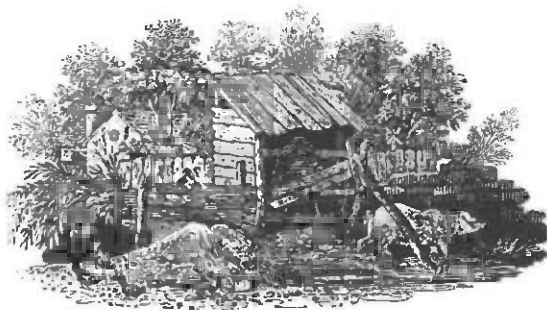


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- To the children

that they may know from whence they
came and appreciate their heritage.

- To my wife, Eleanor (Gurganus)

Brinkley, for her tireless and
total support.

Genealogy

Begins as an interest,
Becomes a hobby,
Continues as an avocation,
Takes over as an obsession,
And in its last stage
Is an incurable disease.

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Preface

This collection of information began in the summer of 1982. My wife, Eleanor, daughter, Laura and I had just returned from a year at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. We were staying with Eleanor's aunt and uncle, Nell and Nathan Haskett, in Arlington, Virginia while waiting for our house to become available again. We had rented it while we were away. In order to pass some time and enjoy some sightseeing, we went to the National Archives in Washington, DC and visited the section that contains census records. I was able to find all kinds of interesting data on early Brinkleys. That sparked my interest in genealogy and I began collecting data then and have continued since.

Nell and Nathan Haskett have been particularly close to our family. Since they lived in nearby Arlington for many years, we saw them often and grew close through the years. Nathan has been like a brother to me; a mentor, advisor, and always a friend. Outside of my father, Nathan has been the most significant male person in my life.

As I have tried to develop the Brinkley lineage in America the information is sketchy in places and rather solid in others. I recognize that this is as yet an incomplete work. In fact, I consider this to be a first cut at getting this data in narrative form and hope that others will fill in the blank spots and correct the errors that surely exist in this account. I was originally interested primarily in my own immediate ancestry, but later realized that others might also have an interest in the data I have collected so I have included much information on the extended and associated families.

A few words about conventions that I will use in the book. Footnotes will be included after each chapter or section. I have not documented sources as well as I should have or would have if I were beginning the effort now. It has been an evolutionary effort. The book is organized with chapters (5) that trace each of my father's parents families and each of my mother's parents families. It begins with an introductory chapter about the area and four churches that are important in our history. I have included a very extensive index which attempts to index each individual mentioned in the book. I know from my own research that one of the first things a genealogist does in conducting

research is to **look at the index in each book** for those names being researched. I hope this book will be a valuable resource for others. I will generally use parenthesis () to indicate maiden names for females where the maiden name is known. I will also index the female to her last known married name and prior marriage names.

Acknowledgments

This is a section that I have looked forward to writing. I love all the wonderful people who have helped me with the research, contributed data to the book, and gave me encouragement to keep going and get it done. Without lots of help and contributions it could not have been completed and I am truly grateful for the help I have had. My wife, Eleanor (Gurganus) Brinkley, has put up with me, made many useful suggestions and contributions, written some sections and has generally and always supported me in the effort. Emily (Harrell) and James Cody Lynch have provided much of the data in Chapter 2. They took the initiative to contact living relatives for current data, and they provided notes that did not exist elsewhere on the early Brinkleys. They have been a consistent source of encouragement. Rachel (Byrd) Brinkley has provided a large amount of data on the Frederick Brinkley line. Dorothy (Lynch) O'Berry provided data. Mildred (Brinkley) Sharpe provided data on the David Owen Brinkley Family. My father and mother, Leon and Ethel Brinkley have contributed immeasurably in providing data and anecdotes from both sides of our family. They were significant sources of data in each chapter. My brother, Eddie Brinkley, helped in a variety of ways; provided data, made phone calls, and conducted follow-up for me in the Tidewater Area on a number of items. Donn MacKenzie for data and narrative about the MacKenzie Family. Laura and Bill Smoot for data on their families. Maureen McNeill for data on the Catalina and McNeill families. Oneil (Morgan) Rowe was a significant contributor to the information in Chapter 3. She made the calls, collected the data, and kept at it till it was done. Lewis Morgan contributed the data on his immediate family. Mable (Horton) Blevins was extremely helpful in providing virtually all the data on the Horton Family. Bettye (Glover) Umphlette took the initiative to collect the information on the Umphlettes and the history of Cypress Chapel Christian Church. Joan (Brinkley) Faulkner was very helpful in collecting data on the Lewis Brinkley Family. Shirley (Brinkley) Earley wins the prize for providing the most organized and

consistent package of data (for her family) that anyone provided. Hilda (Byrd) Brinkley provided data on the James Brinkley Family. Grace (Brinkley) Wiggins provided an oral history and contributed a scrapbook that was very helpful. Marie (Eure) Swain provided much of the information on the Julian Brinkley Family. Mary (Gardner) Joyner was exceptionally helpful in contributing data about the Babb Family. There were other sources which are credited in the notes. I am sorry if I have failed to mention other key contributors. To you all, I thank you for your part in preserving the history of our family.

CHAPTER 1

The Spirit of the Brinkley Family in America was kindled in Nansemond Co., Virginia and Gates Co., North Carolina. And it still dwells there. For the first three hundred years or so... from 1607 until about 1900... people were not very mobile. It was only after the automobile was available to us that people seemed to move very far from home on a routine basis. So when the Brinkley's came to this country they remained in the same general area for a long time. They were also very fruitful. The family was generally contained in the area that is bounded from the original City of Suffolk southwest to Whaleyville, Virginia then south to Sunbury, North Carolina and bordered to the east by the Great Dismal Swamp. It was in the early days and remains to this day an agricultural area, rich in farm lands and temperate in climate. It has never had any major industry. Early in our history the Dismal Swamp was rich in timber resources, but those days are long since gone. Gates Co. and Nansemond Co. are, of course, adjacent counties in adjacent states, but it is of little practical distinction. The Brinkley family has straddled that border for a long time.

There are no towns or cities below Suffolk. Cypress Chapel, Whaleyville, Harrell Siding, Nurney Siding, Corapeake, and Sunbury are villages, but they are all important to the Brinkley family. Cypress Chapel is especially noteworthy since it had the school and church that provided both social and religious support to the community. The Sidings were along the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. A siding is actually a rail siding that is used to side-track rail cars to load or unload products. Rail at one time was a primary means of shipment in the area.

While this collection of information begins with an early settler, Jacob Brinkley, I have assumed other Brinkleys probably also migrated to this country and may have also settled in the region. There are and have been a very large number of Brinkleys in this area and I have not accounted for many of them in this collection. An important thing is that they remained in the same general area for several hundred years and have contributed immensely to the history of the region.

Before I get to the detailed descriptions of the Brinkley and Associated Families, I will present a brief description of Nansemond and Gates Counties, the Great Dismal Swamp, and four churches that have been important in our common heritage.

A Brief History of Nansemond County

The first mention of the name Nansemond is found in Smith's History of Virginia.¹ In the summer of 1608 Captain John Smith with twelve companions explored the river. It is called Nansemond after a tribe of Indians of that name. Smith and his men were attacked by the Indians in the neighborhood of Dumpling Island. The main settlement of the Nansemond Tribe was near the mouth of the Western Branch, and the island opposite was used as a place for storing their corn. The Nansemond Tribe numbered three hundred warriors. Canoes filled with fighting men showing a hostile intent appeared and surrounded the little craft that held Smith's exploring party. At the first volley of Smith's musketry the Indians leaped overboard and swam to shore. Smith promptly captured the canoes and was in the act of destroying them when the Indians from the banks made signs of surrender. The Indians were glad to purchase peace at the cost of "400 baskets of full corne" which supply helped to relieve the hungry colonists at Jamestown. In 1609 when affairs were growing desperate at Jamestown and starvation threatened the destruction of the colony, Captain Smith remembered the river whose banks were oyster shells and in whose midst was the isle of plenty. He ordered Captain Martin with over a hundred men to proceed up the Nansemond and find a permanent settlement upon its banks. There was continuing trouble with the Indians. Martin captured the chief and took corn. The Indians later surprised Martin with a sudden attack, rescued their chief and carried off the corn that Martin had appropriated. Martin and his men later returned to Jamestown and Smith's plan for a city on the banks of the Nansemond was abandoned. The Indian word "Nansemond" means "fishing point or angle" and was the name given by the Indians to their town which was situated in the angle made by the junction of Western Branch with the main stream of the river.

The Indian Massacre of 1644 was followed by invasions of the Indian country, with such success that the power of the

neighboring tribes was broken. From that time on the Nansemond tribe gradually dwindled away.

There was a long dispute from 1636 to 1772 concerning the boundaries between Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties. In 1728 Commissioners were appointed to resolve another long standing dispute, the dividing line between Virginia and North Carolina. This resulted in William Byrd's survey which established the line between the two states and included what was later Gates and Nansemond Counties. The ultimate settlement of this part of North Carolina resulted from the expansion of Virginia's frontier.

In 1734 the house of Christopher Jackson, Clerk of the County of Nansemond, was destroyed by fire and the greater part of the county records were burned.

In 1742 an Act of Assembly was passed for erecting a town at Constance's Warehouse in the County of Nansemond. Fifty acres of lands belonging to Jethro Sumner were bought and laid off by County Surveyor, John Milner. The land was purchased for three pounds an acre. The town was called Suffolk.

Until the Revolution, the Church of England was the established Church of Virginia. A study of the old Vestry Books make plain the fact that the people of Virginia identified themselves with the government. They were the church just as they were the state. Vestry Books contain some of the only and oldest records that exist for Nansemond County. After the founding of Suffolk in 1742, several chapels which had organized congregations were established. These chapels were served by ministers. The chapels were at Somerton, Cypress and Holy Neck.

On 13 May 1779 Suffolk was burned by the British. The Court House, Clerks Office along with all the county records, and many other buildings were destroyed.

Another fire in 1837 nearly destroyed the town of Suffolk. The court house and jail were burned, but the newly erected Clerks Office escaped.

During the Federal occupation of Suffolk in the Civil War, the civil government of the county was practically suspended. The first session of the Nansemond County Court was held in

South Quay Church on 8 February 1864. It was not until August 1865 that the Court again held its sessions in Suffolk. On the night of 7 February 1866, the Clerk's Office caught fire and was totally destroyed. Thus for the third time in the history of the county the official records were burned. These fires have proven a real tragedy for genealogy and other history researchers.

The City of Suffolk is at the head of navigation of the Nansemond River, and ships drawing fourteen feet of water can enter its port. Suffolk is probably best known now for being the largest peanut market in the world. It was a center for lumbering, wood products such as shingling, and tobacco in its early days. It has a variety of factories and manufacturing plants.

Nansemond was formed in 1637 as Upper Norfolk County. It was named, Nansemond, in 1642. Nansemond County no longer exists. It merged with the City of Suffolk in 1974. It is now known as Suffolk. Suffolk is 35 miles long and 19 miles wide, extending from the James River on the north to the North Carolina line in the south. To the east it is bounded by the City of Chesapeake (an incorporation of Norfolk County). To the west it is bounded by Isle of Wight County. It contains 393 square miles. About 65,000 acres of Dismal Swamp are in the old County of Nansemond, now Suffolk. Two canals (or ditches as they are called), Jericho and Washington, pierce the swamp to meet near Lake Drummond.

A Brief History of Gates County

Gates County, North Carolina was formed in 1779 from Chowan, Hertford, and Perquimans counties. It was named in honor of General Horatio Gates, who commanded the American Army at the Battle of Saratoga. History shows that at this battle an entire British Army was captured.

Gates is bounded by the North Carolina Counties of Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, and Hertford. To the north it is bounded by Suffolk, Virginia. The area is 343 square miles. It's county seat which was established by an act of the Legislature of 1830-1831 is Gatesville, formerly known as Gates Court House. Much of the land of Gates is in the western part of the Dismal Swamp. The establishment of the Virginia-North

Carolina line was not resolved until William Byrd performed his survey in 1728. In a diary he recorded many impressions of the people of North Carolina which are a treat to read. In his records we find mention of Peter Brinkley and Thomas Speight near Corapeake. The line between the North Carolina counties which pass through the Dismal was not actually surveyed until the 1800's because of the difficulty of getting through the swamp.

Thomas R. Butchko captured the essence of Gates with the following passages. "The history and development of Gates County is that of an overwhelmingly rural and agricultural county. It is one of but a few counties in the state that has been essentially bypassed by both urbanization and industrialization, resulting in an area of vast open spaces, dense forests, and in many places, pervasive quiet." He summed it up, "Most of all, Gates County is a quiet, peaceful county; some would say almost forgotten." It has rich farm lands where peanuts, cotton, corn, and soybeans continue to be major crops and are grown in abundance.

The land was once inhabited by Indians. Likely tribes were the Weapemoc, a branch of the Chuwon or Chowan, perhaps the Nansemonds, Chesapeake, and Meherrins. They no doubt enjoyed the bounty of the land, swamps, and rivers. There was an ancient Indian trail that ran southward from the James River along the western edge of the Dismal Swamp through Corapeake to the Chowan River.

Many of the early records of Gates have been preserved. Marriage Bonds from the 1800's have been very helpful in finding family members.

The Dismal Swamp

Just below the Tidewater area of Virginia, straddling the North Carolina-Virginia line, lies the Great Dismal Swamp, the northern-most of the great southern swamps and one of America's most mysterious wilderness areas. The Dismal is important to our families because it was their almost impenetrable neighbor to the east, providing a variety of game for the table, a rich source of pine, cypress, juniper, and other timber products for the market, and adventure for many. The area of the Dismal was quite large until the last hundred years or so when ambitious development efforts of farming, timbering, and general

encroachment of our growing population has eroded the swamp, especially on the northern and eastern borders, which are northeast of Suffolk almost to Portsmouth and south of Portsmouth towards Elizabeth City. The swamp has held a rather firm line in an area roughly bounded by the Dismal Swamp Canal on the east, NC Route 158 on the south from Morgan's Corner almost to Sunbury, to the west by US 32 to Corapeake and along the Desert and White Marsh Roads to Suffolk, and finally from Suffolk nearly to Portsmouth by Route 58/460. These will be the lines for a long time to come because this area has been deeded to the US Government and is now "The Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge." The swamps to the west, Mossy, Corapeake, and especially Cypress drain water to the Dismal. Lake Drummond, whose waters were prized by early sailors for its keeping properties for long ocean voyages, lies in the Virginia portion of the swamp. In the south the swamp drains into the Pasquotank River.

Bland Simpson who grew up in Elizabeth City has recently published a wonderful account of the swamp in his memoirs as an avid and lifetime swamp junkie, *The Great Dismal*. It is recommended reading for all who have an interest and a connection to this national resource.

George Washington was one of the early visionaries who saw great promise in the swamp. In 1763 Washington and twelve other principal partners acquired a holding of over 46,000 acres (over seventy square miles) in the swamp. They established a rice growing farm near Corapeake. Unfortunately, the area is not well suited for rice so that enterprise was not successful. Washington will probably be best remembered in connection with the swamp for his efforts and plans to drain and develop the swamp as an agricultural area. One of the many ditches is named after him, the Washington Ditch, which enters the swamp from the White Marsh Road. Other more recent enterprises in timbering are from The Dismal Swamp Land Company, Baird, Roper and Company, Camp Manufacturing, and finally Union Camp Company. The latter which donated its swamp back to the people in 1973.

The Chapel on Cypress Swamp

I will make frequent mention of the Cypress Chapel Christian Church. That church has been a spiritual lighthouse for the community and members of the extended Brinkley Family since the colonial days through the present time. The following is a brief history of the Cypress Chapel Church from material provided from Bettye Sue (Glover) Umphlette a member at Cypress.



Cypress Chapel Christian Church
Suffolk, Virginia

The church was originally organized as an Episcopal Church that has traceable roots back to 30 November 1743. Among the early organizers was one James Brinkley as well as many familiar family names such as Wilkins, Harrell, Perry, Rountree, Skinner, Riddick and many others. Tradition tells us that Cypress Chapel, named after the stately Cypress trees from the nearby swamp, became a regular place of worship about 1750. First records of a building show that it was completed in November 1760 on land acquired from John Norfleet.

After the Revolutionary War the influence of the Church of England waned and by 1780 the Wesleyan Movement was destined to replace the Episcopal which it had done by about

1784. The church continued as a Methodist Episcopal until about 1794 when a group rebelled against the Methodist Superintendents' intentions to set themselves up as Bishops with powers over ministers. The group broke away and took the simple name CHRISTIAN, and for their creed they chose the Holy Bible. The old house of worship at Cypress came into the possession of the Christians about 1795. The Cypress Chapel Christian Church is rich in the history of the denomination.

In 1846 a new house of worship was constructed. It served the community through the Civil War years and up until 1870 when it was considered unsafe and torn down. A new building was then constructed. The first cemetery was authorized on 30 March 1895 with lots being offered for \$5.00 each. The old church originally consisted only of an auditorium, but in 1918 an expansion was authorized that included beautiful stained glass windows, Sunday School rooms, and other amenities. An Educational Building was also added in 1958. The Sanctuary is a very beautiful place of worship.

This church has been served by many faithful pastors and laypeople through the years. It is now approaching 250 years of continuous service. It stands as the spiritual center of the community and certainly has a very special place in our hearts.

The Eureka Baptist Church

The following account has been provided by Rachel (Byrd) Brinkley who is a current and long time member of Eureka.



The Eureka Baptist Church in Corapeake, NC has its origins in the 1870's when a group of God's chosen people had a vision of forming a new church. They were committed Christians who came from other churches in Gates and Nansemond Counties. They first met at the Jones School House at Corapeake to form the body of Christ. Early records show that they met on the 4th. Saturday in September 1878 and held their first conference. They called the Rev. T. T. Speight as their first pastor. Frederick Brinkley along with six other men were the first deacons. The church had 25 charter members. Eureka was the fifth Baptist Church to be founded in Gates County, NC.

Eureka held services in the Jones School House for two years. The members then began to look for a permanent location to build a church. Dr. J. P. Parker donated land for the church which is located on Route 32 at the Virginia-North Carolina border. He requested that the church be called Eureka which means "I have found it". A building committee was established which consisted of Martin H. Knight, Thomas Mathias, John R. Knight, and Ida (Knight) Brinkley who was also the Treasurer. On the third Sunday in July 1880 members first met in their new Church.

Records show that in 1893 the church paid \$1 for recording the deed for land purchased from Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Parker for a cemetery which is adjacent to the church. The oldest marked grave with a headstone has the name Ely Brinkley - Born 1866 - Died 1903. There are older graves that are not marked, some originally had wooden roofs.

The Eureka Church prospered and the membership grew. In 1925 the original church was torn down and a new one built which still stands today. The Fellowship Hall was constructed in 1954. An Educational Building was added in 1974 and the Church and Fellowship Hall were bricked. In 1976 a two story parsonage was completed in Corapeake. Other improvements have been added through the years. Members still remind themselves of the meaning of their name, Eureka... I have found it... a place of service to God and their community.

Parker's United Methodist Church

The following account of the history of Parker's United Methodist Church is taken from Beth Polson who is the Granddaughter of Diana Brinkley Polson.



Parker's United Methodist Church
Corapeake, North Carolina

"When young Thomas Parker homesteaded in what is now Gates County in 1770, there was no public place of worship. So when a circuit riding preacher came through, Parker would invite them to his home to lead his family and his neighbors in worship.

The home was located on what is now called Parker's Fork Road about 1 1/2 miles from Route 32 on the south side of the road. It was a two-story home with a large living room. Visiting preachers stood on the landing at the turn of the stairs and spoke to the gathering of worshipers, both black and white.

Out of these meetings a class was organized and continued to meet in the Parker home, worshipping God and supporting each other in the faith. As the group grew, a larger place of worship was needed. Parker donated the land on which the first church was to be built. The church was organized on 1 June 1812 and named in his honor.

The first church stood nearer the road than the current structure. It was a substantial building, painted red with heavy wooden shutters. A gallery was built for the slaves. The church was part of what was then called the Gates Circuit.

For the three years during the Civil War (1862-1865), the church had no pastor but local people kept the church doors open, comforting the sick and burying the dead.

After the war, Parker's had preaching once a month. The first Sunday School was organized in 1868 by Margaret Parker, great-granddaughter of Thomas Parker. Margaret's brother, Henry led the congregation in song, using a tuning fork to get his pitch.

When Thomas Campbell was sent to Parker's as pastor in 1877, services were increased to twice a month. Again, the congregation had outgrown its meeting place and a larger, more modern one was built.

The new church only lasted three years before it was destroyed by fire. The people were discouraged but not defeated. In October of 1882 the new church was dedicated.

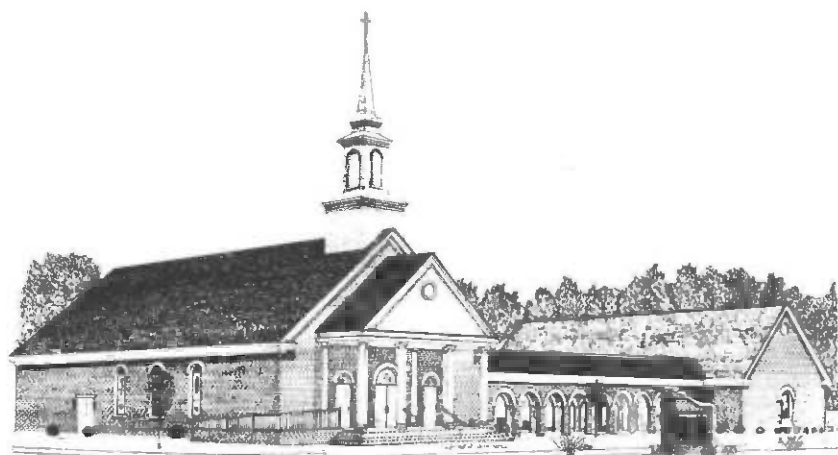
In 1885, the circuit was divided and Parker's was made part of the North Gates Circuit. At the time, the church was in the Virginia conference. It wasn't until 1894 that North Gates became part of the North Carolina conference.

The building in which Parker's members worship today was dedicated in March 1913. Parker's has two cemeteries, one beside the church and one across the road in front of the church.

For over 160 years, the church has served the small farming community of Corapeake. Several generations of families can trace their family histories - baptisms, weddings and funerals - to the sanctuary of Parker's Methodist Church."

Liberty Spring Christian Church

This account of the history of the Churches at Liberty Spring is taken from material prepared for the 125th Anniversary Service of the Liberty Spring Christian Church and from Emily (Harrell) Lynch a current and long time member. The following is a pen and ink sketch done by Janet (Lynch) Simmons.



Liberty Spring Christian Church
Suffolk, Virginia

The first authentic record of a religious service held near Liberty Spring states that Rev. George Fox, a minister of the Friends Church, preached at the home of John Porter about 12 December 1672. This home was on the farm later owned by J. L. Hare which is about three miles from Liberty Spring.

About the year 1700 a new road was opened from where the old City of Suffolk is now located to Somerton. On the east side of this road, near the fork of the road leading from Liberty Spring to Leesville, a place for religious worship was located by the Protestant Episcopal Church. This place was called Middle Chapel, taking its name from the nearby swamp which was called Middle Swamp.

In 1748 the minister was ordered to preach twice a month. Harrell Bly was ordered to be the Reader at a salary of 1,000

pounds of tobacco a year. Worship there was discontinued after 1753, when a "Parrish Church" was built in Suffolk Town. This Chapel was probably used by itinerant preachers of other denominations, and it was later known as Duke's Chapel.

The spring near middle chapel was noted for it's good water. About 1860, Jesse R. Savage suggested that it be cleaned out and curbed. After it was done, he said, "As this is for the use of the public, I suggest that it be called Liberty Spring - free to everyone." It has been known as Liberty Spring since that time.

In the spring of 1867, Burwell Colins and A. J. (Jack) Rabey were concerned about the children around there who did not go to church. Burwell wanted to get them together under the trees in his yard and have the Bible read to them, but Jack suggested that they go over to the Liberty Spring schoolhouse and have the meetings which they did. They organized a Sunday School with Jack Rabey becoming the first superintendent. The Church at Liberty Spring was organized on 14 March 1869. The first pastor was Dr. P. S. P. Corbin, a physician and ordained minister. There were fourteen charter members of the church. Most of the members had transferred from Holy Neck, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Bethlehem, and other local churches. The pastor preached once a month and his annual salary was \$60.

Land for a church was purchased from Cornellius Savage for \$50 on 31 May 1873. The original church building was constructed between July and December 1873 at a cost of \$400.

A new church building was completed in 1905 and an educational plant was added in 1926. Improvements were made through the years, remodelling and bricking of the church in 1975, and an extensive remodelling of the church from 1980-1984. Tragedy struck on 10 July 1985. On this date during a severe thunderstorm, lightning struck the steeple of the church, igniting the dry old timbers in the ceiling of the sanctuary, it quickly engulfed the whole structure and the building was totally destroyed. On Sunday, 14 July, more than 200 members met beside the rubble for the morning Worship Service. Rev. Dolan Talbert declared, "The church is still here. We are the church, and we will carry on the mission of Christ, as well as, or better than before." On 14 September 1986, "A Day of Celebration and Dedication" was held for the newly rebuilt Liberty Spring Christian Church.

In 1931, the Congregational Church and the Christian Church merged to form a new denomination - the Congregational Christian Church. This lasted until 1957 when the Congregational Christian Church merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ denomination.

The church is located about 6 miles south of downtown Suffolk on US Route 13. The Liberty Spring Christian Church has a cemetery.

The 125th Anniversary Service of Liberty Spring Christian Church was held on 15 May 1994. This was a memorable occasion for a church that has a great heritage which has been formed by prayers, sacrifices, and cooperation of those who have loved and served God in that community.

Summary

Nansemond and Gates Counties have been home for us for thirteen or more generations. The character of the counties is still rural and still focused on agriculture.

Most of us probably remember special stories about events in the Great Dismal Swamp from our parents and grandparents. We also probably have personal stories to tell our children. Having spent much time in and near the swamp as a child and teen, it still has a certain mystic about it. I am glad it is being preserved for future generations to have as a swamp.

These four churches have been very important to the spiritual life of our family as the churches served the spiritual needs of their communities. Family have been charter members and continue to worship there. Many deceased members of the family are also buried in the cemeteries of these churches. They have a very special meaning for us all.

FOOTNOTES

¹ The history of Nansemond County is taken from multiple sources which include excerpts from *The History of Nansemond County, Virginia* by Jos. B. Dunn, as compiled by Emily (Harrell) Lynch, *The World Atlas*, and other open literature.

CHAPTER 2

EARLY BRINKLEYS IN AMERICA

THE JACOB BRINKLEY FAMILY

Jacob Brinkley

Jacob Brinkley, of Woodbridge County, England, emigrated to Virginia in 1684 and pre-empted land in Nansemond County (now Suffolk), Virginia, and in what is now Gates County, North Carolina. ² His wife's name is not known. Their sons were:

Peter Brinkley

Isaac Brinkley

THE PETER BRINKLEY FAMILY

Peter Brinkley

Peter, the elder son, inherited his father's land according to an old English custom. He married Anne Eley, daughter of William Eley and they had a large family. However, only one son, William Brinkley, was identified in the Julia (Franklin) Brinkley account.

Col. William Byrd who surveyed much of the land in Nansemond and Gates Counties had many interesting commentaries in his diary about the people of the area and how they lived. He is widely quoted and needs to be read by everyone interested in the history of the area. An account of his work near Cypress Swamp and Corapeake in 1728 included the following passage "There was a man by the name of Peter Brinkley living in this section and was met by the Col. at this time. This was the first man of that name in this country, and according to recently made investigations, he was the progenitor of the Brinkleys in America". This quote was taken from the Westover Manuscripts that were published in 1841. One could also assume that if Peter was the progenitor of the Brinkleys in America, then Isaac did not have children. The oral history of Julia (Franklin) Brinkley identifies Jacob as Peter's father, but does not address who came

to America first. I assume that other Brinkley's also emigrated to this country later because there are so many of us.

Land and other documents from Quaker and Episcopal Church Records reviewed at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in May 1994 occasionally mention a Peter Brinkley in the Cypress Swamp area of Nansemond. Other accounts such as those of Col. William Byrd mention Peter Brinkley living near Corapeake, NC. It is unclear to me exactly where the property was but it must have been near the Virginia-North Carolina line.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BRINKLEY

William Brinkley

Captain William Brinkley, son of Peter and Anne Brinkley, was a rich and influential citizen according to Julia F. Brinkley. During the Revolutionary War he volunteered and was assigned to a North Carolina Regiment. As best I can determine there is only one Captain William Brinkley who served from North Carolina and he was initially assigned to the North Carolina 1st Regiment.³ Revolutionary War records indicate he enlisted on 16 April 1776, was commissioned on 20 April 1776, and was retired on 1 June 1778. His role in the Revolutionary War is an ongoing research topic.

While conducting research for this book at the Genealogy Section of the North Carolina Archives, I found additional information about the William Brinkley family. Charles R. Holloman, a Genealogist, provided the following account on 5 April 1971 in a Chart of Descent that he was doing for Richard Fairlie Brinkley who was applying for membership in the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati. Several things in Holloman's work is new to me. He uncovered and documented an additional generation that was not mentioned in the Julia F. Brinkley account; namely, the William Brinkley, Jr. generation. Holloman was able to uncover the wife and children of Captain William Brinkley as well as for William Jr.'s family. Julia F. Brinkley had believed that Captain William Brinkley was married to Mary Vann and had four sons (John, William Eley, Amos, and Jacob), but Holloman showed that it was William Jr. who had that family. I will rely on Holloman for data about the descendants of Captain William Brinkley except for descendants of the William Eley Brinkley family which was in the Norman and Julia F. Brinkley lineage. I believe she was correct on the part of the family that was closest to her.

William Brinkley was born in Nansemond Co., VA about 1735. He was married in about 1755, probably in Nansemond Co., to Judith (last name unknown.) She was also born about 1735. (Captain) William Brinkley is believed to have died about 1796. "William probably died in Halifax County where dispositions are found relating to his will which was probated, but missing by 1819 when his heirs applied for the military land grant due for his services in the Third Regiment, North Carolina Continental Line during the revolution", according to Holloman. Judith Brinkley's will was probated in Halifax Co., NC in May 1799.

The children of William and Judith Brinkley were Robert, Sarah, and Mary, and William Brinkley Jr.

Robert Brinkley

It is not known when Robert Brinkley was born. However, the will of his mother, Judith, mentions that Robert is deceased and provides for his son, William. This means that Robert had to have died prior to her death in about 1799. There may have been other children.

Sarah Brinkley

Sarah Brinkley married a Daniel. Sarah was named in the will of Captain William Brinkley and her sons William Henry and Robert Daniel were named in the will of Judith Brinkley. No other data is available on this family.

Mary Brinkley

Mary Brinkley. She is named in the will of William Brinkley. No other data is available.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BRINKLEY, JR.

William Brinkley, Jr.

William Brinkley, Jr. was born about 1759. He married Mary Vann in about 1783, possibly in Hertford Co., NC. He died after 1820. They had four sons: Amos, William Eley, Jacob, and John (Jack) Brinkley.

Amos Brinkley

Amos Brinkley married and had issue, but their names are not available.

William Eley Brinkley

William Eley Brinkley's family and descendency will be covered extensively later.

Jacob Brinkley

Jacob Brinkley had two marriages. His first was to Aboly Rountree. They had one son, Admiral, and two daughters who were not named. There was issue through Admiral Brinkley who married a Warren.

The second marriage of Jacob Brinkley was to Margaret Jane Saunders. Their three sons were Robert, Jesse, and Jacob Brinkley of Nansemond Co., VA.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BRINKLEY

John Brinkley

John (Jack) Brinkley was born about 1787. His first marriage was to Sarah Barr of Hertford Co., NC about 1807. They had only one child, Jackson Brinkley. His second marriage was to Chrissie Skinner and they had one daughter whose name is not available.

THE JACKSON BRINKLEY FAMILY

Jackson Brinkley

Jackson Brinkley was born 8 February 1810. He died in 1869. On 3 May 1832 he married Martha Amanda Parker. She was born 3 May 1811 and died in 1885. She was the daughter of Jeanette (?) Carter and David Parker. A son of Jackson and Martha Brinkley was Lazarus Parke Brinkley. They had several other children who are not named, but are recorded in the Jackson Brinkley Family Bible according to Holloman.

THE LAZARUS PARKE BRINKLEY FAMILY

Lazarus Parke Brinkley

Lazarus Brinkley was born 17 June 1844. On 23 February 1870 he married Sarah Elizabeth Rodgers of Nansemond Co., VA. He died on 23 November 1910 and she died in April 1916. A son of Lazarus and Sarah Brinkley was Fairlie Flavious Brinkley. Other children appeared in Bible records, but their names are not available.

