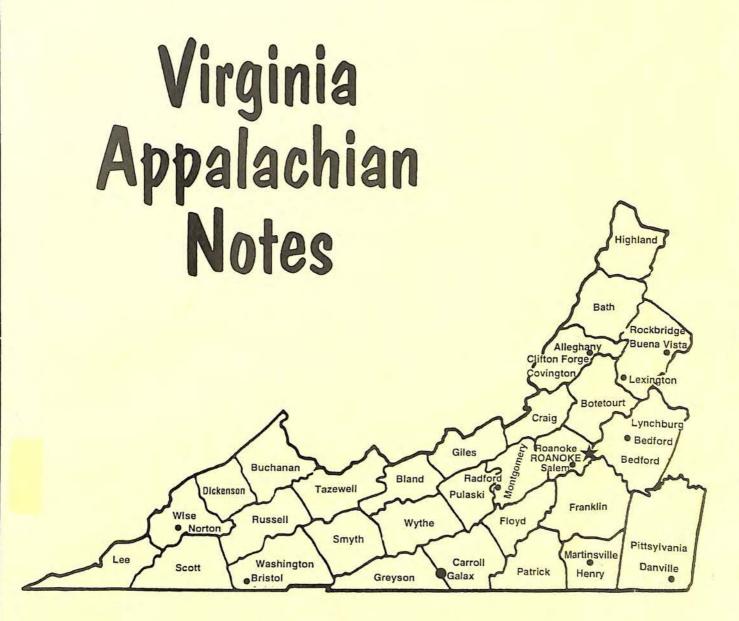
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REMINDER: The Society meets on the third Saturday of each month from September through May. Keep the following dates open to attend the meetings where you can learn about genealogy, get to know others who are doing genealogical research, and learn how you can make a contribution to the genealogical community.

#### SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC P.O. Box 12485 Roanoke, Virginia 24026

January 1998

Dear Fellow Genealogists:

The transcription of <u>INDEX TO BOTETOURT COUNTY</u>, <u>VIRGINIA CHANCERY</u>

<u>PAPERS</u>, 1830-1938 HAS COMPLETED PREPARATION OF THE Burton Collection for the Virginia Room. Copies were donated to the Virginia State Archives, Botetourt County Clerk and Botetourt County Historical Society.

A Publishing Committee has been formed with Karen Kappesser and Don Martindale as co-chairs. Ora Belle McColman and Babe Fowler will be advisors.

A <u>SURNAME INDEX</u> will be the first project using the information returned with membership renewals. Help is needed with format, design and typing.

We hope to publish already transcribed works by Mr. Burton and later to re-publish his aut-of-print books. This is an ambitious goal requiring the co-operation of dedicated members.

Please call Karen (977-0097) or Don (366-0829) to say you will help. They are a joy to work with.

A very special Thank You to two members who have 'retired' after many years of service to the society. Mary Jane Vaden held a number of offices over the years, but the Pedigree Charts were her responsibility for more time than we can recall. She has moved to a retirement home at Farmville, Virginia. Rebaweeks chaired the Hospitality Committee many years. We all are very appreciative of your dedication.

Free Parking across the street is now available for library patrons! Get directions your next visit to the Virginia Room.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Swartzell, President

#### THE NOTORIOUS HISTORY OF JOSIAH BLANKENSHIP

Submitted by: Michael E. Blankenship, 5320 Spencer Dr., SW Roanoke, VA 24018-4709

Anyone researching the Blankenship family in Bedford County has more than likely encountered Josiah Blankenship in the court records. Their first thought is probably, "Who is he?"; but certainly their second thought would be, "I hope he's not in my family line!" Knowing that no other researcher has dared to touch the subject of Josiah, I felt it was time that his deeds were brought to light.

I knew that Josiah eventually ended up in Williamsburg, so while I was touring the colonial Capitol last Autumn, I requested infromation on him. While no information was immediately available, I was contacted later by Linda H. Rowe, one of the historians for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. the information in her letters revealed an even more infamous reputation than I had suspected.

There may be more records on Josiah Blankenship, but I have put together the evidence I have accumulated to document his criminal career.

June 16, 1774 - Virginia Gazette, William Rind, ed., p. 2, c. 2, and Virginia Gazette, Alexander Purdie & John Dixon, eds., p. 2, c. 1 - "At the court of Oyer and Terminer, on Tuesday last, the following criminals were brought to their trials at the general court, and received sentence as follows, viz. Josiah Blankinship, from Amelia, for grand larceny: Burnt in the hand ["Burnt in the hand" means that the judges approved "benefit of clergy" for the condemned man (a plea for commutation of the death sentence applicable in several types of capital felony convictions), after which the public jailer branded him on the thumb in open court. The brand served several purposes it seems: The thumb mark prevents fraudulent claims to "benefit of clergy" which could be claimed only once; the mark supposedly was a warning to others who contemplated breaking the law; and, of course, branding amounted to a lesser, though still unpleasant, punishment for persons granted "benefit of clergy." Imprisonment was not a common punishment in colonial Virginia. -Linda H. Rowe, Historian]

April 18, 1777 - Virginia Gazetter, Alexander Purdie, ed., supplement, p. 3, c. 2 - Deserted from my company of continental regulars, John Bentley, Charles Hansley, Josiah Blankenship, and James Watts. I will give a reward of 15 DOLLARS for apprehending each of the above deserters, on their being delivered at head quarters in Williamsburg. Henry Conway, capt.

July 18, 1777 - Commonwealth Papers Bedford Co. 1777-1904 - I do hereby authorize and appoint James Greer, constable, to conduct the within named Josiah Blankenship to gaol. All persons are therefore ordered in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia to pay due

obedience to his orders. - John Wilkinson
To the gaoler of Bedford County - I herewith send you Josiah
Blankenship who is convicted before me, one of the justices of this
state, as a felon. These [orders] are therefore in the name of the
Commonwealth of Virginia, that you keep the said Blankenship in
safe custody till he has a regular trial and [is] duly discharged
by course of law and this shall be your warrant. - John Wilkinson
I do hereby instruct you to summons a good and sufficient guard to
keep him safe, as he is a notorious felon, to watch him by night or
by day and be sure to have him well [in] irons. To the Gaoler of
Bedford County - John Wilkinson

July 28, 1777 - Bedford County Court Order Book - At a court held at the Court House of Bedford County...for the examination of Josiah Blankinship on suspicion of his having feloniously taken a smooth cord gun of the value of 40 [shillings] the property of John Booth, a good piece of silver & a silver brooch of the value of 2 [shillings] 6 [pence] the property of William Haynes & a suit of cloathes belonging to Thomas Black of the value of 80 [shillings], a bay horse 4 years old, face value at 20 pounds, a man's saddle value at 3 pounds 10 shillings, saddle bags 20 [shillings], a black horse the property of Bundrin Buckingham. The Prisoner being led to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this county and charged of thefelony aforesaid, answered he was in no wise guilty thereof. whereupon the court proceeded to the examination of dundry witnesses and the prisoner being heard in his own defence. consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said Josiah Blankenship ought to be tried for the same before a Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held in the City of Williamsburg for the Trial of Criminals. Whereupon it is commanded the Sheriff that he remove the prisoner to the Jail of this county and from thence to the Publick Jail in the said City of Williamsburg. - Moses Belcher, Thomas Black, John Philip Weaver, Peter Funk, William Haynes, William Clay and Rhode Belcher acknowledge Richard Booth, themselves held and firmly bound to the Commonwealth of virginia in the sume of one hundred pounds each for their personal appearance at the Capitol in the City of Williamsburg as witnesses on behalf of the Commonwealth against the said Josiah Blankenship. - Robt. Ewing

August 29, 1777 - Virginia Gazette, Alexander Purdie, ed., p. 4., c. 2 - Taken up in Bedford, a red steer about 3 years old, with a white face, some white under his belly, the end of his tail white, marked with a crop in the right ear, and an underkeel in the left. Posted, and appraised to 30 s. - Josiah Blankenship [This notice apparently posted prior to his July, 1777 arrest.]

November 14, 1777 - Virginia Gazette, Alexander Purdie, ed., p. 2, c. 2 - At a court of Oyer and Terminer held the 4th, 5th, and 6th instants, Josiah Blankenship, from Bedford, for grand larceny: Acquitted by the grand jury.

December 19, 1777 - Augusta County Order Book 16, page 249 - "Called court on James Brown and Josiah Blankenship for breaking house of Woolrich Waggoner and larceny...guilty and sent to Williamsburg for trial." [Reference from Chaukley; Blankenship Records by Julia Gougler]

October 30, 1778 - Virginia Gazette, John Dixon, ed., p. 3, c. 1 - WILLIAMSBURG. At a General Court, begun and held at the Capitol the 10th instant, the following criminals were condemned to suffer death: Joseph Turner, alias Josiah Blankinship, from Albemarle, for burglary.

