

# the Rücker Family Society

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# AMBROSE L. RUCKER OF BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI

by Jean B. Robinson

"Ambrose L. Rucker died young and without issue!" suggested Sudie Rucker Wood.

In Sudie Rucker Wood's Rucker Family Genealogy, p.95, it said child #9: "Ambrose<sup>5</sup> L. [Rucker], died 1832, Bedford Co. [VA]; married Betsy McClure, 1824, daughter of William and wife [Hancock] McClure."

Because she printed that Ambrose L. had died in 1832, we all wanted to believe that he did.

Wood, p.102, under Anthony<sup>5</sup> Rucker (Ambrose<sup>4</sup> Jr., Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) said: "At the January court of Amherst County in 1833 continued on next page

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## EARLY WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, RUCKERS HONORED

by Ron Payne

On May 2, 1999, a beautiful spring day, a historical marker was dedicated before a sizeable audience in Williamson County, TN. The Williamson County Historical Commission recognized the Rucker Cemetery near Arno with the marker. The marker is located on the South side of Owen Hill Road, about 1/4 mile east of Arno Road, south of Arno, TN.

Of the approximately 40 graves in the cemetery, the greatest contingent represents the William<sup>5</sup> Rucker, Jr. (William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) family. William, his wife Mary Jane Pillow, and nine of their eleven children. Six grandchildren of William, Jr., are also buried in there.

Recitations of family histories by selected local descendants, woven about those noted on the marker, followed the formal dedication.

Following these poignant remembrances, the cemetery was visited where flowers were furnished for attendees to place on the graves. A moving poem was read by the niece of Freeman Jordan, dressed in a period costume, while appropriate music was being played in the background by her husband.

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continued from previous page the 'court was satisfied' that Ambrose Rucker, administrator of James Marr's estate was dead and appointed Anthony Rucker in his place. This was where Wood determined that Ambrose L. Rucker was deceased by 1832.

Based on the information that follows, I think the will was referring to the father, Ambrose Jr., and not Ambrose L. Rucker.

A few years ago, Violet Hill, of Gresham, OR, wrote and said she thought Ambrose L. Rucker moved to St. Louis, MO. My reply was to send me proof that his name was the same. She sent a deed that showed he had the middle initial "L." Was he the same Ambrose L.?

There is a marriage record for Ambrose Rucker in St. Louis, MO, to Elizabeth "Susan" Branch, dated 23 Dec 1846.

The 1850 Franklin County, MO, census, showed Ambrose with wife Susan, four children by a previous marriage and two

children by his present wife:

1850 Franklin Co., MO,
census, 31<sup>st</sup> Dist, p.29: Ambrose
Rucker, age 45, farmer, \$1200, b.
VA; Susan, age 36, b. TN; A. S.
F., age 16, (all children born
MO; C. L., age 13; John R., age
11; Sarah F., age 8; Eliza J.,
age 3; Elisha H., age 7/12.

Who was the mother of the other children? In studying the records of Bedford Co., VA, we wondered if his first wife died and he moved away. He had a great deal of property in Bedford, why did he move on if not to begin a new life in the Midwest? Ambrose was not listed in the 1830 census records, either in Virginia or Missouri.

Ambrose L. Rucker disappears from records in Virginia about 1830.

I recently heard from Jerry Proctor of Colorado Springs, CO. He wanted to find proof of Ambrose L. Rucker's wives and felt he was only married twice. If Ambrose was married a third time, who was she?

On my recent trip to St. Louis, MO, I found an index on grantees and grantors in the area. One of them listed a deed for Ambrose L. Rucker and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of William and Sarah McCluer (note the spelling is a little different than the way the name was spelled in Virginia--McClure). I went to the St. Louis City Hall and found the following evidence.

23 Apr 1838: Know all men that we Ambrose L. Rucker and Elizabeth my wife in consideration of six hundred and fifty dollars to us paid do grant, bargain, sell and release to John Q. Dickinson all our share, right, title and claim in and to the real and personal estate of

Sarah McCluer [sic] and William McCluer [sic] the father and mother of said Elizabeth consisting of a tract of land in St. Louis County that was conveyed to said Sarah and her heirs by George Collier under a decree in chancery in the St. Louis Circuit Court and also of a number of Negro slaves and other personal property and estate and we do convey to said Dickinson whatever share and title we have or are entitled to in said property and estate and do hereby authorize him to take all necessary steps to receive the same for this one use our share in said property being one undivided seventh part and we do warrant said property against all claims of ourselves and all persons claiming under us and none others. —In testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands and seal this 23rd day of April in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight.

