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JAMES W. RUCKER Our JOURNEY into the WORLD of GENEALOGY

By Shelia Miles Munden

Our journey for James W. Rucker's lineage started with my husband David Dee Munden's desire to know where he belongs in this world. That desire started our journey into the World of Genealogy in August of 2004. The only information we had was David's birth certificate listing Raymond Gadie Rucker Jr. as his father, the attachment to his birth certificate changing his surname to Munden dated December 23, 1952, a newspaper clipping of the marriage of his parents R. G. Rucker Jr. and Margaret Marie Kelley, a newspaper clipping of the death of his father Raymond Gadie Rucker Jr. and the names of his grandparents, Raymond Gadie Rucker Sr. and his wife, Fannie.

The above information led us to the Library in Dallas, Texas and the LDS Family History Center for Death Certificates, U.S. Census, Sudie Rucker Wood's Book, marriages records in, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia, etc. After several visits, we had the information listed below. (By this time our Journey into the World of Genealogy has become very time consuming and a lot of fun!)

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Rucker Family Reunion Salt Lake City, Utah October 5-8, 2006

by Michael P. (Mike) Rucker

"This is the place for a city," declared Brigham Young, July 1847, upon arrival in the Salt Lake desert.

Salt Lake City just has to be the friendliest, cleanest city in the world. It even surpasses Singapore which claims that title. (I lived in Singapore for two years, and I award the designation to Salt Lake City.) I believe that the more than fifty descendants of Peter Rucker (and their spouses) who attended the Rucker Reunion there would agree.

The event kicked off on Thursday with a tour of the world's largest hole in the ground: Kennecott Copper Mine. In fact, astronauts report that there are only two man-made objects visible from space: The Great Wall of China and the Kennecott Copper Mine. Unfortunately, I missed the tour because my plane was late, but those who took the tour came away with

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lots of tales of their impression of the "holey place."

Having viewed the world's largest open pit mine, the group devoted Friday to a visit to the world's largest collection of genealogical material; the Family History Library of the Church of Latter Day Saints. Having missed the Kennecott tour on Thursday, I had already spent most of that day there. After viewing the mandatory video about the library, I was "taken in hand" by one of the many volunteer docents on duty. My friendly, self-assigned docent stayed with me for most of an hour, assuring that I fully understood how to use the computer system and how to find any information in the huge library. Again, I relate to the friendliness of the place. Any time one has a question in the library all that is necessary is to raise a hand and a docent will promptly stride over to help.

In the library, I promptly did what most of the others in the group did the following morning: I searched for the earliest records of Ruckers in America. Unfortunately, I did not find any new material, but I did fill out a few blanks in ancillary lines. I suppose that happens a lot: a family reunion is held there and for several days nearly every docent is swamped by inquiries about their Rucker (or whatever) ancestors.

After the mandatory video, the group attended a lecture entitled "Effects of History on Genealogy of the Southern States." The friendly docent who presented the talk did his best with the script that accompanied the visuals, but since most in the audience were intimately familiar with the Southern history many of us had difficulty retraining ourselves with "minor corrections" and "supplemental information." Some of us even took the initiative to provide him some helpful notes to improve the script. I'm sure he will remember the "Rucker group" for some time to come. Not exactly a shy group.

Saturday morning was spent in a delightful tour of Salt Lake City with, again, a remarkably friendly bus driver/tour guide. We were exposed, not only to the archeological and historical sites of the area, but to a succinct and educational history of the Mormon migration and eventual settlement of Salt Lake City. We completed the tour with a tour of the home of Brigham Young and a delightful lunch there.

Saturday afternoon's program began with a lecture on the Rucker DNA Project. This excellent presentation by a representative of the Family Tree DNA company clarified for us a lot of "fog" and lack of knowledge of what this program is all about. After the lecture, Chris Rucker explained his efforts to recruit Ruckers in Germany and England in an effort to trace the family back to Europe. Chris urged any Rucker male who is interested to become involved in the project. It was explained that the larger our base of Rucker DNA volunteers the more information can be gleaned.

A nice dinner followed and the evening concluded with an auction of "Rucker items" by volunteer auctioneer Mike Rucker. The audience responded well to the treasure trove of useful and valuable Rucker artifacts and a total of \$661.00 was raised. The board decided that this should be applied to the paying for the DNA testing of any European Ruckers we can solicit to be involved. (Is this correct?)

The highlight of the entire weekend occurred on Sunday morning with our attendance at the weekly broadcast of the Tabernacle Choir. I have seen a number of shows at Las Vegas and elsewhere, but the precision and technology of this free presentation was undoubtedly the finest I have witnessed. We were awe struck!

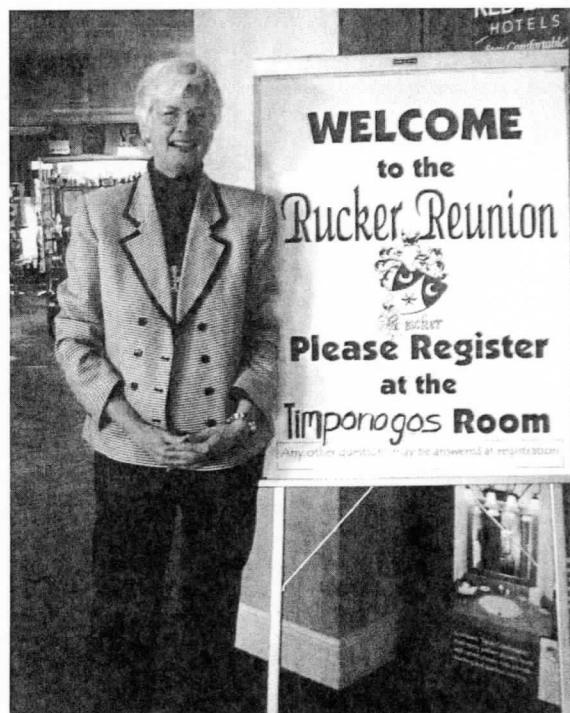
To conclude: I always look for the funny side of life, and as I was checking into the hotel on Thursday an amusing episode happened to me on the elevator. The hotel was also hosting a reunion of World War II aviators, as well as the Rucker

