

# the Rucker Family Society

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### **RUCKER REALTY**

A Family Owned Company for One  
Hundred Years

By Michael (Mike) P. Rucker

Of the approximately 15 million businesses in the U.S. about 90% are family owned. The average life of family owned businesses is 24 years and only about one-third make it to the second generation. Fewer than 10% make it to the third generation and just 3% percent are handed down to the fourth generation. The George H. Rucker Realty Corp. of Oakton, Virginia has exceeded all those levels with ownership shares held by members of the third, fourth and fifth generation descendants of the founding partners.

The company celebrated one-hundred years during January 2006. All ownership shares of the privately held company are still owned entirely by descendants of the founders, except for some stock option incentive shares held by the company president and CEO, Richard (Rick) Wolff.

The company was founded in 1906 by George H. Rucker<sup>1</sup> who had been elected Clerk of Court in 1898 of the newly formed Alexandria County<sup>2</sup>. In his elected position and as a prominent real estate developer, Rucker was one of the most signifi-

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### **Edward Woodruff Taylor**

RFS Board Member

Passes Away

Edward W. Taylor has been a board member of the Rucker Family Society since before its formation in 1990. He was the first person that I (Jeannie) met when I went searching for ancestors in Amherst Co., VA. I found him the first day and he has been helping with cemetery maintenance and reunions ever since.

Ed, as he was known, was born June 28, 1919 and died January 31, 2006 at the age of 86. He and wife, Marita Loving Taylor would have celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary on Feb. 9, 2006. Ed was the son of Robert Woodruff Taylor and Edna Watts Taylor. He is survived by his daughters, Faye Taylor Smith and her husband, Ralph; and Anita Taylor Moore and her husband, Tom; and a son Rodney Edward Taylor and his wife, Anne. He had nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son Mark

Edward Taylor and a brother, Robert L. Taylor.

Ed was an active member of Elon Presbyterian Church in Amherst Co., Virginia. For 45 years he was Charmian of the Elon Presbyterian Cemetery Committee. He served as deacon and elder. In 1996, he was elected to the honorary office of elder

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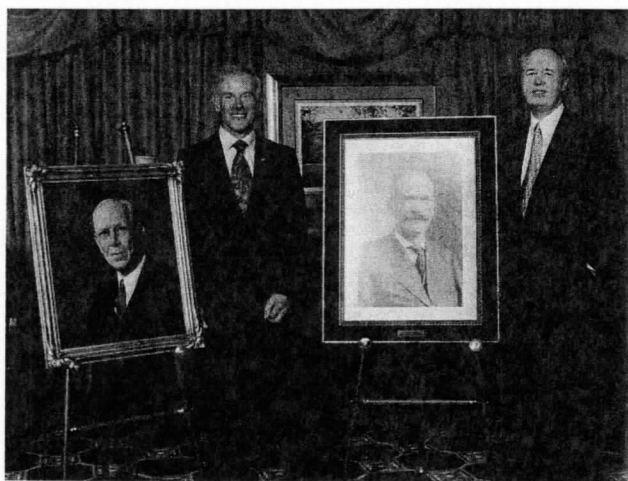
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cant personalities in the early twentieth century development of Arlington. Early in 1899, George and his wife, Lizzie (Elizabeth) Council, began to purchase building lots in the county. In 1906, George subdivided a large tract of land called "Rucker's Addition to Clarendon." In addition to this property subdivision, Rucker established an insurance company that same year and also served as a founder and officer of Virginia Real Estate Title Company. 1906 was clearly the year George Rucker "went into business" and that year is regarded as the beginning of the Geo. H. Rucker Company.



Michael P. Rucker, Board Chariman  
with portrait of Ashton C. Jones  
Richard C. Wolff, President  
With photo of George H. Rucker

In 1910, George Rucker purchased a lot directly across from the Arlington County Courthouse. There he built a frame building to house his growing business. This convenient location permitted him to administer to his public duties, and as necessary, cross the street to attend to his businesses. In addition to his business and elected position, Rucker served on a number of local boards and benevolent organizations. For example, he served on the Alexandria County Local Draft Board during the World War I era. He was also chairman of the Virginia Agricultural Council of Safety for the county during the war years, 1917-1919.

