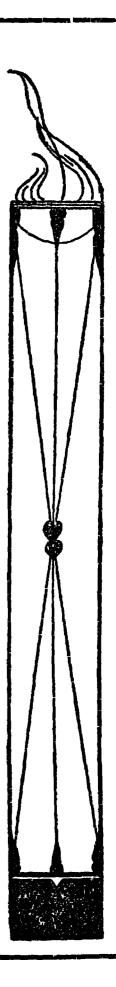


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A study in the genealogy and history of Philip Thurmond of Amherst County, Virginia and his descendants.

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DEDICATION

TO

Those who are Perpetuating the Ancient and Honorable Name of Thurmond by giving to the world sons and daughters bearing it, this little volume is dedicated with the author's love and esteem.

FOREWORD

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The facts and data presented herewith were gathered at odd times during the rare moments of leisure afforded by a busy pastorate. The Thurmonds and their people have for a century been vital factors in the life of Oak Hill Baptist church. I am greatly indebted to Mrs. Lucy Harvey and Mr. Henry Thurmond for valuable information pertaining to the life and times of persons whose names appear in this booklet.

The note pages appearing after the various family chapters are for the addition of facts and the correction of errors, of which there are possibly many in these pages.

The history of this distinguished family is well worthy of preservation. It is in this interest that the following facts go forth in their present form.

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Oak Hill, W. Va. June, 1939



THE GENERATIONS OF PHILIP THURMOND

Father: Philip Thurmond, of Amherst Co., Virginia. Born Sept. 15, 1798; died, April 23, 1871.

Mother: Mary Tompkins Hill-Thurmond of Amherst Co., Virginia. Born June 26, 1801; died April 17, 1862.

These moved to Fayette county, Va., now W. Va., in 1844, coming here in a covered wagon of the prairie schooner type. They were married in Amherst county, Va., December 26, 1819. Their home in Virginia was near Pedlar's Mill.

Both Philip Thurmond and Mary Tompkins Hill-Thurmond, his wife, are buried at Minden, W. Va., a short distance to the left as one enters the home of the company doctor at that place. In this same graveyard are buried Martha Ann, some times called Mattie, daughter of the late Capt. Philip Thurmond, who departed this life at the age of 33 years; and four children of Robert Given Thurmond and Margaret Helvey-Thurmond. Water rising in these grounds caused the use of the place for burying to cease. Only seven bodies were interred here.

Thirteen children were born to Philip and Mary Tompkins Hill-Thurmond. These together with the dates of their birth and death are as follows:

- 1. William Dabney Thurmond; b. Nov. 11, 1820; d. May 14, 1910.
- 2. Elizabeth Dancy Thurmond; b. Jan. 19, 1822; d. Jan. 1, 1906.

- 3. Lucy Ann Thurmond; b. Feb. 19, 1823; d. April 10, 1890.
- 4. Mary Tompkins Thurmond; b. Nov. 12, 1824; d. May 28, 1903. (twin).
- 5. Martha Wills Thurmond; b. Nov. 12, 1824; d. March 21, 1906. (twin).
- 6. Philip James Thurmond; b. Oct. 24, 1826; d. Oct. 26, 1864.
- 7. Judith Tucker Thurmond; b. August 24, 1829; d. May 13, 1903.
- 8. Charles Thomas Thurmond; b. July 25, 1831; d. Nov. 12, 1855.
- 9. Edmond Wyatt Thurmond; b. Feb. 5, 1833; d. Dec. 4, 1861. (twin).
- 10. John Dudley Thurmond; b. Feb. 5, 1833; d. Feb. 5, 1910. (twin).
- 11. Richard Claibourn Thurmond; b. June 22, 1836; d. Oct. 7, 1869.
- 12. Robert Given Thurmond; b. May 28, 1839; d. August 20, 1907.
- 13. Elias Mathew Thurmond; b. Nov. 25, 1842; d. May 1, 1926.

These were all born in Amherst county, Va. The total years of their pilgrimage on earth is 828. Their average age was almost 64 years.

The father of Philip Thurmond was William Thurmond who fought in the Revolutionary War. He was a Sergeant-Major of Infantry in the Continental Line. At a court held in Amherst county, Virginia, April 18, 1831, his heirs were allowed land for his services. The old Virginia Land Record of bounty granted to heirs of Sergeant William Thurmond, April 18, 1831, is as follows:

"Revolutionary Forces of Virginia.

Their services and record as shown by bounties filed at the Virginia Land Office, Richmond, Va. Sergeant William Thurmond. Exec. Dept. 30, November 1833.

