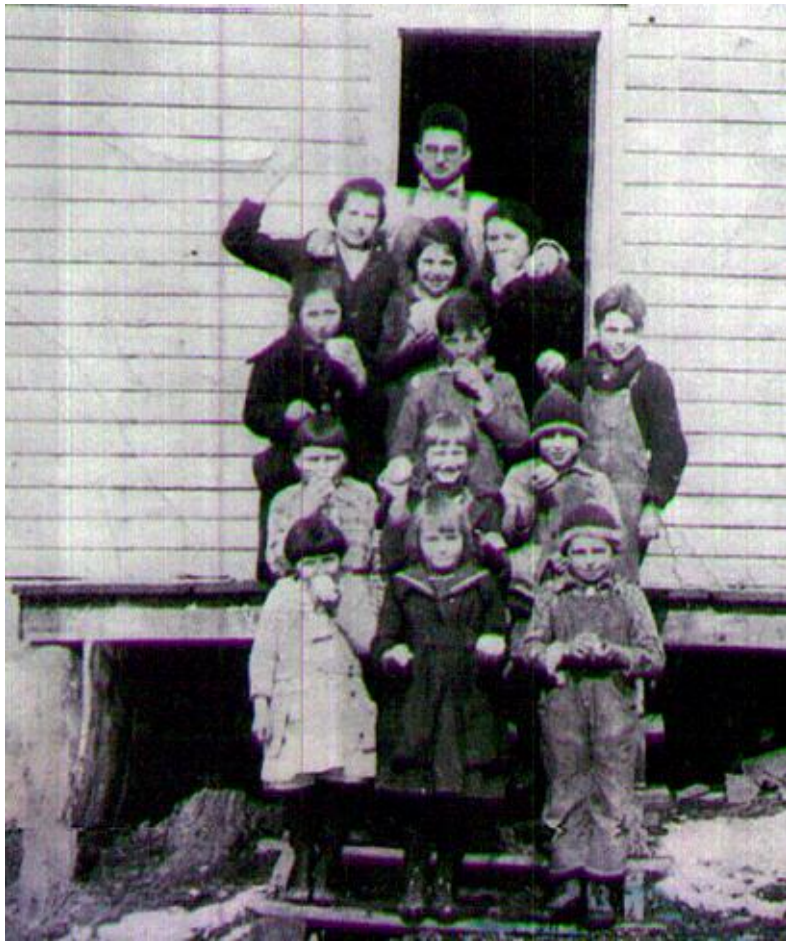
Ibra Martin, Minnie Martin, Mrs. Peter Martin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Martin and baby, Melissa; second row (sitting)—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Board, Mrs. Roy Board, Martha Martin, Iva Martin, Mr. and Mrs. William Hale, and standing, Luke T. Martin; front row (children sitting)—Elsie Hale, Harman Hale, Maude Martin, Myrtle Martin, Alden Martin, Mrs. Dallas Cole and baby son, Douglas Cole.



### Pleasant View School

(Above) Teacher of the Pleasant Valley School in 1914 was Clara E. McNeil. Students included: (left to right) first row—Elliott Vest, Walter Eanes, Sylvia Cole, Grover Conner, Harman Cole, Harman Hale, Herman Board, Willard Clower, Lila Conner, Olive Vest, Evelyn Ridenger; second row—Harper Gearheart, Edgar Basham, Annie Lura Board, Alverta Cole, Helen Light, Hester Cole, Emma Conner, Douglas Cole, Effie Cole, Leona Board, Palmer Cole, Archie Clower, Elsie Hale, Myrtle Martin, Iva Clower, Mattie Ridenger; third row—Walter Light, Flora Light, Hettie Board, Mamie Cole, Archie Cole, Clara Conner, Roscoe Basham, Gomer Conner, Willie Cole, Owen Lee, Dewey Board, Josie Light, Virgie Ridenger, Mary Light, Blanch Board, Elva Cole, Oliver Cole, and Allie Board.

