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### A Very Special Family

This family works hard and sets high goals

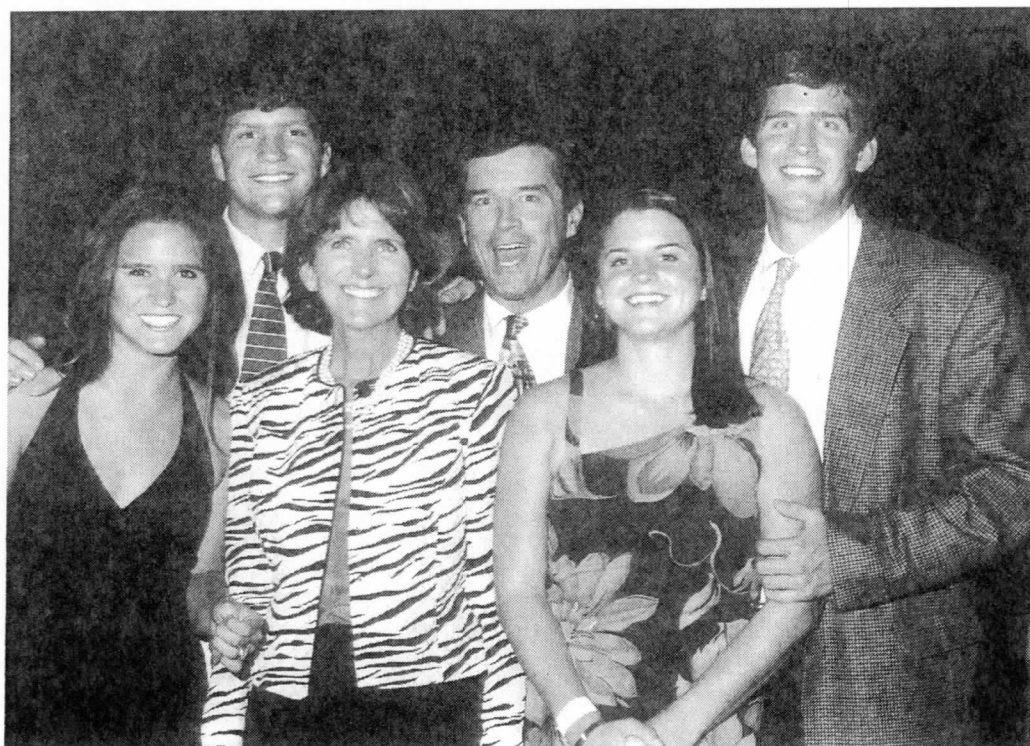
The Robert Sumners of Gastonia, North Carolina are a very special family. This is a family with charisma and high standards. They all work hard and enjoy life. They are active in their church and all, but the mother, play golf. She was too busy raising children to enjoy such a time-consuming sport.

From an article on the sports page of *The Gaston Gazette*, 5 May 2002, "Better than par," came the idea to do a profile on this family. The youngest son, Kinnison Sumner, was the headliner in the article as he had led his golf team, the "Jaguars" to victory. He was one of the top players on his high

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The Sumner  
Family

From left:

Price  
Kinnison  
Beverly  
Bobby  
Grayson  
Robert

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school team that won the Big South 3A Conference golf championship in the spring. Kinnison shoots consistently in the mid to high 70s and, as with most great golfers, he is "hot with the putter!" The article went on to say that Kinnison became serious about golf after taking a trip to see the Masters a few years ago. Before that he just had a few clubs and hit occasionally. After seeing some of the greatest golfers in the world, he came home and said "I can do that."

James "Kinnison" Sumner, age seventeen, is a senior at Forestview High School. He is Editor of the yearbook and plays both Varsity Golf and Varsity Soccer. In the spring, Kinnison was a Junior Marshal, an honor's program for the top ten students in his high school class. The group participated in the graduation's program as special marshals. Kinnison won the Junior Club Golf Championship in the summer of 2002 and was named Junior Golfer of the Year at Gaston Country Club. He will graduate with honors in May 2003.

