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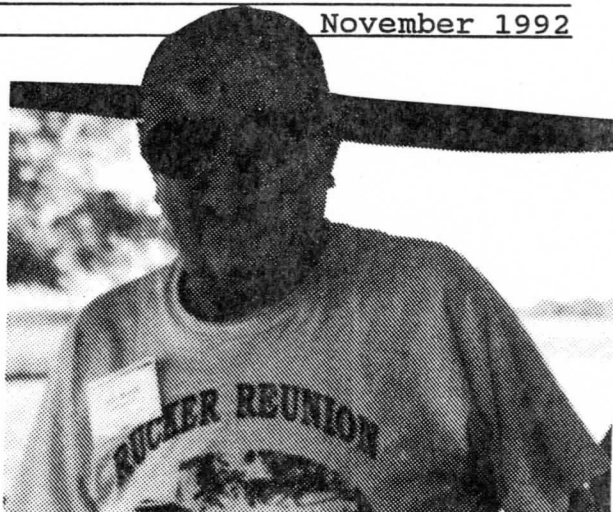
1992 Rucker Reunion

The Reunion weekend got off to a roaring start with a delightful party at the hospitality suite of Roland and Joyce Pittman, chairmen of the event. Cousins became acquainted and reacquainted. I was especially pleased to meet my mother's 2nd cousin (and childhood friend) from California--attending for their first reunion.

There was a smaller group in attendance this year, about 120 as opposed to about 180 in Amherst in 1990. There were many first timers as well as some who have attended every reunion.



Joyce and Roland Pittman



Rod Mason, President

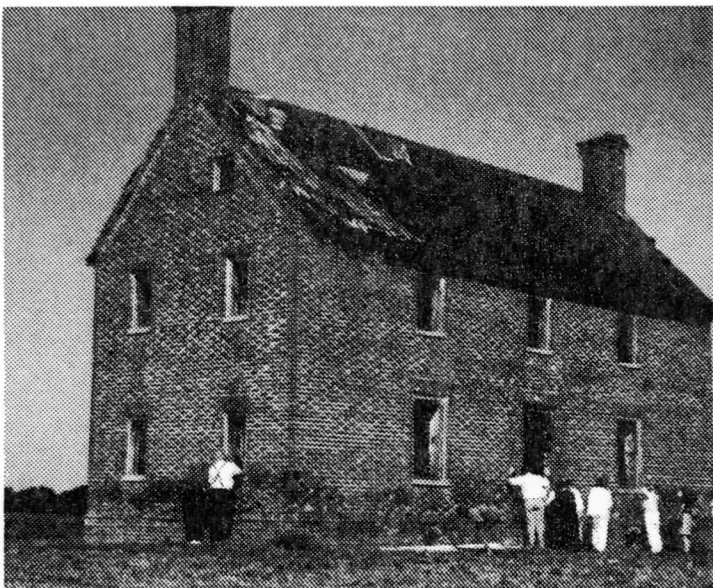
Saturday morning began bright and sunny with most people riding the bus to Vauter's church in Essex County. Descendants were visiting the early stomping grounds of their ancestor, Peter Rucker, and his children. The Ruckers attended Vauter's church, a colonial church, of brick laid in Flemish bond, built originally in 1719, enlarged in 1731. The Ruckers had migrated from Essex by 1731, but I feel that Vauter's was the church they had attended while living there.

After coffee and homemade muffins and goodies, the clan convened in the church itself. Rod Mason, our president presided. He introduced the minister, Philip Haug, who in turn introduced the church historian who gave us the history of the Vauter's. We then had our meeting (see minutes for official business).

After a scrumptious buffet lunch, the group began a delightful tour of Peter Rucker's Essex County. Roland Pittman made many trips to Essex to locate the Rucker's land. While no house site remains, we visited certain sites mentioned in deeds of the Ruckers. The location of Peter Rucker's 500 acres was near Larsen's Mill on Occupatia Creek. Roland thinks this was "Hunter's Mill" and we traipsed through briars, brambles, and poison ivy to see the abandoned mill. (If only the ladies had known, we would have worn hiking shoes.)

Our next stop was the "Glebe," home of the parson of Vauter's Church. It is a handsome house, also built in the Flemish bond style, probably by the same builders of the church. The home is deteriorating and all that remains is the shell of the house. To see that beautiful house fall into disrepair was distressing to all of us.

