

The Wyatt Family Records

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The descendants of E. J. Wyatt, of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and his lineal descent from John Wyatt, early pioneer, of Halifax County, who is presumably the descendant of Adam Wyatt through the Rev. Haute (Hawte) Wyatt, who emigrated from England to Virginia, in 1621.

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To
THE WYATT DESCENDANTS
“By their fruits ye shall know them”

Foreword

IT comes as no surprise to most of us to be reminded that God made the family the first institution of human society. Yet our modern manner of living tempts us to forget this fact, and the fundamental wisdom behind it.

The multiplicity of special interest groups, each aimed at a particular age level—the lodge, the civic club, the women's club, the youth center, and even the school and the church—often “splinter” the family and take its members from each other.

Moreover, the roots of the family have been seriously wrenched by the crowding of people into industrial areas, by increased mobility resulting from better transportation, and by the ravages of war. The ancestral farm, where every fence-row was alive with family tradition, and every wall of the house hung with the likenesses of an honored past, is no more. These are replaced by the efficiency apartment or the pre-fab bungalow looking exactly like the other ninety-nine on its crowded street. And the home for many Americans has become a sort of second-rate hotel which serves pre-cooked meals and offers sleeping accommodations for those who have been thrown together by the fortunes of marriage and birth, but who really spend most of their waking hours with people outside of the family.

We must learn again the Biblical injunctions concerning the family and its importance to healthy living. For the Bible is rich in family history, its people enjoying the strong resources which come from a sense of family solidarity. Men proudly traced their lineage. Their own lives were given dignity and stability by the reassuring conviction that they were a link in a chain stretching both into the past and into the future.

To be sure, appreciation of one's forebears can drift off into ancestor worship so that one becomes so involved in the glories of yesterday that it becomes a sort of poor sop for the drabness of to-day. This was something of what Jesus must have had in mind when he answered the boast of his contemporaries that they were "sons of Abraham," by saying, "God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham" (Matt. 3: 9). But there is frequently little enough of family pride in the modern mood.

It is good, therefore, to see a family proud of its name and intent upon preserving its history. May the deeds of the fathers inspire the children to noble endeavor, remembering the words of the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews who, having recounted the exploits of the heroes of old, concludes with a remarkable grasp of the meaning of the continuity of life from generation to generation: "And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect" (Heb. 11: 39, 40).

It has been my good fortune to know many of those who people the pages of this family record. It is an honored and honorable family which has added its contribution to those of other hard-working, God-loving Americans to produce the spiritual qualities that have marked our nation's greatness.

I am indebted to Mrs. John W. Wyatt, whose devotion to the work of this family history has made it possible, the privilege of commending both the family itself and this thorough record of it. May we who read this account give thanks to God for those who have engraved their records "not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts," and so live that they through us may "be made perfect."

Danville, Virginia
February 1, 1957

L. D. JOHNSON, *Minister*
First Baptist Church

Preface

"Quod Potui Feci Non Mihi Sed Meis."

[I have done what I could, not for myself but for my own.]

THE purpose of publishing this little volume, which is the result of research begun in 1928, is to preserve for posterity the Wyatt family history; to promote greater pride of ancestry; and to encourage future research on their remote predecessors among the younger generation.

Genealogy, as we all know, goes back to Biblical times. Roger Babson, famous statistician and philanthropist, says, "Read the Old Testament and see how much space the scribes gave to genealogy and home sites. They did what they were doing for the development of family pride and individual sense-of-values. America has its traditions, too. It has its old homes and shrines. Every family in America has a theme place."

Somewhere in this country our family tree was planted. "That's our theme place and big or little, shabby or ornate," R. W. Howard, a noted writer, says, "it can be a source of spiritual regeneration and future happiness to us and all of our descendants."

The Wyatt family in its various branches now extend all over the world, but data on our branch is so fragmentary, due to the scarcity of Bible or family records and to the destruction of early county records during the War Between the States, that we have been unable to procure proof for one generation, which is to be regretted.

However, after extensive genealogical research at various county court houses and libraries, and after much tedious correspondence, I am now offering the available information

on our direct branch of the family, in addition to other interesting data listed in the Appendix. In accordance with the wishes of some of the kindred, I have attempted more than a dry genealogy, and have provided biographical sketches on our older generations. If only a few have left any very deep "footprints on the sands of time," let us hope that the world is better for their having lived.

The publication of this volume was made possible by the Wyatt Family Association, which I helped establish. To those who have given their time in genealogical research the greater family is indebted. It is hoped that other volumes on our family history can be published later.

I have taken great pains to make this book as complete and correct as possible. If any error is detected or any quotation is unacknowledged, please inform me at once and I shall be happy to make the necessary correction in the next edition of this book.

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ALLINGTON CASTLE

THE magnificent home of the early Wyatt family in England was known as Allington Castle. It is located in Kent County, five miles from the city of Maidstone, which is only a two-hour's ride from London, according to Mrs. R. D. Wyatt, of California, who visited there in 1950.

"This old castle," she says, "is approached by a narrow lane from the main highway, and is surrounded by a moat with a drawbridge. It is a two-story structure and built in the shape of a hollow square. There is a courtyard in the center, which extends to the vast door at the entrance. Having been restored some years ago, it is now in excellent condition.

"During the reign of Queen Mary the Wyatts lost their home, which had been purchased by Sir Henry Wyatt and had been the home of the Wyatts for several generations. Later, Lord Romney, a Wyatt descendant, bought it and then sold it to Lord Conway. His daughter inherited the castle, and it was sold to an order of the Catholic Church, now the present owners."

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*A little ring
Encompasses our lives
And many generations
Link the rings of theirs,
Thus forming a chain
That is without end.*

—Goethe.

THE EARLY WYATT FAMILIES

ADAM WYATT (WYAT, WIAT, WIATT, WIOT) was the progenitor of the Wyatt family in England. Descent from him in direct success was (2) William Wyatt, (3) Robert Wyatt, (4) Geoffrey Wyatt, (5) Richard Wyatt, (6) Sir Henry Wyatt, (7) Sir Thomas Wyatt, (8) Sir Thomas Wyatt II, who married Jane Haute, (9) Sir George Wyatt, who married Jane Finch, and (10) *Rev. Haute Wyatt*.

THE REV. HAUTE (HAWTE) WYATT¹ (1596-1638) of Boxley, Kent County, England, was a graduate of Oxford

¹ Descendants of the Rev. Haute Wyatt may claim descent from Robert de Vere and various other Magna Charta barons.

Note: There are ten or more Wyatt coats of arms, but apparently only three are used in Virginia. Crozier's *Virginia Heraldica* gives a description of one, as follows: "Arms: Per fess azure and gules, a barnacle argent, ringed or. Crest: An ostrich ppr. holding in the beak a horseshoe argent." The Rev. Haute Wyatt's old Bible, which was brought over to Virginia, gives another coat of arms consisting of four boar-head symbols on a red shield, etc. with the unicorn crest and motto: "Honor et Veritas." The third coat of arms is similar to the second one with slight variations.

College and rector of Boxley Parish. He and his brother, Sir Francis Wyatt, emigrated to Virginia, in 1621. Since there were so few ministers in the colony at Jamestown, during those days, the Reverend Wyatt must have often preached at James City Parish, the first Protestant Church in Virginia. Some writers believe he served as chaplain for his brother, the Governor of Virginia. In 1625 he returned to England, where he died. He was married twice: first, to Barbara Mitford, by whom he had Edward, George and Thomas; secondly, to Anne Cocke, by whom he had John and Katherine.

EDWARD WYATT (1619-1670) was born in Kent County, England. He married Jane Conquest and settled in Gloucester County, Virginia. Children: Conquest, Francis, Haute and Edward.

CONQUEST WYATT (1645-1720) was born in Gloucester, and also settled in that county. His home was at Upton, where he died. He married Sallie Pate, of Yorktown, who lived to celebrate her one-hundredth birthday. Children: Conquest, James, Edward, Francis, John, Haute and Sarah.

CAPT. EDWARD WYATT (1677-1750) settled at Boxley, in Gloucester County, but also owned land in Prince William County, Virginia. He married Frances Newton, daughter of John and Mary (Allerton) Wyatt. Children: William, John, Elizabeth, Anne and Conquest.

WILLIAM EDWARD WYATT, SR. (1707-1774) settled in Stafford County, Virginia. He was married twice: first, to Martha Gaines, by whom he had two children, who died young—names unknown; secondly, to Lettice Nichols (Nicoll),¹ by whom he had the following children:

1. MICAJAH WYATT (1731-1774) unmarried.
2. FRANCIS WYATT (b. 1734) married Thomas Scott.

¹ She is said to have been of the Baptist faith and many of her descendants are still members of that denomination.

3. EDWARD WYATT (b. 1738) settled in Caroline County, Virginia.
4. JOHN WYATT ? (b. 1740) married Hannah —; settled in Halifax County, Virginia.
5. WILLIAM EDWARD WYATT, JR. (1742-1815) married twice: first, to Frances Newton, daughter of William and Mary H. Newton; secondly, to Elizabeth Snoe (Snow); settled at Maca, Prince William County, Virginia, but also owned a large plantation on Birch Creek, in Halifax County.
6. ELIZABETH WYATT (1744-1770) unmarried.
7. CONQUEST WYATT (1746—after 1812) married Jane Redmond; settled in Ohio.
8. ELIJAH WYATT (1750-1774) married four times; left more than twenty children; settled in Kentucky.

Note: Due to records having been burned in Stafford County Court House, Stafford, Virginia, there is no actual proof of the names of all of the children of William Edward and Lettice (Nichols) Wyatt. However, a partial list of their children is to be had and documented. John Wyatt is not in the list but he is presumed to have been a son. Several genealogists have worked on this lineage and this is their conclusion.

JOHN WYATT

JOHN WYATT, presumably the son of William Edward and Lettice (Nichols) Wyatt, of Stafford County, Virginia, was the progenitor of our branch of Wyatts in Halifax County. He and his family were living on Birch Creek, in the upper part of this county as early as 1782, when the first United States Census was taken.

Other county records show that his plantation adjoined the farm¹ of Micajah Wyatt, son of William Edward and Frances (Newton) Wyatt, of Prince William County, Virginia, and that he was also a neighbor of William Wyatt, son of John and Jane Wyatt, of Caroline County. Both of these men were direct descendants of the Rev. Haute Wyatt. During those days it was not unusual for relatives to settle near each other when removing from one county to another.

Although John Wyatt, of Halifax, never lived in Henry County, official records at the Court House, in Martinsville, Virginia, show that he purchased 150 acres of land on Leatherwood Creek, for 25 pounds, current money of Virginia, in 1775. This land was sold later for a profit of 50 pounds.

The pioneer may have served in the Revolutionary War, but no official record of his military service has been found in either Washington or Richmond, which gives any specific proof that he was one of the many John Wyatts from Virginia, who fought in that war.

He died at his home in Halifax County, Virginia, about 1807, and his wife, Hannah (Vincent?), died about 1808. His will,² which was drawn February 24, 1801, was probated in the county court at Halifax, February 22, 1808,

¹ This farm was formerly owned by Micajah Wyatt's father.

² Will Book, Vol. 7, p. 442.

naming his youngest son, Eliel, as Executor of his estate. To him he bequeathed the household furniture, stock and entire plantation after his wife's death. To the other children he bequeathed money.

Children:

1. VINCENT WYATT (see later record).
2. JAMES WYATT, married Milley Compton, 1790.
3. NANCY WYATT, married — Williams.
4. LETTICE WYATT,¹ married David Hamrick, 1788.
5. SALLY WYATT, married — Lovell.
6. MOLLY WYATT, married William Cooksey.
7. ELIEL WYATT, married Martha Compton, 1803.

¹ She was probably named for her grandmother, Lettice Wyatt?

VINCENT WYATT

VINCENT WYATT, son of John and Hannah Wyatt, of Halifax County, Virginia, was born about 1766. He was married February 23, 1787 (MB) to Elizabeth Simpson, daughter of John and Hannah Simpson, of the same county.

In 1790 he purchased a farm in Halifax County, adjoining William Wyatt's estate. Later, he apparently purchased land in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and resided there awhile with his family. About 1798 they removed to Henry County, Virginia, locating on Leatherwood Creek, near Horsepasture. County records show that he was a planter and the progenitor of the Wyatt clan in that county.

During the War of 1812, it appears, he enlisted on August 27, 1814, and served as a private in Captain George W. Jackson's Company, 36th Regiment (Renno's) Virginia Militia. He was discharged November 24, 1814.

After his demise in 1832, his son, John Posey Wyatt, was appointed Administrator of his estate and his widow was given a dower. After her death this land was sold at public auction July 18, 1838. Prior to this date official records show that he had deeded one hundred acres of his farm in Henry County to John Posey¹ and fifty acres to his son, Craven.² He had also deeded eighty acres of his farm in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, to Vincent, Jr.³ and another "tract of land" on Elder Creek in that State, to William.⁴

¹ Deed Book, Vol. 8, p. 213.

² Deed Book, Vol. 10, p. 185.

³ Deed Book, Vol. N, p. 142.

⁴ Deed Book, Vol. N, p. 327.

Children:

1. VINCENT WYATT, JR., married MARY ANN ———; settled in South Carolina; left many descendants in that State.
2. WILLIAM WYATT, untraced.
3. LETTICE WYATT, married George Davis.
4. JOHN POSEY WYATT, married Agatha Richardson, 1816; settled in Henry County, Virginia.
5. CRAVEN WYATT, married Eleanor Richardson, 1823; settled in Henry County, Virginia.
6. NANCY WYATT, married Daniel Lovell, 1823.
7. ELIJAH WYATT, born 1800 (see Appendix).
8. CLAY WYATT, born 1803; married Betsy ———; settled in Kentucky.
9. ELIEL (ELI) WYATT (see later record).

ELIEL (ELI) WYATT

ELIEL (ELI) WYATT, son of Vincent and Elizabeth Simpson Wyatt, was born in 1806, near Horsepasture, Henry County, Virginia. He was probably named in honor of his uncle, Eliel Wyatt, of Halifax County, Virginia, since it was customary to name one's children for their uncles and aunts, as well as their parents. About 1828, he was married to Ruhama Evans, of North Carolina, and removed to Pittsylvania County, Virginia, prior to the War Between the States. His old plantation, near Grady, is now owned by Dolus Holly.

Several of his great grandchildren remember his loquacity, fine sense of humor and jokes. It has been said, when people gathered on Sunday morning once a month at the old County Line Christian Church to attend services, that "old man" Eli Wyatt had more people outside in front of the church to hear him talk than the minister had inside. However, it is rather doubtful that he ever preached a sermon. He also liked to hunt raccoons and opossums during the cold winter months.

Since those were the days of community corn-huskings, barn-raising, molasses-making, "big" hog-killings and all-day events, Eli Wyatt was always a welcome visitor.

On December 15, 1890, he died at his home near Grady, and was interred beside his wife in the family graveyard on the farm. Later his remains were removed to the Wyatt Family Cemetery at Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands, Virginia. A marker was placed at his grave on August 14, 1952 by several members of the family. His wife died in 1879.

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Children:

1. ASA JACKSON WYATT, married Elizabeth Thomas (see later record).
2. MARY WYATT, never married.
3. JOHN WYATT, died a young man in western North Carolina.
4. MARTHA WYATT, married Robert Pea, October, 1858; lived in Henry County, Virginia; left no children.



ASA JACKSON WYATT

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ASA JACKSON WYATT, son of Eliel (Eli) and Ruhama Evans Wyatt, was born February 10, 1829, near Horsepasture, Henry County, Virginia. He was married in 1847, to Elizabeth (Betsy) Thomas, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Allen Thomas, of the same county.

Like many of the early pioneers, he was educated by private tutors, since there were no public schools in those days. Apparently he was fond of history and biography. During the War Between the States, he wrote an interesting diary giving a detailed account of his military career. It was written in a strong firm hand, and is still in existence (see Appendix).

Wyatt came to Pittsylvania County, Virginia, about 1844. His plantation, consisting of four different tracts of land, adjoining his father's estate, near Grady, which was once a post office—four miles from Callands. Asa Wyatt's old home¹ still stands, and is now owned by his granddaughter, Olivia Wyatt Shorter. For many years (during C. B. Shorter's lifetime) it was used as a storehouse for tobacco and grain.

Prior to the War Between the States, Asa Wyatt belonged to the State Militia, and enlisted in the Confederate Army, June 29, 1861. He was promoted from 4th Corporal to Sergeant, April 20, 1862, in company I, 21st Regiment Virginia Infantry. The following July he was sent to Grady to "round-up" those who had deserted from the Army.

On this tour of duty he visited his family the last time before he was killed in the battle of Cedar Run, August 9,

¹ Part of the chimney to Asa Wyatt's home was shaken down during the Charleston earthquake in 1886. His wife was alone in the home at the time and was terrified.