From the seventh grade on he has steadily developed and improved his golf game until he has become one of the top players. Kinnison's coach remarked that he is such an asset to the team because of his integrity. The coach said, "Even if he wasn't such a good golfer, he'd still be an asset to our team. He's very well-mannered and has the

kind of character you can build a team around."

Having high character is true of the whole family. The oldest son, Robert Ernest Sumner IV, graduated from law school this year. Robert graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1999. He was the president of his fraternity his senior year. Robert attended University of South Carolina Law School in Columbia, South Carolina and graduated in May of 2002. He has passed the bar this summer. Robert, twenty-five years old, has begun working for Hedrick, Eatman, Gardner, and Kincheloe Law Firm in their Charlotte, NC office. Robert is also an avid golfer and has a low handicap.

I'm going to take a little break in this story to tell you that Kinnison and Robert come by golf naturally. They learned it as children from their father. But they had an ancestor that loved to play golf — their great-great-grandmother, Sudie Rucker Wood! Now you might wonder how Sudie, the author of *The Rucker Family Genealogy*, could have learned golf in the early 1900s before it caught on big-time in this country. It was because of her husband, William Price Wood, who was one of the earliest golfers in Richmond. William helped found the Country Club of Virginia and made sure women were admitted as equal members with men (so Sudie and his daughters could play) and he also founded the Virginia State Golf Association and the Woman's Virginia State Golf Association. One of the biggest thrills of his life was, in 1938, awarding his daughter, Lillian Lee Wood, the Woman's VSGA Amateur trophy. Now back to our profile.

The oldest daughter and second child, Beverly "Grayson" Sumner, twenty-two years old, graduated from the University of North Carolina in May 2002 with a major in English. During her freshman year in high school, Grayson studied German every Saturday for a year and spent a month in Gotha, Germany that summer. She was part of an exchange program with Gastonia's sister city. Grayson has saved her money and this

fall is going backpacking through New Zealand with a Chi Omega sorority sister. They will be there from September until December with at least one side trip to Australia. She figures she will probably never get back to that part of the world and has heard of its beauty. A native of New Zealand came to Gastonia and Grayson found out a lot about the country. She has been teaching her mother to use e-mail, so they can keep in touch. In January Grayson is hoping to go to Atlanta to start her career in nonprofit organizations.

The youngest daughter, Elizabeth "Price" Sumner, eighteen years old, was Co-Valedictorian of Forestview High School in May. As part of her graduation present, Price traveled through Europe this summer with twenty of her classmates and their teacher. After a years worth of planning, they visited London, France, Switzerland and Italy.

Price is an accomplished ballerina and has aspirations to become a fashion designer. One time she traveled to Hawaii to give a dance exhibition. Price began her college education in August at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (as did her father and siblings) and she also has joined Chi Omega sorority.

All the children were incredible swimmers as shown in the enclosed picture where they all won Blue Ribbons for swimming the Butterfly as their best stroke. Bobby was also a great swimmer, having swum on the team at UNC.

And last but not least, is "Forrest" Sumner, the Golden Retriever that rules the house. He is one and a half years old and weighs ninety pounds. He adds a lot of love to the Sumner Household.

In the RFSN, Vol. 11, No. 4, Dec, 2000 issue, was an article by Beverly's Mother, Sudie Mann, Wilson on "Five Generations of Sudies." The first generation was Sudie Rucker Wood, the author of the *Rucker Family Genealogy*. Sudie Wilson has two daughters, the oldest one, Sue Moore, was written up in that issue of the newsletter. This article is about the other daughter, Beverly and her family. One sad note is Beverly's father, Thomas Eugene Wilson, died in July. See his Memorial article later in this newsletter.