(Picture compliments of Melissa Naff)



#### VEST SCHOOL PHOTO

Front Row: Boy on right is Charlie Bacil Conner

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Boy on right is believed to be Truman Vest

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: From left, either Ines (?) Willis or Etta Mae Carr, Hancil Preston Conner & Roncevert Carr.

4<sup>th</sup> Row: From left, Sabra Jean Conner (Short),-?-, and maybe Bonnie Vest, later married Roscoe Willis.

5<sup>th</sup> Row: Marvin Vest

Gertrude Vest is also in the picture, but don't know which picture





CENTER SCHOOL, FLOYD COUNTY, VA – LOCATED ON CONNER ROAD

Date taken is not known

Front Row, left to right

- 4. Brinton E. Conner
- 8. Evie Gretchen Conner
- 1. Samuel Henry Conner?

2<sup>nd</sup>. Row

- 7. Leonard Craighead
- 8. ?Lee Ward Conner

3<sup>rd</sup> Row

- 3. Hubert J. Aldridge
- 4. Pauline Ethel Conner
- 5. Mary Simpson Poff  
Teacher

Back Row

- 2. Ellery Craighead
- 3. Goldie Virginia King
- 4. Roscoe Craighead
- 5. Grace Ellen Aldridge
- 6. ?William Oscar Aldridge
- 7. Clara Craighead



Albert and Ora A. Conner and children  
Date picture was taken is unknown



Marshall Truman Conner  
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Lee and Jack Conner  
Son's of Charles Oty and Sarah E. Amanda Conner  
Date photo was taken is unknown



Eliza Louella Manning  
Louella married William Daniel Conner  
Son of William Valentine Conner  
Date of photo is unknown



Garwood S. and Evelyn Poff Conner  
Date photo was taken is unknown



Girlie J. Conner  
Daughter of Charles Oty and Sarah E. Amanda Conner



Aldridge, Wilson, and Conner children, date unknown

Top Row: Hubert Aldridge, Emma Wilson, Charlie Wilson, Bessie Wilson, Iva Conner

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Brinton Conner, Deroder Conner, Mabel Conner, Vera Conner

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Garwood Conner, Stefana Conner, Marshall Conner, Iris Conner, unknown

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## Walton – Austin Family

Extreme left is Sigrid Layne Vest Seiler (d/o Samuel Glen Vest & Ethia Conner

Extreme right is Mary Frances Conner Williams with her daughter Mary Leigh Williams Kneeling.

Gene, Robert and Lewis Austin, Jr. are sons of Lewis Arthur Austin, Sr. & Cassie Ann Walton. Cassie is the d/o Lewis Napoleon Walton and Melvina Elizabeth Poff.

The remainder in the photo are: Steven Lynn Austin, Marion Gene Austin, son of Gene Austin, Nancy Lee Vogt Austin, wife of Gene, Lewis A. Austin Jr., Kaylee Austin, daughter of Scott Austin, Scott Christopher Austin, son of Lewis, Karen Schaffer Austin, wife of Lewis, Hanna, wife of Scott, Christopher, son of Kimberley Marie Austin, Kimberly Marie Austin, Daughter of Lewis, Cory Austin, son of Kimberly, Tyler, son of Kimberly, Ann Austin Ledford, daughter of Robert A. Austin, Mary M. Clardy Austin, wife of Robert, Robert A. Austin, Holly Austin Myers, daughter of Robert, Kevin A. Myres, husband of Holly.

Photo was taken at the Walton Cemetery, near Graysville in Floyd Co., VA





Arthur Conner  
Carman Welder / Violin Maker

# Itzhak, Are You Listening?

Outside, the December wind rattles the window panes of the schoolhouse-turned-workshop. Strains from a violin, not music, only notes, pierce the night air but are whisked away in the gust. An old coon dog lopes through the foot-deep snow. Yapping and pawing at the door, he wants in.

