

## the Rücker Society

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#### FAMILY PROFILE

#### VIXELLA RUCKER WHITE

Lelia Vixella Rucker White, called "Vix" by her friends, has more energy and vitality than anyone half her age. She is 92 years old and loves people.

Vix, the daughter of Waller Jonathan Rucker and Russell McDaniel Rucker, was born 30 July 1898 in the old family home, "Pleasant Vale." (See article, p.3.)

The farm, consisting of some 900 acres, had been in the family since Vix's ancestor John<sup>3</sup> Rucker (John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) began buying land on Elk Creek in Bedford County, Virginia in the 1760s.

Vix grew up in a large family. There were four brothers and three sisters. The Rucker men were typical Ruckers, over six feet and handsome in a rugged way. The three girls were noted for their beauty and personality. The Rucker home in which Vix grew up was a handsome three story stone and wood structure, built in 1856 by Waller's father, James Monroe Rucker.

Across Elk Creek from the Rucker home was the "Rucker School," a two-room school. Vix's mother, a strong believer in education, was principal and teacher at this school for many years. She was herself a Rucker descendant, through Ambrose Rucker, whose daughter Margaret married John McDaniel. Vix went on to

grammar school at the Hermitage, near North Bedford Baptist Church where the Ruckers were members. She would go there by horseback, taking a short cut across a low mountain.

Vix lived for a while with one of her relatives in Newport News to



Vix, about 20 years old, a teacher in Bedford County (con't on page 2)

#### Vixella White (con't from page 1)

attend high school there. Later she attended Longwood College, then a state normal school. There she distinguished herself as an actress, playing the lead in several plays. After graduation she taught school for several years in Bedford County.

On 11 June 1920, Vix married John Lewis White, who lived in Cifax, about seven miles away on the other side of No Business Mountain. They lived for some years in Chase City, VA, and Grand Rapids, MI, where Lewis was in the Coca-Cola bottling business. They returned to Virginia in 1929 and built their beautiful home, "Glen Alpine," with its magnificent view of the Peaks of Otter, across the road from "The Cedars," which had been in the White family for many years and is one of the historic antebellum homes of Bedford County. Vix and Lewis were active in the civic and social affairs of Bedford County and Lynchburg. They resided in an area where both had deep roots, being descendants of original settlers and being related to many of the old families.

Vix and Lewis raised a large family, three boys and three girls: Lewis Marion (Jack), Philip Ashby, Barbara Jeanne, Polly Pendleton, Barry Rucker, and Cary Ellen. All of the children received college educations.

Vix and Lewis entertained extensively at their home. They were members of the Boonesboro Country Club in Lynchburg, formerly the estate of Joshua Rucker. They were active members of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Bedford. Vix was very talented as a seamstress and made many of the clothes for her daughters when they were children. She was very much interested in antiques and refinishing old furniture. Her children and grandchildren are all beneficiaries of the years she spent collecting antiques.

When Lewis died in 1962, the editor of the local newspaper in Bedford wrote a glowing editorial, mentioning "his charm, unfailing food humor, his talent as a raconteur, and his social graces." He added that "No citizen of Bedford County in these times has been held in more general respect and affection by his fellows." He would be greatly missed by his family and friends.



Vix and her five surviving children, @1980 From left: Polly, Jack, Cary, Philip, Jeanne



Vix, entertaining at home

Vix then sold "Glen Alpine," and "The Cedars," and moved to Richmond to be near four of her children who were living there at the time. All of her children married and she has thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. One of her sons, Lewis Marion ("Jack") White is the treasurer of The Rucker Society.

Vix is still active at the age of 92. She attained some fame in Richmond a few years ago, when she was in her seventies, by fearlessly chasing a man who snatched her purse until he was caught and jailed.

Vix has endeared herself to all who know her. She is one of the grandest, loveliest ladies that anyone would ever want to know. She is a supporter of the Rucker Society and attended both the 1988 and 1990 Rucker Reunions.



Vix White, dau. Polly, cousin Kate Thomas in the Apple Orchard at "Graham Cove" Amherst Co. at the 1984 Rucker Reunion

Vixella Rucker White's line of descent from Peter Rucker: Waller Jonathan, James Monroe, Jonathan, George, John, John, Peter Rucker. James Monroe Rucker married his cousin Marinda McDaniel, Lodowick, George, George, John McDaniel married Margaret Rucker, Ambrose, John, Peter Rucker. [See Wood, p.48.]