Attest:

A. L. Rucker (Seal) Elizabeth Rucker (Seal)

State of Missouri>
In the St. Louis Circuit Court
County of St. Louis>
March Term 1838
Filed for Record April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1838>
Recorded May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1838>

Jno Ruland, clerk

(From Deed Book  $D^2$ , p.216, found in City Hall, St. Louis, MO.)

Eureka! Now we know that Ambrose L. Rucker migrated to St. Louis with his in-laws. Also there was a deed where all the heirs of William and Sarah McClure were listed including Martha McClure who married Ambrose L. Rucker's nephew, Samuel<sup>6</sup> Burks Rucker (Tinsley<sup>5</sup>, Ambrose<sup>4</sup> Jr., Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). Samuel and Martha were listed in the 1840 and 1850 Franklin Co., MO, census.

This deed showed that Ambrose L. Rucker was still married to Elizabeth McClure, his first wife

and that the Ruckers and McClures moved together from Bedford Co., VA, to St. Louis, MO. This deed also proved that Ambrose L. Rucker was the same one that moved from Bedford Co., Virginia.

Note: One question, was Ambrose listed in the 1830 census with the McClures? Or were they en route to Missouri.

Conclusion: Ambrose L. Rucker (Ambrose<sup>4</sup> Jr., Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) was married twice. He migrated to Missouri with his wife's family, the McClures.

Issue of Ambrose L. Rucker and Elizabeth McClure:

- William<sup>6</sup> G. Rucker, b. before 1831, probably in Bedford Co., VA.
- Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Rucker, b. before 1831, probably in Bedford Co.
- Le Grande<sup>6</sup> F. Rucker, b. ca 1834 (age 16, 1850 census), b. MO.
- 4. Clifton<sup>6</sup> T. Rucker, b. 14 Sep 1836, Franklin Co., MO.
- 5. John<sup>6</sup> R. Rucker, b. ca 1839 (age 11, 1850), MO.
- 6. Sara<sup>6</sup> Frances Rucker, b. 1842 (age 8, 1850), MO.

Issue of Ambrose L. Rucker and Susan Branch:

- 7. Eliza $^6$  J. Rucker, b. ca 1847 (age 3, 1850), MO.
- Elisha<sup>6</sup> H. Rucker, b. ca 1849 (age 1, 1850), MO.
- 9. Thomas<sup>6</sup> Levi Rucker, b. 22 Sep 1852, MO.
- 10. James Wilson Rucker, b. ca 1855, MO, d. 2 Jun 1873, (tombstone) Ft. Scott, KS.

(Source: Census records, Deeds of Bedford Co., VA, and St. Louis, MO; Marriage records.)

### **RUCKER CHAPEL**

Submitted by Dorothy and Herman Rucker

It was a bright spring day in the small village of Wapella, Ill-inois. The time was 1912 on a Sunday morning and the church was alive with activity. A traveling photographer happened along and wanted to photograph the congregation and their church. Everyone posed in front including Grant Walden with his new "horseless" carriage (to the left).

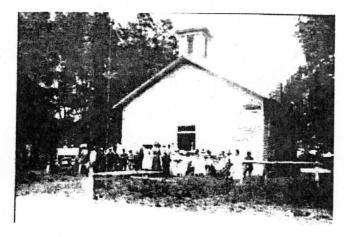
The church, known as "Rucker Chapel," is located near the small village of Wapella, IL. The small Methodist church was built in 1865 through the efforts of the Rev. James C. Rucker.

The church was very active with baptisms, marriages, funerals and services. The congregation took good care of it and remodeled the interior in 1913. However, the building was destroyed by fire in 1932 and a new church was built and dedicated on the same spot, December 17, 1933.

