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**Otis Grey Rucker  
"Sold American!"**

By Michael P. "Mike" Rucker  
With Assistance from Linda Vick  
Browne and Lee Sites

"Fo'teen-a-lee-di-leen-a-lee-di-  
leen-qua-qua-qua-qua-aw-aw-  
ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-three-di-lee-lee-  
lee-fifteen . . . sold American."

Millions of Americans heard that tobacco auction chant during radio advertisements for Lucky Strike cigarettes in the 1940's and 1950's, but probably very few could decipher the meaning. This is the type of "tobacco auction song" used by Otis Grey Rucker who was among the most famous of all the highly skilled tobacco auctioneers of the era. He was featured in numerous full color Lucky Strike cigarette ads in *Life* and the *Saturday Evening Post* magazines. The tobacco auctioneer's chant was like a well sung ballad. The tone was mesmerizing – and yet the tobacco company buyers knew exactly what the auctioneer was saying. An auctioneer quickly

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**Ruckers in Fiction  
Mark Twain's *Huckleberry  
Finn***

By Michael P. "Mike" Rucker



Occasionally, characters named Rucker can be found in works of fiction. Just how or when Mark Twain came across someone named Rucker has not been recorded, but he did use the name "Ben Rucker" in the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, first published in 1885. Twain does not flesh out this Ben Rucker as a personality, and in fact only mentions his name twice.

This Ben Rucker is mentioned in Chapters 24 and 25 in conjunction with "them two rapscllions," the "King" and the "Duke," as a shady duo worked on a plan to fleece the citizens of the next township they encountered along the Mississippi. They had just performed their atrocious

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"Nonesuch" act in the last town and swindled the citizens out of enough money to buy themselves some nice clothes.

From Huck's narration of events found in Chapter 24.

"The young man revealed that a wealthy man of that area, a Mr. Peter Wilkes, had died the previous day. The king pumped the young man for information about this Mr. Wilkes and details of his life and friends. He learned that the deceased individual had two brothers who lived in England. Letters had been sent to the brothers telling of the serious illness of their brother and urged them to come visit him before he died. Among the information the king ferrets out of the young man is that Peter Wilkes had three daughters who will be left without parental care. The king laments: Poor things! to be left alone in the cold world so.

Well, they could be worse off. Old Peter had friends, and they ain't going to let them come to no harm. There's Hobson, the Babtis' preacher; and Deacon Lot Hovey, and *Ben Rucker*, and Abner Shackelford, and Levi Bell, the lawyer; and Dr. Robinson, and their wives, and the widow Bartley, and--well, there's a lot of them; but these are the ones that Peter was thickest with, and used to write about sometimes, when he wrote home; so Harvey'll know where to look for friends when he gets here.

Well, the old man went on asking questions till he just fairly emptied that young fellow. Blamed if he didn't inquire about everybody and everything in that blessed town.

The King and the Duke concocted a plan to pretend to be the two brothers of Peter Wilkes."

Huck continues the story in Chapter 25

"Then the king he hunched the duke private--I see him do it--and then he looked around and see the coffin, over in the corner on two chairs; so then him and the duke, with a hand across each other's shoulder, and t'other hand to their eyes, walked slow and solemn over there, everybody dropping back to give them room, and all the talk and noise stopping, people saying "Sh!" and all the men taking their hats off and drooping their heads, so you could a heard a pin fall. And when they got there they bent over and looked in the coffin, and took one sight, and then they bust out a-crying so you could a heard them to Orleans, most; and then they put their arms around each other's necks, and hung their chins over each other's shoulders; and then for three minutes, or maybe four, I never see two men leak the way they done. And, mind you, everybody was doing the same; and the place was that damp I never see anything like it. Then one of them got on one side of the coffin, and t'other on t'other side, and they kneeled down and rested their

foreheads on the coffin, and let on to pray all to themselves. Well, when it come to that it worked the crowd like you never see anything like it, and everybody broke down and went to sobbing right out loud--the poor girls, too; and every woman, nearly, went up to the girls, without saying a word, and kissed them, solemn, on the forehead, and then put their hand on their head, and looked up towards the sky, with the tears running down, and then busted out and went off sobbing and swabbing, and give the next woman a show. I never see anything so disgusting.