#### "PLEASANT VALE"

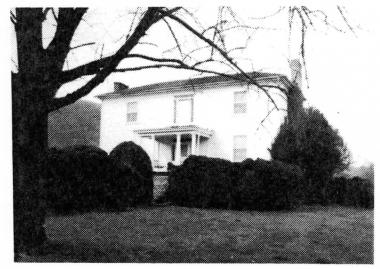
George<sup>4</sup> Rucker (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) inherited his land on Elk Creek, Bedford County, Virginia, from his father. George was probably in Bedford County by 1780 as he bought 100 acres on Elk Creek from Abraham North in that year. In 1803 he was ordained a Baptist minister. He married Martha Tucker of Amherst County. He built his home at the foot of No Business Mountain on Elk Creek at the upper end of the valley surrounded on three sides by low mountains. His brother William lived on adjoining property further down the valley.

The original George Rucker home was a small frame structure facing Elk Creek. In 1856, his grandson, James Monroe Rucker, built the three story home pictured here. The first story was stone and the two top stories were frame. Steps led up to the second floor which was the main living quarters.

Part of the old George Rucker place, retained in the rear, was used as an office and may have been used to accommodate growing families and/or house guests.

Most of the dependencies of "Pleasant Vale" were behind the house. A stone spring house below the house was used to keep things cool. The barns and stables were nearby. A wagon road ran from the house through the dependencies and up into the mountains. The slave cabins were situated along the foot of No Business Mountain.

The cemetery, near the house, has no tombstones, only stone markers. George Rucker, his wife, and some of his descendants are buried there. Ambrose



Ballenger Rucker (the Editor's ancestor), son of George Rucker, lived in a log cabin on the place for a few years. Several children that were born and died young are buried in the graveyard. Ambrose then moved to "Pleasant View" in Amherst County.

"Pleasant Vale" passed to George's son Jonathan, who added considerably to the size of his plantation. Jonathan married Margaret Hatcher, of Charlemont. After Jonathan's death in 1850, his son James Monroe Rucker bought out the other heirs. He married Marinda McDaniel, a cousin. The beautiful boxwoods which surround the yard were planted by Marinda McDaniel Rucker.

James Monroe Rucker's daughter, Marianna, married Daniel H. Rucker of Amherst (see picture, p. 5). A son, Waller Jonathan Rucker, married Russell McDaniel and bought out the other heirs to own "Pleasant Vale." Waller's daughter, Vixella Rucker White, born in the house, is our profile in this newsletter.

"Pleasant Vale" was last owned by Waller Jonathan Rucker Jr. When his father died, Waller brought the Francis Hatcher (cousins through his grandmother) family from Charlemont, to live in the house and run the farm. Mrs. Hatcher took wonderful care of his mother in her declining years. Waller, a widower, continued to live in the house until he remarried and moved to Lynchburg. In the mid 1960s, "Pleasant Vale" was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher, the present owners. Hopefully one day, a Rucker Reunion will take place in Bedford County. It would be nice to see the Rucker and White homes, and "Poplar Forest," Thomas Jefferson's summer home, nearby.

"Pleasant Vale" is located about 15 miles south of Lynchburg - Hwy 501 to Boonsboro, Rt. 664 to Perrowville, turn right, 3 miles on Rt. 665.

[By Lewis Marion White and Jean B. Robinson]

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#### Excerpted from

#### RUCKER REALTY --- A BRIEF HISTORY

compiled by Michael P. Rucker April 1991

This is a short history of Rucker Realty, a prominent and respected firm in the northern Virginia business community since shortly after 1900. It is one of the oldest real estate companies in the state.

The founder, George Hilton Rucker, was born in Amherst County, VA, on May 28, 1862. His parents, Daniel H. Rucker and Marianna Rucker had thirteen children, ten of whom survived childhood (see picture, page 5).

George travelled to Northern Virginia to seek employment. There he met his bride-to-be, Elizabeth Councill. Lizzie, as she was called, was the daughter of the pastor at Woodlawn Baptist Church, near Belvoir. They were married there June 29, 1892, and for a brief time lived in Buena Vista, VA. Their two daughters were born there.

George returned to Northern Virginia and succeeded in obtaining a position with the Post Office Department in the District of Columbia. In 1896 he brought his wife and young daughters to the community of St. Elmo in what is now the northern part of Alexandria.