Beverly<sup>10</sup> Wilson Sumner has two lines of Rucker descent: Sudie<sup>9</sup> Rucker Mann, Sudie<sup>8</sup> Elizabeth Wood, Sudie<sup>7</sup> S. Rucker, William<sup>6</sup> A. William<sup>5</sup> B., George<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup> and Wm. B.'s wife

1989 photo  
of the Sumner  
children

Left to right:  
Robert, Kinnison  
Price, & Grayson

After partici-  
pating in a  
Swim Meet  
at the Gaston  
Country Club



Mary<sup>6</sup> Ann Dawson Rucker, Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

Beverly, born January 22, 1953, grew up in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and attended Columbia College in Columbia, SC. She met her husband during these years. Beverly married Robert ("Bobby") Ernest Sumner III on June 9, 1973. Bobby attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After marriage, they finished their education together at the College of Charleston. The couple had an adorable cottage apartment behind one of the mansions in the historic district.

Bobby went on to get his masters degree in marketing at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. They now live with their four children in Gastonia, North Carolina. After six years in commercial lending with First Union Bank, Bobby changed careers and, in 1983, entered the retirement community industry. In 2001 Bobby and a partner formed Retirement Dynamics, marketing specialists in retirement communities. In his spare time he is an avid gardener and enjoys playing golf. He has shared his love of golf with his four children.

Beverly has organized the Junior Assembly of Gastonia. This is where junior high school students learn how to dance and behave socially. Organized twelve years ago, Beverly still directs this organization which she learned from her mother, who directed one in Rock Hill, SC for twenty-two years. Beverly is also the past president of the Debutante Club of Gastonia. Beverly is a reading teacher for elementary schools working for With Friends in Gastonia, North Carolina.

The entire family is active in the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia. Bobby is an Elder and teaches high school age Sunday School. Beverly is a past president of the Women of the Church and now serves as a Deacon. The children have been active in the Sunday School. Price and Kinnison have sung with the junior choir. Price, with her junior choir, a few years ago, went on a trip to New

York. On the return, they stopped at a retirement home in Richmond allowing all her Richmond cousins to attend and hear the group. Bobby and Kinnison went on a mission trip to Jamaica with their youth group at church. The group planned the trip for a year and raised some of the money. They went to an unattractive part of the island of Jamaica and helped build and repair the buildings and worked with the children. It was an educational and enlightening experience.

Raising four children has not been easy. The oldest children were always a great help with the younger ones. Bobby and Beverly have done themselves proud, raising four accomplished children. Now that the children are growing up and heading out into the world, Bobby and Beverly will have more time for their own activities and each other.

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## Questions and Answers

### Wyatt Rucker Montgomery Co., KY

From Edna in Arizona, on the forum, July 15, 2001, <yesirrom@aol.com>: "On August 22, 1800, Wyatt Rucker paid taxes in Montgomery Co., KY. He is also listed in Rev. Joseph Price Howe's Documents as belonging to the Springfield Congregation of the Presbyterian Church. In Rev. Howe's journal there is an entry on Sat., Dec. 27, 1806 . . . 'at Mr. Rucker's from Psalm 90.12 funeral discourse.' In another entry it says it was Mr. Rucker's funeral."

"If Wyatt Rucker of Montgomery Co., KY died in 1806, then how could he be the same one who is listed in the 1810 Greenup Co., KY census? Do we have 2 Wyatt Ruckers here?"

Reply from Jeannie Robinson: If this Wyatt died in 1806, it couldn't be Wyatt, son of James as he



witnessed his daughter's wedding in 1808 and was living in 1810 Greenup Co., KY census, p.276:

Wiet [sic] Rucker:

males	1 (16-26)	1 (+45)
females	1 (-10)	1 (10-16)
		1 (+45)

So who died in 1806? Was it as Mark Twain said, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." Or was the census taker wrong?

**Another Query:** In *The History of Greenup Co., Ky.*, by Biggs and MacKoy, the parents of Susannah and Peggy are listed as Milton and Anna Rucker. Is this incorrect?"

Reply from JBR: Yes, this is incorrect. The source for saying their parents were Milton and Anna Rucker was a newspaper clipping from *The Greenup News*, Aug. 10, 1934, "Old Marriage Licenses for Year of 1808." It reads:

Ephraim Rucker to Polly Deatly, both of Greenup county, August 4, 1808. Issue upon the written permit of the bride's father, John Deatly.