The heirs of William Thurmond allowed land for his services as a Sergeant-Major of Infantry in the Continental Line for the War. At a court held (in) Amherst Co., Apr. 18, 1831.

Ordered certified that Sally Jones, wife of Tandy Jones*, late Sally Thurmond; Lucy A. Turner, formerly Thurmond; Judith Beck, wife of Jesse Beck, jr., late Judith Thurmond; Philip and William D. Thurmond; Elizabeth D. Crawford, wife of David Crawford, formerly Elizabeth Thurmond;—children of William Thurmond, deceased; also Claiborn Tucker; Susan W. Christian, Mary Tucker, Elizabeth Tucker, children of Polly Thurmond Tucker, deceased daughter of William Thurmond. These are all the only heirs.

Copy teste—

Robert Tinsley, Clerk.

*Tandy Jones was the father of L. W. Jones who migrated to Fayette county about the same time Philip Thurmond moved his family there. He was the grandfather of the late Charles T. Jones and George W. Jones, prominent coal operators in this county.

FAMILY OF W. D. THURMOND

This is the immediate family of William D. Thurmond who commanded a company of Partisan Rangers in the Confederate Army in the War between the states.

William Dabney Thurmond married Sarah Jane Bibb. She was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Gatewood-Bibb, another pioneer family who moved from Amherst county, Virginia, to Fayette county, Va., now W. Va. She was born October 21, 1827, and died October 21, 1899.

To this union six children were born. They are:

- 1. William James Thurmond*; b. Nov. 9, 1852; d. Dec. 15, 1931.
- 2. Mary Elizabeth Thurmond; b. May 15, 1854; d. June 18, 1926.
- 3. Joseph Samuel Thurmond; b. May 9, 1855; d. March 19, 1934.
 - 4. Charles Thomas Thurmond; b. July 12, 1857.
 - 5. Lucy Ann Thurmond; b. March 12, 1860.
- 6. Sarah Frances Thurmond; b. March 1, 1861; d. Jan. 19, 1864.
- *The oldest son always called his name James William Thurmond rather than William James Thurmond. He was always a favorite with the younger generations of the Thurmonds who affectionately called him "Uncle Jim". He never appeared old until after the loss of his wife about a year previous to his decease. He died in his eightieth year.

Family of Philip James Thurmond

This is the Philip Thurmond who organized a company of Partisan Rangers in the service of the Confederate States of America and became their captain. This company was organized May 2, 1862 at the mouth of Wolf Creek in Monroe county and during most of its service was attached to the command of General John Echols.

Philip J. Thurmond married Sarah Pauline Jones. She was a sister of Col. Beuhring Jones and after the Civil War ended went to live in Indiana.

To them four children were born. They were:

1. Mary Jane Thurmond who married William Brenneman. She was born April 14, 1852, and died Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1930, in California.

The following is the family of William and Mary Jane Thurmond-Brenneman:

- 1. Philip Joseph Brenneman; b. Dec. 25, 1871; d. June 14 1901. He never married.
- 2. Maude Alice Brenneman; b. Aug. 3, 1876; She married Forest W. Blaine in 1912 and resides in Tulare, California. They had one daughter, Virginia Brenneman Blaine, born Aug. 24, 1913.
- 3. Mattie Given Brenneman; b. Nov. 27, 1878. She married Elmer B. Harvey (no relation to J. W. Harvey) and resides in Bakersfield, California. They had one daughter, Marjory Marie Harvey, born Dec. 9, 1915.
- 4. Rachel Elizabeth (Bess) Brenneman; b. Sept. 15, 1880. She married Lud F. Rhodes, who died Dec. 16, 1923. They lived in Bakersfield, California. Mrs. Rhodes still resides there. To them two children were born:
 - 1. Franklin Brenneman Rhodes, b. June 8, 1914.
 - 2. Elizabeth Louise Rhodes, b. May 28, 1920.
- 5. Charles Abram Brenneman; b. June 22, 1886. He married Zola May Adams* and lives at Logan, W. Va. One daughter, Mary Kathryn and son son, George William Brenneman were born to them, July 3, 1911 and March 14, 1913.

*Zola May Adams was the eldest daughter of Rev. George W. Adams, former pastor of Oak Hill Baptist church.

- 6 Mary Gertrude Brenneman; born Nov. 14, 1888. She married Boyce R. Fitzgerald**. They live in Bakersfield, California. To this union were born two children:
 - 1. Mary Gertrude, born July 30, 1914.
 - 2. Boyce Ray Fitzgerald, born March 1, 1919.
- 7. John William Brenneman; b. Sept. 28, 1890; d. May 9, 1891.
- 2. Charles Henry Thurmond, b. June 1, 1855, who married Agnes Wilkerson of Sheridan, Wyoming. He died in 1921 and was buried at Huntington, W. Va.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Thurmond have three children, Clara Cleveland, Robert Clairbourn and Hattie Thurmond.
- 3. Sarah Alice Thurmond, who married her first cousin, Charles T. Thurmond, and now lives in Huntington, W. Va. (1939). She was born Dec. 29, 1856.
- 4. Martha Ann (Mattie) Thurmond, died single. She was an invalid.