Well, by and by the king he gets up and comes forward a little, and works himself up and slobbers out a speech, all full of tears and flappedoodle about its being a sore trial for him and his poor brother to lose the diseased, and to miss seeing diseased alive after the long journey of four thousand mile, but it's a trial that's sweetened and sanctified to us by this dear sympathy and these holy tears, and so he thanks them out of his heart and out of his brother's heart, because out of their mouths they can't, words being too weak and cold, and all that kind of rot and slush, till it was just sickening; and then he blubbers out a pious goody-goody Amen, and turns himself loose and goes to crying fit to bust.

Then the king begins to work his jaw again, and says how him and his nieces would be glad if a few of the main principal friends of the family would take supper here with them this evening, and help set up with the ashes of the diseased; and says if his poor brother laying yonder could speak he knows who he would name, for they was names that was very dear to him, and mentioned often in his letters; and so he will name the same, to wit, as follows, vizz.:--Rev. Mr. Hobson, and Deacon Lot Hovey, and *Mr. Ben Rucker*, and Abner Shackelford, and Levi Bell, and Dr. Robinson, and their wives, and the widow Bartley."

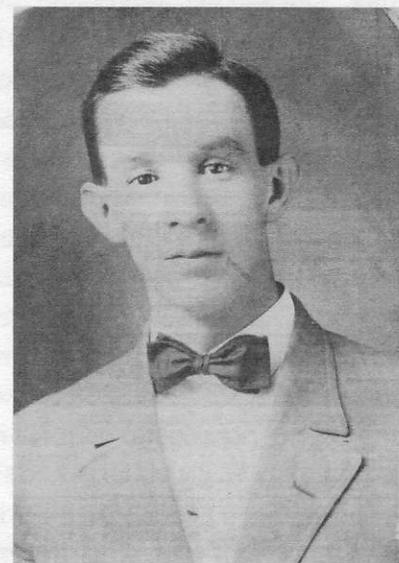
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### Otis Grey Rucker

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gained a reputation as a good or bad chanter and the buyers were always interested in knowing who the auctioneer was to be. Otis Rucker was in high demand and well paid for his skill in getting the best prices and moving the sale along rapidly. He was known as a "bass auctioneer," that is his deep voice was well recognized and appreciated. The price was, obviously, dependent upon the quality of the leaves in each pile, but there were often thousands of piles to be sold each day, so the process had to be kept moving at a rapid pace.

Picture this - a huge tobacco sales warehouse in North Carolina, several hundred feet long, during the heyday of cigarette sales. On the floor along the length of the building there are two rows of cured tobacco leaves piled on burlap sheets. The odor of sweet flue-cured tobacco is almost intoxicating. A group a men, almost all wearing white shirts, jackets, neckties and hats, crowd one of the aisles between rows of tobacco. They feel the leaves, sniff them, and even hold individual leaves up to observe the light shining through. They are looking for particular combination of bright yellow color, sweet flavor, and translucence. The auctioneer stands in the aisle across from the buyers and chants the price. A card on the top of each pile lists the name of the tobacco grower. The buyers are all silent. The auctioneer is familiar with



Otis Grey Rucker as a young man

the bid signal of each buyer – a slight nod, a blink, a finger or hand movement, or just quick direct eye contact. When no buyer ups the price the auctioneer announces the sale price and the name of the company the buyer is representing. The pace is amazingly rapid with as little as ten seconds spent on a pile of tobacco. A clerk writes the sale price and purchasing company on the card as the auctioneer moves to the next pile.

Otis Grey Rucker was born April 13, 1885, the ninth of eleven children of Samuel Burks Rucker (See *Rucker Family Society Newsletter*, Vol. 9. No. 1, March, 1998 for an article about Samuel B. Rucker) and Mary Katherine Richerson. Otis followed his father and one of his older brothers, Samuel Jr., into the tobacco business. His father owned and operated a tobacco warehouse in Lynchburg, Virginia and Samuel Jr. worked for his father. During the depression the warehouse was sold. After the sale Samuel Jr. continued to work as an agent in the same warehouse, though it was then called Booker's warehouse. Otis struck out on his own and achieved significant fame as a tobacco auctioneer. Otis Grey Rucker was so skilled at his trade and so personable that he operated a tobacco auctioneering school in Kinston, North Carolina. Otis G. Rucker married Meta Mewborn in 1913 and had three children; Catherine (Mrs. Marvin Vick),

Meta "Tommie," and Otis Grey Rucker, Jr.