Arthur Conner is inside, near the woodstove, testing a just-finished fiddle.

This night, like most others year-round, he spends holed up in his workshop in the mountains around the tiny settlement of Copper Hill, in Floyd County, Va.

He's been building and repairing fiddles since 1970, and over the decade has earned a reputation as an expert. In fact, a local man once took a mandolin to Washington for repairs, only to be told that his neighbor, Arthur Conner, was best qualified for the job.

Mr. Conner, 57, a veteran 30-year

carman-welder at NW's Roanoke Shops, was never interested in music as a young man. But his three sons are musical and around 1970 he took to tinkering with their instruments rather than trust outsiders to make repairs.

Repair work led Mr. Conner to believe that most musical instruments made today, particularly violins, are junk. "The demand for good violins is tremendous. The supply is limited. I studied everything about violins and violin making I could find, and I talked with old timers about country musical instruments and woodcarving. I decided I'd make my own violins, by trial and error."

In the last decade, he's built 30. Some are used by bluegrass, folk and country stars, such as Ricky Scaggs, a former house musician for Johnny Cash who has also recorded with Emmylou Harris; Gene Elders, fiddle player for the group "Woodsmoke"; and Eugene O'Donnell, an Irish folk fiddler. Mr. Conner frequently appears at art and

crafts fairs, and has discussed his avocation on educational television.

But how can a man who can't read music and who barely can play a fiddle build one? "I can't explain it. It takes knowledge of the materials, patience, and an ear for what sounds right. Some of the things, like a talent for carving, you have to be born with. Instinct."

The most important aspects are the beginning and end — choosing the wood and putting a finish on the completed fiddle.

Mr. Conner builds his fiddles with medium-hard curly maple and soft red spruce, because of their beauty and resonance. "I pick all the wood locally, and cure it for five years. I have enough wood on hand to build at least 1,000 violins.

"I get as much fun out of finding a good piece of wood as I do in building a fiddle." Indeed, that can be seen by the way he handles a piece, tapping it,

Before and after: With 200-300 hours of work, Arthur Conner transforms the chunk of wood into a violin





At left, Mr. Conner patiently scrapes out the inside back of a new violin. The wood must be carved until it allows for the proper musical tone. Above, he examines a just-carved scroll of a special design

running his fingers over the grain, talking about its characteristics and history. Holding a large piece of curly maple that looks more like a fireplace log than a future fiddle, he says, "I can almost hear the music in it now."

The finish he makes from "bee glue," or propolis, the resinous balsam that bees extract from the buds of poplars. "To this day, no one has ever built as fine a violin as Stradivari, 400 years ago in Italy. Part of his secret was the finish. Although no one is sure, some people think he made it from bee glue, and that's why I use it. A violin can look nice, but the sound is the most important part, and the sound won't be right if the finish isn't," he explains.

Inbetween selecting the wood and applying the finish is 200-300 hours of meticulous scraping, carving, sanding and fitting the 72 hand-made pieces which go into a single fiddle. The scroll, or top piece which holds the tun-

ing keys, is often of a special design, for example, the head of an animal. The only parts he doesn't make are the ebony fingerboard and tuning keys, which he obtains from dealers, along with strings and bows. The entire process involves hundreds of tools, some of his own design.

Tuning the violin appears to be a somewhat unscientific endeavor. The back must be tuned to D, the front to C. Mr. Conner raps his knuckles across the wood, and matches the sound to a pitchpipe. The wood must be carved until it allows for the proper tone.

Mr. Conner's violins have five strings, as opposed to the traditional four. Five-string violins are harder to build and aren't sold commercially, but they produce richer low tones and crisper high tones.

"I can tell if a fiddle is any good just by holding it. The way the sound of my

voice makes it vibrate tells a lot," Mr. Conner says.

