

The Updegrove Family



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Updegrove Family

The Book

On January 16, 1949 Katherine Bondeena “Bonnie” Graham of Purcellville, VA married Earl David Updegrove of Muir, PA in the chapel of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. Bonnie and Earl raised three boys: David, Craig, & Bob in Falls Church, VA. This book was compiled by their youngest son Bob.

The book, and its companion website (www.updegrovetfamily.com), provides photos, names and narratives of the various families associated with Bonnie and Earl.

On the Updegrove side there are two principal families: Updegrove and Drum, Drum being the family of Earl’s mother. On Bonnie’s side of the family there are four principal families: Graham (Bonnie’s father), Arnold (Bonnie’s mother), Corell (Bonnie’s paternal grandmother), and Yakey (Bonnie’s maternal grandmother).

The website version of this book contains more photos, videos and artifacts, as well as a deeply detailed interactive family tree. This printed book version has the advantage of being accessible when the power goes out. Special thanks to Craig Updegrove for proof-reading these pages.

Bob Updegrove
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2nd Edition

*As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.*

Joshua 24:15

In Memory

Charles and Kathleen Graham

Earl & Bonnie Updegrove

Dave Updegrove

Ian Reider

Harold & Audry Prindle

Norman & Esther Laffer

The Family Tree

If you have internet access while reading this e-book, you can view an interactive Family Tree for our family by clicking on the link below.

This Family Tree was generated by MacFamilyTree, a software program I used, along with [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), to organize data on our ancestors. MacFamilyTree also generated the personal narratives that you will find at the end of some chapters of this book.

[Interactive Family Tree](#)

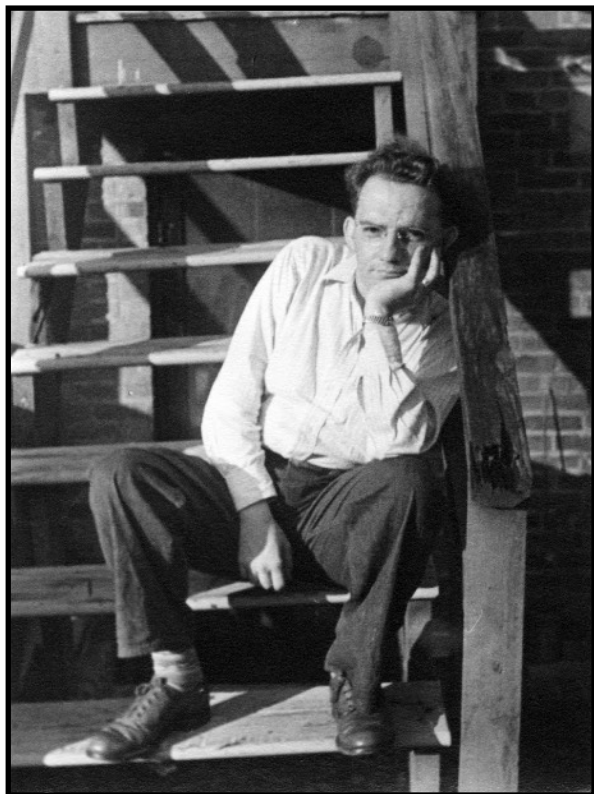
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Chapter 1

BONNIE & EARL



Earl David Updegrove

10/31/1919 - 9/30/1989

Along with his 8 siblings, Earl grew up in the coal mining town of Muir PA. His family ancestry is traceable back to central Pennsylvania in the late 1700's.

While the Updegrove name is associated with the Op den Graeff family who migrated from Germany in the late 1600's, there is a question as to whether Earl's family is of the same lineage. Earl spent his career working for the Federal Maritime Commission and retired as Director of Budget and Finance. He was a musician and an artist.

Katherine "Bonnie" Graham

11/13/1924 - 2/28/2016

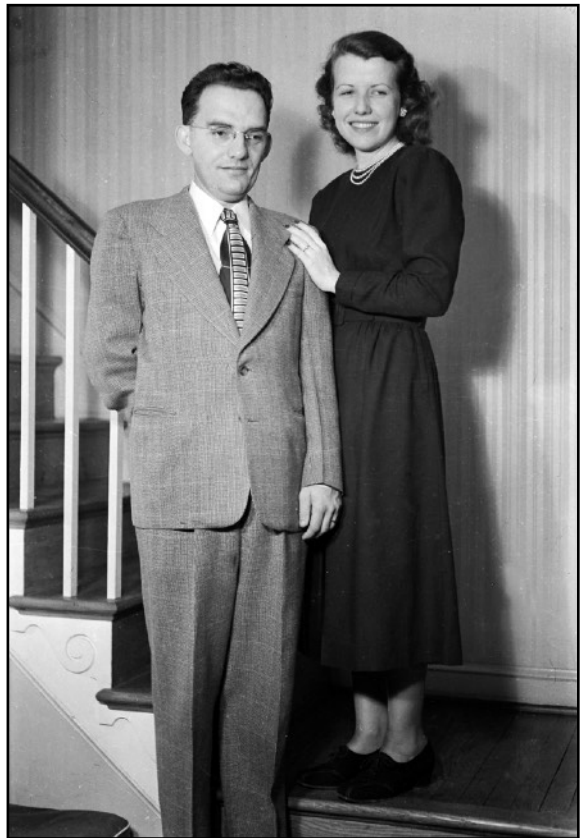
Bonnie grew up in Hamilton/Purcellville VA. The ancestors of Bonnie's father, Charles McDonald Graham, spent several generations in southwest Virginia. Charles' father, William Robert Graham, moved his family from Tazewell VA to Hamilton VA around 1904 when Charles was 7 years old. Bonnie's mother, Kathleen Arnold, grew up west of Lucketts VA. Her traceable family roots in Loudoun go back to the mid 1700's. Bonnie worked as an RN, mostly at Arlington Hospital, and retired as the Associate Director of Nursing. She was a terrific cook and known for her hospitality and outgoing personality.



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VILLAGE, VA

Bonnie Graham Weds Earl D. Updegrove

In a double ring ceremony in the chapel of Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, on January 16, Miss Katherine Bodeena Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham of Purcellville, became the bride of Mr. Earl David Updegrove, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Updegrove of Muir, Pa. Dr. A. N. Warner was the officiating clergyman.

Preceding the ceremony the organist played "O Promise Me," "I Love You Truly," "Because," and "The Lord's Prayer." The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a magnolia white silk suit with dark brown accessories and a corsage of orchids.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Robert Turner of Richmond, wore dark green silk crepe with black accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Best man was Dr. Robert S. Turner, jr., of Richmond.

A small reception followed the ceremony at the Hamilton Hotel.

The bride attended Madison College and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing, where she served on the faculty for two years before accepting her present position as staff nurse at the Washington Quartermaster Depot in Alexandria. Mr. Updegrove served 3½ years in the armed services, including 16 months in the European theater with the 16th U.S. Army headquarters. At present he is fiscal officer with the Armed Services Pe-

troleum Purchasing Agency in Washington.

After a week's trip to New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Updegrove will be at home in Alexandria.

Earl David Updegrove (Loudoun Times-Mirror 1989)

Earl David Updegrove, Falls Church, 69, a retired director of the Federal Maritime Commission's budget and finance office, who was active in church groups, died Sept. 30 (1989) at the Hospice of Northern Virginia. Mr. Updegrove was a member of Falls Church Presbyterian Church, where he had served as a deacon and member of the session. He was a native of Muir, Pa. He moved the Washington DC area in 1941, and served with the Army in Europe during World War II. Mr. Updegrove began his civilian government career after the war, becoming a civilian Army employee. He was a fiscal officer with the Military Petroleum Purchasing Agency before joining the Federal Maritime Commission in 1965. He retired in 1977.

Katherine Bondeena (Bonnie) Graham Updegrove (Loudoun Times-Mirror 2016)

Katherine Bondeena Graham Updegrove (Bonnie), born November 13, 1924, passed away in Leesburg, VA on February 28, 2016 in the presence of her three sons. She was born at Leesburg Hospital and grew up in Hamilton and Purcellville. She graduated from Lincoln High School where she was the captain of the basketball team and the editor of the school paper. She attended Madison College before graduating from the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing. Bonnie worked as an Emergency Room RN and ended her career as the Associate Director of Nursing at Arlington Hospital, retiring in 1988. Bonnie married Earl Updegrove in 1949 and lived in Falls Church until Earl's death in 1989. She then returned to live in Purcellville in 1990. She loved her family, making new friends, family trips to Bethany Beach, and travel throughout the country. Mom, "Bonnie", Grandma, and "Bon Bon" was loved and admired by all who knew her and will be long remembered for her cheerful, caring and energetic spirit.

Katherine Bondeena "Bonnie" Graham Updegrove



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Bonnie Graham Updegrove at
Madison College

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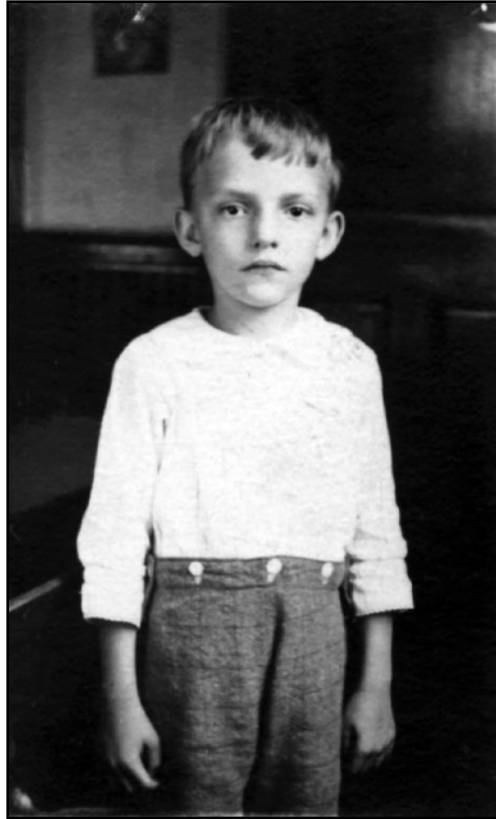


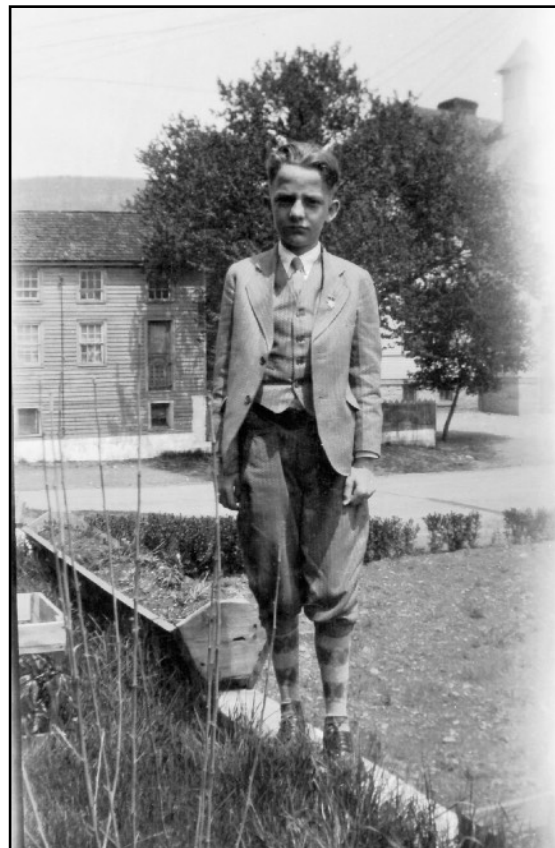


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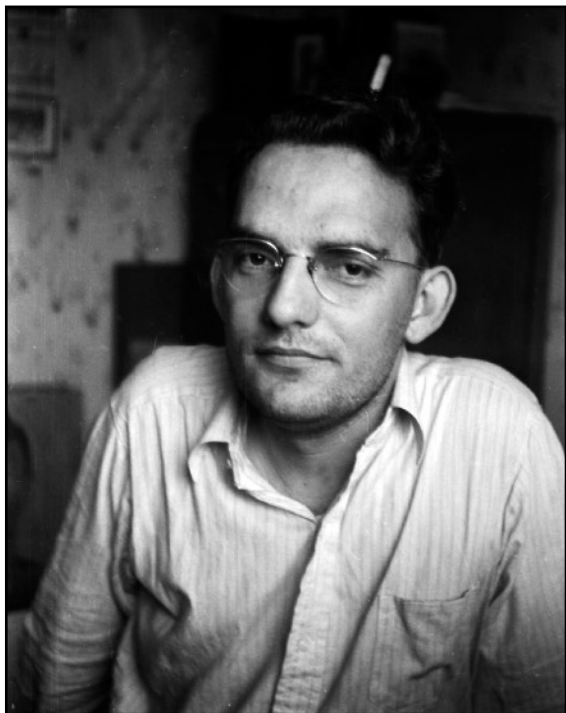


Earl David Updegrove





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Birth Certificate for Bonnie Graham Updegrave

November 13, 1924

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD			
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA			
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS			
1 PLACE OF BIRTH COUNTY OF <u>Loudoun</u>		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF <u>Leesburg</u>		55550	
INC. TOWN OF <u>Loudoun County</u>		REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. <u>2307</u>	
CITY OF <u>Hoschelt</u>		REGISTERED NO. <u>96</u>	
2 FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Katherine Louise Graham</u>			
3 SEX OF CHILD GIRL <u>Yes</u>	4 To be answered ONLY in event of plural births 5 Twin, triplet or other 6 Number, in order of birth	6 ARE PARENTS MARRIED? <u>Yes</u>	7 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov - 13</u> 19 <u>24</u> (Name of Month) (Day) (Year)
8 FULL NAME FATHER <u>Charles Graham</u>	16 FULL NAME MOTHER <u>Kathleen Arnold</u>	17 PRESENT ADDRESS (Usual place of abode) <u>Hamilton, Va</u>	
9 PRESENT ADDRESS (Usual place of abode) <u>Hamilton, Va</u>	18 WHITE OR COLORED? <u>White</u>	19 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>25</u> (Years)	20 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Leesburg, Va</u>
10 WHITE OR COLORED? <u>White</u>	11 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>25</u> (Years)	21 OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>	22 INCLUDING THIS CHILD Number of children of this Mother now living <u>1</u> Number of children of this Mother born alive and now dead Number of children of this Mother stillborn
12 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Leesburg, Va</u>	13 OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>	14 DID YOU USE THE DROPS IN THE BABY'S EYES? <u>Yes</u>	
15 IF NOT, TELL WHY			
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE			
23 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD, WHO WAS <u>Alive</u> AT <u>3:10</u> P.M. ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED. (See Article 21, § 1, Code of Virginia)			
24 SIGNATURE <u>W. E. Norris</u>		25 ADDRESS OF PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE <u>Leesburg</u>	
26 STATE WHETHER PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE <u>Physician</u>		27 WITNESS <u>W. E. Norris</u>	
28 FILED <u>11/17</u> 19 <u>24</u> (Date Received by Registrar)		29 LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>W. E. Norris</u>	
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE FILED WITH THE LOCAL REGISTRAR WITHIN (10) DAYS AFTER BIRTH IN THE COUNTIES, EARLIER IN CITIES			

This is to certify that this is a true and correct reproduction or abstract of the official record filed with the Virginia Department of Health, Richmond, Virginia.

DATE ISSUED
OCT 3 1986

Russell E. Booker, Jr., State Registrar

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Bonnie Graham Updegrove 2nd Grade Report Card

Hamilton Elementary

Teacher (Margaret Graham Tribby) is the sister of Bonnie's father, Charles Graham

Loudoun County Public Schools

MOTTO: Not for School, but for Life

ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT

PERIODIC AND ANNUAL REPORT

of Bonnie Graham

School Hamilton Grade II

For the School Year 1931-32

Margaret G. Tribby Teacher

Catellie W. Hancock Principal

The parent or guardian is earnestly requested to examine this report, page by page, and to acknowledge its receipt by signing below. Please return this report at once.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

October 19 Mrs. C. M. Graham

December 2 Mrs. C. M. Graham

January 25 Mrs. C. M. Graham

March 7 Mrs. C. M. Graham

April 19 Mrs. C. M. Graham

May 31 Mrs. C. M. Graham

Periods are of six weeks' duration and end on dates given above.

STANDARD OF METHOD							
Examinations are given only in grades 5, 6 and thirds and tests one-third for periodic grades. * is grade for period. Average periodic grades count one-third for semester grade. Grades to be in 4. A grand general average of 75 on the year's work, language, or grammar and arithmetic, an average of not less than 75 on more than two subjects.							
Attendance	Periods			Daily Aver.	Examination	Sem. Grade	
	1	2	3				
Department							
Standing							
Times Tardy	0	0	0				
Days Present	29	29	30				
Days Absent	0	1	0				
Department	95	91	97				
✓ Reading	95	94	96				95
✓ Spelling	99	100	99				99
Writing	95	95	95				95
✓ Language	90	90	94				91
Grammar							
✓ Arithmetic	93	95	95				94
U. S. History							
Va. History							
Civics							
Geography							
Physiology	93	92	94				93
Drawing	90	90	90				90
Average	94	94	96				

Bonnie Graham Updegrove 11th Grade Report Card

Lincoln High School

Bonnie graduated after her Junior year and went on to Madison College at the age of 16.

Loudoun County Public Schools

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

PERIODIC AND ANNUAL REPORT

of Bonnie Graham

School Lincoln Year 11

For the School Year 1940-41

Margaret Grove Teacher

Orlley D. Hutton Principal

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

October 15 Kathleen C. Graham

November 27 Kathleen C. Graham

January 22

March 5

April 18

May 30

Periods are of six weeks' duration and end on dates given above.

METHOD OF GRADING AND STANDARD FOR CREDITS													
Average daily grades count two-thirds and tests one-third for periodic grades. If no test is given, average of daily grades is grade for period. Average periodic grades count two-thirds and examination grades one-third for semester grade. Grades are to be in letters. A final grade of at least D is required for credit. Quality credits are: D, or 75 to 80—6; C, or 81 to 87—1; B, or 88 to 94—2; A, or 95 to 100—3.													
QUALITY CREDITS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION													
Attendance	Periods			Daily Aver.	Examination	Sem. Grade	Periods			Daily Aver.	Examination	Sem. Grade	Final Grade
	1	2	3				4	5	6				
Standing													
Times Tardy	0	0	0										
Days Absent	3	0	0										
English	A	A	C	B	B	B	A	C	B	B	B	B	1 2
Algebra													
Geometry	B	C	B	B	C	B							1 2
Arithmetic													
History II	B	A	B	B	C	B	A	B	B	B	C	B	1 2
Latin													
Soc'l Problems													
Gen. Science													
Civics													
Biology													
Chemistry	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	A-1 3
Phy. Ed.	A	A	A			A		A					
H. B. C. II	B	B	A	B	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	1 2
Typing II	C	C	C	C	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	1 2
Trg.						A		B	B	C	B		1 2
Totals													

Lincoln High School (VA) 1939-40 Junior Class

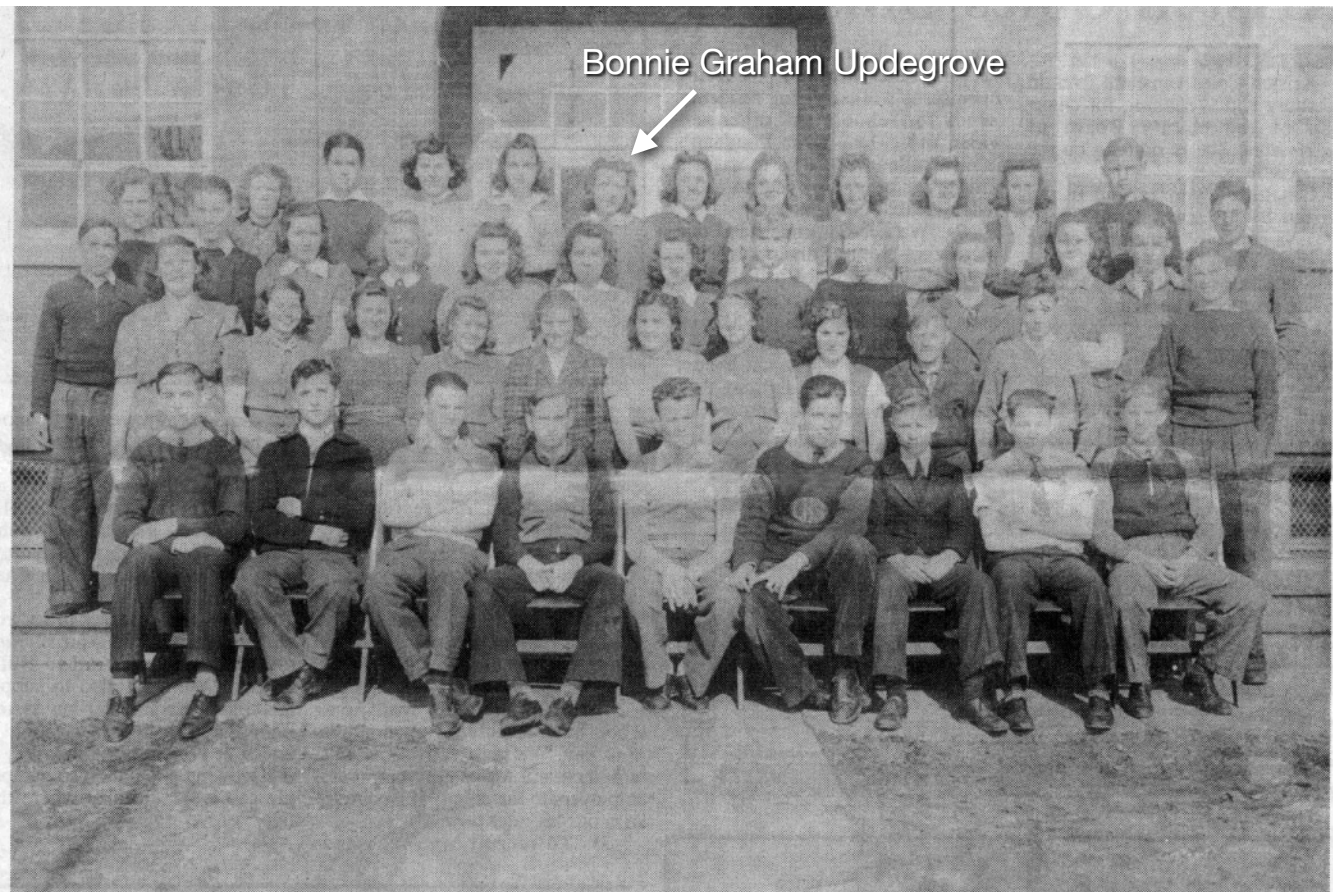


Photo courtesy of Mary Holbert

Out of the Attic

The 1939-40 junior class of Lincoln High is shown.

First row, from left, Charles Hammerly, Earl Livesay, Jarvis Talyor, James Paston, Billy Freeman, George Thomas Papkins, Oscar Emerick, Sydnor Rhodes and George Wright.

Second row, Bertha Rohey, Garnet Loyd, Frances Anne Hangh, Alma Bradford, Virginia Tillett, Wyrene Jones, Evelyn Wynkoop, Doris Hayton, Nathan Compler, Junior Pearson and Dan Pancoast.

Third row, Herbert Ashby, Franbin Payne, Mary Louise Alder, Mary

Belle Fleming, Phyllis Thompson, Mary Louise Simpson, Esther Munoe, Sandy Speer, unknown, Mary Slack, Frances Florence and Elmer Williams.

Fourth row, Robert Arnett, Evelyn Longerbeam, Alice Vincel, Anne Harman, Jean Harman, Bonnie Graham, Anna Ball, Wanda Walton, Alva Jane Phillips, Jean McDaniel, Evelyn McCauley, Lee Warner and Lynn Carnwell.

Lincoln High School (VA) 1941 Senior Class Play



Bonnie Graham Updegrove

Photo Courtesy of M. Holbert

Out of the Attic

The cast of the senior class play at Lincoln High School in 1941 is shown. Front row: Katherine Bridges, English teacher and director Guilford Welsh, Bonnie Graham, Virginia Tillett, Garnet Loyd, Jean McDaniel, Junior Emerick. Second row: Sandy Spear, Anna Ball, Alice Vincel, Katherine Hammerly, Dan Pancoast. Third row: George Thomas Popkins, Lynn Cornwell, Charles Hammerly.

Bonnie's letter to her mother and father while she was at Madison College (16 yrs old; freshman year, her second letter home)

Thursday morn 9/25/1941

Dear Mother & Dad -

Before I begin, excuse me if I write the same thing as in that first letter. Honestly I couldn't tell you a thing I wrote.

I have just come from my first class and from that, I'll bet it'll be plenty hard. He has given us names of three books to get in English that amount to about ten dollars. Now that is just for one class. Here's hoping that we don't have to have as many in other classes.

Last nite I went to the Big-little sister party with my big sister, C.L Nissen. She's from Winston-Salem and real cute. I like her "loads".

We can go downtown any free time we have before 6:00 pm and we can go down after 6 pm one nite a week if three or more go.

Yesterday we went to see "Sun Valley Serenade" with Sonja Henie, that good ice skater. It was a musical and we liked it a whole lot.

Friday nite we have to wear evening dresses to the Freshmen reception - and above all, to meet the faculty.

Sat. morn. we have an intelligence test in English and here's where I'm going down. My English teacher told us this morning to write a 3000 word autobiography. I don't know where to start. If you all have any ideas, please tell me.

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Madison College
Harrisonburg, Va.
Sept 25, 41

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unless he swears till then.
Should I call him up and ask
him or what? I've forgotten what
he looks like if I ever did know.
One of my roommates is in a wedding and
the house mother told her if she got
permission from home they didn't count it as
a class cut. They call it a social cut - of
course you have to make up for classes missed.
We had a lecture last nite on "How To Study".
The speaker said the average student spent
2 hr homework for each hr. in class.

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a sign of the word "Loudoun" since
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it.
Thurs noon
I just came in from Chemistry
class and we have just two books
to get - also a rubber apron for
lab work.
If we go downtown this eve, I'm
going to get some fruit to eat in our
room. For breakfast we had 1/2 orange,
1 muffin, and hard boiled egg - We have
a pretty good dinner - last nite we
even had ice cream!
Please get all you can to write
to me! I haven't seen a sign of a letter
altho I did get a Lincolnite just a
minute ago I sure was glad to see it.
Love, Bonnie

That is going to make an average 6 hr study
each nite. If I live thru it, it'll be a miracle. But
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Harrisonburg, Va.
Box 532

Dear Mother & Dad -

Well, I can tell you that I feel better right now than I have since I've been down here.

I have been to all of my classes and am finding everyone of them to be hard - and I do mean hard. I like Spanish best and Chemistry comes next. We have a Spaniard who is real comical and he said if we learned the pronunciation, we wouldn't have a bit of trouble reading it.

By the way, none of us in my room woke up until 7:25 this morning and naturally missed our breakfast! We got 6 lbs. apples

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"We have your note and we are glad you enjoyed working here, and also, that you wish to come back to us next summer. If you will not let them spoil you down there, we will be very glad to have you again."

Bonnie's letter to her mother and father, written from Madison College early October 1941. Freshman year just short of Bonnie's 17th birthday.

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"Hoping you have a very profitable winter, we are, with best wishes, Cordially yours,

CL Robey"

Mother, please write to me every chance you get. You all don't know how much I miss being up there.

If studies get any harder, expect to see me being shipped home.

Honestly, there are several girls here that have taken 2 and 3 years of different languages ^{but} algebra and I feel like I belong more in graded school.

I meant to send my schedule in the last letter but right then I didn't know what I was doing.

I had to stand in line for 2 1/2 hours this morning for books and then could only get them for two classes. Still have three more books to get.

I certainly will be glad when that little cabinet comes as I am still living in my suitcase. By the way, the other girl wanted to move back here so they changed again. — I still have the big bureau drawer — she hasn't said a word about taking it back and neither have I.

When I went to town the 1st of the week, I got a study lamp and one of the roommates got another something like it — I think there will

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I am ~~anxious~~ ^{happy} to see the house - but it looks better each day. Honestly, the sight of Purcellville would please me more than anything I know of.

Did I tell you that I got a bed-fellow the other day with the dollar that Aunt Minnie Belle (she also gave me ~~real pretty hankies~~) gave me. Its a black and white checked bear with a red jacket and just as nice & warm. I haven't needed my blanket yet but will be glad to have it when it does get cold.

I like my room mates right much - I have seen better & worse.

I am anxious to see the house - but it looks better each day. Honestly the sight of Purcellville would please me more than anything I know of.

Did I tell you that I got a bed-pillow the other day with the dollar that Aunt Minnie Belle gave me (she also gave me two real pretty hankies). Its a black and white checked bear with a red jacket and just as nice and warm. I haven't needed my blanket yet but will be glad to have it when it does get cold.

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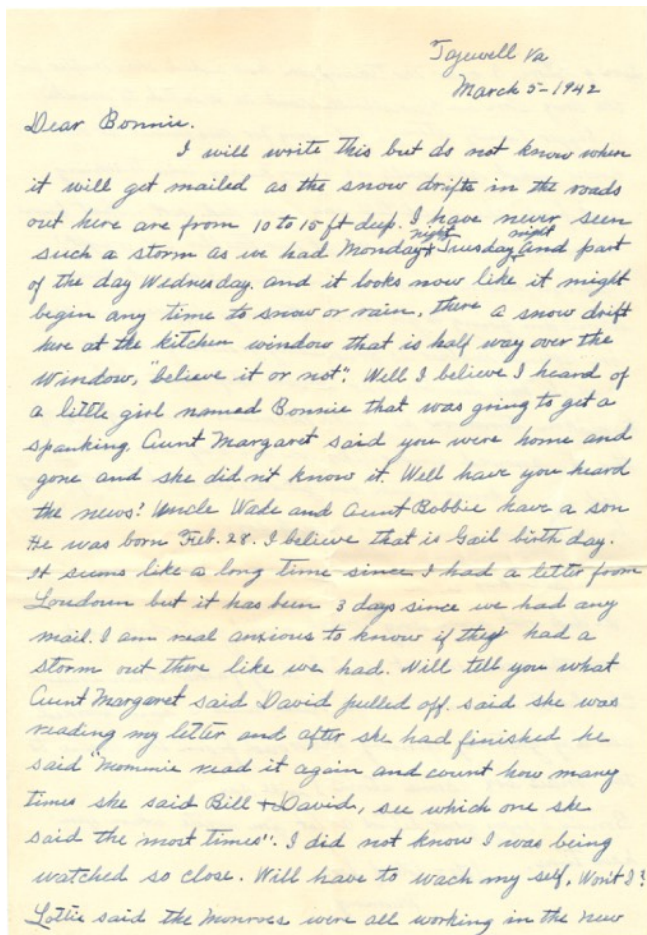
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Tazewell VA

March 5, 1942

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BONNIE & EARL

Hamilton Va

Feb. 24 - 1948

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Letter written to Bonnie from her grandmother Margaret (Maggie) Corell Graham. Maggie was 72 yrs old and would pass away 5 months later. Bonnie was 18 and in her sophomore year at Madison College.

Hamilton, Va

Feb 24 - 1943 (the letter says 1948, but Maggie passed away July 27, 1943; and references to the war and the Peacock wedding place the letter in 1943)

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Letter written to Bonnie from her grandmother Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold (Nanna). Nanna was 88 years old when she wrote this letter.

Wednesday Night-
Jan. 26, '66

Dear Bonnie:

Your letter received yesterday and I shall hasten a reply. So nice to have a letter once more. I had planned writing you this week but you beat me to it. And I guess it's well you did. I began right after the holidays writing my thank you notes. After writing three I fell by the wayside as usual. Right now, I wish to thank the Updegrave family for remembering me at Christmas time. Due to conditions beyond our control, in a part

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With love to all.
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Thursday, Dec. 23, 1971

Arlington Hospital Names Head Nurse

ARLINGTON—John J. Anderson, Administrator at the Arlington Hospital, has named Mrs. Kathryn Updegrove, R.N., assistant director of nursing at the twenty-eight year-old facility.

A graduate of Madison College and of the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing, Mrs. Updegrove is a native Virginian-born in Leesburg.

Mrs. Updegrove serves on the Board of Directors, District Eight, of the Virginia Nurses' Association. She has served on the by-laws revision committee of the hospital policy manuals representing the by-laws and accrediting committee for national hospital standards and accreditation.

Mrs. Updegrove has been a medical supervisor in the medical intensive care unit, surgical intensive care unit and night supervisor in the Emergency department of the hospital since 1953. Her new position in the Department of Nursing is under the direction of Margaret Vivian Baker, Director of Nursing.

She and her husband Earl, have lived in the Falls Church area for twenty years. They are the parents of three sons, David, Craig and Bob. The Updegroves are members of the Falls Church Presbyterian Church, and Earl serves on the session of that body.

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Pictures in the News —



The first patient to be admitted to Arlington Hospital's new \$12.5 million addition, Miss Sandra Cobb, 17, of Arlington, takes her coat off to stay awhile. Mrs. Bonnie Updegrove, assistant director of nursing, helps Miss Cobb settle into the double room on the hospital's medical floor.

1524 Woodacre Drive
McLean, Virginia 22101
4 December 1975

Mr. John Sverha
Arlington Hospital
Arlington, Va.

Dear Mr. Sverha,

On Thanksgiving Day I was working as a volunteer in the Admitting Room.

Two couples came in and I asked them if they were to be admitted. They told me they were there to view the bodies of their relatives, Mrs. Kaskassian and her 12-year old daughter. The appropriate department was notified and the couples seated.

Within minutes, Mrs. Updegrove and Mrs. Houston, nurses who were familiar with the case appeared and were introduced. Mrs. Updegrove explained tactfully and sympathetically that the bodies were charred beyond recognition and she suggested that they not view the bodies, but remember their loved ones as they had last seen them. She explained that nobody on the floor had seen the bodies and felt it was too traumatic an experience for them.

This was a very hard situation for her to handle and as I stood by and listened to her I was filled with admiration for the wonderful way she was handling the problem

and how she expressed sorrow and understanding to the desolate people sitting there deeply distressed. After a short while they left.

Mrs. Updegrove, I feel, should be commended.

I am writing this letter since so many good things happen in the hospital that, maybe, are never brought to your attention.

Sincerely,

Margaret S. Johnson

Mrs. Wendell E. Johnson

West Schuylkill Herald
October 22, 1937

Notes of the Porter Township Schools

Assembly

In the assembly last Thursday the pupils were entertained by two of last years graduates. They were Walter Kohr and Earl Updegrove.

The boys sang and played some songs which the pupils enjoyed very much. Then Earl Updegrove drew various pictures while Miss Foreman played music to suit them.

Earl Updegrove has received training only in Porter High School, and we are very proud to have such a great artist graduate from our school. We hope Earl will continue his fine work.

SGT. EARL UPDEGROVE WRITES FROM ENGLAND

30 November, 1944
Somewhere in England

Dear Mr. Knecht:

Just a few lines to gve you my new complete address. I arrived safely somewhere in England. We had a very interesting voyage overseas and on our way here. I had the privilege of seeing much of Scotland which is some of the most beautiful country-side I've ever seen. We're set up here on an old English estate which dates back quite a few hundred years. We are the first American troops to be stationed on these estates. One of the very interesting sites here is the remains of an ancient castle which shows the medieval period. Everything here is very interesting and very old. I'm expecting and hoping to go into London sometime before we move on from here. There isn't much more that I can say right now, except that I'll be looking for the Herald weekly since it will mean much to me as every other soldier from home who waits patiently for it. Hoping to receive my first overseas issue soon, I remain,

Sincerely,
S/Sgt. Earl Updegrove

West Schuylkill Herald
December 22, 1944

Army of the United States

Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

EARL D UPDEGROVE 33 368 297 TECHNICAL SERGEANT
HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY

Army of the United States

is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.

This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service to this country.

Given at SEPARATION CENTER
FORT DIX NEW JERSEY

Date 8 APRIL 1946

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL,

Recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, &c., in and for said County, in U. S. Service Book 21 Page 356

Witness my hand and Official Seal at Pottsville this

15th day of May 1946

E. B. Nellis

E. B. NELLIS
MAJOR, INFANTRY

W. Harry Matess Recorder

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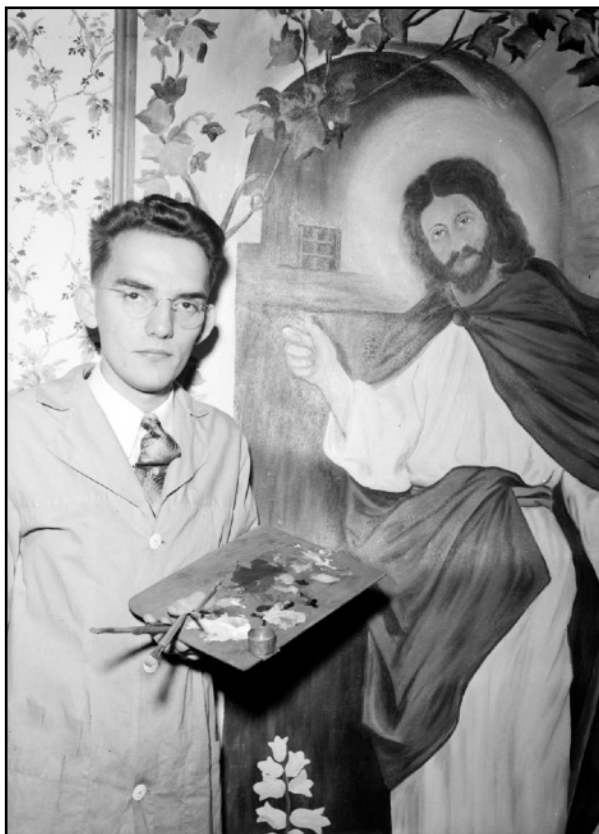
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WD AGO FORM 53 - 55
1 November 1944

This form supersedes all previous editions of WD AGO Forms 53 and 55 for enlisted persons entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.

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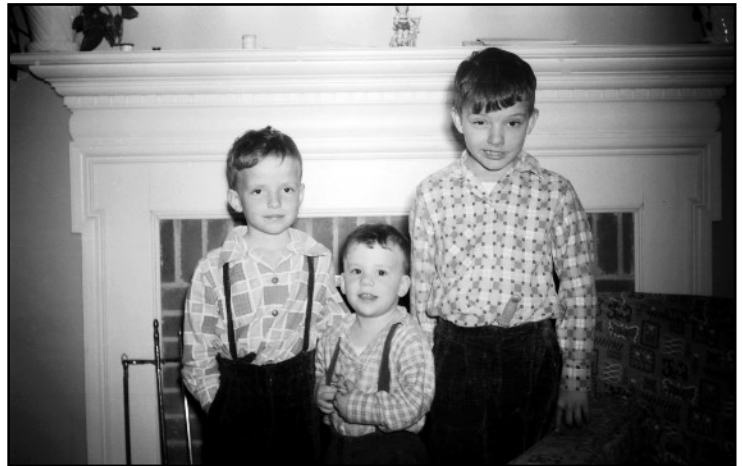




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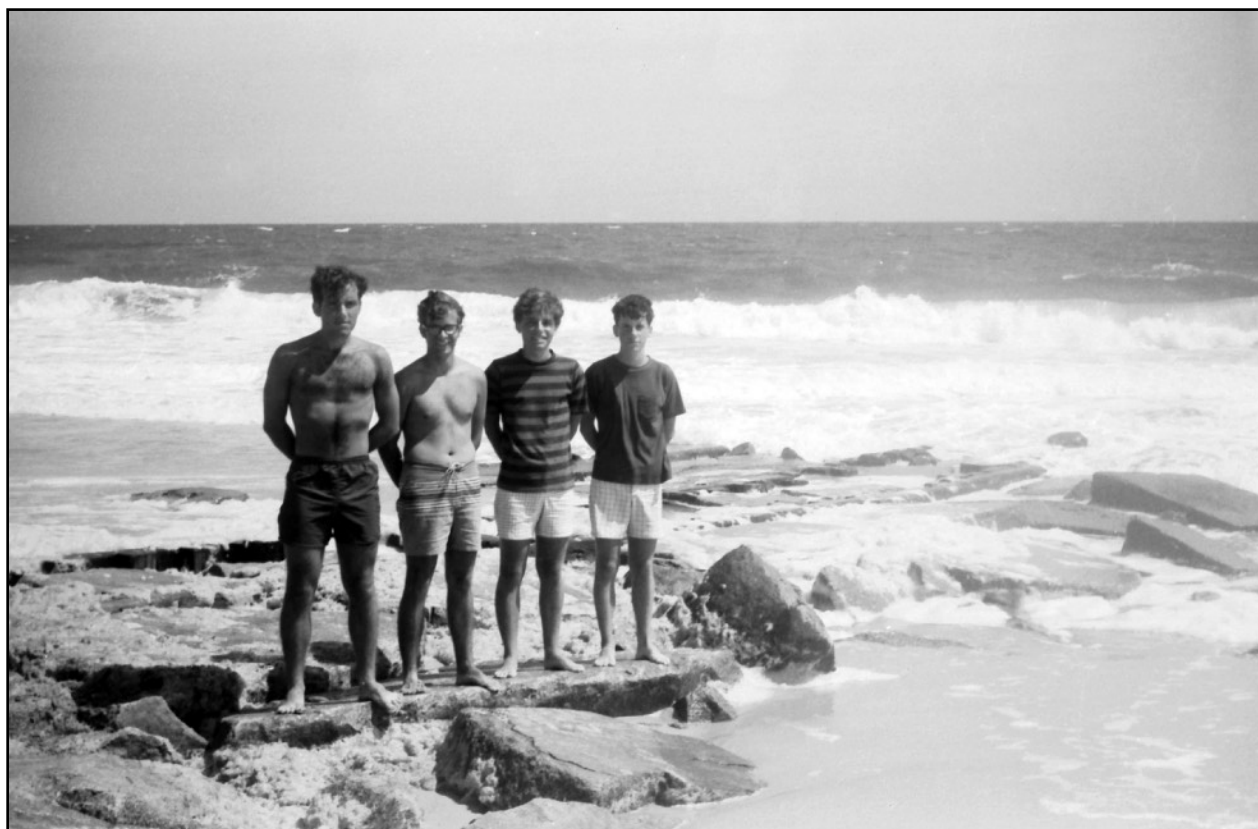
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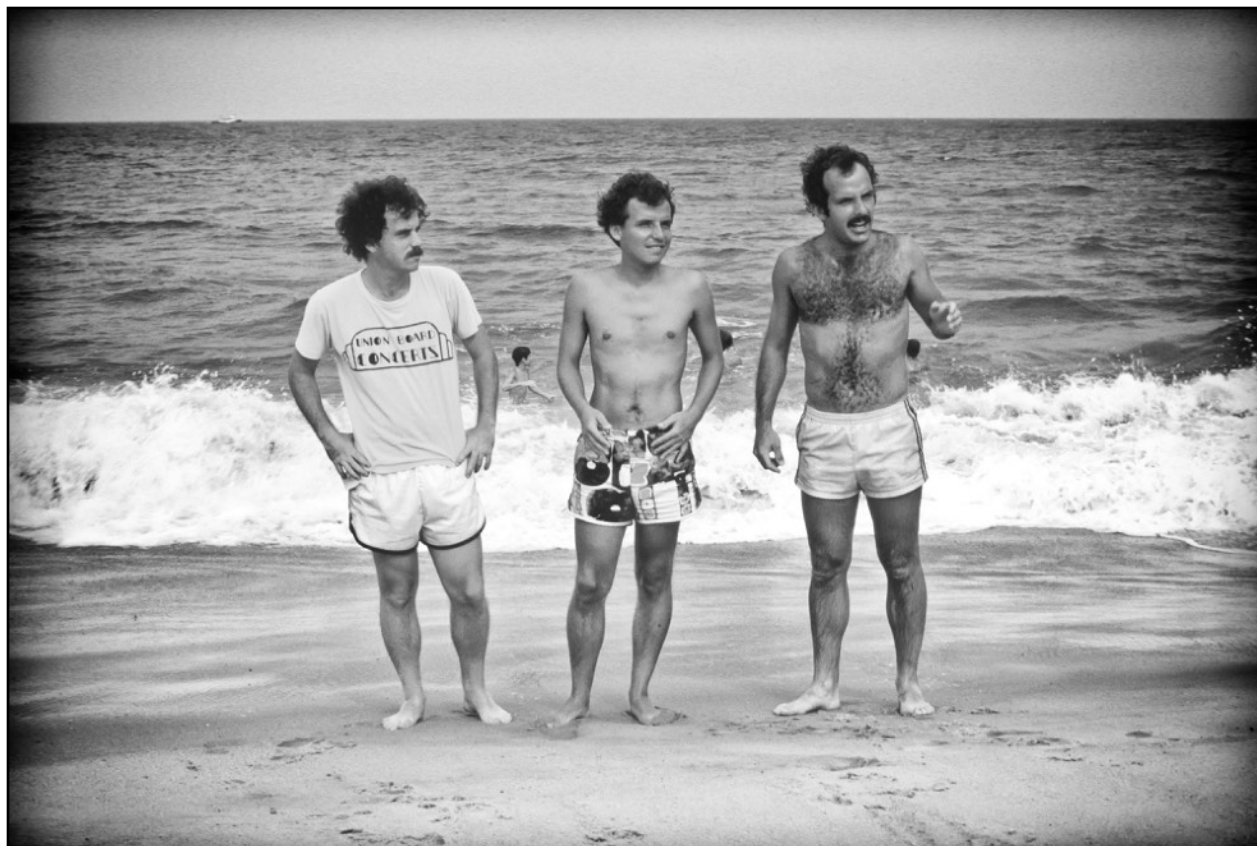
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David Graham Updegrove

11/25/1950 - 1/21/2020



Dave Updegrove Obituary

Loudoun Times Mirror

David Graham Updegrove, 69, passed away unexpectedly on January 21, 2020 at his home in Lincoln, VA. Dave is the oldest son of Earl and Katherine “Bonnie” Updegrove. He was born November 25, 1950 at Arlington Hospital and grew up in Falls Church. Dave graduated from George C. Marshall High School in 1968. He earned a degree in Chemistry from Randolph Macon College, followed by a degree in Accounting from Southern Oregon State College. He spent the large part of his successful career as a CPA in Loudoun County with the firm Updegrove, McDaniel, McMullen & Chiccehitto, PLC.