When Alexandria County was formed in 1898 (name was changed to Arlington County in 1920), George ran for Clerk of Court. This was his first try at political office, but his race for Clerk was hardly surprising: his father had been Clerk of Court for Rockbridge County since 1858. (Daniel held that position for fifty years until his death in 1909.)

Early in 1900, George attended an Alexandria County auction of tax delinquent properties. His bids on two parcels of land were successful and on March 6, 1900, he took title to his first property in northern Virginia. During the next several years he acquired several more parcels, first only at tax auction, but later directly from sellers.

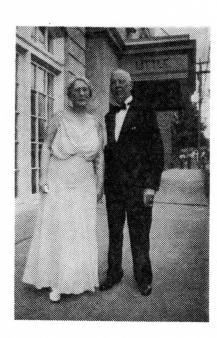
As he found it very profitable to buy and sell land, his business increased to the point that he required an office and small staff. He purchased a lot directly across from the court house at the corner of Courthouse Road and 14th Street. This convenient location permitted him to

administer his public duties as required, then cross the street to attend his fledgling business.

As his business was growing rapidly, George recognized the need for a partner. He had taken a liking for his brother-in-law, Ashton Crenshaw Jones. During 1908, he asked Ashton to become a 50% partner.

Ashton Crenshaw Jones was born July 9, 1879, on a tract of land in Lunenburg County, VA, granted in 1680 by King Charles II to Ashton's ancestor, Thomas Jones, an emigrant from Wales.

Ashton lived for a short while in Newport News at the home of his uncle, Dr. Clarence Porter Jones. Dr. Jones was married to Miranda Rucker, the eighth child of Daniel H. and Marianna Rucker.



Ashton C. Jones
Senior and wife,
Margaret Virginia Rucker



DANIEL H. RUCKER AND HIS TEN CHILDREN circa 1899

Back Row, left to right:

Daniel Henry Rucker, b. 25 Aug. 1866.

Laura Rucker, b. 30 Aug. 1858. Henry Smith Rucker, b. 9 March 1873.

Sudie Margaret Rucker, b. 4 May 1870.

Albon McDaniel Rucker, b. 4 May, 1868.

Ella Blanch Rucker, b. 7 Feb. 1879, m. N'Andrew (N.A.) Rees, 16 Nov. 1904.

Center Row, left to right:

Parks McDaniel Rucker, b. 23 April 1857.

Daniel H. Rucker (Father), b. 14 Dec. 1835, d. 25 Aug. 1909.

(Born at "Pleasant Vale" in Bedford County, VA.)

George Hilton Rucker, b. 28 May 1862.

Front Row, left to right:

Margaret Virginia Rucker, b. 13 Jan. 1881, m. Ashton Crenshaw

Jones, 8 Jan. 1908.

Miranda James Monroe Rucker, b. 16 Feb. 1878, m. Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, 16 Nov. 1904.

[Picture sent by Michael P. Rucker. See Wood, p.49-52.]

### RUCKER REALTY (con't from page 4)

Clarence and Miranda introduced Ashton to Miranda's sister, Margaret Virginia Rucker, the youngest of the ten children. Ashton and Maggie were married in Buena Vista, on June 8, 1908.

George Rucker probably met Ashton at the wedding. Apparently they liked each other because Ashton accepted George's invitation to join him as a partner in the real estate business. Ashton sold his interest in the Newport News furniture business to his partner, Mr. Pleasant, and moved to Arlington in 1909.

In 1910, George and Ashton invited another brother-in-law, N. A. Rees (b. 17 April 1879) to join the partnership. (His full name on his birth certificate is N'Andrew Rees.) N. A. was married to Ella Blanche Rucker, the ninth child of Daniel H. and Marianna Rucker. Before relocating to Arlington, N. A. owned and operated a farm between Buena Vista and Lexington.

In 1906 George purchased a tract of land in the newly established Clarendon section of Alexandria County. The property was bounded by Wilson Boulevard, Edgewood Street (then called Oak Street), and 11th Street. About 1910 this was subdivided into "Rucker's Addition" to Clarendon. They built and sold concrete block houses on the lots. However, they retained three lots for themselves, built a concrete block house for each family and lived there as neighbors.

During World War I, there was a housing shortage in the Washington area caused by an influx of government employees to support the war effort. In the spirit of both patriotism and business logic, Ashton and Maggie with their two sons moved in with George and Lizzie and rented their own house to War Department employees.