Our last stop was the site of Peter Rucker's 56 acres given to his sons by Frederick Coghill. After hiking a quarter mile, we stretched our imagination to see the bog which contained a tree that was a corner of the property.



The Glebe, Essex Co., VA

The weather was warm and beautiful and everyone commended Roland for the wonderful afternoon visiting the original land of the Ruckers.

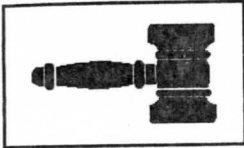
Saturday evening was spent relaxing and visiting at Roland's and Joyce's hospitality room. Then everyone collapsed from aching feet.

Sunday's meeting was at the Sheraton, in a building that was once a dairy barn. It was suitable for a family group that descends from farmers. (See the minutes elsewhere in this newsletter.) After a delicious buffet lunch, the group continued to talk and visit until time to leave for home.

We all promised to keep in touch and meet again in two years at Bedford Co., VA. We probably will stay in Lynchburg, as the closest place with hotels and motels, plus the Batteau Festival will take place there. Mark your calendars for June 17, 18, 19, 1994. The board will meet in Bedford, at Peaks of Otter, next May to make plans.

Many thanks to Roland and Joyce Pittman, Rod Mason our President, Carolyn Billups the Registrar and everyone who helped make this a successful reunion.

All in all it was a delightful weekend and we hope everyone will plan to attend in Bedford in 1994. The Reunions get better every time. Let's "Reach out to Ruckers" and encourage our cousins and family to join the Rucker Family Society and attend the next reunion.



Note from the President

Lou and I are still enjoying our many pleasant memories of the reunion in Fredericksburg and Essex County, Virginia, the original Rucker stomping ground in America. It was a pleasure to renew many old acquaintances and to make a lot of new ones. On behalf of the 121 Rucker kin who attended from 17 states, we want to thank Roland (vice president of the society) and Joyce Pittman for the great job they did in heading the committee and arranging all the many details of the reunion. Of course, we knew they would do it right, because they and Anna Watson arranged the 1988 reunion in Ruckersville.

I was very pleased to see the number of young people who attended the reunion. Let's all try to encourage our young kin, as well as our contemporaries, to be active in the society.

Carolyn Billups, the capable and efficient reunion registrar from Mechanicsville, Maryland, and James M. Rucker of Gladys, Virginia, were elected as new board members of the Rucker Family Society. All of the officers were reelected, as were board members Alice Allen, Doris Edwards, A. Mack Rucker, Mary Snyder and Ed Taylor. Anna Watson was unable to continue on the board, but in appreciation for her devoted interest in our Rucker family and in founding the society, she was made a permanent emeritus member of the board.

It is convenient for operation of the society to have continuity provided by reelecting old officers and board members, but at our next election at the 1994 reunion in Bedford we would like to have more turnover, which means we will need more volunteers and nominations. Please keep this in mind.

Jack White (our treasurer) whose family roots are in Bedford County will be the chairman of our next reunion in Bedford, and he already started in Fredericksburg to form his committee. We'll hear more about this soon.

Rod Mason

Reprints of Sudie Rucker Wood's THE RUCKER FAMILY GENEALOGY

Our Rucker Family Society has 220 copies of Sudie Rucker Wood's The Rucker Family Genealogy reprinted in 1991. They were mostly sold before printing and the few extra copies printed were sold out quickly. A number of people have indicated an interest in another reprinting so it was decided at the reunion in Fredericksburg to look into doing so. We can have another reprinting done at \$16 per copy, including taxes, packing and postage, if we can get a minimum of 100 copies ordered and prepaid. These reprints, identical to the 1991 reprints, will have plastic laminated soft covers. These books will be printed from photocopies of Sudie Rucker Wood's 1932 book, and will NOT contain any new or updated information.

If you are interested in one or more copies, send your order, with check made out to The Rucker Society, to Lewis M. White, Treasurer, 9751 Firth Court, Vienna, VA 22181. These books would be great gifts for your Rucker kin and friends. If enough orders are not received to have this printing made, all monies will be refunded. Neither the printer nor the postal service has announced their next price increase, but increases can occur, so we should proceed promptly if there is enough interest to support this reprinting.

THE RUCKER FAMILY SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS MEETING
OCTOBER 10 & 11, 1992

The 1992 reunion meeting of the Rucker Family Society was held at Vauter's Church, Essex County, Virginia on Saturday, October 10, 1992. Rod Mason presided and Charles Robinson served as Secretary.