Dave was passionate about many things in his life. He was known for his singing, particularly with the gospel group “4tified” and the barbershop quartet “Dominion 4”. Dave loved the beach and surf fishing. He found great enjoyment in growing a vegetable garden and working on his farm, and metal detecting for old artifacts. He loved history, science, and reading, as well as 20 mile bike rides, tennis, and working out in his basement gym.

No passion however was as great as his desire to live for Jesus and his love for his family. Dave was devoted to many ministries in Loudoun and was a faithful servant of God. He viewed his work and all his activities as his ministry to his clients and friends. His greatest joy was engaging with his grandchildren in playing games, doing chores together, riding bikes, catching crabs, and watching movies. Dave will be remembered for his endless generosity, his constant encouragement, his quick wit, and a dedication to helping anyone in need.

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DAVE UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



Lynne Ruth Prindle



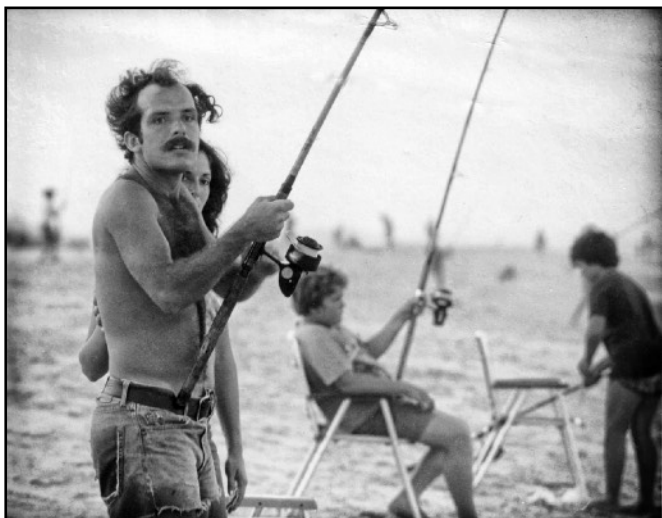
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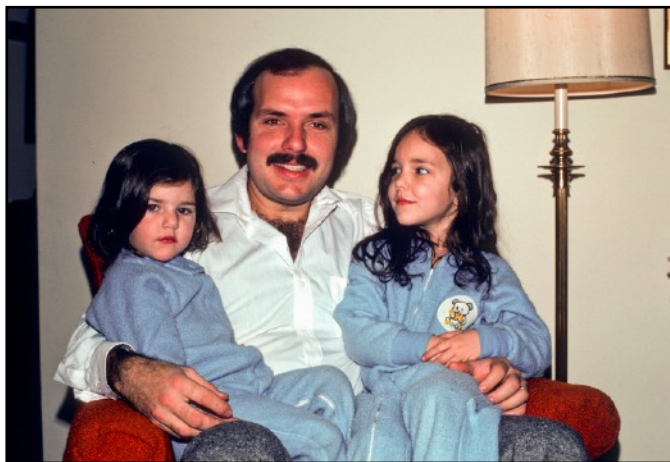
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Married April 14, 1973 - Falls Church Presbyterian



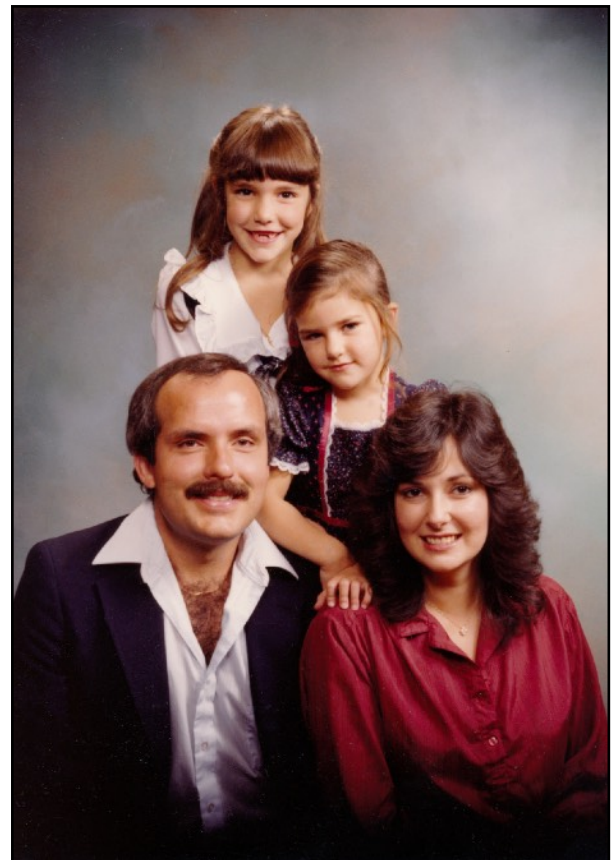
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Dana & Kindra



THE UPDEGROVE FAMILY



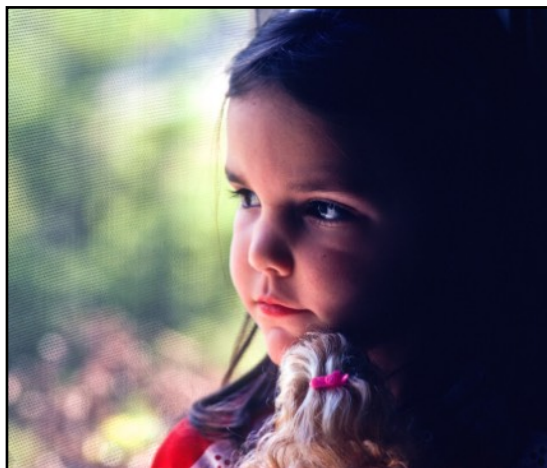
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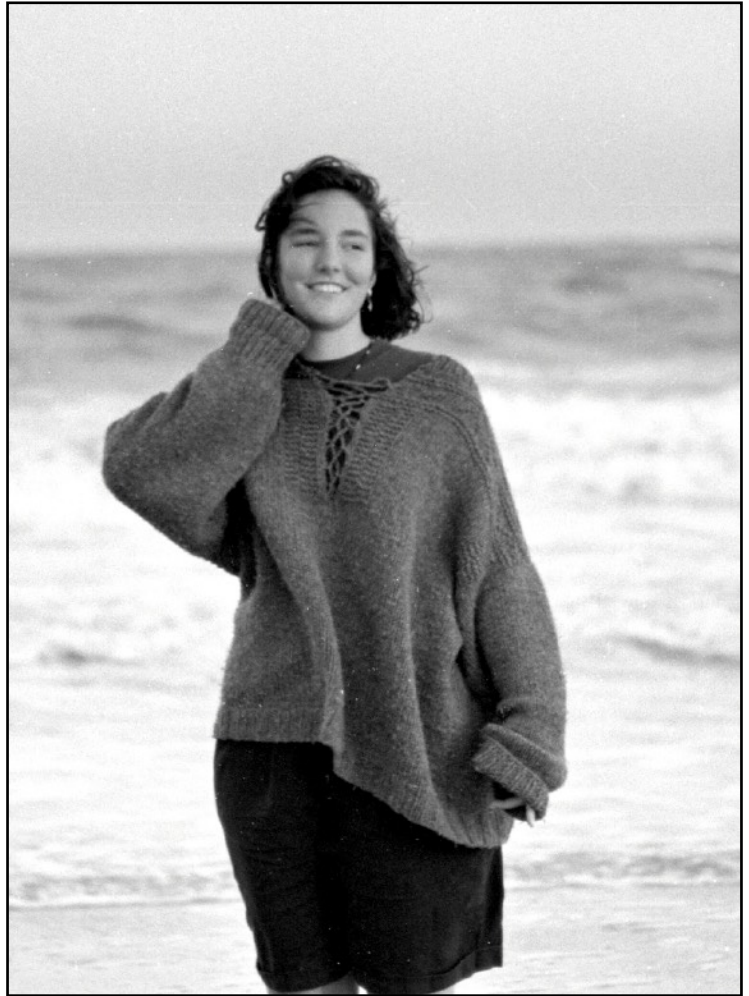
Dana Lyn Updegrove



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Robert (Robbie) Omer Reider



DAVE UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



The Reider Family

Andy, Katie, Abby, Dana, Robbie, Rob, Gaile, Beth

Dana & Robbie Reider

Married June 27, 1997 - Salem, Oregon



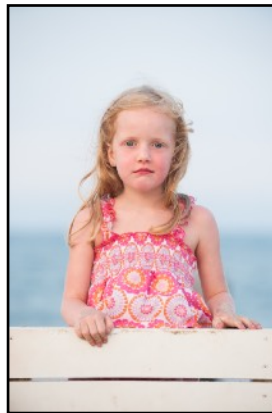
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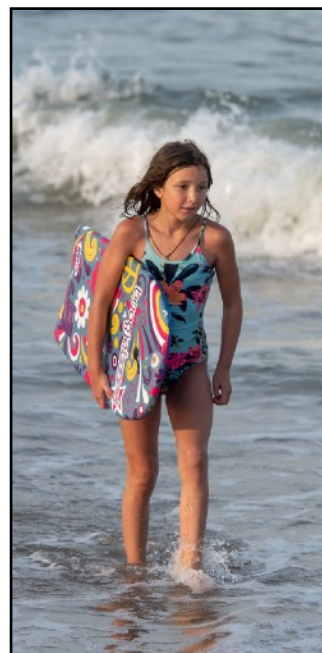
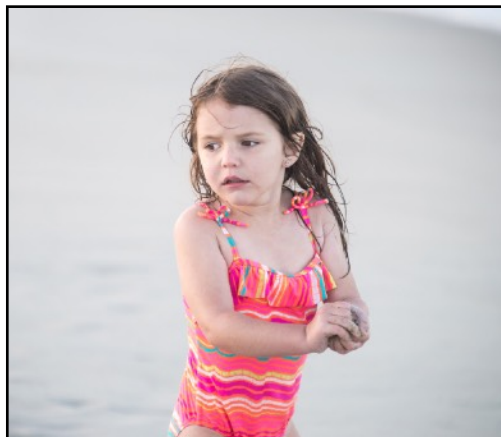
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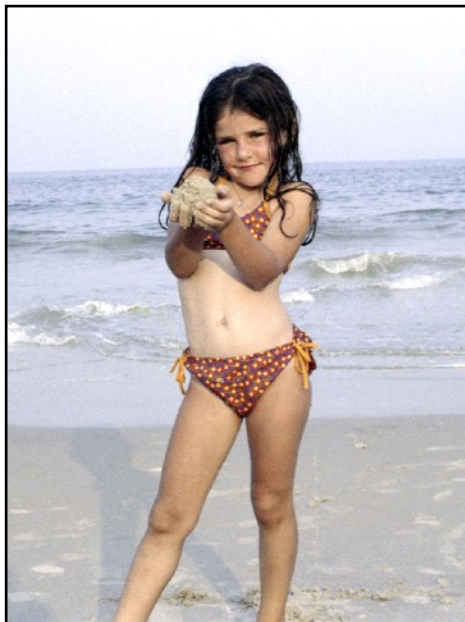
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Kindra Anne Updegrove



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Michael Patrick Keene

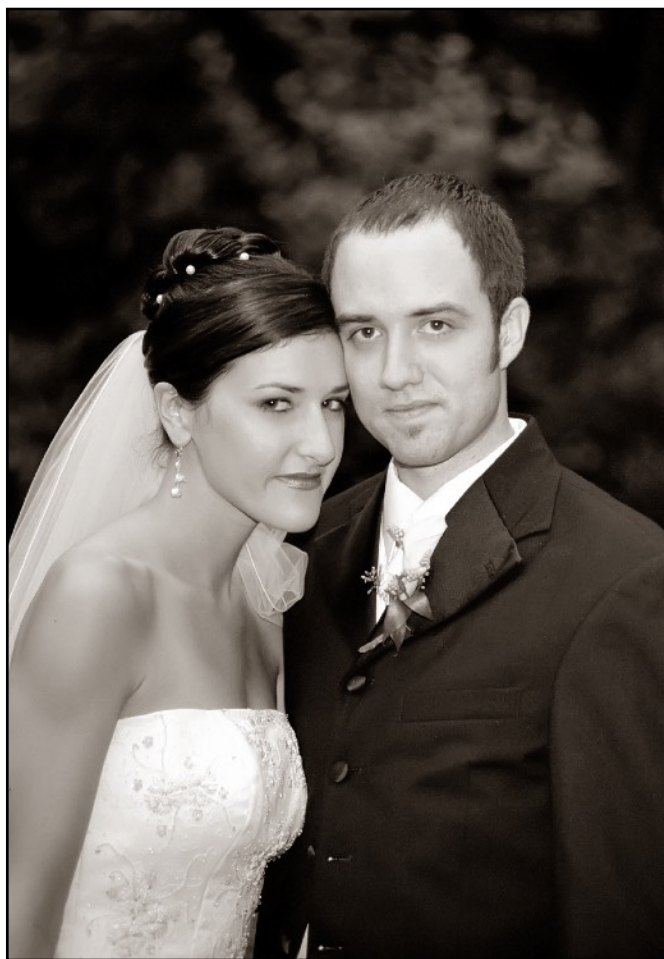


DAVE UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



Kindra & Mike Keene

Married May 16, 2003 - Atlanta, Georgia



DAVE UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



Julian Keene

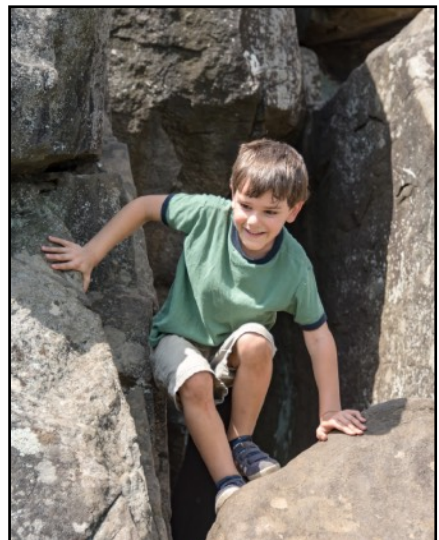




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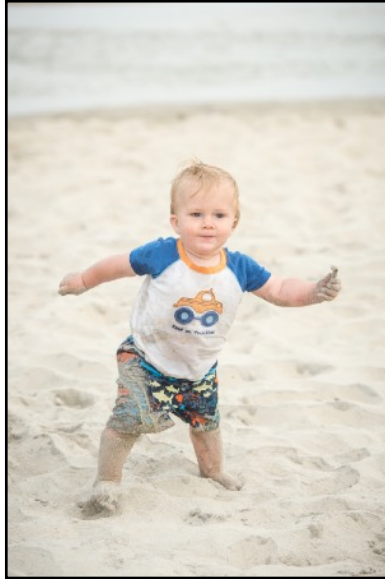
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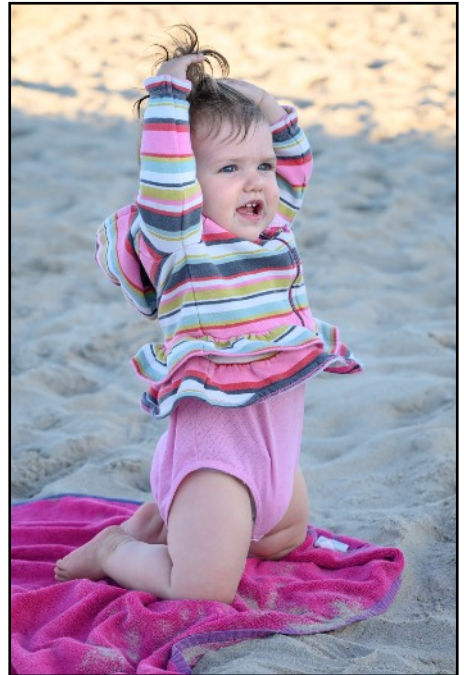
Abel Keene



Eli Keene



Glory Keene



The Prindle Family



Harold Franklin Prindle

1/24/1911 - 10/9/1995

Father of Lynne

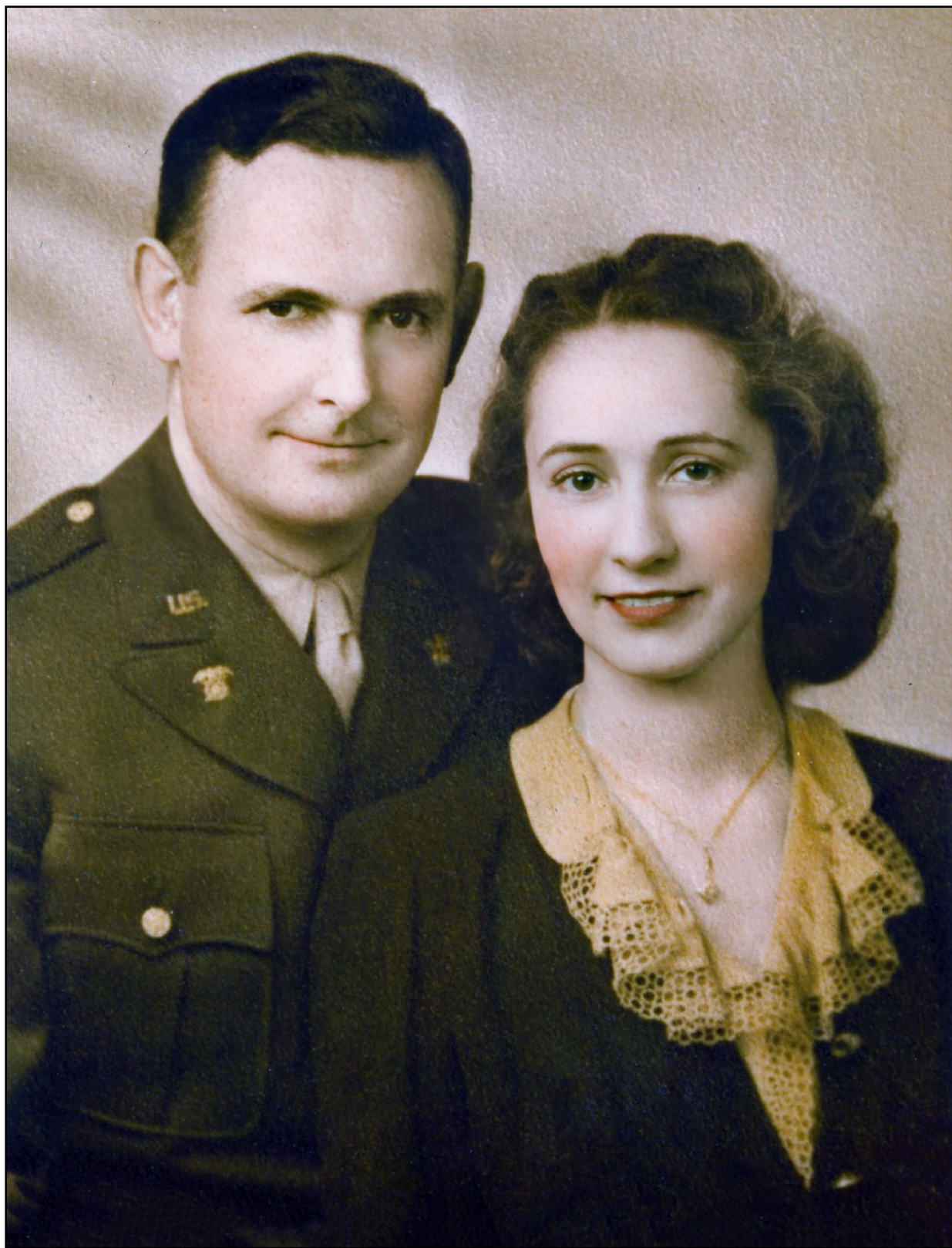


Audry Maurine Shirley

10/16/1909 - 12/4/2007

Mother of Lynne

THE PRINDLE FAMILY



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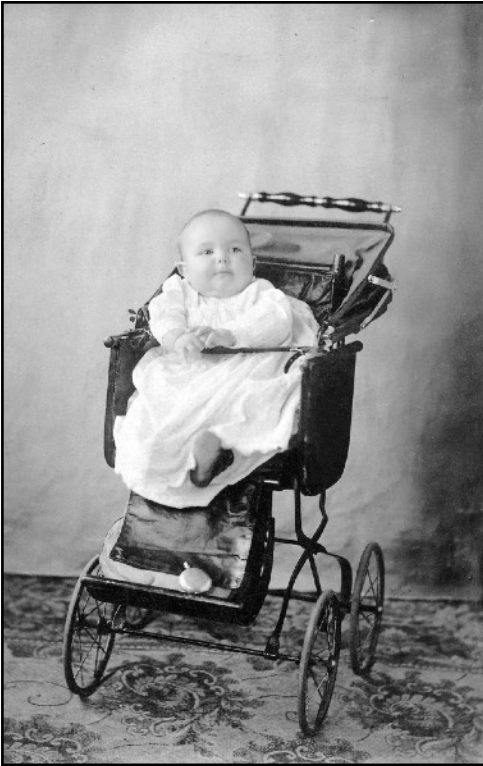
Harold Franklin Prindle

Harold F. Prindle, 84, of Salem, Ore., died Monday, Oct. 9, 1995 in Salem. Graveside services will be held Thursday, Oct. 12, 1995 at 2:00 pm at the Oaklawn Cemetery, Corvallis, Ore.

Mr. Prindle was born in Fossil, Ore., on Jan. 24, 1911. He attended and played football at Oregon State University, graduating in 1939. He then served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was discharged in 1946. He was employed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop and Livestock reporting service, retiring in 1977. In 1979 he moved to Salemtowne from Boise, Idaho. He enjoyed all sports, particularly golf, and music.

His survivors include his wife Audry M. Prindle of Salem, Ore; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynne and David Updegrove, of Round Hill, VA; son and daughter-in-law, Barry F and Becky Prindle, and son and daughter-in-law, Brian E. And Sharon Prindle, all of Boise, Idaho; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

THE PRINDLE FAMILY



Audry Shirley Prindle

Corvallis Gazette-Times

December 8, 2007

October 16, 1909 - Dec. 4, 2007

Audry was born Audry Maurine Shirley, in Burlington, Kan., to Harry E. Shirley and Ruth Berry. She was the second daughter in a family of four girls.

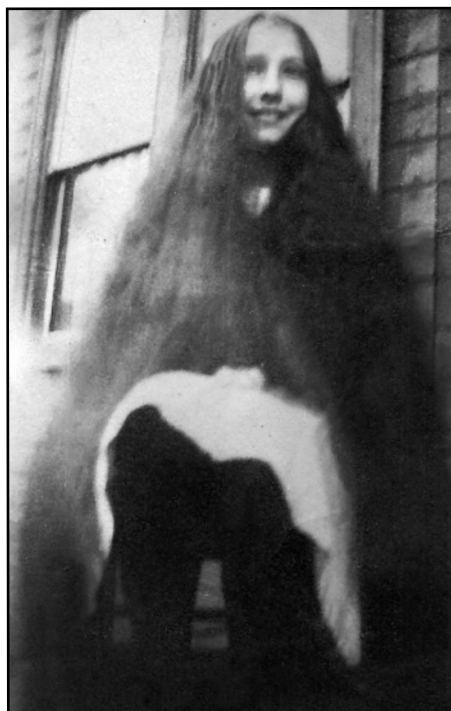
In the fourth grade, Audry became interested in music and made it a lifetime passion. Her family moved to Corvallis at the beginning of her high-school years. Throughout her school years, she sang as the lead in high school operettas and as alto lead in a quartet her junior and senior years. She attended Oregon State University and the University of Washington, from which she earned her master's degree in music education. She taught music and became supervisor of grade-school music in Corvallis. She married her high school sweetheart, Harold Prindle, in 1937.

During the 1930s and '40s she sang with groups that were broadcast on the radio and to the troops. She was the paid alto soloist for New York Avenue Presbyterian Church when Peter Marshall was the pastor and had an outstanding career in music with both paid and non-paid positions. After World War II, they were transferred to St. Paul, Minn., by the Department of Agriculture. They lived there for eight years and their three children were born there. Lynne was born in 1951 and the twins, Barry and Brian, in 1955. The family was transferred by the Department of Agriculture and moved several times from Minnesota to Oregon, Virginia and Idaho.

Audry and Harold settled in a retirement community in Salem in 1978 and lived there for close to 20 years. She enjoyed golfing, singing in choral groups and driving to the Oregon coast on Sunday afternoons. After 58 years together, Harold died in 1995. Audry moved to Alterra in Boise in 1998 to be near Brian, Barry and their families.

Audry leaves behind her sister, Eileen Price; three children, Lynne and husband Dave, Barry and wife Becky, and Brian and wife Sharon; five grandchildren, Dana Reider and husband Robbie, Kindra Keene and husband Mike, Nikki Prindle, Jason Prindle and Christopher Prindle and wife Kiah; and five great grandchildren, Olson, Avery, Julian, Ryker and Aila.

THE PRINDLE FAMILY



Alterra Resident Profile

Alterra Wynwood Assisted Living of McMinnville, OR

Audry Prindle

Audry was born Audry Maurine Shirley in Burlington, Kansas on October 16, 1909. At the time, her father was a farmer. Her mother didn't like farming because there was no money in it so the family moved to Oregon and Washington for a number of years coming home to Kansas only when a baby was born. The extended family always helped with a new baby. Audry's father decided to become a butcher, and from that time on, he had a butcher shop where he did all facets of the business from marketing to selling.

The family lived in the state of Washington when Audry started school. In the fourth grade Audrey became interested in music and decided singing would be her main interest. Throughout her school years she sang as the lead in high school operettas and as alto lead in a quartet her junior and senior years. The family moved to Corvallis, Oregon at the start of Audry's high school years. After graduating from high school, Audry enrolled at Oregon State University where she majored in music. At the end of her junior year she transferred to the University of Washington. She graduated from UW in 1933 with a degree in Public School Music. While at UW Audry was a soloist for the faculty music concerts held monthly. The School of Education adopted her as their lead singer for all special events. After graduating, Audry taught music (band, orchestra, chorus) for three years. While teaching she started directing church choirs.

She married her high school sweetheart, Harold Prindle, in 1937 in Corvallis, Oregon. Harold was going to Oregon State University. Audry took a job for two years at Corvallis Junior High teaching music and English and then went back to get her Masters in Education from OSU. She received her degree in 1944. Audry became supervisor of grade school music in Corvallis, which included writing the curriculum for five grade schools. Harold graduated from OSU and took a job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a crop reporter in Portland, Oregon. While in Portland, Audry, who was working in education and still active in her music career, sang on radio station KOIN with a small group called "Music in the Park".

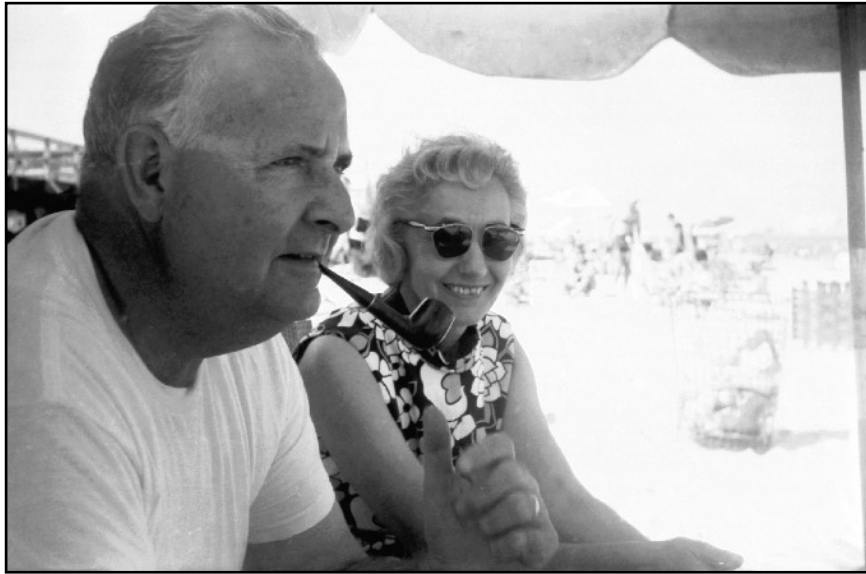
Harold was then called into the service. He went to Camp Lee in Petersburg, VA. Audry drove from Portland to Virginia the last week in February thinking Harold might be sent overseas. Instead he went through Officer Candidate School and was stationed in Washington, DC for four years. During this time Harold rapidly went from Lieutenant to Captain and was assigned to the post of fuel distribution with the Army.

During their time in Washington Audry and Harold went to various churches trying to decide which one to attend on a regular basis. They finally decided on the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in downtown Washington, the same church attended by Abraham Lincoln. A book entitled "A Man Called Peter" was written about their pastor, Peter Marshall.

When the war ended, instead of going back to Portland, the Dept. of Agriculture requested Harold be assigned to St. Paul, Minnesota for the next six years. Their three children were born there. Their daughter Lynne was born in 1951, and the twins, Barry and Brian, were born in 1955. Even though Audry's children grew up participating in her choirs along with their father, they never pursued careers in music. The family did more traveling with Lynne staying in Washington, DC, where she married her high school sweetheart; the boys both marrying Boise girls and settling with their families here in Boise; and Harold and Audry settling in a retirement community, "Salem towne" in Salem, Oregon, for close to 20 years.

Harold died in 1995 and Audry moved to Alterra in October 1998. Audry had an outstanding career in music in both paid and non-paid positions. She was lead soloist with numerous choir groups, lead alto singer with several quartets, was featured with groups performing on radio programs, was also singer with a mixed quartet for a radio program known as "As The Wheels Turn", was a member of a national concert club (a real honor because only professionals were invited to be members), and she was a member of the music honorary chapter of MU PHI EPSILON. Music was Audry's passion and she was an exceptional talent.

THE PRINDLE FAMILY



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Lynne Prindle Updegrove with her twin brothers, Barry & Brian





Harry Edward Shirley

5/1/1885 - 6/29/1974

(right upper and lower with Lynne)

Father of Audry Shirley Prindle
Maternal Grandfather of Lynne



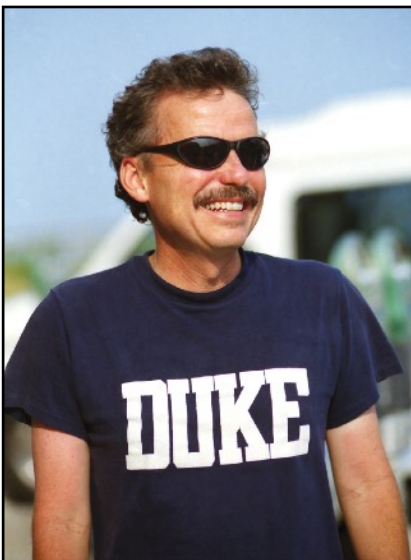
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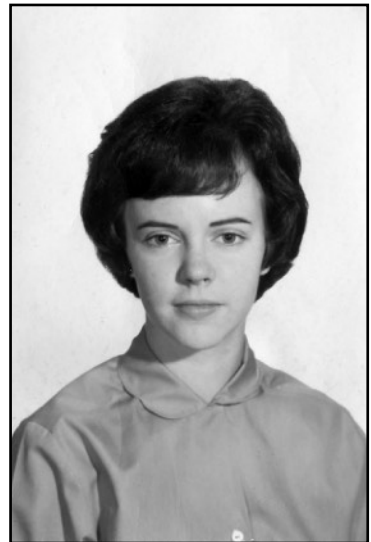
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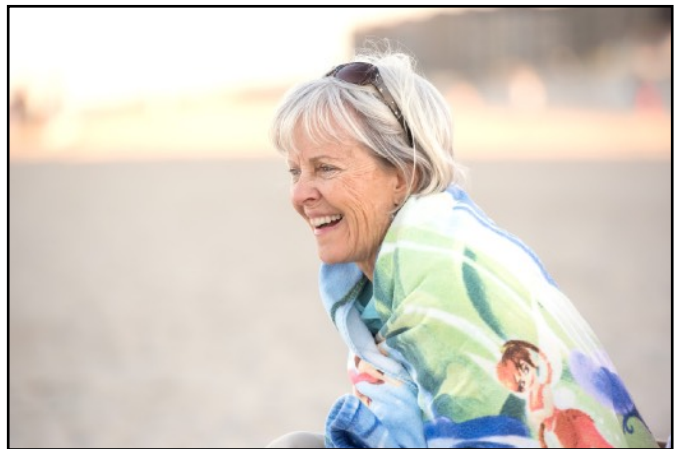
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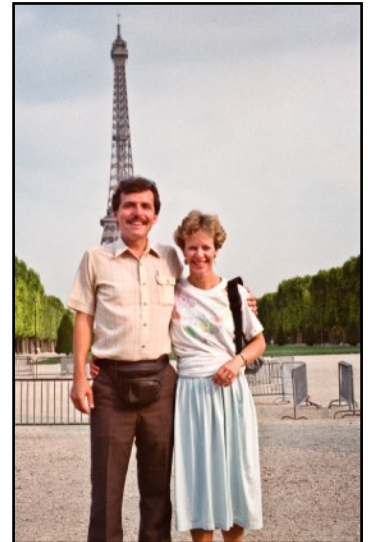
Susan Elizabeth Laffer



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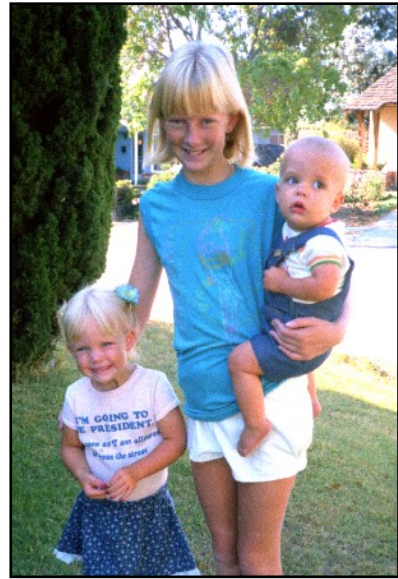
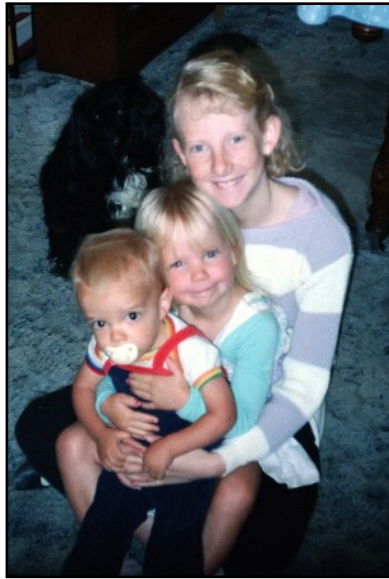
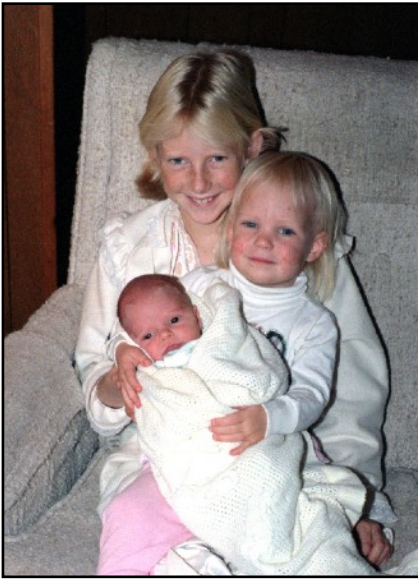
Craig & Susan Updegrove
Married July 25, 1980 - Ojai, California



CRAIG UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



Alicia, Erin & Graham



CRAIG UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



Alicia Caryn Douma



Tom & Susan Laffer Douma

CRAIG UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



CRAIG UPDEGROVE'S FAMILY



Alicia & Juan Chavez

Married November 26, 1994 - Carson, Nevada



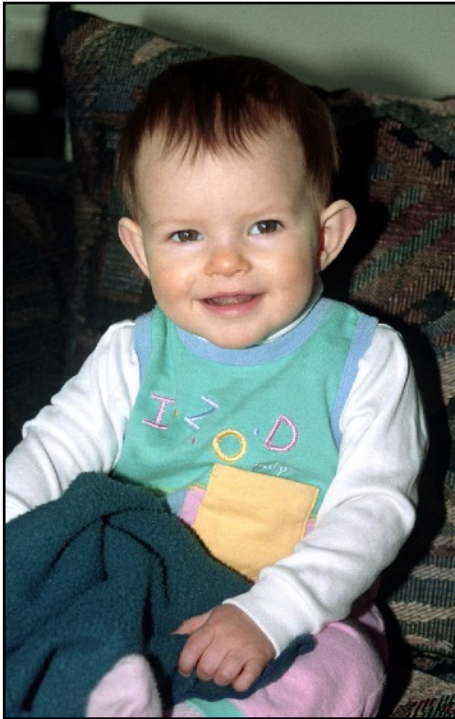
Ali, Gloria, Martin & Lydia Chavez



Ali Chavez



Gloria Chavez



Martin Chavez



Lydia Chavez



Erin Kathleen Updegrove



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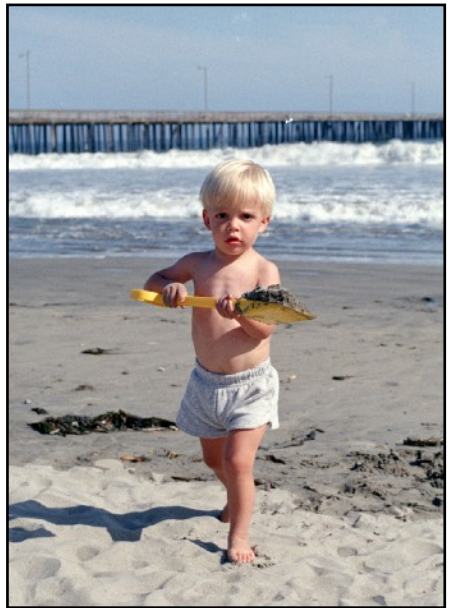
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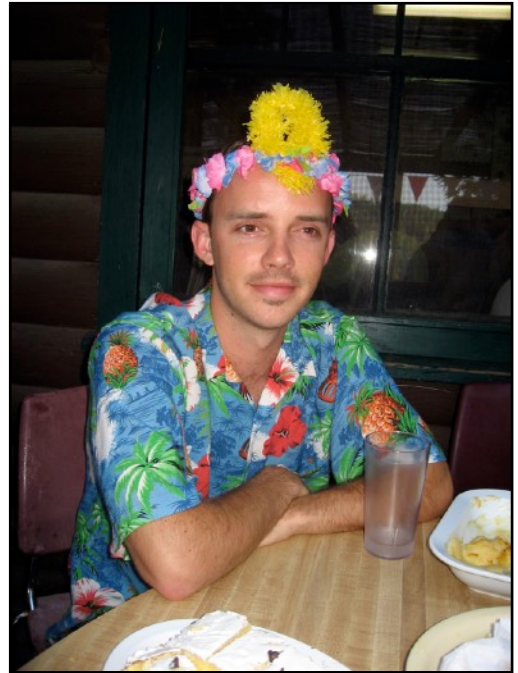
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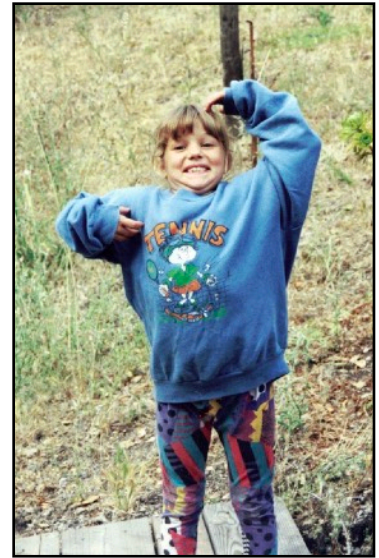
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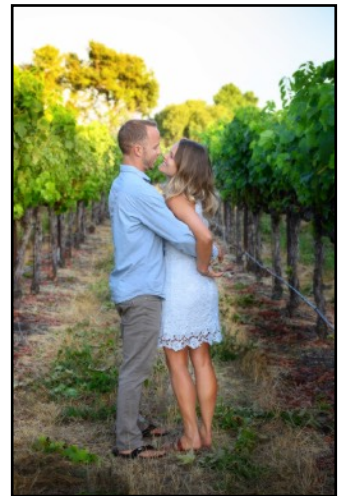
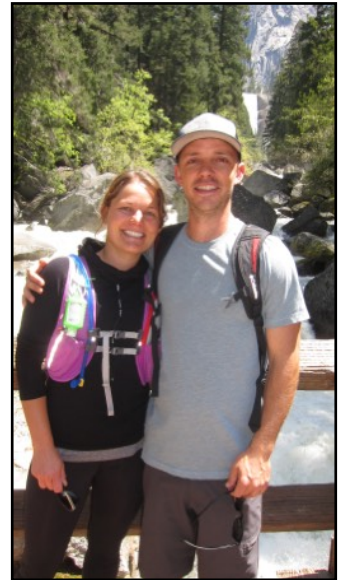


Anna Schmidthues



Graham & Anna Updegrove

Married August 24, 2019 - Atascadero, CA



The Laffer Family



Norman Callender Laffer

11/26/1907 - 1/21/1984

Father of Susan



Esther Coker

3/28/1911 - 8/16/2008

Mother of Susan



**Family of
Norman & Esther Laffer**

(left to right)
Susan Laffer Updegrove,
Esther Coker Laffer,
Trudy Laffer,
Peter Callender Laffer,
Norman Callender Laffer,
Esther Laffer Smith

Dr. Norman Callender Laffer

Dr. Norman Callender Laffer, 76, a microbiologist who had been a professor and associate dean at the University of Maryland and a past national president of the American Society of Professional Biologists, died of a heart ailment Jan. 21 (1984) at the Washington Hospital Center. He joined the faculty at College Park in 1946 as an associate professor of bacteriology, then served as assistant dean of the college of arts and sciences for 8 years, before returning to teaching in 1972. He retired in 1978 as a professor in the university's microbiology department.

