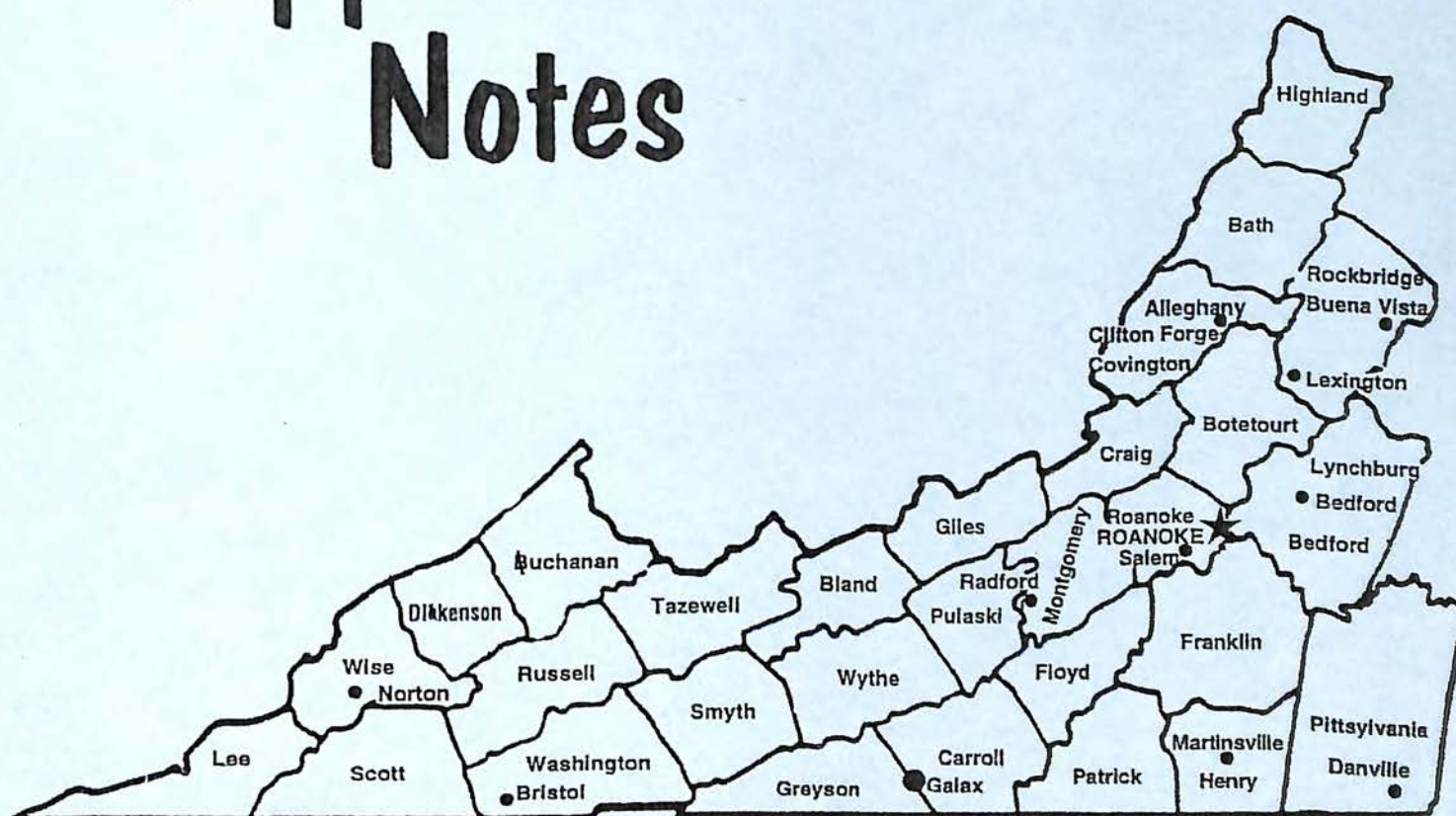


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Dear Genealogists,

Ms Denise Smith's presentation of *Bland County History is Anything but Bland* was entertaining as well as informative. For anyone who missed it, Ms Smith gave excellent hand outs. The Virginia Room has copies.

Speaking of the Virginia Room, the open house February 9 was a great success- over 150 people signed the guest book for the three hour event! Showcased were some Giles County poll books from 1820.

The Virginia Room is looking for volunteers to create an "every name" index for copies of the Roanoke Beacon. The dates range from February 1852 to August 1853. It seems the Virginia Room has more copies than anyone else in the state and the Library of Virginia has offered to microfilm them. Volunteers will be able to work with the original materials before they are sent to the Library of Virginia on July 15, 2006. If you would like to contribute some time to this project, please get in touch with Laura Wickstead or me, as soon as possible 540-853-2073. As projects come up I will pass them on to you.

We're planning a bus trip to the Library of Richmond in August. Round trip seats will go for about \$30 and we may be able to make a pick up in Christiansburg as well as Roanoke. I'll make an announcement at the May meeting with final details.

Another exciting note – Mike Blankenship has volunteered to edit the VAN. We look forward to his tenure. He has also mentioned writing a column on African American genealogy.

As always I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the meetings. If you have suggestions/ ideas please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

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BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY QUAKERS IN EASTERN VIRGINIA

By Anthony Lowe

Although George Fox, the founder of Quakerism traveled in eastern Virginia in 1672, the history of the religious movement in eastern Virginia actually began several years before his visit. A number of Quaker missionaries had already passed through the area, beginning with Elizabeth Harris in 1656. Letters from Quakers in England indicate that Elizabeth Harris of London visited in Isle of Wight, Nansemond, and Norfolk counties in 1656 spreading the Quaker message of each individual's immediate access to God without a minister or any kind of ceremony or ritual. This new understanding of Christianity was well received in Virginia. When Elizabeth Harris returned to England in 1657, she reported a number of converts in Virginia. Among these was sixteen year-old Margaret Brashere, the future wife of Thomas Jordan of Chuckatuck. Elizabeth Harris also reported that the Governor of Virginia was very open to her message as well.

This governor was Richard Bennett (1609-1675) who had been elected to that office by the House of Burgesses on April 30, 1652. Normally governors in Virginia were not elected, but appointed by the king. In 1649, after years of struggle between the Roundheads and Cavaliers, King Charles was dethroned and Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans came to power in England. For the brief period of time that Cromwell's government lasted, Virginians were allowed to select their own governor. Born in Somerset, England, Bennett had come to Virginia a Puritan supporter of Cromwell. He married Mary Ann Utie in Isle of Wight County in 1641. Bennett served three terms as governor of Virginia, and unlike the New England Puritans, was very kindly disposed toward the Quakers and allowed them freedom to worship in their own way which helped the group to get established in Virginia. Bennett's son Richard Jr. became a Quaker and later moved to Maryland when Quakers began to be severely persecuted in Virginia under the royal governors.

Early Quakers were persecuted not only because their beliefs and practices were contrary to the established religion of England, but also because those beliefs called for radical changes in social behavior and institutions as well. In addition to the idea that God spoke to and through everyone and not just clergy, Quakers also held a distinct group of social testimonies that later generations nicknamed "spice" based on the acrostic their first letters created:

1. Simplicity. This was primarily expressed in worship where Quakers gathered in silence without preaching or music and "waited on the Lord" for a message. Because they understood true religion to be an inward experience, they rejected all outward rituals and ceremonies such as baptism and physical communion.

2. Peace. George Fox wrote in his journal that he lived in the spirit that took away "the occasion for all wars." Complete pacifists, Quakers were forbidden to serve in the military or take up arms against anyone.

3. Integrity. Quakers literally accepted the admonition from the book of James not to swear by anything, but to let their "yes mean yes and their no mean no."

4. Community. Quakers believed that salvation was worked out by living together in a holy community of which Christ was the head. Since God's will was not divided, all decisions were made by consensus rather than voting. Eventually the faith and practice of Friends became a

uniform discipline and those who deviated from it were disowned by the community. Such infractions included marrying a non-Quaker, entering the military, deviating from simple living (not wearing Quaker dress or using "plain language") or attending worldly places of amusement such as dances.

5. Equality. Quakers were among the first to believe that all people were equal. They refused to doff their hats or bow to the nobility or address anyone by any kind of title. In Old English the second person singular (thee and thou) was used to speak to children, servants, and family members, but when speaking to a superior the more formal plural form (you) was required. Quakers referred to everyone from the lowliest servant to the king as thee and thou.

In 1657, two more missionaries, Josiah Cole and Thomas Thurston visited Virginia. By then, Quakers were becoming more well known and their peculiar testimonies were considered a threat, not just to the Established Church of England, but to society as a whole. As a result, the two missionaries were immediately thrown into the jail at Jamestown. All writing materials were taken away from them and they were not allowed to have any contact with people living in the colony. The master of the ship who brought them to Virginia was fined for having done so. Cole and Thurston were released only on the condition that they leave Virginia and proceed to Maryland at once.

William Robinson, one of the missionaries who came to America on the good ship *Woodhouse*, also visited Virginia in 1657 with Christopher Holder and Robert Hodgson. They spent most of their time on the Eastern shore of Virginia adjacent to Maryland so they did not encounter as much opposition. Robinson went on to New England where he was later hanged on Boston common for his Quaker beliefs. Josiah Cole returned in 1660 and wrote to George Fox that he left Friends in Virginia "generally very well and fresh in the truth." George Wilson, who arrived in Virginia in 1661 did not fair as well. He was beaten and put in irons in the dank Jamestown jail where his flesh actually rotted and he died, a martyr to his faith there imprisoned. George Rolfe was also an early Quaker missionary who passed through Virginia.

Due to the Virginia colony's increasing persecution of Quakers, meetings were often held in secret, so there are no records of some early meetings. Early Quakers usually met in homes in the community. Existing records show that there were meetings in the homes of several individuals along the Nansemond and Elizabeth Rivers. Two of the earlier meeting places were in the homes of Thomas Jordan and Robert Lawrence. As was mentioned, Margaret Brashere Jordan became a Quaker in 1658. Her husband became convinced after their marriage. Thomas Jordan, by his own account, became a Quaker in 1660 after the birth of their first child. In papers contained in the Chuckatuck records, Thomas Jordan tells of being imprisoned for six weeks after being arrested at a meeting in his own house. Afterwards, he was taken into custody again for attending a meeting at Robert Lawrence's house in 1661. When he followed Quaker beliefs regarding oaths and refused to swear on the Bible in the Nansemond Court, he was jailed at Jamestown for ten months. In addition to being imprisoned, Jordan also suffered seizure of property by the sheriff worth 5,607 pounds of tobacco. This testimony in Thomas Jordan's own writing is dated first day of seventh month, 1661 which indicates that Quakerism in eastern Virginia was strong enough to pose a threat to the order of the royal colony several years before George Fox's visit.

Quakerism had also taken root along the Elizabeth River in Norfolk County. Records of meetings being broken up and individuals fined go back to 1660 in that area as well. In 1663, John Hill, sheriff of Norfolk County raided a meeting on the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River at the home of Richard Russell and summoned all parties found there to court. Shortly thereafter, the sheriff reported that John Porter, a member of the House of Burgesses representing Norfolk County was "loving to the Quakers and attended their meetings." Porter admitted that he was loving toward the Quakers but denied having ever attended one of their meetings. In keeping with Quaker beliefs, however, he refused to take the oath of allegiance and was expelled from the House of Burgesses on September 12, 1663.

In November, the sheriff once again found a Quaker meeting being held in the home of Richard Russell. Twenty-two persons were summoned to court and fined. Among those present were John Porter Jr., Mrs Porter, Thomas Hollowell and his wife Alice, Richard Russell, Mirhartt Mason, Mrs. Forby, Richard Yates, Mrs. Mary Emperor, Ann Bodby, Robert Spring, Mrs. Joseph Johnson, and John Porter Sr. When they appeared in court, all were fined 200 pounds of tobacco except for John Porter Jr. and Mrs. Mary Emperor who were fined 500 pounds because it was their second offense, having also been present at the earlier meeting at Russell's home. Richard Russell was fined 5,000 pounds of tobacco for allowing his home to be used for a Quaker meeting.

On the 22nd of November, 1663 Sheriff Hill found a Quaker meeting being held on the ship *Blissing* at anchor in the Elizabeth River. John Porter Jr. who was speaking at the meeting was summoned along with James Gilbert the master of the ship, Mrs. Mary Emperor and James Sammonds and his wife. The same day they appeared in court, December 15, another meeting was broken up at Mary Emperor's house where John Porter Jr. was once again the speaker. Because it was their third offense, Mary Emperor and John Porter Jr. were ordered to be expelled from the colony. The sentence was never carried out, but most of the Quakers in Norfolk County seem to have moved a little further inland and joined with Friends along the backwaters of the Nansemond River. There are only two references to Quakers in the Norfolk county court records after 1663

Although severely persecuted, Quakers in Virginia held on. The movement was almost destroyed in 1663, but the damage came from within. A Quaker minister named John Perrott visited Virginia in 1663 with a message contrary to what Friends had heard previously from George Fox and others. As a part of their testimony on equality, Friends had refused to remove their hats as a sign of honor to dignitaries and the nobility. The one exception was for prayer. Quaker men always removed their hats as a sign of reverence when praying. John Perrott came to Virginia teaching that Friends should not remove their hats while praying. Of more lasting consequence was his teaching that having a set time and place for Quaker meetings was wrong since all gatherings should be based on the leading of the Spirit.

Edward Perkins in a 1678 letter describing the situation said that Perrott "preached up a liberty which tended to the shunning of the Cross." Several influential Friends in Virginia were led astray by Perrott's preaching, among them Thomas Jordan, William Yarrett, Edmund Belson, and Edward Perkins himself. Enough damage was done that when Quaker minister John Burnyeat visited Virginia in 1665, he said Friends there had "quite forsaken their meetings."

Burnyeat remained in the colony for some time trying to undo the damage done by Perrott. He came back a second time in 1671 and encouraged Friends to have regular meetings and work out their differences.

William Edmundson arrived in Virginia early in 1672. He visited all the Virginia meetings, stirring them up and adding new converts and even establishing new groups through his preaching of the Quaker message. Edmundson in his journal mentions staying at the house of Justice Thomas Taberer of Isle of Wight County. He described Taberer's wife as very "loving" toward Quakers. He also met with former governor Richard Bennett whom this time became a solid convert to Quakerism. Edmundson was not as successful with the new governor appointed by the king to serve Virginia, Sir William Berkley. Edmundson met with the Governor to seek some relief for the sufferings of Friends but did not find Berkley inclined to give them any sympathy.

George Fox came to Virginia from Maryland on the fifth of November, 1672. He records reaching Nansemond three days later where a "great meeting was held." He attended a "very precious" meeting about four miles from the Nansemond water that had a men and women's meeting established. After a successful visit to Pagan Creek, he passed on to North Carolina. Upon his return to Virginia, he met with Friends at John Porter's home as it was along his way. It was reported that the number of Quakers in Virginia almost doubled as a result of the meetings Fox held although the official purpose of his visit had been to organize Friends and help overcome the damage done by John Perrott.

By the time of George Fox's visit to eastern Virginia, there were Friends spread along the Nansemond River's branches from the Dismal Swamp past Chuckatuck and along the Western Branch of the river to near the present site of Isle of Wight Courthouse. Friends had also spread to Pagan Creek near Smithfield and along the Blackwater in Surry. In order to maintain some kind of unity and co-operative effort, Fox suggested in a letter that Quakers around Chuckatuck ~~keep~~ a men's meeting once a quarter. The letter was written from Elizabeth River naming Thomas Hollowell's house as a general meeting place and was specifically addressed to certain Friends in the Nansemond, specifically: William Denson of Isle of Wight (Pagan Creek), William Yarrett of Isle of Wight (Pagan Creek), John Porter of Nansemond (Somerton), George Kemp of Elizabeth River, Thomas Jordan of Nansemond (Chuckatuck), Edward Perkins of Isle of Wight (Pagan Creek), William Pope of Nansemond (Chuckatuck), Robert Lawrence of Nansemond (Chuckatuck), and John Fowler of Surry.

Fox also encouraged Friends to attend a general meeting asking that each local congregation send representatives. This meeting, in 1672, is generally accepted as the beginning of the Virginia Yearly Meeting of Friends. In accordance with Fox's instructions, a quarterly meeting was established at Chuckatuck where the records begin with the following entry: "This book begins with the Yeare 1673 by the motion or order of George ffox the servant of God." The Chuckatuck Quarterly Meeting was made up of four particular meetings, Surry, Pagan Creek, Nansemond, and Chuckatuck. A general Meeting House was built at Chuckatuck prior to 1674. Henry Wiggs and Katheren Yarrett were married that year in the meeting house. Because of the difficulties involved in travel, Quakers still often met in homes. Early records indicate there were regular meetings being held in the homes of several people:

Thomas Jordan's house at Chuckatuck in 1678
 Elizabeth Outland's house in Nansemond 1679
 Thomas and Alice Hollowell's house Elizabeth River 1680
 John Copeland's house Chuckatuck - 1682
 William Sander's house Nansemond 1683
 Robert Jordan's house Nansemond 1693
 Leavin Buskin's house Southern Branch 1683
 Elizabeth Belson's house in Nansemond - 1682

During this period Chuckatuck remained the most prominent Quaker meeting in Virginia, and it was there that Friends first got into trouble with the government because of their Peace Testimony. When Sir William Berkley the opponent of Nathaniel Bacon was governor, he sought to raise a militia and notified the Chuckatuck Meeting that all males 16 and over would be required to serve. The Meeting sent a letter to the governor explaining that their religious convictions would not allow them to participate in the militia. Trying to be very understanding, Berkley responded that the Quakers need not come themselves, they could send servants or hirelings to serve in their stead. After contemplating this, the Meeting responded that not only could they not serve themselves, but their beliefs prohibited them from supporting the militia in any way and to force or encourage others to serve in their place would be equally as wrong as serving themselves. The irate governor then sent troops to the Meeting and arrested all the males over 16 and kept them imprisoned for several weeks in the Jamestown jail as punishment for their stubborn disobedience.

After William and Mary came to the throne of England in 1693, the Acts of Toleration were passed, giving more religious freedoms to those who did not belong to the Church of England. When Robert Jordan, son of Thomas and Mary of Chuckatuck, was called upon to swear an oath in court, he confidently refused having heard from Friends in England that the Toleration Acts had been passed. The governor, however, had not yet received notification of their passing, so Robert Jordan was jailed in Williamsburg and held for months until official notification of the passing of the Toleration Acts was received in Virginia.