October 30, 1778 - Virginia Gazette, Alexander Purdie, ed., p. 3, c. 2 - WILLIAMSBURG, OCTOBER 30. On Friday the 16th commenced, and continued to the 21st, the trial of sundry prisoners from the publick jail...Joseph Blankinship, from Albemarle, for burglary, found guilty. And last Tuesday the whole number received sentence of death.

December 4, 1778 - Virginia Gazette, Dixon and Hunter, ed., p. 2, c. 2 - WILLIAMSBURG. In the House of Delegates, November 23, 1778. This day were executed at the gallows near this city, pursuant to their sentence, the following criminals, viz. John Phillips, Henry McClanen, Robert Hodges, John Reasor, and Josiah Blankinship.

Since Josiah, in the earliest record, is referred to as being from Amelia Co., there is an excellent possibility that he was a descendant of John Blankenship, one of the sons of Ralph, the progenitor of the Blankenship Family in America. considering the fact that Josiah sometimes used the alias Joseph Turner, it is possible that he could be the son of John's daughter Amy, who married William Turner. Following his first arrest and his desertion from the colonial army, he could have "taken cover" in Bedford County near his uncles Isham Blankenship Sr. and Hudson Blankenship. However, given the known facts, no conclusive proof of Josiah Blankenship's parentage can be presented.

#### A NOTE OF THANKS FROM RUTH HALE

I really appreciated all the cards, flowers, gifts and encouragement after my surgery last fall.

#### THANKS A LOT FROM MY HEART

- Ruth Hale

This Bible, which was printed in 1866 and is in fair condition, was recently found in Roanoke. If a family member is interested in obtaing the Bible, please contact Nelson Harris, 2813 Edgewood Street, Roanoke, VA 24015 or call 540-344-9547.

#### Births:

William Otis TYLER - October 14, 1851 Mary TYLER - October 14, 1851 (twins)

Christened by the Rev. George Duhl of the Lutheran Church.

According to inscriptions within the Bible, Mr. Tyler may have lived for some time in Frederick City, Maryland. Other names and dates which appear in the Bible are "Dr. Charles GOLDSBOROUGH, Walkersville, Md." and "Katie GOLDSBOROUGH, January 21, 1888."

## BOOK REVIEWS

THE ADAM WAGGONER FAMILY OF TAZEWELL AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VIRGINIA 1750-1996 by Thomas C. Hatcher and Nancy Nash, 1996, 259 pages with Index, soft cover. Private printing.

Adam Waggoner emigrated from Bingen, Germany, and settled in Montgomery County, Virginia in the mid 1750's. His descendants are traced through several southwestern Virginia counties and various states. Allied and maternal family genealogy is provided for many family groups. Photos, locating maps, wills and other data are included.

Order from Nancy Nash, 634 Riverside Drive, West, North Tazewell, Virginia 24630-9532. Make checks payable to Adam Waggoner Genealogy in the amount of \$30.00.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES EMMONS by J. tracey Walker III, privately printed 1997, soft-cover, spiral bound.

To quote from the introduction - "This is not a book, it is a genealogical report concerning facts, opinions and some speculation relating to the Revolutionary War soldier, James Emmons."

He was born in Fauquier County, Virginia; migrating first to Stokes County, North Carolina; then to Giles County, Virginia and finally to Cass County, Michigan.

Nice photographs and permission to copy any part or all of the report! Purchase information was not given. Contact the author at 2865 Mt. Aire Rock Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901.

#### FAMILY REUNIONS

#### 1998 STROTHER FAMILY REUNION, August 5-9, 1998, Arlington, VA

The Seventh Biennial Family Reunion of the William Strother Society will be held at the Hyatt Hotel. Continuing tradition, the Society is returning to Virginia where the Strother family first settled in Guest speakers, tours of ancestral historical sites, social events, and time to exchange information on the family are planned. In addition, there will be opportunities to visit nearby Washington DC genealogical resources and historical sites. Strother descendants, related families and friends are welcome. Contact Edward L. Strother, 36 Puget Drive, Steilasoom, WA 98388details E-mail: registration form. for and a <edstrother@aol.com>

#### U. S. MCCRAW FAMILY ASSOCIATION, July 10-12, 1998, Williamsburg, VA

The Biennial Reunion of the U. S. McCraw Family Association will be held at the Fort Magruder Inn, Route 60 East, Williamsburg, VA, July 10-12, 1998. For further information please contact Frances McCraw Jones, 402 Delton Ave., Hopewell, VA 23860. Phone 804-458-8173.

## WARNING! TAKE A BREAK

Submitted by: Billie Redding Lewis, 1104 Voncile Street, Lake Wales, FL 33853-3919

...I have sat at the computer and typewriter too long at a time and as a result spent Thanksgiving in the hospital. I said they send women who have just had babies home in 24 hours, but keep me for 8 days. So, I am warning all writers and family historians, do not sit too long at a time no matter how young or old you are. I ended up with clots in one leg from the ankle to the groin and am still having trouble. I refused to listen to my husband and sons who work with computers all the time, but I am now trying to get others to listen. So without going into details about my ailments, it might be a good idea for you to put a warning in one of your quarterlies that such results can happen if researchers don't take heed about sitting too long at one time while researching. The readers may be like I was and won't listen, but at least we've tried. Right?

### APCHIVAL PRODUCTS

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If you need to know where to order archival products, the Virginia Room at the Roanoke Public Library has a list of names and addresses as well as catalogs from a number of companies who sell them.

## JAMES BARNETT GRAVEYARD

#### Montgomery County, VA

Rt. 11, 1/4 Mile West of Elliston

Copied 27, March 1987 by Glenna G. Garner & Ruth G. Hale

Anderson, Beulah C.			1902 - 1913
Anderson, Willie D.			1905 - 1921
Barnett, Betty Anderson			1878 - 1932
Barnett, Crockett R.			Feb. 19, 1851 - Nov. 27, 1933
King, Mary Lois			May 29, 1921 - Dec. 10, 1921
Barnett, Willie Jane (Large Tombstone)			Aug. 19, 1859 - Mar. 23, 1936
" , John W. " "			Feb. 8, 1850 - Nov. 30, 1903
Barnett, Samuel W.			Feb. 29, 1880 - May 8, 1942
Barnett, David P.			Feb. 25, 1847 - May 15, 1876
Barnett, Sarah A.			Nov. 9, 1819 - Mar. 16, 1898
Barnett, Samuel W.			Sept. 7, 1809 - Nov. 8, 1871
Deyerle, W. G.	(Same	Tombstone)	•
" , Mary Jane, wife of W. G.	и.		May 26, 1819 - July 15, 1856
Barnett, James	0.00		Mar. 18, 1790 - Aug. 1865
" , Ellen, wife of James	**		Oct. 20, 1792 - Dec. 28, 1853, 61 y. 2 m. 8 d.
2 graves marked with fieldstones			7 - 7 - 11 - 11
Lawrence, Celinda, wife of J. E.			May 12, 1830 - Apr. 29, 1904
Lawrence, Jo			Mar. 16, 1823 - June 16, 1906
Thomas, Minerva Emaline			Oct. 26, 1849 - Feb. 7, 1852
Thomas, David G.			Jan. 9, 1814 - Nov. 19, 1902
Thomas, Thurzetta E., wife of D. G.			Feb. 28, 1829 - Oct. 13, 1874
Thomas, Bettie C., dau. of D. G. & T. E.			Apr. 11, 1856 - June 26, 1874
Barnett, John D.			July 10, 1798 - July 10, 1877
Barnett, Elizabeth A., wife of John D.			Jan. 9, 1827 - Dec. 28, 1907
Barnett, William			Died July 8, 1881 Age 80 y. 3 m.
Barnett, Manervie			June 15, 1816 - Nov. 6, 1888
4 graves marked with rocks			
Henry, D. E.			Oct. 11, 1861 - Feb. 6, 1895, Age 33 yrs.
Akerson, Retta B.			June 8, 1867 - Oct. 30, 1923
Thomas, Benjamin F.			Oct. 10, 1834 - Oct. 18, 1935
Thomas, Malinda, wife of B. F.			Dec. 22, 1838 - Dec. 26, 1913
Thomas, William Campbell			June 7, 1914 - July 15, 1914
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#### Separately Fenced

Thomas, John B.	Apr. 7, 1823 - Sept. 30, 1900
" , Elmira J.	Mar. 10, 1826 - Dec. 2, 1898
Barnes, Annie Mott	Jan. 29, 1897 - Dec. 30, 1897
" , William Mott	Apr. 14, 1852 - Jan. 4, 1897
Very large monument with front on the ground	
Thomas, Olive	Died Oct. 28, 1934
Mateer, George William	Aug. 12, 1847 - Sept. 21, 1918
Mateer, Lillie Belle, wife of G. W.	May 1, 1864 - July 26, 1914
Loving, Jesse Thomas	May 5, 1884 - Jan. 23, 1924
Moore, Lettie T.	Died Sept. 9, 1933
Childress, Sallie Dobbins	1858 - 1928
Loving, Cora T.	Died Mar. 15, 1934

Cemetery is completely overgrown, wrought iron fence knocked down, railroad ties thrown in it. In very sad condition.