After that, he was a docent at the National Portrait Gallery. He was a member of University United Methodist Church in College Park and the American Academy of Microbiologists. Dr. Laffer, who lived in College Park, was a native of Meadville, Pa., and was a graduate of Allegheny College. He earned a master's degree at the University of Maine and his doctorate in microbiology at the University of Illinois. He served in the Army during WW II, attaining the rank of major.

Esther Coker Laffer

Mrs. Esther Laffer was born to the late Charles and Elizabeth Coker on March 28, 1911 in Salem, MA. She went to Keuka College in upper New York and graduated in 1932 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Nutrition. Esther trained to become a hospital dietitian. After two years in Great Barrington, MA she worked as the private dietitian at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut for seven years. Esther later worked at The University of Maryland-College Park in the Registrar's Office.

Esther met the late Norman C. "Pete" Laffer (Major, US Army) through mutual friends; they married in 1942. They had four children; one son, Peter Laffer, preceded Mr. Laffer in death.

Mrs. Laffer was a charter member of the University United Methodist Church in College Park, MD, where she was active in the Crib Room (infant nursery) and in charge of wedding receptions. She served as treasurer of the United Methodist Women's Organization. She was a Girl Scout leader and worked at the election polls for many years. Esther enjoyed handiwork and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed traveling, both to visit family and friends, and around the world to such places as Africa, Thailand and India. During her time at Asbury Methodist Village, Mrs. Laffer volunteered at the Bargain Mart and the Mund Reception area.

Those who remain to cherish her memory include: Susan Updegrove (Craig); Trudy Laffer; Esther Smith (Don); fifteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, extended family and friends, many of whom reside at Asbury Methodist Village.



Cornelius Laffer

9/10/1867 - 10/12/1928

Father of Norman "Pete" Laffer



Gertrude Eliza Sackett

8/4/1868 - 4/26/1954

Mother of Norman "Pete" Laffer
With Pete Laffer



Family of Cornelius & Gertrude Laffer

Cornelius (father), Gertrude (mother), Fred,
Betsy (Elizabeth), Mary, and Norman (Pete)

Circa 1925

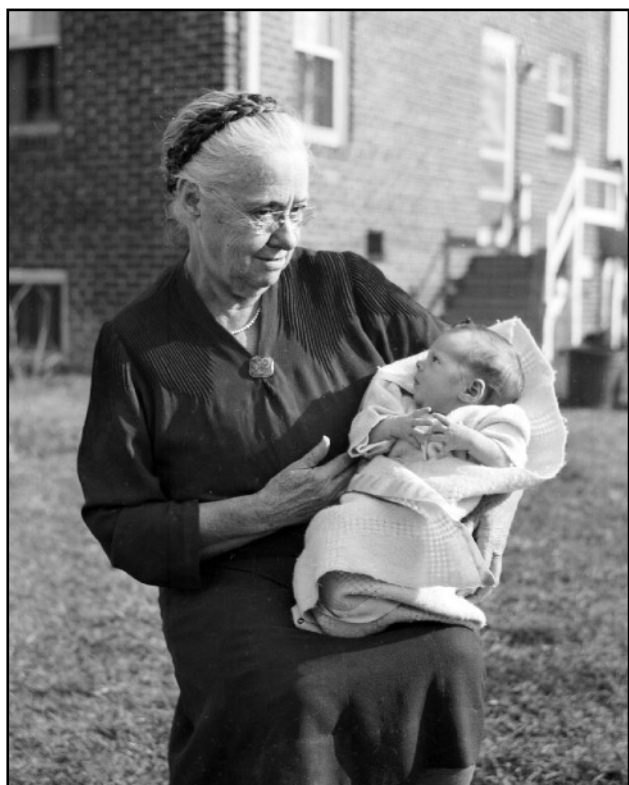


Elizabeth & Charles Coker

(8/11/1874 - 2/22/1966) (9/21/1870 - 11/19/1941)

Parents of Esther Coker Laffer

THE LAFFER FAMILY



Charles & Elizabeth Coker

Upper Left

Elizabeth Coker

Upper Right

Elizabeth Coker
holding Trudy Laffer

Left

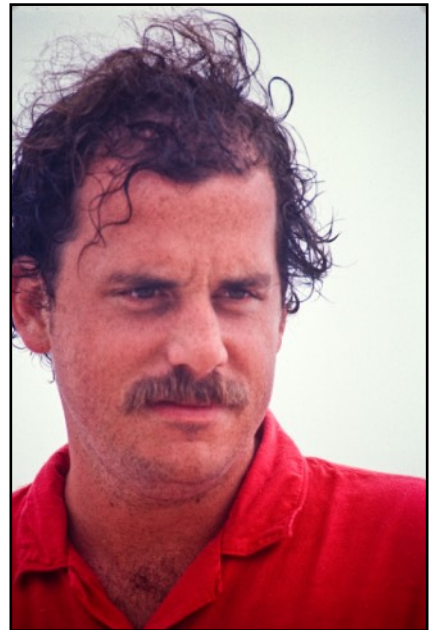
Robert Allen Updegrove



BOB UPDEGROVE



BOB UPDEGROVE



THE UPDEGROVE FAMILY



1. Isaac Keene, 2. Eli Keene, 3. Aila Keene, 4. Abel Keene, 5. Emilia Reider,
6. Julian Keene, 7. Robbie Reider, 8. Dana Reider, 9. Avery Reider,
10. Erin Updegrove, 11. Susan Updegrove, 12. Craig Updegrove,
13. Mike Keene, 14. Glory Keene, 15. Kindra Keene, 16. Lynne Updegrove,
17. Olson Reider, 18. Bob Updegrove

Photo taken after Dave Updegrove's graveside service. January 27, 2020

Chapter 3

THE UPDEGROVE FAMILY

The Updegrove Family

Muir, Pennsylvania



THE FAMILY OF IRA & SADIE UPDEGROVE

(Parents of Earl Updegrove)

STANDING: Beattie, Dorothy, Elsie, Clayton, Ella,
Charlie, Margaret, Earl, Hilda

SITTING: Sadie & Ira Updegrove



**CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN
OF IRA & SADIE UPDEGROVE
(Children in Bold)**

STANDING: **Dorothy**; Floyd Hoover; **Ella**; Herb Hoover; **Beattie**;
Clarence Unger; Joyce Shadle; **Elsie**; Mae Shadle; **Hilda**; **Margaret**;
Esther; Helen Bush; **Clayton**; **Earl**

SITTING: Marion Barry; Ron Stutzman; Helen Paul; Mark Hoover;
Janice Stutzman; Sadie (mother);
Ruth Paul; Betty Bush; Geraldine Shadle; Carl Barry;

Photo taken Summer of 1941



GRANDCHILDREN OF IRA & SADIE UPDEGROVE

BACK ROW

**Floyd Hoover; Betty Bush; Herb Hoover; Joyce Shadle;
Clarence Unger; Mae Shadle; Helen Bush**

FRONT ROW

**Richard Stutzman (in chair); Helen Paul; Ruth Paul;
Sadie (holding Janice Stutzman); Mark Hoover;
Ira (holding Ronnie Stutzman); Carl Barry; Marion Barry**



**CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN
OF IRA & SADIE UPDEGROVE
(in bold)**

Front row (on the ground)

1. **Joyce Shadle**, 2. **Dale Shadle**, 3. **Darla Shadle**, 4. **Bonnie Updegrove**,
5. **Dave Updegrove**, 6. **Earl Updegrove**, 7. **Ronnie Stutzman**,
8. **Margaret (Mardie) Stutzman**, 9. **Butch Updegrove**, 10. **Barbara Stutzman**,
11. **Janice Stutzman**, 12. **Helen Bush Turner**, 13. **?**,
14. **Marian Barry**, 15. **Charlie Updegrove**, 16. **Pauline Hoover**

Standing

17. **Harold Hartenstine**, 18. **Elsie Shadle**, 19. **Bob Stinner**, 20. **Geraldine Shadle Hartenstine**,
21. **Nick Shomper**, 22. **Betty Bush Shomper**, 23. **Viola Updegrove**,
24. **Jennie Hoover**, 25. **Floyd Hoover**, 26. **Hilda Stinner**, 27. **Helen Paul**,
28. **Bob Turner**, 29. **Grace Nogle**, 30. **Ellen Bush**, 31. **Beatty Paul**, 32?, 33?,
34. **Ruth Paul**, 35. **Clay Updegrove**, 36. **Clarence Unger**, 37. **Dorothy Hoover**,
38. **Esther Updegrove**, 39. **George Lodish**, 40. **Herb Hoover**



CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF IRA & SADIE UPDEGROVE
(in bold)

Sitting:

Bobby Stinner, ?, **Richard Stutzman**, **Mark Hoover**, **Carl Barry**,
Butch Updegrove, **Charlie Updegrove**

Kneeling:

?, **Betty Bush**, Nick Shomper, **Floyd Hoover**, **Jenny Hoover**,
Earl Updegrove, Bonnie Updegrove

Standing:

Herb Hoover, Bob Stinner, **Hilda Updegrove Barry**, **Ella Updegrove Bush**,
Dorothy Updegrove Hoover, Viola Updegrove, ?, ?

**FAMILY OF IRA UPDEGROVE
ENJOYS REUNION**

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ira Updegrove held a reunion on Sunday in Seibert's Grove.

Everyone had an enjoyable time playing games. A delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed.

Members of the family who were together for the first time in many years included: Mrs. Ella Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shomper and daughter Carla. Mrs. Elsie Shadle, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shadle, Darla and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Updegrove, Harrisburg, Mrs. Dorothy Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Unger, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Brenda, Diane, and Allen of Maryland, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hoover, Jane and Ronnie of Chester. Mrs. Beatrice Updegrove, Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Scheib and Tommy, Harrisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schell and Michael, Harrisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Rboert Stinner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stinner Jr., Pottsville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, David and Sue Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updegrove, Charles Jr. and Stevie of Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Updegrove, Bobbie, David and Craig of Falls Church, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stutzman, Richard, Ronald and Barbara of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoover and family of New York.

West Schuylkill Herald
June 23, 1961



THE UPDEGROVE FAMILY



Children of Ira & Sadie Updegrove
Beattie; Clayton; Dorothy; Elsie; Hilda; Earl; Margaret



Children of Ira & Sadie Updegrove
STANDING: Margaret; Hilda; Dorothy; Charlie; Clayton
SITTING: Ella; Elsie; Beattie

Notes taken by Craig Updegrove from talk with his Uncle Clay Updegrove regarding the Updegrove family.

7/1/83

Talk w Clay

Dorothy most like ~~gave~~ Sadie, very much the mother to them - stayed around home, helping Sadie the most
- doing all the cooking, sewing, community

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having so many babies, she "ruptured" badly

Clay most like Ira in woodworking, coal mining & drinking
He would drink anything - go down to saloon, come back 9-10
& go to bed.
- had wine around house tho did most of his drinking
away - slowed down in later years.

July 1, 1983 (notes have been edited)

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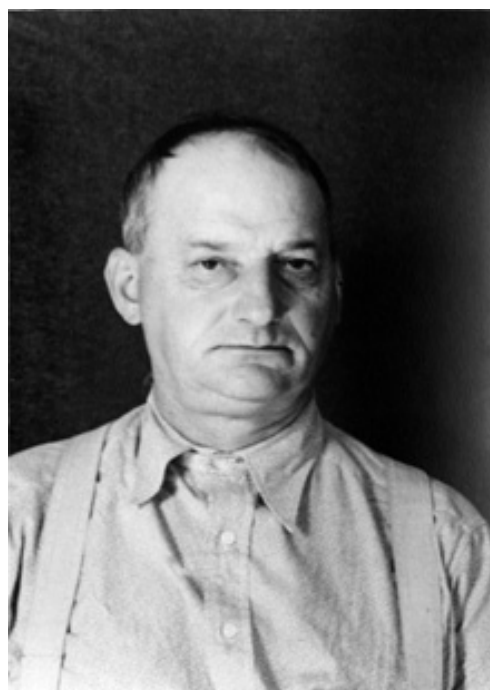
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Ira Updegrove

4/17/1878 - 11/6/1940

(right)

Father of Earl Updegrove



Sgt. Solomon Updegrove

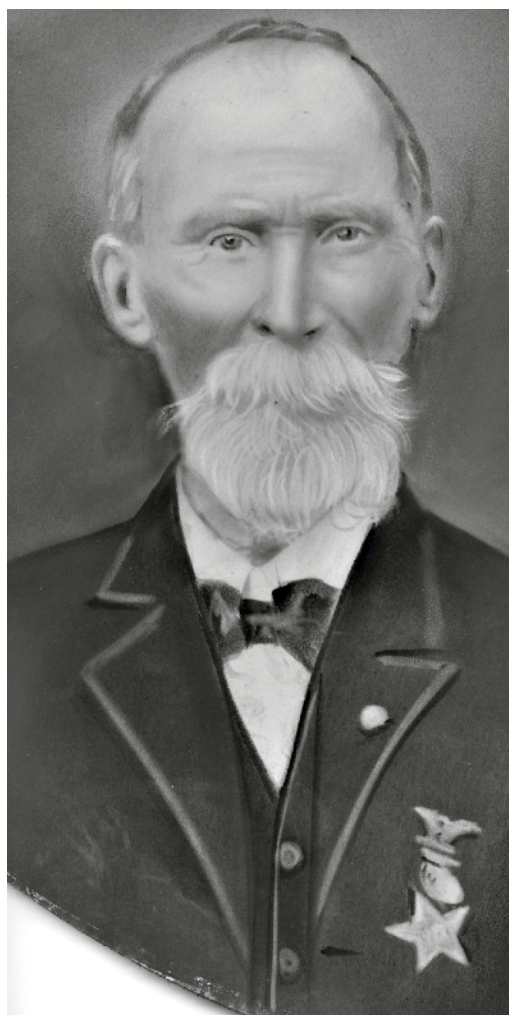
11/3/1844 - 3/27/1917

(left)

Father of Ira Updegrove;
Grandfather of Earl Updegrove

Sergeant, Company E, 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Enlisted on October 1, 1862. Captured during attack on regimental camp at Germanna Ford, Virginia on November 18, 1863. Held prisoner at Andersonville and other prisons. Exchanged and returned to regiment. Promoted to Corporal June 14, 1865 and to Sergeant July 1, 1865. At war's end, the 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry and the 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry were consolidated to form the 3rd Pennsylvania Provisional Cavalry. Transferred to Company E, 3rd Provisional Cavalry on July 14, 1865. Discharged on October 12, 1865, upon expiration of term.

Filed for a pension on September 19, 1876, application number 225,652, certificate 174,861. Disability listed as heart disease in the 1890 Veteran's Census. Lived in Oriental, Pennsylvania, after the war.





Family of Solomon & Malinda Updegrove

(Parents of Ira Updegrove; Grandparents of Earl Updegrove)

FRONT ROW

Harry, Solomon, William, Malinda, Robert (baby), Emma, Minnie (seated)

BACK ROW

Ira, Elmer, Milton, Ellen, Sadie, Nora

Circa 1892

The Drum Family



Sadie Drum Updegrove

11/23/1881 - 7/12/1942

Mother of Earl

Obituary for Sadie Drum Updegrove

Mrs. Sadie Driscilla Updegrove, 60 years, widow of the late Ira Updegrove, died at her home at Muir on Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock, her death being caused by pneumonia, from which she was ill only three days. Previously, however, she had been in poor health for several years.

She was a lifelong resident of Muir, having been born at that place on November 23, 1881, a daughter of David Drum and wife, nee Elizabeth Fesig, both deceased. Her husband preceded her in death almost two years ago.

To survive Mrs. Updegrove leaves one brother, Jacob Drum, of Muir, and one sister, Mrs. Mayme Hand, of Tower City, and the following children: Mrs. Ellen Bush, Mrs. Reuben Shadle, of Tower City; Clayton Updegrove, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Dorothy Hoover, of Muir; Pvt. Chas. H. Updegrove, Ft. George Meade, Md; Mrs. Andrew Paul, Mrs. Hilda Barry, Muir; Mrs. Harry Stutzman, of Philadelphia; Earl Updegrove, Washington, D.C.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence at Muir. Services were conducted at the home by Rev. W.J. Friday, pastor of Grace Evangelical Church, Muir, and interment made in Greenwood cemetery, Tower City.

West Schuylkill Herald

July 17, 1942



Sadie Drum Updegrove

(Pictured here with her mother and siblings)

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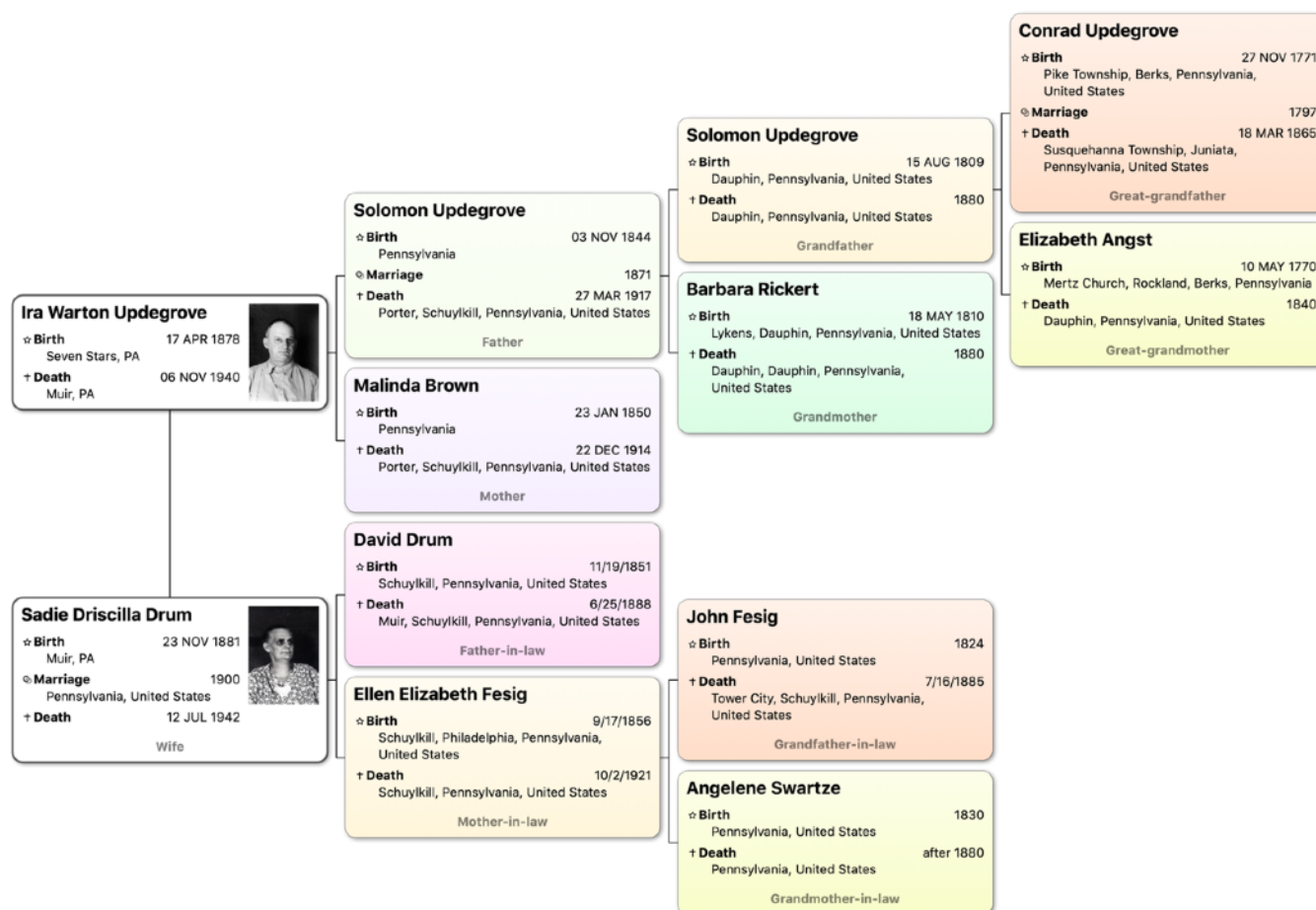
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Drum; Mamie Hand; Minnie Drum Hand**

SITTING

Ellen Elizabeth Pell Drum

(Mother of Sadie, Grandmother of Earl)

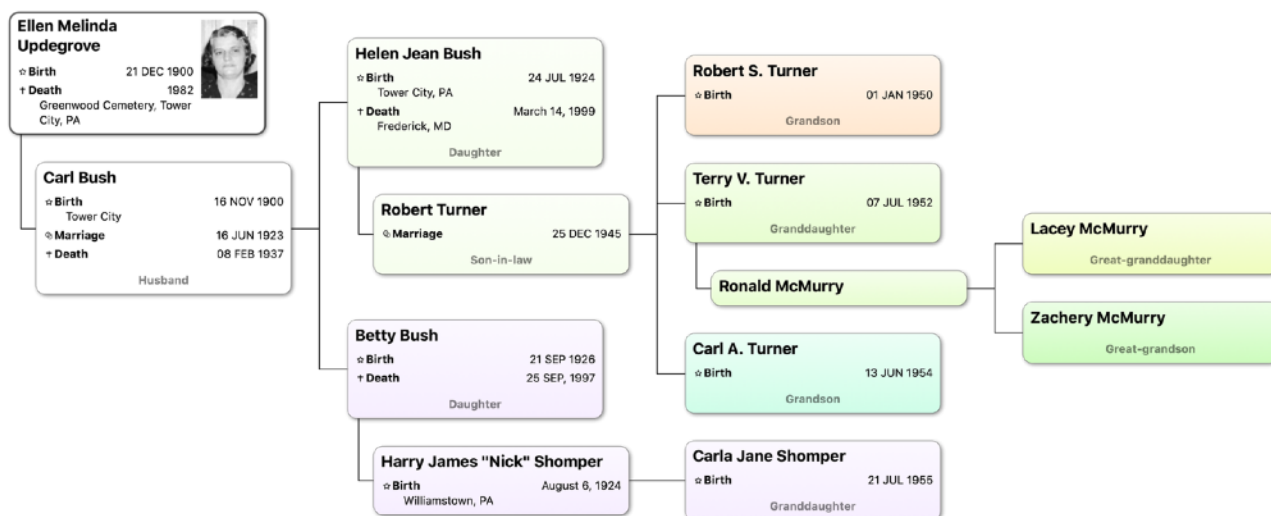
Updegrove Family Tree



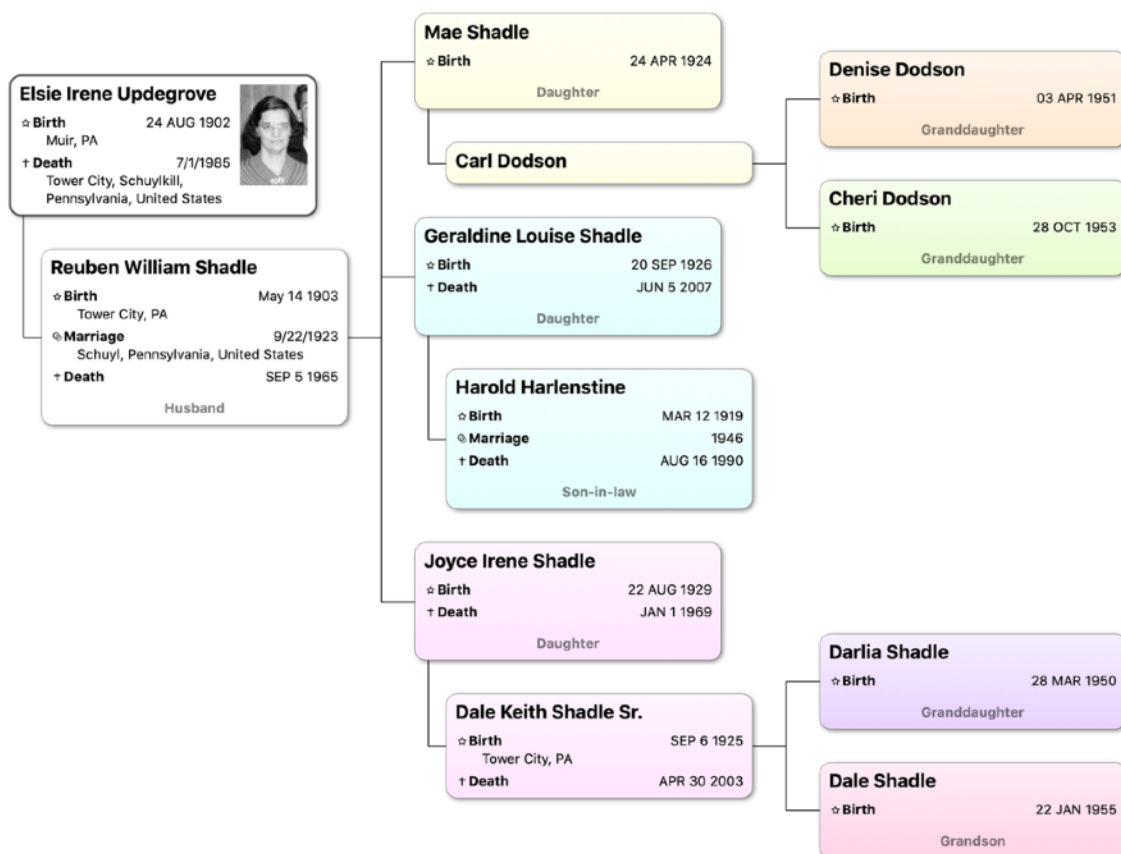
There are basically two genealogies that trace the roots for Conrad Updegrove. One tree ends at Conrad with no information on his parents, while the other tree links Conrad with the Op den Graeff families that founded Germantown, Pa in the 1600's. It would appear that the first tree is the correct one. There may be an Op den Graeff connection, but as of this writing it does not appear to be verifiable.

Family Trees of Updegrove Siblings

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Elsie Irene Updegrove (1902-1985)



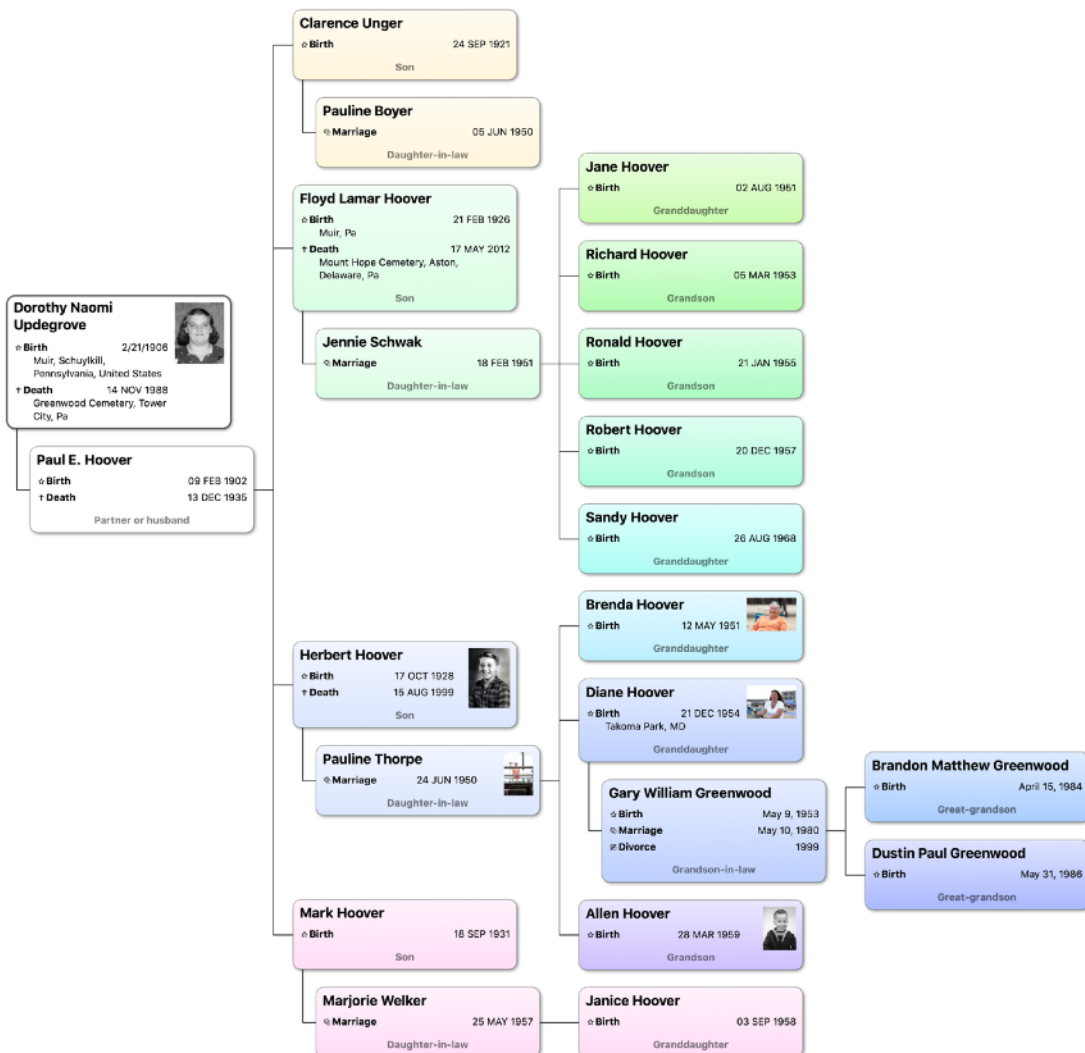
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Ira Clayton Updegrove
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 Muir, PA
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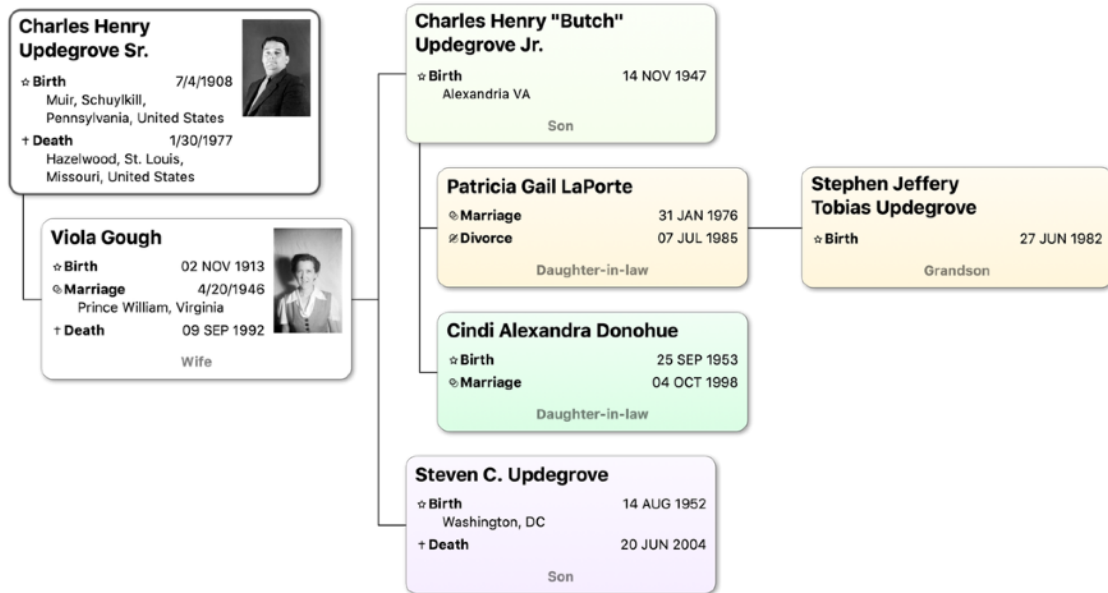
Esther Viola Spancake
 ☆ Birth OCT 22, 1909
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 † Death MAY 8, 1978

Doris Marie Zobel
 ☆ Birth JAN 27, 1904
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 Palms Memorial Park,
 Sarasota, Florida

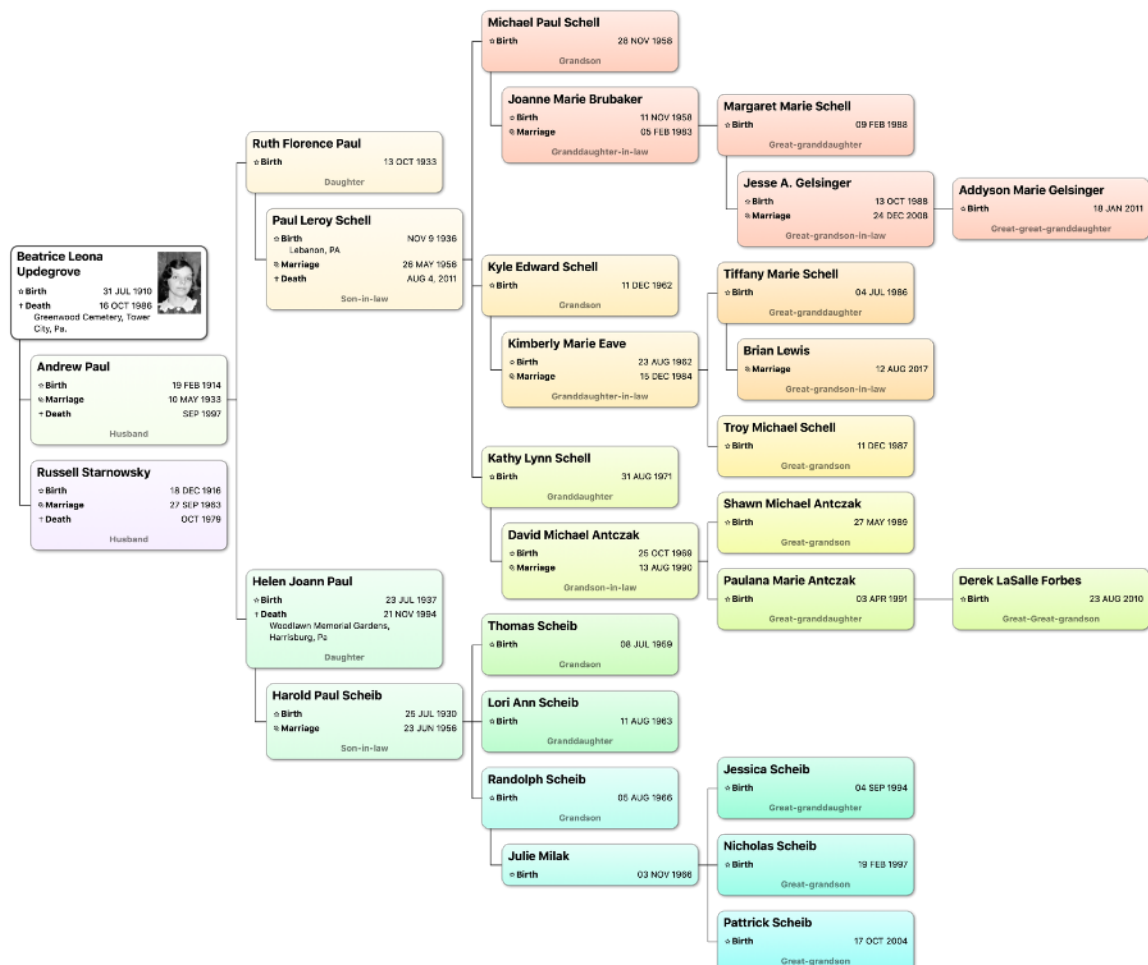
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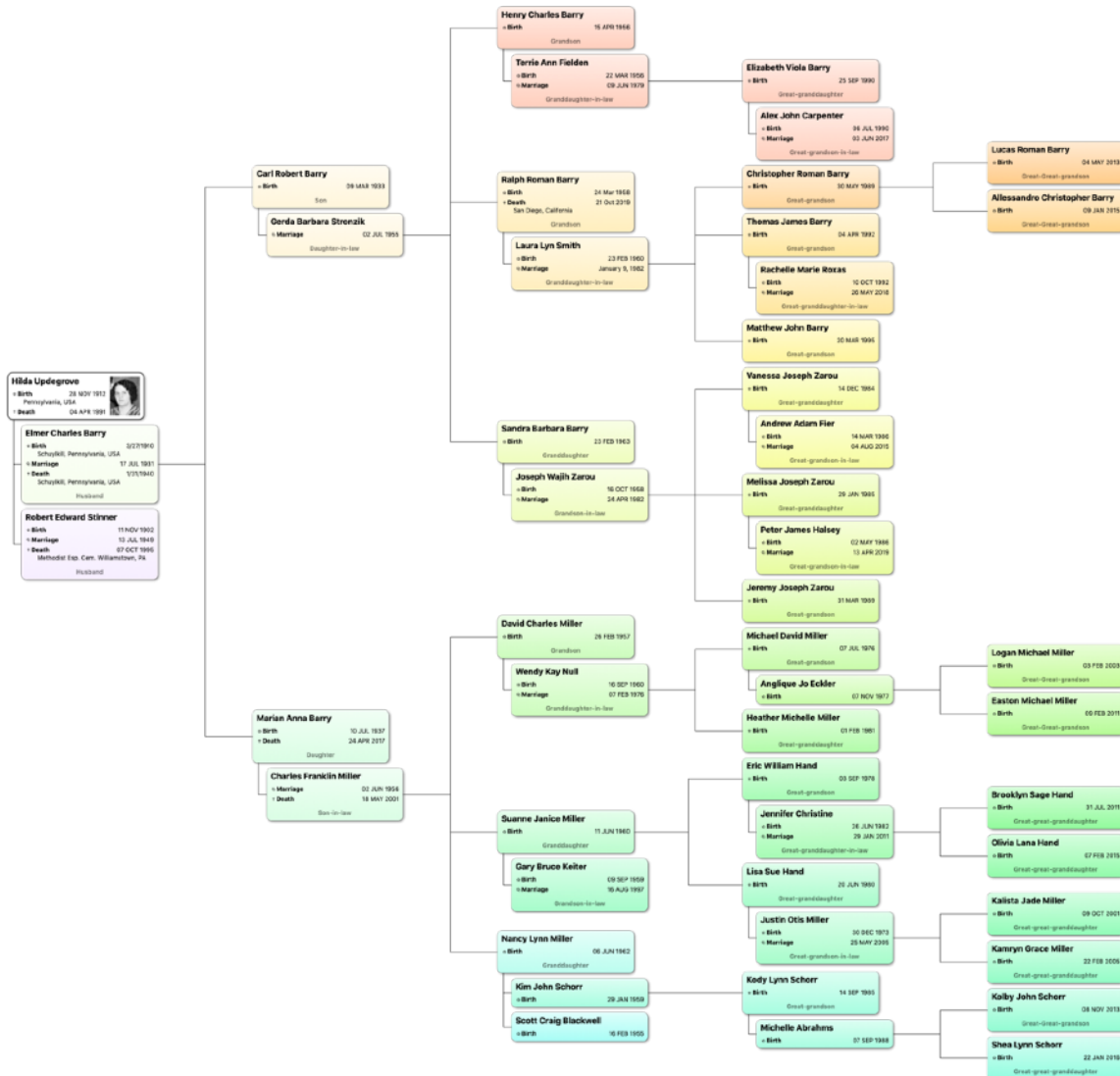
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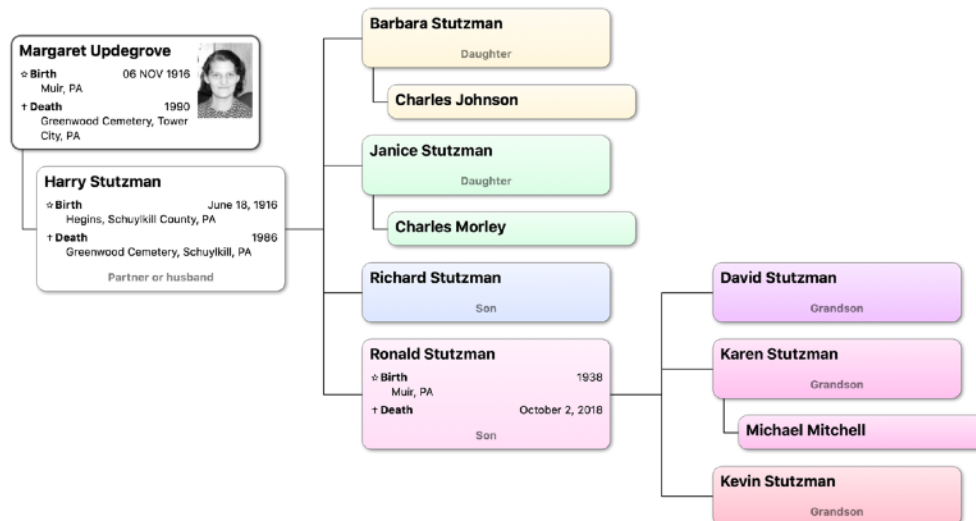
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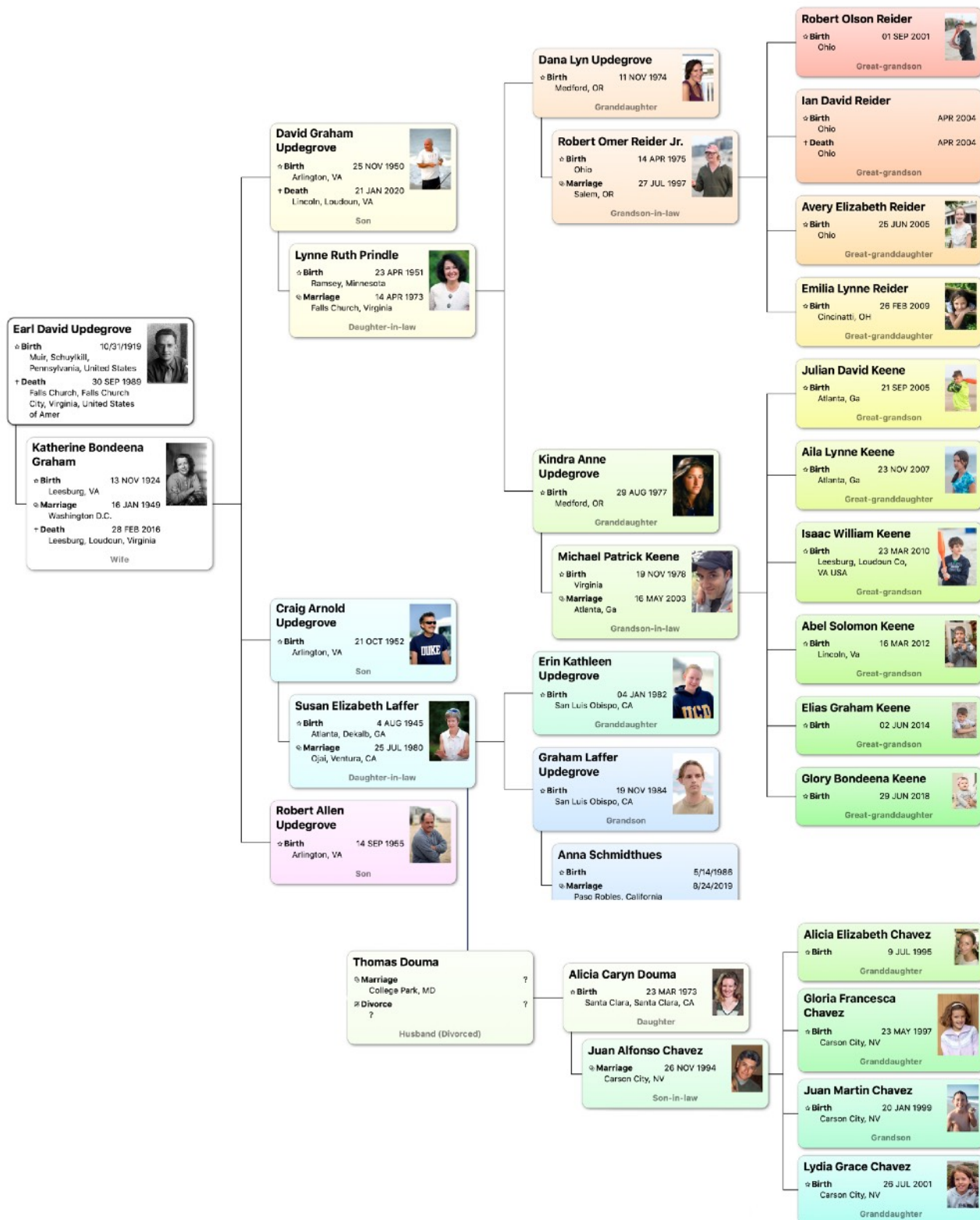
Hilda Updegrove (1912-1991)



Margaret Updegrove (1916-1990)



Earl David Updegrave (1919-1989)



Personal Narratives of Updegrove Family

Conrad Updegrove - Paternal Great Great Grandfather of Earl

Conrad Updegrove was born in Pike Township, Berks, Pennsylvania on 11/27/1771.