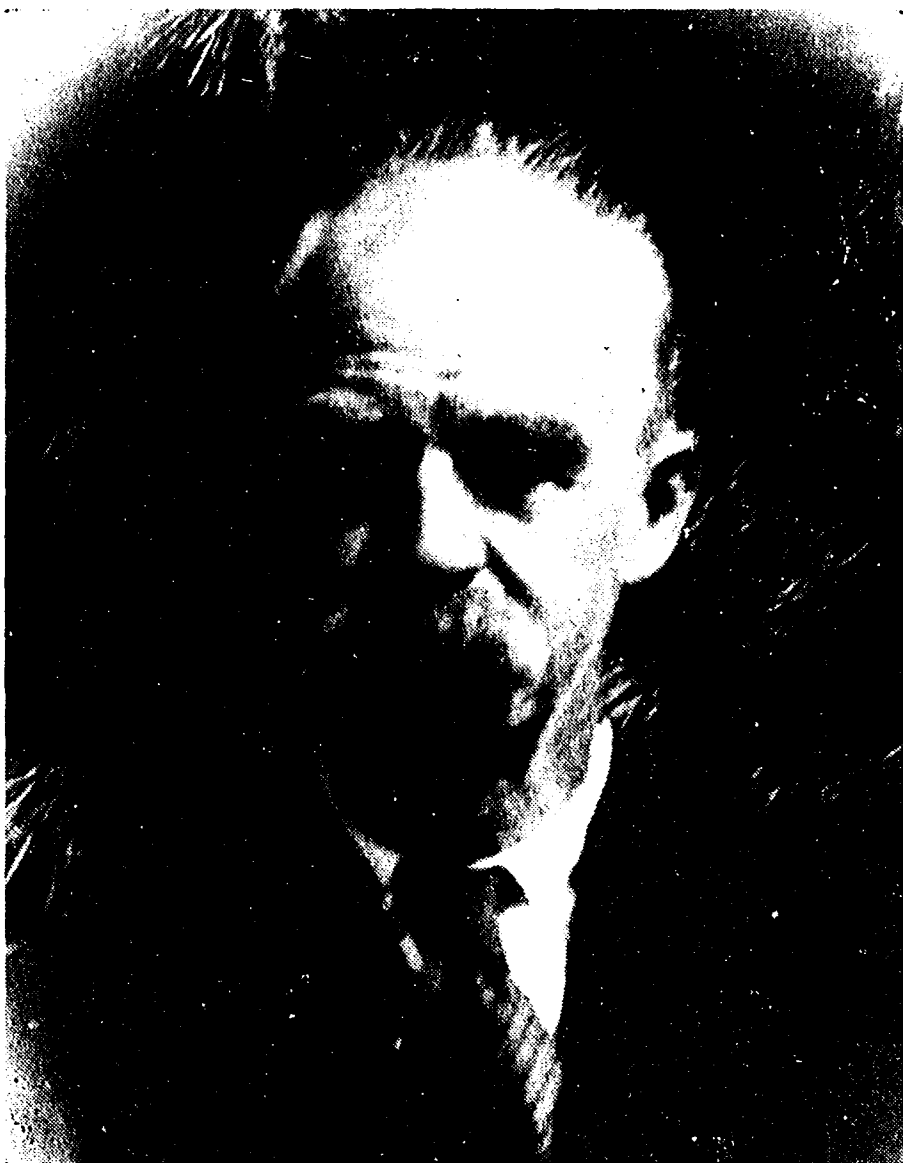
1862, at the age of 33 years, leaving a widow and seven children. His grandson, John Wyatt, often jokes and says, "If the Yankees hadn't killed grandfather so young, we would have had some Wyatts now!"

*"He sleeps on
In the grave where his comrades have laid him."*

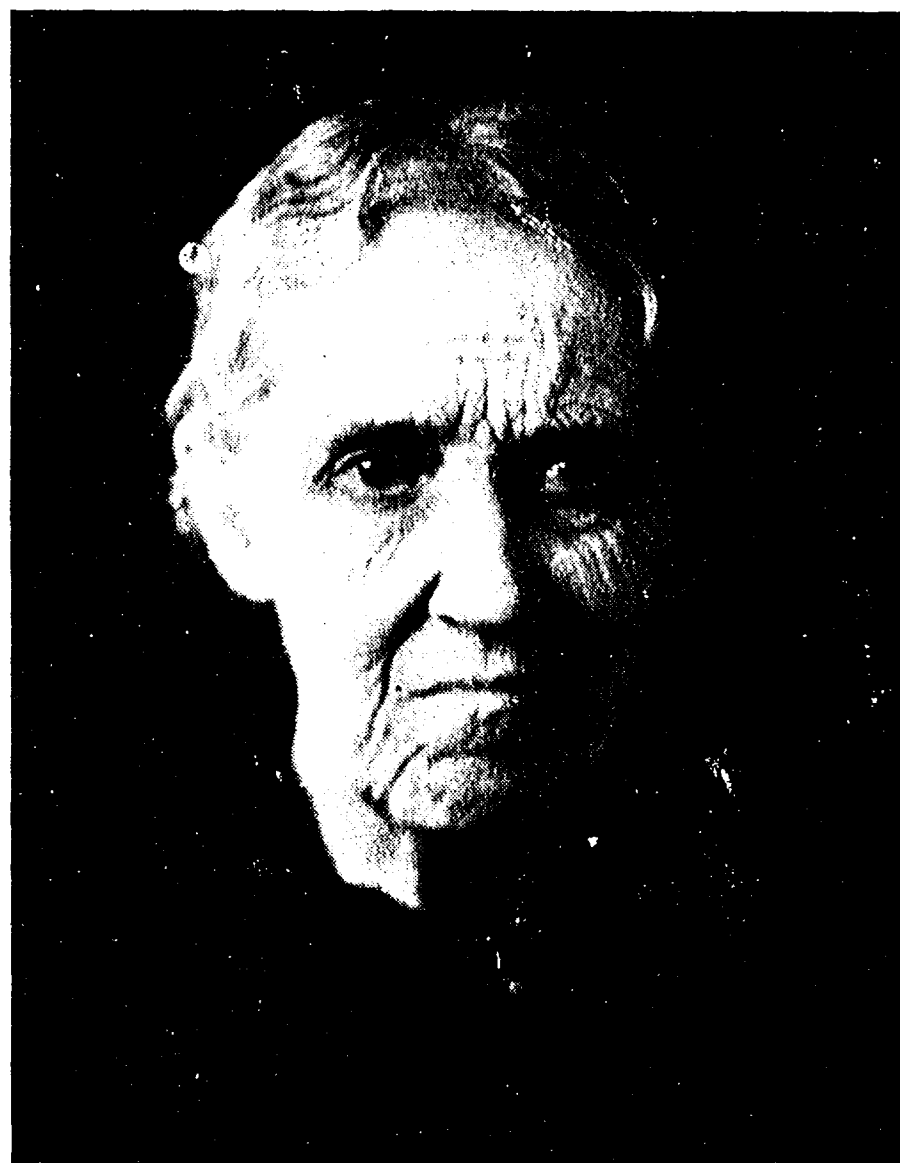
He was interred with four other soldiers in one grave on that famous battlefield, near Culpeper Court House, Virginia, according to Fontaine Gravely, of Callands, Virginia, who was present at the time. His wife, born 1830, died June 29, 1887, and was interred in the family burial ground on the farm.

Children:

1. REBECCA ANNE WYATT, born December 25, 1848; married Thomas Parrish about 1868; died July 12, 1905; left no children.
2. WILLIAM EDWARD WYATT (see Appendix).
3. ELIEL (ELY) JACKSON WYATT (see later record).
4. JOHN WESLEY WYATT, born August 4, 1854; married Sallie Shorter April, 1884; died December 5, 1918; children: Asa, Geneva, Nonnie, Lou, Edward, John and Charles.
5. HENRIETTA FILMORE WYATT (see Appendix).
6. SALLIE RUHAMA WYATT (see Appendix).
7. MARTHA LUMBINDA WYATT (see Appendix).



ELIEL (ELY) J. WYATT



SUSAN GARDNER WYATT

ELIEL (ELY) JACKSON WYATT

ELIEL (ELY) JACKSON WYATT, third child of Asa Jackson and Elizabeth Thomas Wyatt, was born May 22, 1852, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He attended the "little log schoolhouse," near Swansonville, to which he walked each day through mud, snow or inclement weather. However, his school days were limited because at an early age his father was killed in battle during the War Between the States, and he with his older brother, Edward, began to assume the responsibilities of the farm.

Life was not easy during those reconstruction times, but there seemed to be a much richer home-life by the log fires, surrounded by their large families, than we probably find today. On November 21, 1877 Ely Wyatt, as he was called, was married to Susan Ella Gardner, daughter of William Finch and Martha Shellhorse Gardner, of the same county.

He then purchased a plantation near his old home and devoted most of his life to agricultural pursuits, being considered one of the best tobacco farmers in the county. In 1929, after his health began to fail, he and his wife removed to Danville, Virginia, and rented out the farm to tenants.

Ely Wyatt was a man of few words, but he was honest, industrious and highly esteemed in the community in which he lived. People came from far and near to seek his advice on business transactions. Politically he was a Democrat, but never sought public office. Since the Swanson family were neighbors, he enjoyed a life-long friendship with the Hon. Claude A. Swanson, former Governor of Virginia and United States Senator.

Foremost in religious affairs, he was instrumental in building the old Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands, in 1900. The example he set before his children has been demon-

strated in their showing themselves not only to be good citizens, but good church members as well. He was an omnivorous reader, even in his old age, and used every opportunity to improve himself.

He died in Danville, on May 14, 1931, and was interred in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church. His wife survived him by twelve years.

Children:

1. JAMES ASA WYATT.
2. OLIVIA JANE WYATT.
3. LEONARD THOMAS WYATT.¹
4. JOHN WILLIAM WYATT.
5. HENRY LEE WYATT.
6. LANDON RUSSELL WYATT.
7. MARY (MAMIE) LULU WYATT.
8. EMMETT JACKSON WYATT.
9. WALLER ENNIS WYATT.
10. CARROLL GARDNER WYATT.
11. CURTIS ELMER WYATT.

¹ Leonard Thomas Wyatt was born April 20, 1884; died July 15, 1884; interred in the Wyatt Family Cemetery.

SUSAN ELLA GARDNER WYATT

Susan Ella Gardner Wyatt,¹ generally known as "Sue" Wyatt, was born December 26, 1860, near Swansonville,² Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She was the daughter of William Finch and Martha (Shellhorse) Gardner and granddaughter of John and Betty (Finch) Gardner, of the same county. She was also the great granddaughter of Bernett Finch, of Campbell County, Virginia, who is believed to have served in the Revolutionary War and probably a descendant of Sir John Finch, immigrant to Virginia from England, during the seventeenth century.

She received her formal education at the school, near Swansonville, taught by Miss Celeste Parrish, pioneer teacher, whom she admired very much and often mentioned in her old age. The Hon. Claude A. Swanson was a classmate. She was also instructed in vocal music at a private school.

Her girlhood days were spent in the Swansonville community. She was very pretty, having dark, curly hair, large brown eyes, weighed less than a hundred pounds and was about five feet three inches in height. At the age of fourteen, being the youngest child of a large family, she was left an orphan and made her home with her brothers and sisters until her marriage to Ely Jackson Wyatt.

Having a sweet, amiable, kind disposition and a fine sense of humor, she was much beloved by all who knew her. In fact, she was the typical example of a Virginia Mother, and her influence has not only been exemplified in her children, but her grandchildren as well.

Sunday at her home was a real reunion, since many of the children and their families came to spend the day, and,

¹ The name, Emma Wingfield, was later added to her name, but was never used particularly in adulthood. It seems that Susan's mother had a friend who lost her infant daughter by that name and wished Susan to be named in her honor, too.

² There was a post-office at Swansonville during those days.

of course, there was always a sumptuous dinner awaiting them.

About 1895 when neither money nor commodity was very plentiful, they kept sheep. After their wool was sheared it was carried on horseback to Leaksville, N. C., a distance of twenty miles, where it was carded and made into rolls. Then "Sue" would spin these rolls into thread—using a spinning-wheel—dye the thread, and knit stockings for all the children. Since it was the custom in those days to wear woolen stockings during the wintertime, they were usually worn until the children were twelve years of age. Then the boys would don long pants and socks, and the girls would wear cotton hose.

A loyal member of Liberty Baptist Church since childhood, her religion was based on the golden rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you," typifying her strength of character and deep religious faith. Living on an isolated farm meant little to her, since she could always find someone in the community in needy circumstances to help. She always seemed contented and happy. In her life and character one can not but recall the lines of Wordsworth:

*"A perfect woman, nobly planned
To warn, to counsel, and command;
And yet a being still more bright,
With something of an angel light."*

After a long and useful life she passed away on August 22, 1943, at the home of her daughter, Mamie Hall, in Danville, Virginia. She was interred beside her husband in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands.



JAMES ASA WYATT

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JAMES ASA WYATT, eldest child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born June 7, 1879, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He attended the Grady Public School two miles from his home. During those days there were only one-room schools in the community, and one teacher taught all the grades. Later, two-room schools were built.

Being small of stature, weighing only seventy-five pounds at the age of fifteen years, he was never very strong, but was ambitious—often doing more than he was physically able. He was very fond of fine horses, and gave them considerable attention at home. During auction sales he was considered a good judge of horses.

Wyatt had always been interested in farming. In 1907 he purchased a farm, near Callands, about a mile from the old Swanson plantation. On June 18, 1908 he was married to Josie Alice Eanes, daughter of Joseph Washington and Cordelia Hayden Eanes, of the same county. Later, in addition to his agricultural pursuits, he operated a grocery business in Danville, Virginia, from 1927 to 1937.

His reputation in the community was unquestionable. He was instrumental in building the new Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands, where he was a deacon and superintendent of the Sunday School.

After a long illness he passed away on June 12, 1956, at his home, near Callands, and was interred in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church.

Children:

1. ESTELLE CLAIRE WYATT, born August 18, 1909, near Callands, Virginia; attended Whitmell Farm-Life

School; was very talented in music; died February 5, 1930, after an extended illness, and was interred in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church, of which she was a member.

2. JAMES BERNARD WYATT, born March 28, 1911, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1929; served in the United States Army three and one-half years (see Military Record in Appendix); member of West Main Baptist Church; 32nd degree Mason; and manager of the parts department, Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, Danville, Virginia. He was married June 21, 1931, to Esther Pearl Edwards, daughter of Calliehill Ward and Janie Wright Edwards, of Climax, Virginia. Child:

- (1) James Bernard Wyatt, Jr., born August 1, 1943; member of the Major William T. Sutherland Chapter, Children of the Confederacy.

3. HARRY VERNON WYATT, born November 2, 1914, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1933; member of the Danville Republican Committee, having been elected a delegate to State Conventions several times; deacon in Lee Street Baptist Church, where he is General Superintendent of the Sunday School; and is vice-president of J. W. Wyatt & Company, Inc., Danville, Virginia. He was married January 1, 1936, to Edith Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Grover Cleveland and Blanch Allred Harris, of Danville. Children:

- (1) Anita Jean Wyatt, born March 1, 1937; graduated from George Washington High School, 1955.

- (2) Harry Vernon Wyatt, Jr., born March 13, 1939; member of Demolay sponsored by the Masonic Order.

4. RACHEL HAYDEN WYATT, born September 24, 1921, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands

High School, 1939; attended Averett College, Danville, 1939-40; member of Rivermont Baptist Church. She was married, December 24, 1947, to Manuel Thomas Dodson, son of Luther B. and Evelyn Walton Dodson, of Keeling, Virginia. Children:

- (1) Manuel Thomas Dodson, Jr., born September 24, 1951.
- (2) Rickey Wyatt Dodson, born September 25, 1953.

*REFLECTIONS ON THE DEATH OF
JAMES ASA WYATT*

*"How rich the reward which the saint receives
When, his spirit to Heaven ascending,
His toil, and labors, and conflict he leaves,
And his joys with Angels are blending."*

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OLIVIA WYATT SHORTER

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OLIVIA WYATT SHORTER, second child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born September 8, 1881, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Her formal education was obtained at the Grady Public School, but a passionate zeal for learning ruled her life, and she has never stopped learning, being an avid reader. On November 17, 1901 she was married to Charles Booker Shorter, son of Joseph and Judy Hankins Shorter, of the same county.

Her life has not been a very easy one. Due to living in an isolated community and the many demands on her time by her children, her outside activities were necessarily curtailed, yet she used every opportunity for self-improvement, and to give her children the best education possible. The importance of an education was kept before them as an ideal, and all have attended college, except one who died in infancy.

She is a devoted member of Liberty Baptist Church, and one of her greatest pleasures is to help people in needy circumstances. Other interests are growing flowers, history and politics. The latter to the extent of wanting good government and doing everything within her power towards this end. She is a staunch Democrat, and considers it not only a privilege but an obligation to use the ballot.

Few people can match her stamina and unflinching courage at her age. These qualities and her unshaken faith in God have helped her through many obstacles in life, especially when rearing her large family under adverse conditions. She has also demonstrated very "unusual managerial ability" in farming, not only since her husband's death in 1947, but throughout her life.

Children:

1. WALTER CLARENCE SHORTER, born August 16, 1902, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Whitmell Farm-Life School, 1919; received his B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, 1923; assistant professor of mathematics, V. M. I., 1923-24; chief chemist, Columbian Paper Company, Buena Vista, Virginia, 1924-25; apprentice salesman for the International Paper Company of New York, 1925; instructor of mathematics (evening session), College of the City of New York; assistant to Donald M. Nelson, of the War Production Board, as a dollar-per-year man in Washington, D. C., 1940-42; served as Colonel of Field Artillery and Deputy General Purchasing Agent, E. T. O., with headquarters in London, England, during World War II (see Military Record in Appendix); joined the Camp Manufacturing Company, Franklin, Virginia, after the conclusion of the war, and was soon made its vice-president, director and general sales manager; is also vice-president and a director of Stoker Manufacturing Company, Netcoug, New Jersey; director of United Wall Paper Company and Trims Tuc, Chicago, Illinois; director of Newberry Realty Company, Appleton, Wisconsin; member of Commonwealth and Ruritan Clubs, Richmond; Cypress Cone Country Club, Franklin, Virginia; Franklin Baptist Church; affiliated at various times with the Masons, Rotary, Puritans, V. M. I. Club; Southern Society of New York; Sleepy Hollow Country Club; Union League of New York; Sales Executives Club of New York; The Virginians; Army Ordnance and Quartermaster Associations; Military Order of Foreign Wars of the U. S.; Society of British-United States Comrades; American Club of London, England; Kraft Paper Manufacturing Export Association; American Pulp and Paper Association; Paper Salesman's Association, etc. His name is listed



WALTER CLARENCE SHORTER

in "Who's Who of the South and Southwest," and the Social Registers of New York, Washington, D. C. and Virginia. He was married May 24, 1931, at Joilet, Illinois, to Evelyn Peasley Douglass, daughter of George Albert and Margaret Peasley Noska, of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. They maintain three homes: Journey's End, Franklin, Virginia; 20 East 66th Street, New York, New York; and a summer home in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Children:

- (1) Leon Forrest Douglass III, (step-son), born November 9, 1925; graduated from Augusta Military Academy, 1942; received his M. A. degree from Washington and Lee University, 1950; married Jane Waterboro, daughter of William and Ethel Waterboro, of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Child:

- (a) Jeffrey Waterboro Douglass, born May 7, 1951.

- (2) Walter Wyatt Shorter, born May 20, 1932; graduated from Fishburne Military School, 1949; received his B. S. degree in Chemistry from Virginia Military Institute, 1953; served in the United States Marine Corps, 1953-55; now a student at the University of Maine, expecting to get his Master's degree in Pulp and Paper Technology, 1957.

- (3) Margaret Ann Shorter, born January 14, 1944.