A defective violin never finds its way out of Mr. Conner's shop. "Once I had a violin nearly completed and was about to put the neck on when I discovered a slight flaw. It was something no one else would notice, but I knew it was there. I threw the thing down on the ground and crushed it with my boot. My wife almost fainted. She thought I was crazy. One thing I know: if you do a bad job, you'd better bet that the word will get out fast."

Visitors to Mr. Conner's workshop are lucky if they get to see a finished violin. "I can't keep them. I've sold a few, but I give most of them away, and I always have a backlog of requests. I build them because my body seems to starve for it. I have to do it."

A decade of fiddle building has given Mr. Conner a different perspective on music. "When I was a tadpole, I didn't have the time for music. I was too busy surviving. I was raised two miles down the holler, and the only kind of music I was exposed to was the old-time mountain music. The violin has shown me other types, like classical. I'm no expert, but I'm learning."

Mr. Conner has a goal for his fiddle making. "To most people, the fiddle is a country and bluegrass instrument. A violin, on the other hand, is thought of as a better instrument, to be used by classical musicians.

"I want to make a better instrument than I'm making now. If I could build one that Itzhak Perlman (the world-famous classical violinist) would play, now that would be something." NW

# ARTHUR CONNER



## FIDDLE MAKER FOR THE STARS



Entering fiddle maker Arthur Conner's woodshop in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains is like stepping back in time. Blocks of spruce and maple destined to become fiddles line the walls and shelves, and the air smells thick with sawdust and varnish. His simple woodworking tools—gouges, saws, and clamps—line the workbench, while an unvarnished violin hangs up near the skylights.

"This is my sanity here," he said, sweeping his glance across his beloved workshop. "My wife tells me she's going to come clean everything up someday, but I tell her I got a place for everything. See? This goes right there, and this goes here." He places a few carving tools back onto the bench, smiling shyly. Though modest, Conner is in fact one of the most well-respected fiddle makers in the country, designing and building instruments for many well-known fiddlers, including Chris Sexton, Gene Elders, Ricky Skaggs, and John Rigsby.

Conner worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad for most of his career, but in his spare time, in the 1960s, he began first to repair and then to build instruments. His sons (who as young adults formed the bluegrass band, the Conner Brothers) wanted instruments to play, but the family couldn't afford to buy new ones. So,

Arthur learned how to repair old, broken ones. Eventually, he worked his way into making fiddles.

"This has always been a hobby," said Conner. He was inspired to take his hobby seriously, however, when one day he got a visit from Ricky Skaggs, whose first wife's sister lived near Conner. The first fiddle Conner had ever made hung on the wall, and Skaggs asked if he could play it. When he did, Conner said Skaggs was amazed. "It sounds better than what I've been playing," Skaggs told Conner.

Inspired by those words of encouragement, Conner began to think of himself as a professional fiddle maker. Over the course of the last forty years, Conner has made over a hundred instruments, including violins, violas, cellos, and bass fiddles. It takes him anywhere from a week to a month to make a fiddle, working just about every day (except when he's out fishing), and they sell for around \$2,000.

One of the distinguishing features of many of his instruments is an animal head carved in the scroll—often a ram's head, but he's also carved cougars and other animals. His creative scrolls and wood-working skills go back to his childhood, when he learned to make his toys with a piece of wood and a knife. "When I was a boy, we didn't have toy stores," he said. "I could whittle the best gun and gravel shooters," he said.

In addition to his instruments, he still carves walking sticks, tops, owls, and many other whimsical, creative pieces. One of his walking sticks, for instance, is Pinocchio, with the stick serving as his long nose. Whittling was his first love, and Conner maintains a sense of the skillful craft in his fiddles. He learned many of his techniques in a book that he ordered over twenty years ago from an ad in *Bluegrass Unlimited* titled *The Secrets Of Stradivari*. The book details the methods used by the master Italian violin maker, including everything from the precise measurements of the violin's wood to the type of finish, and Conner now uses many of the same centuries-old methods.