The second meeting house constructed in Virginia was built on Leavin Buskin's plantation in the Southern Branch of the Nansemond River. It was a 20 x 20 building that cost 3,868 pounds of tobacco to build. Donations to cover the cost were received from: Robert Jordan, John Murdaugh, Benjamin Small, John Porter, Nathan Newby, John Hollowell, Reid Hopkins, Matthew Small, Elizabeth Mace, and Moses Hall. Since all of these individuals are associated with Somerton Meeting, it appears that this meeting house built in 1702 and referred to as the Nansemond Meeting or Southern Branch, was actually the first place of worship built for Somerton Meeting.

There was also a meeting house built in Isle of Wight at about the same time. It was a little larger being 25 x 20 "fitted with forms and Benches suitable for such a house" at a cost of 3,200 pounds of tobacco. Contributors to the building of this meeting house included: Isaac Ricks, William Scott Sr., James Denson, John Denson, Abraham Ricks, John Ricks, Robert Ricks, John Sykes, Thomas Hampton, Francis Denson, and Francis Brydell. Yearly Meeting sessions

were held in the Isle of Wight meeting house in 1696. The marriage of Joseph Kennerly and Sarah Ratcliff took place at Yearly Meeting that year, and Isaac Ricks was referred to as clerk of the Yearly Meeting in 1699. The first existing minutes of the Virginia Yearly Meeting date back to 1702 when annual sessions were held in the newly built Pagan Creek Meeting house during seventh month. Daniel Sanburn served as clerk of the Yearly Meeting and Nathan Newby was recording clerk.

The Virginia Yearly Meeting was divided into two quarters at the time, the Upper Quarter which was composed of those meetings north of the James River, and the Lower Quarter made up of those on the south side. Representatives to Yearly Meeting from the Upper Quarter included: Joseph Pleasants, John Pleasants, John Woodson, John Bates, Samuel Newton, Charles Fleming, Gerrard Robert Ellyson, Robert Hughes, Thomas Lankford, James Bates, and Edward Thomas, all of whom were members of Henrico Monthly Meeting at the time. Lower Quarter was represented by: Thomas Page, Richard Ratcliff, Isaac Ricks, Nathan Newby, John Small, John Porter, William Scott Sr., Robert Jordan, Henry Wiggs, John Murdaugh, John Jordan, Daniel Sanburn, Joseph Glasiter, Benjamin Small, James Jordan, Matthew Jordan, and Samuel Jordan

Existing records of that 1702 meeting give some feel for what, it was like. An account is given of the traveling minister Thomas Tomas who also visited each of the individual meetings in the Yearly Meeting. Of his ministry, Friends said, "the great and mighty power of God hath through him (Tomas) mollified many stony hearts and made the lofty oaks to bow and bend. We can truly say in the sense of God's love, that at our yearly meeting the shout of a king was amongst us."

Early in their history Friends realized that there were certain people among them who had been given special gifts and abilities for ministry. Because these gifts came from God, those who possessed them were "recorded" as having such gifts, and they were referred to as "recorded ministers." Quakers required no formal training or education for their ministers, only recognition of gifts for ministry. In keeping with their testimony on equality, Friends made no distinction between men and women in the area of recording. Of the first four people recorded as ministers among Friends in Virginia two were men and two were women.

Robert Jordan (1668-1728), son of Thomas and Margaret Jordan of Chuckatuck, served as a minister in the Chuckatuck Monthly Meeting and traveled as far as Pennsylvania visiting and ministering among Friends. He was married to Mary Belson, which shows how closely Quakers in Virginia were intertwined. Mary was the daughter of Edmond and Elizabeth Belson who held early meetings in their home. Their other daughter, Elizabeth Belson Small (1666-1717) was also a recorded minister among Friends in Virginia. As a young woman, Elizabeth married John Scott of Western Branch Meeting. After his death, she married Henry Hollowell of Elizabeth River. Her last husband was Benjamin Small. Henry Hollowell's sister Elizabeth was married to the third recorded minister in Virginia Yearly Meeting, Nathan Newby (1660-1734). By vocation, Nathan Newby was a blacksmith. He lived on the edge of the Dismal Swamp near the North Carolina line. He was recorded as a minister at Somerton Meeting which was built on land belonging to Leavin Bufkin who was married to Dorothy Newby, Nathan's sister. Gabriel Newby, another brother in the family, was the first clerk of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. The

other recorded minister was Jane Pleasants (1638-1708) of Henrico Meeting who served in the Upper Quarter north of the James.

Quakerism prospered in eastern Virginia in the early part of the eighteenth century. Meetings grew larger and new meetings sprang up such that in 1737 the individual congregations that made up Chuckatuck Monthly Meeting were divided into two groups. The meetings in Nansemond County became a part of Western Branch Monthly Meeting, and those in Isle of Wight and Surry formed the Pagan Creek Monthly Meeting. While some of this spreading out was a function of the increasing population, some of it was because Quakers on account of some of their unique beliefs had frequent problems with the government of the colony and chose to move to more isolated areas where they were free to live and worship as they were led.

Western Branch Meeting was named for the western branch of the Nansemond River. It was an isolated, boggy area bordering on the Dismal Swamp, and Friends there were much less conspicuous than in the more densely populated settlements along the James and Nansemond rivers. As the area around Pagan Creek grew toward becoming the town of Smithfield, Friends there began to move toward less populated places. In 1752, the Pagan Creek meetings were reorganized as Black Water Monthly Meeting. The only existing minute book for Pagan Creek Monthly Meeting primarily is a record of couples who were married under the care of the Meeting from 1739 - 1750.

II The Meetings of Chuckatuck Monthly Meeting

Chuckatuck Monthly Meeting was given jurisdiction over four groups of particular meetings. These included:

1. The. Chuckatuck (Nansemond) Meeting itself - the mother church of Quakerism in Virginia located along the Chuckatuck Creek, built around 1674.

As was noted, most early Quaker meetings were held in private homes. The earliest recorded meetings were held in the homes of Robert Lawrence and Thomas Jordan. The Chuckatuck Meeting had its roots in these gatherings. The meeting house there seems to have been the first one built in Virginia. Henry Wiggs and Catherine Yarrett were married in the "general meeting house" at Chuckatuck on 12/3/1674/5 so it must have been built prior to that date.

It was at the heart of the early Friends' movement in Virginia, but seems to have declined as new meetings came into being. By 1737, it was no longer the force it once had been, and what had once been Chuckatuck Quarterly Meeting was divided into Western Branch and Blackwater Meetings. The last mention of the Chuckatuck Meeting is found in the journal of Rachel Wilson who visited there in 1769. According to her account, they "rowed 20 miles around Suffolk" to get to the meeting and then "rowed with Josiah Jordan to his hos 7 miles."

2. The other Nansemond Meetings:

When the quarterly meeting at Chuckatuck was set up by George Fox in 1672, its member meetings included Chuckatuck, Levy Neck (Pagan Creek), Surry, and Nansemond monthly meetings. There had been appointed meetings taking place in the homes of several Friends in Nansemond before the first meeting house was built there on Leavin Buskin's plantation in the

Southern branch of the Nansemond River in 1702. From the names of Friends who contributed to this meeting - Robert Jordan, John Porter, Nathan Newby, and others, it is clear that this was the first Somerton Meeting house. It became a part of Western Branch when Chuckatuck was divided in 1737. There was also a Murdaugh's Meeting that met in the home of John Murdaugh. No meeting house was ever built and it was eventually joined to one of the other meetings.

3. Isle of Wight Meetings

The original Isle of Wight meeting was the one in which the Virginia Yearly Meeting convened in 1696 and was referred to as the general meeting house in Isle of Wight. William Bressie and his wife Susanna gave a building to be used as a meeting house and the land around it for a cemetery to the Quakers in 1679. This was the Levy Neck or Pagan Creek Meeting and it seems to have been the earliest organized meeting in Isle of Wight. Prior to that, what was referred to as a "large" group of Friends had been meeting at William Yarrett's house. Matthew Jordan of Chuckatuck married Susanna Bird Bressie widow of William's nephew at Levy Neck Meeting House in 1702. The first surviving minutes of the Virginia Yearly Meeting in 1702 indicate that it was held at Levy Neck Meeting House. The name Levy Neck seems to have been used interchangeably with Pagan Creek and also with Terrascoe Neck.

Another meeting listed as being in Isle of Wight was Lawne's Creek. This creek is the border between Isle of Wight and Surry, so most of this group may have been from Surry. In 1702, Friends in Isle of Wight instructed those in the Western Branch of the Nansemond to proceed with the building of a meeting house for which the Ricks, Scotts, Densons, and others made contributions. This new meeting house was in the vicinity of Isle of Wight Courthouse and was known as Western Branch.

4. Surry Meetings

There is very little information available about the Surry meetings until after 1737 when they became a part of Blackwater quarter. The minutes have been lost or destroyed. The earliest Surry name found in the Chuckatuck records is that of John Fowler who was one of those to whom George Fox's 1672 letter was addressed. The earliest county records indicate several known Quakers who were living in Surry in 1687: Anselm Bailey, William Seward, Thomas Partridge, William Bartlett, John Barnes, Thomas Wolves, George Morrell, and Robert Lacey.

The following information is found in the Chuckatuck Quarterly Meeting book relative to Surry families:

John Person, son of John of Isle of Wight, married in Thomas Took's house, Mary Partridge, daughter of Thomas of Surry on 1/10/1691/2.

George Murrall, son of George of Surry, married at Western Branch Meeting House, Mary Waters, daughter of Walter of Isle of Wight, 2/16/1704

John Collings married in the house of his father-in-law (stepfather) John Barnes, Mary Took of Surry County, 12/14/1682

Representatives to the Virginia Yearly Meeting in 1702 from Surry were Samuel Cornwall and John Took.

As was indicated, most of these families seemed to have lived near the Surry/Isle of Wight border and were probably a part of the Lawne's Creek Meeting which seems to have been started

by the Took family. By the time Blackwater Meeting was set up, most of the Quakers in Surry were living along the Blackwater River close to the Southampton/Surry border though some lived in Sussex County as well. When Blackwater Monthly Meeting was set off from Pagan Creek prior to 1750, it included:

- A. Surry (Black Water) Meeting in Surry County - the meeting house was on Joseph Hargrave's property
- B. Butler's Meeting - began meeting at the home of the Butler family in Dinwiddie County, around 1722 later known as Gravelly Run
- C. Burleigh (Burley) Meeting - met near Robert Hunnicutt's about 1718, later a meeting house was built on his property
- D. Stanton's Meeting - met in the home of the Stanton family in Sussex County until a meeting house was built

5. Norfolk County Meetings

The meeting in Norfolk County in so far as is known were all in private homes. By 1665, most of the Quakers there had moved into Nansemond County to get away from the persecution in Norfolk. Thomas Hollowell and George Kemp of Elizabeth River were mentioned in George Fox's letter of 1672.

By 1780, there were only two monthly meetings south of the James River. Black Water Monthly Meeting included all the individual congregations in Surry, Sussex, Prince George, Dinwiddie, and Southampton Counties, and Western Branch Monthly Meeting was made up of what remained of the earlier groups in Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties.

Information on the Upper Monthly Meeting will be found in "Quakers of Southwest Virginia" since most of the meetings west of Richmond had their roots in Henrico Monthly Meeting.

We Welcome New Members

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62 AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTRY

In an effort to attract more members of the black community to the Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society, starting with this issue, the VAN will contain at least one article strictly related to African American history and genealogy. New African American members are encouraged to share their family stories and family histories. We can remember that in the year 2006 Virginia Appalachian Notes came to embrace an even larger portion of Southwest Virginia's genealogy enthusiasts. With eighty-two countries represented at the Local Colors celebration in Roanoke, who knows what other ethnic groups might be sharing their family histories in the future pages of the VAN.

Michael Blankenship

STUART CEMETERY

Located on dirt road. From Route 221, near Check, VA,
turn onto Morris Vest Lane.

At the end of the lane turn right, cemetery is a short distance.

Floyd County, Virginia

All rows reading from right to left, from the front of the cemetery

Row 1

LEWIS HARVEY WILLIAMS, JR. May 3, 1926-Sep. 1997

- PFC U. S. Army, World War II

LINDA S. WILLIAMS May 8, 1946-May 8, 1994

-Inscription reads "In loving memory of Linda S. Williams"

CLEAVE L. WILLIAMS 1928-1985

LEWIS H. WILLIAMS 1881-1976

ELLA MAE WILLIAMS 1900-1996

Row 2

ELBURNE SAFFORD STUART Sep. 14, 1966-Oct. 17, 1993

JOHN ROY STUART April 16, 1902-Feb. 22, 1948

ELIZA ANN PRICE Dec. 18, 1889-June 24, 1965

- Metal marker reads give 1886 as birth year for Eliza Ann Price

Row 3

PAUL HARVEY MCDANIEL (metal marker only) 1935-1998

[Genealogy note: husband of Lelia May Stuart.]

ROBERT LEE STUART March 14, 1915-Feb. 27, 1988

[Genealogy note: husband of Martha Price.]

FANNIE MAE STUART July 27, 1889-July 25, 1987

IVER GERTRUDE STUART July 13, 1925-Aug. 31, 1955

ROBERT SAMUEL STUART March 12, 1891-May 24, 1948

Row 4

SAMUEL R. WEBB Oct. 10, 1912-Feb. 04, 1952

MINNIE W. GUNNINGS Jan. 18, 1905-Sep. 29, 1953

FLOYD E. GUNNINGS May 2, 1909-May 28, 1951

Next Double Stone -

RALPH G. WEBB 1869-1946

- Metal marker reads "Ralph Gusta Webb 1880-1946"

S. KATHERINE WEBB 1879-1946

- Metal marker reads "Sarah K. Webb 1882-1946"

CLARENCE STUART May 31, 1898-Jan. 10, 1944

LACIE W. WEBB April 26, 1892-June 7, 1948

G. C. L. WEBB May 10, 1907-Jan. 17, 1941

- Inscription "Asleep in Jesus"

Next Double Stone -

JOHN H. WEBB Jan. 3, 1909-Aug. 14, 1964

- Metal marker reads "John Howard Webb 1911-1964"

IRENE DAY WEBB Feb. 5, 1917

Row 5

EDWARD C. STUART Mar. 16, 1917-Oct. 25, 1997

- Metal marker reads "Edward Carl Stuart"

Next Double Stone -

MATTHEW A. STUART 1923-1994

- Metal marker reads "Matthew Alden Stuart", bronze footmarker
reads "Matthew Alden Stuart, ACK U. S. Marine Corps, World War II"

KATIE M. STUART 1929

- Inscription "Together forever"

IVAN IRA STUART, JR. Sept. 23, 1947-Jan. 11, 1994

- Bronze footmarker reads "SP5 U. S. Army, Vietnam"

Next Double Stone -

IVAN I. STUART Aug. 1, 1923-July 6, 1988

- Bronze footmarker reads "Sgt. Ivan Ira Stuart, SFC U. S. Army, World War II"

DOROTHY M. STUART Oct. 4, 1927

VEATRICE LEWIS STUART May 9, 1919-July 16, 1964

- Inscription reads "Mother"

BERTHA R. STUART Apr. 27, 1907-Apr. 4, 1992

RONALD L. STUART May 11, 1942-Apr. 4, 1965

- Inscription reads "Virginia, PFC U. S. Army"

HYDRES C. STUART Feb. 16, 1925-Aug. 29, 1985

- Bronze footmarker reads "U. S. Army, World War II"

Next Double Stone -

LEWIS JACOB STUART Apr. 11, 1891-Jan. 3, 1942

SOPHIA BANKS STUART Nov. 18, 1893-Jan. 13, 1978

Next Double Stone -

GOLDIE K. STUART Apr. 6, 1915-June 16, 1982

SALLIE MAE STUART April 6, 1927-Feb. 26, 1980

- Inscription reads "Precious Memories"

Row 6

Next Double Stone -

JOHN HELM 1874-1926

RUTH HELM 1872-1942

- Inscription reads "Gone but not forgotten"

MARY J. PRICE Oct. 4, 1856-Feb. 24, 1908

- Inscription reads "Wife of London Price", at bottom of stone

"Rest, Mother, rest in quiet sleep, while friends in sorrow o'er thee weep"

2 Fieldstone Markers

Next Double Stone -

JAMES W. STEWART, SR. Apr. 2, 1877-Feb. 7, 1924

MARY TERRY STEWART Feb. 14, 1899-May 10, 1974

Row 7

R. W. DIVERS Feb. 20, 1860-Mar. 7, 1928

- Inscription reads "Our Father", at bottom of stone "Safe in the arms of Jesus"

ADLINE DIVERS Jan. 3, 1862-Jan. 30, 1912

- Inscription reads, "Our Mother, Wife of R. W. Divers", at bottom of stone "Asleep in Jesus"

2 Fieldstone Markers

ARCH STUART June 17, 1894-Jan. 30, 1970

- Inscription reads "PFC U. S. Army, World War I"

CLEVA M. STUART Oct. 1902-Apr. 15, 1924

- Inscription reads "Wife of Arch Stuart", at bottom of stone "She was a kind and affectionate wife, a fond mother, and a friend to all"

Row 8

DORINDA HELM November 5, 1910-December 17, 1991

ANNIE HELM MAJORS March 7, 1909-January 7, 1978

- Metal marker reads "Annie Lee Majors"

Fieldstone Marker

Next Double Stone -

WILLIAM H. HELM 1866-1937

- Metal marker reads "William Harvey Helm, March 30, 1866-Oct. 25, 1937"

SARAH M. HELM 1879-1979

[BLANK] HELM (metal marker only) 1951-1951

Fieldstone Marker

CLEMENTINE FRANCIS PRICE 1834-Aug. 26, 1895

- Inscription reads "Our Mother", at bottom of stone, "Aged 61 years, forever with the Lord" - stone is broken

JANE CLAYTOR Apr. 17, 1860-May 28, 1897

- Inscription reads "Wife of Eld. J. C. Claytor", at bottom of stone reads "She believed and [?] in Jesus"

[Genealogy note: This is the daughter of Clementine Price and first wife of Jackson Claytor.]

RAYMOND CLAYTOR Dec. 8, 1901-Mar. 6, 1913

- Inscription reads "Son of J. C. and Eliza Claytor", at bottom of stone reads "Not lost, but gone before"

[Genealogy note: Also known as Edmon Claytor.]