George brought in two of his brothers-in-law to join him as partners in 1909. These were Ashton Crenshaw Jones and N. A. Rees. Jones married Margaret Virginia Rucker and Rees was wed to Ella Blanche Rucker. At the height of his business career, George Rucker died suddenly on August 24, 1919.

Ashton Jones took over leadership of the company. Under his lead, the company became involved in a number of prominent residential and commercial real estate development projects in Arlington. The company also constructed several significant buildings, including the Rucker Building, the Jones Building and the Rees Building, all on Wilson Boulevard. The Rucker Building is still owned by descendents of George Rucker and Ashton Jones, as is Westover Shopping Center.

About 1935, Ashton purchased N. A. Rees' partnership share in the company. Also in 1935, the company tore down the original four-room frame building and replaced it with an attractive larger brick structure. That building remained the company headquarters until it was purchased by the county in 1989 and demolished to make way for the new Arlington County Judicial Building.

In 1955, Ashton, Jr., assumed the presidency. Ashton, Sr., died May 22, 1960. In 1960, certain

operating divisions and assets were placed in a new company, the Geo. H. Rucker Realty Corporation, which is now the family's primary real estate development and holding company.

In 1969, Ashton, Jr., retired to allow his brother, John (Jack) Rucker Jones to become president. 1981 marked the year the company turned the reins over to the third and fourth generation descendants of George H. Rucker and Ashton C. Jones, Sr. Since that time, the directors have placed operations of the company in the hands of professional outside managers, while maintaining overall direction of the company. The company headquarters are now located at 2911 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton. Rick Wolff, who was hired in 1986, and became president in 2001, is only the second non family president of the company. According to Wolff, "The overall development goals of the company are long range and conservative. With this approach, projects can be put on hold, if necessary, to await the next window of opportunity."

Rucker Realty, currently headquartered in Oakton, Virginia, sits proudly in front of the "Mosby Oak" on Hunter Mill Road. It has been documented that under this ancient tree, Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby made camp. The property now provides a base of operations for one of the longest continuously family-owned Virginia businesses. Currently, the company has property holdings in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Its largest current project, is a 654-acre, 829 home site development in Stafford County. This development, "Austin Ridge," is located along the west side of I-95 near Virginia Route 630. For more information on the corporate holdings visit <http://www.ghrrc.com> and [www.ghrrc.com](http://www.ghrrc.com).

#### Endnotes:

1. Lineage: George<sup>7</sup> H. Rucker, Daniel<sup>6</sup> H., William<sup>5</sup> B., George<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

2. See Rucker Society Newsletter Vol. 2, No. 1, May 1991 for photos and more information concerning the company and its founders.

Editorial note: Although he does not mention it in the above article, Michael Rucker became president of Rucker Realty in 1981, and Chairman of the Board in 1988, and continues in that position to this date.

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## Interview with Claudia Rucker Stone 1983

(Daughter of George H. Rucker —  
founder of Rucker Realty)

By Michael (Mike) P. Rucker

The following is excerpted from an interview during 1983 with Claudia Rucker Stone<sup>1</sup>, the daughter of George H. Rucker. I asked her to tell me how her father started the business. [MPR]

"I'll tell you exactly how my father started the business. When I was born in 1895 in Buena Vista, father had already come up here [to Northern Virginia] to take a government job with the Post Office [the U. S. Office Department in Washington, D.C.] My mother [Elizabeth Council] stayed in Buena Vista until I was six months old. Then one day, they put everything on the train, and came up. They got off at St. Elmo which was a 'jumping off point' on the trolley line between Alexandria town and Washington. Well, that's where we first lived: St. Elmo.