Spring 1988. The cemetery is being cleaned up by Mr. Calvin Barnett.

VIRGINIA APPALACHIAN NOTES

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* QUARTERLY EXCHANGE NOTES \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

(Compiled by Carol Milbourn)

Want to know how to write a "genealogically correct" obituary? Read Writing a Genealogically Correct Obituary by Ted O. Brooke and Linda Woodward Geiger in the Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly, page 153, vol. 33, no. 3. Also in this issue, on page 146, is an article contributed by Joye Lett Quinn on the Georgia Land Lotteries.

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From the <u>Virginia Tidewater Quarterly</u>, vol. 28, no. 1, March 1997: On page 31 is **Branches - Virginians Who Went West** by James H. Mero, extracted from <u>History of Greene County</u>, <u>Missouri, 1883</u>. Among the Virginians listed in the book are some from Southwest Virginia.

This same issue has part of the TGS Quarterly Surname Index 1970-1980 which covers all the surnames (with given name) printed in volumes 1 through 11 of the Society's Quarterly. This is on ongoing project, so look for previous and future issues for all of the index.

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The Virginia Room of the Roanoke City Public Library has a list of firms that provide archival products. The list gives addresses and 1-800 phone numbers. Some of the companies will send you a free catalog for the asking. The library has a few catalogs for archival products you may look at before ordering.

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From <u>Keyhole</u>, publication of **The Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania**, vol. XXV, no. 4, comes this definition of a "crossroads wedding"...one in which the marriage was held at a crossroads after sunset with the bride wearing only her shift. This was done to show she had no debts to bring to the marriage.

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Anyone using a computer for genealogy will benefit by reading the articles in all the NGS/CIG Digests (National Genealogical Society's Computer Interest Group publication), an insert in each NGS Newsletter. Among them is an article by Carmen J. Finley in vol. 16, no. 5, pg. 1, entitled: The USGenWeb Phenomena which explains the USGenWeb site on the Internet and the various features it provides.

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#### \*\*\*\*\*\* NEAT NET SITES \*\*\*\*\*\*

(Compiled by Carol Milbourn)

[Below are some of the sites listed in the Watauga Association of Genealogists, Upper East Tennessee Bulletin, vol. 26, no. 2. I have checked them out, and my comments follow in brackets.]

<http://www.usgenweb.com/military/index.html>

[This looks like it will eventually be a good site as more information is added. They are hoping to put together links to all the transcriptions and indexes of military records on the Internet. They are asking that if anybody knows of any links suitable for this page, to inform Maureen Reed, mreed@sky.net.]

<http://www.clinch.edu/appalachia/melungeon>

The Melungeon First Union was held in Wise, Virginia, during the 4th weekend of July 1997. For pictures and information about the group, see this site. [If you want to know more about Melungeon people, this is a good place to start. I found it very interesting.]

<http://www.census-online.com>

Census Online - Census Sites on The Web. OnLine Data: Transcriptions and Indexes for Federal and State Census, Tax Lists, Military Rosters, etc.

[In checking out this site, I looked to see what was available for our Southwestern Virginia counties. There are a total of 842 links, and Virginia has 173 links. Following is the list of information for our area counties. I am sure this is updated as data is available, so by now, there could be more.]

Almost all of our counties have their Confederate Units listed. Those having additional lists are:

HENRY COUNTY. 1909 Confederate Pension List.

LEE COUNTY. 1830 Federal Census; 1909 Confederate Pension
List; Revolutionary War Pensioners; The 22nd Virginia
Cavalry; The 48th Virginia Infantry; The 64th Virginia
Infantry; The 7th Battalion Confederate Calvary; Lee County
Militia; 1810 Personal Property Tax List.

PATRICK COUNTY. 1909 Confederate Pension List; 42nd Virginia Infantry Regiment.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY. Pension Applicants, Act of 1888, 1900 and 1902; First List of Tithables, 1767.

ROANOKE COUNTY. 1909 Confederate Pension List; 42nd Virginia Infantry Regimen.

RUSSELL COUNTY. 1860 Federal Census; 1888 Civil War Pension Applications; 1900 Civil War Pension Applications; 1909 Civil War Pension List; Revolutionary War Pensioners; Russell County Militia; The 22nd Virginia Calvary; the 48th Virginia Infantry; the 64th Virginia Infantry; The 7th Battalion confederate Calvary; 1790, 1810 and 1812 Personal Property Tax List.

SCOTT COUNTY. 1820 Federal Census; Revolutionary War Pensioners; Scott County Militia; the 22nd Virginia Calvary; The 48th Virginia Infantry; The 64th Virginia Infantry; The 7th Battalion Confederate Calvary; 1815 Personal Tax List.

WASHINGTON COUNTY. The 48th Virginia Infantry. WISE COUNTY. The 29th Regiment of Virginia Infantry.

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#### A THOUGHT FROM CAROL MILBOURNE

How many times have you discovered that the books that you use for your family research are not accurate? And have you ever wondered that the facts you are using and possibly passing on to others may not have been accurate? Remember this when writing your own family history. We should strive to produce a quality publication and always have someone else more experienced than yourself to edit or give a content review before publishing.

#### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

#### New Exhibit at The Library ...

"The Common Wealth: Treasures from the Collections of the Library of Virginia," is an exhibit at The Library in Richmond which runs through September 7, 1998, and highlights the rare and diverse collections spanning nearly 400 years of history, labeled "treasures By the people, FOR the people, and OF the people." Whether you have or have not yet visited the Commonwealth's premiere collection of preserved records, founded in 1823, this exhibit would be an excellent opportunity for an overview of a fraction the Library's contents and an appreciation for what it has to offer the historical and genealogical researcher. Be sure and check the Roanoke Public Library's Virginia Room for brochures about this exhibit and more information on the extensive collections of The Library of Virginia. When you can, visit them at:

The Library of Virginia
800 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219-1905
Phone: (804) 692-3500
http://leo.vsla/edu
Open: Monday through Saturday,
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Three Virginia Vestry Books are available again ...

Why are these particular works important to Virginia researchers? The parishes of the Anglican Church (Church of England) in Colonial Virginia were also political subdivisions, and their records are both official and important for researchers. In addition, these are from regions in the Old Dominion where the local records have been largely lost. Do you have ancestors from these parishes?

- The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peters's Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, Virginia, 1684-1786, first published by The Library of Virginia in 1937 which expanded and corrected the Colonial Dames of America in Virginia's publication from 1904. This is a reprint of the expanded and corrected edition. [800+ pgs, \$20.00]
- 2) The Vestry Book of Blis(s)land Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, Virginia, 1721-1736, a reprint of the original. [277 pgs with index, \$15.00]
- 3) The Vestry Book of the Upper Parish Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1793, also a reprint of the original. [328 pgs with index, \$15.00]

Copies of these reprints are available from your local bookseller or from the Library Shop at The Library of Virginia [phone (804) 692-3524 or fax (804) 692-3528].---wj

#### THE MCCLANAHAN CEMETERY:

## TO A DUMP IT SHALL RETURN, UNLESS...

#### THE SORRY PLIGHT OF AN HISTORIC SITE

"To a dump it shall return unless..." Such was the heading given to the editorial of the Roanoke Times on the McClanahan Cemetery Project last spring. And how prophetic it was, bringing forcefully to mind the observation made by local historian Raymond Barnes in his article of February 6, 1965--nearly 33 years ago:

"The most forlorn and neglected landmark of old Roanoke is the McClanahan burial plot..."

The editorial, which accompanied the Barnes article, was of equal poignancy and concern. It was titled "Shall we Forget Our Heritage" and began by noting that:

"The story told in Raymond Barnes' historical article in adjoining columns today is enough to cause every citizen of Roanoke Valley to hang his head in shame."

This editorial concluded:

"Admittedly, something needs to be done. A people which loses pride in its past or which fails to preserve its heritage and the resting place of its forbears is poor indeed, and without hope of foundation upon which to build a brighter future."

Hence, deaf ears and uncaring and unconcerned posterity have so responded to the concluding remark of a brief biographical note on Elijah McClanahan and his brother, James, written in 1894 by someone who had actually known them in their lifetime:

"They were better and more favorably known,..., than any two men in the county. A noble pair of brothers. Long should their memory be cherished and honored by their descendants." (Emphasis added).

#### THE RECENT EFFORTS AT RESTORATION

In recent years effort to restore this cemetery and beautify the knoll upon which it is located had its genesis in 1986 as a result of a vehicular accident that destroyed the historical highway marker that had identified the grave site. Regents of the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter of the DAR tried without success through several of its administrations to have the marker restored.

ultimately an Ad Hoc Committee was organized with representatives from the DAR, the Fincastle Resolutions of the SAR, The History Museum & Historical Society of Western Virginia and the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation. The Committee, determined to do more than merely have the marker replaced, urged Roanoke City's Council to take over the restoration and permanent care and maintenance of the site. After two years of meetings before City Council and its Water Resources Committee, to whom the request had been referred, the City declined to assume responsibility, although a cleaning out of portions of the area was done as well as a commitment to restore the marker and de-weed the area twice a year.