2. VIOLA WYATT SHORTER, born May 25, 1904, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Whitmell Farm-Life School, 1921; attended William and Mary College, Williamsburg, 1922-24; attended numerous summer sessions at the University of Virginia, and Asheville College, Asheville, North Carolina; teacher of English, Plonk School of Creative Arts, Asheville; co-author, Geographic and Economics History of Pittsylvania County; member of Asheville Chapter, United

Daughters of the Confederacy; North Carolina Historical Society; Kenilworth Presbyterian Church; charter member, Western North Carolina Historical Association. She was married, July 5, 1926, to John Henry Stevens, son of James Robert and Alice Duckworth Stevens, of Asheville. Children:

- (1) John Shorter Stevens, born May 30, 1933; graduated from Christ High School, Asheville, 1953; received his B. A. degree in Economics from University of North Carolina, 1956; member of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary fraternity; and Chi Phi, social fraternity.
 - (2) Mary Fuller Stevens, born October 23, 1937; graduated from Christ High School, 1955; now a student at Westhampton College, University of Richmond, expecting to get her degree, 1959; winner of Williams scholarship.
 - (3) James Robert Stevens, born June 1, 1940.
3. GARNETT NOEL SHORTER, born February 4, 1906, near Callands, Virginia; died July 5, 1906; interred in the family burial grounds on the farm.
 4. ORRIN EUGENE SHORTER, born March 6, 1908, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1924; attended Virginia Military Institute, Lexington; completed course in Pulp and Paper Technology, University of Maine; member of the Washington Litho Club; International Association of Lions Clubs; Washington Board of Trade Organization; C. I. Congress Organization; National A. M. V. E. T. S.; served in the United States Army, 1942-46 (see Military Record in Appendix); affiliated with the International Paper Company, New York, several years; now affiliated with Frank Parsons Paper Company, Inc., Washington, D. C., as vice-president; also operates a farm in Pittsylvania County, along with a smaller farm on which he lives in Fairfax County,

Virginia. He was married May 27, 1933, to Ruth Adelaide Noska, daughter of George Albert and Margaret Peasley Noska, of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. Children:

- (1. and 2.) George Booker Shorter and Sarah Noska Shorter (twins), born October 21, 1946.
5. CARLTON BOOKER SHORTER, born October 5, 1909, near, Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1926; attended Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, 1926-29; member of Cavalier Club; Sports Club; Publicity Chairman of Exchange Club; First Presbyterian Church; affiliated with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, 1942-47; now president of the Brooks-Shorter Motor Company, Inc., Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was married, June 25, 1935, to Louise Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of William Robert and Elizabeth Farley Mitchell, of Danville, Virginia. They have no children.
6. RUBY MAE SHORTER, born June 28, 1911, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1927; received her B. S. degree in Education from Asheville College, Asheville, North Carolina, 1931; attended (summer session) Columbia University, New York, 1933; taught in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1932-33; member of the United World Federalist Society; White Plains Presbyterian Church; president, Valhalla Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association; and has served on the Community Committee of the Girl Scouts. She was married, December 31, 1933, to Frank Crandall Cloyes, son of Frank Ward and Edna Reneau Cloyes, of New York. Children:
 - (1) Olivia Earle Cloyes, born August 16, 1938; graduated from Briar Cliff High School, White Plains, 1956; now attending William and Mary College.
 - (2) Edna Leslie Cloyes, born March 7, 1942.

(3) Frank Crandall Cloyes, Jr., born March 22, 1944.

7. DOUGLASS ELMER SHORTER, born November 28, 1912, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1930; received his B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, 1934; taught high school mathematics in Pittsylvania County Schools and in West Virginia; chemist at American Celanese in Narrows, Virginia, four years; now manager for one of a chain of department stores in Bluefield, West Virginia; member of Liberty Baptist Church; American Legion; director in the West Virginia Bridge Association; and served in the United States Army during World War II (see Military Record in Appendix). He was married, November 26, 1945, to Madeline Thompson, daughter of David Lee and Mary Francis Thompson, of Athens, West Virginia. Child:

(1) Carlton Lee Shorter, born December 15, 1943.

8. ELLA SUE SHORTER, born July 31, 1914, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1932; received her B. S. degree in Education from Asheville College, Asheville, North Carolina, 1936; teacher in the elementary school at Gretna; member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and Gretna Baptist Church. She was married, November 25, 1937, to Benjamin Linsey Anderson, son of Charles and Nancy Anderson, of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. They have no children.
9. IVA ELIZABETH SHORTER, born March 16, 1917, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1934; graduated from Averett College, Danville, 1936; studied advanced secretarial work at the University of Miami; has done secretarial work since her graduation from college; member of Methodist Church. She was married, December 21, 1940, to Charles Everett Eggleston, son of George T. and Ella

Eggleston, of Henry County, Virginia. They have no children.

10. JOSEPH SHELTON SHORTER, born July 9, 1921, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1939; received his B. S. degree in Forestry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, 1949; served four years between high school and college in the United States Air Force (see Military Record in Appendix): was in charge of the 4-H Rural Youth Program in Buckingham and Nelson counties for two and one-half years; now employed by the Hercules Power Company, Radford, Virginia; member of the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; County Line Christian Church. He was married, June 14, 1947, to Ida Frances Price, daughter of James A. and Cella Price, of Giles County, Virginia. Children:
 - (1) Mary Ella Shorter, born December 6, 1948.
 - (2) Charles Price Shorter, born March 16, 1950.
11. MARY GARDNER SHORTER, born July 30, 1923, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1940; graduated from White Plains Business College, New York, 1940; held secretarial positions in New York City and Azusa, California; and was a member of the Baptist Church of Azusa. She was married, August 15, 1944, to E. Clarke Russ, Jr., son of E. Clarke and Clara Bowman Russ, of Gloverville, New York. She died October 25, 1950, after an operation in a New York hospital, and was interred in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands, Virginia. They had no children.
12. OLIVIA WYATT SHORTER, born May 17, 1925, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Callands High School, 1942; attended Asheville College, Asheville, North Carolina, 1942-44; taught in the Pittsylvania County Public School System, 1944-45; taught in nursery school, Asheville, 1946-47; and member of Kenil-

worth Presbyterian Church. She was married, March 20, 1945, to Samuel Edison Stevens, Jr., son of Samuel E. and Clara Jackson Stevens, of Asheville. Children:

- (1) Brenda Jo Stevens, born July 7, 1948.
- (2) Olivia Susan Stevens, born March 21, 1951.
- (3) Mary Alice Stevens, born September 17, 1953.
- (4) Elizabeth Gardner Stevens, born April 23, 1955.

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JOHN WILLIAM WYATT

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JOHN WILLIAM WYATT, fourth child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born June 25, 1885, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He received his education in the local public schools.

As a youth he was not interested in farming, and later went to Hampton, Virginia, where he became affiliated with the Newport News and Hampton Railway and Electric Company, with his office in Newport News.

On June 25, 1918 he was married to Lucile Rebecca (Reba) Douglass, daughter of John Wesley and Mary Sommers Douglass, of "Merry Oaks," Burnley, Albemarle County, Virginia. He had met her while she boarded with his sister, Olivia Shorter, and taught at the new Grady Public School, near his home.

In 1921, after removing to Danville, Virginia, he established a retail grocery business on Union Street, with Roy Thompson as his partner. Twelve years later they dissolved partnership, and he established another retail grocery business on the same street.

In 1930 a wholesale grocery business, J. W. Wyatt & Company, Inc., was organized with Wyatt as co-owner and general manager. In 1948 this company built a new establishment on the Riverside Drive, a new development just outside of the city at that time, to which they removed in December of that year. Later, in 1954, the company purchased land adjoining this property, and in 1955 built a new addition to the warehouse.

"JW" is a member of the Danville Rotary Club, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Wholesale Grocers Association of Virginia. He was vice-president of the ten Modern Food Stores of Danville, Schoolfield and Reidsville,

before they were sold to their managers. He was also co-owner of the Swansonville Dairy, where they kept a herd of seventy-five pure-bred Holstein milch cows. After selling this property, he and his brother, Landon, purchased a farm on the Mount Cross Road, which they now own.

Being a conscientious Christian, he devotes considerable time to the activities of the First Baptist Church, where he is an associate teacher, past deacon and past superintendent of the adult department. Although deeply religious, he possesses a keen sense of humor and enjoys telling a good clean joke.

Like his father, he is a loyal Democrat, but has neither desired nor sought political office.

Having lived during the period of four wars—Spanish American, World War I, World War II and Korean (undeclared) War—he was not called upon to serve in any. However, he registered and was classified 1-A during World War I, prior to the signing of the Armistice November 11, 1918.

Children:

1. DOUGLASS HENKEL WYATT, born July 12, 1920, in Hampton, Virginia; lived only three hours; interred first, in St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Hampton; later, in Mountain View Cemetery, Danville. He had six Revolutionary War ancestors, John Justus Henkel, Rev. Paul Henkel, John Hoke, Walter Newman, Matthias Lair and Thomas Douglass, whose lineages have been established in the N. S. D. A. R.
2. GARLAND MURRAY WYATT, born April 23, 1922, in Danville, Virginia; attended George Washington High School, 1937-39; graduated from Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, as Sergeant Major, Company D, Battalion of Cadets, 1941; attended Averett College, Danville, 1941-42; attended Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.; attended four technical training schools; served in World War II (see Military Record in Appendix); member of the Danville Rotary Club; American Legion, Post 325; junior deacon in the First

Baptist Church; and president of the firm, J. W. Wyatt & Company, Inc., Danville. He was married, March 14, 1946, to Harriet Amelia Bertine, daughter of Herbert Cable and Esther Alice Bertine, of White Plains, New York. Child:

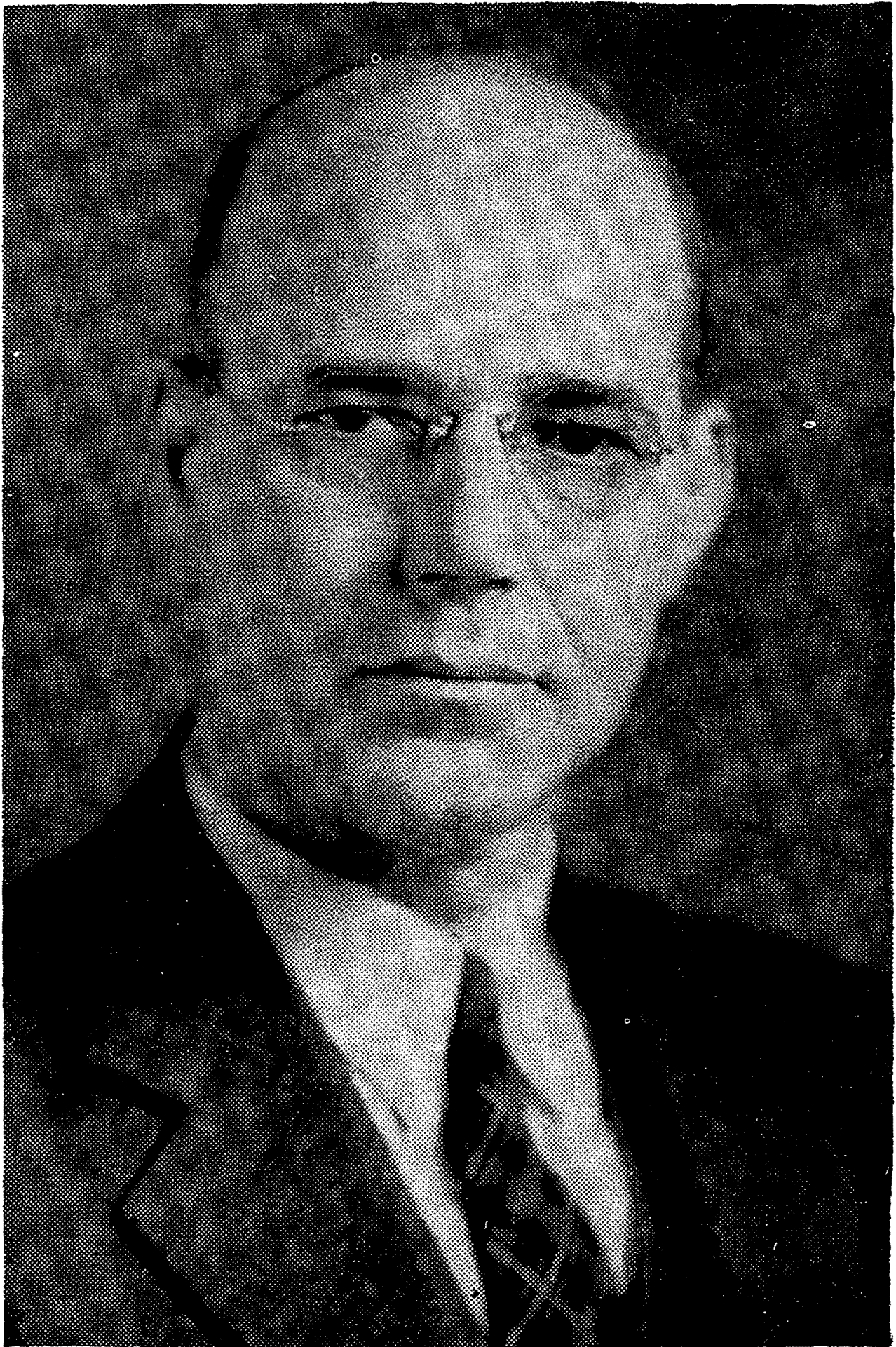
- (1) Susan Harriet Wyatt, born May 9, 1950. On her maternal side she is a direct descendant of Joseph Ball, George Washington's grandfather; and Peter Bertine, who came to this country with Peter Stuyvesant, and settled at New Rochelle, New York, naming it for his home-town, La Rochelle, France. Susan's great-great grandparents, the Noah Wheatons, once owned and lived in the Gracie mansion, which is now the home of the Mayor of New York City, while in office.
3. MARJORIE SOMMERS WYATT, born April 16, 1925, in Danville, Virginia; attended George Washington High School, 1939-42; graduated from Stratford Hall, 1943; attended Stratford College, Danville, 1943-44; member of Stratford College Alumnae Association; Decatur Street Methodist Church, Richmond; and was a charter member of the Spottswood Henry Chapter, C. A. R., Danville. She was married, July 2, 1945, to Julian Shaw Ogburn, Jr., Ph. M2, United States Navy, son of Julian Shaw and Ellie Fitzgerald Ogburn, of Danville. Child:
 - (1) Julian Shaw Ogburn III, born May 30, 1946.
4. JOHN WILLIAM WYATT, JR., born September 1, 1930, in Danville, Virginia; attended George Washington High School, 1945-47; graduated from Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, as First Lieutenant, Company C, Battalion of Cadets, 1949; attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York, 1949-50; served two years in the United States Army (see Military Record in Appendix); graduated from General Motors Institute, Flint,

Michigan, 1954; received his B. S. degree in Industrial Technology and Management from Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah, 1956; member of the Society of Automotive Engineers; Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society; Faith Methodist Church; now affiliated with General Motors Corporation, Chevrolet Motor Division, as a manufacturer's representative, Kansas City, Missouri. He was married, July 3, 1954, to Dorothy Dee Bankhead, daughter of Robert Moffett and Mary Shelton Bankhead, of Danville. Child:

- (1) Melanie Ann Wyatt, born August 17, 1955, in Logan, Utah. On her maternal side she stems from an ancestor who was a signer of the Magna Charta, in England.

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HENRY LEE WYATT

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HENRY LEE WYATT, fifth child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born June 16, 1888, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He attended the local Public Schools. On November 3, 1907 he was married to Elva Smith Austin, daughter of John Calvin (Jack) and Emma Slayton Austin, of the same county.

When only a young man, he established a small general mercantile business at Grady, near Callands. In 1924 he became a Ford dealer at Rustburg, Virginia, where he remained several years. Then he accepted the Chevrolet Agency at Chase City, Virginia, and removed his family there. In 1930 he was appointed Chevrolet dealer in Danville, Virginia, with his place of business on Loyal Street. Later, he purchased the old silk mill on North Main Street, which he had remodeled and moved to, in 1948.

Meanwhile his wife, who had been in declining health for several years, passed away in the spring of 1935. Then on February 16, 1936, he married Emma Blanco Glenn, daughter of James Thomas and Sarah Whitfield Glenn, of Durham, North Carolina.

"HL" was active in religious, fraternal and civic organizations, where his fine sense of humor won him many friends. He was a charter member and deacon in West Main Baptist Church, which he was instrumental in building. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and Shriner; a member of the Danville Kiwanis Club; and General Motors Planning Board. For a number of years he served as a director on the boards of the Retail Merchants Association, Security Bank and Trust Company, and Bank of Draper, North Carolina.

On October 9, 1948 he died at his home in Danville, after a very serious operation in a Philadelphia hospital,

and was interred by his first wife in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands. His widow re-married in 1951.

Children by his first wife:

1. GARNETT EARL WYATT, born July 10, 1908, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from Rustburg High School, 1927; attended University of Richmond, 1927-30; member and past president of the Danville Rotary Club; Danville Golf Club; on the Board of Directors of Security Bank and Trust Company; on the Board of Trustees of Averett College; Shriner in the Masonic Order; charter member and deacon of the West Main Baptist Church; now president and general manager of the Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, Danville, Virginia. He was married, October 23, 1932, to Thelma Henry, daughter of Charles David¹ and Hattie Newby Henry, of Danville. Child:

(1) Shirley Ann Wyatt, born October 23, 1934; graduated from George Washington High School, 1952; graduated from Averett College, 1954; married, July 18, 1954, Wallace Carroll Moore, son of Howard R. and Dora Soyers Moore, of Danville, Virginia. Child:

(a) Teresa Ann Moore, born September 12, 1955.

2. ESTES NOEL WYATT, born January 23, 1911, near Callands, Virginia; attended Rustburg High School; member of Chase City National Guard, 1928-31; active member of Danville Lions Club; Danville Golf Club; Order of Elks; Shriner in the Masonic Order; charter member of West Main Baptist Church; and second vice-president of the Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, Danville, Virginia. He was married May 2, 1932, to Opie Lee Bevill, daughter of Lathers Zachery

¹ He was a distant relative of the famous Patrick Henry.