Reunion. All of the aviators were, of course, in their late seventies, or eighties or even ninety years of age. A wife of one of the elderly aviators on the elevator asked me if I was there for the reunion. I assumed she meant the Rucker Reunion so I enthusiastically replied, "Yes, I am." She responded with, "Wow, you really look great!"

Lots of enjoyable things happen during Rucker Reunions. I look forward to seeing you all at the next one in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2008. I hope I still look "great."



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Front Row: Alice Rucker Carol Rucker Becky Fox
Mary Ann Laurence Maurine McLean



Jeannie Brydon



Family at the 2006 Rucker Reunion

The Rucker Family Society Minutes of Annual Meeting Sunday, October 8, 2006

The Annual Meeting of The Rucker Family Society was convened in the Wasatch Room of the Red Lion Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah on October 8, 2006, at 12:10 p.m. prior to the 2006 Society Reunion Luncheon. President Chris Rucker presided. He reported on the accident and injury of Reunion Co-Chair Fred W. Rucker immediately prior to the Reunion, and thanked both Fred and his wife and Co-Chair, Carol Dee Rucker, for the excellent job done in organizing and handling the Reunion. The president then led the group in the Pledge to the Flag, and then provided a Prayer.

Jeannie Brydon reported on the deaths of Society members since the 2004 Reunion. The decedents were taken from previous Newsletters of the Society. One of our board members, Ed Taylor passed away this year.

After the luncheon, De Geist Hill, a Family History Consultant, was introduced by her sister, Alice Rucker, and provided a very informative talk on U.S. Migration Patterns.

The president, after advising the members that the Rucker Auction had raised \$661.00 for the DNA Fund, thanked Mike Rucker for all the work he had done on both the Rucker Auction and on Rucker History. He also suggested that members of the Society should stay current on the Society through the Web-Site at

<http://www.theruckerfamilysociety.org>

The Rucker Reunion Awards were presented by Jeannie Brydon as follows:

Traveling the Furthest: Betsy Burford

Oldest: Doris Rucker Wasden

Youngest: Jeannie Rucker

Longest Marriage: Roy and Mary Rucker

The 2006 Reunion was dedicated to Mike Rucker

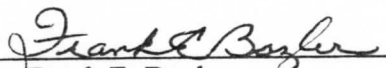
for the articles he writes for the Newsletters and the funds he raises through auctions at the Reunions. The 2004 Reunion was dedicated to Ed Taylor, the longest serving Board of Directors member, for organizing the early reunions held in Amherst County, Virginia. The 2002 Reunion was dedicated to Ron Payne for all of the Rucker research he has printed for the Society.

A count was made of the lines of Ruckers represented by those present. The results were as follows:

John	16	James	1
Thomas	5	Ephraim	0
William	4		

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Frank E. Bazler,
Acting Secretary.

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Mini-Profile

Frank E. Bazler

Rucker Family Society Secretary

By Michael P. (Mike) Rucker

Frank E. Bazler is the incoming secretary of the Rucker Family Society. Those who attended the Reunions in Salt Lake City and Lynchburg will remember Frank as a courtly, yet outgoing individual. I thought writing an article about him would be a "piece of cake," but when a person has as many accolades as Frank, it is hard to know where to start.

Well, the obvious place to start has to be with the practice of Law, which is where Frank has excelled. The career choice for most incoming freshmen to Ohio State in 1947 was Engineering, but Frank soon found that was not his calling. He took some aptitude tests which indicated that, "You have the aptitude to do well as an engineer, but you probably won't like it." So he switched to a track that took him into the School of Law, where he excelled, initially as a student, then in his career as a lawyer. He completed his law degree in 1953 as Cum Laude and as Senior Class President. As an ROTC student, he had to serve two years' active duty upon graduation, which he did as Judge Advocate General Council (JAG) at Barksdale Air Force base in Louisiana. He then remained in the Air Force Reserve until 1961, with a final rank as Captain.

Upon completing his active duty, Frank entered private law practice from 1955 to 1971 with the firm of Miller, Bazler, McAdow and Schlemmer in Troy, Ohio (and its predecessor firms). During this period, he became Law Director for the City of Troy from 1965 to 1971. He then entered corporate law as Corporate Attorney and Assistant Secretary with Hobart Corp. in Troy from 1971 to 1995. He is still active "Of Counsel" with Dungan & LeFevre, also of Troy.



Virginia and Frank Bazler

Frank has served as president of numerous legal associations including the Miami County Bar Association, Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Foundation, National Caucus of State Bar Association, and he served in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association from 1984 to 2000. During his law career, Frank became known as a tough, but fair, negotiator who was even called upon to resolve occasional problems and conflicts among the Ohio State Bar Association and even with the State of Ohio Chief Justice. Truly a career to be proud of.

His community service is as impressive as his legal career. Frank has served as President or Chairman of the following: Miami County Chapter of the American National Red Cross, Troy Jaycees, Kiwanis Club of Troy, Troy United Fund, Troy Museum Corporation, Brukner Nature Center, Miami County Health District and the Overfield Tavern Museum.