ELIZA ANN CLAYTOR 1877-1944

- Inscription reads "Mother", at bottom of stone reads, "Gone, but not forgotten"

[Genealogy note: Second wife of Jackson Claytor, daughter of James Kent]

JACK CLAYTOR 1850-1947

- Inscription reads "Father", at bottom of stone reads, "Gone, but not forgotten"

JAMES P. KENT (Metal marker only) 1886-1950

[Genealogy note: Father of Eliza Ann Claytor]

Row 9

WM. C. BOOTH Apr. 10, 1831-Dec. 5, 1907

MISSOURI ANN BOOTH July 15, 1861-Mar. 5, 1908

- Footstone reads "MAB"

In the woods beyond the maintained portion of the cemetery is a tombstone for Frelove Booth.

[This was the originally a white cemetery for the Booth family.]

Transcribed by John A. Edmonds, 1997.

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Bland Readies for Its Centennial

By Goodridge Wilson

People in Bland County are agog with enthusiasm over their county's centennial year and are hastily and happily working together in fine fashion to be ready for a three-day celebration next summer. Among other features, a history of the county will be ready for distribution and a colorful historical pageant worked up and staged by local talent will be shown. Committees on these two major projects are making good progress. In response to appeals to the public for information, a surprisingly large volume of historical data has to come to light, brought in from receptacles in attic trunks and other places where old family letters, documents, and relics are kept. The manuscript for the first half of the county history is now in the hands of the printer and the remainder will be given to him soon. The pageant writers and costume procurers are getting along with their jobs. The big show will be put on some time in late July or early August.

In chronological order of birth, Bland is the twentieth county established in Southwest Virginia and Bland the village is the twenty-second county seat, two counties previously organized having had two county seats apiece, Montgomery with Fort Chiswell and Christiansburg, and Russell with Dickensonville and Lebanon. The journal of the Senate of Virginia records the county's birthday as March 30, 1861, that being the day on which the act was passed to set apart portions of Giles, Tazewell and Wythe counties to form a new county to be called Bland, in honor of Richard Bland of Jordan's Point on James River in Prince George County.

Richard Bland was one of the group of remarkably able men who led the Virginia Colony into rebellion against Great Britain. He was known as "the Virginia Antiquary" because of his thorough and accurate knowledge of the history of the colony in all its phases, was a profound logician, and perhaps the best writer of the period.

His pamphlets clarified the issues and laid the foundations for the Revolution. He was a member of the Continental Congresses of 1774 and 1775, but resigned from the latter because of ill health. He was chosen by the Virginia Convention that year as one of the 11 men who composed the Committee of Safety, that was in effect the governing body until the Constitution was adopted in June of 1776. He was born in 1710 and died in Williamsburg from an attack of apoplexy that struck while he was walking on the street on Oct. 26, 1776, while in the city to attend the first meeting of the Legislature, in which he represented his county. Thomas Jefferson rated him "the wisest man South of James River."

Between March 30 and Aug. 15, 1861, elections were held and the following county officers were chosen: John W. Tracy, Clerk of the County Court; Wm. R. Harman, Clerk of the Circuit Court; William N. Harman, Commonwealth's Attorney; Samuel N. Newberry, Sheriff; Wm. G. Mustard, Surveyor; Franklin I. Sutor, Commissioner of Revenue.

On Aug. 15, 1861, the county was organized in a vacant store building owned by James W. Grayson at a place called The Crab Orchard. The following were sworn in as Justices of the Peace after presenting commissions from the Governor of Virginia: John R. Compton, John W. Harman, Madison Allen, Albert G. Updike, William E. Hoge, John C. Shannon, John C. Locke, James A. Repass, Thomas Shannon, William Groseclose, Eli

F. Groseclose, William M. Bishop, Peter C. Honaker, Thomas N. Kinzer and Stephen Gose.

William Groseclose was elected Presiding Justice of the Court. The county officials previously chosen by the electorate were sworn in. Arrangement was made for renting Mr. Groseclose's store building and the Clerk was directed to have it altered and fitted up as a temporary court house.

Subsequently Mr. Grayson donated a suitable tract of level land in a meadow of Crab Orchard Creek as a site for the county buildings. The War having started no attempt was made to erect buildings for about 10 years, and the county got along with the rented ones. The name of the place chosen as the county seat was changed from The Crab Orchard to Seddon, in honor of James Alexander Seddon, a former representative of Virginia in the Congress of the United States and Secretary of War in Jefferson Davis' cabinet from 1862-1865. Later the name was changed to Bland.

A contract for the first court house was let in 1872 and the finished building was accepted in 1874. This house burned on the night of Dec. 5, 1888. The main part of the present Court House was erected on the same site.

One of the first orders of the court constituted on Aug. 15, 1861, was to "appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred and seventy dollars to be expended for the use of the volunteers of this county," the money to be borrowed and the Clerk to borrow the same and issue a bond for it.

Flanking the Court House, near the centers of vacant sections of the grounds on either side are two monuments. One is a finely executed statue of a Confederate soldier. The other is a plain but impressive granite shaft in memory of Thomas J. Muncy, a favorite son of the county and a popular political figure. It was erected soon after his death in 1922 by his fellow Republicans of the Ninth Congressional District.

From *The Roanoke Times*, January 22, 1961

Residence of H. L. Trolinger, Pulaski, Va.



BLAND COUNTY BRIEF HISTORY

Named for **Richard Bland 1710-1776** Colonial Patriot – Served in the House of Burgesses, the Continental Congress and the first House of Delegates. Was known as the Revolutionary War Pamphleteer. Wrote a treatise entitled "An Inquiry into the Rights of the British Colonies" that was published in Williamsburg and London. It created quite a stir and some of these ideas made their way in to our Bill of Rights. Never lived in Bland County.

1738 – Augusta County – This county theoretically went all the way to the Pacific Ocean at one time.

1769 – Botetourt – Formed from Augusta. Clerk of the County Court, div, probate & civil court records from 1770

Fincastle – Discontinued in 1777, created from Botetourt. Some records are at Montgomery Co. Courthouse.

1776- Montgomery County – Formed from Fincastle, Botetourt, Pulaski- Clerk of Circuit Court has marriage, divorce, civil court, land records from 1773.

1789 – Wythe County – formed from Montgomery (part of Grayson) Clerk of the Circuit Court has marriage, divorce, probate, civil court & land records from 1790.

1799 – Tazewell County – Created from Russell & Wythe. Clerk of the Circuit Court has birth, death records from 1853 to 1870, marriage, probate, law, land records from 1800, chancery records from 1832

1806 – Giles County- formed from Montgomery, Monroe, Tazewell, Craig, Mercer, Wythe counties Clerk of the Circuit Court has marriage records from 1806, birth & death records from 1858 to 1896, divorce, probate & civil court, land records.

30 Mar 1861 **BLAND** created from **GILES, TAZEWEEL, and WYTHER**. (Va. Acts 1861, Jan. reg. sess., ch. 23, sec. 1/pp. 45-49)

01 Apr 1892 [April 1892] Boundary between **BLAND** and **GILES** redefined [no discernible change]. (Va. Acts 1899-1900, Dec. reg. sess., ch. 617/pp. 665-666)

05 Mar 1900 **BLAND** gained from **GILES**. (Va. Acts 1899-1900, Dec. reg. sess., ch. 617, sec. 1/pp. 665-666)

1987 – Denise Smith had 8 feet of her property requested to be Bland County from Giles County and it was granted.

Bland County Historical Society
Tips on Bland County Historical Research
(Or information that's vital that has not been written down until now)

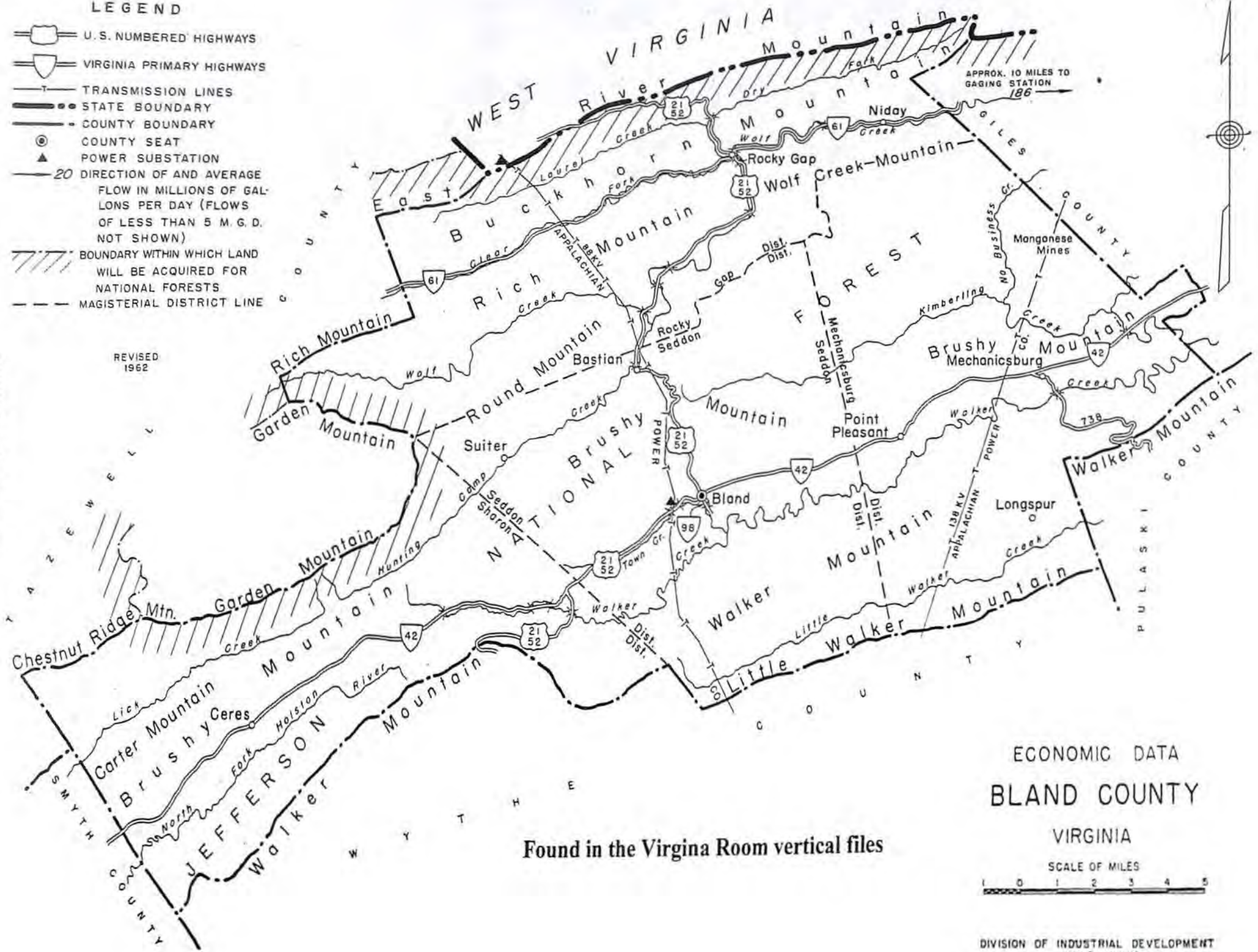
1. Be mindful of county formation lines and yet also be willing to ignore County formation lines. In searching for the elusive records we all want to find I have found more than once that the records I was searching for were in the adjoining "parent" county and not in Bland County where they should be. Knowing the location of your ancestor in the land that became Bland County and the closest county seat can help you find records. Especially with land records, until the land was sold no record will exist for the most part in the newly formed Bland County (for the most part) especially land located near "parent" county lines.
2. If trying to find a physical location of say a cemetery, when asking directions you will have to know the way the streams and creeks flow. Directions in Bland County are still given by whether the location is up a creek or down. For example, the community of Grapefield they will tell you is "UP Wolf Creek" meaning towards the head waters of Wolf Creek towards Tazewell and Burkes Garden. The community of Niday however is considered "DOWN Wolf Creek" and towards Narrows and the New River. The dividing line of Up and Down is old North-South Route 52 through the county. This road also used to be called the Raleigh-Grayson Turnpike. "UP" is usually West and "Down" is usually East unless it is up Dry Fork Creek which runs from East to West.
3. The farther back you go in researching the records of the land that became Bland County the more courthouses, libraries, archives etc. you will get to know personally to find your ancestors. And it will do you well to be mindful of who their neighbors are on the census records, deeds etc. to help in locating those records you are searching for in a new county search.
4. Be mindful of the geography or lay of the land. Especially when wanting to know and visit the areas that your ancestors lived. Farmers worked farms usually in valleys not mountain tops. There were many thriving communities in Bland County that are long since deserted now. Learning those communities can help you place where say a lawyer practiced and lived.
5. Most important. Build a rapport and a connection by becoming a member of the local historical societies and genealogy groups where your search leads you. These organizations can help you cut your research time and costs in half with their knowledge and expertise of their county records as well as their collections may even have on file what you are looking for.

LEGEND

- U.S. NUMBERED HIGHWAYS
- VIRGINIA PRIMARY HIGHWAYS
- TRANSMISSION LINES
- STATE BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- COUNTY SEAT
- POWER SUBSTATION
- 20 DIRECTION OF AND AVERAGE FLOW IN MILLIONS OF GALLONS PER DAY (FLOWS OF LESS THAN 5 M.G.D. NOT SHOWN)
- BOUNDARY WITHIN WHICH LAND WILL BE ACQUIRED FOR NATIONAL FORESTS
- MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT LINE

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Virginia Appalachian Notes



ECONOMIC DATA
BLAND COUNTY
VIRGINIA

SCALE OF MILES



DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AND PLANNING

Found in the Virginia Room vertical files

Local Research sources:

Bland County Historical Society Archives
6394 N Scenic HWY
Bastian, Virginia 24314
Phone: 276-688-3438

Circuit Court Clerk of Bland County
Becky Johnson
P.O. Box 295
Bland, Virginia 24315
Phone: 276-688-4562

Bland County Library
697 Main Street
Bland, Virginia 24315
Phone: 276-688-3737

Craft Memorial Library
600 Commerce Street
Bluefield WV 24701
Phone: 304-325-3943

Deeds, Wills, Probate records, marriage from
1861, Divorce records from 1900

Books on Bland Co. History, Microfilmed
Records such as Census, etc.

Bluefield Daily Telegraph Newspaper on Microfilm
From 1896. Includes Bland county news.

Historical Societies & Genealogical Societies you might need for Bland County Research.

Giles County - formed 1806
Giles County Historical Society
P.O. Box 404
Pearisburg, VA 24134
(703) 921-1050

Pearisburg Public Library
112 Tazewell Street
Pearisburg, VA 24134
(540) 921-2556

Pulaski County formed in 1839
Wilderness Road Regional Museum and New River Historical Society
P.O. Box 373
Newbern, VA 24126
(540) 674-4835

Radford Public Library
30 First Street
Radford, VA 24141
(540) 731-3621

Pulaski County Genealogy Club
P.O. Box 1299
Pulaski VA 24301-1299

Local Research Sources cont'd

Smyth County formed in 1839
Smyth County Historical Society
P.O. Box 574
Marion, VA 24354
(540) 783-2745

Smyth-Bland Regional Library
118 South Sheffey Street
Marion, VA 24354
(540) 783-2323

Tazewell County 1799
Tazewell County Historical Society
Greever House
100 East Main Street, P.O. Box 916
Tazewell, VA 24651
(540) 988-4069

Tazewell County Public Library
Main Street
Tazewell, VA

Has microfilmed census, newspapers,
manuscripts, photographs, history books etc.

Wythe County 1789
Wythe County Historical Society
450 Church Street
Wytheville, VA 24382
(540) 228-3872

Wythe County Genealogical & Historical Association
P.O. Box 1601
Wytheville, VA 24382
(276) 228-2445

Wytheville Community College Library- Kegley Collection
1000 East Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382
(540) 223-4742

Mercer County, WV
Mercer County Historical Society
P.O. Box 5012
Princeton, WV 24740

Craft Memorial Library
600 Commerce Street
Bluefield WV 24701
Phone: 304-325-3943

Bluefield Daily Telegraph Newspaper on Microfilm
From 1896. Includes Bland county news.

Websites for Bland County History Research

Bland County History Archives – Oral history project of the students of Rocky Gap High School.
<http://www.bland.k12.va.us/bland/rocky/gap.html>

New River Notes Website
<http://www.newriversnotes.com/va/bland.htm>

Formation of Virginia Counties –
http://www.myviriniagenealogy.com/va_maps/va_cf.htm

U.S. Genweb Bland County
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vabland/>

Library of Virginia – Main site
<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/>

Library of Virginia – What “they have” portal. This is a wonderful resource if you are not aware of the site. You can now access on-line older deeds, land grants, confederate pension records, confederate disability claims, some family bibles (the written genealogy data that some families wrote in their bibles) as well as the county records on microfilm available for interlibrary loan from the Library of Virginia.
<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/>

Library of Virginia – Chancery Records – Bland County’s older chancery records are at the library of Virginia. In 1975 our county clerk sent a large U-haul truck with our records to the Library of Virginia because of space constraints in the courthouse. These chancery records have recently (in the last 5 years) been indexed according to case name and surnames appearing in them such as witness testimony. Click on this link and to search the database click “Start Searching”.
<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/chancery/index.htm>

Virginia Tech – Special Collection portal. Virginia Tech archives house many primary sources. An example would be employee rosters of the Norfolk and Western Railway. You need to know your ancestors employee number or Social Security Number to access these records.
<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/>

Manuscript collection: <http://spec.lib.vt.edu/mss/msshpm.htm>

Image digital database: <http://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php>

Virginia Heritage Guide to Manuscript and Archival Collections in Virginia
<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/small/vhp/about.html>

Roots web Genealogy Resource website. Portal to U.S. Genweb also.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/>

Little Walker’s Creek – A history of the land and it’s people. Covering some surnames of Bland, Pulaski and Wythe Counties.
<http://mysite.verizon.net/vze6lx98/littlewalkerscreek2/index.html>

Family History Links – Virginia – Nothing but links to sites all over the commonwealth.
<http://www.family-history-links.com/USA/Virginia/>

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The year of 1916 was one of unrest in the United States for we were about to enter World War One. I arrived that year on November sixteenth to the sheer delight of my father who already had two fine sons. Most men say they would prefer sons to daughters but that was not the case with my daddy. He adored little girls. I was spoiled, catered to and given almost everything I could want for eight years then we had another baby girl to take my place. I became my sisters second mother. I took her everywhere I went with her always sitting on my hip. Neighbors would tease me by saying 'she has a little growth on her hip'.