The church fell in disuse and became inactive in June of 1953. Since that time, the chapel's trustees have sponsored activities twice a year. A memorial service followed by picnic in the yard held early in June and a fall wiener roast on the first Saturday night after Labor Day.

Across the street from the church is the Rucker Chapel Cemetery. Since 1882, soldiers from the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the War Between the States, and World Wars I & II have been laid to rest in the cemetery.

The church secretary, Helen Hume, has been involved in the church's activities since 1953. Volunteers



help keep the church and cemetery in good shape.

The Rev. James<sup>6</sup> Cook Rucker (Ahmed<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>, see Wood, p.24), was born 6 Jan 1817, Woodford Co., KY, and died 26 Sep 1900, Jacksonville, IL (aged 83 years, 8 months and 17 days). He was married  $1^{st}$  29 Aug 1849, to Rachel Howard, born 23 Feb 1824, Bracken Co., KY, died 3 Sep 1883, Clinton, (aged 56 years, 6 months and 10 days). She was the daughter of Sarah and Rev. Joseph Howard. In 1885 James C. Rucker married Harriett McCord, a widow. There is no record of any children.

The above article and picture was from a local newspaper, dated Saturday, June 6, 1998. It was submitted by Dorothy and Herman Rucker of Nashville, TN. They suggested it may have been from the Peoria, IL, newspaper.

In August, 1999, Jeannie Robinson visited the area and saw the church and cemetery just east of the town of Wapello. No Ruckers were buried in the graveyard. Biography on Rev. Rucker is in the *History of DeWitt Co., IL*, 1882, p.191.

# "ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR" By Christopher D. Rucker, M.D.

On May 23, 1861, Virginians approved the Ordinance Secession, and sons of Amherst County began joining the Cavalry company which would boast more Ruckers than any like-sized unit in the Confederacy. A desire to find the final resting places of Ruckers in the Amherst Mounted Rangers, later Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Va. Cavalry, led the author to compile biographical sketches of each. The following summarizes their military records. More detailed biographical and family information is available to interested readers.

Edward<sup>6</sup> Lewis Rucker (John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>), clerk, enlisted May 23, 1861, 15 private, one year. Re-enlisted, two years, February 24, 1862. Hospitalized January 21 1863, typhoid fever, furloughed ninety days March 26, 1863. Re-enlisted March 1, 1864, "for the war." Killed at Yellow Tavern May 12, 1864. The author placed a Confederate memorial headstone June 28, 1998 in Richmond, VA's Hollywood Cemetery.

Marcellus<sup>7</sup> Parks Rucker (Nathan<sup>6</sup> Dawson, Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>) enlisted May 31, 1861, private, one year. Reenlisted February 11, 1862, furloughed thirty-six days. Drowned April 14, 1862, Robinson River, body lost. A memorial marker was placed at his wife's cemetery, Poplar Grove. He was survived by a daughter, "Minnie Claude," called "Mary Marcellus" in Nathan's will.

Isaac<sup>7</sup> Henry Rucker (Benjamin<sup>6</sup> Jennings<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>)

enlisted May 23, 1861, one year. Re-enlisted two years, February 20, 1862. Promoted to corporal, promoted to corporal; demoted to private, November 1863. Re-enlisted March 1, 1864 for the war's duration. Possibly wounded at Haw's Shop May 28, 1864. He lost three horses in the war. August 1, 1906 he lost his right arm in his mill's revolving wheel, died August 6, 1906. Buried Section B, Amherst Public Cemetery.

Paul<sup>7</sup> Brown Rucker, Isaac's younger brother, enlisted March 10, 1862, private, two years. Reenlisted March 1, 1864. Received two wounds left leg, Haw's Shop, May 28, 1864. Paroled Appomattox Court House, surrendered carbine and saber, April 9, 1865. Died of a stroke May 13, 1927, likely buried Amherst Public Cemetery. The Author has arranged for a headstone.

Godfrey<sup>6</sup> Toler Rucker (Alexander<sup>5</sup> Marr, Richard<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>) enlisted June 12, 1861, Lynchburg, private, one year. Conscripted April 1862. Wounded, Second Manassas. Re-enlisted March 1, 1864 for the war. Died between will date Dec 8, 1888 and probated Dec 16, 1889, cause and place, unknown. Confederate marker Amherst County, 37°37.62N longitude, 79°14.42W latitude.