Reuben Rucker to Mary J. Rucker, both of Greenup county, October 18, 1808.

George Willis to Anny Rucker, both of Greenup county, September 4, 1808.

James Kite to Peggy Rucker, both of Greenup county, September 14, 1808. Issued upon the written permit of the bride's parents, **Milt Rucker and Anna Rucker.**

Note: The records must have been difficult to read and Milt was mistaken for Wiatt. There are no records for a Milt or Milton in Greenup Co., KY. This is an example of how written records can be misinterpreted. Below are the actual records:

## MARRIAGE RECORDS OF GREENUP CO., KY

Alice Rucker Allen of Austin, TX sent a copy of the original Marriage Records of Greenup Co., KY. They include (males only):

Elzephan [sic] (not Ephraim) Rucker to Polly Deatley [sic], 4 Aug 1808, John Blankenship,

bondsman; consent of her father, John Deatley.

Reuben Rucker to Mary I. Love, 18 Oct 1808; Charles Love, bondsman.

James Rucker to Elizabeth Deatly [sic], 19 Jan 1810, John Deatly, bondsman.

Bazel Rucker to America McGuyre, 10 Sep 1832; John McGuyre, bondsman, John McGuyre, father of the bride, gave his consent.

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**Rucker/Rooker in NC:** I am very interested in finding more information on my ggg-grandmother—Rebecca Rooker—b. 21 Jan 1801 d. 08 March 1892, m. Lemuel Saunders Self about 1828. Rebecca Rooker was reportedly one of triplets — her sisters (names unknown) never married but helped her with her family of 12 children.

Lemuel Self was born in the Lincoln/ Rutherford/ Cleveland county area of North Carolina and as far as I can tell he never left that part of the country. Some of their descendants still live there. A John Rooker is listed on page 461 of the 1830 Lincoln Co., NC census—I believe that he may be my Rebecca's father.

Any information or clues that you can provide would be most appreciated. In addition, if you know of another researcher that may have more information for me, please feel free to forward the above to them. Many thanks, Diana Taylor <lannytaylor@worldnet.att.net>.

**QUERY OF THE QUARTER:** Pannill Rucker (1867-1930) was a very important tobacco merchant of Martinsville, Virginia. He is listed on page 94 of Studie Rucker Wood's *Rucker Family Genealogy*. Pannill had two sons, but neither one married nor had children. Steven R. Rucker is writing an article about him for the newsletter If you have any information, please contact Steven at <srucker@neocom.net>.

**New Discovery, 2002:** The Editor went to Lewisburg, WV in July for a little research. Of the marriage bonds found at the Greenbrier Historical Society in Greenbrier Co., WV, two are of interest to us:

26 May 1818, Marriage Bond between Henry Smith and Lydia Rucker, signed by Henry Smith and Langford [sic] Rucker (his mark). (Why was Langford signing for Lydia Rucker? Lydia was first married to Gideon Rucker. Were Gideon and Langford siblings?)

25 Aug 1817, Marriage bond between Meriman or Merimun Rucker and Sarah Gardner [sic], Greenbrier Co., [W]VA, signed by Meriman Rucker and Thomas Garner.

Langford, Meriman, and DeWitt were probably brothers as they were closely connected in Greenbrier County, [now West] Virginia (see Wood, p.271 for further information). DeWitt administered the estate of Meriman, 20 Sep 1838 (Bath Co., VA). Why did Langford sign for Gideon's widow (Greenbrier Co., [W]VA)?

1850 Greenbrier Co. census, p.249:

Duett Rucker, age 74, farmer, \$600, b. in VA; Landford Rucker age 66.

1860 Greenbrier Co., [W]VA, census p.249:

John Rucker age 45, Mary age 45, Andrew age 16, Mary age 14, Landford age 77.

If anyone has any information on these people, please notify the Editor.