I was born and raised in a very small village (Lafayette Virginia). We had just two stores and one of them had a post office, which bars and a window that would raise up so the postmaster could hand out the mail. One member of each family would go to the store twice a day, stand and wait for the mailman to bring in the mail bag. Then the store keeper would sort and call out the name on each piece of mail. If a name was called and no one was there to collect it the postman would put that mail in a little pigeon hole. The children would be quiet as a mouse while the mail was being called out. This was a pleasant time for children as well as adults. It is a practice which has long since passed out of style. Even my own children never had the opportunity to stand in line and see if anyone in their family had received any mail.

We had one church which was the only brick building in our village so everyone went to it. You might say we were all Methodist because that was it's denomination. Sunday was a big day for everybody. The children were up early, dressed and waiting just to hear the church bell ring which summons us to Sunday school. Then again in the evening we went to preaching. Our church couldn't afford a preacher just for us alone. He had several other churches to minister. We had a number of deacons who would take over on Wednesday for prayer meeting. The store keeper / postmaster was also a man of great faith always available to take over any meeting in the church. Our church could boast just a little for we always had at least one member of every family with perfect attendance for the year.

We had one crippled girl in the village and she had a perfect attendance at church as long as her mother and father lived which was about twenty six years. But as everything will pass or at least change - this did too. This girl is living as this is being written, but she is in a sanitarium a great many miles from her small home area.

Ann, as I am going to call her was very much a part of our village. Although she was much older than I, she was invited to every birthday or any kind of party which we had. One of us children would go and push her to most every event being held. She would take part in the games, laughing, and having fun, and although she couldn't speak very distinct we always knew what Ann was saying.

As I sit here thinking about her I can't help but know how lucky she was to have been born in our small village where she was so much a part of everything. We children were always willing to talk, play, and take her any place she wanted to go. We didn't think anything strange about her being in a wheel chair. Then was not like today when a

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girl like Ann would be put in a home where she wouldn't have the companionship of strong and healthy children like we were.

Our village had a flour mill where the farmers in and around us brought their wheat to be made into flour and their corn to be made into corn meal. This mill was a very busy place. There was a sawmill connected to it where logs were sawed into lumber. As children this was a delightful place to go and spend an hour or two, but we were never allowed to go through the mill unless we were accompanied by some adult.

My daddy worked on the railroad and was away from home all week but was home on Saturday and Sunday. I'll never forget one Saturday my daddy was going to take some corn to be made into meal and I was allowed to go with him. The miller who lived across the street from the mill took us on a tour of the mill. It was a big building that was run by water. As you go into the mill it had half doors and the bottom part was always closed and children couldn't get them open. It was such a nice smell as you entered where you could see bin filled with corn and wheat. There was a large wheel made of stone and there was a race, as it was called, that brought the water right into the mill when the gates of the race were opened, this rushing water caused the stone wheel to turn. The mill was three stories high with open steps to walk up. The wheat was crushed on the top floor and it was sifted down through cloth. You couldn't see the flour until it came out to be bagged on the first floor. Everyone depended on the mill for flour, meal, brand and chop. The chop was fed to the pigs and cows.

Oh yes, we had a School house. No, it wasn't a one room school and it wasn't red either as all small towns were supposed to have. Our school house was painted white and had three rooms. It was on an island and to get to it we had to cross the mill race on a small bridge. There were seven grades taught in our school. When children finished the seventh grade they had to ride a school bus about ten miles to the high school, and they had to pay for the ride.

Well, the time finally rolled around that I was old enough to go to school. We didn't have a kindergarten and you had to be six years old to attend public school. When you have older brothers which are already in school the time passes so slow until you are old enough to enter school. Then that magic day arrives and I was so eager and excited now that I would be in school. On the very first day in school I learned a lesson which almost broke my heart. I had never been inside a school room and mamma didn't take me as most mothers do. My brothers just took me to my room then went on to their own room. We were told to sit down, and one of the older children took our coats, hats, and sweaters up and put them in a closet. Then just before school was let out for the day that student would go to the front of the room with the wraps and hold them up one at the time so we could claim our own. I didn't know how you were to get yours so when my pretty new red sweater was held up I jumped up out of my seat and yelled, "that's my sweater". The teacher came back and slapped me in the face, which made me cry. Then she explained this is what would happen to the other children if they got out of their seats before all clothing had been brought to them, and the teacher had excused the class for the day.

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I started to run home crying as I went saying to myself, "I won't go to school any more as long as I live." A neighbor's son, who was a couple of years older than I was caught up with me, put his arm around my shoulder and said, "Don't cry". He went on, "Let me tell you about my first day in school, I didn't just get a slap as you did". He continued talking, "I got a whipping with a switch because I hit a boy that had hit me". "So, you got off easy and it won't happen again if you will only stay in your seat, and raise your hand when your clothing is held up, then it will be brought to you".

I had stopped crying by the time I got home. Then I told mamma what had happened to me. She sided with the teacher, but explained how the teacher couldn't allow all the children to jump up and yell, it was her place to keep order in her class. I ended my first day in school with a hard but good lesson learned.

We were taught lot more than reading, writing, and arithmetic at our school. Most of what we learned was not taught from books. The teachers were never too busy to visit in our homes. Upon their visits a group of girls would teach the teacher a few things, like how to iron a shirt or make a platter of candy. In return we were being taught a lesson in fellowship or communication without ever being aware of it.

We had rules and regulations to go by - the teachers had the right to punish you when ever you did wrong - even to whip you with a switch if you deserved it. I was no exception. I had a whipping for jumping the race. Our school had a rule that no child could go near the race much less get up in the fork of a sycamore tree and jump to the other side.

Our school house was different in an another way from school houses today as we didn't have a janitor to keep it clean. That was a job for the older boys and girls. Each of us were always glad when it was our turn to sweep, dust the erasers, or wash the windows and the blackboard. We were always proud of the way our school house looked.

All of the children were a healthy bunch and the teachers helped to keep us that way. One of the older boys would carry water in a big bucket for us to drink. We had a dipper but no one was allowed to drink from it. You must bring a glass from home or make a paper cup out of a piece of drawing paper. Twice a day our teacher would take us out side for our exercise. For fifteen minutes we did jumping jacks or ran around the school house. School days were happy times.

Now, I will tell you about the morbid side of our village. We had an undertaker for as you know death is a part of every town no matter the size. Our undertaker was a real nice man, liked by one and all. He was real tall, stout and also good looking. His shop was a small building where the corpse were laid out and where he did the embalming. It wasn't large enough for any funeral to be held there. When ever anyone died and was laid out in the shop there would be candles burning. There was a chair for someone to set with the corpse. Anyone could come by and look at the dead person.

We had one man that caused quite a stir. He had been electrocuted for his part in a robbery in New York City. His aunt, that raised him lived in our town so she wanted him brought to our morgue and to be buried in our cemetery. He was brought to the shop and some one put candles to burn over him. This was just the start of things. Some of the

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people didn't want him to be laid to rest in our cemetery. Others said that the notoriety of his crime would give our small village a bad name if we allowed him to be buried here. This talk went on for several days while everybody even folks from the surrounding communities filed by his casket at the undertakers shop.

I remember my father and mother talking about how they couldn't see as how it would hurt our village to have this criminal buried in our cemetery. I was allowed to pass by the casket to see him and I will never forget how he looked. His hair had been shaved off and there was a wide brown ring around his head.

The decision was finally made to let him be buried here. As I think back on this happening I believe it was a lesson for our young people to see someone that had to pay the supreme sacrifice for taking part in a crime.

We didn't have any law enforcement officers then and we really didn't need any, because I can only recall one time when anyone in our village was in trouble with the law. He was caught stealing white leghorn chickens and he served two years in the pen for his crime. After he paid his debt to society he turned out to be a fine man. Now he is married, has two beautiful children and is very much a part of our fine community.

I won't say that there weren't some shady things going on in our village. Most of the harm done by these perpetrators was done to themselves. Like, take a woman who's husband worked away from home, who had another man come to live with her while her husband was away. She thought she kept him hidden from her neighbors, but that fact and her signals were known by most of the town's people. She was only hurting herself and no one else. Then there was a young girl who had a baby without being married. The child was not hidden away, but was raised by her parents. He lived quite a normal life without being pointed out as the boy without a father.

When I was young our village didn't have a doctor either, but we did have a midwife, she was an aunt of my father's. When she got old my mother took her place. It was common knowledge for our family to know who was expecting a baby. The women would come and tell mamma so she could market it down and be ready to go to help them when it was time for the baby to arrive.

I didn't like for my mother to be called on every time someone had a baby for it was always at night and I would have to do more work, work that mamma always did. She was very seldom ever paid much and some times she wouldn't receive anything. If the mother hadn't prepared for the new baby mamma would take all the clothing the new baby would need from our home with her. She was always making dippers from old worn-out sheets and flour sacks. I never could understand why every time a baby was born it was storming, raining, snowing, or very hot. I don't remember anyone ever having a baby on a real nice night.

So - I made myself a promise, that I have kept to this day, that is never start being a midwife. I would do most anything to help anyone except help deliver a baby. And now this has pass for I don't believe there are any midwives even in small towns today. What with our ambulances and life saving crews so available there isn't a need for anyone other than a doctor to deliver a baby - except in the case of an emergency then there is the

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ambulance driver or taxi driver who is taking the woman to a near by hospital. Thank goodness for modern conveniences.

I hope I have given you a clear picture of some of the people of our community. Now, I will try to describe to you just how our village would have looked when I was a young girl.

As you leave the main highway coming into our village the first thing see off in the distance is the mountain, tall, blue, and beautiful next you will notice the river so nice and clear with willow trees standing so stately and green along its bank.

The Roanoke River was a most important source of food. One could tell the season of the year by the crowds of people coming from near by towns and cities first to trout fish in the spring and then to grab hook in the summer. Our river was as clear as the spring water from which it was formed. If we kept our river clean it would supply us with all kinds of fish, turtles, and frogs. Almost every member of the family had a fishing pole to use. There were very few reels, ours were home made from one of the many willow trees which lined both sides of the river. Along the river there was also a large supply of small animals. The boys of the village could trap these animals and sell their fur for money.

For the children of our village the river was a place where we spent many hours just having fun. We swam when the weather was warm, - girls in an old dress and the boys in old blue jeans. Every boy and girl considered the river his or her own swimming pool. There weren't any swimming lessons but the older children taught the younger ones. There was one place in the north fork of the river just above the railroad bridge called the whirl pool where the boys could go and swim in the nude. This was quite proper because it couldn't be seen from where anyone lived or the road.

Almost every boy and girl could row a boat. Everyone kept their boat tied up near where they lived. Most every family had a carpenter so we built our own boats. My father being a carpenter by trade built our boat. Even as children we were taught to drive a nail and saw a plank so we helped. Each winter we would take our boat out of the water, tar the bottom and paint it. When spring came we always had a boat that wouldn't leak ready for hours of fun on our river.

You could see our railroad running along side the river. It was a very important part of our village. The Virginian Railroad provided work for some of our men like my father. It also brought and took our mail twice a day. The pleasant rumble of the train and it's long whistle was about the last sound we heard before going to sleep every night.

Next we come to the first home. It was a large two story white house with a big yard filled with flowers of all kinds. This home was owned by a man and his wife who never had any children of their own. Over the years they adopted several children which they raised teaching them how to work, play and become solid citizen. One of the boys I have already mentioned stole the chickens, but ended up a fine part of our community.

Next we come to the undertakers shop. It's painted dark red and sits in the corner of his garden next to his house. Then there are two more houses one on each side of the road. On the right side of the road is the first of three swinging bridges. Today there is a

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bridge for cars to cross the river, but when I was a child the bridge had two cables to hold onto, fence wire to protect the children on both sides, and two big boards wide enough to walk on. It was so much fun to walk on the swinging bridge and I did almost everyday.

You see we had two cows which we kept in a pasture across the river just about a mile up the holler road. One of my brothers and I took turns milking. I would milk one week morning and afternoon and he would milk one week. One week when it was brothers week to milk the cows just didn't give any milk. Well mamma found out that my brother was having milk battles with a girl that milked in the same place. I don't remember what his punishment was but I'm glad that wasn't me.

I always crossed the swinging bridge every Friday evening when the passenger train brought the men home from their jobs for the weekend. My daddy would always bring us children some small gift when he came home. This was something to look forward to all week. We would go with daddy across the bridge on Sunday evening and watch him catch the train back to work.

Two houses just past the swinging bridge was our home. It wasn't such a fine house and it wasn't as large as some of the homes, but it wasn't as small as some. Never the less we loved every inch of it. Just up church hill from our house was the blacksmith shop. I spent many happy hours turning the billows to make the fire burn hotter so it would heat the horseshoes. Then the blacksmith could hammer and bend them to fit the horse. How sad I was when the blacksmith died for we never got another to take his place. After a few years his shop was torn down to make way for more Sunday school rooms to be added to our church. The blacksmith shop had been on a small corner lot joining the church yard. This might have been progress, but it was a passing that I didn't like, and as a child I just couldn't understand.

It was about this time that our little village got its first car. That was a day, everyone was out in their yards looking at the car going by. It was bright red with a black top that could be put down. For weeks every time we heard the car coming we would run out to see it pass by so we could wave at the driver. The owner was the postmasters brother who was a railroad engineer. Everybody thought he must be rich to be able to buy such a fine car. It wasn't too long before we had a second car in our village. It belonged to the postmaster, next the other store owner got one, then the miller got a car so it wasn't much of a thrill to watch so many cars, besides none were as pretty as the first one. They were just plain black and if I remember correct none of the other cars had a top that could be put down.

Oh! while I'm at it I must tell you about the first radio to come to our village. I had already had the pleasure of listing to a radio before we got the first one in the village. The one I heard was a crystal set. It was owned by an aunt of one of my girl friends. Her aunt lived up the road about a mile from us. I would go with my friend to spend the night with her aunt and everyone would take turns putting on the earphones to listen to the music. I don't remember much about the music or what was said but I do remember it being loud and squeaky. Now back to our village's first radio. The postmaster was the one that bought it, he couldn't let his brother get all the notoriety by getting everything

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that we all would like to have, but could not afford. The radio was like a drawing card. It was kept right in the back window of the store where it could be heard on the out side as well as inside. It was right where the men could sit around the potbellied stove, chew their tobacco and listen to the music or the one big favorite program. In those days that program was Amos and Andy. When ever my daddy was at home and it was almost seven o'clock he would tell momma, "Got to go to the store to hear Amos and Andy." He would always bring us children some kind of treat but he would never let us go with him. He said that was no place for children, but the good thing was he would always come home and act out all the parts of Amos and Andy to keep us from wanting to follow him to the store to so we could hear it on the radio our selves. Daddy was quite an actor, he did the parts so well we really enjoyed hearing him repeat the show for us. He could do the dialect of every character prefect.

Among the fondest memories of daddy was his portrayal of the different neighbors and friends in our area. The Thomas family lived about two miles from us across the river and up the hollow where only two families lived. They would come into the village about once a week to get a few things from the store like salt and sugar. They raised most everything they ate including apples and other fruit. Mr. Thomas stuttered when he talked, my daddy could talk so much like him you would have thought it was Mr. Thomas himself. My mother thought that daddy was making fun of the way some of the neighbors talked. But to me daddy was paying each man and woman that he imitated a complement. It takes someone who pays attention to learn just how someone stands, walks, and talks to act like that person. Mamma would always say that it was a wonder that any of their children could be themselves with their father always acting like some one else.

After our house on Water Street going west was the parsonage where years ago the preacher lived. The first preacher that I remember who lived there was a cripple man. He and his wife would go places in their buggy and my being a neighbor once they took me with them to one of the other churches several miles away. It always made me very proud to be ask to ride with them but they didn't have any children of their own.

This was about the only house in the village that was later turned into a renter's house. It had been bought by a man from Roanoke, a city about eighteen miles away. It was several years before we met Mr. Williams. I didn't like him from the first time that I saw him. The only time he came to our village was to yell at the people living in his house about rent that they owed him. He didn't look like a man that needed money because he had a car and was always dressed like he was going to a funeral. He always looked down on the people who rented his house as if they weren't his kind of people. He proved to be a very hard man as he put one of his tenants out in the street because she couldn't pay the rent. This widow woman had five children still at home. Her husband had heart trouble and hadn't been able to work for about a year when he died. She was a very hard working woman, but she had gotten behind in her rent by the time her husband died. I'll never forget seeing the sheriff from a small town about ten miles away come to put this poor widow woman who had no place to go out of her home.

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This is where my mother proved what a wonderful woman she was. Mamma helped carry all of this woman's furniture down the road and store it in our barn. Then she took straw ticks and made beds for the children on our floor. We kept them until the widow woman found a job in a nearby town and was able to move and take care of her family. This was the first time that mamma took a whole family into our home but it wasn't the last time.

All of the homes in our village were arranged in an orderly fashion. All of the houses were on the south side of the river which was laid out like a small city with the church in the center. Just across the street from the church was our shoe shop. It was a small lean to built on to Mr. Archie's house. In the front yard he had a tame strawberry patch with a high wire fence around the house and yard. When the berries were ripe Mr. Archie had a time trying to keep the boys out of them. While he was busy hammering on his shoes the boys would try to sneak some berries, but it seemed like Mr. Archie had eyes in the back of his head because he would yell at the boys to stay out of his strawberry patch. You should have seen those boys scatter, they knew Mr. Archie would come after them with his cane. I can see him now, he always wore dark clothing, walked with his cane and was stooped from working so long over his last fixing shoes.

You could go by his house at night and he would be sitting over his last with a lamp burning bright and his speculates sitting on the end of his nose working hard on someone's shoes. When you went to get the shoes he had fixed for you he would give you a big strawberry. This made him the friend of children and adults alike. I don't ever remember Mr. Archie having a wife, but of course he did because one of his children lived with her husband and their seven children in our village.

I guess you could say we were poor people, but you could ask any of the thirty six families in our village and they would say that we were all rich as there wasn't anything that we didn't have at least we thought we had everything. We had our river, two stores, one has a post office, the flower mill and lumber yard combined, a blacksmith shop to keep the horses shod, a shoe shop to keep the children in shoes, an undertaker to bury the dead, a three room school and the church which gave every family a felling of being one in a spiritual sense.