In a night battle at Winfield, W. Va., Captain Philip J. Thurmond was mortally wounded by being shot through the stomach. He died during the middle of the forenoon on the day he was shot, October 26, 1864, dying eight hours after being wounded. During the same fight Elias Thurmond, brother to Captain Philip Thurmond, was taken prisoner. He was permitted to remain with his brother until the funeral was over. Under a flag of truce, Capt. W. F. Bahlmann carried a coffin on his back for one mile to bury the body of Capt. Thurmond. Capt. Bahlmann made the coffin himself in order that Capt. Thurmond might be buried in something more than his army blanket. He was buried at Winfield where he sustained the mortal wound.

**Boyce R. Fitzgerald is the son of Rev. T. H. Fitzgerald, former pastor of Oak Hill Baptist church.

Family of Judith Tucker Thurmond

Miss Judith Tucker Thurmond became the wife of Henry H. Gentry on September 20, 1866. They had four children born to them. These are:

- 1. Sallie A. Gentry, who married George A. Stickler. The Sticklers live at Sanger, W. Va.
 - 2. Thomas J. Gentry. He married Minnie A. Martin.
 - 3. Robert Gentry; died at the age of 17 years.
 - 4. Charles Dabney Gentry; married Bessie Harner.

The children of Sallie and George A. Stickler are:

- 1. Merton Stickler, W. Va. State Road Engineer.
- 2. Elbert Stickler, farmer and stock man.
- 3. Lester Stickler, Grant County, W. Va., Farm Agent.
- 4. Lolita Stickler, Baptist Missionary to the Hopi Indians in Arizona.
 - 5. Vivian Stickler-Stinnett, wife of Basil Stinnett.

Family of John Dudley Thurmond

John Dudley Thurmond was a twin brother of Edmond Wyatt Thurmond. He married Mary E. Helvey on May 27, 1874. Of their eleven children, three died in childhood. Their children were Minnie, Dora*, Ida, Luther*, Wyatt, Ella, William, Emmett*, Leila, Etta and Emma. The living members of this family are in the state of Wyoming.

1. John Dudley Thurmond and his twin brother, Edmond Wyatt Thurmond, were very deeply attached to each other They owned in common everything from boyhood up to the untimely death of Edmond Wyatt in 1861. This affection was of much comment among relatives and friends. The regard for one another could be likened to the love of David and Jonathan or Damon and Pythias.

^{*}Died in childhood.

Family of Robert Given Thurmond

Robert Given Thurmond, tenth offspring of Philip Thurmond and his wife, was the father of eleven children. His wife was Margaret Helvey.

Their children were Jennie, who became the wife of William Summerfield; James Edwin; George R.; Charles Hill Thurmond, who married Lucy Leach; Emma; Hugh; William; John; May, who married Thomas Sexton, and Sallie Thurmond.

Emma and Hugh Thurmond are two of the seven persons who lie buried in the ancient cemetery near the doctor's house in the town of Minden, W. Va.

2. Charles Hill Thurmond and his wife had three children born to them. They are Eva, wife of John Estes, and a prominent pianist; Edwin and Robert Thurmond. Charles Hill Thurmond died August 31, 1935. His widow and daughter live in Oak Hill. His two sons reside in Washington, D. C.

Family of Elias Mathew Thurmond

The thirteenth and last child of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Thurmond was Elias Mathew Thurmond. He married Eliza Jane DeQuasie, daughter of Charles and Rachel DeQuasie. They were married November 11, 1873. She was born May 12, 1855 and died April 25, 1883. They had six children born to them, two of which died during infancy. The ones who lived were:

- 1. Henry Lee Thurmond; b. Sept. 5, 1874 in Fayette County, W. Va., and now living in Oak Hill, W. Va.
- 2. Annie Laurie Thurmond; b. Oct. 15, 1875 in Fayette County, W. Va. She was twice married, both husbands are now dead. They were Harry K. Sweeney and Alvin H. Early. She now lives in California.
- 3. Charles Philip Thurmond*; b. Aug. 6, 1877 in Missouri. He now lives in California.
- 4. John Walter Thurmond; b. Jan. 21, 1879 in Missouri. He now lives in Idaho.

