

EARLY RUCKERS OF GEORGIA

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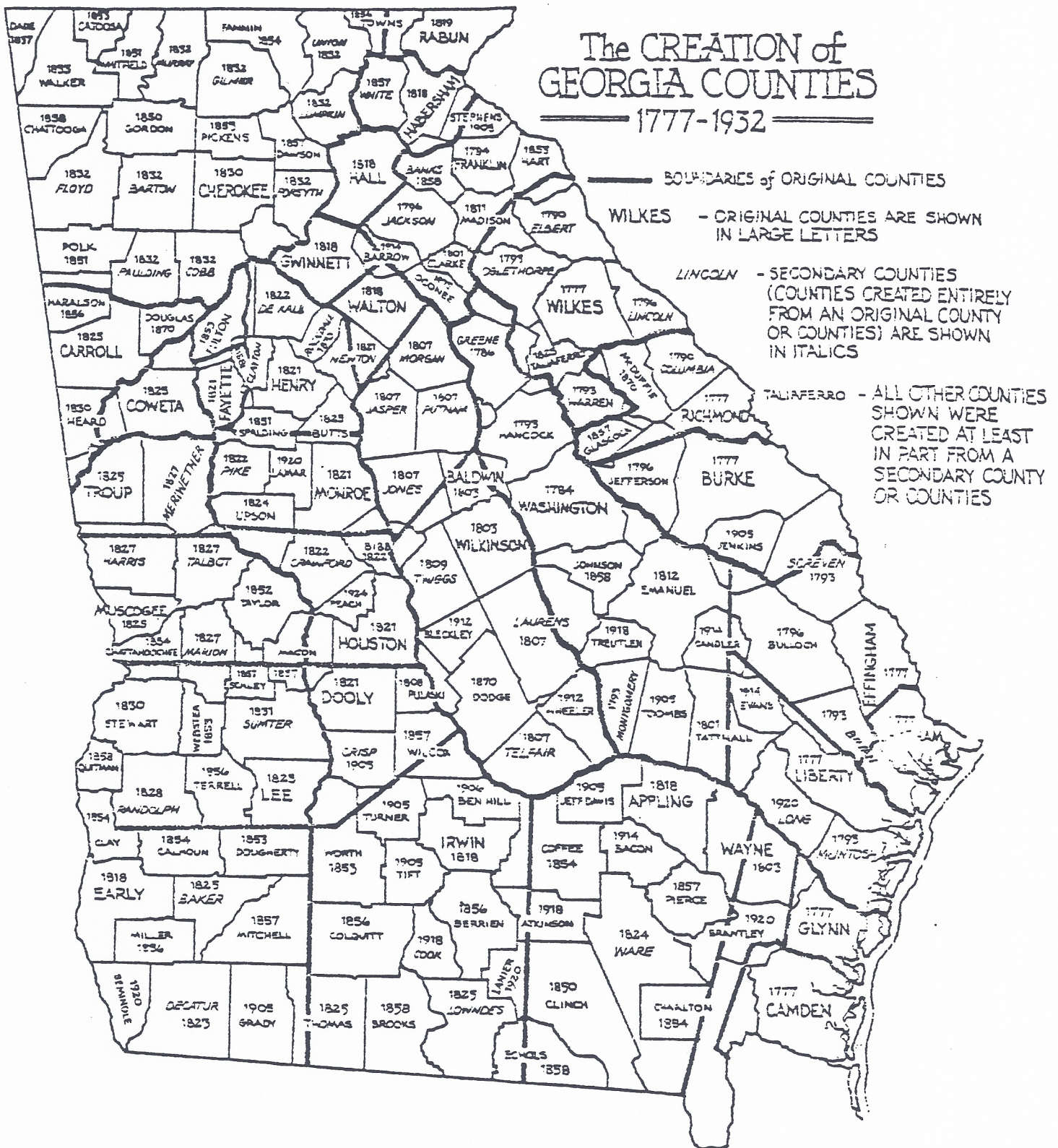
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The CREATION of GEORGIA COUNTIES

1777-1932



GEORGIA'S ORIGINAL 32 COUNTIES

Countries formed from the HEADRIGHT and BOUNTY GRANTS:
1. Camden. 2. Glynn. 3. Liberty. 4. Chatham. 5. Effingham. 6. Burke. 7. Richmond. 8. Wilkes. 9. Franklin. 10. Washington.

Countries Formed in the 1805 Lottery:
11. Wayne. 12. Wilkinson and 13. Baldwin.