William<sup>6</sup> Richard Rucker enlisted, conscripted, re-enlisted same dates as older brother, Godfrey. Perhaps wounded, Brandy Station June 9, 1863, detailed to Brigade Commissary until Spring 1864. Finger shot off, Fort Kennon, May 24, 1864. Captured June 13, 1864,

Amherst Courthouse, sent to Atheneum Prison, transferred Camp Chase, paroled City Point March 2, 1865. Died between 1912 and 1920. Stone, no dates, El Bethel Church, Amherst, next to brother, Isaac Willis (artillery veteran).

Valentine<sup>7</sup> H. Rucker (Edwin<sup>6</sup> Sorrell, Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>) enlisted May 29, 1861, appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant July 1, 1862. Lost re-election, retired, last paid April 30, 1862. Exempted from further service as mail contractor. Died Jul 12, 1900, buried in wife's plot at Lynchburg's Spring Hill Cemetery.

Washington<sup>7</sup> Irving Rucker, Valentine's younger brother, enlisted with him, private. Furnished a substitute, Summer of 1862, retired, re-enlisted Mosby's Partisan Rangers January 25, 1864. In May, "shot through," bullet entering his back and exiting his abdomen. Died June 6, 1922, buried Shiloh U. M. Church, Bedford County.

Ambrose<sup>7</sup> Clark Rucker, another son of Edwin Sorrell, served with Co. E, according to Sudie Rucker Wood. The author erected a Confederate marker at his probable burial site in the Graham Creek Rucker cemetery. Subsequent research suggests he avoided service through his positions as a slave owner and mail contractor.

William<sup>6</sup> Ambrose Rucker (William<sup>5</sup> Ballenger, George<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>; also Mary<sup>6</sup> Ann Dawson, Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>) enlisted May 23, 1861, one year, private. Hospitalized in September. Reenlisted, Spring, 1862, cited for bravery during Shenandoah Valley campaign. Furnished substitute

Aug 12, 1862. Drafted, furloughed Richmond's Camp Lee March 3, 1864. Exempted as an "agriculturist", avoided further service. Died, son Dana's home, Richmond Nov 7, 1922. Buried Ivy Hill Cemetery, Upperville, Virginia.

Sudie Rucker Wood claimed that William's brother, Addison<sup>6</sup> Clay Rucker, served with Mosby's cavalry, but no records substantiate that. Older brother, Daniel<sup>6</sup> H. Rucker, furnished a substitute to Company E March 14, 1862, presumably to avoid the draft, and was subsequently exempt as a justice of the peace. Buried in Buena Vista's Green Hill Cemetery, a Confederate leaned against cross tombstone, an honor which should have been reserved for veterans.

Further reading: Driver, Robert J. and H. E. Howard,  $2^{nd}$  Virginia Calvary, Lynchburg, 1995

Payne, Ron "A Listing of Ruckers Who Served in the Armed Forces of the Confederate States of America," unpub.

Rucker, Christopher D. "Biographical Sketches of Thirteen Ruckers of Nineteenth Century Amherst County, Virginia," unpub., 1998

Wood, Sudie Rucker The Rucker Family Genealogy, Richmond, 1932

Please contact the author with comments and corrections, or to request more information on any of these Ruckers.

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# **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

WILLIAM RUCKER: I am looking for William Rucker, who was born in Louisiana or Mississippi. He married Lou T. Buford, daughter of Thomas J. Buford, in Guthrie, Logan Co., OK (Indian territory) in 1874. They had one son born there and then moved to Bonhan, Fannin Co., TX, where my grandmother was born in 1880. He died there in 1889.

I was told that he was Choctaw and that he was a Pony Express Rider which might explain them being in Logan County before it was open to the public after the land rush in 1889. Lou Buford was born in Camden, Ouachita Co., AR, in January 1861. She was half Cherokee and half Choctaw. Both her parents were born in Georgia, and her mother came out on the Trail of Tears when she was 5 years old.