THE FAIRLIE FLAVIOUS BRINKLEY FAMILY

Fairlie Flavious Brinkley

Fairlie Flavious Brinkley was born 21 December 1870. He married Mary Emily Culver on 24 April 1914. She was born 17 May 1875. He died on 4 August 1937 and she died on 18 January 1959. Their son was Parke Culver Brinkley.

THE PARKE CULVER BRINKLEY FAMILY

Parke Culver Brinkley

Parke Brinkley was born 31 August 1915. On 5 November 1938 he married Dorothy Holland. She was born on 16 September 1914. Their son was Richard Fairlie Brinkley.

Richard Fairlie Brinkley

Richard Brinkley was born 15 December 1945. On 23 August 1969 he married Cheryl Waldren. She was born on 1 July 1946.

We will now return to the descendency of another son of William Brinkley, Jr., William Eley Brinkley.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM ELEY BRINKLEY

William Eley Brinkley

William Eley Brinkley married Gillie Riddick and there were several children.⁴ Abram was one of those children.

Nansemond County, Virginia Census Records of 1830 show Gillie Brinkley as head of household for a rather large family. Census records of that year listed head of household names, but did not generally list any other names. Since she was listed as head of household I assume that her husband had died by that time. Listed were 2 males and 1 female between 15-20 years and 2 males between 20-30 years, and 1 female between 50-60 years who were all free. Also listed were twenty eight slaves of the following sexes and age groups. Males: 6 between 0-10, 1 between 10-24, 2 between 24-36, and 1 between 36-55. Females: 8 between 0-10, 3 between 10-24, 5 between 24-36, and 2 between 36-55. The household totaled 34. Census records of 1820 also listed Gillie as head of household, but contained no other useful data. Those records also spelled her name as Gilley, but other records spell it as Gillie which I will use. It is very unfortunate that the census records in the early years did not list

all family members names and their dates of birth so that we could have a more accurate record. In this case, we end up assuming that William Eley died before 1820 and left Gillie with her children and a lot of slaves managed the farm.

In a chart of the Riddick Family in Fillmore Norfleet's book on Suffolk, Gillie is listed as Grizzard daughter of Solomon Riddick I and Mary. Gillie's first husband was William Eley Brinkley and a second husband Thomas Brown-Orphen is also listed. It was also indicated she was born in 1775 and died post 1850. She had brothers Solomon Riddick II who married Mary Smith, John Riddick who married Mourning Smith and Josiah Parker, and Robert Riddick who also married a Mary Smith. With an unusual given name like Grizzard it is understandable that she would have the nickname, Gillie.

DESCENDANTS OF ABRAM BRINKLEY

Abram Brinkley

Abram Brinkley was born about 1810. He married Nancy Knight and they had several children. Nansemond County Census Records of 1870 show Abraham Brinkley, a farmer, age 60, Nancy 47, Frederick 27, Ishmall 23, Dianna O. 22, Norman 21, Calarissa 19, and Felton 12. The differences between name spellings of Abram, Ishmall, Clarissa, and Dianna are noted , but is not considered significant. It is also assumed that by 1870 a son, Phillip, had left the household. The 1850 census also lists additional family members of Juliann, Elizabeth and Jerusha Brinkley. It is unclear what happened to these last three members between 1850 and 1870 when they were not listed.

Seven of Abram and Nancy Brinkley's children and their families are described in the next several pages. For two of the children, Frederick and Norman, we have extensive data which includes their descendants to this present time. Data on who the family members were and who they married was provided in notes from Julia (Franklin) Brinkley. Rachel (Byrd) Brinkley and Emily (Harrell) Lynch have contributed much data to the lines of Frederick and Norman Brinkley, respectively. Footnotes also indicate specific other sources.

DESCENDANTS OF FREDERICK BRINKLEY

Frederick Brinkley

Frederick Brinkley was born 10 December 1842 and died 2 April 1915. He married Ida V. Knight. She was born on 23 June 1854 and died 2 June 1930. They were married on 1 February 1874. He was 30 years old at the time and she was 19 according to Gates County Marriage Records. She was the daughter of William W. and A. E. E. Knight. Ida was from Gates County and he was from Nansemond.⁵

This family and descendants have served God and the community through involvement in the Eureka Baptist Church since its founding to this present day. Both Frederick and Ida were charter members of Eureka. Ida's sister Fannie Knight married W. D. King and they served as missionaries in China during the time that Lottie Moon, the great Baptist Missionary, was also there. Fannie King is buried in China.

Frederick and his wife Ida (Knight) Brinkley served in many positions in the church; on an associational committee in 1883, as teachers, WMU President in 1924, and other positions. They always opened their home on Deer Forest Road in Nansemond County for church related meetings. During the years descendants and family members have remained as members of Eureka and have also served in many positions. The following highlights some of the family members and positions of service they have held at Eureka: Deacons-- Carlton, Clarence, Ryland, Frederick, and Roger Brinkley; and Hersey Knight; Sunday School Superintendent-- Clarence, Robert, Fred, and Roger Brinkley; Treasurer (since 1948)-- Ryland Brinkley; WMU. President-- Beulah Mae (Brinkley) Barnes, and Rachel (Byrd) Brinkley; Organist or Assistant Organist-- Becky (Brinkley) Case, Mary (Brinkley) Heath, and Carlton Pressley (C.P.) Brinkley. So this family has a history of service at Eureka.

Frederick and Ida Brinkley raised seven children on a farm in Nansemond Co. that was close to the Gates Co. line. Four of the children married and left home. Two never married. Carlton married May Belle Horton and stayed on the homeplace and raised their family of seven children. After Frederick died, Ida continued to live with Carlton and his family. Two grandchildren, sons of Carlton and May Belle, Clarence and Clinton, built homes on the farm land. The house and land was sold in 1976.

The seven children of Frederick and Ida Brinkley and their approximate birth order is shown as follows:

Maggie Brinkley

Willie Brinkley (female) was born 31 August 1877 and died 28 March 1913. She never married.

Carrie Brinkley (b. 1882)

Fannie Lillian Brinkley (b. ?)

Ernest Brinkley (b. ?) He married Sudie Howell. They had a foster daughter, Virginia.

Thomas (Tommy) Brinkley was born 17 September 1886. He died 29 July 1924. Tommy never married.

Carlton Winfred Brinkley (b. 1892).

DESCENDANTS OF MAGGIE BRINKLEY

THE MAGGIE (BRINKLEY) SPEIGHT FAMILY

Maggie Brinkley

Maggie Brinkley was born 31 October 1876. She married John R. (Peter) Speight. He was born 8 September 1858. Maggie died 3 December 1953 and Peter died 14 September 1931. Their two children were:

Winfred Speight

Winfred Speight's first marriage was to Mary Sue Knight. Their children were:

Donald (Donnie) Speight

Bradford (Brad) Speight

William (Billy) Speight

Winfred's second marriage was to Jean (?).

Ernest Speight

Ernest Speight died at age 12 of spinal meningitis.

DESCENDANTS OF CARRIE ESTER BRINKLEY

THE CARRIE ESTER (BRINKLEY) KNIGHT FAMILY

Carrie Ester Brinkley

Carrie Brinkley was born 1 August 1882. She married Hersey Virginius Knight who was born 19 September 1879. Carrie died 16 January 1963 and Hersey died 19 January 1935. Their five children were Raye, Ida, Willie, James, and Carolyn Knight.

Raye V. Knight

Raye V. Knight was born 6 January 1907. He married Mildred Godwin. Mildred is the sister of former Virginia Governor Mills Godwin. Raye died 9 November 1975. Raye and Mildred did not have children.

Ida Dorothy Knight

Ida Dorothy Knight was born 22 May 1909. She married Leon Wilson. They did not have children.

THE WILLIE CAREY KNIGHT FAMILY

Willie Carey Knight

Willie Carey Knight was born 14 October 1913. He married Margaret Anne Taylor. She was born 29 September 1914. Willie died 17 August 1976. Their children were Betty, Billie, Patsy, Nancy, and Emily Knight.

Betty Anne Knight

Betty Anne Knight married Walter Yates Bryant. They had two daughters:

Lori Dee Bryant. She married Dennis Michael Burke.

Lisa Kaye Bryant. She married Thomas Alton DePew. Their child is Taylor Morgan DePew.

Billie Taylor Knight

Billie Taylor Knight married Robert Lee McCray. Their three children are:

Christopher Ryan McCray

Carey Taylor McCray

Caroline Suzanne McCray

Patsy Ruth Knight

Patsy Ruth Knight married William Dewey Privott. Their two children are:

David Craig Privott

William Eric Privott

Nancy Carolyn Knight

Nancy Carolyn Knight married Raymond Lee Parsons. Their two children are:

Sara Elizabeth Parsons

Joshua Chase Parsons

Emily Kaye Knight

Emily Kaye Knight has not married.

THE JAMES REGINALD KNIGHT FAMILY

James Reginald Knight

Reginald Knight was born 17 January 1917. He married Nell Ward. They had the following two sons:

James Reginald Knight, Jr. was born 27 August 1945. James married Dorothy Anne Wilkins. She was born 16 February 1943. They did not have children.

Hersey McCoy Knight married Judith Ann Singelaud. They did not have children.

Carolyn Armanda Knight

Carolyn Amanda Knight was born 6 March 1921. She died as a teenager.

DESCENDANTS OF FANNIE LILLIAN (BRINKLEY) DOUGHERTY

Fannie Lillian Brinkley

Fannie Lillian Brinkley married Eugene Ware Dougherty.⁶ This family lived in Whaleyville, VA. They had nine children in the birth order and families as follows:

Frederick R. Dougherty

Frederick R. Dougherty. He married Ida May Capps. Their three children were:

Frederick R. Dougherty, Jr. He married Lois (?). Their child was:

Mary Frances Dougherty. She married Melvin H. Murphy. Their child is Dean Murphy.

Dorothy Mae Dougherty. She married and had three sons whose names are not available.

Newton Dougherty. He married and had two children whose names are not available.

John Ware Dougherty

John Ware Dougherty. He married Myrtie Mae Parker. Their four children were Jack, Sarah, Robert, and Patsy Dougherty.

Jack Dougherty

Jack Dougherty. He married Rose Marie (?). They had three sons, but their names are not available.

Sarah Elizabeth Dougherty

Sarah Elizabeth Dougherty. She married Charles Maser. They had one son and one daughter.

Robert Dougherty

Robert Dougherty. He married Bonnie (?). Robert and Bonnie had two children:

Robert E. Dougherty

A daughter whose name is not available.

Patsy Dougherty

Patsy Dougherty married, but no other data is available.

Mary Ida Dougherty

Mary Ida Dougherty was born 15 March 1901. Mary never married.

George Dougherty

George Dougherty married Edith Savage. They did not have children.

Fitzhugh Lee Dougherty

Fitzhugh Lee Dougherty was born 15 April 1905. He married Mildred Edwards who was born 8 March 1905. They had one daughter.

Jane Lee Dougherty. She was born 8 October 1935. Jane married Paul Thomas Speight. Their child is:

Jeffrey Scott Speight who was born 2 July 1967. Jeffrey married Shelby Davis. They have a daughter:

Chelesa Megan Speight who was born 3 June 1994

Wainwright Dougherty

Wainwright Dougherty never married.

Josephine Dougherty

Josephine Dougherty married Trowell Saunders.

Eugene Elliott Dougherty

Eugene Elliott Dougherty was born 30 July 1910. He was a minister. He married Litilda Ward who was born 7 November 1914. Elliott died 20 March 1993. They had a son, David, and a daughter, Linda.

David Elliott Dougherty

David Elliott Dougherty was born 22 September 1946. He married Barbara Goltz who was born 10 June 1950. They have three sons.

Patrick Ryal Dougherty was born 7 September 1973.

Timothy David Dougherty was born 8 August 1976.

Sean Michael Dougherty was born 23 August 1978.

Linda Ward Dougherty

Linda Ward Dougherty was born 2 November 1943. She married Charles Russell who was born 22 January 1943. Linda died 8 October 1988. They had twins:

Blake Russell was born 13 January 1971.

David Russell was born 13 January 1971.

Anne Louise Dougherty

Anne Louise Dougherty was born 3 January 1918. She married Raymond Billy Mitchell. Their children were Mary, Vana, and Raymond, Jr.

Mary Layne Mitchell was born 29 March 1942. She married Robert Lee Vaughan who was born 8 November 1931.

Vana Gay Mitchell was born 7 March 1944. She married Frennie Pierce, Jr. They have two children:

Charles Raymond Pierce

Mary Ann Pierce

Raymond Billy Mitchell, Jr. was born 21 October 1952. He married Rose Barnes.

We go now to the final child of Frederick and Ida Brinkley, Carlton Winfred Brinkley and his family.

DESCENDANTS OF CARLTON WINFRED BRINKLEY

Carlton Winfred Brinkley

Carlton Winfred Brinkley was born 5 November 1890 in Nansemond Co., VA. He died 22 February 1972. He married May Belle Horton. She was born 22 September 1896 and died 8 March 1967. They are both buried at the Eureka Cemetery. Their seven children were Beulah, Mataline, Carlton, Thomas, Robert, Mary, and Clinton Brinkley. The families of Carlton and May Belle Brinkley's children are as follows:

BEULAH MAE (BRINKLEY) BARNES

Beulah Mae Brinkley

Beulah Mae Brinkley was born 14 July 1915. She married Frank S. Barnes. He was born 25 August 1907 and died 16 February 1990. They did not have children. Frank was the son of William Jesse Barnes (1854-1944) and Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Barnes (1856-1942).⁷

THE MATALINE (BRINKLEY) SAVAGE FAMILY

Mataline Brinkley

Mataline Brinkley was born 8 December 1918. She married J. Arthur Savage who was born 5 August 1909. Arthur died 15 January 1978. They had one son, Mack A. Savage.

Mack A. Savage

Mack A. Savage was born 4 October 1942. He first married Jayne Eley. They had four children, William, Arthur, Jennifer, and Michael Savage.

William Charles Savage

William Charles Savage (twin) was born on 5 May 1965. He married and has a son Aaron Michael Savage who was born 4 September 1987.

Arthur Brinkley Savage

Arthur Brinkley Savage (twin) was born on 5 May 1965. He married Audrey R. (?) who was born 6 December 1966.

Jennifer Savage

Jennifer Savage was born on 19 April 1967. She married Cecil Ward Thomas. They have a daughter, Brittany Elizabeth Thomas. She was born 10 February 1990.

Michael Andrew Savage

Michael Andrew Savage was born 14 September 1970.

Mack Savage's second marriage was to Mary Gregory. Mary was born 22 February 1952. They have one child, Benjamin.

Benjamin Cole Savage

Benjamin Cole Savage was born on 3 December 1982.

Mary Gregory also has a child by a prior marriage, Adam Gregory, who was born 1 December 1972.

THE CARLTON CLARENCE BRINKLEY FAMILY

Carlton Clarence Brinkley

Carlton Clarence Brinkley was born 23 February 1920 at Cypress Chapel in Nansemond Co. On 16 June 1945 he married Maryvonne Hobbs who was born 3 August 1923 at Hobbsville, NC. He died 4 April 1993 in Suffolk, VA. Their five children and their families are as follows:

Rebecca Lynn Brinkley

Rebecca (Becky) Lynn Brinkley was born 9 August 1947 at Newport News, VA. Becky was married to Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Case, Jr. on 4 August 1968 at the Eureka Baptist Church. Frank was born 23 June 1945 in Suffolk, VA. They currently reside on the White Marsh Road in Suffolk. Becky is a Registered Nurse. They have three children as follows:

Benjamin F. Case, III was born 3 June 1971. He lives in Raleigh, NC and works as a landscape designer.

David Thomas Case was born 19 June 1975. David is a student at NC State University, Raleigh, NC.

Sarah Lynn Case was born 20 December 1978. She lives at home in Suffolk.

Mary Elizabeth Brinkley

Mary Elizabeth Brinkley was born on 22 August 1951 in Suffolk, VA. Mary was married to James (Jimmy) Clynton Heath, Jr. at the Eureka Baptist Church on 21 December 1974. They reside in Portsmouth, VA. They have two adopted children as follows:

Shana Hobbs Heath who was born 17 June 1982 in Portsmouth, VA.

Ryan Glen Heath who was born 19 November 1984 in Lynchburg, VA

Carolyn Leigh Brinkley

Carolyn Leigh Brinkley was born 27 January 1954 in Suffolk, VA. She married William Harry (Andy) Andrews, Jr. in Williamsburg, VA on 27 June 1976. He was born 6 March 1953 in Clarksburg, WVA. They reside in Oliver Springs, TN. Carolyn and Andy have the following three children:

Ned Gregory Andrews who was born 12 November 1980 in Oak Ridge, TN.

John Oliver Andrews who was born 10 June 1983 in Oak Ridge, TN.

Gary Douglas Andrews who was born 23 September 1988 in Oak Ridge, TN.

Charlotte Claire Brinkley

Charlotte Claire Brinkley was born 1 August 1960 in Suffolk, VA. Claire married Gregory Mark Gardner at the Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville, VA on 4 January 1986. They reside in Gaithersburg, MD. Claire is a school teacher. Gregory was born on 22 November 1961 in Silver Spring, MD (birth recorded in DC). They have two children:

Andrew Michael Gardner was born 20 December 1990 in Silver Spring, MD.

Alison Marie Gardner was born 15 September 1993 in Silver Spring, MD.

Carlton Clarence Brinkley, Jr.

Carlton (Carl) Clarence Brinkley, Jr. was born 16 March 1963 in Suffolk, VA. On 1 July 1989 he married Paris Lyn Auerbach in Richmond, VA. She was born on 24 May 1965 in Montgomery, PA. Carl is a clinical microbiologist and Paris is a physician. They currently reside at Fort Lewis, WA. They have one child.

Shane Thomas Brinkley was born 5 October 1992.

THE THOMAS TRUMAN BRINKLEY FAMILY

Thomas Truman Brinkley

Thomas Truman Brinkley was born 25 December 1922. He married Ruth Blanchard who was born 20 September 1923. Their children are Tommy, Patricia, and Phyllis Brinkley.

Thomas Brinkley

Tommy Brinkley was born 21 September 1955.

Patricia Brinkley

Patricia Brinkley was born 7 September 1960. She married Douglas Smith who was born on 20 May 1959.

Phyllis Brinkley

Phyllis Brinkley was born on 7 September 1962. She married Philip Lilley who was born on 20 May 1962. Phyllis and Philip have two children as follows:

Megan Elaine Lilley was born on 3 March 1989.

Matthew Philip Lilley was born 13 June 1994.

THE ROBERT RYLAND BRINKLEY, SR. FAMILY

Robert Ryland Brinkley, Sr.

Robert Ryland Brinkley, Sr. was born 24 February 1925. He married Rachel Byrd who was born 3 February 1925. They live on Deer Forest Road in rural Suffolk. Ryland and Rachel had four sons, Robert Jr., C.P., Fred, and Roger Brinkley.

Robert Ryland Brinkley, Jr.

Robert Ryland Brinkley, Jr. was born on 27 February 1947. He married Joyce Taylor who was born on 26 September 1948. They have one daughter.

Karen Lynn Brinkley was born on 22 April 1971.

Carlton Pressley Brinkley

Carlton Pressley (C.P.) Brinkley was born on 30 July 1948. C.P. married Mary Jo Hudson who was born 30 July 1950. They have one daughter.

Katherine Jane Brinkley was born 18 March 1983.

William Frederick Brinkley

William Frederick (Fred) Brinkley was born 3 July 1951. Fred married Janet Daughtrey who was born 27 February 1952. They have two daughters.

Monica Jill Brinkley was born 12 January 1978.

Mary Beth Brinkley was born 5 September 1980.

Ernest Roger Brinkley

Ernest Roger Brinkley was born 7 July 1953. Roger married Jo Anne Wright who was born 31 October 1956. They have two children.

Stacy Ann Brinkley was born 7 July 1978.

Nathan Joel Brinkley was born 27 April 1984.

THE MARY IDA (BRINKLEY) HORTON FAMILY

Mary Ida Brinkley

Mary Ida Brinkley was born 25 September 1927. She married Elliott R. Horton who was born 20 June 1924. They had three daughters.

Mary Louise Horton

Mary Louise Horton was born 3 December 1955. She married Gene Harvell, III who was born 12 September 1954. They have two children.

Jarrett Harvell who was born 16 February 1980.

Sarah Elizabeth Harvell who was born 22 February 1985.

Robin Horton

Robin Horton was born 7 December 1957. She married Jerry (Skip) Forbus who was born 16 November 1957. They have two children.

Jessica Forbus who was born 15 January 1987.

Zackary Forbus who was born 4 February 1991.

Carla Horton

Carla Horton who was born 5 September 1959. Carla married Fielding Cage who was born 5 December 1959. They have one child.

Fields Cage who was born 29 January 1991.

THE CLINTON FILMORE BRINKLEY FAMILY

Clinton Filmore Brinkley

Clinton Filmore Brinkley was born 26 April 1931. He married Mary Helen Rountree who was born 23 February 1938. Clinton died 12 January 1985. They had two sons; Fil and Jonathan Brinkley.

William Filmore Brinkley

William Filmore (Fil) Brinkley was born 21 March 1960. Fil married Cheryl P. Brinkley. She was born 31 August 1963. They have two children.

Amy Lynn Brinkley was born on 10 September 1988.

Grey Brinkley was born 15 May 1991.

Jonathan Mark Brinkley

Jonathan Mark Brinkley was born 8 March 1962. He married Betty Morris who was born 3 January 1961. They have one child.

Benjamin Brinkley was born 1 August 1989.

We will now return to another son of Abram and Nancy Brinkley, Phillip Brinkley and his descendants.

THE PHILLIP BRINKLEY FAMILY

Phillip Brinkley

Phillip Brinkley was born about 1845. He married Betty (last name unknown). They had four children:

Homer Brinkley

Homer Brinkley. Homer did not marry.

Lottie Brinkley

Lottie Brinkley who did marry but her husband's name is not available. They had two children, Alice and Claudia. Alice never married. Claudia married a Jacobs.

Ira Brinkley

Ira Brinkley married Ruth Murphy. They had one son, Pretlow.

Pretlow Murphy Brinkley was born 20 August 1910. He married Judith Wilson Luke who was born 8 June 1920. Pretlow died 13 July 1973. Pretlow and Judith had a daughter, Jane.

Jane Pretlow Brinkley was born 13 July 1953. She died 4 May 1977.

Preston Brinkley

Preston Brinkley married Addie H. (?). They owned the Brinkley Ice Plant in Suffolk. Their three children were:

May Brinkley who married a Wall and moved to California.

Louise Brinkley who married Luther Wellons Caulk, Jr. They did not have children.

Helen Brinkley who did not marry.

ISHMAN BRINKLEY

Ishman Brinkley was born about 1847. He never married.

DINAH BRINKLEY

Dinah Brinkley was born about 1848. She never married.

DESCENDANTS OF CLARISSA (BRINKLEY) WILKINS

Clarissa Brinkley

Clarissa Brinkley was born 29 December 1850 and died 21 December 1914. She married Samuel Wilkins who was born 9 April 1844 and died 5 March 1920. They are buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery.⁸ They had four children: Diane, Willie, Ida, and Ernest Wilkins.

Diane (Wilkins) Brinkley

Diane Wilkins married a Brinkley but his given name is not known. Their children and their families are as follows:

Mary Brinkley who married an Austin. Their child was Norma Paige Austin.

Hugh Brinkley

Jack Brinkley

Marvin Brinkley who married Mildred Baines.

Margaret Brinkley who married a Baines. Their daughter was Catherine Louise Baines who married a Bailey.

Willie Wilkins

Willie Wilkins wife's name is not known. However, their children are as follows:

Richard Lee Wilkins

Selma Wilkins

Fred Wilkins

Emily Freda Wilkins

Reeves Wilkins

Clairborne Wilkins. His wife's name is not known but they had two children; William Earl and Carolyn who married a Chapman.

Ida (Wilkins) Harrell

Ida Wilkins married Charlie Harrell. Their children were as follows:

Ophelia Harrell who married Burwell Taylor.

Edith Harrell who married Irvin Riddick.

Ernest Wilkins

Ernest Wilkins married Sally Brown. He was born in November 1890 and died in April 1975. She was born 26 June 1897 and died 11 September 1985. Their children were as follows:

Ernest Wilkins, Jr. He served in World War II.

Jean Matilda Wilkins was born 4 September 1923. She married Robert F. Flanagan. He was born 20 June 1926.

Virginia Louise Wilkins who married Ralph W. Aldridge.

THE FELTON BRINKLEY FAMILY

Felton Brinkley

Felton Brinkley was born about 1858. He married Berry Hanbury. They had four children as follows:

Brian Brinkley

No other data is available.

Esther Brinkley

Esther Brinkley who married C.L. Pierce. They had a son, C.L., Jr., and two daughters, one of whom was Martha Pierce.

Mabel Brinkley

Mabel Brinkley married Arthur E. Jones. They had one child:

Arthur E. Jones, Jr. married Mary Georgia Gay. He was the Principal at Suffolk High School and also at the Nansemond Suffolk Academy. They had one daughter:

Mary Gay Jones. She married James Welden Bell.

Horace Brinkley

No other data is available.

Before continuing the descendancy line of Abram and Nancy Brinkley, we will present associated families related to Julia (Franklin) Brinkley. As will be shown Julia has ties to the Riddick Brinkley Family of the next chapter.

Franklins, more Brinkleys, and Hunters

THE FRANKLINS

Julia Franklin

Julia Franklin was born 22 November 1853 in Gates Co., NC and died in 1942. She is buried at Cypress Chapel. Julia Franklin was the daughter of Emaline Brothers and Simon Franklin. Emaline and Simon lived near Corapeake in a home in front of the current Eureka Baptist Church. This home was where Julia was born. Emaline and Simon are buried in the Eureka Cemetery. Emaline is also spelled Emmaline in some references and Simon is spelled Simeon and Seamon. Research for this book has revealed fascinating new data about Emaline Brothers and Simon Franklin.

Simon Franklin

Simon Franklin of Gates Co., NC married Emaline Brothers of Nansemond Co., VA on 25 March 1846. Emaline was the daughter of Jacob Brothers.⁹ Based on ages in the census of 1850 and 1860 she was born in 1826. The marriage bond provided the name of her father, Jacob Brothers, but does not provide the name of her mother. However, from other sources we know it was Catherine.¹⁰ We also know that by this time Catherine was remarried to Charles Hunter. The 1850 US Census provides the following additional data.¹¹ Simon was born in about 1820 since he was 30 in 1850. Their family was as follows:

Elizabeth Franklin 3 (born about 1847). Gates County Records indicate that Elizabeth and James Rountree were married on 31 March 1868 by E. Williams, Justice of the Peace, in Gates County.¹² James was the son of Quinton and Ritta Rountree.

William W. Franklin, 8 months (born about Feb. 1850)

Monford Bluford, 18, a laborer living with them.

This 1850 Census is the last one in which Simon Franklin is found. However, there were other Franklin children born after

1850. The 1860 US Census turned up something interesting.¹³ Emaline is found in the household of James K. Brinkley which was as follows: James K. Brinkley, 30; William Franklin, 11; Sarah Ellis, 13; and Benjamin Ellis, 12; Emaline Brinkley, 34; James E. Franklin, 9; Julia Franklin, 5; and R. Brinkley, 2. At this point some analysis and speculation about what happened to this family is in order.

Because Simon Franklin is not found as head of household in the 1860 Census I believe he died between 1850 and 1860. In fact, it must have been between 1853 and 1857. His daughter Julia was born in 1853 (1855 according to the 1860 Census). There was also a 2 year old Brinkley child in this census which I suspect was Emaline's child, Richard Brinkley. We know for sure she had a child, Richard Brinkley.

This census entry is interesting for another reason, namely, that Emaline is not listed immediately after James as wives customarily are. This indicates to me that James and Emaline were not married to each other. This strange entry peaked my curiosity because it has been well established (by notes from her daughter Julia) that Emaline had married John not James Brinkley after Simon's death. Gates County Marriage Records have helped to clear up the mystery. They indicate that she was married three times, not twice. The records are as follows:¹⁴

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Date of Bond</u>
Franklin, Simon	Emaline Brothers	25 March 1846
Brinkly, Jethro	Emaline Franklin (widow)	1 Jan. 1858 (married same date)
Brinkly, John T.	Emaline Brinkly	15 February 1866

I offer the following conclusions, Jethro Brinkley is the father of Richard Brinkley. Jethro had probably died before the census of 1860. James Brinkley was probably a relative of Jethro (perhaps a brother) with whom Emaline and her Franklin and Brinkley children were living at census time. No data is available about Jethro, to provide any insight about him. Julia (Franklin) Brinkley's notes on this family indicated that Emaline and Simon Franklin also had son, Ned Franklin, who never married and is also buried at Eureka.¹⁵ Ned is probably a nickname for either William W. or James E. Franklin, I suspect James E. Ned Franklin is not mentioned in either census record. I do find it curious that Julia Franklin did not mention Jethro Brinkley,

William, James E. or Elizabeth Franklin in her notes about this family.



Ned Franklin

MORE BRINKLEYS

Emaline Brinkley

As indicated above, after Jethro's death Emaline (Brothers) Brinkley married John Brinkley and their children have been identified as Richard, Carrie, Commodore, and Eley Brinkley. These children are the half-brothers and half-sister of Julia F. Brinkley.

THE RICHARD BRINKLEY FAMILY

Richard Brinkley

Richard Brinkley (born about 1858) married Ida and they moved to Ellington, South Carolina. I have assumed that all of this family settled in South Carolina. Their children were Fred, Norman, and Basil Brinkley.



Fred Brinkley

THE FRED BRINKLEY FAMILY

Fred Brinkley

Fred Brinkley married Lil Owens. Fred was a doctor in Ellington, SC. Their children were Jean, May, and Allistine Brinkley.

Jean (Brinkley) Orr

Jean Brinkley married Burt Orr. They had a son, Freddie Orr. It is not clear if they had other children.

May (Brinkley) Jones

May Brinkley married Ned Jones. May and Ned had three daughters, but only Linda Jones' name is known.

Allistine (Brinkley) Still

Allistine Brinkley's first marriage was to an attorney, Thomas Boulware, of Charleston, SC. Tom was killed in military service.

Allistine Brinkley then married Put Still and had a daughter, Brenda Still.

THE NORMAN BRINKLEY FAMILY

Norman Brinkley

Norman Brinkley's wife's name is not available. They had a son, Norman Brinkley, Jr. At this point we note the popularity of the name Norman. There will be more Norman's to follow.

THE BASIL BRINKLEY FAMILY

Basil Brinkley

Basil Brinkley married but his wife's name is not known. Their children were:

Mary Brinkley

Basil Brinkley, Jr.

Margaret Brinkley

Fred Brinkley

THE CARRIE BRINKLEY FAMILY

We have no additional data on the Carrie Brinkley family.

THE COMMODORE BRINKLEY FAMILY

Commodore Brinkley

Commodore Brinkley moved to Ohio and worked for the railroad. Not much is known about Commodore's family, but he

did have children. Some were known to Leon Brinkley and James Lynch. They remembered that Uncle Commodore came to visit his half-sister, Julia (Franklin) Brinkley, and while visiting her developed pneumonia and died. Commodore Brinkley is buried in Columbus, Ohio.

THE ELEY BRINKLEY FAMILY

Eley Brinkley

Little is recorded about Eley (or Ely) Brinkley or his family except that he is buried at Eureka. Dates on Eley Brinkley's memorial stone at Eureka indicate he was born 21 September 1860 and died on 29 October 1903.¹⁶ It's the oldest stone at Eureka. He is probably Eley, the son of Emaline Brinkley. If he is the son of Emaline, then his father is Jethro Brinkley not John. Being born in late September of 1860, he would not have appeared in the census of 1860.

Additional comments:

Gates County Marriage Records have been well preserved and much of the information in this book has come from them. Nansemond County records of all types have not been nearly as well preserved. Many of them were lost to fire. Nansemond marriage records would be particularly valuable, but for the most part are unavailable. It is also noted that many Virginians went to North Carolina to marry. I believe this was because the age for women was young, age 15, and there was no waiting period. For many of the persons in this book who were married in the 1700 and 1800's and where no data is available, for the most part, they were probably married in Virginia.

The Julia Franklin Brinkley branch of the family is interesting. It has some of those interrelationships that make genealogy research a bit complicated and families interesting to trace. Julia Franklin's mother, Emaline Brothers, was the half-sister of Emily Elizabeth Hunter and Roxanna Hunter.¹⁷ Emaline, Emily Elizabeth and Roxanna's mother was Catherine.