Photo of Claudia White Rucker Stone (on left)  
with her mother, Elizabeth Council Rucker

"At first things were real tight, but after a while my father was able to save back money to loan out to friends at interest. When he was still in the government [Post Office Department] people would say 'Rucker, can you lend me \$5 or \$10 and I'll give you some interest, until the 30th of the month?' Father started like this, charging maybe 2%. Another thing, we had chickens. And we had grapes in our garden. Anyway, Father would take things into town and people would love to buy them. So he brought in a little extra money that way. Town people [Washingtonians] would just love to have something from the country [Alexandria]. Then he decided to run for clerk of court.

"Once he loaned \$100 to a man named Crack, or something like that, so he could buy a wagon and team of mules to collect garbage. Well, I think this man Crack, was the first to urge him to run for Clerk of Court. Lord, I don't know how he won, but he did! Father always did like politics and real estate. When he ran for county clerk, he wasn't known at all.

"Well, he went out electioneering. One day he was electioneering and saw a man plowing his garden. Father didn't know the man, but he went up to him and introduced himself and asked him to vote for him. The man said, 'Can you plow a straight row? I only vote for men who can plow a straight row.' Father said, 'Let me take that plow and go across that row.' Father took that plow and made such a straight row across there, the man said, 'How in the world did you make such a straight row?' Father said, 'I just kept my eye on something right over on the other side of the garden there and I went right for it.' The man said, 'Well, I don't know you, Rucker, but I'm telling you that any man who can plow as straight a row as that I'm voting for him.' That was about 1898.

"Well, he won, and while he was clerk of the court, one day, there was to be a sale of some land. One day father came home and said, 'I bought some land today.' Mother said, 'George, why on earth did you do that?' He said, 'It was a good buy.' I think it was something like \$100. And, Mother said, 'Lord, where will we ever get

the money?' When the next public sale came up, he didn't buy. Mother said 'George, why didn't you buy it?' He said, 'I didn't think it was a good buy.'

"And, in that small way he started the company. He bought and sold real estate and also made concrete blocks. We stayed at St. Elmo until 1907. Then, he built the big house [for his family] there on the boulevard [Wilson Blvd., Arlington], the year of Jamestown exposition.

"Well, that started it. After that, he would sometimes buy some land and sometimes he would sell. In that small way he started. About that time, he named it the George H. Rucker Company. So about this time, he needed some help in the business. Ashton [Jones] had come up [to Buena Vista] from Newport News to marry Maggie [George's sister, Margaret Virginia Rucker] and [had] taken her back. Father said Uncle Ashton was a pretty good business man. He [Ashton] was in the furniture business in Hampton, so Father wrote and said 'Come on up and work with me in real estate.' And Uncle Ashton did come up and join the George H. Rucker Co.

"Then, he needed more help so he asked Mr. Rees to come in. He was a farmer outside of Buena Vista, but Ella [his wife, Ella Blanche Rucker, another of George's sisters] didn't like farming. He was a little lame from the fever, so he came on up here and was in the business too. Ella was very strong willed. She told Mr. Rees that she had come from a big family [ten children] and that she was only going to have a few children. She said, 'If this is going to be a problem with you, Mr. Rees, you can sleep on the Washington side of the river and I'll sleep on the Virginia side.' Mr. Rees retired many years before the others [about 1936].

"My father died very suddenly [24 Aug 1919]. He had trouble with a lung. People said it resulted from thrashing [sic] wheat when he was a boy. It could have been tuberculosis, though.

... On[e] Sunday evening, Mother said 'Well, I think I'll go on to church.' Father said, 'I'm tired. I think I better take a bath and go to bed.'



"Aunt Maggie, had to stay home. I think she had strep throat.

"... Father got out of the tub and called for Aunt Maggie. She rushed upstairs. He said, 'Maggie, I'm dying!' She said, 'No, you're not.' He said, 'Oh yes I am.' She sent little Ashton [her son, Ashton C. Jones, Jr.] up to the church to get Mother and Uncle Ashton. He found Mother and she came right away. Anyway, little Ashton didn't see his father, so Maggie said, 'You go right back up there and go up one aisle and turn down the other until you find him.' He did, and before church was over the preacher announced from the pulpit that Father was dead.