Being a museum buff myself, I engaged Frank in a

discussion of the various museums with which he is involved. One of the most interesting is to develop an "industrial heritage museum" of the Troy area, primarily featuring the history of his former employer, Hobart Corporation. This museum, now under development, will cover progress in such diverse industries as food processing, welding and metal fabrication, and cabinet and furniture manufacture.

Frank is married to Virginia Ann Hutchinson (m. 17 Oct 1954). They were classmates from their early days at Ohio State. They both have a close association with that university. Virginia's father was Dean of the College of Agriculture and she studied Home Economics in that college, (now the College of Human Economics) graduating cum laude, as Frank did in the College of Law. Both have continued their involvement with Ohio State on the advisory boards of their respective colleges. Both received the Distinguished Service Award from Ohio State; the first couple to be so honored. Frank continues to serve on the National Council of Law Schools. Needless to say, they can be found at most Ohio State home games and, certainly at the school's bowl games.

Could our family society possibly find a society secretary with a more impressive resume? Thanks, Frank, for serving your Rucker family cousins in this capacity.

Frank was born January 17, 1930, in Columbus, Ohio. Lineage: Frank⁸ E. Bazler, Minnie⁷ Mabrum Rucker, James⁶ Madison, Nathaniel⁵ Wingfield, Isaac⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹ and James⁶ M.'s wife, Jane⁷ Ellis Duff, Martha⁶ A. Rucker, Willis A.⁵, John⁴, Isaac³, John², Peter¹. See Wood, p.112, 135.

There was an article in RFSN, Vol. 3, No. 3, page 5, August, 1992, on Frank's mother, Minnie Mabrum Rucker Bazler on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

JAMES W. RUCKER

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The death certificate of Raymond Gadie Rucker Sr. gave us the name of his father, John Columbus Rucker and John's birth state of Tennessee.

The U.S. Census Records for 1860, 1870 and 1880 in Robertson County, Texas on John C. Rucker and his brother Hamilton B. Rucker led us to the name of their father Johnathan A. Rucker, born in Virginia as listed in the 1860 census in Robertson County, Texas.

The 1850 U.S. Census in Rusk County, Texas, listing Johnathan A. Rucker age 25 born in Virginia in the household of James W. Rucker age 53, wife Elizabeth age 48 both born in Virginia. Now we have James W. Rucker as the father of Johnathan A. Rucker.

Now we have arrived to the State of Virginia and our journey to finding James W. Rucker: (By this time we have added Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, etc. to our computer at home to make this Journey into World of Genealogy research much easier.)

The Bedford County, Virginia Marriage Bonds list a marriage bond for James W. Rucker and Elizabeth Rucker, dated 24 April 1820 and listing Ambrose Rucker as Surety.

The Will of Ambrose Rucker, Jr. filed in Bedford County, Virginia confirmed Elizabeth to be his daughter and James W. Rucker to be his son-in-law.

Sudie Rucker Wood's book, page 40, lists George Rucker and his wife Martha Tucker with a son named James living in Bedford County, but no information on him. This James (son of George and Martha) has a brother named Jonathan, a sister named Susan B. and a brother-in-law named Nelson A. Thompson; and our James W. Rucker, born in Virginia, has a son named Johnathan A., a

son named Nelson A. and a daughter named Susan B. The circumstantial facts of the names of children and siblings being the same, both being born in Virginia, our James W. Rucker marriage in Bedford County, Virginia, convinced us that James Rucker, the son of George and Martha Rucker, was our James W. Rucker born in Virginia and who moved to Texas.

I contacted Jeannie Brydon with all our circumstantial facts and asked for help on proving that James Rucker, son of George Rucker and Martha Tucker, was indeed our James W. Rucker who had been born in Virginia and moved to Texas. Jeannie, through tax records of Bedford Co., VA, was able support our belief that indeed our James W. Rucker is the son of George Rucker and Martha Tucker of Bedford County, Virginia. To quote Jeannie Brydon "I have looked up many of the personal property (PP) tax records of Bedford Co. and am convinced, as you are, that James W. was the son of George (Hallelujah!)"

This answers the Query printed in RFS newsletter, Vol. 16, No. 1 & 2, Mar-Jun 2005, Page 40.

At this time David and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Jeannie Brydon, The Rucker Family Society, William (Bill) Dow, a Professional Genealogist who volunteers at the LDS Family History Center and, last but not least, our dear friend, Alice Rivenes Rufi (also a descendant of Peter Rucker) who also volunteers at the LDS Family History Center for all their support and correct training we have received into the Journey of the World of Genealogy.

James⁵ W. Rucker (George⁴, John³, John², Peter¹ and his wife, **Elizabeth⁵, Rucker** (Ambrose⁴ Jr., Ambrose³, John², Peter¹), were second cousins.

James W. Rucker

Post Script from Jeannie Brydon

When I was researching the Ruckers of Bedford Co., VA for the 1994 Reunion, I came across Elizabeth Rucker's marriage to James W. Rucker. In looking through Studie's book, I found a James Rucker, son of George, who was of the right age, but I couldn't find any proof that this was the same James.

In looking through the Bedford Co. records, there seemed to be a James W. who lived near Ambrose Rucker (father of Elizabeth) and James M. who lived near George Rucker. I concluded that James, the son of George, died without marrying and Elizabeth's husband was someone else. But who?

The land records showed a James W. living near Ambrose Rucker Jr. and one living near George Rucker. Elizabeth signed James W.'s deeds in south Bedford when selling land, but no one signed James's deeds in north Bedford.

When I heard from Shelia, I was very skeptical until she pointed out that James and Elizabeth's children were similar to George's.