He married Elizabeth Angst (5/10/1770) in 1797. He was 25 years old when he married Elizabeth Angst, who was 27 years old at that time. He had three children with Elizabeth Angst: John Updegrove (1805), Solomon Updegrove (8/15/1809), Nellie Updegrove (1820).

On 3/18/1865, he died in Susquehanna Township, Juniata, Pennsylvania when he was 93 years old. His wife Elizabeth Angst died on 1840, 25 years before him.

Solomon Updegrove - Paternal Great Grandfather of Earl

Solomon Updegrove was born in Dauphin, Pennsylvania on 8/15/1809. He was the second child of Conrad Updegrove (11/27/1771) and Elizabeth Angst (5/10/1770). He had one brother and one sister, John Updegrove (1805) and Nellie Updegrove (1820).

When he was 30 years old, his mother Elizabeth Angst died (1840). When he was 55 years old, his father Conrad Updegrove died (3/18/1865).

His wife was Barbara Rickert (5/18/1810). He had eleven children with Barbara Rickert: Jacob Sylvester Updegrove (2/6/1830), Conrad Updegrove (1831), Catherine Updegrove (1834), Elizabeth Updegrove (2/25/1837), Elmirah Updegrove (11/2/1839), Lucetta Updegrove (1/2/1842), Solomon Updegrove (11/3/1844), Sarah Ellen Updegrove (2/3/1847), Mary A. Updegrove (July 1850), Charles Henry Updegrove (11/20/1851), Theodore G. Updegrove (4/15/1855).

In 1880, he died in Dauphin, Pennsylvania when he was 70 years old. His wife Barbara Rickert died on 1880.

Solomon Updegrove - Paternal Grandfather of Earl

Solomon Updegrove was born in Pennsylvania on 11/3/1844. He was the seventh child of Solomon Updegrove (8/15/1809) and Barbara Rickert (5/18/1810). He had four brothers (Jacob Sylvester Updegrove (2/6/1830), Conrad Updegrove (1831), Charles Henry Updegrove (11/20/1851), Theodore G. Updegrove (4/15/1855)) and six sisters (Catherine Updegrove (1834), Elizabeth Updegrove (2/25/1837), Elmirah Updegrove (11/2/1839), Lucetta Updegrove (1/2/1842), Sarah Ellen Updegrove (2/3/1847), Mary A. Updegrove (July 1850)).

When he was 35 years old, his father Solomon Updegrove died (1880). When he was 35 years old, his mother Barbara Rickert died (1880).

He married Malinda Brown (1/23/1850) in 1871. He was 26 years old when he married Malinda Brown, who was 21 years old at that time. He had 14 children with Malinda Brown: Milton Updegrove, Harry Updegrove, Minnie M. Updegrove (1868), Barbara Ellen Updegrove (October 1871), Elmer Bullos Updegrove (2/5/1873), Milton Theodore Updegrove (4/8/1875), Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878), Sarah S. Updegrove (August 1879), Emma Updegrove (OCT 1883), William Updegrove (5/7/1885), Benjamin Harrison Updegrove (2/14/1890), Robert Raymond Updegrove (12/24/1893), Howard Updegrove (6/13/1896), Gertie M. Updegrove (2/20/1897).

On 3/27/1917, he died in Schuylkill, Pennsylvania when he was 72 years old. His wife Malinda Brown died on 12/22/1914, 2 years before him.

Ira Warton Updegrove - Father of Earl

Ira Warton Updegrove was born in Seven Stars, PA on 4/17/1878. His parents were Solomon Updegrove (11/3/1844) and Malinda Brown (1/23/1850). He had eight brothers (Milton Updegrove, Harry Updegrove, Elmer Bullos Updegrove (2/5/1873), Milton Theodore Updegrove (4/8/1875), William Updegrove (5/7/1885), Benjamin Harrison Updegrove (2/14/1890), Robert Raymond Updegrove (12/24/1893), Howard Updegrove (6/13/1896)) and five sisters (Minnie M. Updegrove (1868), Barbara Ellen Updegrove (October 1871), Sarah S. Updegrove (August 1879), Emma Updegrove (OCT 1883), Gertie M. Updegrove (2/20/1897)).

When he was 36 years old, his mother Malinda Brown died (12/22/1914). When he was 38 years old, his father Solomon Updegrove died (3/27/1917).

He married Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881) in Pennsylvania in 1900. He was 22 years old when he married Sadie Driscilla Drum, who was 18 years old at that time. He had twelve children with Sadie Driscilla Drum: Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921).

On 11/6/1940, he died in Muir, PA when he was 62 years old. His wife Sadie Driscilla Drum died on 7/12/1942, 2 years after him.

Sadie Driscilla Drum Updegrove - Mother of Earl

Sadie Driscilla Drum was born in Muir, PA on 11/23/1881. She was the first child of David Drum (11/19/1851) and Ellen Elizabeth Fesig (9/17/1856). Her only sister was Mayme E. Drum (5/24/1883).

When she was 6 years old, her father David Drum died (6/25/1888). When she was 39 years old, her mother Ellen Elizabeth Fesig died (10/2/1921).

She married Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) in Pennsylvania, United States in 1900. She was 18 years old when she married Ira Warton Updegrove, who was 22 years old at that time. She had twelve children with Ira Warton Updegrove: Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921).

She died on 7/12/1942 when she was 60 years old. Her husband Ira Warton Updegrove died on 11/6/1940, 2 years before her.

Earl David Updegrove

Earl David Updegrove was born in Muir, Pennsylvania on 10/31/1919. He was the ninth child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). He had four brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and seven sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921)).

When he was 21 years old, his father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When he was 22 years old, his mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

On 1/16/1949, he married Katherine Bondeena Graham (11/13/1924) in Washington D.C.. He was 29 years old when he married Katherine Bondeena Graham, who was 24 years old at that time. He had three children with Katherine Bondeena Graham: David Graham Updegrove (11/25/1950), Craig Arnold Updegrove (10/21/1952), Robert Allen Updegrove (9/14/1955).

In 1950, he moved to Falls Church, VA.

On 9/30/1989, he died in Falls Church, Virginia when he was 69 years old and buried in Leesburg Union Cemetery, VA. His wife Katherine Bondeena Graham died on 2/28/2016, 26 years after him.

Ira Clayton Updegrove (Clay)

Ira Clayton Updegrove was born in Muir, PA on 2/1/1904. He was the third child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). He had four brothers (Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and seven sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921)).

When he was 36 years old, his father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When he was 38 years old, his mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

On 7/29/1931, he married Esther Spancake in Schuyl, Pennsylvania, United States. He was 27 years old when he married Esther Spancake.

On 2/25/1991, he died in Florida when he was 87 years old.

Elsie Irene Updegrove

Elsie Irene Updegrove was born in Muir, PA on 8/24/1902. She was the second child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). She had five brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and six sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921)).

When she was 38 years old, her father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When she was 39 years old, her mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

On 9/22/1923, she married Reuben William Shadle (5/14/1903) in Schuyl, Pennsylvania. She was 21 years old when she married Reuben William Shadle, who was 20 years old at that time. She had three children with Reuben William Shadle: Mae Shadle (4/24/1924), Geraldine Louise Shadle (9/20/1926), Joyce Irene Shadle (8/22/1929).

On 7/1/1985, she died in Tower City, Pennsylvania when she was 82 years old. Her husband Reuben William Shadle died on 9/5/1965, 20 years before her.

Beatrice Leona Updegrove (Beattie)

Beatrice Leona Updegrove was born on 7/31/1910. She was the sixth child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). She had five brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and six sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921)).

When she was 30 years old, her father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When she was 31 years old, her mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

On 5/10/1933, she married Andrew Paul (2/19/1914). On 9/27/1963, she married Russell Starnowsky (12/18/1916). She was 22 years old when she married Andrew Paul, who was 19 years old at that time. She was 53 years old when she married Russell Starnowsky, who was 46 years old at that time. She had two children with Andrew Paul: Ruth Florence Paul (10/13/1933), Helen Joann Paul (7/23/1937).

On 10/16/1986, she died in Greenwood Cemetery, Tower City, Pa. when she was 76 years old. Her husband Andrew Paul died on SEP 1997, 11 years after her. Her husband Russell Starnowsky died on OCT 1979, 7 years before her.

Charles Henry Updegrove (Charlie)

Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. was born in Muir, Pennsylvania on 7/4/1908. He was the fifth child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). He had four brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and seven sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921)).

When he was 32 years old, his father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When he was 34 years old, his mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

On 4/20/1946, he married Viola Gough (11/2/1913) in Prince William, Virginia. He was 37 years old when he married Viola Gough, who was 32 years old at that time. He had two children with Viola Gough: Charles Henry "Butch" Updegrove Jr. (11/14/1947), Steven C. Updegrove (8/14/1952).

On 1/30/1977, he died in Hazelwood, St. Louis, Missouri when he was 68 years old. His wife Viola Gough died on 9/9/1992, 16 years after him.

Ellen Melinda Updegrove (Ella)

Ellen Melinda Updegrove was born on 12/21/1900. She was the first child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). She had five brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and six sisters (Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921).

When she was 39 years old, her father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When she was 41 years old, her mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

On 6/16/1923, she married Carl Bush (11/16/1900). She was 22 years old when she married Carl Bush, who was 22 years old at that time. She had two children with Carl Bush: Helen Jean Bush (7/24/1924), Betty Bush (9/21/1926).

In 1982, she died in Greenwood Cemetery, Tower City, PA when she was 81 years old. Her husband Carl Bush died on 2/8/1937, 45 years before her.

Dorothy Naomi Updegrove

Dorothy Naomi Updegrove was born in Muir, Pennsylvania on 2/21/1906. She was the fourth child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). She had five brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and six sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921).

When she was 34 years old, her father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When she was 36 years old, her mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

Her husband was Paul E. Hoover (2/9/1902). She had four children with Paul E. Hoover: Clarence Unger (9/24/1921), Floyd Lamar Hoover (2/21/1926), Herbert Hoover (10/17/1928), Mark Hoover (9/18/1931).

On 11/14/1988, she died in Greenwood Cemetery, Tower City, Pa when she was 82 years old. Her husband Paul E. Hoover died on 12/13/1935, 53 years before her.

Hilda Updegrove

Hilda Updegrove was born in Pennsylvania, USA on 11/28/1912. She was the seventh child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). She had five brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and six sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Margaret Updegrove (11/6/1916), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921).

When she was 27 years old, her father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When she was 29 years old, her mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

On 7/13/1949, she married Robert Edward Stinner (11/11/1902). On 7/17/1931, she married Elmer Charles Barry (3/27/1910). She was 36 years old when she married Robert Edward Stinner, who was 46 years old at that time. She was 18 years old when she married Elmer Charles Barry, who was 21 years old at that time. She had two children with Elmer Charles Barry: Carl Robert Barry (3/9/1933), Marian Anna Barry (7/10/1937).

She died on 4/4/1991 when she was 78 years old. She was buried in Tower City, Pennsylvania. Her husband Robert Edward Stinner died on 10/7/1995, 5 years after her. Her husband Elmer Charles Barry died on 1/31/1940, 51 years before her.

Margaret Updegrove (Marty)

Margaret Updegrove was born in Muir, PA on 11/6/1916. She was the eight child of Ira Warton Updegrove (4/17/1878) and Sadie Driscilla Drum (11/23/1881). She had five brothers (Ira Clayton Updegrove (2/1/1904), Charles Henry Updegrove Sr. (7/4/1908), Triplet c Updegrove (10/31/1919), Earl David Updegrove (10/31/1919), Triplet b Updegrove (10/31/1919)) and six sisters (Ellen Melinda Updegrove (12/21/1900), Elsie Irene Updegrove (8/24/1902), Dorothy Naomi Updegrove (2/21/1906), Beatrice Leona Updegrove (7/31/1910), Hilda Updegrove (11/28/1912), Infant Updegrove (ABT 1921).

When she was 24 years old, her father Ira Warton Updegrove died (11/6/1940). When she was 25 years old, her mother Sadie Driscilla Drum died (7/12/1942).

Her husband was Harry Stutzman (6/18/1916). She had four children with Harry Stutzman: Richard Stutzman, Janice Stutzman, Barbara Stutzman, Ronald Stutzman (1938).

In 1990, she died in Greenwood Cemetery, Tower City, PA when she was 73 years old. Her husband Harry Stutzman died on 1986, 4 years before her.

Chapter 4

THE GRAHAM FAMILY

The Graham Family

Bonnie was the daughter of Charles & Kathleen Graham of Purcellville, VA.

Charles McDonald Graham was the son of William Robert (W.R.) & Margaret (Maggie) Graham. W.R. & Maggie moved to Loudoun County from Tazewell, VA in 1904. Their Loudoun farm was located at the end of what is now Gable Farm Rd, roughly halfway between Leesburg and Hamilton.

Charles was one of eight children.



Standing: **Annie** (14); **Charles** (13); **Ollie** (10)

Row 2: **Mary** (16); **W.R. Graham** (54); **Wade** (on lap, 1); **Maggie** (39)

Sitting On Ground: **Margaret** (3); **Ocie** (7); **Sam** (8)

(Photo at Graham Farm, circa 1910. Approximate ages in parenthesis.)



Mr. Charles McDonald Graham (Pops)

11/21/1897 - 7/31/1993

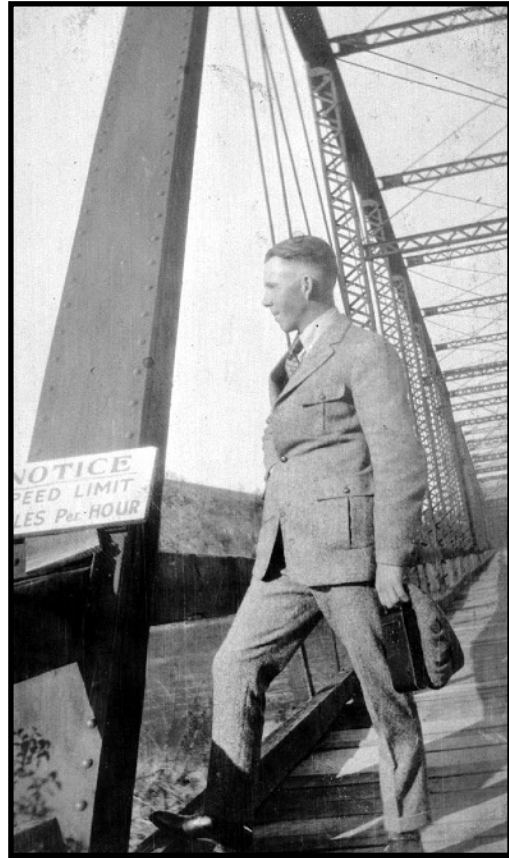
(Loudoun Times-Mirror 1993)

Charles McDonald Graham, 95, died at his home in Purcellville July 31 (1993). Born in Tazewell, he was the oldest son of the late William Robert and Margaret Corell Graham. The family moved to Diggs Valley Farm in Hamilton when he was 5. He operated the farm after the death of his father, and in 1927 began an auto body repair business at the east end of Purcellville, which he ran for 45 years until his retirement approximately 20 years ago. He served on the Purcellville Town Council and the board of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Hamilton.

Mr. Graham was active for many years in the Catoctin Presbyterian Church in Waterford, before transferring his membership to St. Andrews in Purcellville. He was recognized in 1989 for 70 years of service in the Masonic order, and was also active in the Eastern Star.

In addition to his wife, Kathleen, he is survived by a daughter, Katherine Updegrave of Purcellville, and a son, Dr. Charles M. Graham, Jr. of Radford. Also surviving are his sister, Margaret Tribby of Augusta, Ga., six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Five sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

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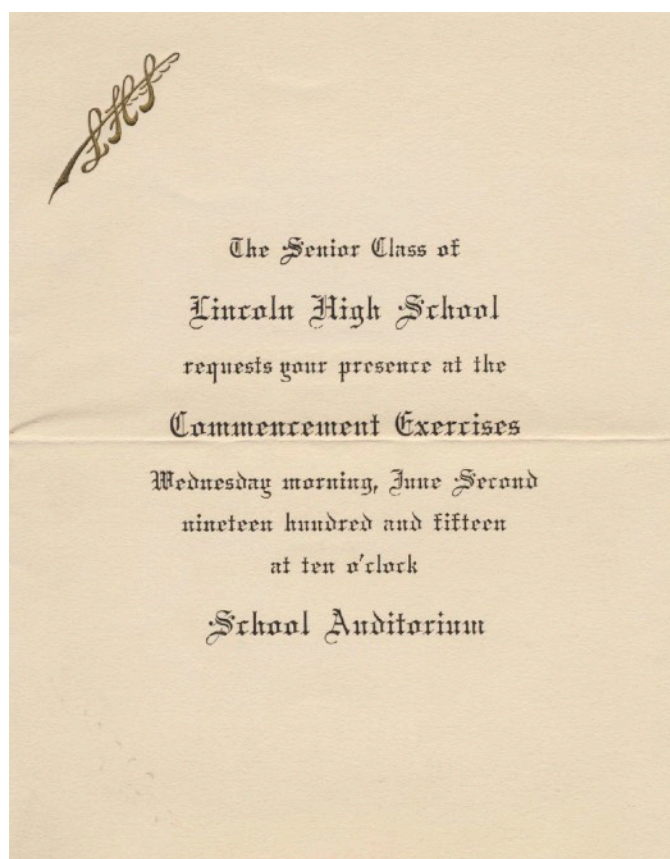


Charles McDonald Graham

THE GRAHAM FAMILY



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SENIOR CLASS PROGRAM	
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL,	
June 1, 1915, 8:00 P. M.	
SALUTATORY.....	Henry Thomas
ADDRESS.....	Theodore Reid (Class Pres.)
SONG TO UNDERGRADUATES.....	Arranged By Ruth Compher
KEY ORATION—To Juniors.....	Roland Legard
REPLY.....	Ryburn Keesling
CLASS ORATION—Progress of Virginia.....	Leon Meek
VIOLIN SOLO.....	Muriel Vincel
CLASS ESSAY—What Is Precious?.....	Virginia Rust
CLASS PROPHECY.....	Charles Graham
VOCAL DUET.....	Misses Cornwell and Porter
CLASS POEM.....	John Reid
CLASS HISTORY.....	Jane Brown
CLASS SONG.....	Arranged By Muriel Cornwell
PRESENTATIONS.....	Augustus diZerega, Jr.
CLASS WILL.....	Myra Otley
VOCAL SOLO.....	Mary Howdershell
VALEDICTORY.....	Hazel Porter

With More Cars Going Faster, Auto Body Man C. M. Graham Gets Busier

by Jean McDonald

The battle over which sex puts the most dents in the family car is as old as the Model-T that started it.

Auto body and paint shop owner C. M. Graham could shed a lot of light on the subject but he knows better.

"Do men or women dent more fenders?"

"Well, I'd hardly know how to answer that," he reflects. "I believe more wrecks have men at the wheel but there might be more men drivers. I wouldn't like to commit myself."

Quiet Charlie Graham was born in Tazewell county and came to Loudoun in 1904. His father bought the Mercer farm near Hamilton and Charlie farmed for eight years before seeking a more lucrative field.

He served as an apprentice in a shop in Baltimore for about a year and then returned to Purcellville and set up his own business. "There was a great need for auto body and paint work then," he explains. "Mine used to be the only shop in the county."

Obviously very interested in his work, Charlie also has plenty of outside interests. He loves doing over old furniture, but only for himself. The Graham home has some handsome chests of drawers, tables and other pieces that came into their beauty through his hard work. His only regret is that he doesn't have enough time to do them. Says wife Kathleen, "I'd hate to tell you when he does the refinishing, around 12 or one o'clock at night."

If Graham is an expert at building up he's also pretty good at tearing down, as sidewalk observers who watched the demolition of the old Hirst store building can testify. He describes his decision to handle this as "one of those spur of the moment jobs, I guess". The Grahams are building a new home on School street so the lumber will come in handy.

The interests of the Graham children, Bonnie and Charles Mac, haven't stuck to the automotive field. Charles Mac is a medical student at the Medical college of Richmond and Bonnie is a registered nurse now devoting her time to three small sons who have an inside track on their grandfather's after-work activities.

With more cars on the road and all of them going faster, Charlie Graham's business is constantly increasing. Also, he points out, as cars get fancier, work gets more complicated.

The fins and stream-lined features of the new models look like a dream to you but once you get a dent, both you and Charlie may wish you were back in the forties when fenders were fenders.

Family Tree of Graham Family

Stopping after 6 generations.





William Robert & Margaret (Maggie) Graham

Parents of Charles Graham

W.R. GRAHAM EXPIRES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

5/3/1856 - 1/28/1916

(Written in Hamilton Newspaper "Enterprise" 1916)

It is with profound regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. William R. Graham, which occurred at his home, about a mile east of this town, at 1 o'clock January 28th. He had been in declining health for some time, and having consulted well known specialists without finding relief, he, at the advice of his family physician Dr. Clagett, went to Garfield Hospital in Washington, where an operation was performed on him on the 21st of last April for cancer of the stomach. The disease had made such ravages that the surgeons could afford only a temporary betterment of his condition.

Mr. Graham was a native of Tazewell County and was in the 60th year of his age. On coming to Loudoun some 10 or 12 years ago he purchased the home farm of the late Chas. C. Mercier (one of the best in this section) upon which he had since resided.

Later he purchased the Posey farm near Waterford, and was extensively engaged in stock raising and agricultural pursuits. He was a man of fine judgment, great energy and will power, and possessed a well cultivated mind that had been stored with a fund of practical information.

He was for a number of years a member of the Presbyterian Church, and also a member of Hamilton Lodge A. F. & A. M. Before leaving Tazewell Mr Graham was for a term or more deputy clerk of the County Court. He is survived by his wife and eight children - Charles, Samuel and Wade and Misses Mary, Annie, Ollie, Ossie and Margaret Lee Graham. His funeral took place from his late home. Rev. J.M. Holiday assisted by Rev Mr. Fettsler officiating. The burial was in the family lot in Lakeview Cemetery, the ceremonies at the grave being conducted by Hamilton Lodge of Masons.

Mrs. Maggie J. Graham Buried At Hamilton

5/25/1871 - 7/27/1943

(Loudoun Times-Mirror 1943)

Mrs. Maggie J. Graham, 72, widow of William R. Graham, died Tuesday morning at her home near Hamilton following a week's illness from Rocky Mountain spotted fever caused by a tick bite. She was born in Tazewell but came with her husband to Loudoun in 1904. She was a member of the Catoctin Presbyterian Church and of the Blue Ridge Chapter, United Daughters of Confederacy. Funeral services were held from the home this morning, Rev. J.A. Bowman officiating. The pallbearers were her five sons-in-law and W.M. Hickam. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.



Lakeview Cemetery, Hamilton, VA

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Tazewell Co. Va.
April 1st 1874

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Letter from WR Graham to his parents. WR is 18 years old and away at school.

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P.S. Would have written more but it is time to go to school.

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Letter to WR Graham from Pastor/friend
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Tazewell, Va - June 17, 1886

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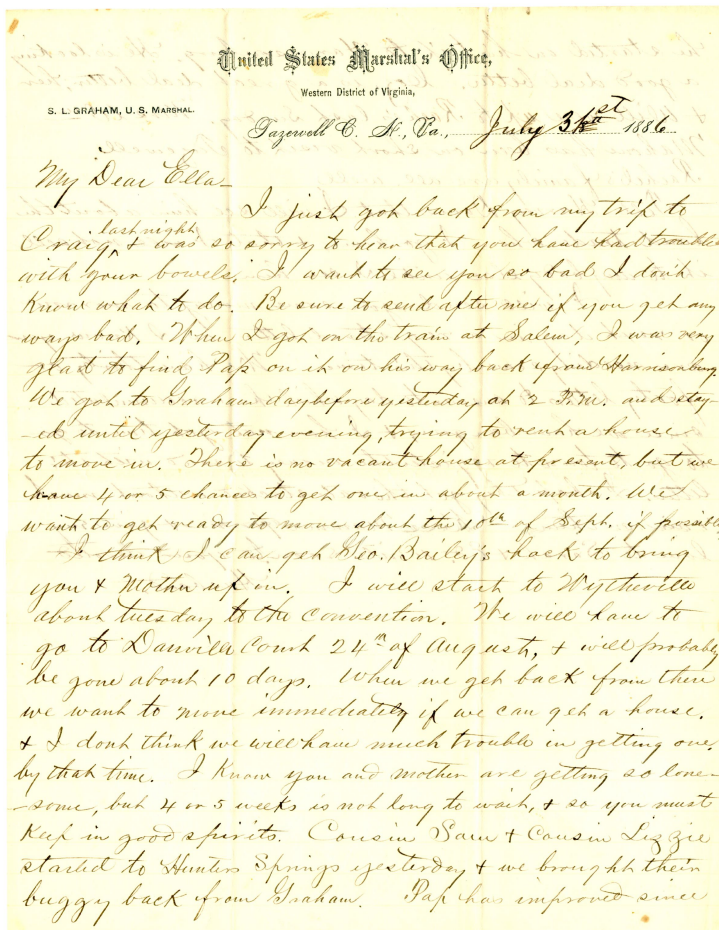
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Tazewell Co, Va. July 31, 1886

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I think I can get Geo. Bailey's (back?) to bring you and mother up in. I will start to Wytheville about Tuesday to the convention. We will have to go to Danville Court 24th of August and will probably be gone about 10 days. When we get back from there we want to move immediately if we get a house. I don't think we will have much trouble getting one by that time. I know you and mother are getting so lonesome but 4 or 5 weeks is not long to wait and so you must keep in good spirits. Cousin Sam and Cousin Lizzie started to Hunters Springs yesterday and we brought their buggy back from Graham. Pap has improved since his trip to Harrisonburg.



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 Open from June 1 to October 15.
 Sasson, Va. Aug. 11 1899
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North Fork, W.

Robt. H. Gray,

Farmer, Dealer in Live Stock.

Nice Horses a Specialty.

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THE GRAHAM FAMILY

Paeonian Springs 8th Jan

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difference with you if I do not? and leave it on these farms until I can dispose of it - Fox is not near done husking & not likely to be soon, as it is very cold here now.

I give below statement of Expenses Seeding High Point

Seed wheat - 82 bush - 80¢	65.60
7 1/2 tons Guano @ 19 1/2 per ton	146.25
8 bush Timothy seed 2 nd	16.00
Fox's share 1/3	22.27 85
or Fox's work	75.95
	36.50
50 Acres seeded, I need a higher grade Guano on H Point than on Home farm	172.95

Brown's - Guano & I seed bill on O'Mercier & C'Mercier farms including 2 1/2 tons Guano & about 3 bush seed in barn owned jointly by you & O'Mercier

	57.68
Total	\$170.13

Would it suit you for Fox to remain at H Point until 1st March. I have a

Letter written to WR Graham from Edgar McGray, who apparently farmed the land WR bought when moving from Tazewell to Loudoun. This would be the Graham farm east of Hamilton. Mrs Mercier seems to be the owner of the land. The letter was probably written in 1904.

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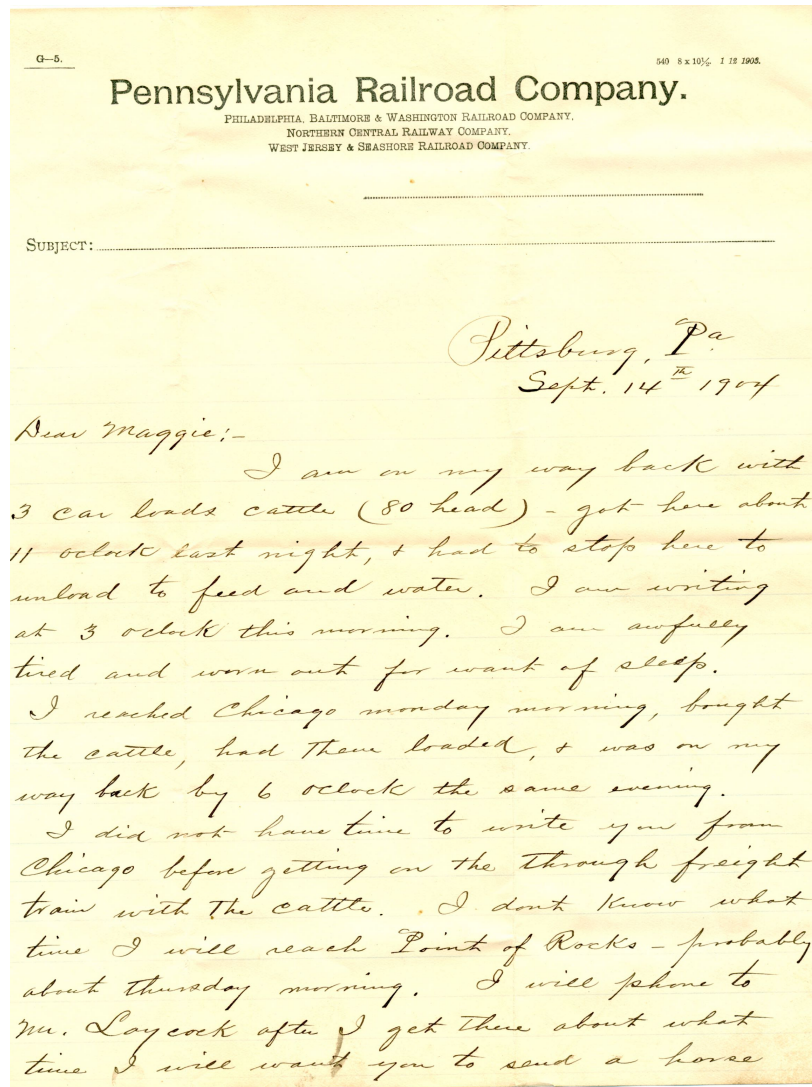
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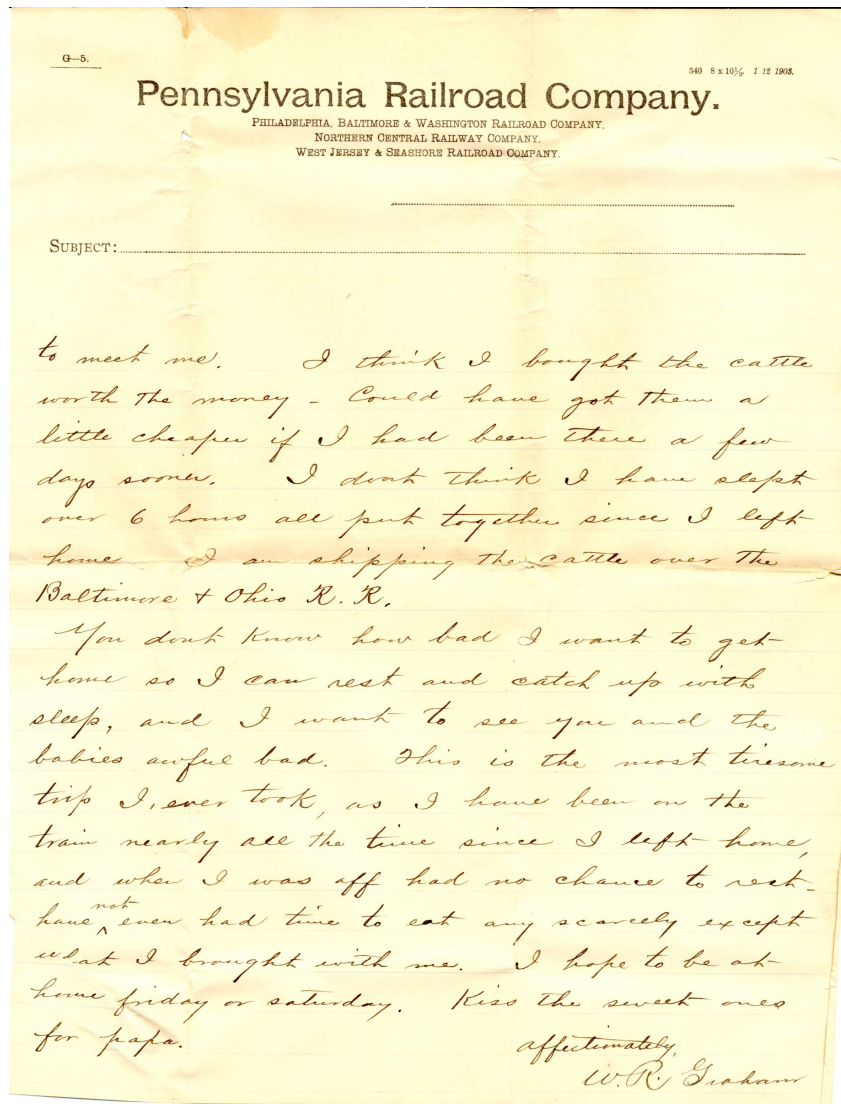
Pittsburg(h), Pa - Sept 14, 1904

Dear Maggie:

I am on my way back with 3 car loads cattle (80 head)- got here about 11 o'clock last night and I had to stop here to unload to feed and water. I am writing at 3 o'clock this morning. I am awfully tired and worn out for want to sleep. I reached Chicago Monday morning, bought the cattle, had them loaded and was on my way back by 6 o'clock the same evening.

I did not have time to write you from Chicago before getting on the through freight train with the cattle. I don't know what time I will reach Point of Rocks - probably about Thursday morning. I will phone to Mr. Laycock after I get there about what time I will want you to send a horse to meet me.

THE GRAHAM FAMILY



I think I bought the cattle with the money. Could have got them a little cheaper if I had been there a few days sooner. I don't think I have slept over 6 hours all put together since I left home. I am shipping the cattle over the Baltimore and Ohio RR.

You don't know how bad I want to get home so I can rest and catch up with sleep and I want to see you and the babies awful bad. This the most tiresome trip I ever took as I have been on the train nearly all the time since I left home and when I was off had no chance to rest. Have not even had time to eat any scarcely except what I brought with me. I hope to be at home Friday or Saturday. Kiss the sweet ones for Papa.

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THE GRAHAM FAMILY

September 18, 1912

W.R. Graham 1904 Property Tax Bill

Last Will & Testament of W.R. Graham

December 21, 1915

I, William R. Graham of Loudoun County, Va do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament and I hereby revoke all other wills heretofore by me made.

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Witness my signature and seal this 21st of December 1915.

William R. Graham

Signed, read, published and declared by William R. Graham, testator, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, all present at the same time, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of one another have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses this 21st day of December 1915.

J. D. Lambert, Jr.
H. B. Martin

Clerks Office of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County to wit: Feb 4th 1916
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of William R. Graham deceased was this day presented to me H. B. Martin, Clerk of said Court, purged by the oath of H. B. Martin one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also found the handwriting and attestation of J. D. Lambert, Jr. the other subscribing witness who was absent and the said will is admitted to record. And on motion of Maggie J. Graham and Bruce McIntosh, Executors and Executor respectively, made thereon who made oath and qualified as such before me by executing separate bonds, the said Maggie J. Graham, executing a bond in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars without security, conditioned according to law and the said Bruce McIntosh, executing a bond together with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. by H. B. Martin and J. D. Lambert, Attorneys in fact his surety in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned according to law, both of which is granted them for attesting probate of the said will under form and the said bonds are recorded as security.

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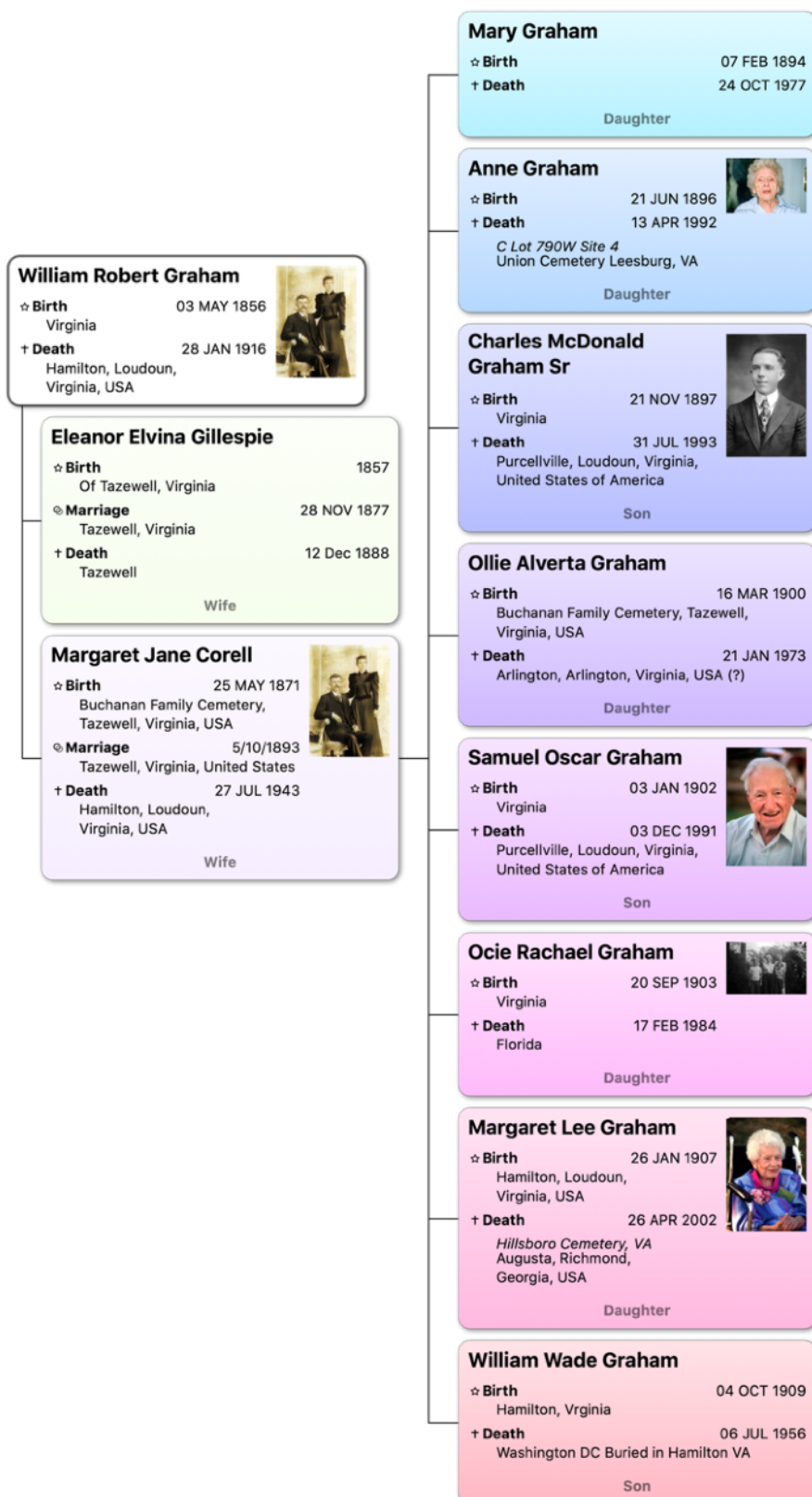
Children of W.R. & Maggie Graham

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William Wade Graham

Row 2: Charles McDonald Graham; Ollie Graham Monroe;
Samuel Oscar Graham

Row 3: Mary Graham Spring; Margaret Corell Graham (mother);
Anne Graham VanDeventer

Family Tree of Graham Siblings



THE GRAHAM FAMILY

Grandchildren of W.R. & Maggie Graham
(in bold)



Bonnie Graham Updegrove; Maria Tribby in front of **David Tribby**;
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in front of **Bill Tribby**; **Nancy Graham Dillon**; Charles McDonald Graham (Bonnie's
brother); John Graham; Barbara Graham



STANDING: **John Graham, Charlie Graham, Don Anderson, Doug Monroe,**
David Tribby, Bill Tribby
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Children & Grandchildren of W.R. & Maggie Graham (in bold)

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4. **Doug Monroe**, 5. **Sam Graham (holding 6. Gail Graham Mann)**,
7. **Anne Graham Vandeventer**, 8. Lee Vandeventer, 9. **Mary Graham
Spring**, 10. Joe Spring, 11. **Derry Tribby**, 12. **Wade Graham**
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15. Frances Graham
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22. **Margaret Graham Tribby (holding 23. Bill Tribby)**,
24. **Margaret Spring Wood**

Circa 1935

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

By W.M. Hickam

Four years after the death of his mother in 1924, 9 year old W.M. Hickam was adopted by Maggie Graham and her family in Hamilton, Virginia. In his memoir "Beyond The Blue Ridge" W.M. writes about growing up on the Graham Farm during the 1920's and 1930's, going to school in Hamilton and Lincoln, and working at the Loudoun Golf and Country Club. Below are a couple short excerpts from the book.

pp. 18-19: The Graham family came to Loudoun from southwest Virginia. Mrs. Graham (maiden name, Margaret Jane Corell) was born in Tazewell, Virginia May 28, 1871. I am not sure if she had any brothers, but she had one sister whom she used to visit every winter and with the help of her mother the three would make quilts. On Christmas of 1930, she laid out on the sofa and chairs eight quilts of different pattens she had made, as Christmas presents - one for each of her eight children. The quilts were numbered one to eight and she had a hat with numbers one to eight. Each child drew a number and the quilt of that number was the Christmas present for that child. Her fairness in doing things was a quality of life I have tried to imitate. The children were allowed to exchange the quilts with each other if they wished another pattern or color. Later, when I went to college and even to Pittsburgh to work in 1942, I brought along one of Mother Graham's quilts.