He married Mrs. Ella Boyd, a widow, in 1915. They have no children of their own but Mrs. Thurmond is the mother of two sons, Hugh and James, by her first husband, Mr. Boyd.

Mrs. Eliza Jane DeQuasie-Thurmond died in the west and was the first white woman to die in Sheridan county, Wyoming.

The eldest child of this marriage, Henry Lee Thurmond, was married on January 23, 1915 to Mary Turner Wooster. She died February 10, 1919. They had one child, Martha Elizabeth Thurmond. She was born when her parents lived at Scarbro, W. Va., and now resides in Beckley, W. Va.

*The second son, Charles Philip Thurmond, married Emily Van Everen in 1907. To them the following children were born: Gladys Evelyn, Philip Lee, Harry Elias and Charles DeQuasie.

Children of Philip Thurmond Leaving no Descendants

Seven of the sons and daughters of Philip Thurmond, (1799-1871), were without issue.

Elizabeth Dancy Thurmond, familiarly known in her later years as "Aunt Betsy," never married.

Lucy Ann Thurmond married John McCutcheon on September 20, 1876. He was a widower of Nicholas county, W. Va. They went to housekeeping at Cross Lanes, W. Va. They had no children.

Mary Tompkins Thurmond, one of the first set of twins born in this family, married William Duncan, a widower of Monroe county, Va., now W. Va., on December 2, 1863. They left no children. She was named for her mother.

Martha Wills Thurmond, twin sister to Mary Tompkins Thurmond, never married. She died at what is now Minden, W. Va., in her 82nd year.

Charles Thomas Thurmond never married. He died at the home of John Flints in Collins county, Texas. He was the first member of the Philip Thurmond family to die.

Edmond Wyatt Thurmond, of the second set of twins born in the Philip Thurmond family, did not marry. He died of pneumonia at the home of David Hall, Princeton, Va., now W. Va., while in the army of the Confederate States of America.

Richard Claibourn Thurmond died single. He served as a Sergeant in the Confederate forces. After the war he went west where he died in LaFayette county, Missouri, on October 7, 1869.

Six members of the Philip Thurmond family are buried in the Thurmond cemetery near Sanger, W. Va. The names are as follows: Lucy Ann, Elizabeth Dancy, Martha Wills, Judith Tucker, Robert Given, and William Dabney Thurmond.

John Dudley Thurmond and Elias Mathew Thurmond are buried in the Mt. Hope cemetery, Sheridan, Wyoming.

These Are The Generations of William Dabney Thurmond The Family of James William Thurmond

The firstborn of W. D. and Sarah Jane Bibb-Thurmond, his wife, was James William Thurmond. Born Nov. 9, 1852, he died Dec. 15, 1931. He was married to Barbara Virginia Sanger, daughter of Henry and Susan Sanger, on December 10, 1873. They had twelve sons and daughters. These were as follows:

- 1. Rose Thurmond, who married Andrew Delaney of California. They had no issue.
- 2. Nellie B. Thurmond, who became the wife of William Evans of Sheridan, Wyoming. They had one child, a son named James. Both parents are now dead.
 - 3. Carrie J. Thurmond. She died single.
- 4. Homer Thurmond. He married Bertha Miller of Virginia. They were blessed with three daughters and one son, viz:
 - (1) Merl Thurmond.
 - (2) Ruth Thurmond, now a Missionary in India.
 - (3) Marjorie Thurmond.
 - (4) Mary Rose Thurmond.
 - 5. Gertrude Thurmond. Married Ira McDonald.
- 6. Charlotte, often called "Lottie" who died of typhoid in her 'teens.
 - 7. Fred W. Thurmond*; married Frances Morris.
- 8. Josephine Thurmond, now the wife of Harry B. Rowe, Alderson, W. Va., banker.
 - 9. Cecil Thurmond, who married Mr. Orr Huffman.
 - 10. Neil Thurmond*, married Marjorie Jones.
 - 11. Philip Thurmond, married_____.

One of the twelve children, a boy, died in early infancy.
*Fred W. Thurmond and James Neil Thurmond served through the World War.

The Family of Mary Elizabeth Thurmond-Ford

Mary Elizabeth Thurmond was the second child of W. D. Thurmond and his wife. She was born May 15, 1854, and died June 18, 1926. She was united in marriage to John R. Ford on March 28, 1880. He died in 1908.