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**Letter from Lillian L. E. Spires:** I certainly enjoy the family "news" journal, read it page by page until finished. I belong to my Tyrrell England and Terrill American and enjoy their journals as well. I would like to find more info on ships they sailed on as they came to America. I would truly like some pen-pals. Thanks to my distant cousins that contribute to make the "Journals" interesting.

Lillian's line of descent is as follows: Lillian<sup>9</sup> L. E. Adkins, Minnie<sup>8</sup> Dulcie Lee Gravitt, Lagoaner<sup>7</sup> H.

Gravitt, Mary<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth Creed, Elijah<sup>5</sup> Creed Jr., Mary<sup>4</sup> Rucker, Peter<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

Note: Lillian is listed on p.57 of *Rucker Heritage*, by Alice Rucker Allen. If you are interesting in corresponding with cousin Lillian L. E. Spires, please write to her at 221 N. Huntington, San Fernando, CA 91340.

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## Colorado Research From Cindi Meyer And Alice Rucker

Alice Rucker of Sylmar, CA joined Cindi Meyer for a few days of fun and research in Colorado. They found the following:

24 Nov 1894, San Miguel Co., CO land records shows A. M. Rucker to Warren D. Woodman mining deed in Bk 59, pg 344, 1/8 interest of Liberty Bell Mine on the upper San Miguel River. Date of instrument, 11 Oct 1894.

We [Cindi and Alice] made some headway in land records for Richard Rucker's property in Disappointment Valley, CO. In our searches we have found the following, but not related to us...

At the Denver Historical Society website, where photos are posted there are Rucker notations as following. the site is <http://www.gowest.coalliance.org>, then search with name Rucker:

1) There is a view of the mining exchange building in Denver with a sign that reads A.W. Rucker Law Office taken between 1882-1900.

2) Men and boy pose on the wooden sidewalk outside the First National Bank in Creede. A sign reading attorneys at law, Rucker & Spurgeon taken bet 1890-1895.

3) A view of the Foote-Vickers-Rucker house on bluff above Henson Creek, Lake City, CO taken about 1942(?).

Many thanks to Cindi and Alice for their research. If anyone knows who the above Ruckers are, please notify the Editor.

P.S. from Cindi: Sitting in the local family history center in Orange, CA looking for my great grandmother in Colo Springs, CO., I found this:

Pg 9, ED 46, Colorado Springs, El Paso Co, CO Pct 4. No date other than 1910.

Ellen C Rucker, lodger (with James Williams) white female, age 55, married 35 years, 9 children born, 5 living. Born Indiana, father b N Carolina, mother b W Virginia. Speaks English, dressmaker, can read and write.

VIEW CINDI AND KEITH'S WEBSITE: Cindi and her husband Keith Meyer have returned from spending four months in South America. If you want to read about their travels, see their website: <http://www.xanga.com/home.asp?user=Cindi>

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## African-American Corner

An email newsletter has been started by Mrs. Scarlett Lynn Rucker-Misikir of Duncanville, TX and she is the Publisher/Editor and it is called "We Are The Rucker Family." She wrote: "It is something that will allow us to 'keep up' with the descendants of my grandparents since we are so far flung now. The name 'We Are The Rucker Family' is copyrighted, so we decided to use it for an informal newsletter via email."

The first issue is dated 9/22/2002. If you would like to receive a copy, contact Scarlett via email at <[rucker\\_misikir\\_scarlett@hotmail.com](mailto:rucker_misikir_scarlett@hotmail.com)>. Here is an excerpt:

**Historical Corner**...There are now 186 living, blood/linear descendants of William Estell Rucker and Anna Mae Carey Rucker of Huntsville, Missouri. The auxiliary line of the family are Bailey, Baylor, Bruce, Broomer, Carey, Carr, Griffinn, Renfro, Warfield and Wayland. Our

ancestors came to Missouri from Mississippi, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and Illinois. Family members are present in Illinois, Missouri, California, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, and Texas.