I couldn't prove it in Bedford Co., VA records, so I went to the head librarian at the Library of Virginia and told him about this problem. He told me to look at the Personal Property Tax Records which I did. These tax records were like opening a book to the past. You could see where every Rucker lived, year by year. These records convinced me that there was only one James W. Rucker, the husband of Elizabeth. (James M., in the records, was James Madison Rucker, James W.'s nephew.) My quest to prove that James W. Rucker was the son of George was solved by Shelia Munden and the Bedford Co., VA, tax records. Without Shelia, James W. Rucker would have remained unknown.



Questions and Answers

Follow up to **"Who Were Benjamin and Anna Rucker?"** Submitted by Penny Harris Evenson <DaisyMae45@aol.com> in the RFSN, Vol. 14, No. 1, March 2003.

Benjamin Franklin Rucker, born 10 April 1855 in Norvow (Nauvoo?) Ill, married Anna Stacia Meyers 2 April 1873 in Jacinto, Colusa County, CA, died 3 March 1912 in Chico, CA. Anna Stacia Meyers was born 2 April 1855 in Paris, Monroe County, MO. She died 30 March 1944 in Chico, CA. They are both buried here in Chico in a large family plot.

From Alice Rucker: Dawna W. Sexton, of Buena Vista, VA <dawnawms@hotmail.com> supplied the information on this family:

Benjamin Franklin Rucker was the son of **Benjamin⁵ Rucker Jr.** (Benjamin⁴, William³, Thomas², Peter¹), b. ca 1805. Madison Co., VA, d. 13 Jan 1882, possibly Butte Co., CA; m. 7 Dec 1826, Brookville, Franklin Co., IN (marriage bond), to Sarah George, b. ca 1810, IN, d. 20 Jun 1890, Leggett Valley, Mendocino Co., CA. They lived in Hancock, IL at the time of the 1850 census. In 1852, the family moved to San Juan, Butte Co., California (from obit of daughter Sarah).

Dawna adds: Benjamin Rucker, Sr. was the son of William Rucker and Elizabeth Smith of Madison County, VA. He married Nancy Carter in Madison, VA (10 July 1795). I have collected many court records from Franklin, IN to help put the pieces all together.

I descend through the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (George) that was just two years older than Benjamin Franklin Rucker. Her name was Sarah Frances Rucker. My Rucker family history is full of some very interesting stories.

Follow up to **"Who were the Parents of Ephraim Rucker?"** From RFSN, Vol. 17, No. 2, June 2006. From Alice Allen Sept 18, 2006: The latest newsletter has arrived and I have read it with much interest, especially about all of the Ephraim Ruckers.

I have another Ephraim Rucker to add to the list. Ephraim⁴ (Peter³, John², Peter¹) pg. 49, 117 *Rucker Heritage*. We know that this Ephraim existed as he is mentioned in Robert Terrell's will. I have looked at all the Ephraims that you have listed in the news letter and the only one that would seem close to fitting is "Ephraim³ (James², Peter¹).". So far, I have not made a connection. James² Rucker was in Kentucky as well as my Rueben⁴ in the early 1800's. Eva Cutts Rucker Davidson [in her book *Rucker Kinsmen*] has an Ephraim, Reubin and Ambrose in KY. In the early days the counties were huge, and when they were divided, Reubin and Ambrose were in Greenup Co., (north) and some of the others were in a southern county. Is it possible that this Ephraim was the brother of Reubin⁴? An Ephraim Rucker was in Monroe Co., Ohio in 1830 census, but Monroe Co. is farther east than Greenup Co., KY.

All of this is a big mystery, and I haven't helped matters by adding another Ephraim to the puzzle.

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Query from Michael P. (Mike) Rucker:

I purchased on E-Bay a postcard from 1942 that has a photo of Rucker Hall at Georgetown College, a Baptist school located in Georgetown, Kentucky. Rucker Hall appears a magnificent three or four story brick building. The Georgetown College website history indicates that Rucker Hall was demolished in 1971 to make way for the development of other college buildings. But I cannot determine for whom Rucker Hall was named. Can anyone provide information about the Ruckers of Rucker Hall?

Query of the Quarter

from Michael P. (Mike) Rucker

Recently it was brought to our attention that the Viet Nam Memorial wall lists a Kenneth R. Rucker among those killed in that conflict. Can anyone shed any light on the genealogy of this heroic family member? Here is that letter:

"Greetings, Ruckers!

"Hope all is well with you and yours. As always I think of you often, but even more so in the last week. Some veterans groups here in Douglas County arranged for a traveling Vietnam Memorial to spend several days in Tuscola. It is a 50% replica and still quite a moving sight. The first time I was there one name jumped out at me: Kenneth H Rucker. Is he a relative of yours? I don't know very many people who went to Vietnam and no one who died there. But seeing those thousands and thousands and thousands of names was so sobering. Why does mankind have to be at war with itself? Don't mean to leave you on a down note but Memorial Day, July 4th and this Vietnam Memorial have gathered together and attacked me. It's so humbling to think of the price these people paid."