The children of this union were:

- 1. John R. Ford, Jr., who married Miss Clara Dils. To them was born a son, John Boyce Ford who died in December, 1932.
 - 2. Lucy Ford, now Mrs. Frank Hicklin, Mt. Hope, W. Va.
- 3. Lacy Ford, who married Mrs. Geraldine McClung. Their three children are Marion, Lacy and Ruth. This family lives at Philippi, W. Va.
- 4. Joseph C. Ford,* M. D., Huntington, W. Va., physician, who married Lillian Zundel. They have no children.
- 5 Charles Philip Spurgeon Ford,* M. D., who practices medicine in Huntington, W. Va. He married Ethel Mc-Cormick. They have two children, Charles and Betty.

Mrs. Mary E. Ford, her son, John R. Ford, jr., and Boyce Ford, son of John R. Ford, jr., are buried in Odd Fellows cemetery at Oak Hill.

*J. C. and C. P. S. Ford, both physicians, served during the World War in the medical department.

The Family of Joseph Samuel Thurmond

Joseph Samuel Thurmond married Bettie Rippetoe on July 22, 1880. She was the daughter of Rev. Alexander Rippetoe, a prominent Baptist preacher of his day. To them were born sons and daughters to the number of six. They are:

- 1. Walter R. Thurmond. Like his father, Walter R. Thurmond took a lively interest in politics and government. For a time he was Collector of Internal Revenue in charge of the Federal office at Parkersburg, W. Va. He is now with the West Virginia State Board of Control. He married Innis Dils, cousin of Clara Dils, wife of the late John R. Ford, Jr. They were married in 1908 at Quinnimont, W. Va., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Waite. Mrs. Waite is now (1939) living with Mrs. Clara Ford at Oak Hill. Their children are Elizabeth and Fred Waite Thurmond.
 - 2. William Alexander Thurmond. He never married.
- 3. Wyatt Thurmond. He married Margery______
 Their only child is a girl. Wyatt Thurmond was a soldier in the World War.
 - 4. Allen Thurmond. He never married.
- 5. Mary Thurmond. She became the wife of Otto Kessler and begat Bettie Lou, Mary Frances and Otto, Jr.
- 6. Lorena Thurmond. She was united in marriage to George Miller. Their home has been blessed with three children, Joe, George and Mary Ruth.

Joseph S. Thurmond is buried in beautiful High Lawn Memorial Park, Oak Hill, W. Va., on the crest of the hill in this cemetery. His footstone bears the emblem of the organization, Sons of Confederate Soldiers.

The second wife of Joseph S. Thurmond was Miss Letha Lee Huddleston. She resides at Alderson, W. Va. Joseph S. Thurmond was elected speaker of the W. Va. House of Delegates in 1917. He represented Greenbrier County in the Legislature. Like all Thurmonds, he was a Democrat.

The Family of Charles Thomas Thurmond

Charles Thomas Thurmond, fourth child of W. D. Thurmond and wife, married Alice Thurmond. She was the daughter of Philip J. Thurmond, the brother of W. D. Thurmond, and was therefore her husband's first cousin. They had five children, two of whom died at a tender age. The three others are:

- 1. Clara Cleveland Thurmond, who is still single.
- 2. Robert C. Thurmond.* He married Lenora Midkiff. Their child, Sarah Florence, is their only heir.
- 3. Hattie Thurmond. She is the wife of E. H. Butts. Their one child is Alice Thurmond Butts.
 - *Robert C. Thurmond was a soldier in the World War.

The Family of Lucy Ann Thurmond

Lucy Ann Thurmond was married to John W. Harvey, May 5, 1887. He died July 27, 1907. To them were born two sons, and three daughters, all still living. They, in order of their birth, are:

- 1. William Thurmond Harvey. He lives in Logan county, W. Va. He married Helen Barger and they have two children, viz. William T. and Robert L. Harvey.
- 2. Sadie Louise Harvey. Married Lewis Wilmer May 27, 1914. They have a son and daughter. The daughter is Lucy Lee Wilmer, wife of John Hartong of Beckley, W. Va. The son is Ralph Wilmer.
- 3. Mary Elizabeth Harvey, generally known as Bess, who was married to Wren Rule on August 10, 1916. Their two children are Ruth Rule and John Ray Rule. John Ray died December 25, 1929.
- 4. Alma Harvey. She was married to G. A. Baumgartner in November, 1917. The three children born to the Baumgartners are Louise, Allen and Letha Lee.
- 5. John Walker Harvey. He married Ethel Lafferty January 9, 1932. He is now Principal of Meadow Bridge High school in Fayette county.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Harvey was 79 years of age on March 12, 1939 and continues in good health. Like every Thurmond of the name, she never forgets anything. The information for the Thurmond genealogy was largely supplied by her, together with Henry L. Thurmond, and from data in their various family Bibles.