The City's formal resolution concluded that it would also "attempt to facilitate a permanent solution," but what action was intended within the embrace of the promise to "attempt to facilitate" remains undefined and unfulfilled.

After the first cleaning out of portions of the quarter acre site, Caleb Rossi, a young boy scout from Botetourt County seeking to earn his Eagle Scout award, undertook with some of his comrades to add to the City's operation. They created a pathway to the site from the alley entrance, stored many of the bricks displaced from the original enclosure, set up a bench that had been donated, planted some shrubbery and mulched much of the area. Not being spread by a professional landscaper, however, the mulch only served as a fertilizer for the weeds and the area quickly became the jungle-like eyesore as so described in the 1965 editorial.

#### REASONS FOR THE CITY'S NON-INVOLVEMENT

One of the reasons advanced by the City in refusing to become so involved was the fear of the precedent that it might set. An extensive survey was undertaken by the City's Department of Public Utilities somewhat similar to the one now being undertaken by the Regional Office of the Department of Historic Resources, but perhaps not quite as accurate or complete.

A large exhibit was prepared superimposed upon a map of the City locating each cemetery that had been identified including a photograph of each.

Some twenty-six (26) cemeteries were described as if to suggest that any active involvement in supporting the McClanahan Cemetery would precipitate a deluge of similar requests. Setting such a precedent, therefore, was simply not acceptable to our City leaders.

An analysis of those twenty-six, however, which included the City's well known public cemeteries, church cemeteries (which are inhibited from public investment by virtue of the separation of church and state doctrine) and private ones adequately maintained, showed that there were only four (4) others in similar unkept condition comparable to the McClanahan Site. Of those four, one was in interminable litigation, one had no graves at all, and the other two had very little historical significance--certainly nothing to compare with the McClanahan-Lewis background.

#### THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The subcommittee of the City's administration in its report to the Water Resources Committee offered to make space in the City's Cemetery at Coyner Springs in Botetourt County for the removal of the McClanahan graves, but not at the City's expense.

The Ad Hoc Committee was not impressed with this offer for not only did the Committee have no funds to finance such a transfer, which would have also required an expensive lawsuit to obtain permission of the Court, but to remove the graves from the existing site to the graveyard in another county now being used primarily for the deceased homeless or indigent was not felt to be the proper "cherishing and honoring" of the memory of these pre-Civil War leaders as the 1894 biographical sketch had urged.

The sub-committee also suggested, without documentation, that it would cost about \$100,000.00 to restore the area--a grossly exaggerated estimate submitted in order to justify its recommendation that the City should not get involved. The Ad Hoc Committee had advanced a budget of \$15,000.00.

The City was also concerned that because it did not own the property it had no duty to assume the responsibility. But reference to powers granted by the City Charter failed to provoke response. Paragraph 29 of Article 2 of the Charter provides in pertinent part that the City has the power"

"(29) To acquire...lands to be used, kept and improved as a place for the interment of the dead, and to make and enforce all necessary rules and regulations for the protection and use thereof; and generally to regulate the burial and disposition of the dead."

Clearly, one of the proper functions of government is to preserve and maintain its historical resources.

#### JUSTIFICATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE MCCLANAHAN CEMETERY

Why, however, does the McClanahan Cemetery qualify as an historic resource? Why should the graves of these two, long-dead citizens (and probably a few more) be restored to any kind of civil environment or their memories perpetuated to the possible exclusion of other old-time family cemeteries of similar neglect and abandonment?

Let, therefore, the two persons sought to be memorialized be introduced, after first noting, however, that the site of their graves on the commanding knoll behind Advance Auto Stores near the intersection of 24th Street and Melrose Avenue is in and of itself of historical significance. From this hill one can view to the west the site of an early horse race track and early baseball diamond. The first airplane to land in Roanoke in 1917 set down on an open field in front of this knoll. Along the northerly boundary of the cemetery ran the Roanoke to Salem Electric Trolley. And all of the surrounding area as far as the eye can see was once owned by the McClanahans and the Lewises.

#### AGATHA STROTHER LEWIS

Agatha Strother Lewis was the granddaughter of General Andrew Lewis who gained everlasting fame as the leader of Colonial Forces in the Battle of Point Pleasant against the Indians in October 1774. Prior to that he had been an Indian fighter along with George Washington. Earlier historians claimed that the Indians had been influenced by the British to commence what has been known as "Lord Dunmore's War" in order to terrify and confound the Colonists before England began formal hostilities less than a year later at Lexington and Concord.

In 1909 Congress, in appropriating money for a commemorative monument at Point Pleasant and based on research that strongly indicated that Dunmore had betrayed Lewis to the Indians, called Point Pleasant the "first battle of the American Revolution."

The Lewis connection is strong in the Roanoke Valley. The General is buried in Salem; Fort Lewis Mountain is named for him as is Lewisburg, W.VA.; Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem bears his name; and he was a member of the House of Burgesses in Richmond, both before and during the Revolutionary War, as well as being head of the Virginia Militia and subsequently military adviser to Governor Jefferson.

It is not by chance that at the base of George Washington's Statue in Richmond Andrew Lewis is included as one of only five of Virginia's most famous sons: Jefferson, Marshall, Mason, Nelson-and General Andrew Lewis. His military genius was fully recognized when George Washington, before his own appointment as Commander-in-

Chief of the Continental Forces, recommended that the appointment be given to Lewis.

One of the sponsoring organizations of the subject project is named for General Lewis' mother, Margaret Lynn Lewis (1693 - 1773). This chapter was instrumental in the late 1800s in locating the remains of the General whose burial site had long been forgotten. Quite ironically, in view of the McClanahan connection, the exact spot of the grave had been shown to one Frederick Johnston, many years earlier by Colonel McClanahan, who as a young boy had been present at the General's burial. Johnston had painted the initials "A.L." on a stone which led to the discovery of the site long after Johnston's death.

On April 5, 1897 in the presence of the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter of the DAR a service was conducted for the reburial of Andrew Lewis in the East Hill Cemetery in Salem where today a handsome monument stands in his honor. An impressive monument to his memory and accomplishments at Point Pleasant has also been erected at the site of that battle.

Andrew Lewis married Elizabeth Givens in 1749. They had seven (7) children. One of them, Andrew Jr. (1759 - 1844), married Agatha Madison, the daughter of John Madison in 1778. Agatha Madison, a direct blood relative of President James Madison, was the mother of Agatha Strother Lewis, who married Elijah McClanahan on September 5, 1795. So, a direct connection with a President of the United States--one from Virginia no less--lies buried in disgraceful surroundings atop that neglected hill.

#### COL. ELIJAH MCCLANAHAN

Elijah McClanahan was one of nine children, the son of William McClanahan (1769-1819) and Sarah Neeley. William was himself one of eight children. They, in turn, were the children of Robert McClanahan (? - 1791) who married Sarah Breckenridge, another famous family from Western Virginia.

Elijah and Agatha had twelve children, ten daughters, nine of whom married, each bearing a number of children ranging from four to nine. There are literally hundreds of McClanahan heirs, though very few have remained in the Roanoke area. Kyle Montague, now 87 and living in Naples, Florida, is one direct descendant of Elijah and Agatha who has been identified. He traces his ancestry through Mary McClanahan who married Rice Montague. Through the Montague line came Wally Simpson for whom a King of England gave up his throne. So not only do we have a President, but a King, that has credible association with this jungle-like eyesore.

There are other famous citizens who proudly claim a relationship to the McClanahan-Lewis progeny. M. Caldwell Butler, a former U.S. Congressman from Roanoke as well as a Delegate to the

Virginia General Assembly, traces his ancestry through Polly McClanahan, a daughter of Robert McClanahan, who married Thomas Poage. One of their sons, William Poage, had a daughter who married General James Walker of Wytheville, another famous Western Virginian.

Senator and former Governor Charles S. Robb is also connected with the McClanahan-Lewis genealogy. His fifth great-grandfather was Thomas Lewis who was the father of Agatha (Agnes) Lewis, Senator Robb's fourth great-grandmother. Agatha's younger sister was Margaret Ann Lewis who married Captain John McClanahan, second son of Robert McClanahan, who died years before the death of Elijah and Agatha. Margaret Ann Lewis is rumored to have been buried in one of the unmarked and unlocated graves on the McClanahan Cemetery Site. Also probably buried in the immediate area, though not yet located, are Colonel James McClanahan, Elijah's brother, and William, one of Elijah's sons. The astronaut and first man to walk in space was Edward N. White, II, a great, great, great, great, great grandson of General Lewis.

Elijah McClanahan, following in his father footsteps, and along with his brothers were outstanding leaders of the early Roanoke Valley. In 1806 at the age of 36 Elijah was elected one of Salem's first six trustees, as councilmen were then called. He served as a delegate in the State Legislature in 1808 -1809 and in 1809 was elected Sheriff of Botetourt County. In 1816 he was the material witness in a famous trial against two local citizens who had challenged each other to a duel which had only recently become illegal. That same year the records show that he was one of the managers of the Upper Roanoke Navigation Company. In 1831 he was a founder, charter member and elder of the Salem Presbyterian Church. He became one of the first justices of Roanoke County in 1838 -- the year that the County was established -and also served as the first Sheriff of Roanoke County. in 1852 he was one of only a few local leaders in bringing the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad to the Roanoke Valley.