GARNETT EARL WYATT

and Mattie Leora Bevill, of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Children:

- (1) Betty Jane Wyatt, born June 15, 1936; graduated from George Washington High School, 1955; student at Gulf Park College, Gulf Port, Mississippi, 1955-56.
 - (2) Susan Lee Wyatt, born November 20, 1949.
3. ALTON CARLYLE WYATT, born April 13, 1913, near Callands, Virginia; attended George Washington High School, Danville; graduated from Chevrolet Dealers School, Detroit, Michigan, 1941; member of Danville Kiwanis Club; Order of Elks; Young Men's Club; Danville Golf Club; Danville National Guard, 1929-39; 32nd degree Mason; president, Westover Hills Civic Club, vice-president, Danville Automobile Dealers Association; deacon in West Main Baptist Church; chairman of Pittsylvania County Electoral Board; and vice-president, Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, Danville, Virginia. He was married, May 1, 1933, to Norma Rorer Fitzgerald, daughter of Hugh Patrick and Nolie Keesee Fitzgerald, of Danville. Children:
- (1) Hugh Carlyle Wyatt, born October 10, 1939.
 - (2) Charles Bruce Wyatt, born July 4, 1946.
4. HAROLD LEE WYATT, born January 15, 1915, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1935; attended University of Richmond, 1935-37; member of Danville Lions Club; Danville Golf Club; German Club; Kappa Sigma, national fraternity; Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal); treasurer of Pittsylvania Hardware Company, Inc.; affiliated with the American National Bank and Trust Company, Danville, 1937-39; General Motors, Baltimore, Md., 1938-40; partner in the firm of Wyatt & Crews, South Boston, 1945-50; served in United States Army (see Military Record in Appendix); and is now affiliated with the Wyatt Chevrolet Corpo-

ration, Danville, Virginia. He was married, December 19, 1941, to Evelyn Christabelle Hall, daughter of Arthur Herbert and Bertha Glenn Hall, of Durham, North Carolina. Child:

(1) Henry Lee Wyatt, born May 9, 1943.

5. ELI JACKSON (JERRY) WYATT, born March 17, 1917, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1938; attended University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1938-40; member of the Danville Rotary Club; Danville Golf Club; Roman Eagle Lodge; Chamber of Commerce; charter member of West Main Baptist Church; served in United States Army (see Military Record in Appendix); and secretary of the Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, Danville, Virginia. He was married, October 24, 1942, to Dorothy Lenora Love, daughter of George Edward and Annie Simmons Love, of South Hill, Virginia. Children:

(1) Jerry Lee Wyatt, born June 5, 1945.

(2) Samuel Glenn Wyatt, born September 1, 1948.

(3) David Earl Wyatt, born June 18, 1951.

6. OLIVIA CECILE WYATT, born May 10, 1920, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1938; attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg; studied music several years; member of West Main Baptist Church; Kaufman-Brydon Order of the Eastern Star; Vesper Garden Club; ex-president, Grove Park Woman's Club; and treasurer, Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, Danville, Virginia. She was married, September 6, 1938, to Herman Ernest Worsham, son of William Victor and Bessie Phillips Worsham, of Danville. Children:

(1) Allen Wyatt Worsham, born January 4, 1941.

(2) Celia Wyatt Worsham, born May 14, 1946.

7. CURTIS AUSTIN WYATT, born May 30, 1924, in Rust-

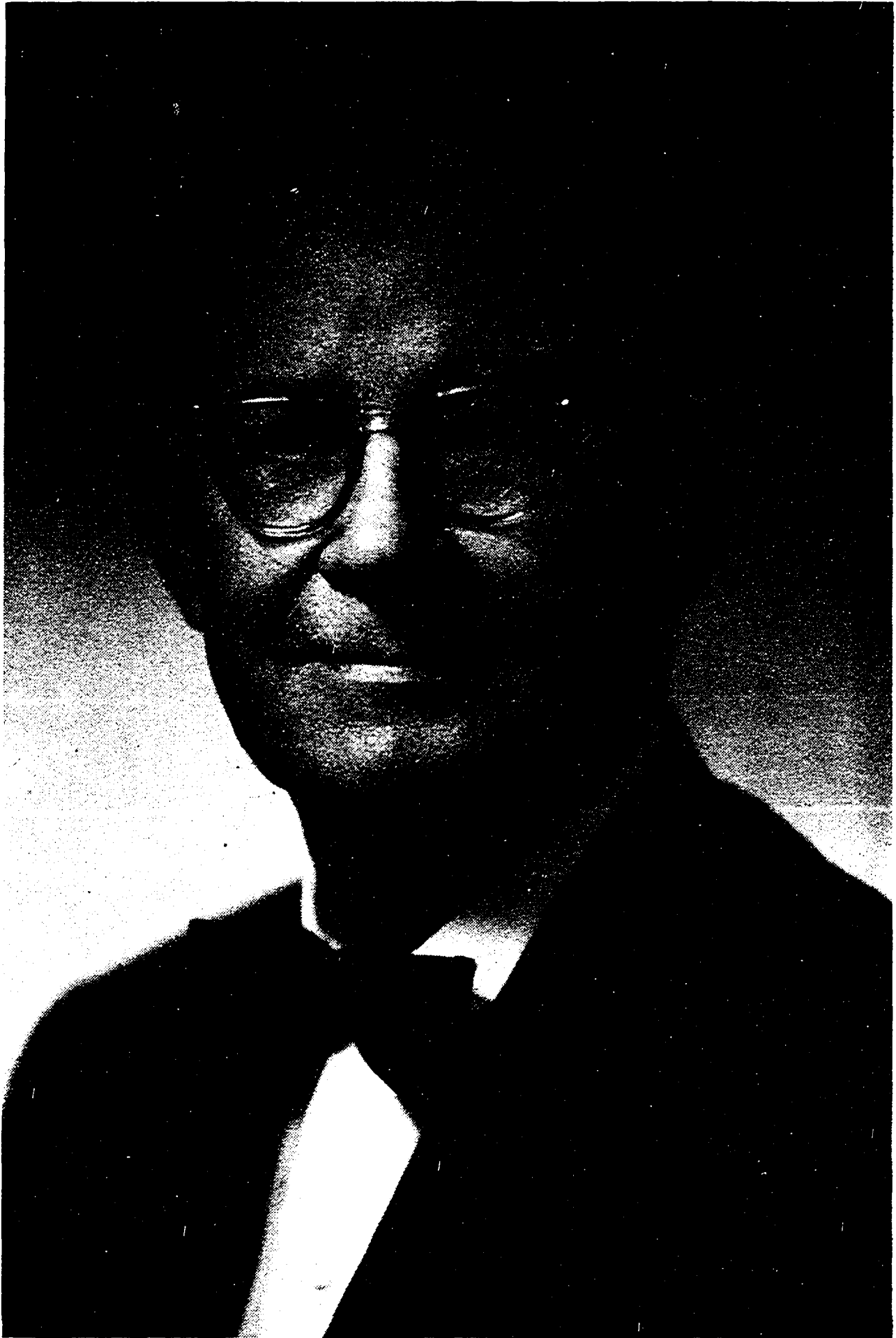
burg, Virginia; died November 19, 1924; interred first, in the cemetery at Rustburg; later, Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands.

8. WILLIAM CARROLL WYATT, born September 24, 1931, in Danville, Virginia; died November 25, 1932, and reposes in the Wyatt Family Cemetery.

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LANDON RUSSELL WYATT

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LANDON RUSSELL WYATT, sixth child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born January 1, 1891, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He received his education in the local public schools and the Danville Commercial College, Danville, Virginia.

In 1911 he became affiliated with Pollock and Shepherd's Grocery Store, in Danville. During World War I he held the position as Inspector of Ammunitions in the United States Ordnance Department of the Army, at Penniman, near Williamsburg, Virginia.

Then in 1919 he purchased an interest in the Piedmont Motor Company, Danville, and later organized the Wyatt-Payne Motor Company. After purchasing his partner's interest in that business, he became the local Buick dealer and operated the Wyatt Buick Sales Company, Danville. He is also president of both the Dickerson Buick Corporation, Lynchburg, and the Wyatt Buick Sales Company, Martinsville. Besides his Danville property he owns four farms in Pittsylvania County, including the former Governor Claude Swanson's old home-place, at Swansonville.

Wyatt is active in various fraternal orders and civic organizations. In the Masonic Order he is a Shriner. Recently he was elected to the Washington Zone Buick Dealers Council, which is the "grass roots" division of a nationwide organization. He is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants Association and Danville Kiwanis Club, which presented him the citizenship award in 1939 for outstanding service to his community. He is now president of the Piedmont Hardware Company; vice-president of the Danville Livestock Auction Market; and a

trustee on the boards of Averett College, Hargrave Military Academy and Hughes Memorial School.

He serves as a director on the boards of the Dan River Mills, Inc., Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, Piedmont Broadcasting Corporation, Union Mutual Building and Loan Association, Automobile Trade Association, Smith Seed & Feed Company, and Danville Frozen Food Service. He is also a loyal member and past deacon of the First Baptist Church, Danville.

Being a statesman of marked ability, Wyatt has held various public offices. He was a member of the City Council, 1934-44, serving as vice-president, also as chairman of the finance committee. He was a member of the House of Delegates from Danville and the Fifth District, 1944-53. In July, 1953 Governor John S. Battle reappointed him to serve on the eleven-man Budget Advisory Board. He was also chairman of the Federal Relations Committee in the House.

Having been elected a delegate from Danville and the Fifth District to the National Democratic Convention, held in Chicago, July, 1952, he was made vice-president of the 60-odd member Virginia delegation, of which Governor Battle was chairman. The last night of the convention was televised across the nation as Virginia stood its ground and was seated during the political battle.

Soon after his election to the State Senate, in 1953, he became a member of the Senate Finance Committee—an honor which is rarely bestowed on one so new in the Senate. "His long-range reasoning and sound legislature advice" is already winning respect among his colleagues who are mostly lawyers. During March, 1954 when the entire General Assembly had been in session for 36½ hours debating over the provisions of the Byrd Automatic Tax Refund Bill and refusing to adjourn, Wyatt broke the stalemate by presenting a compromise motion. His name is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

On April 4, 1923 he was married to Mary Beulah Hund-

ley, daughter of John Thomas and Christian (Kate) Graveley Hundley, of Sandy River, Virginia. In 1951 they went on a cruise to South America, on the steamship, New Amsterdam, which was chartered by a business group in Norfolk as a good-will venture. In 1956 they toured Europe with a group of other Virginians headed by Governor Stanley to promote European interest in the Jamestown Festival of 1957, celebrating America's 350th Birthday.

Children:

1. LANDON RUSSELL WYATT, JR., born October 8, 1925, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1944; served in the United States Air Force, 1944-45 (see Military Record in Appendix); received his B. S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1949; procured his diploma in Dealership Management from General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan, October, 1949; member of the Danville Kiwanis Club; German Club; Young Men's Club; Chamber of Commerce; American Legion; two national fraternities—Alpha Kappa Psi (honorary) and Chi Phi (social); retiring president, Retail Merchants Association; treasurer, Danville Area Heart Association; treasurer, University of Virginia Alumni, Danville Chapter; secretary, Board of Deacons, First Baptist Church; now a partner in the Wyatt Buick Sales Company, Danville, with his father. He was married, August 30, 1952, to Katherine Elizabeth Benton, daughter of Joseph Nelson and Margaret Davis Benton, of Danville. Child:
 - (1) Margaret Hundley Wyatt, born December 20, 20, 1954.
 - (2) Landon Russell Wyatt III, born October 6, 1956.
2. CATHERINE SUSAN WYATT, born October 8, 1927, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from George Washing-

ton High School, 1945; received her B. A. degree in Sociology from Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, 1949; member of Motor Board, national honorary fraternity; Junior Wednesday Club; Dorothea Henry Chapter, D. A. R.; Wayside Garden Club; and First Baptist Church. During the summer of 1950 she toured Europe, visiting the following countries: Spain, Portugal, Italy, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, England and France. She taught in the Danville Public School System prior to her marriage, June 28, 1952, to Frederick William Townes III, son of Frederick William Townes, Jr. and Ruth Carter Townes, of Danville. Children:

- (1) Frederick William Townes IV, born April 25, 1953.
 - (2) Catherine Marshall Townes, born March 28, 1955.
3. DOROTHY HUNDLEY WYATT, born June 30, 1929, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1947; received her B. S. degree in Psychology from Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 1951; member of the Junior Wednesday Club; First Baptist Church; and charter member of Joseph Gravely Chapter, D. A. R. She made her debut at the German Club Debutante Ball held at the Danville City Armory, December 23, 1950, and was made princess in the Matthews Spring Festival, representing the third district, Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, June, 1950. On June 26, 1954 she was married to Robert Joseph Adams, son of Joseph Samuel and Flossie Sproull Adams, of Cedartown, Georgia.
 4. BERNICE BEULAH WYATT, born January 13, 1931, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1949; received her B. A. degree in Mathematics from Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 1953; attended (summer term) Uni-

versity of Maine, Orono, Me., 1954; member of the Junior Wednesday Club; First Baptist Church; and charter member of the Joseph Gravely Chapter, D. A. R. She made her bow to society at the German Club Debutante Ball in the Danville City Armory, December 21, 1951. During the summer of 1955 she toured Europe. Since her graduation from college, she has been teaching in the Danville Public School System, with the exception of February and March, 1956 when the State Legislature was in session at Richmond, she held a position as proof-reader of Senate bills and resolutions, at the Capitol.

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MAMIE WYATT HALL

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MAMIE WYATT HALL, seventh child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born September 30, 1893, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She received her education in the local public schools and the Virginia-Carolina Business College, Danville, Virginia. On October 4, 1916 she was married to William Henry Hall, son of Henry Burton and Emma Seymour Hall, of Danville.

Her kindness and thoughtfulness of others can not be surpassed. She is the "good Samaritan" in her family. Whenever anyone is sick she is always right there to offer assistance, if needed. Mamie is an active member of the Anne Eliza Johns Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy; Harry Wooding Garden Club; Wyatt Family Association; and West Main Baptist Church, where she teaches a Sunday School class. She has also traveled extensively. During her early married life, she and her husband lived in Hampton, Virginia, prior to their removal to Danville.

After her father's death, her mother lived with them until she passed away in 1943. They have no children.

"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together."—Goethe.



EMMETT JACKSON WYATT

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EMMETT JACKSON WYATT, eighth child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born August 23, 1896, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He received his education in the county public schools. On April 4, 1916 he was married to Bessie Lee Elliott, daughter of Peter Harrison and Susan Aaron Elliott, of Whitmell, Virginia.

Having a progressive spirit, he removed to Danville, Virginia, in 1918, and established a retail grocery store on Ridge Street. Later, he was founder and president of the ten Modern Food Stores, Inc., of Danville, Schoolfield and Reidsville, North Carolina. He was also founder of Wyatt & Hall Food Store on Watson Street, Danville, and vice-president of Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, Danville, when it was first established in 1930.

On January 1, 1940 he was appointed Chevrolet dealer in South Boston, Virginia. After selling out his interest in the Danville Grocery Stores to the manager in each instance, he and his family removed to South Boston, and purchased a home there, in addition to building a plant for the operation of his new business. Later, he established the firm of Wyatt and Loftis in that city. He is also interested in agricultural pursuits, and owns several farms in Halifax County.

Wyatt is active in many civic organizations. He is the founder of the South Boston Rotary Club, having become interested in the work while living in Danville, when he was president of that club; past president of the South Boston Lions Club; charter member of the South Boston Retail Merchants Association, serving as president in 1949; president of the Virginia Chevrolet Dealers Association; vice-president of the Recreation Commission of South Boston;

Shriner in the Masonic Order; member of the Order of Odd Fellows; and a member of the Boards of Trustees of Averett College and Hargrave Military Academy.

He also served as a director on the boards of the Danville Community Hospital, Retail Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce, Danville; chairman of the Chevrolet Dealers Planning Committee, representing the eastern region at the Detroit National Committee Meeting, 1948-50; chairman of the South Boston Planning Board; chairman of the Victory Bond Drive, 1945; and ex-chairman of the Halifax Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Politically, he is a Democrat. In 1934 he organized, in Danville, the first Roosevelt Club in the State of Virginia, of which he was president, and was elected a delegate to several State conventions and one national convention, which was held in Philadelphia, 1935.

Foremost in religious affairs, he is a member of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education, and was president of the Halifax Council of Religious Education, 1947-52. He also teaches a Bible Class at the First Baptist Church, South Boston, where he is a member and ex-deacon.

Children:

1. RUTH LEE WYATT, born May 24, 1917, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1935; procured her diploma from Averett College, Danville, 1937; and member of Woodbury Heights Presbyterian Church, Woodbury, New Jersey. She was married, January 15, 1937, to Harry Davis Farley, son of Frederick K. and Ella Sue Farley, of Danville. Children:

- (1) Lee Wyatt Farley, born August 10, 1938.
- (2) Harry Davis Farley, Jr., born January 10, 1942.
- (3) Jackson Frederick Farley, born February 5, 1945.
- (4) Mary Susan Farley, born April 13, 1949.



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2. EDITH SUSAN WYATT, born March 14, 1922, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1939; attended Averett College, Danville, 1939-40; member of the Junior Woman's Club; Esquire Club; and First Baptist Church, South Boston. She was married, September 5, 1941, to Edward Wright Stembridge, son of Robert Leigh and Mary Wright Stembridge, of Danville. Children:
 - (1) Edward Wright Stembridge, Jr., born October 8, 1942.
 - (2) Robert Leigh Stembridge, born February 12, 1956.
3. MARY ELIZABETH WYATT, born October 14, 1924, in Danville, Virginia; attended George Washington High School, 1938-39; graduated from C. H. Friend High School, South Boston, 1943; received her B. A. degree in History from Longwood College, Farmville, 1947; member of the Junior Woman's Club; First Baptist Church, South Boston; and taught in the Halifax County Public School System, several years. She was married, June 28, 1947, to Jack Coleman Caldwell, son of Jack Bouldin and Janie Hazelwood Caldwell, of South Boston, Virginia. Children:
 - (1) Jack Coleman Caldwell, Jr., born May 23, 1950.
 - (2) Robert Wyatt Caldwell, born April 1, 1953.
4. EMMETT JACKSON WYATT, JR., born December 10, 1928, in Danville, Virginia; attended the C. H. Friend High School, South Boston, 1942-46; vice-president of his Senior Class; member of the Question Club; and junior deacon in the First Baptist Church, South Boston. He died, April 23, 1946, after being in ill health for sometime. His funeral was held in his beloved church, at South Boston, and his remains interred in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands, Virginia.

5. WILLIAM HARRISON WYATT, born August 10, 1930, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from C. H. Friend High School, South Boston, 1949; attended General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan, 1949-50; served in the United States Army, 1952-54 (see Military Record in Appendix); member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; First Baptist Church, South Boston; and is vice-president of the E. J. Wyatt Chevrolet, Inc., of that city. He was married, February 3, 1954, to Louise Johnson Lloyd, daughter of Luther Armistead and Minnie Radriff Lloyd, of South Boston, Virginia.
6. and 7. ROBERT PAUL WYATT and BETTY PAULINE WYATT (twins), born March 23, 1934, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from C. H. Friend High School, South Boston, 1952; graduated from Mars Hill College, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1954; received their B. A. degrees (the former in History and the latter in Education) from the University of Richmond, 1956. He plans to become a minister and she a missionary. Both are members of the First Baptist Church, South Boston, Virginia.