Miscellaneous Thurmond History

Sarah Frances Thurmond was a child of the Civil War. She was born March 1, 1861 and died January 19, 1864. The family of Capt. W. D. Thurmond suffered hardships in the Civil War and these privations doubtless had something to do with the untimely death of this little one. It was about the year 1863 that the home of Capt. W. D. Thurmond was burned by the Federal forces. This home stood near the ancestral burying grounds of the Thurmonds on the top of the high hill that overlooks Sanger valley. When the Thurmond home was burned over the heads of Mrs. W. D. Thurmond and her six children, they turned their footsteps toward friendly Monroe county where they found refuge until around 1870, at which time them came back to Fayette. Even in Monroe county the Thurmond family suffered at the hands of the Yankees who vented their spleen upon the innocents in retaliation for the forays of the Partisan Rangers under the command of Capt. W. D. Thurmond and his brother, Capt. Philip J. Thurmond, both of the C. S. A.

Sons Who Served In The Confederate Army

Seven of the sons of Philip Thurmond of Amherst County, Va., saw service in the Confederate army. Two of them laid down their lives for the Confederacy and one lingered long in a Yankee prison. These seven brothers were as follows:

- 1. Capt. W. D. Thurmond, who served throughout the war and died in his 90th year at Minden, West Virginia.
- 2. Captain Philip Thurmond, who was mortally wounded in a night battle at Winfield, W. Va., about four o'clock on the morning of October 26, 1864. He was buried there in a coffin, brought under a flag of truce, and quickly made by Capt. William F. Bahlmann. He died some eight hours after being shot.
- 3. Robert G. Thurmond served throughout the Civil War. He died August 20, 1907.
- 4. Elias Thurmond was in his 19th year when the war broke out. He remained at home to care for his aged parents. His arrest as a Confederate sympathizer led to his incarceration in Fayetteville, Va., now W. Va., prison. He escaped and entered the active service of the Confederacy. He was captured at Winfield, W. Va., on October 26, 1864, when he elected to remain with his wounded brother's body until burial, after which he was taken to the Federal prison camp at Camp Chase, Ohio. He died May 1, 1926.
- 5. Richard C. Thurmond served as Sergeant in the Civil War; he died October 7, 1869.
- 6. Edmond Thurmond, ninth child of Philip Thurmond of Amherst County, Va., entered the Confederate army shortly after the outbreak of hostilities. His military service was short lived, however, as he died of pneumonia at Princeton, Va., (now W. Va.) on December 4, 1861.
- 7. Lieut. John Dudley Thurmond served during the entire war. He was promoted to the command of the Thurmond Rangers after the death of Capt. Philip Thurmond at Winfield, W. Va.

Captain W. D. Thurmond was a surveyor in civil life. He was a man with a far range vision. Many years prior to the Civil War he was employed by John Bowyer of Bowyer's Ferry at Sewell to survey his lands. Money was scarce then and Bowyer paid Thurmond's fee in land. With characteristic foresight, W. D. Thurmond selected a tract at the junction of Loup Creek and New River. He named this acreage "Thurmond" and thus originated the town of Thurmond,

W. Va. This is still a busy place but not anything like it was in its halcyon days before the coming of the automobile and the hard road. In its days of great prosperity Thurmond was the busiest spot in Fayette county. Its being on the main line of the C. and O. railway made it an important port of entry to the great New River coal fields.

After the Civil War ended, the Thurmond family lived at what is now Minden, W. Va. Capt. Thurmond had extensive land holdings. The lands at Minden were farmed and stretched away in the distance in all directions. This location was generally referred to as Arbuckle because Arbuckle creek flows through it on its way to join the turgid waters of New River.

After Capt. W. D. Thurmond, along with Morris Harvey (founder of Morris Harvey College) and others, leased their mineral resources to W. P. Rend, the coal mines were opened up and Arbuckle became known as Rend.

The coal town continued to be known as Rend until about 1905 or 1906 when the lease changed hands, going from W. P. Rend to the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Co. Upon this transfer the town's name was changed from Rend to Minden, which name it still retains. This is one of West Virginia's largest coal operations and its coal is of almost unequalled quality.

The Thurmonds have been Baptists in their religious affiliations since the curtain first went up on their dramatic They were long in the membership of ancient Bethel Baptist church at Oak Hill, W. Va. When dissension rocked that body at the outset of the last decade of the 19th century, the church was rent in twain. Among the prime movers and charter members of Oak Hill Baptist church, organized December 22, 1892, was Captain W. D. Thurmond and his family. The old generation has passed to its reward but the two generations that have succeeded it are as energetic and as promising as their vigorous forebears. fifth generation is rather a numerous one and the outlook for a sixth and succeeding generation is as bright as the stars on a clear cold night. May their tribe increase and the blessings of their progenitors prevail unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills.