Margaret Jane Corell was the daughter of Mr. James Oscar Corell, a Civil War veteran, who was born in 1843 and lived to the ripe old age of 97. He was the only Civil War veteran, and the only Confederate soldier, I ever knew. He visited the farm in Hamilton to see his daughter twice during the early thirties. He truly was of the school that one so often sees in the pictures of Robert E. Lee. His only dress was the stiff white collar with black bow tie, the long black coat with split tail, and the black pants. He had white greying hair and a beard to match it. Truly, he was a distinguished looking southern gentleman and always got the respect of all without demanding it. He must have been self-educated and well-read for he could extemporaneously talk about a subject in a fascinating manner.

He was a devout Christian; each morning after breakfast everyone would gather in the parlor for his reading of a selected Bible passage and prayer. No one questioned the gathering when he was there, although the hay may have awaited cutting, or the corn needed plowing, or the garden hoed, or the chicken killed, picked and cleaned for dinner. To me they were impressive and memorable gatherings. It was only when Granddaddy Corell was there that we had such family prayer sessions.

His daughter, Mrs. Graham (and the older folks called her "Maggie"), carried the tradition in her private life by reading the Bible every night in bed and getting on her knees to pray beside the bed. Many times I tip-toed through her bedroom and found her saying her prayers.

William Robert Graham, her husband, who had died twelve years (1916) before I came to live with them, was born in Buchanan, Virginia on May 3, 1856. He was the youngest of one sister and two brothers. The brothers were some ten to twelve years older than he. At the start of the Civil War many families were split over the questions of rights and wrongs of slavery. The Graham family was torn apart by the war and never reunited. The two older boys ran off to the North to join the Union Army. Mr. Graham, their father, joined the Confederate Army, and William Robert Graham, being only ten years of age, stayed home to help his mother run the farm. The two older Graham brothers were never found after the war and what happened to them remains a mystery to the family. W.R. Graham spent many days and trips following leads in search of his two brothers; and he died in 1916 without ever finding out what happened to them.

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

pp. 27-28: When I came to the Graham Family in 1928 at the age of nine, Mrs. Graham was fifty-seven years old, and her husband had been dead for twelve years. At Mr. Graham's death their eight children ranged in age from twenty-two to seven. Only the three youngest children were at home when I arrived. Ocie and Margaret were elementary teachers at Hamilton. Margaret had attended Harrisonburg State Teachers College (HSTC). Ocie went to Fredericksburg State Teachers College for her Bachelor's Degree and the University of Virginia for her Master's Degree. Wade was in (his) first year college at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI). Wade was home only on holidays and during the summer when he got summers jobs off the farm. One summer he drove the ice truck and delivered ice made at the Purcellville Ice Plant in Purcellville and Hamilton and to the surrounding farms.

The other Graham children, except Sam, had married and set up their own homes. Charlie, who helped his mother run the farm immediately after graduating from high school at his father's death in 1916, was the only one of the eight who had not attended college. Sam had completed his degree work at VPI, where he was tackle of the football team and was selected for the All-South Atlantic Team; he coached football at a high school in North Carolina before going on to Rollins College in Florida as the football coach.

Ollie had married John Monroe, a pharmacist at the Purcellville Pharmacy on the corner of the main street and across from the successful restaurants operated by three brothers from Greece. Ollie and John lived in a house in Purcellville on the opposite side of the street from the Catholic Church and about two houses down the street toward Hamilton. Ollie went to HSTC and one summer to the University of Virginia. At one time, Ollie, Ocie and Margaret made up the entire teaching staff at the three-room Hamilton Elementary School. The three were outstanding teachers, and I doubt if there was a ever a better staffed school. Ollie and John had only one child, a son named Douglas. He was the oldest of the Graham grandchildren and six years old. Being close to my age, he and I often played together. Flying was in his blood at an early age, and he learned to fly a plane before learning to drive a car.

Charlie had married Kathleen Arnold, the sister of my first and second grade teacher at Waterford (Minnie Belle Arnold Trussell). When he married, Charlie left the farm and opened an auto body repair and paint shop in Baltimore and later in Purcellville. It was the only shop of this type around, and Charlie made it a successful lifetime business. They lived in Hamilton on the main street between Schooley's Hardware and Laycock's Grocery but on the south side of the street. They had one daughter, Bonnie, who was five years younger than I. They later had a boy, Charles Mac, who grew up to become a medical doctor in Radford, Virginia.

Anne married A. Lee VanDeventer and lived at Valley View Farm adjoining the Graham Farm. They had taken Ben (WM's brother) in 1928 to live with them. Jean, their only child, was only two years old when I came to the Grahams. Anne had a teacher's certificate from summer school attendance at HSTC.

Mary, the oldest Graham girl, married Joe Spring and lived on a dairy farm two miles southeast of Leesburg. Mary had attended HSTC and later taught school for many years at Lovettsville Elementary School. In stature and disposition and speech, Mary was much like Mrs. Graham. They had two children - Graham, who was the second oldest grandchild, and Margaret, who the fifth oldest.

The Springs had the only home-produced, direct-current electrical system I can remember seeing. A gasoline engine turned a generator to charge the batteries and the batteries supplied electricity for lighting the house. It was all manually operated and when the lights got dim, Joe would go down and start the engine to the generator.

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Charles McDonald Graham

(Brother of Bonnie)

While growing up, Bonnie's brother was known as "Charles Mac". Later in life people called him "Charlie". Charlie was an OB-GYN and practiced in Radford, VA. He has three adopted children, Mike, Ken and Beverly.





Judge Samuel Livingston Graham

9/19/1816 - 4/9/1896

Father to William Robert Graham

Great Grandfather of Bonnie

Clerk of the courts of Tazewell County, member of the Virginia Secession Convention of 1861, captain of a reserve company from Tazewell County, judge of the county court for Buchanan and Wise counties, U.S. Marshall for the Western District of Virginia during Grover Cleveland's first administration.

HISTORY OF TAZEWELL COUNTY AND SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA 1748-1920

by WM. C. PENDLETON

Samuel Livingston Graham is highlighted in this book.

FEDERAL RAIDS THROUGH TAZEWELL (pages 614-615)

Tazewell's isolated location was a great protection against devastations by Federal armies while the war was going on. There were no permanent or even temporary occupations of any section of the county by the enemy; but there were four invasions by raiding parties, three of which were made by large forces. All of the raiders came by the same routes the Indians travelled when they made their murderous forays to the Upper Clinch settlements. Three of them came up the Tug Fork, and one the Louisa Fork of Big Sandy River.

Toland's Raid

In July, 1863, Brevet Brigadier General John Toland, in command of about one thousand Federal cavalry, suddenly invaded Tazewell County. He came up Tug River and entered Abb's Valley on the afternoon of July 15th, crossed Stony Ridge and camped that night on Mrs. Susan Hawthorne's place about midway between the present residence of Mrs. Henry S. Bowen and the old Charles Taylor place, which is about half a mile west of Mrs. Bowen's house. At daybreak on the morning of the 16th, Toland resumed his march. Some of his men burned Lain's mill, which stood on the site now occupied by Witten's mill. For some reason the Federals applied the torch to and totally destroyed Kiah Harman's dwelling, which stood about one-fourth of a mile north of the Round House.

General Toland camped about three hundred yards west of the beautiful home of Mrs. Henry S. Bowen, shown above, and situated seven miles northeast of the court house. This is one of the most attractive of the many lovely homes in Tazewell County.

Just after sunrise the head of the column arrived at Captain Wm. E. Peery's, one and a half miles east of the court house. Thomas Ritchie Peery, brother of Captain Peery, **Samuel L. Graham**, John Hambrick, and the author, the latter then sixteen years old, were sitting in Mrs. Peery's room, waiting to get their breakfast, which was being hastily prepared. We had left our guns on the porch at the back of the room in which we were sitting. The floor of the porch was, as it now is, on a level with the ground, and paved with brick. Suddenly two Yankee cavalry men rode on to the porch and picked up our guns; and the house was then completely surrounded by troopers.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Hambrick slipped out into the hall and went into the "L" part of the house, which Mr. Hambrick, as manager of the Peery farm, was then occupying with his family. By a clever ruse, **Graham** and Hambrick avoided being made prisoners. Mr. Hambrick went quickly to bed, pretending to be sick, and **Mr. Graham** assumed the role of his physician. When a couple of troopers entered the room **Mr. Graham** was feeling Hambrick's pulse, and told the intruders he was a very sick man, urging them to retire as a shock might kill the patient. The trick was successful, as the kind-hearted soldiers promptly left the room.

In the meantime Tom Ritchie Peery, who was then nineteen years old, and the writer, who was sixteen, had been ordered to join a bunch of prisoners that were out in the barn lot. There were some fifteen or twenty youths and old men, who had been captured along the line of march from the head of the Clinch.

General Toland was moving his force very rapidly so as to reach Wytheville as quickly as possible; and his men did not have much opportunity to plunder houses on the line of march. They took eight or ten horses from the Peery farm, among them two fine dapple iron-gray mares that belonged to Mr. Hambrick. Only two horses were left on the place. One of these was "Bill", 'Squire Tommie Peery's old riding horse, over twenty years old; and the other a beautiful young sorrel horse my grandfather Cecil had given me. The Yankees couldn't catch old Bill and my horse. These two horses jumped fences and ran into the brush at the west end of Buckhorn Mountain.

There were several boxes of old Kentucky rifles in the granary, that had been left there by General Marshall's men in 1862. The guns were brought from the granary, broken up and piled with pieces of wood, and burned. Some of the guns were still loaded, and as the barrels became heated the sharp cracks of the rifles made the Yankees scatter. During this time of confusion, the writer quietly walked away from the guards and slipped back into the house, seated himself, and remained there until all the troops had passed up the road on their march to Wytheville. The other prisoners were taken as far as Burke's Garden and were there paroled. While passing through the Garden, a storehouse that belonged to D. Harold Peery was set on fire by the raiders and destroy'ed. It was where the late Henry Groseclose had his store. About 10 o'clock the morning of the 16th, some four hours after Toland's men passed, Colonel A. J. May, who was camping with a small force of Confederates on Colonel Henry Bowen's place in the Cove, passed Captain's Peery's with about fifty mounted men in pursuit of Toland. Colonel May was riding rapidly at the head of the column, and was carrying a pennant or small flag.

Letter to Samuel L. Graham from
Wm. B. Morton.

Henry and Graham Office

Tazewell County - June 20th, 1885

Hon Samuel L Graham, Grundy Va

My Dear Friend,

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Bring Mrs Graham to my house and her board shall not cost her a cent as long as she wants to stay and I have the most comfortable a pleasant location in this or any other town. Tell Will I would be glad to see him and his lady any time. Also Uncle Jim and his - ask him - Uncle Jim if he has heard any thing of Rock. If so write me.

My kindest regards to all.

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Letter from W.R. Graham to his father Samuel L. Graham

Golden Spring, Buchanan Co

June 29, 1885

Hon Samuel L. Graham
Wytheville, Va

Dear Sir,

I herewith send you a left from Lewis D. Wise making application for Deputy Marshall at "Head Quarters". He is endorsed by Hon. John Good (Solicitor General), also by Hon. Henry A. Edmundson and Hon. Henry E. Blair, whose letters I sent accompanying this. I also send a letter from L.L. Hutton of Rupell. J.M. Alderson has written you in behalf of Mr. Hutton. You also have a letter from Jos. V. Kelly which I think it unnecessary to send as you have no doubt seen him in person by this time. Mr. J.F. Haller of Ellendale, Smythe Co writes for a position under you. I presume he wants to be a Deputy but he does not state what position he wants.

You are alas in receipt of a postal from L.D. Davis and I will remark that if his business qualifications are as good as his orthography he will make an excellent official. I send it to you that you may read it verbatim et literatim.

I have a letter from Uncle Jo in which he says mother is improving. He also said that John Watts would help you to make your acquisition and (contract?).

All well, write soon.

Affectionately, Wm. R. Graham

PS I sent you a letter last week and addressed it to you at Wytheville. I will have to send these in two different envelopes. WRG

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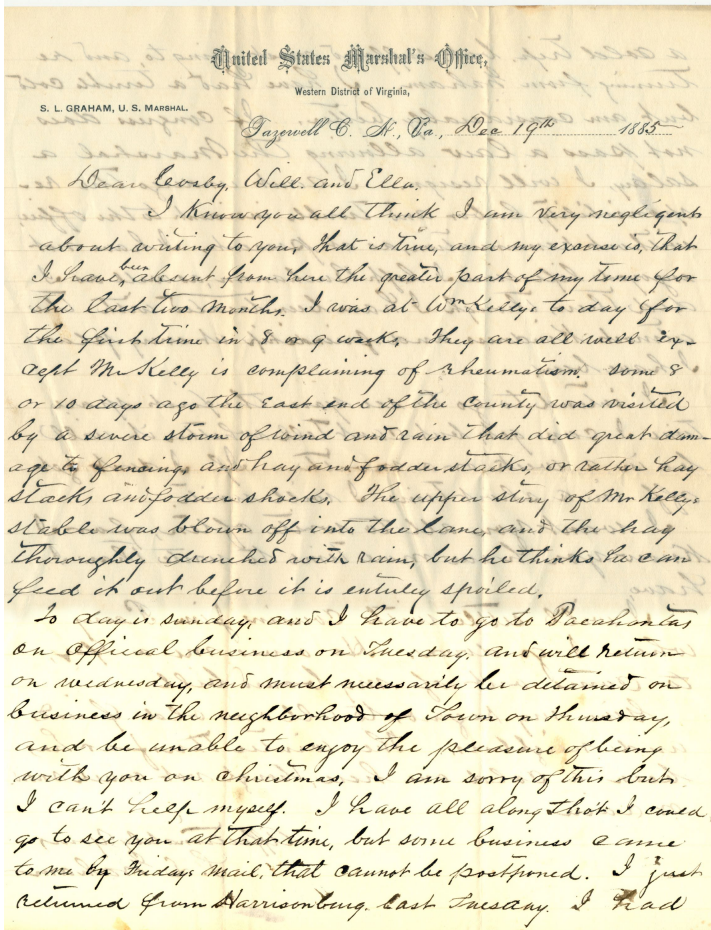
Letter written by Samuel Livingston Graham to his wife Cosby, his son Will (WR) and Will's first wife Ella.

Tazewell VA. Dec. 19, 1885

Dear Cosby, Will and Ella,

I know you all think I am very negligent about writing to you. That is true, and my excuse is that I have been absent from here the greater part of my time for the last two months. I was at Wm Kellys today for the first time in 8 or 9 weeks. They are all well except Mr. Kelly is complaining of rheumatism. Some 8 or 10 days ago the east end of the county was visited by a severe storm of wind and rain that did great damage to fencing and hay and fodder stacks, or rather hay stacks and fodder stacks. The upper story of Mr Kellys stable was blown off into the lane, and the hay thoroughly drenched with rain, but he thinks he can feed it out before it is entirely spoiled.

Today is Sunday and I have to go to Pocahontas on official business on Tuesday and will return on Wednesday and must necessarily be detained on business in the neighborhood of town on Thursday and be unable to enjoy the pleasure of being with you on Christmas. I am sorry of this but I can't help myself. I have all along that I could go to see you at that time, but some business came to me by Friday mail that cannot be postponed. I just returned from Harrisonburg last Tuesday. I had



a cold trip, but suffered most going to, and returning from Graham. I have had a terrible cold but am considerably better. If Congress does not pass a law allowing the Marshal a salary, I will resign. I can't undergo the responsibility, labor and trouble incident to the office without remuneration, as at present. I have not enjoyed life since I left Buchanan, as well as I did there, though I have been treated with the utmost kindness and friendship at every place I have been.

I intend to go to see you the first spare time I can get, but can't tell whether it will be in a week or a month. If I don't get off in a short time I will write.

I want you all to write often, for I know you have more time to write than I have.

I will settle with Cousin Jim Peery when I go down. He owes me a few, to come out of my board bill.

Give my regards to all our old friends and neighbors. The winter thus far has been a cold one here, though not much snow or rain.

Affectionately Yours
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Golden Spring, Buchanan Co. Va.
Feb. 18, 1886

Dear Husband

Thursdays Your Welcome letter and don't know how glad we were to hear from you. It seems like it has been years since you have been gone from home. We were all scared so bad when Willie cut his foot and he was scared so bad he was as white as a corpse. He had been getting the wood all winter his self and sent for Jim Gibson to run some out of the hill the other side of the wheat field. They had got down 22 trees and were cutting them up to haul. He was standing in a bad place he was straddle of the log when he cut his foot he started to run and got to the barn and couldn't get any further and Jim come and got a horse and brought him to the house he took his boot off while Jim was after the horse it was ~~it was~~ bleeding a good

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Land settlement between W.R. Graham and his father Samuel L. Graham

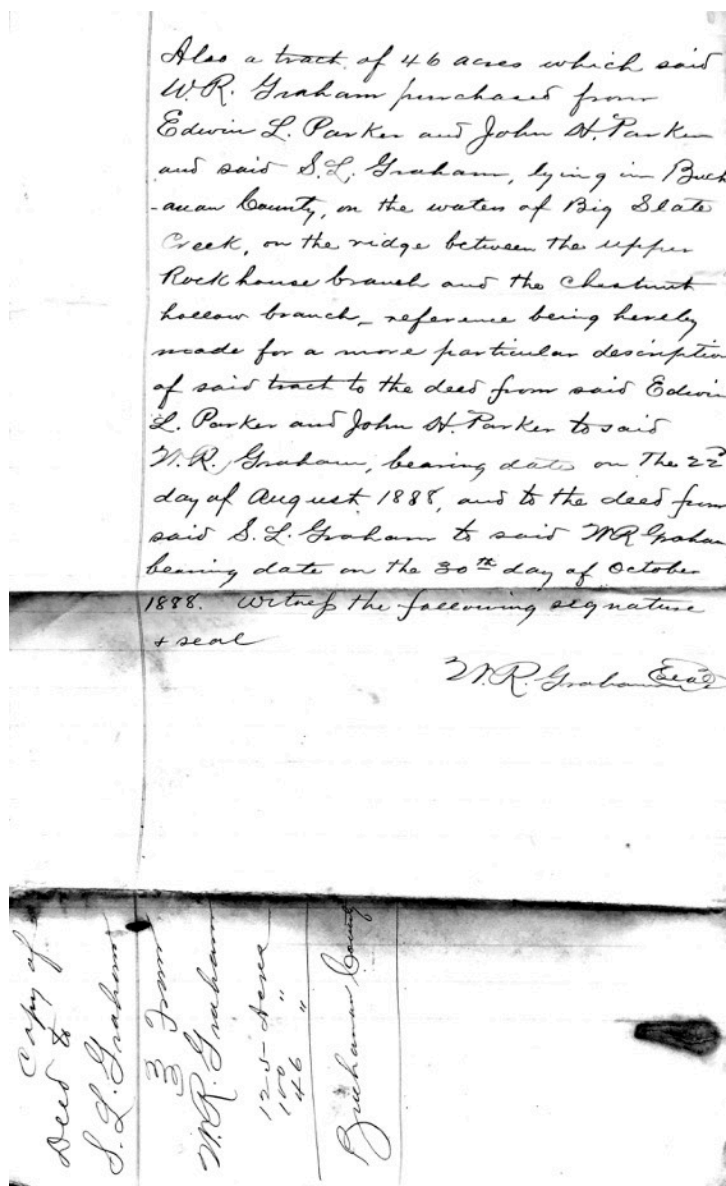
January 23, 1889

This deed made the 23rd day of January in the year 1889, between W.R. Graham of the first part, and S.L. Graham of the other part: Witnesseth, that the said W.R. Graham for the consideration of Six hundred dollars doth grant unto the said S.L. Graham, ^{the following tracts and parcels of land being} all the land conveyed by said S.L. Graham to said W.R. Graham by deed bearing date on the 26th day of December 1885, ^{in Buchanan County Virginia} lying on Slate Creek and Twin Branches of said creek, reference being hereby made to said deed for a more particular description of said land - the tract therein conveyed is supposed to contain one hundred and twenty five acres, and adjoin each other. Also another tract containing one hundred acres lying in Buchanan County on Slate creek and on the left hand fork of the Twin branch of said creek, granted by the commonwealth of Virginia to said W.R. Graham by patent bearing date on the 15th day of May 1888, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description of the metes and bounds of said one hundred acres.

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Land settlement between W.R. Graham and his father Samuel L. Graham

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W.R. Graham

Land settlement between W.R. Graham and his father Samuel L. Graham

January 23, 1889

Memorandum of settlement made between S. L. Graham & Wm R Graham the 23^d day of January 1889.

Wm R Graham Cr

By 1 year services as Marshal clerk from 1 st day of July 1886 to 1 st July 1887	1500 00
By 1 1/2 years services as such clerk from 1 st July 1887 to 1 st January 1889	1800 00
By bal due him on partnership cattle	470 00
By his part of standing timber owned by us and with Watkins & Raliff in Buchanan co ^{defunct} Va	133 50
By bal due him on timber defunct to Cattsburg	120 00
By amt to J. B. Sammons after deducting check	50 00
" " to J. F. Sutton	13 00
By his part for curing process	20 00
	<u>4106 50</u>

By all his lands sold to S. L. G. lying on slate

600 00
4706 50

Wm R Graham Dr

Is price of land sold him lying on Dismal	125 00
" cash paid him at different times	75 00
" amt paid for you on Pocahontas property	1003 10
" 1/3 of 46 acre tract of land on Chestnut hollow	15 33
" Check for bal due him	3488 07
	<u>4706 50</u>

S. L. Graham
W. R. Graham

THE GRAHAM FAMILY

Tazewell St. Va
April 21st 1890.
 W.H. Barclay, Esq.,
 Dear Sir:
 We paid the balance of the purchase money about seven weeks ago for Lot No. 23 Sec. 1. which we bought from you as the Sub. Agt. of the Radford Land and Imp. Company. Chas. H. Mellan, Sec'y & Treas, acknowledged receipt of our remittance of the balance of the purchase money on Mch. 1st and promised to have a deed prepared and forwarded to us in "due course". Although we have written to him 2 or 3 times since, urging him to send the deed, we have heard nothing further from him. We sold this Lot about the 1st of Mch., and we can not get any money on it until we get a deed from the Radford Land & Imp. Co. and deliver a deed to the party to whom we sold the Lot. We sold the Lot for only \$1200⁰⁰ and we are losing the interest on the money by the delay

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*Copy to
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W.R. Graham is Charles Graham's (Pops) father. S.L. Graham was W.R. Graham's father and was an attorney, clerk of the courts, and judge.

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Captain Robert Graham

1749-1811

Grandfather to Samuel Livingston Graham

There are family trees online that give conflicting information for Captain Robert Graham's father, one saying his father was also named Robert (wife Catherine) and the other saying it was William (wife Jane). Evidence seems to point to Robert as the father, with no further lineage information to be found.

Below are four biographies of Captain Robert Graham, including a description of his home "Locust Hill" in Wythe County Virginia.

GRAHAM of Wythe County, Virginia

In 1774, the following brothers and sisters moved from County Down, Ireland, to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.¹

1. a. Robert Graham, born c1749.
b. Samuel Graham, died in 1803 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; married January 20, 1800 to Sarah Strawbridge; children:
(1) Margaret Graham, born c1801; married _____ Julian; moved to Kentucky.
(2) James Graham, born c1803; dsp 1805 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
- * c. Anne Graham, dsp c1806 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
2. d. Margaret Graham, born 1762.

1. ~~Robert Graham was born about 1749 in County Down, Ireland, and married Mary Craig there about 1773; she was born about 1750. They moved to America in 1774, perhaps living for a short time in South Carolina,² and moved to Sugar Creek in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by April, 1778, when Robert Graham bought 170 acres in two tracts on Sugar Creek for £60. In July, 1778, he bought 145 acres between McMichael's and Sugar Creeks, both from Thomas Polk; on April 20, 1779, he bought 200 acres on Sugar Creek from William Walker. In 1781 he served as executor of the estate of James Walker.³~~

On April 14, 1779, Robert Graham sold 116 acres of his 145 acre tract to James Sharp for £200, and on July 4, 1784, after leaving North Carolina, he sold 116 acres of his 170 acre tract on Sugar Creek to Robert Hays for £500; in October, 1784, he sold his remaining 262 acres to John Springsteel.⁴

In 1782, Robert Graham moved to Montgomery (now Wythe) County, Virginia, where on September 2, 1782, he bought 93 acres on Reed Creek, the Boiling Spring tract, from Michael Dougherty; on April 23, 1786, he bought another 86 acres on Whirley Branch of Reed Creek from Robert Sayers.⁵

Mary Craig Graham died on October 26, 1786, in Montgomery (now Wythe) County, Virginia, and about 1790 Robert Graham married Mary Cowan, who was born June 14, 1768, and whose mother was a sister of David Gibbs.⁶

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Robert Graham became a prosperous farmer, and since his estate, called Locust Hill, was located on the old Baltimore Stage Road (now Lee Highway), he also operated a good business entertaining travellers. He sold grain and the whiskey from his distillery to travellers, and he shipped his goods by wagon to ~~Richmond~~. He kept in close touch with his relatives in North Carolina; he inherited part of the estate of his sister, Anne Graham, and he paid for the education of his brother Samuel's daughter Margaret.⁷

On August 11, 1804, Robert Graham bought 205 acres on Beaverdam Creek from Robert Watson, and on September 24, 1810, he and his wife Mary gave the land to his four sons by his first wife. On March 1, 1810, he bought two tracts on Little Pine Run totaling 725 acres from Andrew Boyd.⁸

Robert Graham died on March 13, 1811, and his estate was distributed

among his children and his widow Mary, who died December 28, 1819. There were several law suits between the widow and his children by his first wife. Robert Graham had the following children:⁹

(by first marriage):

3. a. Samuel Graham, born August 27, 1774.
4. b. James Graham, born March 28, 1776.
5. c. John Graham, born January 1, 1778.
6. d. Robert Graham, born July 18, 1780.
- e. Nancy Agnes Graham, born January 15, 1783; died November 16, 1853, in Wythe County, Virginia; married June 4, 1801, to John Crockett (see p. 56).

7. f. Margaret Graham, born December 30, 1784.

(by second marriage):

- * g. Mary Graham, born February 3, 1791; died April 16, 1854, in Wythe County, Virginia; married Nathaniel Crockett (see p. 84).
- h. William Graham, born November 11, 1793; dsp July 26, 1819, in Wythe County, Virginia.
8. i. Thomas Graham, born c1796.
9. j. Joseph Graham, born August 22, 1798.
10. k. David Graham, born September 3, 1800.
- l. Elizabeth Graham, born August 6, 1802; dsp December 13, 1877, in Wythe County, Virginia.
- m. Calvin Graham, born c1804; a physician who moved to Mississippi or Louisiana, where he died without children.
- n. Guise Graham, born May 20, 1806; dsp July 21, 1817, in Wythe County, Virginia.

The author of the following is unknown:

Robert Graham made the trip across the ocean with siblings (Samuel Graham, Ann Graham & Margaret Graham Johnston) and his wife Mary Craig, with his first son Samuel being born on shipboard. Robert and Mary had four sons: Samuel, James, John and Robert, and two daughters: Nancy Agnes and Margaret. Robert married his second wife Mary Cowan abt 1790 and had sons William, Thomas, Joseph, David, Calvin and Guise; and daughters Mary and Elizabeth.

Robert Graham, whose “mother Catherine Graham had left Scotland and emigrated to Northern Ireland when her father was beheaded at the time of Charles II of England. I think some of the Grahams had been expelled to Northern Ireland as some of their kin had been beheaded as well”. Robert and Mary make the move to Pennsylvania with his siblings and make another move to Macklenburg, NC and by 1784 were living in Wytheville (Montgomery) Virginia at their home place (Locust Hill) where they raised four sons and two daughters. Mary died when the daughters were very young.

From C.T. Barns (written August 4, 1998): “My ancestor Sir Walter Buchanon, born abt 1420, married Isobel Stewart, granddaughter of Robert II. Isobel’s grandmother was Margaret Graham and her line goes back to William de Graham (b abt 1090, Normandy, France). I have not been able to trace Robert back to these Grahams but feel sure they are his ancestors”.

From David Graham's "History of the Graham Family", written in 1899.

Note from Bob Updegrave: The "History of the Graham Family" was written back in 1899 by David Graham as a fairly comprehensive genealogy of his family. It appears from this paper that the father of (Capt.) Robert Graham was the brother of David Graham's great grandfather (John Graham, Sr). Unfortunately the paper does not provide the name of Robert Graham's father and it does not provide the names of John Graham's parents. Our records show the father of Robert also being named Robert Graham and the only name we have for his mother is Catherine. The "History of the Graham Family" has a lot of information about Graham ancestors in Scotland and their move to Virginia.

Robert Graham of Fort Chiswell (Wythe County, VA)

Robert, the other brother of David and James, Sr., who settled at Fort Chiswell, Wythe county, Virginia, married in Ireland (or Scotland) Mary Craige, who bore him four sons and two daughters. The names of the sons were: Samuel, John, Robert and James; the daughters names being Margaret, who married a McGavock, and Nancy, who married a Crocket. After the death of Robert Graham's first wife, he married a Miss Cowan, by whom he had three sons, David, Joseph and Calvin. From these have descended a large and influential family, who live in Wythe, Tazewell and adjoining counties.

Robert Graham accumulated a large landed property, which to this day is mostly in the hands of his descendants. As a remarkable coincidence, it will be observed that the names of five of Robert Graham's sons are the same as five of the sons of his brothers, David and James. In Robert's family, we have Samuel, John, James, David and Joseph, while in James' family there is John, who was killed by the Indians, Samuel, James and David; and David's family, John and Joseph. These facts themselves, if other evidence was wanting, prove beyond a doubt that they were brothers.

Samuel M. Graham, of Graham, Virginia, a great grandson of Robert Graham, who settled at Fort Chiswell, Virginia, about 1774. He claims that his great grandfather and the writer's grandfather, James, who settled at Lowell about 1771, were brothers.

As a mark of military tack of this family, James was made a Colonel and his son, William, a Major of Monroe county, and Samuel, a son of Robert, was a major in Tazewell county. And as to their mathematical proclivities, the Grahams had a strong inclination. We can trace seven surveyors and four or five very prominent ones of the before named family.

Locust Hill - The Graham Family Home

Written by Susan Thigpen in "The Mountain Laurel" (1991)

Have you ever wished for a home with a history, or a home two hundred years old? Have you ever thought of starting a small bed and breakfast, but thought wishing for it was only a dream? This story might just connect you with your dreams. This month we learned of such a home that is for sale in Wythe County, Virginia and is even an obtainable price (\$89,500). Let us take you on a tour of Locust Hill. Locust Hill now belongs to the Lancasters, who are having to relocate because of a job opportunity. They have had the house for six years and would like to see the house belong to someone who will appreciate and love it as much as they have. Although it has siding on it now, the original part of the house was built from logs and even interior walls are log beneath the boarding. There has been very few structural changes made to the house since it was built in 1782 and in the house's lifetime, it has only had eight owners.

The builder and first owner of Locust Hill was Robert Graham. He bought the land from Michael Dougherty in 1782. The original tract contained 93 acres and Graham paid 130 pounds for it. Robert Graham died in 1811, when the property passed into the hands of his heirs by his second wife. The third owner of Locust Hill was Robert's grandson, Robert G. Crockett. Robert G. Crockett was the son of Nancy Agnes Graham who married John Crockett II, of Crocketts Cove. The fourth owner was John G. Crockett, husband of Nancy Agnes Graham. The fifth owner was Thomas H. Simmerman; sixth - J. Elbert Simmerman; seventh - George B. Simmerman and the eighth (and present day) owners are Michael and Kendell Lancaster.

The original owner of the home was born in 1750 in County Down Ireland. He arrived in Pennsylvania in 1770, later moving to Mecklenburg County in North Carolina. He was a Captain and Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War and a Justice of the Peace in his own community. In 1785 he was the overseer of the building of a road from Reed Creek to Fort Chiswell known as "The Great Wagon Road." In 1788 he received a commission to evaluate property. He was also the first elder of the Anchor of Hope Church in Max Meadows.

Robert Graham had an "ordinary" license, but did not run his house as a tavern per se. Travelers who had need of housing for the night were welcomed though. On October 18, 1821, a neighbor, Henry Bird stated that both wagoners and horsemen stopped at Graham's house for entertainment and Graham was never known to be out of money. A Joseph Glasgow added on May 18, 1821 that Robert Graham made his money by farming, adding that he kept a distillery, wagoned to Richmond, and sold grain to travelers, all from the produce of his farm.

Robert Graham had a trade also. He was a gimlet maker. For those of you who do not know what a gimlet is (and I must admit I had to look it up before I did), the dictionary describes it as, "A small tool for boring holes, consisting of a shaft with a pointed screw at one end and a cross handle at the other." Gimlets were used to drill holes in wood to peg furniture and even beams of houses together. Perhaps he made the instruments that bored the holes that pegged together the very beams you can see in the attic.

Robert Graham has another claim to fame and that is through his children. He was the father of David Graham of nearby Grahams Forge, who became a pioneer in the iron industry in Southwest Virginia. David Graham built his first furnace at Cedar Run, his home place in Wythe County, and made the first stoves used in the county. One of Robert Graham's daughters, Margaret, married James McGavock of Fort Chiswell, another prominent person in Wythe County history.

Robert Graham died in 1811 without leaving a will, but there is an inventory of his property on microfilm at the Wythe County courthouse. According to it, he had 9 slaves, 46 head of cattle, 11 horses, 6 geese, 46 head of hogs, and 23 head of sheep. He had assorted belongings such as a still, 8 weeding hoes, 1 broad axe, 4 iron wedges, 4 plows, 1 wagon with 6 inch wheels and log chains, 9 pots, 2 ovens, 1 skillet and 1 kettle, 1 clock, 3 tables and 1 desk, 1 rifle gun, 13 chairs, 1 looking glass, 3 barrels and 3 bushels flax seed, wool, 2 small bottles and coffee mill, 30 earthen plates, 28 sheets, 35 yds. blankets, and 70 ga. whiskey. His books contained 5 Bibles, 7 sermon books, a 6 volume set of Guyes Paraphrase, Laws Thoughts, 1 dictionary and 1 grammar, and Pike's Arithmetic and others. The list above is only a partial list, the inventory takes pages. I have only listed some of the more interesting sounding ones.

Enough of the history, now for a tour of the house. The present property has 1.7 acres and two log outbuildings besides a barn with new attached workshop and a small detached garage. It is on a small hill beside Old State Highway 11, within minutes of an access to Interstate 81 and nearby Interstate 77.

There is an old brick walkway to the front door and slate walkways in back of the house have been made into a patio. There are concord grape vines on one of the old sheds and a garden space at the back of the property. Hedges line the walkway to the road and old lilacs and forsythias bloom in back of the house.

We will enter the house by the back door. You step into an enclosed back porch that is approximately 9x20 feet. It has lots of windows and would make a nice sunny place to grow plants and have a breakfast table. The steps to the basement go down from the back porch. The basement has a brick floor and a bricked up fireplace. It was the kitchen of the original house. Here you can see the rock foundation of the house. There is a workshop room here as well as the furnace. The house is heated by hot water over oil and has electric baseboard heat on the second floor. Kendell Lancaster found two treasures in the basement - a tiny delicate white china tea pot and cup which were probably once a part of a child's tea set.

Going back upstairs, we enter the back hallway. Through the back hallway you enter the living room. There is an old fashioned transom window over the door as you enter. All of the rooms in the house are spacious and have nine feet ceilings. The original five mantles are in the house and four of the five fireplaces are still open and could be used. There is oak flooring on the main floor. The second story has five inch pine board flooring. Passing out of the living room, we are in the front hall. The front door faces out onto a porch that is the length of the house. The glass in the windows of the living room have bubbles in them and waves that show their age. The interior walls are 18 inches thick.

If you are standing in the front hall, just as if you entered by the front door, the living room is on your left and the formal dining room is on your right. Directly in front of you is the staircase that leads to the second floor and to the third floor storage space. The third floor has never been finished, but has enough height to make another room. From this third floor access you can see the dovetail and pegged woodwork structure of the house and huge log beams. The banister of the stairway is said to match the style in the Graham's Forge mansion and are perhaps by the same craftsman. They are original also.

We turn to our right and enter the formal dining room. This room is wallpapered with only one layer of wallpaper which looks to be old, although nothing is known about it. Double french doors open from the dining room into the huge kitchen.

THE GRAHAM FAMILY

The kitchen is the only concession you notice to modern-day changes. It has a built-in oven and stove top as well as a dishwasher and disposal built in. The kitchen sink sits in a free-standing work island. There are built in window box shelves beside the mantle. There is a door from the kitchen to the back porch.

There is a large room behind the kitchen that would make a convenient extra bedroom, den or office. There is one bathroom downstairs off the back hall that has an old fashioned claw-foot tub. The house has two full baths, one on each floor.

Now we will go to the two bedrooms upstairs. The stairs and the upstairs foyer are carpeted. One of the bedrooms upstairs has a closet that was built in under the eaves and is a part of the original structure. There is a unique feature about the closet. It has a door inside of it, on the closet wall, that opens to a passage way to another part of the house. There is enough unused space above the kitchen and the back room of the house to finish into other rooms if you wanted to. The upstairs bedrooms also have fireplaces.

I am afraid it is time for us to go back out the front door and leave, but the Lancasters and I would like to thank Davie Davis, a Wythe County school teacher and historian for researching the history of the Robert Graham family for this article.

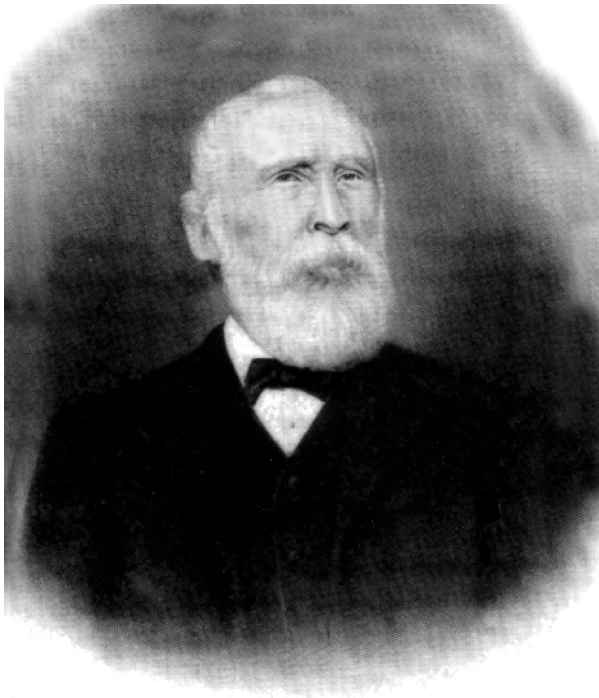




Robert Graham Tombstone
1749-1811

Grahams of the Civil War Era

Samuel Cecil Graham (b. 1774) was the father of Samuel Livingston Graham (b. 1816). Samuel L. Graham had 8 sisters and 5 brothers. One of those brothers was William Leander Graham (b. 1820), a Colonel in the Civil War. Another brother, Robert Craig Graham, had a son who would be named after his grandfather, Samuel Cecil (S.C.) Graham (b. 1846). Their stories are below.



William Leander Graham

10/8/1820 - 4/18/1907

Colonel William L. Graham was born near Chatham Hill, Smyth County in October 1820 and died in April 1908. He was a grandson of Col. John Montgomery, a noted Indian fighter who served with George Rogers Clark in the Illinois campaign. Pendleton says that Col. Graham "was one the most fearless soldiers and commanders that Tazewell County gave to the Confederate army." This charcoal drawing was probably made in Richmond about 1919.

16th Virginia Calvary Regiment

Company I was formerly **Graham's Company** in Caldwell's Battalion. The company was originally known as Captain William Perry's Company in Caldwell's Battalion. William Perry organized the company in 1861. From October 1863 to March 1864 the company was stationed near Jeffersonville. From August to October 1864 Company I was stationed near Standardsville in Greene County. The records indicate, "2nd Lt. Sam

W. Thompson was killed near Frederick County, Maryland 7th July 1864 while discharging his duty. Corp. Jon. Baugh was killed in action at Monocacy Junction 9 July 1864." Most of the men in this company were from Tazewell County. **William (Leander) Graham** was promoted from Captain to Lt. Colonel and William E. Perry was promoted from 1st Lt. to Captain.

Samuel Cecil Graham

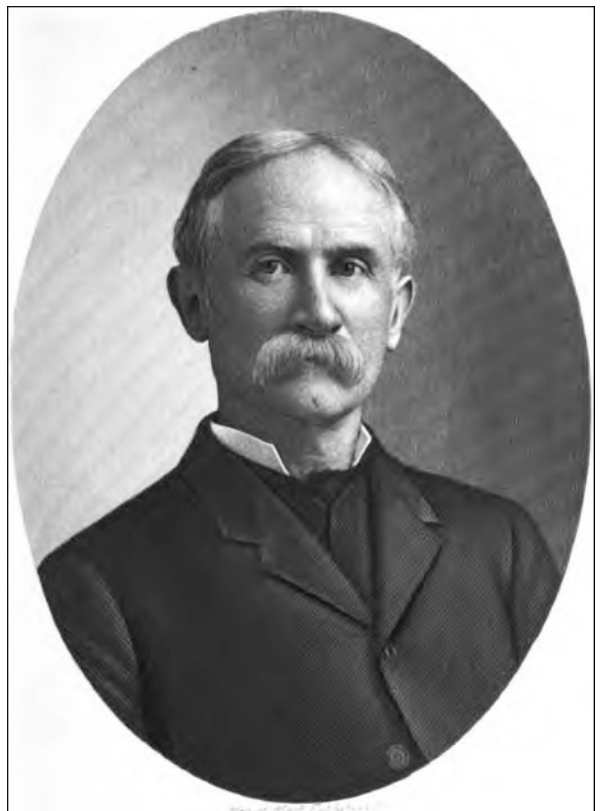
1/1/1846 - 1/11/1923



Judge Samuel Cecil Graham (3rd from left). Circa 1913

Judge & Mrs. Samuel Cecil Graham (left)

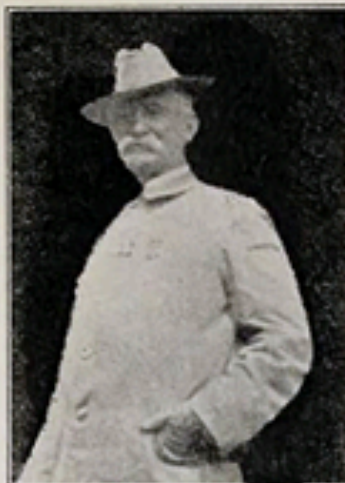
Samuel Cecil Graham (January 1, 1846 – January 11, 1923) was a Virginia lawyer and judge, who served as president of the Virginia Bar Association. Graham became a soldier in the Confederate Army at age 17. He was wounded in action three times during the War. He attended Emory and Henry College for two years, beginning in 1867, then read law at Jeffersonville, which was then the county seat of Tazewell County, Virginia. He was admitted to the bar in 1870, and elected county judge in 1873, serving until 1880. He practiced for the rest of his career in Tazewell County. Graham was the charter president of the Clinch Valley bank at its founding in 1889. In 2005, the successors of the bank chartered in 1889 were owned by National Bankshares, Inc. Graham was president of the Virginia State Bar Association for 1902-1903. Graham spent a month each winter in Florida. His old home on the Intracoastal Waterway is now a bed and breakfast, called Indian River House.



(from Wikipedia)

SAMUEL CECIL GRAHAM.