There was one other building in our village, that was the Odd Fellows hall on Main Street. It played a real important part in all our lives. It was not only used for the men that belonged to the Odd Fellows, but it had a stage where to local folks put on plays using the village people as actors. Then when money was needed for some project there would be a string band from a nearby town come to play. The hall would seat about one hundred and fifty people, that is if you sat real close together on the long wooden benches. Who would mind setting on wooden benches to listen to good country music or your own people acting out some play like 'The Eyes of March'. The lodge was the only place which youngsters got a chance to try their hand at acting. Each year our church put on a Christmas program with a play and all the children who wanted a part got one. Some of the young people read poems. The girls couldn't wait to get old enough to take part in the pantomime. We wore long pastel colored gowns with tinsel around the neck,

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sleeves and head band. The pantomime was near the end of the program then several of the church men would give out presents.

Oh! I must tell you about the tree. It was always a big tall tree decorated only with handkerchiefs, socks, and small dolls. Nothing was wrapped. To me this type of tree was the prettiest thing a child could ever see, and he or she would never forget. Every child would receive a present. The parents and Sunday school teachers always saw that no youngster was left with out a present. To hear your name called out with some cute remark made about you would make the children squeal with delight.

Today many of the physical properties like the mountain, the river, railroad, the church, and several of the old houses still remain, but the real way of life of my youth indeed has long passes.

Hazel Wells Collins is now 89 years old and is cared at the Walter Reed Convalescent Center on Gloucester, Virginia. This story was written in the 1950s.



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CEMETERY MOTIFS AND THEIR INTERPRETATIONS

Here are a few of the many motifs seen on early American gravestones, with some of the commonly held interpretations of their symbolic significance.

ANGEL, FLYING = rebirth
 " " TRUMPETING = call to the Resurrection
 " " WEeping = grief
 ARCH = victory of life, or victory in death
 ARROW = mortality
 BIRD = eternal life
 BIRDS IN FLIGHT = flight of the soul
 BREASTS (also gourds, pomegranates) = the church, the ministry,
 the nourishment of the soul
 CANDLE FLAME = life
 COLUMNS, DOORS = heavenly entrance
 CROWN = glory of life after death
 DOVE = purity, devotion
 FIGS, PINEAPPLES, OTHER FRUITS = prosperity, eternal life
 FLOWER = frailty of life
 " SEVERED BLOSSOM = mortality
 GARLAND = victory
 HAND POINTING = heavenly reward
 HEART = love, mortality, love of God, abode of the soul
 HOURGLASS = time's inevitable passing
 LAMB = innocence
 PALL (cloth covering coffin), PICK, SPADE = mortality
 ROOSTER = awakening, the Resurrection
 SCYTHE = death, the divine harvest
 SHELL = the Resurrection and life everlasting, life's pilgrimage
 SKULL, CROSSBONES, SKELETON = mortality
 SUN SETTING = death
 SUN SHINING AND SUN RISING = renewed life
 THISTLE = of Scottish descent
 TREE = life
 " SEVERED BRANCH = mortality
 " SPROUTING = life everlasting
 VINE = the sacraments
 WEEPING WILLOW TREE = nature's lament
 WINGED FACE = effigy of the soul of the deceased; the soul in
 flight
 WINGED SKULL = flight of the soul from mortal man
 WREATH = victory
 WREATH WORN BY SKULL = victory of death over life
 WHEAT SHEAVES = the divine harvest

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 stone Studies

MRS. PETER B. ELLIETT

Blacksburg - Lillian ALLEN ELLIETT, 80, widow of Dr. Peter B. ELLIETT, died Sunday in a Richmond hospital. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Kate E. CRUMP, Richmond; a sister, Mrs. Beulah A. SHEALOR, Blacksburg; three brothers, Archie K. ALLEN, Jesse W. ALLEN, Buford H. ALLEN, Blacksburg. The body will arrive Tuesday morning at Hoy Funeral Home.

MRS. FANNIE P. ELLIOTT

Blacksburg, Sept 17 - Mrs. Fannie P. ELLIOTT, 70, died tonight near here. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. J. M. LINKOUS, Montgomery County; Mrs. Roy LONG, Newport; Mrs. William BRILLHART, Blacksburg; a son, Basil ELLIOTT, Pineville, W. Va.; a half brother, J. W. PRICE, Portsmouth; a half sister, Mrs. Marshall OWENS, Elliston; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Body is at P. D. Oakey Funeral Home.

JOHN H. EVANS

Blacksburg, March 6 - John Hamilton EVANS, 86, died at his home here today. Surviving are two sons and five grandchildren. Services will be at the home of a son, Frank EVANS, Sunday at 3 p.m. with interment in West View Cemetery.

MRS. LUNDY FAGG

Blacksburg, June 26 - Mrs. Lundy FAGG, 46, died Friday at her home at Norris Run. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, her mother, seven brothers, and three sisters. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Centennial Church at McCoy, with interment in the church Cemetery.

MRS. JANE M. FENTON

Christiansburg, April 20 - Mrs. Jane M. FENTON, died early today at her home at Cambria. Surviving are her husband, W. H. FENTON, two sons, one daughter, one foster daughter, her mother, two brothers, one sister and on grandchild. Funeral services will be conducted at Allegheny church Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be in Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

MRS. SAMANTHA GAY FERRIS

Blacksburg, Nov. 21 - Mrs. Samantha Gay FERRIS, 66, died Friday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. K. ROBINSON, Blacksburg. Surviving are her husband, four sons, and three daughters. The funeral will be held at the home of Mrs. Robinson at 2 p.m. Sunday, with burial in the Robinson Cemetery near Blacksburg.

DEAD MAN DISCOVERED IN MONTGOMERY FIELD

Blacksburg, Aug. 23 (AP) - Charles M. FLINCHUM, 53, contractor and farmer, was found shot to death yesterday in a cornfield on his farm, three miles north of here. Dr. C. F. MANGES, Blacksburg coroner, said the wound was self-inflicted. Funeral will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at the residence. Burial will be in West View Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Heddy B. FLINCHUM; six daughters, Mrs. Alene HALE, Mrs. Nellie BISHOP, Mrs. Ethel HILTON, Mrs. Helen PARKER, all of Blacksburg; Mrs. Sue DAVIS, Mount Crawford; Mrs. Mildred MARTIN, Bell Camp, Md.; one son, William FLINCHUM, Blacksburg; nine grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Nora BURGESS, Basham; Mrs. W. B. SPANGLER, Christiansburg; Mrs. Pearl COLE, Salem; and two brothers, John FLINCHUM, Salem; and Sherman FLINCHUM, Roanoke.

WILLIAM O. FRITH

Blacksburg, Feb. 13 - William Oscar FRITH, 90, died today at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. R. DAVIS, in College Park, Md. Also surviving are two sons, T. Dan FRITH, Blacksburg; Lawrence L. FRITH, Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at P. D. Oakey Funeral Home with burial in West View Cemetery.

YVONNE J. GENTRY

Blacksburg, Aug. 27 - Funeral for Yvonne J. GENTRY, 6, who died Monday in a Beckley, W. Va., hospital of injuries received in an auto accident Saturday on the West Virginia Turnpike, will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Blacksburg Wesleyan Methodist Church. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. in Shady Grove Cemetery at Colfax, N.C. Surviving are her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene H. GENTRY, a brother and two sisters, Alfred, Phyllis Ann and Faye GENTRY, all of Blacksburg.

MRS. SARAH B. GRAY

Blacksburg - Mrs. Sarah BUCHANAN GRAY, 59, died suddenly at her home here Saturday afternoon. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. L. SCHOOLS, Portsmouth, and Mrs. W. W. PHILLIPS, Slidell, La.; two sons, E. B. GRAY Jr., Blacksburg, and Donald M. GRAY, Christiansburg; a brother, J. P. BUCHANAN, Burkes Garden. Jones Funeral Home, Blacksburg, is in charge of arrangements. (Written on this: Dec 24 1966)

MRS. SARAH B. GRAY

Blacksburg - Mrs. Sarah BUCHANAN GRAY, 59, died suddenly Dec. 24 at her home. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. R. L. SCHOOLS, Portsmouth, Mrs. W. W. PHILLIPS, Slidell, La.; two sons, E. B. GRAY Jr., Blacksburg, and Donald M. Gray, Christiansburg; a brother, James P. BUCHANAN, Burkes Garden. The funeral was held Dec. 27, at 2 p.m., in Jones Funeral Chapel. Interment was in West View Cemetery. (Written on this: Dec 24 66)

ANDY M. HALE

Blacksburg - Andy M. HALE, 61, of Blacksburg died Tuesday in a Radford hospital. Surviving are his wife, Mamie CALDWELL HALE; a daughter, Mrs. John WHITLEY, West Memphis, Ark.; two sons, Ward C. HALE, Danville, Gene A. HALE, Blacksburg; a step-daughter, Mrs. Lawrence HOYT, Hoboken, N.J.; a step-son, James F. HODGE, Roanoke; five sisters, Mrs. Lewis S. KANODE Sr., Mrs. Edwin PRICE, Mrs. Pearl Moore EAST, Mrs. Pauline ALLS, Blacksburg, Mrs. Leona FAW, Walkertown, N.C.; seven brothers, Warren HALE, William HALE, Garland HALE, Howard HALE, Carlile SITES, Blacksburg, Claude HALE, Hampton, Clifford HALE, Kernersville, N.C. The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Jones Funeral Church with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, near Christiansburg. (Written on this: 1972)

MRS. BLANCHE BLANKENSHIP HALE

Mrs. Blanche Virginia BLANKENSHIP HALE, 49, 2218 Russell Ave., SW, died Friday in a Roanoke hospital. She was an employe (typo in the paper) of Peoples Drug Stores. Surviving are a son, Milton R. HALE, Roanoke; two sisters, Mrs. Luna EAST, Daleville, Mrs. Minnie SWEENEY, Roanoke; two brothers, Dewey BLANKENSHIP, Montvale, Olie BLANKENSHIP, Bluefield; a half brother, Bill BLANKENSHIP, Bluefield. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lotz Chapel, Roanoke, with burial in Sherwood. (Written on this: Feb 12th 68)

ELLIS F. HALE SR.

Blacksburg - Ellis Franklin HALE Sr., 79, died May 9 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence K. HALE, Blacksburg; two sons, E. Franklin HALE Jr. and Jack HALE, both of Blacksburg; a brother, Fielding HALE, Lynchburg; two half sisters, Mrs. Maude HICKS and Mrs. Bernice HOOVER, Quarry. The funeral was held Thursday, May 11, at 2 p.m., in the West View Cemetery. The Rev. Charles S. KING, pastor of the church, conducted the services. The Hoy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES A. HALE

Blacksburg, Dec. 23 - James Arch HALE, 63, died tonight at his home near here. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Evie SITES HALE; eight sons, Carlisle, Andrew, Howard, Warren, Garland and William HALE, all of Blacksburg; Claude HALE, Hampton; Clifford HALE, Kernersville, N.C., five daughters, Mrs. Clara KANODE, Mrs. Leona SPRADLIN, Mrs. Pearl MOORE, Mrs. Pauline ALLS, all of Blacksburg; Mrs. Rugh FRYE, Norfolk; four sisters, Mrs. Viola GALLOHORN, Seven Mile Ford; Mrs. Ocie WARD, Wytheville; Mrs. Leona ERBACKER, Newtonsville, Ohio; Mrs. Laura WARD, Rural Retreat; 48 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Services will be at Slusser's Chapel Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Burial will be in the Whitlock Cemetery.

MRS. MAGGIE M. HALL

Blacksburg, June 17 - Mrs. Maggie Mickie HALL, 76, died Wednesday evening at her home here. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth E. DOSS, Blacksburg; four sons, Dave EFFINGER, Epton EFFINGER, Howard EFFINGER, Jack EFFINGER, all of Blacksburg; five sisters, Mrs. W. M. CRUMPACKER, Blacksburg; Mrs. B. P. LINKOUS, Scottsville, Mrs. Sally SHIMLES, Tomahawk, Wis.; Mrs. Ruth HURST and Mrs. Kate LUMPKINS, both of Roanoke; three brothers, John PREFATER, Sam PREFATER, Claude PREFATER, all of Roanoke; her stepmother, Mrs. Rosie PREFATER of Roanoke and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be held Friday, at 2 p.m. in the P. D. Oakey Funeral Home. Burial will be in West View Cemetery.

HUGH L. HAWKINS

Blacksburg - Hugh L. HAWKINS, 88, died Friday in a Roanoke hospital. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. A. B. KNUDSEN, Norfolk, Mrs. Clara LAPPIN, New York City, Mrs. R. C. MOORE, Blacksburg, Mrs. D. P. JAMES, Petersburg, Mrs. C. E. CLEAR, Richmond; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Barbara Ann FRAZIER, Newport News, three sons, Howard HAWKINS, New Hope, Hugh M. HAWKINS, New Market, Fred HAWKINS, Ringold. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Jones Funeral Chapel with burial in West View Cemetery. (Written on this: April 19th 68)

MRS. NANNIE PRICE HAWKINS

Blacksburg - Mrs. Nannie PRICE HAWKINS died July 22 at her home here. A native of Montgomery County, she was the wife of Hugh L. HAWKINS to whom she had been married 65 years on May 30, 1965. For many years Mrs. HAWKINS was the correspondent in the Glade Community, where she resided, for the Montgomery News Messenger. Surviving are her husband, H. L. HAWKINS; six daughters, Mrs. A. B. KNUDSEN, Norfolk; Mrs. Clara LAPPIN, New York City; Mrs. Robert C. MOORE, Blacksburg; Mrs. David P. JAMES, Petersburg; Mrs. Charles E. CLEAR, Richmond; Mrs. Barbara H. FRASIER, Newport News; three sons, Howard

A. HAWKINS, New Hope; Hugh M. HAWKINS, New Market; Fred T. HAWKINS, Ringgold; a sister, Mrs. Edgar L. HAWKINS, Sr., Blacksburg; two brothers, Alex PRICE, Blacksburg, Frank PRICE, Akron, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held July 24, at 3 p.m., in Jones Funeral Chapel with burial in West View Cemetery. The Rev. Richard M. UMBERGER, of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Glade Community, conducted the services, assisted by the Rev. Mahlon H. ELLIOTT, pastor of the Blacksburg Methodist Church. Pallbearers were Mrs. Hawkins' grandsons, Tommy HAWKINS, Jimmy HAWKINS, Danny HAWKINS, David JAMES, Byron JAMES, and Noble MOORE.

ALONZOE W. HELMS

Blacksburg - Alonzoe W. HELMS, 71, died at his home in St. Louis Monday. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie HELMS; a daughter, Mrs. Francis Lee HELMS, both of St. Louis; three sisters, Mrs. Gideon TIMBERLAKE and Mrs. Aubrey NOTTINGHAM, both of Spartanburg, S.C.; Mrs. Minnie WALTERS, Baltimore; two brothers, Guy HELMS, Pearisburg; Dr. S. T. HELMS, Baltimore. The body will be sent to Givens Funeral Home in Pearisburg, where it will remain until Saturday morning. There will be a Masonic graveside service Saturday at 2 p.m. at West View Cemetery in Blacksburg.

HOWARD G. HELMS

Howard Grant HELMS, 69, died Monday in a Roanoke hospital. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia STRICKLER HELMS; three daughters, Mrs. Helen COMPTON and Mrs. Ruth PAYNE, both of Blacksburg, and Miss Martha HELMS, Richmond; a son, Harley E. HELMS, Blacksburg; seven sisters, Mrs. F. E. CHARLTON, Mrs. A. L. DOBBINS, Mrs. J. W. STRICKLER, Sr., Mrs. S. W. STRICKLER, all of Blacksburg; Mrs. Ed BISHOP, Christiansburg; Mrs. Henry TURNER and Mrs. Dennis EPPERLY, Roanoke, four grandchildren. Funeral was Wednesday at the Blacksburg Christian Church. Burial was in West View Cemetery.

MISS LILLIAN J. HELMS

Blacksburg, Dec. 5 - Miss Lillian J. HELMS, 65, died in a Lynchburg hospital Wednesday night. Surviving are three brothers, Guy HELMS, Pearisburg; A. W. HELMS, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. S. T. HELMS, Baltimore; three sisters, Mrs. Sallie TIMBERLAKE, Spartanburg, S.C.; Mrs. Mary Lee NOTTINGHAM, Cape Charles; Mrs. Minnie WATERS, Baltimore. Funeral will be at P. D. Oakey Funeral Home Sunday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in West View Cemetery.

JOHN W. HENDERSON

John Wallace HENDERSON, 62, died suddenly Wednesday evening, January 17, at his home on Main street, Blacksburg. He is survived by his wife, Willa SLUSSER HENDERSON; one son, Joe HENDERSON; one daughter, Miss Martha HENDERSON; one brother, Robert E. HENDERSON; three sisters, Mrs. Edwin PRICE, Mrs. Harry BENNETT, and Mrs. John MEADOWS. Funeral services were conducted from Whisner Memorial Methodist church Friday, January 19 at 2:00 o'clock, interment was in West View Cemetery.

MICHAEL V. HENDERSON

Blacksburg - Funeral for Michael Vernon HENDERSON, 15, who was killed Wednesday in a hunting accident, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Luster's Gate Union church, with burial in West View Cemetery, Blacksburg. The body is at the Hoy Funeral Home. (Written on this: Nov 3 1965)

ROBERT E. HENDERSON

Blacksburg - Robert Ervin HENDERSON, 74, died Wednesday night en route to a Roanoke hospital. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Reta HENDERSON; a sister, Mrs. Ada MEADOWS, Blacksburg. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hoy Funeral Home, with burial in West View Cemetery.. (Written on this: Nov 3 1965)

NASH HENDERSON

Blacksburg, March 12 (Special) - Nash HENDERSON, 86, member of a family identified with the history of Montgomery county from early times, died at 4 p.m. today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. MEADOWS, about three miles from Blacksburg. Funeral services will be held at the MEADOWS home at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the family Cemetery in Roanoke Valley. Surviving are his wife, and the following children: Mrs. Edwin PRICE, Mrs. Henry BENNETT, Wallace and Robert E. HENDERSON, all of Montgomery county; and one brother, Croswell H. HENDERSON. Mr. HENDERSON was widely related in Montgomery and adjoining counties.

MRS. NASH HENDERSON

Blacksburg, Jan. 6 (Special) - Mrs. Nash HENDERSON, 83, a life-long resident of Montgomery county, and widely connected throughout this section of the state, died Wednesday morning at the family home three miles from Blacksburg. She is survived by several sons and daughters. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Roanoke Valley Presbyterian church. Burial will be in a nearby Cemetery. The body will remain at Richardson's funeral home in Christiansburg until 10 a.m. Friday.