"In a few months, they [Lizzie and Ashton] wrote Morrell [Claudia's husband] a letter asking him to come down here to join the business. He was in the insurance business in Gilford [Connecticut] with Mr. Port in the bank there. He kept the letter for several days, before he showed it to me. He said, 'What shall we do?' I said, 'Now Morrell, I married you knowing this was to be my home. I cannot help you make that decision.' But don't think I just shut myself up in a closet and prayed to the Lord. I hollered and screamed to him that he would accept [the job offer]. I don't think he ever regretted the move."

#### Endnotes by Mike Rucker:

1. Lineage: Claudia<sup>8</sup> Rucker Stone, George<sup>7</sup> H. Rucker, Daniel<sup>6</sup> H., William<sup>5</sup> B., George<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

2. The property was actually registered in Lizzie's name: Arlington County Real Estate Recording Book V-109, Document 497, 6th September, 1900. The transaction price was \$290.

3. N. A. Rees and Ella Blanche Rucker had two children; Margaret Virginia Rees, born May 18, 1909 and Elizabeth Ann Rees, born Nov. 1, 1911.

4. Claudia's memory was incorrect about him visiting his father. George's father, Daniel H. Rucker, died August 25, 1909, ten years before.

## In Memoriam



Photo of Edward W. Taylor, 1992

**Edward Woodruff Taylor** (cont. from p. 1) Emeritus. He was a charter member and former Commander of the American Legion Post #100 of Elon. He was also a charter member and former vice-president of the Elon Ruritan Club. In 1990, he was voted as man of the year. He was a founding member of the Monelison Fire Department and served for 20 years on that board.

Ed served during World War II as a Sea Bee in the U. S. Navy and saw action in the South Pacific. He was married shortly upon his return to the U.S. He served as a master plumber and steam-fitter and was a foreman on many jobs. While working on the construction of the new General Electric facility, in 1956, he was asked to stay and worked for General Electric for 26 years, retiring in 1982. Since then he has kept busy with his many volunteer activities.

Ed has two lines of Rucker descent: Edward<sup>8</sup> Woodruff Taylor (Edna<sup>7</sup> E. Watts, Joseph<sup>6</sup> B., Mary<sup>5</sup> Ann Rucker, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and (Joseph<sup>6</sup> B. Watts's wife: Mary<sup>6</sup> Jane

Rucker, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> W., Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). Ed's obituary was printed in the Amherst County, V, newspaper, *The News & Advance*, February 2, 2006. He was buried at Elon Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

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### **Susan ("Sue") Pritchard Rucker**

was born February 17, 1952 and died January 26, 2006, age 53. She was born in Front Royal, Virginia, daughter of John W. Rucker and the late Marjorie Thompson Rucker. She is survived by two sisters Marjorie Conner ("Connie") Rucker and Joyce Pendleton ("Penny") Rucker and her niece, Courtenay Rucker, daughter of Connie.

The family was the subject of an article in *The Rucker Family Society Newsletter*, Vol. 4, No.4,

Dec 1993, p.35. Sue lived with her father on the family farm in Fauquier Co., VA. Five generations have lived on the farm, beginning with William Ambrose Rucker (father of Sudie Rucker Wood). A new home was built in 1927 and the old home was abandoned. Sue's grandfather, Bayard Ambrose Rucker brought the first Angus cattle to the farm many years ago.

Sue helped her father John, now 85 years old, in his Angus cattle breeding operation. Graduate of the International Institute of Design in Washington, D. C., Sue thought of becoming an interior decorator. But her interest in farming and cattle breeding was too great and she returned home to help her father in his cattle operations.

She was a founding member and a leader of the Northern Virginia Angus Association and served on the board of the director of the Virginia Angus Association in the 1980s. They honored her by dedicating its handbook to her in 2005. Sue loved to show her prize Angus and went to many shows every year including the Virginia State Fair in Richmond.