Countries Formed in the 1807 Lottery:
The remainder of 12. Wilkinson; and the remainder of 13. Baldwin.

Countries Formed in the 1820 Lottery:
14. Walton. 15. Gwinnett. 16. Hall. 17. Habersham. 18. Early. 19. Irwin. 20. Appling. 21. Rabun.

Countries Formed in the 1821 Lottery:
22. Duval. 23. Houston. 24. Monroe. 25. Henry. 26. Fayette.

Countries Formed in the 1827 Lottery:
27. Carroll. 28. Coweta. 29. Troup. 30. Muscogee. 31. Lee.

Countries Formed in the 1832 Lotteries:
32. Cherokee which was divided into Cass (later Bartow). Cherokee. Cobb. Floyd. Gilmer. Lumpkin. Murray. Paulding and Union.

RUCKERS OF GEORGIA

The first Ruckers to migrate to Georgia were Pressley, Willis, and William Rucker in 1785 (Lamar, p.17). They sent back a message to their cousins and so began a mass exodus of Rucker to the grand state of Georgia.

Descendants of Thomas Rucker and William Rucker and John Rucker migrated to Elbert County, Georgia. Following are these Ruckers (in bold print):

- I. **WILLIAM³ RUCKER** (William², Peter¹)
 - A. **LEMUEL⁴ RUCKER** (William³, William², Peter¹)
 - B. **TAVNER⁴ RUCKER**
 - C. **BARDEN⁴ RUCKER**
 - D. **WILLIAM⁴ RUCKER JR.**
 - E. **ELIZABETH⁴ RUCKER**
 - F. **FRANCES⁴ RUCKER**
- II. **JOHN RUCKER'S CHILDREN** (Thomas², Peter¹)
 - A. **JOHN⁴ RUCKER JR** (John³, Thomas², Peter¹)
 - B. **JAMES⁴ RUCKER** no heirs
 - C. **WILLIS⁴ RUCKER**
 - D. **BURTON⁴ RUCKER**
- III. **JOSEPH⁴ RUCKER** (Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹) no heirs
- IV. **JOHN⁴ RUCKER** (Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹)
 - A. **FIELDING⁵ RUCKER** (John⁴, Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹)
 - B. **JOSEPH⁵ RUCKER**, FOUNDER OF RUCKERSVILLE, GA
 - C. **MARTHA⁵ RUCKER**
 - D. **JAMES⁵ RUCKER**
 - E. **JOHN⁵ TINSLEY RUCKER**
 - F. **WILLIAM⁵ RUCKER**
 - G. **JUDITH⁵ RUCKER**
 - H. **ZACHARY⁵ RUCKER**
 - I. **ELIZABETH⁵ RUCKER**
 - J. **MILDRED⁵ RUCKER**
 - K. **MARGARET⁵ RUCKER**
 - L. **POLLY⁵ RUCKER**
- V. **GEORGE³ RUCKER** (Thomas², Peter¹)
 - A. **GEORGE⁴ RUCKER JR** (George³, Thomas², Peter¹)
 - B. **MARY⁴ RUCKER**
 - C. **FRANCES⁴ ("FRANKEY") RUCKER**
 - D. **AZMON⁴ RUCKER**
 - E. **SIMEON⁴ BLUFORD RUCKER**
- VI. **MILDRED³ RUCKER** (John², Peter¹) AND **STEPHEN HAM**

UNIDENTIFIED RUCKERS

- VII. **PRESSLEY, WILLIS, WILLIAM RUCKER**
- VIII. _____³ RUCKER (_____², Peter¹)