If anyone can help identify William Rucker, please contact:
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VIANNA (VINIE) E. RUCKER: I am still trying to find info on Vianna (Vinie) E. Rucker my great grandmother who married R. A. Colbert in Rutherford Co., TN, 28 Jan 1870. She was born someplace in TN about 1849. Don't have much on her early life and very little on her after they married. Thanks in advance for anything at all.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

JAMES RUCKER WIGGINS, 87, died on 11 June 1999, in Henderson, Kentucky. His line is from his mother, Fannie<sup>8</sup> Rucker (Joseph<sup>7</sup> A., Joseph<sup>6</sup> B., Elzy<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>).

He was a veteran in World War II, a deacon of Audubon Baptist Church and had retired from Henderson Implement company in 1977.

He was also an active member of the Green Valley Disaster Team and had traveled on several disaster missions, including trips after hurricanes in Massachusetts and the Bahamas.

He was a Kentucky Colonel, a member of Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Worsham Post No. 40 and Woodmen of the World.

His wife, Frances had died in 1995, a daughter Mary Lynda Neff died in 1985, and a son Robert "Bobby" Wiggins died in 1996. He is survived by three daughters, Joyce Denton of Henderson, Lois Bumpus of Charlotte, NC, and Alice Wiggins of Lexington; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one step-great granddaughter.

At his funeral, the entire Green Valley Disaster Team served as honorary pallbearers and wore their yellow jacket uniforms. Rucker had been the oldest member of the team when he reached his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He was buried at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson. Submitted by Maxine Dillehay Hammar, Palmyra, VA, his niece. Obituaries, continued

## WALTER EARL CHESSMORE, 89,



died Sunday August 8, 1999, at home after a lengthy illness. He was born April 30, 1910, in Jones, Oklahoma, son of Inman Norman Chessmore and Annie Rhea Miller.

He and Lucille Rucker (Joseph<sup>7</sup> H., Joseph<sup>6</sup> M., Reuben<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Peter<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) were married September 30, 1949, in Abilene, TX. They lived in Fort Worth, Texas for 34 years.

Walter graduated from Oklahoma A&M University (now Oklahoma State U.) in 1938. While a student, he began work as an agronomist with the CCC camp at Guthrie, OK. Immediately after graduation, he began a career of more than 40 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He served in several capacities in Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska. At the time of his retirement in 1978, he was head of the employment development unit in the regional office in Ft. Worth.

During World War II, he served for three years with the army.

Walter was a member of Edge Park United Methodist Church, the SCS Alumni of North Texas, The Assoc. of Retired Soil Conservation Employees, The Soil and Water Conservation Society, and the Nat. Assoc. of Federal Retirees.

He was preceded in death by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Mildred Bynum Chessmore; his parents; and three brothers, Raymond, Francis and Claude.

In addition to his wife of 50 years, Walter is survived by

daughters Nita Sue Bertsche and her husband, Jerry of Marietta, GA, and Karen Freeman and her husband, Bruce, of Arlington; and three grandsons, Bryan Beaty, Brett Beaty and Christopher Freeman, all of Arlington, TX. Also two brothers, Roy Chessmore, of Idabel, OK, and Charles Chessmore, of Stillwater, OK; and a sister Fern Cooper of Palestine.

Walter was buried at Laurel land Memorial Park in Fort Worth. From the Fort Worth, TX, Star-Telegram, 10 Aug 1999, submitted by Alice Rucker Allen (sister of Lucille), of Austin, TX.

#### WILLENA RUCKER BLACKSTOCK,

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72, died Wednesday June 23, 1999 in Athens Regional Medical Center. Born in Elbert County, GA she was retired chief accountant for Macy's Inc. retail department store in Atlanta. She was a graduate of Elberton High School and the University of Georgia. She was a member of the DAR and First Baptist Church in Avondale Estates.

She is survived by her husband, James Blackstock and brothers, Kenelm E. Rucker of Elberton and Bryon T. Rucker of Endicott, NY.

"Lena" was a daughter of K. Earle Rucker (Joseph W., Elbert M., Joseph John Cornelius, Thomas, Peter) and Willie Vickery Rucker. She was preceded in death by a son, Carl James Blackstock and two brothers, Elbert M. and Joseph L. Rucker.