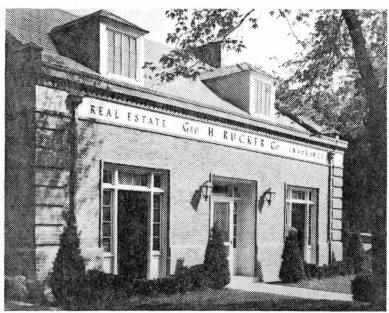
George H. Rucker died suddenly of a heart attack, 28 May 1919. Ashton purchased the house from Lizzie and she lived with them until Maggie's death, January 12, 1948.

Under Ashton's leadership, the company undertook a number of development projects in Northern Virginia. Some of the names of early Rucker Realty projects remain today; among them are Ashton Heights, Cherrydale, Woodlawn Village, Country Club Hills, Tara, and Westover Shopping Center.

Ashton Jones also started a mortgage company. Clients could purchase real estate, finance it, and insure it all at the Rucker Realty building at 1403 N. Courthouse Road. In 1935 the company tore down the original four-room stucco building and replaced it with the larger brick structure which remained the company headquarters until it was purchased by the county in 1989. It was demolished in 1990 to make way for the new county judicial building.

Ashton Jr. joined the company in 1929 upon graduation from the Virginia Military Academy with a degree in Civil Engineering. He assumed the presidency in 1955. He and his younger brother, Jack, developed a considerable amount of property on their own as a partnership called Jones and Jones. The original Geo. H. Rucker Co. was also still a partnership.

The Company continued to thrive under the leadership of Ashton Jr. In 1969, he stepped aside to allow Jack to become president. Jack (John Rucker Jones) attended William & Mary College, before joining the family business. Jack's primary project as president was to build University Mall



1403 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA Home of Rucker Realty 1906-1989, built 1936

in Fairfax County with the company as 50% owner and general partner.

In 1981 the company decided to turn the reins over to the third generation. In June of that year, two sons-in-law of Ashton Jr and Jack were elected to head the company. John E. Harrison was elected Chairman and Michael Price Rucker was elected President. John, an attorney, was the husband of Ashton Jr's youngest daughter, Sally Hart Jones. After obtaining a divorce from Sally, John Harrison elected to sell his shares back and, in June 1988, he was replaced as Chairman by Michael Rucker.

Michael, husband of Jack's daughter, Harriet Allen Jones, was the subject of "Family Profile" in the February 1991 Rucker Society Newsletter. He plans to join the company full time upon his retirement from Caterpillar Company in Peoria, IL.

At the time Michael Rucker became Chairman, David Dodrill was elected President and Chief Operating Officer. David entered the business in 1981, previously having been property manager for Sears in the northeastern region of the U. S.

Susan Jones Carter, Ashton's eldest daughter, began a full time role with the company in 1983. She is now Vice President and Secretary of the Corporation. She functions as the Chief Financial Officer for the company.

George H. Rucker Realty Corp., and the other Rucker related companies, now have their offices in leased quarters at 1355 Beverly Road in McLean, VA. Rucker Enterprises also has sales offices on Lee Highway in Arlington and at University Mall in Fairfax County.

The Rucker-related real estate businesses in northern Virginia were born with the twentieth century. Thanks to prudent, conservative management over the years, they are in a strong position to begin their second century of serving the real estate needs of northern Virginia.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Edmund Harrison Rucker, 93, died Thursday March 21, 1991, Richmond, VA. He graduated from the University of Richmond and served as a second lieutenant in the field artillery during World War I. He worked 27 years for the C.F. Sauer Company becoming Senior Vice President and Director. He resigned to join the former Richmond Dairy Company from which he retired in 1963 as general manager. He attended St. James's Episcopal Church and his favorite hobby was golf.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Harrison Rucker, his first cousin through the Harrison line. Edmund, son of Dana Henry Rucker and Lucy E. Harrison, was born 18 Feb. 1898 in Richmond and married 16 Oct. 1923 in Greensboro, NC. His survivors include two children, Marguerite Rucker Ellett and Edmund Harrison Rucker Jr, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. [Richmond News Leader, 22 March 1991. See Wood, p. 54.]