Conner builds his fiddles with traditional violin woods—spruce for the top and curly maple for the back and sides. Curly maple has curving grains in it that

when varnished, give it the distinctive wavy look on the back of violins. He begins with pieces of wood (many of which he obtains locally), whittling and cutting them down from blocks of wood. Some of his wood he gets as gifts, including one set of pieces shipped all the way from Cremona, Italy, by a violin maker who wanted to pay him back for his apprenticeship. He cuts the top and back pieces for each fiddle from patterns, and then he works to carve out the right thicknesses on both. This is a painstaking job that requires care and skill to get the thicknesses exact.

After shaping the front and back, he molds the thin ribbon of maple for the sides of the instrument in a form that gives it the right fiddle shape. Once he has all the



pieces carved and prepared just right, he glues them together with hide glue. After assembling and gluing the instrument, he coats it with a mixture of lye and borax and hangs it in the sun to dry. This process, he believes, from studying what historians and scientists think Stradivari did, opens up the minute chambers of the wood and clears out the sap, allowing the wood to produce a fuller sound. "That's what gives them their rich tone," he said. The final step is to apply a special homemade varnish made with bee propolis, which is a natural substance made by bees to seal their hives. Conner gets the bee propolis varnish from a beekeeping neighbor, who makes it according to a secret recipe.

When Conner works in his fiddle shop, he listens to classical music, and he especially likes the playing of Itzhak

Perlman. In that sense, he's come a long way from his childhood. "I grew up as a hillbilly, and all I could think about was square dancing," said Conner. "I thought people that listened to classical music were snobs." Gradually, though, he came to love both bluegrass and classical music, in addition to the old-time music he'd grown up with.

Amy Adams, who lives in nearby Floyd, Va., and with her film company, New Vision Film, is working on a video documentary about Conner. Her main goal with the documentary is to preserve the history and spirit of the fiddle maker. "Arthur's a gem," said Adams. "He's so skillful, and I really don't know that people recognize the work that he's done."

Chris Sexton, fiddle player for bluegrass band Nothin' Fancy, owns two Arthur Conner fiddles—one five-string and one four-string (which he uses primarily for classical music). He got his first Arthur Conner fiddle when one of his own fiddles was stolen, and since then has traded up. He appreciates the sound of Conner's fiddles, particularly when recording albums. "There is a warmth to the sound of his fiddles, a particular tone that complements what I'm looking for," said Sexton. "It sounds very woody. I like that sound in a fiddle." Chris has played Conner fiddles for several albums, including Nothin' Fancy's "Reflections" and his own solo album, "Coffee At Midnight." "Arthur Conner makes one of the finest fiddles you can find," said Sexton.

Scott Perry, the owner of a bluegrass and old-time music store called Pickin' Porch in Floyd, is proud to sell Conner's fiddles. "He's very old school," said Perry. "He's a craftsman. He's an artist." To Perry's ear, Conner's fiddles have a distinctive sound all their own. "The first thing that strikes you is that they are loud," said Perry. "But they have a complexity and depth, so they're not just loud."

Even people who are just learning to play appreciate the sound of Conner's fiddles. Temple Garrison, who works at the Pickin' Porch and has been learning to play old-time and bluegrass fiddle, bought a Conner fiddle a few years ago and says she loves it. "It's like an angel sitting on your shoulder," said Garrison. "It's imbued not only with Arthur's talent, but also his spirit."

Now and then, Conner has had apprentices, who come to watch and learn

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how to make fiddles. Lately, a young boy has been coming by, fascinated by the process of fiddle making, hoping to learn how to do it himself one day. Though Conner's not sure if the spirit of carving and fiddle-making can be taught, he's happy to try. "Carving is a natural thing," Conner said. "I can show you how, but I can't carve for you. It's a God-given talent."



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