THE HUNTER FAMILY

Charles Hunter

Charles and Catherine Hunter were the parents of Emily Elizabeth and Roxanne Hunter. According to Gates County Marriage Bond Records they were married on 24 August 1843 in Gates County.¹⁸ Catherine's maiden name is not known, but as indicated above had previously been married to Jacob Brothers. This family has been hard to trace. 1880 US Census Records for the Cypress Magistrate list the Charles Hunter Family as follows:¹⁹

Charles Hunter, 61, a Farmer. His parents were born in North Carolina.

Catherine Hunter, 59, Keeping House. Her parents were born in Virginia.

Roxanna Hunter, 21.

Charles H. Hunter, 18.

Since Emily Elizabeth was not listed it is assumed that she had left the house by that time and was probably married.

THE EMILY ELIZABETH (HUNTER) SAUNDERS FAMILY

Emily Elizabeth Hunter

Emily Hunter married Benjamin Saunders. Their daughter was Kate Saunders.

THE KATE (SAUNDERS) BRINKLEY FAMILY

Kate Saunders

Kate Saunders was born on 1 February 1880. She married William Jesse Brinkley who was born on 21 May 1866. Kate was always referred to by my father, Leon Brinkley, as Cousin Kate. So I guess she really was a distant cousin. Kate died on 14 August 1975 and William Jesse died on 1 January 1941.²⁰ They are both buried at the Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Cousin Kate and William Jesse Brinkley's children were:

Harry Brinkley

Richard Tate Brinkley. He was born 16 January 1901 and died 30 November 1951.²¹ He is buried at the Cypress Chapel Cemetery.

Josiah Brinkley

Armanda Elizabeth Brinkley was born 31 May 1912. She married Harry (Bobby) Thomas Holleman. Bobby was born 21 July 1907 and died 14 July 1987.²² He is buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Their son, Thomas, married Ona Sue Umphlette as will be seen in chapter 4.

Essie Brinkley

Ollie Brinkley

THE ROXANNA HUNTER FAMILY

Roxanna Hunter

Roxanna Hunter married Riddick Henry Brinkley who we will see in Chapter 3 was my paternal great-grandfather. There is a clear path from, Catherine, the mother of Emaline Brothers and Roxanna Hunter to both sides of my father, Leon Brinkley's, family. Roxanna's family will be detailed in Chapter 3.

Finally, we will have the last persentation of a child of Adam and Nancy Brinkley, Norman Brinkley, who has a very large extended family and large associated families.



Norman Brinkley
In the 1920's

DESCENDANTS OF NORMAN BRINKLEY

Norman Brinkley

Norman Brinkley was born 31 March 1849. He died in October 1929. He is buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Norman married Julia Franklin on 18 February 1875 in Gates County. He was 23 years old and she was 22 at the time.²³ Julia was the daughter of Emaline Brothers and Simon Franklin of Gates County. Norman and Julia Franklin Brinkley had a very large family.²⁴ Their children were:

Dianna Ophelia Brinkley

William Arthur Brinkley

Abram Daniel Brinkley

Olivia Brinkley who was my grandmother.

Richard Cemonid Brinkley

Edward Hurley Brinkley

Norman Knight Brinkley

Iola May Brinkley

Bertha Inez Brinkley who never married and,

Eva Clarissa Brinkley

Norman and Julia Brinkley had a large home and farm in Nansemond County which I believe had been in the family for a long time. The farm is on Deer Forest Road which is between the current Rt. 32 and the Desert Road in rural Suffolk.

After both Norman and Julia died the property was auctioned. The auction was in Suffolk, Virginia on Saturday, 10 March 1945. The auction announcement has some interesting information. The farm totaled about 460 acres at one time. One hundred forty acres which was originally known as the Archibald Brinkley tract was conveyed to Norman by Nancy Brinkley in 1883. I assume this Nancy Brinkley was in fact Norman's mother Nancy. She reserved one-eighth acre for a cemetery. I assume that she and

her husband and other family members are buried there, but at this time do not know for sure. Another tract of 310 acres was conveyed to Norman by B. D. Crocker and his wife and J. E. Crocker and his wife July 12, 1901. Norman and his wife in turn conveyed 25 acres to Peter Brinkley on 3 January 1902, 103 acres to his son Edward H. Brinkley on 26 February 1929, and 1.8 acres to James Williams on 25 May 1929.²⁵ At the auction, William Henry and H. T. Sheffield purchased the property for \$22,000.²⁶ The home and barns survived until about the 1960's.

It was a classic old place with lots of interesting construction techniques. I assume it was built in the mid-1800's but do not know for sure. The front part of the house was put together with pegs, not nails. It had a detached kitchen which was customarily done to prevent the total home from being destroyed in the event of fire. The kitchen had a hearth with swinging arm holders for pots. It also had a root cellar. Outbuildings included an ice house, potato house, dairy and several barns. Detail of the home was provided by James C. Lynch, a grandson, who lived there during his childhood years. I also remember the home well from the traditional Fourth of July Family Reunions and the frequent visits we made there especially while I stayed with my grandmother during summer vacations.

**NORMAN AND JULIA BRINKLEY FAMILY REUNIONS AND
OTHER OCCASIONS**



Enjoying ice cream at the 1930 reunion.

(Front from left) Virginia Brinkley, Dorothy Lynch, and Marguerite Brinkley.

(Back) Nettie Polson, Emmet Branton, and Marie Brinkley



Family members in 1937

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The family on 4 July 1937



The family in 1938



Family fun on the fourth of July 1930



Julia (Franklin) Brinkley

DESCENDANTS OF DIANA OPHELIA (BRINKLEY) POLSON

Diana Ophelia Brinkley

Diana Ophelia Brinkley was born 30 January 1876 in Nansemond Co., VA and died 15 October 1934.²⁷ She is buried in Gates Co., NC. On 2 January 1898 she married George Thomas Polson at the Cypress Chapel Christian Church. George Thomas Polson was born 27 October 1875 in Gates Co., NC. He died 25 September 1954 and is buried in Gates Co. He was the son of William H. and Majestic Caroline (Jones) Polson.

Gates County Marriage Records show that William was the son of George and Nancy Polson. They also show that Majestic (or Majester C.) (1846-1932) was a Groomer at the time of her marriage to William. This, of course, means that she had a prior marriage. The marriage record also shows that she was the daughter of Joshua (ca. 1803-ca. 1866) and Margaret A. Jones. William and Majestic were married on 29 November 1870 in Gates Co.²⁸ Her third marriage was to Whitmell C. (Boss) Van (1857-1924) in 1882.²⁹

Children of Diana and George Thomas Polson were as follows:

William Onan Polson

George Starling Polson was born 1 October 1901 in Gates Co., NC and died 19 February 1925.

Norman McCoy Polson was born 20 July 1903 in Gates Co., NC and died 10 September 1905.

Irene Mayo Polson

Willard Elmore Polson

Arthur Coleman Polson

Thomas Leroy Polson

Erma Leigh Polson

Royal Loveland Polson

Nettie Julia Polson



Four Generations

(left to right) Julia (Franklin) Brinkley, Mayo (Polson) Speight, Diana (Brinkley) Polson, and Robert Speight about 1930.

THE WILLIAM ONAN POLSON FAMILY

William Onan Polson

William Onan Polson was born on 1 October 1899 in Gates Co., NC. He married Florence Hoffler who was the daughter of Patrick H. Hoffler and Sarah Watkins Hoffler. Florence was born on 28 August 1905 in Portsmouth, VA. Their child is William McCoy Polson.

William McCoy Polson

William McCoy was born 20 March 1935 in Portsmouth and on 29 May 1961 married Ann Marie Ragan of Lorain, Ohio. Ann Marie was born on 13 September 1934. They have one child:

William Patrick Polson was born on 6 May 1974.

THE IRENE MAYO (POLSON) SPEIGHT FAMILY

Irene Mayo Polson

Irene Mayo Polson was born 12 June 1905 in Gates Co., NC. She died 2 December 1991. Mayo is buried at the Parker's United Methodist Church Cemetery in Corapeake, NC. She married Isaac Benjamin (I.B.) Speight on 14 January 1928. I.B. Speight was born 29 March 1899 and he died 16 November 1957. Mayo's memorial announcement from the Hill Funeral Home said she had 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Children of Mayo and I.B. Speight are as follows:

Robert Starling Speight

Robert Starling Speight was born on 2 November 1929. He married Geraldine Baines. She was born on 21 April 1938. They were married 23 October 1955. Robert and Geraldine Speight had a son Robert Benjamin Speight.

Robert Benjamin Speight was born 12 September 1956 and married Bonnie West on 14 May 1977. Their children are Pamela Sue Speight who was born on 2 February 1982 and Elizabeth Nicole Speight who was born in March 1986.

Ruth Marie Speight

Ruth Marie Speight was born 8 April 1932 and died at 1 or 2 years of age.

Margaret Ann (Speight) Woyer

Margaret Ann Speight was born 5 June 1934. She married Richard Kutchara in 1953, but later divorced. She then married Larry A. Woyer. Margaret Ann and Larry Woyer have three children:

One whose name is not available.

Anthony Woyer

Cynthia Woyer

Mary Jane (Speight) Jones

Mary Jane Speight was born 15 October 1935. She married James Hurley Jones in about 1953. Children of Mary Jane and James Jones are as follows:

Neal Jones

Delores Jones

Glenn Jones

Dorothy Virginia (Speight) Speight

Dorothy Virginia Speight was born on 25 April 1942. She married Thomas White and they had one child, Lynette White. They were divorced.

Dorothy later married Waverly B. Speight and they have one child, Angie Speight.

Linda Carolyn (Speight) Conner

Linda Carolyn Speight was born 22 June 1947. She married Howard Byrd. Howard was killed in an automobile accident.

Her second marriage was to Thomas Holland and they had one child, Brian Holland. Linda and Thomas Holland divorced.

Linda then married Roy Conner who died in 1991. They had no children.

THE WILLARD ELMORE POLSON FAMILY

Willard Elmore Polson

Willard Elmore Polson was born 1 June 1907 in Gates Co., NC. He married Irene Daniels. Elmore died 6 January 1992 and is buried at the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery near Portsmouth, Virginia. They had a daughter and a son.

Norma Jean Polson

Norma Jean Polson married a Langston.

Thomas Jackson Polson

No additional data is currently available on this family.

THE ARTHUR COLEMAN POLSON FAMILY

Arthur Coleman Polson

Arthur Coleman Polson was born 6 September 1909 in Gates Co., NC. Coleman married Pearl Jones. Pearl was born 11

September 1911. Coleman and Pearl continue to reside in Corapeake. Children of Pearl and Coleman Polson are as follows:

Arthur Leroy Polson

Arthur Leroy Polson was born 26 March 1935. He married Shirley Pippins. Shirley was born 26 January 1938. Children of Arthur and Shirley Polson are as follows:

Pamela Lynn Polson who was born 1 February 1965.

Arthur Alan Polson who was born 25 April 1969.

Beth Ellen Polson

Beth Ellen Polson was born 20 December 1946. Beth has not married. Beth has gained a lot of fame as a writer and Hollywood producer. After earning a degree in English Literature from Old Dominion University she worked several years as a newspaper reporter. Beth then worked in TV. She has also written several books which she adapted for films. Beth has produced several ABC Barbara Walters Specials, two of which earned her Emmy Awards. She also earned a third Emmy for an NBC Special on child pornography.

Beth continues to keep in touch with her roots and family....in Corapeake.

THE THOMAS LEROY POLSON FAMILY

Thomas Leroy Polson

Thomas Leroy Polson was born 31 August 1911 in Gates Co., NC. Thomas was married in Portsmouth, VA on 20 June 1942 to Sarah Jones who was born in Atlanta, GA on 11 September 1919. Sarah was the daughter of Essie Eulila Brooks and Hugh O'Neal Jones, Sr. Sarah Polson died on 30 October 1983 in Portsmouth, VA. Their children are as follows:

Kathryn Eulila Polson

Kathryn Polson was born on 23 May 1950 in Portsmouth, VA.

Thomas Leroy Polson, Jr.

Thomas Leroy Polson, Jr. was born 5 January 1953 in Portsmouth, VA.

THE ERMA LEIGH (POLSON) MATHIAS FAMILY

Erma Leigh Polson

Erma Leigh Polson was born 27 September 1913 at Drum Hill in Gates Co., NC. She married Louis Powell Mathias also of Gates Co. Louis was the son of L.M. Mathias and Rosa Powell Mathias. Children of Erma Leigh and Louis Mathias are as follows:

Louis Powell Mathias, Jr.

Louis Powell Mathias Jr. was born 29 March 1933 in Trotsville, NC. On 24 December 1958 he married Louise Bryant. Louise is the daughter of Emily Tidwell and Marvin Bryant. Louise was born in Nansemond Co., VA.

Margaret Frances (Mathias) Jones

Margaret Frances Mathias was born 7 January 1935 in Trotsville, NC. She married Willie Jones on 27 February 1960.

Eunice Mae (Mathias) Carr

Eunice Mae Mathias was born 29 August 1937 in Corapeake, NC. She married Ivan Ray Carr on 14 June 1959. Ivan is the son of Cleve and Goldie Joyner Carr.

THE ROYAL LOVELAND POLSON FAMILY

Royal Loveland Polson

Royal Loveland Polson was born on 9 July 1916 in Gates Co., NC. Royal was married on 4 September 1939 in Suffolk, VA to Helen Clark of Rowan Co., NC. Helen is the daughter of Pearl Augusta Kate Barger and John Paul Clark. Helen was born 22 February 1916. Their child is Diana Lee Polson.

Diana Lee (Polson) Savard

Diana Lee Polson was born 28 August 1945 in Portsmouth, VA. She was married on 15 January 1966 to James Joseph Savard. He was born on 6 March 1940. Children of Diana and James Savard are as follows:

Stephen Anthony Savard who was born 27 March 1967.

Victoria Ann Savard who was born 19 January 1969.

Jason Royal Savard who was born on 27 March 1971.

THE NETTIE JULIA (POLSON) SMITH FAMILY

Nettie Julia Polson

Nettie Julia Polson was born on 22 May 1919 in Gates Co., NC. Nettie Julia married Frank G. Smith. Frank was born on 12 July 1915. Their two children are Dorothy Patricia and George Edward Smith.

Dorothy Patricia (Smith) Hall

Dorothy Patricia Smith was born on 20 November 1940. She married E. Wayne Hall who was born on 22 August 1938. Children of Dorothy and Wayne Hall are as follows:

Kenneth Wayne Hall who was born 13 March 1962.

Patricia Leighann Hall who was born 1 October 1963.

Stephan Douglas Hall who was born on 14 August 1967.

George Edward Smith

George Edward Smith was born on 3 September 1944. He married Edith Kay Harris who was born on 23 December 1946. Children of Edith and George Smith are as follows:

Franklin Todd Smith who was born 9 March 1969.

Troy Edward Smith who was born on 22 February 1976.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM ARTHUR BRINKLEY

William Arthur Brinkley

William Arthur Brinkley was born on 5 September 1877 in Nansemond Co., VA.³⁰ He died on 8 August 1908. He was married on 10 March 1907 to Christine Shea. Christine was born 22 July 1885 in Norfolk Co., VA. She was the daughter of Thomas A. and Elizabeth C. Shea and she died 27 March 1971. They had one son as follows.

Edward Joseph Arthur Brinkley

Edward Joseph Arthur Brinkley was born on 17 March 1908 in Norfolk Co. He married Marie Teresa Schott on 8

November 1940. Marie was born on 2 March 1913 in New York City, NY. She was the daughter of Eva L. Barbie and Roman F. Schott. They had a son, Richard.

Richard E. Brinkley was born on 2 October 1947. He married R. Paulette Taylor on 9 November 1967.



Brothers
William Arthur and Richard Cemonde Brinkley
July 1906

DESCENDANTS OF ABRAM DANIEL BRINKLEY

Abram Daniel Brinkley

Abram Daniel Brinkley was born on 5 July 1879 in Nansemond Co., VA and died in 1929.³¹ He is buried at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suffolk, VA. On 28 October 1903 he married Rosa Lee Ellis in Nansemond Co., VA. She was born on September 9, 1878 in Nansemond Co. She was the daughter of Cassandra Frost and Robert Calvin Ellis. Rosa died on 20 January 1972 and is also buried at Cedar Hill. Their children were:

Alton Lee Brinkley

Abram Daniel Brinkley, Jr.

THE ALTON LEE BRINKLEY FAMILY

Alton Lee Brinkley

Alton Lee Brinkley was born on 24 August 1904 in Franklin, VA. He married Ethel Lee Pond who was born 28 September 1907 in Brunswick Co., VA. She was the daughter of Norie Lee Hammond and Wayland T. Pond.

Most of the information on the early Brinkley's --from 1684 to the 1930's on this side of the family-- was given to Alton Lee by his grandmother Julia F. Brinkley in November 1931. He gave a copy of it to Emily Lynch who in-turn has given that information to me. I am thankful that these accounts of our family have been passed on. It certainly re-enforces the concept of getting family information while the older generation is still living and remembers.

Children of Ethel and Alton Lee Brinkley are Betty Hammond, Rosalie Victoria, Martha Jane, and Grace Pond Brinkley.

THE BETTY HAMMOND (BRINKLEY) HAYWOOD FAMILY

Betty Hammond Brinkley

Betty Hammond Brinkley was born on 8 October 1934 in Suffolk, VA. She married John Nicholson Haywood who was born on 3 September 1929 in Kansas City, MO. He was the son of

Rose Nicholson and Lawrence William Haywood. Children of Betty and John Haywood are as follows:

Jane Nicholson Haywood

Jane Haywood was born 11 September 1967 in Cleveland, OH.

David Alton Haywood

David Haywood was born 13 August 1969 also in Cleveland, OH.

THE ROSALIE VICTORIA (BRINKLEY) HUNTER FAMILY

Rosalie Victoria Brinkley

Rosalie Victoria Brinkley was born on 21 September 1937 in Suffolk, VA. On 15 August 1959 she married George Percival Hunter, Jr. He was born in Arlington, VA on 30 May 1936. Their children are Karen Leigh and Elizabeth Ann Hunter.

Karen Leigh Hunter

Karen Hunter was born on 9 November 1960 in Arlington, VA.

Elizabeth Ann Hunter

Elizabeth Hunter was born 6 April 1962 (?) in Annandale, VA.

MARTHA JANE BRINKLEY

Martha Jane Brinkley

Martha Jane Brinkley was born on 9 November 1939 in Suffolk, VA and died on 16 April 1940.

THE GRACE POND (BRINKLEY) HAYES FAMILY

Grace Pond Brinkley

Grace Pond Brinkley was born on 1 April 1941 in Suffolk, VA. She married Gordon Henry Hayes, Jr. on 28 October 1967. Gordon is the son of his namesake and Sula Abernathy Hayes. He was born on 31 March 1931 in Charlotte, NC. Children of Grace and Gordon Hayes are as follows:

Susan Elaine Hayes who was born on 30 September 1972 in Charlotte, NC.

Michael Gordon Hayes who was born 7 June 1975 also in Charlotte, NC.

THE ABRAM DANIEL BRINKLEY, JR. FAMILY

Abram Daniel Brinkley

Abram Daniel Brinkley, Jr. was born 19 May 1912. He married Marion Virginia Bradshaw Lyons who was born on 2 July 1915. Their child is Marion Virginia Brinkley.

Marion Virginia (Brinkley) Harrell

Marion Virginia Brinkley was born 9 May 1949. She married Randy Mark Harrell who was born on 6 March 1949. Marion and Randy Harrell's child is:

Randolph Mark Harrell who was born on 16 July 1970.

We will now go another child of Julia and Norman Brinkley, Olivia Brinkley and her family.

DESCENDANTS OF OLIVIA (BRINKLEY) BRINKLEY

Olivia Brinkley

Olivia Brinkley was my grandmother. She was born on 2 April 1881 in Nansemond Co., VA and died in Elizabeth City, NC on 7 May 1964. She is buried next to her husband in the Cypress Chapel Church Cemetery in Nansemond Co. which is now rural Suffolk, VA. She married Charlie Riddick Brinkley on 24 April 1907. They lived virtually their entire lives near Corapeake in Gates Co., NC. They were farmers. I have some personal recollections and comments on both of them later. She was a wonderful grandmother.

Olivia and Charlie Riddick Brinkley's three children were as follows:

William Arthur Brinkley, who was born and died on the same day, 28 November 1908. He would have been the oldest had he survived. He is buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery. I believe he is buried near his grandfather, Norman Brinkley, but I do not believe the grave site has a stone.

Norman Leon Brinkley who was my father.

Marguerite Brinkley



Olivia Brinkley, Carol and Marguerite (Brinkley) Saunders
about 1950.

THE NORMAN LEON BRINKLEY FAMILY

Norman Leon Brinkley

Norman Leon Brinkley was born on 9 December 1912 in Corapeake, Gates County, NC. Leon married Ethel Oretha Brinkley on 20 November 1936. They were married by Rev. R. E.

Brittle at the pastor's home near Suffolk. Rev. Brittle was the pastor of the Cypress Chapel Christian Church from 1928-1948 and had been a family friend for years. The ceremony was witnessed by Ethel's best friend, Thelma Johnson, and Leon's friend, Wesley Brinkley. Information about my mother and her family will be presented in Chapter 3. Leon and Ethel Brinkley's three children were:

Freddie Leon Brinkley

Donnie Payne Brinkley

Eddie Norwood Brinkley

Dad

I would like to write a few words about how I feel about my Dad. He is one of the people that I have always admired most, not just because he was my Dad, but because of strong character traits. He has always been thoughtful, kind, and a friend to a large number of people. He seemed to always love to do things for people. He has been totally dependable and totally honest in all his dealings. He never used strong language and did not drink. He is my idea of a good man and a wonderful character model for how people should live. I never heard anyone say an unkind word about him. He has lived his whole life without causing trouble for anyone. He has been a strong Christian and dedicated church worker ever since I remember, but he showed his faith mostly by the way he lived. After retiring from his job he became the general maintenance man for the Alexander Baptist Church. He put in many thousands of hours doing things that needed to be done and all without pay. There are some things that he could not or did not like to do. He never took jobs that required public speaking to large groups like teaching Sunday School or being a Deacon. Nor did he like to sing, so he was never in the Choir. But he was always there when there was work to be done. One of the things he did for many years was to organize trips for the Sunshine Club (Senior Citizens group) within the church. He took care of contracting for the bus, arranging the motels, planning the meal stops, arranging tickets for shows, collecting the money, and putting up with all the hassle that comes with doing things with a group. This was quite an accomplishment that involved a large number of hours over a long period of time. Mom and Dad probably have as many friends as anyone I have ever known.

Dad worked as an electrician for the Virginia Electric Power Company for most of his career. He worked in the "gang" for a number of years until he got enough seniority to move up to become a Serviceman. The "gang" is the crew that installs the electric power lines and poles. The Serviceman is the one that comes to fix the problem when you call the power company when you have trouble. Both are hard work and a bit dangerous. Dad loved his work and was very dedicated to it. Mom and we kids were always concerned when he was working and we had summer thunderstorms because we knew he would work in the worst of it in order to get electric service restored. He also worked shift work as long as I remember. Dad also always demonstrated great talent as a handyman. There never seemed to be anything he could not fix.

Having grown up on a farm he had outstanding ability as a gardener. He has always had a large garden with a large variety of vegetables. Most were the things associated with the south; corn, butter beans, tomatoes, okra, peppers, potatoes, spring salads, egg plant, onions, and of course collards. He also loved flowers and shrubs. He has maintained a picture perfect yard for many years. His lawn and flower beds are always beautiful. I am sure that I got my love for gardening from him. Mom always shared that love for plants and garden with him and shared all the work. They have been a good hard working team and wonderful parents.

The above three paragraphs were written before Dad died. This chapter has been the most difficult for me to deal with since he has been gone. I can hardly bring myself to deal with this collection since then. He was a wonderful father who is missed by his wife, children, and friends.

Mom and Dad moved from Nurney to Alexander Park in Portsmouth about the time World War II was ending and we lived there until 1954. They then bought their home at 3913 Kingman Ave. and lived there until May 1992 when Dad was too sick and Mom was unable to manage the place by themselves.

Dad and Mom have had multitudes of friends. Their friends have been wonderful in giving so much support to our family especially in the last couple of years. Our family will always be thankful for the neighbors and friends who have provided invaluable and loving support to us all.



Ethel and Leon Brinkley

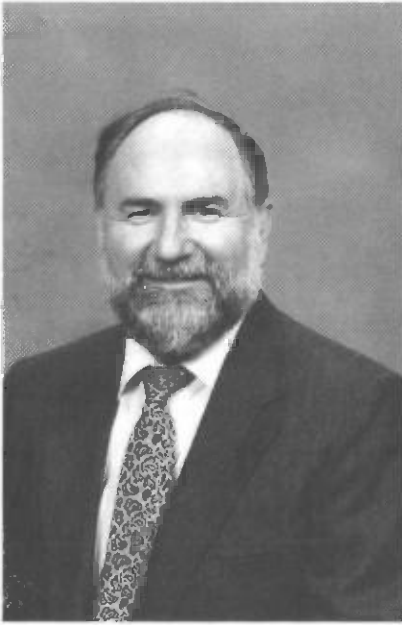
THE FREDDIE LEON BRINKLEY FAMILY

Freddie Leon Brinkley

Freddie (Fred) Leon Brinkley was born 8 June 1937 in Nansemond Co., VA. It was in the same house at Harrell Siding in which my mother was born. My parents lived in Portsmouth while I was an infant but moved to Babbtown Road at Nurney about 1940. I lived my early years in Nurney and started school at the Cypress Chapel School during the World War II years. I went into the third grade there. During that year the family moved back to Portsmouth. I went to Moffett Elementary and Alexander Park Junior High. I attended both Cradock and Wilson High Schools, but graduated from Wilson in 1955. The school change was a result of the family moving into the City of Portsmouth from Norfolk County. After working a couple of years as an Apprentice Electrician at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, I enrolled as a cooperative student at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. I majored in Electrical Engineering and graduated in 1962.

Upon finishing college I joined the National Security Agency (NSA) at Fort Meade, Maryland. I was an Electronic Engineer in the early part of my career and later became a Senior Executive. The NSA is not widely known nor its mission publicized because it is in the Intelligence Community of the United States. Most of the work is classified and cannot be revealed for reasons of national security. However, the nature of my work was to design, build, and/or acquire large complex electronic systems. Our family spent three years in Frankfurt, Germany on an assignment in the late 1960's and another year at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island from which I graduated in 1982. Our family has lived in the Glen Burnie and Pasadena areas of Maryland since 1962. Working for the government offered extensive opportunities to travel both in the US and overseas. My work has always been interesting, challenging, and very rewarding. I have no regrets at having had a career in government service. I retired on 28 February 1994 with more than 37 years of federal service.

I met my wife, Eleanor Ann Gurganus, during our senior year in high school. We were both members of the Wilson High School Band. She has written the following summaries for key things in her life (and mine too.) She also provided the sections about our daughters, Allison Gwyn Brinkley and Laura Jeanine Brinkley.



Freddie Leon Brinkley



Eleanor (Gurganus) Brinkley



Paul Samuel Gurganus



Marian (Castine) Gurganus

Eleanor Ann Gurganus

I was born on 3 December 1937 at the Kings Daughter Hospital (now Portsmouth General) in Portsmouth, VA. My parents were Paul Samuel Gurganus and Marian Elmore Castine.

Paul Samuel Gurganus

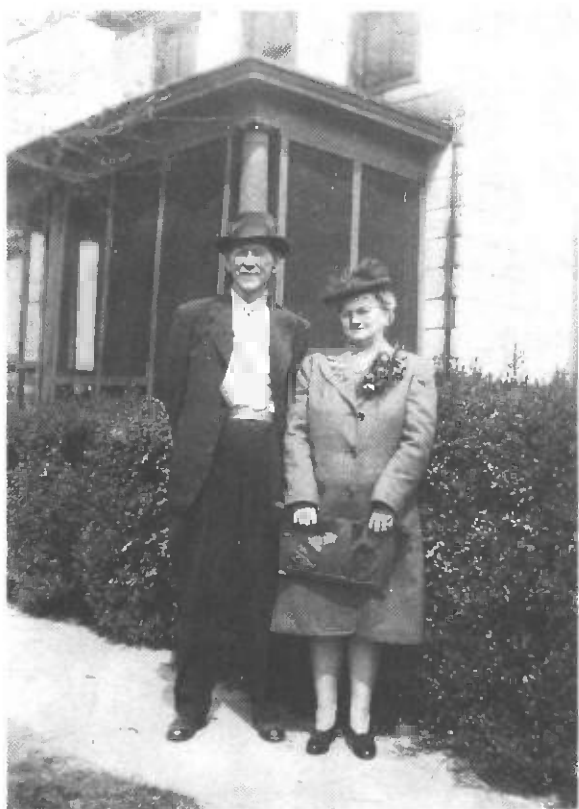
Paul Gurganus was born in Tarboro, North Carolina on 8 June 1906. He had worked in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard during World War II as a machinist, but for most of his life he was self employed as a trucker. He owned and operated trucks that hauled produce up and down the East Coast. At one time he also owned a Gulf Service Station in Portsmouth, but his real love was trucking. Paul died on 15 August 1986 in Portsmouth and is buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery. His father was James Henry (J.H.) Gurganus who was born on 12 September 1875 in Pitt County, NC. J. H. died on 1 March 1947 and is also buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. Paul's mother was Ida Magnolia Glisson. Ida was born 14 March 1877 near Hamilton, NC which is in Martin County. She died on 26 August 1975 in Arlington, VA and is buried in Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth.



James Henry and Ida (Glisson) Gurganus

Marian Elmore Castine

Marian Castine was born in Portsmouth, VA on 15 November 1911. She grew up in Portsmouth. She worked as the manager of the lunch counter in F. W. Woolworth stores on High Street in Portsmouth and downtown Norfolk for many years. She married Paul Gurganus on 29 June 1935 in Suffolk, VA. Marian's father was Samuel Castine. Samuel was born on 18 February 1876 in Pender (formerly New Hanover) County, NC. He died on 15 October 1949 in Portsmouth and is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery there. Marian's mother was Harriet (Hattie) Elmore White. Hattie was born in Woodville, NC on 27 January 1888. She died on 17 September 1967 in Portsmouth and is also buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery. As will be mentioned later Hattie's sister, Martha Caroline (Mattie) White, married David O. Brinkley (see Chapter 3).



Samuel and Hattie (White) Castine

To continue with some of my personal and family history, our family home was on North Elm Avenue in the Park View

section of Portsmouth. The elementary schools I attended were Ann Street and Cooke Street. During those years I took piano lessons, played in several piano recitals, was in the Girl Scouts, and attended the Park View Christian (Disciples) Church.

At Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth I participated in class level volleyball and badminton, played the French Horn in the school's concert and marching bands, and also belonged to the Tri-Hi-Y Club. At the beginning of my junior year, the family moved into our new home at 242 Cypress Road which was in Norfolk Co. at the time, but has since been annexed into Portsmouth City. I graduated from Wilson High School in 1955. While a senior in high school, I met Freddie L. Brinkley.

Fred and I were married on 27 December 1958 by our pastor, Rev. H. L. Tolbert, at the Alexander Park Baptist Church in Portsmouth. We were both members there.

Longwood College in Farmville, VA was my college of choice. I earned a BS Degree in Secondary Education there. My college work was completed in January 1959. My first teaching job was at Harry Hunt Junior High School in Portsmouth where I remained until moving to Blacksburg, VA in the summer of 1961 (Fred was completing work on his BS Degree in Electrical Engineering at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute). While living in Blacksburg (the 1961-1962 school year), I taught English to eighth graders at Pulaski High School in Pulaski, VA.

When Fred completed his degree in 1962 there was another move. This time "the house trailer" went along to Severn, MD. Fred was employed by NSA at Fort Meade, MD and I taught school in Anne Arundel County for almost 12 years at the following elementary schools: Severn, Overlook, Fort Smallwood, Maryland City, and Oakwood.

Our first daughter, Allison Gwyn Brinkley was born in 1960 at the Portsmouth General Hospital. In 1965 our second daughter, Laura Jeanine Brinkley, was born at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson, MD. At this time the family lived in Twin Coves in Glen Burnie, MD. We were in the first home we had owned at 7210 Judy Road.

In November 1967 our family left Maryland for a three year tour of duty (Fred's work) in Frankfurt, West Germany. While in Frankfurt, I took German language lessons, learned to bowl tenpins, and traveled extensively in Western Europe and the British Isles. The family camped extensively in the free countries

of western Europe. I visited West Berlin twice on sightseeing trips.

In December 1970 upon returning to Glen Burnie, MD, I continued my teaching career in A. A. County and also did graduate work at Towson State College and the University of Maryland.