Translation of the auctioneer chant from the beginning of the article: "Fourteen [dollars per hundred pounds] --- [now] 14 and quarter --- [now] 14 and a half --- [now] 14 and seventy-five --- [now] 15 --- [pause] --- sold American."

The Rucker lineage of Otis<sup>8</sup> Grey Rucker is: Samuel<sup>7</sup> Burks, William<sup>6</sup> G., Garland<sup>5</sup>, Ambrose<sup>4</sup> Jr., Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

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### Dollarhide's Five Rules

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*Dollarhide's Five Rules - Essentials for Successful Genealogical Research* (quoted from the speaker's biography as it appears online for the Southern California Genealogical Society's *Jamboree*).

1. Treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestors as equals
2. Never accept just one document to prove anything

3. Never trust a published family history

4. Never trust secondary sources

5. Prepare your genealogy so others can read it

Having quoted these excellent rules, bear in mind that single sources, family histories, or secondary sources *can* be great ways to refine your own research from the information that those less reliable sources present while you find additional primary sources.

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### Query

**Who was William Henry Rucker?  
from Jeannie Brydon**

William Henry Rucker was born in Virginia in 1820, moved to Sulphur Springs in Rutherford Co., Tennessee where he married in 1842, and ended up in Sherman, Grayson Co., Texas. Who was his father? From what line did he descend? Here's what we know.

William Henry Rucker, b. Mar 1820, Orange Co., VA, d. 20 Feb 1900, Sherman, Grayson Co., TX; m. 1<sup>st</sup> 27 Jul 1842, Rutherford Co., TN to Matilda Elliott, b. ca 1822, d. 25 May 1876. He m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 24 Jul 1877, Sherman, Grayson Co., TX to Evelyn "Eva" (Drake) Hamill, b. ca 1847, d. 1933, daughter of Louis/Lewis Horace Drake. Evelyn was 1<sup>st</sup> married to Aaron Hamill, 2 Sep 1869, St. Louis, MO.

William Henry Rucker's obituary stated he moved with his parents to Murfreesboro, TN at age 19 and lived there until he moved to Leona, Leon Co., TX. At the outbreak of the Civil War he entered the Confederate Army and was detailed with the commissary department with the rank of Major. He served through the war. In 1871 he moved to Galveston and was a commercial traveler until he moved to Sherman in 1875. He was in the milling business until 1887 when he retired from active business, though he loaned money and charged 10% interest after retirement.

Let's see what other Ruckers were in the Sulphur Springs, TN area in 1850.

Joseph B. Rucker, b. ca 1812, age 38, b. VA, overseer  
 Rebecca Rucker, b. ca 1815, age 35, b. GA  
 Mary Rucker, b. ca 1837, age 13, b. TN  
 Nancy Rucker, b. ca 1841, age 9, b. TN  
 Jno. Rucker, b. ca 1843, age 7, b. TN  
 Allen Rucker, b. ca 1845, age 5, b. TN  
 Sarah M. Rucker, age 4, b. TN  
 Edmund M. Rucker, b. ca 1816, age 34, b. VA, farmer  
 Susan C. Rucker, b. ca 1821, age 29, b. TN  
 Isaac L Rucker, b. ca 1840, age 10, b. TN  
 Robt. E. Rucker, b. ca 1842, age 8, b. TN  
 Wm. H. Rucker, b. ca 1820, age 30, overseer, b. VA  
 Matilda Rucker, b. ca 1837, age 23, b. TN  
 Mary E. Rucker, b. ca 1844, age 6, b. TN

Joseph B. and Edmund M. were sons of Robert Elzy Rucker of Orange Co., VA.

Was William H. a son as well? William moved on to Texas, whereas the others lived and died in Rutherford Co., TN.

**Robert<sup>5</sup> "Elzy" Rucker** (Joel<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>), b. 1783, Orange Co., VA, d. by 1827 (We know he had died when his father's will was written in 1831, but think he was deceased when his daughter was married in 1827 (from her marriage bond)); m. 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Oct 1806, Culpeper Co., VA, to Sarah "Sallie" Gaines, daughter of Richard Gaines; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 19 Jan 1809, first cousin, once removed, Mary Burton, daughter of Margaret and Joseph Burton (son of May Burton, Sr. and brother of Mary Burton who m. John Rucker) of Culpeper Co., VA. All of his children moved to Rutherford Co., TN.