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WALLER ENNIS WYATT

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WALLER ENNIS WYATT, ninth child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born March 28, 1899, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He received his education at the Grady Public School, two miles from his home. On April 19, 1919 he was married to Eliza Abbie Austin, daughter of John Calvin and Emma Slayton Austin, of the same county.

He engaged in farming for several years, and in 1926 removed to Danville, Virginia, where he became affiliated with Smith Seed & Feed Company. Since 1928 he has owned and operated the Modern Food Store on Berryman Avenue.

Politically, he is a Democrat, but never sought public office. He is a member of the Danville Lions Club, Knights of Pythians, Loyal Order of Moose, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Independent Food Dealers Association of Virginia. Like his brothers and sisters, he is religiously inclined, and teaches a men's Bible Class at Lee Street Baptist Church, where he is chairman of the board of deacons. He was superintendent of the Sunday School there for five years.

Children:

1. ROSLYN ELIZABETH WYATT, born September 20, 1920, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1939; and member of Lee Street Baptist Church. She was married, February 18, 1941, to Kester Vernon Reaves, son of Luther Ellis and Nannie Vaughn Reaves, of Danville, Virginia.

Child:

- (1) Walter Ellis Reaves, born August 3, 1947.

2. MARGARET SUE WYATT, born July 20, 1923, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1941; and member of Lee Street Baptist Church. She was married, March 13, 1946, to James Muscoe Turner, son of Liston and Olive Godsey Turner, of Danville, Virginia. Child:
 - (1) Ellen Sue Turner, born April 15, 1947.
3. DORIS MARIE WYATT, born November 2, 1925, near Callands, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1944; procured Secretarial Diploma from Averett College, 1945; member of West Main Baptist Church; and ex-member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was married, March 9, 1947, to Roger Bacon Alden, son of William Frank and Clara Mc Peak Alden, of Danville, Virginia. Children:
 - (1) Roger David Alden, born December 23, 1947 (see Alden Family in Appendix).
 - (2) Elizabeth Wyatt Alden, born March 13, 1953.
4. WALTER ENNIS WYATT, born February 26, 1928, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1946; served in the United States Army, 1946-48 (see Military Record in Appendix); graduated from Roanoke National Business College, 1951; member of Young Men's Christian Association; Lee Street Baptist Church; and affiliated with John W. Daniel & Company, Inc., Danville. He was married October 13, 1956, to Ruth Belle Murphy, daughter of Lonnie Smith and Nettie Hudgins Murphy, of Providence, North Carolina.
5. CAROL ANNE WYATT, born April 2, 1942, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from John L. Berkeley Elementary School, 1955; now attending George Washington High School; and member of Lee Street Baptist Church.

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CARROLL GARDNER WYATT

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CARROLL GARDNER WYATT, tenth child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born March 28, 1902, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He attended the Grady Public School, where high school subjects were taught.

As a youth he came to Danville, Virginia, and worked in his brother Jack's grocery store on Ridge Street. In 1927 he and Frank Wood went to Miami, Florida, and established a feed business, but his stay there was short due to climatic conditions. After selling out his interest in the business to his partner, he returned to Virginia and established a retail grocery business of his own in Roanoke. When his health began to fail he sold this store in 1950.

He was married, April 20, 1932, to Helen Ernesteen Kelley, daughter of Ernest Emerson and Alma Gross Kelley of Roanoke, Virginia. Soon afterwards he purchased a modest home near Mill Mountain, and later a summer cabin in the county.

Wyatt was active in fraternal and civic affairs of his community. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner; member of the Order of Elks; past president of the Roanoke Merchants Association; past president of the Reliable Service Grocers and Roanoke Grocers, Inc.; and deacon in the Calvary Baptist Church.

For several years he had been afflicted with a serious heart ailment, and on November 5, 1951 he died of an acute attack of angina pectoris. He was interred in Evergreen Cemetery, Roanoke, Virginia.

Child:

1. JAMES KELLEY WYATT, born May 23, 1934, in Roan-

oke, Virginia; attended Fishburne Military School, 1950-51; graduated from Jefferson Senior High School, 1952; attended Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, 1952-54; entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, September, 1956, after his discharge from the United States Army (see Military Record in Appendix); member of Pi Kappa Alpha, national fraternity; and Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke.

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CURTIS ELMER WYATT

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CURTIS ELMER WYATT, eleventh child of Eliel (Ely) Jackson and Susan (Sue) Gardner Wyatt, was born October 14, 1904, near Callands, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He received his education in the county public schools and George Washington High School, Danville, Virginia.

He learned the grocery business while working for his brother, in Danville. Later, he established a grocery business in this city, which he operated for several years, before accepting a position as local manager for the Atlantic Refining Company of Danville.

On November 25, 1927 he was married to Janie Bell Davis, daughter of Charles Green and Cora May Davis, of Pittsylvania County. Soon afterwards they built a home on Howeland Circle.

"Curt" was a member of the Danville Rotary Club, Danville National Guard and Second Baptist Church. Never having a very strong constitution, he died of pneumonia on January 23, 1933, and was interred in the Wyatt Family Cemetery, at Liberty Baptist Church, near Callands. His widow married Harry T. East, in 1947.

Child:

1. CURTIS ELMER WYATT, JR., born January 29, 1929, in Danville, Virginia; graduated from George Washington High School, 1947; received his B. A. degree in Economics from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, 1951; winner of Kappa Sigma Area Scholarship and Leadership award, 1950; elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1950; member of four national honorary fraternities—Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Gamma Mu, Pi Delta Epsi-

lon; one national social fraternity—Kappa Sigma; Junior Chamber of Commerce; West Main Baptist Church; student assistant instructor of economics, Randolph-Macon College, 1950-51; joined the Danville National Guard, 1951; served in the United States Army, 1953-55 (see Military Record in Appendix); now an internal auditor at the Dan River Mills, Inc., Danville. He was married, July 7, 1951, to Betty Claire Gardner, daughter of Clarence Barnett Gardner, of Chicago, Illinois, and Mabel Chandler Gardner, of Danville. They have no children.

*"Aye, thus it is, one generation comes,
Another goes and mingles with the dust,
And thus we come and go, and come and go,
Each for a little moment, filling up
Some little place—and thus we disappear
In quick succession, and it shall be so
Till time in one vast perpetuity
Be swallowed up."—Anon.*

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INDIAN LIFE ON THE FARM OF E. J. WYATT, SR.

Interest in Indian Life around Danville, Virginia, particularly on the part of young naturalists, prompted Landon R. Wyatt, Sr. to tell of two Indian mounds in Pittsylvania County. One of these mounds is on his father's old farm, which he now owns, near Callands, and the other mound is on the adjoining farm.

Billy Norman, a youthful amateur archaeologist and personal friend of Mr. Wyatt, was the first to investigate. Near the lower end of a cornfield in a creek bottom he was shown a large red clay disc about 35 feet in diameter. The mound rises gradually to a height of $7\frac{1}{2}$ or 8 feet at the center.

Mr. Wyatt assured Billy that the mound was much higher many years ago, explaining that an effort was made to blast the mound away so that the underlying land could be used for cultivation purposes, as they had to plow around it. The blasting was unsuccessful. The remains of the red clay heap still exist and bear testimony of the ingenuity of the Indians.

The red clay stands out in strong contrast to the loamy creek bottom soil of brown color.

Mr. Wyatt showed Billy another mound of similar character, not far away on the old farm of W. E. Wyatt.

Another feature of Indian life is the extensive stone abrading workshop. In a shaded woodland ravine, not far from the mound, may be seen hundreds of pieces of diabase in various shapes and sizes. These are embedded in both banks of a deep gully.

Billy Norman is credited with the discovery of this workshop, having learned to recognize such a site from his friend, Mr. Johnny Westbrook, who visited the site many times and found some unusual types of stone tools which are now on

display at the Westbrook Museum of Natural History, Danville, Virginia, of which Mr. Westbrook,¹ naturalist, is curator.

A visit to some of the cultivated fields nearby resulted in the finding of some interesting arrowheads and other Indian objects. It may be added that the mounds and stone tool site are estimated to be very old—probably dating back 800 to 1,200 years ago!

¹ He contributed the information in this article.

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E. J. WYATT OFFERS FREE SITE FOR UNO

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United Nations Organization
Hunter College
New York, New York
My Dear Sir:

I have been very much interested in the organization which you are to direct, for I believe it to be the one way to avoid another war in the near future. I am very deeply humiliated that my Connecticut Yankee friends have asked you not to locate on their rolling hills; therefore, I am writing to you as an individual—not as a representative of any Chamber of Commerce, or Labor Organization, but as an American.

I have some fine farm land (approximately four hundred acres) down in Halifax County, Virginia, which lies on the beautiful Dan River in the heart of the Tobacco Belt. I will be very glad to deed this land to the U. N. O. without cost, for I feel that you are upholding a great cause, and I would like to have a part in making your organization a success. I am sure that you would find many other men here in Halifax County who would gladly donate their farm land for the Home Site of so great an organization..

I would like to point out to you some of the advantages of living

in Virginia. I am sure that the Honorable Edward R. Stettinius would agree that the advantages are many, for he makes his home in our state. As you know, Virginia has been called the Mother State. We have been first in many things, including furnishing the largest number of Presidents of these United States. The first National Capitol was located in Virginia, and the oldest law-making body in the Western Hemisphere is the Capitol of Virginia. Halifax County has proven its ability to furnish many men of note, including the present Governor of the State.

We have a wonderful climate here, composed of four distinct seasons, equally divided. About the middle of March the birds and flowers come back to make life more beautiful as you wander through the woodland. This continues until July; then, for the next two months we have higher temperatures, but very seldom exceeding 90 degrees, with plenty of rain that causes the tobacco to mature with all its gliter of gold. Early Fall, in September, the weather is usually warm in the day, and cool enough to be comfortable at night. We have very mild winters, with just enough freezes to destroy the insects, and an occasional blanket of snow that beautifies the countryside.

The people in Halifax County are fifty per cent white, fifty per cent Negro, but one hundred per Americans, who remember their ancestors who came from across the ocean. We are like you Norwegians, Russians, English, and French, who believe in God, and believe in treating other people as we would be treated. We believe that God in his infinite wisdom made some people to be black, some to be brown, and some to be white, but all to have equal opportunities and a right to the pursuit of happiness.

I sincerely hope that you will accept my invitation, and if so, I can assure you of real Southern Hospitality.

Sincerely,
E. J. Wyatt

COPY OF LETTER FROM GARLAND M. WYATT
TO HIS PARENTS (Written While Serving in the U. S.
Air Force in Japan) :

Saturday, December 22, 1945

Dearest Mom & Dad,

Christmas is almost here, only two more shopping days. I went up to the Dai I Chi Building (MacArthur's Headquarters) tonight to see the Christmas decorations. It's the only building in Tokyo decorated and it sure looks swell. Hundreds of lights are used in the decorations and there are several trees with colored lights.

A lot of entertainment is supposed to be presented during the holidays. A play or two and band music are scheduled. The Red Cross has a program planned, too, so I shall be busy for the next few days. We'll teach the Japs what Christmas is before we leave, since they have never heard of it. They really celebrate New Year's day, and have their own system for numbering the years—now 2606 in Japan. They also worship the Emperor, but MacArthur is changing that to a certain degree.

Our Jap boy, who cleans our room, is a good worker, and has learned a lot of English. We plan to give him a few "eats" for Christmas, and I know he will appreciate them. This boy made a box for my Japanese rifle, which I mailed home to-day and it should arrive in a month or six weeks, if it isn't lost en route. Don't ask me why I want the rifle—it's a war trophy, ha!

Thanks a million, Mom and Dad, for the nice Christmas gifts. I really appreciate the bond and the money for they will come in handy later. Your swell letters also mean everything to me. I can't wait until I set foot on good old U. S. soil again, and eat beef steaks and drink milk—I haven't

had any milk for nine months now. I gather from the paper that Americans are spending a lot of money this Christmas and prices are sky high.

I expect a change will take place here shortly. There isn't any official news, but I shall be eligible for return home March 1st, and that is what counts. During the first 15 days of this month most of the fellows with 55 or more points left here. I work only every other night now.

I do hope that my parents, sister and brother will have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I'd give anything to be home and to help celebrate, but then there are more holidays ahead. It's time to sign off now.

Here's hoping that soon I will see everyone again.

Love,

GARLAND

COPY OF LETTER FROM JOHN W. WYATT, JR.
TO HIS PARENTS (Written While Serving in the U. S.
Army and on Board Ship en route to Korea) :

March 28, 1953

Dearest Mom & Dad,

Well, the ship is about to dock at Yokohama, and I have a few minutes to write one last letter before we start moving again. I thought you might like to know what the boat trip was like.

First of all, we got on the ship in Seattle, Washington. Then they had Red Cross people giving us coffee and cookies, and a band was there, too. It was very smooth sailing, and I was congratulating myself on what a hearty sailor I was when night came and we started hitting the big waves. I remember I was sitting down in the compartment laughing at the faces of some of the guys, because they changed color so fast, when I saw some of them were laughing at me. I soon joined the rail-birds upstairs, and



This family group was made December 26, 1947, at the home of Mrs. Mamie W. Hall, in Danville, Va. Front row, left to right: James A. Wyatt, John W. Wyatt, Olivia W. Shorter, Henry L. Wyatt and Mamie W. Hall. Back row: Carroll G. Wyatt, Landon R. Wyatt, W. Ennis Wyatt and Emmett J. Wyatt. Curtis E. Wyatt, inserted.

spent many hours walking back and forth and standing within dashing distance of the railing. The first week was the worst . . . when all you could see was water on all sides.

Remember all the talk we used to hear about the baked beans in the Army. Well, it isn't true. We had plenty of good hot food at every meal, but one thing will come back up as easily as another when you see a buddie get sick beside you, especially in the mess hall.

The last time I got sick was while I was in the middle of a good meal, so I just got rid of my first course and then got up (we eat standing up) and finished my meal. I guess that is why they give us a lot to eat. Then, too, we have to watch our trays to keep them from sliding on the floor.

The recreation room will not hold but 100 men at a time, and we have 3,800 men on this ship, so everything is quite crowded. There are card games, checkers, books and newspapers to read. They also have dancing, singing, harmonica playing and a band.

Our compartment for over two hundred men is rather small, so we sleep four high, and the ventilation isn't too good. We haven't had a chance to take but one shower since we left the States, so it isn't the best place I've seen. My points started the day I left Seattle.

Write to the address given on the envelope until I get settled down and have a permanent one. I sure will be glad to get a job of some kind, as the time passes slowly when you loaf. There aren't many Signal Corps men on board, so I hope to get work on the job they trained me for. Most of the boys are in Infantry, and that means I will have a better chance to stay in the Signal Corps, from what I've heard. Only 10 or 15 percent will stay in Japan.

Well folks, I'll write again when I get settled down, so—

Love,

JOHN

ANNUAL YULE PARTIES OF THE WYATT CONCERNS

The two Wyatt concerns, the Wyatt Buick Sales Company and the Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation, have each year since 1930 had a Christmas party, at Hotel Danville for the employees, their wives and guests.

At the banquet held on December 22, 1950, about 200 people were present. After the joint addresses of welcome by the heads of the two firms, Landon and Garnett Wyatt, Dr. L. D. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was the guest speaker.

In his address he stated, "These organizations and the work they are doing are what our city stands for, a sense of responsibility on the part of industry to one's neighbor, one's community, and to one's God." Then he added, "These things don't just happen. I think such occasions as this are the logical results that come when men have parents who are known for their Christian character and intelligence."

WYATT CHEVROLET BANQUETS IN SOUTH BOSTON

The E. J. Wyatt Chevrolet Corporation of South Boston, Virginia, has had annually for many years Christmas parties for the employees, their wives and guests similar to the Wyatt banquets held in Danville.

*"It is not birth, nor rank, nor state
It's get up and go, that makes men great."*

—Anon.

George R.I.

George the Sixth

by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith Emperor of India and Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to Colonel Walter C. Shorter United States Army

Greeting

Whereas We have thought fit to nominate and appoint you to be an Honorary Officer of the Military Division of Our said Most Excellent Order of the British Empire We do by these presents grant unto you the Dignity of an Honorary Officer of Our said Order and hereby authorise you to have hold and enjoy the said Dignity and Rank of an Honorary Officer of Our aforesaid Order together with all and singular the privileges thereunto belonging or appertaining.

Given at Our Court at Saint James under Our Sign, Manual and the Seal of Our said Order this Seventeenth day of December 1946 in the Eleventh year of Our Reign

By the Sovereigns Command

*Charles G.
Grand Master*

*Grant of the dignity of an Honorary Officer
of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire
to Colonel Walter C. Shorter.*

British Military Decoration of the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE Degree of Honorary Officer awarded to Col. Walter C. Shorter of the U. S. Army by the King of England for his valuable contribution to the common war effort of the two countries—England and the United States.

MILITARY RECORDS

"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

—Article II
(Bill of Rights)

COLONEL WALTER CLARENCE SHORTER, 0-183049 F. A.

Col. Walter Clarence Shorter's military career began with his matriculation at VMI in 1919, from which he graduated in 1923 with honors and with the rank of 2nd Lt. F. A. O. R. C. He was proffered a commission in the U. S. Marine Corps, but refused it in favor of returning to VMI as an assistant professor and tactical officer. On July 1, 1923 Governor E. Lee Trinkle commissioned him a "Captain of Field Artillery Virginia Volunteers." The Virginia Volunteers, having been founded by George Washington, is familiarly known as "George Washington's Army."

He maintained his status as a Reserve Field Artillery Officer until, as a Major, he was called to active duty in Washington, D. C., in February, 1942, after having spent the previous 15 months on a dollar-per-year basis as a Deputy to Donald Nelson, head of the War Production Board. Consequently, he was immediately assigned as Chief of Liaison between the War Department and the W. P. B.-O. P. A. in Washington.

In June, 1942, he flew to London, England, as a Liaison Officer between the U. S. Army in Europe and the British War Office. This lasted until October, 1942, when, at the beginning of the African Invasion, he, as a lt. colonel, was assigned as Chief of the Supply Branch G-4, U. S. A., at Cheltenham, England.

In June, 1943, with the stepped-up tempo of preparations for invasion of the Continent of Europe, he was transferred back to London, England, as Deputy General Purchasing Agent for the European Theatre of Operations (E. T. O.). His responsibility as a colonel involved high level negotiations with both the civilian and military components of allied and neutral countries directed toward the procurement of Reverse Lend Lease.