Judge Samuel Cecil Graham, who died at his winter home at City Point, Fla., on January 11, was for many years one of the leading lawyers of Virginia. He was born January 1, 1846, at Blue-stone, Tazewell County, Va., the estate of his maternal grandfather, William Witten. His father was Robert Craig Graham, and his mother Elizabeth Witten Graham.



SAMUEL CECIL GRAHAM

In November, 1863, at the age of seventeen, he volunteered as a private in Company I, 16th Virginia Cavalry, Capt. William E. Perry. His uncle, William L. Graham, was lieutenant colonel of this regiment, and, on account of the capture of Colonel Ferguson, commanded it during the campaign of 1864 until his own capture at Moorefield, W. Va., in August of that year. He was wounded three times in action. Once in June, 1864, in the right ankle joint, at Hanging Rock, near Salem, Va.; a second time at Monocacy Junction, Md., in July, 1864, in the left leg. This was the battle wherein Gen. Lew Wallace was routed on the march of General Early to near Washington City. A third time, at Moorefield, Hardy County, W. Va., in August, 1864, by a Minie ball, which passed through the upper lobe of the right lung and shoulder blade. This time he fell into the hands of the enemy, desperately wounded, so no attempt was made to take him to prison. When sufficiently recovered from this wound, he again joined his regiment in January, 1865, having been sent from Moorefield by the citizens, although a distance of more than sixty miles within the enemy's lines.

After the war, he entered Emory and Henry College, and then went to Tazewell Courthouse to study law under Col. A. J. May, a noted lawyer in Southwest Virginia, and at the age of twenty-six he was elected county judge of Tazewell. This position he held for six years, and refused reelection to devote himself to his ever-increasing law practice. Soon afterwards he formed a copartnership with R. R. Henry, a young Confederate veteran, the famous law firm of Henry & Graham enduring for thirty-three years, until the death of Major Henry, when the firm name was changed to Graham & Hawthorne. Later it became Graham & Bowen, which partnership continued until his death.

Judge Graham took great interest in the associations connected with the legal profession, and was a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, of which body he served as President in 1903. He was also a member of the American Bar Association. He was devoted to outdoor life, was a great sportsman, and contributed articles to hunting and fishing journals.

Judge Graham always took a keen interest in Confederate matters, often saying that his experience in the Confederate army was the most important of his life, as it taught him the climax of human endurance. He was one of the organizers of Browne-Harman Camp U. C. V. of Tazewell, Va., of which he was Commander at the time of his death.

Samuel Cecil Graham, writing about Virginia mountaineers:

Samuel Cecil Graham, a lawyer of Tazewell, Va., writes that the three million people of the Southern mountain districts should not be blamed for the murder of the Hillsville court officials by "a half-dozen savages." We quote this paragraph from his letter: "Take your map, if you please, and for a few moments study it. Adjoining Carroll is the country of Patrick, where the cavalier Gen. J. E. B. Stuart was born; adjoining it also is the county of Floyd, where Admiral Robley D. Evans was born; hard by is the county of Franklin, where Gen. Jubal A. Early was born. Maybe you will say that it was the savage in them that made them great chieftains by land and sea. Was it the storms of the mountains and the floods that called them to the shock of battle and the roar of the ocean? Over yonder among the mountains of Harrison County, now West Virginia, taken from Virginia by a revolutionary rape, Stonewall Jackson was born. True he prayed, but maybe you would call him the greatest savage war-god since Napoleon. These are but a few brilliant examples of the product of the Virginia mountains. The plain people—the bone and sinew of our country—are intelligent, energetic, educated, brave, and, in many instances, wealthy."

Taken from "The Literary Digest" Volume 44 1912

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Henry & Graham.
Tampers,
Tazewell, Va. Dec. 7th 1904

W.R. Graham Esq
Hamilton, Va

Dear Will,

I received your check for \$3.50, with your letter which pleased me as much as the check.

I am always glad to know when one of my Graham kinsmen are doing well. Probably, between us, you made a good move when you went to Loudoun, and swapped it for Tazewell. If you could see what is going on with juries at this term of the court here you would not regret your move.

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A letter written to WR Graham from his cousin Samuel Cecil Graham.

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Yours sincerely
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LAW OFFICES OF
HENRY & GRAHAM,
TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA.

July 2nd 1906

W. R. Graham Esq
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Sam is in no wise different from the modern boy, as you know, reared as he has been, with no chance whatever for me to teach

him the kind of work he must fit himself for. It is a terrific struggle for such a boy to reconcile himself to the fact that he must begin at the bottom - and the bottom of manual labor, you know, is a bottom slowly to be built on. There is one thing I want to devoutly beg you to do and that is to inspire him with all the courage and resolution possible - make him as ambitious as his material will bear. There is just as much future for him as there was for you or me.

I did not want him to stay around here and I have an abiding faith

Letter written to W.R. Graham (Will) from his cousin Samuel Cecil (S.C.) Graham. Sam in this letter would appear to be S.C.'s son Sam who was born in 1886 and would be 20 at this writing.

July 2, 1906

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to count that, if healthy,

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I did not want him to stay around here and I have an abiding faith that you will do your best to teach him manhood, the honorable profession of honorable labor; but of all, I repeat encourage him, and if you are like me, such an effort always makes me feel good myself. My family are, or have been, up to this time wholly dependent on me for everything, and had this not been the case, had I not had this to bear, as well as to do my best to (?) all their serious physical afflictions, I would have been better off and could have now helped Sam, but I am now past 60 years old, and you may know I (?) to count that, if healthy, my working days are limited.

My main object now, if they will give me some respite, is to so invest what little I have so as if anything should happen I could at least live and not depend on them! Sam should remember that a man is no more born master of the science of agriculture than he is a lawyer, and that he must get his education in that experience, and if I felt able to buy a farm and stock it for him, I doubt his present ability to succeed. He must learn what it takes to succeed.

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Yours truly
S. C. Graham

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Yours Truly,
S.C. Graham

Personal Narratives for Graham Family

Robert Graham - Paternal Great, Great, Great Grandfather of Bonnie

Capt. Robert Graham was born 1749 in Down, Ireland. He was the first child of Robert Graham (1723) and Catherine (about 1727). He had one brother (Samuel Graham (about 1751)) and two sisters: Margaret Graham (1752), Anne Graham (about 1753).

He married Mary Craig (6/14/1750) in Down, Ireland in 1773. He married Mary Cowan (6/14/1768) in Montgomery, Virginia, United States in 1790. He was 24 years old when he married Mary Craig, who was 23 years old at that time. He was 41 years old when he married Mary Cowan, who was 22 years old at that time. He had six children with Mary Craig: Samuel Cecil Graham (8/27/1774), James Graham (3/28/1776), John Graham (1/1/1778), Robert Craig Graham (7/18/1780), Nancy Agnes Graham (1/15/1783), Margaret Graham (12/30/1784). He had eight children with Mary Cowan: Mary Graham (2/3/1791), William Graham (11/11/1793), Thomas Graham (1796), Joseph Graham (8/22/1798), David Graham (9/3/1800), Elizabeth Graham (1802), Calvin Graham (1804), Guy Graham (5/20/1806).

On 3/13/1811, he died in Wythe, Virginia when he was 61 years old. His wife Mary Craig died on 10/26/1786, 24 years before him. His wife Mary Cowan died on 12/28/1819, 9 years after him.

Samuel Cecil Graham - Paternal Great, Great Grandfather of Bonnie

Samuel Cecil Graham was born in Atlantic Ocean, Oceans on 8/27/1774. He was the first child of Capt. Robert Graham (1749) and Mary Craig (6/14/1750). He had three brothers (James Graham (3/28/1776), John Graham (1/1/1778), Robert Craig Graham (7/18/1780)) and two sisters (Nancy Agnes Graham (1/15/1783), Margaret Graham (12/30/1784)).

When he was 12 years old, his mother Mary Craig died (10/26/1786). When he was 36 years old, his father Capt. Robert Graham died (3/13/1811).

On 6/12/1800, he married Rachel Montgomery (10/2/1779) in Wythe, Virginia, United States. He was 25 years old when he married Rachel Montgomery, who was 20 years old at that time. He had 14 children with Rachel Montgomery: John H. Graham (1800), Nancy Montgomery Graham (6/11/1801), Mary Craig Graham (12/20/1802), Amanda Montgomery Graham (11/22/1804), James Monroe Graham (about 1805), Eliza Friel Graham (8/14/1806), Margaret Ann Graham (3/28/1808), Helen Maria Graham (3/11/1810), John Montgomery Graham (5/12/1812), Catherine Graham (5/26/1814), Robert Craig Graham (5/26/1814), Samuel Livingston Graham (9/19/1816), Col William Leander Graham (10/8/1820), Rachel Graham (8/14/1822).

He died on 12/3/1835 when he was 61 years old. He was buried in Chatham Hill, Smyth, Virginia. His wife Rachel Montgomery died on 10/11/1843, 8 years after him.

Samuel Livingston Graham - Paternal Great Grandfather of Bonnie

Samuel Livingston Graham was born in Wythe, Virginia on 9/19/1816. He was the twelfth child of Samuel Cecil Graham (8/27/1774) and Rachel Montgomery (10/2/1779). He had five brothers (John H. Graham (1800), James Monroe Graham (about 1805), John Montgomery Graham (5/12/1812), Robert Craig Graham (5/26/1814), Col William Leander Graham (10/8/1820)) and eight sisters (Nancy Montgomery Graham (6/11/1801), Mary Craig Graham (12/20/1802), Amanda Montgomery Graham (11/22/1804), Eliza Friel Graham (8/14/1806), Margaret Ann Graham (3/28/1808), Helen Maria Graham (3/11/1810), Catherine Graham (5/26/1814), Rachel Graham (8/14/1822)).

When he was 19 years old, his father Samuel Cecil Graham died (12/3/1835). When he was 27 years old, his mother Rachel Montgomery died (10/11/1843).

On 11/8/1842, he married Cosby Harrison (1/25/1824) in Tazewell, Virginia. He was 26 years old when he married Cosby Harrison, who was 18 years old at that time. He had three children with Cosby Harrison: Rachel Frances Graham (6/22/1846), Wade M. Graham (February 1850), William Robert Graham (5/3/1856).

In 1860, he moved to The Eastern District, Tazewell, Virginia.

On 4/9/1896, he died in Buchanan, Virginia when he was 79 years old. He was buried in Grundy, Buchanan, Virginia. His wife Cosby Harrison died on 3/25/1900, 4 years after him.

William Robert Graham (W.R.) - Paternal Grandfather of Bonnie

William Robert Graham was born in Virginia on 5/3/1856. He was the third child of Samuel Livingston Graham (9/19/1816) and Cosby Harrison (1/25/1824). He had one brother and one sister, Wade M. Graham (February 1850) and Rachel Frances Graham (6/22/1846).

When he was 39 years old, his father Samuel Livingston Graham died (4/9/1896). When he was 43 years old, his mother Cosby Harrison died (3/25/1900).

On 11/28/1877, he married Eleanor Elvina Gillespie (1854) in Tazewell, Virginia. On 5/10/1893, he married Margaret Jane Corell (5/25/1871) in Tazewell, Virginia, United States. He was 21 years old when he married Eleanor Elvina Gillespie, who was 23 years old at that time. He was 37 years old when he married Margaret Jane Corell, who was 21 years old at that time. He had eight children with Margaret Jane Corell: Mary Graham (2/7/1894), Anne Graham (6/21/1896), Charles McDonald Graham Sr (11/21/1897), Ollie Alverta Graham (3/16/1900), Samuel Oscar Graham (1/3/1902), Ocie Rachael Graham (9/20/1903), Margaret Lee Graham (1/26/1907), William Wade Graham (10/4/1909).

On 1/28/1916, he died in Hamilton, Loudoun, Virginia when he was 59 years old. His wife Margaret Jane Corell died on 7/27/1943, 27 years after him.

Charles McDonald Graham Sr - Father of Bonnie

Charles McDonald Graham Sr was born in Virginia on 11/21/1897. He was the third child of William Robert Graham (5/3/1856) and Margaret Jane Corell (5/25/1871). He had two brothers (Samuel Oscar Graham (1/3/1902), William Wade Graham (10/4/1909)) and five sisters (Mary Graham (2/7/1894), Anne Graham (6/21/1896), Ollie Alverta Graham (3/16/1900), Ocie Rachael Graham (9/20/1903), Margaret Lee Graham (1/26/1907)).

When he was 18 years old, his father William Robert Graham died (1/28/1916)^{8,12,16}. When he was 45 years old, his mother Margaret Jane Corell died (7/27/1943).

On 1/16/1924, he married Nellie Kathleen Arnold (2/24/1902) in Washington D.C.. He was 26 years old when he married Nellie Kathleen Arnold, who was 21 years old at that time. He had two children with Nellie Kathleen Arnold: Katherine Bondeena Graham (11/13/1924), Charles McDonald Graham Jr. (2/17/1934).

In 1900, he moved to Jeffersonville, Tazewell, Virginia. In 1910, he moved to Mt Gilead, Loudoun, Virginia.

On 7/31/1993, he died in Purcellville, Loudoun, Virginia when he was 95 years old. His wife Nellie Kathleen Arnold died on 9/12/1995, 2 years after him.

Katherine Bondeena Graham (Bonnie)

Katherine Bondeena Graham was born in Leesburg, VA on 11/13/1924. She was the first child of Charles McDonald Graham Sr (11/21/1897) and Nellie Kathleen Arnold (2/24/1902). Her only brother was Charles McDonald Graham Jr. (2/17/1934).

When she was 68 years old, her father Charles McDonald Graham Sr died (7/31/1993). When she was 70 years old, her mother Nellie Kathleen Arnold died (9/12/1995).

On 1/16/1949, she married Earl David Updegrave (10/31/1919) in Washington D.C.. She was 24 years old when she married Earl David Updegrave, who was 29 years old at that time. She had three children with Earl David Updegrave: David Graham Updegrave (11/25/1950), Craig Arnold Updegrave (10/21/1952), Robert Allen Updegrave (9/14/1955).

In 1950, she moved to Falls Church, VA. In 1991, she moved to Purcellville, VA.

On 2/28/2016, she died in Leesburg, Loudoun, Virginia when she was 91 years old. She was buried in Union Cemetery, Leesburg, Virginia. Her husband Earl David Updegrave died on 9/30/1989, 26 years before her.

Mary Graham - Sister of Charles Graham

Mary Graham was born on 2/7/1894. She was the first child of **William Robert Graham** (03 MAY 1856) and **Margaret Jane Corell** (25 MAY 1871). She had three brothers (**Charles McDonald Graham Sr** (21 NOV 1897), **Samuel Oscar Graham** (03 JAN 1902), **William Wade Graham** (04 OCT 1909)) and four sisters (**Anne Graham** (21 JUN 1896), **Ollie Alverta Graham** (16 MAR 1900), **Ocie Rachael Graham** (20 SEP 1903), **Margaret Lee Graham** (26 JAN 1907)).

When she was 21 years old, her father **William Robert Graham** died (1/28/1916)^{1,2,3}.
When she was 49 years old, her mother **Margaret Jane Corell** died (7/27/1943).

On 2/7/1923, she married **Joe Spring** (1891) in Waterford, Loudoun, Virginia. She was 29 years old when she married **Joe Spring**, who was 31 years old at that time. She had two children with **Joe Spring**: **Graham Spring**, **Margaret Spring** (08 SEP 1928).

She died on 10/24/1977 when she was 83 years old. Her husband **Joe Spring** died on 4/2/1977, 1 years before her.

Anne Graham - Sister of Charles Graham

Anne Graham was born on 6/21/1896. She was the second child of **William Robert Graham** (03 MAY 1856) and **Margaret Jane Corell** (25 MAY 1871). She had three brothers (**Charles McDonald Graham Sr** (21 NOV 1897), **Samuel Oscar Graham** (03 JAN 1902), **William Wade Graham** (04 OCT 1909)) and four sisters (**Mary Graham** (07 FEB 1894), **Ollie Alverta Graham** (16 MAR 1900), **Ocie Rachael Graham** (20 SEP 1903), **Margaret Lee Graham** (26 JAN 1907)).

When she was 19 years old, her father **William Robert Graham** died (1/28/1916).
When she was 47 years old, her mother **Margaret Jane Corell** died (7/27/1943).

On 8/19/1917, she married **Albert Lee Vandeventer** (08 JUL 1894) in Waterford, Loudoun, Virginia. She was 21 years old when she married **Albert Lee Vandeventer**, who was 23 years old at that time. She had one daughter with **Albert Lee Vandeventer**: **Jean VanDeventer**.

On 4/13/1992, she died in Union Cemetery Leesburg, VA when she was 95 years old. Her husband **Albert Lee Vandeventer** died on 1/14/1952, 40 years before her.

Ollie Graham - Sister of Charles Graham

Ollie Alverta Graham was born in Buchanan Family Cemetery, Tazewell, Virginia on 3/16/1900. She was the fourth child of **William Robert Graham (03 MAY 1856)** and **Margaret Jane Corell (25 MAY 1871)**. She had three brothers (**Charles McDonald Graham Sr (21 NOV 1897)**, **Samuel Oscar Graham (03 JAN 1902)**, **William Wade Graham (04 OCT 1909)**) and four sisters (**Mary Graham (07 FEB 1894)**, **Anne Graham (21 JUN 1896)**, **Ocie Rachael Graham (20 SEP 1903)**, **Margaret Lee Graham (26 JAN 1907)**).

When she was 15 years old, her father **William Robert Graham** died (1/28/1916). When she was 43 years old, her mother **Margaret Jane Corell** died (7/27/1943).

On 8/9/1922, she married **John Thomas Monroe (22 SEP 1899)** in Washington, USA. She was 22 years old when she married **John Thomas Monroe**, who was 22 years old at that time. She had one son with **John Thomas Monroe**: **Douglas Eugene Monroe (11 SEP 1923)**.

On 1/21/1973, she died in Arlington, Virginia when she was 72 years old. Her husband **John Thomas Monroe** died on 10/28/1966, 6 years before her.

Samuel Graham - Brother of Charles Graham

Samuel Oscar Graham was born in Virginia on 1/3/1902. He was the fifth child of **William Robert Graham (03 MAY 1856)** and **Margaret Jane Corell (25 MAY 1871)**. He had two brothers (**Charles McDonald Graham Sr (21 NOV 1897)**, **William Wade Graham (04 OCT 1909)**) and five sisters (**Mary Graham (07 FEB 1894)**, **Anne Graham (21 JUN 1896)**, **Ollie Alverta Graham (16 MAR 1900)**, **Ocie Rachael Graham (20 SEP 1903)**, **Margaret Lee Graham (26 JAN 1907)**).

When he was 14 years old, his father **William Robert Graham** died (1/28/1916). When he was 41 years old, his mother **Margaret Jane Corell** died (7/27/1943).

His wife was **Frances Ballenger (17 SEP 1904)**. He had three children with **Frances Ballenger**: **Barbara Graham**, **Nancy Graham**, **Gail Graham (28 FEB 1934)**.

On 12/3/1991, he died in Purcellville, Loudoun, Virginia when he was 89 years old. His wife **Frances Ballenger** died on 8/27/1990, 1 year before him.

Ocie Graham - Sister of Charles Graham

Ocie Rachael Graham was born in Virginia on 9/20/1903. She was the sixth child of **William Robert Graham** (03 MAY 1856) and **Margaret Jane Corell** (25 MAY 1871). She had three brothers (**Charles McDonald Graham Sr** (21 NOV 1897), **Samuel Oscar Graham** (03 JAN 1902), **William Wade Graham** (04 OCT 1909)) and four sisters (**Mary Graham** (07 FEB 1894), **Anne Graham** (21 JUN 1896), **Ollie Alverta Graham** (16 MAR 1900), **Margaret Lee Graham** (26 JAN 1907)).

When she was 12 years old, her father **William Robert Graham** died (1/28/1916). When she was 39 years old, her mother **Margaret Jane Corell** died (7/27/1943).

She married **Shedrack Carter Anderson** (13 MAR 1905) in Virginia. She had three children with **Shedrack Carter Anderson**: **Don Anderson**, **Nancy Lynn Anderson** (03 FEB 1936), **Judith Lee Anderson** (05 JAN 1941).

On 2/17/1984, she died in Florida when she was 80 years old. Her husband **Shedrack Carter Anderson** died on 1/20/1985, 1 years after her.

Margaret Graham - Sister of Charles Graham

Margaret Lee Graham was born in Hamilton, Loudoun, Virginia on 1/26/1907. She was the seventh child of **William Robert Graham** (03 MAY 1856) and **Margaret Jane Corell** (25 MAY 1871). She had three brothers (**Charles McDonald Graham Sr** (21 NOV 1897), **Samuel Oscar Graham** (03 JAN 1902), **William Wade Graham** (04 OCT 1909)) and four sisters (**Mary Graham** (07 FEB 1894), **Anne Graham** (21 JUN 1896), **Ollie Alverta Graham** (16 MAR 1900), **Ocie Rachael Graham** (20 SEP 1903)).

When she was 9 years old, her father **William Robert Graham** died (1/28/1916). When she was 36 years old, her mother **Margaret Jane Corell** died (7/27/1943).

On 11/7/1929, she married **John Derry Tribby** (28 NOV 1905). She was 22 years old when she married **John Derry Tribby**, who was 23 years old at that time. She had two children with **John Derry Tribby**: **Bill Tribby** (18 MAR 1934), **David Cosby Tribby** (28 DEC 1936).

On 4/26/2002, she died in Augusta, Richmond, Georgia when she was 95 years old. Her husband **John Derry Tribby** died on 8/25/1986, 16 years before her.

William Wade Graham - Brother of Charles Graham

William Wade Graham was born in Hamilton, Virginia on 10/4/1909. He was the eighth child of **William Robert Graham** (03 MAY 1856) and **Margaret Jane Corell** (25 MAY 1871). He had two brothers (**Charles McDonald Graham Sr** (21 NOV 1897), **Samuel Oscar Graham** (03 JAN 1902)) and five sisters (**Mary Graham** (07 FEB 1894), **Anne Graham** (21 JUN 1896), **Ollie Alverta Graham** (16 MAR 1900), **Ocie Rachael Graham** (20 SEP 1903), **Margaret Lee Graham** (26 JAN 1907)).

When he was 6 years old, his father **William Robert Graham** died (1/28/1916). When he was 33 years old, his mother **Margaret Jane Corell** died (7/27/1943).

On 2/6/1940, he married **Barbara Daly** in Montgomery, Alabama, United States. He was 30 years old when he married **Barbara Daly**. He had three children with **Barbara Daly**: **Bill Graham**, **Mary Graham**, **John Daly Graham** (28 FEB 1942).

On 7/6/1956, he died in Washington DC. Buried in Hamilton VA when he was 46 years old.

Chapter 5

THE CORELL FAMILY

The Corell Family



Margaret (Maggie) Corell Graham

Mother of Charles Graham

5/25/1871 - 7/27/1943

THE CORELL FAMILY



Maggie Corell Graham with son Charles Graham (above);
with granddaughter Bonnie Graham Updegrove (below)





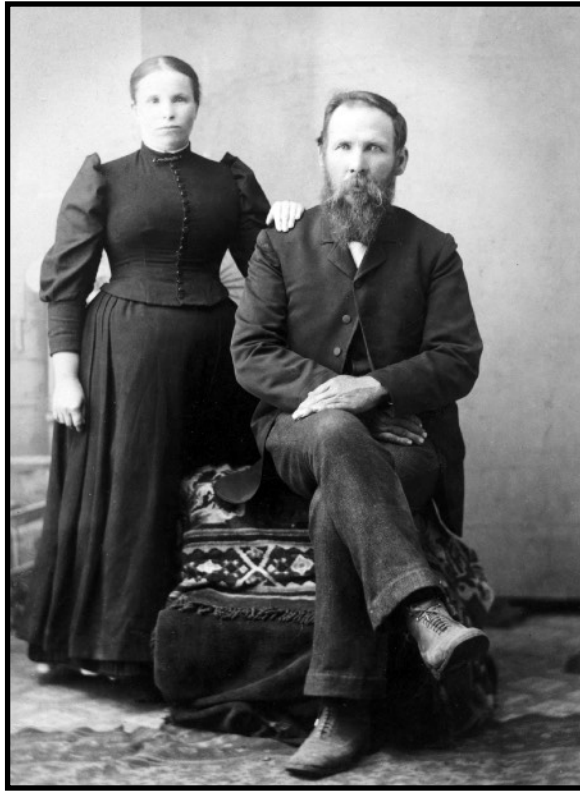
James Oscar Corell & Mary Thompson Corell

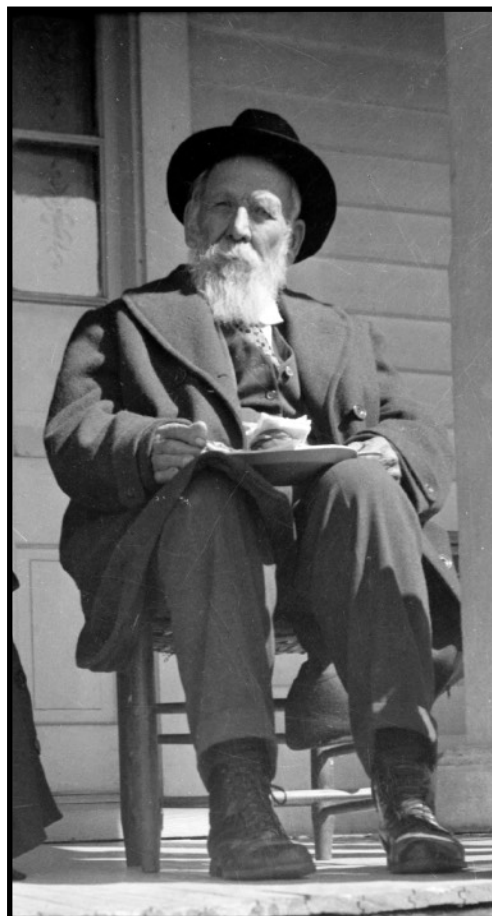
Parents to Margaret Corell Graham, Great Grandparents to Bonnie
(sitting)

**William J. Corell, Jas. E. Corell, Margaret (Maggie) Jane Corell,
Anne Rebeca Corell**
(standing)

James Oscar Corell & Mary Thompson Corell

Parents of Margaret Corell Graham; Great Grandparents to Bonnie





James Oscar Corell

4/14/1843 - 1/1/1939

(Father to Margaret Corell Graham)

(Great Grandfather of Bonnie)

On his favorite horse, Highlander, in front of his home in Thompson Valley, Virginia. He was a Confederate veteran and served many years as magistrate in the Jeffersonville District.

THE CORELL FAMILY



Sitting: **James & Mary Corell; Bonnie Graham Updegrove** on lap

Standing: **Kathleen Arnold Graham, Charles Graham,
Margaret (Maggie) Corell Graham**

1925

Benbow Va
April 27 /05

Dear Maggie as you sure
to want a few lines from
me I will try and write
them I haven't had much
time to write or do any
thing else I am busy
from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m.
with my work & have
to take time to look after
the Hon Lynch to keep him
from taking our farm away
from us he is doing his
best both fair & unfair
& most of it unfair. He
don't care to tell a lie

Letter written by JO Corell to his daughter Maggie. JO Corell was Charlie (Pops) Graham's grandfather and Maggie was Pops' mother. Pops was 7 years old at this time and his family had moved to Hamilton, VA from Tazewell in 1904. Benbow is in the Tazewell area.

Benbow, VA - April 27, 1905

Dear Maggie,

As you sure to want a few lines from me I will try and write them. I haven't had much time to write or do anything else. I am busy from 4 am to 9 pm with my work and have to take time to look after the Hon Lynch to keep him from taken our farm away from us. He is doing his best both fair and unfair and most of it unfair. He don't care to tell a lie and given to it a bit, but I don't think it will do him any good.

& live on to it a bit. but
I don't think it will do him
any good, we haven't planted
any corn yet & haven't turned
our stock to ^{grass} yet but will in a
few days we have plenty of
feed this year but our teams
will run us scarce of corn
pretty soon, one of our best
horses got snaged last Sunday
out in the sugar bottom &
I never saw any thing bleed
like it did, I was sure he
would bleed to death but we
got it stopped at last & he
seems to be doing tolerable
well now. We are still
sawing I don't know when

We haven't planted any corn yet and haven't turned out stock to grass yet but will in a few days. We have plenty of feed this year but our teams will run us scarce of corn pretty soon. One of our best horses got snagged last Sunday out in the sugar bottom and I never saw any thing bleed like it did. I was sure he would bleed to death but we got it stopped at last. Seems to be doing tolerable well now. We are still sawing. I don't know when we will get done.

2
we will get done, will get
the set we are at now done
in about a month & if we
make an other set it will take
us all summer to finish it
& getting a little tired of looking
after it, My best teamster got
his leg broke 2 months ago
(Jim Hawkins) & hasn't been
able to do any thing since
but it was done at home
with a stick of wood &
not with the saw logs
Wm has moved out & left us
none of us have been down
to see them yet
Annie & her brood are getting
along tolerable well I don't

Will get the set we are at now done in about a month and if we make another set it will take us all summer to finish it. I getting a little tired of looking after it, but best teamster got his leg broke 2 months ago (Jim Hawkins) and hasn't been able to do anything since but it was done at home with a stick of wood and not with the saw logs.

Wm has moved out and left us. None of us have been down to see them yet. Annie and her brood are getting along tolerable well.

Think she has got entirely
well yet but is doing her
work now
The Health of the valley is
very good rather better than
common
old and still keeps me com-
pany where ever I go, she has
been so often accused of killing
sheep this spring but I don't
think she is guilty
Gussie is still with us but
I think her Pa is coming after
her when he gets done planting
corn. I am afraid our fruit
is all killed it is 6 degrees below
freezing here Write soon
your Devotedly
J. O. Corell

I don't think she has got entirely well yet but is doing her work now.

The health of the valley is very good rather better than common. (Name of dog?) still keeps me company where ever I go. She has been (?) accused of killing sheep this spring but I don't think she is guilty.

Gussie is still with us but I think her Pa is coming after her when he gets done planting corn. I am afraid our fruit is all killed. It was 6 degrees below freezing here.

Write soon

Your devotedly, JO Corell

April 9 1905

Dear Maggie

I was so glad to get your letter for I thought that you had forgot to write to me you that you did not fill out the blanks I did not get hit so you now how long hits has bin since we has got one for I did not get none that said any thing a howl lamer Maggie I don't think that Annors is a doing any good tho I did not hear to day from her This leaves us all well Will has moved out

first of this month I miss him so much he has not bin back since so you now that he cares but little for home Gurie has not gone home yet I don't know when she is a going to go for she thinks that hits is none of my business so you see that I don't bother her Maggie ain't you and Will a coming out this summer or not don't say no if you can come but sure a come Pa Pa has rode his oats I think that he will run his legs off first the farms hands then the mill hands so you now that I can't

Letter written to Margaret (Maggie) Corell Graham from her mother Mary Corell. There are several sentences in this letter that are difficult to discern the meaning.

April 9 1905

Dear Maggie

I was so glad to get your letter for I thought that you had forgot to write to me (you that you did not fill out the blanks?) I did not get it so you know how long it has been since we has got one for I did not get none that said anything about (?). Maggie I don't think that (Annie?) is doing any good though I did not hear today from her. This leaves us all well. Will has moved out first of this month.

I miss him so much. He has not been back since so you know that he cares but little for home. (Gurie?) has not gone home yet. I don't know when she is going to go for she think that it is none of my business so you see that I don't bother her. Maggie ain't you and Will coming out this summer or not? Don't say no if you come. Be sure and come. Pa Pa has rode his oats. I think that he will run his legs off first the farms hands then the mill hands so you know that I can't get a word in any place at all.

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 to nite to
 me for
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 to see them
 for you
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get a word in any place at
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 rich his wife has bin right
 rich too so you now more
 about them than I do Magg
 the babers is thick this
 summer I will have more
 of them Ammie dell
 Thoren. Matilda Buckman
 that is for in the Buckman
 famley I think that so
 right well there is 19 baby
 in this waley Berrie
 Giferon has a little girl

I dont know how she
is a geting along she is
at her mamas come home
to hat hit no her macod
wait om her so you see that
there is plenty of them again
July rander is in that
fix I hav not got any
help yet can doo beary
well til july gets down
tho I dont know what
I will doo for you cant get
any body to work so you
know that I am not able
to work for my family
much les you and I wold
hav her to work too so I
will clore for this time with
much love too all you and
ma

He went to see Captain Peary last Sunday. He is rite sick. His wife has been right sick too so you know more about them than I do. Maggie the babies is thick this summer. I will name some of them Annie, Della, Florence, Matilda Buchanan. That is four in the Buchanan family. I think that is right. Well there is 19 babies in the valley. Bessie Giperon has a little girl.

I don't know how she is a getting along. She is at her Mamies (come?) home to have it so her ma could wait on her so you see that there is plenty of them (?). July Sanders is in that fix. I have not got any help but can do very well til July gets down. I don't know what I will do for you can't get anybody to work so you know that I am not able to work for my family much less (Gurie?) and I would have her to work too. I will close for this time with much love to all. Your loving Ma

Letter written to Margaret (Maggie) Corell
Graham from her mother Mary Corell.

Benbow Va - January 29 1906

Dear Maggie

I got your letter and was so glad to hear from you all. Was glad that William had good luck to get his cattle and get back home. I was so glad that you all was well we have had now bad sickness in the family this winter but Oscar is right sick this morning. I don't know what is the matter with him but I think that he will be well in a little while. Annie has not been down since Xmas. The little ones has all been sick so that she could not come down and you know that I could not go up but once a week to see them.

Uncle (?) has had a bad cold and I was afraid that he would have the new (?) but he has got about well again. There was a great deal of sickness out here this winter though it looks like spring was here and the bird is a singing so sweet this morning. Pa has got a little more sawing to do. He is a looking a great deal better than he did when he quit sawing so you see that I hate to see him begin to saw again for he has to be out so much in the cold. You wanted to know how that we got along with the trouble with DW Linch. I can't tell you about it though we gained it and he had to pay fifteen dollars of my expense. I did not want the children to have to pay so they put it on himself to pay it. I think that he looks like a bull about as surly as one. Maggie don't let anyone see this letter for they would think that I was a bad woman to think so little of anybody as I do of him though I can forgive him though I don't want him to bother me again.

January 29 1906
Benbow Va

Dear Maggie

I got your letter and was so glad to hear from you all was glad that William had good luck to get his cattle and get back home I was so glad that you all was well we have had now bad sickness in the family this winter but Oscar is right sick this morning. I don't know what is the matter with him but I think that he will be well in a little while. Annie has not bin down since Xmas. The little ones has all bin sick so that she could not come down and you know that I could not go up but once a week to see them. Uncle Porter has

has had a bad cold and I was afraid that he would have the new one but he has got about well again. There was a great deal of sickness out here this winter tho hit looks like spring was here and the bird is singing so sweet this morning. Pa has got a little more sawing to do. He is a looking a great deal better than he did when he quit sawing so you see that I hate to see him begin to saw again for he has to be out so much in the cold. You wanted to know how that we got along with the trouble with D W Linch. I can't tell you about hit though we gained hit and he had to pay fifteen dollars of my expense. I did not want the children to haf to pay so they put hit on him self to pay hit. I think that he looks like a bull about as surly as one. Maggie don't let any one see this letter for they would think that I was a bad woman.

to think a little of any body as I do
 of him how I can forgive him ~~but~~ tho
 I don't want him to bother me again
 I think that if I had done such a low
 down thing that my feelings would
 not let me sleep a wink at night
 I think that I have said a nuff about him
 for he make me mad every time that I
 think about how I had to down there
 when any thing got the mater with
 any of them and be treated like a dog
 by him eyes Annie come down to day
 the children is all got well again
 Oscar and Reese have gon to school
 to day they are a getting along rite
 well I think Oscar is in the second
 geography second arithmetic history
 grammar and complain of his eyes
 Reese is in the first geography first
 arithmetic third reader though
 Reese does not go as regular as Oscar does

I think that if I had done such a low down thing that my feeling would not let me sleep a wink at night. I think that I have said enough about him for it makes me mad every time that I think about how I had to (go) down there when anything got the matter with any of them and be treated like a dog by him (eyes?). Annie come down today. The children is all well again. Oscar and Reese have gone to school today. They are a getting along rite well I think. Oscar is in the second geography, second arithmetic, history, grammar and complain of his eyes. Reese is in the first geography, first arithmetic, third reader though Reese does not go as regular as Oscar does on account of his ears has had a good deal of trouble with them.

with much
 much love to
 all your
 loving mother
 till death
 may god bless
 each one of
 the family
 and don't
 for get to pray
 to him to take
 care of all
 your loving
 ma
 Mary Corell

on the count of his ears has had a good
 deal of trouble with them (oh yes
 Maggie Thaim Buchanan had a dance
 Friday night Judy and Charles George
 danced the first set together
 what do you think of that?) William
 had one too how he does not got time to
 come up to see how we are doing though
 when he wants any thing then come then
 tell the children that I want to see
 them all am glad that they are getting
 along so nice at school
 Maggie don't you and William think
 that you can come up this spring rite
 and tell me I will have to close for this
 time as my face and eyes are a hurting
 so bad I don't think that you can read
 this bad ritten letter so I will close

(Oh yes Maggie (?) Buchanan had a dance Friday night. Judy and Charles George danced the first set together. What do you think of that?) William had one too though he does not got time to come up to see we are doing though when we wants anything he come then. Tell the children that I want to see them all. Am glad that they are getting along so nice at school. Maggie don't you and William think that you can come up this spring. Write and tell me. I will have to close for the time as my face and eyes are a hurting so bad. I don't think that you can read this bad written letter so I will close with much love to all. Your loving mother till death. May God bless each of the family and don't forget to pray to him to take care of all. Your loving ma. Mary Corell

Chapter 6

THE ARNOLD FAMILY

The Arnold Family



Kathleen Arnold Graham (Granny)

2/24/1902 - 9/12/1995

Mother of Bonnie Updegrove

Kathleen Arnold Graham (Granny)

Bottom photo: with daughter
Bonnie Graham Updegrove

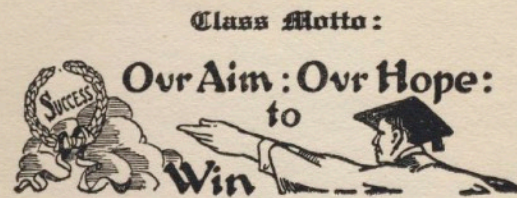


THE ARNOLD FAMILY



Kathleen (Granny) & Minnie Belle Arnold
Graduation from Lucketts High School
May 26, 1921

The Senior Class
Lucketts High School
requests your presence at the
Commencement Exercises
Thursday Evening
May Twenty-sixth
School Auditorium



Class Colors:
Dark Green and Gold

Class Flower:
Pink Rose

Class Roll:
NELLIE KATHLEEN ARNOLD
ETHEL DULANY TITUS
JOHN DABNEY SIMPSON
MINNIE BELLE ARNOLD
CLARA VIRGINIA HEFLIN
John S. Simpson, Principal
O. L. Emerick, Superintendent

Hospital Bill For Kathleen Arnold Graham (Granny)

LEESBURG, VA., *May 5th* 192*7*

Mrs. Kathleen Graham

To Loudoun County Hospital Co., Dr.
INCORPORATED

All Bills Payable Weekly In Advance

		OPERATING ROOM FEE, \$5.00			
		ANAESTHETIC, \$5.00			
		ROOM AND BOARD FOR WEEK ENDING <i>Apr 18</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>00</i>	
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"Granny" was three months pregnant with Bonnie at this time. This bill seems to indicate that she was in the hospital for three and one half weeks, with the total bill being \$101.50 (perhaps not counting any doctor's fees).

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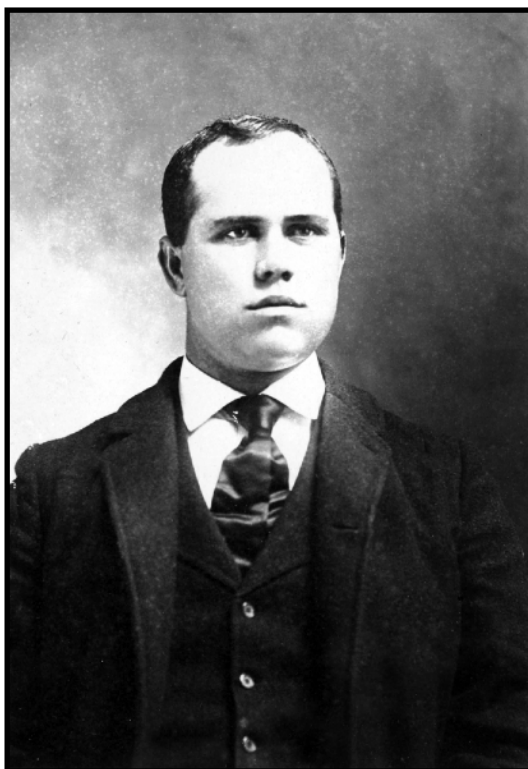
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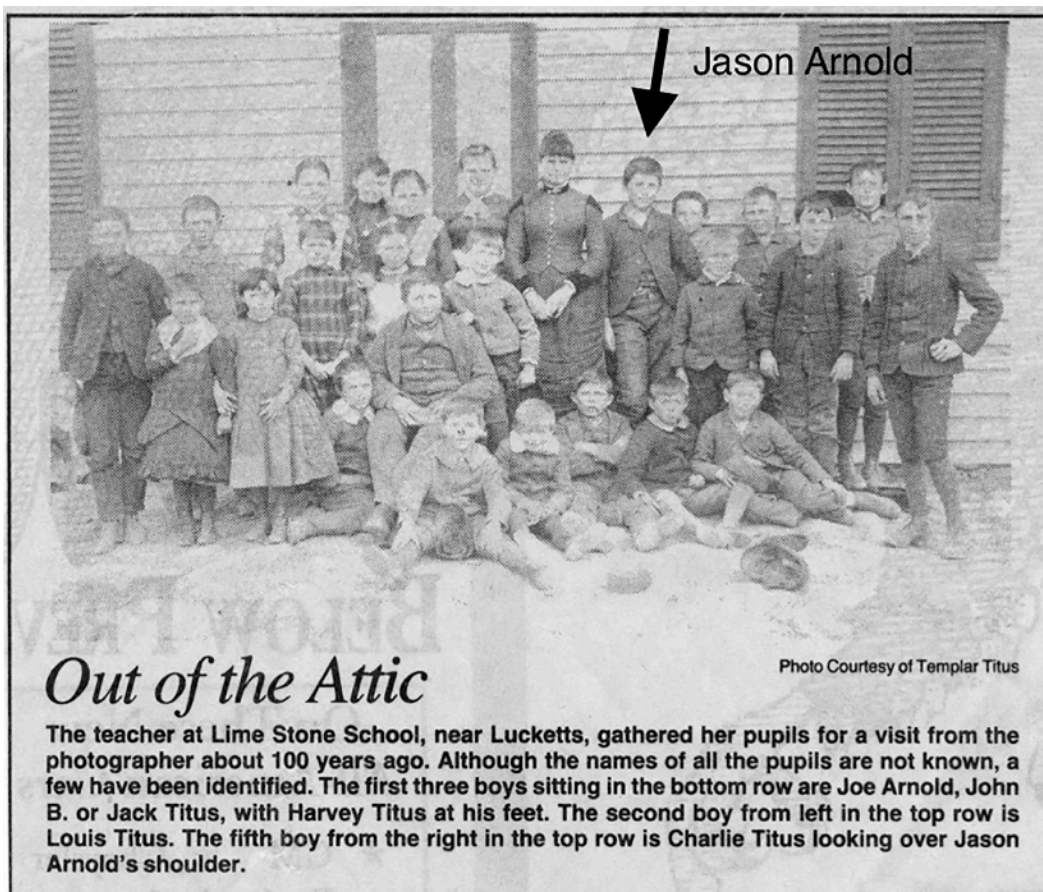
Jason Arnold

2/29/1876 - 9/14/1940

Father of Kathleen Arnold Graham (Granny)

Jason Arnold, aged 64, son of the late John and Sarah Williams Arnold of near Lucketts, passed away September 14, after an illness of seven weeks following a stroke of paralysis suffered on July 26. Death resulted from pneumonia. Surviving are one son, Richard Y. Arnold, Hamilton; two daughters, Mrs. Charles M. Graham, Purcellville; Mrs. Harry H. Trussell, Hamilton; four grandchildren, Bonnie and Charles Mac Graham; Katherine and Billie Arnold; one brother, Joseph F. Arnold; a half brother and sister, Mahlon D. And Miss Mattie Arnold all of Lucketts. A brother and half sister preceded him in death during the month of August.