Our family also returned to the Glen Burnie Baptist Church where we have been members since about 1964. This church has been important in our religious life. Our daughters were baptized and married there. At Glen Burnie Fred was also ordained a Deacon, taught Sunday School, and has served on a number of committees from time to time.

In 1974 our family moved to the second home we have owned at 1366 Lake Avenue in Pasadena. The family grew again--this time a pet dog named Chico. He was a mutt, a good dog and good companion. At this home we had a swimming pool constructed and the girls learned to swim. We all really enjoyed that pool. During this time we learned to square dance and joined the Swinging Squares Square Dance Club at Fort Meade, MD. We also bowled tenpins on the Glen Burnie Baptist Church Mixed League.

In 1980 I resigned my teaching position and took a deferred retirement. Since that time I have traveled in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. I have also enjoyed bowling in many leagues and in local, state, and national tournaments. I have worked in various fields: office work (accounts receivable), office manager, income tax preparation, and as a licensed financial services representative.

At this time in our life we look forward to a long and exciting retirement together...God willing. Watching our grandchildren grow, traveling, and enjoying family and friends are top priorities for us now.



Christmas 1993
(top row) Laura, Connor, and Bill Smoot, Allison and Donn
MacKenzie, Eleanor and Fred Brinkley
(front Row) Alex, Sarah and Emily Catalina

THE ALLISON GWYN (BRINKLEY) MACKENZIE FAMILY

Allison Gwyn Brinkley

Allison Gwyn Brinkley was born 25 January 1960 at the Portsmouth General Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. As an infant she lived in Portsmouth and in Blacksburg, VA. The family moved to Severn, MD in 1962, Glen Burnie, MD in 1964, and Pasadena, MD in 1974.

She was enrolled at the Odenton Day Nursery in Odenton, MD between 1962-1964 while Eleanor taught school. She also attended the Point Pleasant and Overlook Elementary Schools in Anne Arundel County, MD. From November 1967 until December 1970 she attended elementary school for US dependents in Frankfurt, West Germany. While there she was active in the Brownies and Girl Scouts. She earned the Girl Scouts Troops on Foreign Soil International Friendship Award. While stationed in Frankfurt the family traveled in Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, and San Marino on camping trips and to US Military recreational areas. Allison also went to Berlin on the US Duty Train with her mother and friends. She saw the Berlin Wall and other historic sights. While returning home from the duty in Frankfurt, we stopped in London, England for sightseeing and were fogged in at Heathrow Airport for a few days.

Upon return to Glen Burnie she attended Point Pleasant and Overlook Elementary, Marley Junior High and Chesapeake High School. While in high school, she was active in the high school chorus and in the Glen Burnie Baptist Church. She completed her high school graduation requirements in August 1977 (3 years). Since there was no graduation ceremony in the summer, she received her diploma from Chesapeake High School in Pasadena, MD with the class of 1978. She attended Towson State College from September 1977 through December of 1978.

On 25 August 1979 Allison married Jack Thomas Dale at the Glen Burnie Baptist Church in Glen Burnie, MD. Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Dale of Dunkirk, Indiana. Jack was serving in the US Coast Guard. They lived in Annapolis, MD. for a few months before they were transferred to Sitka, Alaska. They were divorced on 26 April 1982 in Sitka. Jack remained in the Coast Guard. They had no children.

In Alaska Allison was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician while serving as a volunteer with the Sitka Fire Department. She also worked for a local dentist and at the Sitka

Community Hospital. Upon returning to MD she attended the Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, MD.

Allison married Donn Hoge MacKenzie on 20 October 1984 in Kitsap Co., Washington. After marrying Donn they both went back to college and both graduated from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. He graduated in December 1987 and she in the Spring of 1988. Her BA Degree was in English with a minor in Political Science and his was in Political Science. After college they came back East. The first stop was in Radcliff, KY while Donn completed the Advanced Armor Officers School (US Army National Guard) at Fort Knox. Then they lived in the Annapolis and Pasadena areas of MD until 1991 when Donn's job in the cement industry took them to Albany, NY. In 1993 they moved to Chalfont, PA which is just outside Philadelphia. Allison has been working in accounting positions and Donn in the cement industry. Her present position is with the Doylestown Township in PA. She is also a Mary Kay beauty consultant in her spare time.



Allison (Brinkley) and Donn MacKenzie
1992

THE MACKENZIE FAMILY

Donn Hoge MacKenzie

Donn Hoge MacKenzie was born 1 October 1957 in Seattle, WA. Donn is the son of Donald Francis MacKenzie and Marion Rose Hoge. Donn has an older brother Jay MacKenzie and an older sister Marga (MacKenzie) Baeth. He grew up in the Seattle area and joined the US Coast Guard upon graduation from high school.

Donn served 4 years in the Coast Guard. He served aboard the USCG Munro for 18 months. After the Munro he was transferred to the USCG Air Station in Sitka, Alaska. Donn was a Medical Flight Corpsman and was involved in the medical evacuations for the fishing boats and rural villages throughout Southeast Alaska. After he left the Coast Guard, Donn served as an Emergency Medical Technician in Sitka.

Donn was active in the Alaska National Guard and was commissioned a 2ND LT on 31 March 1982. Donn left Sitka in January 1983 to attend the Infantry Officers Basic Course in Ft. Benning, GA.

After college and additional training at Ft. Knox, KY Allison and Donn moved to Maryland.

THE DONALD FRANCIS MACKENZIE FAMILY

Donald Francis MacKenzie

Donald (Don) MacKenzie was born on 21 September 1921 in Yakima, Washington. Don was a veteran of World War II. Don was drafted in 1940 and served as a Medical Services Officer. He served in the Army and Air Force. He stayed in the Air Force after World War II and also served in the Korean War. He left the service with the rank of Major. Don attended the University of Alabama and was in the business program. In civilian life he was a real estate broker and owned his own business. Donald died 20 December 1984 in Seattle, Washington. He is buried at the Riverview Cemetery in Seattle, WA. Don's father was Kenneth Francis MacKenzie.



Marion (Hoge) and Donald MacKenzie -October 1984

Kenneth Francis MacKenzie

Kenneth Francis MacKenzie was born in Scotland in the late 1880's. Kenneth came to the US at age three. His parents settled in Renton, Washington. Kenneth was a carpenter. His father was a coal mine carpenter. Kenneth is buried at the Riverview Cemetery in Seattle. Kenneth's wife was Retha Neimeyer.

Retha Neimeyer

Retha Neimeyer was born in the 1880's in the Washington Territories. Retha divorced Kenneth MacKenzie in the 1950's and was remarried to Cliff Robertson. Cliff was a carpenter. He died in 1965 and is buried at Riverview in Seattle, WA. They had no children. She died in about 1976 and is also buried at Riverview in Seattle.



(From left) Donald MacKenzie, Marga (MacKenzie) Baeth, Kim and Justin McMartin, Donn, Allison (Brinkley), Jay, and Marion (Hoge) MacKenzie -October 1984

THE MARION ROSE HOGE FAMILY

Marion Rose Hoge

Marion Rose Hoge was born 9 August 1920 in West Virginia. She graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in Nursing and was an Army Nurse during World War II. She married Donald MacKenzie on 7 November 1942 in Palm Springs, California. Two months after her marriage to Donald he was deployed to Ireland. He was also in the invading force for the Normandy Invasion. Donald was gone for almost three years before returning. As a 1st Lt. she was stationed at the Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, CA. Marion worked in the section that dealt with skin diseases of the tropics. They were doing research in penicillin and she became overexposed and developed an allergy to it. Marion and Don settled in the Seattle area and she worked in their real estate business. She continues to reside there and continues to be active in real estate on a part time basis. She is also an avid gardener. Marion's parents were Hallie Hickman and James Hoge.

Hallie Hickman

Hallie Hickman was from Back Creek, Bath Co., Virginia. Hallie was a social worker. She died in the 1970's in Ocean View, Virginia. She had had a stroke in her 50's and never recovered very well. She lived the later part of her life with her daughter Lula (Lou) Grey Keeter.

James Hoge

Marion's father was James Hoge. He was an attorney. He died in the 1920's under mysterious circumstances while the children were young. Children of the Hallie and James Hoge were:

Marion Rose Hoge

George Hoge. He was a chemistry professor at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. George died of a heart attack while in the lab at the college in 1962.

Lula Grey Hoge. Lou Grey married Charles Keeter. She currently lives in Virginia Beach. She has one son, Charles (Chase) Keeter who lives with her. She also has a daughter, Langford Keeter, who lives in New York.

This completes information on the MacKenzie Family.

THE LAURA JEANINE (BRINKLEY) SMOOT FAMILY

Laura Jeanine Brinkley

Laura Jeanine Brinkley was born 5 October 1965 at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson, MD.

At age two the family went to Frankfurt, West Germany for a three year tour of duty. While there Laura attended the Frankfurt Nursery School and traveled with the family. We had many camping trips to such places as Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, and San Marino. On our return trip to the US we stopped in London, England and did sightseeing there.

Laura attended the following schools in Anne Arundel Co., MD: Overlook, Fort Smallwood and Bodkin Elementary Schools; Windmill Point Middle School, and Chesapeake High School. She

graduated from Chesapeake High School in 1983 and was the manager of the Girls Field Hockey team that year.

For the 1981 school year we lived in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. She attended the Portsmouth High School for her junior year. She participated in track and field and was on the swimming team. She won a school letter for swimming. She also swam on the Newport Navy Blues Swim Team and won several ribbons. At Chesapeake High she was active in the Drama Club. She was in the freshman, sophomore, and senior class plays, and also in the Flower Drum Song that was performed by the Pasadena Players, a local drama group.

She attended the Livingston College of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. during 1983-1985. While at Rutgers she studied Russian language. After leaving college she joined the US Army and went to boot camp at Fort Jackson, SC between February and April 1986. She then completed the Russian Language Course at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA.

While serving in the Army, Laura married Thomas Stephen Catalina on 11 October 1986 in Pacific Grove, Monterey Co., California. Tom was also in the Army. Tom is the son of Maureen McNeill and Thomas Catalina of NY State. Laura resigned from the Army in order to be a homemaker and to raise their children. Laura and Tom Catalina had the following three children:

Sarah Magnolia Catalina

Sarah Magnolia Catalina was born on 26 November 1987 at Fort Ord, CA. She was born on Thanksgiving Day! Sarah's middle name is after Laura's great-grandmother Ida Magnolia Gurganus and her aunt, Nell Magnolia (Gurganus) Haskett.

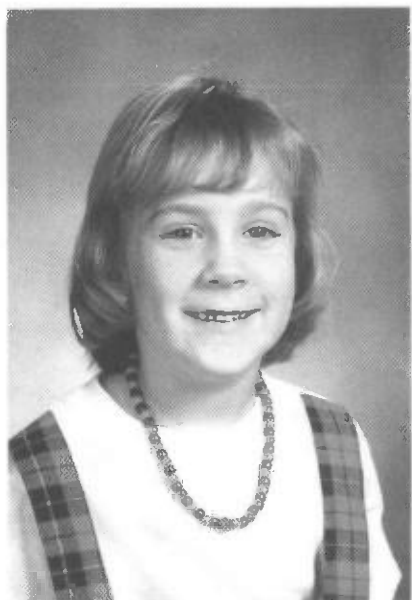
Emily Olivia Catalina

Emily Olivia Catalina, their little Valentine, was born 14 February 1989 also at Fort Ord, CA.

Alexander Thomas Catalina

Alexander (Alex) Thomas Catalina was born 14 April 1990 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Alex's birthday is our reminder to be sure our income tax returns are in the mail.

Children of Laura (Brinkley) Catalina Smoot



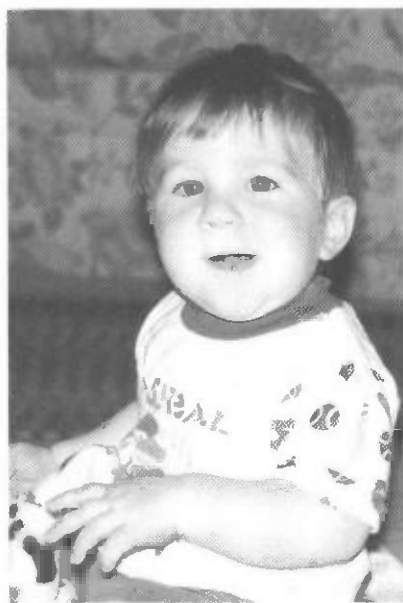
Sarah Magnolia Catalina



Emily Olivia Catalina



Alexander Thomas Catalina



William Connor Smoot

A description of the McNeill and Catalina Families follows. After which we will return to Laura Brinkley and her family.

THE CATALINA FAMILY

Francis Catalina

The earliest known Catalina of this family is Francis Catalina.³² He was born in Lithuania. When this family emigrated to the United States through Ellis Island, New York the name was changed from the original spelling of Katalinas to Catalina. It is not known exactly when this family came to this country. His wife was Anna. Their six children were Priscilla, John, Peter, Francis, Louise and Ida Catalina.

John Catalina

John Catalina was born in Lithuania. He married Beatrice Hough. This family settled in the New York City area. John Catalina died in August 1987 and is buried in Canaan, NY. Beatrice (Hough) Catalina was born in 1913 and died 5 January 1965.



Beatrice (Hough) and John Catalina
with grandson Thomas S. Catalina

Beatrice Hough was the daughter of Michael and Ann (Keane) Hough. Michael was born in Tipperary, Ireland. He died 23 December 1955. Ann Keane was born in Kerry, Ireland on 11 November 1875. She died 25 June 1956.

Children of John and Beatrice Catalina were John, Thomas and Jeanne Catalina.

John Catalina

John Catalina was born 31 December 1938. He was christened at the Annunciation Church on Old Broadway. He married Kathleen Carerio. Their children were:

John Catalina

Kevin Catalina

Kelly Catalina

Jeffrey Catalina

Thomas F. Catalina

Thomas Francis Catalina was born 5 November 1941 in New York. Thomas was christened at Corpus Christi Church, NYC. He married Maureen McNeill.



Thomas Francis Catalina

Thomas F. and Maureen (McNeill) Catalina had three children as follows:

Thomas Stephen Catalina. Tom was born 20 October 1959 and was christened at Corpus Christi Church, NYC. He married Laura Jeanine Brinkley but they divorced in August 1990. Tom is in the US Army where he is a Physicians Assistant in the Special Forces.

Valerie Jean Catalina was born 25 August 1960. She was christened at Corpus Christi Church. In January 1978 she married Robert Johnson. They divorced. On 10 March 1984 she married Bradley Downs. Valerie has two children, Jennifer and Justin.

Michael John Catalina was born 11 February 1963. He was also christened at Corpus Christi Church.

Thomas F. and Maureen (McNeill) Catalina have divorced.



(From left) Valerie, Michael, Thomas S., and Maureen (McNeill)
Catalina

Jeanne Catalina

Jeanne Catalina was born 23 March 1945 in New York. She was christened at the Corpus Christi Church. On 13 February 1965 she married Ronald Weir who was born 8 March 1944. Their five children are as follows:

Christopher Weir was born 1 June 1966

David Weir was born 25 June 1968

Mark Weir was born 12 May 1972

Stephen Weir was born 30 May 1973

Elizabeth Weir was born 19 October 1976

THE McNEILL FAMILY

Family tradition says that the earliest McNeill of this family was a Scotch Sea Captain who married a Spanish woman from Barcelona, Spain. They migrated to Ireland. They had a son, William.

William McNeill

William McNeill was born in Cork, Ireland. He married Mary Elizabeth Leary who was also born in Cork. They had a son, Lawrence.



Lawrence McNeill



Lawrence, Lorraine
(McNeill) Dunton, Mary
(Scully) McNeill

Lawrence McNeill

Lawrence McNeill was born 17 January 1903 on Old Broadway, New York. He was christen at the Annunciation Catholic Church. He died 4 July 1977 and is buried in Calvery Cemetery. On 28 January 1923 he married Mary Scully at the Holy Name Church on 96th Street, New York City.

Mary Scully was born 13 August 1902 in New York. She was the daughter of Charles and Mary Catherine (McCarthy) Scully. Charles Scully was born in Cork, Ireland. Mary Catherine McCarthy, was born in Ross Common, Ireland. Mary Catherine died when her daughter, Mary, was only nine years old. Charles died when Mary was 18.

Lawrence and Mary (Scully) McNeill had eight children: Veronica, Nora, Madeline and Agnes (twins), Lorraine, Dolores, Lawrence, and Maureen McNeill.



(From left) Maureen, Lorraine, Nora, Lawrence, and Dolores McNeill

Veronica McNeill

Veronica McNeill who was born 29 November 1924. She was christened at the Holy Name Church, 96th Street, New York City. She married Otto F. Gerkensteimer. They had two daughters, Caroline and Maureen Gerkensteimer. Veronica died in a fire on 15 January 1977. She is buried in Freehold, New Jersey.

Nora McNeill

Nora McNeill was born 2 February 1925. She was christen at the Holy Name Church. She married James O'Connell. He was also born in New York and was baptized at the Good Shepherd Parish, 207th Street, New York City. They had one son, James O'Connell.

Madeline and Agnes McNeill

Madeline and Agnes McNeill (twins) were born 22 September 1926. They were baptised in Maspeth, Long Island, New York. They died at age six months of dysentary and are buried at Calvery Cemetery.

Lorraine McNeill

Lorraine McNeill was born 22 October 1930. She was christened on Long Island, New York. She married Robert Dunton. They have two children: Deborah and Robert Dunton.

Dolores McNeill

Dolores McNeill was born 26 February 1936. She was christened at the Annunciation Church, 131st Street, NYC. She married Parker R. Small. He died in November 1988. They had six children: Mary, Susan, Patrick, Theresa, John, and Doreen Small.

Lawrence McNeill

Lawrence McNeill was born 18 May 1938. He was baptised at the Annunciation Church. He married Joanne O'Brien. They have two children: Lawrence and Brian McNeill.

Maureen McNeill

Maureen McNeill was born 16 June 1942. She was christened at the Annunciation Church, NYC. On 4 July 1959 she married Thomas Francis Catalina at the Ascension Church, NYC. They are divorced. Maureen resides on Long Island, at Holbrook, New York.

We now return to Laura (Brinkley) and Tom Catalina. Laura and Tom Catalina were divorced on 3 August 1990 in San Antonio, Texas.



Maureen McNeill with grandchildren
Alexander, Emily and Sarah Catalina

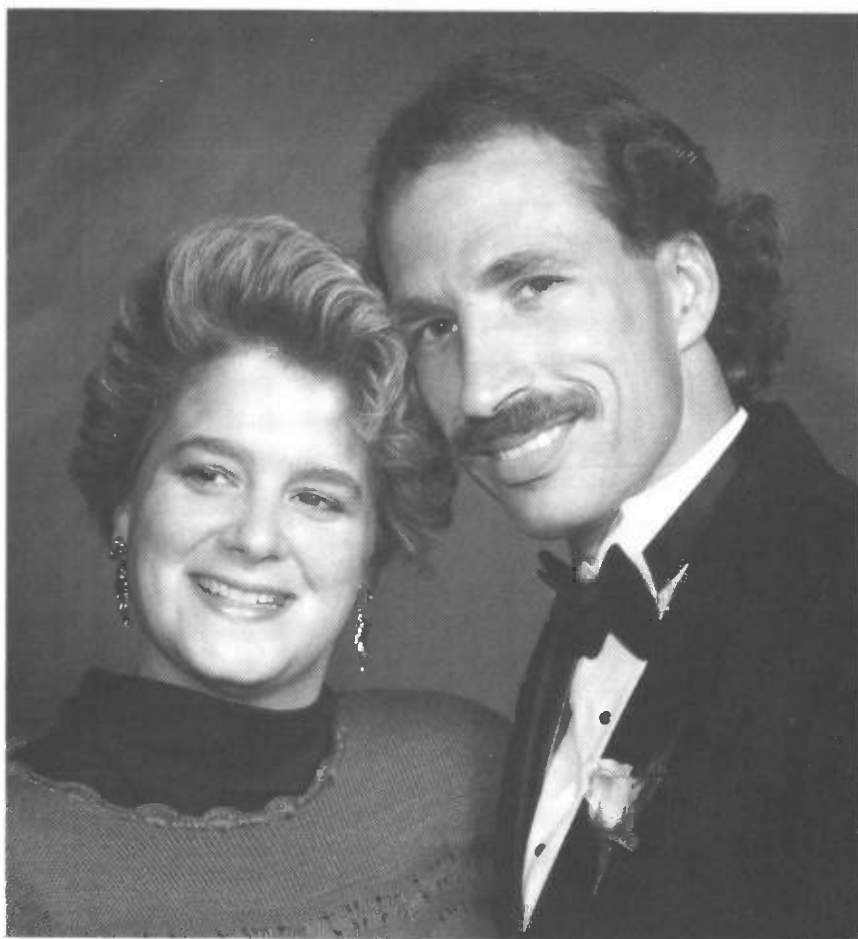
On 2 May 1992 at the Glen Burnie Baptist Church in Glen Burnie, Maryland the Rev. Woods Culpepper married Laura Brinkley and William Arden Smoot.

In addition to being a member at Glen Burnie, she also was employed as the assistant secretary in the church office prior to going to college full time. Laura has earned an AA Degree in General Studies and is nearing completion of her Associate Degree of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology at the Anne Arundel Community College.

THE SMOOT FAMILY

William Arden Smoot

William (Bill) Arden Smoot is the son of Margaret and Jerome Kendall Smoot. Bill was born 6 March 1961 in Annapolis, MD. During his youth, Bill was active in gymnastics, track, basketball, baseball and football. He is now an avid golfer. He received his AA Degree in Accounting in May 1994 from the Anne Arundel Community College. He is employed by the McDonnell Douglas Company at the NASA Facility in Greenbelt, MD in an accounting position. Bill has also worked extensively in the building trades and is a very skilled carpenter. Laura and Bill Smoot reside in Pasadena, MD. Laura and Bill have one son, William Connor.



Laura (Brinkley) and William Arden Smoot

William Connor Smoot

William Connor Smoot was born 4 September 1993 at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson, Baltimore Co., MD. Connor and his mother were both born in the same hospital.

We will now go to the earliest known Smoot ancestor and describe his family.



Homer Smoot, Saint Louis Cardinal

Homer Smoot

Homer Smoot was probably born in the 1870-1880's in Maryland. He graduated from Washington College on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1902. Homer was a professional baseball player. He played centerfield for the Saint Louis Cardinals in the

early 1900's. As a lefthand hitter, he had a lifetime batting average of 313 which is very good in any era. He married Geneva Gordy. Homer is buried on the Eastern Shore, probably in Dorchester County, MD. Homer and Geneva had a son, Roger Lee Smoot.



Roger Lee Smoot, Sr.

Roger Lee Smoot, Sr.

Roger Lee Smoot, Sr. was born 6 November 1905 in Galestown, Dorchester Co., MD. He graduated from Washington College in MD. Roger like his father also played professional baseball as a utility player in the New York Giants farm system. He did not play in the major leagues. Roger was a scientist for a chemical company. He married Ida Carolyn Friese. She was born 7 February 1903 in Garrett Co., MD. Her parents were Lizzie Tusing and Bernard Friese. Ida graduated from Alderson-Broadhurst College. She was a school teacher in Glen Burnie, MD at the Richard Henry Lee Elementary School. Roger died in August 1948. Ida died on 16 January 1981. They are both buried at the Glen Haven Cemetery, Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel Co., MD. Their three children were Roger Jr., Geneva, and Jerome Smoot.



Ida (Friese) Smoot

Roger Lee Smoot, Jr

Roger Lee Smoot, Jr. was born 22 April 1930 in Pittsburgh, PA. He was graduated from Washington College in 1956. He was a chemist. Roger married Polly Taylor of Philadelphia. Roger died on 22 December 1979. He is buried in Newark, Delaware.

Geneva Eloise Smoot

Geneva Eloise Smoot was born 24 July 1931 in Pittsburgh, PA. She married Francis Lee Burgess, Jr. He was born in Baltimore, MD. Francis died in April 1981 and is buried at the Glen Haven Cemetery, Glen Burnie, MD. Geneva resides in Ferndale, MD.

Jerome Kendall Smoot, Sr.

Jerome (Jerry) Kendall Smoot, Sr. was born 19 April 1935 in Pasadena, Anne Arundel Co., MD. Jerry's career was as a construction designer with the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. from which he retired in 1994.



Margaret (Parsons) and Jerome Smoot

Jerry married Margaret (Peggy) Ann Parsons. Peggy and Jerry have four children: Jerome Jr., William, Lori, and Steven Smoot.



(Top row)
William A. and Jerome Jr.
(Bottom)
Lori and Steven Smoot

Jerome Kendall Smoot, Jr.

Jerome Kendall Smoot, Jr. was born 29 February 1960 in Anne Arundel Co., MD.

William Arden Smoot

William Arden Smoot and his family are described above.

Lori Carolyn Smoot

Lori Carolyn Smoot was born 28 February 1962 in Anne Arundel Co., MD. Lori married Andrew David Snyder, Sr. on 19 October 1985. They have four children; Andrew Jr., Matthew, Emily, and Mary Catherine Snyder.

Andrew David Snyder, Jr. was born 10 December 1986 in Baltimore, MD.

Matthew William Snyder was born 12 July 1988 in Munich, Germany.

Emily Ann Snyder was born 26 March 1990 in Bad Aibling, Germany.

Mary Catherine Snyder was born 30 March 1992 in Baltimore, MD.

Steven Eric Smoot, Sr.

Steven Eric Smoot, Sr. was born 13 January 1966 in Anne Arundel Co., MD. He and Kathleen Henry of Glen Burnie, MD have the following two children.

Steven Eric Smoot, Jr. was born 16 April 1990.

Melissa Jane Smoot was born 22 January 1992. This was the same day her great-grandfather, William Henry Parsons, died.

We go now to the maternal side of William Arden Smoot's family, the Parsons.



The Parsons Family

(Front row, from left) Ronald David, William Henry, Jennie (Havener), Audrey Arlene, Margaret Ann, Sally Marie, Doris Louise, and Robert Dean Parsons.

(Back row) Arden Lee, Morris Wayne, Samuel, Gary Paul and Larry Norman Parsons.

THE PARSONS FAMILY

Samuel Parsons

Samuel Parsons was born about 1850 in Plymouth, England. His wife, Anna Mason, was also born in Plymouth, England, probably about the same time. It is not known exactly when they came to America, but it was in the 1800's. They settled in Pennsylvania. She died in May and he in September 1937. They are both buried in Johnstown, PA. One of their children was William Henry Parsons.

William Henry Parsons

William Parsons was born on 7 December 1900 in Latrobe, PA. He was a painter. He died 22 January 1992 in Glen Burnie, MD and is buried in the Meadowridge Cemetery, Howard Co., MD. William Parsons married Jennie Marie Havener on 13 May 1922.

Jennie Marie Havener

Jennie Marie Havener was born in Windber, PA on 20 February 1905. Jennie's parents were Cevilla Hershberger Fye and Alfred Adam Havener.

Cevilla Fye was born 17 May 1883 in Elton, PA. Cevilla's parents were Mary Hershberger and Henry Fye. They were from Pennsylvania, but the town is not known. Cevilla Fye died in 1962 and is buried in Johnstown, PA. Cevilla's husband, Alfred Havener, was born 6 October 1883 in Altoona, PA.

Jennie has been a full time homemaker and mother. Jennie and William Parsons had 13 children one of whom was Bill's mother, Margaret Ann Parsons. All the children and their birth dates were as listed below. The children down to the twins were all born in Johnstown, PA. Samuel and Sally were born in Linthicum, MD and Larry and Gary were born in Severn, MD.

Robert Dean Parsons, 23 August 1923.

William Henry Parsons, Jr., 15 November 1924.

Morris Wayne Parsons, 9 June 1927.

Audrey Arlene Parsons, 20 October 1929.

Ethyl Jean Parsons, 18 May 1931.

Doris Louise Parsons, 20 January 1933.

Ronald David Parsons, 6 April 1935.

Margaret Ann Parsons, see below.

Arden Lee Parsons, 17 June 1939.

Samuel Kenneth Parsons, twin, 22 January 1942.

Sally Marie Parsons, twin, 22 January 1942.

Larry Norman Parsons, twin, 24 July 1944.

Gary Paul Parsons, twin, 24 July 1944.

Margaret Ann Parsons

Margaret (Peggy) Parsons was born 31 July 1937 in Johnstown, PA. Peggy grew up and has lived most of her life in the Glen Burnie area of MD. She has been a homemaker as well as done a variety of work: Bank Teller, Post Office Worker, and other things. The children of Peggy and Jerry Smoot and their families were described above.

We now return to the immediate family of Norman Leon and Ethel Brinkley.

THE DONNIE PAYNE BRINKLEY FAMILY

Donnie Payne Brinkley

Donnie (Don) Payne Brinkley was born on 11 June 1939 in Portsmouth, VA. Donnie grew up in Portsmouth. He graduated from Wilson High School. After high school (the very next day) Don joined the US Air Force and served a tour as an aircraft electrician. Most of his tour was here in the US, but he did get to go to Africa to participate in the crisis relating to the Belgium Congo. He has interesting stories to tell about his experience there. After the Air Force he worked for the Portsmouth Gas Company. However, most of his career has been in the wholesale business for heating and air conditioning equipment in Richmond, Virginia.

Don married Edna Charlotte Ingram on 1 December 1961 at the Alexander Baptist Church. Charlotte was born on 1 December 1942 in Portsmouth, VA. She is the daughter of Russell and Rachel Alford Ingram. Charlotte has worked in a variety of office situations. She has proven to be a very capable office manager.

Charlotte and Don Brinkley have one daughter.



Charlotte (Ingram) and Don Brinkley

Donna Lynn Brinkley

Donna Lynn Brinkley was born on 18 February 1965 in Portsmouth, VA. Donna grew up in the Chesterfield area near Richmond, VA. She graduated from a Christian High School and also graduated from a Business School. She is employed by the Virginia State Teacher's Union in Richmond.



Donna Lynn Brinkley



Don in the Air Force

THE EDDIE NORWOOD BRINKLEY FAMILY

Eddie Norwood Brinkley

Eddie (Ed) Norwood Brinkley was born on 19 September 1941 in Nansemond Co., VA. at home on Babbtown Road near Nurney Siding. Ed grew up in Portsmouth.³³ He attended the Moffett and Westhaven Elementary Schools, Harry Hunt Jr. High, and graduated from Wilson High School in 1960. At Wilson he was on the track and wrestling teams. He also attended the Virginia Bible School in Norfolk, Virginia for a year and the Mckenzie Business College in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Ed was drafted into the US Army on 6 June 1965 and served a tour during the Viet Nam War. SP-4 Brinkley was a Field Medic. He spent a year in Pleiku, Viet Nam which is in the central highlands. He never discusses those experiences very

much. But they no doubt left lasting impressions. He developed Plasmodium Vivax Malaria during the war and spent a month in the Camp Zama Army Hospital in Japan and then several years afterwards battling the disease with stays in the Portsmouth Naval Hospital and the Veterans Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. He did recover quite well. After the Army, he settled down as a member of the security force at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. He resides in Newport News. Ed was always the practical jokester of the family and is still good at it.

Ed married Cheryl Sue Collins on 24 September 1974 at the Alexander Baptist Church in Portsmouth. Rev. H. L. Tolbert conducted the ceremony. Cheryl was born on 4 October 1948 at the Lake View Hospital in Danville, Illinois. She is the daughter of Naomi Virginia Morgan and David Woodrow Collins. They have one son. They were divorced in December 1981.



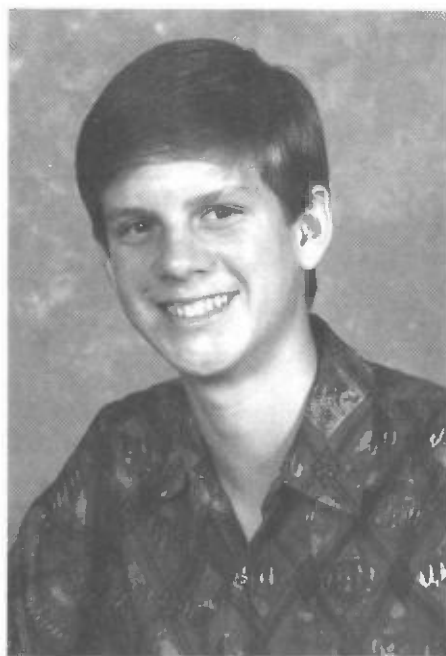
Eddie and Cheryl (Collins)
Brinkley

Joseph Scott Brinkley

Joseph (Joey) Scott Brinkley was born 14 January 1979 in Newport News, VA. He lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia with his mother, Cheryl Carlson. Richard D. Carlson whom she married in 1982 died in April 1993. Joey is an avid soccer player having played since he was 5 years old. He also plays football in a local league. Joey and his dad are both members of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Yorktown, VA. Joey was baptized by Rev. Dale Coffey on 8 September 1991.