The meeting opened with a welcome from Rev. Philip Haug, the priest of the parish, and a short talk on the history of the church by the church historian.

Charles Robinson summarized the actions by the Board at their meeting the previous day. He described the proposed dues increase and the Board's desire for suggestions from the members for future reunions.

The election of Directors and Officers: All present Directors were reelected except Anna Watson and Jeanne Fallon. Carolyn Billups and James M. Rucker were elected Directors to fill these vacancies and were introduced to the membership.

In recognition of her services to the Society and her present inability to remain on the Board, Anna Watson was elected Director Emeritus of the Society.

Jack White, Treasurer, made his report, following which the members considered the dues increase. An increase in annual dues from \$5 to \$7, effective January 1, 1993 for the next two years, was approved.

Roland Pittman, Vice President, asked all Ruckers by blood line to stand, and 65 such persons were present. He then asked for how many states were represented, and members were present from eighteen states as follows:

California	Delaware	Florida
Idaho	Illinois	Indiana
Maryland	Michigan	Mississippi
Missouri	N. Carolina	Oregon
Pennsylvania	S. Carolina	Tennessee
Texas	Utah	Virginia

He then asked for a roll call of descendants of the children of Peter Rucker, with the following results (reading down):

Peter	0	William	1
John	51	Mary	0
Thomas	11	James	4
Elizabeth	0	Ephraim	4
Margaret	1	Ann	0

Roland then described the places to be visited on the tour following the meeting and lunch.

Carolyn Billups, registrar for the reunion, reported 108 people had signed up for Saturday's lunch.

Rod Mason reported the deaths of several members since the last reunion, as noted in the newsletters.

Jean Robinson spoke on Peter Rucker's arrival in 1700 instead of 1690 as previously thought. She also described early life in Virginia, to help the members appreciate how Peter Rucker and his family had lived.

The meeting recessed for buffet lunch and a tour of sites in the area, either associated with Peter Rucker or of the time period he lived there, including 56 acres of land given to Peter Rucker's sons by the Coghill family.

SUNDAY'S MEETING

The meeting reconvened on Sunday, October 11, 1992, at the Sheraton Hotel in Fredericksburg, Rod Mason, presiding.

Roland Pittman took the Roll Call of Descendants of the children of Peter Rucker (reading down):

Peter	0	William	1
John	28	Mary	0
Thomas	10	James	2
Elizabeth	0	Ephraim	2
Margaret	0	Ann	0

Jack White reported briefly on the 1994 reunion in Bedford County, Virginia. His committee includes James M. Rucker, Ruth McBride, William Rucker and Mary Johnson. The dates will be June 17-19, 1994.

Gerald Rucker reported on his use of the LDS software package for geneology which he found superior to others. He suggested the members of the Rucker Society adopt its use to be able to communicate with each other via computer.

Jean Robinson talked about John Rucker's ownership of Lot #5, prime waterfront property, in Fredericksburg and its connection to his "serving of the punch" at a political election which caused him to be accused of "great misdemeanors."

Roland Pittman expressed the hope that participation would increase at future reunions, and encouraged members to "Reach out for Ruckers" and pass the word about the next reunion.

Carolyn Billups gave a most interesting slide presentation of the DAR headquarters in Washington which featured the various rooms decorated and furnished by different states.

After a vote of thanks to Roland and Joyce Pittman for the outstanding tour they had arranged the previous day, and for hosting a most successful reunion, Gerald Rucker read a prayer composed by Ambrose Rucker. Carolyn Billups concluded the meeting by singing The Star Spangled Banner.

Charles D. Robinson
Secretary

In Memoriam

THREE CHILDREN OF JAMES MADISON RUCKER DIED WITHIN A MONTH:

Warner Rucker, featured in the Family Profile in the Vol. 3, No. 1, Feb 1992 issue of this newsletter, has died. His brother Lewis died within four days and their sister "Girly" died a month earlier. The only surviving sibling, of the original 13 children of James Madison Rucker and Janie Ellis Duff (Wood, p.112), is Minnie Rucker Bazler who celebrated her 100th birthday on 8 Nov 1992, see Vol 3, No. 3, p.5, Aug 1992, Rucker Family Society Newsletter. None of the three had children.