IX. **JANE RUCKER**

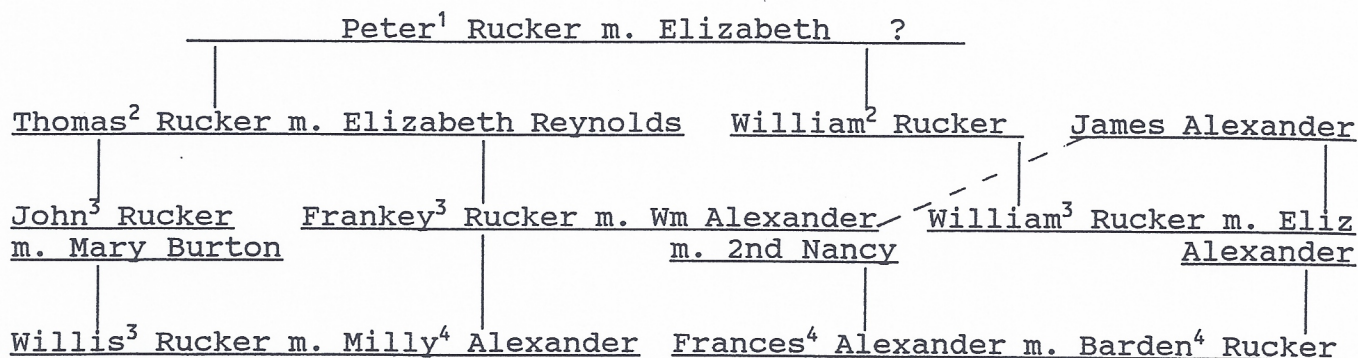
Town of Petersburg, GA, at conjunction of Savannah and Broad River: Jane Rucker, lot number 63, seamstress. (Town plat constructed from deeds in the Elbert Co., Courthouse, Elberton, GA, no date given.)

RUCKERS OF GEORGIA -- by Jean B. Robinson

THE ALEXANDER/RUCKER CONNECTION

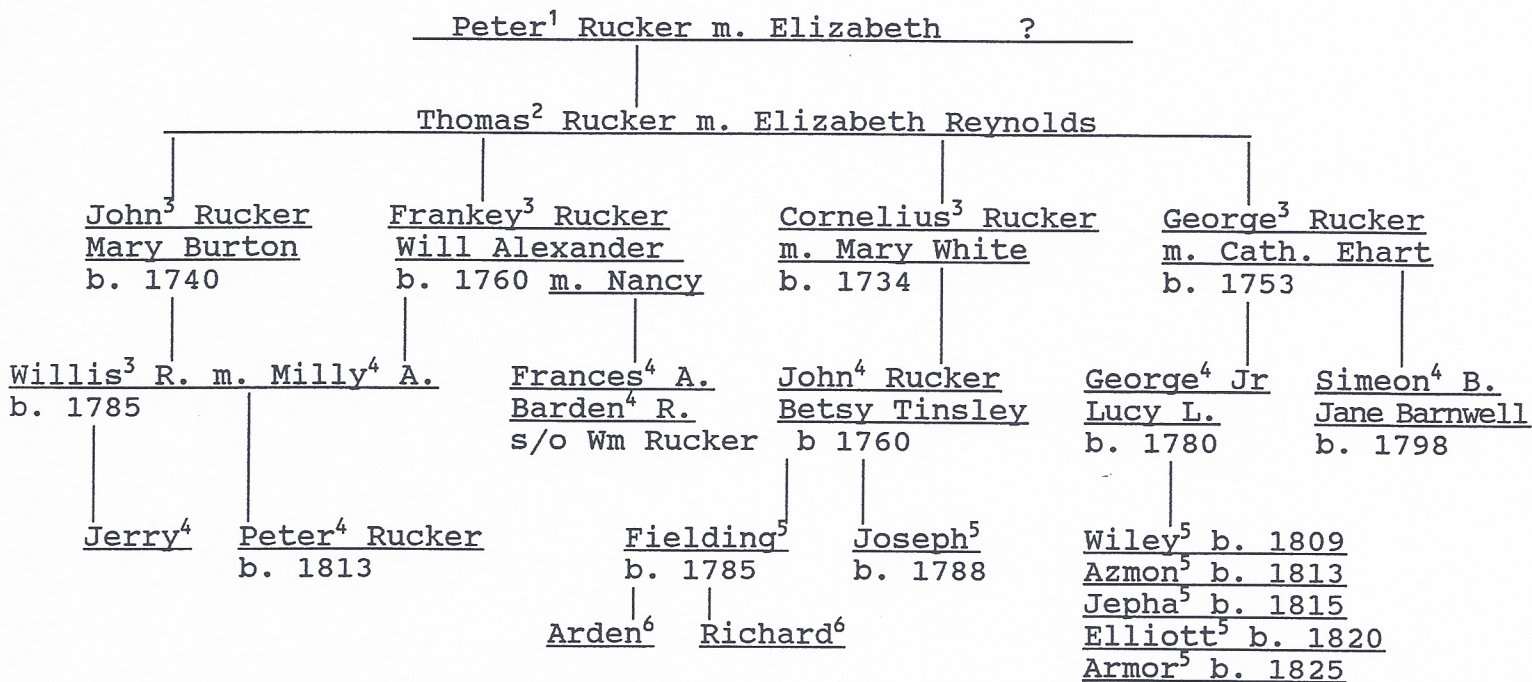
Why did William, son of William, move to Georgia with the grandchildren of Thomas? Because they were related through the Alexanders.