Eddie Norwood Brinkley



Joseph Scott Brinkley

THE MARGUERITE (BRINKLEY) SAUNDERS FAMILY

Marguerite Brinkley

Marguerite Brinkley was born in Corapeake, NC on 10 April 1920. She grew up in Corapeake, but has lived in or near Elizabeth City, NC. most of her adult life where she owns and operates a motel. Marguerite married Carroll (Jelly) Stokes Saunders. He was born 23 September 1923 in Perquimans Co., NC. Carroll died 25 April 1964 and is buried in Elizabeth City. He was a businessman and was involved in many different types of enterprises. As a teenager, I enjoyed spending several weeks with Marguerite and Jelly during several summer vacations.

Carroll was the son of Mae Green and Herman Stokes Saunders. Mae and Herman divorced when Carroll was about a year old. Mae ran a tourist home and antique business in Elizabeth City for many years. Herman worked on a boat in the Hampton Roads area. Herman died on 24 December (?) Mae died after 1974. Marguerite and Carroll Saunders had three children Charles Donovan, Samuel Green, and Roxanne Saunders.



Marguerite (Brinkley)
Saunders

THE CHARLES DONOVAN SAUNDERS FAMILY

Charles Donovan Saunders

Charles Donovan (Don) Saunders was born 29 September 1944 in Elizabeth City, NC. Don completed his BS, MS, and Educational Specialist Degrees at the Appalachian State College in Boone, NC.³⁴ He married Cynthia Hefner, but they have divorced. They had two daughters:

Tiffany Lynn Saunders who was born 19 May 1971. Tiffany lives in Lakeland, FL.

Kristen Leigh Saunders who was born 5 April 1974. On 11 June 1994 Kristen married Larry Henke. They live outside Memphis, TN.

Don was married to Martha Jill Carey on 12 April 1987 at her parents home in Alamance Co., NC. Don and Jill make their home in Boone, NC where he is the Principal at the Green Valley Elementary School. Jill is a homemaker and is also nearing completion of her college degree. Don and Jill have one daughter.

Marguerite Noelle (Maggie) Saunders was born on 24 December 1989.

Martha Jill Carey

Martha Jill Carey was born on 15 October 1952 in Burlington, Alamance Co., NC. Her mother was Lillian Mae Faulkner who was born on 18 July 1913 and died on 9 April 1993. Her father was Thea Otis Carey who was born 13 July 1907 and died on 6 January 1984. They are both buried at the United Church of Christ, Longs Chapel, Alamance Co., NC. Jill has three daughters by a prior marriage in which her husband died.

THE SAMUEL GREEN SAUNDERS FAMILY

Samuel Green Saunders

Samuel (Sam) Green Saunders was born on 29 August 1950 in Elizabeth City, NC.³⁵ He married Patricia Diane Averill. Pat was born on 20 February 1951. Sam works in the building trades and they live in the Elizabeth City Area. They have two sons:

Samuel Arron Saunders was born 29 January 1982.

Nathan Caroll Saunders was born 19 May 1983.



Sam and Marguerite
Saunders

THE ROXANNE (SAUNDERS) PERDOMINO FAMILY

Roxanne Saunders

Roxanne Saunders was born 18 February 1956. She married Lazaro G. (Willie) Perdomino on 18 May 1983. Roxanne is a respiratory therapist. Willie is a salesman. They live in Ashland, VA. They have one child.

William Caroll Perdomino was born 5 December 1987.

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD CEMOND BRINKLEY

Richard Cemond Brinkley

Richard Cemond Brinkley was born on 29 December 1882 in Nansemond Co., VA and died 4 October 1952.³⁶ He married Sallie Cooper Whitehorne who was born in Southampton Co., VA. She was the daughter of Kate Ozella Grizzard and Latinus Cooper Whitehorne. She died 18 February 1957. They both are buried in Norfolk, VA. Children of Sallie and Richard Brinkley were:

Lillian Eva Brinkley

Marvin Hubert Brinkley

Margaret Carter Brinkley

Katie Lee Brinkley

Richard Cemond Brinkley, Jr.

Vernon Newell Brinkley

THE LILLIAN EVA (BRINKLEY) SATCHWELL FAMILY

Lillian Eva Brinkley

Lillian Eva Brinkley was born in Norfolk Co., VA on 22 December 1909. On 15 November 1941 she married Richard Williams Satchwell. He was born 15 February 1900 in Yeatesville, NC. He died on 20 October 1944 and is buried in Norfolk, VA. Richard was the son of Charles Benjamin and Eva Louise Williams Satchwell. Children of Lillian and Richard Satchwell were as follows:

Richard William Satchwell who was born on 27 December 1942 in Norfolk, VA.

Sara Elizabeth Satchwell who was born on 3 August 1944 in Norfolk Co., VA. She married William Louis Cornett.

THE MARVIN HUBERT BRINKLEY FAMILY

Marvin Hubert Brinkley

Marvin Hubert Brinkley was born on 20 July 1911 in Norfolk Co., VA. On 9 September 1933 he married Florine Mathias. Marvin died on 11 July 1964. Florine separated from Marvin before his death and remarried. Florine and Marvin Brinkley had two children.

Earl Brinkley. I remember Earl from my teenage days, but I could not put the family connection together at that time.

Peggy Brinkley

THE MARGARET CARTER (BRINKLEY) CHANDLER FAMILY

Margaret Carter Brinkley

Margaret Carter Brinkley was born on 16 May 1913 in Norfolk Co., VA. She married Irwin Darden on 26 July 1931. She died on 18 August 1986. Children of Margaret and Irwin Darden were:

Irwin Lee Darden

William B. Darden

Margaret Brinkley's second husband was Harold Lee Chandler, Sr. Harold died 15 February 1976. Their children were:

Susan Chandler who married a Creef.

Cathy Chandler who married a Maples.

THE KATIE LEE (BRINKLEY) EDMONDSON FAMILY

Katie Lee Brinkley

Katie Lee Brinkley was born on 1 December 1914 in Norfolk Co., VA. She married William Sherman Dearing on 30 October 1935. Sherman died in an airplane crash on 23 May 1936.³⁷ Their child was Ann Dearing.

Ann Dearing

Ann Dearing was born 3 October 1936. I believe Ann married and had children, but no additional data is available.

Katie Lee Brinkley's second husband was Rudolph Edmondson. The child of Katie and Rudolph Edmondson was:

Rudolph Allen Edmondson

Rudolph Allen Edmondson was born on 20 September 1943.



Cousins
(From left) Katie Lee and Evelyn Brinkley
and friend Inez

THE RICHARD CEMOND BRINKLEY, JR. FAMILY

Richard Cemond Brinkley, Jr.

Richard Cemond Brinkley, Jr. was born on 2 September 1916 in Norfolk Co., VA. He died on 16 January 1983. Richard married Elizabeth Muriel Johnston who was born on 12 November 1919. She was the daughter of Wilton C. and Fannie Matt Taylor Johnston. They had two daughters:

Betty Jean (Brinkley) Jones

Betty Jean Brinkley was born 14 June 1941. She married Virgil Gordon Jones on 19 March 1960. Virgil was born on 17 July 1939. Children of Betty and Virgil Jones were as follows:

Virgil Gordon Jones, Jr. who was born 14 August 1965.

Mark Allen Jones who was born on 24 February 1970.

Jean Elizabeth Brinkley

She was born on 17 August 1950. Jean was retarded from birth and died in early adulthood. In spite of all the family could do to help, she was never able to walk or talk.

THE VERNON NEWELL BRINKLEY FAMILY

Vernon Newell Brinkley

Vernon Newell Brinkley was born on 4 October 1918 in Norfolk Co., VA. He married Bernice Morgan Doughtie on 24 August 1940. They had children, but no additional information is available.

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD HURLEY BRINKLEY

Edward Hurley Brinkley

Edward Hurley Brinkley was born, raised, and married in Nansemond Co., VA.³⁸ Birth and death dates are 11 October 1884 and 10 February 1963. On 28 March 1908 he married Addie Estelle Jones who was born on 4 November 1886 in Gates Co., NC. She died 30 May 1960. They are both buried at Cypress Chapel Church Cemetery. She was the daughter of Richard and Emma Savage Jones. Their children were as follows:

William Ray Brinkley

Horace Brinkley

Mary Edith Brinkley

Emma Julia Brinkley

Arthur Woodrow Brinkley

Addie Marie Brinkley

Virginia Brinkley

Frances Brinkley was born 26 April 1925 in Nansemond Co., VA and she died 26 May 1926.

Edward Hurley Brinkley, Jr.

WILLIAM RAY BRINKLEY

William Ray Brinkley

William Ray was born 3 February 1909 in Nansemond Co., VA. He died 8 November 1979. He is buried in Plymouth, NC. He was married twice; first to Doris Lewis on 20 December 1945, and later to Myrtle Hopkins on 23 February 1968. Neither marriage produced children.

HORACE BRINKLEY

Horace Brinkley was born on 24 April 1911 in Nansemond Co., VA. Horace never married. He remained on the old home place and farmed. Horace died 20 January 1972.

THE MARY EDITH (BRINKLEY) HOLLAND FAMILY

Mary Edith Brinkley

Mary Edith Brinkley was born 20 July 1912 in Nansemond Co., VA. She married Chanin L. Holland. Chanin was born 7 May 1917 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He died in 1988 and is buried in Boca Raton, Fla. The children of Mary Edith and Chanin Holland and their families are as follows:

Charlie Edward Holland was born 7 May 1937 in Nansemond Co. He married Betty Riddick on 30 August 1957.

Virginia Lucille Holland was born 27 August 1938 in Nansemond Co. She married John Beach on 1 December 1962.

Jacqueline Joyce Holland was born on 2 April 1940 in Nansemond Co. She married John Clark on 1 October 1966.

Chanin Leroy Holland was born on 9 July 1943 in Suffolk. He married Marlene Bateman.

Richard Norman Holland was born on 21 October 1944 in Suffolk. He married Marcia Winters on 27 May 1967.

Thomas Sherrell Holland was born 21 September 1945 in Suffolk. He married Anita Hicks on 19 March 1967.

To continue with the children of Hurley and Estelle Brinkley...

EMMA JULIE BRINKLEY

Emma Julie Brinkley was born 10 September 1914 in Nansemond Co., VA. She was married three times, but there were no children from these marriages. Her husbands were Lazarus Brock, Junius King, and Sam Glover in that order.

THE ARTHUR WOODROW BRINKLEY FAMILY

Arthur Woodrow Brinkley

Arthur Woodrow Brinkley was born 15 September 1916 in Nansemond Co., VA. He married Lillian Pittard. Their children were as follows:

Betty Sue Brinkley

Carolyn Faye Brinkley

ADDIE MARIE BRINKLEY

Addie Marie Brinkley was born on 9 July 1919 in Nansemond Co., VA. She never married. She continued to live and farm on the old home place with her brother Horace.

THE VIRGINIA LUCILLE (BRINKLEY) OUTLAW FAMILY

Virginia Lucille Brinkley

Virginia Lucille Brinkley was born 6 April 1921 in Nansemond Co., VA. On 5 February 1944 she married Herman Clifton Outlaw who was born 11 October 1917 in Perquimans Co., NC. Their children were Marvin Clifton, Brenda Darlene, and June Gayle Outlaw.

Marvin Clifton Outlaw

Marvin Clifton Outlaw was born 7 January 1945 in Suffolk, VA. He married Beverly Jean Sharpe on 4 April 1966. She was born on 18 August 1945 in Portsmouth, VA. Marvin died 16 April 1991. Their children were as follows:

Beverly Kristen Outlaw who was born on 30 June 1969 in Portsmouth, VA.

David Clifton Outlaw who was born 7 June 1973 in Portsmouth, VA. David died 21 March 1988.

Brenda Darlene (Outlaw) Duke

Brenda Darlene Outlaw was born on 8 June 1949 in Suffolk, VA. She married a Manning, but his name is not available. They have divorced. Their child was:

Stephanie Darlene Manning who was born 17 September 1975 in Durham, NC.

Brenda Outlaw's second marriage was to Joseph H. Duke on 21 March 1981. Joseph was born 21 July 1941.

June Gayle (Outlaw) Bailey

June Gayle Outlaw was born 29 June 1955 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Richard Bailey on 14 March 1978. Their children were as follows:

Richard Travis Bailey who was born on 4 September 1979 in Suffolk, VA.

Eric Ryan Bailey who was born on 25 August 1981 also in Suffolk, VA.

THE EDWARD HURLEY BRINKLEY, JR. FAMILY

Edward Hurley Brinkley, Jr.

Edward Hurley Brinkley, Jr. was born on 12 November 1926 in Nansemond Co., VA. He married Dorothy Courtney on 14 July 1945. Their child was Patricia Ann Brinkley.

Patricia Ann (Brinkley) Sawyer

Patricia Ann Brinkley was born 29 October 1946. Patricia married Raymond Edwin Sawyer on 25 January 1969. He was born 30 December 1936. Their children are:

Keith Brinkley Sawyer who was born on 25 July 1971.

Mark Jenkins Sawyer who was born on 17 November 1974.

DESCENDANTS OF NORMAN KNIGHT BRINKLEY

Norman Knight Brinkley

Norman Knight Brinkley was born on 21 November 1886 in Nansemond Co., VA.³⁹ He married Elizabeth Parker in 1916 in Portsmouth, VA. Their children were Evelyn and Norman Knight Brinkley, Jr. After Elizabeth's death, Norman married Hortense Hackney. Norman and Hortense did not have children together.

EVELYN (BRINKLEY) DENNIS FAMILY

Evelyn Brinkley

Evelyn Brinkley was born on 30 November 1917.⁴⁰ She married Karl C. Dennis on 15 January 1934 in West Norfolk, VA. The child of Evelyn and Karl Dennis is Karl Dennis, Jr.

Karl C. Dennis , Jr.

Karl C. Dennis, Jr. was born 24 February 1944. He married Jennifer Gay in 1965. They had no children. They divorced.

Karl's second wife was Kay Howell. They married in 1973. Their child is Karl C. Dennis, III. He was born 20 September 1974. Karl and Kay also divorced.

Karl's third wife is Joyce Moreland. They were married 3 June 1989.

NORMAN KNIGHT BRINKLEY, JR.

Norman Knight Brinkley, Jr.

Norman Knight Brinkley, Jr. was born 30 December 1921. He married Eloise Lilley. I believe Eloise died in March 1992. Children of Norman and Eloise Brinkley are as follows:

Janet Glover Brinkley who was born in 1960.

Ronald Dwight Brinkley who was born 4 July 1965.

Norman K. Brinkley Jr.'s second wife is Betty Brinkley.

DESCENDANTS OF IOLA MAY (BRINKLEY) BRANTON

Iola May Brinkley

Iola May Brinkley was born on 15 October 1898 in Nansemond Co., VA. She died 10 December 1981.⁴¹ She married George Emmett Branton who was born on 10 October 1888 in Corapeake, NC. He died 13 August 1963. He was the son of Frank and Ginny Brinkley Branton. They are both buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. Their son was George Emmett Branton, Jr.



George Emmett and Iola (Brinkley) Branton
shortly after their marriage

George Emmett Branton, Jr.

He was born 12 October 1918 in Portsmouth, VA and married Alma on 12 February 1951. He died on 12 December 1984 and is also buried in Portsmouth. They had no children.

BERTHA INEZ BRINKLEY

Bertha Inez Brinkley was born on 23 July 1890 in Nansemond Co., VA. She died 27 July 1969.⁴² She is buried in Cypress Chapel Church Cemetery. She never married. Bertha was retarded. She was a very pleasant lady who lived most of her life with her sister Eva (Brinkley) Lynch.



Eva and Bertha

DESCENDANTS OF EVA CLARISSA (BRINKLEY) LYNCH

Eva Clarissa Brinkley

Eva Clarissa Brinkley was born 23 March 1893 in Nansemond Co., VA.⁴³ She married James Carey Lynch who was born 22 January 1893. He was the son of Willoughby and Mary Delena Knight Lynch. He died 26 August 1966 and she died 8 March 1970. They are both buried at the Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Aunt Eva and Uncle Carey were both well known to me because they lived very close to where I grew up in Portsmouth. They lived in the Rollingwood community. My parents visited with them fairly often. They were both good friendly folks. I remember Uncle Carey was quite a train buff. He had a lot of knowledge about railroad lines I had never heard of as a child. He had worked for the Richmond Cedar Works before he retired. Richmond Cedar Works was a company that had vast timber and land holdings in the Great Dismal Swamp. Eva and Carey had three children: James Cody, Dorothy Elizabeth and Rudolph Brinkley Lynch.



(From left) James, Dorothy, Carey,
Rudolph and Eva

THE JAMES CODY LYNCH FAMILY

James Cody Lynch

James Cody Lynch was born 6 March 1918. On 10 November 1942 he married Emily Catherine Harrell. They married and lived in Texas before he was sent overseas in the Army Air Corp during World War II. After the war they settled in Suffolk, VA and raised their family. Emily is from the Harrell's meat packers family that was a well known business in Suffolk. James worked in the family business for many years. James and my father, Leon Brinkley, were close friends throughout their lives. James has also been very helpful to me in writing this family history. He has contributed anecdotes from his childhood in which he spent a great deal of time living in the old family homestead of Norman and Julia Brinkley. James and Emily have done a great deal to preserve knowledge of the heritage of the Brinkley family.

Emily Catherine Harrell

Emily Catherine Harrell was born 3 April 1921 in Nansemond Co., VA. She is the daughter of Joel E. Harrell and a descendant of Jethro Harrell. Joel was born 12 September 1875. Her mother was Cora L. Parker who was born 12 November 1882. Cora was the daughter of Emily Peel and Francis Elliott Parker. Emily (Harrell) Lynch has a strong interest in genealogy and has contributed immeasurably to this collection of the Brinkley Family History as well as to the Harrell Family History. She assisted R. R. Harrell in doing the research on the Harrell Family which resulted in a publication in October 1976 that goes back to Jethro Harrell who was born in 1782. That publication is an excellent record of the Harrell Family and their descendants.

Emily was a teacher at Suffolk High School for 14 years and then taught at the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy for four years. She has retired as a school teacher, but continues to tutor on a part time basis.

Children of James and Emily Lynch are Emily Kathryn, Janet Claire, and James Cody Lynch, Jr.



James and Emily celebrate their 50th Anniversary
 (From Left) Kathryn (Lynch), Kristin, and Robert Kaplan, James
 and Emily (Harrell) Lynch, Joe, Janet (Lynch), Joseph, and Julie
 Simmons, Jimmy and Christy (Faircloth) Lynch.

THE EMILY KATHRYN (LYNCH) KAPLAN FAMILY

Emily Kathryn Lynch

Emily Kathryn Lynch was born 3 March 1948 in Suffolk, VA. She married Robert Lawrence Kaplan on 11 July 1970 at the Liberty Spring Christian Church. Robert (Bob) was born on 21 December 1946 in Washington, DC. Bob is a teacher at the Brookville Middle School. Kathryn is a guidance counselor at the Brookville High School, Lynchburg, VA. They are both graduates of Lynchburg College. They have one daughter.

Kristin Rene Kaplan was born on 2 December 1976.

THE JANET CLAIRE (LYNCH) SIMMONS FAMILY

Janet Claire Lynch

Janet Claire Lynch was born 20 July 1950 in Suffolk, VA. She married Rodney Joe Simmons on 7 August 1971 at the Liberty Spring Christian Church. Joe was born on 18 August 1949. They are both graduates of Elon College in Elon, NC. Joe teaches at the Western Branch High School, Cheasapeake, VA. Janet teaches at the First Baptist School, Suffolk, VA. She is also an exceptionally talented pen and ink artist. They have two children:

Joseph (Jody) Wesley Simmons was born on 11 April 1975. He is a student at James Madison University.

Julie Melinda Simmons was born on 18 April 1983.

THE JAMES CODY LYNCH, JR. FAMILY

James Cody Lynch, Jr.

James (Jimmy) Cody Lynch, Jr. was born 2 March 1957 in Suffolk, VA. He married Martha Christine (Christy) Faircloth on 18 June 1988 at the Tucker Swamp Baptist Church in Zuni, VA. Christy was born 3 June 1962. She is a nurse. He is a machinery salesman for the Diel-Clayton Co. of Gatesville, NC.

THE DOROTHY ELIZABETH (LYNCH) O'BERRY FAMILY

Dorothy Elizabeth Lynch

Dorothy Elizabeth Lynch was born on 4 October 1921. She married Bennett Clarke O'Berry on 18 February 1945. I remember the wedding at Cypress Chapel Church. I was very impressed because he was a Naval Officer. Bennett was born on 12 March 1921. He died on 9 January 1980 and is buried at the Liberty Spring Church Cemetery. They had three children: Dianne Paige, Regena Blanche, and Dorothy Elizabeth O'Berry.⁴⁴



Bennett and Dorothy O'Berry

THE DIANNE PAIGE (O'BERRY) FLORENCE FAMILY

Dianne Paige O'Berry

Dianne Paige O'Berry was born 7 October 1946 and married Dennis Walter Florence on 5 October 1969. Dennis was born 16 January 1945. Dianne is a graduate of Longwood College. She is a former teacher. She is now the Accounts Receivable Manager for Mid-Atlantic Cardiothoracic Surgeons in Norfolk, VA. Dennis is a graduate of Emory and Henry College. He is the president of Dennis W. Florence Inc., General Contractor and Custom Builder. Dianne and Dennis Florence have three sons as follows:

Christian Bennett Florence was born on 20 November 1974. He is a student at Hampden-Sydney College.

Scott Randall Florence was born on 4 May 1977.

Jason Allen Florence was born on 1 July 1979.

THE REGENA BLANCHE (O'BERRY) WILLIAMS FAMILY

Regena Blanche O'Berry

Regena Blanche O'Berry was born on 10 June 1949. She married Perry Andre Williams on 24 July 1971. Perry was born on 3 February 1946. Regena and Perry are both graduates of Elon College. Regena is a teacher of the first grade at Tallwood Elementary School, Virginia Beach, VA. Perry is the Principal of Woodstock Elementary School in Virginia Beach. They have two daughters.

Carrie Elizabeth Williams was born on 10 February 1979.

Kimberly Brooke Williams was born on 7 June 1981.

THE DOROTHY ELIZABETH (O'BERRY) SPARTZ FAMILY

Dorothy Elizabeth O'Berry

Dorothy Elizabeth O'Berry was born 3 May 1958. She married Steven John Spartz on 30 October 1982. Steven was born on 18 November 1956. Children of Dorothy Spartz are as follows:

Bennett Nicholas Spartz was born on 6 February 1991.

Stephanie Nicole Spartz was born on 10 November 1992.

THE RUDOLPH BRINKLEY LYNCH FAMILY

Rudolph Brinkley Lynch

Rudolph Brinkley Lynch was born on 5 April 1923. He married Hilda Mae Rountree on 4 May 1946. She was born on 11 June 1924. He worked for the Pruden Hardware Store in Suffolk as the shipping and receiving manager. Hilda Mae died 21 June 1990 and is buried at the Cypress Chapel Cemetery. They had two sons, Charles Carey and Larry Earl Lynch.



Rudolph B. Lynch



Hilda Mae (Rountree) Lynch

THE CHARLES CAREY LYNCH FAMILY

Charles Carey Lynch

Charles Carey Lynch was born on 19 April 1951 and married Bessie Elaine Jordan on 25 August 1973. She was born on 24 January 1953. Charles is the President of the Chesapeake Insurance Co., Richmond, VA. They have two children.

Melissa Dawn Lynch was born on 11 June 1984.

Derek Michael Lynch was born on 21 October 1985.



Bessie (Jordan), Derek, Charles, and Melissa Lynch

THE LARRY EARL LYNCH FAMILY

Larry Earl Lynch

Larry Earl Lynch was born 7 October 1953 and married Sandra Anita White on 12 June 1976. She was born on 23 April 1954. Larry is a manager of planning for the Bell Telephone Co., Richmond, VA. Sandra is a school teacher. They have two children.

Matthew Earl Lynch was born on 15 March 1983.

Stephen Christopher Lynch was born 6 April 1987.



Matthew, Larry, Sandra
(White), and Stephen Lynch

CHAPTER 2 SUMMARY

At this point we have completed the direct lineage of Jacob Brinkley from about 1684 to this present generation on my father's maternal immediate family. It is a large family. Through the years I have met many of these wonderful people, but until I began this collection I never really understood how many of us were related. It was common practice for the older generation to refer to so many people as cousin so and so. I never quite believed they were really cousins until I was well along in this collection.

FOOTNOTES

² Julia (Franklin) Brinkley. She gave an oral history of early Brinkleys which began with Jacob Brinkley to her grandson, Alton Lee Brinkley, in November 1931. It was given to the author by Emily Harrell Lynch who has compiled notes and data on the Brinkley Family. This data needs to be confirmed by other sources. Unfortunately few records still exist in Nansemond County (or have been found by the author) which provide a good comfort level with some of the data. However, it is the best data currently available.

Emily also provided the initiative to contact living relatives and accumulate data as indicated in many of these footnotes. Her husband, James Lynch, also greatly assisted in the accumulation of this information. Information was provided to the author in several pieces as we exchanged data between 1988 and the publishing date.

³ *Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina*. p. 29 and 67.

⁴ Julia Brinkley's oral history.

⁵ Anne H. Taylor, *Marriage Register of Gates County, NC 1873 Through 1882, Vol II*, p2 and 25. The age of Frederick in the Marriage Register differs from family records by 2 years.

⁶ Data on the Dougherty family was provided by Layne Dougherty Vaughan, Mildred Edwards Dougherty, and Dave Dougherty.

⁷ Thomas R. Butchko, *Forgotten Gates*, p. 149 for the data on the parents of Frank Barnes.

⁸ Birth and death dates taken from memorial stone at Cypress Chapel Cemetery on 18 March 1994.

⁹ *Gates County Marriage Bond Records*. p.62. Date of the bond was 25 March 1846, but the marriage was not necessarily on the same date.

¹⁰ Norman Leon Brinkley in discussion on 6 July 1982 identified the parents of Roxanna Hunter as Catherine Brothers and Charles Hunter.

¹¹ 1850 US Census for Gates County, NC. Family Number 522.

¹² Taylor. Vol I, p.3.

¹³ 1860 US Census for Gates County, NC. Family Number 205.

¹⁴ *Gates County Marriage Bond Records*. p25 and 62.

¹⁵ Emily Lynch provided information on the Julia Franklin extended family.

¹⁶ Data taken during a visit to the Eureka Cemetery on 18 March 1994.

¹⁷ Julia Brinkley notes.

¹⁸ Ingmire, Frances T., *Marriage Records of Gates County, North Carolina 1782-1868*. p. 33 and 9. A second source also records this marriage, Almasy. Op Cit. p. 48.

¹⁹ US Census for Nansemond County, VA. p. 3 of Cypress Magistrate.

²⁰ Birth and death dates for Kate and William Jesse Brinkley were taken from their memorial stone.

²¹ Birth and death dates for Richard Tate Brinkley were taken from his memorial stone.

²² Birth and death dates for Bobby Holleman were taken from his memorial stone.

²³ Taylor. p. 4. There is a discrepancy in the reported age of Norman in the marriage record. If he were born March 1849, he would have been a few days short of 26 at the time of the marriage not 23. I do not know how to resolve the difference.

²⁴ Emily (Harrell) Lynch provided names of members of the immediate family.

²⁵ The Auction Notice contained the above information. Author has a copy.

²⁶ From a newspaper article reporting the sale of the property.

²⁷ Emily Lynch provided information on the Diana (Brinkley) Polson family.

²⁸ Taylor. Vol I, p. 6.

²⁹ Butcho, p. 165 for data on third marriage.

³⁰ Emily Lynch provided information on the William Arthur Brinkley extended family.

³¹ Emily Lynch provided information on the Abram Daniel Brinkley extended family.

³² Maureen McNeill provided information on both the Catalina and McNeill families in September 1994.

³³ Eddie N. Brinkley provided data for his family in several conversations in 1992 and 1993.

³⁴ Don and Jill Saunders provided most all of the data on their families on 16 July 1994 in conversation. They also provided marriages dates for Sam and Roxanne, and information about Mae and Herman Saunders.

³⁵ Sam Saunders provided information on his family.

³⁶ Emily Lynch provided information on the Richard Cemond Brinkley extended family.

³⁷ Dorothy Lynch O'Berry provided dates for Sherman's accident and birth of Rudolph Edmondson on 16 November 1992.

³⁸ Emily Lynch provided information on the Edward Hurley Brinkley extended family.

³⁹ Emily Lynch provided information on the Norman Knight Brinkley extended family.

⁴⁰ Dorothy O'Berry provided dates and data on 16 November 1992 on the Evelyn Dennis and Norman Knight Brinkley, Jr. families.

⁴¹ Emily Lynch provided information on the Iola May Brinkley extended family.

⁴² Emily Lynch provided dates on Bertha Inez Brinkley.

⁴³ Emily Lynch provided information on the Eva Clarissa Brinkley extended family.

⁴⁴ Dorothy O'Berry provided details and dates of her family in notes to the author on 16 November 1992.

CHAPTER 3

We will now go to Leon Brinkley's father's side of the family where the information is a bit harder to find. The earliest person I have reliable information on is Riddick Brinkley.

DESCENDANTS OF RIDDICK BRINKLEY

Riddick Brinkley

Riddick Brinkley was born in Gates County, North Carolina in 1812. He married Catherine Mathias on 21 November 1837 according to Gates County Marriage Bond Records.⁴⁵ Marriage bonds were passed in 1741 and remained in effect until marriage licenses were authorized in 1868. Catherine Mathias was born about 1823 according to information in Census Records in 1840, 1850, and 1870. She was about 11 years younger than Riddick and obviously married when she was very young. Catherine and Riddick were farmers.

Children of Catherine and Riddick Brinkley were all born in Gates Co., NC. As best I can tell from 1850 and 1870 Census Records, they were as listed below and with the approximate birth dates:

Admiral Brinkley was born about 1840. Admiral married Mily Brinkley on 18 January 1866.⁴⁶ (I have noted that there is an Admiral Brinkley family buried at Cypress Chapel. However, the birth dates do not match even closely. That Admiral was born February 1862 and died in January 1927. He is buried with Sallie M. Brinkley who was born in April 1860 and died in August 1927. I suspect there may be a relationship between these two simply because of the name Admiral. It is unusual.)

Sarah Brinkley was born about 1842.

Susanah (or Susan) Brinkley was born about 1844.

Riddick Henry Brinkley was born about 1848. Riddick was my great-grandfather.

David O. Brinkley was born 26 November 1855.

Elizabeth Brinkley was born about 1861.

Isabella Brinkley was born about 1865. Mildred Brinkley Sharpe, daughter of David O. Brinkley, remembers an Aunt Issie from her childhood rather vaguely, but does not remember Admiral, Sarah, Susanah, or Elizabeth or other detail on those family members. She does remember the Riddick Henry Branch rather well. I did find a grave for an Issie Brinkley at Parker's Cemetery, but do not have firm enough data to know if it is this Isabella. Mildred believes it is not.

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID O. BRINKLEY

David Owen Brinkley

David Owen Brinkley was born on 26 November 1855. He died 12 March 1924. He married Martha (Mattie) Caroline White. Mattie was born 8 September 1881 and died 6 August 1977.⁴⁷ Mattie worked as a Private Duty Nurse in hospitals in Suffolk, Portsmouth, and Norfolk. David and Mattie are both buried at Eureka Baptist Church Cemetery in Corapeake. David was married twice. His first wife was a Franklin, but no other data is available.

There is an interesting connection in this branch of the family. Mattie White's sister, Harriet (Hattie) Elmore (White) Castine, was my wife Eleanor's grandmother. These family branches have been close through the years because of the sisters' family relationships, Mattie and Hattie White. The family closeness continues even today. Eleanor's Aunt Betsy, Elizabeth (Castine) Lane (her mother's sister), contacted Mildred Brinkley Sharpe who provided the following data on this family.⁴⁸ My Dad also kept in contact with Aunt Mattie, Mildred and Garland because of the Brinkley relationship.

The four children of Mattie and David Brinkley were Cecil, Mary, Mildred, and Garland Brinkley.

Cecil Brinkley

Cecil Brinkley died as an infant. He is also buried at Eureka Cemetery.

Mary Brinkley

Mary Brinkley was born about 1907 and died at age six (about 1913) and is buried at the Eureka Cemetery.