Roll of Capt. Philip J. Thurmond's Partisan Rangers Organized in Monroe County, May 2, 1862

Capt. P. J. Thurmond (killed at Winfield 1864) 1st Lieut. J. L. Tincher 2nd Lieut. J. D. Thurmond (Brevetted Captain near close of the War). 3rd Lieut. N. A. Duncan Ord. Serg. J. H. Garrett (Father of Squire J. E. Garrett, deceased, who was for a time Mayor of Mt. Hope, W. Va.)

2nd Serg. C. H. Duncan 3rd. Serg. J. F. Huffman 4th Serg. Warran Fox 5th Serg. L. D. Martin 1st Corp. A. P. Miller 2nd Corp. S. Arthur 3rd Corp. Wm. Reynolds 4th Corp. J. W. McNeer **PRIVATES** Allen, J. L. Arthur, C. Adair, C. Adkins, Wm. Alderson, J. Benett, R. Ballingee, E. Bragg, <u>Ir</u>a Bragg, Harvey Bobbitt, L. H. Boyd, James Brown, C. C. (First pioneer settler in Mt. Hope, W. Va; was transferred and carried dispatches for General Robert E. Lee at Gettysburg)-Brown, J. A. Buckland, F. Buckland, L. (Probably John Buckland, later a Corporal) Cales, L. G.

Canterberry, Granville
Caraway, Joseph
Commack, R.
Commack, J.
Chatting, Geo.
Coyner, John
Cook, L. G.
Craft, James
Cox, J. D.
Davis, Irwin
Davis, Sam
Duncan, J. L.
(Father of Mrs. W. R.
Hayes. Oak Hill, W. Va.)

Duncan, J. H. Dunlop, Charles Eads, Joshua Ellis, Samuel Evans, Wm. Farley, Wm. Fitzwater, Jas. Fitzwater, Jacob Fitzwater, Peter Flint, E. Fox, B. F. Fox, C. R. Foster, B. A. Foster, J. Garten, Henderson *(see footnote). Gwinn, Clark Gwinn, A. R. Gwinn, Augustus Hedrick, J. Harvey, Morris (Founder of Morris Harvey College). Haynes, Thos. Haynes, Joseph Haynes, Pem. Hines, Joseph Hinton, John

Hinton, Peter Hinton, Evan Hinton, Joseph Hinton, Wm. Hite, P. H. Hite, Andrew Holyant, Wm. Houchins, John Huggins, Mack Holcomb, Wm. Hopkins, T. B. Hudson, J. C. Hocman, Ed Huffman, R. Huffman, Wash. Hale. M. Jones. Boyce Johnson, G. B. Jones, E. F. Keller, H. Keller, G. Keller, Wm. Kessler, A. C. Kincaid, J. T. King, Wm. Kounse, G. T. Lewis, Mc. Lilly, S. Lusher, T. B. McGee, Joseph Maddy, Wm. Maddy, H. Martin, A. J. Martin, N. A. Martin, J. A. Miller, A. Miller, A. J. Meador, A. H. Meador, S. Nelson, Wm. Neeley, A. Pack, W. P. Pack, J. Perry, C. M.

Patterson, Thomas Peck, A. J. Beck, B. F. Proctor, R. G. Proctor, J. E. Parker, J. M. Riddle, James Right, J. K. Roles, James Roles, H. Roles. Green (Wounded in skirmish in Green Sulphur District). Ross, R. Sanders, R. B. Shumate, E. Shumate, L. Smith, H. Smith, R. B. Slonaker, Wm. Skaggs, James Taylor, J. E. Taylor, S. L. Taylor, J. C. Taylor, R. Taylor, W. P. Terry, James Thurmond, Elias (Father of Henry L. Thurmond). Tincher, A. G. *(see footnote). Tincher, Charles Tritt, Isaac Wyant, E. M. Underwood, John Woodrum, Wm.
(Killed in fall of 1864 at East end of Big Bend Tunnel) Woodrum, B. Wickle, C. M. Wiley, A. Willis, J. M. Withrow, M. A. Withrow, John.