This resulted in obtaining from indigenous sources within the European Theatre of supplies and services valued in excess of five billion dollars. By D-Day supplies secured from the United Kingdom alone were equivalent to 30% of the total required to mount the assault on the beaches of France. At the peak as many as 200,000 European Civilians were directly employed by U. S. Forces. His operation during this period extended to neutral countries such as Ireland, Sweden, Spain, and Portugal, in addition to the U. K.

Following the Invasion these activities were extended to other countries as fast as they were liberated. A simple illustration of Reverse Lend Lease was the arrangement for Portuguese vessels to bunker sufficient fuel oil in Philadelphia for the round trip to Portugal. Thus Portugal, instead of burning pit props for fuel, made them available for rehabilitation of the mines in France to save shipping coal from the U. S.

In all of these operations Walter Shorter was closely associated with his younger brother, Lieutenant Colonel Orrin E. Shorter. In fact, so far as is known these are the only brothers in the United States to have received the Order of the British Empire, Military, signed by George the Sixth and his Mother, Dowager, Queen Mary. Walter Shorter was headquartered in London during some of the awful bombing by the Germans, and he has an undying admiration for the courage of our British cousins.

He was awarded the Bronze Star U. S., but among his most prized possessions is the Cross of Military Service awarded him by the North Carolina State Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

George R.I.

George the Sixth *by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India and Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to Major Orrin Eugene Shorter United States Army*

Greeting

Whereas We have thought fit to nominate and appoint you to be an Honorary Member of the Military Division of Our said Most Excellent Order of the British Empire We do by these presents grant unto you the Dignity of an Honorary Member of Our said Order and hereby authorise you to have hold and enjoy the said Dignity and Rank of an Honorary Member of Our aforesaid Order together with all and singular the privileges thereunto belonging or appertaining

Given at Our Court at Saint James under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said Order this Twenty first day of July 1945 in the Ninth year of Our Reign

By the Sovereign's Command

*Mary R.
Grand Master*

*Grant of the dignity of an Honorary Member
of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire
to Major Orrin Eugene Shorter*

British Military Decoration of the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE Degree of Honorary Officer awarded to Lt. Col. Orrin E. Shorter of the U. S. Army by the King of England for his valuable contribution to the common war effort of the two countries—England and the United States.

Finally, in August, 1945, after almost five years of active service to his country, he returned to inactive duty as colonel F. A. O. R. C.

LIEUT. COLONEL ORRIN EUGENE SHORTER, 0-904216

Lt. Col. Orrin Eugene Shorter, after getting his military training at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., was commissioned a captain in the United States Army on May 12, 1942, and was assigned to the Office of the Chief Quartermaster of the European Theatre of Operations. He was stationed in London, England, from July, 1942 until the invasion of the continent. At which time he was assigned with the advance units for duty in Normandy, Paris, Brussels and Germany.

He then completed his E. T. O. assignment as a special Army representative attached to the United States Military Attache's Office with the American Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden. Upon his assignment to Stockholm, he was promoted from major to a lieutenant colonel. He returned to the United States in November, 1945, and was discharged from active duty May 6, 1946. Now, he is serving as a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves Corp.

For his military service during World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star with three clusters. He also received the Order of the British Empire, Military, signed by George the Sixth and his Mother, Dowager, Queen Mary, the E. T. O. medal, World War II Victory medal, etc. He was stationed in London when that city was bombed by the Germans.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER WYATT SHORTER, 061642

1st Lt. Walter Wyatt Shorter, son of Walter Clarence Shorter, graduated from Fishburne Military School, June, 1949, as cadet adjutant. Later he graduated from V. M. I., June, 1953, as a cadet captain of "C" Company, and in July, 1953, he was commissioned 1st lieutenant, United

States Marine Corps, Regular, and was stationed at Camp LeJeune, N. C. On August 7, 1955 he was relieved from active duty.

SECOND LIEUT. DOUGLASS ELMER SHORTER, 13032136

2nd Lt. Douglass Elmer Shorter, like his two brothers, Walter and Orrin, received his earlier military training at Virginia Military Institute prior to his enlistment in the United States Army, in 1941. He was a special service officer in the Quartermaster Corps, and had charge of the post exchanges, theaters, recreation halls, etc. Having been first stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., he was later transferred to Governor's Island, N. Y. After his promotion to 2nd lieutenant, he was discharged in 1944 at Fort Lee, Va.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HAROLD LEE WYATT, 01533954

2nd Lt. Harold Lee Wyatt enlisted in the United States Army, September, 1940, as a private in Battery "F", 110th Field Artillery at Pikesville, Md. He was promoted to corporal in February, 1941, and made 2nd lieutenant at Carlisle Medical Field Service School, Carlisle, Pa., in August, 1942. After assignment to 52nd Medical Battalion at Fort Jackson, S. C., he trained new troops until his discharge.

AVIATION CADET LANDON RUSSELL WYATT, JR., 13180005

A/C Landon Russell Wyatt, Jr. enlisted in the United States Air Force, October 6, 1943, as an aviation cadet during World War II, but was not called into active service until February, 1944. He trained in Florida, Oklahoma and Texas as a B-29 Flight Engineer, and when the war ended was discharged November 28, 1945, before receiving his commission as 2nd lieutenant.

MASTER SERGEANT CURTIS ELMER WYATT, JR., 24291661

M/Sgt. Curtis Elmer Wyatt, Jr., having served in the Danville National Guard about two years, was called to active duty in the United States Army, January 28, 1953. He took his basic training at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., remaining there five months. He was then sent to Fort Holabird, Md., where he was transferred from Company S, 53rd Airborne Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division Company B to Company A. ESD. No. I, 8579th AAU.

He did secret service work for the U. S. Government in Washington, D. C., prior to his being relieved from active duty in the Army, January 27, 1955.

STAFF SERGEANT GARLAND MURRAY WYATT, 13118714

S/Sgt. Garland Murray Wyatt, having received military training at Hargrave Military Academy, enlisted in the United States Army, October 14, 1942. He served in the 586th Air Engineering Squadron, 73rd Air Service Group, and graduated from the following schools: Technical Training School, Danville, Va.; Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.; Philco Airborne Radar School, Philadelphia, Pa.; Technical Training School, Robin's Field, Ga.; and Air Service Command Signal Training Center, Fresno, Calif. Upon his graduation from the latter school as a Radio Technician, he was sent to Pratt, Kansas, where he remained until he was given an overseas assignment.

On March 16, 1945, he sailed from Seattle, Wash., for the Island of Guam in the Marianas, where his duties were to check the radio equipment on the large bomber planes before they were sent out on bombing missions to Japan. He was stationed there for six months. In September, 1945, following the cessation of hostilities, he was sent on a special mission to Japan, where he helped set up and maintain radio communications.

While in Tokyo Wyatt was quartered in a Japanese Hotel, just across the street from Emperor Hirohito's palace

—being a neighbor of the Emperor, but not neighborly with him. The trip from Guam to Japan took about eight hours by plane, while it required about five hours by bus to travel only a few miles from the Japanese airport to Tokyo, the roads being very narrow and unimproved.

He was promoted to staff sergeant on January 5, 1946, and left Japan on January 31. After his arrival in the States, February 14, he was given an honorable discharge, at Fort Bragg, N. C., February 21, 1946.

For his military services he received the Occupation medal, American Theater Service medal, Asiatic Service medal, World War II medal and Good Conduct award.

SERGEANT JOSEPH SHELTON SHORTER, 13081956

Sgt. Joseph Shelton Shorter served almost four years in the United States Air Force during World War II, having entered November, 1941. He received his training at the following schools: Aircraft Mechanics School, Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.; Aircraft Armorment School, Buckley Field, Denver, Col., and Aircraft Gunnery School, Lowry Field, Denver, Col.

He left New York for Glasgow, Scotland, October, 1943. While in the European Theater, he participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennena, Rhineland, Central Europe, etc. He served twenty months with the 8th Air Force 401st, Heavy Bombardment Group as Engineer Gunner. Having returned to the United States in June, 1945, he was promoted to Sergeant and discharged October 24, 1945.

For his military services, he received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal with one silver star and one bronze star, and the distinguished Unit badge.

CORPORAL JAMES BERNARD WYATT, 13082894

Cpl. James Bernard Wyatt enlisted in the United States Army, May 5, 1942, and was assigned to the 302nd Ord-

nance Branch of service, and sent to Camp Sutton, Monroe, N. C., where he received his basic training. Then he was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., August, 1942; later to Camp Picket, Va., then to Fort Lewis, Wash., and still later to Camp Shank, N. Y., from which he was sent overseas May 3, 1943.

He arrived in North Africa on May 13, 1943, and was assigned to the 605th Maintenance Battalion. After serving in both Casablanca, Oran and Naples, he returned to the States, December, 1944, promoted to corporal and received his discharge, October 12, 1945, at Camp Patrick Henry, near Newport News, Va.

For his military services he was awarded the European Theater Operations ribbon with three battle stars, and the good conduct medal.

CORPORAL WALTER ENNIS WYATT, 13228335

Cpl. Walter Ennis Wyatt enlisted in the United States Army, September 16, 1946. He trained with the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg for six weeks before he was sent to California, whence he left for overseas' duty November 29, 1946. Upon his arrival at Seoul, Korea, he was transferred to Company I, 31st Infantry Regiment in the 7th Infantry Division, with which he remained until he returned to the States, January 3, 1948, and was discharged soon afterwards at Camp Stoneman, Calif.

For his military services he received the Occupation and Good Conduct medals.

CORPORAL JOHN WILLIAM WYATT, JR., 52189515

Cpl. John William Wyatt, Jr. received military training at Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, Va., and United States Merchants Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y.

On July 11, 1952 he was inducted into the United States Army and received his basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he was assigned to Company 3, B. T. G. S. C. R. T. C. He immediately was made the "First Soldier of the Week,"

and was given a day off to celebrate it. Later, he was transferred to Student Company 27, T. S. E. S. S. After a few months he was transferred again to Company B, 6218 ASU. E. N. Replacement Ctr. Repl. Battalion, Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., where he was assigned for duty overseas.

On March 14, 1952, he sailed from Seattle, Wash. for Korea, via Japan, and arrived there April 5, 1953. He was sent to Japan to attend school, June 27, 1953, and upon the completion of his course of study there, September 30th of that year, he was sent back to Korea, and promoted to corporal, December 23, 1953.

While in Korea he was moved around quite a bit, but never very far from Seoul. He served in the A. G. L. Platoon Radio Operations Company, 304th Signal Battalion (Opr); the Hq. Company, ASA PAC, 8621 AAV: and the M/C Company 304th Signal Battalion (Opr).

He left Pusan, Korea, June 7, 1954, and arrived in the United States, June 23. He was sent to Fort Meade, Md., and released from active duty on June 30, 1954, with the following awards: Korean Service medal—with one bronze service star, National Defense Service medal, United Nations Service medal, two Overseas bars and Good Conduct medal.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. JERRY WYATT, 33210287

Pfc. E. Jerry Wyatt enlisted in the United States Army August 15, 1942, and served in the 26th Division, 263rd Field Artillery Battalion. He was stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., Fort Meade, Md., and Fort Jackson, S. C., before his discharge, April 22, 1943.

PRIV. FIRST CLASS WILLIAM HARRISON WYATT, 52134236

Pfc. William Harrison Wyatt entered the United States Army, February 7, 1952, having been inducted at Roanoke, Virginia. He took his basic training at Indiantown Gap, Pa., and served in the 2nd Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, Btry B-21 F. A. Later he was transferred to Hq.

Company 2nd Army, Fort Meade, Md., and released from active duty, February 8, 1954.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES KELLEY WYATT, 52380254

Pfc. James Kelley Wyatt was inducted into the United States Army, September 21, 1954. He took his basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he was acting Platoon Sergeant because of his one year of military training at Fishburne Military School. Then he was transferred from Company "B" MPTC, 8801-6 TU—5th Platoon to 515 M. P. Company, and sent to Fort Lee, Va. Later, he was transferred to Fort Monroe, Old Point Comfort, Va., and released from active duty, September, 1956.

THE DIARY OF ASA JACKSON WYATT

1861-1862

(This diary, a transcript from the original, was written by Asa Jackson Wyatt of his travels during the War Between the States. After he was killed in the battle of Cedar Run, a member of his Company sent it to his widow, and after her death Ely Jackson Wyatt fell heir to it. He later gave the diary to his sister, Martha Shorter, whose granddaughter, Alma Fontaine, presented it to the Library of William and Mary College. We regret that the first part of it is missing.)

. . . there until the next day we were overtaken at Staunton by Captain Vincent Witcher and James McReady (a deserter from our Company who left us at Richmond). Captain Witcher brought me a letter from my wife.

We commenced our march for Monteray the twentieth day of June with the whole of Colonel Githam's Regiment, the 21st of Virginia. We marched to the Buffalo Gap, a distance of twelve miles, and camped that night. Early next morning we took up the line of march. This was Sunday, the day of the great battle of Manassas. We marched twelve miles that day and took up camp about six o'clock. After we stopped we could hear the cannons at Manassas very distinctly. This was the second day's march from Staunton. The next morning it was raining—this was Monday.

One from our Company, William I. Wallace, was taken sick with the measles and was sent back to Staunton. We marched all day through the rain and mud, a distance of fifteen miles to a place called Mc Dowels, and lay that night on the wet ground. In that day's march we met several hundred Confederate prisoners who were taken in the mountain fight and released on parole of honor.

From Camp Mc Dowell we started on the morning of the 23rd of June and arrived at Monteray that evening. Here early in the evening I met with several of my acquaintances

in the Company, among them L. M. Shoemaker from Danville, and Captain Flournoy from Pittsylvania Court House. I saw Sterling Cooper, William C. Austin and several others.

From Monteray we started for Huntersville on the morning of the 26th of June, 1861, and arrived at that place the same day. We stopped at Huntersville until the last day of June when we were ordered to Big Spring. The day that we left Huntersville, Lewis A. Wright was discharged from service of the Confederate States of America. We commenced our march from Huntersville to Big Spring about dark on Saturday night, the last day of July, a distance of 27 miles. We marched 12 miles to Camp Edway, and arrived at that place between midnight and daybreak and slept on the ground without blankets.

The next day was Sunday, August 1st, and that day I was on picket duty as Corporal of the guard. Here we pressed a hog into service, having eaten nothing since we left Huntersville. At this place Lee P. Francis and James C. Reynolds were taken sick with the measles and sent back to Huntersville. We left several of the Company in the hospital at Huntersville. When we left there C. M. Hall, John D. Wells, Sampson Warren, Lieutenant Sigmores, N. B. Hankins, James Thomas and Micajah Hankins were also sent back to Edway.

We also left three men in the hospital at Monteray—James Austin, James Bray and Dr. Hailey. From Camp Edway we started on Sunday night after dark and marched 12 miles and took up camp just before day. That night one of the baggage wagons was turned over, but without much damage. We were on the road again next morning early. This was Monday, the 6th of August, and we arrived at Big Spring about 2 o'clock. At this place we received news that our men had from three to six hundred Yankees surrounded on Valley Mountain and were waiting for reinforcements to take them.

We struck out in quick time for Valley Mountain in high spirits at the thought of a fight, but it proved to be a false alarm. Two of the Baltimoreans fainted and fell by the

roadside from excessive heat. We arrived at Valley Mountain just before night and before we could get our tents up it rained and we were drenched. It rained about every other day while we stayed there. I was on duty about every other day while there until I was taken sick. I was sent on several scouting expeditions on Mingo Flat and beyond. On one of these expeditions about the end of August, I suffered severely from cold. One of our Company, James I. Lapsad, or Locksad, shot off one of his fingers.

I was taken down with typhoid fever about the last of August and carried to the hospital by four men on a blanket and lay in the hospital about a week. From there they put me in a wagon and hauled me down to the Dry Branch Hospital and I remained there about two weeks. From there I was taken back to Huntersville, a distance of 30 miles, in an old four-horse wagon over one of the roughest roads in the northwest when I was so weak that I had to lie just as they placed me. We stayed in Huntersville about a week and one of our company died at this place, James C. Reynolds, and was buried there. He died the 29th of September, 1861.

I left Huntersville on first of October for Warm Springs, a distance of 25 miles. We arrived there the 2nd of October in the night, stayed all night, and the next morning we were ordered on to Rock Alum on the 5th of October, 1861. On Sunday evening it commenced to rain a few minutes after we got there and rained very hard until night. There were a few of the company sent to this place—C. M. Hall, Lee P. Francis, L. C. Mahan, Thomas N. Reynolds, James A. Gibson, Anderson Gibson, Nathaniel R. Edwards, Callahill Edwards, Lieutenant John G. Witcher, James Witcher and myself.

I was very low with fever when I came here and soon after was taken with an attack of yellow jaundice which reduced me still lower. I have taken medicine since I have been at this place from eight different physicians. All of the company except Mahan, Reynolds, Gibson and myself were discharged from the regiment on the 16th of November.

C. M. Hall was waiting on me and they sent him off and left me in the bed without a nurse.

I left Rock Allen Springs on Sunday, February 16th, 1862, and started for Staunton Hospital. I walked to Millborough, a distance of five miles and stayed at Alum Springs four months and eleven days. I took the cars at Millborough at half past five o'clock Monday evening and arrived at Staunton near eight o'clock that night. This was the 17th day of February. On the following Sunday I attended preaching at the Roman Catholic Church and also at the Lutheran Church. One of the greatest curiosities of Staunton is the deaf and blind asylum where the blind are taught to read.

I left Staunton the 7th day of March at 2 o'clock on the stage for Winchester. We arrived at Harrisonburg about dark and stopped there half an hour for supper. We arrived at Mount Jackson about 1 o'clock and from there to Strasburg we travelled on the cars. We arrived at Strasburg at 3 o'clock and at 4 o'clock we took the stage for Winchester.

I arrived at Winchester at half past eight on the morning of the 8th day of March, 1862. The distance from Staunton to Harrisonburg is 25 miles; from Harrisonburg to Mount Jackson is 25 miles; from Mount Jackson to Strasburg is 25 miles; from Strasburg to Winchester, 18 miles and 93 miles from Staunton to Winchester.

On the 11th General Jackson received intelligence that the enemy was advancing on Winchester, in consequence of which Colonel Barker ordered to march his forces to the fortifications beyond Winchester and we arrived late in the evening. The enemy was in sight, the line of battle was formed about sunset. About dark a dispatch was received that the enemy was advancing in greatly superior force. We had just built fires when orders were given to retreat and we fell back six miles this side of Winchester and stuck up fires about midnight.