The chart below shows the Alexander/Rucker connection.



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CHART OF THOMAS RUCKER'S DESCENDANTS WHO WENT TO GEORGIA



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EARLY RUCKERS OF GEORGIA

From The Reconstructed 1790 Census of Georgia, compiled by Marie De Lamar & Elisabeth Rothstein, 1985 (Library of VA).

Elbert County, GA, created by Legislative Act, 10 Dec 1790, from Wilkes County:

JOS. RUCKER - From Returns of Administrators and Guardians 1791-1795
GEO. RUCKER - From Deed Book A, Elbert Co., 1789-1792, Grantee
JNO. RUCKER - From Voters or Delegates to Constitutional Convention,
1795
JOS. RUCKER - Elbert Co. Jury Lists 1791-1793
PRESLY RUCKER - Green County Citizens signing letter to Gov. Geo.
Mathews, 16 Mar 1795
FIELDER [sic] RUCKER - Wilkes County Militia, 1793

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Living in Georgia in the 1790s, according to these records:

George Rucker (Thomas², Peter¹)

John Rucker (Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹)

Joseph Rucker (Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹)

Fielding Rucker (?) (John⁴, Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹)

Presley Rucker (?) (_____³ Rucker, Thomas², Peter¹)

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1820 GEORGIA CENSUS

Gideon Rucker Wilkes County, p.182
 James Rucker Elbert County, p.163
 James Rucker Elbert County, p.187
 William Rucker Elbert County, p.162 (not in index)
 J. Ruckers Elbert County, p.196 (This is a District, not a listing)

1820 Elbert Co., GA, census:

William Rucker	males	1 (-10)	2 (26-44)	1 (45+)
	females	1 (-10)	1 (16-25)	1 (45+)
James Rucker	males	1 (16-25)	1 (26-44)	(no females)
James Rucker	males	1 (10-15)	1 (16-25)	1 (26-44)
	females	1 (-10)	1 (10-15) 2 (16-25)	1 (26-44)
Joseph Rucker	males	2 (-10)	2 (26-44)	
	females	2 (-10)	2 (16-25)	

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1830 GEORGIA CENSUS

Elbert Co., GA

p.123 - Catharine Rucker	age 40-50
p.123 - Joseph Rucker (John ⁴ , Cornelius ³ , Thomas ² , Peter ¹)	age 40-50
p.144 - Barden Rucker (William ³ , William ² , Peter ¹)	age 40-50
p.149 - Lemuel Rucker (William ³ , William ² , Peter ¹)	age 40-50
p.156 - Mary Rucker	age 40-50

Franklin Co., GA

p.217 - George Rucker (George ³ , Thomas ² , Peter ¹)	age 40-50
p.219 - Katharine Rucker - widow of George ³ (Thomas ² , Pr ¹)	age 70-80
p.219 - Simeon B. Rucker (George ⁴ , George ³ , Thomas ² , Pr ¹)	age 30-40
p.239 - Tarvanna Rucker (William ³ , William ² , Peter ¹)	age 30-40

Wilkes Co., GA

p.299 - Willis Rucker (John ³ , Thomas ² , Peter ¹)	age 40-50
p.320 - Gideon Rucker (Willis ⁴ , _____ ³ , Thomas ² , Peter ¹)	age 30-40
p.320 - Gideon P. Rucker (Willis ⁴ , _____ ³ , Thomas ² , Pr ¹)	age 30-40
p.291 - Fielding R. Rucker (Willis ⁴ , _____ ³ , Thomas ² , Pr ¹)	age 30-40

Note: the two Gideons are probably the same person

Jackson Co., GA

p.354 - Master/Mathew Rucker	age 40-50
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Pike Co., GA

p.114 - John T. Rucker	age 30-40
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Talbot Co., GA

p.346 - Richard B. Rucker (Fielding ⁵ , John ⁴ , Corn ³ , Th ² , Pr ¹)	age 30-40
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Monore Co., GA

p.195 - Ardain S. Rucker (Fielding ⁵ , John ⁴ , Corn ³ , Th ² , Pr ¹)	age 30-40
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1840 GEORGIA CENSUS, (Wood, p.244):

William Rucker, age over 60
Catherine Rucker
Joseph Rucker
Tinsley W. Rucker, age under 30, woman under 30