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## ~In The News~ Darius Rucker

**Hootie and the Blowfish**—Article from the *Austin American-Stateman*, 24 May 1995, submitted by Alice Rucker Allen of Austin, TX: "Sure the band's name sounds goofy, but the music sounds good." The group had a No. 1-ranked pop album: "Cracked Rear View." The band, featuring the tuneful rhythms and **Darius Rucker's** deep, mellow voice, has sold 3 million copies of the disc. It boast two hit singles, "Hold My Hand," and "Let Her Cry."

Another article sent in by Henry Rucker of Aiken, SC, from the *Augusta, GA Chronicle*, 4 Aug 2002: said the lead singer of **Hootie and the Blowfish**, who grew up in Charleston, SC, has been honored by them with the city's first **Darius Rucker Day**. Darius donated more than \$1 million to local charities. Darius's first solo album, "Back to Then," was released last week.

If anyone knows Darius Rucker's lineage, please notify the Editor.

## Crocodile Hunter

Terri Elizabeth Raines of Eugene, OR is a Rucker descendant and is married to Stephen ("Steve") R. Irwin, of Victoria, Australia. He is the Crocodile Hunter that is seen on TV, and they live at the Australian Zoo.

For those of you who subscribe to Reader's Digest

magazine, you may want to check out the February 2002 issue, p.122 for the article written by Terri Raines and Steve Irwin entitled "Animal Attraction," subtitled "She rescued cougars, he wrestled crocs." It was from their book, *The Crocodile Hunter*. The movie by the same name came out July 12. They appeared on the Oprah TV show, July 8, 2002. You can also see Steve on Animal Planet.

Terri<sup>9</sup> is the daughter of Julia May Cline Raines and Clarence<sup>8</sup> Alonzo Raines (Alonzo<sup>7</sup> C., Charles<sup>6</sup> L., Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> J. Rucker, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Tomagen<sup>3</sup> Rucker, Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and (Augustine<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) of Eugene, Oregon. Terri and Steve have a daughter, Bindi Sue, age 4.

If you would like to order a copy of their book, call 1 (800) 832-2212 or purchase online at <booksnow.com/rd>.

The above information is from the Raines Family newsletter, from Phyllis Shelton, 31919 N. Lake Creek Dr. #41, Tangent, Or 97389, phone 541-967-2465.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Thomas Eugene Wilson**, age 85 of Rock Hill, South Carolina, died at home, July 11, 2002. A native of Greenville, NC, Tom was a son of the late Frank Wilson and Verda Waldrop Wilson. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II, attaining the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant. In Greenville Tom continued the ownership of his father's 50 year old family business, the Frank Wilson Men's Clothier. He was director of the Merchant's Association, President and a member of the board of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of directors of

the Kiwanis Club, and Commander of the local post of the American Legion of Greenville, NC. He was named "Man of the Year" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1947.

After moving to Rock Hill in 1955, he joined T. M. Mayfield Adjustors of Charlotte as an insurance adjustor. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour where he was active for 48 years. Tom was a member of the Golden K. Club of Rock Hill. He was a past member of the Rock Hill Country Club and the Elk's Club.

Tom is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sudie Mann Wilson (Sudie<sup>8</sup> Elizabeth Wood, Sudie<sup>7</sup> S. Rucker, William<sup>6</sup> A. William<sup>5</sup> B., George<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and (Wm. B.'s wife Mary<sup>6</sup> Ann Dawson Rucker, Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). Tom is also survived by two daughters, Sudie Wilson Moore and Beverly Wilson Sumner (see Family Profile, p.19), and seven grandchildren.

He was buried at Laurelwood Cemetery in Rock Hill. Article submitted by Sudie M. Wilson

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**Wiley Wesley Rucker**, age 61, died December 27, 2001, in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was born in Amherst County, Virginia, December 27, 1940, so he died on his 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. He was the son of the late Jack and Ruth Franklin Rucker. He was a member of Madison Heights United Methodist Church and had worked as a security guard for G.E. Financial Assurance in Lynchburg.