The following detailed description of Colonel Elijah McClanahan, as well as his brother, Colonel James McClanahan, appears in the book on the McClanahans written in 1894:

#### "COLONELS ELIJAH AND JAMES MCCLANAHAN.

Colonel Elijah McClanahan was a man of noble build in body, mind and spirit. In person, he was tall and large, without being portly; his countenance was impressive, blending kindness and candor with gravity; his disposition was cheerful and sociable; his probity beyond all reproach; and the love and fear of God governed his life. His was a tower of strength in the Presbyterian Church at Salem

as a ruling elder, and was the chief builder of the church at Big Lick. His name in the church extended beyond his own Presbytery. It was considered a privilege by strangers from a distance to know him.

His brother, Colonel James McClanahan, was very much like him. It would be difficult to compare and impossible to contrast them. When I went to Roanoke to live in June, 1860, their names were on the lips of everybody. They were better and more favorably known, it seemed to me, than any two men in the county. A noble pair of brothers. Long should their memory be cherished and honored by their descendants."

#### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

To restore the area the following needs to be done:

- An archeological dig to locate other additional grave sites both within the old brick-enclosed area but outside of it as well within the original quarter acre.
- Before the dig can be undertaken a man-made mound of three to five feet in height needs to be removed.
- 3. The area needs to be attractively landscaped with the restoration of the old brick enclosure, the duplication of the original headstones and an overlook depicting the historical sites and events that once existed below the knoll as well as genealogical charts.
- 4. A new, stepped-up pathway from the Old Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike to the site needs to be constructed.
- 5. The restoration of the historical highway marker.
- 6. Other incidental items of beautification.

As to the perpetual upkeep and maintenance after the site has been properly restored, local neighborhood organizations, garden clubs, clean-valley committees and civic groups have already volunteered to undertake such assignment.

What is needed for the present is adequate funding. If interested, please mail any donation with check or pleage payable to:

The History Museum & Historical Society of Western Virginia P.O. Box 1904
Roanoke, Virginia 24008

Be sure to mark the check or pledge

"For the McClanahan Cemetery Project"

All donations would be tax-deductible.

TO A DUMP IT SHALL RETURN--UNLESS

The above was presented by Judge Jack B. Coulter at the January meeting of the Society. Darlene Richardson from the Department of Historic Resources also spoke on restoration progress of local cemeteries. If you know of a cemetery in our area that has need of restoration or you feel it might have been overlooked and should be included in a comprehensive listing of area cemeteries, please get in touch with Ms. Richardson at the Department of Historic Resources, Roanoke Regional Preservation Office, 1030 Penmar Ave., SE, Roanoke, VA 24013. Their phone number is 540-857-7585.

#### JENNELLE CEMETERY

#### Montgomery County, VA

Rt. 643, near Yellow Sulphur Springs

Copied 14, February 1988 by Charles W. and Ruth G. Hale

Gallimore, William + Gallimore, Harry E.

Gallimore, James Thomas
", Nannie Craighead

Smith, Infant Gott, John

Gott, Sallie (Mother) Green, Paul Ottis

Green, Glenna Leigh

Green, William Henry Green, Amanda Sophie

Green, Leslie W.

Green, Alice Fields

Kitchen, Mary G. (Mother)

Miller, Clyde F. Guynn

" , George Woodson

Miller, Howard E.

Brammer, Charles Harold

Brammer, Margaret J.

Brammer, John J.

Brammer, Salie A.

Brammer, Rubin R.

Brammer, William J.

, Louanna W.

Earley, Rachel

Woolwine, John E.

Woolwine, Blanche Jones

Woolwine, George W.

Tuck, William Thomas (Father)

" , Mulissa Hava (Mother)

Tuck, Mack David

Tombstone, broken, no name or dates left

Grave, marked by fieldstone

Hawhee, Ida B. Tuck (Wife)
", Orvill W. (Husband)

Myers, Choice Nelson

Myers, Pearl Cromer

Otey, Laura

Otey, Kent W.

Craighead, John Henry

Woolwine, Charlsie L.

Woolwine, George Wm.

, Fannie Bane

Odham, William H., Jr.

McMahan, Lessie G.

Linkous, Claude P. (Dad)

" , Rena J. (Mom)

Cupp, James P.

" , Allene Sweeney

Sweeney, Joseph E.

1923 - 1936

Mar. 20, 1926 - Jan. 29, 1950

Va. Pfc. 398 Inf. 100 Div. W.W.II

July 31, 1902 - Feb. 2, 1951

Mar. 20, 1905 - Aug. 16, 1972

1981

1879 - 1936

1879 - 1940

no inscription

no inscription

Dec. 2, 1864 - Feb. 15, 1914

Dec. 22, 1869 - Oct. 23, 1948

1891 - 1961 (Fu. Home Marker)

1893 - 1970 (Williams-Jamison Fu. Home)

Mar. 10, 1896 - June 5, 1973

Jan. 11, 1892 - Mar. 26, 1981

June 19, 1880 - Jan. 15, 1949

July 3, 1909 - Jan. 1, 1923

Apr. 28, 1919 - Mar. 22, 1963

Mar. 6, 1887 - June 12, 1968

May 12, 1888 - May 2, 1954

Mar. 15, 1849 - Dec. 22, 1930, Age 81

Dec. 18, 1864 - Oct. 13, 1930, Age 69

1886 - 1960

1890 - 1962

July 2, 1892 - July 14, 1967

Jan. 28, 1907 - Apr. 6, 1963

Mar. 29, 1912 - Dec. 8, 1971

Aug. 22, 1938 - Oct. 5, 1986

May 11, 1887 - Oct. 19, 1942

Feb. 7, 1900 - Oct. 19, 1942

Feb. 28, 1939 - May 6, 1940

Mar. 22, 1884 - Aug. 19, 1966

Feb. 8, 1877 - July 2, 1946

Oct. 29, 1921 - Sept. 18, 1944

Sept. 25, 1896 - May 30, 1979

July 22, 1871 -

Oct. 17, 1898 - Nov. 6, 1949

1915 - 1968 (Hoy Fu. Home)

Jan. 31, 1920 - Oct. 26, 1925

Apr. 3, 1874 - Jan. 2, 1946

Feb. 24, 1877 - May 7, 1961

Childs grave, old homemade marker

Sept. 7, 1891 - July 8, 1943

Mar. 16, 1919

June 5, 1918 - July 24, 1986

Mar. 9, 1873 -

June 1, 1893 - Oct. 12, 1925

Jan. 7, 1858 - Dec. 11, 1905

Kemp, Elliott Lee, Jr. Grubb, Robert Carl Grubb, Emory Lee Grubb, Susan Lillie Moses, Ruby E. Moses, Marshal + Moses, Archie W.

> Myers, David Lee Tuck, George McKinly Tuck, Thomas Wade Stone, Virginia M. Slusher Stone, William Tipton Moses, Lucy J. Moses, Archie Moses, Leslie W. Grave, marked by fieldstones Johnson, Blair D. (Father) , Luemma F. (Mother) 18 Markers dated 1937 with different initials Grissom, Amanda Grissom, Mary, w/o Wm. Grissom, William Ekis, F. Ekis, M.A. Jenelle, M.S. Jennelle, Hamilton S.

, Jane Charlton, w/o H.S. Haynes, Jos. P. , Sarah J., w/o Jos. P. Haynes, Harriet Ann Stone, Lucy T., w/o M.E. Stone, W.F. " , Hattie E. Myers, Harrison L. , Daisy R. Hontz, Lula Young Myers, Katherine Price Myers, Manaul Livingston Myers, Effie V. Cundiff, Susan, w/o E.B. Jennell, Baby William Arthur Jennelle, Ethel Jennelle, Harry D. Rock initials "M.E.W." near fence Jennelle, Cullen E. Jennelle, Margaret E. Lewis, John Lewis, James " , Julia Miller, James P. " , Nora K. Myers, Stewart Heath , Lillian Linkous Myers, John S.

, Cynthia M.