From Renée Allen Hettinger
Tuscola, IL <rhetting@gmail.com>

<http://www.sgtmajor.net/dak34.htm>
KENNETH RAY RUCKER, Sgt/Army - Denver City, TX
Casualty Record for Kenneth Ray Rucker
outbind://24/gui/nq_codes.php
GENERAL / PERSONAL Home Denver City, Texas Birth Date Sept. 9, 1948; Sex Male; Race Caucasian; Married/Single; Religion Baptist - Other Groups Citizen Yes

MILITARY Service Army Rank SGT Serial Number 18766028 Component Regular Grade E4 MOS 91B2F Length of Service 01 Start of Tour 1967-07-17

Casualty Date 1968-05-27 Casualty Type Hostile,

Died Reason Air Loss, Crash - Land Air or Ground Helicopter - Crew Country South Vietnam Province Binh Long Posthumous Promotion Posthumous promotion as indicated. Body Recovered

From Ralph Rucker <rucranch@flash.net>
Information for Kenneth Ray Rucker
<http://thewall-usa.com/cgi-bin/search4.cgi>

SGT - E5 - Army - Regular
19 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Sep 09, 1948
From DENVER CITY, TEXAS
Length of service 1 year.
His tour of duty began on Jul 17, 1967
Casualty was on May 27, 1968
in BINH LONG, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, HELICOPTER - CREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered
Religion
BAPTIST

Location on The Wall — Panel 65W - Row 14 Ref
No 14969 Processed Date 6805 Comments

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Errata, continued

Addition to Corrections in Vol. 16, No. 4, Dec 2005

July 3, 2006 from Pat Rucker, Dallas, TX 75234
<prucker@entechsales.com>, (972) 241-8188

I noticed someone entered a correction concerning my family that isn't quite correct.

"Page 48 [Wood's] — Child of Reginald⁸ Rochester Rucker (Waller⁷ J., James⁶ M., Jonathan⁵, George⁴, John³, John², Peter¹), was Betsy Lou Rucker (not Betty), who married Charles Tille. Reginald had one other child: Gale⁹ Patrick ("Pat") Rucker, b. 24 Apr 1933; m.

Bernetta Culver.”

The children of Reginald Rucker are (1st three were born at the Rucker home in Forest, VA):

1. Betsy Lou Rucker born May 31, 1927
2. Ann Marian Rucker born June 10, 1928
3. Gale Patrick Rucker born April 24, 1933
4. Peggy Sue Rucker was born in Decatur, Illinois July 25, 1935 and died April 22, 1999.

From Jeannie: Thank you for bringing us up to date on this family. I hope others will do the same.

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From David R. Hoffman, Harrisburg, PA, Sept 9, 2006.

Thanks for including the errata list in the Rucker Family Society newsletter. I'm glad to have it to keep with my copy of the book.

I published my own “Samuel McKee and His Family” earlier this year. From the brick wall that was the marriage of Samuel and Martha McKee in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1762, through last June, I accounted for 3923 of their descendants and 2234 of their spouses/partners. Samuel's great-grandson Luke Vigo McKee (1861-1941) married Frances Rucker (1865-1910). Luke and Frances were my grandparents. Frances was one of the daughters of Western Tennessee Rucker and Addie Mitchell.

The McKee/Rucker descendants total 19, with 11 spouses.

Lineage: Frances⁸ Rucker Keeble, Western⁷ Tennessee Rucker, Samuel⁶ J., Western⁵ T., James⁴, Benjamin³, John², Peter¹, p 125 in Wood.

Additional Information from the Editor:
Wood, p.125:

Issue of Dr. Western⁵ Tennessee Rucker and Frances Foote Savage (all born Florence,

Lauderdale Co., AL):

1. Samuel⁶ James (“Sam Jim”) Rucker, b. 29 Jul 1824; m. 1st Mary Mitchell; m. 2nd her cousin, Adelaide (“Addie” or “Ada”) Mitchell.
2. Frances⁶ (“Fanny”) Matilda Rucker, b. 9 Jun 1826; m. 17 May 1849, Walter Guinn Keeble.
3. Anna⁶ Elizabeth (“Annex” or “Liz”) Rucker, b. 24 Jun 1828, d. 1 Apr 1880, McLennan Co., TX. She never married.

(Source: Note: The Will of William F. Savage, d. ca 1842, found in the *Keeble Papers*, from the archives collection of the University of Texas, lists the children of his daughter Frances as heirs to share the portion of his estate to which his daughter had been entitled.)

Issue of Samuel⁶ James Rucker and 1st wife, Mary E. Mitchell:

1. Margaret⁷ (“Maggie”) Rucker, b. ca 1848, Rutherford Co., TN, died Oct 1858.
2. Mary⁷ (“Mollie”) Rucker, b. ca 1850, died in 1858.
3. Benjamin⁷ David Rucker, b. 10 Jul 1852; m. Mary Alexander.

Issue of Samuel⁶ James Rucker and 2nd wife, Adelaide Mitchell:

4. Walter G. Rucker, b. ca 1855 (age 5 in 1860 census). Not known to have existed until letters were found written by Ada Mitchell Rucker to her sisters-in-law. He was mentioned from 1857 until 1860, then no more. He was listed as an “afflicted” child.
5. William⁷ (“Billy”) Mitchell Rucker, b. 21 Jan 1858, Rutherford Co., TN; m. Minnie Lee Hicks.
6. Western⁷ Tennessee Rucker, b. 1861, Rutherford Co., TN; m. 8 Dec 1886, Frances McKee, sister of Luke.
7. Annex⁷ Rucker, b. 16 Jul 1863; m. Thomas Ed. Hague.
8. Frances⁷ (“Fannie”) Keeble Rucker, b. 15 Feb 1865; m. Luke Vigo McKee, brother of Frances.
9. Rev. Samuel⁷ James Rucker Jr., b. 4 Aug 1868; m. Frances Elizabeth Foster.

10. Walter⁷ Keeble Rucker, b. 31 Jan 1872; m. Olivia McLean.
11. John⁷ "Chapman" Rucker, b. 8 Jun 1875; m. Mary Elizabeth Cassedy.
12. Leslie⁷ Curry Rucker, b. 1878, Lorena, McLennan Co., TX, d. 11 Jul 1949, Waco, McLennan Co., TX, never married.