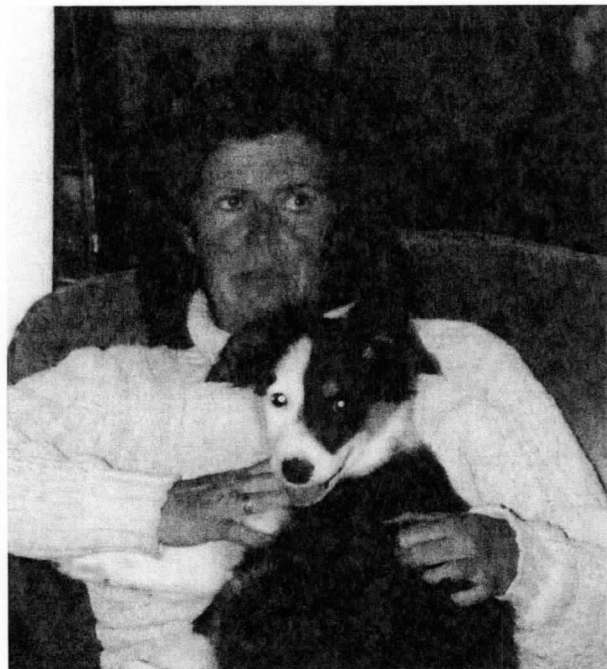


Photo of Sue Rucker with her collie

Sue enjoyed her art talent and specialized in watercolors and photography. She also enjoyed architecture and interior design.

Sue<sup>9</sup> Rucker has two lines of descent: Father, John<sup>8</sup> William Rucker (Bayard<sup>7</sup> Ambrose, 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>). Her obituary was printed in the local newspaper and submitted by Connie Hall.

The photo of Sue is with one of her Border Collies which was an integral part of the cattle business.

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**Freeman Pillow Jordan Jr.**, known as "Bill" died April 20, 2006. Born June 15, 1929, he was the son of Frankie Haynes and Freeman Pillow Jordan Sr. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Eleanor Frances Nelson Jordan of Nashville, Tennessee.

Bill was active in the Rucker Family Cemetery

Association on land given in 1868 by William<sup>5</sup> Rucker (born Feb. 1, 1792/ died Mar. 24, 1868). He was one of the original trustees when the Association was formed in 1986. Bill was the treasurer and took care of much of the maintenance out of his own pocket. His wife Frances continued when Bill was too sick to do it.

The new committee is George Herbert, President, E. Miller Culberson, Vice President, and Ronald V. Jordan, treasurer. If anyone wants to get on the mailing list of the organization or make a donation to the upkeep of the cemetery, write:  
The Rucker Family Cemetery Association  
433 Wauford Drive  
Nashville, TN 37211

The Editor and other Ruckers visited the cemetery during the 1998 Rucker Family Reunion. Bill was buried at Williamson [County] Memorial Gardens.

His lineage: Freeman<sup>8</sup> Pillow ("Bill") Jordan Jr. (Freeman<sup>7</sup> P. Sr., Laura<sup>6</sup> J. Rucker, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). His obituary is from the *Tennessean*, April 22, 2006, submitted Mrs. Freeman P. Jordan Jr.

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## JEANNIE-ALOGY

Note: Sudie Rucker Wood wrote in her book, *The Rucker Family Genealogy*, that Elizabeth Rucker was married to James Pierce, d. 1778. But the Will of James Pierce was dated 1818, and this was too late for him to be the husband of Elizabeth Rucker. So we need to revise Wood's book, p.236:

**Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Rucker (Peter<sup>1</sup>), b. ca 1708, in Essex Co., VA; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Pierce.**

Elizabeth Pierce was mentioned as a daughter in Peter Rucker's Will, dated 18 Jan 1742/1743, and proved 23 Feb 1743/1744 (Will Book 1, p.299,

Orange Co., VA) showing she was married by January of 1743.