THE MILDRED (BRINKLEY) SHARPE FAMILY

Mildred Brinkley

Mildred Brinkley was born 5 November 1908 in Corapeake, NC. She married Jacob D. Sharpe in about 1929. Mildred worked as a Sales Clerk. She currently resides in Portsmouth, VA. Their child is Mattie Sharpe. Mildred and Jacob Sharpe later divorced.

Mattie Sharpe

Mattie Sharpe was born in Charlotte, NC. on 31 January 1933. Mattie also lives in Portsmouth. She has had a career working in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth.

THE DAVID GARLAND BRINKLEY FAMILY

David Garland Brinkley

David Garland Brinkley was born in Corapeake, NC. on 15 August 1913. Garland married Thorne (Sugar) Starke. Sugar died when she was only 19 years old. She is buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth. Sugar and Garland had one daughter, Beth Brinkley.

Beth Brinkley

Beth Brinkley was raised by her Grandmother Starke. She is married and lives in Tennessee. She does not have children.

Garland's second wife is Bessie Modlin. They were married about 1939 or 1940. Garland is retired, but had worked at the Norfolk Naval Base. Garland and Bessie live in Portsmouth. Their two children who were born in the 1940's are as follows:

Barbara Anne Brinkley

Barbara Anne Brinkley. She has married, but her husband's name is not available and they have not had children. They reside in Norfolk.

David Garland Brinkley, Jr.

David Garland Brinkley, Jr. He has married. David is a farmer in Zuni, VA.



(From left) Roxanna (Hunter), Florence, Clarine, and Stanley Brinkley

DESCENDANTS OF RIDDICK HENRY BRINKLEY

Riddick Henry Brinkley

Riddick Henry Brinkley was born about 1848. He married Roxanna Hunter. She was born in Virginia in April 1860. Riddick and Roxanne were married about 1882. Since I have not found a Gates County marriage for this marriage, I suspect they were married in Virginia. They had a farm at Corapeake, which is in the Holly Grove District of Gates Co., NC. Their children were as follows:

Charlie Riddick Brinkley who married Olivia Brinkley. They were my grandparents.

Stanley Lee Brinkley who married Ada Morgan.

Florence Brinkley who married Algie Mathias.

Clarine Brinkley who married Charlie Morgan.

Roxanna's father was Charles Hunter who was born in NC. Her mother was Catherine who was born in Virginia as were her parents according to 1880 census records. Catherine's parents full names are not recorded. The Hunter Family is also discussed in Chapter 1. Riddick and Roxanna Brinkley are both buried at Parker's Methodist Church near Corapeake. I understand that Roxanna was a very faithful church member. Her son Charlie also kept his membership there although his wife Olivia was a member at Cypress Chapel.

Riddick and Roxanna were farmers. The farm is located on NC State Road 1333 which is also known as the Desert Road about a half mile from the Virginia state line. The farm had been deeded to Riddick Brinkley by Dr. Thomas Hines in 1878. The farm is now owned by Walter Edward Hobbs who still farms the land. In 1991 the old homestead was still standing but was being used as a barn and storage building. Riddick died intestate but this is how his property was passed to his heirs according to information contained in Federal Land Bank of Columbia records. Roxanna had a life estate in the home and all the household and kitchen furniture, provisions on hand were for her pleasure and use. Charlie was to have one half of the farm and Stanley was to have the remainder with all the farming implements, horses, cattle, carts and wheeled buggies. Clarine was to have one thousand dollars to be paid by Charlie and his wife. Florence was to have one thousand dollars to be paid by Stanley and his wife.

This agreement was judged to be perfectly satisfactory and agreeable to all and was signed by Roxanna, Charlie and Olivia, Stanley and Ada, Clarine, and Florence Brinkley on 25 January 1918.

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLIE RIDDICK BRINKLEY

Charlie Riddick Brinkley

My grandfather, Charlie Brinkley, was born on 30 December 1882 in Corapeake, NC. and died on 23 February 1963. Charlie was a farmer. He raised crops common to the area which were cotton, corn, peanuts and potatoes as cash crops and lots of vegetables for canning and to take to market. The farm always had a few cows and a couple of mules or horses as team for the work. He never owned a tractor. His farm of about 40 acres was just big enough for one man to handle with a team of horses.

The story of the farm did not end on 25 January 1918. Charlie had borrowed the money to pay Clarine her share. When the Great Depression hit in the 1930's he was unable to meet loan payments. He had also borrowed in order to purchase seed and fertilizer which was probably customary. Usually farmers repaid these bills when they got the crops in. However, when the economy was at its worse, cotton brought a cent and a half a pound at market which was exactly what it cost Charlie to have it picked. This, of course, left Charlie with nothing to pay for fertilizer, seed, or other expenses and the loan. So this is what he did. Charlie transferred title of the farm to his son, my father Leon. Leon whose credit was good then got a loan against the farm which was enough to cover the balances of Clarine's inheritance and money owed to Mr. Savage for seed and fertilizer. The economy picked up the next year and from that point on Charlie was able to make enough money that he met every payment of Leon's loan on schedule. However, Charlie was still concerned about having had bad credit. So when the loan was paid off he had Leon transfer the title to his wife Olivia and not himself.⁴⁹

When Charlie and Olivia became elderly and unable to manage the farm any more, they lived alternately with their son, Leon and Ethel Brinkley, and their daughter, Marguerite and Carroll Saunders. There was always a very strong bond between them and their children. It sustained them through several years of difficult times in dealing with Charlie's failing physical health and Olivia's failing mental capacities. Charlie died in 1963 while staying with Leon and Ethel in Portsmouth. Leon ended up owning the farm. He settled the estate with Marguerite by paying her \$3500 for her share. At this time the farm has been in the family for well over a hundred years. Leon has leased it or done shares with the neighbor, Walter Edward Hobbs, since the mid-

1960's. Leon had lots of offers to buy it, but he held on for sentimental reasons...it is hallowed ground.

Charlie and Olivia were wonderful grandparents to me. I had the good fortune to be able to spend several weeks with them each summer during school vacations. There were always many interesting things happening on the farm. I was probably too young to really help but they always let me think that I was helping with whatever was going on at the time. I picked cotton, cut weeds out of the peanuts, gathered fruit from the orchard which had five or more varieties of apples, peaches, and pears. They also had three kinds of grapes. Interesting (and good) crops were always watermelons and cantaloupes. Charlie usually took a trailer load of produce to Portsmouth to sell during the summer season. This was great fun for me because I got to help with the sales. Typically, he had eggs, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, butter beans, peas, corn, melons, green beans, and things in season. Another treat for a young boy was to be able to have a rifle and shotgun to hunt birds and squirrels any time he wanted. Olivia always cooked whatever I killed even if it was only one black bird ... it was sure to be on the supper table that same day. She would also make pies if I collected enough blackberries. They were both kind, loving, sensitive, and very wise grandparents that had a great impact in the value system that I now have. Some of my best memories are from the times I spent on the farm with them. I have always considered it a great injustice that my own children were not able to get to know and spend as much time with their grandparents as I did with mine.



Marguerite and Leon Brinkley



(From left) Marguerite, Charlie, Leon, Freddie, and Olivia.



(Back row) Unidentified, Charlie and Leon.

(Front) Olivia, Freddie and Ethel



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(Back row) Caroll and Marguerite Saunders, Norman Knight and Hortense Brinkley, Olivia and Charlie Brinkley
(Front) Leon, Ethel and Freddie Brinkley

DESCENDANTS OF STANLEY LEE BRINKLEY

Stanley Lee Brinkley

Stanley Lee Brinkley was born 8 March 1891 in Corapeake, NC and died 8 March 1954.⁵⁰ He married Ada Mae Morgan. She was born 16 October 1902 in Corapeake, NC and died 8 October 1981. They are both buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth, VA. They lived in Sunbury, NC. He worked in a grocery store and also did some farming. Early in his life, Stanley was involved in a serious accident while hauling a load of peanuts to Suffolk from Corapeake by horse drawn cart. Stanley was riding on top of the load when something spooked the horse which threw Stanley to the ground. He recovered, but had a steel plate in his head the rest of his life from the medical treatment. Their children were Erma Lee, Alene May, and Blanche Virginia. After Stanley's death Ada married William

Nurney Mathias (1896-1976) of Corapeake, NC.⁵¹ They had no children together.

ERMA LEE BRINKLEY

Erma Lee Brinkley was born 11 February 1921 in Corapeake, NC. She married Vincent E. Barnes. Vincent was born 21 July 1920 also in Corapeake, NC. They did not have children.

THE ALENE MAY (BRINKLEY) TEW FAMILY

Alene May Brinkley

Alene May Brinkley was born 6 November 1923 in Corapeake, NC. She married Howard Ivan Tew, Sr. He was born 11 August 1922 in Portsmouth, VA and died 15 July 1982. He is buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. Their children were Elizabeth Alene, Alexis Louise, Linda Frances, and Howard Ivan Tew Jr.

Elizabeth Alene Tew

Elizabeth Alene Tew was born 19 September 1948 in Portsmouth, VA. She married a Kirk. Their children were as follows:

Marie Alene Kirk who was born 28 September 1969 in Portsmouth, VA.

Michael Russell Kirk who was born 16 May 1974 in Portsmouth, VA.

Jeffrey Tew Kirk who was born 6 January 1978 also in Portsmouth, VA.

Alexis Louise Tew

Alexis Louise Tew was born 2 October 1949 in Portsmouth, VA. She married John Bowers McCannon. John was born 19 May 1949. Their children were as follows:

Katherine Alexis McCannon who was born 12 November 1977 in Richmond, VA.

Molly Ann McCannon who was born 31 October 1980 in Richmond, VA.

Erin Elizabeth McCannon who was born 24 February 1984 also in Richmond, VA.

Linda Frances Tew

Linda Frances Tew was born 3 May 1951 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Theadar Edward Temple. They had one child, Polly Elizabeth Temple, on 12 December 1976 in Richmond, VA. Polly has been adopted by Linda's second husband William Franklin Proctor.

Howard Ivan Tew, Jr.

Howard Ivan Tew, Jr. was born 6 September 1953 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Cherilyn Hughes. They had one child, Joshua Howard Tew, who was born 23 June 1992 in Portsmouth, VA.

THE BLANCHE VIRGINIA (BRINKLEY) MURRAY FAMILY

Blanche Virginia Brinkley

Blanche Virginia Brinkley was born 27 February 1928 in Suffolk, VA. She married Gene Evans Murray, Sr. He was born 31 December 1926 in Baltimore, MD. Their children were Debra Lee and David Brinkley Murray.

Debra Lee (Murray) Jimerson

Debra Lee Murray was born 16 May 1959 in Norfolk, VA. She married Michael Dale Jimerson. Michael was born 21 September 1959 in Dallas, TX. Their children were as follows:

Jared Michael Jimerson who was born 6 June 1986 in Norfolk, VA.

Kristen Lee Jimerson who was born 15 March 1988 in Norfolk, VA.

Mary Marie Jimerson who was born 16 March 1990 also in Norfolk, VA.

David Brinkley Murray

David Brinkley Murray was born 18 November 1966 in Norfolk, VA. He married Lynn Marie Bibby who was born 9 July 1966 in Puerto Rico. They had a daughter, Heather Nicole Murray, on 16 March 1989 in Chesapeake, VA.

DESCENDANTS OF CLARINE (BRINKLEY) MORGAN

Clarine Brinkley

Clarine Brinkley was born July 7, 1895 at Corapeake, Gates County, NC.⁵² She died August 28, 1988 in Chesapeake, VA. Clarine married Charles Leonard Morgan. Charlie was born February 5, 1890 in Corapeake, Gates County, NC. Charlie died June 22, 1960 in Portsmouth, VA. They are both buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth, VA. They grew up just down the road from each other. Charlie was a carpenter although he did farm a little. I remember them first when they lived on County Street in Portsmouth. They later moved to the suburbs near Deep Creek. The family of Clarine and Charlie Morgan is as follows:

THE JAMES EDWARD MORGAN FAMILY

James Edward Morgan

James Edward Morgan was born 22 November 1918 in Ocean View (Norfolk), VA. He was a carpenter. He married Norma Sanderson who was born 1 February 1929 in Portsmouth, VA. Their children were James Edward Jr., Glen Sanderson, and Gale Denise Morgan.

James Edward Morgan, Jr.

James Edward Morgan, Jr. was born 19 March 1944 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Barbara Manning who was born 23 August 1946 in Portsmouth, VA. Their child, Bonnie Morgan, was born 22 August 1969 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Douglas Allen Parker who was born 14 April 1970.

Glen Sanderson Morgan

Glen Sanderson Morgan was born 9 January 1958 in Portsmouth, VA.

Gale Denise Morgan

Gale Denise Morgan was born 12 February 1961 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Richard Durbin of Maryland.

THE CHARLES WESLEY MORGAN FAMILY

Charles Wesley Morgan

Charles Wesley Morgan was born 1 December 1919 in Corapeake, NC. Wesley died 24 July 1984 and is buried in the

Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth, VA. He married Addie Jordan. She was born 4 July 1921 also in Corapeake, NC. Wesley was a carpenter. Children of Wesley and Addie Morgan were Charles Leonard and Barbara Morgan.

Charles Leonard Morgan

Charles Leonard Morgan born 29 December 1956 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Sheila McCabe who was born 1 April 1947 in Bertie County, NC.

Barbara Morgan

Barbara Morgan was born 21 September 1959 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Kevin Woodrow White who was born 7 November 1956 also in Portsmouth. Their daughter, Brittany Lee White, was born 9 October 1991 in Chesapeake, VA.

THE HARRY LLOYD MORGAN FAMILY

Harry Lloyd Morgan

Harry Lloyd Morgan was born 10 September 1921 in Corapeake, NC. Lloyd died 23 September 1983 and is buried in the Meadowbrook Mausoleum in Suffolk, VA. Lloyd worked with tiles and flooring. He married Dorothy Askew who was born 15 March 1923 in Newport News, VA. Their son was Harry Lloyd Morgan, Jr.

Harry Lloyd Morgan, Jr.

Harry Lloyd Morgan, Jr. was born 16 December 1942 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Sandra Rea. Their children were as follows:

Emily Geane Morgan who was born 23 December 1974 in Portsmouth, VA.

Jennifer Lea Morgan who was born 12 June 1976 in Portsmouth, VA.

Carrie Lynn Morgan who was born 21 March 1978 also in Portsmouth, VA.

THE RAYMOND BRINKLEY MORGAN FAMILY

Raymond Brinkley Morgan

Raymond Brinkley Morgan was born 12 June 1923 in Corapeake, NC. He married Mary Evelyn Lee. She was born 27 November 1925 in Hopewell, VA. Raymond was a cab driver. He

died in July 1994. Their children were Rebecca Ann, Donna Marie, Diane Lee, Raymond Jr., and George Cleveland Morgan.

Rebecca Ann Morgan

Rebecca Ann Morgan was born 26 September 1944 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Jose Panillio who was born 19 March 1940. Their child Jose Panillio was born 19 October 1963 in Portsmouth, VA.

Donna Marie Morgan

Donna Marie Morgan was born 28 October 1947 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Bob Barrough who was born 6 June 1952 in Montana. Their children were as follows:

Missy Brooks who was born 28 November 1969 in Portsmouth, VA.

Melanie Brooks who was born 9 October 1970 also in Portsmouth, VA.

Diane Lee Morgan

Diane Lee Morgan was born 28 October 1947 in Portsmouth, VA. Her husband's name is not available. Their children were as follows:

T. J. Neathery who was born 6 September 1969 also in Portsmouth, VA.

Teddy Neathery who was born 22 October 1971 in Portsmouth, VA.

Tommy Neathery who was born 2 March 1973 in Portsmouth, VA.

Raymond Brinkley Morgan, Jr.

Raymond Brinkley Morgan, Jr. was born 5 October 1946 in Portsmouth VA. He married Mary Morgan who was born 23 August 1954. Their children were as follows:

Marsha Morgan who was born 9 June 1970 in Portsmouth, VA.

Raymond Brinkley Morgan, III who was born 28 December 1975 in Portsmouth, VA.

Crystal Morgan who was born 26 December 1975 (?) in Portsmouth, VA.

Cecil Allen Morgan was born 11 October 1970 (?) in Portsmouth, VA.

George Cleveland Morgan

George Cleveland Morgan was born 27 January 1950 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Margaret Morgan who was born 29 October 1978 in Portsmouth, VA. Their children who were all born in Portsmouth, VA. were as follows:

Jo Lee Morgan who was born 23 February 1971.

Stacie Lee Morgan who was born 29 August 1978.

Amanda Elizabeth Morgan who was born 15 June 1984.

Ashley Elizabeth Morgan who was born 11 August 1986.

THE MARY ONEIL (MORGAN) ROWE FAMILY

Mary Oneil Morgan

Mary Oneil Morgan was born 23 July 1924 in Corapeake, NC. She married William Fach Rowe who was born 8 October 1918 in Portsmouth, VA. They have lived just down the street from my Mom and Dad for many years. Oneil's assistance and persistence has been very helpful in obtaining information on the Clarine Brinkley Morgan, Stanley Brinkley and Florence Brinkley Mathias branches of our family for this collection. Oneil and Fach Rowe had two children, Doris Ellen and David.

Doris Ellen Rowe

Doris Ellen Rowe was born 5 January 1947 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Wilbur Grey Gresham who was born 24 October 1945 in Salisbury, NC.

David Alden Rowe

David Alden Rowe was born 14 November 1963 in Portsmouth, VA.

THE ROBERT COLEMAN MORGAN FAMILY

Robert Coleman Morgan

Robert Coleman Morgan was born 25 August 1927 in Corapeake, NC. Coleman married Virginia Lee Parker who was

born 23 February 1927 in Portsmouth, VA. Coleman was involved in the building trades and had worked in the shipyard. Their only child was:

Jan Parker Morgan

Jan Parker Morgan was born 9 December 1963 in Portsmouth, VA. She married a Monroe.

THE LEWIS HUNTER MORGAN FAMILY

Lewis Hunter Morgan

Lewis Hunter Morgan was born on 30 September 1929 in Corapeake, Gates County, NC.⁵³ Lewis married Joyce Hope Alphin on 14 June 1958 in Portsmouth, VA.. She was born 24 January 1938 in Portsmouth, Va. Joyce's father was Shelton Wallace Alphin who was born 8 August 1907 in Sunbury, NC. and died 26 December 1988 in Portsmouth, VA. Joyce's mother was Clara Lee Barkley who was born 6 January 1917 in Portsmouth, VA. Lewis is a minister and at this writing is pastor of the Larchmont United Methodist Church in Norfolk, VA. The two children of Lewis and Joyce Morgan were as follows:

Lorie Leigh Morgan

Lorie Leigh Morgan who was born April 13, 1960 in Erwin, NC. Lorie Morgan married Joseph Battiatà on 8 March 1987 in Virginia Beach, VA. Their two children were as follows:

Anna Leigh Battiatà who was born April 24, 1989 in Hagerstown, MD.

Thomas Salvator Battiatà who was born May 8, 1991 in Richmond, VA.

Donna Joyce Morgan

Donna Joyce Morgan was born 19 May 1962 in Erwin, NC.

SUSIE MAE (MORGAN) ARNOLD FAMILY

Susie Mae Morgan

Susie Mae Morgan was born 10 March 1932 in Suffolk, Va. She married John David Arnold who was born 17 July 1928 in Connelton, WA. Their children were as follows:

Michael Jay Arnold

Michael Jay Arnold was born 28 August 1953 in Edenton, NC.

Patrick Doyle Arnold

Patrick Doyle Arnold was born 8 January 1953(?) in Tampa, FL.

Suzanne Marie Arnold

Suzanne Marie Arnold was born 18 December 1955 in Miami Beach, FL.

Robin Melody Arnold

Robin Melody Arnold was born 13 October 1959 in Argentina, Newfoundland.

Amy Kathleen Arnold

Amy Kathleen Arnold was born 5 February 1964 in Memphis, TN.

The Morgan Family continue a family tradition of holding a reunion each year. It is usually held in October. This completes the descendants of the Clarine (Brinkley) and Charles Leonard Morgan Family.

DESCENDANTS OF FLORENCE (BRINKLEY) MATHIAS

Florence Brinkley

Florence Brinkley was born 12 December 1899 in Corapeake, NC.⁵⁴ She died 14 February 1983 and is buried in Parker's Methodist Church Cemetery, Corapeake, NC. She married Algie Robert Mathias. He was born 16 August 1893 also in Corapeake. Algie died 3 August 1978 and is also buried at Parker's. They lived at Corapeake. Their children were:

Mary Kathleen Mathias

Thomas Warren Mathias

Naomi Mathias

Algie Riddick Mathias

Bobby Lee Mathias

Nancy Faye Mathias

THE MARY KATHLEEN (MORGAN) WIGGINS FAMILY

Mary Kathleen Morgan

Mary Kathleen Morgan was born 19 April 1922 in Corapeake, NC. She married Gelon Sylvester Wiggins. He was born 25 March 1918 in Tratville, NC. He died 18 March 1970 and is buried in the Sandy Cross Baptist Church Cemetery at Sandy Cross, NC. Children of Mary Kathleen and Gelon Wiggins were Alvah Roy, Donald Mathias, and Gelon Sylvester Wiggins, Jr.

Alvah Roy Wiggins

Alvah Roy Wiggins was born 3 August 1943 in Suffolk, VA. He married Judy Bunch of Edenton, NC.

Donald Mathias Wiggins

Donald Mathias Wiggins was born 27 January 1946 in Suffolk, VA. He married Kathy Baum who was born 25 September 1950 at Christian Hospital.

Gelon Sylvester Wiggins, Jr.

Gelon Sylvester Wiggins, Jr. was born 9 February 1955 in Suffolk, VA. He married Penny Trotman who was born in Edenton, NC. Their son, Rickie Lee Wiggins, was born 29

December 1959 in Suffolk and married Nell Felon of Ahoskie, NC. They had one child, Krystle Rose Wiggins, who was born 18 April 1987 in Suffolk, VA.

THE THOMAS WARREN MATHIAS FAMILY

Thomas Warren Mathias

Thomas Warren Mathias was born 27 May 1923 in Corapeake.⁵⁵ Thomas married Phyllis. He worked for the US Government. Thomas and Phyllis Mathias had one child.

Carolyn Mathias

Carolyn Mathias was born 29 September 1951 in Suffolk, VA. Carolyn married a McGowan.

THE NAOMI (MATHIAS) LAZZARA FAMILY

Naomi Mathias

Naomi Mathias was born on 19 October 1926 in Corapeake, NC. Naomi married Joseph Lazzara. Joseph was born in Chicago, IL on 4 June 1925. Naomi and Joseph Lazzara had one child.

Ken Joseph Lazzara

Ken Joseph Lazzara was born 22 November 1947 in Chicago, IL. Ken married Carol Babit. She was born 5 September 1947 also in Chicago.

ALGIE RIDDICK MATHIAS

Algie Riddick Mathias was born 7 January 1928 in Corapeake, NC.

THE BOBBY LEE MATHIAS FAMILY

Bobby Lee Mathias

Bobby Lee Mathias was born 12 May 1931 in Corapeake, NC. He married Bernice Leigh Hallowell who was born 21 November 1933 in Tyner, NC. Bobby worked for the Lipton Tea Co. in Suffolk. Their children were Tony Lee and Lisa Karen Mathias.

Tony Lee Mathias

Tony Lee Mathias was born 11 August 1956 in Suffolk, VA. He married Doris Faye Liles who was born 15 November 1959 in Moyock, NC. Children of Tony and Doris Mathias are as follows:

Jennifer Lynne Mathias who was born 13 March 1980 in Elizabeth City, NC.

Amanda Gayle Mathias who was born 15 May 1982 in Elizabeth City, NC.

Daniel Lee Mathias who was born 11 February 1989 also in Elizabeth City, NC.

Lisa Karen Mathias

Lisa Karen Mathias was born 11 September 1965 in Suffolk, VA. She married Michael Lee Griggs who was born 16 March 1962 in Winston Salem, NC. Children of Lisa and Michael Griggs are as follows:

Katie Leigh Griggs who was born 3 September 1986 in Burlington, NC.

Lauren Virginia Griggs who was born 28 September 1988 also in Burlington, NC.

NANCY FAYE MATHIAS

Nancy Faye Mathias was born 17 January 1940 in Corapeake, NC.

CHAPTER 3 SUMMARY

This completes the information that I have about my father's paternal side of the family. I hope that more information will become available in the future and it can be added to this collection.

FOOTNOTES

⁴⁵ *Gates County Marriage Bond Records*. p. 24.

⁴⁶ Ingmire. p. 9. This record spells Brinkley as Brinkly, a common occurrence.

⁴⁷ Dates taken from memorial stones at the Eureka Cemetery on 29 November 1985.

⁴⁸ Mildred (Brinkley) Sharpe provided the data on her own and Garland Brinkley's family in March 1993.

⁴⁹ Leon Brinkley in an oral history of the Charlie Brinkley homeplace to the author on 23 November 1991.

⁵⁰ Oneil (Morgan) Rowe provided information on the Stanley Lee Morgan extended family in May 1992.

⁵¹ Butchko, p. 159 for dates on Nurney Mathias.

⁵² Oneil (Morgan) Rowe provided information on the Clarine Brinkley extended family in May 1992.

⁵³ Lewis H. Morgan provided the information on his family in 1992.

⁵⁴ Oneil Rowe provided information on the Florence Brinkley extended family in May 1992.

⁵⁵ Thomas and Phyllis Mathias provided information on their family on 26 September 1992.

CHAPTER 4

This chapter presents information on my mother's, Ethel Brinkley, paternal side of the family. This is the side of the family that I seemed to know best when I was growing up. There were lots of cousins that were near my age that I was very fond of (still am) and saw very often.

Ethel was a Brinkley and married a Brinkley. From the earlier chapters we have seen that Brinkley marrying Brinkley was not an uncommon occurrence. Early information on this family is very limited and somewhat contradictory. We will begin with the earliest identifiable Brinkley in this Brinkley Branch, James Henry Brinkley.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES HENRY BRINKLEY

James Henry Brinkley

The following information on this family is a composite of data from the US Census Records.⁵⁶ However, it should be noted that there are inconsistencies in the data. In 1870, the family was as follows: James H. Brinkley, age 23; Mary E. Brinkley, age 26; John W., age 4; Mary, age 3; and Joseph H., age half year. Later records show that James H. was called Henry and Mary E. was called Elizabeth. Marie Swain told me they are both buried at Cypress Chapel.⁵⁷ The memorial stone indicates birth and death dates for Henry as 19 September 1840 and 31 August 1912 and for Elizabeth as 4 February 1843 and 7 April 1913. Within the total set of data available, their birth dates range from about 1840 to 1847 for Henry and about 1845 to 1847 for Elizabeth. The early records show her to be one to three years older than he while in the 1900 record he appears to be three years older than she. However, I will assume the memorial stone dates are correct and attribute the inconsistencies to poor memory. Henry, Elizabeth, and all their children were born in Virginia. I assume Nansemond Co. He married Elizabeth in about 1865. We do not know her maiden name. They had a large family. Their eight children and their order of birth were as follows. Census Records for 1900 indicate that seven of the eight children were still living, although we do not know which one had died by that time. Both mother and Marie remember hearing that one of the boys which mother believed was Charley was killed by a horse when he was young.

John W. Brinkley

John W. Brinkley was born about 1866. John did not marry.

Mary Brinkley

Mary (Mollie) Brinkley was born about 1867. She married a Daniels and children were Claud and Henry Daniels.

Joseph H. Brinkley

Joseph H. Brinkley was born 3 May 1870 and died 26 April 1941. He was married to Sallie E. (Last name not certain, but possibly Babb). She was born 6 May 1882 and died 6 November 1931. They had a number of children, mostly boys, according to Marie Swain. The only one whose name she remembers is Linwood Brinkley. Ethel Brinkley believes he married Helen Holland and they divorced and Linwood later married Margie. Buried next to Joseph and Sallie at Cypress Chapel Cemetery is Forest Edward Brinkley, born 1 June 1916 and died 19 May 1983. His stone has an inscription "Our Brother Whitey."⁵⁸ I assume he is one of the children of Joseph and Sallie.

Notes from Ethel Brinkley list the following persons who are probably in the Joseph Brinkley family, but their relationships are not clear.⁵⁹ Additional research is required to relate these people.

Willie Brinkley who married Virginia Byrd. They had children.

Ollie Mae Brinkley who married Authur Simpson. They had children.

Wesley Brinkley who married Winnie Bell Wilkins and divorced. They had children.

Henry Brinkley who married Tinnie (?) Wilkins. They had one child.

Vivian Brinkley who was married and had several children.

Mary Brinkley who married Will Dennis Wilkins. They had several children.

Julian Brinkley

More follows on his family.

Abram Lewis Brinkley

Abram Lewis Brinkley was my grandfather. His extended family will be covered extensively later in this chapter.

Charley Brinkley

Charley Brinkley was born about 1879.

Lara Brinkley

Lara Brinkley was born 29 February 1881. I remember Aunt Lara very well. She lived with Papa and Grandma at Nurney. She was mildly retarded, but seemed to be able to take care of herself pretty well. She never married. After Papa left the home place and came to live with Grace and Jesse Wiggins, I believe Aunt Lara went to a nursing home. She died there on 21 December 1951.



Lara Brinkley

Sarah Brinkley

Sarah Brinkley was born in September 1882.

DESCENDANTS OF JULIAN BRINKLEY

Julian Brinkley

Julian Brinkley was born 9 February 1871. He worked on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad and lived at Harrell Siding when Mother was young. He was always a favorite Uncle to my mother. Uncle Jule was quite a musician. He played the violin, organ and accordion. His granddaughter, Marie (Eure) Swain, still has his organ.⁶⁰ This family moved to Roduca, NC because of his job with the railroad and lived there for a long time. After his retirement from the railroad, he came to live with his daughter, Annie Eure, and her family in Portsmouth. He was married to Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie) Beamon. She died in childbirth at age 39 and is buried at Cypress Chapel. Marie Swain recalls that the dates actually on her stone are in error but she does not know the correct ones. Julian died 25 November 1947 and is also buried at Cypress Chapel. Martha Elizabeth and Julian Brinkley had seven children.



Julian Brinkley

Roy Brinkley

Roy Brinkley married Katie Mae Felton. Roy is buried in Norfolk, VA.

Annie Elizabeth Brinkley

Annie Elizabeth Brinkley married John Thomas Eure. Information on this family follows this listing of Martha and Julian's children.

Addie Mae Brinkley

Addie Mae Brinkley married Charlie Bunton. She will be 89 in 1993 and is the only one of the children living at the time of this writing.

Madeline Brinkley

Madeline Brinkley married John Robert Conwell.

Bruce Brinkley

Bruce Brinkley died in a barn fire as a child. He and a playmate were playing with cigarettes and Bruce was unable to get out of the barn when it accidentally ignited.



Three daughters of Julian and Lizzie Brinkley
Edrie, Mildred, and Annie

Edrie Hope Brinkley

Edrie Hope Brinkley married Eugene Clay.

Mildred Brinkley

Mildred Brinkley married James Luter. She is buried at Cypress Chapel near her father.

THE ANNIE ELIZABETH (BRINKLEY) EURE FAMILY

Annie Elizabeth Brinkley

Annie Elizabeth Brinkley was born on 12 March 1896. She married John Thomas Eure. Annie died on 22 March 1985. Children of Annie and John Eure follows.

Martha Elizabeth Eure

She was born 20 June 1914. She is deceased.

Annie Mae Eure

Anne Mae died as an infant.



1942
Annie (Brinkley) and
John Eure



Edrie Marie (Eure) Swain

Edrie Marie Eure

Marie provided most of this information on the Julian Brinkley family. Her family is the next family discussed.

John Edward Eure

John Edward Eure was born 23 May 1921.

Lloyd Thomas Eure

Lloyd Thomas (L.T.) Eure was born 11 November 1923.

Dorothy Juanita Eure

Dorothy Juanita Eure was born 17 June 1925.

Harry Lee and Helen Lee Eure

Harry Lee and Helen Lee Eure were twins and both died shortly after birth in 1927.

Carol Eure

Carol (Dick) Eure was born 12 August 1929.

Joan Marlene Eure

Joan Marlene Eure was born 21 August 1931.

THE EDRIE MARIE (EURE) SWAIN FAMILY

Edrie Marie Eure

Edrie Marie Eure was born on 9 October 1919. Marie married John Swain. She has many fond memories of her Grandfather Julian and his family. She especially had good times with the music they played. She also remembers many visits to my grandparents home (Abram and Lelia Brinkley) when they were living at Harrell Siding in the Railroad Section Home. Marie continues to reside in Portsmouth. Children of Marie and John Swain are as follows:

Eldon Eure Swain who was born on 7 August 1943. He died on 24 November 1972.

Annie Pearl Swain who was born on 25 April 1945.