(Source: Wood, p.125; Whitley, p.77-78; census records, Family letters from the *Keeble Papers*, found in the archives collection of the University of Texas; FGS of Mary Rucker Cole, Houston, TX, 1994.)



Errata, from Wood's, continued

From Jeannie Brydon

Page 40: The children of George Rucker and Martha Tucker are not in the correct order. They are in the order as listed in the estate records of Martha (D. B. 10, Bedford Co., VA). This was the order they drew their share of the inheritance and not the order of birth.

Thanks to Shelia Munden for helping me to determine the correct order of birth of George & Martha's children from census and marriage records.

Issue of George Rucker and Martha Tucker:

1. Elizabeth⁵ ("Betsy") Rucker, b. ca 1780, m. 24 Dec 1800, Jeremiah Hatcher.
2. Jonathan⁵ Rucker, b. 25 Feb 1782, m. 20 Oct 1808, Bedford Co., VA to Margaret Hatcher. He inherited his father's farm.
3. Daniel⁵ Rucker, b. ca 1785, m. 25 Oct 1813, Amherst Co., VA Elizabeth Bourne.
4. Sarah⁵ ("Sally") Rucker, b. ca 1787 (age 16-26 in 1810 census), was an invalid and never married. She lived with her parents until their death and was with them in 1840 when her parents' estate was settled.
5. Susanna⁵ ("Susan") B. Rucker, b. ca 1790 (1850 census); m. 13 Oct 1830, Nelson A.

Thompson, no record of children.

6. William⁵ Ballenger Rucker, b. 11 Dec 1791 (Bible); m. 25 Dec 1822, Amherst Co., VA to Mary⁶ Ann Dawson Rucker (Ambrose⁵, Reuben⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹).
7. James⁵ W. Rucker, b. ca 1797 (1850 census); m. 24 Apr 1820, Bedford Co., VA (marriage records) to Elizabeth⁵ Rucker (Ambrose⁴ Jr., Ambrose³, John², Peter¹). (New data, see front page of this issue.)

Page 41 — (Newly discovered) 1st para. Susan was actually named Susanna⁵ ("Susan") B. Rucker. There is no Will for her in Will Book 10, Bedford Co., VA (that was actually her parents, George & Martha Rucker's estate records). Susan and her husband Nelson A. Thompson were listed in the 1850 Bedford Co., VA census, both age 60. Susan was not in the 1860 census.

Page 60 — Dr. James⁶ H. Rucker's middle name was McHenry. However "H." seems to be used for his middle initial. (See his diary in Whitley, p.261.)

Page 61 — Lodowick was named Lock Marcus Rucker (family Bible).

Page 65-66 — Correct issue of Isaac⁴ ("Doc") Rucker and Minty Ogden as listed in listed in Jessamine Co., KY, Deed Book K, Indenture 29 May 1833 (there was no Will):

1. Emaline⁵ Rucker
2. Nancy⁵ Rucker
3. John⁵ James Rucker
4. Benjamin⁵ Rucker
5. Elizabeth⁵ Rucker
6. William⁵ Rucker
7. Catharine⁵ Rucker
8. Sarah⁵ Rucker

Page 65 — Four of the children listed for Isaac "Doc" — Edward, Nancy, Susan and Martha — belong to Isaac's nephew, Isaac Rucker (John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹), see Wood, p.35.

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Interesting Tidbit

Provided by Michael P. (Mike) Rucker

The following news item appeared in the *Richmond Daily Whig & Advertiser*, 6 Aug 1872:

THE AIR-FORCER

"The 'Air-Forcer,' invented and patented by Mr. James M. Rucker, of Bedford county, is described as one of the most valuable inventions of the day, whereby a house may be so easily, fully and readily supplied with water, not merely for all household purposes, but as to give abundant security against fire. We learn that the inventor has sold the right to make and sell his machine in fourteen States to Messrs. Tallbott & Sons, of this city, and Gen. T. T. Munford, of Bedford county, they paying him a high price therefor and allowing him a royalty on every machine sold."

From Jeannie: James⁶ Monroe Rucker was the only child of Jonathan⁵ Rucker (George⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) and Margaret Hatcher. James born 9 Feb 1814 and died 1 Jun 1878*, in Bedford Co., VA. James married Marinda McDaniel and had ten children.

* *Bedford Co., VA Death Records, 1853-1860, 1868-1880*, by Marvin U. Neighbors, 1988 [Library of Virginia] said James M. Rucker died 1 June 1878 of Paralysis, age 64 years; Parents: Jonathan & Margarette Rucker; Consort: Marinda Rucker, info furnished by Walter J. Rucker, son.

Note from Jack White, Jan 2001: I always knew that my great-grandfather James Monroe Rucker was an inventor, but I never knew he made any money from it. He was the author of a rare book in the Library of Congress which we got and read. Some of his predictions there were on the mark and others not. I believe he anticipated refrigeration but didn't think anyone would ever invent a machine that would fly. He did get running water into the family place *Pleasant Vale* [Bedford Co.,

VA]. Gen. Munford purchased the old Balda McDaniel place on the road from Perrowville to *Boonsboro*.

From Mike: Can anyone provide any additional information about him and his invention? Did he become rich and/or famous?

In Memoriam

Albert H. Roush or Sequim, Washington, died September 22, 2006. Submitted by his daughter Leslie R. Zugg.

William C. Rucker of Garden Grove, California died recently. (Info from a returned newsletter.)