Question from Joan A. McNair, 2001: *The children mentioned in Wood are for James Pierce who died ca 1818 with Minor Rucker as executor. Is it possible she married William Pierce who patented land adjacent to John<sup>2</sup> and sold it to William<sup>2</sup> and died ca 1760 with Thomas<sup>2</sup> Rucker as administrator?*

After hearing from Joan, I looked up the records of Orange Co., VA, and found the following deed and estate records for William Pierce

20 Mar 1737, William Pierce, of St. Mark's Parish, Orange Co., Virginia, sold to William Rucker, same place, 100 acres by patent . . . in line of a patent granted to John Rucker . . . corner to John Rucker & Wm. Eddins . . . corner to Geo. Essone . . . to Thomas Rucker's line. Wit: Wm. Herndon, Wm. Offill (D. B. 2, p.251, Orange Co., VA). Note: The Editor looked up this deed, Feb 2006, and the microfilm copy at the Library of Virginia, was faded and almost impossible to read.

27 Aug 1760, Estate of William Pierce, dec'd, Thomas Rucker, administrator (Will Book 2, p.314, Orange Co., VA). Inventory, W. B. 2, p.303. It seems more likely that William Pierce was her husband and Thomas Rucker, administrator of the estate, was her brother.

There is no evidence of Elizabeth's marriage other than Peter Rucker's Will saying his daughter was Elizabeth Pierce. Was possibly James Pierce, who died in 1818, the son of Elizabeth Pierce? There is no clue in the names of the children.

2 Jan 1818, James Pierce's Will mentioned his wife, Elizabeth and children: July, Edith, Jeremiah, Francis, Peachy and Elizabeth. Executor: Minor Rucker (W. B. 5, p.213, Orange Co., VA).

What do you think? Was Elizabeth married to William Pierce and was James Pierce their son?

## OBJECTIVES OF THE RUCKER FAMILY SOCIETY

As suggested by Gerald B. Rucker,  
deceased, a former board member

The Rucker Family Society was formed in 1990 with the first newsletter distributed in May of that year. Membership in the Rucker Family Society includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter and notices of biennial Rucker Reunions. National reunions have been held every other year since the first one held in 1988, in Ruckersville, VA, instigated by Anna Watson. Membership dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year, January 1st.

The objectives of the Rucker Family Society are:

1. To share information about the Rucker family and its ancestors, descendants and connections throughout the United States. The Society is nationwide in purpose and objectives and is open to everyone who wants to know more about the family and/or wishes to share family information with others.
2. To collect data (family group sheets and computer disks) on all Rucker families, especially descendants of Peter Rucker, immigrant to Virginia in 1700.
3. To encourage members who wish to independently research the origins of the Rucker Family in Europe.
4. To encourage people to write their family histories and stories and to preserve their family papers and photographs.
5. To encourage families to restore and perpetuate family cemeteries.
6. To commemorate important Rucker sites and/or to memorialize family members who have made significant achievements in the past by the placement of highway markers or plaques to their honor.



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We need new board members. If you are willing to serve, please let Chris Rucker or Jeannie Brydon know. Board members should let us know if they do not want to continue.

NOTE: PLEASE NOTIFY US OF YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS. It now costs \$.75 to return a newsletter if you have moved (not to mention a trip to the Post Office). Also, if it's past a certain time, the P.O. will not forward.

### MEMBERSHIP

Please check your label, the first number is the year through which you have paid. If it says "05" you now owe for 2006. Your membership is very important to us.  
Please send \$10.00 to:

Rebecca D. Fox, Treasurer RFS  
3915 SW Hidden Cove Circle  
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## A Note from the President

It is sweltering in South Carolina, but I can look ahead to the RFS reunion in October, when Salt Lake City's weather will be cool. I encourage other members to make plans to attend. Our hosts are working hard to make our visit enjoyable and educational, and I know that we are all going to have a great experience. Please give some thought to volunteering for the Board of Directors. The Board will be meeting during the reunion, and all RFS members are welcome to attend. We will accept nominations for Board positions at that time. Being on the Board does not require much of a time commitment, but we need people who will be able and willing to attend our reunions on a somewhat regular basis. The Board decides on the location of our reunions, the direction of our Society, and will vote on the investment and disbursement of our treasury funds. A strong Board will ensure an active Society, so please get involved. Alice Rucker, the director of our Rucker surname DNA study, has been doing a wonderful job and has some interesting results on the web site: <http://worldfamilies.net/surnames/r/rucker>