Edrie Hope Swain who was born on 5 May 1947.

DESCENDANTS OF ABRAM LEWIS BRINKLEY

Abram Lewis Brinkley

Abram Lewis Brinkley was born on 22 April 1874 in Nansemond Co., Virginia. He married Lelia Babb on 28 December 1899 in Suffolk, VA. They were married by the Rev. H. H. Butler.⁶¹ She was born 14 March 1877 also in Nansemond Co., Virginia. Grandma died 6 December 1942 and Papa died 23 October 1947. They are both buried at Cypress Chapel Christian Church Cemetery.

Abram Brinkley who was called Bud or Uncle Bud by friends and relatives and Papa by his children worked as a Maintenance Foreman for the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. For a large part of the time he worked his family lived at Harrell Siding. Their home was provided by the railroad. It was customary for the railroad to furnish a Section House for a small group of people that maintained the road. Mother was born in a Section House at Harrell Siding. I was also born in that very same house. I believe some of my cousins were also born there since Uncle Lewis' family lived in that house after Papa retired. It stands to this day. The house was about thirty feet from the railroad itself. It must have taken some time to get use to the noise of passing trains. Harrell Siding was the place mother grew up. It is about half way between Whaleyville and Nurney Siding.

Some of my earliest memories come from the period that we were living in Nurney. Mom and Dad had moved there from Portsmouth during the World War II years. We lived within walking distance of Grandma and Papa's house. Papa had retired from the railroad and had bought a farm. It has never been clear to me if he really farmed it or just leased it out. At any rate, it was a fun place to visit which we did often even after we moved back to Portsmouth in 1945. Grandma died during the time we lived at Nurney. Papa stayed on the farm until advancing age and illness forced him to have to come to live with Aunt Grace in Portsmouth. Grace and Jesse Wiggins and their only child, Jesse Lee, lived just three houses down the street from us. I felt very close to Papa. He was gentle and kindly. He seemed to love having children around. It was a great loss to me when he died.

Abram and Lelia Brinkley had the following seven children in this order.

Lillie Maude Brinkley

Sarah Leigh Brinkley

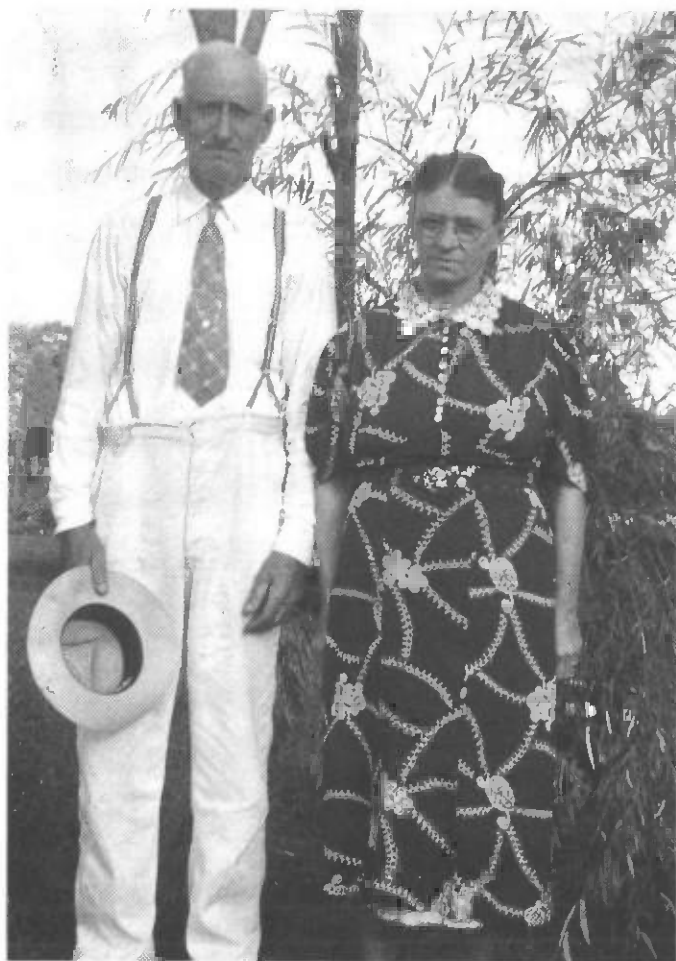
Susie May Brinkley

Lewis Vann Brinkley

James Henry Brinkley

Grace Virginia Brinkley

Ethel Oretha Brinkley



Abram Lewis and Lelia (Babb)
Brinkley

DESCENDANTS OF LILLIE MAUDE (BRINKLEY) HORTON

Lillie Maude Brinkley

Lillie Maude Brinkley was born 16 November 1901 in Gates Co., NC.⁶² She died on 18 April 1987. She married Brantley Moses Horton on 6 June 1918.⁶³ He was born in Whaleyville, VA on 30 August 1896 and died 15 August 1986. They are both buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Brantley worked at and retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. They lived for many years in Prentis Park in Portsmouth and later moved to Grove Park. As I was growing up we spent a lot of time with them. They often came over to Mom and Dad's to play cards or just visit. Mom was very close to all of her sisters. Children of Lillie and Brantley Horton were:

Doris Muriel Horton

Brantley Moses Horton, Jr.

James Milton Horton

Mable Lelia Horton

Ray Brinkley Horton

Lillie Grey Horton

Bobby Abbott Horton



Lillie Maude (Brinkley)
Horton

THE DORIS MURIEL (HORTON) CRAWFORD FAMILY

Doris Muriel Horton

Doris Muriel Horton was born 13 September 1919 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Clarence Andrew Crawford. He worked at and retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He died 30 September 1977 and is buried at the Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. Children of Doris and Andrew Crawford and their families are as follows.

Doris Elaine Crawford

Brantley Crawford

Sandra Crawford

William Crawford

Linda Crawford

Janet Crawford

Wayne Crawford

Doris Elaine Crawford

Doris Elaine Crawford was born on 15 September 1938 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Bennie William Jones. Bennie died 2 April 1962. Elaine works for the Hughes Florist in Portsmouth.

Brantley Crawford

Brantley Crawford was born on 12 June 1942 in Portsmouth, VA. Brantley married Donna McKoy who was born 8 October 1946 also in Portsmouth, VA. They both work at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Children of Brantley and Donna Horton are as follows:

Christopher Brantley Crawford who was born 25 June 1969 in Portsmouth, VA. Christopher married Lisa Britt of Portsmouth, VA.

David Crawford who was born 26 July 1970 in Portsmouth, VA.

Steven Crawford who was born 15 August 1972 in Portsmouth, VA.

Sandra Crawford

Sandra Crawford was born 12 April 1945 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Dale Stanley of NC who is deceased. Children of Sandra and Dale Stanley are as follows:

Clay Stanley who was born 17 April 1963 in Charlotte, NC.

Tony Stanley who was born 24 August 1966 in Charlotte, NC.

William Crawford

William Crawford was born 25 December 1947 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Doris Profitt who was also from Portsmouth. Children of Doris and William Crawford are as follows:

April Crawford was born in Portsmouth on 3 November 1967.

Jeff Crawford was born in Portsmouth on 6 November 1968.

Linda Crawford

Linda Crawford was born 23 September 1948 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Joe Dillon of Portsmouth who is deceased. Children of Linda and Joe Dillon are as follows:

Allen Dillon who was born 1 November 1971 in Portsmouth, VA.

Amy Dillon who was born 11 August 1972 in Portsmouth, VA.

Janet Crawford

Janet Crawford was born 4 September 1951 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Tommy Megginson. Their children are as follows:

Tommy Megginson, Jr. who was born 28 November 1972 in Portsmouth, VA.

Michael Megginson who was born 16 September 1975 in Portsmouth, VA.

Wayne Crawford

Wayne Crawford was born 19 October 1952 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Bobbie Cain. Their child is:

Brian Crawford who was born 12 January 1975.

THE BRANTLEY MOSES HORTON, JR. FAMILY

Brantley Moses Horton, Jr.

He was always known as B.J. or Shorty Horton. He was born 5 June 1921 in Portsmouth, VA. He was a professional musician and also a barber. B.J. played the bass and other strings. I remember some sessions at home when he and a few others played. As a child I was very impressed. One other memory that has stuck with me through the years is that we were spending the day with Aunt Lillie the day that he returned home from World War II. He was in the Army and I believe had been in Europe. It was a glorious day for the Horton family when he safely returned. B.J. married Dorothy Terry and they had two children. Both B.J. and Dorothy are deceased. B.J. is buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery and Dot is buried in Maryland. Their children were:

Lonnie Horton who was born 4 September 1948 in Maryland.

Tommy Horton who was born in Maryland but the date is not known.

THE JAMES MILTON HORTON FAMILY

James Milton Horton

James Milton Horton was born 22 September 1923 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Margaret Everett. She was born in 1927, but no other data is available. Milton now resides in Portsmouth. Children of Milton and Margaret Horton were:

James Milton Horton, Jr. who was born in Portsmouth, VA.

William Robert Horton who was born in Portsmouth, VA.

THE MABLE LELIA (HORTON) BLEVINS FAMILY

Mable Lelia Horton

Mable Horton was born 26 December 1925 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Charles R. Hobbs who was born in Erwin, NC on 30 March 1925. Charles is deceased.

After Charles death, Mable Horton married Samuel Wayne Blevins. Sam was born 20 June 1924 in Kansas. Sam had a career in the US Navy from which he is retired. Mable was a cook and she is also retired. They reside in Portsmouth and live in the former home of Lillie and Brantley in Grove Park, Portsmouth, VA. Mable has been very helpful in getting data on the Horton Family in this chapter. Mable and Sam Blevins did not have children together.

The following are the children and families of Mable and Charles Hobbs.

Wanda Kay Hobbs

Kay Hobbs was born in Portsmouth, VA on 4 March 1946. Kay is a hairdresser. She married Richard Wayne Welch who was born in Portsmouth on 23 January 1946. Richard works in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Children of Kay and Richard Welch are as follows:

Tiffany Suzanne Welch who was born in Portsmouth on 19 February 1971. She is a college student and works for a local doctor.

Tara Nicola Welch who was born in Portsmouth on 22 June 1979.

Ronnie Lee Hobbs

Ronnie Hobbs was born 11 September 1948 in Erwin, NC. He married Chris Hampton who was born in Portsmouth on 9 November 1951. Ronnie works at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Ronnie and Chris had no children. Ronnie later married Theresa and their children are as follows:

Jeff Hobbs who was born on 28 November 1973 in Virginia Beach, VA.

Michael Hobbs who was born in Virginia Beach, VA on 15 March 1975.

Charles Craig Hobbs

Charles Craig Hobbs was born 30 December 1955 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Kathy Culter who was born 23 June 1960 in Portsmouth. He works at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and she is employed as a legal secretary. They have not had children.

Marilyn Pandora Hobbs

Marilyn Hobbs was born 30 July 1956. She married Melvin K. Rosen. They did not have children. Marilyn died 30 January 1981 and is buried at Cypress Chapel.

THE LILLIE GREY (HORTON) POLLARD FAMILY

Lillie Grey Horton

Lillie Grey Horton was born on 6 April 1929 in Portsmouth, VA. On the first date I had with my wife, Eleanor, we went roller skating with Lillie Grey. We all had a very good time. Lillie Grey was a very good skater and fun to be around. She married Bruce Lutrell and they have two children:

Steve Lutrell

No other data is available on Steve Lutrell.

Paula Lutrell

Paula Lutrell was born in Florida. She married Karl Reimer. Their child is Benny Reimer.

Lillie Grey and Bruce Lutrell divorced. She later married a Pollard. They now reside in Florida where she works in a state office.

THE RAY BRINKLEY HORTON FAMILY

Ray Brinkley Horton

Ray Brinkley Horton was born 30 December 1931 in Portsmouth, VA. Ray married Louise Wagan who was born 30 August 1928 and was from Illinois. Ray died on 14 October 1988 and is buried at Cypress Chapel. They had two children George and Pat Horton who were raised by their grandparents, Lillie and Brantley Horton.

George Edward Horton

George Edward Horton was born 4 September 1948 in Portsmouth, VA. George married Selma (Sam). George works at

the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Their children are Christen and Stephanie Horton.

Patricia Horton

Patricia Horton was born 30 November 1949 in Portsmouth, VA. She married Terry DePriest. Terry works at a Naval Shipyard in Florida. They have two children Jeff and Michelle DePriest.

THE BOBBY ABBOTT HORTON FAMILY

Bobby Abbott Horton

Bobby Horton was born 3 November 1933 in Portsmouth, VA. He married Doris (?) who was born 9 July 1932 in California. Bobby made a career in the US Air Force from which he is now retired. Doris worked in the California Prison System from which she is also retired. They reside in Fairfield, CA. Bobby is near my own age and lived close by while we were growing up. He had the nickname "Skeeter". We spent a fair amount of time together. He was always interesting to be around and always on the leading edge of being mischievous. I will always credit him with me not being allowed to have a motor scooter. He had a motor scooter as a teenager and had a rather serious accident, so after that Dad would not even discuss me getting a motor scooter.

Bobby and Doris Horton have the following children:

Bobby Abbott Horton, Jr.

Wendy Horton who was born in CA.

Brantley Horton who was born in CA.

Shawn Horton who was born in CA.

Dina Horton who was born in VA.

Margaret Horton who was born in VA.

This completes the data on the Horton Family, we will now return to other children of Abram and Lelia Brinkley.

SARAH LEIGH (BRINKLEY) BRINKLEY

Sarah Leigh Brinkley

Sarah Brinkley was born 22 September 1903. She married Herman Butler Brinkley on 20 August 1921. Sarah died 26 November 1921 after the birth of her first child, Sarah Butler Brinkley. She was born on 25 November 1921 but did not survive.⁶⁴ She is buried at Cypress Chapel near her parents.



The Liberty Spring School around 1910

From Left to right

Names given by: Mary Austin and Amy H. Byrd

1st Row - Merit Parker, Alvin Parker, Elliott Parker, Dorothy Ashburn, Curtis Harrell, Nell Rawls O'Berry, Susie Brinkley Umphlett, Lillie Brinkley Horton, Earl Parker.

2nd Row - Myrtie May Doughtie, Eula Woodard, Ava Woodard, Edna Paker, Lola Pearce Goodwin, Amy Austin Byrd, Mary Austin, Elmer Austin, Ferman Parker.

3rd Row - Burgess Harrell, Marvin Bryant, Eula Bradshaw, Belle P. Gardner, Eunice Bunch, Virginia Parker Turner, Rudolph Rogers, Sidney Rawls, Carol Rogers.

4th Row - Charlie Harrell, Millard Bryant, Mamie Bradshaw, Minnie Bryant, Zusie Pearce Harrell, Miss Ruth Jones (Teacher), Lillie Parker O'Berry, Elmira H. Byrd, Addie H. Ballard, Herman Bradshaw.

DESCENDANTS OF SUSIE MAY (BRINKLEY) UMPHLETTE

Susie May Brinkley

Susie May Brinkley was born 14 June 1905 in Tunis, NC. She married Floyd Riddick Umphlette, Sr. on 22 April 1922.⁶⁵ Floyd Umphlette was born 6 November 1901 in Whaleyville, VA. Floyd died 17 September 1971 and is buried at the Cypress Chapel Church Cemetery. They were farmers. Floyd also worked as a dispatcher in the Nansemond Co. Sheriff's Office. I loved to go visit with Aunt Susie and Uncle Floyd as did my two brothers. As I recall my brother, Don, spent some time with them several summers. It was always interesting to be at their farm which was near Harrell Siding, Whaleyville, VA. Susie lived at the Hillhaven Convalescent Center in Suffolk, VA during her later life and died on 25 March 1994. She is also buried at Cypress Chapel.

Floyd's father was Riddick Umphlette. Riddick is buried on the Homeplace in Nansemond Co. Birth and death dates are not available. Floyd's mother was Josephine Briggs. Josephine was born 17 January 1858. She died 12 September 1926 and is buried at the Cypress Chapel Church Cemetery.

Children of Susie and Floyd Umphlette are as follows:

Floyd Riddick Umphlett, Jr.

Lewis Carrol Umphlette

Sarah Elizabeth Umphlette

Ona Sue Umphlette

THE FLOYD RIDDICK UMPHLETT, JR. FAMILY

Floyd Riddick Umphlett

Floyd (Bump) Riddick Umphlett, Jr. was born 10 February 1926 at home on the old homeplace in Whaleyville, Nansemond Co., VA. Bump is a farmer and Grain and Peanut Buyer. He has carried on the family tradition of farming and has been very successful at it. He was farming about a thousand acres in 1992. On 8 January 1966 Bump married Rebecca (Becky) Mann of Cypress Chapel. Becky is now a homemaker, but she has also been a teacher and counselor. In fact, Becky and my wife

Eleanor, were assigned to the same school, Harry Hunt Jr. High School in Portsmouth, when Eleanor first started teaching.

Becky Mann was born 20 April 1931 in Nansemond Co. VA. She earned her BS at Longwood College in 1952 and her MS in Education from William and Mary in 1963. Her father was Gaither Clayton Mann. He was born 25 October 1895 and died 9 February 1973. He was an Educator and as I recall was the Principal at Cypress Chapel School. Becky's mother was Maggie Abernathy. Maggie was born 20 August 1899 and died 26 June 1981. She was a Dietitian. They are both buried at the Cypress Chapel Church Cemetery.

The only child of Bump and Becky Umphlett is:

Gail Mann Umphlett

Gail Mann Umphlett was born 28 September 1973 at the Norfolk General Hospital In Norfolk, VA. She is a student at Longwood College in Farmville, VA.

THE LEWIS CARROL UMPHLETTE FAMILY

Lewis Carrol Umphlette

Lewis (Bud) Carrol Umphlette was born 20 June 1928 at the old homeplace in Whaleyville, Nansemond Co., VA. Carrol attended VPI in Blacksburg, VA. He has retired from the Golden Peanut Company where he was an executive. He was the Virginia-Carolina Operations Manager for the company. On 18 July 1954 he married Bettye Sue Glover at the Sandy Run Baptist Church in Roxobel, NC.

Bettye Sue Glover

Bettye Sue Glover was born 8 February 1934 at home in Roxobel, Bertie Co., NC. She attended the Louise Obici School of Nursing in Suffolk, VA. She worked as a Dental Assistant. She also worked as a Real Estate Agent from which she has also retired. Bettye's father was Luther Donald Glover, Sr. He was born 2 July 1908 in Newsoms, VA. Luther died 25 November 1985. He was a carpenter. He is buried at the Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Rich Square, NC. On 31 May 1931 in Suffolk, VA. he married Bernice Johnson. Bernice was a homemaker. She was born 5 October 1915 in Roxobel, NC.

Carrol and Bettye reside in Suffolk and continue to be members at the Cypress Chapel Christian Church where he is the

Chairman of the Trustee Board. Children of Carrol and Bettye Umphlette are as follows:

Carol Jeanne Umphlette

Cheryl Arnette Umphlette

Cynthia Sue Umphlette

Carol Jeanne Umphlette

Carol Jeanne Umphlette was born 28 May 1955 at the Obici Hospital in Suffolk, VA. She graduated from the Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. She is a former Vice President of the Commercial Division, Nations Bank. Carol is currently a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the Rappahannock Community College. On 29 June 1984 she married Douglas Sayers Meredith. Doug was born 6 February 1948 at the Petersburg General Hospital in Petersburg, VA. He is a graduate of the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Doug is the son of Alice Elizabeth Glammer and Howard Lipscomb Meredith. They are both deceased and are buried in Petersburg, VA.. Doug is Director of Economic Development, Gloucester County, VA. The Meredith Family resides in Gloucester Point, VA and are active members of the historic Abingdon Episcopal Church there. Children of Carol and Doug Meredith are as follows:

Lewis Carrol Meredith who was born 6 October 1985 at the DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

Carter Douglas Meredith who was born 22 March 1987 at the Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

Page Elizabeth Meredith who was born 3 December 1992 at the Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

Cheryl Arnette Umphlette

Cheryl Umphlette was born 21 February 1960 at the Obici Hospital in Suffolk, VA. She is a graduate of the Chowan College in Murfreesboro, NC. She is a former Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suffolk. She currently is a homemaker and is on the Alumni Board at Chowan College. On 30 April 1983 Cheryl married Thomas Joseph O'Connor, III at Oak Island in Suffolk, VA. Tommy was born 19 January 1952 at the Obici Hospital in Suffolk, VA. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond, in Richmond, VA. Tommy is the Owner and President of O'Connor and Company, Inc. in Suffolk. His parents are Alice Taylor

Hosier and Thomas Joseph O'Connor, Jr. of Suffolk. Cheryl and Tommy reside in Suffolk and are members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church there. The child of Cheryl and Thomas O'Connor is:

Sadie Hosier O'Connor who was born on 22 February 1990 at the Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

Cynthia Sue Umphlette

Cynthia Umphlette was born 28 May 1965 at the Obici Hospital in Suffolk, VA. She attended North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC. Cindy has worked as a substitute teacher at the Nansemond Suffolk Academy. She is currently a homemaker and tutor. Cindy married Charles Landon Howell on 5 December 1987 at the home of her parents. Charles was born 4 November 1962 at the Obici Hospital in Suffolk, VA. He graduated from the J. F. Kennedy High School and P. D. Pruden Vo-Tech in Suffolk. Charles works in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, VA. His father was Eugene Francis Howell who is deceased and is buried at the Holly Lawn Cemetery. His mother is Margie Baines Neil also of Suffolk. Cindy and Charles reside in Suffolk and are members of the Cypress Chapel Christian Church. Their child is:

Carrol Landon Howell who was born 11 June 1991 at the Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

THE SARAH ELIZABETH (UMPHLETTE) BANE FAMILY

Sarah Elizabeth Umphlette

Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Umphlette was born 23 January 1931 at home in Nansemond Co., VA. Betty is a graduate of James Madison University. She has retired from teaching school. On 25 October 1953 she married Woody Kent Bane at the Cypress Chapel Christian Church. Woody who is the son of Birda Moorefield and John Jinks Bane (both deceased) was born 8 August 1924 at Vernon Hill, VA. Woody served as the Sheriff of Halifax Co., VA. for a number of years, but is now retired. They reside in Halifax, VA and are members of the Center United Church of Christ of South Boston, VA. Children of Betty and Woody Bane are Sarah Ann and Woody Kent Bane, Jr.

Sarah Ann Bane

Sarah Ann Bane was born 29 May 1954 in Halifax, VA. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary. Sarah is a Corporate Executive Officer at the Dominion Bank in Richmond, VA. On 16 June 1980 she married Robert Luther Terrell Williams. Terrell is a graduate of VMI. He was born 25 October 1952. He is Vice President of Henderson-Phillips Insurance Co. in Richmond where they reside. The two children of Sarah and Terrell Williams are as follows:

Sarah Elizabeth Bane Williams. Bane was born on 13 February 1984.

Dora Terrell Williams. Dolly was born on 1 April 1986.

Woody Kent Bane, Jr.

Woody was born 6 October 1956. He is a graduate of James Madison University. Woody teaches at the Halifax Senior High School where he is Chairman of the Social Studies Dept. On 30 July 1989 he married Kathryn Dabbs Switzer in South Boston, VA. She was born 8 November 1963. She graduated from the Mary Baldwin College. Kathy is an Assistant Vice President at the Nations Bank. They reside in Halifax. The child of Kathy and Woody Bane is:

Woody Kent Bane, III who was born on 20 February 1991.

THE ONA SUE (UMPHLETTE) HOLLEMAN FAMILY

Ona Sue Umphlette

Ona Sue Umphlette was born 18 April 1935 at home in Nansemond Co., VA. She married Harry Thomas Holleman, Jr. on 14 October 1954 in a ceremony performed at the home of Bettye and Carrol Umphlette. Ona Sue is a homemaker and Thomas is retired from the US Postal Service in Suffolk.

Thomas Holleman was born 3 March 1935 in Nansemond Co., VA. His father was Harry (Bobby) Thomas Holleman Sr. who was born 21 July 1907 in Sussex Co., VA. Bobby died 14 July 1987 and is buried at the Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Thomas' mother, Amanda Elizabeth Brinkley, was born 31 May 1912 in Nansemond Co., VA.

Children of Ona Sue and Thomas Holleman are as follows:

Sharon Lynn Holleman

Robert Kent Holleman

Susan Elizabeth Holleman

Sharon Lynn Holleman

Sharon Holleman was born on 1 May 1955 at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. She is an Ultrasonic Sound Technician at the Rappahannock General Hospital. On 26 September 1981 she married Steven Warren Rice in Suffolk, VA. Steve was born on 24 August 1955 in New York. They reside in Kilmarnock, VA. Children of Sharon and Steve Rice are as follows:

Kendall Nicole Rice who was born on 4 August 1983 at the Rappahannock General Hospital.

Taylor Riddick Rice who was born 1 March 1985 at the Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, VA. Taylor died on 6 March 1985 and is buried at the Cypress Chapel Cemetery.

Jordan Carey Rice who was born on 24 March 1986 at the Rappahannock General Hospital.

Robert Kent Holleman

Kent was born on 2 October 1958 in Suffolk, VA. He works for the Quality Engineering Co. in Chesapeake, VA. On 4 June 1983 at the Eureka Baptist Church he married Lori Ann Bunch. Lori was born on 24 January 1961 in Suffolk, VA. She works as a Pediatric Nurse at the Virginia Beach General Hospital. They reside in Virginia Beach, VA.

Susan Elizabeth Holleman

Susan Elizabeth (Beth) Holleman was born 4 January 1962 in Suffolk, VA. Beth married Roger Bruce Fanney on 21 September 1985. He was born 20 December 1961. Beth and Bruce were divorced in 1987. Beth works for Montgomery Ward in the Telemarketing Dept.

We will now present data on another of Abram and Lelia Brinkley's children, Lewis V. Brinkley.

DESCENDANTS OF LEWIS VANN BRINKLEY

Lewis Vann Brinkley

Lewis Brinkley was born 13 January 1910 at Harrell Siding in Nansemond County and died 3 January 1955. He married Mable Anne Ward who was born 1 January 1913 and died 1 April 1980. They are both buried at Cypress Chapel. Mom's family has always been colorful and Lewis seemed to set the standard for color. There were lots of stories about the exploits of Lewis, James and their friend Jesse Wiggins. Lewis had been a policeman and finally a railroadman. They all loved practical jokes. I still remember how Lewis rigged a metal chair on the front porch with a battery to shock any unsuspecting soul who sat on it. My cousins in this family were very close to me in my youth and have always had a special place in my heart. We were able to spend lots of time together and we all probably have favorite stories to tell. The nine children of Lewis and Mable Brinkley are Barbara, Shirley, Joan, Jean, Buddy, Tommy, Rita, Sandra, and Betty Jo Brinkley.⁶⁶



Lewis and Mable (Ward)
Brinkley

THE BARBARA ANNE (BRINKLEY) DIXON FAMILY

Barbara Anne Brinkley

Barbara Anne Brinkley was born at Harrell Siding in Nansemond Co., VA. She married Robert Montgomery (Monty) Dixon. Monty was born in Kelford, North Carolina. They live in Ahoski, NC. They have two children.

Robbie Dixon

Patricia Ann Dixon

THE SHIRLEY LUCILLE (BRINKLEY) EARLEY FAMILY

Shirley Lucille Brinkley

Shirley Lucille Brinkley was born 1 January 1935 in Nansemond County, VA.⁶⁷ On 1 July 1956 at the Cypress Chapel Church she married Gene Leonard Earley. It was a double wedding with her sister, Joan. Gene was born on 25 April 1931 in Ahoskie, Hertford County, NC. Gene retired from the Western-Southern Life Insurance Company. They live in Weldon, NC. They have five children: Pamela, G.L., Vicki, Lynette, and Sheryl Earley.



Gene and Shirley (Brinkley)
Earley and granddaughter,
Tyler Moore.

Pamela Jo Earley

Pamela Jo Earley was born on 22 August 1957 in Ahoskie, NC. On 20 July 1980 in a double wedding with her sister Vicki she married Stephen Richard Moore. Stephen was born 5 April 1955 in Pocohontos County, West Virginia. They reside in Clyde, NC. Pam a graduate of NC State is a homemaker for their three children. Steve is a Procurement Forestry Champion in Clyde. They have three children.

Tyler Elise Moore born on 10 March 1986 in Raleigh, Wake County, NC.

Jackson Quinton Moore born on 10 February 1989 in Walker County, Texas.

Meredith Weston Moore born on 2 May 1991 in Buncomb County, NC.



Steve and Pam (Earley)
Moore

Gene Leonard Earley, Jr.

Gene Leonard (G.L.) Earley, Jr. was born 28 December 1958 in Ahoskie, NC. On 30 April 1988 at the Seymour Johnson

Air Force Base Chapel in Goldsboro, NC. he married Monica Marchman. Monica was born on 8 March 1959 in Macon, Bibb County, Georgia. G.L. is currently in the US Air Force and is the Directorate of Security at Elgin Air Force Base, FL. Monica is a graduate of St. Leo College and works as a Protocol Specialist at Hurlburt Field, FL. They have two children.

Patrick Ray Earley born 28 March 1983 in Fussa, Japan.

Jessica Erin Earley born 3 July 1984 also in Fussa, Japan.

There was a prior marriage from 1982 to 1987 between G.L. and Carol Ann Garrett of Goldsboro, NC. That marriage produced no children.



(From left)

Jessica, Monica (Marchman), G. L., Jr., and Patrick Earley

Vicki Marie Earley

Vicki Marie Earley was born 15 August 1960 in Ahoskie, NC. She married Charles (Chuck) Henry Francis on 20 July 1980 in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Pamela, at the Weldon Baptist Church in Weldon, NC. We note with interest the

tradition of double weddings in this family. Shirley and Joan, and now Pamela and Vicki. Chuck was born 27 January 1956 in Waynesville, Haywood County, NC. Vicki is a homemaker. Chuck a graduate of NC State is involved in the family owned Francis Fruit Farm business and as a Sales Rep for Vigegro Industries. They reside in Waynesville, NC. They have three children Kyle, Christopher, and Kelsey Francis.

Kyle Pinkney Francis was born 4 April 1984 in Waynesville, NC.

Christopher Kelly Francis was born 9 January 1986 in Waynesville, NC.

Kelsey Marie Francis was born 27 February 1988 in Waynesville, NC.



Chuck and Vicki (Earley)
Francis

Judith Lynette Earley

Judith Lynette Earley was born 5 September 1962 in Tarboro, Edgecombe County, NC. Lynette married Ruben (Dicky) Carlton Butler on 7 November 1981 in the Stokes Baptist Church in Stokes, NC. Dicky was born 14 May 1959 in Pitt County, NC. They both work for Burroughs Welcome in Greenville, NC and reside in Stokes, NC. They have two children Jamie and Allison Butler.

Jamie Lynette Butler was born 7 November 1983 in Greenville, NC.

Allison Paige Butler was born 7 July 1987 also in Greenville, NC.



Lynette (Earley) Butler



Sheryl Earley

Sheryl Ann Earley

Sheryl Ann Earley was born 2 August 1964 in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, NC. She works for the US Dept. of Fish and Wildlife in Ashville, NC. She is not married. Sheryl resides in Ashville, NC.

THE CONSTANCE JOAN (BRINKLEY) FAULKNER FAMILY

Constance Joan Brinkley

Constance Joan Brinkley was born 28 June 1936 in Nansemond Co., VA. She married Billy G. Faulkner on 1 July 1956. Billy had a career in the US Air Force Security Service (AFSS). AFSS is part of the intelligence service of the Air Force. Children of Joan and Billy Faulkner are Brenda Leigh, Linda Sue, and David Ray Faulkner.

Brenda Leigh Faulkner

Brenda Leigh Faulkner was born 18 September 1959. She married Bruce Lee Robertson. Children of Brenda and Bruce Robertson are:

Jason Allen Robertson who was born 21 October 1978 and died 8 January 1979.

Kelly Michelle Robertson who was born 5 July 1980.

Christine Anne Robertson who was born 2 July 1982.

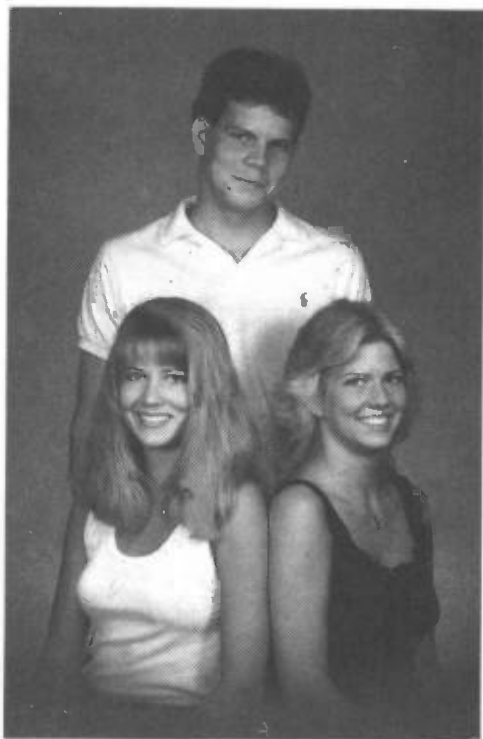
Brian Ray Robertson who died as an infant in 1984.