Early the next morning we commenced the retreat and marched 12 miles and took up camp near Strasburg. The

enemy followed us to Newton which is eight miles this side of Winchester. Here we came in contact with Colonel Ashby's cavalry who was on picket duty covering our retreat. The enemy had formed the line of battle at Newton. The cavalry charged on them and dispersed them without any loss on our side. Several of the Yankees were reported killed. We fell back towards Winchester and we received orders at eleven o'clock to strike tents, load the wagons and be ready to march at a moment's warning.

We held an election for the ratification or rejection of the new Constitution.

From Strasburg we marched near Mount Jackson and took up camp. Early the next morning we started again and marched two miles beyond Mount Jackson and took up camp to the left of the pike. Early the next morning we were ordered back to Winchester to attack the enemy. This was the 22nd of March. We marched within 2 miles of Strasburg and slept without tents. By this time next morning we were on the road again in the direction of Winchester. That day I was with the baggage wagons and about 3 o'clock in the evening, when we were within 6 miles of Newton, I heard the roar of cannon commence. John Riddle and I gathered our guns and started for the scene of action. We came in sight, but could not find out where our regiment was, and were ordered to stop for fear we might mistake our men for the enemy. We remained idle spectators for the balance of the time.

About dusk the firing ceased and our troops retreated. One of our boys was killed early in the action, Joseph M. Wells, whose loss is sadly lamented by all of our company. Lieutenant Witcher, James Witcher, John Gardner, Daniel Hankins and George Clements are missing. Lieutenant Witcher and Clements were known to be wounded. We fell back a few miles that night and early the next morning commenced the retreat. The enemy refused us the privilege of burying our dead and they fired on the flag of truce which was sent in for the purpose. They followed us in hot pursuit

to Strausburg, but were held in check by Colonel Ashby's Cavalry and some pieces of artillery left behind for that purpose. The loss of our regiment is very heavy for the numbers engaged. Something like one fourth were killed and wounded.

We fell back that night near Mount Jackson. This was the 25th of March and on the morning of the 26th our tents and heavy baggage were sent to Harrisonburg and we were ordered back to watch the movements of the enemy. We marched back to Woodstock and stayed there two nights and a day, and then fell back to our old camp near Mount Jackson. We stayed there until 3 o'clock on the morning of the 2nd day of April when we were ordered back towards the enemy.

We marched back within 2 miles of Edenburg and formed the line of battle in the woods to the left of the turnpike at about 8 o'clock in the morning and remained there until about 4 o'clock in the evening. The pickets were fighting all the time close by and we were expecting the infantry to engage every minute, but they did not. None of the pickets were hurt. Four or five of the enemy were reported wounded.

We fell back that night four miles beyond Mount Jackson, and are still here which is the 6th of April. We heard yesterday from three of our prisoners, James I Witcher, John Gardner and Daniel Hankins. Lieutenant Witcher and George Clements have not been heard from.

On the morning of the 9th our company, together with several others, were sent out on picket duty. It was snowing very hard and continued. The next day we were within half a mile of Edenburg where the enemy was stationed. We could hear their band playing and their yells very distinctly. We left the camp below New Market on the 17th of April and fell back to New Market on the Culpeper road and stayed there three days. We were then ordered back to Harrisonburg, which is 18 miles from New Market, and we arrived there on the 2nd day around 11 o'clock. Then we

took the Gordonsville turnpike and marched 4 miles beyond Harrisonburg and took up camp that morning. We were caught in a severe rain and hail storm. That night I was sent with five men from our company on picket duty, four miles from camp. We were drenched and had to sleep on the wet ground.

The next day we marched about 10 miles and took up camp. On the 21st our company was reorganized. Captain Witcher was re-elected Captain; Vincent N. Swanson, First Lieutenant; D. L. Minter, Second Lieutenant; and F. C. Allen, Third Lieutenant. The Captain appointed the non-commissioned officers, except the First Sergeant, who is not yet appointed. Micajah Hankins was appointed Second Sergeant; V. D. Smith, third; A. J. Wyatt, fourth; and Meredith L. Allen, fifth. John L. Shorter was appointed first Corporal; John Riddle, second; M. C. Wells, third; and Spencer Adkins, fourth.

On the 24th we started again and marched 4 miles on toward Gordonsville, where we took up camp. This is the 26th and we are still here. It is reported to day that ten of our wagons and teams amounting to forty horses were captured by the Yankees. On the morning of the 30th of April, we commenced our march back towards Port Republic, a distance of 14 miles. It was raining and so muddy that the wagons could not travel more than 6 miles a day. We had our blankets and knapsacks to carry on our backs. The enemy came very near to cutting us off at Port Republic. They came down to the river and Ashby's cavalry drove them back and kept them back until our forces passed. There we took the Charlottesville turnpike, crossed the Blue Ridge at Round Gap and marched to Greenwood Depot in Albemarle County, and there took the train for Staunton, at which place we arrived on the morning of the 5th day of May at 11 o'clock.

From there we marched 2 miles from town and took up camp on the Monteray road and we are here yet. We have received orders to cook forty-eight hours' rations and be

ready to leave at a moment's warning. This is the 6th. We left camp at three o'clock in the evening and marched to Buffalo Gap that night, a distance of eight miles. Early the next morning we commenced our march again in the direction of Monteray and marched over the Shenandoah.

*"He lives with God, his home is dust;
But here his descendants pray,
And in this fleeting lifetime trust
To find the narrow way."*

GARDNER'S RECORD OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

I, J. B. Gardner, was transferred from the Army to the Navy on March 1, 1864, having been sent aboard the iron-clad flag ship, "Richmond," and was stationed below Drewry Bluff, near Dutch Gap Canal. There was a naval battery placed on the bank of the river to keep the Yankees from cutting through the canal. I was sent out to the battery Semms, and was made gunner of the 7-inch rifle squad to shell the canal.

The river at this point made a 9-mile bend, and all of our big guns were on the bend, so when the Yankees cut through the canal (it being only 600 yards long), they cut off all of them. My business was to shell the canal while they were cutting through it, which took six months. I was there when Grant broke through Lee's lines. We had to blow up our boats, and the Navy fellows were ordered to Danville, Virginia, to take charge of the batteries around there. We got to Danville on the 6th of April, three days before the surrender of that city.

At the surrender everything that was in the Confederacy was at Danville. President Davis was there at Major Sutherlin's home.

I went home on Monday after the surrender. Since I lived only 18 miles from Danville, I was near home when the war closed.

Bedford, Va.

—J. B. Gardner¹

March 26, 1919.

¹ John Barnett Gardner was the brother of Susan Gardner Wyatt.

MARRIAGE BONDS

MARRIAGE BOND OF VINCENT WYATT AND ELIZABETH SIMPSON¹

“Know all men by these presents, that we, Vincent Wyatt and John Simpson, are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency, Edmund Randolph, Governor of Virginia, and to his successors for the time being in the full and just sum of fifty pounds, to which payment will and truly be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, &., firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 23rd day of February, 1787.

“The condition of this obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solmnized between the above bound VINCENT WYATT and ELIZABETH SIMPSON. Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force, &.

Teste:
Berry Green

Vincent Wyatt—Seal
John Simpson —Seal”

MARRIAGE BOND OF JOHN GARDNER AND BETTY FINCH²

“Know all men by these presents, that we, John Gardner and Bernard Henrick are held firmly bound to Henry Lee Esq, Governor of Virginia, the sum of fifty pounds to which payment will strictly be made to this Governor or his successor. We bind ourselves and heirs and firmly by these presents, sealed and dated this 11th day of March, 1794.

“The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solmn-

¹ Original document, Halifax County Court House, Halifax, Virginia.

² Original document, Campbell County Court House, Rustburg, Va.

ized between the above bound JOHN GARDNER and BETTY FINCH, of this county. If therefore, there be any lawful cause to obstruct the same then this obligation to be void.

“Sealed and delivered in the presence of—

John Gardner—Seal

Bernerd Hendrick—Seal''

CONSENT OF BERNETT FINCH FOR DAUGHTER TO MARRY
JOHN GARDNER¹

"Sir—

Please deliver to John Gardner the license to marry my daughter, Bettsy, and you'll oblige your ob't servant.

Teste:

Bernett Finch—Seal”

Bernerd Hendrick

Thomas Gregg

Every man is an omnibus in which his ancestors ride.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

¹ Original document, Campbell County Court House, Rustburg, Va.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX

HISTORY OF FAMILY COMPLETED

The documents and records of this branch of the family in my possession have now been worked out, and my self-imposed task is finished. Having devoted much time to compiling this genealogy, it is my sincere wish that the younger generation, with better opportunities than their ancestors, will diligently improve them and keep the Wyatt record unsullied.

His word or two, and then comes night.

Life is a leaf of paper white,

Whereon each one of us may write

—Lowell.

OTHER KINDRED BRANCHES

WILLIAM EDWARD WYATT

William Edward Wyatt (1850-1929), second child of Asa Jackson and Elizabeth Thomas Wyatt, also eldest brother of Eliel (Ely) Jackson Wyatt, was only twelve years of age when his father was killed in the battle of Cedar Run, near Culpeper Court House, Virginia.

Like his brothers and sisters, he attended the "little log school-house," near Swansonville, Virginia. Being an avid reader all his life, he not only kept up with the current news, but acquired a very good education for his day.

He was known as the hardest working man in the community, and much esteemed and respected by his friends. Being a noble Christian and loyal member of Liberty Baptist Church, it has been said that he never spoke evil of anyone or repeated a scandal.

On January 15, 1891 he was married to Anna James Hankins, daughter of Jabe and Lucy Hankins, of Pittsylvania County, Vir-

ginia. His farm adjoined that of his brother, Ely, where he died and was interred by his wife in the family graveyard, near the home.

Children

William Wyatt, Asa Wyatt, May Wyatt, Franklin Wyatt, Robert Wyatt, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Powell, Maude Smith, Rebecca (Nell) White, Hazel Sichi and Jessie Blair.

Grandchildren

William Wyatt, Annie Laura Campbell, Nancy Bennett, Terry Powell, Kenneth Powell, Edith Denson, Elizabeth Buck, Earl Smith, Ruhama Roper, Rachel Lundin, Andy Cichi, Anna Blair and Dickie Blair.

Great Grandchildren

Dianne Wyatt, Jo Ann Wyatt, Debbie Wyatt, William Campbell, Ellen Sue Bennett, Kenneth Powell, Terry Ann Powell, Leslie Powell, John Denson, James Denson, Joe Denson, Elizabeth Buck, Susan Buck, Slade Smith, David Roper and Eddie Lundin.

HENRIETTA FILMORE WYATT FULLER

BY LIZZIE F. GREGORY

Henrietta Filmore Wyatt Fuller, daughter of Asa Jackson Wyatt and Elizabeth Thomas Wyatt, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She was educated in the local public schools.

Her entire girlhood was spent in the home in which she was born. On March 4, 1880 she was married to Taylor Lee Fuller and removed to Callands, Virginia, where her married life was spent.

Her family consisted of five step-children and nine children of her own. I think each one of the children would say, "she lived for others." In spite of her many home duties, she was always ready to extend a helping hand to others in the neighborhood.

She was a loyal member of Liberty Baptist Church, and a consecrated Christian mother, making a home in which "strife was shut out and love was shut in." Their children include: Asa Fuller, Louella Hubbard, Rufus Fuller, Lizzie Gregory, Harvey Fuller, Thomas Fuller, Walter Fuller, Maggie Gregory and Irene Fuller.

Grandchildren: Herbert Fuller, Clarence Fuller, Irving Fuller, Harvey Fuller, Jr., Henry Lee Fuller, Wilton Fuller, Allan Hubbard, Samuel Hubbard, Elizabeth Andrews, Neil Gregory, Clyde

Gregory, Christopher Gregory, Jr., Charlotte Gregory, Garnett Gregory, Walter Gregory, Gordon Gregory, Esther Butts, Henrietta Farkis and Anne Atkinson.

Great Grandchildren: Richard Fuller, Carroll Fuller, Lucinda Fuller, Richard Fuller, Phillip Fuller, Barbara Fuller, Harvey Fuller, III, Allan Hubbard, Jr., Suzanne Hubbard, Francis Hubbard, Janet Hubbard, Harriet Hubbard, Charles Hubbard, Joyce Gregory, Walter Gregory, Clyde Gregory, Jr., Cynthia Gregory, Thomas Gregory, Garnett Gregory, Dennis Gregory, Walter Lee Gregory, Jr., Barbara Butts, Harry Butts, John Farkis, Dianne Atkinson and Donald Atkinson.

SALLIE RUHAMA WYATT WRIGHT

Sallie Ruhama Wyatt Wright, better known as "Sack," was born near Callands, Virginia, December 18, 1858. She was the sixth child of Asa Jackson and Elizabeth Thomas Wyatt, who originally came from Henry County to Pittsylvania, prior to the War Between the States.

Her formal education was limited because of home conditions and the times in which she lived, but she managed to attend the school (only school in the community at that time), near Swansonville, during its short session in the wintertime.

On November 22, 1877 she was married to John Oliver Wright, of Pittsylvania County, and they purchased a farm near Callands. After her husband's death in 1902, she was left with the responsibility of managing the whole plantation, but with her vigor, courage and ability she did it magnificently.

Not only was she a loyal member of Liberty Baptist Church, but her Christian spirit was reflected in her everyday life. She passed away April 3, 1936, and was interred beside her husband in the family burial grounds on the farm. They had the following children: Edward (Eddie) Wright, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Fuller, James Wright, Mattie Wright, Janie Edwards and Jesse Arnn.

Their grandchildren include: Joseph Wright, Lawrence Wright, Calvert Wright, Ruby Reynolds, Hilda Reynolds, Anne Lee, Catherine Quinn, Irene Powell, Wright Arnn, Paul Arnn, John Arnn, Harold Arnn, Gene Arnn, Estelle Yeatts, Ann Hardy, Betty Ward, Garnett Edwards, Oliver Edwards, Wallace Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Pearl Wyatt and Edith Parrish.

Their great grandchildren, numbering thirty-six, include James

(Jimmy) Wyatt, Michael Parrish, Marjorie Parrish, Frances Mitchell, Paul Powell and Joyce Powell.

Their great-great grandchildren are Barbara Mitchell and Carolyn Mitchell.

MARTHA LUMBINDA WYATT SHORTER

BY ALMA C. FONTAINE

Martha Lumbinda Wyatt Shorter, the youngest child of Asa Jackson and Elizabeth Thomas Wyatt, was born December 18, 1860, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She never remembered her father as he was killed during the War Between the States in the battle of Cedar Run, in 1862. She grew up in reconstruction times with her eldest brother, Edward, as head of the family.

She attended the school near Swansonville, taught by Miss Celestia Parrish, and often told of the four miles she walked each day on muddy and rutty roads. Claude Swanson, once governor of Virginia, was a schoolmate. While her education was limited she always amazed her daughters with her ability to write long interesting letters. Her interest in the news of the day and world affairs was remarkable. She also loved to travel and made friends easily.

On March 19, 1879 she married Leonidas Alonza Shorter, son of Booker and Tibitha Shorter, of Pittsylvania County. They moved to West Virginia for a brief time, then to St. Augustine, Florida. This town was, at that time, just coming into its zenith as a winter resort under the benign influence of Henry Flagler's millions.

The people in St. Augustine remember "Miz Shorter" as very tall and carrying herself like a queen. All ten fingers were green and her garden flourished. She wore a sunbonnet when she gardened. A pecan tree which she planted towers over her old home at 63 Orange Street. She was a good neighbor, gentle in spirit but firm in her convictions.

Having been active in the women's organizations, she was a charter member of the Ancient City Baptist Church until her last illness, caused by a fall which resulted in a broken hip. She was confined in the Florida East Coast Hospital for three years, where she died February 27, 1933, and is interred with her husband and daughter, Mae, in Evergreen Cemetery at St. Augustine, Florida.

They had five daughters, Maude Aurelia Shorter, Effie Florence Clarke, Mae Anna Cooper, Elizabeth Ella Shorter and Myrtle Katherine Alexander; three grandchildren, Alma Mae Fontaine,

Catherine Wyatt Baxter and John Carroll Alexander, Jr.; and three great grandchildren, James Clarke Fontaine, Roberta Lynn Fontaine and Carroll Alexander III.

OTHER DESCENDANTS OF JOHN WYATT OF HALIFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

First Generation: John Wyatt, married Hannah ———; resided in Halifax County, Va.

Second Generation: Eliel Wyatt, married Martha Compton; resided in Halifax County, Va.

Third Generation: George Washington Wyatt, married Margaret Upton; resided in Campbell County, Va. All of his sons except Charles Newton Wyatt removed to Missouri.

Fourth Generation: Charles Newton Wyatt, married Fannie Easter; resided in Lynchburg, Va.

Fifth Generation: Edward Grey Wyatt, married Mary Elizabeth Pray; resided in Richmond, Va.

Sixth Generation: Edward Grey Wyatt, Jr., married Pearl V. Spitzer; reside in Richmond, Va.

Seventh Generation: Edward Grey Wyatt III, married Elizabeth Marie Gardner; reside in Richmond, Va.

Eighth Generation: Edward Grey Wyatt IV and Patricia Marie Wyatt.

THE ELIJAH WYATT FAMILY

Elijah Wyatt (1800-1886) was apparently the son of Vincent Wyatt, of Henry County, Virginia, and grandson of John Wyatt, of Halifax County, Virginia. He left Henry County during his early manhood and settled in Grayson County, Virginia. His first wife was Rachel Barton and they had nine children: *Barton*, Levi, Nancy, Malvina, Rachel, Rawsy, Phoebe, Eli and Peggie Ann; his second wife was Rebecca Pendry and they had one child, Susan.

Barton Wyatt (1832-1904) married Mary Cooper, of Grayson County, about 1855, and they had five children: *John*, Rachel, Mahala William and Alexander.

John Wyatt (1859-1936) married Mary Jane Tilley, of Wyoming County, West Virginia, and they had twelve children: Sarah,

Barton, Mahala, Eli, Annie, Fields, Byrd, Louella, Cora, Goff, Bradie and John.

Barton (Barty) Wyatt, born 1880, of Athens, West Virginia, married thrice: first, to Lake Erie Cook, of Mercer County, West Virginia, and they had two children, Claron and Glenna; secondly, to Minnie Walker and they had two children, Harley and Jeanous Lee; thirdly, to Virginia Cooper. His son, Harley, married Helen Combs and they have one child, Donna. His daughter, Jeanous Lee, married Ralph Zirk and they have one child, Gelard Lee.

Levi Wyatt, son of Elijah Wyatt (1800-1886), never married. During the War Between the States he died in the Andersonville prison in Georgia.