Children of Robert<sup>5</sup> "Elzy" Rucker and his 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

1. Joseph<sup>6</sup> Burton Rucker, b. ca 1808; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Susanna "Susan" Rebecca Seward; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Champion. They lived at Sulphur Springs, Rutherford Co., TN.

Children of Robert<sup>5</sup> "Elzy" Rucker and his 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage:

2. Kitty<sup>6</sup> Rucker, b. 20 Feb 1810; m. James M. Tompkins.

3. Edmund/Edward<sup>6</sup> Rucker, b. ca 1816; m. 7 Jul 1835, Rutherford Co., TN, Susan Overall. They lived in Sulphur Springs, TN.

Was William Henry Rucker the 4<sup>th</sup> child?

4. William Henry Rucker, b. Mar 1820, Orange Co., VA

The date and place matches the other children of Elzy.

From Joel Rucker's will, dated July 21, 1831, "to my grandchildren, heirs of Elzy

Rucker, dec'd, Kitty, Joseph, and Edmund Rucker." If William was another son, why wasn't he mentioned in this will? Perhaps because he had moved to Texas and was given a portion of his father's estate before the move to Texas?

I have researched the children of Elzy's brothers and can find no other William Henry Rucker. Can you help resolve this problem?

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## Descendants of Dr. William Parks Rucker Needed

by Michael P. "Mike" Rucker

The September/December 2008 through September 2009 issues of the Rucker Family Newsletter contained a four parts series documenting the life of Dr. William Parks Rucker. I am now in the process of writing a book about this remarkable individual and would like to contact his descendants for more information and photos. I have outlined below very brief information concerning his descendants, but I have been unable to contact any of them. If anyone can direct me to one or more of his descendants please contact me at [mikruc@aol.com](mailto:mikruc@aol.com).

### Generation 1

1. **William Parks<sup>1&7</sup> Rucker** (Clifton<sup>6</sup> H., Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>), born 9 Nov 1831 in VA; died 3 Jan 1905 in WV, son of Clifton Rucker. He married on 28 Oct 1852 in Campbell Co., VA **Margaret Ann Scott**, daughter of Thomas Hazelwood Scott and Margaret (---).

2 i **Hedley Scott<sup>2</sup> Rucker**, born 13 Sep 1853 in VA. He married **Elizabeth Camm Scott**.

- + 3 ii **William Waller<sup>2</sup> Rucker**, born 1 Feb 1855 in VA; died 30 May 1936 in MO. He married on 20 May 1880 **Fannie Applegate**.
- + 4 iii **James Thomas<sup>2</sup> Rucker**, born 22 Nov 1856 in VA; died 20 Aug 1916 in WV. He married **Ida Gertrude Riffe**.
- + 5 iv **Mary Clifton Rucker**, 27 Jul 1858 in VA; died 28 Sep 1861 in VA.
- + 6 v **Edgar Parks<sup>2</sup> Rucker**, born 23 Dec 1861; died 21 Apr 1908 in D.C.. He married **Maude Applegate**.

*Generation 2*

2. **Hedley Scott<sup>2</sup> Rucker**, born 13 Sep 1852 in Lynchburg, VA. He married abt 1881 **Elizabeth Camm Scott**, born Sep 1855 in VA, daughter of Dr. Samuel B. Scott and Sallie Patteson.
- + 7 i **Willie Parks<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born Nov 1882 in WV. She married **John M. Standifer**.
- 8 ii **Margaret Damon<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born Feb 1885; died 1958. She married **Henry W. Payne**.
- + 9 iii **Jessie Waller<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born Jan 1886 in WV. She married **Paris Dameron Yeager**.
4. **James Thomas<sup>2</sup> Rucker**, born 22 Nov 1856 in VA; died 20 Aug 1916 in WV. He married in 1882 **Ida Gertrude Riffe**.
- + 10 i **Roy Waller<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born 12 May 1884 in Lewisburg, WV; died 1957. He married **Elizabeth G. Estle**.
- + 11 ii **Anna Parks<sup>3</sup> Rucker**. She married **Howard S. Schoew**.
6. **Edgar Parks<sup>2</sup> Rucker**, born 23 Dec 1861; died 21 Apr 1908 in D.C. He married on 11 Jan 1888 in D.C. **Maude Applegate**, daughter of
- + 12 i **Margaret Clarke<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born 4 Nov 1890 in Princeton, WV. She married Edward Robert Shannon.