Wiley is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Nancy Rucker of Yorktown, VA; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Hollis and James Yeatts of Forest, VA and Estelle and Butch Layne of Madison Heights.

Article submitted by Anne Rucker Loyd of Waynesboro, VA. His lineage is unknown to us.



**Richard A. Rucker**, DDS, age 83 of Bedford County, Virginia, died March 21, 2002 at the town of Bedford. He was born April 18, 1918 in Moneta, VA, a son of the late Samuel L. Rucker, MD and Elizabeth Phelps Rucker.

Dick, as he was known, grew up at Moneta, VA, graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, and the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry in Richmond. He served in World War II and was in the Air Force during the Korean War, attaining the rank of Major. He practiced dentistry in Grundy and Roanoke before settling in Gretna in June 1957. He practiced for 37 years before retiring.

Dr. Rucker (Dr. Samuel<sup>7</sup> L., Joseph<sup>6</sup> H., Anthony<sup>5</sup>, Ambrose<sup>4</sup> Jr., Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery (the family will be notified of the date. This article, from the Lynchburg newspaper, was submitted by Anne Rucker Loyd of Waynesboro, VA.

**John L. Fox** died September 16, 2002 at home in Lee's Summit, Missouri. He was the husband of Rebecca<sup>10</sup> ("Becky") Dawson (Owen<sup>9</sup> Barksdale Dawson, Henry<sup>8</sup> Alexander Dawson, Francis<sup>7</sup> McDonald, Samuel<sup>6</sup> Rucker, Nelson<sup>5</sup> C., Lucy<sup>4</sup> Rucker, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). Becky is the chairman of our reunion this year. I know you'll keep Becky in your prayers. If you want to communicate with her, her email is <JohnIFox@aol.com> and her address is 3915 SW Hidden Cove Circle, Lee's Summit, MO 64082-4634.



## President's Letter

Our reunion, October 18-20, at Kansas City, MO is fast approaching and I hope many of you will attend. This will be our first time meeting west of the Mississippi. If you have not registered and would like to attend, please log onto our web site: <http://www.mindspring.com/~jogt/surnames/ruckerfs.htm> for an application. If you don't have access to a computer, please drop me a note or call and I will mail you one (my info. is on page 20).

If you want to join our pre-reunion tour of middle Missouri on Oct. 17, please contact Chuck Berry at 831-438-6033 or Karl Rice at 660-263-4900.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time in Kansas City. Feel free to bring photos and/or memorabilia to display and share at Hospitality time. Many thanks to Becky Fox for her fantastic planning for this super reunion.

We appreciate everyone who submits articles and photos for use in the newsletter. If I don't use something, it may be in the next newsletter. There is not room for everything that is sent so please remind me again, to be sure I use it next issue.

*~ Jeannie ~*

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Please check your label, the first number is the year through which you have paid. If it says "01" you now owe for 2002. Your membership is important to us, so please send \$7.00 to Leslie Burford Cabral, 5601 S. 37<sup>th</sup> Court, Greenacres, FL 33463.

## Photo Corner

Photo of tombstone of Lemuel Rucker was submitted by Georgette R. Orndorff, Zanesville, Ohio: Lemuel and his wife are buried in a cemetery two and one half miles from Summerfield, Ohio, Seneca twp. The Editor had tried to get there a few years ago, but due to weeds and unmowed grass, it was impossible. Finally after Georgette wrote an editorial, the grass was mowed and she got the enclosed picture.

Photo shows:

Lemuel Rucker/ April 15, 1754/ Mar 4, 1842/  
Married Anna Booten [sic]  
Pvt 8 VA Regt Cont Line, Revolutionary War  
Battles: Brandywine, Germantown

From DAR source papers, Washington D.C., it said about Lemuel and his wife Anna:

"A Revolutioner of the United States of America Died in honor on March 4, 1842, age 91 years. Virginia gave him birth, but Ohio a grave."

"In Memory of Ann Rucker, consort of Lemuel Rucker/ Died March 1845"



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