For those who have not been following this project online, we have thirteen Rucker males who have been tested, and the Y chromosome pattern of our immigrant ancestor, Peter, has been posited. Thanks to donations to our testing fund, we have been able to offer the test to our first two foreign participants, both German. The results should be available within the next six to eight weeks. For the first time, we have the chance to identify European Ruckers who share a common ancestor with our American family. If and when this occurs, we can unleash the genealogical research expertise of our 300 or so members, and every one of us will have the chance to trace our family beyond 1700 to the "old country." How exciting is that! In my opinion, this project is the most significant one ever undertaken by our Society, as it has the potential to open an entirely new continent to our family research. PLEASE get involved with this project! Here are the possible ways to contribute.

First, if you are a Rucker male, join the DNA study and get tested. The more participants we have, the better our data. Second, if you are female, convince your male relatives to get tested. Third, send a donation to the testing fund so that we can continue to offer the test to foreign Rucker males. We have made many contacts with European Ruckers, but none of them will get tested unless we offer to pay the cost, and it is not inexpensive. Each test, discounted to members of our project, is just under \$200. We need to rely on the generosity of donors to be able to test foreign males. With your donations, the project will yield results, and we may find Peter Rucker's family in Europe. This is so exciting — the prospect of locating our ancestors in Europe!

In Salt Lake City, a representative of our DNA project's testing company will lecture to our Society on the subject of genetic testing for genealogic study. Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about it!

I hope to see you in Salt Lake City this fall.

*Chris Rucker*

P.S. Don't forget our Ancestral Rucker Photographs web site! We have 96 photos submitted by 114 members and want more of both. Please go to: "<http://groups.msn.com/AncestralRuckerPhotos>"

If you descend from Peter<sup>1</sup> Rucker, our immigrant ancestor, through Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Rucker Pierce, Margaret<sup>2</sup> Rucker Tinsley, Mary<sup>2</sup> Rucker Offill, Ephraim<sup>2</sup> Rucker, or Ann<sup>2</sup> Rucker Cook, we have no photographs for your lines. Get on board, and please send in those photos!

*Chris*

Email me if you have any questions or need help.  
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## 2006 Rucker Reunion Salt Lake City, Utah

Dates: Thursday October 5, 2006  
to Sunday, October 8, 2006

Reservations should be made on  
your own at the Red Lion Hotel. Call  
1-800-Red-Lion or call the hotel  
direct at 1-801-521-7373

More information on the reunion  
will be mailed out soon. Plan to  
come early for research.

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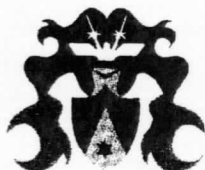
**Wedding Notice, 1871:** "A very pleasant excitement, which for some days has pervaded a large circle of friends in our city [Lynchburg, Virginia], had its culmination this morning in the marriage of **Dr. Landon B. Edwards and Miss Nannie P. Rucker**. The bridegroom is the youngest son of the Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., who was the officiating minister on the occasion, and the bride is the daughter of Geo. M. Rucker, Esq., proprietor of one of our largest, oldest, and most reliable dry goods houses. The happy event occurred at the residence of the bride's father. The entire party left on the train for Richmond, to enjoy the reception that awaits them in the pleasant home of the doctor. —*Lynchburg Letter— Norfolk Journal*." From the *Richmond Dispatch*, Friday, January 20, 1871, p.3, col. 2, submitted by Emily Rusk, Richmond, VA.

"Nannie" was Nancy<sup>7</sup> Pettyjohn Rucker, daughter of **George<sup>6</sup> Henry McDaniel Rucker** (Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>), and Catherine Mundy Pettyjohn. See Wood, p.90.



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