Eli Wyatt, youngest son of Elijah Wyatt, married Julia Carico and they had eight children: William, *Harrison*, Anderson, Nancy, Cora, Sarah, Martha and Goldie.

Harrison Wyatt married Virginia Walker and they had eleven children: *Tracy*, Lacy, Pierce, Harry, Greeley, Denny, Opal, Nola, Irene, Bethel and Beulah.

Tracy Wyatt married Vivian Peters and they have two children, Tim Lee and Karen Ann.

THE MARSHALL AND ALLIED FAMILIES

BY BERNICE BEULAH WYATT

The Marshall (Mareschal) family is of Norman origin, having gone into England with William the Conqueror. In 1235 one Gilbert Mareschal was Earl of Pembroke. His son, name unknown, changed the name from Mareschal to Marshall.

Later, Captain John Marshall, British officer, had a grandson, John Marshall, who emigrated to America during the 17th century, and settled at Jamestown, Virginia. His wife's name is unknown, but they had sons, Thomas, John, *et al.* The former is believed to have been the ancestor of John Marshall, who married and settled in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Their five children were: Benjamin, James, *Samuel*, Ann Nance and Lucy Malone.

Samuel Marshall (1750-1809), son of John Marshall, married Cassandra Alfriend, of Mecklenburg, and settled in Henry County, Virginia. They had seven children: Susannah, Nancy, Sally, John, Benjamin, Lewis and *Dennis*.

Dennis Marshall (1768-1843), son of Samuel and Cassandra Marshall, was married, in 1792, to Franky Harper, daughter of John

Harper, of Mecklenburg County, who died in 1794. They had a daughter, *Frances*.

Frances Marshall (1804-1893), daughter of Dennis and Franky Marshall, married John Wells Gravely in 1823. His grandfather, Joseph Gravely (1744-1844), emigrated to this country from Hertfordshire, England, and married Eleanor Cox, daughter of Captain Francis Cox, of Peterville, Virginia. He served in the Revolutionary War under James Tarrant, and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown, after having seen action at Guilford Court House, Eutaw Springs and Kings Mountain. He and his wife settled in Henry County, Virginia, and reared nine children, including Jabez Leftwich Gravely, who married Judith Wells in 1797, and were the parents of *John Wells Gravely*.

John Wells and Frances Marshall Gravely had a son, Jabez Beauford Gravely (1836-1861), who was married, in 1859, to Harriet Christian Millner, daughter of William and Mary Keen Millner. Her father, Captain John Keen,¹ married Nancy Witcher. Their only child was *Christian Ada*.

Christian Ada (Kate) Gravely (1860-1937) was married, October 22, 1887 to John Thomas Hundley, son of William Beck and Fannie Frances Hundley, of Sandy River, Virginia. They had the following children: Kittie, Posey, Lottie, Pearl and Beulah, who married Landon R. Wyatt.

THE ALDEN FAMILY

BY DORIS WYATT ALDEN

Hon. John Alden (1598-1687), progenitor of the Alden family in the United States, emigrated from Great Britain to Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. He was a Mayflower passenger, and founder of the Plymouth Colony.

He married Priscilla Mullens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mullins, also Mayflower passengers. They had eight children, including John Alden II, who married Elizabeth Ewriil, and had thirteen children.

¹ His niece, Viscountess Nancy Langhorne Astor, of England, was born in Danville, Virginia.

Note: The Gravelys are recognized as the first ones to manufacture tobacco in Henry County, Virginia, and also the first ones to have a home with a brick chimney in that county, according to tradition.

Their son, John Alden III, married Elizabeth Phelps, and is presumed to be the same John Alden who is the direct descendant of David and Elizabeth Alden, of Danville, Virginia.

John Alden, IV, married Thankful Parker, and had thirteen children, including Silas Alden, who married Margaret Capron.

Their fifth child, Amasa Alden, married Margaret Davenport, and had seven children, including Frank Alden, who married Sarah Stubbs.

Amasa Frank Alden, their eldest child, married Mary Rainwater, and had William Frank Alden, the father of Roger Bacon Alden, who married Doris Wyatt, daughter of Ennis and Abbie Wyatt, of Danville, Virginia.

CLARKE-PENDLETON FAMILIES

BY ALMA C. FONTAINE

Alma Fontaine and Catherine Baxter, daughters of James Orville and Effie Shorter Clarke, great granddaughters of Asa Jackson and Elizabeth Thomas Wyatt, are also great granddaughters of the Rev. Henry Clarke and Catherine Pendleton Clarke. Joseph Clarke, the immigrant ancestor, was born in the parish of Westrope, Suffolk, England, December 9, 1618. His brother, Dr. John Clarke, was the first Baptist minister in America, having baptized Roger Williams into that faith. The former was also a Doctor of Medicine, having obtained his degree from the University of Leyden, Holland.

Joseph Clarke was one of the twenty-four in whose behalf John Clarke petitioned King Charles II for a Charter. He settled in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1639, and was one of the company purchasing Westerly, R. I., where he served as justice of the peace, although he died in Newport, in 1694.

Having been in public life during the whole of his residence in New England, he was made selectman of Watertown, 1635-37; deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts, 1636-38; and in 1652 he was chosen by that court "to receive Maine under jurisdiction," doing whatever his wisdom and discretion dictated to the best interests of his country.

Pendleton, father of Catherine Clarke, appears as one of the central characters in a novel, "Rivers Parting," written by Shirley Barker in 1950. The author portrays him as a stern and unrelenting Puritan.

THE DOUGLASS AND ALLIED FAMILIES

BY MARJORIE WYATT OGBURN

John Douglass, progenitor of this branch of the family in America and ancestor of the children of John William and Rebecca Douglass Wyatt, emigrated from Edinburgh, Scotland, to Virginia, before 1732. He married Judith Moorman, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Moorman, of Green Springs, Louisa County, Virginia. Her parents were devout Quakers and of English descent. John Douglass died at his home, near Barboursville, Orange County, Virginia, prior to April 28, 1784, leaving the following children: Charles, Elizabeth, *Thomas*, Polly, Judith, John, Anne, Achilles, Dorcas and Milley.

Thomas Douglass, son of John and Judith Douglass, was born September 2, 1740. He married Margaret Herndon, of Orange County, Virginia, prior to July 10, 1761. They settled at "Merry Oaks," near Burnley, Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1762, and owned many slaves. During the Revolutionary War, he was a patriot and furnished supplies to the Continental Army (see Public Service Claims of Albemarle County, manuscript number 79, Virginia State Library, Richmond). He died in 1830, and was interred beside his wife in the "old house hill" cemetery, near the home. Their children were: James, Thomas, Achilles, Nancy and *John Marke*.

Major John Marke Douglass, son of Thomas and Margaret Douglass, was born about 1777, at "Merry Oaks." On November 29, 1804 (MB) he was married to Nancy Edwards, daughter of Thomas¹ and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Edwards, of the same county. During the War of 1812, he served as major. He died at his home, "Merry Oaks," about 1849, and his wife (b. 1786) died before March 1, 1852. Both were interred in the garden, near the home, which they had built for their son, *Edwin*, on the Douglass' estate. Their other two children were Thomas and Elizabeth.

Captain Edwin Temple Douglass,² son of John and Nancy Douglass, was born January 12, 1812, at "Merry Oaks." He was married, October 1, 1846, to Elizabeth Dickerson Gillum, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Huckstep) Gillum, of Orange County, Virginia. On January 10, 1893 he died at "Merry Oaks," and his wife (born

¹ Thomas Edwards was formerly from Goochland County, Virginia.

² He owned twenty-eight slaves. His children were taught by a governess in a little schoolhouse on the plantation.

June 22, 1827) died July 17, 1882. They were interred in the family cemetery in the apple orchard. Their ten children were: Catherine, *John Wesley*, Thomas, Charles, Mary, Sallie, Wilbur, Addie, Emma and Clinton.

John Wesley Douglass, son of Edwin and Elizabeth Douglass, was born June 26, 1849, at "Merry Oaks." He was married twice: first, to Mary Catherine Sommers, of Rochelle, Virginia (see later record); secondly, to Anna Margaret von Levern, daughter of John and Annie von Levern, immigrants to Lunenburg County, Virginia, and granddaughter of Baron and Baroness Theodore von Levern, of Berlin, Germany. Douglass died at "Merry Oaks," October 16, 1921, and his second wife died September 10, 1913. They were interred in the E. T. Douglass Cemetery.

By his first wife, he had five children: Ruth, Rebecca (Wyatt), Virginia, Sommers and John Jr.

MARY CATHERINE SOMMERS DOUGLASS

(1861-1909)

Born at Tomsbrook, Shenandoah County, Virginia, Mary Catherine Sommers Douglass, was the daughter of Dr. George Anderson Sommers and Rebecca Henkel Sommers, of Rochelle, Madison County, Virginia. After her graduation from Staunton Female Seminary (now extinct), she taught at the Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Virginia, and later, was organist at Mt. Nebo Lutheran Church, Rochelle, prior to her marriage to John Wesley Douglass, October 26, 1892. She was also an artist.

On her paternal side her ancestry stems back to Michael and Elizabeth Summers, of Baden-Baden, Germany. Their son, Matthias Sommers (Summers), emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Barbara, had a son, Matthias Sommers, Jr. (1714-1787), who married Rachel Maphis, also of German descent, and settled in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Their son, Jacob Sommers (1799-1867), was married, March 3, 1829, to Catherine M. Newman,¹ daughter of Samuel and Mary Newman, granddaughter of Walter and Catherine (Lair) Newman, and great grand-

¹ Her uncle, John Newman, was a member of the Virginia Senate from Shenandoah County, 1829-33, and her brother, Anderson Newman, was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Pendleton County, now West Virginia, 1846-47.

daughter of Matthias Lair (formerly of Germany) and Catherine (Moyer) Lair, of Rockingham County, Virginia. She was also the granddaughter of the Rev. Anderson Moffett, Baptist minister and member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Rockingham County, 1818-19. His father, Henry Moffett, emigrated to Virginia from Scotland.

Jacob and Catherine Newman Sommers had three children, including Dr. George Anderson Sommers (1832-1890), born in New Market, Virginia. He graduated from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1852, and was married to Rebecca Catherine Henkel, also of New Market, April 4, 1856. After serving in the War Between the States as surgeon, he resumed his practice, at Rochelle, Virginia. They had five children,¹ including Mary Catherine Sommers Douglass.

On her maternal side, this talented woman descends from the Rev. Anthony J. Henkel, immigrant and Lutheran minister, from Nurnberg, Germany, who settled in Pennsylvania, in 1717. From him have descended over a hundred ministers in this country and many other noted men, including James F. Henkel, governor of New Mexico, 1923-25; E. J. Henkel, member of Congress from the Baltimore District, 1875-81; Isaac Henkel, member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Pendleton County, now West Virginia, 1807-08; Jesse Henkel, member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Pendleton County, now West Virginia, 1816-18; David Henkel, member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Shenandoah County, 1877-78; and Dr. Casper O. Miller, member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Shenandoah County, 1913-15.

The Rev. Paul Henkel, great grandson of the Rev. Anthony J. Henkel, was a Lutheran missionary in North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Nagley, and they had nine children. The eldest son was a physician, but the other five sons were Lutheran ministers, and one of their three daughters married a Lutheran minister (see Henckel Family Records, Volume 14).

The Rev. Ambrose Henkel,² son of the Rev. Paul Henkel, mar-

¹ Their other children were: Edgar, Annie (m. 1st, J. W. Estes—merchant; m. 2nd, L. C. Myers—banker), John and Maggie (m. Dr. D. F. Weaver).

² Henkel was one of the founders of the first printing press, which was operated in his name, in the Valley of Virginia, at New Market, and he is said to have printed and bound the first school textbook used in Virginia. In 1931 the old printing press was placed in the Library of Duke University, at Durham, North Carolina.

ried Catherine Hoke, of Lincoln County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Frederick Hoke (1767-1844), and the granddaughter of John Hoke, immigrant from Germany.

Col. Noah Isaac Henkel, son of the Rev. Ambrose Henkel, married Mary Magdalene Zirkle, daughter of Daniel Zirkle (1795-1830) and Nancy (Phillips) Zirkle (1790-1862), of Rockingham County, Virginia. They had three children, including Rebecca Henkel Sommers, the grandmother of Lucile Rebecca Douglass Wyatt,¹ the author of this book.

THE ZIRKLE REUNION²

(The Largest Reunion Ever Held in the Valley of Virginia)

On Thursday, August 10, 1893, the Zirkles and their connections and their friends, to whom a most cordial invitation had been extended, held a family reunion and general picnic, in Miss Nannie Quick's woods, one mile west of Quicksburg, Virginia.

Preparations were made on a grand scale, in anticipation of the coming together of a vast concourse of people, and in no wise was the committee disappointed.

At an early hour, the people began to pour in from all directions, in carriages and wagons, horse- and "foot-back," and free hacks ran back and forth from the R. R. station to the grounds, conveying many from the trains.

"The woods were full of 'em when we arrived," the writer stated, and here were seen the steam merry-go-round, vendors of all kinds with cooling drinks, ice cream, confections, watermelons, etc., the protographer's tent, musical phonograph, etc., all without the charmed circle, while within was the speakers' stand, seats, etc. Then, too, there was a big hollow square of tables, within which were other

¹ She was a very ambitious girl. At the age of thirteen she lost her mother and her plans to attend the private school, which her older sister had attended before entering Longwood College, were foiled. She could not leave home. After her father remarried, she enrolled at Stony Point High School (a twelve-mile horseback ride per day) from which she graduated as valedictorian of her class. Then she attended Madison College, at Harrisonburg, Virginia, but gave up plans to become a musician like her mother. After teaching school one year, she married John W. Wyatt.

² The Shenandoah Valley, 1893.

tables for things good to eat, and around about were giant water tanks filled with ice, brought by the ton.

Life, activity and bustle were manifest in all directions, the young, the old, the middle aged, greeting each other in a cordial, happy manner, free from restraint.

Brass bands from Hamburg and Cahin Hill, and a string band from New Market, with an organ furnished music to add to the interest of the occasion, and all went "merry as a marriage bell." If there be no marriage come out of the gathering of so charming, healthful young ladies and such a display of the culinary art, then, well, such persons are doomed to bachelorhood, and deserve their fate.

There were over 2,000 persons present, about one-half of whom were Zirkles, their relatives and connections. The oldest present was "Uncle" Lewis Zirkle, aged 80.

After pleasant social intercourse, dinner was announced, and such a bountiful repast seldom seen, was spread, and all were cordially invited to "come and partake, without money and without pride." The extensive double tables did not indicate hard times or a drought in this section, and there was nothing wanting—making a person wish to live to eat, rather than eat to live. If any failed to be filled, it was their own fault, for there was enough left for thousands more.

The day was most pleasant, the conduct unexceptionable—nothing unpleasant occurring—and the various committees did efficient service in making the Reunion a complete success. They were ably assisted by Cap't Jack Adams—a host within himself—and Miss Nannie Quick, for whose unbounded liberality, hospitality and labors, the committee desires to extend especial thanks and gratitude.

All having partaken of dinner, Prof. J. Milton Zirkle called the assembly to order and spoke substantially on the Holman Creek Zirkles. In his closing remarks he spoke of the necessity of educating the rising generation, especially the girls.

After music by the brass band, Dr. F. E. Rice spoke to the River Zirkles in particular and to the public generally. In conclusion he said, "A more contented people can no where be found. They belong to that class who believe, 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and that a little fun now and then is relished by the best of men.'"

Mr. Elon O. Henkel¹ was the next speaker, and he spoke on the Smith Creek Zirkles. (The children of John and Rebecca Wyatt are

¹ He was one of the founders of the Henckel Family Association.

descended from this branch of Zirkles.) His address was quite lengthy, beginning with Lewis Zirkle, the first by that name to settle on Smith Creek, in Rockingham County, Virginia, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, and bringing the family history down to date, etc.

Note: The Endless Caverns, near New Market, Virginia, were discovered on Lewis Zirkle's old 1,500-acre farm by one of his descendants. Many Zirkle family records have been preserved. "*Et patribus, et posteritati.*"

THE WYATT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Founder: L. Rebecca Douglass Wyatt

Organized: August 3, 1952

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Emmett Jackson Wyatt, president, 1406 Irish Street,
South Boston, Virginia.

Landon Russell Wyatt, vice-president, 862 Main Street,
Danville, Virginia.

John William Wyatt, vice-president, 215 Randolph Street,
Danville, Virginia.

Beulah Hundley Wyatt, historian, 862 Main Street,
Danville, Virginia.

L. Rebecca Douglass Wyatt, curator and editor, "The Wyatt Family
Records," 215 Randolph Street, Danville, Virginia.

Mamie Wyatt Hall, secretary and treasurer, 322 West Main Street,
Danville, Virginia.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WYATT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Constitution

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE WYATT FAMILY
ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to perpetuate the memory of our
ancestors; to encourage historical research among our younger generation as

to their descent; to compile a comprehensive record of their activities; to promote goodwill and to keep in touch with their posterity; to locate the burial places of our forefathers, and, if possible, place a grave marker.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Although this Association was organized principally for the activities that cluster around the branch of JOHN WYATT and his wife, Hannah, of Halifax County, Virginia, other branches of the Wyatt Family may become members if voted upon and approved by the Association.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian, curator and editor.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of all the officers of the Association together with three members at large elected by the Association.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers shall occur every two years at the Wyatt Family Reunion. Should such reunion fail to be held at the proper time, the Executive Board shall have the power to elect any or all officers. In case the Executive Board fails to elect said officers, the President shall appoint all officers.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at the annual reunion meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing previously, and if adopted shall become effective immediately.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

The Association shall hold its annual meeting at any place it may elect on the last Sunday in July. Special meetings may be called any time by the President or Executive Board.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association during the time between meetings.

ARTICLE III

KINDS OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall be divided into the following classes:

1. Active members—those who pay regular dues of \$1.00 per year.
2. Honorary members—those who pay \$100.00 or more, who automatically become life-members.

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THE WYATT FAMILY REUNIONS

A number of years before the Wyatt Family Association was organized, family reunions were held at the home of Ely Jackson and Sue Gardner Wyatt, near Callands, Virginia, and later, in Mrs. C. B. Shorter's front yard. These reunions proved such a great success, enlarging the family acquaintancy and affording all such a delightful outing, that the next reunion was held on Emmett Jackson Wyatt's farm, "Oak Lawn," near South Boston, Virginia, with him as host, on August 3, 1952.

Since that organizational meeting of the Wyatt Family Association, four reunions have been held at "Oak Lawn," and each year the attendance has increased considerably.

*Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;*

*Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.*

—Longfellow.
(Psalm of Life)

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