Hazel C. Dalton, born Oct. 27, 1927, passed away Nov. 21, 2006 at Morristown-Hamblen Hospital, Hamblen Co., Tennessee. She was a member of New Life Primitive Baptist Church of Whitesburg. She was buried in Meeks Cemetery.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie Jean and **Ray Rucker** of Rutledge, Dorothy and Leon Dyer of Mohawk, Doris and Troy Gulley and Lisa and David Hawkins of Whitesburg; daughter, Vennie Myers of Rutledge; sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell and Charolette Dalton of Whitesburg and Jeff and Loretta Dalton of Bean Station; son, Emit Dalton Jr. of Whitesburg; stepdaughter, Elizabeth Umberger and husband Junior of Morristown; grandchildren, **Charles R. Rucker Jr.**, Renee Shelton, **Lynn Rucker**, Darlene Dyer, Cynthia and Debbie Dalton, Amy Malone and Justin Dalton; great-grandchildren, Melissa Shelton, Elijah, Shelton and Isaih Malone; several great-great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, and mother-in-law, Lola Dalton.

Notes from Archie Dalton:

Hazel was second wife of Emit Dalton, son of Timothy James Dalton and Cornelia Harville of Greenberry Dalton and Elizabeth Harrell of William Meridith Dalton and Delphia Rucker Colby, Peter, Thomas, Peter.

It is odd that she is being buried in the Meeks cemetery because she has a tombstone with her name on it in the Lamb cemetery, jointly with Emit. Apparently she remarried another Dalton given her mother-in-law, Lola, who is not Emit's mother.

Note from Jeannie: I cannot find this line in my records. **Delphi/Delphia⁵ Rucker** (Colby⁴, Peter³, Thomas², Peter¹), b. ca 1798, Wilkes Co., NC; m. 3 Feb 1813, Grainger Co., TN to John "Meredith" Dalton. They had no child named Greenberry.

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Martha Rucker Clabaugh passed away on December 10, 2006, at her home in Fairfield, Iowa. She was 93½ years old, born July 1, 1913 in Moreland, KY. She was the daughter of Saint Clair and Hattie Mae Rucker of Moreland, KY, and was the wife of Hinton Clabaugh [Jr.]. She is survived by twins Hinton Clabaugh III and Martha Janie Fleshman; two grandsons, Matthew and David Fleshman of Fairfield, IA; and one sister, Myrtle Rucker Carroll, of Portland, TN. Martha, with two of her sisters, Leola Rucker and Doratha Rucker graduated from Madison Nursing School in Madison, TN. Martha's lineage: Saint Clair⁷ Rucker, James⁶, Elisha⁵, Moses⁴, Isaac³, John², Peter¹. Info submitted by Myrtle R. Carroll.

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Stephen ("Steve") R. Irwin, the "Crocodile Hunter" was accidentally killed by a stringray off Australia's Great Barrier Reef. He died September 4, 2006, age 44. He was married

to a Rucker, and his children are Ruckers. He is survived by his wife, Terri Elizabeth Raines from Eugene, Oregon, daughter Bindi Sue age 8 and son Bob who turned 3 in December.

Steve was born 22 Feb 1962 in the southern city of Melbourne. His parents moved to the Sunshine Coast in Tropical Queensland state and opened a wildlife preserve at Beerwah in 1970. Steve was catching crocodiles by age 9. His first job was removing crocodiles from populated areas. In 1991 he took over the preserve, the Australian Zoo, when his parents retired and began building a reputation as a showman during daily crocodile feeding shows.

He met and married Terri when she came to the park to visit. On their honeymoon to Australia's far northern tip, they invited a television crew to come with them and the resulting show became TV's first "Crocodile Hunter."

Terri's lineage: Clarence⁸ Alonzo Raines, Alonzo⁷ C., Charles⁶ L., Elizabeth⁵ J. Rucker, Ephraim⁴, Tomagen³ Rucker, Ephraim², Peter¹ and Tomagen's husband, Augustine³, James², Peter¹.

From the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 5 Sep 2006, p.1. See RFSN, Vol. 13, No.3, Sept. 2002.

Our Beloved **Alice Rucker Allen**, author of *Rucker Heritage* and former Rucker Family Society board member, passed away on January 22, 2007, in Austin, Texas. Her obituary will be in the March 2007 issue. You can check the web site: <http://wcfish.com/Index2.html>

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“Rucker Place”

Mike Rucker suggests that each newsletter present a brief article or inquiry to be called “Rucker Place.” In this feature we will tell of places with the Rucker name and solicit further input from our readers on the Rucker for whom it is named.

Embry Rucker Community Shelter Reston, Virginia

The July 10, 2006 edition of the *Washington Post* carried a feature article entitled “A Light in the Shadows of Homelessness.” It featured social workers who assist homeless persons at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Fairfax County, Virginia. The article provides no indication of who Embry Rucker is (or was).

The only Embry Rucker in Sudie Rucker Wood’s *Rucker Family Genealogy* is Embry⁹ Cobb Rucker (Tinsley⁸ W. III, Tinsley⁷ W. Jr., Tinsley⁶ W., Joseph⁵, John⁴, Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹, Wood, page 221). Could this be the Embry Rucker for whom the community center is named? There are no details about him in the Wood’s book.

Can anyone provide information about the Embry Rucker for whom the homeless shelter is named?

Note from Jeannie: Embry is the father of Rudy Rucker, the science fiction writer, of Los Gatos, CA. I have no further information, but I’m sure there is a great deal on the Internet.