VIVIAN MAE ("GIRLY") RUCKER SHUMAN, died at the age of 87, 10 Aug 1992, in Hill Top, WV. Her husband was Edward P. Shuman. She was buried at Fort Hill Memorial Park in Lynchburg. (Source: the Lynchburg Newspaper, 12 Aug 1992, sent in by her nephew, Frank Bazler.)

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LEWIS POINDEXTER RUCKER, age 93, died at Lynchburg Nursing Home, 17 Sep 1992. He was the husband of the late Lula Shirley Rucker. Lewis was a retired mechanical contractor and a member of Monroe United Methodist Church. He was buried at Fort Hill Memorial Park in Lynchburg. (Source: the Amherst New Era-Progress, 24 Sep 1992, submitted by Rod Mason.)

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WARNER ARNOLD RUCKER, age 90, died 21 Sep 1992, at Lynchburg General Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Crist Rucker. He was a member of the New Prospect Baptist Church, in Amherst County. He was buried in the Allwood Cemetery in Amherst Co., VA. (Source: the Amherst New Era-Progress, 24 Sep 1992, submitted by Rod Mason.)

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MARY FINCHER HALL died 14 Mar 1992 in Cairo, GA. She descends from Rucker and Frances Wayne, see Wood, p.193. Mary had been trying find out the name of her ancestor, but had not been successful. She was born 27 May 1925, in Cairo, GA, dau. of William B. Fincher and Lucille Wood. She married Roy Hamilton Hall on 13 June 1946 (died in Nov. 1984). She was retired from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and had served as a part time secretary at the First United Methodist Church where she was a member. She was a member of many clubs and organizations including the D.A.R., the disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. She is survived by her son, William W. (Sonny) Hall, wife Kim, and two grandchildren, Sarah and Richard Hall all of Blakely, GA. (From the Cairo Messenger, 18 Mar 1992, sent in by William W. Hall.)

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NANCY JOHNSTON RUCKER, widow of Dr. Edwin McCrae Rucker, died 11 Oct 1992 at her home in Richmond, VA. Born in Lexington, KY, she attended Duke University, and graduated from the University of Kentucky where she was a member of kappa Alpha Theta. She is survived by three children: Edwin Macrae Rucker Jr of Richmond, Mrs. William Thomas Ankelein of Denver, CO, and Mrs. Timothy David Strohl of Lexington, KY. She was buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. (Source: the Richmond Times Dispatch, 13 Oct 1992. Note: Edwin McCrae Rucker was the son of Dr. Marvin⁷ Peirce Rucker, see Wood, p.110.)

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SHIRLEY F. BROWN, age 54, died 25 Feb 1992 at her home in Hot Springs, AR. She was born 26 Aug 1937 in Malvern, AR, and graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Little Rock. She was a civilian registered nurse for the Army in Fort Meade, MD, where she served as director of the HIV program. She was active in the American Red Cross, where she was past volunteer chairwoman and Volunteer of the Year. She received the Distinguished Civilian Service Award from the U.S. Army. She was a member of Christ of the Hills Methodist Church. Her burial took place at CedarVale Cemetery. Shirley is survived by her husband Col. Edward M. Brown; two daughters, Kimberly Overmiller of Olney, MD, and Tonya McKinney of Dallas; her parents, Claude and Coby Rucker of Malvern; a brother and sister, and two grandchildren. She descends from James Paschal Rucker, see elsewhere in this issue. (Source: Obituary from a Little Rock newspaper, submitted by Irene Rucker Larsen.)

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MARY LOUISE WINSTON GEDDES was born 11 March 1910, at "Lucerna Plantation," Concordia Parish, LA, and died 5 April 1992, at Natchez, MS. She was married 30 Jan 1937, to Francis Nevitt Geddes, who had predeceased her. Burial was at Natchez City Cemetery. They are survived by three children, Mary Winston Geddes Holland, Ann Dunbar Geddes, and Emily Giles Geddes Wolpers; and one grandchild. Mary Louise descends from John Bisland and Susanna⁴ Rucker (Peter³, Thomas², Peter¹), see Wood, p.228-229. (Source: Betty McGehee, Natchez, MS.)

REUNION TALKS: Saturday's talk was about Peter Rucker's arrival in America in 1700 instead of 1690 as previously thought. Included are excerpts from a diary of the period telling about life in those times. Of interest is a receipt for "punch," which may have been the same receipt used by John Rucker when he got into his political scrape. John Rucker's Lot #5 in Fredericksburg and the "serving of the punch" was the subject of Sunday's talk.