Myers, Choice Everette

Grave, Fieldstone markers

Aug. 1, 1927 - Aug. 14, 1927 Jan. 17, 1893 - Oct. 30, 1918 Nov. 15, 1870 - Feb. 5, 1935 July 9, 1870 - Dec. 13, 1919 Feb. 25, 1907 - Sept. 25, 1963 Aug. 31, 1901 - May 3, 1963 Jan. 24, 1912 - June 7, 1949 Va. Staff Sgt. 6 AAF Photo SQ, W.W.II July 9, 1944 - June 22, 1957 Sept. 25, 1889 - Sept. 6, 1917 Mar. 7, 1935 - Mar. 17, 1935 1914 - 1983 (Richardson Fu. Home) July 22, 1907 - Mar. 18, 1970 June 15, 1878 - May 6, 1960 Sept. 11, 1872 - Aug. 14, 1939 Apr. 12, 1904 - Apr. 9, 1922

Dec. 31, 1865 - June 11, 1942 Sept. 5, 1867 - 1928

Apr. 9, 1828 - May 19, 1922 1799 - May 19, 1882, Age 83 yrs. Apr. 29, 1793 - Dec. 27, 1853 Died July 16, 1844 Died Dec. 13, 1841 1829 - Dec. 24, 1863 Aug. 16, 1841 - July 11, 1911 4th Va. Regt. Co. E 1861-1865 Nov. 6, 1835 - Apr. 18, 1927 Aug. 9, 1809 - Aug. 14, 1893 May 13, 1812 - June 12, 1882 Apr. 6, 1834 - May 17, 1887 Age 74 yrs. 1858 - 1926 1859 - 1940 1875 - 1930 1889 - 1979 Mar. 18, 1887 - Jan. 18, 1968 Feb. 10, 1921 - Sept. 20, 1987 June 30, 1918 - July 4, 1952 Feb. 15, 1910 - Dec. 16, 1967 June 8, 1818 - Sept. 2, 1888 Feb. 9, 1912 - Aug. 4, 1912

Apr. 3, 1937 - June 26, 1945 Apr. 20, 1921 - Apr. 16, 1923 CSA 1861 - 1965 Apr. 22, 1817 - May 6, 1914 Jan. 23, 1836 - Mar. 28, 1916 July 20, 1877 - Feb. 16, 1963 Mar. 13, 1871 - Sept. 25, 1949 Jan, 31, 1897 - Oct. 30, 1933 Feb. 28, 1899 - June 12, 1945 Jan. 30, 1869 - May 7, 1928 Apr. 6, 1875 - June 19, 1955 June 14, 1895 - Nov. 13, 1959

Oct. 30, 1877 - July 4, 1914

May 22, 1890 - Feb. 26, 1912

Early, Dusty W. + Jennelle, Robert H.

> Jennelle, Edith Louise Jennelle, Roy J. ", Iowa A.

+ Jennelle, Allen

1969 - 1970 Dec. 5, 1924 - May 23, 1972 Va. Pvt. US Marine Corps, W.W.II May 25, 1919 - Feb. 2, 1950 1894 - 1946 1896 - 1962 1916 - 1975 Pvt. US Army

HERALD OF THE VALLEY, 25 Dec, 1820

MARRIED last evening, by the Rev Mr Wo\_\_, Mr Edward E Cooke, to Miss Ann Norris, daughter of Mr Thaddeus Norris of Warrenton, Va.

On the 23rd ult. at York Haven, Pa. by Baltzer Stoner, Esq, Mr Perry Hooper, to Miss H. Caldwell, all of that place.

Shoe, to Miss Matilda, daughter of Mr Thomas Anderson, all of the County.

------On Thursday the 3rd instant, by the Rev John Bell, Mr John Baptist Comparet, to the amible Miss Harriett Jinnell, both of Christiansburg.

NOTICE As I intend to leave this place, on, or before, the first day of January next, I request all those having business with me, of any nature, to call at this office. FRED: W. PLEASANTS

 $Dr.\ Wm.\ A.\ M'Dowell$  TENDERS his services to the Citizens of Fincastle, and its vicinity, in the various branches of his profession. He may be consulted at the house recently occupied by Mr J Nece, as a Tavern.

NOTICE Strayed away from the Subscriber, living in Botetourt County, and on Glade Creek, on the 1 s day of April, WHITE AND BLACK COW, more black than otherwise, with a crop of the right ear, and slit in the same, and under keal out of the left, also in June last, three MILCH COWS and one HEIFFER—the Milch cows were all of the same mark in the ear, as beforementioned, one of them was a brindle cow, with a white face, and the other a white and red cow, also, one small brindle cow, with a white spot in her forehead. The Heiffer is supposed to be two years old, is black, with a white figure resembling a heart in her forehead. R. SNODGRASS, December 25, 1820

NOTICE I FORWARN all persons from taken an assignment on a note, dated November 1820, as balance of a fee given to Bowyer Miller, to appear at a call court, to defend my negro Abraham---But so it was I was compelled to employ other Counsel, and said Miller did not attend to the call court, so I will not pay the above note unless I am compelled by law. Given under my hand, this 10th day of December 1820. PETER SALLING

Dec. 25

ONE CENT REWARD Runaway on Saturday night the 9th inst. an apprentice to the Tanning Business named JAMES M'CONEL, About twenty years of age, freckled and speckled in the face, sandy hair, a very sulky countenance, is fond of scratching on the fiddle, and playing cards. I forwarn all persons from harbaring said apprentice, as I am determined to put the law in force. Whoever brings the said apprentice back, shall receive the above reward, but neither thanks nor charges. WM. REID Dec. 25

#### **QUERIES**

- 98-2: Seek info & par/o Jesse WOOD(S), b 1780-1800 in Nelson Co. He m Nancy Puckett in 1819. His son James L. WOOD(S), later m Minerva ALIFF in Floyd Co in 1854. Jesse d in Nelson Co in 1842. Mary Lucado, see 98-1
- 98-3: Seek info & par/o George CLARE/CLAIR/CLEAR of Botetourt Co. George m as his second wife Susannah KESSLER. I am interested in his first wife's name by whom he had several ch. Also is George of English/Irish descent or German? George d bet 1787-1790. Mary Lucado, see 98-1
- 98-4: Seek info on wife & ch of Jacob PATE, s/o Jeremiah PATE & Christina HARMON, b Oct 1755. Lived Sinking Creek area, Montgomery Co 1790's. Ethel M. Willenberg, 4841 Del Monte Rd., La canada, CA 91011 Tel: 818-790-6096
- 98-5: Seek info on William S. FARISS, m Mary BOWLES, Botetourt Co, 22 Jan 1765. William d 1859, named daus: Julia, Marie & Meg; son: John FARISS. Nancy Dickman, 542 Dawn Ct. Ripon, CA 95366
- 98-6: Info welcome on George W. SHEAFF, b PA, m Malina ?. Their son John P. SHEAFF, b 1858 in VA, m Rachel BARBERRY, 1884 in Washington Co VA. Their son, James C. SHEAFF, b 1883 in VA, m Emma PARKS in 1904, having dau Mable SHEAFF BONHAM. Then James C. & Emma divorced. These SHEAFF's are not buried in Washington Co VA. Sue Timmons Dible, 502 Union St., Box 155, Risingsun, OH 43457-0155
- 98-7: John COMER, taylor, was listed among the "white servants" (indentured?) in the inventory of the estate of Robert "King" CARTER, Lancaster Co VA 1730. (The VA Dynasties by Clifford Dowdy 1969). could this be the g-father of John COMER b 1753 Caroline Co VA? He d Grayson Co bef 1835, m Catherine DOVE. Ch: John P, Phame, Amy, Jonathan, Stephen, Samuel & Thomas. Carl Boyd, P. O. Box 795, McBride, BC VOJ 2EO Canada
- 98-8: \$100 reward for doc proof of par/o Joseph GRAY b. 31 Mar 1818 & Margaret WIATT, b 12 Jul 1822, m Franklin Co 1839. First son named James, first dau named Mary Margaret. Claude Hanson, 3417 Kelly Way, Boise, Idaho 83704