She was buried in Elmhurst Cemetery in Elberton, GA. Lena had recently restored the family home in Ruckersville, GA. Submitted by Jules T. Rucker of Evans, GA.

Obituaries, continued

RAMONA L. (WATTS) RUCKER, age 80, a retired school teacher, died Tuesday, 22 Dec 1998.

Survivors include her husband, Don Rucker; sons L. D. Rucker of Ponca City, OK, and John Snell Rucker of Brooklyn, NY; brothers Eldon Watts of Wichita, Dale Watts of Douglass, Dean Watts of Augusta; and five grandchildren. She was a member of the Douglass United Methodist Church and Satterthwaite-Douglass Senior Center.

Submitted by Julia Beadles. Printed in the Wichita [KS] Eagle, 24 Dec 1998.

#### **Corrections and Updates**

by Christopher D. Rucker, M.D.

Following are corrections to my article entitled "Spring Cleaning in Amherst County, VA," printed in Vol. 10, No. 1, March 1999 issue of the Rucker Family Society Newsletter.

Ambrose Clark Rucker did not die April 20, 1891 as stated on page 3. That is the date on which his widow was named as executor of his will. Ambrose's will was written June 14, 1890 (Amherst County Will Book 22, p. 430). He died on June 17th, which is the date I had inscribed upon his tombstone. information came from obituary, which was provided to me by his descendant Ann Denton, of Tucker, Georgia.

I can also now confirm that Ambrose was likely not a member of Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Calvary, as claimed by Sudie Rucker Wood. He took his first draft exemption in 1862 as an "overseer," or slave owner (Record of

Exemptions in Virginia, 1862-63, C.S.A. Record Group 109, Ch. 1, v. 251, p. 301, line 21). His second exemption was as a Confederate States postal employee, having successfully bid for the delivery contract for the Lynchburg to Pedlar Mills route, from July 1, 1863 to June 30, 1867." (Post Office Dept. Mail Contracts, Va 1863-64, C.S.A. R.G. 109, Ch.11, v.14, p.129).

#### President's Letter

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This summer, my husband & I went to a genealogy conference in St. Louis, MO. I took one class on newsletter editing and hope you notice the changes. We also visited Iowa and Illinois for researching Ruckers in the area. Note articles on p.11 & 14.

Please submit articles or ideas for articles to the editor. When submitting newspaper obituaries or articles, please enclose the title of the newspaper, the city and the date of publication. This is for future reference.

The RFS board meeting will be October 2 & 3 in Williamsburg. I look forward to seeing all board members and their spouses. If anyone wants to serve on the reunion committee and attend the meeting, please let me know. My phone number is (804) 358-3185.

It's time to renew if you have not done so. Check your mailing label. The first number is your year of renewal, the second is your membership number. Send \$7.00 for one year or \$14.00 for two, made out to The Rucker Society and mail to:

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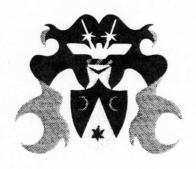
Happy hunting, Jeannie Robinson

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#### THE RUCKER MARKER

The Cemetery. The marker states: which had its beginning in 1826, is located onehalf mile south. William Rucker, Sr. (1760-1826), A Revolutionary War veteran, was the first person buried in the cemetery. Also buried there are his son William Rucker, Jr. (1792-1868), a color bearer in the War of 1812; Col. Octavius Claiborne Hatcher, a Mexican War Veteran; Capt. William Pillow Rucker, C.S.A., who was killed at the Battle of Fort Donelson in 1863; Captain Rucker's two brothers, DeAlvarado Rucker and John S. Rucker: and a brother-in-law Robert Archer Jordan. The last three men served in Company D, 20th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, C.S.A. The cemetery is maintained by the Historic Rucker Family Cemetery Association.

The visit to the cemetery was then closed with a prayer. What a lovely day it had been. I wish you all could have been there.



#### THE RUCKER FAMILY SOCIETY

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Herman Rucker, Bill Jordan, Bob Rucker, In front of the Rucker Historical Marker

This marker and its dedication were the result of the extensive efforts of Freeman Jordan, supported by his brother Jim, and Herman Rucker. They have also been responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery, as well as significant improvements in its condition.





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