If anyone would like a copy of these talks from the Reunion, please send \$3.00 to Jean. B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA 23226. Included will be a brochure on Vauter's Church. If you would just like the brochure, please send a long, self addressed, stamped envelope.

FAMILYGROUP SHEETS: Doris Edwards says she receives packets of material every week, some up to 150 pages long. It is very expensive for her to duplicate these records to share with Mary Snyder, editor of the Rucker Ruckus and Jean Robinson, editor of the Rucker Society Newsletter. Therefore she suggests that each person xerox three copies to send to each of us. We would appreciate your doing us this favor. If you feel you can only send one copy, please now send them to Jean Robinson and she will forward copies to the others. Please let us know when you are sending three copies, so that we don't duplicate efforts.

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 Mary R. Snyder, 1516 Elliott Drive, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.
 Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA 23226, (804) 358-3185.

Questions and Answers

Suggestion for a Grave Marker For Colby Rucker of Grainger Co., TN

Norma W. Johnson of Louisville, KY, suggests that we buy a marker to honor Colby Rucker of Grainger Co., TN. Colby, son of Peter³ Rucker of Virginia and Natchez, grandson of Thomas² Rucker of Madison Co., VA. He founded a dynasty of descendants that populated that area of Tennessee. Many of his descendants, who intermarried with Coffey, Hayes, Payne, and Dalton families, live in that area today as well as all over the United States. If you are interested in this project, please let the editor know. We need someone in the area to help.

"HUNTING FOR RUCKERS"

Note from Jean B. Robinson: This summer, we drove to Hot Springs, AR, for our vacation, stopping along the way to find sites of Rucker homes. We visited two in Tennessee and two in Arkansas. It is difficult to find ancestors' homes as, when early genealogies were written, there were no street address or route numbers. One thing I would like to do is identify these home sites and make it possible for others to visit their ancestors's homes. It's important, in studying an ancestor, to see his home, his burial site, his church, etc.

The information gathered on our trip was compiled into a booklet to help others find those sites. (Note these sites were found with the help of others. There is no way to go to a county and find a site on one's own.) If you are interested please send \$5.00 to the Editor for "Hunting for Ruckers." It includes information on these families:

Colby Rucker's family of Grainger Co., TN
James Rucker's family of McMinn Co., TN
James Paschal Rucker's family of Hot Spring Co., AR
Armor Rucker's family of Saline Co., AR.

FUTURE TRIPS: I would like to know of the location of other Rucker home sites in Tennessee and Kentucky. I am especially interested in finding places in Kentucky for my next trip. Does anyone know where Ruckers lived in Rockcastle County and Clark County, location of Ruckerville, founded by Reuben Rucker? Write to the Editor.

Found at the reunion: **ONE CANNON CAMERA CASE.** If you lost it, please let me know and I'll mail it right away. Write Jean Robinson, Editor, or call (804) 358-3185.

COMING NEXT ISSUE: Family Profile of Florence Collins of Lake Minchumina, Alaska, by Michael P. Rucker.

Jeannie-alogy

An exciting thing happened this summer on our vacation in Hot Springs, AR. I put together two lost families. Two brothers, who had settled in Saline County, AR, were listed there in the 1850 census with wives and children. One was Franklin ("Frank") William Rucker and the other James ("Jim") Paschal Rucker. Frank moved to Texas and Jim remained in Arkansas, where his descendants live today. The brothers kept in touch, but over the years their offspring lost touch. Descendants on both sides are members of the Rucker Family Society. In Hot Springs, AR, I contacted Irene Rucker Larsen, great granddau. of Jim.

A. D. ("Tex") Toten of Fort Worth, TX, attended the 1990 reunion, and is trying to find the father of his ancestor, Frank Rucker. He was very excited about finding his long lost cousins in Arkansas. Possibly the two families, working together, can find their mutual ancestor.

I received the following letter from Irene: "...Thank you, thank you, thank you. First for you booklet 'Hunting for Ruckers,' second for making people known to me that I never knew. No, A. D. Toten has not contacted us directly, but we have had a most delightful visit from Donna and D. M ['Skeet'] Rucker from Las Vegas, NV. They are direct descendants of Franklin Rucker." Irene goes on to say they hit it off and talked as if they had been lifelong friends.

Irene Larsen sent me a copy of a letter from Frank Rucker to Jim, proving that the two were brothers. Here is that letter. (Note: The writing is very difficult to read, so many words are guesses. No periods were used back in those days so a space has been left where one should be. Words are copied exactly as spelled.)