Linda Sue Faulkner

Linda Sue Faulkner was born 18 September 1962. Linda married Randolph Butler on 28 September 1991. Linda's nickname is Sissy. Sissy has been an international model and continues to model. She has been on magazine covers and has had a wonderful career in modeling.

David Ray Faulkner

David Ray Faulkner was born 15 November 1965. David is a student at Old Dominion University.



Sissy, David and Brenda
Faulkner

THE LEWIS JEAN (BRINKLEY) EURE FAMILY

Lewis Jean Brinkley

Lewis Jean Brinkley was born 17 January 1938 in Hobgood, NC. She married Daniel R. Eure, Jr. Daniel was born 2 January 1934 in Gates, NC. Daniel is retired. Jean continues to work in Suffolk. They have two sons:

Daniel R. Eure, III

Daniel R. Eure, III who was born on 8 April 1961 in Suffolk, VA.

Kevin Lewis Eure

Kevin Lewis Eure who was born 23 October 1970 in Norfolk VA.

THE ABRAM WARD BRINKLEY FAMILY

Abram Ward Brinkley

A.W. (Buddy) was born 26 March 1939 in Halifax, NC. Buddy married Marion Irene Parker. She was born 20 November 1942 in Gates, NC. They live in Gates, NC and own a hardware store there. They have two children.

Thomas Vernon Brinkley

Thomas Vernon Brinkley who was born on 1 April 1969 in Suffolk, VA.

Kendree Karen Brinkley

Kendree Karen Brinkley who was born 28 April 1972 also in Suffolk, VA.

THE THOMAS PLYER BRINKLEY FAMILY

Thomas Plyer Brinkley

Thomas (Tommy) was born on 2 February 1941 in Nansemond County, Virginia. Tommy married Betty Jean Gay. She was born on 23 September 1943 in Newport News, VA. They have the following family.

Tammy Renee Brinkley

Tammy Renee Brinkley was born on 27 February 1964 in Suffolk, VA. Tammy married Vladimir E. Itskozsky who was born on 28 February 1964 in Russia.

Patty Lynn Brinkley

Patty Lynn Brinkley who was born 25 May 1966 in Suffolk, VA.

Thomas Plyer Brinkley, II

Thomas Plyer Brinkley, II was born on 9 July 1971 in Suffolk, VA. He married Christina Michele Walker who was born 1 January 1973 in Shelby, NC. They have one son:

Christian Robert Brinkley who was born 10 July 1992 in Fayetteville, NC.

THE RITA PATRICIA (BRINKLEY) EURE FAMILY

Rita Patricia Brinkley

Rita Patricia Brinkley was born on 1 April 1944 in Nansemond County, VA. She married Walter Anderson Eure. Walter was born on 28 September 1940 in Gates, NC. While in her 40's she had a very serious stroke. She has spent a number of years in an extraordinary battle to recover and has done exceptionally well all the while getting good support from Walter and the rest of her family. They have two sons.

Walter Anderson Eure, Jr.

Walter Anderson Eure, Jr. was born 25 April 1963 in Suffolk, VA.

Woody Vann Eure

Woody Vann Eure was born 11 November 1969 in Suffolk, VA.

THE SANDRA LEIGH (BRINKLEY) BRINKLEY FAMILY

Sandra Leigh Brinkley

Sandra Leigh Brinkley was born on 1 March 1945 in Whaleyville, VA. She married Lynn Brinkley. Lynn was born on 7 June 1944 in Nansemond County, VA. They also live in the old homeplace that had belonged to her mother at Harrell Siding.

Their home is just across the road from the house that my mother and I were both born in. They have two sons:

Christopher Scott Brinkley

Christopher Scott Brinkley was born 30 January 1974 in Norfolk, VA.

Marcus C. Brinkley

Marcus C. Brinkley was on born 3 December 1982 in Norfolk, VA.

THE BETTY JO (BRINKLEY) SPESSARD FAMILY

Betty Jo Brinkley

Betty Jo Brinkley was born 6 July 1945 in Nansemond Co., VA. She married Barry Kincaid. They are divorced. Betty Jo and Barry Kincaid had the following two children.

Mark Allen Kincaid

Dawn Renee Kincaid

Betty Jo Brinkley later married James Johnson who is deceased.

Betty Jo is now married to Robert Spessard. Robert is an attorney in Floyd, VA and Betty Jo manages their Law Office.

This completes the data for the children of Lewis and Mable Brinkley.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES HENRY BRINKLEY

James Henry Brinkley

James Henry Brinkley was born on 24 September 1912 and died on 4 November 1961.⁶⁸ He is buried at the Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk. James was in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC's) when he married Hilda Frances Byrd of Suffolk. (The Byrd Family information follows after the data on Marvin Brinkley.)

Aunt Hilda recalls that they lived in two box cars at Harrell Siding after they were first married which was during the Great Depression of the 1930's. James worked for a while for the Atlantic Coastline Railroad as did his father and brother. The railroad had configured box cars as living quarters for some of their workers. James and Hilda also lived with Papa and Grandmother (Abram and Lelia) at Nurney while Grandmother was sick. After she died and Papa went to Portsmouth, James and Hilda moved to Suffolk. Later Leon Brinkley helped him get a job with the Virginia Electric Power Company which is where he worked most of his career. I remember Uncle James stopping by the house just to say hello sometimes when his work brought him out that way. Since there were two Brinkley's working at VEPCO, they were referred to as "Big Brink and Little Brink." James was "Little Brink" since Leon had been with the company longer. Aunt Hilda has been a homemaker. James and Hilda had one son, Marvin Brinkley. Aunt Hilda has resided in Suffolk with Marvin and Elsie Mae where they have lived most of their lives.

THE JAMES MARVIN BRINKLEY FAMILY

James Marvin Brinkley

Marvin Brinkley was born 19 September 1934 in Suffolk, VA. After high school he joined the US Marines and had a three year tour of duty. During that time he was stationed in Japan. After returning home he married Elsie Mae Baines who was from Suffolk. She was born 20 April 1940. Marvin worked at and retired from the Ford Plant in Norfolk. Marvin died suddenly of a heart attack on 8 August 1993. He is buried in the Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk. Marvin and Elsie Mae owned and operated a very nice antique shop in Suffolk. They have one daughter, Nancy Ann Brinkley.



James Marvin Brinkley

Nancy Ann Brinkley

Nancy Ann Brinkley was born 9 June 1961 in Suffolk, VA. She married William Richard Savage of Suffolk. They reside in Virginia Beach, VA.

THE HILDA FRANCES BYRD FAMILY

Hilda Frances Byrd

Hilda Byrd is the daughter of Lucy Ophelia Wyatt and J. A. Byrd.⁶⁹ Lucy Wyatt was born 18 September 1895 and died 23 October 1963. J.A. Byrd was born 29 January 1889 in Suffolk and died 2 July 1973. He is buried at the Cedar Hill Cemetery. Mr. Byrd was in the grocery business. He ran two grocery stores in Suffolk. Lucy and J.A. Byrd had the following five children:

Edna Louise Byrd was born 23 January 1914 and died 8 May 1989. She was married to Herbert Babb of Suffolk.

Hilda Frances Byrd was born 2 February 1916 in Suffolk, VA.

Carrie Cornelia Byrd was born 9 November 1920 and died 15 August 1988. She was married to Johnnie William Holland. Johnnie was born 8 January 1919 and died 17 June 1988.

J.A. Byrd III was born 8 March 1922 and died 9 May 1990. He was married to Mary Cowly who died 31 July 1981.

Blanch Ophelia Byrd was born 5 June 1924. She married George Louis Babb of Suffolk. He was born 17 July 1918.



Hilda Frances (Byrd) Brinkley

DESCENDANTS OF GRACE VIRGINIA (BRINKLEY) WIGGINS

Grace Virginia Brinkley

Grace Virginia Brinkley was born 30 January 1908. Aunt Grace's first marriage was to Odell Rountree. Grace and Odell had a son, Holmes Brinkley Rountree, who died of pneumonia when he was about 4 months old. Grace and Odell divorced.⁷⁰

Grace then married Jesse Lee Wiggins who was also from Harrell Siding. Uncle Jesse was born 31 July 1914 and died 22 May 1976. Aunt Grace was always my favorite aunt. This family lived just down the street from us from the time I was in the third grade until about the eleventh grade. We were always very close as neighbors and as friends. Their only child was Jesse Lee Wiggins, Jr. Aunt Grace resides with Jesse Lee and Jo Ann in Portsmouth. Aunt Grace was always a great cook. She made the best sweet potato jacks I have ever eaten.

THE JESSE LEE WIGGINS, JR. FAMILY

Jesse Lee Wiggins, Jr.

Jesse Lee Wiggins, Jr. was born in Suffolk, VA. on 26 May 1938. Jesse Lee was my favorite cousin. We spent many hours playing sandlot baseball and other games. He was very good at sports. I always believed he had the talent to play major league baseball. He was always a bit mischievous and fun to be around. He was the "ring leader type" who could always find something interesting to do which sometimes got all the participants in trouble with their parents. As a kid he had a good sense of humor. He still has that keen wit and sense of humor. He has made a career at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Jesse Lee Wiggins married Jo Ann Fox.⁷¹ Jo Ann was born at Fort Monroe, VA on 6 November 1941. Her parents are Margaret Gay Childs and Charles W. Fox. Her father was in the Army. She grew up in Portsmouth. Children of Jo Ann and Jesse Lee Wiggins are as follows:

Ronnie Shawn Wiggins

Ronnie Shawn Wiggins was born in Portsmouth, VA on 21 May 1965. Ronnie married Deborah Smith of Portsmouth.

Renee Dawn Wiggins

Renee Dawn Wiggins was born in Portsmouth, VA on 10 March 1967.

Rickie Lee Wiggins

Rickie Lee Wiggins was born in Portsmouth, VA on 25 November 1970.



Home at Harrell Siding
Grace and Ethel Brinkley



School Days at Cypress Chapel

(Front Row, from left) Mary Jane Jenkins (?), Ethel Brinkley, Elizabeth Knight, Maude Lowe (Teacher),
Thelma Hyatt, Emma Julie Brinkley, and Hazel Duke

(Middle) Laffett Wilkins, Willie Brinkley, Sandford Griffinn, Boyis Jenkins.

(Top) Raymond Dudley, Willie Asbell, Pearly Brinkley, James Hyatt, Knight (?), Woodrow
Byrum, Luther Wilkins, W. C. Brown, Harry Pearce, and Reginal Knight.

(Names were taken from back of photo, one name is missing and the order may not be totally correct.)

DESCENDANTS OF ETHEL ORETHA (BRINKLEY) BRINKLEY

Ethel Oretha Brinkley

Ethel Oretha Brinkley was born 19 August 1915 at Harrell Siding in Nansemond Co., VA. She grew up at Harrell Siding and attended the Cypress Chapel School.

A description of her immediate family which is composed of Freddie Leon, Donnie Payne, and Eddie Norwood Brinkley is covered earlier under the Norman Leon Brinkley Family and I will not repeat that earlier data. I will make some comments here about my mother.

Mother

All mothers are special, but I think ours is especially special. She has always been a wonderful homemaker and wife. She never worked outside the home. Her cooking skills were outstanding in the traditional southern style. She always made lots of desserts and was very creative in doing so. A Sunday meal at mother's was more like a feast elsewhere. I always claimed that she made the world's best potato salad, but my brother Eddie said I under estimated how good it really was.

She probably came as close to keeping a perfect house as anyone I have ever known. She always took a lot of pride in her home. This meant a lot of work for the kids too since we all had to pitch in and help. As an adult my view on how much help we really were has changed, but the point is we learned basic lessons important in life. She was always protective and supportive of all her children and husband. She maintained a household that had good fundamental values.

Mom and Dad have been members of the Alexander Baptist Church in Portsmouth since about 1950. Prior to that time they were both members at the Cypress Chapel Christian Church. They both loved God and His Church. The Alexander Baptist Church was constituted on 14 August 1943 as the Alexander Park Baptist Church. The whole family were members there and all the children were baptized into that congregation. Their best friends seem to have been from the church. The members of the church have been wonderful to both Mom and Dad and especially so when they were both ill and since Mom has been at the residential care center. I also know that both Mom and Dad always tried to help others when they needed it. The last several years have been good examples of Christian love in action.

Mom and Dad had good neighbors and they were good neighbors. It was difficult for us brothers to sell the home at 3913 Kingman Ave. in April 1993. It was clear that Mom could not maintain it any longer.

Mom has always had a good sense of humor. She especially loved a practical joke. She loved to tell stories. For numerous church related parties she was the entertainment chairman. She organized and put on good programs which were enjoyed by all. She played jokes on friends and relatives all her life. Quite a few of us remember her famous "Snipe Hunts."

She was always strong willed. When she had a position on something, she was not easily changed. It is a trait I see in my own children. This is not a negative comment only an observation.

Mother was also a musician. Early in life she had played the violin. She played and sung at Cypress Chapel Church as a teenager. She also had skills at the piano. As a chord player she could play just about anything you could sing or hum and she especially loved sing-a-longs which we did at my house when we still had a piano.

She had close contact with her sisters all her life. They were friends not just relatives. She always had a strong sense of family which extended to all the cousins, aunts, uncles and to some folks I could never figure out how they were related.

Mother set a wonderful example for her children in every respect. She has shown a lot of love for us all and our families, and we love her dearly. As an adult I always regretted that we lived so far away and did not get to see each other more than we did. Mothers just do not come any better than our mother.

CHAPTER 4 SUMMARY

This completes the information that I have on mother's paternal side of the family.

FOOTNOTES

⁵⁶ US Census Records of Nansemond County, VA for 1870, 1880, and 1900.

⁵⁷ Marie (Eure) Swain in phone conversation with the author on 2 June 1993. A visit to the cemetery on 18 March 1994 located the stone which provided birth and death dates for Henry and Elizabeth Brinkley.

⁵⁸ 18 March 1994 visit to the cemetery. Joseph, Sallie, Forest and Lara Brinkley are buried on the same Brinkley lot.

⁵⁹ Ethel Brinkley in written notes on 6 April 1984.

⁶⁰ Marie Swain was able to provide most of the information on the Julian Brinkley extended family in phone conversation on 2 June 1993.

⁶¹ Ethel Brinkley in notes taken from information in the Old Brinkley Family Bible on 1 April 1984. The disposition of the Bible is not known.

⁶² Mable (Horton) Blevins provided information on the Lillie (Brinkley) Horton extended family on 29 November 1992.

⁶³ Ethel Brinkley in notes taken from information in the Old Brinkley Family Bible on 1 April 1984.

⁶⁴ Ethel Brinkley in an oral history to the author on 6 July 1982. Dates are taken from the Family Bible.

⁶⁵ Bettie (Glover) Umphlette provided information on the Susie (Brinkley) Umphlette extended family on 17 February 1993.

⁶⁶ Joan (Brinkley) Faulkner collected and provided most of the information on the Lewis V. Brinkley extended family in 1992.

⁶⁷ Shirley (Brinkley) Earley provided all the information and a wonderful collection of pictures of her family in 1992.

⁶⁸ Hilda (Byrd) Brinkley provided information on the James Brinkley extended family on 8 June 1992. She also provided valuable points of contact for members of the Babb Family.

⁶⁹ Ibid.

⁷⁰ Grace (Brinkley) Wiggins in an oral history to the author on 12 April 1992.

⁷¹ Jesse Lee Wiggins, Jr. provided information on his family on 14 March 1993 a phone conversation.

CHAPTER 5

This chapter will deal with my mothers maternal side of the family. A good bit of information is derived from census and other records and needs to be independently confirmed from some other sources. This side of the family is also from Nansemond Co., VA. I believe they lived near Nurney (AKA Nurney Siding). It is highly likely that they lived along or near Babbtown Road. There never was a town called Babbtown, it was at most a small village. The road probably just took the name of its early primary residents, Babbs. We start with the earliest Babb that I can link to this family, James C. Babb.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES C. BABB

James C. Babb

Census Records of 1850 for Nansemond Co. list the James C. Babb family. James was 56 at that time so he must have been born about 1794. His wife, Cinthia Jones, was 40 so she must have been born about 1810. According to the marriage bond which was issued on 10 June 1827 in Gates County, Cinthia's mother was Mary Jones. It is assumed her father was deceased at that time. This bond is interesting because it is one of the very few where the text of the bond not just the fact of a bond exists.⁷² See footnote for full text.

James and Cinthia were farmers and the value of their farm was \$500 in 1850. Other family members and their ages and approximate birth dates are as follows.

Nathaniel Babb, 24, born about 1826.

Sarah Babb, 22, born about 1828.

Elizabeth Babb, 21, born about 1829.

William K. Babb, 20, born about 1830.

Margaret J. Babb, 16, born about 1834.

George W. Babb, 14, born in 1836. This is the direct descendant line that we can trace.

Frances V. Babb, 10, born about 1840.

James C. Babb, Jr., 8, born about 1842.

Texana Babb, 6, born about 1844.

Robert E. Babb, 1, born about 1849.

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE W. BABB

George Washington Babb

A visit to the Rawls Cemetery on Babbtown Road revealed the following interesting information.⁷³ George W. Babb was born 9 September 1836 and died 16 November 1911. The headstone inscription reads "An honest man the noblest work of God". His wife is buried next to him. There is some uncertainty about her name. The stone is inscribed as Sarah Ann. However, my mother was pretty certain her name was Sally Ann. Mary Gardner Joyner also confirms that her name was Sally Ann. She was born 6 June 1849 and died 27 December 1919. Her stone is inscribed "He took thee from a world of care, and everlasting bliss to share". Her maiden name is not listed. However, we have a couple of clues to what it was. My mother had told me about a year before our visit to the cemetery that she believed her Grandma's name was Sally Ann Outlaw or Outland. At the cemetery buried next to Sarah was Mary M. Outland born 15 January 1853 and died 15 September 1907 with the inscription " Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep". It is my guess that Mary was Sally's younger sister and that the correct name is Outland. Mary Joyner also believes the correct name was Outland. Mother also told me that George's middle name was Washington. The children of George and Sally (or Sarah) Ann Babb were as follows, but the order is not necessarily correct:

Lelia Mae Babb. Lelia was my grandmother.

William S. Babb

Texanna Babb

Margaret Babb

Dora Babb

Mary Babb

DESCENDANTS OF LELIA MAE (BABB) BRINKLEY

Lelia Babb

Lelia Babb was born 14 March 1877 and died 6 December 1942. She is buried at the Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Mother told me Lelia claimed that she did not have a middle name, but mother observed her mail sometimes came with Mae as a middle name. I will not credit her with one. I have early memories of grandmother. We were living at Nurney close to her home. She was short, had black hair and it was always a treat to visit at grandmother's house. At that time James and Hilda Brinkley and their son Marvin were living with them. Marvin was several years older than I. I first learned to ride a bicycle with his bicycle. Grandmother died when I was still very young. Children of Lelia and Abram Brinkley and their extended families were covered earlier and that data will not be repeated here.



Lelia (Babb) Brinkley

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM S. BABB

William S. Babb

William (Willie) S. Babb's wife's name was Rosa. Their children were:

Mary Babb who married Travis Harrell.

George Babb

John Henry Babb. He died in June 1993.

Berta Babb

Rosa Babb who married Ernest E. Brickel. They had a son Ernest E. Brickel, Jr. who was Superintendent of Schools in Norfolk for some time and a daughter Eloise Brickel.

DESCENDANTS OF TEXANNA (BABBS) DUKE

THE BABBS

Texanna Babb

Texanna Babb was known as Sis Tex. I believe she was my mother's favorite aunt. Mother gave me written notes on much of her family as she remembered them.⁷⁴ The following account of Texanna's family is my best interpretation of those notes.

Sis Tex's first marriage was to George Babb. Texanna and George Babb had three children as follows:

Elizabeth Babb

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Babb who married Stanley Gardiner. Lizzie and Stanley had three daughters:

Margaret Gardiner

Margie Gardiner. Margaret and Margie were twins.

One girl whose name is not known.

Mattie Babb

Mattie Babb was married several times; however, the order of her marriages and the full names of her husbands are not certain.

She married Rufus Daughtie and they had several children.

Richard Daughtie

Rufus Daughtie, Jr.

A daughter whose name is not known.

At the time of her mother, Texanna Babb's death, she was Mrs. John Hanby according to the obituary.⁷⁵ It is not known if there were children from that marriage.

Her last husband may have been a Dowdy.

Floyd Babb

Floyd Babb never married.

THE DUKES

After the George Babb marriage Texanna Babb married Henry Duke. They had the following children:

Elma Duke

Elma Duke a daughter, who married Roland P. Cutchen. This marriage produced several children according to note source, but source does not recall their names.

George Duke

George Duke's first wife was Evelyn Babb. George and Evelyn and their family lived across the road from my grandparents, Abram and Lelia Brinkley, at Nurney in the early 1940's. I have very vivid recollections of a tragic accident involving one of George Duke's sons. One afternoon after getting off the school bus in which we were returning from Cypress Chapel School, Chester Duke, a first grader, accidentally stepped from behind the bus into the path of an oncoming automobile

and was killed. This tragedy has stuck with me through the years. George Duke had an older son, Guy Duke. There may have also been other children, possibly Hilton Lee Duke and a girl whose name is not known. George and Evelyn Duke divorced. George had a second marriage, but his second wife's name is not available.

DESCENDANTS OF MARGARET (BABB) PARKER

Margaret Babb

Margaret (Maggie or Aunt Mag) Babb married Robert Parker. From the memorial stones at Cypress Chapel Cemetery we learned that Margaret was born on 19 June 1870 and died on 2 March 1923. Robert was born on 10 June 1860 and died on 7 May 1935.⁷⁶ Margaret and Robert Parker's children were Henry, Charlie, Otis, Linwood, Willie, Jake, and Eva Parker.⁷⁷ (Robert's brother, Wallace, married Dora, Maggie's sister.)

A word of caution is in order at this point. The notes from the source have been difficult to follow and it is very possible that I have introduced errors in the Parker Family because I have not properly understood the notes. I regret any errors that exist.

Henry Parker

Henry Parker married Irene Brinkley. Their children were Edith Parker who married Mac Byrum, Mary Parker, and Marvin Parker. Source believes Mary and Marvin Parker both married and may have had several children. The name of the spouse of neither is available.

Charlie Parker

Charlie Parker married Inez Brinkley. They are believed to have had several children who may have been Ruth, Edna Earl and perhaps others. Source notes are sketchy on the children, but also mentions a Joseph Robert (Joe Bob) Parker.

Otis Parker

Otis Parker married Ruth Joyner. They had several children but their names are not known.

Linwood Parker

Linwood Parker married Hortense Stallings. They had several children but their names are not known.

Willie Parker

No data is available on Willie Parker.

Ernest Jake Parker

Jake Parker was born in 1908 and died in 1978. He is buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery.

Eva Parker

Eva Parker married Eddie Bowen. I remember these folks well since they also lived in Portsmouth and we saw them occasionally. Eddie owned the Hudson Automobile Dealership in Portsmouth. I remember the Hudson cars also which are now a thing of the past. Eva and Eddie had a beautiful home in West Norfolk overlooking the Elizabeth River. They had two daughters; Sandra and Thelma Bowen. Sandra and Thelma both married, however, accurate data is not available. Thelma Bowen may have married twice with her second husband being George Parson.

DESCENDANTS OF DORA LEE (BABB) PARKER

Dora Lee Babb

Dora Lee Babb was born about 1880. Her first marriage was to Wallace Parker. Dora and Wallace Parker's children were Virgie Lee, Daisy, and James Parker. Wallace is buried at Cypress Chapel.

THE VIRGIE LEE (PARKER) HIGGINBOTHAM FAMILY

Virgie Lee Parker

Virgie Lee Parker was born on 18 October 1919. Virgie Lee married William Rosser Higginbotham. Rosser was born on 7 October 1914. They lived in Portsmouth and she continues to reside there. Rosser died on 17 August 1993.⁷⁸ They had two children, Bobby and Margie.

Bobby Higginbotham

Bobby Higginbotham whom I saw at Wilson High School when we were both students. At the time I was vaguely aware that we were related somehow.

Margie Higginbotham

No data is available on Margie Higginbotham.

THE DAISY (PARKER) DUVAL FAMILY

Daisy Parker

Daisy Parker married Ossie L. Duval. Daisy died in July 1992. Ossie is retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and lives in Suffolk. Daisy and Ossie Duval had two children, Ossie Jr. and Peggy Duval.⁷⁹

Ossie Duval, Jr.

Ossie, Jr. married Becky Holt and they had one daughter, Candy Duval.

Peggy Duval

Peggy married Ruppert Boyd. They had the following children:

Steve Boyd

Cindy Boyd

JAMES PARKER

James Parker did marry and divorce but his wife's name is not available.

After Wallace Parker's death, Dora Lee Babb married William Eure. They moved to Nampa, Idaho. William died there of burns. They did not have children together. After his death Dora came to live with her daughter Daisy Duval. Both Dora Lee and William are buried in Portsmouth.⁸⁰

DESCENDANTS OF MARY (BABB) GARDNER

Mary Babb

Mary Babb was born on 22 September 1882 and she died on 1 September 1961. Mary married George Washington Gardner. He was born 11 June 1866(?) and died 28 June 1926. They are both buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery. They had three children, Robert, David, and Mary Gardner.⁸¹

THE ROBERT GARDNER FAMILY

Robert Gardner

Robert was born 7 September 1909 in Suffolk, VA and died 4(?) October 1974. He married Margaret Anna Uzzell Thorne. Robert retired from the VA State Highway Department in Franklin, VA in 1972. Anna retired from the St. Regis Paper Company in Franklin. They had one daughter, Anna May Gardner.

Anna May Gardner

Anna May Gardner married Thomas Edward Whitfield. They had two children:

Thomas Edward Whitfield, Jr.

William Michael Whitfield

Anna May Gardner later married a Decker.

THE DAVID GARDNER FAMILY

David Gardner

David Gardner was born 1 September 1912 in Suffolk, VA. He married Ethel Maude Turne. She was born in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He died on 18 July 1940 in a tragic logging truck accident. At the time he was a truck driver for the F. Perry Lumber Company. He is buried at Cypress Chapel Cemetery. She worked as a supervisor for the Planters Peanut Co. in Suffolk and retired on a disability. Ethel died on 22 August 1972 and is buried in the Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk. Ethel and David had a son, David Benjamin, and a daughter, Marjorie Lee Gardner.

THE DAVID BENJAMIN GARDNER FAMILY

David Benjamin Gardner

After his father's death David Gardner came to live with his Aunt Mary Joyner. David was born on 6 January 1934 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He married Janet May Dorsey. She was born on 13 September 1944 in Nicholas Co., West Virginia. David worked for the Planters Nabisco Company and retired after 25 years on disability. He was Supervisor of Customer Relations there. She is employed at the First Baptist Church Day School in Suffolk. Janet and David Gardner have the following five children:

David Benjamin Gardner, Jr.

David Benjamin Gardner, Jr. was born on 2 March 1963 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk. He graduated from the Paul D. Camp Community College with honors. Since that time he has been employed by the Franklin Equipment Company as a First Class Welder.

Robert Arnett Gardner

Robert Arnett Gardner was born 1 September 1968 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk. After graduation from Suffolk High School he joined the Virginia National Guard. He is an active member and holds the rank of Staff Sgt. He is employed at the Franklin Equipment Company as an Inventory Control Clerk. He also attends the Old Dominion University as an engineering student.

Sharron Lynn Gardner

Sharron Lynn Gardner was born 5 December 1970 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk. She is employed at the First Virginia Bank of Tidewater as a Teller. She is also a studying Business Administration at the T. C. C. Community College in Suffolk.

Deborah Jane Gardner

Deborah Jane Gardner was born on 19 July 1974 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk. She is employed as a Clerk in the Suffolk District Court. She is also a student at the T. C. C. Community College in Suffolk.

Sandra Kay Gardner

Sandra Kay Gardner was born on 19 June 1979 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk. She is currently a student at the Lakeland High School in Suffolk.

THE MARJORIE LEE (GARDNER) WHITLEY FAMILY

Marjorie Lee Gardner

Marjorie Lee Gardner was born on 27 October 1935 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. She married Garland Saunders Whitley. He was born 22 October 1932 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. She is a homemaker and he is a farmer. Children of Marjorie and Garland Whitley are Garland and Janet Whitley.

Garland Gene Whitley

Garland Whitley was born on 21 February 1953 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk. He married Brenda Grissom. Garland is employed at the Tidewater Experiment Station in Holland. Brenda is an Art Teacher in the Isle of Wight School System. Their daughter is:

Amber Karzel Whitley who was born 17 January 1986 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk.

Janet Leigh Whitley

Janet Whitley was born on 9 May 1954 at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk. She married John Wayne Kello. She is a secretary at the Pruden Vo-Tech Center in Suffolk. John is self-employed as a mechanic and also has a US Mail Distributorship. The two children of Janet and John Kello are as follows:

Anne Frances Kello who was born on 5 April 19 (?) at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital.

John Curtis Kello who was born 18 October 1980 also at Obici.

MARY (GARDNER) JOYNER

Mary Gardner

Mary Gardner was born on 10 September 1914. Mary married Jethro (Jim) Thomas Joyner. Jim was born 10 January 1911 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He worked and retired from the Planters Peanut Co. in Suffolk. He was a Security Guard there. Jim died on 1 May 1967 and is buried at the Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk. Mary recently retired after 42 years of working at the Ye Ole Pastry Shop on Washington Street in Suffolk. Mary and Jim did not have children.

Mary and I recently had a delightful conversation on the phone.⁸² She has a wonderful memory. She has able to provide much of the data in this chapter and to confirm data that my mother was not sure of. She has made an invaluable contribution to my knowledge of the Babb Family. It was wonderful to talk to someone who knew my grandparents and all those aunts, uncles, and cousins that I have not met.

DESCENDANTS OF MILLS BABB

Mills W. Babb

Mills W. Babb was known to my mother as Uncle Boat. There is probably a story related to how Mills got a nickname like Boat, but I do not know it. He married Jullett Lawrence. Jullett and Mills Babb had one daughter, Louise.

Louise Babb

It is believed that she was married twice, first to a Bass and later to a Wood.

This concludes the information I have collected about my mother's maternal family.

FINAL SUMMARY

As I said early in the book, this is a first cut at getting our family history into narrative form. As far as I can tell no other book has been published on the Brinkley and Associated Families. I hope it will be a basis for others to use and expand. My fondest desire is that you, the readers, will find it useful and build upon it. I will very much appreciate your comments, corrections, and additions. While the book is done, my interest in the family and research about it is not.

FOOTNOTES

⁷² Almasy. p. 102. The text of the bond is as follows:

"I certify that I have heard Mary JONES Frequently say her Daughter Cynthia JONES was upwards of fifteen years of age and was willing for her to marry James Babb both of Nansemond County. Given under my hand this 10th day of June 1827.

T. L. Smith"

⁷³ Rawls Cemetery visit on 29 November 1985 with Ethel and Leon Brinkley. This cemetery is not well kept but is clearly visible, sitting off of the left side of the road heading to the west near a large work shed. It has probably been some years since anyone was buried there.

⁷⁴ Ethel Brinkley in written notes on 6 April 1984 provided information on her parents families as she could recall and reconstruct them from her prior notes and memory. There are some gaps and uncertainties in them.

⁷⁵ Obituary was from a scrapbook of Grace Wiggins.

⁷⁶ Visit to the cemetery by Freddie, Eleanor and Eddie Brinkley on 18 March 1994.

⁷⁷ Ethel Brinkley in notes on 6 April 1984.

⁷⁸ Mary (Gardner) Joyner in a letter on 21 August 1993 provided Rosser's death date and the memorial stone at Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth provided birth dates for both Virgie Lee and Rosser. The adjacent memorial stone is for William A. Higginbotham, born on 9 July 1885 and died 8 Jan 1949 and Annie L. Higginbotham, born 22 June 1890. No death date is listed for her.

⁷⁹ Ossie Duval in a phone conversation on 29 June 1993 provided this information on their family.

⁸⁰ Mary Joyner in a letter on 15 July 1993.

⁸¹ Mary Joyner provided all of the information about her mother Mary Babb's extended family in a letter on 15 July 1993.

⁸² Phone conversation on 30 June 1993 between author and Mary Joyner.

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