*In his "History of Summers County, W. Va.," James H. Miller states on page 204 that "Henderson Garten, a brother of L. D. Garten, was sent out with Asbury Tincher, by Captain Phil Thurmond to bring him recruits and delinquents who had failed to perform army services. They proceeded to arrest Henry Martin, son of Nick Martin, and were proceeding toward camp with him, but never arrived. When on Keeney's Knob, near Stone Lick Knob, Martin was killed. and it was claimed that other outrages were perpetrated on his person. The war closing soon afterwards, Garten and Tincher were arrested and tried at Union for the murder of young Martin, who was a boy of age for military service. Garten was tried, convicted and sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary for sixteen years. He served some nine or ten years, was then pardoned, and lived on the mountain near Hinton" until near the turn of the present century. is said that "while in the penitentiary Garten learned the trade of a gunsmith and became celebrated . . . for the fine rifle guns which he manufactured at his shop." It appears that Asbury Tincher was acquitted of the murder of Henry Martin.

Captain W. D. Thurmond's Company of Partisan Rangers

Mrs. Bess Harvey-Rule, granddaughter of the Confederate Captain, W. D. Thurmond, has in her possession the Muster Roll of the Company of Partisan Rangers Commanded by this redoubtable leader of Civil War times. These are the names and those who composed that noted company:

Captain: William D. Thurmond.

1st Lieut.: W. L. Bibb.

2nd Lieut.: R. C. Thurmond.

3rd Lieut.: John T. Ross.

1st Sergeant: Jos. Acord; mustered Sept. 19, 1862; deserted April 24, 1863.

2nd Sergeant: Green Rodes; mustered Sept. 19,1862.

3rd Sergeant: Robert G. Thurmond, mustered Sept. 19, 1862.

4th Sergeant: Lewis H. Painter; mustered Sept. 19, 1862. 5th Sergeant: Wm. M. Duncan; mustered Sept. 19,1862.

1st Corporal: John Acord, mustered Sept. 19, 1862; deserted April 24, 1863.

2nd Corporal: Joseph Sanger; mustered Sept. 19, 1862. 3rd Corporal: William Ellison, Mustered Sept. 19, 1862.

4th Corporal: John Dunn, mustered Sept. 19, 1862.

ROLL OF PRIVATES

Acord, Eli Acord, James Adkins, Lewis Adkins, Harrison Adkins, James H. Allen, Perry Allen, Henley Arbaugh, James O. Arbaugh, Michael P. Argrave, James Ayers, James H. Beard, Thos. L. Birtchfield, Abner. Blake, George W. Blake, William Bowles, Irvin Bowyer, Van B. Bragg, J. E. Bragg, Hazard Burdette, Giles M.

Burdette, Joseph G. Canada, Jesse B. Chrone, Michael Coleman, Charles M. Coleman, Seaton Cook, M. E. Craft, William, J. Crawford. James L. Davis, Peter Davis, Samuel Deen, William Dempsey, John E. Fink, Harvey M. Fisher, Harrison. Fisher, Isaac Forsythe, Abram Foster, Andrew A. Fox, James P. Fox, Perry George, Thos. A.

Gill, George Grimmett, Lewis Gwinn, A. H. Gwinn, Laban Gwinn, Marian* Hamilton, Wm. E. Hedrick, David Hedrick, T. P. Helvey, Baltzer Heslip, Joseph T. Hicks, James M. Hicks, Michael Hughart, Wm. H. Humphrey, Elijah Humphrey, Lewis Hunter, Geo. W. Hutchison, David Hutchison, John A. Jameson, John W. Jeffries, Wm. H. Johnson, Thos.
Johnson, Wm. H.
Johnson, Zachariah Kelly, John Kincaid, Harrison Kincaid, Sampson Kishner, J. N. Leach, B. P. Lewis, Wm. G. Lusher, Geo. Marion, J. Frances Marrs, James McComas, Burwell McCoy, Philip McNeer, John C. Meadows, Richard Meadows, Valentine Miller, John A. Miller, Wm. E. Moody, George Moody, John Myles, John T.

Noble, Edward T. Painter, James K. Pegram, Calvin W. Peoples, Geo. W. Poteet, John Richmond, John Ripley, Wm. R. Rodes, James Y. Rodes, Joel Y. Rodes, John Shepard, James C. Shephard, Wm. M. Shumate, John N. Short, Bartlett Sidenstricker, Geo. Smith, Lewis J. Smith, Thos. Stinnett, Wm. Summerfield, Ben Surber, Wm. Taylor, Thomas Tincher, A. M. Toney, Jesse Toney, Robert Turley, Samuel Vandle, Jos. D. Wade, John H. Walker, John W. Ward, Robert Warden, David J. Warren, M. M. Warren, W. W. (these men were bros.) Wees, George Williams, Daniel Williams, Floyd Williams, Linus, Williams, Robert Windsor, Anderson Windsor, Isaac Wood, Felix A.

*Had his belt shot in twain at the waist in skirmish with Blazer's Federals in Green Sulphur District in Summers County, W. Va.

Possibly there were many others in this oragnization.

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