1840 Georgia Census, Elbert County (Wood, p.244):

p.175 - Peter Rucker, age under 30, woman under 30
p.176 - Mary Rucker, age under 30

1840 Georgia Census, Franklin County:

p.339 - Aznam Rucker
p.339 - Elliott Rucker
p.339 - George Rucker
p.335 - Jephtha Rucker
p.298 - Tabner Rucker

1840 Georgia Census, Pike County:

p.115 - Arden S. Rucker

1840 Georgia Census, Wilkes County:

p.254 - Gideon P. Rucker

1850 GA census:

A. Rucker	Elbert Co. p.431
Armon	Franklin Co. p.347
Armon	" p.201?
B.	Elbert, p.413
C.	" p.390?
George	Franklin 290
George E.	Cher 510
Gideon	Meri 397
J. R. M.	Elbert 369?
J. W.	De Kalb Atlanta 204
J. W. C.	Franklin 303
James R.	Rand 376
Jephtha	Franklin 347
Joseph	Elbert 408
Lavener	Franklin 266
Louisa V.	De Kalb Atlanta 210
P.	Elbert 367
Ricardo	Talbert 288
Simeon B.	Cher 501
T. W.	Elbert 394
Virginia	Rand 378
W.	Elbert 419
William D.	Cher 502

ABC Order - Land Lottery Winners in Georgia:
 Researched by Ron Payne

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
1821	Agnes Rucker (wid)	Jasper
1820	Armon Rucker (orph)	Elbert
1820	Barden Rucker, soldier	Elbert
1820	Barden Rucker	"
1827	Barden Rucker	"
1820	Catherine Rucker (wid)	Franklin
1832	Eliz. Rucker (wid)	Upson
1820	Fielding Rucker	Jasper
1827	Fielding Rucker	Wilkes
1820	George Rucker	Franklin
1832G	Gideon P. Rucker	Wilkes
1832G	Gideon P. Rucker	Wilkes
1832G	Henry F. Rucker	Pike
1807	Jane Rucker (widow)	Elbert
1820	James Rucker	Elbert
1820	John Rucker	Elbert
1820	John Rucker	Elbert
1827	John T. Rucker	Jasper
1820	Joseph Rucker	Elbert
1820	Joseph Rucker	Jasper
1832C	Joseph Rucker, Or	Jasper
1821	Lemuel Rucker	Elbert
1832G	Lemuel Rucker	Elbert
1820	Mastin Rucker	Jasper
1832G	Mildred Rucker (orph)	Elbert
1827	Milly Rucker (wid)	Elbert
1832G	Richard B. Rucker	Talbot
1832G	Richard B. Rucker	Talbot
1820	Simeon B. Rucker	Franklin
1827	Tavener Rucker	Franklin
1821	William Rucker Jr.	Elbert
1827	William Rucker R.S.	Elbert
1827	Wm. Rucker, R.S.	Elbert
1832G	William Rucker Sr.	Elbert
1820	Wm. Rucker Sr.	Elbert
1820	Willis Rucker	Elbert
1821	Willis Rucker	Lincoln
1821	Willis Rucker	Elbert
	Wyley Rucker	Franklin
1827	Zachariah Rucker	Elbert
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THE LIFE OF

JOSEPH RUCKER LAMAR

1857-1916

BY

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fers to himself as "Cornelius Rucker of the Parish of Bromfield and County of Culpeper, being of sound mind and memory, but very sick." His youngest son John, moved across the County line into Orange County, where he married Elizabeth Tinsley, a beautiful woman of great intelligence and strength of character. It is recorded that, in obedience to the law at that time in force in Virginia, her parents, John and Sarah Tinsley consented to her marriage with John Rucker on April twenty-fifth, 1780.

We have no authentic record of the life of the young couple while they remained in Virginia. But in 1784, the General Assembly of Georgia set apart two hundred thousand acres of land in Wilkes County to be settled by Virginians, and in the last quarter of the eighteenth Century many Virginians were moving to Georgia. When one remembers the numerous children mentioned in the Rucker wills, one is not surprised to learn that the State of Virginia became a little over crowded with Ruckers, and that, in 1785, Presley, Willis and William Rucker came from Virginia to Georgia and located in what are now Elbert and Hart Counties. They sent back a good report as to soil and climate, and early in 1786, John Rucker, fourth in descent from Ambrose, came with his wife, Elizabeth Tinsley, from Ruckersville, Virginia, to a neighborhood in Elbert County, which soon became known as Ruckersville, Georgia. He settled on a tract of land