"June the 17 1887

"Dear Brother Iseat my self to answer your kind letter which I received last week and was glad to hear from you that you was all well it found us all well but me I have bin very low for a month but I am getting better Mandy¹ is dead she died the 28 of March she down a bout 3 months & Sarah² has rented her place out and she is keeping house for me and will till fall Well Jim I am not going to make any more crops I am going to sell out all that I have got and brake up we had a storm on the 2 day of May and it blowed down my [corn] cribe and stable and it blowed down about 800 hundred pannels of fence we have got five acres in cotton is very good

"Martin³ has bin gone from home about 10 month[s] he is going to school in Hunt county Ramsey⁴ is in Mineola yet he is getting along about like he was when you heard Bet⁵ and Jening is still in Greenville the boys is getting a long very well Jim⁶ has bought him a fine jack [mule] and he give \$400 hundred dollars and he has made about \$500 hundred off of him this year I would like to come and see you this summer very much but my health is so bad that I kan not come Time is hard here and money is scarce Corn is worth 75 cents per bushel It will not be worth any thing next fall _____ (?)

"Well Jim I must [go] for this time I remain your brother un till death Yours truly
F Rucker to J P Rucker"

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1. "Mandy" or Mary Amanda (Lane) Rucker, wife of Frank.
 2. Sarah Louisa Rucker, daughter.
 3. John Martin Rucker, son.
 4. Daughter, Cynthia Ellen Rucker's husband, LaFayette Rumsey.
 5. Daughter, Elizabeth Rucker and husband W. J. Jennings
 6. Son, James Franklin Rucker.

Corrections to Sudie Rucker Wood's Book, p. 114, 130, 410
 NEW EVIDENCE OF MOTHERHOOD OF THE CHILDREN OF JOHN MCDANIEL
 and his wives MARGARET⁴ RUCKER and LUCY⁴ (RUCKER) DAWSON
 by Jean B. Robinson

JOHN MCDANIEL, b. @1751, d. @1839 (Will); m. 1st @1773, MARGARET⁴ RUCKER (Ambrose³, John², Peter¹), d. @1786. After Margaret's death, John m. 2nd @1800 or 1801, LUCY⁴ RUCKER (Benjamin³, John², Peter¹), widow of Zachary Dawson. (See Wood, p.114, 129, 410.)

Wood, p. 410, gives the Will of John McDaniel, which leaves everything to six children and states four had received their inheritance "some thirty odd years ago." Because of this, both Wood and Whitley thought that the 1st six were children of his second wife and the 2nd four belonged to his first wife. Yet the marriage dates show that seven children belong to Margaret and only two or three belong to Lucy. (Will of John McDaniel dated 3 Jun 1835, prob. 18 Feb 1839, W. B. 10, p.77, Amherst Co., VA.)

Issue of John McDaniel and Margaret⁶ Rucker (Ambrose³, John², Peter¹), m. @1773 (all born Amherst Co., VA--marriage records are in Amherst). Names determined from John McDaniel's Will and order from the marriage dates of the children:

1. William⁵ McDaniel, b. 22 Feb 1774; m. 26 Jan 1800, Elizabeth Pendleton.
2. George⁵ McDaniel, b. @1776; m. 18 Dec 1801, Frances Higginbotham.
3. Mary⁵ ("Polly") McDaniel, b. @1778; m. 9 Sep 1797, Richard Jones.
4. Ambrose⁵ Rucker McDaniel, b. @1780; m. 25 Nov 1804, Olive Sandidge. (Father of John S. McDaniel, see February Issue.)
5. Judith⁵ ("Judy") McDaniel, b. @1785; m. 1st 19 Jan 1800, David Woodroof Jr.; m. 2nd Samuel Heiskell.
6. Margaret⁵ ("Peggy") McDaniel, m. 6 Dec 1806, John Ware Jr.
7. Elizabeth⁵ ("Betsy") McDaniel, m. 28 Jan 1812, Francis A. Kempis Davies (name on marriage bond).