GEORGE W. HILL

George W. HILL, 62, died at his home in Blacksburg, Monday. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ora MELSER HILL; two sons, Wesley E. HILL and G. Robert HILL; two daughters, Mrs. Harold SMITH and Mrs. Harley HELMS, all of Blacksburg; two brothers, Howard H. HILL, Christiansburg; Theodore B. HILL, Akron, Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. Jake T. AKERS, Muncy, Pa.; Mrs. Clarence SAIN and Mrs. Benie MILLER, Akron; and six grandchildren. Funeral was at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Blacksburg Methodist church. Burial was in West View Cemetery.

WESLEY E. HILL

Wesley Edward HILL, 41, died Saturday at his home in Blacksburg. Mr. HILL was a member of the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department for 14 years, and for many years was associated with his father, the late G. W. Hill, in the mercantile business in Blacksburg. He was a lieutenant in the reserve squad. His wife is president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Blacksburg Fire Department. Surviving are his wife: Mrs. Elizabeth COE HILL; two children, Joyce Elaine HILL and Wesley E. HILL, Jr., his mother, Mrs. George W. HILL; two sisters, Mrs. Margie HELMS and Mrs. Gladys SMITH, one brother, George Robert HILL, all of Blacksburg. Funeral services were

conducted by the Rev. Dr. Arthur Shelton, Monday, at 2 p.m. in the Blacksburg Methodist church. Burial was in West View Cemetery. Members of the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Crew served as honorary pallbearers. Active pallbearers were: H. M. HODGE, C. P. LIGON, R. L. WILLARD, J. G. HAMPTON, Tommy HURD, and K. L. AKERS. (On the back of this was printed at the top of the page: Thursday, May 3, 1962)

WILLIAM T. HILTON

Blacksburg, Jan. 21 - William Thomas HILTON, 88, died this morning at the home of his nephew in Christiansburg. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. E. V. LUCAS of Blacksburg and Mrs. Ollie STRUPS of Columbus, Ohio. Services are scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday at the P. D. Oakey Funeral home in Blacksburg. Burial will be in West View Cemetery.

MRS. J. S. B. HINKLE

Blacksburg, Jan. 6 - Mrs. J. S. B. HINKLE, 89, died today at her home here. Surviving are her husband; two sons, Lloyd J. HICKERSON, Salem; Robert CALDWELL, Richmond; a daughter, Mrs. Silas HOLLANDS, Baltimore; a stepson, Leonard HINKLE, Houston, Tex.; two brothers, Charles CALDWELL, Dublin; Cletie CALDWELL, Newport; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at P. D. Oakey Funeral Home, with burial in Cedar Lawn Cemetery at Salem. (Written on this: 1958.)

ELGIN B. HOWERY

Floyd, Oct. 23 (Special) - Cpt. Elgin B. HOWERY, 40, died suddenly early this morning at the home of his sister, Miss Virginia HOWERY in Blacksburg. He was the son of Emmett HOWERY of Floyd, and the late Mrs. HOWERY. Cpt. HOWERY was honorably discharged last month after two years of service overseas. He is survived by his sister and six brothers, all of whom have had overseas service. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 o'clock p.m. from the Camp Creek Methodist church, with interment in the church burial grounds.

WILLIAM E. HUBBERT

Blacksburg, May 18 - William E. HUBBERT, 71, died this morning at his home near here. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian BROCE HUBBERT; a son, William E. HUBBERT III; a sister, Mrs. R. E. RIBBLE, Mt. Hope, W. Va. Funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church here. Burial will be in the family Cemetery. The body will be taken from P. D. Oakey funeral Home to the church Tuesday at 1 p.m.

ANAH PHARR HUFFMAN

New Castle - Anah Pharr HUFFMAN, 78, died Saturday in a Roanoke hospital. Surviving are his wife, Annie DUNBAR HUFFMAN; a daughter, Mrs. Bertie Ann MILLS, Martinsville; a son, Alan HUFFMAN, at Home; a brother, Giles E. HUFFMAN, New Castle. The funeral will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Forks of John's Creek Church with burial in the HUFFMAN family Cemetery. Arrangements are being made by Boitnott Funeral Home. (Written on this: Feb 25 67)

DR. F. B. HUFFMAN

Dr. F. B. HUFFMAN, 61, died suddenly Tuesday at his home in Blacksburg. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, two brothers and two sisters. Dr. HUFFMAN was educated at the Medical college of Virginia and Maryland Medical college, beginning his practice at Sinking Creek in 1909. He then moved to Price's Fork and later to Newport, coming to Blacksburg in 1920, where he had practiced ever since. Services will be held at Blacksburg Christian church, of which he was a member, Thursday, the time to be announced. Interment will be in the HUFFMAN Cemetery in Craig county.

MRS. HESTER A. HUNTER

Blacksburg, Jan. 21 - Mrs. Hester Ann HUNTER, 90, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Mollie STEVERS, here Monday night. Also surviving are another daughter, Mrs. Dale ODHAM, Blacksburg; three sons, Elsie, Harry HUNTER, both of Blacksburg; William HUNTER; 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Blacksburg Wesleyan Methodist Church. Burial will be in West View Cemetery. The body will be at P. D. Oakey Funeral Home until 1 p.m. Wednesday. (Written on this: 1958 Monday)

MRS. ROSA LEE HUNTER

Blacksburg, May 22 (Special) - Mrs. Rosa Lee HUNTER, 67, died here this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edgar MARTIN. The funeral will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

BERNARD G. HUTCHINSON

Blacksburg, Jan. 13 (Special) - Bernard G. HUTCHINSON, 55, died at his home here Saturday evening. He is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters and a grandchild. The funeral service will be conducted at the Level Green church Monday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in the Williams Cemetery in Craig County.

CURRY P. HUTCHINSON

Blacksburg - Curry P. HUTCHINSON, 66, a local merchant, died Thursday at his home. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dainty B. HUTCHINSON; two brothers, M. A. HUTCHINSON, Richmond, John C. HUTCHINSON, Blacksburg; one sister, Mrs. Robert BRUCE, Radford. Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Blacksburg Methodist Church by Dr. A. E. SHELTON, the Rev. Orlo KRETLOW. Burial will be in West View Cemetery. The body is at the Jones Funeral Home. (Written on this: May 10th 62)

C. BAXTER JOHNSTON

Blacksburg, Jan. 2 - C. Baxter JOHNSON, 79, of Blacksburg, died today in a Radford hospital. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at P. D. Oakey Funeral Home here with burial in West View Cemetery. The family requests that flowers be omitted. (Written on this: 1958)

JAMES T. JONES

Blacksburg, Nov. 20 - James T. JONES, 55, died Tuesday morning at a Pulaski hospital after a brief illness. Surviving are two sons, three daughters, one brother and a sister. Services will be held at the home of the sister, Mrs. Ray O'BRIEN, Thursday at 3 p.m., with interment in West View.

WILLIAM L. KABRICH

Blacksburg, Aug 13 - The funeral of William Lee KABRICH, 36, who died. Wednesday afternoon at the home of his father, C. L. KABRICH, here, will be conducted at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment will be in the family Cemetery. (Suspect this is from the 40's due to pieces of an article on the back which read: The Japanese have bases... The communiqué said that...made by four-motored Flying...Martin Marauders - were opened...Six Jap Zeros charge on....)

CHARLES L. KAMBRICH

Blacksburg, Oct. 24 - Charles L. KAMBRICH, 74, died this morning at his home near here. Surviving are his wife, four daughters and one brother. Funeral will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. from Luther Memorial church with burial in the family Cemetery. (Part of an article on the back: ...ready had been killed in the Spanish frontier fighting, a rather high figure for casualties in view of a subsequent German broadcast that only small groups were operating against Franco's forces. The Germans said the "liquidation" of the ...)

JOHN H. KARR, JR.

Christiansburg, Nov. 11 - John H. KARR Jr., 25, formerly of Christiansburg, died in an automobile accident near Pamarillo, Calif., Wednesday night. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sally Teel KARR; a son, John H. KARR III, both of California; his father, John H. KARR, Blacksburg; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth KARR, Cambria; a brother, Thomas KARR, Cambria. Funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Church of Christ, Christiansburg. Burial will be in Karr Cemetery, Blacksburg. The body will arrive in Christiansburg Tuesday morning and will remain at Richardson Funeral Home until one hour before the service.

MRS. FANNIE W. KEISTER

Blacksburg, Sept. 26 - Mrs. Fannie WALL KEISTER, widow of the late A. T. KEISTER, died at her home Sunday after a lingering illness. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Carl L. WILSON, of Roanoke, three sons, three sisters and three brothers. Funeral services will be held at the home at 10:30 a.m. with burial in West View Cemetery.

MRS. HARMON F. KEISTER

Blacksburg - Mrs. Harmon F. KEISTER, 73, of Blacksburg, died Sunday in a Radford hospital. Surviving are her husband, Harmon F. KEISTER; a brother, Charles T. GOFF, Staffordsville; four sisters, Mrs. Ralph EPPERLY, Mrs. H. M. FRIDINGER and Mrs. Viola GIBBS, all of Radford, and Mrs. Jennings RICH, Newport News; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Blacksburg Baptist Church. Burial will be in West View Cemetery. The body will be taken from P. D. Oakey Funeral Home to the residence at 10 a.m. Tuesday and to the church at 2 p.m.

JACOB H. HEISTER

Blacksburg, March 30 (Special) - Jacob H. KEISTER, 72, died at the New Altamont hospital at Christiansburg today. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of a son, A. F. KEISTER, in Blacksburg. Interment will be in Spruce Run Cemetery in Giles county.

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JOE DANIEL KEISTER

Joe Daniel KEISTER, 31, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. T. KEISTER, died late Friday. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Carl WILSON, of Roanoke, and two brothers, Murphy and Charles, both of Blacksburg. The funeral will be held today at 2 p.m. at Oakey's in Blacksburg, by the Rev. Charles A. LOGAN, assisted by the Rev. John W. COBB. Interment will be in West View, at Blacksburg.

MRS. BESSIE MAE KENDRICK

Blacksburg, Nov. 9 (Special) - Mrs. Bessie Mae KENDRICK, 55, wife of Cary M. KENDRICK, died Monday in a Roanoke hospital. The funeral will be held at the home at 3 p.m. Wednesday, with burial in West View. Surviving are a daughter, a brother, and a sister, Mrs. Rosa SHEPHERD, Roanoke.

MRS. LUCY E. KINZIE

Blacksburg, May 9 - Mrs. Lucy I. KINZIE, 77, died Wednesday in a Marion hospital. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. S. J. KINZIE and Mrs. John CROMER, both of Blacksburg; six half brothers, Mark PRICE, Newport News; Claude, Ribble, and Hassell PRICE, all of Blacksburg; Carl PRICE, Roanoke; O. V. PRICE, New Castle; tow (typo in the paper) half sisters, Mrs. Hatcher LUCAS, Blacksburg; Mrs. W. D. McDANIEL, Newport News. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Newport Methodist Church with burial in Clover Hollow Cemetery. The body will be taken to the church at 1 p.m.

KITTS

Blacksburg - Mr. William Foster KITTS, age 72, died Sunday at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Letty L. KITTS; two sons, Myron B. KITTS, Concorde Va.; and Ronnie W. KITTS, Blacksburg, Va.; a brother, Blanton W. KITTS, Cheverly Md.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Jane RYAN, Tacoma, Wash.; and three grandchildren. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The family will receive from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday June 7, 1978 at the Prices Fork United Methodist Church by the Rev. Michael K. BOGGS. Interment in the Lytton Family Cemetery. Arrangement by Lipscomb's Funeral Chapel, Blacksburg.

IRA A. KYTCHENS

Blacksburg, Feb. 3 - Ira A. KYTCHENS, 63, died at his home here Tuesday morning. Surviving are his wife, one son, Robert KYTCHENS, Roanoke; two daughters, Mrs. Johnny LIPPOOL, Maryland; Mrs. Bozo DICKERSON, three sisters, Mrs. Irene BAILERY, Mrs. Lucille DOVE and Mrs. Helen LOWERY, all of Blacksburg; two brothers, Charles H. KYTCHENS and Boyd M. KYTCHENS, both of Blacksburg. Funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the P. D. Oakey Funeral Home. Burial will be in West View Cemetery.

SAMUEL C. LAFON

Blacksburg, June 1 - Samuel C. LAFON, 65, died at his home in Mt. Tabor community Friday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nettie SMITH LAFON; three daughters, Mrs. Robert COX, Mrs. Theodore OLIVER, Blacksburg, and Mrs. Lewis WOOLWINE, Norfolk; six sons, Claude, Arnold, Mason, Lamah and Leonard, Blacksburg, and Samuel C Jr., Lorraine, Ohio; five

brothers, Tom, Pembroke; Frank, Blacksburg; Will, Watson, Newport; and Clyde, Bedford; two sisters, Mrs. Walter HUTCHINSON, Newport and Mrs. Brady HUTCHINSON, Craig Healing Springs; and 29 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Fletcher's Chapel in Mt. Tabor. Burial will be in the West View Cemetery in Blacksburg. The body will be taken from the Oakey Funeral Home to the Church at 1 p.m.

MRS. ELIZABETH F. LANE

Mrs. Elizabeth F. LANE, 88, died Saturday evening at her home on Levelton Avenue, Tenth Street extension. Surviving are three sons; J. H. LANE, Hampton; M. C. LANE, Radford, and J. W. LANE, Roanoke; three brothers and two sisters: J. Z. KING, Cambria; J. F. KING, S. G. KING and Mrs. Mary M. PARRISH, Montgomery county; and Mrs. A. B. PARRISH, Shawsville.

JAMES E. LEE

Blacksburg, Jan. 1 - James Emory LEE, 79, died here today. Surviving are a niece and several nephews. Funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at P. D. Oakey Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Dowdy Cemetery. (Believe this might be 1959 - on the back can be read...The worst loss of life in the United States in 1958 was the Chicago school fire Dec. 1 in...)

MRS. EMMA LESTER

Funeral for Mrs. Emma LESTER, 71, of 2206 Eastland Ave., SE, who died Wednesday of injuries received in a traffic accident, will be conducted at Waverly Place Baptist Church at 2 p.m. today. Interment will be in Cedar Lawn.

MRS. ELLA K. LINKOUS

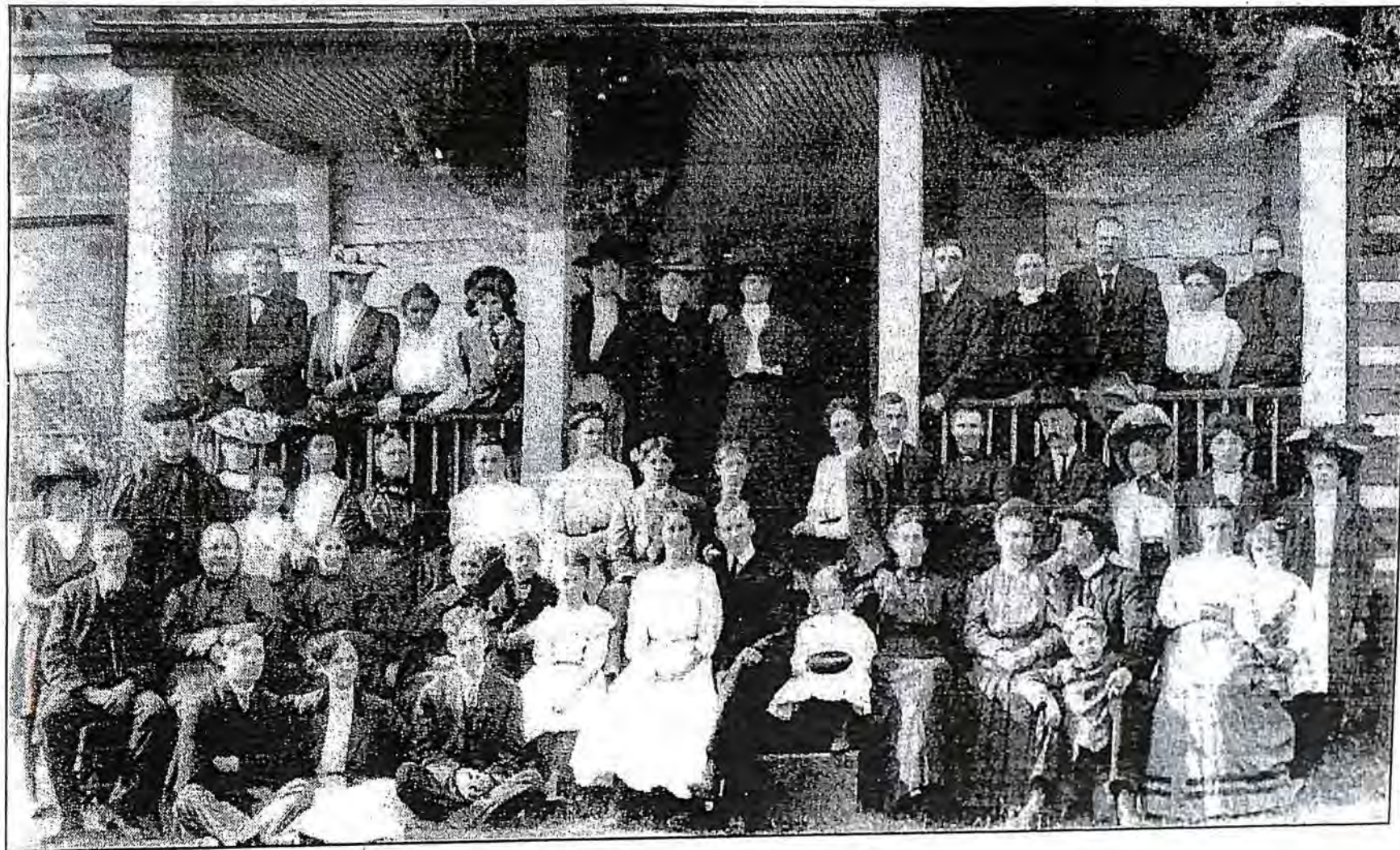
Radford, Oct. 28 - Mrs. Ella Kinzer Linkous died Monday in a Marion hospital. Surviving are a son, A. Linwood Kinzer, Christiansburg; two sisters, Mrs. Maurice Hardy, Victoria; Mrs. D. S. Cassell, Radford; two grandchildren. Funeral will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at DeVilbiss Funeral Home. Burial will be in West View Cemetery. (Here's a potential clue to the date, on the back is part of an article: "A police band in colorful cockaded hats marched toward the square playing a triumphal march. The crowd roared. The doors of the balcony opened. Nicola Cardinal Canali, 84-year-old pro-dean of the college, appeared and the roar swelled to thunder. "I announce to you tidings of great joy. We have a pope," he said in Latin...")