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Sarah Mae Enoch Branch was born 10 November 1923, Lynchburg, VA, and died 29 January 1991 also in Lynchburg. She was the daughter of Albert Lewis Enoch and Verna Blanche Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Carl Booker Branch, and three children: Mark Branch and Stephen Branch, both of Lynchburg, and Susan Branch Fender of Henderson-ville, NC. Sarah attended the 1990 Rucker Reunion in Amherst Co., VA, and was very interested in her Rucker forebears. [Information from Ruth M. McBride, Lynchburg.]

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Lucy Love Harrison, age 15, died Saturday, April 13, 1991, in Stuart, Florida. She was a sophomore and an honor student at Martin County High in Stuart. Her mother, Sallie Jones, step-father, Lawrence Brodie, and sister, Sally Hart Harrison, live in Stuart, FL. Her father, John E. Harrison, and step-mother, Sandra Hughes, live in McLean, VA. [From The Washington Post, April 15, 1991. Lucy is the granddaughter of Ashton C. Jones Jr., Margaret Rucker, Daniel George, John, John, Peter, see Wood, p.52.]

We send our deepest sympathy to the families.

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#### JEANIE - OLOGY

"Leave no stone unturned" should be every genealogist's motto. One never knows where one might find some information that will add to the missing links in Sudie Rucker Wood's <a href="https://example.com/">The Rucker Family Genealogy</a>.

While working in the Virginia Historical Society Library, I came across a filing cabinet with marriages and obituaries copied from old newspapers. The following reveals some new information:

"MARY RUCKER, died on the 26th of this month (i.e. 26 July 1806) in the 68th year of her age, the consort of Col. Ambrose Rucker, of Amherst County...a disconsolate husband and a numerous family are left..." The Lynchburg Star, 31 July 1806.

If you will notice in Wood's <u>Rucker Family Genealogy</u>, p.72, Col Ambrose Rucker married twice, both of his wives named Mary. Ambrose Rucker's Will was dated 3 Dec. 1803, probated 21 Dec. 1807. He leaves his wife Mary, 100 acres, and appoints her executrix of the Will. Even though he was 13 years older (82 years old at the time of his death), Ambrose outlived her. This Mary was his second wife, Mary Tinsley.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

"In reply to your 'Query of the Quarter' Jane Rucker Hadley Barkley was the daughter of Roy Waller Rucker and Elizabeth G. Estle (see Wood, p. 86). [Her line of descent: Roy, James, William Clifton, Ambrose, Reuben, Ambrose, John, Peter, ] She was born Elizabeth Jane Rucker on 11 Sept. 1911 (likely at Keytesville, MO). Roy W. Rucker was the foster son (nephew) of William Waller Rucker, U. S. Congressman, 1896-1922, of Missouri's 2nd district and lived at Keytesville.



"During W. W. Rucker's years in Congress,
Alben W. Barkley, of Paducah, KY, often visited in
Keytesville to make reelection speeches for Congressman Rucker. Alben,
then congressman from Kentucky, and later U. S. Senator, met Jane Rucker
on one of those trips. He remembered her as a Missouri beauty, so after
the death of Jane's husband, a Mr. Hadley, a lawyer, and after the death
of Barkley's first wife, they married. She was his wife when he was
Vice President of the United States under Harry Truman.

"When I lived in Keytesville (where my father, Ambrose<sup>6</sup> Rucker, was County Treasurer) I attended a party at the Rucker's home (now located on Rucker Street, Keytesville, MO) in which Jane and I were both present. We could barely talk (both of us were under 6) but I remember her. She and I first made eyes at each other, then talked before we rushed back to our Mothers' knees. I saw Jane only once thereafter when she had become wife of the Vice President."

From AMBROSE S. RUCKER JR., 4310 N. W. Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 641-16. [Ambrose attended the 1990 Rucker Reunion, and is listed on page 293 of Wood's <u>Rucker Family Genealogy</u>. Vice President of Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Ambrose is now retired.]

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Here is the information you asked for in <u>The Rucker Society News-letter</u>, Vol. 1, issue 3. My grandmother was LUCY<sup>6</sup> CATHERINE RUCKER (Louis<sup>5</sup> B., Lemuel<sup>4</sup> Jr., Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>, See Wood, page 263), who married Robert Alexander Harris, 22 Feb. 1873. Their children were:

- Ida<sup>7</sup> Cona Harris, B. 26 Nov. 1873, died very young;
- Bernard<sup>7</sup> Warren Harris, b. 6 Jan. 1877;
- 3. Elmer Roscoe Harris, b. 13 Dec. 1879 (my father);
- 4. Lucy Inez Harris, b. 15 Apr. 1883, married Earl Short;
- 5. Robert Louis Harris, b. 22 Sept. 1889.