Issue by John McDaniel and Lucy⁵ Rucker Dawson (Benjamin⁴ Rucker, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹) m. @1800 or 1801. Lucy had a brother, Gideon, and a sister Sophia. Lindsey could belong to either mother:

8. Lindsey⁵ McDaniel, d. by 1840, unmarried, exor of his father's estate.
9. Gideon⁵ McDaniel, m. Mary Strange* (no marriage record in Amherst), lived near Bowling Green, KY.
10. Sophia⁵ McDaniel, m. 11 Nov 1823, Thomas Strange* (marriage bond, Amherst Co., VA, dau. of John McDaniel, sur. Gidion [sic] McDaniel). Moved to the area of Bowling Green, KY.

*D. B. U, p.290, 24 Sep 1833, Amherst Co., VA, shows Mary Strange and Thomas Strange to be brother and sister, and living in KY by 1830.

(Source: Wood, p.114, 130 [children incorrectly listed as Dawson instead of McDaniel], 410-411; Amherst county, VA, court records.)

Note: the dates from the marriage records in Amherst Co. differ slightly from the dates in Wood. Please check your records.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Rucker Family and Genealogy

By Mary⁹ Jane Allen Phelps and Howard C. Allen

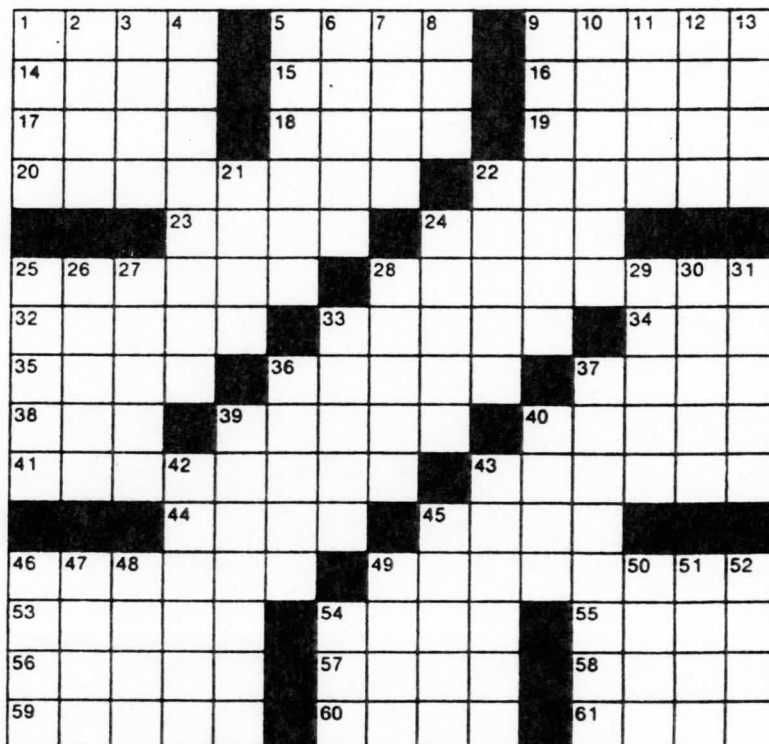
ACROSS

- 1 German count, or Zeppelin
 5 Rank attained by John² and Angus³ Rucker: abbr.
 9 County where Peter¹ Rucker is first found
 14 Crazy: slang
 15 Condensations: abbr.
 16 Engine power developed during early Rucker generations
 17 Consumer
 18 Chicago district
 19 _____diddle (one word), a minor falsehood
 20 Rucker boats
 22 Warbles
 23 Gone by
 24 Recently dead (public records word)
 25 Colonial Anglican district
 28 Louisiana plantation of Rucker descendant
 32 Make joyful
 33 Courthouse records
 34 Top mgr.
 35 Make lace: var.
 36 Unauthorized disclosures
 37 County place for keeping records
 38 Scottish uncle
 39 Ones under protection (some Ruckers had this status)
 40 Rock
 41 Tobacco movings of Colonial Virginia
 43 Reparation
 44 Conjunctions
 45 Cross
 46 Changes, e.g., a will
 49 Peter¹ Rucker's colony
 53 Throng
 54 Monetary unit
 55 Organization
 56 Ire
 57 Narrative
 58 Ice mass
 59 Thugs: slang
 60 Drinks
 61 Identification suffix: abbr. (used in Colonial times)
- 6 Circa
 7 In next month: abbr. (commonly used during early Rucker generations)
 8 Liq. meas.
 9 Pertaining to deceased persons
 10 Looked fixedly
 11 Related to serum: pref.
 12 English title
 13 Birth celebration: informal
 21 Freedom from discomfort
 22 Containers, buoying Rucker immigrant (one story)
 24 Uses eyes
 25 Rucker immigrant
 26 Texas massacre site
 27 Honey badger
 28 Transportation ways "viewed" by early-day Ruckers
 29 Body of water relating to Rucker immigrant
 30 Woodland (British)
 31 Promises to pay
 33 Ice bodies
 36 Objects of grants received by Ruckers
 37 John² Rucker grabbed the _____ sword
 39 Tapered stair treads
 40 Self-righteous
 42 Early Ruckers were _____ gentry