MRS. MARY R. KINKOUS

Blacksburg, Dec. 30 - Mrs. Mary Ruth LINKOUS, 27, died this morning at her home here. Surviving are her husband, Shelbourn LINKOUS, one son, one daughter, four brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be held here at the home of Mrs. LINKOUS' brother, Murphy RATLIFF, Monday at 2 p.m. with burial in Linkous Cemetery at Merrimac.

ROY LINKOUS

Blacksburg, March 17 (Special) - Roy LINKOUS, 54, of here, died this morning at a Roanoke hospital. Funeral services will be held from the Lutheran church here Monday at 2:30 p.m. The body will be at the Oakey funeral home until that hour. Interment will be in the family Cemetery.



Family reunion in 1909

Shown is the log house of Davidson Charlton in 1909 during a reunion of the Charlton, Hornbarger, Porterfield, Walters, Ashworth, Parrish, Kiner, Dodd and Harmon families. The house was located on Route 114 near Belmont Church in Montgomery County. (Photo courtesy of "Reflections: Christiansburg, 1792-1992.")

GILLESPIE, Hugh - d by 11 Mar 1777 - Ref WB A p71, appraisal & Admr bond - Admr John GILLASPIE, Henry GAY

GILLISPY, Robert - d by Apr 1798 - Ref WB A p475, will dated 23 May 1797 - Relatives: Ch: William, Isabel, Mary, Robert, John, James, Alexander, Jean. Gs John GILLASPY

GILLESPIE, Sarah Virginia - b 16 Dec 1842 - d 25 Nov 1913 - w/o David W GILLESPIE (d 1892) - grave Amsterdam Cem

GILLESPIE, Simon - d by 24 Nov 1820 - Ref WB C p337, 344, 354: appraisal, Dower - wife Nancy

GILLEY, Harvy - b ca 1898 Rke - d 24 July 1917 - f A F GILLEY (b Patrick Co, Va) - m Jennie (GILLEY) (b Rke Co) - buried Gearheart Buring Ground - cd struck by train while riding a motor cycle.

GILLIAM, Ella McFERRAN - b 17 July 1858 Va - d 6 June 1915 - f Martin McFERRAN (b Va) - m Penelope (WILLIAMSON) - buried Fincastle Cem - cd Heart disease

GILLIAM, Ellin - b ca 1811 Bot Co - d 25 Nov 1855 - f Thomas WILSON - cd pulmonary - rep by hus William W GILLIAM

GILLIAM, Emma - b ca 1850 - d 1 June 1857 - f John GILLIAM - m Elizabeth - cd flux - rep by father

GILLIAM, Kathleen - b 29 July 1912 - d 2 Sep 1912 - f Rufus GILLIAM (b Bot Co) - Lillie (RUCKER) - buried Locust Bottom Cem - cd Entero Colitis

GILLIAM, Lucy - d ca 1891 - Ref Unrecorded will filed in "Unrecorded deeds, etc"

GILLIAM, Mary W - b ca 1841 Bot Co - d 10 Mar 1865 - age 24y - f Robert J GILLIAM - m Salina [HUNTER] - cd scrofulo - rep by cousin, William A GILLIAM [Jr]

GILLIAM, Robert Jaret - b 20 July 1845 Bot Co - d 23 Feb 1914 - f Robert GILLIAM - m ____ (HUNTER) (b Camp Co) - buried Fincastle Cem - cd Arterio Sterosis

GILLIAM, William A, Dr - b ca 1798, Amherst Co (census #1505) - d 4 Apr 1866 - age 68y - f James GILLIAM - m M T - cd not known - rep by son [William] Adison GILLIAM - h/o Elizabeth D GILLIAM - Adm 9 Apr 1866 William A GILLIAM

GILLILAND see Joseph HAYNES, Susan SHANKLIN, George LEMON, Jacob LEMON, Jane LEMON

GILLILAND, James - d by Apr 1811 - Ref WB B p257, will dated 1 Mar 1810 - wife Susannah; Ch: Sally, Shepherd, Joseph, James, Betsy, Mary, John, William Samuel, Jency, Nancy, Susannah

GILLILAND, Samuel - d by Apr 1815 - Ref C p28, appraisal

GILMORE see Henry HARSHBARGER, Thomas ROWLAND, George POAGUE, James POAGUE, Joseph K (or R) POAGE

GILMORE, Madison - b ca 1794 Va (census #788) - d by 11 July 1859 - h/o Janetta M - Ex Janetta M GILMORE

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GILMORE, Samuel - b ca 1799 Va (census #781) - d by 11 Aug 1862 - Adm Albert B PITZER (10 Oct 1864 revoked) (11 Dec 1865) James ROWLAND, Sheriff (13 Aug 1866 revoked) Lewis LINKENHOKER, Sheriff

GIRTNER, Jacob - b ca 1788 Baltimore Md - d 18 Apr 1864 - age 76y - f Philip GIRTNER - m Catherine - cd dropsy - rep by wife Dianna GIRTNER

GIRTY (colored) see Elizabeth HACKLEY

GIRTY, Frances NELSON (colored) - d ca 1909 - f NELSON - her son Will GIRTY gave information - grave Brick Union Cem - w/o John GIRTY

GIRTY, John (colored) - b ca 1852 - d 21 May 1934 - age 82y - h/o Frances NELSON GIRTY - Ref Brick Union gravestone

GISH see Abner HOWELL, Ernest F BRUGH, Mary E BRUGH, Elizabeth HAMILTON, J C KINZIE, Annie V LAYMAN, George LAYMAN, George G LAYMAN, Jacob G LAYMAN, Joseph C LAYMAN, Lewis G LAYMAN, Polly LAYMAN, Ann MOOMAW, Caleb NININGER, Aron PETERS, Ewell Jackson BRUGH

GISH, Abraham (unmd) - b ca 4 Jan 1795 - d 4 Apr 1839 - age 44y 3m - f Jacob GISH - m Anne WINGERT - Relatives, bros & sis^s were his heirs - Ref Daleville gravestone

GISH, Abraham - b 25 Apr 1769 Pa (census #1608) - d 15 Mar 1859 (or 1854) - f [Christian GISH] - m [Sophia HOUK] - was md four times: last wife Azenith (Betts) MURRY - Ref Daleville gravestone - Ex George McDONALD (10 May 1858) - His heirs: Christian, Mathias (left home 1847 & d by 1854), Rosannah, Eliza (4 youngest ch); Susannah (md ATWELL), Abraham, Jacob, Mary (md John Campbell), John C; Elizabeth (md SCOTT = W^m T, John I, David S, Mary Gossett, Sarah Miller, Ann Perkins, James, Richard McCulley); George, Sarah (md Jacob PETERS); Sophia (md #1 BURNS, #2 DAVIS); Rosannah (md CALHOUN); Jacob, died (heirs, Matilda, Samuel H, John P, dau (md Geo W HUBBARD), dau (md Alex Abshire). dau (md James I BRUCE)

GISH, Anna - f WINGERT - [1st w/o Jacob GISH] - Ref Daleville gravestone (no dates) (very old)

GISH, Catherine - b 1806 - d 1886 - f [ABRAHAM] KINZIE - w/o Jacob GISH (1801-1847) - Ref gravestone in family Cem between Amsterdam & Trinity

GISH, Christian - d by June 1796 - f [Mathias GISH, emigrant] - m [Catherine BOYER] - Ref WB A p427, will dated 22 May 1796 - Relatives: wife Sophia; Ch: Christian, John, Elizabeth, Katy, George; Others Abram GISH, Jacob GISH, Benjamin COFFMAN

GISH, Clara - b 1849 - d 1919 - w/o Jacob GISH (1845-1912) - Ref Gravestone in family cem between Amsterdam & Trinity

GISH, Daniel Saylor - b ca Jan 1859, Bot Co - d 31 Mar 1860 - age 1y 2m 30d - f John W GISH - m Elizabeth [KINZIE] - cd dyptheria - rep by father

GISH, Druscilla - b ca 1810 (census 1850 Bot Co #1547) - d by 1888 Bot Co (will) - f Jacob PETERS - Relatives: adopted dau Elizabeth F (md [1867] Henry DAVIS) - w/o Lewis D (or E) GISH - [by her marriage Elizabeth F (b ca 1850) was d/o Reubin & Melinda BRYANT]

GISH, E - Ref Daleville gravestone (no dates, very old)

GISH, George - d by 1830 Bot Co (will) - f Christian GISH - m Sophia HANK - wife Susannah STOVER; Ch Jacob, George, John, Abraham, Elizabeth (md John Beckner), Christian, David & William

GISH, George [W] - b 10 Mar 1806 - d 11 May 1893 (Grave stone) (Bot Co will) - Abraham GISH - m Mary FRY - h/o Sarah [WRIGHTSMAN] (d 1882) - grave Haymakertown Cem (moved from Potter place) - Ch Abram, Sarah Moore, Susan (md George W Manges); Landon (infirm of body); James T, Ann (md ____ FIREBAUGH); Mary (md ____ NOFSINGER); Samuel, & G E

GISH, Ira Price - b 29 Sep 1914 Bot Co - d 30 Sep 1914 - f Oscar Price GISH (b Bot Co) - m Martha Ann (HOGAN) (b Bot Co) - buried Fincastle Cem - cd cyanosis neonatorum

GISH, Jacob - b 5 Feb 1761 - d 2 Aug 1836 - f [Christian GISH] - m [Sophia HOUK] - Relatives 1st wife Anna WINGERT, 2nd wife Mrs Catherine STOVER - Ref Daleville gravestone - Ch: Elizabeth dec'd, (md Christian Vinyard = Cassie); John, Susannah (md Charles CARNEY); Abraham, Caty (md David SPERRY); Jacob, Polly (md Geo LEMON); Lydia (md Peter NOFSINGER); Ann (md Samuel MOOMAW); Cassie, Priscilla

GISH, Jacob - b 1801 - d 1847 Bot Co (will says wife & Ch, not named) - f [Jacob GISH] - m [Anna WINGERT] - h/o Catherine [KINZIE] (1806-1886) - Ref gravestone in family cem between Amsterdam & Trinity

GISH, Jacob - b 16 Apr 1845 Bot Co - d 13 June 1912 - f Jacob GISH (b Va) - m Catherine (KINZIE) (b Va) - buried Amsterdam Cem (circled in red ink) - cd pneumonia of right lung - [h/o Clara GISH - Ref Death certificate; gravestone in family cem between Amsterdam & Trinity]

GISH, James T - d by 1936 Bot Co Heir list - f George W GISH - m Sarah WRIGHTSMAN - wife Mary E, b ca 1878 - only ch Kent F GISH (b ca 1901)

GISH, John - d by 12 May 1823 (sons called orphans) - f [Christian GISH] - m [Sophia HOUK] - sons Jacob (b Apr 1807), William (under 14)

GISH, Landon - b 1 Aug 1836 - d 21 Sep 1888 - f George W GISH - Sarah WRIGHTSMAN - grave Haymakertown Cem (moved from Potter Place)

GISH, Lewis D(circled) [Edward] - b 1830 Bot Co (census #1546) - d 8 Jan 1857 (Bot Co Death Book) - f John C GISH - m Mary - cd Billious Coilick - rep by wife Drusilla [PETERS] - Adm Drusilla GISH (9 Mar 1857)

GISH, M[ary] - b 30 June 1795 - d 29 Jan 1831 Bot Co - [1st w/o John C GISH (1794-1862)] - Ref Daleville gravestone

GISH, Mary - b 19 July 1786 - d 19 July 1823 - f [Mathias FRY] - 2nd w/o Abraham GISH - Ref Daleville gravestone

GISH, Mary - b ca 1823 Bot Co - d 28 Oct 1854 Bot Co Death Book - f John McCCLURE - m [Isabella McCORKLE] - cd pneumonia - rep by bro James McCCLURE - w/o Abraham B GISH

GISH, Rosannah - b 1796 - d 9 July (?1800, by 1842 both marked out) [1839] - f Josiah BEAN - 1st w/o Abraham GISH - Ref Daleville gravestone - [her 1st hus was Peter PAINTER]

GISH, Sarah - b 26 Feb 1806 - d 10 Mar 1882 - f WRIGHTSMAN - w/o George GISH (d 1893) - grave Haymakertown Cem (moved from Potter Place)

GIVIN(S) see Magdalan ["Ann"] REYNOLDS, Thomas REYNOLDS, Ora Rufus KELLY, Madaline Dematus MILTON, Howard Benjamin NICELY

GIVENS, Daniel - d by Mar 1823 - Ref WB C p403, will dated 15 Oct 1822 - Ch: Anna (md [Julius] WEBB), Susanna (md John WALKER), [M]Oalinda (md Jacob PECK), William, Is(a)iah, Elisha, Joseph, Daniel; Gch: Daniel & Patsy GIVENS (of William); Patsy PECK (of Jacob PECK); Patsy (of Joseph) - Exr John WALKER

GIVENS, Joseph - d by 14 Nov 1831 (dau called an orphan) - Ch: dau Mary (over 14), John

GLASGOW, Elizabeth "Lizzie" S - b 11 Sep 1826 Bot Co - d 21 Feb 1862 - f Charles C SPEARS (Rockingham Co) - m Margaret M - w/o William A GLASGOW - cd Erysipelas - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

GLASGOW, Kate C - b ca 1853 Bote Co - d 7 Feb 1862 - age 9 yr - f William A GLASGOW - m Lizzie - cd diptheria - rep by father

GLASGOW, William A - ca 1861 Bot Co - d 16 Feb 1862 - age 9m 8d - f William A GLASGOW - m "Lizzie" Elizabeth SPEARS - cd diptheria - rep by father

GLASSFORD, W B - b ca 1889 - d 11 May 1914 - buried Martinsburg, WV Cem - cd Run over by railroad engine

GLEESON see C ETZLER

GLEASON, male - b 10 June 1866 Bot Co - 12 June 1866 - age 2d - f John W GLEASON - m Elizabeth A - rep by mother

GLEESON, Edna - b ca 1807 - d 8 Apr 1880 - age 73y - w/o James GLEASON - grave Mt Union Cem

GLEESON, John W - d 1869 - Adm bond 13 Sep 1869 Elizabeth GLEESON

GLEESON, Margaret - b 25 Jan 1843 - d 17 Apr 1919 - grave Mt Union Cem

GLEESON, P - b 1799 - d 1838 - Ref Mt Union gravestone

GLENN see GLYNN, Paulser KIMBERLING

GLENN, Jean (or Jane) - d by 4 Aug 1803 - Ref WB B p40, appraisal - Ch: on 9 Aug 1803 orphan John aged 6, Sally aged 4 - Ex^r Palser KIMBERLIN

GLEN, Susan - b ca 1834 Bot Co - d Apr 1860 - age 26y - Thomas SIZER - cd not known - rep by bro Thomas SIZER

GLENN, William T - b ca 1854 Bot Co - d Oct 1861 - age 7y - f John GLENN - m Lucy - cd diptheria - rep by father

GLYNN, Jane (widow) - b ca 1778 Ireland (or 1770 Va) (census #1356) - d 2 May 1855 Fincastle - f [James McCARROL] - cd paralysis - rep by sis Rebecca BACKENSTO - [widow of Patrick GLYNN] - Ex James G ACTON (9 July 1855)

GODWIN, Isaac Robinson, Dr - b 8 Aug 1837 Fincastle - d 1 Oct 1916 - f Thomas (J marked out) G GODWIN (b Salem, Va) - m Martha M (ROBINSON) (b Bot Co) - buried Fincastle cem - cd Senility & exhaustion following indigestion

GODWIN, Jane McDonald - b 25 Feb 1844 Nelson Co, Va - d 11 Jan 1916 - f James M SPILLER (Buck Co) - m Caroline (KYLE) (b Bot Co) - buried Fincastle Cem - cd biliary Calcul:

GODWIN, Thomas - d by 10 Aug 1829 (dau called an orphan) - dau Mary Ann (under 14)

GOFF see Maud CAMPBELL

GOFF, Elen V - b Bot Co - d 20 May 1859 - age 4y - f James D GOFF - m Mary E - cd dropsy - rep by mother

GOFF, Marcus - b ca 1860 Bot Co - d 10 Aug 1862 - age 2y - f James D GOFF - m Mary E - cd diptheria - rep by mother

GOFFORD, John - d by Aug 1799 - Ref WB A p520, appraisal - Admr Archibald MURRAY

GOOD see Abraham STATLER, male KESSLER, Mildred Edna VINES

GOOD, male - b 7 Mar 1856 Bot Co - d 9 Mar 1856 - f Thomas GOOD - m Martha - cd not known - rep by father

GOOD, Charles (unmd) (of Back Creek) - b ca 1799 not known - d 1 Apr 1879 - p^s not known - cd ??Mania Porter?? - rep by friend John N FRINGER

GOODE, James Christian - b ca 1854 Bot Co - d 8 Aug 1854 - f Harvey GOODE - m Malinda - cd flux - rep by mother

GOODEN see GOODWIN, Thomas REED

GOODMAN see John SMITH

GOODSON see Robert POAGE, Samuel REED

GOODWIN see Thomas REED, Martha R REID, Caroline WOLFE, Charles Rollin WOOD

GOODWIN, Ellen H - b ca 1805 - d 8 May 1876 - age 71y - f RITCHEY - w/o John GOODWIN (d 1871) - Ref Goodwin Cem (over river from Mays Cem)

GOODWIN, Etta B - b ca 1846 - d May 1900 - age 54y - f John GOODWIN - m Eleanor H RITCHEY - Ref gravestone in Family Cem near Saltpeter Cave

GOODWIN, James Alvin - b 9 Apr 1870 Bot Co - d 5 Feb 1916 - f Boyd GOODWIN (b Rb Co) - m Susan Ann (OTEY) (b Bot Co) - buried Rapp's Mill Cem - cd partial obstruction of bowels

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GOODWIN, John - b ca 1804 - d 21 June 1871 - age 67y - f Thomas GOODWIN - m Martha REED - h/o Ellen H GOODWIN (d 1876) - Ref Goodwin Cem (over river from Mays Cem) - Ref Bot Co WB M pl69 (will) dated 29 Mar 1871, probated 10 July 1871 - Ch Martha R REID (her son Charles REID); Harriet JOHNSON, Ettie B GOODWIN, Caroline WOLFE (her ch John G, Jennie B & Caroline WOLFE); Mary J (md Joseph J ENGLE), & Wilbur F