A Wedding

Katherine Ambrose Rucker
And Spec. Taylor James Galvin

Submitted by her Uncle, Mike Rucker

On November 18, 2006, Katherine Ambrose Rucker was married to U. S. Army Specialist E-4 Taylor James Galvin of Spokane, Washington. The wedding was held at Cedar Key Episcopal Church, Cedar Key, Florida. Spec. Taylor recently returned from a one-year assignment in Iraq. He has been accepted for the helicopter flight training school at Fort Rucker, Alabama where the couple will reside until Spec. Taylor receives his helicopter “wings” and is redeployed.

Katherine¹⁰ Ambrose Rucker’s lineage (The name Ambrose is highlighted to show how the name has come down through the generations): **William⁹ Ambrose Rucker**, Henry⁸ Cowles, Dr. Henry⁷ “Cowles,” Benjamin⁶ L., Benjamin⁵ J., Isaac⁴, **Ambrose³**, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.110.

Dr. Henry⁷ Cowles Rucker married Lillian⁷ Eliza Rucker, **William⁶ Ambrose**, William⁵ B., George⁴, John³, John², Peter¹ and Wm. B.’s wife Mary⁶ Ann Dawson Rucker, **Ambrose⁵**, Reuben⁴, **Ambrose³**, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.56.

Benj. L. Rucker married Sarah⁷ Frances Parks, Paulina⁶ Davies, Elizabeth⁵ McDaniel, Margaret⁴ Rucker, **Ambrose³**, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.114.



Katherine Rucker and Spec. Taylor Galvin

Rucker Surname DNA Project News

By Alice J. Rucker

We have twenty-eight members in our yDNA Rucker Surname project thus far, with twenty-five results posted. Have you taken the time to check out the website? Just go to:

"<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/r/rucker/>"
From there link to "Results" and you will be able to see how the numbers have been grouped.

On the results table, you will be able to view two areas within Rucker Lineage I and most are sorted according to the son of Peter Rucker they descend from. We have participants representing Peter's sons John, Thomas, William, and James but continue to lack participants from the line of Ephraim. Rucker Lineage II depicts two perfect genetic cousins that establish a separate lineage under Rucker. Lineage III is a group of three Europeans who match each other, but do not relate with the common ancestor of Peter Rucker. The final grouping is labeled "unclassified" because matches have not been found yet, or are waiting for results to be posted. Within the "unclassified" section, we have one African American result posted. Haplo (haplogroup) numbers are scientific codes that help sort our participants according to their genetic-geographic area of origin. When visiting our results page, you will see "Haplo" numbers and these help identify our participants.

The Rucker surname project was established with Family Tree DNA that has more than 3,800 other surname projects in progress. FTDNA is the world leader in genetic genealogy. Any males with the surname of Rucker or any variant spelling of Rucker are welcomed into our DNA project. There are great hopes that soon we will find Ruckers in Europe that match the general DNA signature of our typical Peter Rucker model and that we will have a beginning point to search for European records that will trail to Peter Rucker.

For further information please contact Alice Rucker, co-administrator, Rucker Surname DNA Project at <upstairs@att.net>

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Message from the President

Our Salt Lake City reunion was marvelous, and Fred and Carol Rucker, our hosts, deserve our thanks for a job well done. My wife, Jeannie, and I, spent several days before the reunion touring the beautiful national parks in southern Utah. Please make plans to visit this incredibly stunning national treasure! Salt Lake City is a cosmopolitan urban area, quite a contrast to the desolate southern geography, but situated in an equally scenic setting. Our tours of the olympic ski areas and the Kennecott copper mine were eye-opening. We were reluctant to leave our research at the Family History Library, but there was so much to see in the city that we became regulars on the light rail system as we saw the sights. Our reunion meetings and speakers were informative and left us grateful for all those who devoted themselves to making our reunion a success.

Some interest has been expressed in making the Rucker Family Society reunion an annual event, instead of every two years, as at the present. We are meeting in Charlottesville, VA in 2008, and in the Nashville, TN area in 2010.

If the membership feels that an annual meeting is desirable, please contact me or our other officers and make your interest known. Each of our reunions has been very successful, due to a great deal of dedicated work by the hosts. We would need our members to step up and volunteer as reunion hosts if we were to attempt a yearly event.

I can't wait to see everyone again in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2008.

Chris Rucker at <sparklecitychris@aol.com>
website: www.RuckerFamilySociety.com

Found! Sixth Cousins Once Removed

By Alice Rucker

Rucker Family Society member Lillian (Adkins) Spires whose lineage hails back to Peter Rucker discovered that she and a sixth cousin once removed lived in the same vicinity in the suburbs of Los Angeles, California. In recent years she and her cousin Loren Rucker (and wife Alice) have been socializing and getting to know each other better. She is widowed and lives in her own home. Last November, Lillian celebrated her 87th birthday at a local restaurant for breakfast with Loren and Alice. When Lillian's husband Doran was living, they traveled frequently and Lillian worked diligently on family history. She has done a great job of tracing her ancestry and is unusual in the fact that she traced back to such an early woman Rucker ancestor. Family history is Lillian's passion and she would welcome communication with others that care in the same way, or perhaps are working on similar family lines. Her phone number

is (818) 361-5393 in California. Lillian helps Alice who is registrar for the Rucker Family Society by sending notes of welcome to new members. Bravo and congratulations to Lillian.

Lillian's ancestry is: Loreen¹⁰ "Lillian" Elizabeth Adkins, Minnie⁹ Dulcia L. Gravitt, Legoner⁸ H. Gravitt, James⁶ Madison Creed, Elijah⁵ Creed Jr., Mary⁴ Rucker, Peter³, John², Peter¹.

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Creed*



Lillian Spires and cousin Loren Rucker

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