- 43 Tubes
 45 Scorch
 46 Expression of emotion (enter twice)
 47 One: pref.
 48 Hence
 49 Meat
 50 African river
 51 Smooth
 52 Of the U.S.A.
 54 Former nation of which many Ruckers were citizens: abbr.

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- 1 Inarticulate strangled sound
 2 Girl's name
 3 Volatile organic solvent: abbr.
 4 Military base where Peter³ Rucker of Natchez was reportedly stationed
 5 Woman's folding bonnet of 18th century



1992 RUCKER REUNION



On the bus--touring Essex County, VA



Members Meeting at Vauter's Church

MEMBERS ARE RECUPERATING

Two of our most supportive Rucker relatives are recuperating from illnesses and operations. They both attended the 1992 reunion. Please send them cards and letters to let them know how much we appreciate them and are thinking of them during their recovery.

One is Ambrose Rucker, who drove to the reunion with his cousin, Gerald Rucker of Lebanon, OR. Ambrose is recuperating from a stroke. His address is 4310 NW Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64116.

The other is Jim Edwards, who had a hip replacement operation. Write to Jim at his home, 2017 43rd St. SE U-2, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Membership in The Rucker Family Society is for the calendar year and dues of \$7.00 are payable in January.

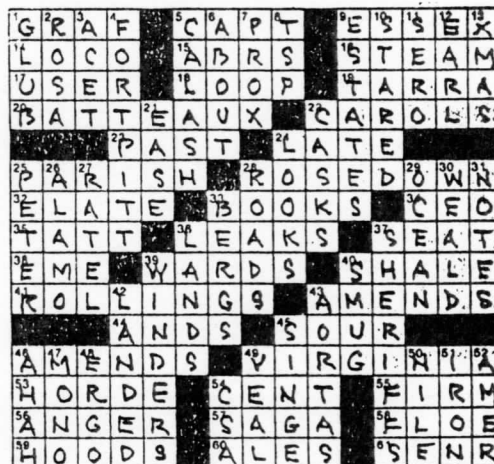
Membership includes four issues of the newsletters annually and notice of the biennial reunions. Members joining during the year will receive back copies of the newsletter for that calendar year. Back copies of the newsletter are available for \$2.00 per issue.

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Answer to the Crossword Puzzle
 by Mary Jane Allen Phelps and Howard C. Allen

(Note: Xerox the Crossword Puzzle
 so that others may work it, too.)



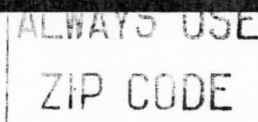
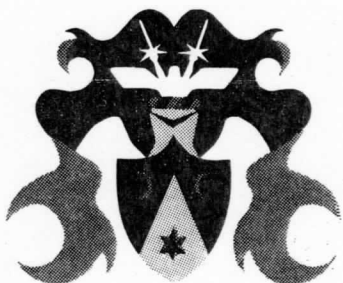
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For those interested in German ancestors, the National Palatines to America, is an organization for those seeking the origin of their German-Speaking immigrant ancestors. Emphasis is placed on European migrations from the germanic regions of Europe. Membership runs from Oct 1 through Sept 30. Their annual convention is held on the third Friday and Saturday in June. The convention, this year, was held in Lancaster, PA; next year they'll meet in Columbus, OH. There are state chapters in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Membership in the National Organization is \$19.00 a year. Send to Palatines to America, Membership Registrar, Capital University, Box 101, Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394. They can give you information on the state chapters.

The Virginia chapter has just been organized and they had their first conference on Saturday, Sept. 12, 1992. Parke Rouse, author and lecturer spoke on "The Great Wagon Road of Colonial America," and Richard B. Simons spoke on "Background to German Emigration to America in the 17th and 18th Centuries." Dues for the Virginia Chapter, Palatines to America, is \$4.00 annually. Send to Carol S. Simpson, Treasurer, 3128 Valley Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044.

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