*Generation 3*

7. **Willie Parks<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born Nov 1882 in WV. She married **John M. Standifer**.
- 13 i **John Scott<sup>4</sup> Standifer**, born 1926; died 1998.
9. **Jessie Waller<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born Jan 1886 in WV. She married **Paris Dameron**

**Yeager**, born 1877 in WV, son of Henry Arbogast Yeager and Luverta Beard.

- 14 i **William Beard<sup>4</sup> Yeager**, born abt 1910 in WV.
10. **Roy Waller<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born 12 May 1884 in WV; died 1957. He married **Elizabeth G. Estle**.
- + 15 i **Elizabeth Jane<sup>4</sup> Rucker**, born 23 Sep 1911 in MO; died 6 Sep 1964 in D.C.. She married (1) **Carleton S. Hadley**; (2) **Willie Alben Barkley**.
- 16 ii **William Waller<sup>4</sup> Rucker**, born 24 Aug 1914.
- 17 iii **Ann Estle<sup>4</sup> Rucker**, born 14 Nov 1918. She married **Gaylord Lyon**.

11. **Anna Parks<sup>3</sup> Rucker**. She married **Howard S. Schoew**, born 1893; died 1968, son of Frederick Schoew and Anna Katherine Strohmeier.

- + 18 i **Elizabeth Rucker<sup>4</sup> Schoew**, born 1919 in WV; died 2002 in WV. She married (1) **George Wilhelm Norvell**; (2) **Donald G. Marcum**.
12. **Margaret Clarke<sup>3</sup> Rucker**, born 4 Nov 1890 in WV. She married on 12 Jun 1916 **Edward Robert Shannon**.
- 19 i **Margaret Clarke<sup>4</sup> Shannon**, born 6 Jul 1917 in OH.

*Generation 4*

15. **Elizabeth Jane<sup>4</sup> Rucker**, born 23 Sep 1911 in MO; died 6 Sep 1964 in D.C.. She married (1) on 11 Apr 1931 **Carleton S. Hadley**, born 1903; died 1947; (2) **Willie Alben Barkley**, born 24 Nov 1877; died 30 Apr 1956.
- 20 i **Anne Carleton<sup>5</sup> Hadley**, born 1932. She married in 1952 **Weldon Arthur Behrend**, born 1928.
- 21 ii **Jane Everett<sup>5</sup> Hadley**, born 1935. She married **Thomas Hulen Truitt**, son of Max Truitt and Marian Frances Barkley.
18. **Elizabeth Rucker<sup>4</sup> Schoew**, born 1919 in WV; died 2002 in WV. She married (1) in 1942 in WV **George Wilhelm Norvell**, born 1916; died 1978; (2) **Donald G. Marcum**.
- 22 i (---)<sup>5</sup> **Norvell**. He married (---) **Hall**.
- 23 ii (---)<sup>5</sup> **Norvell**. She married (---) **Henderson**.

*Generation 5*

21. **Jane Everett<sup>5</sup> Hadley**, born 1935. She married (1) on 26 Dec 1955 in KY **Thomas Hulen Truitt**, son of Max Truitt and Marian Frances Barkley; (2) **Matthew Perry** about 1958.

- 24 i **Ann<sup>6</sup> Truitt**.
- 25 i **Lara<sup>6</sup> Perry**.

### Query of the Quarter Who was Major L. H. Rucker of the Klondike Relief Effort?

The following article appeared in the *New York Times* on February 3, 1898 during the height of the Klondike Gold Rush. The tremendous stampede of prospectors to the Alaska Territory and over the mountain passes to the Klondike created massive problems including starvation and death for many of those seeking their fortune. The United States government acknowledged the problem and dispatched supplies to alleviate the situation. Major L. H. Rucker was assigned to lead this humanitarian effort. Can someone identify the genealogical connections of this individual?

#### KLONDIKE RELIEF ORDERS. Major Rucker to Command the Expeditions and Take Station at Dyea -- 12,000 Complete Rations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. -- Gen. Merriam, commanding the Department of the Columbia, has notified the Acting Secretary of War that he has completed the details of the relief expeditions [sic] to be sent out by the Government to the gold region in Alaska and to the Klondike. These are as follows:

Major L. H. Rucker, Fourth Cavalry, is assigned to command and to take temporary station at Dyea, where he is to establish a camp and supply depot.