GOODWIN, Lucy - b ca 1843 - d 8 Aug 1904 - age 61y - w/o Wilbur F GOODWIN (1845-1902) - Ref gravestone in Family cem near Saltpeter Cave

GOODWIN, Thomas - d by Feb 1829 - Ref Bot Co WB D p597, will dated 30 June 1828, will probated Feb 1829 - Wife Martha (REED); Ch John, Mary Ann (md Edward H BARRY)

GOODWIN, Wilbur F - b ca 1845 - d 6 July 1902 - age 57y - f John GOODWIN - m Eleanor H RITCHEY - h/o Lucy GOODWIN (1843-1904) - Ref gravestone in family cem near Saltpeter Cave

GORDON see Hugh McNEAL

GORDON, (infant) - b 6 Apr 1913 Bot Co - d 6 Apr 1913 - f Jake GORDON (b Bot Co - m Kate Florence (CALHOON) (b Bot Co) - buried Glade Creek Cem - cd premature birth

GORDEN, (male) - b 30 May 1862 Bot Co - d 30 May 1862 - age 0y 0m 1/3d - f Jacob GORDEN - m [Mary S] - cd unkn - rep by father

GORDON, Delila - b ca May 1858 Bot Co - d 22 Mar 1860 - age 2y 10m - f Jacob GORDON - m Mary S - cd dyptheria - rep by mother

GORDON, Elizabeth - b ca 1840 Rke Co - d 26 Mar 1867 - age 27y - cd information of bowels - rep by hus William T GORDON

GORDON, Gracie - b 23 Oct 1908 Bot Co - d 21 Oct 1914 - f William GORDON (b Bot Co) - m Gertrude (BRADLEY) (b Bot Co) - buried Glade Creek Cem - cd diptheria

GORDON, Henry Neslon - b 22 May 1860 Richmond, Va - d 15 Apr 1915 - f James GORDON (b Richmond, Va) - m Mary S (COOKE) (b Staunton, Va) - buried Glade Creek Cem - cd TB

GORDON, Margaret - b ca 1800 - d 19 Mar 1819 - age 19y - f Col William ANDERSON - m Anne THOMAS - w/o [James] GORDON - Ref Fincastle Presby gravestone

GORDON, Mari Harris - b 18 Apr 1894 Rke - d 15 May 1914 - f H N GORDON (b Richmond, Va) - m Annie (PERKINSON) (b SC) - buried Glade Creek Cem - cd TB

GORDON, Rosa A - b 26 May 1914 Bot Co - d 2 Aug 1914 - f W A GORDON (b Bot Co) - m Dora (BRADLEY) (b Bot Co) - buried Glade Creek Cem - cd unkn

GORDON, Sarah Catherine - b ca June 1859 - d 21 Mar 1860 - age 9m - f Jacob GORDON - m Mary S - cd dyptheria - rep by mother

GORDON, William - b ca 1767 - d 28 Dec 1822 Cloverdale - age 55y - Ref "Herald of the Valley" 4 Jan 1823; WB C p561, appraisal

GORGAS, Charles K - d by 10 Nov 1862 - Ex Ann S GORGAS - Adm 11 Mar 1867
Hiram HANSBROUGH

GORTNER see GIRTNER & GURTNER

GOST (or GOSH) see Thomas EVANS

GOULDING, Thomas (of Rb Co) - d by Mar 1779 - Ref WB A p102, will dated 26 Dec 1778 - Relatives: Others, Thomas GOULDING (of Long Bay, NC)

GRADY see Cephas RADER, Nettie GRADY RADER

GRADY, Frances - b ca 1838 Camp Co - d 20 Feb 1868 - age 30y - f Jackson FARIES - m Susantha - cd dropsy - rep by hus Jewet H GRADY

GRADY, Juet (Joel) Henry - b 15 June 1829 - 13 Apr 1879 - h/o Mary Elizabeth GRADY - grave Brick Union Cem

GRADY, Mary Elizabeth - b 10 Juy 1852 - d 22 Dec 1922 - f DOOLEY - w/o Juet GRADY - grave Brick Union Cem

GRAHAM see Robert ANDERSON, Bertha Slacile EVANS

GRAHAM, infant - d by 29 Aug 1877 - m Mary GRAHAM - cd killed by mother - Ref Inquest papers

GRAHAM, William - d by 12 Sep 1786 - Ref WB A p246, will dated 18 Mar 1786, admr bond - wife ____; Ch Elizabeth (md Joseph ROBINSON); Francis, Catherine (md Edward SPRINGER); Nancy (md Walter GREER); George - Admr James ROBINSON, George GRAHAM

GRALEY, W A - b 9 Mar 1861 - d 28 Sep 1917 - f Albert GRALEY (b Ireland) - m Sarah (McCORMACK) (b Va) - buried family cem - cd heart clot

GRANT, ____ - d by 13 Apr 1808 (son called an orphan) - son Christopher

GRANT, Hugh M - b ca 1805 Va (census #1283) - d by 13 Feb 1865 - h/o Sophia M - Ex Sophia M GRANT qualified 13 Nov 1866

GRANT, Kate - b ca 1855 Bot Co - d 17 Oct 1862 - age 7y - f Hugh M GRANT - m Sophia M - cd diptheria - rep by father

GRANT, Ida - b ca 1856 Bot Co - d 18 Apr 1858 - f Hugh M GRANT - m Sophia - cd pneumonia - rep by father

GRANT, Sophia M - b 24 Feb 1824 - d 24 May 1885 - w/o Dr Hugh M GRANT - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

GRANT, Walter G - b 21 Feb 1853 [Bot Co] - d 16 June 1886 - f [Dr Hugh M GRANT] - m [Sophia] - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

GRASTY, Anna Jane - b 30 May 1859 Bot Co - d 13 Feb 1861 - age 1y 8m 20d - f Rev John S GRASTY - m Ella C - cd pneumonia - rep by father - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

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GRAVELY, Mensie - b 1652 Henry Co, Va - d 5 Mar 1915 - f GRAVELY (b Hy Co) - m (b Hy Co) - buried Cold Ridge Cem - cd Epeleptic fit

GRAVES (or GROVES), John - d by 14 Feb 1804 (ch called orphans) - Ch John (over 14 in 1806), Polly (over 14 in 1806)

GRAY see Sallie GRAY LEWIS, John McCLUNG, Ann SHEPPARD, Charles C SPEARS

GRAY, John - b 29 July 1788 - d 23 Mar 1878 - h/o Sarah Bright MOORE GRAY (d 1838) - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

GRAY, John, Judge - d 15 Dec 1821 Monroe Co - rep in "Herald of the Valley" 4 Feb 1822

GRAY, Laurence Willis - b 18 July 1868 Bot Co - d 19 May 1914 - f J W GRAY (b Bed Co) - m Sarah E (RICHARDS) (b Bed Co) - cd spinal meningitis

GRAY, Mary - d ca 1826 - Ref unrecorded will filed in "Partly proved"

GRAY, Mary G - b 12 Aug 1913 Bot Co - d 11 Feb 1917 - f M C GRAY (b Va) - m Lucy (KARNES?) (b Bed Co) - buried Glade Creek Cem - cd Diptherie, membrous croup

GRAY, Mary J - b 27 May 1823 - d 5 May 1865 - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

GRAY, Sarah Bright MOORE - b 8 Feb 1799 - d 9 Sep 1838 - f John MOORE - w/o John GRAY (d 1878) - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

GRAY, Sarah Elizabeth - b 29 Nov 1896 - d 29 Nov 1916 - buried Back Creek Cem - cd Ceasation of Mens. menstrual poison

GRAY, Tazewell Moore, Dr - b 20 Apr 1828 - d 9 Mar 1892 - grave Fincastle Presby Cem

GRAYBILL see Virginia MOOMAW, Susan ARNOLD, Josephine LEMON, James T OBENSHAIN, Samuel OBENSHAIN, Jacob SHAY Jr, Mary Jane "Kate" SHAY, Dr J K SIMMONS, Sue Douglas SIMMONS, William B SIMMONS

GRAYBILL (male) - b 14 June 1855 Bot Co - d 29 June 1855 - f Joseph GRAYBILL - m Mary - cd unkn - rep by father

GRAYBILL, A[nthony] T, Rev - b 24 Feb 1841 - d 21 Jan 1905 Linares, Mexico - grave Amsterdam Cem

GRAYBILL, Abraham - b 16 July 1839 Va - d 14 Feb 1917 - f Henry GRAYBILL (b Va) - m Sarah (CRUMPACKER) (b Va) - buried near Troutville - cd catarrhal bronchitis

GRAYBILL, Annie E - b 1868 - d 1923 - f [Lewis H GRAYBILL] - m [Mary W T] - grave family Cem (near Wheatland)

GRAYBILL, Aquilla P - b ca 1864 Bot Co - d 6 May 1865 - age 8m - f Jonas GRAYBILL - m Catherine - cd diptheria - rep by father

GRAYBILL, Binford C - b ca Aug 1839 Bot Co - d 15 Jan 1860 - age 22y 5m 15d - f Joseph GRAYBILL - m Mary - cd typhoid fever - rep by father (??) Joel GRAYBILL - Ref Graybill Cem near Camp Bethel

GRAYBILL, Catherine - b 26 Jan 1831 - d Feb 1881 - f [Henry GRAYBILL] - m [Sarah] - grave Graybill Cem (near Troutville)

GRAYBILL, Catherine - b 14 July 1831 - d 28 Aug 1910 - f [SNIDER] - w/o Jonas GRAYBILL - grave Graybill Cem (near Troutville)

GRAYBILL, Christian - b 10 Feb 1807 - d 18 Jan 1871 - f [Solomon GRAYBILL] - m [Catherine CLINE] - grave Graybill Cem (W. of #11 on 641 (Sifford's hill farm))

GRAYBILL, George C - b ca Jan 1843 Bot Co - d 29 June 1862 Richmond Va - age 19y 6m 13d - f Christian GRAYBILL - m Martha - cd typhoid pneumonia - rep by father

GRAYBILL, George D - b ca Sep 1862 Bot Co - d 17 Aug 1866 - age 3y 11m - f Jonas GRAYBILL - m Catherine - cd flux - rep by father

GRAYBILL, George H, Rev - b 13 Apr 1837 Va - d 29 Nov 1915 - f Henry GRAYBILL (b Bot Co) - m Sallie (CRUMPACKER) (b Bot Co) - buried Troutville Cem - cd Chronic Myocabetis

GRAYBILL, Hanner V - b 15 Aug 1846 Bot Co - d 17 Dec 1916 - f David FIRESTONE (b Bot Co) - m Elizabeth (HUFF) (b Va.) - buried Daleville Cem - cd acute nepbitis

GRAYBILL, Henry - b 9 Jan 1802 Va (census #911) - d 31 Dec 1852 - f [Solomon GRAYBILL] - m [Catherine CLINE] - h/o Sarah GRAYBILL (d 1890) - grave Graybill Cem (near Troutville) - Ex James SNIDER (bonded 8 Mar 1852)

GRAYBILL, Hester M BOOZE - b 8 Oct 1846 - d 5 Feb 1901 - f Matthew BOOZE - m Eveline - w/o Marcus H GRAYBILL - grave Family Cem (old Mangus place)

GRAYBILL, J Maude - b 16 Apr 1867 - d 4 Sep 1956 - f [Lewis H GRAYBILL] - m [Mary W T] - grave family cem (near Wheatland)

GRAYBILL, James A, Lt - b 18 Oct 1839 - d 3 July 1863, killed at Gettysburg - f [Michael GRAYBILL] - m [Mary OBENSHAIN] - grave Amsterdam cem

GRAYBILL, John - d 22 Aug 1818 (Graybill Cem near Camp Bethel) - f [Christian GRAYBILL] - Ref WB C p135, will dated 14 Dec 1816 - Relatives: wife Hannah; Ch: John, Daniel, Solomon, Elizabeth (md John FISHER), Shem. Gs Jacob GRAYBILL (of Daniel); s^s-i-1 Daniel ARNOLD, Jacob GARMAN - Ex^s Solomon & Daniel GRAYBILL

GRAYBILL, John (md) - b ca 1769 - d Dec 1849 - age 80y - f [John GRAYBILL] - m [Hannah BORNDACKER] - cd old age - Ref 1850 Bot Co Mort Schedule

GRAYBILL, Joseph - b ca 1809 - d 23 Aug 1887 - age 78y - f [Solomon GRAYBILL] - m [Catherine CLINE] - Ref Graybill Cem near Camp Bethel

GRAYBILL, Lewis H - b 15 Nov 1833 - d 26 May 1907 - f [Christian GRAYBILL] - m [Margaret THRASHER] - h/o Mary W T - grave family cem (near Wheatland)

GRAYBILL, Lucy Jane - b ca 1845 Bot Co - d 19 Oct 1853 - f Joseph GRAYBILL - m Mary - cd croup - rep by father - Ref Graybill Cem near Camp Bethel

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GRAYBILL, Marcus H - b 15 Apr 1841 - d 4 Apr 1910 - f [Joseph GRAYBILL] - m [Mary SNIDER] - h/o Hester M BOOZE GRAYBILL - grave family cem (old Mangus place)

GRAYBILL, Margaret - b 28 May 1803 - d 19 July 1850 - age 47y 1m 22d - f [Conrad THRASHER] - m [Mary "Polly" CIRKMAN] - 1st w/o Christman GRAYBILL - grave family cem (near Wheatland)

GRAYBILL, Maria - b ca 1803 Bot Co - d 13 Oct 1859 - age 56y - f [PATERSON] - dau Mary E GRAYBILL - cd dropsy - w/o Benjamin GRAYBILL

GRAYBILL, Mary (md) - b Va - d Jan 1850 - age 60y - f [Lewis HUFF] - m [Rachel] - cd cold - Ref 1850 Bot Co Mort Schedule

GRAYBILL, Mary - b 25 Jan 1815 - d 18 Feb 1901 - f [Peter OBENSHAIN] - [w/o Michael GRAYBILL] - grave Amsterdam Cem

GRAYBILL, Mary Ann - b 13 Dec 1884 Rke, Va - d 8 Sep 1917 -f Charlie POBST (b Va) - [w/o Irvin Dennis GRAYBILL] - buried Troutville Cem - cd apoplecitis from childbirth

GRAYBILL, Mary Philadelphia - b ca 1850 Bot Co - d 16 Oct 1853 - f Joseph GRAYBILL - m Mary - cd croup - rep by father - Ref Graybill Cem near Camp Bethel

GRAYBILL, Mary W T - b 5 Nov 1840 - d 27 Jan 1909 - w/o Lewis H GRAYBILL - grave family cem (near Wheatland)

GRAYBILL, Michael - b 1 June 1816 - d 26 Sep 1905 - f [Solomon GRAYBILL] - m [Catherine CLINE] - grave Amsterdam cem

GRAYBILL, Nancy - b ca 1804 - d 22 Nov 1874 - age 70y - [#2] w/o Christian GRAYBILL - grave Mill Creek cem

GRAYBILL, P K, Dr - b ca 1849 - d 26 Dec 1884 - age 35y - f [Michael GRAYBILL] - m [Mary OBENSHAIN] - h/o Susan P Bell GRAYBILL (d 1881) - grave Amsterdam Cem

GRAYBILL, Sarah - b 27 May 1807 [Bot Co] - d 23 Mar 1890 - f [Abraham CRUMPACKER] - w/o Henry GRAYBILL (d 1852) - grave Graybill Cem (near Fincastle)

GRAYBILL, Peter S - b ca Feb 1859 Bot Co - d 25 Feb 1865 - age 6y 0m 6d - f Joel GRAYBILL - m Margaret - cd brain fever - rep by father

GRAYBILL, Solomon (widow) - b ca 1773 Va [or Pa] - d Dec 1849 - age 76y - f [John GRAYBILL] - m [Hannah BORNDACKER] - cd dropsy - Ref 1850 Bot Co Mort Schedule

GRAYBILL, Susan E (GARST) - b 12 Nov 1841 - d Nov 1872 - f Henry GRAYBILL - m Sarah [CRUMPACKER] - [was 1st w/o Noah Peffley GARST] - grave Graybill Cem (near Troutville)

GRAYBILL, Susan P Bell - b 2 Apr 1844 - d 16 Sep 1881 - m [Martha A] - w/o Dr P K GRAYBILL (d 1884) - grave Amsterdam Cem

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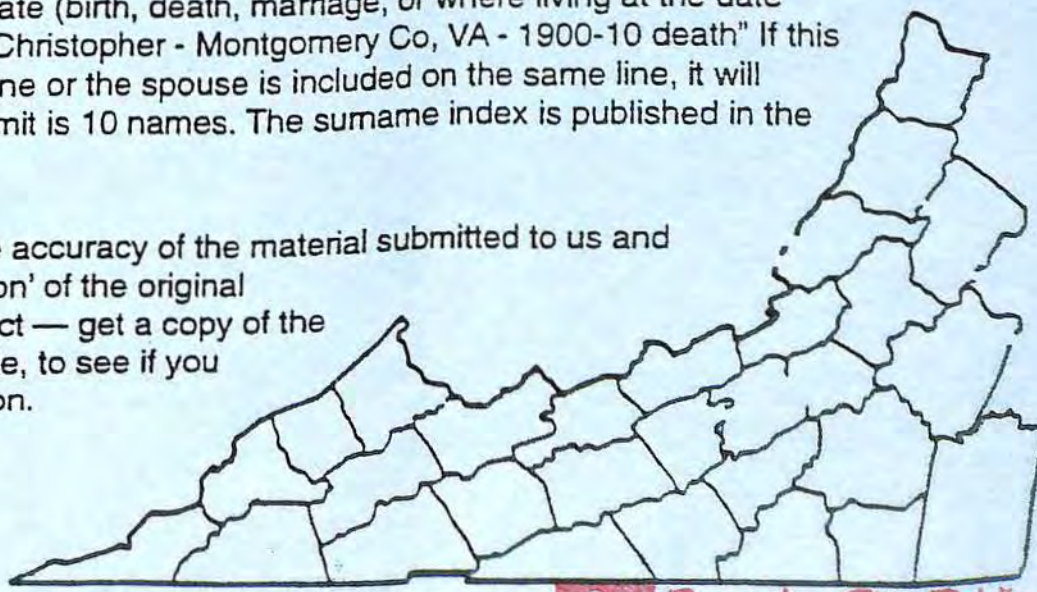
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