Mr. Arnold resided in Lovettsville District during the greater part of his life where he farmed extensively, and was active in community affairs. For the past five years he had resided with his brother, Joseph. He was a member of St. James Reformed Church, Lovettsville. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. H.B. Cole, were held on Monday from the Trussell home in Hamilton. Burial was in Leesburg. Pallbearers were J. Homer Mock, Nelson Titus, John Whitmore, James McIntosh, Tunis Plaster and West Glascock.



Jason Arnold

Jason Arnold was a farmer, greatly affected by the Depression. He continued to invest in livestock but it left him in further debt. He died in 1940, having lived his last 5 years with his brother Joe at Arcadia Farm (north of Leesburg).



Jason Arnold inherited his Taylorstown farm from his father John Arnold in December 1900. This farm is adjacent to the Yakey farm. One month after John Arnold's death, Jason married Katherine Bondeena Yakey. In 1919 Jason bought the Yakey farm after the death of Eliza Yakey, Katherine's mother. For financial reasons Jason had to sell the farm in 1933. Jason and Katherine Yakey Arnold separated when their children had grown, but never divorced.

John Arnold Obituary

Leesburg, VA "The Mirror"

December 13, 1900

Text in parenthesis added by Bob Updegrove

The Death of John Arnold. About five o'clock Tuesday afternoon (Dec. 11, 1900), Mr. John Arnold, a well known and prosperous farmer, died at his home near Goresville (later named Lucketts), aged 70 years. Mr. Arnold had, we learn, been suffering with a sever cold which failed to respond to simple remedies and on Friday last he summoned his physician Dr. Willard. Already, however, pneumonia had set in and its progress could not be checked, death ensuing as stated.

Mr. Arnold was a native of Maryland, but had lived in Loudoun since directly after the war. He was energetic, frugal and thrifty, and was one of the very best farmers in the Pt. Of Rocks valley. As a result of those qualities he had accumulated a handsome estate, upon which, it is safe to assert, there are no encumbrances. Some years ago Mr. Arnold was victimized by some professional sharpers (swindlers) and lost a large sum of money, a part of which, however, was recovered.

Mr. Arnold's family consisted of his wife and two children, a son and daughter, at home, besides these are three other sons and a married daughter.

His funeral takes place this Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from his late residence. Interment in Union Cemetery, this town.

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Left: John Arnold (5/28/1826 - 12/11/1900)

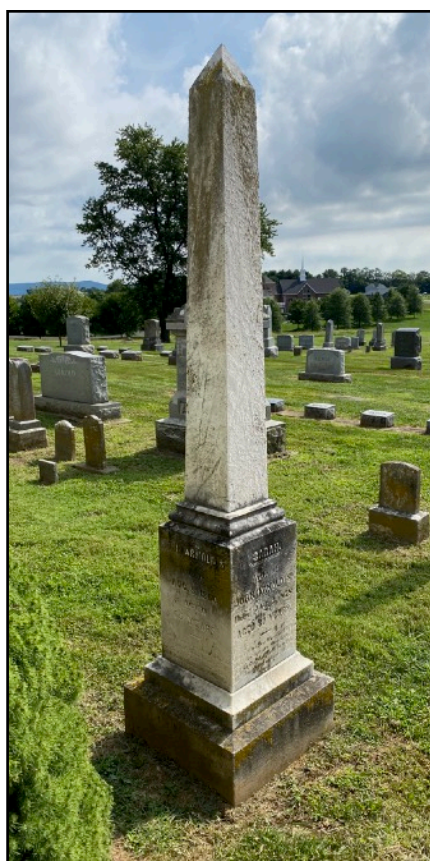
(Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA)

Father of Jason Arnold, great-grandfather of Bonnie. *In 1888 John Arnold was a founding Trustee of the Peoples National Bank of Leesburg, VA. The building became the Lightfoot Restaurant.*

Bottom: John H. Arnold (1795 - 8/5/1860) & **Sarah Karn Arnold** (1798 - 8/2/1878)

Parents of John Arnold

Pleasant View Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Burkittsville, MD. (There are a number of our Arnold family buried in this cemetery.)



Last Will & Testament for John Arnold, Father of Jason Arnold

Signed December 3, 1898

In the name of God - Amen.-

I, John Arnold being of sound & disposing mind do hereby make, declare and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made.

First. I direct my executors hereinafter named to pay my Funeral expenses and erect suitable tombstones to mark my last resting place as soon after my decease as practicable.

Secondly. I direct my executors to pay all my just and legally collectible debts.

Thirdly. I do hereby give, devise & bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Jane Arnold the farm whereon I now reside known as "Arcadia" and containing one hundred and eighty three acres together with all live stock, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture that may be located on said farm at my death, also a lot or tract of land known as the Marlow lot of about 26 3/4 acres, the aforesaid property to be held and enjoyed by her for and during her life only, and upon her death the same to pass to and become the absolute property of my son Joseph Arnold. But as to the aforesaid personal property I give that to my beloved wife without any restriction or limitation whatever. I also direct that my daughter Mattie Arnold shall be permitted to make her home and be entitled to her support at said farm and from the same so long as she remains unmarried.

Fourthly. In addition to the estate in remainder in the property devised by the third clause of this will I do hereby give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Arnold three thousand dollars.

Fifthly. I do hereby give and bequeath and devise unto my son M. D. Arnold in fee simple forever subject to a charge of Ten Thousand dollars in favor of Loretta Hightman all that certain tract of land now occupied by him known as "Bloom Hill" containing four hundred & forty two acres. But I do charge said M.D. Arnold and the land thereby devised to him with the payment of Ten Thousand dollars for the benefit of his sister Loretta Hightman for and during her life with remainder to her children - that is to say - the executors of this will are to collect the interest on said ten thousand dollars annually and

pay the same to her so long as she may live and upon her death said sum of ten thousand dollars shall pass and become the absolute property of the children of said Loretta Hightman equally share and share alike. But my executors are hereby given the authority & power upon the direction in writing from the said Loretta Hightman attested by two disinterested witnesses to collect said ten thousand dollars and upon the aforesaid direction of the said Loretta Hightman to invest the same by lending it upon other real estate security of twice the value of the amount loaned or in the purchase of a farm or other real estate in which event the land so purchased shall be held by my said executors upon the same terms, trusts and limitations as above prescribed. Said executors with the like consent evidenced in like manner of said Loretta Hightman shall have power to sell or exchange any land so purchased as aforesaid for any other land in which event the lands so acquired shall likewise be held upon the same trusts and limitations as aforesaid, but the purchaser of any land sold or exchanged under this clause shall not be required to see to the application of the purchase money. In addition to the above devise which is to said Loretta Hightman for her life only I do hereby give and bequeath unto her absolutely and with no limitation whatever one thousand dollars.

Sixthly. I do hereby give and devise to my son John W. Arnold in fee simple the farm called the Jone's farm now occupied by him situated on the road leading from Taylors town to Waterford containing one hundred and ninety five acres.

Seventhly. I give to my son Jason Arnold the farm known as the Edwards farm now occupied by him near Tankerville containing one hundred and ninety one acres also the two rood lots in the mountain known as the Edwards land to be held by him forever. In addition to the above I also give and bequeath unto him Jason Arnold three thousand three hundred dollars without limitation.

Eighthly. I do hereby give and bequeath & devise unto my executors to be held by them in trust for the benefit of my daughter Mattie Arnold Ten Thousand dollars. This sum is to be loaned by my executors or invested as hereinafter prescribed upon real estate security to be at least double the value of the amount loaned, the income from which they are to collect and pay over annually to my said daughter Mattie Arnold during her life free from the control or any marital rights of any husband she may marry with remainder to any children she

and leaving no children surviving her, then she shall have the power to appoint by her last will and testament which amongst my other children that survive me shall take said sum and the shares and proportions each shall take, but in the event of her default of appointment hereby given to her, then the corpus of this ten thousand dollars is to be equally divided amongst all my children. But my executors are hereby given the authority & power to invest this sum of ten thousand dollars upon the direction of my daughter Mattie Arnold in writing attested by two disinterested witnesses in any real estate that she may designate with authority and power to exchange the same for other land, provided that any land so purchased shall be held by my executors upon the same terms, trusts and limitations as provided above for said legacy.

Ninthly. All the rest and residue of my estate of whatever kind and wherever situated after providing for the foregoing devised and legacies, I do hereby give and bequeath unto my executors to be held by them or invested upon the following trusts, ~~that the same may be loaned on~~ real estate security of twice the value of the amount loaned that the income therefrom shall be paid annually to my beloved wife Sarah Jane Arnold for and during her life, and upon her death then the same to be equally divided that is, the corpus of that which passes under this clause shall be equally divided amongst my children.

Tenthly. In disposing of the property of which I shall die seized I have tried to dispose of it in accordance with what I have considered right and I do hope and trust that upon my decease these my last wishes will be respected. However if my wife should not be satisfied with the provision I have made for her and should undertake to renounce this will and it should appear that she should be entitled to more than I have set apart for her then it is my will and desire that anything in addition to what I have given her shall be provided out of the bequests herein to my sons, John W. Arnold, Jason Arnold and Joseph Arnold and in no event are the bequests herein given to my children M. D. Arnold, Mattie Arnold and Loretta Hightman to be affected or reduced by any act on the part of my wife. Again- In the event that either of my children shall undertake to contest the validity of this my last will and testament or to hinder or obstruct the disposition I have herein made of my property upon any ground whatever I do

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hereby will and specially direct that the one or ones so proceeding shall be forever precluded from receiving any part of my estate and the property above devised or bequeathed to the one so proceeding shall pass and belong to my other children forever to be divided amongst them equally share and share alike. Lastly. I do nominate & appoint my four sons M. D. Arnold, John W. Arnold, Jason Arnold and Joseph Arnold the executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby request the Court to permit them to qualify as such by executing a joint bond without additional security. In testimon whereof I do hereby set my hand seal this 3rd day of December 1898.

John Arnold (Seal)

Witnesses:

S. T. Hickman
A. V. Thomas
Edwin E. Garrett.

at a County Court held for Loudoun County, Jany. 19, 1901

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John Arnold deceased was this day presented to the Court proved by the oaths of S. T. Hickman and Edwin E. Garrett two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the handwriting and attestation of A. V. Thomas the other subscribing witness who is absent and said will is ordered to be recorded. And on motion of M.D. Arnold, John W. Arnold, Jason Arnold and Joseph Arnold the Exors. named herein who made oath and qualified as such by executing a bond in the penalty of seventy thousand (\$70,000.) dollars conditioned according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form and said bond is ordered to be recorded. No security required by direction of the testator.

A copy - Teste:

W. D. Hempstone c.c.

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/s/ W. D. Hempstone c.c.

Arnold Family History

The following are excerpts from a letter written to Minnie Belle Arnold Trussell (sister of Kathleen Arnold Graham) by a woman name Lizzie. We do not know who Lizzie is or when this letter was written.

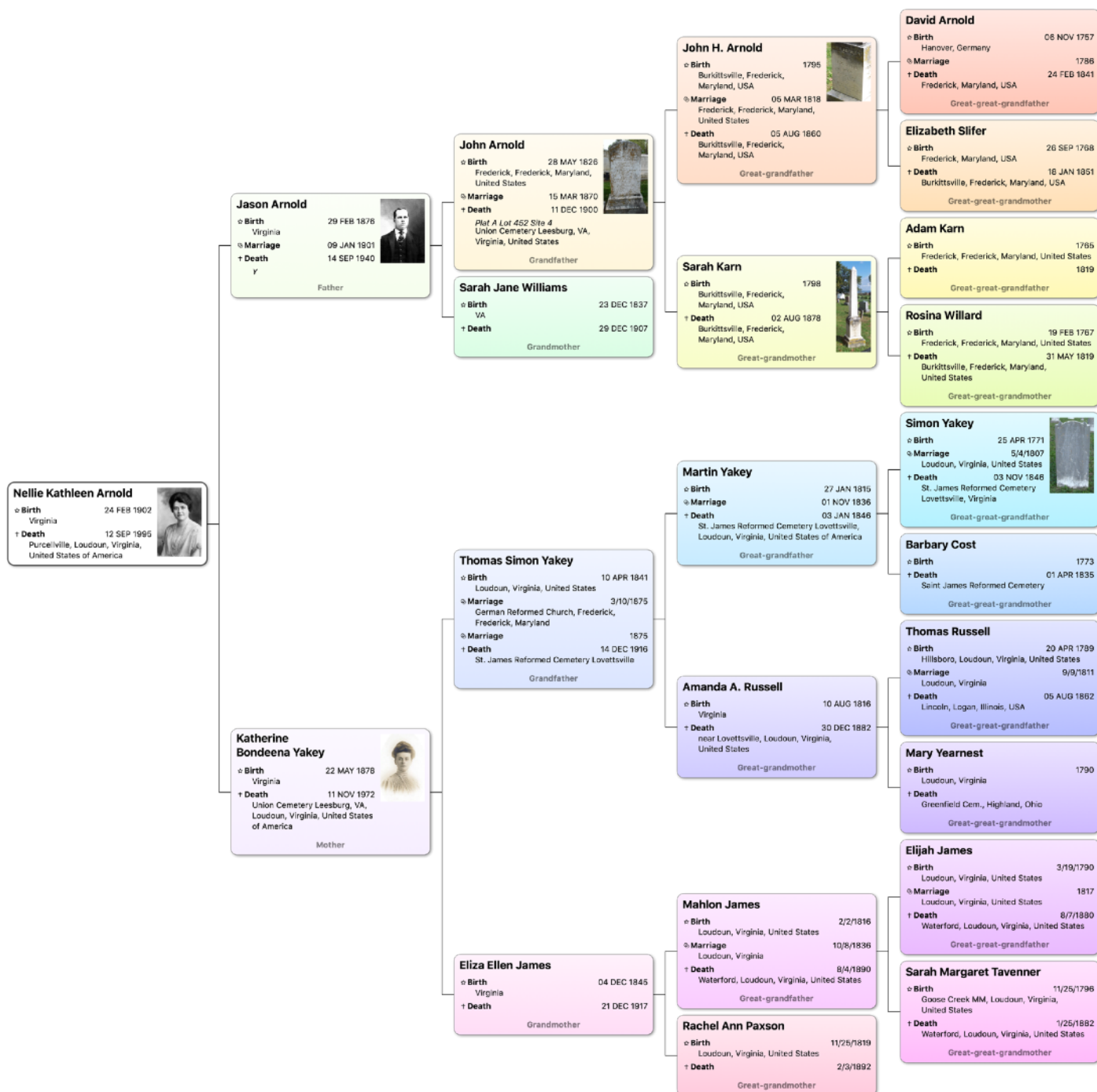
The (Arnold) family is one of the oldest and best known in Frederick Co (Maryland). It is supposed that David Arnold, the grandfather of John Arnold, emigrated from Germany. He settled in Middletown Valley, Frederick Co. where he became a prosperous farmer and the owner of several tracts of land. He died on one of those farms in 1841 at the age of 84 yrs.

David Arnold married and had three children. The oldest of these, John H. Arnold, was born in 1795 near Burkittsville. He received a very limited education having been at school but twelve days when he began farm work on a tract of 200 acres, now part of the farm owned by his great nephew George V. Arnold. The land was at that time in a very poor condition. Mr. Arnold paid only sixteen dollars per acre for it. When he died in 1860 he was the owner of several good farms and was well and favorably known throughout the Co. (John H. Arnold) was a man of stalwart physique and commanding appearance, was active in public life and took a lively interest in current affairs. In politics he was first a Whig, but at a later time changed his views and voted with the Democratic Party.

On March 8, 1818 John H. Arnold married Sarah Karn. Mrs. Arnold died Aug 1878, aged about 78 yrs. She was a member of the Dunkard Church and a devout Christian woman.

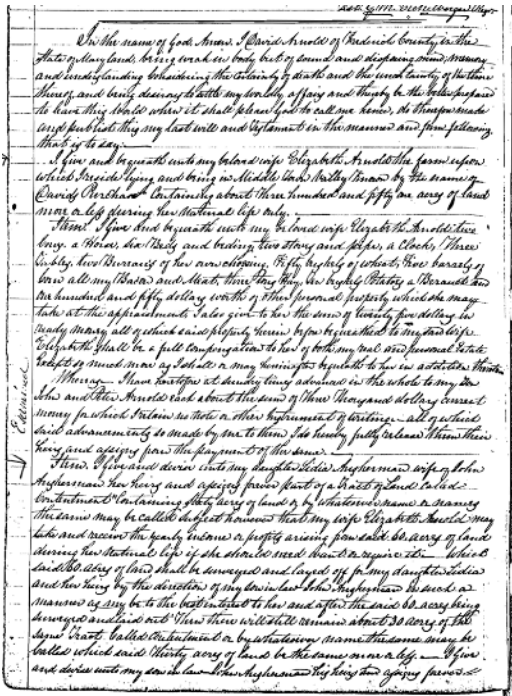
(Mr. & Mrs. John H. Arnold had 10 children). Of those, John (Minnie Bell's grandfather, Bonnie's great-grandfather) was born May 28, 1826. Married March 18, 1851 Matilda Beachley. After her death he married Annie Himes, and after her death, Sarah Williams. He removed to Loudoun Co. Va where he died.

Arnold Family Tree



Last Will & Testament of David Arnold

June 26, 1838



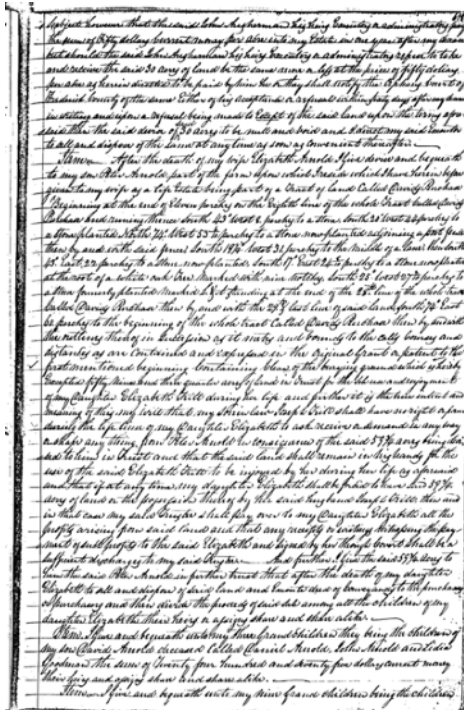
In the name of God, Amen. I David Arnold of Frederick County in the State of Maryland, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desiring to settle my worldly offering and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me home, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following, that is to say.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Arnold the farm upon which I reside lying and being in Middle Town Valley know by the name of David's Purchase containing about three hundred and fifty one acres of land more or less during her natural life only.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Arnold two cows, a Horse, six beds and bedding (sp), two stoves and pipe, a clock, three tables, two bureaus of her choosing. Fifty bushels of wheat, five barrels of corn, all my bacon and meat, three (**tons?**) hay, ten bushels potatoes, (**a broach?**) And one hundred and fifty dollars worth of other personal property which she may take at the appraisement. I also give to her the sum of twenty five dollars in ready money all of which said property herein before bequeathed to my dear wife Elizabeth shall be a full compensation to her of both my real and personal estate except so much more as I shall or may hereinafter bequeath to her in addition thereto.

Whereas I have heretofore at sundry times advanced in the whole to my sons John and Peter Arnold each about the sum of three thousand dollars current money for which I retain no note or other instrument of writing, all of which said advancements so made by me to them I do hereby fully release them their heirs and assigns from the payment of the same.

Item. I give and devise unto my daughter Lidia Ausherman, wife of John Ausherman, her heirs and assigns forever part of a tract of land called "Contentment" containing sixty acres of land or by whatever name or names the same may be called subject however to my wife Elizabeth Arnold may take and receive the yearly income or profits arising from said 60 acres of land during her natural life if she should need want or require it. Which said 60 acres of land shall be surveyed and laid off for my daughter Lidia and he heirs by the direction of my son in law John Ausherman in such a manner as may be the best interest to her and after the said 60 acres surveyed and laid out then there will still remain about 30 acres of the same tract called Contentment or by whatever name the same may be called which said thirty acres of land be the same more or less. I give and devise unto my son in law John Ausherman his heirs and assigns forever



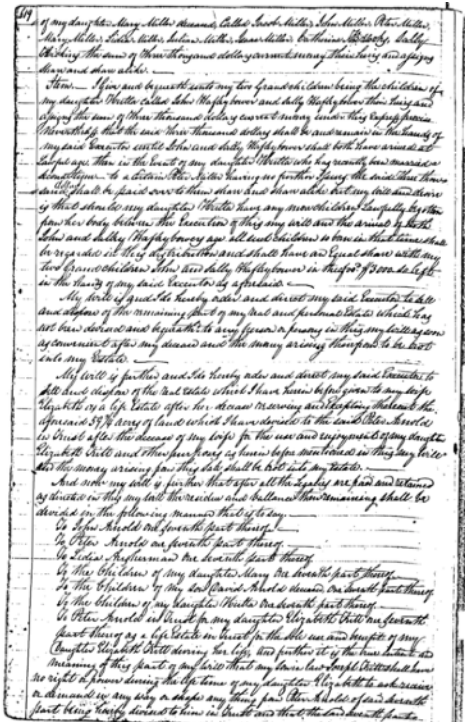
(Surveyed description of tract)

... excepted fifty nine and three quarter acres of land in trust for the sole use and enjoyment of my daughter Elizabeth Tritt during her life and further it is the true intent and meaning of this my will that my son in law Joseph Tritt shall have no right or power during the lifetime of my daughter Elizabeth to ask receive or demand in any way or shape anything from Peter Arnold in consequence of the said 59 3/4 acres being deeded to him in trust and that the said land shall remain in his hands for the use of the said Elizabeth Tritt to be enjoyed by her during her life as aforesaid and that if at any time my daughter Elizabeth shall be forced to leave said 59 3/4 acres of land or the possession thereof by her said husband Joseph Tritt, then and in that case my said trustee shall pay over to my daughter Elizabeth all the profits arising from said land and that any receipts or writings witnessing the payment of said profits to the said Elizabeth and signed by her through (court?) shall be a sufficient discharge to my said (?). And further I give the said 59 3/4 acres to him the said Peter Arnold in further trust that after the death of my daughter Elizabeth to sell and dispose of said land and execute deed of conveyance to the purchasing or purchasers and then divide the proceeds of said sale among all the children of my daughter Elizabeth their heirs and assigns share and share alike.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my three grandchildren they being the children of my son David Arnold deceased called Daniel Arnold, John Arnold and Lidia Goodman the same of twenty four hundred and seventy five dollars of current money their heirs and assigns share and share alike.

subject however that the said John Ausherman his being executory or administrator pay the sum of fifty dollars current money per acre into my estate in one year after my decease but should the said John Ausherman his heirs executory or administrator refuse to take and receive the said 30 acres of land be the same more or less at the price of fifty dollars per acres as herein directed to be paid by him he or they shall notify the (?) Court of Frederick County of the same either of his acceptance or refusal within sixty days of my decease in writing and upon a refusal being made to except of the said land upon the terms aforesaid then the said devise of said 30 acres to be null and void and I direct my said executor to sell and dispose of the same (30 acres) at any time as soon as convenient thereafter.

Item. After the death of my wife Elizabeth Arnold I give devise and bequeath to my son Peter Arnold part of the farm upon which I reside which I have herein before given to my wife as a life estate being part of a tract all land call Davids Purchase.



Item. I give and bequeath unto my nine grand children being the children of my daughter May Mill deceased, called Jacob Miller, John Miller, Peter Miller, Mary Miller, Lidia Miller, Julian Miller, Isaac Miller, Catherine Miller, Sally (?) the sum of three thousand dollars current money their heirs and assigns share and share alike.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my two grand children being the children of my daughter Hutta called John Hafleybower and Sally Hafleybower their heirs and assigns the sum of three thousand dollars current money under this express proviso nevertheless that the said three thousand dollars shall be and remain in the hands of my said executor until John and Sally Hafleybower shall both have arrived at the lawful age then in the event of my daughter Hutta who has recently married a second time to a certain Peter Miller having no further (?) the said three thousand dollars shall be paid over to them share and share alike but my will and desire is that should my daughter Hutta have any more children lawfully begotten from her body between the

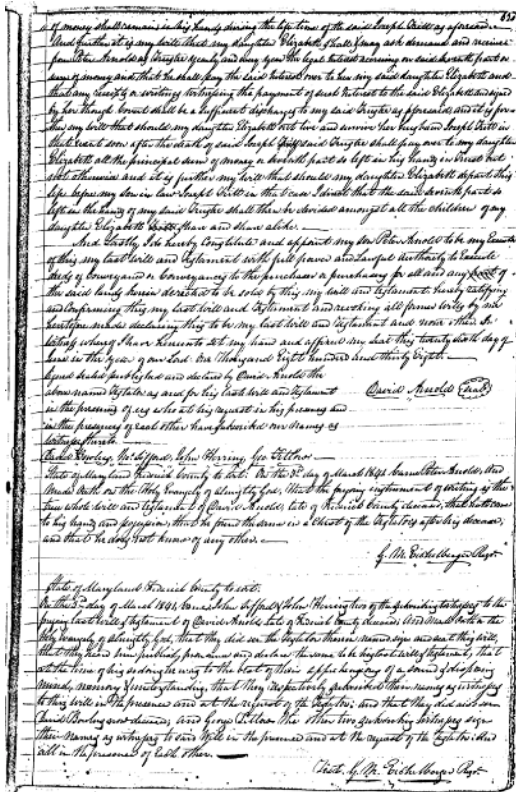
executor of this my will and the arrival of both John and Sally Hafleybower age all such children so born in that time shall be regarded in this distribution and shall have an equal share with my two grandchildren John and Sally Hafleybower in therefore \$3000 so left in the hands of my said executor as aforesaid.

My will is and I do hereby order and direct my said executor to sell and dispose of the remaining part of my real and personal estate which has not been devised and bequeath to any person or persons in this my will as soon as convenient after my decease and the money arising therefrom to be brought (sic) into my estate.

My will is further and I do hereby order and direct my said executor to sell and dispose of the real estate which I have herein before given to my wife Elizabeth as a life estate after her decease reserving and excepting thereout the aforesaid 59 3/4 acres of land which I have devised to the said Peter Arnold in trust after the decease of my wife for the use and enjoyment of my daughter Elizabeth Tritt and other purposes as herein before mentioned in this my will and the money arising from this sale shall be brought into my estate.

And now my will is further that after all the legacies are paid and retained as directed in this my will the residue and balance then remaining shall be divided in the following manner that is to say.

- To John Arnold one seventh part thereof
- To Peter Arnold one seventh part thereof
- To Lidia Ausherman one seventh part thereof
- To the children of my daughter Mary one seventh part thereof
- To the children of my son David Arnold deceased, one seventh part thereof
- To the children of my daughter Hutta one seventh part thereof



To Peter Arnold in trust for my daughter Elizabeth Tritt on seventh part thereof as a life estate in trust for the sole use and benefit of my daughter Elizabeth Tritt during her life, and further it is the true intent and meaning of this part of my will that my son in law Joseph Tritt shall have no right or power during the lifetime of my daughter Elizabeth to ask receive or demand in any way or shape anything from Peter Arnold of said seventh part being hereby divided to him in trust and that the said seventh part of money shall remain in his hands during the lifetime of said Joseph Tritt as aforesaid. And further it is my will that my daughter Elizabeth may ask demand and receive from Peter Arnold as trustee yearly and every year the legal interest accruing on said seventh part or sum of money and that he shall pay the said interest over to her my said daughter Elizabeth and that any receipts or writings witnessing the payment of such interest to the said Elizabeth and signed by her through (court?) shall be a sufficient discharge to my said trustee as aforesaid and it is further my will that should my daughter Elizabeth out live and survive her

husband Joseph Tritt in that event soon after the death of said Joseph Tritt said trustee shall pay over to my daughter Elizabeth all the principal sum of money or seventh part so left in his hands in trust but not otherwise and it is further my will that should my daughter Elizabeth depart this life before my son in law Joseph Tritt in that case I direct that the said seventh part so left in the hands of my said trustee shall then be divided amongst all the children of said daughter Elizabeth to share and share alike.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Peter to be the executor of this my last will and testament with full power and lawful authority to execute deeds of conveyances or conveyances to the purchaser or purchasers for all and any of the said lands herein directed to be sold by this my will and testament hereby ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament and revoking all former wills by me heretofore made declaring this to be my last will and testament and none other. In writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and thirty eight.

David Arnold

Siblings of Kathleen Arnold Graham

Minnie Belle Arnold was married to Harry Trussell and they lived on the main street going through Hamilton, VA. They did not have any children.

Minnie Belle was a grade school teacher.

Richard Arnold married Nita Hickman. They had two daughters, Katherine Arnold Gosnell and Ann “Billie” Arnold Dutrow, who lived with their husbands in adjoining townhomes in downtown Frederick, Md. Richard and Nita divorced when the girls were young.



**Kathleen Arnold Graham, Richard Arnold,
Minnie Belle Arnold Trussell**



**Minnie Belle Arnold Trussell, Richard Arnold,
Kathleen Arnold Graham**



**Kathleen Arnold Graham, Minnie Belle Arnold Trussell,
Katherine Yakey Arnold (mother), Richard Arnold**

Minnie B. Trussell, Loudoun teacher

Minnie Belle Trussell, 85, of Hamilton, died Oct. 13.

Born July 16, 1903, she was the daughter of the late Jason and Katherine Yahey Arnold and the wife of the late Harry H. Trussell.

Mrs. Trussell was a graduate of Farmville State Teacher College and taught school in Aldie, Waterford, Round Hill and Hamilton.

She was a member of St. James United Church of Christ, Lovettsville.

Surviving are: one sister, Kathleen A. Graham of Purcellville; three nieces, Katherine G. Updegrove, Katherine Goswell and Anne Dutrow; and one nephew, Charles M. Graham Jr.

Graveside services were held Oct. 15 at Union Cemetery, Leesburg.



Minnie B. Trussell

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton Volunteer Fire Company.

Arrangements were by Hall Funeral Home, Purcellville.

Richard Y. Arnold, 76

Richard Yahey Arnold, 76, of Leesburg, a retired welder for Bethlehem Steel, died June 22 at Loudoun Memorial Hospital.

A native of Loudoun, Mr. Arnold was the son of Jason and Katherine Bondeena Yahey Arnold.

Surviving are two

daughters, Katherine A. Gosnell and Anne A. Dutrow, Frederick, Md. and two sisters, Kathleen Graham of Purcellville and Minnie Belle Trussell of Hamilton.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, from the Loudoun Funeral

Chapel, Leesburg, with the Rev. Roland England officiating. Interment will be in the Union Cemetery, Leesburg.

Pallbearers will be James Hall, Paul Hope, Roscoe Light, James Lucketts and Guilford Welsh.

Personal Narratives of Arnold Family

John H. Arnold - Maternal Great, Great Grandfather of Bonnie

John H. Arnold was born 1795 in Burkittsville, Frederick, Maryland. His parents were David Arnold (11/6/1757) and Elizabeth Slifer (9/26/1768). He had two brothers (Huldah Arnold, Peter Arnold (8/15/1806)) and three sisters (Mary Arnold (1787), Lydia Arnold (1/5/1798), Elizabeth Arnold (1800)).

When he was 45 years old, his father David Arnold died (2/24/1841). When he was 55 years old, his mother Elizabeth Slifer died (1/18/1851).

On 3/5/1818, he married Sarah Karn (1798) in Frederick, Frederick, Maryland, United States. He was 22 years old when he married Sarah Karn, who was 19 years old at that time. He had eleven children with Sarah Karn: Elizabeth Arnold (4/6/1819), Infant Arnold (11/20/1820), David Arnold (10/13/1821), Hilda Arnold (2/23/1824), John Arnold (5/28/1826), Sarah Arnold (1/28/1828), Ezra Arnold (MAY 1831), Joshua Arnold (9/20/1833), Mahlon Arnold (2/14/1836), Martin Van Buren Arnold (2/3/1838), Thomas Arnold (1/22/1841).

On 8/5/1860, he died in Burkittsville, Frederick, Maryland when he was 65 years old. His wife Sarah Karn died on 8/2/1878, 18 years after him.

John Arnold - Maternal Great Grandfather of Bonnie

John Arnold was born in Frederick, Maryland on 5/28/1826. He was the fifth child of John H. Arnold (1795) and Sarah Karn (1798). He had six brothers (David Arnold (10/13/1821), Ezra Arnold (MAY 1831), Joshua Arnold (9/20/1833), Mahlon Arnold (2/14/1836), Martin Van Buren Arnold (2/3/1838), Thomas Arnold (1/22/1841)) and four sisters (Elizabeth Arnold (4/6/1819), Infant Arnold (11/20/1820), Hilda Arnold (2/23/1824), Sarah Arnold (1/28/1828)).

When he was 34 years old, his father John H. Arnold died (8/5/1860). When he was 52 years old, his mother Sarah Karn died (8/2/1878).

On 3/15/1870, he married Sarah Jane Williams (12/23/1837). On 3/30/1865, he married Anna Himes (1845). On 3/18/1851, he married Matilda Beachley (6/5/1828). He was 43 years old when he married Sarah Jane Williams, who was 32 years old at that time. He was 24 years old when he married Matilda Beachley, who was 22 years old at that time. He was 38 years old when he married Anna Himes, who was 19 years old at that time. He had four children with Sarah Jane Williams: John William Arnold (2/18/1871), James T. Arnold (3/28/1872), Jason Arnold (2/29/1876), Joseph Furr Arnold (4/15/1878). He had two children with Matilda Beachley: Lotetta Arnold, Mahlon David Arnold (2/6/1855). He had one daughter with Anna Himes: Anna Matilda Arnold (9/29/1865).

On 12/11/1900, he died in Union Cemetery Leesburg, Virginia when he was 74 years old. His wife Sarah Jane Williams died on 12/29/1907, 7 years after him. His wife Matilda Beachley died on 12/11/1900. His wife Anna Himes died on 1910, 10 years after him.

Jason Arnold - Maternal Grandfather of Bonnie

Jason Arnold was born in Virginia on 2/29/1876. He was the third child of John Arnold (5/28/1826) and Sarah Jane Williams (12/23/1837). He had three brothers: John William Arnold (2/18/1871), James T. Arnold (3/28/1872), Joseph Furr Arnold (4/15/1878).

When he was 24 years old, his father John Arnold died (12/11/1900). When he was 31 years old, his mother Sarah Jane Williams died (12/29/1907).

On 1/9/1901, he married Katherine Bondeena Yakey (5/22/1878). He was 24 years old when he married Katherine Bondeena Yakey, who was 22 years old at that time. He had three children with Katherine Bondeena Yakey: Nellie Kathleen Arnold (2/24/1902), Minnie Belle Arnold (7/16/1903), Richard Yakey Arnold (11/26/1904).

He died on 9/14/1940 when he was 64 years old. His wife Katherine Bondeena Yakey died on 11/11/1972, 32 years after him.

Nellie Kathleen Arnold (Kathleen, Granny) - Mother of Bonnie

Nellie Kathleen Arnold was born in Virginia on 2/24/1902. She was the first child of Jason Arnold (2/29/1876) and Katherine Bondeena Yakey (5/22/1878). She had one brother and one sister, Richard Yakey Arnold (11/26/1904) and Minnie Belle Arnold (7/16/1903).

When she was 38 years old, her father Jason Arnold died (9/14/1940). When she was 70 years old, her mother Katherine Bondeena Yakey died (11/11/1972).

On 1/16/1924, she married Charles McDonald Graham Sr (11/21/1897) in Washington D.C.. She was 21 years old when she married Charles McDonald Graham Sr, who was 26 years old at that time. She had two children with Charles McDonald Graham Sr: Katherine Bondeena Graham (11/13/1924), Charles McDonald Graham Jr. (2/17/1934).

On 9/12/1995, she died in Purcellville, Loudoun, Virginia when she was 93 years old. Her husband Charles McDonald Graham Sr died on 7/31/1993, 2 years before her.

Chapter 7

THE YAKEY FAMILY



Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold (Nanna)

5/22/1878 - 11/11/1972

Mother of Kathleen Arnold Graham (Granny)

Mrs. Katherine B. Arnold, 94, died Saturday, Nov. 11 (1972) at the Jefferson Convalescent Home, Charles Town, W.VA. She was the wife of the late Jason Arnold and the daughter of the late Thomas and Eliza James Yakey. She was a life long member of St. James United Church of Christ. The Rev. Frank L. Fesperman will officiate. Interment will be in Leesburg Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA.

THE YAKEY FAMILY



**Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold (Nanna) with granddaughter
Katherine Bondeena “Bonnie” Graham Updegrove**



**Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold (Nanna), Kathleen Arnold Graham (Granny),
Katherine Bondeena “Bonnie” Graham Updegrove**



Thomas Simon Yahey & Eliza James Yahey

Parents of Katherine Bondeena Yahey Arnold;

Great-Grandparents of Bonnie

Photo taken at the Yahey Farm.



Thomas Simon Yakey

(4/10/1841 - 12/14/1916)

Father of Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold



Eliza James Yakey

(12/4/1845 - 12/21/1917)

Mother of Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold



Family of Thomas & Eliza Yakey

STANDING:

Martin Yakey, Minnie Belle Arnold Trussell, Edith Yakey Bruin, Katherine Yakey Arnold, Richard Arnold, Kathleen Arnold Graham, Henry Yakey

SITTING:

Thomas & Eliza Yakey

Photo taken at Yakey Farm (Flying Ace Ln, Taylorstown, VA).

Circa 1916



Family of Thomas & Eliza Yahey

STANDING:


Martin Yahey, Katherine Yahey Arnold, Henry Yahey, Edith Yahey,
Thomas & Eliza Yahey

SITTING IN CARRIAGE:

Kathleen Arnold Graham, Richard Arnold, Minnie Belle Arnold Trussell

Photo taken at Yahey Farm (Flying Ace Ln, Taylorstown, VA).

Circa 1916

 **Marriage Certificate.**

M^r. Thomas S Yahey
& Miss Eliza E James
were

United in Marriage

by me

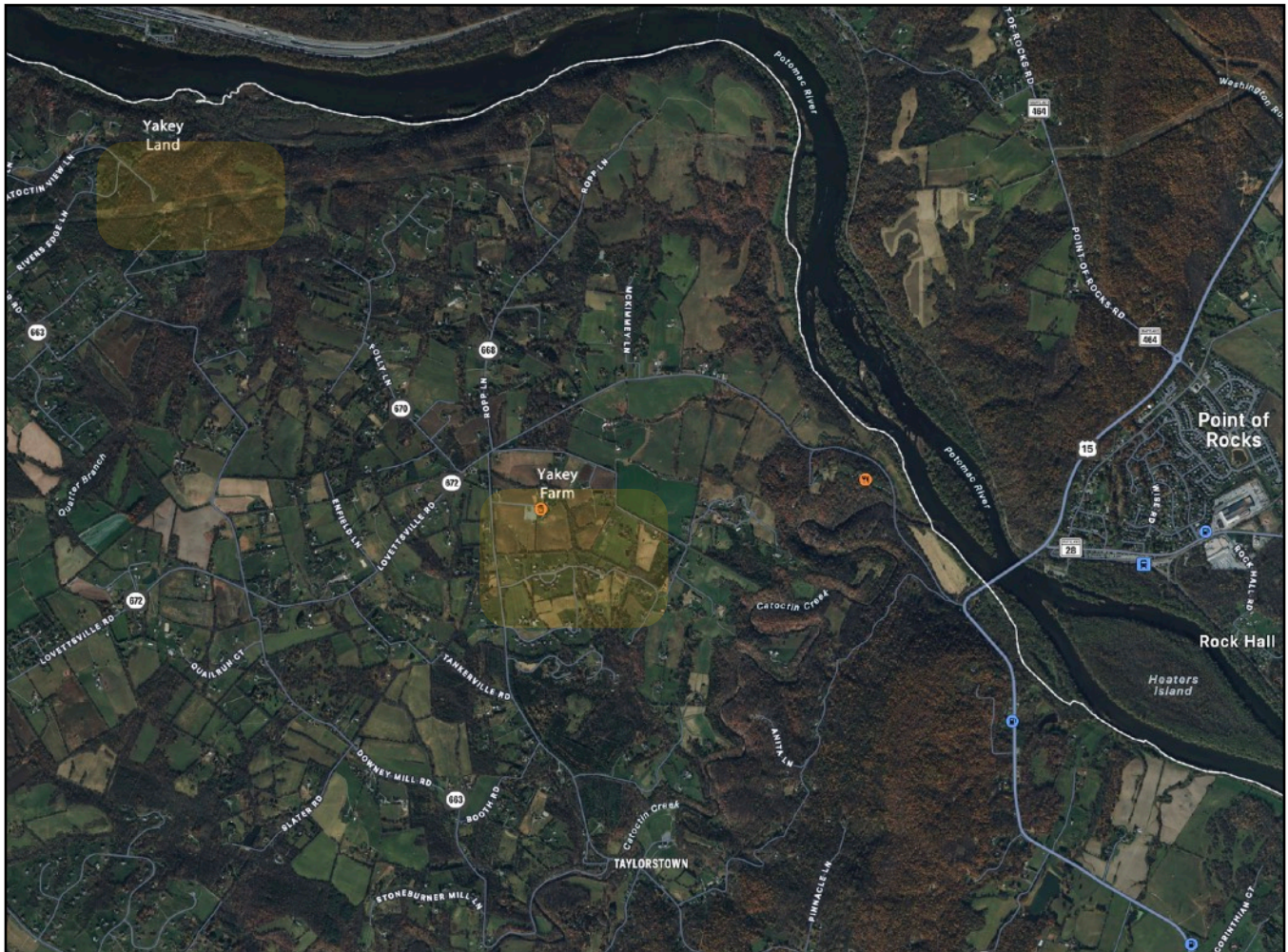
on the Tenth day of March
1875

at "Darby's Delight" Frederick Co Md
according to the laws of the State of
Maryland

E. P. Eschbach
Pastor Ref. Ch. Frederick Co

Marriage Certificate: Thomas & Eliza Yahey

March 10, 1875



The above arial view shows the Yakey farm. The original 140 acre farm bordered Lovettsville Rd & Yakey Lane to the north and Taylorstown Road to the west. This property was purchased by Simon Yakey in 1832, inherited in 1870 by Simon's grandson Thomas Simon Yakey via Simon's will, and then after the death of Eliza Yakey it was purchased in 1919 by Jason Arnold, husband to Thomas & Eliza Yakey's daughter Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold. Jason sold the property in 1933. The property was in our family for 101 years. Most recently the Yakey Farm (now roughly 50 acres) was purchased in 2019 and became the Flying Ace Brewery.