Robert A. Harris died 10 Aug. 1891. His young son then was renamed Robert Louis Benjamin Harris, after his father, Robert, his grandfather, Louis Booten Rucker, and grandfather, Benjamin Harris. The name of Robert was given after his father died. Lucy Catherine Rucker was named for her two grandmothers, Lucy Blake Rucker, and Catherine Sutherland Dailey. Lucy C. R. Harris married secondly David B. Garver.

From ENID OSTERTAG, 3005 Charles, St. Joseph, MO 64501.

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"Does anyone have any information on Ephraim<sup>4</sup> Rucker, son of Peter<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth Terrell? I have not been successful in finding any information about him other than what is in Wood's book on page 13. From ALICE RUCKER ALLEN, 1514 Westover Road, Austin, TX 78703.

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"I believe, but need more proof, that I am a Rucker as follows: Peter1--Ephriam2--Tomagen3--John Booton4--Elizabeth5 Booton--James6 Clark Cave--Emory7 Lee Cave--Walter8 Clark Cave--James9 W. Cave (me). I would like to correspond with anyone who might have knowledge of Tomagen Rucker's first marriage and her sons with surname BOOTON." From JAMES (Jim) W. CAVE, 6102 Fernleigh Blvd., Springfield, VA 22152.

[Editor's note: Sudie Rucker Wood spelled the name Booten, see p. 291-292. John Booten/Booton is mentioned in the Will of his grandfather, Ephraim Rucker (Will Book 1, p. 348, dated 24 Sept. 1796, prob. 28 Dec. 1797, Madison Co., VA).]

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Letter from WARREN RUCKER, Ruckersville, VA: "Enjoyed the newsletter. The feature on Anna Watson was well done--and well deserved. She is a "classy lady" and a great representative of/for our family. You might enjoy the following:

"Pearl Buck Sydenstricker often visited in my grandfather's\*\* home in Bedford, VA. She and my Aunt Margaret were classmates at Randolph Macon Woman's College, and Pearl's parents were far away in China. Pearl was rather plain, so Margaret's handsome and charming brother was always tasked with getting someone to date Pearl. He always succeeded, and the family said such ability at salesmanship would take him far in life. He dropped out of medical school, however, and joined the Canadian Army. In 1915, He (Ambrose Rucker) died in France of head wounds."

\*\*Orlando<sup>7</sup> Childs Rucker (Ambrose<sup>6</sup> Clifton, Anthony<sup>5</sup>, Ambrose<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>), see Wood, p.103. [Warren, please send us an update on your family line: i.e. names of your grandfather's seven children, and his descendants.]

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QUERY OF THE QUARTER: There was a "Nap" Rucker who played outfield for the New York Giants early in this century. Does anyone have any information about him?

Ruckers have served in every American War. We would like to have the names of any Ruckers and/or their spouses who served in the Persian Gulf War.

The James River Batteau Festival will take place June 15-22, 1991, beginning in Lynchburg, VA, and ending at Maidens Landing, Richmond. If anyone is interested in participating, write to James River Batteau Festival, P.O. Box 790, Columbia, VA 23038. For membership, which includes the <u>Virginia Batteau Journal</u>, send \$12, single, or \$15, family.

#### Notes from the President

Greetings, cousins. We are still growing with 260 members

(families/singles) as April 15, 1991. The cemetery fund contains \$828.

I saw the galley proof last week of the reprints of Sudie Rucker Wood's THE RUCKER FAMILY GENEALOGY and the books should be ready for mailing before the end of April - a little longer for the hard covers. Since we are still receiving questions, I repeat from an earlier newsletter that this is a reprint of the original Sudie Rucker Wood book (1932) and is not an update.

Thanks to Ed Willis, great grandson of Sudie Wood and son of our NEWSLETTER editor, Jeannie Robinson, the front cover of the paperback books has a picture of the family of William<sup>6</sup> Ambrose Rucker (p. 52 of Wood's Genealogy), father of Sudie Rucker Wood. The back cover has a picture of Mrs. Wood in her younger years. A typographic error on page 52 - William Ambrose Rucker died in 1922, not 1822.

A few extra copies of the genealogy are being reprinted and are still available for \$16. Order from Jack White, treasurer, 9751 Firth Court,

Vienna, VA 22181. Best regards to all.

Rod Mason



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