- 98-9: Want to find par/o James W. EVANS, b 1829 VA, poss Botetourt Co VA or Montgomery Co VA. His w was Mallisa Jane JOHNSON, b 1842, Hawkins Co TN. Their ch: Thomas C., Sara A. M., Orlean K., Edward J., Delpha A., Hiram F., Samuel J., all b in Hawkins Co TN. Dorothy Evans Griffis, 4341 Terrace Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45245
- 98-10: Also want to find par/o Thomas Jefferson LAMBERT, b VA 1830 wife Mary Ann EMMERT, b TN 1845, both bur in Bristol TN. Ch: John W., Sarah E., Thomas, Ellen, Hugh, Ada, Hiram, Harm, Halie, all b in Hawkins Co TN. Dorothy Evans Griffis, see 98-9
- 98-11: Rebecca Jane FIELDS(?), b 12 Jun 1860, Smyth Co VA to ? She m William HANSAEW in Bland Co VA 22 Dec 1880. On her marr lic she listed Solomon & Malinda as par. Rumor was Rebecca was adopted. William & Rebecca moved to Tilden, Antelope, NE in 1880's. Ch: Ollie & Edward. Does anyone have info on Rebecca Jane's adoption? Barbara Hanshew Schulz, P. O. Box 47, Gladstone, IL 61437-0047
- 98-12: Would like to corres with anyone having info on Margaret Ann HANSHEW b 21 Jun 1860 in Smyth Co VA, d/o Samuel & Nancy Catherine (WILSON) HANSHEW. Margaret m Joseph A. COOPER 10 Jun 1876 in Bristol, Sullivan Co, TN. Family on 1880 Census Black Lick Township, Wythe Co VA w/dau Laura F. Margaret died 11 Jun 1896. Where is Margaret bur? What happened to her family? Where did Joseph & Laura go? Any help appreciated. Barbara Hanshew Shulz, see 98-11
- 98-13: Need par/sib ofJames WHITE, b Eng, came to Charlottesville VA 1796 from Derbyshire Eng. Did he remain in VA or move on west? Who did he marry? Who were his descendents? Would love to corres w/any living descendents still in the Charlottesville area. M. Jane White Price, P. O. Box 106, Webb City, MO 64870-0106
- 98-14: Also searching for Joseph WHITE b abt 1720. A son John S. WHITE b VA 1751. He m Martha PHILLIPS of VA, & a dau Mary "Polly" WHITE was b 1791. Need names of par/sib of Joseph WHITE & wife. M. Jane White Price, see 98-13
- 98-15: Seeking name for wife of Abner BOOTHE, b 25 Feb 1781, d 1836 Floyd Co VA. Abner fr Dutchess Co NY, m around 1800, poss in NY. Abner in 1810 Census Montgomery Co VA, wife & 5 ch; 1820, wife & 10 ch; 1830 no wife listed. Wife b abt 1783 d bef 1836 in Montgomery or Floyd Co. <u>David Boothe</u>, 353 Bush St., Salinas, CA 93907 e-mail: <dmb@redshift.com>
- 98-16: Seeking par, death date, & other info on George W. BARNETTE, b Jul 1867, m 5 Sep 1895 to Mary C. WARF, b Apr 1877. All in Scott Co VA. Marriage record shows George's mother as Peggy BARNETTE, Mary's par as Berry & Oma (ROLLER) WARF. Any help on BARNETTE's of Scott Co VA appreciated. Lois Richards, P. O. Box 723, Gillette, WY 82717

98-17: Seeking par/o Nancy SHARP, b 1791 in VA, m Jun 1816 in Clinton Co OH to Thomas WEST b 1786, s/o George & Betty (TEMPLETON) WEST, Pittsylvania Co VA. Thomas & Nancy WEST's ch: William H. m Cynthia CLARK, George M. m Rebecca ACHOR, Lucinda, Elizabeth, Martha m MCKIBBEN, Julotty m MOON. Help appreciated. Lois Richards, see 98-16

98-18: Seek desc of Rev. War Vet. Jacob CITTY/ZETTY/SETTY & wife Elizabeth "Betsy" RUNION/RUNYON/RUNYAN. Jacob b 28 Jun 1760, Donegal Township, Lancaster Co PA & died 6 May 1836 in Bedford Co VA. Elizabeth b ca 1761 in Rockingham Co VA & d 31 Dec 1844 in Bedford Co. Ch: Catherine m John B. WOOD; Nancy m Williams W. STEVENS; Abraham m ?; Elizabeth m James Harvey MITCHELL; John m Mary Jane WITT; Jacob Jr. m Parkey DEARREN & Jane BARNES; Martha m Thomas OWEN; Polly m Blagdon WOOD; Sarah m Robert BURKE; Christopher m Rachel C. MILLER; Samuel m Sophia ?; Patsy m ? Norman L. Runyon, 207 Saint Joseph St., Sturgis, MI 49091-1441 e-mail:<runyon@voyager.net>

#### PRILLAMAN FAMILY "SCOOP"

Submitted by: Calvin Weddle, 4404 Pennsylvania Ave., NE, Roanoke, VA 24019

For years Prillaman family researchers have been searching for the maiden name of Jacob Prillaman, Sr.'s wife Walpurga. In a book Pennsylvania Births, Philadelphia County 1644-1765, copyrighted 1994, by John T. Humphrey, page 217, is a birth for Anna Walburga HEIM, 24 Dec 1755, parents David and Maria Margaretha, records of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Germantown.

The Prillamans settled in Franklin Co VA. This Anna Walburga Heim might be Jacob Prillaman's wife, Walpurga.

- P. S. You may want to check the Prillaman book in the Virgina Room (Roanoke Public Library) to see if the dates fit. The Virginia Room also has the book on Philadelphia County births.
- Ed. Note: The editor would like to hear from other Prillaman researchers regarding the above. Do you agree or disagree with Mr. Weddle? Send your response to: VAN Editor, c/o Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 12485, Roanoke, VA 24026-2485.

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1 Flaherty, Wilbur F. Aug. 20, 1852 - Dec. 11,	1918
2 ", Odessa, his wife Apr. 1, 1855 - Jan. 30, 19	
3 Flaherty, Lula E., w/o J. H. Sept. 12, 1866 - Apr. 14,	
4 Flaherty, Rev. A. Q. Mar. 2, 1827 - Mar. 20, 1	
Born from above Sept. 3.	
5 ", Lucy S., w/o A. Q. Aug. 7, 1828 - Dec. 14, 1	
6 Flaherty, Edward Mar. 6, 1825 - Feb. 7, 18	
Aged 72y. 11m. 1d.	
7 Flaherty, Fannie O., w/o Edward Oct. 28, 1830 - Mar. 19,	1910
8 Flaherty, Emma F. 1855 - 1878	
9 Vines, Blanche Flaherty Aug. 1, 1875 - Aug. 14, 1	895
10 Reynolds, L. L. Died Jan. 31, 1892, Aged	
11 Pitzer, Bettie V., w/o D. L. May 18, Nov.	
(marker damaged)	
12 Staples, Lucy E. Aged 22 yrs.	
13 Flaherty, Lucy Born 1861	
14 ", Adam H. Born 1865	
15 Dobson, Elizabeth Died Mar. 22, 1861, Aged	d 67v. 6m. 7d.
16 Dobson, William C. Died 1863	4 01). 0111. 141
17 ", Elizabeth Organ, w/o Wm. C. 1793 - 1861	
18 Bishop, Martha Ann Dobson, Oct. 14, 1812 - Mar. 12,	1879
w/o Rev. James Shields Bishop (Married Nov. 19, 1826)	- D. C.
Daughter and Only Child	
19 Bishop, Rev. James Shields June 28, 1798 - June 2, 1	856
husb. of Martha Ann Dobson, Buried Wesley Chapel Cem. near I	
and s/o James Bishop and Martha Ann Shields	
20 Houser, George B. Nov. 18, 1846 - Nov. 9, 1	906
21 ", Mattie V., w/o G. B. Oct. 10, 1852 - Sept. 6, 1	
22 Poague, John Robert Eugene Oct. 14, 1912 - Dec. 8, 19	
23 Poague, John Sandy 1867 - 1930	100
24 " , Lillie Houser 1872 - 1956	
25 Poague, Lillian V. Dec. 29, 1902 - Feb. 3, 19	989
26 * Skidmore, Mattye Sizer Apr. 1, 1901 - Oct. 31, 19	
Cpl. US Army W.W. II	
27 Grave marked with rock	
28 Etep, Bettie J., w/o John & Sept. 24, 1842 - Aug. 15,	1870
daughter of B. H. & N. J. Jinkens	a real Ma
29 Braden, Inf. s/o J. W. & M. J. b. & d. Dec. 17, 1880	
30 Christian, Little Myerly, d/o E. L. & N. A. May 25, 1901 - Dec. 11, 1	901
31 Bishop, Wm. D. (Father) Jan. 18, 1835 - Aug. 28, 1	