In 1839 Simon Yakey purchased another farm bordering the Potomac River that was 117.5 acres.

Siblings of Katherine Bondeena Yakey Arnold



Above Left: **Mahlon Henry Yakey**
(10/2/1880 - 2/22/1956)

Above Right: **Edith Yakey Bush**
(4/3/1882 - 7/20/1976)

Left: **Thomas Martin Yakey**
(8/9/1887 - 5/5/1955), with wife Hazel

A fourth sibling, Maude Estelle Yakey,
died in 1888 at age 2.



Thomas S. Yakey.

Thomas S. Yakey died Thursday morning of pneumonia, aged 75 years, 8 months and 4 days, at his home near Tankerville, Loudoun county, Va. He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss James, and four children: Henry and Martin Yakey, Mrs. Jason Arnold and Miss Edith Yakey, at home. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the house with services by Rev. Stonebaker. Burial in Lovettsville Reformed cemetery. Members of the consistory of the Lovettsville Reformed church acted as pallbearers. C. H. Feete and Bro. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. James W. George.

Mrs. Flora C. (Gross) George, wife of James W. George, died Saturday

Resolutions of Condolences on the Deaths of John W. Yakey, Sam'l. W. George and Thos. S. Yakey

At a regular meeting of the Consistory of St. James Reformed Church, Lovettsville, Va., Dec. 11th, 1916, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased our kind Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our late brothers, John W. Yakey, Sam'l W. George and Thomas S. Yakey, and

Whereas, The intimate relations long held by our deceased brothers with the members of this church, render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of their services as officers in the Consistory and their merits as men; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Consistory of St. James Reformed Church, that while we bow in humble submission to the will of God, we do not the less mourn for our brothers who have been called from their labors to rest.

Resolved, That in the deaths of John W. Yakey, Sam'l W. George and Thomas S. Yakey, this church loses brothers who were always active and zealous in the promotion of her welfare; honest and upright men, whose virtues endeared them not only to their brethren in the church, but to all their fellow citizens.

Resolved, That this Consistory tender its heartfelt sympathy to the families and relations of our deceased brothers in this their sad afflictions.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this congregation and that a copy of them be sent to the families of our deceased brothers and that a copy be sent to our county papers for publication.

Rev. E. W. Stonebraker,
Geo. M. Souder,
Geo. F. Eamich.

St. James Reformed Cemetery
Lovettsville, VA



Martin Yahey
1/27/1815 - 1/3/1846



Simon Yahey
4/25/1771 - 11/3/1846

Simon Yahey is Bonnie's Great, Great, Great Grandfather.
Martin Yahey is Simon's son.

Martin Yakey Church Confirmation

Lovettsville, Va 1833

CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION.



PREPARATORY TO CONFIRMATION C. M.

Jesus! by whom all worlds were made,
Both heavenly and terrene,
Whose goodness cheers their every grade,
And blesses all the scene:

Call'd by thy grace in early years,
To know thy hallowed name—
We come with all our hopes and fears,
To ask thy healing flame.

O! look propitious on each soul
Which now to thee we give;
And may we taste without control
The bread of life and live.

Confirm us in thy church to dwell,
With joy and rapture fill;
And save from sin and death and hell,
Each follower of thy will.

May we, the young disciples, keep
The truths our fathers taught,
And never give them cause to weep,
"Their labors come to nought."

But rich in every lovely grace,
May we maturely grow,
And with them see thy glorious face,
When time shall cease to flow.

AFTER CONFIRMATION, L. M.

Great source of being! heavenly king!
Whose eye my inmost thoughts surveys;
To thee with grateful joy I bring
My tribute of unequal praise.

United to thy little flock,
Within thy courts my soul would dwell,
And in thy strength sustain the shock
Of all the powers of earth and hell.

O! send thy spirit from on high,
And let this church thy blessing prove;
So shall our praises reach the sky,
And every bosom glow with love.

O! may our pastor draw from thee
Daily supplies of heavenly grace;
And may we in thy temple see
Thy glorious presence fill the place.

Then shall our hearts, our lives our tongues
Be consecrated to our God;
Our morning prayers, our evening songs,
Shall spread thy wondrous love abroad.

I DO CERTIFY, that *M. Martin Yakey* —
was by confirmation taken in as a member of the German or Evan-
gelical Reformed Church on *April 20.* — 1833, and may
he continue a living and faithful member thereof until *he* shall
join in the church triumphant. This is my prayer and certificate
from under my hand. *L. C. Bueker* V. D. M.

[Another certificate must be obtained from the pastor when a mem-
ber of this church purposes to join another sister Church.]

Obituary of Martin Yakey
Father of Thomas Simon Yakey
1/27/1815 - 1/2/1846

Death.

*Near Lovettsville Loudoun County, Va on the 3^d inst.
Mr. Martin Yakey, aged 30 years 11 months and 11 days.*

*Mr. Yakey was taken ill on the evening of the 26th of
December. His sufferings, from the time he was taken
till he died, were almost past endurance. Yet not a
murmur escaped his lips. He bore them with christian firmness
and christian resignation. When informed of his approaching dissolution
he replied, "the will of His Lord be done." Frequently during his
illness, he would speak with the greatest confidence of his going
home to heaven. He longed, he said, to be there. Earth had no
attractions for him.*

*This is the father of John Washington & Thomas Simon
Yakey*

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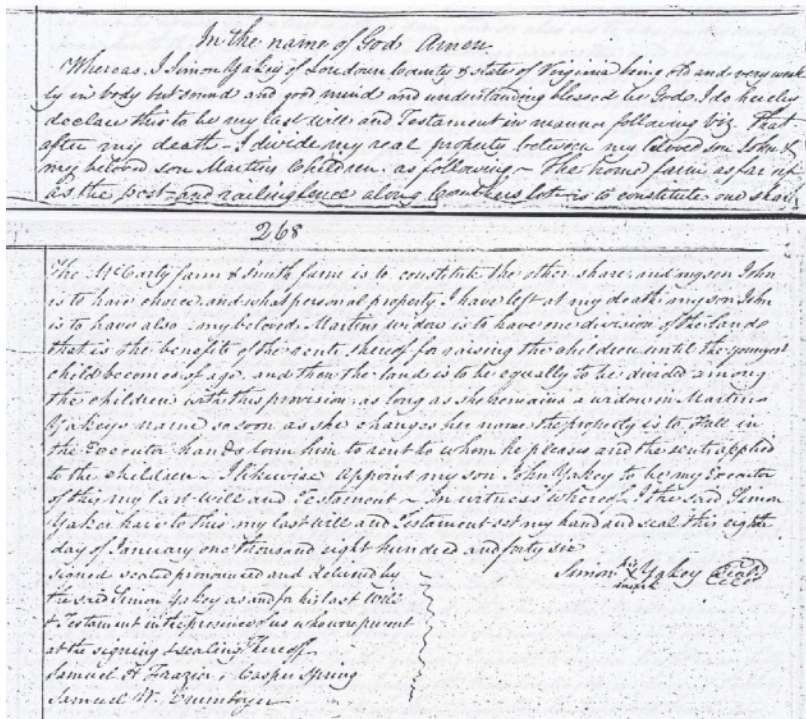
This is the father of John Washington and Thomas Simon Yakey

Last Will & Testament of Simon Yakey

Grandfather of Thomas Simon Yakey.

4/25/1771 - 11/3/1846

This will was written on January 8, 1846, five days after the death of Simon's son (and Thomas Simon Yakey's father), Martin Yakey. Martin died at the age of 30. Simon would die in November 1846. Through this will Thomas Simon Yakey would inherit the Yakey family farm in 1870. Simon purchased the farm in 1832 and it remained in the family until Jason Arnold sold the farm 101 years later in 1933.



In the name of God Amen.

Whereas I Simon Yakey of Loudoun County and state of Virginia being old and very weakly in body but sound and good mind and understanding blessed be God. I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament in manner following. That after my death I divide my real property between my beloved son John and my son Martin's children as following. The home farm as far up pass the post and railing fence along (?) to

constitute one share. The McCarty farm and Smith farm is to constitute the other share and my son John is to have choice and what personal property I have left at my death my son John is to have also. My beloved Martin's widow is to have one division of the lands that is the benefit of the rents thereof for raising the children until the youngest child becomes of age and then the land is to be equally to be divided among the children with the provision as long as she remains a widow in Martin Yakey's name so soon as she changes her name the property is to fall in the executor hands for him to rent to whom he pleases and the rents applied to the children. I likewise appoint my son John Yakey to be my executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Simon Yakey here to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Simon Yakey.

Martin Yakey's father is Simon Yakey (1771-1846)

Mary Catherine Yakey
 ◊ Birth 1837
 † Death 1838

John Washington Yakey
 ◊ Birth 4/17/1839
 Loudoun, Virginia, United States
 † Death 10/20/1916

Minnie Belle Yakey
 ◊ Birth 1865
 † Death 1937

Jessie C. Yakey

Walter Thomas Yakey
 ◊ Birth 8/22/1873
 Loudoun, Virginia, United States
 † Death 1/1/1896

Katherine Bondeena Yakey
 ◊ Birth 22 MAY 1878
 Virginia
 † Death 11 NOV 1972
 Union Cemetery Leesburg, VA, Loudoun, Virginia, United States of America

Jason Arnold
 ◊ Birth 29 FEB 1876
 Virginia
 † Death 14 SEP 1940

Mahlon Henry Yakey
 ◊ Birth 02 OCT 1880
 Virginia
 † Death 22 FEB 1956
 Union Cemetery Lovettsville, VA

Edith Amanda Yakey
 ◊ Birth 4/3/1882
 Lovettsville, Loudoun, Virginia
 † Death 20 JUL 1976
 Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, VA

James Oswald Bruin
 ◊ Birth 4/18/1879
 Loudoun County, Virginia, U.S.A.
 † Death 7/17/1933

Maude Estelle Yakey
 ◊ Birth 15 MAR 1886
 † Death 1888

Thomas Martin Yakey
 ◊ Birth 09 AUG 1887
 Virginia
 † Death 05 MAY 1955
 Hillsboro Cemetery, VA

Martin Yakey
 ◊ Birth 27 JAN 1815
 † Death 03 JAN 1846
 St. James Reformed Cemetery Lovettsville, Loudoun, Virginia, United States of America

Amanda A. Russell
 ◊ Birth 10 AUG 1816
 Virginia
 † Death 30 DEC 1882
 near Lovettsville, Loudoun, Virginia, United States

Thomas Simon Yakey
 ◊ Birth 10 APR 1841
 Loudoun, Virginia, United States
 † Death 14 DEC 1916
 St. James Reformed Cemetery Lovettsville

Eliza Ellen James
 ◊ Birth 04 DEC 1845
 Virginia
 † Death 21 DEC 1917

Jane Amelia Yakey
 ◊ Birth 1843
 † Death 1892

Nellie Kathleen Arnold
 ◊ Birth 24 FEB 1902
 Virginia
 † Death 12 SEP 1995
 Purcellville, Loudoun, Virginia, United States of America

Charles McDonald Graham Sr.
 ◊ Birth 21 NOV 1897
 Virginia
 † Death 31 JUL 1993
 Purcellville, Loudoun, Virginia, United States of America

Minnie Belle Arnold
 ◊ Birth 16 JUL 1903
 Virginia
 † Death 13 OCT 1988
 Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA

Harry Trussell
 ◊ Birth 30 AUG 1893
 † Death 24 JAN 1981

Richard Yakey Arnold
 ◊ Birth 26 NOV 1904
 Virginia
 † Death 22 JUN 1981
 Plat E Lot 1147W Site 2 Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA

Nita Hickman
 ◊ Birth 12 APR 1898
 † Death 09 JUL 1990
 C072 Site 5 Union Cemetery Lovettsville, VA

Katherine Bondeena Graham
 ◊ Birth 13 NOV 1924
 Leesburg, VA
 † Death 28 FEB 2016
 Leesburg, Loudoun, Virginia

Charles McDonald Graham Jr.
 ◊ Birth 17 FEB 1934
 Purcellville, Loudoun, Virginia, United States of America

Katherine Arnold

Anne Arnold
 ◊ Birth 06 APR 1932
 Leesburg, VA
 † Death 15 NOV 2018
 Union Cemetery Lovettsville, VA

Personal Narratives of Yakey Family

Martin Yakey - Maternal Great, Great Grandfather of Bonnie

Martin Yakey was born on 1/27/1815. He was the fifth child of Simon Yakey (4/25/1771) and Barbary Cost (1773). He had one sister (Mary Catherine Yakey (1811)) and three brothers: Peter Yakey (1807), John Yakey (2/2/1808), Simon Yakey Jr. (1810).

When he was 20 years old, his mother Barbary Cost died (4/1/1835).

On 11/1/1836, he married Amanda A. Russell (8/10/1816). He was 21 years old when he married Amanda A. Russell, who was 20 years old at that time. He had four children with Amanda A. Russell: Mary Catherine Yakey (1837), John Washington Yakey (4/17/1839), Thomas Simon Yakey (4/10/1841), Jane Amelia Yakey (1843).

On 1/3/1846, he died in Lovettsville, Loudoun, Virginia when he was 30 years old. His wife Amanda A. Russell died on 12/30/1882, 37 years after him.

Thomas Simon Yakey - Maternal Great Grandfather of Bonnie

Thomas Simon Yakey was born in Loudoun, Virginia on 4/10/1841. He was the third child of Martin Yakey (1/27/1815) and Amanda A. Russell (8/10/1816). He had one brother (John Washington Yakey (4/17/1839)) and two sisters: Mary Catherine Yakey (1837), Jane Amelia Yakey (1843).

When he was 4 years old, his father Martin Yakey died (1/3/1846). When he was 41 years old, his mother Amanda A. Russell died (12/30/1882).

On 3/10/1875, he married Eliza Ellen James (12/4/1845) in German Reformed Church, Frederick, Frederick, Maryland. He was 33 years old when he married Eliza Ellen James, who was 29 years old at that time. He had five children with Eliza Ellen James: Katherine Bondeena Yakey (5/22/1878), Mahlon Henry Yakey (10/2/1880), Edith Amanda Yakey (4/3/1882), Maude Estelle Yakey (3/15/1886), Thomas Martin Yakey (8/9/1887).

He died on 12/14/1916 when he was 75 years old. His wife Eliza Ellen James died on 12/21/1917, 1 year after him.

Katherine Bondeena Yakey (Nanna) - Maternal Grandmother of Bonnie

Katherine Bondeena Yakey was born in Virginia on 5/22/1878. She was the first child of Thomas Simon Yakey (4/10/1841) and Eliza Ellen James (12/4/1845). She had two brothers (Mahlon Henry Yakey (10/2/1880), Thomas Martin Yakey (8/9/1887)) and two sisters (Edith Amanda Yakey (4/3/1882), Maude Estelle Yakey (3/15/1886)).

When she was 38 years old, her father Thomas Simon Yakey died (12/14/1916).

When she was 39 years old, her mother Eliza Ellen James died (12/21/1917).

On 1/9/1901, she married Jason Arnold (2/29/1876). She was 22 years old when she married Jason Arnold, who was 24 years old at that time. She had three children with Jason Arnold: Nellie Kathleen Arnold (2/24/1902), Minnie Belle Arnold (7/16/1903), Richard Yakey Arnold (11/26/1904).

On 11/11/1972, she died in Union Cemetery Leesburg, VA, Loudoun, Virginia when she was 94 years old. Her husband Jason Arnold died on 9/14/1940, 32 years before her.

Chapter 8

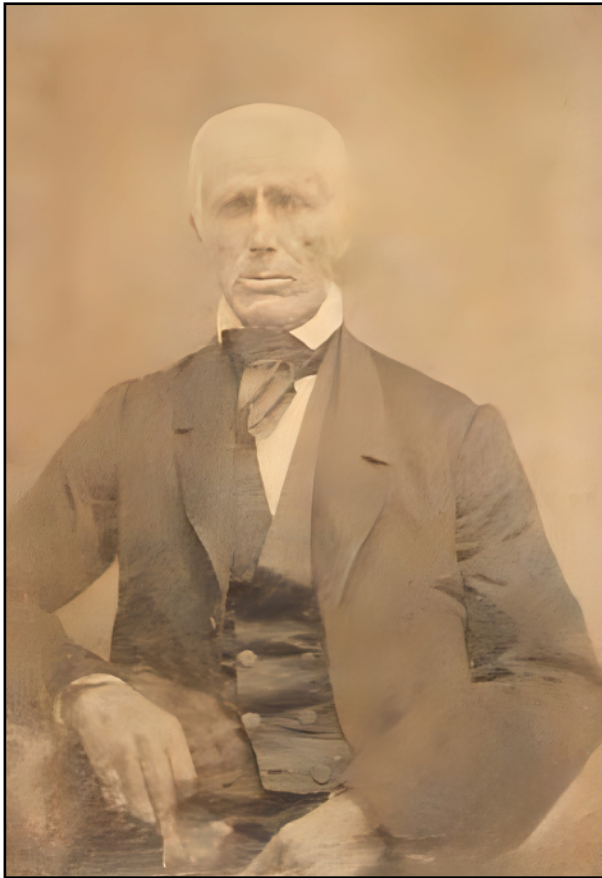
THE JAMES FAMILY

The James Family

The Family of Eliza James Yakey



Elijah & Sarah Tavenner James
Paternal Grandparents of Eliza James Yakey



March 19, 1790 - August 7, 1880



Nov. 25, 1796 - Jan. 25, 1882

Elijah & Sarah Tavenner James

Paternal Grandparents of Eliza James Yakey



Mahlon & Rachel Paxson James

Parents of Eliza James Yakey



Feb. 2, 1816 - August 4, 1890



Nov. 25, 1819 - Feb. 3, 1892

Union of Churches Cemetery Waterford, VA

Chapter 9

THE NICHOLS & HATCHER FAMILIES

The Lincoln Connection

The Family of Eliza James Yakey

On March 10, 1875 Thomas Simon Yakey married Eliza James. The Yakey family had long roots in the Taylorstown, Va area, stretching back to the mid-1700s. As for Eliza, both sets of her maternal 5th Great-Grandparents arrived in Loudoun around 1744. Isaac & Margery Nichols settled near Lincoln, Va (formally known as Goose Creek) from Chester Co, Pennsylvania about the same time that William & Ann Hatcher arrived in Lincoln from Buck Co, Pa. Both families were instrumental at the beginning of the Goose Creek Monthly Meeting. In 1766 the Hatcher's son James married the Nichols' daughter Catherine. Several generations later Isaac & Margery and William & Ann would be remembered as Eliza James Yakey's 5th Great-Grandparents.



Isaac and Margery (Cox) Nichols

Eliza James' Maternal 5th Great-Grandparents

Isaac Nichols was born in 1720 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Margery Cox on May 26, 1742 at the Hockessin Friends Meeting House in New Castle County, Delaware. Shortly after the marriage, the family made arrangements to join the new Quaker settlement on the North Fork of Goose Creek, in what was then Fairfax County, Virginia (since 1757 in Loudoun County). The community was known as "Goose Creek" for over a century, but was renamed "Lincoln" about the time of the Civil War.

Isaac Nichols received a grant from Lord Fairfax for 560 acres of land (on the North Fork of Goose Creek) on March 25th, 1743. He was received at Waterford Preparatory Meeting (then a branch of Hopewell Monthly Meeting) on a certificate from Kennett Monthly Meeting November 9, 1743 for him, his wife and Herman Cox. About four years later, Friends living in the Goose Creek area were granted permission to hold meetings in the homes of members, with a log meeting house built about 1750. Isaac and Margery Nichols' home was used for many of these first meetings.

Isaac Nichols was one of the trustees of the Goose Creek Monthly Meeting for purposes of the formal acquisition in 1757 from William Hatcher of the five acre tract on which the successor structure (a stone meeting house) and the later brick meeting house and school would be erected; this tract also including the burying ground.

Quoting from "Legends of Loudoun Valley" by Joseph V. Nichols, Isaac Nichols "was a successful business man and was the father of nine children, all of whom lived to mature years. He was uncompromising in his Quaker doctrine and unswerving in his observance of the more sombre side of the Quaker discipline." Isaac died in Loudoun County, VA, in 1802 and Margery in 1806, both leaving wills. Isaac owned several thousand acres of land near Lincoln, VA, and left a considerable estate.

Isaac was the son of Thomas Nichols and Mary Ludford, who came to Virginia from Staffordshire, England.

Eliza James' lineage follows Isaac and Margery Nichols' daughter Catherine.

Above information from: Wikitree and Find A Grave



The Isaac & Margery Nichols Home (1744)

William & Ann (Van Sandt) Hatcher

Eliza James' Maternal 5th Great-Grandparents

William Hatcher was born in the spring of 1700 in Marnhull, Dorset, England to John and Dina (Loyte) Hatcher. He was christened there on 14 May 1700 as William "Hacher." This parentage has been conclusively established by DNA testing as reported in the Hatcher Families Genealogical Association Newsletter for the second quarter of 2022, at <https://hatcherfamilyassn.com/2022Q2NL/dorset.htm>.

William Hatcher was orphaned prior to his eighth birthday. His mother, "Dina widow of John Hatcher," wrote her will on 13 February 1707/8. She was buried just nine days later, on 22 February. William's father had died in 1706.

The first American document that can be tied to the subject William Hatcher with certainty is the listing of a William Hatcher, wheelwright, on the tax list for Bensalem, Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1724.

The largest original proprietors of Bensalem Township had been Joseph Growther and his father Lawrence Growther, owners of mines in Cornwall. They came to Pennsylvania practically at the founding of the Colony. Joseph served as member of the colonial Assembly for numerous terms between 1684 and 1723, and as Chief Justice of the Provincial Court between 1707 and 1715. Joseph's daughter Grace Growther married David Lloyd, Attorney General of Pennsylvania at various times between 1686 and 1700.

The Growthers maintained some ties to England. Joseph Growther's son Lawrence (namesake of his grandfather) married Elizabeth Nicholls in 1724 in Bridport, Dorset. These connections are noted here because of the appearance of the names "Crowthe" and "Loyte" (perhaps a variant of Lloyd?) in William Hatcher's family tree.

William purchased a ten acre tract of land in Middletown, Bucks County, on 5 September 1726, from Joseph Thatcher.

A year later, he married Anne Van Sandt, daughter of Johannes "John" Van Sandt and his wife Leah Groesbeck. The marriage took place at Burlington, New Jersey, immediately across the Delaware River from Bensalem, pursuant to a license dated 13 Nov 1727.

In 1728, he sold the Middletown tract to Ruth Croasdale. He was the plaintiff in several lawsuits in Bucks County before and after that date against those for whom he made or repaired wheels but failed to pay him. It appears that he moved to northern Virginia in or about 1744.

His original purchase of a tract of land in what is now Loudoun County was from the proprietor of the Northern Neck (Lord Fairfax). He was granted 300 acres adjoining Abel Janney, Thomas Janney and Jacob Janney (blacksmith) on 23 Jun 1744 in Fairfax (now Loudoun), Virginia. He effectively donated a parcel of ten acres for the meeting house, burial ground and school at Goose Creek (now Lincoln), Virginia through a set of transactions with the leaders of the Meeting:

In July 1757 he leased ten acres of land for a new Quaker meeting house for thirty shillings sterling and "one peppercorn in and upon the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel if demanded."

"At Loudoun County Court, 11 October 1757: Indentures of Lease and Release between William Hatcher of the one part and Isaac Nichols, Jacob Janney and Thomas Clowes of the other part were acknowledged by the said Hatcher and ordered to be recorded."

Loudoun County Court, 13 June 1758, Page 111. Ordered that the Churchwardens of Cameron Parish bind out Diana Sample (an Infant of four years old last March) to William Hatcher according to Law.

Loudoun County Court, 23 September 1760, Page 401. Indenture of Lease and Release made 15/16 Oct 1760 between Abel Janney of Springfield in co. of Chester & province of Pennsylvania Sadler, and Elizabeth his Wife, Isaac Pearson and John Smith, both of said county, Gentlemen, of one part and William Hatcher, wheelwright, of Loudoun Co. of the other part, per patent granted 17 Mar 1741 to Abel Janney for a parcel of waste land lying in Prince William Co. bounded by a survey thereof made by Amos Janney ...east side of a drain of NW fork Goose Creek which heads near the Water Lick...containing 626 acres...said patent registered in Proprietors office in Book E, Folio 427. Sold for 100 lbs. lawful money of VA. Wit: Nathan Spencer, James Hatcher, Joseph (x) Clowes. At a court held 11 nov 1760. Indenture & receipt endorsed proved by affirmations of James Hatcher, Joseph Clowes and Nathan Spencer (Quakers)..and ordered to be recorded.

Loudoun County Court, 12 February 1761, Page 424. William Hatcher, Plt. agt. Thomas Phillips, Deft. In Debt. The Defendant being arrested and not appearing, on motion of Plt. by Hugh West his Attorney, it is ordered that unless the Deft. shall appear here at the next Court and answer Plt.'s action, Judgment shall be then given for Plt. against him, the said Deft., and Jenkin Phillips, who is returned Security for his appearance, for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned and costs.

Loudoun County Court, 10 March 1761, Page 427. Indentures of Lease and Release between William Hatcher of the one part and James Hatcher, his Son, of the other part, for love & affection he bears to his son & in consideration of sum of 30 lbs. current money..sold all that parcel of land lying in Loudoun Co. containing 226 acres of land...beginning at a Spanish and white oak on a stony knowl corner to said William Hatcher's land and to Jeremiah Fairhurst...being part of a tract of land granted Abel Janney . . . Wit: John Hough, George Hatcher, Mary Hatcher.

Loudoun County Court, 10 September 1761. William Hatcher, Plt. agt. Thomas Phillips, Deft. In Debt. The Deft. not appearing tho' again solemnly called, on motion of Plt. by his Attorney, it is considered the Plt. recover against Deft. and Jenkins Phillips, the Security for his appearance, eight pounds, ten shillings current money of Virginia, the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, with lawful Interest thereon from the nineteenth day of August 1760 till paid, and his costs by him in this behalf expended, and the Deft. in mercy, &c.

Loudoun County Court, 12 November 1761. Upon the Petition of William Hatcher..... praying that a Road may be opened from Jacob Janney's to Andrew Adam's Mill on Sekelon; It is ordered that William Mead, William Ross, John Moss and Thomas Sorrell or any three thereof being first sworn before a Justice of this County, do view the most convenient way for the same and make report of the conveniency and inconveniency that will attend the same to the Court between 1757 and 1761 at Loudoun, Virginia.

The Friends' minutes recorded in 1758 that he was alleged to have "violated the chastity" of Rachel Tanner (the nature of such "violation" not having been recorded, but likely a drunken insult); reinstated for membership 1761; January 1764 he was disowned for "abusing his family, drinking and fighting." He was reinstated January 1773; disowned July 1773 for "walking contrary to discipline".

William moved to Loudoun Co, VA where Goose Creek MM recorded as follows: William Hatcher & younger children recrq (received on certificate by request) 29 August 1754; his wife Ann and daughter Mary recrq 31 October 1754.



The William & Ann Hatcher Home (Stone Eden)

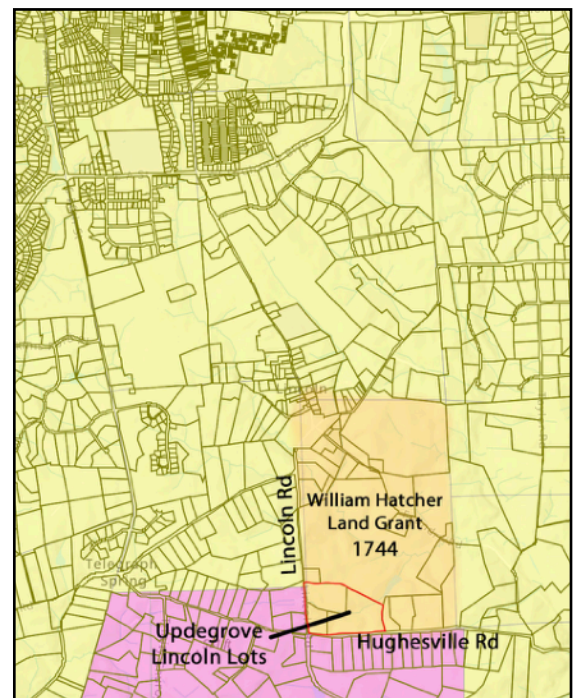
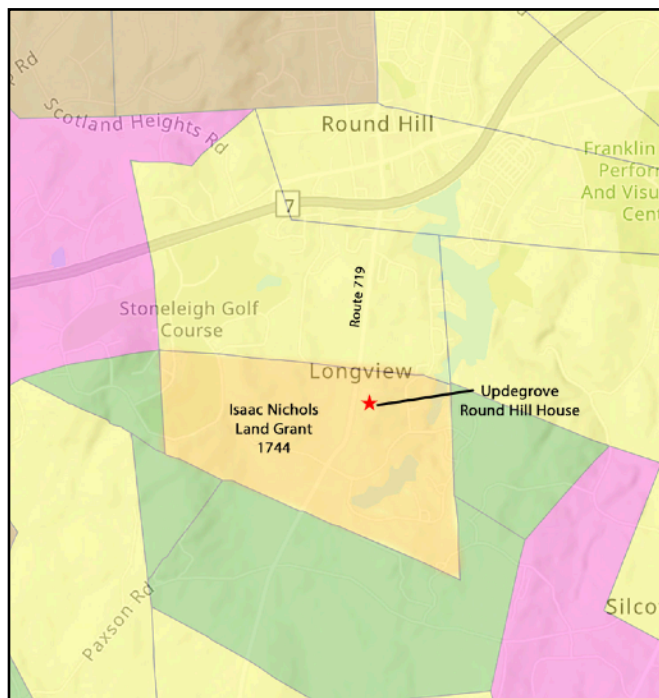
When Lord Fairfax owned what would become Loudoun County, he granted land (300 acres) there to William Hatcher, a Quaker who moved to the area from Pennsylvania. By 1765, Hatcher had built a house on the land as required by Fairfax as a condition of the deed, or patent. That stone patent house has been home to generations of farmers.

Like most Quakers who came to Loudoun County, Hatcher was drawn to its fertile pastureland. Stone Eden Farm was typical of the small farms owned by Quakers in the 18th century. Because of their religious beliefs, Quakers did not rely on enslaved labor, and their farms tended to be smaller than the plantations in eastern and southern Loudoun. (*Washington Post*, 2022)

Chapter 10

THE LINCOLN CONNECTION

In 1983 Dave and Lynne Updegrove purchased a three acre property south of Round Hill, Virginia. In the early 2000's they sold that property and purchased three lots (40 acres) just south of Lincoln, Virginia. Around 1744 Isaac Nichols received a land grant for 560 acres, located south of Round Hill. Also around 1744 William Hatcher received a land grant for 300 acres, located south of Purcellville. In 2024 our family became aware that we (Dave, Craig & Bob and our descendants) were direct descendants of Isaac and William. After more research we also became aware that both of Dave & Lynne's properties were located within Isaac and William's land grants. Being land grants, Isaac and William, and their families, were the first legal owners of those two land holdings. Some nine generations later their 7x great-grandson (Dave), unbeknownst to him, would one day own part of those two original properties.



Our family has one more connection with Lincoln, Virginia. Our grandfather, Charles Graham, and his many siblings all attended Lincoln High School during the 1910's. Our mother, Katherine "Bonnie" Graham Updegrove, and her brother Charlie also graduated from Lincoln High School.

Interesting Information Regarding Our Lincoln/Loudoun Family Roots

1. Loudoun County was established in 1757. In the very first Deed Book (A) at the Courthouse, one of the first deeds recorded (page 25) was a transaction of William Hatcher transferring to Isaac Nichols, Jacob Janney and Thomas Clows ten acres of land "to suffer and permit such of the people called Quakers, inhabiting the county of Loudoun such and so many meeting houses, schoolhouses and yards as they shall from time to time forever think necessary and convenient for the worship of God, the instruction of youth and burial of the dead." This is the area in Lincoln that presently holds the stone house, the brick meeting house across the street, and the Goose Creek Burying Ground.

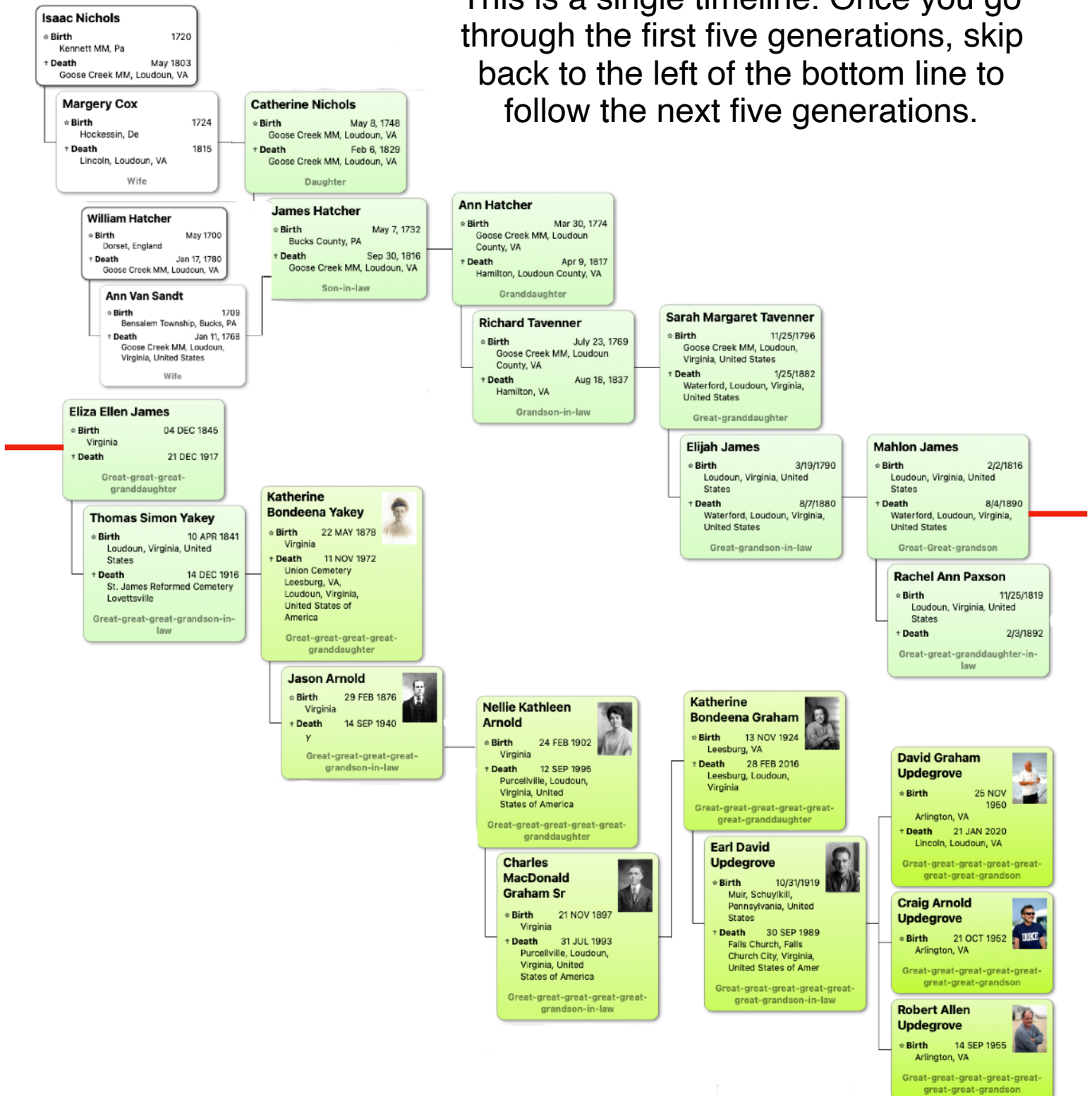
2. A few days before Christmas 1914, Edward Enoch Nichols opened Nichols Hardware in Purcellville. Edward's 5x great-grandparents were Isaac & Margery Nichols. His 4x great-grandfather was William Nichols, older brother of Catherine Nichols Hatcher.

3. Between Isaac Nichols and William Hatcher, it is estimated that they owned over 4,500 acres in western Loudoun County.

4. James and Catherine (Nichols) Hatcher's daughter Ann married Richard Tavenner in 1792. Richard owned a large farm just east of Hamilton (the stone house is along the north side of old Route 7). Some of that land may have included part of current Hamilton. After having ten children (including our ancestor Sarah Margaret Tavenner), Ann died in 1817 at the age of 43. Richard then married Nancy Willett around 1821. In 1833 Richard and Nancy donated one and a half acres for the site of Harmony United Methodist in Hamilton, Virginia. Associated with the Goose Creek Monthly Meeting when he was born in 1769, Richard was buried at Harmony UMC. Daughter Sarah Tavenner would marry Elijah James in 1817, and they would become Eliza James Yakey's grandparents.

Nichols/Hatcher Family Tree

This is a single timeline. Once you go through the first five generations, skip back to the left of the bottom line to follow the next five generations.



Chapter 11

GRANNY & POPS

Charles & Kathleen Graham

“Granny & Pops”

Parents of Katherine Bondeena “Bonnie” Graham Updegrove



Charles & Kathleen Graham

Charles & Kathleen (Arnold) Graham, affectionately known as “Granny & Pops”, were the parents of Bonnie Graham Updegrove, and grandparents of Dave, Craig & Bob Updegrove. They were married on January 16, 1924. Bonnie was born on November 13, 1924. Bonnie & Earl Updegrove were married on Granny & Pops Silver Anniversary, January 16, 1949.

Granny & Pops initially lived in Baltimore, then bought a home on the main street in Hamilton, VA. When Bonnie was around 10 years old the Grahams moved to their home on S. 29th St in Purcellville, VA. In 1941 they built their home on Orchard Ave in Purcellville, VA.



Charles & Kathleen Graham (with Bonnie)

GRANNY & POPS



Left: Granny & Pops at Bonnie & Earl's Wedding (January 16, 1949)

Above: Granny & Pops with Dave Updegrave (1951)



GRANNY & POPS



Granny & Pops at their 50th Golden Anniversary
(January 16, 1974)

GRANNY & POPS



Chapter 12

HOUSES

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Home of Sadie & Ira Updegrove
Muir, PA
(torn down 2018)

Earl Updegrove
On right, in back of the
Updegrove house.



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Home of Charles and Kathleen Graham (Granny & Pops)

141 Orchard Ave, Purcellville, VA

Built in 1941. Pops collected all of the stone used to build this house.



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Graham Farm - Home of Maggie & W.R. Graham

Gable Farm Rd, between Leesburg and Hamilton. W.R. & Maggie moved their family to this farm from Tazewell, VA in 1904



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John Arnold Farms A founding trustee of Peoples National Bank, John Arnold owned several large farms in Loudoun County. In his will he left one farm to each of his sons. Son Joe inherited Arcadia (above), about 4 miles north of Leesburg on Route 15. Son Jason inherited the farm adjacent to the Yakey farm (right). Son John received what is now known as the Firestone Farm (AKA Catoctin Stud), located north of Waterford on Loyalty Rd (below). Son James died by drowning shortly before graduating from VMI.



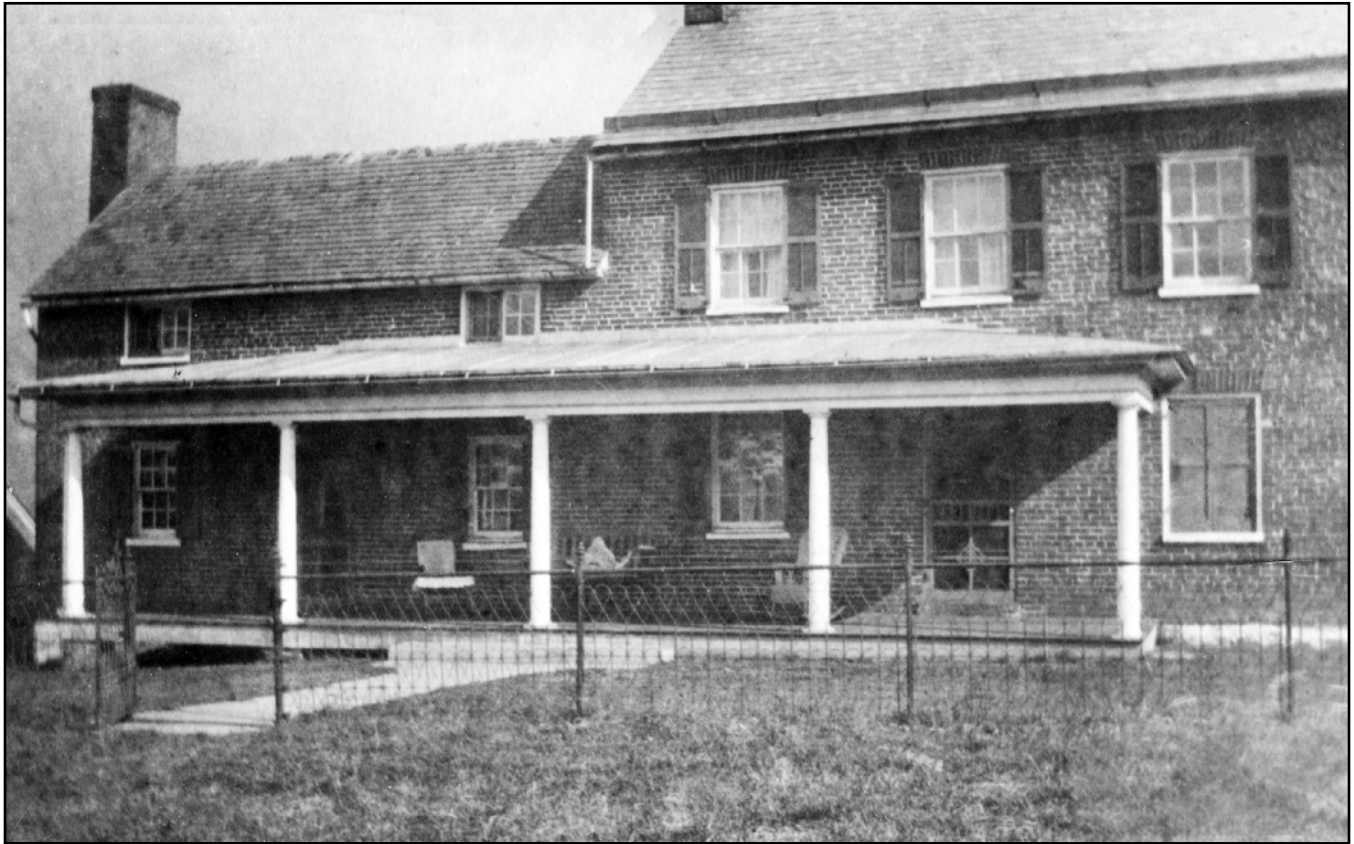
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Jason Arnold Farm - Taylorstown Road



The Yakey Farm



This farm is located on the southeast corner of Taylorstown Rd and Lovettsville Rd. In the northern part of Loudoun County, VA.

The farm, originally 140 acres, first came into the Yakey family when Simon Yakey bought it in 1832. The house above was built in 1838 and still stands. The farm was inherited by Simon's grandson Thomas Simon Yakey in 1870. After Eliza died the property was purchased by Thomas and Eliza's daughter (Katherine Bondeena Yakey) and her husband Jason Arnold. They sold the farm in 1933. The farm was in the Yakey family for 101 years. The farm (now roughly 50 acres) was purchased in 2019 and became the Flying Ace Brewery.

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Home of Bonnie & Earl Updegrove

1103 Kennedy Street, Falls Church, VA

Built in 1950, their home for a little more than 40 years.