[Details of those to report to Major Rucker follow here.]

Orders have been given to the Chief Commissary of the Department of the Columbia to ship by steamers from Portland and Seattle about Feb. 5, 12,000 complete rations, with proper proportion of subsistence stores and property, and also tandem and single sleds, to Major Rucker at Dyea.

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## Query of the Quarter Response

By Michael P. "Mike" Rucker

The *Query of the Quarter* in the December 2009 Newsletter asked for help in identifying First Lieutenant John Anthony "Tony" Rucker (1851-1878), 6th United States Cavalry, who was drowned during a flash flood in Arizona while attempting to save the life of a comrade.

The answer is that he was the son of Major General Daniel Henry Rucker, United States Army who was Assistant Quartermaster General during the Civil War and later appointed Quartermaster General. John Anthony Rucker was named for his grandfather who was one of the early settlers of what would become Detroit, Michigan.

Tony Rucker was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Michigan, and after graduation was commissioned Second Lieutenant, 6th United States Cavalry, on 27 July 1872. He drowned 11 July 1878. He is now buried in his father's gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery, Section 1, Grave 74,

after having first been buried in Arizona. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Francis D. Rucker (1860-1893), Tony Rucker's brother, is also buried in Arlington National Cemetery, as is his uncle, Col. Wm. A. Rucker (1831-1893), his sister, Irene (1856-1938), and her husband, Gen. Philip H. Sheridan (1831-1888).

Tony Rucker was serving with the United States Army in Arizona Territory during the Indian campaigns of the 1870's. He was stationed at Camp Supply in 1878 when the drowning incident occurred in White River Canyon. Lieutenant Rucker, along with a fellow officer, Lieutenant Austin Henely, were caught in a sudden July thunderstorm. After the storm, the small party set off for Camp Supply. Their journey required crossing a now-raging torrent in order to reach their station. Their Indian scout and the local civilians were experienced with such crossings, and forged ahead with little trouble, each man swimming his horse across the flooded river at a good location. The officers then plunged in together, and made the mortal mistake of swimming their horses side-by-side. As the strong current knocked one horse against the other, the men fell off. The current was more than they could handle, and they drowned. The dead officers were buried at Fort Bowie some fifty miles north of Camp Supply. On April 29, 1879, the name of Camp Supply was changed to Camp Rucker in honor of the dead lieutenant. During the 1880's, Camp Rucker became Fort

Rucker. It was one of the more important military stations in the campaign against the Apache Indians led by Geronimo and Cochise.

Tony Rucker was not a descendent of Peter Rucker of Virginia, but of a family that immigrated at a later date. We would welcome further information about this branch of the Rucker family.

John Anthony Rucker grave marker



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## President's Note

Plans for the October reunion continue to come together, and can be found online as described on the following page of this issue of the newsletter. Nashville took a hard blow from the flooding, but is rebuilding in the affected areas. Our reunion will not suffer from the tragedy, and I'm glad that the Rucker Family Society can contribute to Nashville's recovery by bringing them our business. Please plan to join us in October.



# **Don't Forget to Make Your Plans!** **Rucker Family Society Reunion** **Nashville, Tennessee** **October 14-17, 2010**

**Reunion Committee - Larry Black and Robyn B. Caldwell**



**There are two ways to make your reservations for the reunion:**

**1 - Go to the Rucker Family Society website, and then to the Society reunions and meetings and click on the link at the bottom of the page**

**2 - Type the following URL into your browser**

**<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/HI/1/en/cwshome/DPRD-822RTN/BNAOP>**



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## More Fantastic Old Photos

Here is a Lucky Strike advertisement featuring auctioneer Otis Grey Rucker. Rucker appeared in many similar advertisements in the 1930s and 1940s. There is an article about Mr. Rucker on pages 10, 13-14 of this issue. The December 2009 issue of the *Rucker Family Society Newsletter* had a query about further information on Otis Grey Rucker. A yet even earlier article was in the June 1994 issue.

If you have old Rucker photos and would be willing to share them with other Rucker Family Society members, they can be published in the newsletter and online at <http://ruckerphotos.multiply.com>.

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