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Oct. 26, 1836 - Dec. 21, 1898
32
      Bishop, Virginia M., w/o Wm. D.
33
      Bishop, J. Warren
                                                          Aug. 17, 1866 - May 16, 1883
                                                          1895 - 1975, Pvt. US Army W.W.I.
34 +
      Clinebell, Marion B.
                                                          Oct. 9, 1898 - May 9, 1917
35
       Sloan, Charlie M., s/o S. W. & Viola
                                                          Sept. 13, 1878 - Nov. 2, 1946
      Clinebell, Viola, w/o M. B.
36
37
       Sloan, S.W.
                                                          Dec. 9, 1855 - June 7, 1923
       Sloan, Mary Jane, w/o S. W.
                                                          Aug. 5, 1862 - Mar. 27, 1894
38
39
       Aldridge, Noah A.
                                                           Oct. 21, 1883 - May 7, 1925
40
                                                           Mar. 24, 1923 - July 26, 1923
       Aldridge, Mary E.
                                                          Jan. 19, 1929 - Dec. 2, 1935
41
       Sloan, Lillian Beatrice
                                                          Aug. 4, 1903 - Sept. 5, 1969
42
       Sloan, Warren Tilton, Sr.
43
          " . Enid Louise
                                                          May 30, 1911 - Jan. 24, 1972
44
       Indication of grave
45
       Old marker, no inscription
                                     (All that is left on broken marker)
 46
          "?" , Elsie V.
 47
                                     (All that is left on broken marker)
          "?", Mamie Lee
 48
       Grave marked by slab
 49
       Grave marked by slab
 50
       Footstone, initials "E.S.W."
 51
       Walker, Margaret B.
                                                           Nov. 8, 1915 - Jan. 14, 1916
 52
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                                                           1903 - 1912
 53
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                                                           1909 - 1920
 54
        Sizer, J. Walter
                                                           1868 - 1926
 55
        Sizer, Eva H.
                                                           1876 - 1940
 56
        Coffman, Inf. s/o O. C. & B. A.
                                                           b. & d. Oct. 21, 1906
 57
        Crawford, Rosa D., d/o J. J. & S. E.
                                                           July 8, 1880 - marker broken off
 58
        Hunter, Rella
                                                           Feb. 11, 1874 - July 4, 1947
 59
        Hunter, Thomas A.
                                                           Nov. 4, 1828 - Nov. 19, 1910
 60
               , Mary E., his wife
                                                           Feb. 14, 1848 - Mar. 1, 1930
 61
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                                                           1876 - 1919
 62
        Reid, John Field
                                                           Dec. 13, 1908 - Dec. 3, 1981
 63
        Reid, William F.
                                                           Apr. 17, 1933 - Apr. 30, 1939
 64
        Reid, Edith S.
                                                           no dates
 65
        Rycroft, Ira Julian
                                                           1917 - 1984
 66
               , Annie Eubank
                                                           1915 - 1983
 67
        Webb, Joseph H.
                                                           Sept. 22, 1949 - June 7, 1992
 68
        Reid, Frank
                                                           July 20, 1918
 69
        King, Matthew Laurence
                                                           Mar. 26, 1896 - Mar. 7, 1980
 70
        King, Mandy Lee Sprouse
                                                          Apr. 28, 1906 - Apr. 23, 1929
 71
        Painter, Mathew H.
                                                          1892 - 1967
 72
               , Mamie O.
                                                          1893 - 1935
 73
        Reid, J. Thomas
                                                          1912 - 1981
                                                                         (Married)
 74
           ", Bryant S.
                                                           1918 -
                                                                         (Sept. 13, 1938)
  75
        Reid, James Thomas
                                                          Mar. 8, 1940 - Sept. 17, 1967
  76
        Reid, James Emmett
                                                          June 3, 1873 - Oct. 25, 1957
  77
        Reid, Roberta Henderson
                                                          Feb. 3, 1877 - Dec. 10, 1958
  78
        Reid, Edward T.
                                                          Dec. 25, 1905 - Mar. 14, 1991
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79	Painter, William L.	Feb. 28, 1928 - July 9, 1990
80	Shafer, Marion Painter	1920 - 1993
81	Paul, Joshua Daniel	Sept. 23, 1979 - Feb. 4, 1994, Age 14 yrs.
82	Eubank, Edith May	Sept. 13, 1949 - Sept. 1949?
		(carved on wood)
83	Frye, Thomas H.	Aug. 9, 1868 - Mar. 5, 1949
84	Grave, marked with slab	
85	Taylor, James Lewis	1868 - 1946
86	", Mary Margaret	1872 - 1950
87 1	Taylor, Carlyle M.	June 30, 1901 - Dec. 20, 1969
		Pvt. Medical Dept. W. W. I.
88	Clemmer, Philip Wayne	June 16, 1963 - Dec. 19, 1982
89	Powell, Walter Clarence	Mar. 14, 1969 - Mar. 17, 1971
90	Hostetter, William E.	Feb. 5, 1912 - Nov. 27, 1973
91	", Mary F.	Dec. 25, 1919 -
92	Powell, Branson E.	Feb. 7, 1932 - Feb. 1, 1989 (Married)
93	", Jean L.	June 14, 1931 - (Dec. 26, 1950)
94	Webster, Elizabeth, w/o John W. (Mother)	Jan. 20, 1818 - Mar. 25, 1890
95	Webster, Annie E.	1860 - 1956
96	Powell, George W. (Father)	May 27, 1921 - Feb. 22, 1951
97	", Roslee H. (Mother)	Jan. 20, 1925 -
98	Powell, Ruth Ripley	1899 - 1974
99	Powell, Walter J.	1887 - 1962
100 1	Holdren, Hillary Jack	Jan. 30, 1930 - Mar. 2, 1986
		Sgt. U.S. Army, Korea (Married)
101	", Mattie P.	June 2, 1926 (Apr. 25, 1959)
102 1	Powell, Walter James	Feb. 15, 1928 - Dec. 10, 1986
	A STATE OF THE STA	Y 3 U.S. Navy, W. W. II
103 1	McKinney, Luther Thomas	Died Feb. 10, 1896
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	(no marked, but will get a military to	
104	McKinney, Daniel W.	Dates unknown
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#### Last Will and Testament of Caspar Reed

Berks Co., Pennsylvania proved 5 October 1789

In the name of God Amen. The fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty eight. I Caspar Read of the Township of Tulpehoccon in the County of Berks in the State of Pennsylvania Yeoman, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory, Thanks be to God for the same. And calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all Men to Die, do this fourteenth day of January aforesaid make ordain and publish this my Last Will and Testament, in manner following. That is to say...

Imprimis And first of all I recommend my soul into the Mighty Hand of God that gave it, and my body to the Earth to be buried in it. Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors herein after named and appointed.

Item I do order all my just debts and funeral charges to be honestly paid and adjusted.

Item I give and bequeath unto my six beloved children or to their proper representatives and to their heirs and assigns forever all my estate wherein it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike. That is to say, To my Eldest Son John George Read one sixth equal share, To my Son Michael Read one sixth equal share, To my Daughter Elizabeth Catharine intermarried with John George Gall, one sixth equal share, To my Son Philip Read one sixth equal share, To my Son Frederick Read one sixth equal share, and To my Daughter Mary Margaret intermarried with George Gebhard one sixth equal share, which will be six equal parts and shares. To hold the same to them or their proper representatives and to their heirs and assigns forever. Allowing unto my Son John George Read the sum of ten pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania over and above his equal share with the others the same to be for his first birth right.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Caspar Read and to heirs and assigns forever the full sum of one hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania which I have already paid him which is and shall be in full satisfaction for his hereditary share and portion out of my estate and estates.

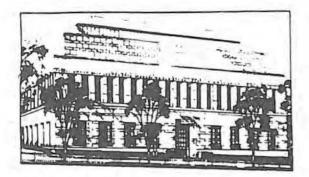
Item I give and bequeath unto my son in law Adam Emrich and to his heirs and assigns forever, the full sum of two hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania which shall be in full satisfaction for the hereditary shares and portions of my daughters Mary Barbara and Christena out of my estate and estates. And whereas I have already paid the said Adam Emrich the sum of one hundred pounds in part of my two daughters shares and hereditary portion to whom the said Adam Emrich was intermarried. So that he hath yet to receive the sum of one hundred pounds which he the said Adam Emrich shall receive of

my Son Frederick Read of the State of Virginia and fetch the same at his own expense and charges and that in four years after my decease and no sooner. And whereas my daughter Elizabeth Catherine hath issue four children with her first husband Hermanus Baddorff deceased, to with Michael, David, Philip, and Casper, all sons of the said Hermanus Baddorff aforesaid. It is therefore my will and I do hereby order that the one equal half sixth part of my daughter Elizabeth Catharine hereditary portion be equally divided amongst the said Michael, David, Philip, and Casper share and share alike and the other half part to be for the use of my daughter Elizabeth Catharine. It is further my will that my executors deduct out of my son Philip's share the sum of twelve pounds which sum I have advanced to him towards paying his saw mill. And in order that my executors may be the better inabled to make my children's shares aforesaid proper they are to have due regard and reference to certain papers and receipts given by my children for money advanced unto them by me. And Lastly I do hereby ordain nominate and appoint my trusty and beloved sons John George Read and Michael Read (the said Michael Read to have the same commissions as my Son John George Read and no more) my whole and sole executors of this my Last Will and Testament and to see this my Last Will and Testament justly and honestly fullfilled according to the true intent and meaning thereof and I do hereby revoke disallow and make void all other wills or legacies whatsoever by me heretofore made whether in words or writing allowing this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

Casper Read, signed by a mark

Signed sealed published and pronounced by the said Casper Read as his last will and Testament in the presence of Us....Jacob Lebo , John Ludwig

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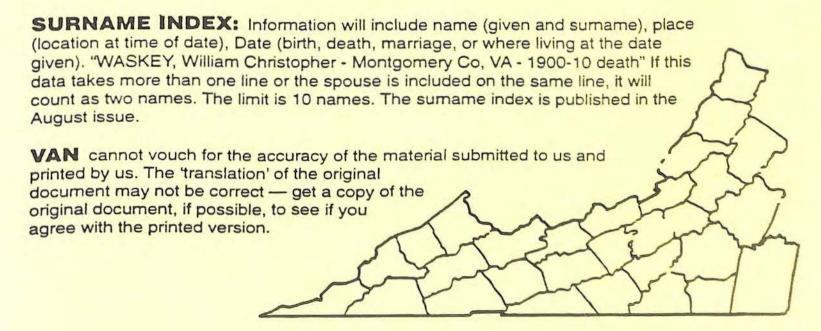
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